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Council Meeting Order Paper

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His Worship the Mayor, Andy Watson

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Cr Dean McManaway

Membership

Councillors Cath Ash, Richard Aslett, Nigel Belsham, Angus Gordon, Tim Harris,
Mike Jones, Rebecca McNeil, Soraya Peke-Mason,
Ruth Rainey, Lynne Sheridan

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1 Welcome

2 Minute's silence – Gordon Riach

3 Public forum

4 Apologies/leave of absence

5 Members' conflict of interest

Members are reminded of their obligation to declare any conflicts of interest they might have in respect of items on this agenda.

6 Confirmation of order of business

That, taking into account the explanation provided why the item is not on the meeting agenda and why the discussion of the item cannot be delayed until a subsequent meeting, be dealt with as a late item at this meeting.

7 Confirmation of minutes

Recommendation

That the minutes and Public Excluded minutes of the Council meeting held on 30 June 2016 be taken as read and verified as an accurate and correct record of the meeting.

8 Mayor's report

A report is attached.

File: 3-EP-3-5

Recommendation

That the 'Mayor's report (and Schedule of engagements)' to Council's meeting on 28 July 2016 be received.

9 Administrative matters

A report is attached.

File: 5-EX-4

Recommendations

1. That the report 'Administrative matters – July 2016' be received.

2. That Council

EITHER

authorises the Chief Executive to publish notice of Council's intention to remove the two historic elm trees at the Hereford Street frontage of Marton School on the grounds that they present an imminent danger to students, teachers and visitors at the school, with costs being shared between Council and the School, with a final decision being made at Council's meeting on 25 August 2016 following consideration of submissions on the matter.

OR

authorises the Chief Executive to enter into an arrangement with the Marton School to take over the management of the two historic elm trees at the Hereford Street frontage of the School, with costs being absorbed by Council.

3. That His Worship the Mayor be authorised to sign the proposed submission [as amended/without amendment] to the Local Government Environment Committee on the Local Government Act 2002 Amendment Bill (No. 2).
4. That Council authorise the Policy/Planning Committee to approve (for the Mayor's signature) submissions to
 - a. the Government Administration Committee on the Fire and Emergency New Zealand Bill and
 - b. the Department of Internal Affairs on the discussion document on proposed regulations to be made under the Fire and Emergency New Zealand Bill, and
 - c. the Department of Internal Affairs on the discussion paper on community funding from class 4 gambling.
5. That under Council's rates remission policy providing for remission of rates on the grounds of disproportionate rates compared to the value of the property, a full remission of rates from 1 July 2016 be granted to Jean Cherry in respect of the property at 2 Eagle Street, Taihape, so long as the capital value of the property does not exceed \$10,000.
6. That Council waive% of the internal building consent fees for the Hunterville Shemozzle in October 2016.
7. That Council waive% of the internal building consent fees for the Marton Country Music Festival in January 2017.
8. That, having considered the letter from the Chair of the Taihape Community Development Trust concerning the annual World Gumboot throwing Championships, Council

10 Pre-election report 2016

The Chief Executive has prepared the Pre-election Report as required by section 99A of the Local Government Act 2002. It contains the information prescribed in Schedule 10, part 4 of the Act and is provided (as a separate document) for information.

11 Top Ten Projects - status

A memorandum is attached

File: 5-EX-4

That the memorandum 'Top Ten Projects-status' be received.

12 .Update on proposed changes to the District Plan

A verbal update will be provided to the meeting.

13 Update on investigation into alternative providers of community housing

As agreed at Council's meeting on 26 May 2016, further expressions of interest for managing/owning all or part of the Council's community housing portfolio were sought on the same basis as done in October 2015 except for deleting the requirement to be registered with the Community Housing Regulatory Authority and noting that the tender evaluation will be based on the Performance Standards and Guidelines used by that Authority.

Two of the three organisations which submitted expressions of interest earlier have confirmed that interest; a further two organisations have submitted expressions of interest.

An evaluative report will be provided to Council's meeting on 25 August 2016.

14 Annual report on the administration of the dog control policy and dog control practices

Section 10A of the Dog Control Act 1996 requires that Council prepares a report on its dog control policy and practices each financial year. The report for the year ending 30 June 2016 is attached. Once adopted, Council is required to give public notice (in a newspaper circulating within the District) of the report and send a copy to the Secretary for Local Government (in the Department of Internal Affairs).

File ref: 2-RE-1-7

Recommendation

That the Annual report for the year ending 30 June 2016 of administration of dog control policy and dog control practices in the Rangitikei District [unamended/as amended] be adopted

15 District Licensing Committee – Annual Report to the Alcohol and Regulatory Licensing Authority for the year ending 30 June 2016

File: 3-CT-16-3

The report is attached.

Section 199 of the Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act 2012 requires this annual report to be provided to the Authority by 30 September 2016. It must be available for inspection free of charge and on the Council's website for a minimum of five years.

Recommendation

That the report of the proceedings and operations of the District Licensing Authority for the year ending 30 June 2016 be approved and conveyed to the Alcohol Regulatory and Licensing Authority.

16 Draft Marton Park Management Plan – Adoption for Public Consultation

A memorandum is attached.

File ref: 1-CP-4-7

Recommendation

That the memorandum 'Draft Marton Park Management Plan – Adoption for Public Consultation' be received.

That Council adopts the Draft Marton Park Management Plan, Submission Form, Engagement Plan, Frequently Asked Questions Form, [as amended/without amendment] for two months of public consultation from 5 August 2016 – 7 October 2016.

17 Receipt of Committee minutes and resolutions to be confirmed

Recommendations

- 1 That the minutes of the following meetings be received:
 - Finance/Performance Committee, 30 June 2016
 - Ratana Community Board, 5 July 2016
 - Bulls Community Committee, 12 July 2016
 - Marton Community Committee, 13 July 2016 - *to be tabled if available*
 - Assets/Infrastructure Committee, 14 July 2016
 - Policy/Planning Committee, 14 July 2016
- 2 That the recommendations from the Assets/Infrastructure Committee meeting be confirmed:

Resolved minute number 16/AIN/061 File Ref

That the Assets/Infrastructure Committee recommends to Council that approval is given to the upgrade and sealing of the 3.4km section of Turakina Valley Road between SH3 and Mangatipona, so that the loop from Turakina to Hunterville and Turakina to Fordell is complete; that the project is spread over 2016/17 and 2017/18; and that the budget provision of \$67,000 is carried forward to 2017/18 and supplemented to cover the full cost of sealing in that year.

- 3 That the recommendations from the Bulls Community Committee meeting be confirmed:

Resolved minute number 16/BCC/024 File Ref

That the Bulls Community Committee requests that Council allow the carry-forward of the balance of the Small Projects Grant Scheme from the 2015/16 financial year to 2016/17.

18 Late items

19 Public Excluded

Recommendation

I move that the public be excluded from the following parts of the proceedings of this meeting, namely:

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Item 1: Council-owned property

The general subject of the matter to be considered while the public is excluded, the reason for passing this resolution in relation to this matter, and the specific grounds under Section 48(1) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 for the passing of this resolution are as follows:

General subject of the matter to be considered	Reason for passing this resolution in relation to the matter	Ground(s) under Section 48(1) for passing of this resolution
Item 1 Council-owned property	Briefing contains information which if released would be likely unreasonably to prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it or who is the subject of the information and to enable the local authority holding the information to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage negotiations (including commercial and industrial	Section 48(1)(a)(i)

	negotiations) – <i>sections 7(2)(c) and (i)</i> .	
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This resolution is made in reliance on Section 48(1) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 and the particular interests protected by Section 6 or Section 7 of the Act which would be prejudiced by the holding or the whole or the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting in public as specified above.

20 Future items for the agenda

21 Next meeting

25 August 2016, 1.00 pm

22 Meeting closed

Attachment 1

Rangitikei District Council

Council Meeting

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Present: His Worship the Mayor, Andy Watson
Cr Dean McManaway
Cr Cath Ash
Cr Richard Aslett
Cr Nigel Belsham
Cr Angus Gordon
Cr Tim Harris
Cr Mike Jones
Cr Lynne Sheridan

In attendance: Mr Ross McNeil, Chief Executive
Mr Michael Hodder, Community & Regulatory Services Group Manager
Mr George McIrvine, Finance & Business Support Group Manager
Mr Hamish Waugh, Infrastructure Group Manager
Ms Denise Servante, Strategy & Community Planning Manager
Ms Nardia Gower, Special Projects - Policy
Ms Katrina Grey, Policy Analyst/Planner
Ms Gaylene Prince, Community & Leisure Services Team Leader

Tabled documents:

Item 8	Administrative Matters – Section 8 Rates Remission (information on application from Brendan Cottle and Kelly Glasgow)
Item 20	Receipt of Committee minutes and resolutions to be confirmed – Audit/Risk Committee and Hunterville Community Committee minutes
Item 22	Late Items – Proposed District Plan Change 2016 – Update June 2016

1 Welcome

His Worship the Mayor welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2 Public Forum – Youth Forum ‘Level Up’

Jan Harris, Leilani and Jermaine Moke:

- ‘Thanks’ to Council and Ms Servante for their involvement. Looking forward to developing ideas in the future.
- Learnt a lot about managing a range of tasks and commitments. Maps paths forward – role models and examples to older folk.
- Leilani - learnt about letters of sponsorship, article writing, T shirt and logo design, planning for foods and dietary needs, and venue selection from being involved in the planning of the day. Good idea from the day was to initiate a youth council and set up projects to help young people gain independence.
- Germaine – the day itself was well planned and organised, gave the courage to speak out all of the time. It was a great opportunity for young people’s voices to be heard. The facilitators were great and the food was good. Other highlights included golf and the opportunity to socialise with other schools. Very much enjoyed the day and believes its worth investing in for the future.

His Worship the Mayor thanked the youth and other Councillors for attending the day, and Jan Harris and the Bulls and District Community Trust for organising the day.

3 Apologies/leave of absence

That the apologies for absence from Cr McNeil, Cr Peke-Mason and Cr Rainey be received.

His Worship the Mayor / Cr McManaway. Carried

4 Members’ conflict of interest

Members were reminded of their obligation to declare any conflicts of interest they might have in respect of items on this agenda.

5 Confirmation of order of business

His Worship the Mayor informed Council that it was intended that Item 17 would be taken at 3.15pm (Mr Dominic Rayner would be present to speak to the item) and item 19 would be taken at 3.30pm.

- Item 17 is proposed to be taken at 3.15 pm: Dominic Rayner has asked to speak.
- Item 19 is proposed to be taken at 3.30 pm

Council agreed to take the Update on the District Plan Change as a late item to the meetings so that they be kept informed of the outcome of the hearing held on 28 June 2016 and the next steps in the process.

Resolved minute number **16/RDC/140** **File Ref**

That, taking into account the explanation provided why the item is not on the meeting agenda and why the discussion of the item cannot be delayed until a subsequent meeting, Update on the District Plan Change be dealt with as a late item at this meeting.

Cr McManaway / Cr Belsham. Carried

6 Confirmation of minutes

It was noted that in resolution 116 should have included the purchase price of the asset at \$170,000.

Resolved minute number **16/RDC/141** **File Ref**

That the minutes and Public Excluded minutes of the Council meeting held on 26 May 2016, as amended, be taken as read and verified as an accurate and correct record of the meeting.

Cr Aslett / Cr Ash. Carried

7 Mayor's report

His Worship the Mayor spoke briefly to his report, engagements and the summary of his recent trip to France, highlighting the need to take a cautiously-risky approach.

His Worship the Mayor provided further detail on the item 12 of his report, highlighting the fact that high tourist areas which are expected to provide facilities for tourism are often sparsely populated and therefore struggle to afford the rates to provide them. Mr McNeil also spoke to this item, adding that this is an issue that Local Government New Zealand has raised with Central Government and that the \$12 million over a three year period is just the start.

Resolved minute number **16/RDC/142** **File Ref** **3-EP-3-5**

That the 'Mayor's report and schedule of meetings and engagements' be received.

His Worship the Mayor / Cr McManaway Carried

8 Administrative matters

Mr McNeil spoke briefly to the report, identifying the two tabled documents that relate to this item. Mr McIrvine also provided further detail on Council's involvement with the Local Government Funding Agency (LGFA).

His Worship the Mayor spoke briefly on the Local Government Excellence Programme, highlighting the fact that Council may not make it past the ballot system as more councils have asked to be part of the foundation process than can participate. This would be a good

opportunity for Council to be open and transparent about its commitment to good service/best value.

It was noted that the Taihape Community Board would like to carry-over the funding made available for local place-making projects to the 2016/17 financial year.

Resolved minute number **16/RDC/143** **File Ref** **5-EX-4**

That the report 'Administrative matters – June 2016' be received.

Cr Belsham / Cr McManaway. Carried

Resolved minute number **16/RDC/144** **File Ref** **5-EX-4**

That an application be submitted to the Local Government Funding Agency for the Rangitikei District Council to be a non-Guarantor borrower.

Cr Belsham / Cr Harris. Carried

Resolved minute number **16/RDC/145** **File Ref** **5-EX-4**

That Rangitikei District Council applies to be a Foundation Council in the Local Government Excellence Programme in 2016, with a budget provision of up to \$20,000 for the costs of assessment and the associated dedication of staff and elected member resourcing.

Cr Harris / Cr Ash. Carried

Resolved minute number **16/RDC/146** **File Ref** **5-EX-4**

That His Worship the Mayor be the Council's nominee for the Bonny Glen Community Liaison Group being convened by Midwest Disposals Ltd in terms of the new resource consent for the landfill operations.

Cr McManaway / Cr Harris. Carried

Resolved minute number **16/RDC/147** **File Ref** **5-EX-4**

That Rangitikei District Council roll over a sum of \$10,000 for 6 months place-making in Taihape

His Worship the Mayor / Cr Aslett. Carried

Resolved minute number **16/RDC/148** **File Ref** **5-EX-4**

That Council authorises the submission to the Parliamentary Māori Affairs Committee on Te Ture Whenua Māori Bill and the submission to the Government Administration Committee on the Healthy Homes Guarantee (No. 2) Bill.

Cr Ash / Cr Belsham. Carried

Resolved minute number **16/RDC/149** **File Ref** **5-EX-4**

That under Council's rates remission policy providing for remission of rates on the grounds of disproportionate rates compared to the value of the property, a full remission of rates from 1 July 2016 be granted to Sam and Helen Janes in respect of the property at 5A Missel Street, Taihape, so long as the capital value of the property does not exceed \$10,000.

Cr Gordon / Cr Aslett. Carried

Motion

That under Council's rates remission policy providing incentives to address earthquake-prone buildings, a full remission of rates for up to six months be granted to Robert Snijders in respect of planned restoration work at 3 High Street, Marton, subject to the Chief Executive receiving details of when the work is to take place and being satisfied that the intended work complies with Rule B10 in the operative District Plan.

Cr Jones / Cr Belsham.

Discussion was held around whether the remission should be as Mr Snijders requested or as expressed in the Rates Remission Policy.

Amendment

...excluding the General and Roding Rate...

Cr Belsham / Cr Gordon. Lost

Resolved minute number **16/RDC/150** **File Ref** **5-EX-4**

That under Council's rates remission policy providing incentives to address earthquake-prone buildings, a full remission of rates for up to six months be granted to Robert Snijders in respect of planned restoration work at 3 High Street, Marton, subject to the Chief Executive receiving details of when the work is to take place and being satisfied that the intended work complies with Rule B10 in the operative District Plan.

Cr Jones / Cr Belsham. Carried

Resolved minute number **16/RDC/151** **File Ref** **5-EX-4**

That Council approve 100% waiver of the internal costs of the building consent lodged by the Turakina Playgroup for the relocation of a shed from the St George's Church Hall site to the Turakina School.¹

Cr Belsham / Cr McManaway. Carried

9 Youth Services 2016/17 – transition to co-investment model

Ms Servante spoke briefly to the report.

Council discussed the following points:

- The specific services that could be offered through a One-Stop Shop programme, e.g:
 - Alternative Education
 - Return to work
 - Parenting
 - Public Nurse Surgeries
 - Homework Club
- The ratio of Council funding vs. external funding.
- What would happen if less or no external funding is secured.

Resolved minute number **16/RDC/152** **File Ref** **4-EN-12-3**

That the memorandum, "Youth Services 2016/17 – transition to co-investment model", be received.

Cr Aslett / Cr Gordon. Carried

¹ This recommendation arises from the item for section 13.1 included as a tabled document. No levies are payable for this consent as it is below the threshold value of \$20,000.

Resolved minute number **16/RDC/153** **File Ref** **4-EN-12-3**

That the Council confirms the recommendations from the Policy/Planning Committee of 9 June 2016 to implement a transitional phase from 1 July to 30 September 2016 for youth development in the District with the following outcomes to be secured by 1 October 2016:

- The future of the existing provision of after-school and school holiday programmes in Marton and Taihape is known, even if this means that it is discontinued from 1 October 2016.
- The budget available from external sources for 2016/17 is known and a programme of work from 1 October 2016 – 30 June 2017 is agreed.
- A District-wide co-governance group has been established, including service agencies and representation from young people, and a Youth Action Plan for the Rangitikei District has been developed.
- A Youth One Stop Shop is established in Marton and Taihape with options to deliver the Youth Action Plan based on the level of funding available.

And approves expenditure of up to \$17,900 from the proposed annual budget of \$60,000 to implement this transitional phase from 1 July to 30 September 2016.

Cr Aslett / Cr Gordon. Carried

Motion

That Council confirms its intention to invest up to \$60,000 for youth services in 2016/17 irrespective of the amount of co-investment secured but continues to seek co-investment.

Cr Aslett / Cr Gordon.

Amendment

...a further \$42,100... conditional on equal funding being secured from co-investors.

Cr Belsham / Cr McManaway. Lost

Resolved minute number **16/RDC/154** **File Ref** **4-EN-12-3**

That Council confirms its intention to invest up to \$60,000 for youth services in 2016/17 irrespective of the amount of co-investment secured but continues to seek co-investment.

Cr Aslett / Cr Gordon. Carried

10 Adoption of Annual Plan 2016/17

Resolved minute number **16/RDC/155** **File Ref** **1-AP-3-6**

That the report 'Adoption of Annual Plan 2016/17' be received.

Cr Jones / Cr Gordon. Carried

Resolved minute number **16/RDC/156** **File Ref** **4-EN-12-3**

That the final draft of the 2016/17 Annual Plan be amended to reflect Council's decision on 30 June 2016 regarding the provision of youth development services in 2016/17.

His Worship the Mayor / Cr Gordon. Carried

Resolved minute number **16/RDC/157** **File Ref** **4-EN-12-3**

That Council confirms that the provision in the 2015/25 Long Term Plan (up to \$6,200) for improving road access into Dudding Lake will be made available in 2016/17 and that Council will arrange for the roof on the Park's ablution block to be replaced.

His Worship the Mayor / Cr Aslett. Carried

Resolved minute number **16/RDC/158** **File Ref** **4-EN-12-3**

That pursuant to section 95 of the Local Government Act 2002, the Annual Plan 2016/17 as amended be adopted.

Cr McManaway / Cr Aslett carried

Resolved minute number **16/RDC/159** **File Ref** **4-EN-12-3**

That the response to submitters to the draft Annual Plan 2016/17 [as amended] be approved for distribution to each person and organisation making a submission.

Cr Jones / Cr McManaway. Carried

Resolved minute number **16/RDC/160** **File Ref** **4-EN-12-3**

That the rates resolution for the financial year 1 July 2016 to 30 June 2017 be adopted and included as an appendix to the minutes of Council's meeting of 30 June 2016.

Cr Belsham / Cr McManaway. Carried

11 Bonny Glen Landfill – Acceptance of Treated Leachate at Marton Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP)

Mr McNeil spoke briefly to the report.

Council discussed the progress Mid-West Disposals Ltd have made towards completely withdrawing from the Marton Wastewater Treatment Plant in the past 12-18 months and the proposed management plan for the acceptance of leachate into the Plant until a complete treatment process is operational at Bonny Glen Landfill.

Resolved minute number **16/RDC/161** **File Ref** **6-WW-1-4**

That the report 'Bonny Glen Landfill – Acceptance of Treated Leachate at Marton WWTP' be received.

Cr Harris / Cr Gordon. Carried

Resolved minute number **16/RDC/162** **File Ref** **6-WW-1-4**

That the Rangitikei District Council supports Midwest Disposal Limited's proposal to establish a fully self-contained leachate treatment facility at Bonny Glen landfill, notes the level of leachate pre-treatment achieved and permits the continued acceptance of suitably pre-treated leachate at the Marton WWTP, subject to the following:

- That all direct costs associated with the acceptance and disposal of pre-treated leachate at the Marton WWTP (or any other approved Council disposal facility) are to be borne by Midwest Disposals Limited.
- That the Rangitikei District Council enters into a Heads of Agreement arrangement with Midwest Disposals Limited, and that the draft Heads of Agreement as circulated be finalised by the Mayor, Deputy Mayor and Chief Executive and executed by Chief Executive, subject to further changes that might arise from a review by Council's legal advisors.
- That a draft management plan covering the operational arrangements for the ongoing acceptance of pre-treated leachate at the Marton WWTP be developed by 30 July 2016, in conjunction with Midwest Disposals Limited, and reported to the August 2016 meeting of the Assets/Infrastructure Committee, and that the plan has particular regard for maintaining compliance with the Marton WWTP resource consent (discharge permit), and includes appropriate contingencies and mitigation measures aimed at avoiding or limiting costs and risks to Council.
- That Council's planning for a new resource consent for the Marton Wastewater

Treatment Plant be on the basis that there is no leachate disposal requirement from Bonny Glen.

Cr Harris / Cr McManaway. Carried

17 Parks Upgrade Partnership Application – Centennial Park

Mr Dominic Rayner, from Marton Saracens Cricket Club, spoke to Council about the upgrades the Club are proposing to undertake at Centennial Park, Marton. They took over the maintenance of the pitch when Fulton Hogan had the contract and they now mow the outfield as well. Cricket isn't a cheap sport to take part in (high costs of practice nets, shirts etc.) and the Club cannot afford to improve the field to a high standard alone. They would like to install a sprinkler system on the field and move the practise nets to the old hockey turf location. Moving the nets would free up the fields for play. Players come from around the Region and run a coaching programme with local primary schools in the District. This is funded through the Rangitikei Cricket Trust and will be extended to Taihape next year. The Club proposes to pay for the cost of moving the practice nets but requests funding from Council to assist with the sprinkler system.

His Worship the Mayor noted that the proposed recommendations in the report align closely with the Club's requests, and thanked Mr Rayner for addressing the meeting.

Resolved minute number	16/RDC/163	File Ref	6-RF-1-5
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That the 'Parks Upgrade Partnership Application – Centennial Park' be received.

Cr Harris / Cr Jones. Carried

Resolved minute number	16/RDC/164	File Ref	6-RF-1-5
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- 1 That in recognising the Marton Saracens Cricket Club Inc. on-going contribution (\$3,800 per year) to maintenance of the cricket wicket and outfield at Centennial Park, Marton, along with the Club's contributions of \$14,596.78 towards new cricket practice nets and \$11,650.00 towards equipment, that Council approve funding from the Parks Upgrade Partnership Fund for the renovation of the outfield, including re-seeding (\$10,706.78) and for an irrigation system (\$6,890.00).
- 2 That the methodology used for turf renovation of Centennial Park be determined by the Parks & Reserves Team Leader in consultation with the Marton Saracens Cricket Club.

Cr McManaway / Cr Sheridan. Carried

Cr Sheridan arrived 2.57pm.

19 Youth Awards presentation (3.30pm)

The winners of the Youth Awards 2016 were congratulated on the contribution they have made to their communities and presented with certificates to acknowledge this contribution.

The Winners of the Rangitikei Youth Awards 2016:

Change Maker Award: *Winona Folau*

Leadership Award: *Gillian Bowler*

Youth for Youth Award: *Ellen Carlyon*

Youth Group: *Surf Life Saving Rangitikei College*

12 Implementation of Place-making Initiatives in Rangitikei 2016/17 and 2017/18

Ms Servante spoke briefly to the report, highlighting the need to learn from past experiences and look at changes that would increase community interest in development projects.

Council discussed the increased community interest in placemaking due to the visual impact of the projects already completed.

Resolved minute number	16/RDC/165	File Ref	1-CP-7
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That the memorandum "Implementation of Place-making Initiatives in Rangitikei 2016/17 and 2017/18" be received.

Cr Richard Aslett / Cr Lynne Sheridan. Carried

Resolved minute number	16/RDC/166	File Ref	1-CP-7
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That the process outlined in the memorandum, "Implementation of Place-making Initiatives for 2016/17 and 2017/18" is adopted without amendment.

Cr Gordon / Cr Belsham. Carried

13 Scotts Ferry Camping Ground

Ms Prince spoke briefly to the report, highlighting the need to extend the exemption from the Camping Ground regulations and the proposed requirement for the operators to provide Council with reports on the state of the campground (specifically around health and safety, and hygiene) and visitor numbers.

Resolved minute number	16/RDC/167	File Ref	6-CF-4-16
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That the report 'Scotts Ferry Campground' be received.

Cr McManaway / Cr Sheridan. Carried

Unconfirmed

Resolved minute number **16/RDC/168** **File Ref** **6-CF-4-16**

That Council grants a certificate of exemption (under clause 14(3) of the Camping-Ground Regulations 1985) to the current operator of the Scotts Ferry Camping Ground (being a remote camping ground) for the requirements of the Schedule to those regulations for a period of two years from 1 July 2016 subject to the Community & Leisure Services Team Leader being satisfied that the camping ground provides a safe and hygienic environment.

Cr McManaway / Cr Jones. Carried

14 Recommendations to Council from Policy/Planning Committee on the review of the Gambling (Class 4) Venue Policy

Ms Servante spoke briefly to the report, reiterating the concerns expressed by the Policy/Planning Committee.

Resolved minute number **16/RDC/169** **File Ref** **3-PY-1-5**

That the memorandum, "Recommendations to Council from Policy/Planning Committee on the review of the Gambling (Class 4) Venue Policy", be received.

Cr Sheridan / Cr Aslett. Carried

Resolved minute number **16/RDC/170** **File Ref** **3-PY-1-5**

That the Council confirms the recommendations from the Policy/Planning Committee of 9 June 2016 to adopt the Gambling (Class 4) Venue Policy without amendment and to provide a written response to submitters informing them of Council's decision.

Cr McManaway / Cr Aslett. Carried

15 Earthquake-prone building policy – outcome of consideration by Policy/Planning Committee

Mr Hodder spoke briefly to the report, reinforcing the need to alert building owners of the need to meet the conditions of the current Earthquake-prone Buildings Policy around parapets and chimneys.

Resolved minute number **16/RDC/171** **File Ref** **3-OR-3-5**

That the memorandum, "Review of the Earthquake Prone Building Policy" be received.

Cr McManaway / Cr Belsham. Carried

Resolved minute number **16/RDC/172** **File Ref** **3-OR-3-5**

That a formal review of the Earthquake-prone buildings policy be conducted, in terms of section 132 of the Building Act 2004, and that compliance with the policy be verified as part of this process.

Cr Sheridan / Cr Ash. Carried

16 Service delivery reviews – Section 17A Local Government Act 2002

Mr Hodder spoke briefly to the report, highlighting that Infrastructure services will be the most challenging area to review because of the stalling decisions around a Council-Controlled Organisation but it is a mandatory requirement to review.

Resolved minute number **16/RDC/173** **File Ref** **3-OR-3-5**

That the memorandum 'Service delivery reviews – Section 17A Local Government Act 2002' be received.

Cr Aslett / Cr Harris. Carried

18 Marton Park Management Plan

Council noted that the meeting held on the Marton Park Management Plan was well attended, with the exception of representation for the Samoan Community. This lack of representation is being addressed by His Worship the Mayor through meetings with the various Ministers.

