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FROM THE Mayor's Desk



Kia ora koutou, Council has decided on its Long Term Plan (LTP) which, if adopted, sets the direction and funding via rates over the next 10 years.

The average rate increase is 11.5% which is high. We will be slightly below the national average rate increase and we realise the impacts that such a high rate increase will have.

There are a series of Community Meetings taking place right now across the district and I encourage you to attend one of these to ask questions and understand how the LTP affects you.

Please take up the opportunity to be involved - go to the Council website for further information on submitting to the LTP. This is your chance to have your say and I urge you to use it.

Ngā mihi, Andy Watson, Mayor of Rangitikei.



Justine Rowe - Tamariki/Rangatahi Youth Engagement Officer at #YHQ

New headquarters for Marton youth opens

Rangitikei District Libraries and Information Centres have turned the old Marton ICT Hub into Youth Headquarters, a new space for rangatahi which will be open from 3:00pm until 4:30pm on Mondays and Tuesdays.

Youth Headquarters includes computers, video games, books, bean bags and board games for kids to enjoy after school, and gives them a safe place to chill out, with supervision provided by Council staff. Children over the age of nine are able to come unsupervised.

The space was officially opened on Monday, 18 March with 16 tamariki in attendance, as well as others from the community.

Elsewhere in the youth space, our new Youth Councillors had an induction weekend in Ōpunake, where they learned more about each other, and the role of a youth councillor, and what they do for youth in our district. We've got a fantastic team of people for this next year and we're excited to see what they produce with Council support.

Get your firewood sorted for winter now

Horizons Regional Council is reminding those with fireplaces and wood burners to get their firewood sorted now so it's ready to go when the winter cold hits.

Horizons environmental scientist Harold Barnett says sourcing and storing your firewood in the summertime is a great way to not only be prepared and save hassle later, but also saves you money.

"When buying firewood, you can ask for the moisture content from the supplier, or test the wood yourself if you have access to a calibrated moisture meter. Only burn wood with a moisture content of 25% or less. Anything higher than this should be left to dry or season for longer. Green or wet wood emits more fine particles into the air and produces a thicker smoke than dry wood, contributing to poorer air quality. Get these things sorted now to save hassle so you're ready to get the fire going when it starts getting cold."

For more information visit: www.rangitikei.govt.nz/firewood-sorted



HAVE YOUR SAY ON OUR LONG TERM PLAN He aha tō tirohanga whakamua mō Rangitikei?

Submissions close at 5pm, Sunday 7 April 2024.

WHAT DO YOU THINK WE SHOULD DO?

Refer to our consultation document for the full details on these three key choices.



KEY CHOICE 1 | MARTON POOL

Should we open the Marton pool all year round?



KEY CHOICE 2 | KERBSIDE COLLECTION

How do you want to roll out the kerbside collection requirements?



KEY CHOICE 3 | MARTON MAIN STREET UPGRADE

Should we revitalise the Marton Town Centre?

WHAT ELSE ARE WE CONSULTING ON?

- Proposed Schedule of Fees and Charges for 2024/25
- Draft Development Contributions Policy
- Draft Rates Remission Policy
- Draft Revenue and Financing Policy
- Draft Significance and Engagement Policy

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT EVENTS

Where	When	Start Time
Rātana Playground and Whānau Space	Saturday, 23 March	11am
Mangaweka - Awastone	Sunday, 24 March	10.30am
Pukeokahu Hall	Sunday, 24 March	6pm
Papanui School Hall	Monday, 25 March	6pm
Youth Council - Council Chambers	Tuesday, 26 March	5pm
Ngā Awa Block, Taihape	Wednesday, 27 March	11am - 2pm
Koitiata Hall	Tuesday, 2 April	7pm
St Georges, Anglican Church, Turakina	Thursday, 4 April	7pm

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- Email us at info@rangitikei.govt.nz
- Attend one of our Community Engagement Events

KŌRERO MAI

We need to receive your feedback by 5pm on Sunday, 7 April 2024



TE MATAPIHI
COMMUNITY MOVIES
EACH WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH

April	Top Gun Maverick
May	Go Karts
June	The Volcano - Rescue from Whakaari
July	Rams
August	The dish
September	True spirit
October	Lift
November	Lady driver

FREE EVENTS

START 2PM

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