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Kia Pai Ngā Hararei ~ Happy Holidays

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FROM THE Mayor's Desk

Kia ora koutou, myself, Beth and Councillors would like to express our best wishes to you all. This has been a very tough year and I hope that you take the time to enjoy some genuine family time over the holiday break. Forget about work and all the other issues for a while, reflect on our successes, enjoy the festive season and please be safe.

Ngā mihi, Andy Watson, Mayor of Rangitikei.



New opening hours for public toilets at Te Matapihi

Due to an increase in vandalism, misuse of the facilities, and a growing concern for our staff and public users, a decision has been made to close the Te Matapihi public toilets each evening, from 9pm to 6am. This coincides with the first and last bus of the day.

The Rangitikei Junction toilets, located in the BP forecourt, are 24-hour toilets and continue to be available for those needing them. We will be working through this situation to come to the best possible resolution for everyone, but at this time safety is our number one priority.



Council Christmas and New Years' Holiday Hours 2023/24

Some council services and facilities will have reduced hours over the Christmas and New Years' holidays.

MARTON

High Street Offices

Our offices on High Street, including our front of house services will be closed from 12noon on Friday, 22 December and will reopen at 8am on Monday, 8 January.

Our after-hours customer experience contractors will be available for emergency and urgent issues that arise. Please call us on 0800 422 522.

Any non-urgent matters, including emails and online requests for services, will be actioned on Monday, 8 January.

Marton Library

- Monday, 25 December CLOSED
- Tuesday, 26 December CLOSED
- Wednesday, 27 December 9am–5pm
- Thursday, 28 December 9am–5pm
- Friday, 29 December 9:00am–5pm
- Saturday, 30 December 9am–12pm
- Sunday, 31 December CLOSED
- Monday, 1 January (2024) CLOSED
- Tuesday, 2 January CLOSED

Marton Library will be back to business as usual hours on Wednesday, 3 January 2024

Marton Swim Centre

- Sunday, 24 December 10am – 5pm
- Monday, 25 December CLOSED

From Tuesday, 26 December until Sunday, 31 December, the swim centre's hours will be reduced to 10:00am until 5:00pm. Business as usual resumes on Monday, 1 January.

TAIHAPE

Taihape Library

- Monday, 25 December CLOSED
- Tuesday, 26 December CLOSED
- Taihape Library reopens for business as usual on Wednesday, 27 December

Taihape Swim Centre

- Monday, 25 December CLOSED

From Tuesday, 26 December until Sunday, 7 January 2024, the swim centre's hours will be reduced to 10am until 5pm. Business as usual resumes on Monday, 8 January.

BULLS

Te Matapihi

- Monday, 25 December CLOSED
- Tuesday, 26 December CLOSED

Te Matapihi reopens for business as usual on Wednesday, 27 December

WASTE TRANSFER STATIONS

All waste transfer stations are closed on statutory holidays (Christmas Day, Boxing Day, New Years' Day and the day after New Years' Day).

Also, the Bulls, Marton and Hunterville waste transfer stations will be closing an hour earlier on Christmas Eve and New Years' Eve.

At all other times they will be open as per their normal hours.



Decision made on two major projects

The final Council meeting of 2023 saw decisions made on two big projects in the District.

One of these options was the Broadway/High Street corner block in Marton, which has been discounted due to the rising costs of redevelopment and the complexity of the site. Discussions on options for the corner block property will happen next year.

The build at High Street will be a progressive project which means staff will not have to move offsite while it is being constructed. This is a great option with little disruption, and the ability to maintain business as usual.

Mayor Andy said "the option to remain on the High Street site means our community can be assured we will meet costs within the existing budget that we have in our Long Term Plan. Staff are excited to finally know they will get a building fit for purpose and happy to work out of"

The second important decision made was for the Taihape Town Hall / Civic Centre.

This Landmark building has been closed to the public since 2021 as it was identified as an earthquake-prone building, posing a significant risk to life in the event of an earthquake. It's hosted a number of events over the years from concerts and theatre productions to sports and recreation, to important community meetings and business events, and everything else in between. It also houses the Taihape Library, Information Centre, and administration offices.

Council has agreed to start the process to strengthen and upgrade the existing Taihape town hall /civic centre. This follows the request of the Taihape community.

Mayor Andy said "like our build in Marton this project will be done within the current Long Term Plan budget. It will be nice to see the icon of Taihape open and made fit for purpose."

It is an exciting time and we will keep the public updated on the progress of these two projects.

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And if you choose to do either between Friday, 1 December and Wednesday, 31 January, you'll go in the draw to win 1 of 6 grocery vouchers.

We have \$150, \$100 and \$50 vouchers to be won.

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