20 Receipt of Committee minutes and resolutions to be confirmed

Resolved minute number **16/RDC/174** **File Ref**

That the minutes of the following meetings be received:

- Taihape Community Board, 1 June 2016
- Turakina Community Committee, 2 June 2016
- Turakina Reserve Management Committee, 2 June 2016
- Audit/Risk Committee, 3 June 2016 - *tabled*
- Marton Community Committee, 8 June 2016
- Assets/infrastructure Committee 9 June 2016
- Policy/Planning Committee 9 June 2016
- Hunterville Rural Water Supply Management Sub-committee, 13 June 2016
- Bulls Community Committee, 14 June 2016
- Te Roopu Ahi Kaa, 14 June 2016
- Hunterville Community Committee, 20 June 2016 – *tabled*
- ~~Ratana Community Board, 21 June 2016 – not held~~

Cr Harris / Cr Sheridan carried

Resolved minute number 16/RDC/175 File Ref

1. That the following recommendations from Taihape Community Board meeting held on 1 June 2016 be confirmed:

16/TCB/027

That the remaining balance of \$2,615.00 from the Small Projects fund be carried forward to the 2016/17 financial year.

2. That the following recommendations from Turakina Community Committee meeting held on 2 June 2016 be confirmed:

16/TCC/014

That the balance of the Small Projects Grant Scheme for the Turakina Ward be carried forward to the 2016/17 financial year.

3. That the following recommendations from Marton Community Committee meeting held on 8 June 2016 be confirmed:

16/MCC/021

That the Marton Community Committee requests that the balance of the Small Projects Grant Scheme 2015/16 for the Marton Ward (\$504.20) be rolled over to the 2016/17 financial year.

Cr Jones / Cr Sheridan. Carried

22 Late items

Proposed District Plan Change 2016 – Update June 2016

A report was tabled, which notes issues resolved during pre-hearing meetings, the outcome of the formal hearing on 28 June 2016, and the further information sought by the Commissioner

Ms Gray spoke to her report. The hearings on 28 June 2016 were positive, with a number of submitters thanking Council officers for the pre-hearing engagement.

Council discussed the notice given to heritage building owners, whether or not there was an engagement plan associated with the process and the points of the NZTA submission which were subsequently dropped.

His Worship the Mayor commended the Commissioner and Heritage NZ for their approach.

Resolved minute number**16/RDC/176****File Ref**

That the memorandum 'Proposed District Plan Change 2016 – Update 2016' be received.

Cr Harris / Cr Belsham. Carried

21 Public Excluded 4.15pm

Resolved minute number**16/RDC/177****File Ref**

I move that the public be excluded from the following parts of the proceedings of this meeting, namely:

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Item 1: Council-owned property

The general subject of the matter to be considered while the public is excluded, the reason for passing this resolution in relation to this matter, and the specific grounds under Section 48(1) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 for the passing of this resolution are as follows:

General subject of the matter to be considered	Reason for passing this resolution in relation to the matter	Ground(s) under Section 48(1) for passing of this resolution
Item 1 Council-owned property	Briefing contains information which if released would be likely unreasonably to prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it or who is the subject of the information and to enable the local authority holding the information to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations) – sections 7(2)(c) and (i).	Section 48(1)(a)(i)

This resolution is made in reliance on Section 48(1) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 and the particular interests protected by Section 6 or Section 7 of the Act which would be prejudiced by the holding or the whole or the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting in public as specified above.

His Worship the Mayor / Cr McManaway. Carried

16/RDC/178

The meeting moved into open meeting.

23 Future items for the agenda

Nil

24 Next meeting

28 July 2016, 1.00 pm

25 Meeting closed – 4.42pm

Confirmed/Chair: _____

Date: _____

Rangitikei District Council Rates Resolution

For the Financial Year 1 July 2016 to 30 June 2017

1. That the Rangitikei District Council resolves under the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002 to set the following rates for the 2016/2017 financial year:

- (a) a uniform annual general charge under section 15(1)(b) of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002 on all rateable land of \$645.37 (inc GST) per separately used or inhabited part of a rating unit.
- (b) a general rate under sections 13(2)(a) and 22 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002 for all rateable land, as follows:

Land subject to rate	Rateable Value	Rate in the dollar of Rateable Value (inc GST)
All rating units (excluding Defence land)	Capital Value	\$0.000709
Defence land	Land Value	\$0.001087

- (c) Community services targeted rates under sections 16(3)(b) and 16(4)(a) of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002 per rateable rating unit as follows:

Land subject to rate	Basis for Liability	Charge (inc GST)
Taihape Community Board area	Per rating unit	\$28.91
Ratana Community Board area	Per rating unit	\$177.68

- (d) a solid waste targeted rate under section 16(3)(a) and 16(4)(a) of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002 on all rateable land of \$73.77 (inc GST) per separately used or inhabited part of a rating unit.

- (e) a roading targeted rate under sections 16(3)(a), 16(4)(a) and 22 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002 on all rateable land, as follows:

Land subject to rate	Rateable Value	Rate in the dollar of Rateable Value (inc GST)
All rating units (excluding Defence land)	Capital Value	\$0.001970
Defence land	Land Value	\$0.003019

- (f) a wastewater (public good) targeted rate under section 16(3)(a) and 16(4)(a) of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002 on all rateable land of \$74.32 (inc GST) per separately used or inhabited part of a rating unit.
- (g) a wastewater (connected) targeted rate under sections 16(3)(b) and 16(4)(a) of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002 on all rating units connected to a wastewater scheme within the district of \$370.60 (inc GST) per water closet or urinal connected.
- (h) a Ruru Road sewer extension loan repayment targeted rate under section 16(3)(b) and 16(4)(a) of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002 of \$2,579.22 (inc GST) per rating unit on rating units with the valuation reference numbers 1353005902, 1353006000, 1353005901, and 1353006501.
- (i) a water supply (public good) targeted rate under section 16(3)(a) and 16(4)(a) of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002 on all rateable land of \$125.49 (inc GST) per separately used or inhabited part of a rating unit.
- (j) a water supply (connected) targeted rate under sections 16(3)(b) and 16(4)(b) of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002 on all land connected to a water supply in the district set differentially for different categories of land, as follows:

Differential Category	Basis for Liability	Charge (inc GST)
Marton, Taihape, Bulls, Mangaweka, Ratana, <i>Residential</i>	Per separately used or inhabited part of a rating unit	\$662.02
Marton, Taihape, Bulls, Mangaweka, Ratana, <i>Non Residential</i>	Per rating unit	\$662.02

- (k) a water supply (by volume - Marton, Taihape, Ratana, Bulls and Mangaweka) targeted rate under section 19(2)(a) of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002 set for all land connected to a water supply in Marton, Taihape, Ratana, Bulls and Mangaweka, and metered for extraordinary use in the period 1 July 2016 to 30 June 2017 of \$1.88 (inc GST) per m³ for consumption in excess of 250m³ per annum.
- (l) a water supply (by volume - Riverlands (Bulls)) targeted rate under section 19(2)(a) of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002 set for all land connected to a water supply at Riverlands (Bulls) and metered for extraordinary use in the period 1 July 2016 to 30 June 2017 of \$1.31 (inc GST) per m³ for consumption in excess of 250m³ per annum.
- (m) a water supply (Hunterville urban connected) targeted rate under section 19(2)(a) of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002 set for all land connected to the Hunterville Urban water supply scheme for water supplied in the period of 1 July 2016 to 30 June 2017 of \$3.45 (inc GST) per m³.
- (n) a water supply (rural supply – Hunterville) targeted rate for all land in the Hunterville rural area connected to the rural water supply scheme under section 19(2)(a) of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002 for water supplied in the period of 1 July 2016 to 30 June 2017 of \$280.41 (inc GST) per unit or part unit of 365m³.
- (o) a water supply (rural supply – Erewhon) targeted rate for all land in the Erewhon rural area connected to the rural water supply scheme under section 19(2)(a) of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002 for water supplied in the period of 1 July 2016 to 30 June 2017 of \$114.09 (inc GST) per unit or part unit of 365m³.
- (p) a water supply (rural supply – Omatane) targeted rate for all land in the Omatane rural area connected to the rural water supply scheme under section 19(2)(a) of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002 for water supplied in the period of 1 July 2016 to 30 June 2017 of \$150.28 (inc GST) per unit or part unit of 365m³.
- (q) a water supply (rural supply) targeted rate for all land in the Putorino rural area connected to the rural water supply scheme under section 16(3)(b) and 16(4)(a) of

the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002 of \$0.000871 (inc GST) per dollar of land value.

- (r) a stormwater (public good) targeted rate under section 16(3)(a) and 16(4)(a) of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002 on all rateable land of \$27.85 (inc GST) per separately used or inhabited part of a rating unit.
- (s) a stormwater (urban) targeted rate under sections 16(3)(b) and 16(4)(a) and 18(2) of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002 on all identified rateable land in the Marton, Bulls, Taihape, Mangaweka, Ratana and Hunterville urban areas of \$126.06 (inc GST) per rating unit.

Due dates for payment

2. That the Rangitikei District Council resolves that the rates be due in four equal instalments, as set out in the table below:

Instalments	Due Date
1	22 August 2016
2	21 November 2016
3	20 February 2017
4	22 May 2017

Penalties

3. That the Rangitikei District Council resolves to apply the following penalties on unpaid rates:
- (a) a charge of 10 per cent on the amount of each instalment that has been assessed after 1 July 2016 and which is unpaid after the due date of each instalment, to be applied on the following dates:
 - 23 August 2016 (in respect of the first instalment)
 - 22 November 2016 (in respect of the second instalment)
 - 21 February 2017 (in respect of the third instalment)
 - 23 May 2017 (in respect of the fourth instalment)
 - (b) an additional charge of 10 per cent on the amount of any rates and penalties charged in previous years which remain unpaid on 7 July 2016. This penalty will be added on 8 July 2016.
 - (c) a further charge of 10 per cent on any rates and penalties to which a penalty has been added under 3(b) above, if the rates and penalties remain unpaid 6 months after that penalty was added. This penalty will be added 9 January 2017.

Attachment 2

Report

Subject: **Mayor's Report**

To: Council

From: Andy Watson
Mayor

Date: 21 July 2016

- 1 Over the last few Council meetings my report to Council has been lengthy, sorry Cr Harris, and have covered a large number of topics. This month however I want to focus on only two areas because they are so important.
- 2 Our council has enrolled as a foundation member of the local government excellence program. This is an opportunity for us to be independently appraised and rated with direct comparison to other local authorities. I believe that we are an efficient, lean council and with this appraisal I expect there will be a reality check for us in some areas. The Chief Executive and I attended a two day workshop recently in Wellington to understand the evaluation model and to have input into the process. There are 4 key areas that will be reviewed - governance/leadership/strategy, financial decision making/transparency, service delivery/asset management and communication/engagement. While working through these areas in the workshop I have already noted some things that we can do better. There is no point in going through this exercise if we do not use it as a pointer to continual improvement. I believe that within two years 90% of the councils will be part of this program.
- 3 The second subject is even more important. The Local Government Amendment Bill which will be ensconced in law in some form means that:
 - a. central government can legislate to force councils to form Council Controlled organisations (CCOs) with neighbouring authorities covering a wide number of things but focussed initially on road/transport, water and asset management;
 - b. those CCOs will have very far reaching powers such as the ability to make by-laws and set budgets and hence rates;
 - c. by legislation there can be no council input into those CCOs and
 - d. these CCOs will provide a mechanism for central government to set performance standards in all of those areas.
- 4 So what do we lose? In my opinion everything, we will have no control over our own rates and budgets, no ability to make local decisions as to how most of our key assets are managed. Council controlled organisations are useful but they must be governed by Council and the services they provide should be requested by Council.

- 5 It stuns me that that such a major change in direction for New Zealand could be proposed with very little public knowledge or debate. This is a forced amalgamation by another name with governmental control.
- 6 I have included an open letter from the Waimate Mayor Craig Rowley who mirrors my concerns.
- 7 Finally I would like to remind everyone that the Community Initiative Fund and Event Sponsorship Fund applications are due by tomorrow.

Recommendation

That the Mayor's report (and Schedule of engagements) to Council's meeting of 28 July 2016 be received

Andy Watson
Mayor of Rangitikei District

Waimate District Council concerned Government Legislation will signal the end of small rural councils

Published: 15 Jul 2016

The Waimate District Council is up in arms around the ramifications to small rural councils, should the Government's "Local Government Act 2002 Amendment Bill (No 2)" proceed in its current form.

Mayor Craig Rowley feels strongly the Bill, as it stands, could well be the end of small rural councils, and is concerned this action is taking place without constituents or ratepayers even being aware of the potential consequences.

The Local Government Act 2002 Amendment Bill proposes to extend the powers of the Local Government Commission, an independent authority appointed by the Minister of Local Government. Worryingly, the Commission will be able to initiate investigations into local government reorganisations without input or consultation with councils involved.

Further, the Bill removes a fundamental test of community support. Currently there is a requirement for the Commission to show "demonstrable community support" for a reorganisation. The Bill would largely remove this test of public backing. This is something that Mayor Rowley sees as a blow against the pillars of democracy so important to local government.

He says the ramifications of this legislation proceeding unaltered will potentially further alter the performance of Councils, and could be the death of local democracy as we know it. The fundamental cannon of democracy, he explains, is held in representation of community of interest, i.e., locally elected representatives providing local solutions to local problems. He goes on to say the local government sector are fully aware of the need for transparency and performance monitoring - and are closely monitored by Audit New Zealand.

He says councils are already heavily engaged with their communities around informing and planning for the future – this is done by way of annual plans, annual reports, long term plans, district plans, special consultative procedures and in small local authorities the availability of elected representatives.

The Mayor of the Waimate District is asking all mayors across New Zealand to demand an extension of time to enable debate, consultation and understanding of the ramifications of the proposed Bill and has requested time for this to be debated at the Local Government New Zealand Conference being held in little over a week's time in Dunedin.

He has challenged mayors across the country to take the opportunity to act on the seriousness of this proposed legislation by using every available means to raise community awareness.

Contact: Mayor Craig Rowley

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Mayor's Meetings and Engagements

July 2016

Date	Event
1	Regional Chiefs 3-weekly conference call
4	Attended and spoke at Rural Level Crossing Safety Campaign launch Meet in Taihape re rest home facilitates
5	Officiated at the Citizenship Ceremony
6	Attended Duffy Book assembly at Taoroa School Attended Marton Community Charter Board meeting
7	Attended Transition Seminar – NZ Fire Service Board re proposed transition framework to establish fire and emergency NZ
12	Attended Webinar - Local Government Reform Attended Bulls Community Committee meeting
13	Based in Taihape all day – met with locals Attended Marton Community Committee meeting
14	Attended Assets/Infrastructure and Policy/Planning committee meetings
15	Attended tree planting by Mayoress and D Hart Held Friday with the Mayor session at Library
18,19	Attended Local Government Excellence Programme workshop in Wellington, with CE
20	Attended PowerCo Wanganui Trust meeting Held thank you event for Samoan Independence Day
21	Meeting re Bulls facility project Attended Standing Orders webinar
22	Regional Chiefs 3-weekly conference call
23-26	Attend Local Government Conference
27	Based in Taihape all day Attend relaunch of Taihape website
28	Attend Finance/Performance and Council meetings
29	Meeting with local
31	Attend formal welcome to Air Chathams at Whanganui Airport

Attachment 3



REPORT

SUBJECT: **Administrative matters – July 2016**

TO: Council

FROM: Ross McNeil, Chief Executive

DATE: 20 July 2016

FILE: 5-EX-4

1 Local Government Excellence Programme

- 1.1 Local Government New Zealand (LGNZ) accepted Rangitikei's application to be a Foundation Council in the Programme. The Mayor and the Chief Executive participated in a briefing in Wellington for all 21 Foundation Councils on 18-19 July 2016.
- 1.2 A memorandum of understanding with LGNZ will be signed shortly to confirm the arrangements. Rangitikei is in the third tranche of Foundation Councils for assessment, to take place February-March 2016. Although these first rounds will mean some refinement of the approach, it is anticipated that there will be some sharing of the outcome, both among the Foundation Councils and with the wider community.

2 Historic elm trees at Marton School

- 2.1 There are two historic elm trees at the Hereford Street frontage of Marton School. They are estimated as 80-120 years old. They are included among the 23 notable trees listed in the District Plan (Schedule C2), and were included among eight notable trees in the first generation District Plan (and also in the Marton Borough District Planning Scheme). The removal of such trees requires a resource consent unless there is imminent danger to human life.
- 2.2 Late last year, the Marton School expressed concern about one of the trees which had dropped a large branch during a school day. A further branch came off during high winds in January. As a result, a professional arborist, Stephen Shaw from Arbor Spec, was engaged to assess the health of both trees and make recommendations. The School and the Council shared this cost. The arborist's report is attached as Appendix 1. There has since been some remediation pruning.
- 2.3 Notwithstanding the arborist's assessment that there is "a reasonably low risk" of tree canopy failure, the School sees a significant risk to students, teachers

and visitors taking into account the fact that these trees are at the entrance to the School. In addition, maintaining the health of these trees presents an additional cost which will not be specially funded by the Ministry of Education.

- 2.4 The initial recommended work is to reduce the trees by 25%, install bracing and chip the slash, at an estimated cost of \$4,500. Thereafter the assessment of the bracing will cost \$800 each year and there will need to be periodic reduction in the crown, at a likely cost of \$1,000 every two years. If the School does not carry out this maintenance, the risk of canopy failure inevitably increases. The estimated price to fell the trees now is \$7,800.
- 2.5 The test to remove the trees without resource consent is 'imminent danger to human life'. The School could apply for resource consent to remove the trees. However, this process would probably require public notification, would be a cost to the School, and it is potentially a complex evaluation not confined to the danger posed to people.¹ Two options are suggested to resolve the issue.
- 2.6 Council could assume control and management of these trees (and fund the maintenance costs). However, although relieved of financial costs, the School may still feel vulnerable to the risks of falling branches. The compromise solution would be for Council to fund the initial recommended work on the understanding that the School would ensure (and fund) the ongoing work needed on the trees, but the School is unlikely to agree to that.
- 2.7 The second option is for Council to determine that the trees pose an 'imminent danger to human life' under the District Plan, thus allowing the trees to be removed without resource consent. If this second option is preferred, it is suggested that there be formal notification of this intent so that the community has an opportunity to express its views and ideas about the future of the trees, with a final decision potentially being made at Council's meeting on 25 August 2016.

3 Hunterville cemetery

- 3.1 The process for transferring control and management of the Hunterville cemetery has been completed with the publication of the notice by the Governor General in the New Zealand Gazette of 14 July 2016, attached as Appendix 2.
- 3.2 The effective date of transfer is 5 July 2016. Arrangements are being made to take custody of the record books, to enter these records into the Council's

¹ In an application such as this, an assessment of alternative options would most likely take a central role. The matters taken into account in reaching a decision would include:

- Part 2 of the Resource Management Act - providing for well-being/avoiding, remedying or mitigating adverse effects.
- Objectives and policies – which require the conservation and maintenance of trees and the recognition of amenity values and the potentiation from inappropriate use and development.
- Potential effects – both good and bad – e.g. health and safety, amenity and landscape values of the trees

records system, arrange signage at the site and update the cemetery page on the Council website.

4 Submission to the Local Government Act 2002 Amendment Bill (No. 2)

- 4.1 These proposed changes have been studied by both Local Government New Zealand (LGNZ) and the Society of Local Government Managers (SOLGM), both of which are making complementary submissions. LGNZ ran a webinar on 12 July 2016, and this was viewed and discussed by members of the Policy/Planning Committee at its meeting on 14 July 2016.
- 4.2 Given the intent of the Bill to remove the limitations on “councils’ ability to adequately respond to and provide for regional and sub-regional economic and population dynamics while remaining responsive to local preferences”, the Bill needs to achieve a realistic balance of opportunities and requirements for both councils and the government (through the Minister). Inevitably there is a range of views in the sector about the Bill’s success in achieving that.
- 4.3 While the Department of Internal Affairs points to the legal constraints for the Waikato councils in establishing a regional water CCO, and therefore the need for the Act to be amended, the Treasury view is that the Department had not consulted sufficiently with the local government sector on the proposals. Overall, the view of the sector is that the provisions of the Bill, if enacted, will permit an automatic conferring of key council powers to CCO entities i.e. an erosion of local democracy through a statutory entitlement rather than an agreed transfer of powers.
- 4.4 A draft submission is attached as [Appendix 3](#). Submissions on the Bill are due with the Local Government and Environment Committee before midnight on 28 July 2016.

5 Submissions to other Government proposals

- 5.1 The Fire and Emergency New Zealand Bill (which will integrate the rural fire fighting forces with urban brigades) was introduced into Parliament on 30 June 2016 and referred to the Government Administration Committee. Submissions are due on 18 August 2016. On 7 July 2016, the Minister of Internal Affairs released a discussion document on the proposed regulations to underpin the Bill: submissions (to the Department of Internal Affairs) are also due on 18 August 2016. Given this timing, Council may be willing to delegate to the Policy/Planning Committee authorising the Mayor to sign off the submissions which will be considered at its meeting on 11 August 2016.
- 5.2 A similar approach is suggested for the discussion paper released by the Minister of Internal Affairs on community funding from class 4 gambling. Submissions are due (with the Department of Internal Affairs) on 12 August.

6 MW LASS update

- 6.1 The Archives Central newsletter for May 2016 is attached as Appendix 4. It outlines the alternate names of Lethbridge and Turakina.
- 6.2 Member councils of MW LASS have committed to having Debt Management Central fully funded on a commission basis from 2017/18, and agreed that it may provide such services to non-member councils. Rangitikei is using this facility.
- 6.3 Work through the shared health and safety programme is noted elsewhere in this report.

7 Regional facilities project

- 7.1 The region's Chief Executives are working in partnership with Sport Manawatu and Sport Whanganui to develop a Regional Sports Facility Plan to inform future decision-making about investment and enhancement of facilities across the Horizons region. As well as upgrading existing facilities, it is intended to consider if there are any new facilities which warrant development. The Team Leader Community & Leisure Assets is a member of the Project Steering Group. Sport New Zealand is also represented.
- 7.2 Parallel to this initiative is collaboration on a Regional Community Facilities Plan, for which the first step is a stock-take of the available cultural and community facilities. The objective is similar to the Sports Facility Plan – i.e. to understand what facilities the region has, what is needed (and not needed), and to recommend how a regional approach to community facilities within the Horizons region may be implemented.

8 Remission of rates on the grounds of financial hardship, disproportionate rates compared to the value of the property or other extenuating circumstances

- 8.1 Council adopted this policy at its meeting on 26 May 2016, following public consultation. A copy is attached as Appendix 5a. A further application has been received requesting a remission of rates under this policy.

2 Eagle Street, Taihape

- 8.2 This small parcel of land, containing a former ammunition depot, was sold for \$650 as surplus land in 2002 by the Council to former Councillor Ed Cherry who died earlier this year. He used it to store the vintage machinery he collected. It has a land value of \$2,500.
- 8.3 When his widow, Jean Cherry, made enquiry, it became evident that fixed charges had never been applied to this property, so that only the general and

roadage rate were levied – totalling \$6.70 in 2015/16. The correct rates assessment on this property for 2016/17 is \$1,079.70.

- 8.4 Her letter requesting remission of rates is attached as Appendix 5b and an aerial of the property is attached at Appendix 5c. This level of rates is clearly disproportionate to the value of the property; a full remission is recommended, subject to the capital value of the site remaining under \$10,000 (the indicative threshold noted in the policy). If the property were sold to the owner of 4 Eagle Street and integrated into the activity of that property, the former level of rates would apply again because of the rules around rating contiguous properties.

9 Public toilets at Mangaweka

- 9.1 Agreement has been reached with the occupier of the Highway Koffee hub (ex-Aeroplane Café) to have these toilets available to the public. At present they are available 9.30 am-5.00 pm, every day except for Tuesday. Options for Tuesday opening are being considered. Longer hours will be available during summer.
- 9.2 Plans are underway to install fuel pumps at this site. This will involve closing down the café for a few weeks. Public toilet signage will not be erected until after the café/toilets re-open. An annual payment of \$3,000 will be made (as is the case for the toilets at Turakina Mobil).

10 Proposed road closures

- 10.1 An application has been received to close part of Bruce Street, Hunterville, on 29 October 2016 between 6.00 am and 6.00 pm for the Hunterville Shemozzle. The plan is attached as Appendix 6.
- 10.2 Objections close on 5 August 2016; if there are any they will be reported to Council's meeting on 25 August 2016.
- 10.3 An application has been received to hold a parade on 22 October 2016 as part of the 150th anniversary celebrations for the Marton School. However, at this stage the proposal has not been finalised in sufficient detail to notify the road closure requirements.

11 Request for waiver of all fees

- 11.1 The organisers of the Shemozzle have requested a waiver of the internal building consent costs (\$514.00) for the large marquee to be erected during that event on 29 October 2016. External levies do not apply costs as the value of the work is less than \$20,000. The delegation to the Chief Executive allows waiver up to 50%.

- 11.2 The Secretary of the Marton Country Music Festival has written asking for a similar waiver of all fees relating to the building consent application just lodged with the Council. The assessed internal costs of this consent are \$514. .
- 11.3 Both organisations have submitted separate applications to the next round of the Events Sponsorship Scheme but consent fees are not included in either of these.

12 Request for sponsorship

- 12.1 The Chair of the Taihape Community Development Trust has approached Council looking for a financial contribution (from the District promotion budget) towards sending the Trust's Manager (Elizabeth Mortland) to World Gumboot throwing Championships. However, no amount has been suggested. The Trust thinks the World Champs could come to Taihape, as soon as 2017. A financial contribution towards that might be considered within the context of the Events Promotion Scheme.
- 12.2 The Trust's letter is attached as [Appendix 7](#).

13 Service request reporting

- 13.1 The summary reports for first response and feedback (requests received in June 2016) and resolution (requests received in May 2016) are attached for information, as [Appendix 9](#).

14 Exercise Tangarora

- 14.1 The Ministry of Civil Defence and Emergency Management is co-ordinating a national tsunami simulation on 31 August 2016. The scenario will be a regional source tsunami originating in the Kermadec Trench region and affecting the entire New Zealand coastline. Council has registered as a participant.
- 14.2 The exercise is a learning activity designed to educate local and central government agencies on the assembly of appropriate management groups, the application of available information and decision-making on the issuance of appropriate warning, public alerting, evacuation and other response actions.
- 14.3 There will be a follow-up table-top exercises on 14 and 28 September, but Council staff will not be involved in this.

15 Health and Safety update

- 15.1 Rangitikei is currently ahead of schedule so will be seeking ACC accreditation in late August 2016. There are now no significant system gaps to legislative compliance, providing that the systems now in place are effectively used. Compliance with legislation will always be an area of continuous improvement

so we need to consistently review and adapt the systems we have in place. A new calendar for reviews and other requirements will be set in September.

- 15.2 We have also taken the opportunity to up-skill staff in internal auditing: this facilitates the continuous improvement cycle within Council and gives a better understanding to staff about what is required.
- 15.3 There were no incidents or accidents relating to Rangitikei's contracting engagements through the shared services arrangement with Manawatu District council or external contractors working on behalf of Rangitikei.

16 Staffing

- 16.1 Robert Peterson started on 11 July 2016 as Senior Animal Control Officer. This will fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Matt Blythe.
- 16.2 Applications have closed for the part-time Administrator role. Interviews will be arranged before the end of the month.
- 16.3 Having considered applications for the new role of Customer Services Team Leader (in Marton), Carol Downs (presently Executive Officer) is being seconded into the role for its initial year. Alyssa Takimoana will provide Executive Officer support with mentoring from Carol.

17 Recommendations

- 17.1 That the report 'Administrative matters – July 2016' be received.

- 17.2 That Council

EITHER

- 17.3 authorises the Chief Executive to publish notice of Council's intention to remove the two historic elm trees at the Hereford Street frontage of Marton School on the grounds that they present an imminent danger to students, teachers and visitors at the school, with costs being shared between Council and the School, with a final decision being made at Council's meeting on 25 August 2016 following consideration of submissions on the matter.

OR

- 17.4 authorises the Chief Executive to enter into an arrangement with the Marton School to take over the management of the two historic elm trees at the Hereford Street frontage of the School, with costs being absorbed by Council.
- 17.5 That His Worship the Mayor be authorised to sign the proposed submission [as amended/without amendment] to the Local Government Environment Committee on the Local Government Act 2002 Amendment Bill (No. 2).

