

FROM THE Mayor's Desk

As a district it's exciting to see life return to a bit of normality. We welcomed the public back in to our libraries a few weeks ago and our offices are humming with people again.

With Covid restrictions easing it's also nice to be back in our communities engaging face-to-face. We held public meetings in Marton, Bulls and Taihape last week to discuss the 2022/23 Annual Plan and the recent developments in the Three Waters Reform.

Thank you to those who turned up, engagement is critical in ensuring we are making the best decisions for our communities. We value your input and we want to be fully transparent throughout these processes.

Some strong themes came through at these sessions including an interest in the future of local government and what we plan to do with the Better Off funding package. Keep an eye out on our website for more information that will help to clarify many of the questions discussed at the meetings. You can also scan the QR code below to join our e-newsletter database, another great way to stay connected with what's happening across Council.

Consultations for the 2022/23 Annual Plan closes on Monday and we need more feedback from the public. We are consulting on a forestry differential, Marton Rail Hub Council Controlled Organisation (CCO) and climate change, all key topics that will have an impact on our communities. If you're interested in how Council uses its money and where we focus our resources then this is your opportunity to have your say. Visit our website to make an online submission or visit your local information centre or library to request a physical copy.

Lastly, I want to remind you to get in touch with me if you want to have a chat about any of the key projects in our 2022/23 Annual Plan consultation, Three Waters Reform or anything else you wish to discuss. You can call me on 027 617 7668 or email me at andy.watson@rangitikei.govt.nz.

Ngā manaakitanga, Andy Watson, Mayor of Rangitikei District.



The Creative Communities Scheme (Round 2, 2021/22) has been extended and is now closing Wednesday, 11 May 2022.

Applications are encouraged from community groups and individuals whose projects: Demonstrate growth over time; develop and support local artistic communities; encourage a transfer or artistic skills; diversity, inclusion, and projects with a youth focus are also encouraged. www.rangitikei.govt.nz/fundingopportunities

Current Consultations

Everyone within the Rangitikei District is invited and welcome to provide feedback on the following consultations:

- Framing 2022/23 – Annual Plan
- Proposed Schedule of Fees and Charges 2022/23
- Draft Rates Remission Policy
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- Māori Freehold Land

Have your say by 5pm Monday 9 May 2022. For more information visit www.rangitikei.govt.nz/consultations

Kōrero Mai
Have YOUR say!

WHAT'S ON AT Te Matapihi

Te Matapihi - Bulls Community Centre will be hosting two guest speakers in the upcoming months. These are FREE events. For information call our friendly staff at Te Matapihi on 06 327 0083 or email: bullslib@rangitikei.govt.nz

MAY: Glen Colquhoun

Award winning writer, poet, children's author and doctor.
11am | Friday 20 May

JUNE: Janet Newman

Janet is a farmer and poet based in Horowhenua. She now runs a dairy farm and has experience living off the land and tackling challenges farmers typically face.
11am | Thursday 9 June

NOTE: These events are subject to Covid-19 Traffic Light setting regulations and may be cancelled at short notice.



Mayor Andy and Cr Brian Carter are pictured handing over the flag to Mr Kevin Ellery (Chairperson) and Ian McKelvie (MP Rangitikei & Patron of the Bulls & District Historical Society).

Rangitikei Cavalry Flag finds new home with the Bulls & District Historical Society

Council was pleased to confirm acceptance of the Bulls & District Historical Society's offer to take full ownership, and arrange the preservation, of the Rangitikei Cavalry Flag.

"The flag is an important local historical object and the enthusiasm and expertise from the Society's Committee to ensure the flag will be preserved appropriately is a positive outcome for all," said Mayor Andy Watson.

The Mayor and Cr Brian Carter attended a small gathering at Te Matapihi to officially handover the artefact.

The delicate nature of the flag means it will not be on display to the public but will ensure it is correctly preserved.



High Demand for Inspection Bookings

Due to increased demand our scheduled Inspection Booking timeframes have been pushed out, so please be aware when booking an inspection, that it will be at least 10 working days before you will be scheduled in. Please plan your project and book scheduled required inspections promptly.

To make a booking or for more information contact our building team on building.services@rangitikei.govt.nz or on 0800 422 522. We also suggest using the GoBuild app for booking inspections.

Get ready for Winter

As the weather becomes cooler and the nights are longer here are some ideas to get ready for winter.

- Clean your gutters of any Autumn leaves. When your gutters back up, they overflow, and when they overflow, that water runs down your home, speeding up the deterioration of your exterior.
- Have your fireplace cleaned and inspected before you start having fires.
- Check that the fireplace is safe to use, and if there are any maintenance problems that need fixing. If your woodfire needs replacing remember this requires a Building Consent.
- Visit our website for more information on woodburners
- Check all your smoke detectors to make sure they are working and that they have good batteries.
- Check your heat Pump and if necessary, change the filter.

Make a submission on our 2022/23 Annual Plan

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