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FROM THE Mayor's Desk

Tena kotou katoa,

The Regional Land Transport Plan described as the RLTP is currently being developed and in my view there is a real danger that the shift on priorities is from maintenance of the network to alternative transport modes, climate change and safety.

The reality is that safety is being compromised by the standard of the network. These plans are important – what flows from them is the transport investment priorities. I have been invited to a meeting representing rural Councils at the Waka Kotahi Board on 1 May in Wellington to discuss this further.

There are some things that concern me from a Local Government New Zealand position, the major one is that Auckland has withdrawn its membership from LGNZ and as I understand it the value of LGNZ is being questioned by several other Councils too. I personally believe that Rangitikei sees incredible value in the membership of LGNZ and the ability to have a voice to Government through LGNZ is something that we rely on. We work with them extensively with regard to submissions and we are funded directly from them for such things as the Mahi Tahī programme which has resulted in a huge number of local people gaining skills and obtaining jobs.

In recognition of the upcoming coronation of His Majesty Charles III we have indicated to Internal Affairs that we are interested in participating in a tree planting ceremony in our district. Due to timing we will unfortunately not be in a position to hold the ceremony on the weekend of 6-7 May when the coronation occurs but are able to do this at the earliest available opportunity. We will inform you all once a date has been decided.

Ngā mihi, Andy Watson, Mayor of Rangitikei.



Thank you for your submissions!

The consultations for our Annual Plan and Pae Tawhiti Rangitikei Beyond Draft Community Spatial Plan have now closed. We were very pleased to receive 268 Annual Plan submissions and more than 180 Spatial Plan submissions. This is a significant increase in Annual Plan submissions from previous years, and we thank everyone who took the time to share their thoughts with us. Together, we're shaping the future of our district.

Our team has already begun reviewing this feedback and will be hosting public hearings for submitters that requested to speak. Once this is complete, our Council will consider any changes based on the feedback, and our updated Annual Plan and Spatial Plan will be adopted and put into action.

Hearings on Annual Plan and Spatial Plan Submissions - Thursday, 11 May

Meeting commences at 9.30am, Kokako Street Pavilion, 2 Kokako Street – Taihape then continues at 2pm Council Chambers, 46 High Street – Marton.

Continuation of Hearings on Annual Plan and Spatial Plan Submissions - Friday, 12 May

9.30am, Council Chambers, 46 High Street – Marton.

Any queries, please phone 0800 422 522.

Apply for funding for your project or organisation

The second round of funding for the Creative Communities Fund closes this week!

If you have a clever vision for a creative project that you need help getting off the ground, take a look at the funding criteria below and get your applications in for 2023. Applications close Sunday 7 May 2023. For more information, please visit www.rangitikei.govt.nz/creative-communities-scheme

Te Kōwhiringa Pōti Māori Māori Electoral Option



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TE KAITIAKI TAKE KŌWHIRI

2023 Māori Electoral Option - Te Kōwhiringa Pōti Māori

He mana tō te kōwhiri – your choice has mana

If you are Māori and enrolled to vote, you can now choose between the Māori roll and the general roll at any time up until 3 months before an election.

If you want to change the roll you're on for this year's General Election, you need to do it before midnight 13 July.

It's an important decision. The roll you choose decides which electorate you vote in – and what candidates you can choose from to represent you and your rohe in parliamentary and local elections.

If you're already enrolled, you'll get an information pack in the mail in April letting you know which roll you're on and how to change rolls if you want to.

If you didn't get an information pack it could mean you're not enrolled or we have an old address for you.

It's quick and easy to enrol, update your address, or change the roll you're on.

Visit vote.nz and have your New Zealand driver licence, New Zealand passport or RealMe verified identity ready, or call 0800 36 76 56 for free to ask for help.

It's time to pay your rates...



The fourth instalment of rates are due on Monday 22 May!

Make sure to keep an eye on your email or letterbox for your next rates instalment notice. Or, if you pay by automatic payment, make sure your payment amount is correct so you can keep your rate payments up to date. You can also pay online at www.rangitikei.govt.nz/paymyrates.

If you would prefer your rates to be emailed to you in the future, please enter your details via this link:

www.rangitikei.govt.nz/ratesbyemail



Youth Awards nominations have been extended until Monday 15 May

If you know an exceptional person between the ages of 12 and 24 who is connected with the Rangitikei District, whether they currently live, work, or attend school here, or have roots in the area, nominate them for one of the eight categories below. Winners will take home a \$500 prize from our generous sponsors.

Nominations are now open until Monday 15 May 2023. Don't miss this opportunity to recognise and celebrate the incredible rangatahi in our community!

For more information and to make a nomination, visit our website

www.rangitikei.govt.nz/youthawards

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.