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Pride in Our Land - Muster 2020

The 'Pride in our Land' campaign looks to support our regional rural communities by packaging and promoting what support is on offer from government and local agencies and adding some new well-being initiatives not just for the farmers but for the whole whanau and our rural residents.

The campaign acknowledges the farming community is resilient and often can cope with hardship, but if families are struggling this campaign is a positive boost for their health and well-being.

One of the initiatives is Muster 2020. This is a free event for rural community to share a meal, laugh till your stomach hurts, and have a darn good time. Entertainment for the evening are Manawatu's comedy duo Amberley and Ben Caldwell and guests.

There are several events being held in our region and three in our district.
Rangitīkei events:

- 16 July Harrisville Speedway
- 7 August Rangatira Golf Club
- 14 August Taihape Golf Club

Registration is required. For more information visit **prideinourland.co.nz** email: prideinourland@gmail.com or phone: 027 372 2645.

Mahi Tahi – Rangitikei Employment Programme

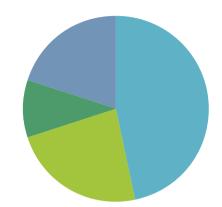
n May 2020 Rangitīkei District Council was successful in securing funding for the Mayor's Task Force for Jobs (MTJF) Community Recovery Pilot supported by the Ministry of Social Development (MSD).

Funding of \$100,000 was given to assist with the employment of 30 people into Small and Medium Enterprises (SME's) either casual, part-time or full-time by 30 June 2020. The target group for this programme are New Zealanders displaced from their employment due to COVID-19, with a focus on youth not in education, employment, or training (NEETS).

To deliver this programme Council employed James Towers. Mr Towers came with experience as a previous MSD employee and strong local and regional business connections.

Two events were held in the first week of programme delivery, one each in Marton and Taihape, where attending youth were invited to complete a Mahi Tahi Course in work preparedness. Ten of those youth have completed CV's, computer training, financial literacy & budgeting training, wellbeing and fitness activities, first aid training and cultural sessions. In addition, we are assisting them to gain driver licences.

A Jobs Evening was held on 10 June 2020 at Te Poho O Tuariki with over 80 people in



Work Placements - 30



attendance. The event included promotion of Mahi Tahi, registering of jobseekers and advertising of employment opportunities.

Mahi Tahi has gained large interest amongst the community. Due to this and the partnership in which Mahi Tahi is delivered, employment brokering assistance was also provided to all those that registered, some whom were not displaced by COVID-19 or NEETS. The above graph shows the work placement of participants as at 31 July 2020. If you are interested in this programme and would like more information visit:

www.rangitikei.govt.nz/unitedinrecovery

UNITED IN RECOVERY He waka eke noa



United in Recovery

Rangitikei District Council is working closely with our regional economic development agencies and with Government. A new page on our Council website has been created as a useful resource for our community to find the latest support from Government, Council and innovative solutions from fellow kiwis as we unite together for recovery.

We encourage all residents to visit this site regularly for local and regional information related to COVID-19 recovery.

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Annual Residents Survey

Our survey 'How did we do this year?' is now closed. Council would like to thank all participants and appreciate all feedback that was given.

Upcoming Meetings



Amendment to meetings for July 2020.

Audit Risk Committee Friday 31 July 10am

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.

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JOHN TURKINGTON FORESTRY RANGITĪKEI AWARDS

Awards now accepting nominees

The Rangitīkei Youth Awards is Council's way of recognising the achievements of the amazing youth in our district. This year, the awards are once again sponsored by John Turkington Forestry, with each of the category winners receiving \$500 kindly donated by local sponsors. Award categories include leadership, youth encouraging other youth, giving back, sports, environment and employment.

If you know a deserving young person or a group of youth aged between 12 and 24 that are exceptional, you can nominate them for an award. To be eligible for an award, nominees must:

- Be currently living, and have lived, in Rangitīkei for the past 12 months or more
- Have participated in the activities they have been nominated for within the part 12 months.
- Be aged between 12 and 24 at the beginning of Youth Week 2020
- Have participated in activities they were nominated for outside of their regular study or work commitments.

Nominations open 13 July and close 10 August.

The award winners will be decided by a panel comprising the Mayor, Deputy Mayor and representatives from local iwi, schools and youth agencies.

More information is available on our Council website.





Celebrating Youth Aged 12-24years



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