



AKE AKE AKE
A FOREVER LANGUAGE
KIA KAHĀ TE REO MĀORI

Nau mai ki Te Wiki o Te Reo Māori!

Te Wiki o Te Reo Māori is an annual celebration for all New Zealanders to show their support for the Māori language, an official language of this country.

The theme for Te Wiki 2024 is 'Ake ake ake – A Forever Language'. It represents the resilience, adaptability and endurance of our language. It also reflects the commitment New Zealanders have to embracing and learning te reo Māori long into the future. **Kia Kaha Te Reo Māori!**

See more about how you can get involved at ReoMāori.co.nz

FROM THE Mayor's Desk

Kia ora koutou, Council is incredibly disappointed by the news Winstone Pulp International will be closing its Central North Island mills. These closures are the result of a systemic energy problem felt by industry providers across our country. If the Government do not prioritise supporting businesses that sustain our local economy, our communities will continue to suffer. The impact of the closures will be felt throughout our District, particularly in our Northern communities. I encourage those affected by this closure to seek help and support. Council will continue to advocate at every level for the change needed to attract and retain these workers within the district.

Lastly, I would like to acknowledge and extend our respect to Kuini Nga-wai-hono-i-te-pō, the new Māori Queen. She succeeds her father, Kiingi Tūheitia, to become the eighth Māori Monarch (and only the second Queen).

Ngā mihi, Andy Watson, Mayor of Rangitikei.



Submissions now open for Chorus Cabinet art

Rangitikei District Council and Chorus are partnering once again to deliver stunning artwork to local neighbourhoods. Local artists get a fantastic working opportunity, and the neighbourhood is brightened by their work. This initiative has been effective in discouraging tagging and encourages people to get out and involved in the community where they otherwise might not have.

Local artists are encouraged to submit their designs by 1 October. For further enquiries please contact:

Jo Seddon – Chorus Community Relations Lead
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www.chorus.co.nz/cabinet-art-project



Taihape Town Hall & Library Update

Our contractors, Maycroft Construction Limited will be carrying out structural investigations of the town hall and library. They will be digging a trial pit right outside the main entrance of the building to understand the depth and size of the existing foundation. For more information on the project, go to our website and search Taihape Town Hall.

www.rangitikei.govt.nz/projects



Community MoUs signed

Council recently signed two Memorandum's of Understanding (MoU) with the Bulls & District Community Trust, and the Taihape Community Development Trust. The funding that they receive is minimal, but it helps them deliver things such as community events, training opportunities, after school programmes for kids, etc.

We headed along to see a dozen kids from Bulls take part in archery lessons at the Marton Scout Hall! A great experience for them all.



Winstone Pulp International Mill closure – Early response support available to the Rangitikei

Help and support is available from Work and Income for those in the Rangitikei facing job losses.

Ministry of Social Development (MSD) Early Response Teams are on site and in regular contact with workers and management at Winstone Pulp Mill.

MSD will lead the immediate support response. Future strategies and longer-term community needs mapping will be co-ordinated through Ruapehu Mayor Weston Kirton and Rangitikei Mayor Andy Watson, involving iwi and other key stakeholders.

The below is the first of a series of Ministry of Social Development bulletins designed to provide ongoing support and information for those impacted by the recent Winstone Pulp International Mills closures:

Help and support from Work and Income when facing job losses

- MSD know this is a difficult time for everyone affected by the mill closure and they're here to help you.
- Staff from MSD will be running redundancy seminars in the coming weeks at the mill, Winstone Pulp International, SH49.
- The seminars will give you information about how MSD can help you find another job.
- They'll let you know about financial help, a benefit, stand down times and any other financial support you could be eligible for.

The seminars are open to anyone working on site. They'll also talk with you (one-on-one). Staff from Inland Revenue Department (IRD) will be on site at the same time and available to talk.

- Wednesday 18 September 9am – 3pm
- Thursday 19 September 9am – 3pm
- Wednesday 25 September 9am – 3pm
- Thursday 26 September 9am-3pm

Further information about Work and Income financial support

Call 0800 559 009 for general enquiries or visit any of their service centres in Marton, Ohakune, Taihape, Taumarunui, Tūrangi and Whanganui. www.workandincome.govt.nz

Rangitikei District Council is committed to supporting individuals and their whānau to navigate the challenging period ahead.

"Moving forward, the wellbeing of our community is an absolute priority for myself and Council. I will continue to work alongside Mayor Weston in Ruapehu to ensure all those impacted are receiving the support they need", says Mayor Andy.

Rangitikei District Council acknowledges the vital and valuable contribution that skilled industry workers deliver to our communities.

