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## Funding Support for New Rail Hub Welcome News

Rangitikei District Council has received \$9.1 million from the Government's Covid-19 Response and Recovery Fund for a new rail hub in Marton.

This key infrastructure development will support a debarking facility and forestry hub which makes the possibility of bio-forestry coming to our district a reality. The facility will also provide the ability to transport logs from Marton to North Island Ports.

Mayor Andy Watson said "This is a game-changer for our district – Marton was built as the rail junction in the North Island to service our agricultural sector, this now gives our district the opportunity to again grow. The idea of the rail hub has been more than three years in the making and I am thrilled the Government has recognised the opportunity this brings to us. Not only does this recognise the importance of funding key infrastructure in our small towns, but it will also provide jobs in our local community."

Council will go through a resource consent process once the District Plan change has been completed, a decision on that change is imminent.

## It's time to pay your rates

Today is the last day to pay your rates instalment - Thursday 20 August 2020

Payments can be made online at [www.rangitikei.govt.nz/paymyrates](http://www.rangitikei.govt.nz/paymyrates), Council's offices in Marton and Taihape, at the Bulls Library, Hunterville Village Bookshop and Ratana JN Tairaroa Store.

If individual ratepayers are experiencing hardship we will consider payment options on a case by case basis. If you are in genuine hardship please contact us through [info@rangitikei.govt.nz](mailto:info@rangitikei.govt.nz) and one of our staff will contact you to help you set up a payment plan.

## Protect yourself, your whānau, and your community

New Zealanders need to record their movements using the NZ COVID Tracer app.

All businesses now need to display a QR code for the NZ COVID Tracer app.

The NZ COVID Tracer app gives us a strong head start in responding. It is not enough to rely on your memory or personal records.

For contact tracing to be effective, we need to know where a person with COVID-19 has been not just yesterday, but two weeks ago or even longer. That's why it's important we all get in the habit of using the app to keep track of our movements.

Businesses can get their QR codes online at [tracing.covid19.govt.nz](http://tracing.covid19.govt.nz)

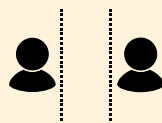
If you don't have the app, get it now, and start using it immediately. The NZ COVID Tracer app is available free at the App Store and Google Play.



## Protect your bubble during Covid-19 Alert Level 2

Auckland is at Alert Level 3 and the rest of New Zealand is at Alert Level 2.

The current alert levels will remain in place until 11.59pm on Wednesday 26 August.



Keep physical distancing of **2 metres** from people you don't know when out in public.



**Stay home** if you are sick or vulnerable.



**Wash your hands.**



**Wear a face covering** if you are in an enclosed space like on public transport.



Gatherings of up to **100 people** are allowed for wedding services, funerals, and tangihanga.



Use the **NZ COVID Tracer app** to record where you go or sign in if you can't use the app.

If you have symptoms of **cold or flu call your doctor or Healthline** and get tested. TESTING IS FREE. For more information visit: [www.Covid19.govt.nz](http://www.Covid19.govt.nz)

## SUPPORT LOCAL LOVE LOCAL

### Shop Local Rangitikei

Now's the time to truly continue supporting Rangitikei businesses, the owners, the employees their families and our community as we recovery from Covid-19 together. Our Shop Local Rangitikei Facebook group has over 1000 members and is still growing. Shopping at and using local services is the best way to support our community and local economy.

If you would like your business added or details updated please message us.

View on Facebook: [RangitikeiDC](https://www.facebook.com/RangitikeiDC) #ShopLocalRangitikei.



### Upcoming Meetings



#### Council

Thursday 27 August 1pm

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. Council meetings, where possible, will be live-streamed on Facebook.*

## Enrol now. It's quick and easy to do it online at [vote.nz](http://vote.nz)

**ELECTION  
DAY NOW  
17 October!**

