



Working on the Timeline - Bulls Community Centre

Now that we have a realistic budget in place for the Bulls Community Centre, it is time to address the timeline that will take us through to the completion of the Centre.

Construction was halted for the duration of the COVID-19 Level 3 and 4 lockdown. This situation affected infrastructure and building construction across the whole country. And of course, no one can be blamed for this. The lockdown meant an automatic six week delay for the project.

But with the lifting of level 3 lockdown, limited construction was able to resume. And while workers were back on site they were operating under a raft of restrictions that meant the rate of construction was much slower than normal.

The basic social distancing rules under level 2 meant workers had to make sure they kept a metre space between each other; and hand and equipment sanitising was also necessary. These arrangements stayed in place until alert level 1, which meant work under the previous levels didn't flow as smoothly or as speedily as it usually would.

Other work however continued during the lockdown period. Firstly, an interior designer has been employed to take charge of all things interior – from colours to curtains to signs. This will result in a cohesive and consistent look and feel for the Centre.

Secondly, a Cultural Designer has been engaged. They will help us to bring to the Community Centre a design and decor that reflects the inclusive and multicultural nature of Bulls and the Rangitikei District.

Finally work continued designing a bus lane to the rear of the building and a town square to the front, for future Council consideration.

So with these time considerations in mind, Council is planning for the construction of the Bulls Community Centre to be completed by the end of July 2020. There will be a period after that for 'fit-out and moving in' and a public/community opening will be planned for September.

We have listened to your feedback and we agree the need to keep everyone up to date with progress on this project, so regular updates will be posted on Council's website; our Rangitikei Connect page in the District Monitor; and on our social media channels.

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Planned Works

Centennial Park Public Toilets

Work commenced Tuesday 16 June for installation of Public Toilets.

Mangaweka Ultra-fast Fibre Network

Work has begun to build the Chorus ultrafast broadband fibre network.

Start date: June 2020

Finish date: August 2020

Council agrees with payments to suppliers being accelerated

At the Council meeting on Thursday, 30 April Councillors agreed to a number of initiatives to assist businesses in response to COVID-19, one of these was the proposal to accelerate payments made to businesses by paying them weekly, rather than the 20th of the month following the receipt of an invoice.

This direction was reinforced recently by Crown Ministers in a letter to all Councils. In responding to this letter Mayor Andy Watson said that "he was pleased our Council was able to put this in place for those that do business with us. COVID-19 has had a big impact on small to medium businesses and this assistance with cash-flow is a small gesture we can make. I support and encourage this approach being suggested to all Councils across New Zealand. We can help lead the way to unlocking cash-flow to protect jobs and support ongoing business sustainability."

Are you eligible for a Rate Rebate?

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

If you are the person paying rates for the home you are living in, you could get up to \$640 off your rates bill.

Once you receive your rates bill, you can apply for a rates rebate for 2019/20.

If you have received a rebate previously you will automatically be sent an application form from us.

If you have not applied/received a rebate in the last rating year, phone our Customer Service Staff on 0800 422 522 and will send an application to you.

Applications are due by 30 June 2020.

More information is on our website.

www.rangitikei.govt.nz/services/rates/remission-form

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 2020.

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



Upcoming Meetings



Santoft Domain Management Committee

(Supper Room, Bulls Town Hall, High Street, Bulls)

Wednesday 1 July 6pm

Turakina Reserve Management Committee

(Ben Nevis Hotel, State Highway 3, Turakina)

Thursday 2 July 7pm

Turakina Community Committee

(Ben Nevis Hotel, State Highway 3, Turakina)

Thursday 2 July 7.30pm

Huntermville Rural Water Supply Management Sub-Committee

Monday 6 July 4pm

Te Roopu Ahi Kaa Komiti

Tuesday 7 July 11am

Erewhon Rural Water Supply Management Sub-Committee

(Council Chamber, Taihape Town Hall, 90-92 Hautapu Street, Taihape)

Wednesday 8 July 4pm

Taihape Community Board

(Council Chamber, Taihape Town Hall, 90-92 Hautapu Street, Taihape)

Wednesday 8 July 5.30pm

Marton Community Committee

(Project Marton Office, Centennial Park, 18 Humphrey St, Marton)

Wednesday 8 July 6pm

Assets/Infrastructure Committee

Thursday 9 July 9.30am

Policy/Planning Committee

Thursday 9 July 1pm

Huntermville Community Committee

(Huntermville Town Hall, Bruce Street, Huntermville)

Monday 13 July 6.30pm

Rātana Community Board

(Ture Tangata Office, Ihipera-Koria Street, Rātana Paa)

Tuesday 14 July 6:30pm

Bulls Community Committee

(Supper Room, Bulls Town Hall, High Street, Bulls)

Tuesday 21 July 6pm

Audit Risk Committee

Thursday 30 July 9am

Finance/Performance Committee

Thursday 30 July 10.30am

Council

Thursday 30 July 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.