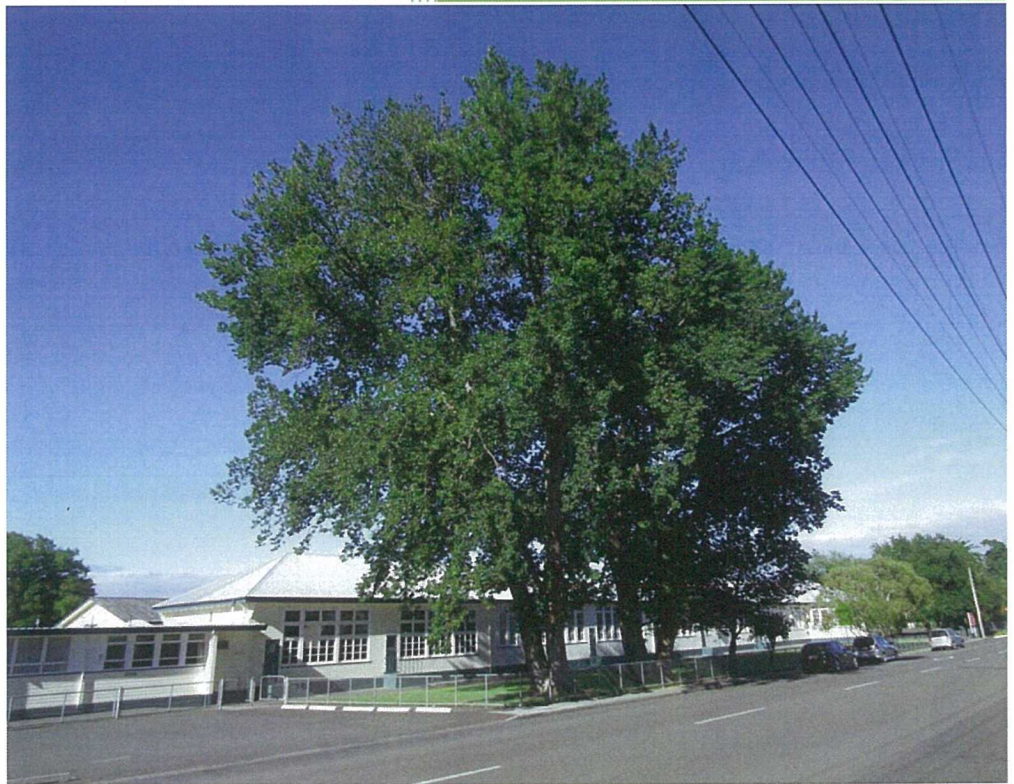
- 17.6 That Council authorise the Policy/Planning Committee to approve (for the Mayor's signature) submissions to
- a. the Government Administration Committee on the Fire and Emergency New Zealand Bill and
 - b. the Department of Internal Affairs on the discussion document on proposed regulations to be made under the Fire and Emergency New Zealand Bill, and
 - c. the Department of Internal Affairs on the discussion paper on community funding from class 4 gambling.
- 17.7 That under Council's rates remission policy providing for remission of rates on the grounds of disproportionate rates compared to the value of the property, a full remission of rates from 1 July 2016 be granted to Jean Cherry in respect of the property at 2 Eagle Street, Taihape, so long as the capital value of the property does not exceed \$10,000.
- 17.8 That Council waive% of the internal building consent fees for the Hunterville Shemozzle in October 2016.
- 17.9 That Council waive% of the internal building consent fees for the Marton Country Music Festival in January 2017.
- 17.10 That, having considered the letter from the Chair of the Taihape Community Development Trust concerning the annual World Gumboot throwing Championships, Council

Ross McNeil
Chief Executive

Appendix 1

2016

An Assessment of the Marton School Elm Trees



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29th February 2016

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Executive Summary

Assessment of the Marton School Elm Trees

The general health of the subject trees is still fairly good at present, despite one tree been better than the other. There is a disparity in their condition owing to the presence of a couple of trunk defects that were created by historic poor pruning wounds to the trunks of the eastern tree. These wounds are the likely cause of the health discrepancy between them, but the issue is not causing stability problems at the moment. However, there are some other tree stability issues present that represent a modest increase in the failure potential of both trees.

There is a good justification to provide some additional support between the two trunk stems of the eastern tree due to the presence of a latent defect in the trees root plate and the larger target area that this could impact upon. The chance of this type of failure happening is still reasonably low. There are also a number of structural growth anomalies in the canopies of both trees that will need to be addressed through specialist pruning to reinstate and maintain the canopy stability of the stand.

There is still a reasonably low risk of a tree canopy failure causing serious harm due to the sporadic and transient use of the area beneath the trees. There is a slightly greater chance of damage happening to parked cars because of the longer periods that they are positioned under the tree canopy.

The retention of both trees is recommended, but specialist pruning will be needed to consolidate their canopies and help mitigate the slightly increased potential for branch or stem failure. A further recommendation is made to install a preventative bracing system between the trunk stems of the eastern tree. A final recommendation suggests a bi-annual inspection regime to monitor for any significant changes in the condition the trees.

Introduction

1.1 Background

This report was commissioned by Athol Sanson, Parks Officer for Rangitikei District Council, in cooperation with Brya Dixon, the principle of Marton School. These trees are listed on the Rangitikei Council's district plan as notable trees and afforded some protection under the Resource Management Act.

On the 20th of January 2016 a short preliminary meeting was held onsite with Mr Sanson and Ms Dixon to discuss the requirements of the assignment. The issues raised were the general stability of the stand, the recent branch failures that had occurred and general concerns about the safety of people and property using the area around the trees.

I undertook the visual tree assessments following the end of the meeting and reported back to Ms Dixon on completion of my investigations that day to make comment on my initial findings. Other than a split branch above the footpath area, I had no major concerns with the short term stability of the subject trees. I spoke with Mr Sanson and made request that the split branch be removed before the commencement of the new school year.

1.2 Assignment

The purpose of this report is to provide an assessment of the current health, condition and stability of the subject Elm trees and to evaluate the significance of any risks they might pose to the school and general public. The intended use of this report is to provide information to assist with the future management and maintenance of the trees.

1.3 Methods

- This assessment used the Visual Tree Assessment (VTA) method to examine the subject trees.
- The estimation of site use was made based on occupancy numbers observed on the day of inspection and the likely increase in use during school hours.
- All measurements and compass directions stated are estimates and approximations.

1.4 Limitations

- There were no additional investigations made to ascertain the condition of the internal or below ground parts of the trees.
- There were no aerial investigations undertaken to try to quantify any defects observed in the upper canopy of these trees.
- This report does not include any specifications for the pruning requirements or support systems needed to fulfil any recommendations that are made.

2 Observations

2.1 Trees and Location

The subject trees are two English Elms, *Ulmus minor var. vulgaris* (syn. *U. procera*). They are located standing together on the front lawn of the Marton School grounds, positioned along the Hereford Street frontage, opposite the swimming pool complex which is located on the other side of the road.

2.2 Site Usage

On the school grounds about 40% of the tree canopy covers part of a lower use front lawn area, whilst another 20% of it overhangs five car spaces in the schools private parking area. The remaining canopy area covers a section of the footpath, street parking and roadway outside the schools property.

The area beneath a large part of the tree canopy gets moderate levels of daily use, but people's presence beneath the canopy spread of the trees is considered to be fairly momentary. The higher occupancy times that occur are before and after school. Of the remaining daylight hours, most would be considered to be of low usage foot and vehicle traffic. At night there are usually no people within close proximity to these trees. There is a reasonable chance for vehicles to be parked under the tree during some part of the day, due to the public street parking provided and the presence of the public swimming complex across the road. The general use within the target area is a parking and loading zone, which is likely to still experience usage during extreme weather conditions. The school buildings and the power distribution lines located across the road are within relatively close proximity to the trees.

2.3 General form and correlation of the trees

The two trees stand beside each other with a unified canopy, they are between 20 and 25mtrs tall and their canopy spread is approximately 35mtrs east to west and 25mtrs north to south.

According to Francis Wilson, a retired groundsman of the school, there was a significant amount of remedial pruning work done 8yrs ago. This work addressed some lateral branch clearance and encroachment issues that were creating problems at the time.

Both trees have developed with double stems, the two stems being co-dominant on the eastern tree, whilst the western has a dominant stem and a sub-ordinate. Individually, the canopies of each stem are asymmetric because of their proximity to one another and the four trunk stems of the stand must be considered and treated as a complex unit.

There is a large canopy gap between the two trees that must have been initially created by the failure of a significant upright scaffold branch from the dominant stem of the western tree sometime ago, only a pruning cut remains indicating its original position. This has been followed more recently by the breakage from the same area of another upright scaffold branch due to its additional exposure to wind. The stub of this branch remains and it used to occupy a central position of the upper canopy spread. The expansion of the gap opens the canopy to additional wind loading between the trees and inside their crown structures.

2.4 Structure & Condition of the Eastern Tree

2.4.1 General Form

The two co-dominant trunk stems of the eastern tree have grown up with natural leans, one to the north east and the other toward the south east. This growth pattern appears to have been created naturally by the competition for light (Phototropism) and canopy space within the stand.

The two stems have grown up together pressing against one another from ground level, capturing a large inclusion of bark in the union. Their connection is formed by a layer of common growth rings which encompass both stems. On one side of the union a small raised rib of reaction wood has developed which is an indication that the strength of the amalgamation has been getting strained on occasions.

The small rib of reaction wood is located between two significant buttress roots that have developed in positions that provide support against the natural leans of the two stems. The trees buttress root system and root flare seems to be reasonably well formed and suited to the orientation of the individual trunk stems. The trunk taper of both stems seems a little under developed given their length, but this height has been modified through pruning.

2.4.2 Pruning History

There have been numerous lower branches removed over the years to lift this trees canopy. Most of these cuts would have occurred 8 years ago, but the older two probably occurred about 20 years ago. The shape of the wood callus growth around the two older pruning injuries indicates that these particular cuts were made flush with the trunk causing significant injury to them. The substance that now seeps from the core of the wounds is a wet wood slim flux which is typically generated by an anaerobic bacterial infection that occupies the old injuries.

2.4.3 Canopy Structure

In general, the canopy scaffold limbs and branches appear to be quite slender, some displaying fairly poor natural taper over their length. Several lateral branches are showing significant signs of elongation and are beginning to develop excessive canopy end weight issues.

The upper canopy branches are a little sparse in foliage coverage when compared to the trees lower canopy structure and to that of the neighbouring tree. There is also a scattering of deadwood branches throughout the middle and upper canopy that are between 100 & 150mm in diameter. The shoot growth at the tips of the branches and the average leaf size appeared to be normal on the lower canopy branches.

2.5 Structure and Condition of the Western Tree

2.5.1 General Form

The two trunk stems of this tree stand roughly in line with the prevailing westerly winds. The smaller, subordinate stem leans to the northwest and carries an offset canopy that extends out well beyond the dominant stems canopy positioned above it. The canopy of the subordinate stem forms the lower and mid canopy on the western side of the group. The larger, more dominant trunk stem has a slight lean to the northeast and occupies the central position in the stand. Both leans appear to be natural and the configuration is conducive with the phototropic growth pattern of the stand. The taper of both trunks is relatively good.

The buttress root system also appears to be well developed and arranged adequately to support the asymmetry of the twin trunk configuration. The stems join at ground level and there seems to be some significant root interlock and grafting in the root plate which is enabling it to work as one. There is a small inclusion of bark between the two stems, but the contact area is minimal and there are no signs of separation or inconsistent movement.

2.5.2 Pruning History

There has been less major pruning work done to this tree over the years. Generally, most of the pruning cuts visible are of reasonable quality and are focused in the trees mid canopy branch structure. The work that has been done resulted in a minor canopy lift and some heavier branch reductions to control the spread of the lateral branches toward the school buildings and out over the road carriageway. It seems that the remedial pruning performed a number of years ago only targeted certain parts of the trees canopy and left other areas to continue growing unchecked. The upper canopy gap that is present was likely created by the failure of a scaffold branch, followed by the removal of the remaining stub.

2.5.3 Canopy Structure

Overall, this trees scaffold branch structure has developed with reasonable natural taper, but there has been some elongation of individual lateral branches that are beginning to grow out beyond the trees average canopy line. Two recent branch failures have occurred, as evidenced by the remaining branch stubs that are visible. As already mentioned, one of these breakages has contributed to the further development of a central canopy gap between the two trees. The main scaffold limb in this position remains, but it is situated on the southern side of the canopy. This limb has become exposed to an additional load from wind funnelled into the gap. A couple of longitudinal splits in mid canopy lateral branches were also noted during the onsite inspection, of those, one has been

subsequently removed above the higher use area to reduce risk to passersby. The overall health of the canopy seems good and there appears to be no significant deadwood branches present. The foliage coverage, average leaf size and annual shoot growth is considered to be normal.

3 Discussion

3.1 Canopy Structure and Stability

Sometimes branch failures can occur following extended periods of drought and high temperatures. English Elms do suffer from this phenomenon on occasion, which is usually referred to as “summer branch drop”. The incidence of this type of branch failure is uncommon and as its name suggests, dependant on seasonal climate. The cause of these failures is not well understood, but its occurrence is considered to be a biological stress related to lack of water and controlling of the loss of it. Pruning to manage the foliage coverage and the distribution of canopy in the lateral branch structure is the best method of limiting the occurrence of the “summer branch drop” phenomenon. Providing adequate water to the trees before and during times of extreme dry weather can also help. Another option would be to restrict the use of the area under the trees during severe drought periods, but the rarity of this type of tree failure makes restrictive control measures seem fairly unnecessary given the current occupancy levels.

The majority of the tree branch failures that occur are as a consequence of over load during extreme wind gusts more often than not from unusual wind directions. Even so, the natural failure rate for branches under adverse conditions is still exceptionally low. Poorly tapered branches that are elongated and/or carry excessive canopy end weight are significantly more predisposed to mechanical failure. It was noted that both of these trees have a number of lateral and upper canopy branches that are developing this condition. The gap that has developed in the upper canopy between the trees has also exposed them to more wind loading and this is slightly increasing the probability of more branch failures happening.

Identifying and reducing the end weight and sail area on problematic branches is a reasonable approach to managing this type of failure potential, but partial canopy pruning can and usually does change the long term growth pattern of the trees canopy structure. This fact is well evidenced by the current canopy structures of both trees as a consequence of their pruning history. The eastern tree has undergone a loss of trunk taper and created additional elongation in its upper crown structure through the excessive removal of lower branch scaffolds. Whilst the western tree has suffered recent branch breakage in its upper canopy and developed some misshapen growth patterns in its lateral branch structure due to the reduction of some parts and not others.

Ideally, a more complete approach needs to be taken when managing these trees for failure potential. These trees provide support and protection for each other. Their asymmetric canopies require the shelter of each other to preserve stability. Pruning the whole tree stand to reduce wind load and maintain or improve crown shape will ensure that the subsequent growth pattern will be more consistent and easier to manage in the long term.

3.2 Root system and Trunk Stability

The trunk and root plate stability of the western tree is good. The offset nature of the subordinate stem’s structure does not seem to be causing any problems at present, but the continued extension

of its branch canopy out beyond the stands upper canopy line is increasing wind leverage and gravitational load on the trees root plate area. It would be prudent to control this growth and get it back in proportion with the stands surrounding canopy line.

The extension of the upper canopy gap is putting additional pressure on the eastern trees main structure from a direction that was previously protected. The lack of trunk taper in the stems reduces their flexibility and creates a higher stress load on the trees root plate area. There are two crucial buttress roots on the tension side of this trees root plate that appear to be allowing a slight pivotal motion to occur during significant wind loading. It is thought that this movement is putting additional pressure on the union of the two stems. The small rib formation indicates that there is some weakness in the union and that there is some potential for a stem failure to occur, albeit fairly low. The strategies to manage the failure potential of this particular tree should still be carefully considered despite the fairly low chance of failure. The best option to mitigate the threat of failure is remedial pruning to reduce and control canopy size and the installation of a cable and brace system to eliminate the possibility of the trunk stems separating. The only other option would involve the complete removal of the eastern tree, but this would significantly impact on the remaining trees stability and the aesthetics of the stand.

3.3 Trunk Injuries and Wet Wood Infections

Wet wood infections in Elm trees are common and the presence of one within a wound compartment is a normal characteristic of this species. Its existence usually limits the development of fungal activity and restricts the spread of internal decay if moisture levels are saturated and remain constant.

The size of the wet wood compartment inside the tree is generally determined by the amount of injury caused to the trunk. Proper “natural target” pruning cuts generally cause very little trunk damage, whereas, poor (flush) pruning cuts can cause considerable trunk injury that is much more difficult for the tree to compartmentalise and preserve.

The injured trunk wood that gets walled off inside a tree protection zone is usually infected by one form of micro organism or another. Bacterial wet wood tends to retain a lot of its mechanical strength values, unlike decaying wood that is caused by fungal infections. This characteristic of the wet wood condition is a “trade off” for the tree to protect its stability. Unless the wet wood columns become disrupted through new injury or develop a connection to adjacent defects they should remain mechanically stable for a reasonable period of time. Regular monitoring of the wound site to keep an eye on the amount of discharge seeping from it and the remedial wood development around the affected trunk zone should help identify any change to the current situation.

3.4 Tree Health and Condition

The western tree appears to be in quite good health and there seems to be no serious disease or dysfunction problems affecting its condition. There is a noticeable difference in the density of the foliage coverage on the two trees. The eastern trees upper canopy has slightly less foliage in comparison to the other tree and is having a few minor branches die off. It is quite likely that the minor decline symptoms that are present in the eastern trees upper canopy are related to the internal state and condition of its two trunk stems. Symptoms of decline in a trees upper canopy can sometimes be the result from some loss in biological function which may be associated with the

formation of large protection zones inside a trees trunk system. Branch dieback and thinning of the upper canopy generally indicates a drop in the general vitality of a tree. We could try to improve tree vitality through horticultural practice, but the most important concern is to avoid adding new injury and stress on the tree system. Root damage caused by compaction or excavations and trunk injury from chainsaws, tools or other machinery are major contributors that lead to tree strain and major decline.

3.5 Risk of Loss or Harm in Relation to Tree Target Area

The high use target area under these trees is the footpath, car parking areas and the roadway. This is about 60% of the total canopy area covered by the two trees. The amount of exposure people and their property have is relative to the duration of time spent occupying this space. The two daily periods of higher activity during the school week represent the bulk of the tangible risk exposure. This time period is a relatively short period out of the day and the chance of a tree failure coinciding with these times is still quite low.

The most significant target area identified outside of the canopy area of these trees is the school car parking area, and the schools dental surgery building. This area is currently exposed to the potential failure of the eastern trees southern trunk stem. The probability of this happening is also considered to be fairly low and could only be likely during extreme weather conditions. There is an increased potential for property loss due to the greater part of the car parking area that this type of failure would cover and the existence of the buildings within its reach.

4 Conclusions

4.1 Health, Condition and Stability of the Trees

- The western tree is currently in good health. Its two lower trunks and root plate are considered to be stable and the upper canopy scaffold structure is well developed. There are issues with canopy extension and elongated branches in some parts of the trees canopy. The continuing growth pattern, isolation and exposure to wind are issues that may increase the occurrence of branch failures. These growth patterns also increase the stress load in the trees root plate.
- The eastern trees general health is slightly less at present, as there is a slight decline in the condition of the upper canopy. The two trunks have injuries and infections that may be affecting their biological function which is the likely cause of the decline issue. The identified trunk defects are not causing stability issues at the moment, but will require further monitoring in the future. The root plate of this tree and the connection between the two trunks has a latent defect present that slightly increases the propensity for a trunk stem to fail. This trees upper canopy structure has less natural branch taper and there are some lateral branch end weight problems developing that slightly increase the possibility of a breakage during heavy winds.
- The levels of occupancy beneath the trees are normally quite low, but there are short peak use times associated with the school hours that produce reasonably constant foot and vehicle traffic. The chances of a combination linking tree failure and occupancy in the target area are still considered to be reasonably low.

4.2 Managing Tree Failure Potential

- The potential for branch failure from these trees is currently slightly above average because of the growth patterns developing and their exposure to wind load. The failure potential can be reduced through pruning to alleviate branch end weight problems, adjust upper canopy sail area and modify the shape of both of their canopies to consolidate them.
- This species of Elm tree is susceptible to the “summer branch drop” phenomenon and the hazard posed by this type of failure could also be adequately managed by pruning to address the same type of lateral branch problems described above.
- The risk of a major stem failure from the eastern tree is still fairly low, but it could be eliminated completely with the installation of a preventative support system connecting its two trunk stems.
- The eastern tree has a couple of latent trunk injuries that do not pose a failure risk at present, but will need to be monitored for any major change in their condition that could affect their ongoing stability. The photographs included at the end of this report are a record of the current condition of the trees and are included to instigate the monitoring process.

5 Recommendations

- Both of these trees should be retained and their canopies managed as a single unit.
- The outer canopies of these trees need to be pruned to address specific branch canopy issues and to reinstate the combined uniformity of the stand. This job will involve specialist remedial crown restructure and canopy reduction work.
- The eastern tree should have an adequate bracing system installed that will eliminate the possibility for a stem separation taking place.
- A bi-annual monitoring regime should be set up to check the bracing system (once installed) and the trees for any significant changes in their condition.

6 Photographic record of the eastern trees trunk wound sites and lower trunk configuration.

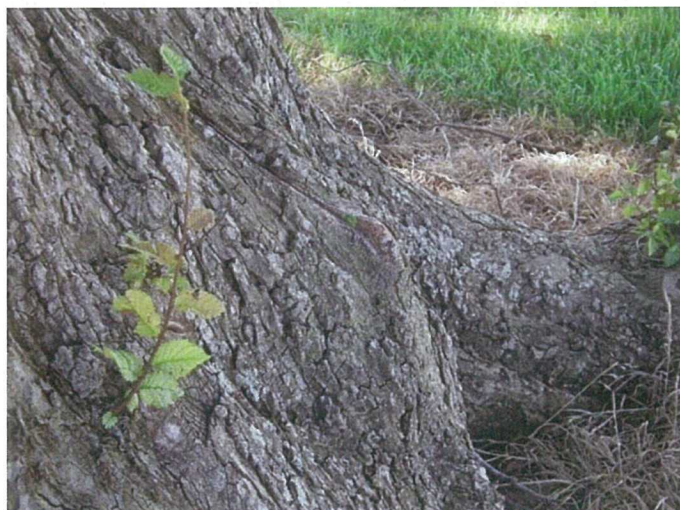


Figure 1: The developing wood rib at the union of the two trunks.

Figure 2: Close up view of the eastern trees union and developing wood rib.

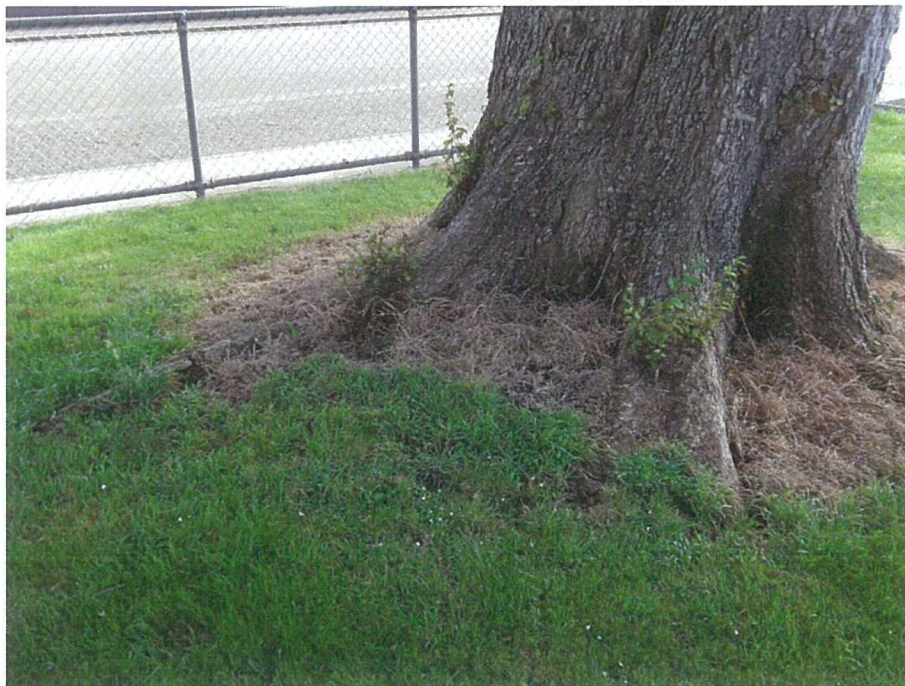


Figure 3: Wide view of the trunk union, significant buttress roots and the developing wood rib.

Figure 4: The old pruning wound on the SE trunk showing the discharge of wetwood slim flux.

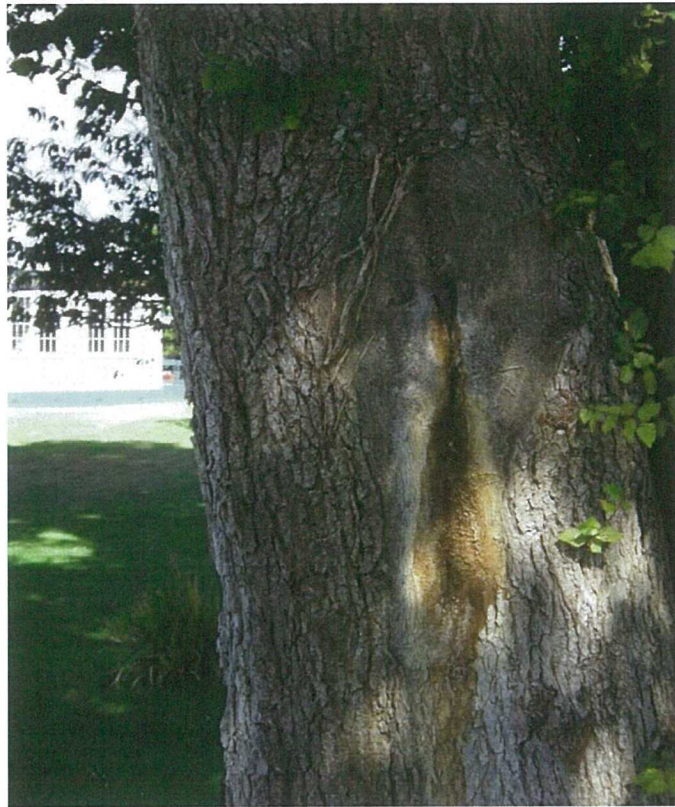


Figure 5: The old pruning wound on the NE trunk showing the amount of slim flux discharge.

7 Photographic record of the western trees trunk configuration

Figure 1: Western trees buttress root system and union of the two trunk stems.



Figure 2: The other side of the union showing the fusion in the root plate and the leans of the trunks.

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Appendix 2

Departmental

Appointment of Rangitikei Council to Have the Control and Management of Hunterville Cemetery

Pursuant to section 23(3) of the Burial and Cremation Act 1964, His Excellency the Governor-General of New Zealand has appointed the Rangitikei District Council to have the control and management of the Hunterville Cemetery, being Part Subdivision 2A, Part Otairi No. 3 Block, as from the date of signing.

Dated at Wellington this 5th day of July 2016.

HON DR JONATHAN COLEMAN, Minister of Health.

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Appendix 3

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Dear Scott

Local Government Act 2002 Amendment Bill (No.2)

The Rangitikei District Council thanks the Committee for the opportunity to comment on this highly important Bill.

The Council supports the intent of the Bill, conveyed by the general policy statement it contains:

Current arrangements limit councils' ability to adequately respond to and provide for regional and sub-regional economic and population dynamics while remaining responsive to local preferences. As a result, some services are provided suboptimally because of lack of scale, integration, and strategic oversight across local government jurisdictions.

However, the critical question for us (and potentially other local authorities) is who is responsible for making that assessment of suboptimal delivery and, if that is the assessment, who is to determine what is to be done to change that. Finding a fair balance is complex. On the one hand, local authorities are elected locally, raise much of their funding locally and are accountable to their communities for what they do (and don't do). On the other hand, central government needs to ensure that local communities are aware of and understand the different arrangements for delivery of key services which for whatever reason a local authority may be disinclined to use. The Local Government Commission has the lead role in that.

The Council agrees with making the Local Government Commission a Crown entity with the associated accountabilities. We support the significantly increased facilitative role proposed for the Commission, including its ability to making binding decisions in the case of disputes between local authorities, including those which arise over the establishment and funding for CCOs.

