

RANGITIKEI Connect

www.rangitikei.govt.nz

46 High St, Marton
Private Bag 1102, Marton 4741
P: 0800 422 522 (24 hrs)
E: info@rangitikei.govt.nz
FB: Rangitikei/DC

ISSUE 12



Marton Memorial Playground Upgrade

Right: Dr Mike Paki of Ngā Wairiki-Ngāti Apa giving a karakia over the space for the new playground ahead of construction beginning this month.

Above: His Worship Mayor Andy Watson, Dr Paki, CEO of Te Rūnanga o Ngā Wairiki Ngāti Apa, Grant Huwyler, Marton Development Group members, Rangitikei District Council councillors and staff after the blessing.



FROM THE

Mayor's Desk

The last few days have been incredibly busy. Over the weekend I was privileged to attend the Bulls Fire Brigade Honours Night which celebrated 75 years since the Brigade was born.

The commitment from all of our volunteers and the employers who release their time is incredible. Routinely throughout the District we find there are many people who have done up to or beyond 50 years of service. The night was held in the new Bulls Function Centre and the bookings for that centre are very very strong and the feedback has been impressive. We have a number of companies using it for company meetings which is great to see.

Last Wednesday morning at 8am we blessed the new playground in Memorial Park in Marton. This signifies the start of a \$1.3m build. My appreciation to Lucy Skou and Brenna O'Neill for the work they have done, they are just amazing.

Last week the Dudding Trust met and around \$850,000 was released for projects strictly within the Rangitikei District. The recipients will be notified over the next week to 10 days. To have a Trust that is able to do this in times of very low interest rates is incredible. What would we do without them?

This week also saw a meeting at the Marton School for an initiative launched by Ellen Carlyon and Cr Cath Ash to make Marton a predator free town. Initially the focus will be on rats and mice and they are looking to get a trap in every fifth home in Marton. Go them!

I attended the Taihape Museum 50th Anniversary, again in the northern area a great bunch of volunteers giving their time to be able to record the history of our District.

The Rangitikei District is characterised by our volunteers and quite rightly we should acknowledge them.

Ngā mihi **Andy Watson**, Mayor of Rangitikei District.

Bulls Water Reservoir Tower - Should it stay, or should it go?

Several years ago, the Bulls water tower, which is an earthquake-prone structure, was decommissioned. Council has started to construct a new reservoir next to the tower, and now the time has come to decide the future of the water tower. **There are two options that Council is considering:**



- Demolish the tower at a cost of an estimated \$250,000.
- Strengthen the tower at the cost of an estimated \$250,000 - However in 35 years time, the tower will need to be demolished costing significantly more than if it is removed now.

Things to keep in mind:

- Concrete structures like this generally have a life expectancy of between 50 and 100 years.
- The Tower was constructed in 1956 – 1959 and is currently 64 years old. At best the structure has an expected remaining life of 35 years.
- Once the new reservoir and pump house are built it will become more difficult and costly to remove the old tower once it has reached the extent of its life.
- The cost of strengthening the structure will be lost when the tower is ultimately removed.

You can let us know if it should stay or if it should go by speaking with us at one of our Framing our Future pre-engagement events or online at www.rangitikei.govt.nz Survey closes Friday 6 November.

RANGITIKEI LINE

Council Bulletin



Marton School Pump Track

At its meeting on 22 October Council agreed to grant Marton Primary School \$50,000 funding to contribute towards a BMX/ Mountain bike pump track located on the school grounds. The track will be another wonderful facility in the Marton area.

Mangaweka Bridge Replacement

Council in conjunction with Manawatu District Council, has agreed on the future of the existing bridge to be retained as a walking and cycling facility, and is in negotiation with Mangaweka Heritage Inc. for ongoing management of the bridge.

The Tender process for the construction of the new bridge has been awarded to Emmetts Civil Construction Ltd, Stringfellows Contracting Ltd, and Dempsey Wood Civil Ltd. Construction started in September and will be completed in June 2022.



Building and Resource Consents acceptance and processing times over the Christmas/New Year period

- Any Building and Resource Consents submitted after Monday 21 December 2020 will not start to be processed until Monday 11 January 2021 due to the Christmas/ New Year break.
- If you want your Building and/or Resource Consent to be processed before Christmas (barring any further information requests which stop the working day processing clock), it needs to be submitted by no later than Monday 23 November 2020.



Event Location	Date	Time
Shemozzle - Hunterville	31 Oct	9am – 3pm
Marton - On Broadway	6 & 7 Nov	10am – 1pm 11am – 1pm
Taihape - Christmas in the Park	27 Nov	To be confirmed
More dates to be announced		

For more information visit:
www.rangitikei.govt.nz/framingourfuture



POWERCO ELECTRICITY MAINTENANCE PROJECT

The distribution company that owns and maintains the overhead power lines and underground cables in our region is conducting a maintenance project replacing poles and lines near Hunterville during November – December.

The work along Ongo and Turakina Valley Roads will require planned outages. If you are impacted by any outages you will be notified by your retailer (the company you pay your power bill to). More information is available on our council website or you can email customerexperience@powerco.co.nz

KŌRERO MAI - HAVE YOUR SAY!

More than two dogs?

Consultation on Control of Dogs Bylaw Amendment



Written submissions on the proposed amendment to the Control of Dogs Bylaw may be made until midday 19 November 2020. For more information visit www.rangitikei.govt.nz/dogsbylaw

