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FROM THE Mayor's Desk



Kia ora koutou, the weekend's election results are fantastic for the Rangitikei because we have effectively four representatives to provide our voice to Government. My and our district's congratulations go to -

Suze Redmayne (National) who is replacing retiring National MP Ian McKelvie. Suze has been identified obviously by her high party placement of 21 and her election success, while anticipated, it is fantastic. She now no longer needs that List position having taken the electorate seat. I also would like to acknowledge the dedicated service given to the Rangitikei over several terms by retiring MP Ian McKelvie.

Congratulations goes to both Debbie Ngarewa-Packer and Te Pāti Māori who have won Te Tai Hauāuru (North Island/West Coast) Māori Electorate replacing Adrian Rurawhe. It will be a pleasure to work with Debbie over her term in office and I am looking forward to a catchup with her shortly.

Andrew Hoggard (ACT) is well known to us for his roles in Federated Farmers both locally and nationally. It will be a huge benefit to us and our rural sector in having him as a List MP. While I have had many conversations with Andrew in the past, I look forward again to a catchup with him in the near future.

And finally, Adrian Rurawhe (Labour) who will be retained as a List MP which adds a further Rangitikei voice to the Government. The decisions around Speaker of the House, which is Government, is yet to be made which does not necessarily need to be the party in power. I and Council applaud and recognise Adrian's style of impartial leadership in Government and we thank him for this.

While Council celebrates and welcomes these successes we thank all candidates for standing and in particular thank Soraya Peke-Mason, past Councillor for Rangitikei and outgoing Labour List MP for her community service which I am sure will be continued in some way.

Ngā mihi, Andy Watson, Mayor of Rangitikei.



What to do if you see graffiti?

Did you know, that it costs Council \$20,000 a year on graffiti removal. Yes that's right, \$20,000 (and then some) to cover over or remove these "masterpieces".

We're clearly not blessed with Banksy in Rangitikei and we don't think anyone would pay for these on their own walls. So, what can you do to help?

If you know who is responsible for graffiti, or any other kind of vandalism please contact Police on 105, or confidentially through Crimestoppers 0800 555 111.

Or if you come across some graffiti, let us know by filling in our Report it form.
www.rangitikei.govt.nz/reportitform



Look for our new Battery Heaven buckets!

Do you have batteries to get rid of?

Batteries that are thrown into ordinary bins, household waste or with other recycling are extremely dangerous as they can explode and cause fires.

Simply bring your old batteries into one of our libraries or closest waste transfer station and deposit them in the collection bucket at the designated area.

Then, our recycling partner E-Cycle will manage the collection and recycling process.

www.rangitikei.govt.nz/battery-recycling



Petition for a Citizens Initiated Referendum

Should the New Zealand government fund road maintenance at levels sufficient to reverse the current decline in the average age and condition of our national state highway network?

This question has been put forward by New Plymouth District Council, as part of a petition for a Citizens Initiated Referendum. If you'd like to sign this petition and call for a referendum, you can do so at the Taihape Library, Marton Library and Te Matapihi.



Become a supporter of Cyber Smart Week 2023

Have you noticed an increase of unwanted messages on your Facebook account?

A lot of Facebook page owners and admins have been receiving messages like this to their Messenger inboxes in recent times.

They can panic people into making rash decisions and a number of Facebook users have fallen for them, especially as hackers are using AI, which helps to eliminate some of the common tell tale signs that it might be a scam. Hackers will often lock users out of their account and change authentication processes, while they run amok in the background. Getting locked out of your Facebook account is scary, especially if you're a business owner and have linked credit cards and financial details. And the process to get access back to your account is a frustratingly long one.

Do you know what to do if you do receive a message like this? Have you noticed an increase in phishing emails to your email inbox?

Then maybe consider becoming a supporter of Cyber Smart Week 2023. It's an easy way to get material and resources that can help employers, employees and customers better recognise a scam, and help to keep them safe online.

More details can be found here: www.cert.govt.nz/cybersmart



Some Council facilities will close for Labour Day

Labour Day this year will be observed on Monday, 23 October, which means there will be some closures to Council facilities.

CLOSED (Reopening on Tuesday, 24 October)

- Council offices - Marton
- Marton Library
- Taihape Transfer Station
- Marton Transfer Station
- Bulls Transfer Station

OPEN

- Te Matapihi - Bulls
- Taihape Library
- Marton Pool - 10:00am until 5:00pm
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Marton Market Day is back for 2023!

Join us for one of the district's biggest events of the year as we take over Marton's town centre.

9am - 3pm, Saturday 25th November 2023
Broadway, Follett Street and Marton Park

★ 200+ stalls ★ Circus Trapeze Act ★ Mechanical Bull ★ Giant Slide ★ Ninja Obstacle Courses ★
Bouncy Castle ★ Bubble Ball ★ Live Music ★ Delicious Food Stalls ★ Retail Stores ★ Street Entertainment

MartonMarketDay

For more info email: events@rangitikei.govt.nz