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FROM THE Mayor's Desk



The new councillors have now been inducted and are straight to work. I'm incredibly happy with the team we have around the table, which is great because the workload in front of us is huge.

Regionally, there's been some exciting developments in the three waters space. The Government has now signed off our joint Water Services Delivery Plan with Horowhenua and Palmerston North. This partnership shows what's possible when councils work together with a shared purpose. I want to acknowledge all the staff and elected members who've contributed to this work so far. Together, we've laid the foundations for an organisation our communities can be proud of.

Closer to home, I've been following community conversations happening across a number of issues - particularly online, with a recent water conservation notice issued for Marton and ongoing conversations between Council and Rangitikei Netball. I firstly want to acknowledge the many fantastic community volunteers who work tirelessly and sometimes thanklessly doing truly fantastic work for your communities. Your efforts are appreciated and do not go unnoticed.

I know Council processes can sometimes feel frustrating, clunky or unnecessarily difficult - but they exist at a national level to ensure fair, transparent, and equitable use of public resources. I also know Council staff work incredibly hard to navigate legal and regulatory compliance while enabling - wherever possible - fantastic examples of community initiative that bring vibrancy to our towns. Council's goal is always to work with you to enable community good wherever we can. Myself and councillors are available to support you through these processes. Please reach out.

On another note, it was Remembrance Day this week. Let's take a moment to honour the thousands of young New Zealanders who lost their lives fighting for our freedom. Thank you to the Rangitikei RSA for their ongoing support, and for organising this important memorial across our district.

Finally, I want to extend sympathy to our neighbours in Ruapehu who are battling the Tongariro fires. It's devastating to see the impact on their community. Our staff are ready and willing to support Ruapehu wherever we can.

Have your say on Marton's town centre

Consultation is open on the Draft Marton Streetscape Plan

We want to hear from you about what you like about the draft plan, what don't you like, and to tell us if there's anything that you would like to see added or changed. Or if you have concerns about the project overall, here's your chance to raise them.

If you want to chat to someone from Council about the draft plan, you can come into the Marton Community Hub on Tuesday 18 November between 10:00am and 2:00pm.

Consultation closes on Friday 5 December at 5:00pm.

Don't miss out on the chance to have your say on the future of your town!

www.rangitikei.govt.nz/marton-streetscape-plan

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Have your say



Better water services moving closer

The partnership between Horowhenua District Council, Palmerston North City Council, and Rangitikei District Council to establish a new organisation for delivering three waters services has taken two major steps forward.

The Government has approved the partnership's joint Water Services Delivery Plan, and the entity has announced its new name.

The plan sets out how drinking water, wastewater, and stormwater services will be delivered in the future, and outlines the pathway to establishing a jointly owned Water Services Council Controlled Organisation - part of the Government's Local Water Done Well policy.

The new entity now has a name: Central Districts Water.

The plan needed to be approved by the Department of Internal Affairs, which is overseeing the water reform process.

"Our plan only needed minor clarifications prior to sign-off, which shows how well thought out it was. I'm looking forward to working with the mayors, chief executives and councillors of all three councils to put it into practice," says Central Districts Water Executive Director, Chris Dyhrberg.

The Mayor of Rangitikei, Andy Watson, is excited about the collaboration between the three councils. "I want to acknowledge all the staff and elected members who've been part of this work so far. We've laid the foundations for an organisation our communities can be proud of," says Mayor Andy.

Next steps

Work on governance arrangements for the new structure is progressing well, with recruitment for the governing board expected to begin in early 2026.

Central Districts Water is expected to become operational in July 2027, with partner councils continuing to manage their own water services until then. Once operational, each council will retain ownership as shareholders of Central Districts Water.

Read the Water Service Delivery Plan and more on this project at www.rangitikei.govt.nz/local-water-done-well

Look Up! We can promote your event or programme

Council's roading team have been working to install a streetlight flag system across the district!

Streetlight flags are in many towns across the country on light posts and power poles and are used by people to advertise events, awareness campaigns, businesses, seasonal occasions, pretty much anything!

Streetlight flags are now located in Marton, Turakina, Bulls and Hunterville, with Taihape and Mangaweka to come at a later date.

If you have flags that you would like displayed, we have a booking system set up so that our team can organise getting these put up for you!

Find out more at www.rangitikei.govt.nz/flags



Marton Market Day is back for 2025!

9am - 3pm, Saturday 6 December 2025 | Broadway and Marton Park

★ 200+ Stalls ★ Circus Act ★ Mechanical Bull ★ Mega Maze ★ Climbing Tower ★ Mini Jeeps ★
★ Obstacle Course ★ Play Trailer ★ Bouncy Castle ★ Bubble Ball ★ Retail Stores ★ Food Stalls ★ Live Music ★