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FROM THE

Mayor's Desk

Firstly, the Long Term Plan (LTP). The key notes in this are an average rate rise of just under 7%, however the variation is high.

We will have some properties facing significant rate increases (up to 20%) and others facing a drop in rates. This has been brought about largely because we rate on capital value and the latest valuations by QV show significant valuation increases in rural north and urban south. You may be interested in visiting Council's on line rates calculator which has been updated to reflect next year's draft rate changes. Visit our website and from the Home page select Services/Rates/Rating Information Search and fill in your details. We are now in the submissions stage of the LTP process which runs until 10 May. Hearings will take place at Council on 12 and 13 May. Remember to have your say! If something you feel strongly about doesn't get into the LTP now it is impossible to go in later. Paper copies of the document are now available in all public places across the district as well as on our website.

I have personally attended around 25 community meetings over the last 6 weeks to talk to you all about the Long Term Plan and the various community implications. We have had a lot of discussion around rates, Three Waters, forestry and earthquake prone buildings and I feel that with the presence of Elected Members and Council staff at those meetings we have been in a good position to answer your queries. For the first time we have been able to effectively use Live LTP presentations via Zoom which have been great with up to 60 people being online and feeding in via the chat function to ask questions. Thank-you to staff and Councillors who made time to join me at the public meetings.

Ngā mihi, Andy Watson, Mayor of Rangitikei.



Council votes for Māori Wards

At the Council meeting on 29 April Rangitikei District Council unanimously decided to take the next steps towards creating Māori Wards for the 2022 elections.

Council made this decision following a recommendation from Te Roopuu Ahi Kaa, Council's Iwi Liaison Committee, asking Council to support the establishment of Māori Wards throughout the Rangitikei District.

Mayor Andy Watson said this is an important step in honouring the Te Tiriti o Waitangi. He was pleased there was unanimous support from all the Elected Members to look at Council's make-up and how Māori can be represented by either one or more seats at the Council table.

"Council has had an excellent voice for iwi through its partnership approach with Te Roopuu Ahi Kaa, and this decision builds on and enhances that relationship."

The decision to look at Māori wards means that Council will now undertake a representation review and seek feedback from the community on its proposals, which will contribute to Council's final proposal.



Project Update

Update on the remediation of the historic landfill on Putorino Road.

The sheet piling has been successfully installed, and the excavation is underway. To date nothing unusual has been discovered during the physical works, the landfill material appears to be general construction and farming waste. Excavation, testing and suitable disposal will continue for the next 2-3 months until the landfill material is cleared, and is replaced with clean fill.

CLOSED

Marton Pool closed for winter

Marton Swim Centre is now closed for the season and will reopen on Saturday 2 October 2021 - the first day of the term three school holidays.

For up to date information please see the Marton Swim Centre Facebook page

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SEEKING FUNDING FOR A CREATIVE COMMUNITY PROJECT?

FUNDING APPLICATIONS OPEN 13 MARCH - 7 MAY 2021

TO FIND OUT WHATS FUNDED AND TO APPLY
WWW.RANGITIKEI.GOVT.NZ
OR PHONE 06 3270099



Four days left! - Submissions close 5pm, Monday 10 May

Help us plan for a bright future in the Rangitikei District.

Formal Consultation has started and you have until Monday 10 May to let us know what you think.

For more information visit your local Council office or library to pick up a copy of our official Consultation Document.

www.framingourfuture.nz

Tirohanga Whakamua - Look to the future



Kōrero mai, have your say
Consultation Period ends 5pm, 10 May

RANGITĪKEI DISTRICT COUNCIL