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FROM THE Mayor's Desk

On a sad note I recently attended the tangi for Charlie Rourangi at Rātana. Charlie had served on the Rātana Community Board for a couple of terms. The Community Board is how Council engages formally with the Rātana community. My sympathies as always lie with the whānau and community.



Over the last few weeks Council has been working on our 2022/23 Annual Plan and budgets and there were a number of themes coming through in the submissions. One of them was always going to be the rates increase of 7.29%. Several people asked why we had put in a note to say that the effect on individual properties would be less. So let me try and explain. The 7.29% indicated in the draft Annual Plan represents the increased budget, i.e. the total cost to run Council. However, we have had a significant number of new houses that we can rate and that effectively shares the rates burden. This is represented by about a 1% increase in the total capital value of the district, effectively lowering the rates per household by around 1% to an average per household increase of 6% for the next year.

There is more good news to come as well. Our district is growing quickly. If the industries come as indicated and housing continues to climb with the new subdivisions, the rates increase forecast will continue to drop. For example, if around 700 new homes are built that brings in about \$2m rates. If industry spends \$500m in capital buildings as indicated, their likely rates bill will be in excess of \$500,000 per year. All of these will take considerable pressure off rates.

The second frequently asked question was why don't we have a development contributions policy to support the needed infrastructural growth? We have an alternate system targeting greenfield development (new housing subdivisions) called a development agreement. This is where the cost of supply upgrades to cope with water, wastewater and stormwater demands is met by the developer under an agreed cost prior to work starting.

It is great to see the Mangaweka Bridge now open to all traffic, including heavy traffic and the work on the new amenities block in Taihape - Ngā Awa Block proceeding.

Congratulations also to the Cowpers for their 4x4 event at Turakina over the weekend that saw thousands of spectators attend, making it one of the biggest feature events of our district. Well done to all involved.

Ngā manaakitanga, Andy Watson, Mayor of Rangitikei District.



Round 3 of the Events Sponsorship Scheme for 2021/22 has been extended, and is now closing Sunday, 05 June 2022.

This is a Council fund intended to support events in the district that help to develop community cohesion and reinforce economic growth.

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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

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**



JULY: Dave Hayward

Christchurch born Dave Hayward, retired as the Sergeant Major of the army. His first-hand knowledge of the world of the twentieth century infantry soldier is recognised as unique. **2pm | Tuesday 26 July**



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



Mangaweka Bridge Officially Opened

Tangata whenua and residents of Mangaweka came together today to unveil Te Pou Herenga Tangata and officially open the new Mangaweka Bridge. Despite challenging weather, there was a huge turnout from the community, iwi, Rangitikei and Manawatū District Councils and the construction teams involved in the project.

The pou whenua, designed by Maihi Potaka on behalf of Ngāti Hauiti, symbolises the connection and strengthening of the Rangitikei and Manawatū districts and marks the joining of the district's people.

The old Mangaweka Bridge will have a future as a walking and cycleway and it maintains its historical significance as the only cantilever road bridge left in New Zealand.

DIGITAL MARKETING SEMINAR

Ohakea Room | Te Matapihi | Bulls
Wednesday 15 June 2022 | 5:30pm

This 40 minute seminar is about explaining the basics of social media for business, why it's important, and best practice information.

To register your interest contact:
Melanie Bovey, 027 620 6349

Did you move to Rangitikei from somewhere else?



Take our Welcoming Communities survey to share your experiences of moving to our district to help us find ways to make our community more welcoming to newcomers in the future.

Scan the QR code or email WelcomingCommunities@rangitikei.govt.nz to be sent a link.



English Version



Samoan Version

GRANTS & FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

Community Initiatives Fund
Round 1 of 2022/23
Opened 17 May 22

Creative Communities Scheme
Round 1 of 2022/23
Opens 03 Jun 22

Sport NZ Rural Travel Fund
2022/23
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