

## Request from the Mayor!

We rely on our Community Committees to be an important line of communication between the Council and local communities. These Committees have worked incredibly well for many many years and continue to work well in parts of our community.

However recently in Bulls and Marton we have had meetings that were unable to proceed through a lack of a quorum. At those meetings it was intended that a new Chair would be appointed and unfortunately this was unable to happen.

These committees are important and I am asking for public interest in being part of these. By attending one of the meetings does not mean that you will be roped in as a new Chair. As a Committee Member you would attend approximately 6 meetings a year in an early evening for around one and a half hours, every two months. The Community Committees also control local budgets that can be used independent of Council. Local budgets in the past have been used for placemaking, for recommendations around where public toilets should be located and to provide frequent feedback to Council over anything to do with their towns.

I personally feel that the roles of these Community Committees could be expanded in the future however we need them in place now. If you are interested and want to know more around what is involved please get in contact with myself or one of the Ward Councillors. For Marton you can contact Cr Nigel Belsham, Cr Dave Wilson, Cr Fi Dalgety, Cr Richard Lambert or Cr Cath Ash and for Bulls you can contact Cr Brian Carter, Cr Waru Panapa or Cr Coral Ruakawa. It would be a shame if we lose these local connections.

Ngā mihi, Andy Watson, Mayor of Rangitikei.



## New playground's Grand Opening

Led by The Marton Development Group, the re-development of the Marton Memorial Hall Playground, will be officially opened on Saturday 17 April.

The Memorial Hall playground was gifted a new name by Ngā Wairiki Ngāti Apa and will now be called Te Āhuru Mōwai Playground. Te Āhuru Mōwai is a safe place that is comfortable, enjoyable and ideal for families.

Park signage includes a by-line 'Ko te Āhuru Mōwai o Tūtaeporoporo' which means "the safe haven of Tūtaeporoporo". Tūtaeporoporo is a mōkai (a friend and guardian) of Rangitikei land, waterways and people.

Celebrations begin at 10am with a ribbon cutting and there will be music, food carts, face-painting, a sausage sizzle, and a scavenger hunt. Everyone welcome.



## Framing Our Future consultation is open

You're invited to take part in planning for the future of Rangitikei.

Let us know your views before 5pm Monday 10 May.

www.framingourfuture.nz



## Council will stop accepting payments by cheque soon

Customers who rely on cheques to make payments will need to use an alternate payment option.

If you need help with making the move to electronic payments, please contact your bank in the first instance.

For more information contact our Customers Service Team 0800 422 522 or info@rangitikei.govt.nz

## Amendment to Meeting

### Omatane Rural Water Supply Management Committee

Meeting is now scheduled for:  
Tuesday 20 April - 3pm



## New dates for Rubbish Collection

Rangitikei Wheelie Bins is changing their Tuesday and Wednesday collections for the red rubbish bags and wheelie bins:

- If you live in Bulls and the surrounding areas going north on SH1 towards Calico Line your collection will remain on a Wednesday.
- Starting from 13 April 2021**  
If you live between Huntley School on Wanganui Rd to Ratana Pa (including Koitiata, Turakina and SH3 to Bulls, Parewanui Rd and surrounding areas, McHardie Rd, Wellington Rd) and your bins are emptied on a Wednesday, collection will now be on a Tuesday.
- Starting from 14 April 2021**  
If you live in Hunterville and Taihape or your collection is normally on a Friday, this will change to Wednesdays.

For more information: 06 3278336 or 021 477 814

Envirowaste customers will continue to have collection days as per normal.



**AWARDS EVENING**  
THU 13 MAY 2021

**JOHN TURKINGTON FORESTRY**

# Youth Awards 2021

RANGITĪKEI

EACH CATEGORY  
**\$500**  
CASH PRIZE

WE'RE STRONGER TOGETHER

**AWARD CATEGORIES**

- ★ FORTUNA FOREST PRODUCTS Youth In Employment
- ★ MARTON ROTARY Leadership
- ★ FORTUNA FOREST PRODUCTS Youth Group
- ★ RIVER VALLEY Eco Warrior
- ★ HAUTAPU PINE Youth In Sport
- ★ THE DOWNS GROUP Giving Back
- ★ NEW WORLD MARTON Youth For Youth
- ★ NGĀ WAIRIKI NGĀTI APA Youth In Apprenticeship
- ★ BJW MOTORS Change Maker
- ★ RANGITĪKEI ANGLICAN PARISH Wairua for Well-being

**NOMINATIONS OPEN 28 MARCH - 25 APRIL**