Reorganisation

In general, the Council agrees with the much increased flexibility for local authorities to find ways of finding formal collaborative mechanisms. We think the Bill has attempted to ensure that the Commission will be sufficiently sensitive to local concerns by

- allowing a greater range of reorganisation options to be considered,
- removing the prohibition on local authorities advancing their own proposals for reorganisation,
- requiring the Commission to notify affected local authorities of its decision to conduct a reorganisation investigation, and
- informing local communities about the investigation process and ensuring public engagement.

However, the Bill also

- allows the Commission to reject a reorganisation initiative or investigation request from one or more affected local authorities, and
- does not allow local authorities to comment to the Local Government Commission on matters it proposes to consider.

The Council disagrees with this. We suggest a better approach in the first instance is for the Commission to be required to give public advice about a reorganisation initiative or investigation request: this ensures that such local authorities and their communities get the benefit of the broader view that the Commission has. Similarly, we expect that any affected local authority should be able to comment to the Commission about what it proposes to consider, including the way it intends to engage with a local community. Making these changes will mean that the debate is richer and the outcome of the process potentially more robust.

The Council notes that the Minister is also able to propose a reorganisation initiative or make an investigation request. We think this is both undesirable and unnecessary, given the responsibilities to be undertaken by the Commission.

We are pleased to see that a mandatory poll applies to the major reorganisation proposals.

Council-Controlled Organisations (CCOs)

The Council sees that considerable thought has gone into improving accountability of CCOs (as well as the greater range and opportunity for establishing them). We have given specific consideration to how these provisions would apply to the proposed CCO for infrastructure services (i.e. replacing the current shared services arrangement between Rangitikei and Manawatu District Councils) which has been under discussion between the two local authorities since late last year. This would be a 'substantive CCO' because it would manage assets with a value exceeding \$10 million. There are stronger accountability requirements in terms of alignment with each local authority's objectives and priorities – and also any relevant

objectives and priorities of central government (which are always important to have in mind). Each local authority would be required to make explicit its expectations, including planning and reporting requirements. These would be important accountabilities to our respective local communities so Rangitikei District Council supports these provisions.

However, we have several reservations.

- While agreeing that the shareholding local authorities should have the final say on whether a bylaw proposed by a water services CCO should proceed to public consultation, we are uncertain why the subsequent process needs to be delegated to the CCO. Local communities are likely to be more comfortable and confident in engaging with their respective local authority in such matters. If the Committee remains convinced that it is likely to be more effective for the CCO to carry out the subsequent consultation and deliberations on submissions, we consider that the final decision should be left to the shareholding local authority or the joint committee of shareholding local authorities if the CCO is multiply-owned.
- We have similar reservations about granting transport services CCOs the ability to make bylaws. We wonder why enforcement of transport bylaws is proposed to be performed by such CCOs, whereas for water services this is to be delegated to a joint committee of shareholding local authorities (and presumably retained by a local authority if the CCO is not multiply-owned).
- We question the ability of a CCO to *require* a shareholding local authority to include development contributions to fund the CCO's capital expenditure. This is tantamount to the CCO being allowed to levy rates, but this power remains solely with local authorities. While the Bill requires the CCO to consult in terms of the Act's requirements for amending the local authority's development contributions policy, our view on this is the same as with bylaws: the CCO should *request* the local authority to make an amendment to its development contributions policy and the local authority should carry out the consultation (to which the CCO would be an obvious submitter) and make the decision.
- We consider that there should be periodic reviews required of these arrangements. They will not always work out as intended. Currently section 17A(6)(b) effectively excludes CCOs from these mandatory service delivery reviews. Removing that provision provides the opportunity to the shareholding local authority/authorities to consider other options. This is an occasion when advice from the Commission could prove instructive, and the Committee might consider inserting a provision 2(d) "in consultation with the Local Government Commission" to apply from 1 September 2017 (i.e. after the first round of service delivery reviews is due to be completed).

Extending the scope of mandatory performance measures

The Bill allows the Minister to prescribe more mandatory measures beyond those activities which are already subject to these – roading and footpaths, potable water supplies, wastewater and stormwater. We support this proposal: there are advantages in having a common framework while allowing each council to have supplementary measures which relate to its particular circumstances and communities.

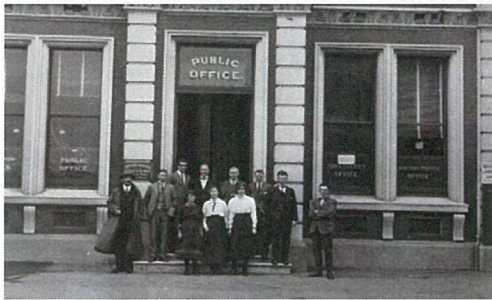
However, there are lessons to be learned from the current measures – where over the past few months there has been discussion between our auditors and officials at Internal Affairs on what precisely is intended. A way of avoiding that would be to have a few local authorities of different sizes test the measures for a whole year before making them mandatory. We also recommend that consideration is given to the measures which are part of the new Local Government Excellence Programme.

I hope these comments are useful and that there is an opportunity for me to talk with the Committee. Please contact Carol Downs (Executive Officer) (06) 327-0099 or carol.downs@rangitikei.govt.nz to arrange this.

Yours sincerely

Andy Watson
Mayor of the Rangitikei District

Appendix 4



*First Meeting of the Hiding
Borough Council held in the Immigration
Borough on Monday, the 15th August at Noon.
Present, His Worship the Mayor, D. H. Macdonald
(Chairman), Horniellors Lettbridge, Chambers (ain),
Rutherford, London, Johnston, Baker, Higgins,
and Thomson.*



WELCOME

Welcome to the Archives Central newsletter. This is a monthly update that lets you know what we are up to, the sorts of archives we hold in the stacks and a bit about the history held.

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE MONTH

Over May we had:

- 81 requests lodged with archives staff - busiest month ever!
- 2,425 unique visitors to the Archives Central website

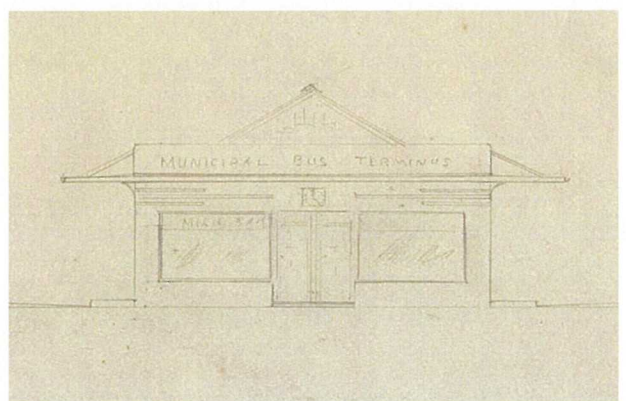
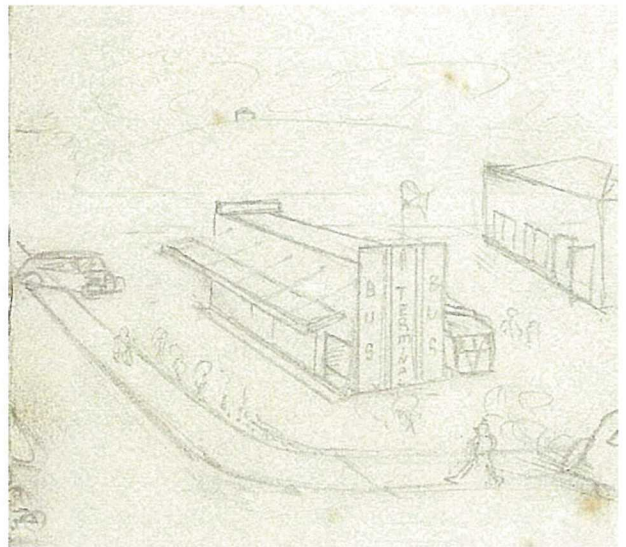
TAUMARUNUI MAPS AND AERIALS TRANSFERRED

The Ruapehu District Council has transferred a number of maps, plans and aerial photographs that had previously been held at the Taumarunui Memory Bank. The records were originally created by the Taumarunui Borough Council and the Taumarunui County Council.

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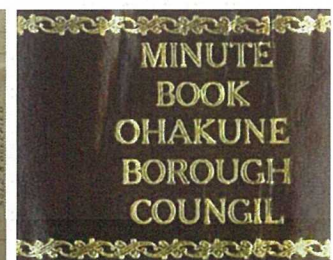
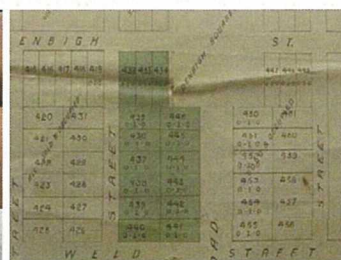
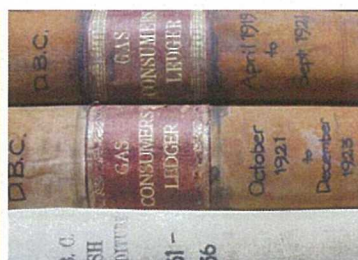
- Council buildings
- Aerial Photographs of Taumarunui from the 1940s and 1960s
- Planning maps
- Services plans

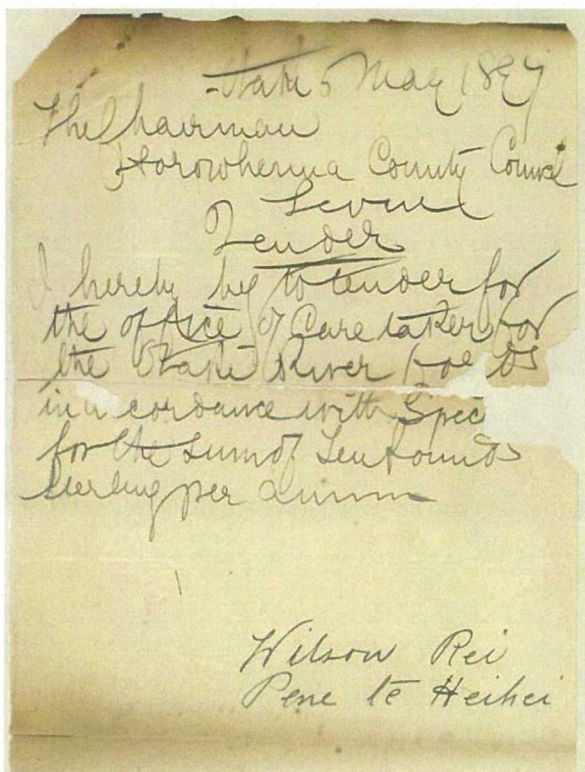
The plans are presently unlisted and in no particular order. They will be arranged and catalogued and the listings will be imported to the Archives Central database later this year.



STAFF ONSITE
8.00am - 5.00pm Monday - Friday
for enquiries

READING ROOM
Open to Public 1.00pm - 5.00pm
Tuesday to Friday





FROM THE STACKS – HOROWHENUA COUNTY INWARDS CORRESPONDENCE

During the 19th Century councils usually operated two systems for the storage of their correspondence. Letter books provided a record of any letters sent out and letters received were stored separately and are known as Inwards Correspondence.

This set of letters is from the Horowhenua County Council. The letters predominately date from 1896-1924. The fire in the County Office in 1898 destroyed most of the letters prior to that and the survivors are all scorched to some degree.

They are not a complete set of all inwards letters, as some were retrospectively carried over onto the correspondence files that were created after the 1920s.

The letters are presently being listed and will be added to the database later in the year.

DID YOU KNOW? -Turakina vs Lethbridge

Turakina is one of the older towns in the Rangitikei District. The first authority for the town was created in 1873, some three years before the Rangitikei County.

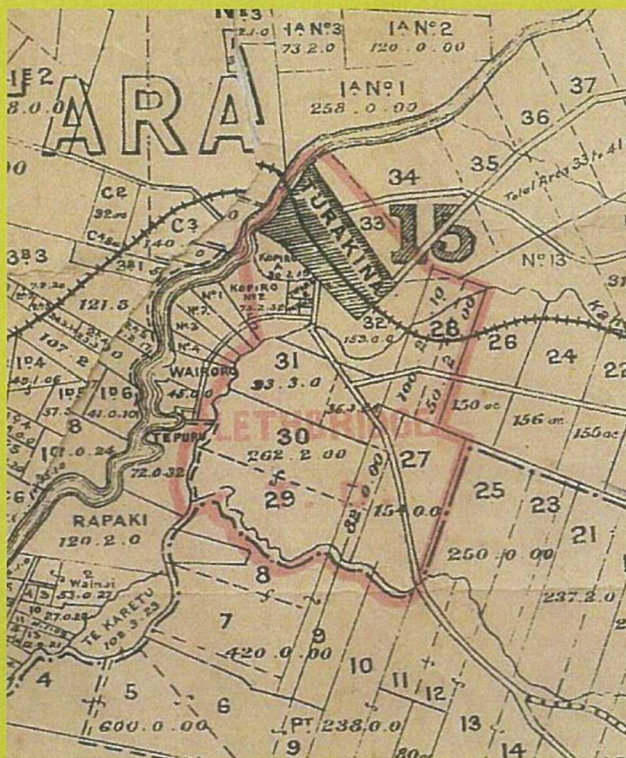
The Local Board, as it was known, was set up under an Act passed by the Wellington Provincial Government. The interesting part is that the name chosen for the District was Lethbridge, rather than Turakina.

The exact reason why this name was chosen is not known as there are no official records surviving from that time. But it is likely named after George Yates Lethbridge who was a significant power in the area.

Mr Lethbridge was the Chairman of the Local Board from 1873-1902, Chairman of the Rangitikei Highway Board from 1872-1875 and was even a Councillor on the County Council for 1900-1902.

The Local Board went through a slight name change in

1881 when it became a Town Board and then in 1925 the Board merged into Rangitikei County.



Appendix 5a

10. Financial hardship, disproportionate rates compared to the value of the property or other extenuating circumstances

Council may, on application of a ratepayer, remit all or part of a rates assessment for one or more years if satisfied there are sufficient grounds of financial hardship by the ratepayer, or where the size of the annual rates assessment compared with the rateable value of the property is deemed disproportionately high, or where there are other extenuating circumstances to do so.

Council's threshold for 'disproportionately high' is where the annual rates assessment exceeds 10% of the rateable value of the property.

Council is also able to reduce or waive rates only in those circumstances which it has identified in policies. This addition allows Council to consider individual circumstances, but it does not compel Council to reduce or waive rates.

Appendix 5b

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TAHARE

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RANGITIKEI COUNCIL

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15 JUL 2016

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DEAR SIR, I WRITE REGARDING THE PROPERTY
OWNED BY EDWARD CHERRY AT 1 EAGLEST TAHARE.

THIS BUILDING IS NOW IN NEED OF RE ROOFING,
AND HAS BEEN A USEFUL STORAGE UNIT.

MY ATTEMPTS TO OFFER IT FOR SALE AT THE
LOWEST POSSIBLE FIGURE — BORE NO FRUIT

PLEASE WOULD YOU CONSIDER REMISSION OF RATES
ON AFOREMENTIONED PROPERTY.

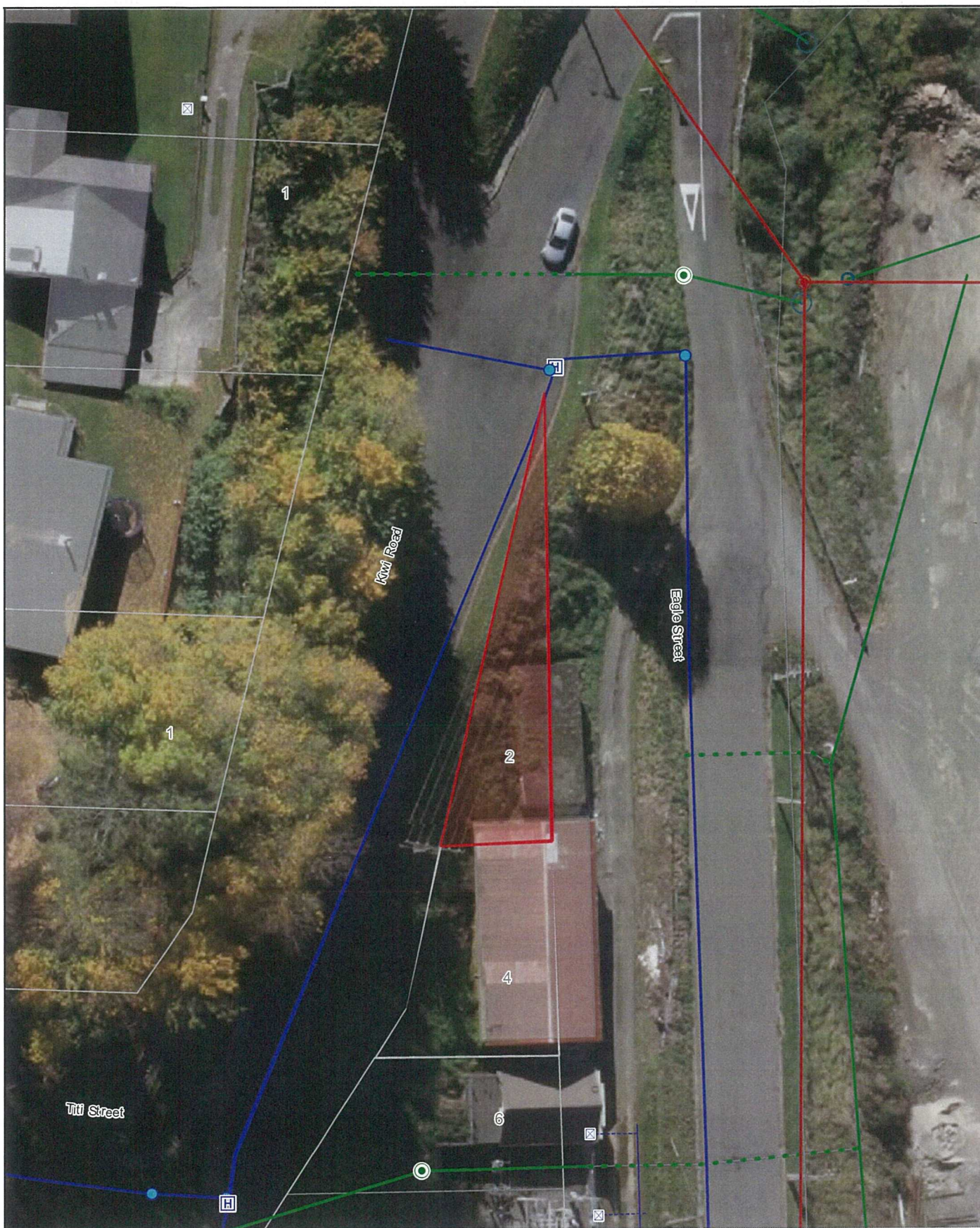
YOURS FAITHFULLY

JEAN CHERRY

Appendix 5c

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Appendix 6

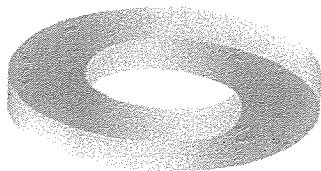
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TMP #1 HUNTERVILLE HUNTAWAY FESTIVAL



HIGGINS
Date: 10/09/2015 Author: K. Russell Project: Hunterville Huntaway Festival
Comments:
Site layout for road closure and traffic management
for the Hunterville Huntaway Festival 2015

Appendix 7



TCDT

Taihape Community Development Trust

Taihape Town Hall
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Taihape 4742
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Fax: 64 6 388 1919
Email: info@taihape.co.nz
Website: www.taihape.co.nz

24 June 2016

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30 JUN 2016

Mayor Andy Watson
Rangitikei District Council
High Street
Marton

To: *ANCA RM*
File: *3-GF-1-1*
Doc: *16 0446*

Dear Mayor Andy,

Re: Promotion of Rangitikei district

The work of the Trust in promoting gumboot throwing, encouraging the NZ Rural Games to move closer to Taihape, and promoting Gumboot Day nationally and internationally appears to be having a positive spin-off in attracting international visitors to events in Taihape (see Analysis of Marketview Events Report prepared for the Finance Performance Committee on 30 June).

The Trust would like to continue sending our Manager, Elizabeth Mortland, to the World Boot-throwing Championships but it is expensive and over the past two years she has carried much of this cost personally. In 2015 Elizabeth attended the World Champs in Italy (winning a silver medal in 60-65 years), and this year she will be at the Champs in Finland 9-10 July. She will also be attending the AGM of the International Boot-throwing Association (IBTA) on 8 July.

Would the Council be willing to contribute to these costs from any funding available for district promotion? Elizabeth has been/is negotiating with IBTA to bring an international boot-throwing event to Taihape, hopefully 2017 World Champs.

I trust the Council will view this request favourably and look forward to hearing from you.

Regards,

Greg Woollaston
Chairperson

*please scan & send
to Chris & Ross*

Cc - Chief Executive Ross McNeill

Appendix 8

Service Request Breakdown for June 2016 - First Response

Service Requests Department	Compliance Completed in time	Completed late	Current	Overdue	Grand Total
Animal Control	86	15	1	13	115
Animal welfare	4				4
Attacks on animal	4	1			5
Attacks on humans	2				2
Barking dog	13	2		3	18
Dog Property Inspection (for Good Owner status)	15	2	1	8	26
Found dog	4				4
Lost animal	11	2			13
Property Investigation - animal control problem	3	1			4
Rushing at human		1			1
Stock worrying		2			2
Wandering stock	13	4			17
Wandering/stray dog	17			2	19
Building Control				1	1
Property inspection				1	1
Council Housing/Property	12	5		4	21
Council housing/property maintenance	12	5		4	21
Culverts, Drainage and Non-CBD Sumps	5	1			6
Maintenance (culverts/drainage)	5	1			6
Environmental Health	28			2	30
Abandoned vehicle	1				1
Dead animal	2				2
Dumped Rubbish (outside town boundary)	4			1	5
Noise - day and night	21				21
Untidy/overgrown section				1	1
General enquiry	6	1		1	8
Council housing/property maintenance	1				1
General Enquiry	5	1		1	7
Halls	1				1
Maintenance (halls)	1				1
Libraries				1	1
Maintenance (libraries)				1	1
Parks and Reserves	2			1	3
Maintenance (parks and reserves)	2				2
Water leak - Parks and Reserves only				1	1
Public Toilets	4	1		1	6
Cleaning (public toilets)				1	1
Maintenance (public toilets)	4	1			5
Road Signs	1				1
Maintenance (road signs)	1				1
Roads	11	5		2	18
Maintenance (roads - not potholes)	10	4		1	15
Maintenance (roads - potholes only)	1	1		1	3
Roadside Weeds/Vegetation/Trees	1				1
Maintenance (roadside weeds, vegetation and trees)	1				1
Stormwater				1	1
Stormwater blocked drain (non urgent)				1	1
Street Cleaning and Litter Bins	4			1	5
Empty rubbish bins - Bulls				1	1
Street Cleaning - non CBD	4				4
Street Lighting			2	1	3
Maintenance (street lighting)			2	1	3
Vehicle Crossings	1				1
Maintenance (vehicle crossings)	1				1
Wastewater	7	1			8
Caravan effluent dump station	1				1
Maintenance (wastewater)	1				1

Service Requests		Compliance				
Department		Completed in time	Completed late	Current	Overdue	Grand Total
Water	Wastewater blocked drain	1				1
	Wastewater leak		1			1
	Wastewater odour	1				1
	Wastewater overflow (dry weather)	3				3
		19	4		1	24
	HRWS Maintenance required	2	1			3
	Location of meter/toby/other utility	1	1			2
	Replace lid (non urgent)	1				1
	Replace toby or meter	10	1			11
	Water leak - council-owned network, not parks or cemeteries	3	1			4
	Water leak at meter/toby	2			1	3
Grand Total		188	33	3	30	254

Feedback Required (Multiple Items)

Count of Rec No	Feedback						
Row Labels	After hours	Email	In Person	Not able to contact	Telephone	Not provided	Grand Total
Animal Control			13	1	11	15	40
Council Housing/Property						1	1
Culverts, Drainage and Non-CBD Sumps						1	1
Environmental Health	3					3	6
General enquiry		3	1	1		3	8
Public Toilets						1	1
Road Signs						1	1
Roads		1			2	6	9
Stormwater						1	1
Street Cleaning and Litter Bins						1	1
Wastewater		1		1	2		4
Water			3		4		7
Grand Total	3	5	17	3	19	33	80

Service Request Breakdown for May 2016 - Resolution

Service Requests Department	Compliance Completed in time	Completed late	Current	Overdue	Grand Total
Animal Control	100	6		4	110
Animal Control Bylaw matter	1				1
Animal welfare	2				2
Attacks on animal	3	1			4
Attacks on humans				1	1
Barking dog	9	1			10
Dog Property Inspection (for Good Owner status)	13	2		2	17
Found dog	7	1			8
Lost animal	16	1			17
Microchip dog				1	1
Property Investigation - animal control problem	2				2
Rushing at animal	1				1
Rushing at human	2				2
Stock worrying	2				2
Wandering stock	13				13
Wandering/stray dog	29				29
Cemeteries	2				2
Cemetery maintenance	1				1
Water leak - cemeteries only	1				1
Council				1	1
Update postal address				1	1
Council Housing/Property	22	7		1	30
Council housing/property maintenance	21	6		1	28
Maintenance (public toilets)		1			1
Pest problem eg wasps	1				1
Culverts, Drainage and Non-CBD Sumps	8		1	2	11
Maintenance (culverts/drainage)	7		1	2	10
Street Cleaning - non CBD	1				1
Environmental Health	27	2		9	38
Abandoned vehicle	1				1
Dumped Rubbish (outside town boundary)	3				3
Dumped rubbish (within town boundary)	3				3
Food premises health issue		1		1	2
Livestock (not normally impounded)	1			2	3
Noise - day and night	18	1		5	24
Untidy/overgrown section	1			1	2
Footpaths	1			1	2
Maintenance (footpaths)	1			1	2
General enquiry	4	1		2	7
General Enquiry	4	1		2	7
Halls		1			1
Maintenance (halls)		1			1
Parks and Reserves	2	1			3
Maintenance (parks and reserves)	2				2
Water leak - Parks and Reserves only		1			1
Public Toilets	10	3			13
Cleaning (public toilets)	1				1
Maintenance (public toilets)	9	3			12
Road Signs	4		1	2	7
Maintenance (road signs)	4		1	2	7
Roads	11	1	2	3	17
Maintenance (roads - not potholes)	10		2	3	15
Maintenance (roads - potholes only)	1				1
Pest problem eg wasps		1			1
Roadside Weeds/Vegetation/Trees	1			1	2
Maintenance (roadside weeds, vegetation and trees)	1			1	2
Stormwater	1	1			2

Service Requests		Compliance			
Department		Completed in time	Completed late	Current	Overdue
	Stormwater blocked drain (non urgent)		1		
	Stormwater road surface flooding (non urgent)	1			
	Street Cleaning and Litter Bins	2			
	CBD cleaning (gutters/sumps) - Bulls	1			
	Street Cleaning - non CBD	1			
	Street Lighting	1	1		
	Maintenance (street lighting)	1	1		
	Wastewater	2	1		
	Caravan effluent dump station	1			
	Wastewater blocked drain	1	1		
	Water	17	4		
	Dirty drinking water	1			
	HRWS Maintenance required	2			
	HRWS No water supply	1			
	Replace toby or meter	4	1		
	Water leak - council-owned network, not parks or cemeteries	8	3		
	Water leak at meter/toby	1			
Grand Total		215	29	4	26
					274

Attachment 4

Memorandum

To: Council

From: Ross McNeil

Date: 21 July 2016

Subject: **Top Ten Projects - Status**

File: 5-EX-4

Council is engaged in a larger number of complex projects than has been the case. While these are typically the subject of detailed reports to (usually) the Assets/Infrastructure Committee, there is a risk of losing sight of overall progress, cash-flow and borrowing needs, contractor capability and supply, and planning for subsequent stages. One simple way of ensuring detailed considerations do not obscure these issues is to deliberately take a helicopter view of the top ten projects. It is intended that these status updates come to each Council meeting.

The selection is probably uncontroversial – complexity, cost, urgency, community interest, central government interest are all relevant factors. In subsequent months, project linkages, timing and financial implications will be included.

