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FROM THE

Mayor's Desk

We have just finished our Long Term Plan deliberations. We are thrilled with the high level of engagement and the number of submissions coming forward from right throughout the district has been record-breaking.

Where we are at? We have decided on a rate increase of just over 7% to be formally adopted by Council as part of the LTP process following audit approval. Some of the standouts for the communities are that we have put \$25,000 into the Wilson Park Development Group and \$50,000 into the Taihape Playground. We have also committed to a process around the strengthening and refurbishment of the existing Grandstand at Taihape Memorial Park. These issues were all strongly supported by community submissions.

The Long Term Plan was of course prepared on the basis that we would retain all of the delivery of the "Three Waters" provision of wastewater, stormwater and potable water for our community. We are still engaged heavily, like every other district in New Zealand, in discussions as to whether that will be the case or if it will be the function of another company as an aggregated supply. We understand that from late this month there will be a very wide public consultation around this.

Council has expressed concern over funding levels for roading. We have faced a cut (after we did our budgets) from Waka Kotahi of around \$7million spread over the first three years of our Long Term Plan. Council has voted strongly that we take that concern back to Government around the under-investment on the maintenance of our roads. Unfortunately this isn't unique to our Council – it factors with every rural council in New Zealand.

Ngā mihi, **Andy Watson**, Mayor of Rangitikei District.



Pay your Dog Registrations online

All dogs over the age of three months are required to be registered.

Registration payments are due by 31 July 2021.

If you are new to the Rangitikei area, have a new dog, or have an unregistered dog, you need to register your dog with the Council. Registration forms are available at our offices and on our website.

The quickest and easiest way to pay your dog registration is online. You will need your owner number which can be found on your invoice or by contacting us on 0800 422 522.

www.rangitikei.govt.nz/dogs



Projects Update

Historic landfill

The excavation work at the historic landfill on Putorino Road will be completed this month. Once that work has been done the area will be shaped with a gentle slope to the river and planted with natives.



Local students meet the Mayor

Mayor Andy Watson hosted Years One and Two students from Marton Junction School this week as part of their road trip around the District.

Students met with the Mayor and staff in the Council Chambers, sat in the Mayors office and got to try on the Mayoral chains.

Rangitikei District Council was one stop on their journey to learn about different jobs and organisations in our District.



Mayor Andy Watson and students from Marton Junction School in the Mayor's office.

Are you eligible for a Rate Rebate?

A rates rebate is a partial refund for people who pay rates to the council.

If you have not applied/received a rebate in the last rating year phone our Customer Experience staff who will send an application to you or you can pick one up from any of our offices.

The last day to apply for a rates rebates is 30 June 2021.

Visit www.rangitikei.govt.nz/ratesrebates to see if you qualify.



Taihape Amenities Building

A design for this new building is currently being developed.



MATARIKI RANGITIKEI LIBRARIES 2021

Monday 21 June – Sunday 27 June

TE MATAPIHI, LEARNING HUB | TAIHAPE AND MARTON LIBRARIES

MATARIKI DISPLAYS AND WHANAU/FAMILY DAY

More information at
www.rangitikei.govt.nz/library

Planned Works



Tutaenui Reservoir Pedestrian Bridge

Monday 14 June to Friday 25 June - Works to replace the pedestrian bridge across the Marton B Dam spillway.

Mill Street, Marton - Water Main Renewal

Monday 14 June to Friday 18 June - Council will be renewing a section of the water main on Wellington Road / Mill Street intersection. Lane closures will be in effect.

COME TO CODE CLUB!

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