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FROM THE Mayor's Desk

Over the last couple of days the new Mayors of Auckland and Christchurch have put a position paper to the Government supporting the need for a pause in the Three Waters Reform and the need for an alternate regional model.

These concepts are not new, and there have been a number of Councils, including our own, saying that the Government needs to pause and to look at how we regionally connect - and we are fully in support of this. The telling factor here will be the scale - with Christchurch and Auckland being by far the biggest cities within the country their voices carry a lot of weight back to Government. One of the concerns we hold about the proposed Three Waters reform is the lack of detail and consultation; and at this stage the regional model proposed is a two-pager which requires time to develop.

With regards to a regional model within the Horizons region, we are very well connected with local authority shared services and relationships between Councils in the Three Waters space. However, our region is huge and what may be suitable for some communities will need to be a different model here. We will be asking Councillors to consider how we respond in the first few meetings of the new triennium.

For the Council meeting this week, we have asked Federated Farmers to come to the table regarding the effects of the emission legislation. We are hoping that Federated Farmers may give Council some options to consider around how we engage with the Government, and how we frame our submission back which is due very shortly. Rangitikei has also been highlighted with regard to the carbon credit position with the potential for one of our large rural stations Omatane being out for tender.

Thank you to those who came to the first Council meeting on 25 October where I was inducted as Mayor and our Councillors were sworn in. The new Council timetable is filling up rapidly. We will have a series of training sessions both onside and within Council for new governors with familiarisation visits where Councillors can see what we are responsible for, where our assets are and what the issues are that we will need Council decisions on.

Ngā manaakitanga, Andy Watson, Mayor of Rangitikei.



Introducing our new Deputy Mayor

We welcomed our new Council in Bulls last week as they joined together for the first time for the Inaugural Council Meeting.

At the meeting, Mayor Andy Watson named Councillor Dave Wilson as Deputy Mayor. The new Deputy Mayor has been on Council for six years, where he has held the role of Chair of Assets and Infrastructure Committee Chair, and is now entering his third triennium.

Mayor Andy says that having interviewed all of the Councillors, he knows that Dave has total support for the role and is thrilled to have accepted him into the position.

Forestry Differential Public Meeting

We're seeking insight and feedback from the forestry industry and other stakeholders regarding the introduction of a proposed differential rate for forestry.

The proposed forestry differential seeks to introduce a differential rate to forestry properties to recover some of the costs of repairing damage to roads caused by forestry vehicles; an approach that has been taken by a number of other local authorities in New Zealand. Council's preferred choice outlined in the 2022/2023 Annual Plan was to introduce a 1.5 rate differential on the Roding Targeted Rate for properties that are classified as Forestry.

Based on the feedback we received through the consultation, Council decided to defer implementing a differential rate until we had the opportunity to work further with the Forestry Industry, iwi and key stakeholders, to hear what other options may be available.

If you're interested in sharing your thoughts, feedback and ideas on the proposed differential, please join us for the first public consultation on **Tuesday 15 November, 5pm - 6.30pm at the Hunterville Town Hall** to meet with Mayor Andy Watson and council Staff. This event is open to anyone who is interested in engaging with Rangitikei District Council about this issue.

If you're likely to attend this event, please RSVP to Michael.Willoughby@rangitikei.govt.nz. If you are unable to attend this event, but would like to stay in the loop about this consultation, you can sign up to the RDC Forestry Differential mailing list here:

www.rangitikei.govt.nz/forestryengagement

BA5

BUSINESS AFTER FIVE

Join us for our upcoming Business after 5 events!

November is going to be an action-packed month for our Ba5s - with four already lined up across the district!

If you want to meet local businesses, hear their experiences, and network with the Rangitikei business community, come along to one of our Ba5 events in November.

Please make sure to register by emailing pauline.wilkinson@rangitikei.govt.nz

Marton Ba5 - Peacock & Sons

- 5pm, Tuesday 8th November
- Peacock & Sons, 256 Broadway, Marton

Bulls Ba5 - Physio @ Bulls

- 5pm, Wednesday 9th November
- Physio @ Bulls, 13 Criterion Street, Bulls

Taihape Ba5 - Wild Roses

- 5.30pm, Thursday 10th November
- Wild Roses, 116 Hautapu Street, Taihape

Hunterville Ba5 - BRAVEWeb

- 5pm - 6.30pm, Monday 14th November (Updated date)
- BRAVEWeb, 36a Bruce Street, Hunterville



Applications for the Tuia mentorship programme 2023 open now!

Do you know a young person who is looking for an opportunity to make a real difference in their community?

We're looking for 18 - 25 year olds with Māori whakapapa that live in the Rangitikei district to apply to be one of our Tuia representatives for 2023!

As part of their journey as a Tuia representative, they will have the opportunity to experience local government, raise the profile of Māori in local government, build their CV, travel around the country for wānanga, meet and expand their networks, as well as undertake a 100-hour community contribution project in their community.

To apply, or for more information about the programme, please contact our Mana Whenua Strategic Advisor Lequan Meihana by emailing lequan.meihana@rangitikei.govt.nz or calling 027 209 1175.



THE LOBBY FRIDAY KAI YUM!

The Lobby Taihape is a special space for our rangatahi - giving them a safe place to relax, learn and spend time with their peers.

Recently, a group of local businesses came forward to support this important kaupapa and sponsor a kai every Friday for young people who are using the space.

A HUGE thank you to Jah's Beauty Bar Taihape, Salon.three88, Kākāriki Green Organics, Mahi Tahī - Rangitikei Employment Programme, New World Taihape and Countryman Restaurant - it means so much to see our community come forward to support our young people.



Marton Market Day is back for 2022!

Bringing back one of the biggest events in the Rangitikei district, join us on Saturday 12th November from 9am to 3pm for an unforgettable day as we take over Marton's town centre!

With quality street entertainment, free games, arts and crafts, great food, and over 200 market stalls - Marton Market Day truly has something for everyone.

For more information, visit martonnz.com/events