1. Reinstatement of the roading network after the June 2015 floods

The programme for 2016/17 has been mapped out. The bundling approach used in the previous six months has proved effective in engaging a range of contractors meaning faster remediation of the damaged sites. This project is expected to be complete by December 2017.

2. Upgrade of the Bulls wastewater treatment plant to meet new consent conditions

The consent application has been under consideration by Horizons for some months, which effectively puts the project on hold. For the time being, while the previous consent has expired, there is no compliance issue in terms of outflows from the plant. Riverlands have signalled to Council staff that they may reconsider their position on a collaborative approach to the upgrade of the Bulls wastewater treatment plant.

3. Upgrade of the Marton wastewater treatment plant to meet new consent conditions

The initial focus until December 2017 is on acceptable management of the leachate from the Bonny Glen landfill. The Heads of Agreement has been signed between Midwest and Council; the management plan to define the arrangements for transporting the leachate to Marton, storing it, and releasing it into the waste water treatment plant will be finalised by the end of August.

Council has been specific that the application for the new consent will not allow leachate.

4. Upgrade of the Ratana wastewater treatment plant to meet the demands from the anticipated housing development

The timing of the housing development is not yet clear – nor is the availability of funding assistance for the treatment plant upgrade.

5. Sustainable provision of stock and irrigation water within the area now serviced by the Hunterville Rural Water Scheme, extended south to Marton, and provision of a safe, potable and affordable supply to Hunterville town

The immediate project is the Tutaenui pre-feasibility study, for which the contract with MPI has just been signed. A specialist consultant will probably have started the planned investigations by September 2016. The project will be due for completion within a year of that.

6. Future management of community housing

Council has committed to examine other options for managing its community housing stock, using one or more specialist organisations with the ability to tap into government financial assistance. Expressions of interest have now been obtained from organisations with experience in managing social housing complexes. Council will consider their merits (and the case for continuing to explore this approach) at its meeting on 25 August 2016.

7. Upgrade of Taihape Pool

Major work is required in filtration and heating to get this pool to a satisfactory standard. An expert assessment was obtained and peer reviewed, and will be discussed with Taihape Community Development Trust (which is contracted to manage the pool until 2018 and has previously expressed willingness to contribute financially to this type of project). The intention is to complete this work before the new swimming season.

8. Bulls multi-purpose community centre

A costed design will be available by early August, thus allowing public engagement (and local fund-raising) to be initiated. The precise site to be sold to Council will be defined within the next fortnight, meaning the process to get title can start – a very important issue for Lotteries in reconsidering the Council's application – which is due on 31 August 2016. The legal saleability of surplus properties is currently being reviewed.

9. Development of Cobbler/Davenport/Abraham & Williams site in Marton for Council's administration centre and the town library

Council can set its own timing for purchase, up to November 2016. The first step is to engage an architect to conduct a heritage assessment and concept development.

10. Taihape civic and community centre

This is the least conceptualised town centre complex – but its location, on the Town Hall site as previously found strong support. Early in 2017, Taihape will be asked to say where their

preferred site is for the new amenity bock on Memorial Park. That facility will have provision for a second storey, which may be part of finding a long-term solution for those organisations currently using the former Taihape College buildings. That discussion will provide an opportunity to think in more detail the nature of the facility on the town hall site and the extent to which the current building can be an integral part of that.

Recommendation

That the memorandum 'Top ten projects – status' be received

Ross McNeil
Chief Executive

Attachment 5

Rangitikei District Council Report pursuant to Section 10A of the Dog Control Act 1996

for the period 1 July 2015 – 30 June 2016

PART 1 – Dog Control Policy and Practices

1. Dog Control in the District

- Number of dog owners in District – 2225.
- Number of registered dogs in District – 4914 comprising, 2645 working dogs, 2103 Good Dog Owners and 164 non working dogs.
- The Council employs five Animal Control Officers and one Senior Animal Control Officer.
- A shared service for animal control has continued with the Manawatu District Council. Two Animal Control Officers are based in the Rangitikei, and two in the Manawatu. One rotates through both districts. The Senior Animal Control Officer supervises activities in both districts.
- During the year assistance has been given to the Whanganui and Tararua District Councils, in the form of occasional staffing and also advice/guidance.
- Animal Control Officers respond to priority one calls after hours. Priority one calls include dog attacks and securing wandering dogs.

Continued efforts have been made to improve education surrounding dog registration and dog behaviour in general in the District. This has included a drive towards 'public engagement' and involvement in reporting offences, although there has been a very slight decrease in request for service overall (1.1%) compared to last year it shows that the public is still consistent with regards to reporting non compliance.

The number of infringements notices is considerably higher than last year. This is primarily the result of taking a stronger line with owners of unregistered dogs, particularly those who continue trying to evade their responsibilities. Visiting all properties where dogs are known to be held has been a major factor in this. It has also resulted in an increase in the number of dogs classified as menacing by breed.

The number (and proportion) of infringements sent to Court for recovery as a debt have also increased considerably, Court action is permitted once the infringement fine is 56 days overdue. Previously it was rare for this action to be taken. However, withdrawing an infringement (so that people avoid the filing penalty added by the Courts) can be interpreted as Council being soft and an encouragement for people served with infringement notices not to pay.

Wandering dogs still relate to nearly 39% percent of all requests for service (which is a very small decrease from last year). However, the owner of a wandering dog now typically receive an infringement on a second (and subsequent) incident during the year. While some wandering dogs

are identified during patrols, we are largely dependent on people reporting them. It is vital that those who report an incident have confidence to speak up and know that they will be listened to and appropriate action taken.

2. Dog Control Enforcement Practices

- Animal Control Officers responded to 1064 service requests/complaints during the reporting period in response to the following:
 - 76 attacks (human and animal – includes rushing)
 - 120 barking
 - 403 wandering/stray
 - 84 Animal Welfare/Property Investigation
 - 94 Found
 - 154 Lost
 - 5 Stock Worrying
 - 128 Other (e.g. microchipping, Good Dog Owner status)
- 159 infringement notices were issued.

3. Dogs Prohibited, Leash Only and Exercise Areas

The problem of dogs in public places or otherwise prohibited areas is not one that is common within this District. When dogs are reported as wandering unaccompanied within such areas, the Animal Control Officers respond promptly.

4. Dog Control Registration and Other Fees

- Non working dogs registration increased from \$175 to \$180.
- Non working neutered/spayed decreased from \$161 to \$120.
- Good Dog Owner non neutered/spayed decreased from \$69 to \$56.
- Good Dog Owner neutered/spayed decreased from \$55 to \$56.
- Working Dogs increased from \$38 to \$39.

Council's intent is that the direct costs of registration and impounding are fully recovered through dog registration and impounding fees. The dog registration fees reflect the respective levels of service required by each category of dog owner. Reduced fees therefore apply to working dogs and dogs belonging to good dog owners. The good dog owner system aims to provide an incentive within the registration fee structure that promotes responsible dog ownership. The fee structure will reward dog owners who:

- adequately fence their section,
- de-sex their dog,
- have a good record of dog ownership,
- register their dog on time, and
- care for their dogs properly, i.e. provide them with a secure yard and a kennel that is weatherproof, of sufficient size, clean and sanitary.

Council's approach to dogs that remained unregistered after the usual warnings and penalties etc. is for the Animal Control Officers to visit all known properties previously recorded as housing a registered dog. Checks are made to ascertain whether a dog was still housed at that property. If such a visit verifies that a dog is still owned, infringements are sent to owners, and in some cases, dogs have been impounded. There has been a significant increase in infringements for unregistered dogs in this reporting period.

5. Dog Education and Dog Obedience courses

The Council contracts an instructor to deliver quality dog safety based and targeted training to schools within the Rangitikei District. Training programs were delivered to seven schools, and they have provided positive feedback on them.

6. Disqualified and Probationary Dog Owners

No owners were classified as disqualified or probationary during the year.

7. Menacing and Dangerous Dogs

- The Council has not had any issues with owners of menacing dogs not complying with the requirements relating to their classification.
- There are 2 dogs classified as dangerous in the District.

PART 2 – Statistical Information

Category	As at 30 June 2015	As at 30 June 2016
1) Total Registered Dogs	4847	4914
2) Total Probationary Owners	Nil	Nil
3) Total Disqualified Owners	Nil	Nil
4) Total Dangerous Dogs	2	2
Dangerous by Owner Conviction Under s31(1)(a)	Nil	Nil
Dangerous by Sworn Evidence s31(1)(b)	2	2
Dangerous by Owner Admittance in Writing s31(1)(c)	Nil	Nil
5) Total Menacing Dogs	22	53
Menacing under s33A(1)(b)(i) – i.e. by behavior	2	6
Menacing under s33A(1)(b)(ii) by Breed Characteristics	Nil	Nil
Menacing under s33C(1) by Schedule 4 Breed	20	47
6) Total Infringement Notices	23	159
7) Total Complaints Received	1075	1064
8) Total Prosecutions Taken	Nil	Nil
9) Infringements Sent to Court	7	67

Attachment 6



Rangitikei District Council

District Licensing Committee

Annual Report to the Alcohol and Regulatory Licensing Authority for the year ending 30 June 2016

22 July 2016

Approved by Council, 28 July 2016

Section 199 of the Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act 2012 requires an annual report to be submitted from the District Licensing Committee to the Alcohol Regulatory and Licensing Authority

The Committee comprises:

Commissioner:	Chalky Leary
Deputy Chair	Andy Watson, Mayor of the Rangitikei District
Members:	Steve Fouhy
	Stuart Hylton
	Judy Klue
	Graeme Platt

The Committee did not meet during the year:

The Committee is supported as follows:

Secretary	Ross McNeil , Chief Executive
Chief Inspector	Johan Cullis
Inspector	Vicki Hodds
Administrator	Rochelle Baird

Staff training

The Commissioner, both Inspectors and the Administrator attended a course run by Murray Clearwater 'A practical guide to the Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act 2012' hosted by the Tararua District Council and the Tararua District Licensing Committee.

DLC Initiatives

The Inspector attended monthly Alcohol Harm Regulatory Group Meetings held at Palmerston North City Council and involve five Liquor Inspectors, our respective MOH , Police and Fire Service.

Controlled Purchase Operation held: Saturday 31 October 2015, 2 breaches

Controlled Purchase Operation held Friday 11 December 2015, 2 breaches

Local Alcohol Policy

The Rangitikei District Council has not adopted such a policy. Accordingly the default provisions of the Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act 2012 apply

Current legislation

The Committee has no comment on the requirements of the Act.

Statistical information

The following pages outline the applications received during the year and the current listing of licensed premises

The report also lists the District's current licensed premises.

Licence Application 1 July 2014 – 30 June 2015

Application Type	Number Received in Fee Category Very Low	Number Received in Fee Category Low	Number Received in Fee Category Medium	Number Received in Fee Category High	Number Received in Fee Category Very High
On Licence New		2			
On Licence Renew		6	4		
On Licence Variation					
Off Licence New					
Off licence Renew			7		
Off Licence Variation					
Club Licence New					
Club Licence Renew	7				
Club Licence Variation					
Total Number	7	8	11		
ARLA Fee	17.25	34.50	51.75		
Total Fee paid to ARLA	\$120.75	\$276.00	\$569.25		

Annual Fees for Existing licences received:

Licence Type	Number received In fee category very low	Number received in fee category low	Number received in fee category medium	Number received in fee category High	Number received in fee category very high
On-Licence		6	4		
Off-Licence			7		
Club Licence	7				
Total Number	7	6	11		
Total fee paid to ARLA (GST Incl.)	\$120.75	\$207.00	\$569.25		

Managers Certificates Received

	Number Received
Managers Certificate New	20
Managers Certificate Renewal	33
TOTAL	55
ARLA FEE	28.75
Total fee paid to ARLA	\$1,581.25

Specials Licences Received

	Number
Class 1	3
Class 2	4
Class 3	43
Total	50

Temporary Authority applications 0

Lic No	Licence Name	Location
CLUBS		
CL003	Utiku Old Boys Rugby Football Club	8 Kokako Street, taihapoe
CL011	Bulls R.S.A	55 High Street, Bulls
CL012	Bulls Rugby Football & Sports Club Inc (1876)	Domain Road, Bulls
CL015	Taihape Squash Rackets Club Incorporated	Kokako Street, Taihape
CL016	Bulls Bowling Club Incorporated	Criterion Street Bulls
CL019	Rangitikei Squash Rackets Club	443 Wellington Road, Marton
CL020	Marton Golf Club	431 Santoft Road
CL021	Marton Bowling Club (Inc)	3 Hereford Street, Marton
CL022	Hawkestone Golf Club	252 Kakariki Road
CL023	Rangitikei Golf Club (Inc)	56 Raumai Road
CL024	Rangatira Golf Club Inc	4561 State Highway 1
CL026	Taihape Golf Club Inc	90 Golf Club Road
CL031	Hunterville Rugby Football Club Inc	3 - 29 Paraekaretu Street, Hunterville
CL032	Taihape Workingmens Club Inc	34 Kuku Street, Taihape
CL033	Marton Rugby & Sports Club	6 Follett Street, Marton
CL034	Rangiwaia Social Club	2 Koukoupou Road
CL036	Hunterville Squash Club	3 - 29 Paraekaretu Street, Hunterville
CL037	Taihape Rugby & Sport Club Inc	34 Kuku Street, Taihape

ON

Licence

ON008	Marton Hotel	255-265 Broadway, Marton
ON009	Mark Cording	144-150 Bridge Street, Bulls
ON011	SE Holdings Ltd	22-24 High Street, Hunterville
ON013	Captain Cook's Bar & Cafe	297-303 Broadway, Marton
ON014	Brian Ronald Howl	21 Mataroa Road, Taihape
ON015	Flat Hills Park (2005) Limited	5733 State Highway 1
ON016	Pietro & Elsie Valle	105 Hautapu Street, Taihape
ON019	Rirena Te Huna and David Matenga	State Highway 3, Turakina
ON027	River Valley Ventures Limited	114B Mangahoata Road
ON036	Orlando Country	892 Mt Curl Road
ON049	Peter & Debra Monk 2014 Ltd	1811 State Highway 1
ON054	Gosling Holdings Ltd	119 Bridge Street, Bulls
ON065	Mokai Gravity Canyon Limited	Mokai Road
ON068	Soul Cafe (2013) Limited	69 Hautapu Street, Taihape
ON073	Frances Marie Robertson	8 Huia Street, Taihape
ON074	Lynette Watson	6 Broadway, Mangaweka
ON075	Mad Toms Limited	14-18 Lower High Street, Marton
ON080	Club Hotel	17-19 High Street, Marton
ON081	Argyle Hotel	1 Bruce Street, Hunterville
ON082	Bricklane Ltd T/A Mint	92-102 Bridge Street, Bulls
ON083	Wildfern Group Ltd	2 Onslow Street West
ON084	B & P Hospitality Ltd	5733 State Highway 1
ON085	Awarua A & J Ltd	115-119 Hautapu Street, Taihape

Lic No Off Licence	Licence Name	Location
OF003	Alex Wong Limited	107-109 Hautapu Street, Taihape
OF005	General Distributors Limited	280-284 Broadway, Marton
OF006	Taylors (1998) Ltd	4 Milne Street, Hunterville
OF014	Rirena Te Huna and David Matenga	State Highway 3, Turakina
OF019	Mark Cording	144-150 Bridge Street, Bulls
OF032	Rees Foods Ltd T/A Taihape New World	112-114 Hautapu Street, Taihape
OF046	BRH Holdings Ltd	120 Hautapu Street, Taihape
OF049	Marton Wholesale Liquor Limited	188 Broadway, Marton
OF051	Shoebridge Supermarket Limited	423 Wellington Road, Marton
OF052	Lynette Watson	6 Broadway, Mangaweka
OF054	SE Holdings Ltd	22-24 High Street, Hunterville
OF058	Marton Wholesale Liquor Limited	6 Hammond Street, Marton
OF060	Marton Wholesale Liquor Ltd	158 Bridge Street, Bulls
OF061	B & T Holdings Limited	92-102 Bridge Street, Bulls
OF062	Wildfern Group Ltd	2 Onslow Street West

Attachment 7



Memorandum

To: Council

From: Katrina Gray

Date: 19 July 2016

Subject: **Draft Marton Park Management Plan – Adoption for Public Consultation**

File: 1-CP-4-7

1 Introduction

- 1.1 Expressions of interest or ideas and feedback from a public workshop were used in the preparation of the draft Marton Park Management Plan. Approximately 30 people attended the workshop. People interested in being involved in the future were asked to provide their contact details.
- 1.2 Following an initial drafting of the Marton Park Management Plan, it was provided to those people who provided their contact details at the workshop and the Marton Community Committee for feedback. Feedback received has been incorporated into the draft Plan enclosed as Appendix 1.

2 Proposed Consultation

- 2.1 The next step is for public consultation on the draft Marton Park Management Plan. A period of two months has been proposed, to provide consistency with the process under the Reserves Act 1977. However, it is proposed to hold a further public workshop during October to look at comments to the draft Plan rather than undertake formal oral hearings. The Assets/Infrastructure Committee requested that public displays occur during the consultation process. This action has been added to the Engagement Plan.
- 2.2 Consultation documents, including an Engagement Plan, Submission Form and Frequently Asked Questions Form are enclosed as Appendix 2.

3 Recommendations

- 3.1 That the memorandum 'Draft Marton Park Management Plan – Adoption for Public Consultation' be received.
- 3.2 That Council adopts the Draft Marton Park Management Plan, Submission Form, Engagement Plan, Frequently Asked Questions Form, [as amended/without amendment] for two months of public consultation from 5 August 2016 – 7 October 2016.

Katrina Gray
Policy Analyst

Appendix 1



2016

Marton Park Management Plan: Part 2



Adopted: XXXXXXXXXX

Part Two: Legislative and Policy Framework specific to Marton Park

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Introduction and background

Introduction

This is a management plan for Marton Park, a vibrant and popular park located near the centre of Marton. Comprising of mature trees, sports fields, gardens, a pavilion and numerous memorials, Marton Park provides for both formal and casual recreational opportunities, and commemorative purposes.

Location of Marton Park

Marton Park is located off Follett Street, to the west of the Marton town centre. However, it can also be accessed from Oxford and Maunder Streets and through a walkway to Broadway. Marton Park is surrounded by a mixture of commercial and residential areas.

Topography

The rugby fields are located on the south of the Park, accessed directly from Follett Street. The rugby fields are flat and the surface of the fields is in fair condition. The site has a rise to the north-west of the park which contains gardens, mature trees, seating, paths and numerous memorials. The pavilion is located in the centre of the Park overlooking the main rugby field.

Purpose

The Marton Park Management Plan provides a policy framework for the future development of Marton Park.

Tangata Whenua

The principles of the Treaty of Waitangi are also relevant to reserve management and development. The Council will undertake consultation with local iwi and hapu in accordance with its Memorandum of Understanding Tutohinga with its iwi liaison komiti, Te Roopu Ahi Kaa.

Recreational Amenities

Marton Park contains the following recreational amenities:

- Playing fields
- Pavilion
- Rugby Clubrooms
- Small maintenance shed
- Gardens
- Memorials
- Seating

Legal Framework

Marton Park is located within Rangitikei District and overall management and administration of the park is the responsibility of Council. The Park is not classified as Recreation Reserve, but conforms to the requirements of a recreation and historic reserve management plan¹. Table 1 provides the legal description of the parcels of land that comprise Marton Park.

Table 1. *Legal Description of Marton Park*

Land title reference	Area	Description
CFR WN63/124	1.9273 hectares	Part Section 17 Rangitikei Agricultural Reserve and Lot 4 DP 15619.
CFR WN63/124	1.9273 hectares	Part Section 17 Rangitikei Agricultural Reserve.

The District Plan

Marton Park is zoned residential and is also listed as a heritage area (H54). The whole park is covered by the heritage listing, including the layout of the grounds, paths, plants, fences and plating arrangements. The listing does not include the rugby clubrooms or the shed on the western boundary of the Park. The heritage listing means that repair and maintenance of the existing assets of Marton Park can be completed as required, however any future alterations require resource consent. The resource consent process will ensure the proposed alterations are not likely to have a negative impact, and will contribute positively to the heritage features of Marton Park. Consultation with Heritage New Zealand may be an important part of this process.

There are also a number of notable trees, specifically English Oak protected under the District Plan. The notable tree listing means that removal of the trees requires resource consent,

¹ Council has previously agreed that it will prepare Management Plans for all its recreational parks and reserves within the framework prescribed by the Reserves Act 1977 (10/RDC/085 Adoption of Recreational Parks and Reserves Management Plan Part 1)

unless 'there is a danger to human life, or the health of the tree has declined to a state where there is no reasonable remedy to restore tree health'.

The playing fields at the southern end of Marton Park are affected by a flooding hazard. The flooding hazard will have no impact on future development, unless buildings are proposed to be constructed.

Bylaws

Control of Dogs Bylaw: Under the bylaw dogs must be on a lead at all times in the Park. Dogs must stay off the playing fields at all times.

Liquor Control Bylaw: Marton Park is a liquor controlled area in the Council's Liquor Control Bylaw. In a liquor controlled areas nobody is allowed to consume, bring or possess liquor unless in a licensed premises.

Existing Leases/ Licences

There is current a leases over the land on the south-east corner of Marton Park for the Marton Rugby Clubrooms and a licence to occupy for Follett Street Kindergarten.

History of the Park

A full history of Marton Park is provided in the heritage registration report ([Appendix 1](#)). This section provides a summary of this information

Park Establishment

Marton Park was established in response to residents' desire to establish a public park. A group of residents formed The Marton Park Company following a public meeting in 1893, with capital of £700.

The Marton Park Company purchased 'Shannon's Paddock', a 3.801 hectare portion of land that had been surveyed for subdivision in 1887. The Company purchased the land to convert it to a public park, which was then planned to be sold to the Marton Borough Council within seven years. The Company needed to borrow an additional £200 to finance the works.

The Marton Park Company provided the park free of charge to local societies for sports days, while other users and events were charged, with profits used for the upkeep of the grounds. The Company also reduced costs by requesting that rates were no longer charged on the land.

The Marton Park Company sold Marton Park to the Marton Borough Council for £700 in 1895, with the land formally transferred on 4 May 1896. The Council funded further improvements to the Park, including the completion of a pavilion, donated by R.E Beckett, and a band rotunda. The pavilion was initially constructed in the 1880s, however, was replaced with the current grandstand in 1930. The band rotunda was used regularly over many years, but was removed during World War II.

Initially Council was criticised for the management of Marton Park. The Council had planned on running the park at a profit, however, between 1900 and 1907 the park ran at a loss of £557. In response to criticism Council undertook extensive permanent works, including the construction of the post and rail fences.

Sport and Recreation

Marton Park has always provided for both sporting and recreational uses. It was the main sporting ground until 1940 when Centennial Park was formed. Rugby games have been held at the Park since the 1890s, while cricket, athletics, hockey, cycling, tennis, marching, show jumping and quoits have also been Marton Park users. In 1971 the national cycling championships were held at the Park. A wide range of recreational activities have also occurred at Marton Park including; carnivals, parades, A&P shows and community celebrations.

Commemoration

Marton Park has a long history of public commemoration. The first memorial was a tree planted by Mayoress S.J. Humphrey in 1897 to commemorate Queen Victoria's jubilee. The next memorial was a tree planted by Mayoress J.J. McDonald. This memorial commemorated the coronation of King Edward VII on 9 August 1902. Following the end of the South African War, a memorial was erected to commemorate trooper George Hyde, who lost his life in the war. The memorial is also used as the commemoration of King Edward VII's coronation, who was crowned only three months after the war ended and to note the end of the South African War. The memorial is a concrete plinth and iron stand, inscribed on three sides.

A second war memorial, entitled 'The Glorious Dead' was erected following World War I and was unveiled on 25 April 1922. The memorial is a tribute to the soldiers from throughout the District that served in World War 1. The names of the 86 men who fought and were killed in the war are listed on the memorial, which also contains an inscription, which notes it was '*Erected by the people of the Marton District in grateful memory of the men who fell in the Great War*'.

The tradition of Mayoress' planting commemorative trees continued. In 1929, Mayoress, F. Purnell planted a tree and placed a plaque under the tree to commemorate Marton's fiftieth jubilee celebrations. Mayoress A. Meads planted a further tree to celebrate the seventy fifth jubilee in 1954. In 1990 the women's section of the RSA planted a tree to memorialise the ANZAC troops that landed in Gallipoli on 25 April 1915.

Beautification

During the early years of its establishment the Marton Scenery Preservation and Beautifying Society played a large role on improving the appearance of Marton Park. The Society contributed to planting and maintenance of the Park. In 1913 The Rangitikei Advocate reported that the Marton Borough Council has given control over Marton Park to the Society. However, by 1921 the Society had folded and management had reverted back to the Council.

Tree planted continued into the 1920s, particularly native trees that were donated from Councils from other parts of New Zealand and Duncan and Davies, a nursery in New Plymouth.

A range of further developments occurred at Marton Park throughout the years, a children's playground was constructed in 1931 (now demolished), lighting was installed in 1927 for evening sports, and a picnic area with toadstools was established in 1963. The Rugby Clubrooms were constructed in 1971, following permission sought from the Council from the Marton Old Boys Rugby Football Club.

The management of Marton Park has been subject to significant criticism over the years. These controversial decisions include the construction of the rugby clubrooms, the removal of a hedge that bordered Follett Street, and the removal of the post and rail fences inside of the ground. A petition with 800 signatures was raised which delayed the removal of the hedge. However, when finally removed, debate surrounded what type of fence should be constructed as a replacement. The post and rail fences inside the ground remain today.

Current Users

Marton Park is still well used today by a range of groups including:

- *Sporting activities*, both formal and informal – rugby, boot camps, Samoan community (volleyball, rugby), Tai Chi, exercise, school sporting events, marching.
- *Public events* – RSA ANZAC Commemorations, Christmas Parade, Jaycees lolly scramble, carol singing, Market Day, Car Club Rally/Targa Rally, Harvest Festival.
- *Recreation* – public enjoyment, dog walkers, family groups, wedding photos, tangata whenua, Samoan Community, youth meeting space, picnics, lunches.
- *Connections* – Edale residents, Marton residents, Motor Caravan Association.

Consultation

During the development of the Marton Park Management Plan a range of consultation was undertaken. Expressions of interest were open for two months for residents to submit their ideas. A workshop was then held with the community to examine community interests for Marton Park further. Following this process the Marton Park Management Plan was drafted and released for public consultation for a further two months. Council considered the submissions received and adopted the Plan.

Current Values

A workshop held on 29 June 2016 asked participants to identify that they valued about Marton Park and wanted to keep the same. The responses have been categorised and are discussed below.

Horticultural qualities

Strong support was shown for the existing trees and gardens. More generally the community identified the open space nature of Marton Park as important, as well as the tranquillity that the green spaces provide.

Sporting and recreation qualities

The use of the park for organised sports, particularly rugby featured as a key activity the community members wanted to remain the same, as well as ensuring Marton Park remains available for other recreational users and events. Marton Park is also important for many events including the Harvest Festival, Market Day and the Christmas Parade. The current mix of uses was considered to be complementary. Marton Park was identified as an important community hub.

Historic connection

The historic elements of Marton Park were identified as important, including the pavilion, cenotaph, memorials and overall historic values.

Facilities

The easy access for Marton Park from a range of entrance points was identified as a key feature which enable a range of uses. The walkways and paths are complementary to these access points in ensuring the connections between the Park, the community and the town centre.

Future Development

The feedback received about future development of Marton Park fits into three categories discussed below, maintenance, projects, and events.

Maintenance

Minor maintenance of Marton Park was identified as important including improving the Oxford Street entrance, painting of fences, refurbishment of the memorial plaques, maintenance of gardens and existing furniture, planting of native trees, maintenance of pathways and maintenance of the field.

Improvements/Projects

There were a wide range of improvements/projects suggested outlined below.

- *Public toilets* – the most common request was for public toilets. There are currently no public toilets at Marton Park. Given the high use of the Park, the lack of toilets has been raised as an issue that is highly problematic, particularly for the local businesses in the surrounding area who have been negatively affected.

