

# RANGITIKEI Connect

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## Council becomes guardian of gifted taonga

Tuesday 10 November was a special occasion for Council, on this day three framed sheets of historic importance were hung in the Council Chamber.

Inside these frames were signed copies of the 1835 Declaration of Independence and the Treaty of Waitangi Raukawa Moana/Cook Strait sheet. The 1835 Declaration of Independence is the founding document of sovereignty in Aotearoa/New Zealand, five years later in 1840 the Treaty of Waitangi was signed, with individual sheets sent throughout New Zealand to be signed by rangatira (iwi chiefs). Of particular importance to our district is the Raukawa Moana/Cook Strait sheet which had been signed at Tāwhirihoē Pā, between Rangitikei and Manawatū rivers, on 21 May 1840, witnessed by Henry Williams and Octavius Hadfield. Ancestors from both Ngā Wairiki-Ngāti Apa and Ngāti Hauiti have signed this document.

These frames were gifted to Council by Michael Andrews - a resident of Taihape who found them in a pile of posters in a Rotary Book Sale many years ago. The discovery of these items sent Mr Andrews on a pathway of education and enlightenment. "It has been an education and a privilege for me to kaitiaki these frames and to donate these sheets to the Rangitikei District Council for the pathway forward" said Mr Andrews.

A karakia blessed the three frames at an unveiling by Mayor Andy Watson, Council staff, local iwi and the Andrews family.



## Digital Resources available at our libraries

There are three main libraries in the Rangitikei district - Bulls, Marton and Taihape. Our libraries together hold more than 50,000 books, with another 4,000 being added each year. As well as books, our libraries offer an expansive online digital service. Some of the services we provide include e-books, TumbleBooks, Newspapers, Ancestry.com and many more are available for free. All of our libraries also have computers available for use with free WIFI.

If you're not a member, speak to one of our staff to join. Membership is free and there are no borrowing fees at all of our libraries.



Upstairs at Te Whare Ako - Learning Hub at Te Matapihi - Bulls Community Centre.



Youth Development Assistant Te Arawa Ratana, Mayor Andy Watson and Councillor Gill Duncan in Marton.

## Framing our Future

We have had an amazing response to all our Long Term Plan pre-engagement events. We were in Marton over the weekend and discussed several ideas with members of the community about their aspirations for Rangitikei. There are still a few events to go, we invite everyone to come along.

Event Location	Date	Time
Taihape - Christmas in the Park	29 Nov	4pm onwards
More dates and locations will be added to our website soon.		

For more information and to view our online gallery visit:  
[www.rangitikei.govt.nz/framingourfuture](http://www.rangitikei.govt.nz/framingourfuture)

## Upcoming Meetings

<b>Assets/Infrastructure Committee</b>	Thursday 12 November	9.30am
<b>Policy/Planning Committee</b>	Thursday 12 November	1pm
<b>Council Meeting</b>	following Policy & Planning	
<b>Bulls Community Committee</b>	Ohakea Room, Te Matapihi, Bulls	Tuesday 17 November 6pm
<b>Community Grants Sub-Committee</b>	Tuesday 24 November	10am
<b>Audit and Risk Committee</b>	Thursday 26 November	9am
<b>Finance/Performance Committee</b>	Thursday 26 November	10.30am
<b>Council</b>	Thursday 26 November	1pm

All meetings are open to the public, unless there are specific items which Council resolves to consider 'public excluded'. Meeting papers are available online, at least two working days before any scheduled meeting, through the Council website or in hard copy at the libraries in Taihape, Marton and Bulls and the Marton Council office.

Any queries, please phone 06 327 0099 or 0800 422 522.

All meetings, unless otherwise specified, will be held in the Council Chamber, 46 High Street, Marton. Council meetings, where possible, will be live-streamed on Facebook.

## Job Opportunity

A Governance Administrator position has become available within the Democracy & Planning Group based in Marton.

In this role, you will be responsible for supporting the effective operation of the Council, together with its Committees and Boards, through provision of its governance and administrative services.

The closing date for this role is Wednesday, 25 November 2020.

Visit our website for more details and to apply online.



From left: Rangitikei District Council CE Peter Beggs, Te Rūnanga o Nga Wairiki - Ngati Apa CE Grant Huwylar and Rangitikei District Mayor Andy Watson.

## Agreement strengthens relationship between Council and Iwi

The Rūnanga o Nga Wairiki - Ngati Apa and the Rangitikei District Council have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) as a foundation document for the ongoing collaborative, respectful and dynamic relationship for the benefit of both organisations and the people they serve.

The commitment expressed through this signing is to have an open and strong relationship, working together in good faith to advance the interests of the Rangitikei District and those that call it home. The MoU gives definition and provides context to the multifaceted relationship, some of which links to legislative and regulatory requirements, but much of which is dependent entirely on the good will and strategic intent of Te Rūnanga and Council leadership.

Of particular significance is that the MoU assists the relationship to continue to develop and strengthen into the future, particularly as leadership changes in each organisation.

## Memorial Hall Upgrade

Work at the Marton Memorial Hall is well underway with asbestos removal due to be completed before Christmas.

Building work will recommence after the Christmas break with a short hiatus for the annual Rangitikei Shearing Sports competition on 7 February.

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](http://www.rangitikei.govt.nz/dogsbylaw)

