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REPORT

SUBJECT: Analysis of submissions to the Consultation Document, “What’s changed, what’s the plan for 2017/18...?” with respect to the draft 2017/18 Annual Plan

TO: Council

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1 Executive Summary

- 1.1 This report provides an analysis of the written and oral submissions received by Council to its Consultation Document, “What’s changed, what’s the plan for 2017/18...?” with respect to the draft 2017/18 Annual Plan, having followed the due process of the special consultative procedure outlined in the Local Government Act 2002.
- 1.2 The five key issues identified in the consultation document are considered separately. Any other issues as raised by submitters are discussed in sections relating to Council’s relevant group of activities, with comments from Council staff, as follows:
- Community leadership
 - Roothing
 - Water supply
 - Sewerage and the treatment and disposal of sewage
 - Stormwater drainage
 - Community and Leisure Assets
 - Rubbish and Recycling
 - Environmental and regulatory services
 - Community Well-being
- 1.3 Some officer comment has been provided following the analysis of submissions in each area of key choice. These are reflected in the recommendations for Council to consider.

2 Overall summary of submissions

- 2.1 325 submissions were received in total, of which 17 were submitted online i.e. 5%. This compares to 47 submissions to the 2013/14 Annual Plan, 39 submissions to the 2014/15 Annual Plan, 127 to the 2015-25 Long Term Plan

and 233 to the 2016/17 Annual Plan. In other words, this consultation elicited a much higher number of submissions than in previous years. However, last year, 92 submissions, or 39%, were made online.

2.2 One submission consisted of a large petition and multiple letters of support (the proposal for a skate park development in Centennial Park, Marton). This submission addressed no other issue and it has been counted as one submission for the purposes of the high level analysis.

2.3 Information and submissions which were received and considered as part of this analysis but not yet made publically available are attached as Appendix 1:

- Additional information from Anton (Tony) Pernthaner which relates to the status of Willis Redoubt in the proposal to sell Council owned land at Walton Street, Bulls.
- The presentation from Richard Gower to Public Forum (at Council's meeting on 30 March 2017) on a potential dog cemetery in Hunterville.