- *Pavilion redevelopment* - a further major project is the development of the pavilion. There were a number of suggestions raised for the incorporation of a stage and other amendments to seating.
- *Seating* – a number of community members suggested increased seating would be beneficial for both the picnic area to the north of Marton Park, as well as, around the rugby fields.
- *Recreational facilities* – drinking fountain, walking track around the outside of the Park, fitness circuit, BBQ area, dog exercise area, wifi, Tui Trail, playground,
- *Lighting* – security, along the paths, to highlight commemorative trees.
- *Signage* – on trees, events, regulatory information, historic.
- *Art* – artistic entrances, sculptures.

Events

A range of events currently occur at Marton Park. Some community members were keen to see the number of events increased, specifically for outdoor movies, outdoor art competitions and an increased number of ANZAC related events.

Strategic Context

The strategic context for the development of the Marton Park Management Plan is set out in both the Recreational Parks and Management Plan: Part One and the Historic Reserves Management Plan: Part One. While Marton Park is not technically a recreational or historic reserve, Council decided reserve management plans should be created for all Council-owned parks. Given the use of Marton Park for recreational purposes and the heritage listing, it is useful to consider both the Recreational and Historic Reserves Management Plans.

The objectives for recreational parks are:

- 1 To promote and encourage the use of Council's recreational parks and reserves for a range of recreational activities.
- 2 To identify and protect the unique characteristics of each of Council's recreational parks and reserve and to enhance the recreational amenities.

The objectives for historic reserves are:

- 1 To promote and encourage the use of Council's historic reserves for a range of activities that do not conflict with the reserves' main purpose as defined in the Reserves Act 1977.
- 2 To identify and protect the unique characteristics of each of Council's historic reserves and to enhance the historic heritage amenities, sites, structures, places and areas where appropriate.

The Marton Park Management Plan is consistent with these objectives.

Specific Objectives for Marton Park

To supplement the objectives from the Recreational Parks and Historic Reserves Management Plans, a number of objectives specific to Marton Park have been developed to guide future management.

Maintain and enhance the heritage and open space characteristics of Marton Park when implementing projects

Explanation

The community values the heritage and open space characteristics of Marton Park, including the memorials, the ability to see from one side of the park to the other, as well as the wide range of trees and gardens. Any future developments within Marton Park should consider how they interact, complement or detract from these features.

Protect and enhance Marton Park as a space that enhances community connections through a number of entrances and pathways.

Explanation

Marton Park has numerous entrances, from Follett Street, Oxford Street, Maunder Street and Wellington Road. These access points and the paths that connect them are important for providing links for residents and visitors to the park, but also to the Marton town centre, particularly for Edale residents and visitors using the Motor Caravan Association site on Oxford Street.

Continue to enable Marton Park to be used for a complementary mix of events, sports and recreation opportunities.

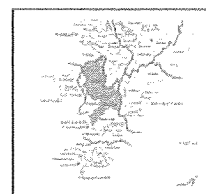
Explanation

Marton Park is currently well used for a wide range of activities that are complementary; rugby, boot camps, informal recreation by the Samoan community, youth, events and passive recreation. All of these uses are complementary because they occur at different times or use different facilities. Additional uses at Marton Park need to be complementary to the existing uses.

Appendix 1 – Marton Park Heritage Registration Report



**NEW ZEALAND HISTORIC PLACES TRUST
CENTRAL REGION
RUAPEHU/ RANGITIKEI PILOT PROJECT 2003-2005
REGISTRATION REPORT**



NAME OF AREA

Historic Name: Marton Park

Other names: Shannon's Paddock



LOCATION

Street and Number or location: Follett Street

City / Town: Marton

Region: Rangitikei

EXTENT OF AREA (attach plan or sketch map of area)

The registration includes part of the land in Certificates of Title WN 63/124 and WN63/125 as shown on the Extent of Registration Map in Appendix 4; the items identified in Appendix 5; the layout of the grounds, including the paths and fences, the sports-fields, and the planting arrangements. Registration does not include the Rugby Clubrooms in the southeast corner, the shed on the western boundary of the Park, or the caretakers / toilet blocks / barbeque and caravan area located beyond the northern boundary.

LEGAL DESCRIPTION/S

Certificates of Title: WN 63/124, Wellington Registry
WN 63/125, Wellington Registry

Legal Description: Pt Sec 17 Rangitikei Agricultural Reserve (1.9171 hectares)
Pt Sec 17 Rangitikei Agricultural Reserve (1.8930 hectares)

Other Information: B/185, Wellington Registry

OWNERSHIP / INTERESTED PARTIES

Owner(s): Rangitikei District Council
Territorial Local Authority: Rangitikei District Council

SIGNIFICANCE ASSESSMENT (see Appendix 1 for details)

Registration: Historic Area

Significance or value (section 23(1)): historical, aesthetic, cultural, architectural, and social

For its collective, commemorative value to the people of Marton, its strong historical connections, and its on-going value as a public utility Marton Park is a place of great heritage significance.

Marton Park has strong local, *historical* significance for its lengthy association with the town and the former Marton Borough Council, the people of Marton, and the many individuals and institutions that have used the ground. Since its establishment by community-minded individuals in 1893, it has been the scene of a large number of sporting and cultural events. The ground has long-standing commemorative associations, which is physically demonstrated by the memorials located within the grounds. The Park has been used continuously for rugby matches since its establishment, and dozens of other sports have used it over its history.

Marton Park is a place of considerable *aesthetic* value, having a combination of open space, trees, paths, and built structures that enhance the beauty of the town. The individual structures in the park, particularly the memorials and pavilion, have a particular aesthetic value, as do the various post and rail fences, which also make a key contribution to the character of the park. It is the home of a fine collection of native trees, which testify to the foresight of those who planned this park and its improvements.

As the principal open space in Marton, the park is a place of great *cultural* and *social* significance to the town and its people. The park has been used by generations of Martonians and is highly regarded for its commemorative importance. The town has memorialised its past and important events, such as wars, in this public space through the use of trees, plaques and built structures.

The Park is the focus for the town's physical commemorations of events the townspeople considered important. Strong links to England and the Crown are demonstrated through the memorials located within the Park. Of the seven memorials erected there, three are associated with British Royalty. They include a memorial tree planted in 1897 to commemorate Queen Victoria's jubilee, and an elegant stone structure and memorial tree that commemorate the coronation of King Edward VII. The impact of war on the small community is also demonstrated. The Park's most dominant memorial is the World War I Memorial that commemorates 86 local men killed in action. A small but elegant memorial commemorates a trooper from Marton who was killed in action during the South African War. The Park also demonstrates the strength of the

town's own sense of history. Each of the town's important dates, such as its 50th and 75th Jubilees have been marked in the Park through commemorative trees and the Jubilee Pavilion. The Park is also of interest on a cultural level as the town's key venue for sporting and other recreational events. The Park's combination of open space, trees, paths, and built structures add to its aesthetic and architectural value, and enhance the beauty of the town.

The park contains structures of modest architectural value, in particular the 1930 memorial pavilion, which is a small, elegant structure, with an attractive splayed roof.

FORMER AND CURRENT USE (S)

Former: Farm [Agriculture and Horticulture]

Current: Public; Park; Recreation Area/Picnic Ground; Sports grounds/green/pitch [Civic Facilities and Recreation]

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION (focus on what features make the area an inter-related whole, and describe how individual significant features / associated structures fit into it)

Description:

Marton Park is located near the centre of town on a rectangular site that is 3.8101 hectares in size. It is bounded to the south by Follett Street; to the east by houses and buildings (off Broadway); to the west by houses; and to the north by the end of Maunder and Oxford Streets, the caretaker's house, toilet block, St Stephen's Church and Hall and more houses. It is composed of two sports grounds together with a landscaped garden, lawns, trees, a pavilion, memorials, paths and fences. The two grounds are located along the southern boundary that runs north/south, and east/west. In the south/east corner are rugby clubrooms.

There are two war memorials in the Park. A World War I memorial is located just north of western field on the southern side of the garden. Entitled 'The Glorious Dead', it was unveiled on ANZAC Day (25 April) 1922, as a tribute to the 350 soldiers from the Marton area who served in that war. The memorial bears the names of 86 men who died in action. The memorial is an obelisk of marble and concrete. The plain and simple structure was chosen to '...suggest to the onlooker the qualities of strength, simplicity and repose'.¹ A memorial to the South African War and the coronation of King Edward is located on the concrete path in the middle of the park.

The pavilion located on the eastern edge of the garden was built in 1929 to mark the fiftieth jubilee celebrations of the town. It is therefore known as the 'Jubilee Pavilion'. Constructed from concrete, it is painted green and white to match the South African War Memorial.

Around the park there are five commemorative trees. The trees were planted by women and are marked with brass or marble plaques set in concrete. Mrs S.J. Humphrey, wife of the mayor,

¹ *The Rangitikei Advocate*, 26 April 1922

planted one of these trees to mark the jubilee of Queen Victoria in 1897. Mrs F. Purnell, the Mayoress, planted a tree to mark the fiftieth jubilee of Marton in 1929. The 75th jubilee celebrations of Marton were commemorated in a tree planted by Mayoress Mrs A Meads, on 12 September 1954. Mayoress J. J. McDonald also planted a tree in 1902 to commemorate the crowing of King Edward VII. The most recent commemorative tree was planted in 1990 by the women's section of the Returned Services Association. It commemorates the ANZAC landing at Gallipoli on 25 April 1915 and the Sesqui Celebrations.

The park contains a number of other groves of trees, various plantings, paths, lawns and fences of timber and corrugated iron. The boundary fences are augmented in some cases with rows of trees or hedges. There are entrance gates on Follett Street and entrance posts on the path leading from Oxford Street. The latter also has the remains of a concrete wall that formed an entrance.

AREA CONSTRUCTION PROFESSIONALS

Designer(s): Not known, although Horton and Sons were commissioned to design a landscape plan in 1915.

Architect(s): William Thomas Higgins (World War I memorial)

C. Newton Hood (Jubilee Pavilion)

Builder(s): T. McChesney (Jubilee Pavilion)

DATES

- 1887 Pt Sec 17, Rangitikei Agricultural Reserve surveyed for subdivision
- 1893 Shannon's Paddock purchased by local company for Marton Park.
- 1895 Marton Borough Council purchases park for £700.
- c.late 1890s First pavilion and band rotunda constructed.
- 1897 Tree planted by Mayoress S.J. Humphrey, to commemorate Queen Victoria's Jubilee, 22 June.
- 1902 Another tree planted by the Mayoress, J.J. McDonald, commemorating the coronation of King Edward VII, 9 August 1902.

Memorial erected to honour Rangitikei trooper George Hyde, killed in action during the South African War, 29 November 1900, and to commemorate the coronation of King Edward VII, 31 May 1902.
- 1909 Post and rail fences built as part of major overhaul of park.
- 1915 Horton and Sons, nursery owners of Hastings, are commissioned to prepare a landscape plan for the park. It is not certain if this work was undertaken.
- 1922 Memorial to men from Rangitikei district who died in World War I unveiled on ANZAC Day.
- 1927 Lights installed at park.
- 1929 Marton's 50th jubilee celebrations. Plaques placed under two trees planted by the Mayoress, Mrs F Purnell, carrying on earlier tradition. Planning begins for a new grandstand – the Jubilee Pavilion.
- 1930 Pavilion completed, to a design by architect Newton Hood and built by T. McChesney.
- 1931 Children's playground built.
- 1954 75th jubilee celebrations of Marton commemorated by planting of a tree by Mayoress, Mrs A Meads, on 12 September.
- 1956 Council takes over administration of lights.
- 1971 Clubrooms for Marton Old Boy's Rugby Club approved for south-east corner of ground.
- 1984 Hedge along Follett Street removed.

1990 Tree planted in park by women's section of the RSA to honour and memorialise ANZAC troops that landed at Gallipoli 25 April 1915.

HISTORY OF AREA

Marton Park, located near the centre of Marton, has been a focal point of the township's recreational, and commemorative activities for over 100 years.

Establishment and early improvements

The proposal to establish a public park was promoted by local residents who held a public meeting in May 1893 to discuss purchasing land in Marton. The Marton Park Company was formed with a capital of £700 and its conveners included Messrs S. Gibbons, T. Bredin, J. McDonald and R.E. Beckett (chairman). The Company agreed to purchase 'Shannon's Paddock', 3.8101 hectares of land that had been surveyed for subdivision in 1887.² The portion to the west was owned by Emily Jane Shannon, after whom the paddock was named. The portion to the east was owned by Christopher Richmond, a solicitor based in Wellington. The specially formed, local Company intended to convert the paddock into park, and then sell it to the borough within seven years.³ The land was legally divided into two portions. On 10 July 1893, Shannon and Richmond transferred their land to the newly formed company.⁴ The Company borrowed an additional £200 to finance the bank overdraft and make the necessary improvements to the paddock.⁵

To assist in paying off this overdraft the Company's trustees requested that rates no longer be charged on the property due to its public use.⁶ Events that generated profits also provided the Marton Park Company with contributions towards the upkeep of the grounds⁷, although local societies were granted permission to hold sports days at Marton Park at no charge.

In 1895 the Park was offered for sale to the Marton Borough Council at a price of £700. The Council accepted the offer and funded further improvements to the ground. The land was formally transferred on 4 May 1896.⁸ Improvements included the completion of a pavilion (located on the site of the present grandstand), donated by R.E. Beckett, and a band rotunda. The pavilion, which some sources suggest may have been built in the 1880s, was replaced by

² B/185, Wellington Registry (copy in Appendix 4)

³ Marton Jaycee Chapter 1979, *Marton 100 years: 1879-1979, Marton Borough Centenary*, Marton Jaycee Chapter, Marton p.21

⁴ WN63/124 and WN63/125, Wellington Registry

⁵ Ibid.

⁶ Ibid.

⁷ Ibid.

⁸ WN63/124 and 63/125, Wellington Registry

the present grandstand (see below) in 1930. The band rotunda, which was in regular use over many years, was removed during World War II.

The Council had hoped to run the park at a profit. However, in the seven years between 1900 and 1907, the Park ran at a loss of £557 7s 11d.⁹ Fees gathered for events held on the grounds rarely covered costs, and by 1909 the ground was in poor repair. The Council was criticised for its management of the Park¹⁰, and in response, it agreed to undertake 'extensive permanent works' including the construction of post and rail fences within the park.¹¹ In 1910 the council's investment was augmented by £100, which was provided by the Government for improvements.¹² The subsequent improvements to the ground's appearance were well received.

Sport and recreation

From the outset, Marton Park served two main functions. As a sporting ground it was the town's main arena until 1940, when Centennial Park was formed. The history of use for sports and recreational activities is a long one. Recreational activities held at Marton Park include carnivals, parades, A & P shows, and community celebrations. Rugby games have been held at the Park since the 1890s and other sports, including cricket, athletics, hockey, cycling, tennis, marching, show jumping, and quoits, have also used the Park for a long period. The flood lighting at the Park was designed to assist its use by sports such as athletics and cycling. In 1971 the national cycling championships were held at the park. Marton Park remains in use for rugby, marching and cricket, but most other sporting activities now mainly take place at Centennial Park or Sir James Wilson Memorial Park. Other users included the Marton Athletic Club, which held its meetings at the park for 48 years, until a new stadium was built at the Sir James Wilson Memorial Park in 1968.¹³

The variety of uses to which the Park was put meant that competition for its use could be bitter, and could cause problems for some users. Cricketers, in particular, expressed their anger at the way the ground was cut up by other users during the winter season. Cricketers found the grounds difficult to play on due to the soil being '... sticky after rain and hard as a brick during a dry spell.'¹⁴ In 1924, cricket games were moved to the purpose-built Marton Cricket Ground in Wellington Road. Games recommenced at the Park in 1988.

⁹ *The Rangitikei Advocate* 7/11/1907

¹⁰ *The Rangitikei Advocate* 26/1/1909

¹¹ *The Rangitikei Advocate* 28/1/1909

¹² *Marton Borough Centenary* p.21

¹³ *Melody*, p 347

¹⁴ *Melody*, p 65

Special events

One particular event that captured public imagination was the demonstration, in 1908, of hot-air ballooning and parachuting by Frenchman Captain Lorraine,¹⁵ then residing in Auckland, who demonstrated his daring at various exhibitions around the country. Described as a balloonist, aviator or aeronaut, Captain Lorraine soared to the desired height and then leapt from the balloon. At the time his demonstration was a sensation, as it was in other parts of the country, but Captain Lorraine died shortly afterwards in an accident off the Canterbury coast.

In 1914 an open-air movie was held. It is not known if such an event was ever held again but it was regarded as a success at the time.

Public commemoration

Marton Park's other long-standing function is as a focus for public commemoration. The earliest memorial placed within the park was a tree planted by the Mayoress, S.J. Humphrey, to commemorate Queen Victoria's jubilee on the 22 June 1897.

The next memorial was another tree planted by the Mayoress, J.J. McDonald, commemorating the coronation of King Edward VII, 9 August 1902. Then, after the South African War ended, a memorial was erected to honour Rangitikei trooper George Hyde, who lost his life while serving in South Africa on 29 November 1900. He was the only Martonian to die during that campaign. The memorial also serves as the town's commemoration of King Edward VII's coronation, who was crowned just three months after the war ended on 31 May 1902, and peace after the South African War. Composed of a concrete plinth and iron stand, the memorial was inscribed on three sides. It was originally featured four lamps that added to its decorative value. The memorial has recently been painted white and green.

The second war memorial followed World War I. Unveiled on ANZAC Day, 25 April 1922, the memorial, entitled 'The Glorious Dead', was a tribute to the soldiers from the district who served in World War I. A total of 350 men from the district fought in the war¹⁶ and 86 were killed. Their names are listed on the memorial, which also contains an inscription, which notes that it was 'erected by the people of the Marton District in grateful memory of the men who fell in the Great War'.

Marton Park was also the focus of Marton's fiftieth jubilee celebrations, which were held on 28 September 1929. A plaque was placed under a tree planted by the Mayoress, Mrs F Purnell,

¹⁵ *The Rangitikei Mail*, 16/9/1965

¹⁶ *Rangitikei Advocate*, 26 April 1922

carrying on the earlier tradition of tree planting in the Park. That year, a small grandstand, known as the Jubilee Pavilion, was designed by architect Newton Hood. It was built the following year by builder T. McChesney. The Pavilion also served as a jubilee memorial. It has a capacity of 210 people. The ground was realigned to run parallel to the new stand.

The seventy-fifth jubilee celebrations of Marton were also commemorated at the Park. A tree was planted in the Park by the Mayoress, Mrs A Meads, on 12 September 1954.

The most recent arboreal memorial in Marton Park was planted in 1990, by the women's section of the RSA, to again honour and memorialise the ANZAC troops that landed in Gallipoli 25 April 1915.

Beautification

The park covered a large area and was subject to on-going efforts designed to improve its appearance. Prominent in this work was the Marton Scenery Preservation and Beautifying Association. This Association, derived partly out of the Scenery Preservation Act 1903, protected places of outstanding natural beauty. The Association devoted a large amount of its time and effort on Marton Park. It focussed on planting, and, during the 1910s appears to have had a considerable role in the Park's management. In 1913 *The Rangitikei Advocate* reported that the Marton Borough Council had given entire control of the park to the association.

In 1915 Horton and Sons, nursery owners of Hastings, sent a 'landscape artist' to Marton. They recommended that the Council draw up a plan for the park. Horton and Sons was commissioned by the Council to prepare the plan. It is unclear if this work was actually undertaken and, if it was, was, what impact it had on the appearance of the park. By 1921 the Association had ceased operating, and the council was lamenting its absence. There were calls for the Association to be revived so that control of the Park could be handed back to it.¹⁷ By 1922 upkeep of the park was costing £247 per annum.

Throughout the 1920s, tree planting went on. In 1927, a New Plymouth nursery, Duncan and Davies, donated a large collection of native trees for planting, and did so again the following decade. Councils from other parts of New Zealand also regularly donated trees for planting and the residents of Marton took particular pride in the quality of the native tree collection. Not all tree planting was a success; however, and in 1982 \$1200 worth of native trees died.

¹⁷ *The Rangitikei Advocate* 6/4/1921

Changes to the Park's appearance have often attracted local comment and criticism. The decision by the Marton Borough Council to build clubrooms within the ground (see below) caused considerable anger. In 1980 the mooted removal of a hedge lining Follett Street, which was planted about 1895, also raised local ire. A petition was raised, and 800 signatures were collected¹⁸, forcing a change of heart by the Council. Nevertheless, four years later, the hedge came down. This began another debate over whether a fence should be built to replace it, and to what height, after Marton residents decided they liked the views of the park. It was also not anticipated that the loss of the hedge would also mean the loss of revenue from paying spectators at local rugby games. Four years later, the post and rail fences inside the ground, built in 1909, were also scheduled for removal by the Council. Again, the protests were considerable. Another petition was presented to the Council, and the fences remain in place today.

Other facilities

A children's playground (now demolished) was mooted in 1923, although it was not finally approved until 1928 and not completed until 1931. In 1927 lights were installed for evening sports, mainly athletics and cycling.¹⁹ Lighting administration remained under the control of the Marton Park Lighting Committee for some years and contributions toward their cost were sought from users. However, the lighting remained a regular issue, in particular who was to pay for it. In 1956 sporting groups asked the Council to take over administration of the lights to simplify matters, which it agreed to do.²⁰ In 1963 a new picnic area was established, with tables and seats in the form of toadstools. These remain today.

In 1971 the Marton Borough Council gave the Marton Old Boys Rugby Football Club permission to build their clubrooms in the south/east corner of the park, although there was much protest from a number of groups and individuals over the construction of a building within the park.

OTHER INFORMATION CONSIDERED RELEVANT TO THE REGISTRATION
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¹⁸ *The Rangitikei Mail* 19/6/1980

¹⁹ *The Rangitikei Mail*, 1/12/1927

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B/185, Wellington Registry

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Arboreal Memorials

Jubilee Pavilion

South African War Memorial

War Memorial

Appendix 1: Registration information

Chattels or object or class of chattels or objects (section 22(5))

Under section 22(5) of the Historic Places Act 1993, an entry in the Register in respect of any historic place may include any chattel or object or class of chattels or objects –

- (a) Situated in or on that place; and
- (b) Considered by the Trust to contribute to the significance of that place; and
- (c) Nominated by the Trust.

Significance or value (section 23(1))

Under section 23(1) of the Historic Places Act 1993, the Trust may enter any historic place or historic area in the Register if the place possesses aesthetic, archaeological, architectural, cultural, historical, scientific, social, spiritual, technological, or traditional significance or value.

Appendix 2: Certificates of Title

63/124

NEW ZEALAND

PART - CANCELLED
PART TAKEN BY GAZETTE
NOTICE

Reference: Vol. 36, folio 41.42.
Transfer No. 19391



CERTIFICATE OF TITLE UNDER LAND TRANSFER ACT.

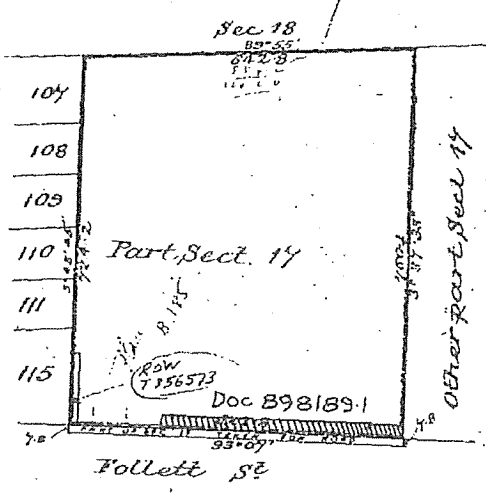
This Certificate, dated the Tenth day of May, one thousand eight hundred and ninety five, under the hand and seal of the District Land Registrar of the Land Registration District of Wellington Witnesseth that Christopher Francis Richmond of Wellington Solicitor

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is seized of an estate in fee-simple (subject to such reservations, restrictions, encumbrances, liens, and interests as are notified by memorial under-written or indorsed hereon, subject also to any existing right of the Crown to take and lay off roads under the provisions of any Act of the General Assembly of New Zealand) in the land hereinafter described, as the same is delineated by the plan hereon bordered red, be the several admeasurements a little more or less, that is to say: All that parcel of land containing four acres three rods and two furlongs situate in the provincial district of Wellington part of Section 17 between on the North
Map of the Hauraki Agricultural Reserve

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City of Boston and its successors in office and authority*

*to lot 7 Plan 15619, including the portion thereof
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of the Borough of Boston to Fred Davies
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Marton Borough Council - 21.1.1988
at 10.09 a.m.

