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FROM THE Mayor's Desk



It has been another big month for the district. I want to thank Councillors for the energy they've brought into workshops, inductions, and district tours. It's been a fast start, with lots of learning and important conversations.

A highlight this month was witnessing the signing of the Agreement in Principle for the Mōkai Pātea treaty settlement process at Parliament. There is still work ahead, but this step acknowledges decades of commitment. I want to recognise the Mōkai Pātea Waitangi Claims Trust and negotiators for their tireless work on this journey.

There has also been significant progress on Local Water Done Well. Our joint Water Services Delivery Plan with Horowhenua and Palmerston North has now been approved, meaning the new entity, Central Districts Water, can begin to take shape. Establishing the governance and operational teams will be a major focus over the coming months, and Council staff are putting in considerable effort to support this work.

Earlier this month I attended the Rural and Provincial meeting in Wellington, where councils from across the country discussed upcoming legislation, the ongoing pressures facing rural communities, and the importance of strong relationships between central and local government. There is no doubt that change is coming at pace, but these conversations help ensure rural councils like ours have a strong voice at the table.

As the year starts to wind down, I hope you can take a breath and enjoy the summer weather. Stay safe on our roads and look after each other.

Have your say on Marton's town centre

Consultation is open on the
Draft Marton Streetscape Plan

Consultation closes on Friday 5 December at 5:00pm.
www.rangitikei.govt.nz/marton-streetscape-plan

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Have your say



Product Safety Recall Magic Sand products

If you or your whānau/family have come into contact with "magic sand" at home, Central Demolition are offering an at cost disposal service. All "magic sand" products must be sealed in their containers and wrapped in two plastic rubbish bags, and labelled as "Asbestos Contaminated Material". Keep any receipts to claim expenses. DO NOT DISPOSE OF "MAGIC SAND" IN GENERAL RUBBISH OR AT OUR TRANSFER STATIONS.

For further advice call the MBIE Consumer line 0508 426 678.
www.mbie.govt.nz



Napier-Taihape Road rehabilitation work

Council's roading contractors Downers New Zealand have commenced work on rehabilitating Napier-Taihape Road on the Gentle Annie section.

This work is part of a wider programme of renewals for the road and is expected to be completed by 10 December (weather dependant), with two more sections to do in the new year, starting in January 2026.

Drivers are advised to expect some significant delays on the road while work is being carried out, and perhaps consider using alternative routes or travelling outside of working hours (7:00am until 5:00pm, Monday to Friday).



Marton Water Strategy Update

Since July, we've been continuing our tests on the new bore that was drilled last year at the Tūtaenui Reservoir site. The pilot plant is using new-technology called a nanofiltration system, which is coupled with a biological sand filter pre-treatment process.

What are we hoping to remove from the water with this nanofiltration system?

Our bore water will have a higher mineral content of iron, manganese, ammonia and calcium hardness. So far in the testing that has been done, initial results are looking promising that these are able to be removed by the nanofiltration system.

What's the next steps?

We're now trialling the test plant under a wider range of conditions, including higher flow rates, to 'challenge' it harder. This is so that the eventual full-scale plant will be based on a sound set of data. We expect this phase to continue until we are sure that we have the best quality data to use in the final plant design.

Testing on this scale can produce unexpected results, and whilst the results have been encouraging so far, it's crucial we take the time to ensure we have captured all the information needed to progress to the next stages with confidence.

We know it's been a long journey with some delays. However, the Marton Water Strategy team is working at pace to complete this important project and future-proof Marton's drinking water for generations.

www.rangitikei.govt.nz/marton-water-strategy

Off The Clock – Council's new video series

Following on from Council's Communications and Engagement Survey that was completed in September, one of the pieces of feedback that we received from many people was that they would like to hear more from elected members.

So we've launched "Off The Clock", a video series that will help you get to know more about the people that are representing the community around the Council table.

The first video in this series has been published on our Facebook and YouTube channels, with shorter clips available on Instagram and TikTok.

Deputy Mayor Dave Wilson is our first guest and he covers a wide range of topics including his love of cars, cooking and brewing. He also gives us an insight into his music tastes, and shares his philosophy on why he thinks Marton and Rangitikei is a great place to live.

www.youtube.com/@rangitikeidistrictcouncil



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 ★