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FEEDBACK ON RANGITIKEI DRAFT HERITAGE STRATEGY 2015

Introduction

1. Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Rangitikei District Council's Draft Heritage Strategy 2015.
2. Heritage New Zealand is an autonomous Crown Entity with statutory responsibility under the Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga Act 2014 (HNZPTA) for the identification, protection, preservation and conservation of New Zealand's historical and cultural heritage. Heritage New Zealand is New Zealand's lead historic heritage agency.
3. The Rangitikei District's history is unique, complex and fascinating. It contains structures, objects and sites that reflect the development of New Zealand and contribute to the identity of the district. Careful management of these finite resources enables full understanding and appreciation of our history and can also render these resources a drawcard for potential visitors to the district, with all of the economic benefits that tourism can offer.
4. Heritage New Zealand was involved in the review of the Rangitikei District Plan. While district plan provisions are important tools for the protection of historic heritage, there are many non-regulatory ways in which local authorities can support historic heritage in their districts. The preparation of a heritage strategy is a great way to identify and document these options.
5. Heritage New Zealand is therefore delighted with Rangitikei District Council's commitment to reviewing its existing heritage strategy. Overall, the draft strategy is on the right track and Heritage New Zealand supports its provisions, including a holistic approach of considering built, natural, cultural, and social heritage. We do have some particular comments and queries, and these are set out below under the strategy's section headings.

Rangitikei Tangata Whenua Perspective

6. Heritage New Zealand supports the Council's commitment to all aspects of Māori heritage, including nurturing korero and protecting places of significance. We agree that the pending settlement of historic Treaty of Waitangi claims will clear a pathway for hapū and iwi to become more involved in heritage protection as this is happening in other parts of the country.
7. The existing district plan includes a number of cultural heritage sites and Heritage New Zealand encourages the Council to engage with Tangata Whenua to explore ways of ensuring that all sites are provided for in an appropriate way.

Statutory Context

8. Thank you for acknowledging the Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga Act 2014 in this section of the strategy. We suggest the following amendments to the terminology used:

Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga Act 2014 – promotes the identification, protection, preservation and conservation of the historical and cultural heritage of New Zealand. Under this Act, the New Zealand Heritage List/ Rārangī Kōrero ~~it specially seeks to recognise/register~~ identifies historic buildings, sites or areas, or Waahi Tupuna, Waahi tapu sites or areas, ~~and to~~ The Act also provides for the protection of archaeological sites.

Purpose

9. This section of the strategy lists a number of relevant 'goals'. However, some of the 'goals' read as methods or policies for achieving an over-arching purpose, although this purpose is not particularly clear.
10. Heritage New Zealand suggests that the heritage strategy clearly states an overarching goal or purpose, such as 'the recognition of Rangitikei's heritage and the promotion its long term retention for the benefit of the community and future generations' (or words to this effect).

Challenges

11. Heritage New Zealand acknowledges the challenges listed in this section. However, some of the statements go beyond describing the challenge to suggesting particular courses of action that, in our opinion, would not necessarily result in a good heritage outcome. Accordingly, we suggest changes to the following challenges:

Cost of earthquake strengthening building heritage

6.3 It is common for The majority of heritage buildings to be are earthquake prone and require earthquake strengthening. Many are under-used and in need of general refurbishment. Often the cost of this ~~strengthening~~ work is prohibitive, with rents gained from tenants in the renovated building not able to cover that cost. ~~It may be preferable to demolish such under-used buildings in the District's CBD areas and replace them with structure which are more efficient and meet the needs of local businesses.~~ Not doing this work runs the risk of such buildings being abandoned and eventually being demolished and not replaced. In the meantime, they do not meet the needs of local businesses and the wider community.

Present heritage can obscure past heritage

6.8 Often buildings, now considered as heritage, have replaced older buildings, whose appearance and use is effectively lost. In some situations there may be opportunities ~~it may be more important to~~ resurrect some tangible evidence of the earlier structure or use, to complement the existing heritage building.

Methods

12. Heritage New Zealand supports the methods identified in this section of the heritage strategy. Another important way the Council can help the survival of built heritage is through town promotion programmes, such as community events and festivals, mainstreet beautification programmes, advertising, and information services. Promotion of a vibrant town centre supports adaptive re-use possibilities for heritage building within it.
13. It is likely that Rangitikei Council does this type of work already, including the recent Bulls and Marton Makeovers. Heritage New Zealand suggests that the benefits for heritage from these types be acknowledged in the list of methods.

Rangitikei District Plan

14. Heritage New Zealand agrees that the district plan is a key method for the management of heritage resources. The inclusion of a heritage place on the district plan heritage schedule is pivotal to its protection via the heritage rules and considerations.
15. Heritage New Zealand notes that all of the items on the Rangitikei District Plan's heritage schedule (Schedule C3 Historic Heritage) are on the New Zealand Heritage List/ Rārangī Kōrero (the List). However, at the time of a district plan review, a number of List entries were also being reviewed and the Council chose not to include them on the Schedule C3. In the meantime, the following List entries have either been confirmed on the List or as proposals, as outlined in our letter of 12 May 2015 (copy attached).