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London House, District of Columbia

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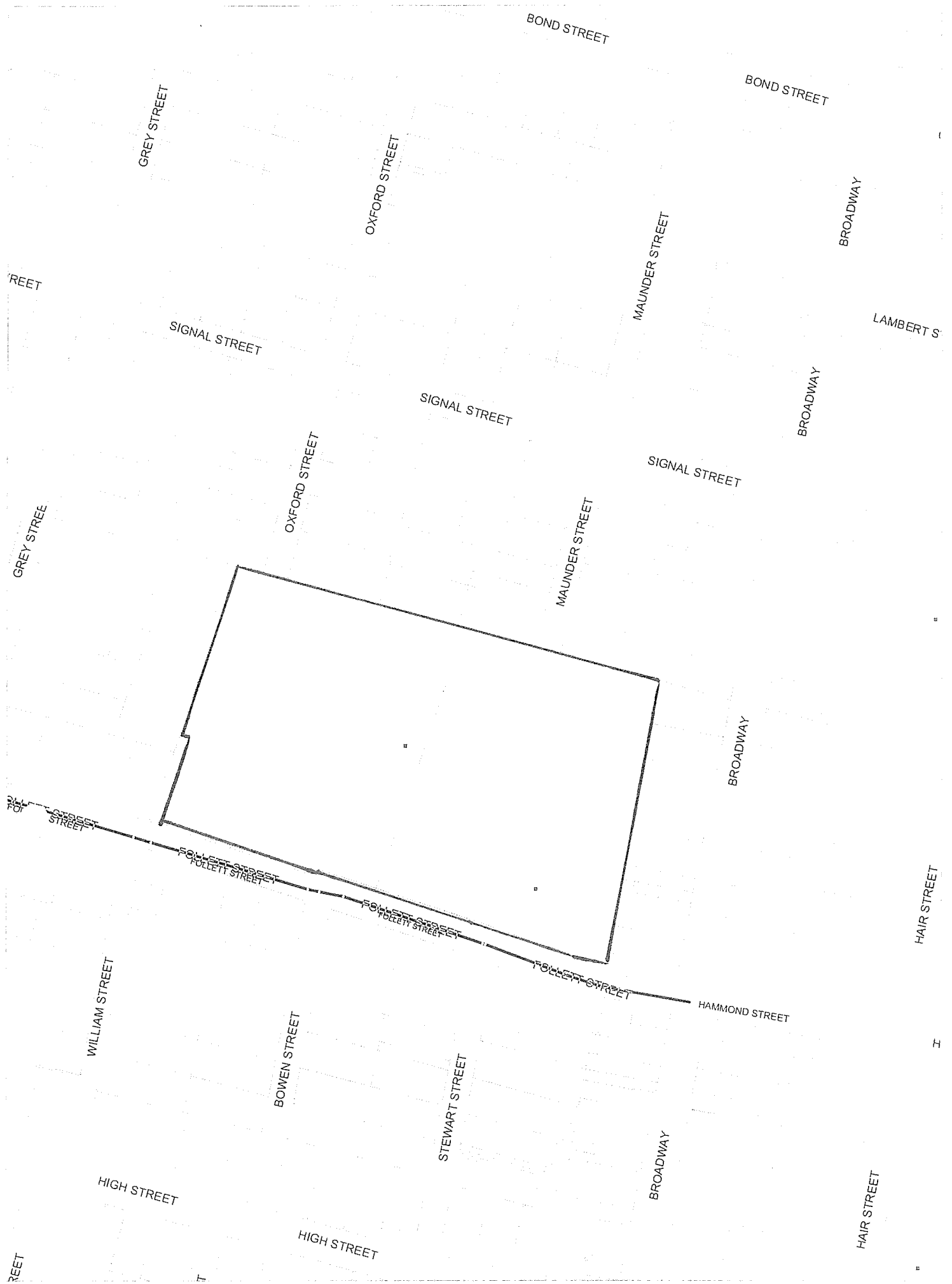


View of Park from Follett Street (Laura Burbery, Jan 2004)



Looking towards Follett Street; view of rugby field,
children's play area (now removed), rugby clubrooms
(Laura Burbery, Jan 2004)

Appendix 4: Other information including plans, drawings and supporting information



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WN50/272
William Boris Galpin
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WN50/273
Doreen Murray Stewart

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Craig Alexander Hine
Toni Shearer Hine

DP 20217

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The Wellington Diocesan Board

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Judith Evelyn Whale
Peter Raymond Whale

26

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John Galbraith Slater

PILOT 16
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The Marlon Borough Council

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Ourelin Rawlinson

19

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Ourelin Rawlinson

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Richards Construction Limited

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Francis Robert Toxss
Harry Tet

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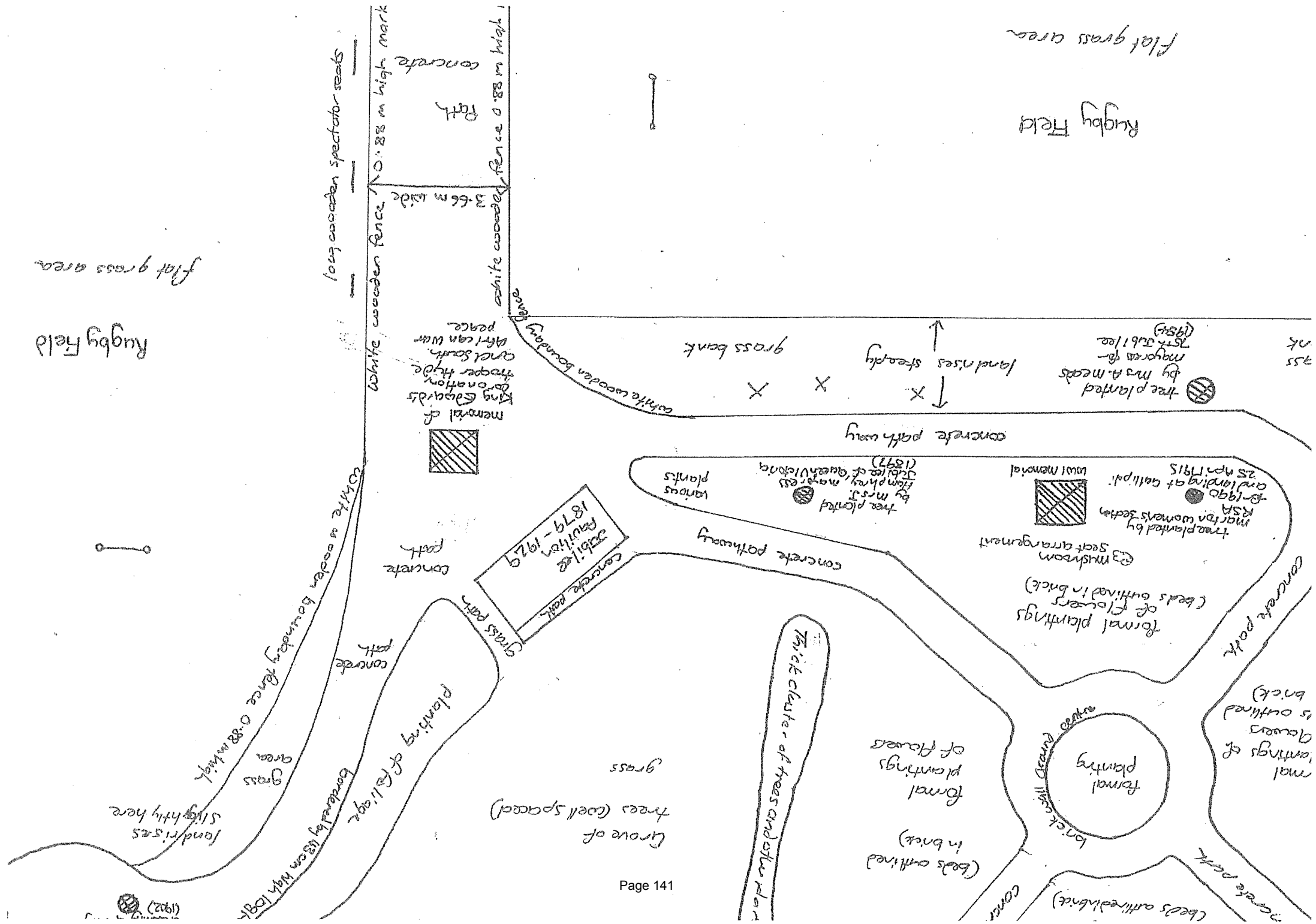
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Extent of Registration Map

All items shown within the boundaries shown on this map are included in the Registration. The exceptions include the Rugby Clubrooms in the southeast corner, and the shed on the western boundary. The caretaker's house and the toilet block shown outside the northern boundary are not included in the Registration.



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SUBDIVISION PLAN
OF PART OF
SECTION 17
RANGITIKEI AGRICULTURAL RESERVE
SURVEYED BY J.F. SICELY

Can of Mortar

Block III Rangitoto S.D.

C.F. 63/124
63/125



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Subdivision of land into lots
The land shown on this plan is situated in Block III of the Rangitoto S.D. and is part of the Rangitikei Agricultural Reserve. The land is divided into lots of various sizes, and the plan shows the boundaries of each lot. The lots are numbered and the plan is signed by the Surveyor-General.

I the undersigned Surveyor of the land
do hereby certify that the above is a true and correct copy of the plan as shown to me by the owner of the land.

Appendix 5: Information on places within the Historic Area

Arboreal Memorials

Names: N/A

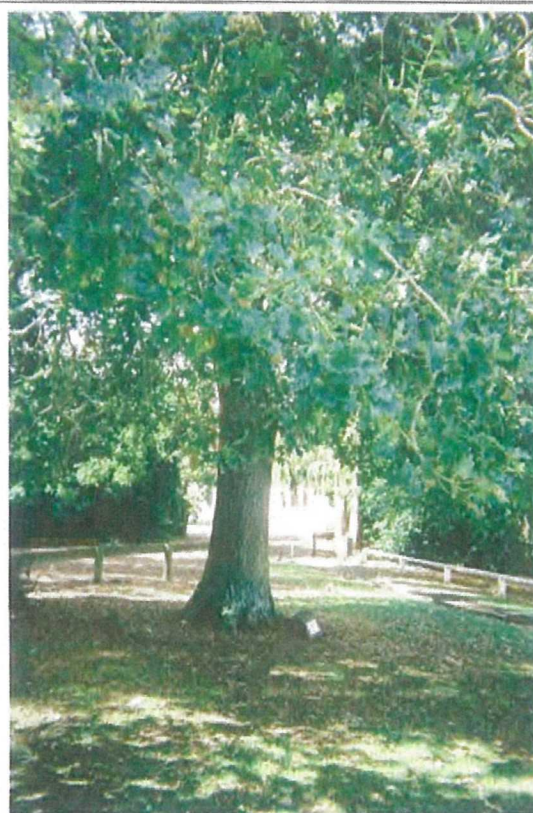
Location: See map in Appendix 4 for details on the location of each arboreal memorial within Marton Park

Former Use: Memorial
[Monuments, Memorials]

Current Use: Memorial [Monuments, Memorials]

Construction: Trees, with brass or marble plaques affixed in concrete stands at the base.

Description: The arboreal memorials in Marton Park consist of five trees planted over a period of 90 years, between 1897 and 1990. Each tree is marked with a brass or marble plaque affixed in concrete at its base.



Dates / People involved: 1897 (Queen Victoria jubilee memorial; Mrs J. Humphrey)

1902 (King Edward VII coronation; Mrs J. J. McDonald)

1929 (Marton 50th jubilee memorial; Mrs F. Purnell)

1954 (Marton 75th jubilee memorial; Mrs A. Meads)

1990 (ANZAC memorial tree and plaque; Marton Women's Section of the RSA)

Brief History:

The first tree planted as a commemoration was that 'planted by Mayoress Mrs S. J. Humphrey to commemorate the jubilee of her Majesty Queen Victoria 22nd June 1897'. This event began a series of commemorative tree plantings that took place at intervals over the next 90 years.

The next tree was again planted by a Mayoress, J.J. McDonald, commemorating the coronation of King Edward VII, 9 August 1902.

This was followed 27 years later by Marton's 50th jubilee celebrations, which were held on 28 September 1929. The Mayoress, Mrs F. Purnell, carrying on the earlier tradition, planted a tree.

For the 75th Jubilee, Mayoress Mrs A. Meads, also planted a tree in the Park. The most recent arboreal memorial (with plaque) in

Marton Park was planted during the 1990 celebrations, by the Women's Section of the RSA, to further honour and memorialise the ANZAC troops that landed in Gallipoli 25 April 1915.



Tree and plaque marking 75th Jubilee Celebrations; planted by Mayoress Mrs A Meads
(R. O'Brien, July 2004)



Tree trunk and plaque established by the Marton Women's Section of the RSA
in 1990 to commemorate the landing at Gallipoli
(R. O'Brien, July 2004)

Jubilee Pavilion

Historic Name: Jubilee Pavilion

Other names: N/A

Location: See map in Appendix 4
for details



Former Use: Pavilion [Civic Facilities and Recreation]

Memorial [Monuments, Memorials and Sites of Particular Events]

Current Use: Pavilion [Civic Facilities and Recreation]

Memorial [Monuments, Memorials and Sites of Particular Events]

Construction details: The pavilion was built into the embankment in Marton Park. In the absence of plans, it appears to be constructed as follows: Shell and foundations of concrete, with timber seats (originally tip-up), timber posts, timber linings, plywood ceiling (1994), and tiles (of unknown composition) on the roof.

Description: The Jubilee Pavilion is a small, 210-seater grandstand that occupies what is roughly the mid-point of Marton Park. Designed in what might be described as a neo-Georgian style, it is remarkably stylish for such a utilitarian building. The walls are match-lined. Classical embellishments can be found in the cornice dentils on all four sides of the structure, and the dressed timber posts holding up the roof. There are flat, timber seats on tiered benches. Access to the stand is provided both from behind and the front. The walls originally featured glazed glass. This glass has now gone and only the timber frame remains. The roof, splayed at the bottom, is clad in tiles of unknown material.

Architect: C. Newton Hood

Builder: T. McChesney

Dates: 1930 (Grandstand completed)

n.d. (Tip-up seats replaced, glass removed from sides of stand)

1994 (Grandstand repaired; plywood ceiling installed)

Brief History: The Jubilee Pavilion was built to replace the original pavilion, constructed in the 1880s or 1890s. Although it was generally agreed that a new grandstand was needed, it was suggested by the then Mayor, F. Pumell, that it be built to commemorate the town's 50th anniversary (1879-1929). This proposal was endorsed by the then Council. The Pavilion was debt-free before work even started. Although it was planned for the anniversary, the Pavilion was not built until 1930. The architect was C. Newton Hood and the

contractor T. McChesney. In anticipation of the stand's completion, the ground it faced was reoriented to run parallel with the stand.

Over its life the stand has been used to view a great range of sporting and recreational events, primarily rugby, but many others too. Its accessibility did cause problems with vandalism in the 1980s and '90s but the building has been kept in good condition in recent times.



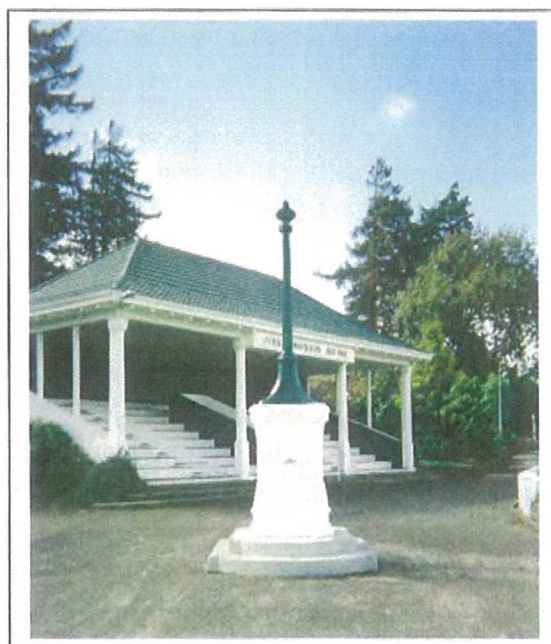
Side view of Jubilee Pavilion
(Laura Burbery, Jan 2004)



Entrance

South African War Memorial

Historic Name:	Boer (South African) War Memorial
Other Names:	Trooper Hyde Memorial King Edward Coronation Memorial
Location:	See Appendix 4 for details
Former Use:	War Memorial [Monuments, Memorials]
Current Use:	War Memorial [Monuments, Memorials]



Construction details: Concrete plinth and iron stand.

Description: The memorial sits on the concrete path in the middle of the park. It is composed of a concrete, four-sided plinth, with an iron stand. It is painted green and white, matching the colour of the Jubilee Pavilion.

Dates: 1902 (Memorial constructed)

n.d. Lamps removed

History: After the South African War ended in 1902, a memorial was erected to honour Rangitikei trooper George Hyde, who lost his life while serving in South Africa on 29 November 1900. He was the only Martonian to die during that campaign. The memorial also serves as the town's commemoration of the South African (Boer) War and of the coronation of King Edward VII, who was crowned just three months after the war ended on 31 May 1902. Composed of a concrete plinth and iron stand, the memorial was inscribed on three sides. At some point during its history, four lamps that hung off the stand were removed.



Close-up of inscription on memorial (Laura Burbery, Jan 2004)

War Memorial

Historic Name: Marton War Memorial

Other names: World War I Memorial

Location: See map in Appendix 4 for details



Former Use: War Memorial [Monuments, Memorials and Sites of Particular Events]

Current Use: War Memorial [Monuments, Memorials and Sites of Particular Events]

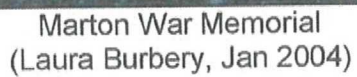
Architect: William Thomas Higgins

Construction details: The Memorial is divided into three parts. There is a concrete base, a mid-section of marble and a white obelisk.

Description: The Memorial is located just north of the western of the two fields in Marton Park and sits just south of the formal garden. The Memorial consists of a concrete base surmounted by a curved obelisk, a slightly unusual variation on the typical memorial design. The obelisk rises to a shallow peak. The Memorial bears the names of 86 men who died in action.

Dates: 1922 (constructed; unveiled 25 April)

Brief History: The Marton War Memorial was one of hundreds erected around New Zealand in the wake of World War I. Some 350 soldiers from the Rangitikei district served in the war and 86 died. The Memorial represents the district's tangible expression of its loss. Entitled 'The Glorious Dead', it was unveiled on ANZAC Day (25 April) 1922. Since then it has been the focal point of war commemorations in Marton.



Action Plan for Marton Park Management Plan

Document and Policy	Action to implement	By Whom	Cost
Recreation Part One: Policy 1 Historic Part One: Policy 1 To encourage community participation in the planning, development, management and maintenance of Council parks and reserves.	Establish and facilitate a Marton Park Group to progressively develop Marton Park in accordance with the objectives for Marton Park.	Council – Community and Regulatory Services Group Community	Staff time
Recreation Part One: Policy 2 Historic Part One: Policy 2 To maintain and develop recreational facilities at Council parks and reserves in close consultation with the local community to enhance the recreational and heritage values and opportunities.	Support community-led maintenance, projects and events that are consistent with the objectives for Marton Park and undertake Council-funded projects as budgets permit: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Toilet facilities • Pavilion development/refurbishment • Seating • Recreational facilities – BBQ area, drinking fountain, walking track, fitness circuit, wifi, dog exercise area. • Lighting • Signage • Art • New events • Garden maintenance • Painting of fences • Field maintenance • Refurbishment of memorial plaques 	Council - Community and Regulatory Services Group Community Groups	Staff time TCB
Recreation Part One: Policy 3 Historic Part One: Policy 3 To encourage maximum use of Council parks and historic reserves by a range of different groups.	Enable a range of users to access Marton Park, provided they are complementary to existing uses and with the objectives for Marton Park.	Council - Community and Regulatory Services Group	Staff time

Recreation Part One: Policy 4 Historic Part One: Policy 4 To ensure as far as practical, the safety of users at Council's recreational parks and reserves.	Carry out a health and safety assessment when planning new projects.	Council - Community and Regulatory Services Group	Staff time
	Consider Crime Prevention through Environmental Design principles when planning new projects.	Council - Community and Regulatory Services Group Community Police	Staff time
Historic Part One: Policy 5 To preserve the reserves' unique physical, historic, traditional and cultural values whilst providing for managed public access, amenity value, education and recreation.	Avoid adverse impacts on the historic features and character of Marton Park when developing projects. Co-ordinate projects to ensure they do not adversely affect the historic features and character of Marton Park.	Council - Community and Regulatory Services Group Community	Nil

Appendix 2

Engagement Plan – Marton Park Management Plan

Project description and background

Council has undertaken to develop management plans for all of its recreational parks. The Marton Park Management Plan is designed to guide the future management of Marton Park. The draft Marton Park Management Plan provides background context for the Park, as well as specific objectives and an action plan for future management. Community feedback was sought in the development of the draft Marton Park Management Plan, through two months for expressions of interest and a public workshop.

Engagement objectives

The purpose of the engagement is to obtain the community's view of:

- Whether the draft Plan is a fair representation of their aspirations for the future development of Marton Park.

Timeframe and completion date

The period of community engagement will be a minimum of two months, followed by analysis and reporting back to council, subsequent amendment (if required) and final adoption.

Key project stages	Completion date
Expressions of interest sought	April/May 2016
Workshop	29 June 2016
Draft Marton Park Management Plan developed for consideration by Assets/Infrastructure Committee	7 July 2016
Draft Marton Park Management Plan approved by Council for community engagement	28 July 2016
Community engagement (written submissions)	5 August – 7 October
Community engagement (visual presentation in Broadway shop frontage)	5 August – 7 October
Community engagement (walkabout the Park – precise timings to be advertised)	5 August – 7 October
Community engagement (public workshop)	October 2016
Consideration by Council of written submissions and outcome of public workshop, final amendments made, Marton Park	November 2016

Key project stages	Completion date
Management Plan adopted	
Response to submitters and publication of the Marton Park Management Plan.	December 2016

Communities to be engaged with

- The entire Rangitikei District community
- Marton Community Committee
- Residents who elected to be involved further at the workshop
- Residents who provided an expression of interest
- Te Roopu Ahi Kaa
- Heritage New Zealand

Engagement tools and techniques to be used

Engagement Spectrum position desired: Consult

Community group or stakeholder	How this group will be engaged
Rangitikei District community	Website Rangitikei Line Public notice Facebook Information in Marton library and the Main Office Displays in public places around Marton Park walkabout FAQ information
Marton Community Committee	Draft Management Plan to their meeting.
Te Roopu Ahi Kaa	Officer report – August meeting.
Residents who elected to be involved further at the workshop Residents who provided an expression of interest	Email or notification by post.
Heritage New Zealand	Letter

Resources needed to complete the engagement

Resources beyond staff time required for this engagement are:

- notification in the local print media
- the production of printed materials
- the production of display materials

Communication planning

Key messages

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- Marton Park has a unique blend of natural and built heritage features alongside its gardens and playing fields.
- Marton Park came about because of the vision of local people – planning for its future depends on a similar level of interest and appreciation from the community.

Reputation risks

- Lack of clear communication about the management may result in the community expectations not being met – i.e. what level of control over the process or future development of Marton Park they think they have.

Basis of assessment and feedback to the communities involved

After analysing community input, Council officers will prepare a report outlining the communities' views, and any proposed changes to the draft Marton Park Management Plan. This will then be referred to Council for consideration prior to final adoption. Feedback to the community will come after Council adopts the final Marton Park Management Plan.

The reports will be made available through the Council order paper and as printed copies from Council facilities. A response will be sent to each person who makes a submission.

Project team roles and responsibilities

Team member	Role and responsibilities
Denise Servante	Project sponsor
Katrina Gray	Project leader
Katrina Gray	Print media
Carol Downs	External messaging, communications
Anna Dellow	Website



SUBMISSION FORM

Draft Marton Park Management Plan

**Submissions close at 12pm
noon on 7 October 2016.**

**Return this form, or send your
written submission to:**

Draft Marton Park Management Plan
Rangitikei District Council
Private Bag 1102
Marton 4741

Email: info@rangitikei.govt.nz

Fax: (06) 327 6970

Workshop

A public workshop will be held during
October to discuss submissions on the
draft Marton Park Management Plan.

☐ I wish to be contacted about the
workshop.

Privacy

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

Please print clearly

Name: _____

Organisation: *(if applicable)* _____

Phone: _____

Property address: _____

Postal Address *(if different)*: _____

Email: _____

**The draft Plan identifies a number of important aspects
of Marton Park. Are these aspects important to you?**

Horticultural qualities *(trees, gardens, open space, green
spaces).*

☐ Yes

☐ No

Sporting and recreational facilities *(sports fields, rugby,
Market Day, Harvest Festival).*

☐ Yes

☐ No

History *(pavilion, cenotaph, memorials, overall historic
value).*

☐ Yes

☐ No

Facilities *(multiple entrances, walkways/paths, links to
town centre).*

☐ Yes

☐ No

Comments

The draft Plan identifies a number of areas for future development. Are these projects important to you?

Maintenance (*painting, gardens, furniture, fields*).

☐ Yes
☐ No

Comments _____

Improvements/projects (*public toilets, pavilion redevelopment, seating, recreational facilities, lighting, signage, art*).

☐ Yes
☐ No

Comments _____

Events (*outdoor movies, ANZAC events*).

☐ Yes
☐ No

Comments _____

The draft Plan has identified a number of objectives specific to the future development of Marton Park. Do you think these objectives are appropriate?

Maintain and enhance the heritage and open space characteristics of Marton Park when implementing projects.

☐ Yes
☐ No

Comments _____

Protect and enhance Marton Park as a space that enhances community connections through a number of entrances and pathways.

☐ Yes
☐ No

Comments _____

Continue to enable Marton Park to be used for a complementary mix of events, sports and recreational opportunities.

☐ Yes
☐ No

Comments _____

Do you have any further comments on the draft Marton Park Management Plan?

Attach additional information or pages if necessary

Signed _____ Date _____

Frequently Asked Questions – Draft Marton Park Management Plan



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Who will be responsible for implementing the projects?

The draft Plan allows both Council and the Community to develop and implement projects at Marton Park.

Who will decide on which projects can go ahead?

Improvements which Council is funding or part-funding will be approved by Council through its annual budgeting process. Council, through the Chief Executive, will also have the final decision on which projects can be implemented by the community. The projects will need to be consistent with the objectives and policies identified in the Marton Park Management Plan. A project form has been developed which will need to be submitted to the Chief Executive for approval.

I have a project I want to get involved with, how can I get involved?

If you have a project you want to implement, please contact Katrina Gray katrina.gray@rangitikei.govt.nz or 06 327 0099.

When will the projects be implemented?

Once approved by the Chief Executive, projects will be implemented as Council or community resources allow.

Who will pay?

Council will implement priority projects as budgets allow. The community is also able to fundraise and pay for projects they want to implement. Council may be able to provide 33% of the costs of compliant, community projects through its Park Upgrade Partnership Fund (contact Gaylene Prince gaylene.prince@rangitikei.govt.nz or 06 327 0099).

I've heard that there is a heritage restriction over Marton Park, how will this influence development.

Yes, Marton Park is a heritage area. This means that alterations to Marton Park require a resource consent. The resource consent process has costs involved which will need to be factored into the project development process. If a project you would like to be involved with will be an alteration to the Park, please contact Katrina Gray katrina.gray@rangitikei.govt.nz or 06 327 0099.

What about Health and Safety of volunteers?

A Health and Safety Assessment will be completed prior to any community project occurring.

Attachment 8



Rangitikei District Council

Finance/ Performance Committee Meeting

Minutes – Thursday 30 June 2016 – 9:38 a.m.

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Present:

Cr Nigel Belsham (Chair)
His Worship the Mayor, Andy Watson
Cr Dean McManaway
Cr Cath Ash
Cr Tim Harris
Cr Lynne Sheridan

In attendance:

Mr Ross McNeil, Chief Executive
Mr Michael Hodder, Community & Regulatory Services Group Manager
Mr George McIrvine, Finance & Business Support Group Manager
Mr Hamish Waugh, Infrastructure Group Manager
Ms Denise Servante, Strategy & Community Planning Manager
Ms Samantha Whitcombe, Governance Administrator

Tabled:

Item 6 Chair's report
Item 9 Radar graphs of resident perceptions of customer service

1 Welcome

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2 Council Prayer

Cr Ash read the Council Prayer.

3 Apologies/leave of absence

That the apologies for absence from Cr Peke-Mason and Cr Rainey, and the apology for lateness from Cr Harris be received.

Cr Ash / Cr McManaway. Carried

4 Confirmation of order of business

The Chair informed the Committee that there would be no change to the order of business from that set out in the agenda.

5 Confirmation of Minutes

Resolved minute number 16/FPE/027 File Ref

That the Minutes of the Finance/Performance Committee meeting held on 26 May 2016 be taken as read and verified as an accurate and correct record of the meeting.

Cr Ash / His Worship the Mayor. Carried

6 Chair's report

The Chair's report was tabled at the meeting.

Resolved minute number 16/FPE/028 File Ref

That the Chair's report to the Finance/Performance Committee meeting on 30 June 2016.

Cr Belsham / Cr McManaway. Carried

7 Financial Highlights and Commentary - July 2015 to May 2016

Mr McIrvine spoke briefly to the report.

The Committee requested a schedule of 'abandoned land' properties and a report on progress with rating sales be brought to a future meeting. They also requested a schedule of overdue rates that have had legal action taken against them be added as a regular item to the Committee's agenda.

Resolved minute number **16/FPE/029** **File Ref** **5-FR-4-1**

That the memorandum 'Financial Highlights and Commentary' be received.

His Worship the Mayor / Cr Ash. Carried

Cr Harris arrived 10.20am

8 MarketView Reports – economic impact of high-profile events sponsored by Council

Ms Servante spoke to the report, noting that this is the first year that Council has used MarketView to produce reports on the economic impact of high-profile events sponsored by Council. She informed the Committee that the number of people attending each event is estimated by the event organisers, and that the reports only show EFTPOS transactions; they do not track cash spending.

Issues canvassed during discussion on interpreting the MarketView reports included:

- the impact of events in neighbouring large centres, the increasing use of non-EFTPOS electronic transactions ('pay-wave');
- the inability to capture spend from the Shemozzle because there was no Hunterville data captured (with Marton being used as the nearest town);
- the key statistic, how many people attended, was generally elusive for organisers;
- the Ratana birthday celebrations were the biggest festival in the District, but were out of scope of the current MarketView reports provided because that event was not funded by Council through the Events Sponsorship Scheme.

Resolved minute number **16/FPE/030** **File Ref** **4-ED-1-2**

That the report 'MarketView Reports – economic impact of high-profile events sponsored by Council' be received.

Cr McManaway / Cr Ash. Carried

9 Overall results from survey 2016

Ms Servante presented the results of the recent residents' survey, referring particularly to the information required for the Statement of Service Performance measures. The survey results will be posted to the website. In addition, questions relating to customer satisfaction with Council services were asked, and radar graphs were distributed showing the results.

The detailed results will be reported to the relevant Committee in July.

10 Late items

Nil

11 Future items on the Agenda

Legal action taken against overdue rates

Update on the proposed Council-Controlled Organisation

12 Next meeting

28 July 2016, 9.30 am

13 Meeting closed

11.20 am

Confirmed/Chair: _____

Date: _____



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Rangitikei District Council

Ratana Community Board Meeting

Minutes – Tuesday 5 July 2016 – 6:30 p.m.

Note: This meeting replaced that scheduled for 21 June 2016, but not held

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Present: Ms M Thompson (Chair)
Ms N Rawhiti
Cr S Peke-Mason

In Attendance: Mr M Hodder, Community & Regulatory Services Group Manager,
Rangitikei District Council.

1 Welcome/Karakia

Ms Rawhiti performed the opening Karakia

2 Public Forum

Nil

3 Apologies

That the apologies for lateness from Mr Biddle be received.

Cr Peke-Mason / Ms Rawhiti. Carried

Mr Hodder noted Mayor Andy Watson's and Chief Executive Ross McNeil's unavailability to attend the meeting.

4 Confirmation of minutes

Resolved minute number	16/RCB/012	File Ref
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That the Minutes of the Ratana Community Board meeting held on 19 April 2016 be taken as read and verified as an accurate and correct record of the meeting.

