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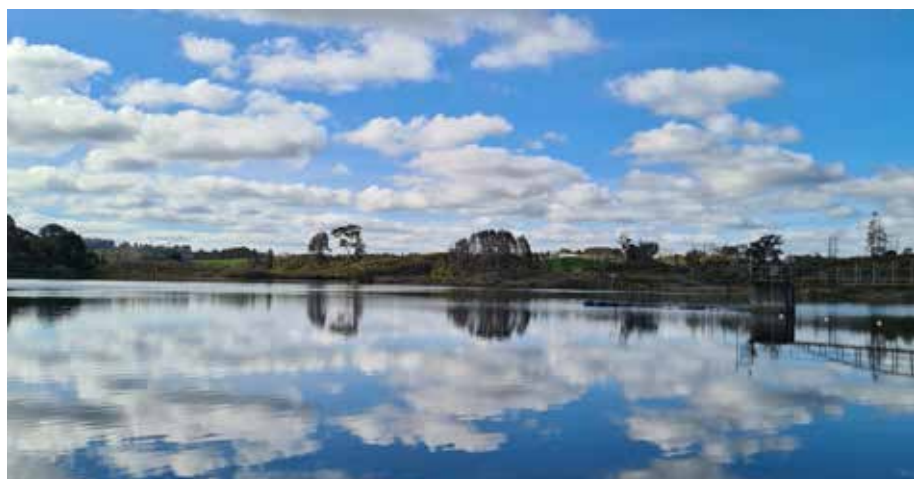
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Rangitikei District Council adopts joint water services delivery plan

At its meeting held Thursday 14th August 2025, Rangitikei District Council unanimously adopted the first product of its Local Water Done Well partnership with Horowhenua District Council and Palmerston North City Council.

The adopted Water Services Delivery Plan (WSDP) sets out how water services in Rangitikei, Horowhenua, and Palmerston North will be delivered in the future. It also outlines the pathway the three councils propose taking to establish a joint Water-Services Council Controlled Organisation that meets regulatory standards and is financially sustainable.

"Adopting this plan is an important milestone in our Local Water Done Well journey," says Rangitikei District Council Chief Executive, Carol Gordon.

"While retaining local voice and accountability will remain key, I have no doubt that the strong relationships we have built together with Horowhenua and Palmerston North will ensure effective collaboration through the next phases of this work.

"My thanks go to the staff from all three councils, but especially our Rangitikei District Council Local Water Done Well team who have worked incredibly hard to ensure the plan put before council today reflected the needs and priorities of Rangitikei residents," says Carol.

As the final council to adopt, the WSDP will now be submitted to the Department of Internal Affairs for approval.

All three councils have also passed a resolution that gives Ruapehu District Council and Whanganui District Council the opportunity to join the Joint Water Services Organisation, citing working together as vital to delivering efficient and affordable water services now and in the future.

It is estimated the joint water-services organisation will be fully operational by 1 July 2027. Until then, Rangitikei District Council will continue to deliver water services to residents.

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Council to transition to Objective Build

Rangitikei District Council to transition to Objective Build as its new Building Consent Authority software from 25th August 2025

Objective Build is an end-to-end digital solution designed to simplify and streamline every stage of the building consent process.

Whether you're a first-time builder or a seasoned developer, the platform makes it easy to submit applications, book inspections, receive real-time updates from Council—such as which building inspector is assigned—and track key milestones like construction start dates and completed inspections.

Objective Build offers a centralised hub for communication, helping bring greater transparency, efficiency, and ease to the building process to those looking to grow and develop Rangitikei.

Objective Build also offers the ability to template frequently used applications across multiple projects. If work extends into Manawātū or Palmerston North City, developers will benefit from a single Objective Build account that works seamlessly across this part of the region.

"We are excited to partner with Objective to deliver a more seamless, consistent, and transparent experience.

"Working towards a seamless platform across this part of the region is an added bonus." Says Rangitikei District Council Group Manager Regulatory, Johan Cullis.

Active applications will continue to be processed through Simpli until approved, at which time the inspections for these will be transitioned to Objective. To support with the transition, no building consents will be able to be lodged from 12pm Friday 22nd August-12pm Monday 25th August.

More information on the transition, including frequently asked questions and a how-to guide for lodging a consent application can be found on our website.



Sensory Play success

We had an amazing turnout of local whānau who came along to our very first Tākaro Tairongo Sensory Play session.

It was heartwarming to see tamariki and their parents engaging with the sensory zones, trying out the gear, and simply enjoying quality time in a calm, welcoming environment.

From the interactive play zones to the quiet space designed for neurodiverse tamariki, every part of the session was used and appreciated. A huge thank you to everyone who came, supported, and helped make our first session such a success.

We're already gearing up for the next session happening on Sunday 7 September. Registrations will open two weeks prior to the event, and as spaces are limited, we encourage you to register early to secure your spot.

We can't wait to welcome you back next month for another round of fun, connection, and sensory discovery!



Participates must register: Scan QR code or register online: www.rangitikei.govt.nz/sensoryplay



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