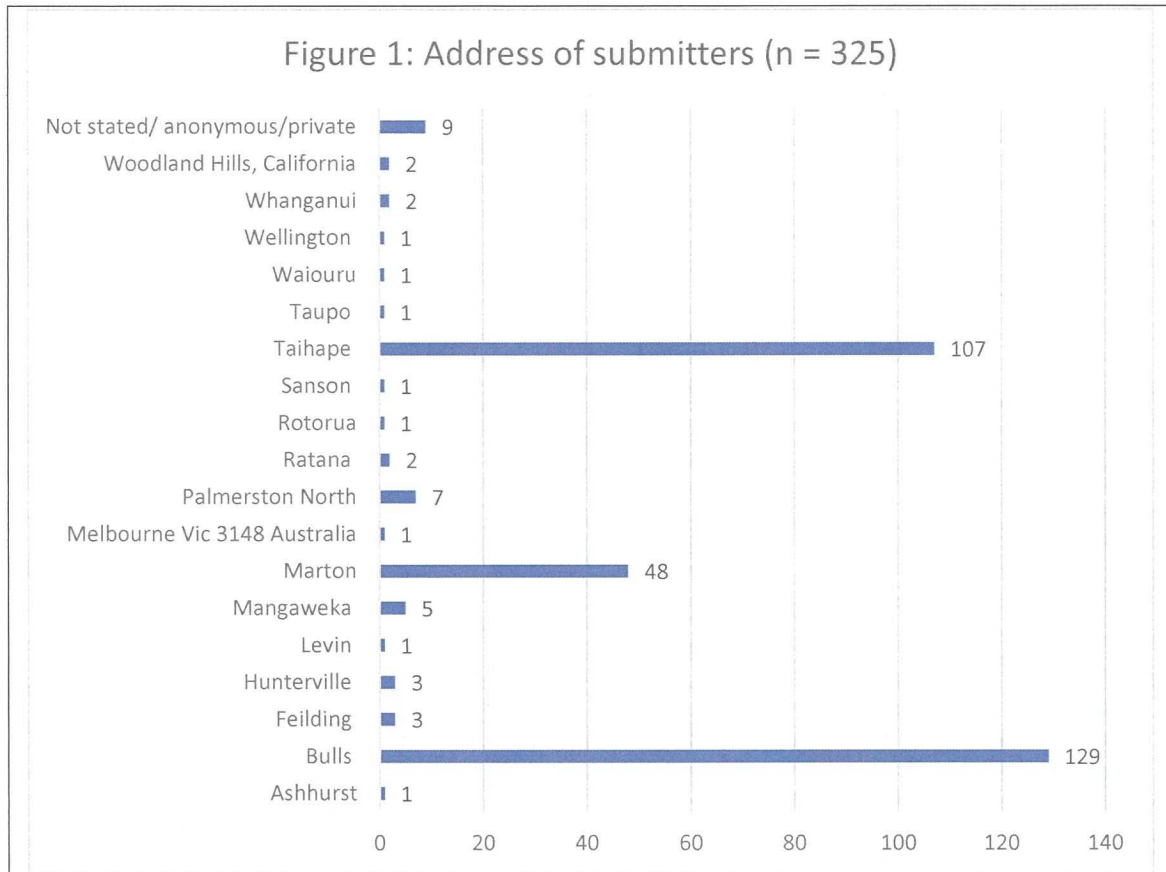
3 Submissions from organisations

3.1 30 submissions were from organisations, detailed in table 1.

Table 1: Submitting organisations	
Bulls and District Community Trust	Rangitikei Netball Centre
Bulls Girl Guides	Rangitikei Toy Library and Marton Plunket
Edale Trust Board	Ratana Communal Board of Trustees
Federated Farmers of New Zealand	Ratana Community Board
Follett Street Kindergarten	Saint Joseph's School
Heritage Mangaweka	Taihape Community Board
Heritage New Zealand	Taihape Rugby & Sports Club
Horizons Regional Council	Tutaenui Stream Restoration Society
Marton Community Committee	Wanganui Regional Heritage Trust
Rangitikei College Board of Trustees	Whanau Sports

4 Origin and location of submissions

4.1 An analysis of the origin of submitters follows in Figure 1.



5 Issue addressed by submissions

5.1 The submission form in the consultation document provided opportunity to specifically submit on five key issues identified by Council. These were:

1. Bulls community centre and associated sale of properties in Bulls
2. Marton Civic Centre and options for developing the heritage site on Broadway/High Street
3. Retention or otherwise of the grandstand in Taihape Memorial Park and location of a new amenity block
4. Taihape Pool Upgrade to be carried out using Council funds rather than waiting to receive external funding
5. New toilets in Mangaweka and other visitor/tourist hotspots

5.2 Table 2 outlines the spread of responses to these issues amongst the various settlements of the District.

Table 2: Spread of responses across the five key issues in the consultation document										
	Total	Bulls	Hunterville	Mangaweka	Marton	Ratana	Taihape	Whanganui	Out of District	Not stated/ anonymous/private
Total	325	129	3	5	48	2	107	2	20	9
Bulls community centre and associated sale of properties in Bulls	206	128	3	1	34	1	18	2	15	4
Marton Civic Centre and options for developing the heritage site on Broadway/High Street	122	47	3	1	38	1	14	2	12	4
Retention or otherwise of the grandstand in Taihape Memorial Park and location of a new amenity block	147	22	3	1	12	0	101	0	6	2
Taihape Pool Upgrade to be carried out using Council funds rather than waiting to receive external funding	148	30	3	4	16	0	85	0	8	2
New toilets in Mangaweka and other visitor/tourist hotspots	125	33	3	2	19	0	60	0	6	2

- 5.3 The spread of submissions across the District illustrates that the key issues relate primarily to Bulls and Taihape (and to a lesser extent Marton).
- 5.4 80/129 submitters (62%) from Bulls only commented on the Bulls Community Centre and sales of Bulls' properties. 47/107 submitters (44%) from Taihape only commented on the two issues in Taihape (Memorial Park and Taihape Pool). In contrast, 4/48 submitters (8%) from Marton only commented on the Marton Civic Centre.
- 5.5 This indicates that people mostly had views on issues that directly affected their local area and tended not to be so willing to express an opinion about what should happen in other areas. Comments tended to be along the lines of "Do what the local people want"¹.
- 5.6 This suggests there does not seem to be an appreciation of the District-wide approach to community facilities or an understanding that all of the proposals suggested would be paid for through a District-wide rating mechanism.
- 5.7 Exceptions were the submission from Federated Farmers which requested that Council revisit a differential system of rating and one comment from an

¹ An exception to this was the 6/48 submitters (12.5%) from Marton who completed an exactly similar proforma submission form commenting across the range of District-wide issues.

individual submitter along the lines “If people in [a particular area] want extras, then they should pay for it”.

