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Louise McCoard (MTFJ Connector) with the local business team at Mad Toms, Marton.

## Success for local employment programme

Last week, James Towers and Louise McCoard who lead the Mayor's Taskforce for Jobs (MTFJ) programme in Rangitīkei gave Council an update on its national success over the last year. In 2024, the Rangitīkei MTFJ programme supported over 120 young people into jobs across the district. Rangitīkei is rated highest in the country for supporting young people into work through MTFJ.

MTFJ is a nationwide network of New Zealand's Mayors, working together towards the vision of all young people 16-24 engaged in employment, education, training, or other positive activity in their communities. The programme runs advocacy projects and partners with best-practice organisations to promote the economic well-being of young people. Partners include Local Government New Zealand (LGNZ), Ministry of Social Development (MSD), Tuia, Outward Bound, and Te Pūkenga.

## Rangitīkei Tomorrow adopted

At its Thursday 28th August meeting, Council adopted a refreshed economic strategy titled "Rangitīkei Tomorrow". The adoption of Rangitīkei Tomorrow unlocks a three-phase action plan that will see staff working across purposes, partners and stakeholders to facilitate and enable economic potential in Rangitīkei.

"Our economic future is exciting. The district is well-positioned to capitalise on economic opportunities and Rangitīkei Tomorrow ensures we are prepared," says Rangitīkei District Council Economic Lead, Jarrod Calkin.

Once Rangitikei Tomorrow has been finalised in the coming weeks we will circulate to our business network.





We took some of the people who are standing in these upcoming local elections to the only elevator in Rangitīkei (that we know of) so that they could pitch to you why they should get your vote!

All candidates were given the opportunity to take part. However, some declined or were unable to make the filming dates due to prior commitments. In total, 17 produced pitches, which you can now view on our YouTube channel. @rangitikeidistrictcouncil

#### **Meet The Candidate Events**

Date	Time	Venue
Northern Ward events		
Tuesday 16 September	6:30pm	St David's Presbyterian Church
Central Ward events		
Thursday 11 September	7:30pm	Tūtaenui Hall
Southern Ward events		
Wednesday 17 September	7:00pm	Bulls RSA

We encourage you to support these events as they are a great opportunity to ask the candidates questions and hear about their priorities and vision for Rangitīkei.

All events are run independently of Council.

## **Planned Works**

### Swan Street, Taihape, closure for water pipe installation



A new water pipe will be installed on Swan Street, Taihape, with work commencing on Monday 8 September. Work will take place over six to eight weeks, Monday to Friday between 7:00am and 5:00pm.

Swan Street will be closed to traffic (except for residents) and a 30km/h speed limit will be in place to help protect workers.

There will be three brief shutdowns during the work period, ranging from 3 to 5 hours at a time, but residents will get notice from the contractor at least 48 hours in advance.

#### **Sports Field Maintenance**

From 15 to 19 September, Council will be doing some seed drilling in preparation for the winter sports season in 2026. This will mean that field 1 at Bulls Domain and field 1 at Marton Park will be closed until Saturday 1 November.

Field 2 at both parks will be able to be used instead during this time.



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# Communications and Engagement Survey

We're keen to hear from residents about how effectively you think we communicate with our residents. Sign up to our mailing list:

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Please take the time to provide us your feedback by scanning the QR code or visiting

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Voting opens Tuesday 9th September. Scan the QR code to find your nearest orange voting bin.