Rates Remission Policy

16. Heritage New Zealand strongly supports the Council's rates remission policy for the strengthening of earthquake prone buildings.

Heritage Inventories

17. Heritage New Zealand supports the development of inventories for heritage buildings and Maori heritage. In addition to helping record the story of the district, inventories can also help inform the consideration of resource consent applications for buildings on Schedule C3.
18. It is noted that this work is scheduled to begin in 2016. Heritage New Zealand would be pleased to assist where possible, but also encourages the Council to engage with local heritage groups on these projects.

Waiving of Internal Consenting Fees

19. Heritage New Zealand agrees that this is an excellent way of supporting the owners of places on the district plan heritage schedule.

Thank you again for the opportunity to comment on the draft heritage strategy. Please contact us if you would like to discuss our comments further.

Yours sincerely

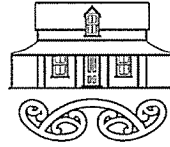


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Attachment: Heritage New Zealand letter dated 12 May 2015 regarding Deficient Registration Project

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Dear Mr McNeill

HERITAGE NEW ZEALAND'S RANGITIKEI DISTRICT COUNCIL DEFICIENT REGISTRATION PROJECT

You will be aware that over the last few months we have prepared preliminary assessments for the remaining 15 places in Rangitikei District Council's area that were previously listed as deficient registrations. This project built on work we initially did in 2012-2014 to remedy deficiencies in the registration status of four other historic places in the district.

I'm pleased to write and tell you that our project to remedy all of the deficient registrations in the Rangitikei District Council's area is now complete. Enclosed is a hardcopy of all of our research reports for your files, and also electronic copies on a CD.

The approaches we took to the places in the Rangitikei District Council project are outlined below and the enclosed project summary provides further detail about which places the approaches apply to.

Approaches:

a. for our research into various places be discontinued

Our research has indicated that one place is unlikely to qualify for entry on the New Zealand Heritage List/Rārangi Kōrero ('the List') under the criteria in the Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga Act 2014. Therefore, Heritage New Zealand will therefore not seek to recommence the process of entering these places on the List at this time.

b. to make some places into proposals in order to remedy the deficient registration status and progress for entry on the List in a future work programme

Based on our preliminary assessments, 16 places are currently thought to have sufficient heritage value to merit proposal status. Proposal status is an early step in our process which adds them to a group of places considered to be worthy candidates for entry on the List. The reports detail that these places are considered to be a good candidates for entry on the List on the merits of their identified heritage values.

Most of the information in the summary reports for the proposal status places will be publically accessible on the Heritage New Zealand website in the forthcoming months (www.heritage.org.nz). Please be assured that the website will clearly state that these places are only proposals and are not entered on the List as yet.

- c. to prioritise various places in our work programme, and complete full assessments towards their reinstatement on the List.

Two historic places were prioritised, and full heritage assessments for them completed. Both of these places were progressed and are now entered on the New Zealand Heritage List/Rārangi Kōrero.

Future entry of Proposal status places on the List

All owners have been notified of the decisions affecting them and Heritage New Zealand will continue to consult them and other stakeholders, including the Rangitikei District Council, when a Proposal status place is prioritised for full assessment in a future annual work programme. At this stage we are unable to specify in which year's work programme we will be able to complete a full heritage assessment for each of these places.

District Plan heritage schedule

Heritage New Zealand notes that all of these places with a formerly deficient registration status were included in the heritage schedule of the Rangitikei District Plan operative 1999, however Council removed them from the heritage schedule of the current District Plan, operative October 2013. We recommend that Rangitikei District Council gives consideration to including these places in the District Plan heritage schedule in a future plan change, to recognise and protect their heritage values as outlined in our assessments, and the contribution they make to the character of the district.

We hope this information provides a useful resource for Rangitikei District Council. Please contact Blyss Wagstaff, Heritage Advisor – Registration (bwagstaff@historic.org.nz / (04) 494 8320) if you have any questions about this project, or the New Zealand Heritage List/Rārangi Kōrero in general.

Yours sincerely

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*Attachments: Project summary; Summary reports; Summary reports CD
cc. Registration Coordinator, Heritage New Zealand*

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Heritage New Zealand

Rangitikei deficient registration project summary

May 2015

The following prioritisations have been decided based on the information contained in the preliminary Summary Reports for 19 deficient registrations in the Rangitikei District.

This includes one property owned by Rangitikei District Council which is denoted in bold type.

Places entered on the New Zealand Heritage List/Rārangi Kōrero ('the List')

These places were prioritised and are now entered on the New Zealand Heritage List.

