

Ngā mihi Kirihimete me ngā manaakitanga mo te Tau Hou

FROM THE

Mayor's Desk

Fantastic! Christmas is just around the corner and if (like me) you haven't started shopping, then this is the time you must get your act together!

Beth and I would like to take the opportunity to wish you all a very Merry Christmas. It has been a challenging year and the message throughout the year has been one of kindness – something New Zealand has adopted as a standard.

Enjoy the break, we've all earned it, spend time with your families and please, please, be safe. I look forward to working with you in 2021.

Kind regards, **Andy & Beth Watson and Councillors.**



Council Elves helping pull Santa's sleigh at the Marton Christmas Parade.

Amendment to the Control of Dogs Bylaw adopted

At Councils 17 December 2020 meeting Elected Members deliberated on the proposed amendment to the Control of Dogs Bylaw, which had recently been out for public consultation. The proposed amendment applies to residential properties, as per the District Plan, where a multi-dog permit needs to be applied for if there are two or more dogs at a residential property. The proposed fee for the multi-dog permit was \$30.00 including GST.

49 submissions were received on the proposed amendment with six submitters speaking to Council at its meeting on 26 November 2020.

The Council decision was:

- To formally adopt the proposed amendment to the Control of Dogs Bylaw, which will require residential properties that have more than two dogs to apply for a multi-dog permit (including current properties with more than two dogs), from 1 July at a cost of \$30.00 (incl GST) per property. The permit will apply for three years.
- That consultation of contiguous neighbours is required before a property can be issued a multi-dog permit.
- The cost for a permit will be included in Council's fees and charges schedule, which takes effect from 1 July 2021.

Council would like to thank all those who made submissions.

The Bylaw can be obtained at Councils libraries and the Marton and Taihape Office, or view on our website at www.rangitikei.govt.nz/controlofdogsbylaw



Rangitikei College - Scholarship Recipients

Monique and Sharda presented to Council's public forum session at the Council meeting on 17 December. Both students from Rangitikei College received \$1000 scholarships from the Rangitikei District Council.

Sharda said she is attending Otiwhiti Land Based Training School in 2021 and the scholarship will help her purchase the much needed farm equipment for her training and for payments towards her heading puppy, Scout. Monique will be beginning a nursing course at UCOL in Palmerston North in 2021, and her scholarship will help her pay for a laptop, study books and a uniform.

The Council were really impressed by the gratitude and passion of these two students and congratulated them on their achievements.



RANGITIKEI LINE

Council Bulletin

Update on Putorino Landfill

The historic Putorino Landfill, closed by 1997, was brought to Rangitikei District Council's attention in October 2018 when, due to the Rangitikei River bank retreating, debris was exposed from the landfill.

The landfill was once 300 metres from the river's edge, but over time the river has eroded the river bank to the point it now impacts the edge of the former landfill site. The landfill site is not actually owned by the Rangitikei District Council, it was passed onto the District Council from the County Council in 1989; the land is owned by the Crown under the Queens Chain arrangement but the management of the site falls under the responsibility of Rangitikei District Council. Since 2018, Rangitikei District Council have been working with other concerned parties to remedy the situation.

Remedial works to remove the landfill starts early in 2021, following consultation with Horizons and iwi. A recent aerial examination has shown there is no change in the riverbank profile since July 2020 and as such there has been no increase risk since recent heavy rain.

New Zealand Libraries Partnership Funding

Council has been successful in its application for funding from the New Zealand Libraries Partnership, which was established through the Government's COVID-19 Response and Recovery Fund and is led by the National Library of New Zealand. The programme provides for upskilling people in librarian roles and for specialist librarians to support community recovery.

Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment (MBIE) Funding

Council has also received a grant of \$40,820 (excl GST) from the Tourism Facilities Grant for Responsible Camping Initiatives for the 2020/21 summer season.

Waste Transfer Station Hours for the holiday period 2020/21

Please see the following table for opening hours over the holiday period.

	Marton	Bulls	Ratana	Hunterville	Mangaweka	Taihape
24 Dec	7.30am - 2.30pm	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED
25 Dec	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED
26 Dec	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED
27 Dec	8am-3pm	8am-4.30pm	CLOSED	CLOSED	10.30am-1pm	8am-3pm
28 Dec	7.30am-11.30am	8am-11am	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	7am-11.30am
29 Dec	7.30am-11.30am	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED
30 Dec	7.30am-11.30am	8am-12noon	2.30pm-4.30pm	2pm-4pm	CLOSED	7.30-11.30
31 Dec	7.30am-2.30pm	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED
1 Jan	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED
2 Jan	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED
3 Jan	8am-3pm	8am-11am	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	8am-3pm