Ms Rawhiti / Cr Peke-Mason. Carried

5 Chair's report

Ms Thompson expressed the pleasure in the community about the new footpath in Tairawhiti Street. Morehu had also counted favourably. She had noticed considerable rubbish and wondered whether an additional bin could be placed there. Cr Peke-Mason undertook to organise that.

Resolved minute number	16/RCB/013	File Ref
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That the Chair's verbal report to the meeting of the Ratana Community Board of 5 July 2016 be received.

Ms Rawhiti / Cr Peke-Mason. Carried

6 Council decisions on recommendations from the Board

There were no recommendations from the Board's previous meeting to Council's meeting on 28 April 2016.

7 Commentary on Te Roopu Ahi Kaa's meeting of 12 June 2016

Mr Hodder provided members with an update from the meeting. Ms Thompson asked for a copy of this Komiti's Order Papers to be sent to her; she is receiving all other Council and Committee Order Papers

The community's representative on the Komiti is Pai Mareku; he should be providing this update to the Board.

8 Update on housing development

No further information on progressed had been received. However, Rick Tairoa would be approached to provide this to Mr McNeil for the next meeting of the Board.

9 Update on wastewater plant

The agenda update was noted

10 Update on water supply upgrade

Resolved minute number **16/RCB/014** File Ref

That the report 'Ratana Water Treatment Plant Update' be received.

Ms N Rawhiti / Cr Peke-Mason. Carried

The Board asked for a newsletter to update the community. Mr Hodder undertook to Board members agreed that it would be desirable to provide feedback to Horizons and that members would arrange to meet to prepare a response.

11 Outcome of Council deliberations on submissions to Annual Plan and other proposals consulted on at the same time

Board members shared idea about developing the park, particularly the size and location of the netball court. Some more detailed work was needed on layout and equipment.

12 General business

The Board suggested another speed hump on Ratana Road near the park

Rubbish was still being left outside the waste transfer station – some of it dropped by people not living in the Paa. Was increased surveillance and/or lighting an option to reduce this?

There were holes in the footpath for street lights in Rangatahi Street. This needed investigation.

13 Next meeting

Tuesday 16 August 2016, 6.30pm

14 Whakamoemiti/Meeting closed

7.45 pm

Ms Rawhiti performed the closing Whakamoemiti.

Confirmed/Chair: _____

Date: _____

Unconfirmed

Rangitikei District Council

Bulls Community Committee Meeting

Minutes – Tuesday 12 July 2016 – 5:30 p.m.



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Present:

Ms Jane Dunn (Chair)
Ms Sandra Boxall
Mr John Guinan
Mr Braden Hammond
Ms Jodi Jamieson
Mr Keith Scott
Ms Heather Thorby
Mr Andy Walker
Cr Rebecca McNeil
His Worship the Mayor, Andy Watson

In attendance:

Paul Geurtjens
Jan Harris
Annabel Sidey

1 Welcome

In the absence of the Chair, the Deputy Chair Ms J Dunn took over the meeting.

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2 Apologies

That the apologies for absence from Mr H Dalrymple, Ms C Lewis and Cr Harris be received.

Ms H Thorby / Ms J Jamieson. Carried

3 Confirmation of Order of Business

The Committee agreed to discuss the 2017 Ohakea Air Show during the General Business item.

4 Confirmation of minutes

An omission was identified in the draft minutes provided to Council around the carrying-forward of the balance of the Small Projects Grant Scheme to the 2016/17 financial year.

Resolved minute number

16/BCC/023

File Ref

That the Minutes of the Bulls Community Committee meeting held on 14 June 2016 be taken as read and verified as an accurate and correct record of the meeting.

Mr K Scott / Mr B Hammond. Carried

Resolved minute number

16/BCC/024

File Ref

That the Bulls Community Committee requests that Council allow the carry-forward of the balance of the Small Projects Grant Scheme from the 2015/16 financial year to 2016/17.

5 Council decisions on recommendations from the Committee

The Committee noted that there were no recommendations from the previous meeting for which Council approval was sought.

6 Update on Bulls Town Centre Plan

Mr K Scott provided an update on the meeting on 24 June 2016 with the architects.

The following points were discussed by the Committee:

- The plans are due in one week.
- Discussion around the type of toilet that will be available (e.g. unisex or singlesex) and the actual numbers that the hall will be able to accommodate, the Committee noted some reservations.
- Funding restrictions around the project.
- There is still time for modifications to be made to the plans.
- The Committee requested that members receive copies of the plan individually.
- A public meeting will be held.

7 Update on Bulls Wastewater Upgrade Project Focus Group

The Committee were informed that there may be another party interested in linking in with this project.

8 Implementation of place-making initiatives in Rangitikei, 2016/17 and 2017/18

The Committee briefly discussed the memorandum.

It was noted that the Committee had previously decided that all initiatives to be carried out in the town under the Town Centre Plan umbrella would be notified to the Committee to ensure an in-depth record is kept of the projects. Therefore, the Committee would like item 2.1 to be amended to say "...shall bring it to the BCC...".

Resolved minute number	16/BCC/025	File Ref	1-CP-7
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That the memorandum 'Implementation of place-making initiatives in Rangitikei 2016/17 and 2017/18 be received.

Mr A Walker / Ms S Boxall. Carried

9 Council responses to queries at previous meetings

Resolved minute number	16/BCC/026	File Ref	3-CC-1-1
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That the memorandum 'Council responses to queries at the previous meeting (9 June 2016)' be received.

Ms H Thorby / Mr K Scott. Carried

10 Issues raised at previous meeting for further consideration

- Tidiness of ex-Criterion Hotel site – the Committee briefly discussed the ownership of the site and deferred the item to a future meeting.
- Completion of cube project – the Committee noted that there has been some delay in making the fittings for the cubes.

11 Small Projects Grant Scheme (balance)

The Committee noted the base allocation for the financial year.

12 Proposed District Plan Change – Update June 2016

Resolved minute number 16/BCC/027 File Ref 1-PL-2-7

That the memorandum 'Proposed District Plan Change — Update June 2016' be received.

Ms H Thorby / Ms S Boxall. Carried

13 Current infrastructure projects/upgrades and other Council activities within the ward

The update on Current infrastructure projects/upgrades and other Council activities within the Bulls Ward will be tabled at the meeting.

Resolved minute number 16/BCC/028 File Ref 3-CC-1-5

That the memorandum 'Current Infrastructure projects/upgrades and other Council activities within the Bulls Ward' be received.

Mr B Hammond / Mr A Walker. Carried

14 General Business

Paul Geurtjens

- Informed the Committee that the bulls for the 'Bulls in Bulls' project have arrived and instigated discussion around the potential location of the bulls and installation methods. The Committee expressed an eagerness to see this project completed.
- The old bull at the medical centre will be retired due to its age and state.

Mr B Hammond

- Expressed concern from the Community at the issue of roaming dogs within the Town. The Committee enquired about the potential for an Animal Control Officer to attend the next meeting.
- Provided a brief update on the activities of the Fire Brigade in the recent month, including the growing numbers of volunteers, and informed the Committee that the local brigade would be competing in a national competition in August.

Ms H Thorby

- Spoke to the Committee on the need for a sign at the bus shelter at Walker Park indicating the location of the public toilets.
- The sign issues on Parewanui Road have not yet been addressed.

Ohakea Air Show 1016

- The Committee discussed the transport and parking requirements for the show and that a coordinator/planner has been appointed who will accept submissions on ideas in August/September this year. They also discussed the potential for local groups to use the event as a fundraising opportunity.

Mr J Guinan

- Spoke to the Committee about the need to upgrade the tennis club rooms at the Domain.

Annabel Sidey

- Spoke to the Committee about a possible 'working bee' to upgrade the Council facilities at the Domain prior to the Ohakea Air Show.

His Worship the Mayor

- Outlined the pending changes to the Fire Service in New Zealand which will be phased in over a four-year period.

Jan Harris

- Informed the Committee of the website upgrade for local businesses and the pending breakfast event for local businesses.
- Also updated the Committee on progress with upcoming events; Wear-A-Bull Arts, Youth Leadership programmes and activities.
- Informed the Committee that progress was underway with setting up a community garden at the Scout Hall site.

Ms S Boxall

- Informed the Committee that the ex-Air Force houses are selling well. Eight more properties will be coming onto the market in late August.

15 Next meeting

Tuesday 9 August 2016, 5.30 pm

16 Meeting closed – 7.25pm

Confirmed/Chair: _____

Date: _____

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Assets/Infrastructure Committee Meeting

Minutes – Thursday 14 July 2016 – 9:35 a.m.

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Present: Cr Mike Jones (Chair)
His Worship the Mayor, Andy Watson
Cr Cath Ash
Cr Richard Aslett
Cr Nigel Belsham
Cr Tim Harris
Cr Rebecca McNeil
Cr Soraya Peke-Mason
Cr Ruth Rainey
Cr Lynne Sheridan

In attendance: Mr Hamish Waugh, General Manager - Infrastructure
Mr Michael Hodder, Community & Regulatory Services Group Manager
Mr George McIrvine, Finance & Business Support Group Manager
Ms Joanna Saywell, Asset Manager - Utilities
Mr Darryn Black, Asset Management Officer - Roading
Mr Glenn Young, Senior Projects Engineer - Utilities
Mr Reuben Pokiha, Operations Manager - Roading
Mr Alex Staric, Policy Analyst
Ms Gaylene Prince, Community & Leisure Services Team Leader
Ms Samantha Kett, Governance Administrator

Tabled documents: **Item 9 Emergency Works Update, June 2016 – roading structures -**
Additional financial information
Item 18 Swim 4 All, 2015/16 – Further Information for Swim for Life
2015/16

1 Welcome

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2 Council Prayer

Cr Jones read the Council Prayer

3 Apologies/Leave of absence

That the apologies for absence from Cr Gordon, Cr Harris, Cr McManaway and Cr Peke-Mason be received.

Cr Sheridan / Cr Belsham. Carried

4 Confirmation of order of business

The Chair informed the Committee that there would be no change to the order of business from that set out in the agenda.

5 Chair's report

No report was presented to the meeting.

6 Confirmation of minutes

The duplicate mention of Cr Jones being present would be removed.

Resolved minute number 16/AIN/065 File Ref

That the Minutes of the Assets/Infrastructure Committee meeting held on 9 June 2016 be taken as read and verified as an accurate and correct record of the meeting.

Cr Belsham / His Worship the Mayor. Carried

7 Queries raised at previous meeting(s):

The Committee noted the responses to the queries raised at the previous meeting.

8 Activity management

Mr Pokiha spoke to the Activity Management templates for the Roothing & Footpaths group of activities.

Ms Saywell and Mr Young spoke to the Activity Management templates for the Water, Sewage and the treatment and disposal of Sewerage, and Stormwater groups of activities.

Ms Prince spoke to the Activity Management template for the Community & Leisure Assets group of activities.

Ms Saywell spoke to the Activity Management template for the Rubbish & Recycling group of activities.

The Committee requested the following information be provided to a future meeting:

- The 'queue-jumping' policy on cost sharing for infrastructure works.
- Cost/Benefit analysis of using slip-lining compared with trenching.
- summary report on the results of the seismic investigation report if=n treatment plants
- Whether or not the mulched green-waste from the District's Waste Transfer Stations could be utilised by the Parks & Reserves Team.
- Update on the Enviroschools programme being run within the District.

Mr Pokiha would get the details for the owner of the Turakina Valley Road property wanting a 100 metre sealed section outside his house so he could make an estimate of the cost.

Resolved minute number **16/AIN/066** **File Ref**

That the activity management templates for June 2016 for Roothing, Water (including rural water supplies), Sewerage and the treatment and disposal of sewage, Stormwater drainage, Community and leisure assets, and Rubbish and recycling be received.

Cr Belsham / Cr Rainey. Carried

9 Emergency Works Update, June 2016 – roading structures

Mr Waugh and Mr Mestyanek spoke briefly to the report and tabled information.

Resolved minute number **16/AIN/067** **File Ref** 6-RT-5-18;
C1018

That the report 'Emergency Works Update, June 2016 – roading structures' be received.

His Worship the Mayor / Cr Sheridan. Carried

Resolved minute number	16/AIN/068	File Ref	6-RT-5-18; C1018
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That the value of C1018 (Bundle 4) for retaining walls on Turakina Valley Road awarded to Higgins Contractors Limited be increased to \$266,544.98.

Cr Sheridan / Cr Belsham. Carried

Mr Mestyanek outlined the work being done on the historic Mangaweka Bridge. A detailed report would be brought to the Committee's August meeting.

10 LED streetlight replacement program

Mr Black spoke briefly to the report outlining the costs associated with changing to LED streetlighting and the rationale behind the change.

Resolved minute number	16/AIN/069	File Ref	5-CM-1:C1005
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That the report 'LED streetlight replacement program' be received

Cr Rainey / Cr Jones. Carried

11 Petition from Whangaehu residents to improve safety of entrances/exits to the village

Mr Pokiha spoke briefly to the report.

The next steps were to have an in-depth conversation with NZTA on the feasibility of constructing a new entrance to the Whangaehu Village. A letter outlining these steps would be sent to the petitioner.

Resolved minute number	16/AIN/070	File Ref	6-RT-5-6
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That the petition from Whangaehu residents to improve safety of entrances/exits to the village and the memorandum from the Council's Operations Manager be received.

His Worship the Mayor / Cr Jones. Carried

Resolved minute number **16/AIN/071** **File Ref** **6-RT-5-6**

That the feasibility of constructing a new entrance into Whangaehu from SH-3 be discussed with the New Zealand Transport Agency and the outcome reported to a subsequent meeting of the Assets/Infrastructure Committee.

His Worship the Mayor / Cr Jones. Carried

Resolved minute number **16/AIN/072** **File Ref** **6-RT-5-6**

That a letter be sent to David Bebarfald thanking him for the petition and advising the steps which Council is taking to investigate the feasibility of a new entrance into Whangaehu from SH-3.

His Worship the Mayor / Cr Sheridan. Carried

12 Reinstatement of heavy trailer parking near Wyleys Bridge

Mr Pokiha spoke briefly to the item.

The Committee acknowledged that it was not practical to carry out the works suggested by Mr Matthews in his submission to the 2016/17 Annual Plan.

The Committee suggested that staff should approach Whanganui District Council about a cost-share arrangement for this work given that the benefit was to members of that district.

13 Requested signage change on SH1 for Mangaweka

Mr Pokiha spoke briefly to the item.

The Committee noted the process that needed to be undertaken to formally change the name of Mangaweka to 'Mangaweka Village'.

14 Resource consent compliance update

Ms Saywell spoke briefly to the report, highlighting the areas of non-compliance and the steps being taken to remedy these.

Resolved minute number **16/AIN/073** **File Ref** **5-EX-3**

That the report 'Consent compliance – June 2016' be received.

Cr Belsham / Cr Rainey. Carried

15 Renewal of Marton wastewater treatment Plant – Update

Ms Saywell spoke briefly to the report.

It was suggested that a conversation needed to be had with Mid-West Disposals Ltd to understand the reasoning behind the recent increase in the amount of pre-treated leachate be disposed into the Marton Wastewater Treatment Plant.

Resolved minute number **16/AIN/074** **File Ref** **6-WW-1-4**

That the report “Renewal of Marton Wastewater Treatment Plant as at 7 July 2016’ be received.

Cr Sheridan / Cr Jones. Carried

16 Extended weekend hours trial – Marton Waste Transfer Station

Ms Saywell spoke briefly to the report.

Cr Harris arrived 11:16 am.

The Committee noted that the timing of the trial was not ideal, as it coincided with the end of daylight-savings and requested that the trial be run again during daylight savings 2016/17. Members asked for a detailed breakdown of the costs associated with this additional trial be brought to the next meeting.

Resolved minute number **16/AIN/075** **File Ref** **6-SO-1-5**

That the memorandum ‘Extended weekend hour’s trial – Marton Waste Transfer Station’ be received.

Cr Jones / Cr Belsham. Carried

Resolved minute number **16/AIN/076** **File Ref** **6-SO-1-5**

That the trial of extending the opening hours of the Marton Waste Transfer station be repeated aligning with the period of daylight saving during the 2016/17 year.

Cr Belsham / Cr Sheridan. Carried

Resolved minute number **16/AIN/077** **File Ref** **6-SO-1-5**

That the Assets/Infrastructure Committee requests that the potential for extending the opening hours of the Bulls Waste Transfer Station be investigated.

Cr Harris / Cr Ash. Carried

17 Taihape Town Hall heating

Ms Prince spoke briefly to the report.

The Committee discussed the need for any asset added to the Town Hall to be transferrable to a potential new building to maximise the value. The Committee was informed that the biggest cost to heating the Town Hall would be the cost of re-wiring as the existing wiring was not suitable for installing a new heating system.

The Committee asked for clarification at the next meeting the basis for not allowing diesel heaters in the hall, and the authority of that view.

Resolved minute number	16/AIN/078	File Ref	6-CF-3-5
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That the report 'Taihape Town Hall Heating' be received.

His Worship the Mayor / Cr Sheridan. Carried

Resolved minute number	16/AIN/079	File Ref	6-CF-3-5
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That investigations are undertaken on purchasing a free-standing generator and heating system for use in Council's Taihape operations and reported back to a subsequent meeting of the Assets/Infrastructure Committee.

His Worship the Mayor / Cr Jones. Carried

The Committee considered that if Council made arrangements for heating for a particular event, the organisers would not be required to make a financial contribution to that.

Resolved minute number	16/AIN/080	File Ref	6-CF-3-5
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That if a request for heating in the Taihape Town Hall is made at least two months ahead of the event, Council will consider sourcing a suitable generator and heaters.

His Worship the Mayor / Cr Belsham. Carried

18 Swim 4-All, 2015/16

Ms Servante spoke briefly to the report (and supplementary tabled report), highlighting the need for a formal audit process of the content of the programmes provided by the operators of Council's swimming pools and the issues encountered during the recent season.

Resolved minute number	16/AIN/081	File Ref	1-CO-4-7
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That the report 'Swim-4-All' 2015/16 be received.

His Worship the Mayor / Cr Rainey. Carried

Resolved minute number **16/AIN/082** **File Ref** **1-CO-4-7**

That That Council expresses its preference that the cost of lessons per child under the Swim 4 All programme be the same at both Taihape and Marton, and that this preference be conveyed to the pool operators (Nicholls Swim Academy and Taihape Community Development Trust).

Cr Sheridan / His Worship the Mayor. Carried

Resolved minute number **16/AIN/083** **File Ref** **1-CO-4-7**

That the Chief Executive initiate discussions with Council's partners in the Swim 4 All programme, namely the pool operators (Nicholls Swim Academy and Taihape Community Development Trust) and the primary school principals, to address issues identified in the report "Swim 4 All 2015/16":

- A range of providers requires a strengthened quality assurance regime to ensure that an equal service is provided for all participants and health and safety obligations are met
- Discussions about the contribution of the programme toward the operational costs of the pools
- Shared responsibility for ongoing fundraising between Council and the schools
- The role of pre-school programmes that feed into early years at primary schools
- Ensuring equity in service delivery between north and south, urban and rural
- Maximising participation from all schools in the District

Cr Sheridan / Cr Ash. Carried

19 Marton Park Management Plan – Draft for public consultation

Ms Gray spoke briefly to the report.

It was suggested that a less formal approach be taken to this consultation process, with the use of posters and shop-fronts within the town to stimulation conversation within the Community.

Resolved minute number **16/AIN/084** **File Ref** **1-CP-4-7**

That the memorandum 'Marton Park Management Plan – Draft for Public Consultation' be received.

Cr Harris / Cr Belsham. Carried

Resolved minute number 16/AIN/085 **File Ref** 1-CP-4-7

That the Assets/Infrastructure Committee recommends to Council the adoption of the draft Marton Park Management Plan for public consultation from 5 August 2016 – 7 October 2016.

Cr Sheridan / Cr Jones. Carried

20 Centennial Park – issues raised in submissions to 2016-17 Annual Plan

The Committee noted the update provided on the issues at Centennial Park raised in submissions to the 2016/17 Annual Plan.

21 Proposed sale of Council-owned properties in Bulls

Mr Hodder informed the Committee that a schedule of properties in Bulls that could be sold to help fund the development of the Bulls Multi-Purpose Community Centre and that all of the properties had been assessed. Through this assessment several issues had come up with some of the properties and these were currently being worked through to find suitable solutions.

22 Customer satisfaction levels from Residents Survey 2016: Assets and Infrastructure

Mr Staric spoke briefly to the report.

Resolved minute number 16/AIN/086 **File Ref** 5-FR-1-2

That the report "Customer satisfaction levels from Residents Survey 2016: Asset & Infrastructure" be received.

Cr Jones / His Worship the Mayor. Carried

Resolved minute number 16/AIN/087 **File Ref** 5-FR-1-2

That, following feedback from the Assets/Infrastructure Committee, the issues identified as requiring more focus/improvement are input into the project to establish, implement and monitor customer service standards across the Council organisation.

Cr Harris / Cr Sheridan. Carried

23 Late items

Nil

24 Future items for the agenda

An update on the Bulls effluent disposal site (because without this Bulls is unable to be deemed a motor-home friendly town)

25 Next meeting

Thursday 11 August 2016, 9.30 am

26 Meeting closed

12.36 pm.

Confirmed/Chair: _____

Date: _____



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Policy/Planning Committee Meeting

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Present: Cr Lynne Sheridan
Cr Richard Aslett
Cr Cath Ash
Cr Rebecca McNeil
His Worship the Mayor, Andy Watson

Also present: Cr Ruth Rainey

In attendance: Mr Michael Hodder, Community & Regulatory Services Group Manager
Mr Alex Staric, Policy Analyst
Mr Johan Cullis, Environmental Services Team Leader
Ms Denise Servante, Strategy & Community Planning Manager
Ms Katrina Gray, Policy Analyst
Ms Samantha Whitcombe, Governance Administrator

Tabled documents

Item 8 Detailed considerations of results from annual survey of stakeholders – Customer satisfaction levels from Residents Survey 2016: Policy & Planning.

Item 9 Activity Management – Environmental & Regulatory Services

Item 12 Legislation and Governance Issues – LGNZ webinar slides

Item 13 Section 17A Reviews – Regulatory scoping – Review of delivery of regulatory services under section 17A of the Local Government Act 2002 – preliminary considerations

Item 14 Consultation on the Earthquake-prone Buildings Policy - Additional information

1 Welcome

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting

2 Apologies/leave of absence

That the apologies for absence from Cr Gordon and Cr Peke-Mason be received.

Cr Aslett / Cr Ash. Carried

3 Confirmation of order of business

The Chair informed the Committee that there would be no change to the order of business from that set out in the agenda.

4 Chairperson's Report

Resolved minute number 16/PPL/053 File Ref

That the 'Chairperson's Report' to the Policy/Planning Committee meeting on 14 July 2016 be received.

Cr Sheridan / His Worship the Mayor. Carried

5 Confirmation of minutes

Resolved minute number 16/PPL/054 File Ref

That the Minutes of the Policy/Planning Committee meeting held on 9 June 2016 be taken as read and verified as an accurate and correct record of the meeting.

Cr Aslett / Cr Sheridan. Carried

6 Queries raised at previous meeting:

The Committee asked that the financial report from the Raglan 'X-treme Zero Waste' facility be passed onto the Solid Waste Officer and the Asset Manager – Utilities for comment.

7 Council-initiated Plan change – update on process

Ms Gray gave a brief verbal update on the status of the Council-Initiated District Plan Change, noting that the further information requested at the hearing had been provided to the Commissioner. He would make a decision soon whether to re-open the meeting or proceed to writing his decision.

10 Policy Team Work Schedule 2016/17

Mr Hodder and Ms Servante spoke briefly to the report.

Resolved minute number	16/PPL/055	File Ref	5-EX-3-2
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That the memorandum, "Policy Team Work Schedule 2016/17" be received

Cr Ash / Cr McNeil. Carried

8 Customer satisfaction levels from Residents Survey 2016: Policy & Planning

Mr Staric spoke briefly to the report.

Resolved minute number	16/PPL/056	File Ref	5-FR-1-2
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- 1 That the report, "Customer satisfaction levels from Residents Survey 2016: Policy & Planning Committee" be received.
- 2 That, following feedback from the Policy/Planning Committee, the issues identified as requiring more focus/improvement are input into the project to establish, implement and monitor higher customer service standards across the Council organisation.

Cr Aslett / Cr Ash. Carried

9 Activity management:

Ms Servante and Mr Cullis spoke to the Activity Management templates for Community leadership, Environmental services and Community well-being.

Resolved minute number	16/PPL/057	File Ref
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That the activity management templates for Community Leadership, Environmental and Regulatory Services and Community Well-Being (June 2016) be received.

Cr McNeil / Cr Aslett. Carried

11 Update on communications strategy

Resolved minute number 16/PPL/058 **File Ref** 3-CT-15-1

That the Update on communications strategy to the Policy/Planning Committee meeting on 14 July 2016 be received.

His Worship the Mayor / Cr Ash. Carried

12 Legislation and governance issues

Mr Hodder spoke to the report.

The LGNZ webinar on the Local Government 2002 Amendment Bill was played to the Committee.

Resolved minute number 16/PPL/059 **File Ref** 3-OR-3-5

1. That the report 'Update on legislation and governance issues' to the Policy/Planning Committee's meeting of 14 July 2016 be received.
2. That the Policy/Planning Committee recommend to Council that it delegates to the Committee the authority to approve (for the Mayor's signature) Council's submissions (to the Government Administration Committee) on the Fire Emergency New Zealand Bill and (to the Department of Internal Affairs) the discussion paper 'Proposed regulations to support Fire and Emergency New Zealand'.

Cr Sheridan / His Worship the Mayor. Carried

13 Section 17A reviews – regulatory – scoping

Mr Hodder spoke briefly to the report.

Resolved minute number 16/PPL/060 **File Ref**

- 1 That the report 'Review of delivery of regulatory services under section 17A of the Local Government Act 2002 – preliminary considerations' be received.
- 2 That the service delivery options to be considered for Animal Control include a formalised arrangement with one or more councils and contracting out (either solely by Rangitikei or in collaboration with one or more councils).
- 3 That the service delivery options to be considered for Planning Control include a contract for service from an expert provider, wholly in-house staff, or a mixed provision.

Cr Sheridan / His Worship the Mayor. Carried

Resolved minute number **16/PPL/0061** **File Ref**

That a review of service delivery options not be undertaken at this time for:

- a) building control services because of Rangitikei's participation in the significant GoShift collaboration with the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment (currently involving 20 other territorial authorities);
- b) environmental health because of the small expert staffing engaged in the provision of the service and the changing environment as requirements and processes for the Food Act 2014 are implemented;
- c) liquor licensing because of the small in-house staffing involved and the need to relate to the District Licensing Committee;
- d) noise control because it is only viable as a contracted service; and
- e) other aspects of regulatory services because of their very small scale.

Cr Aslett / Cr McNeil. Carried

14 Consultation of the Earthquake-prone buildings policy

Ms Gray spoke briefly to the report and the additional tabled information.

Resolved minute number **16/PPL/062** **File Ref**

That the Summary of Information, Statement of Proposal (including the policy), Engagement Plan and submission form (as amended to exclude enforcement action) be adopted for consultation on the Earthquake-prone buildings policy over the period 29 July 2016 to 29 August 2016.

Cr McNeil / Cr Aslett. Carried

15 Investigation of requested speed limit reduction around Kauangaroa

The Committee noted that survey had been delayed because of the contractor's other commitments, but is programmed for this month.

16 Bulls Multi –purpose Community centre – project update

His Worship the Mayor gave a brief update on the progress with the Bulls Multi-Purpose Community Centre project, informing the Committee that the final design should be ready for community consultation before the end of the month.

17 Update on the Path to Well-being Initiative

Ms Servante spoke briefly to the report.

Resolved minute number**16/PPL/****File Ref****1-CO-4**

That the memorandum 'Update on the Path to Well-Being initiative and other community development programmes – June 2016' be received.

Cr McNeil / Cr Aslett. Carried

18 Late items

Nil

19 Future items for the agenda

Feedback on recycling in Raglan from Solid Waste Officer

20 Next meeting

Thursday 11 August 2016, 1.00 pm

21 Meeting closed

4.09 pm.

Confirmed/Chair: _____

Date: _____