Name	List no.	Category
Birch Homestead, 838 Taihape-Napier Road, Moawhango	2736	Category 1 historic place
Whitikaupeka Church, 24 Wherewhere Road, Moawhango	948	Category 2 historic place

Places given Proposal status

These 16 places are considered good candidates for entry on the List based on aspects such as historical, social and architectural values. At this stage we are unable to specify in which year's work programme we will be able to complete a full heritage assessment for each of these places and progress them for entry onto the List.

Name	List no.
Erewhon, 1604 Napier-Taihape Road, Taihape	949
Lock-up (Former), 51 Wherewhere Road, Moawhango	950
Bank of New Zealand (Former), 1 Kawakawa Street and Broadway, Mangaweka	945
Beccles, 19 High Street (SH 1), Bulls	1202
Church of St John the Baptist, 39 Bruce Street, Hunterville	1203
Church of the Sacred Heart, Rangatira Road, Hunterville	1217
Crofton Store and Post Office (Former), 299 Makirikiri Road, Crofton, Rangitikei	1252
Heaton Park Homestead, 1169A State Highway 3 Marton	1205
House (Connelly Cottage), 43 High Street Bulls	1207
Hunterville Courthouse (Former), 12 Milne Street, Hunterville	1204
Meldrum's Legal Chambers (Former), 12 Bruce Street, Hunterville	1209
Pembroke Vale Homestead, 723 Waimutu Rd Turakina	2844

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Puketutu Homestead, 1808B State Highway 1, RD 1, Marton 4787	2843
St Patrick's Church, Mangawharariki Road and Raumaewa Road, Mangaweka	946
Taihape Courthouse, 4 Tui Street, Taihape	965
War Memorial, 1 Daniell and High Streets, Bulls	1183

Research into these places was discontinued

The preliminary assessment for this place suggested it was unlikely to reach the threshold for entry on the New Zealand Heritage List.

Name	List no.
St Andrew's Church (Presbyterian) (Former), 6358 Mangawharariki Road, Mangaweka	2737

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Q1: Address

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Q2: Do you think the draft strategy is clear, unambiguous and easy to understand?

Disagree,

Please provide any further comments below
The Strategy needs have a Executive Summary attached to the front. The Action Plan considers only developing an inventory, however, in the text leading up to this Council are going to provide a clear concise direction on how we use, reuse, adapt and promote our heritage no matter what it is. Finally, what will be the cost for producing this inventory? Public should know.

Q3: Do you think heritage, defined as built, natural, cultural, and social, is important to the Rangitikei District?

Agree,

Please provide any further comments below
If it is not used we lose it.

Q4: Are you supportive of the draft Strategy's Goals?

Cannot say ,

Please provide any further comments below
There is no discussion of street scenes and how we will move forward to protect this resource particularly as so much of it is in private hands and not being maintained. Council are not exercising powers they already have to protect public and buildings.

Q5: Are you supportive of Council's role as outlined in the draft strategy?

Cannot say ,

Please provide any further comments below
There will be a cost and this is not mentioned in the document. If all it produces is a list and the heritage is not protected/maintained then you are wasting money.

Q6: Do you have any further comment you wish Council to consider in relation to the draft heritage strategy?

The Heritage Group should take the lead in developing the Register and be funded appropriately. Council should develop a formula alongside NZHPT to protect what Rangitikei has rather than stumbling block.

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Q7: Do you wish to speak in support of your written submission to Council?

Yes

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Q8: All submissions will be public, please tick this box if you would like your name withheld

Respondent skipped this question

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Q2: Do you think the draft strategy is clear, unambiguous and easy to understand?

Agree

Q3: Do you think heritage, defined as built, natural, cultural, and social, is important to the Rangitikei District?

Agree

Q4: Are you supportive of the draft Strategy's Goals?

Agree

Q5: Are you supportive of Council's role as outlined in the draft strategy?

Agree

Q6: Do you have any further comment you wish Council to consider in relation to the draft heritage strategy?

Comments were expressed at Te Roopu Ahi Kaa last meeting before the close of 2015. Congratulations are in order for the new initiatives as reflected in the Heritage Document.

Q7: Do you wish to speak in support of your written submission to Council?

no

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Q8: All submissions will be public, please tick this box if you would like your name withheld

Respondent skipped this question

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Q1: Address

Respondent skipped this question

Q2: Do you think the draft strategy is clear, unambiguous and easy to understand?

Respondent skipped this question

Q3: Do you think heritage, defined as built, natural, cultural, and social, is important to the Rangitikei District?

Respondent skipped this question

Q4: Are you supportive of the draft Strategy's Goals?

Respondent skipped this question

Q5: Are you supportive of Council's role as outlined in the draft strategy?

Cannot say

Q6: Do you have any further comment you wish Council to consider in relation to the draft heritage strategy?

Respondent skipped this question

Q7: Do you wish to speak in support of your written submission to Council?

Respondent skipped this question

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