- 5.8 Inevitably, given the nature of these issues, there was some evidence of “block” voting. The weight of arguments presented in the submissions and at oral hearings need to be carefully considered by Council as well as a straight numbers analysis.

6 Key Issue 1: Bulls Community Centre?

- 6.1 Table 3 below analyses the response to this option, including by address of submitter.

Table 3	Total	Bulls	Hunterville	Mangaweka	Marlon	Ratana	Taihapa	Whanganui	Not stated/ anonymous/private	Out of District
Retain the updated budget of \$4.36 million for the revised and expanded new Bulls Community Centre, incorporating adjustment for inflation from when the initial estimates were made.	159	99	3	1	23	0	14	2	3	14
Abandon the proposed new Bulls Community Centre, and review the available options, including strengthening the existing Town Hall or demolishing it and replacing with a new building.	47	29			11	1	4		1	1
Should Council proceed with the sale of the following three parcels of land?										
The area known as the Walton Street subdivision.										
Yes	164	102	3	4	22		15	2	2	14
No	27	16			9		1		1	0
The portion of Haylock Park currently leased for grazing.										
yes	156	94	3	1	27		13	2	3	13
No	34	25			4	1	2		1	1
The two car parks fronting Criterion Street										
Yes	104	54	3	1	20		12	1	2	11
No	80	61			11		3	1	1	3

- 6.2 The majority view in response to this key question was for Council to continue with the current proposal for the Community Centre in Bulls. Of the 80 submitters who only submitted on this question, 59 (74%) were in favour of Option 1.
- 6.3 Comments from those in favour of option 1 (to continue with the current proposal) are summarised here:

- We have progressed this far and decision made. The Community has been consulted and had a chance to oppose this. Get on with it!! A substantial amount of money has been already spent. Continue.
 - I support the building of the Bulls Community Centre as it will centralise all our services and deliver such services at an economical cost to the ratepayers going forward.
 - I can't wait to have a brand new library and community centre in Bulls (x2).
 - Awesome. As teenagers we need more space.
- 6.4 Comments from those in favour of option 2 (to abandon the current proposal) are summarised here:
- Location, location, location - the community centre needs to be on the main street - review all available High Street and Bridge Street sites, not just the existing Town Hall site.
 - Bulls does not need a new community centre especially with a bus depot attached. It is safer for buses to stop over there.
 - There will not be enough parking in Criterion Street for daytime use of the new hall. This will affect shops in the shopping area and limit parking for customers.
 - I strongly feel that the council needs to retain the existing town hall building in Bulls because of its historical value and unique original character.
 - RDC hasn't delivered a cost model which compares strengthening vs new build and what is the benefit of each.
 - What happens when NZTA bypass town in future.
- 6.5 On the issue of sale of Council-owned properties in Bulls, comments tended to be provided by those who had reservations or opposed the potential sales:
- Are you aware of a Heritage Protection redoubt at the rear of 'Beccles' property which overlaps the Walton Street subdivision?
 - I was on the Council with Owen Haylock and regarding purchased that land for a purpose. It was to link up Walker Crescent and Gorton Street with Johnson Street.
 - No sales of surplus properties should be considered at this stage. Council needs to go through a more extensive thought process and consultation before making decisions. Particularly, properties that have been gifted, funded and held in trust for our town.
 - Disagree with selling car parks on Criterion Street because of lack of parking to accommodate any new development.
 - Disagree with portion of Haylock Park being sold. The land was bought and gifted by my father, Owen Haylock, so that children from the west side of Bulls did not have to cross the main road in order to use the recreation grounds. If this land is not wanted by Council, the leased area

can be returned to the family (for residential development if the council wants more residential sections available).

- Gifted to the community means that it belongs to the community
- Land sales only option Haylock Park.

Officer Comment

- 6.6 The Council agreed to go to the community with a final opportunity to stop the project proceeding as planned because of a loudly expressed view that the project was not supported by the Bulls community. The outcome of this consultation process appears to have countered that view. However, with less than 10% residents submitting and with the majority of this group just 3:1 in favour of the proposal proceeding, neither is it a total endorsement of the project. However, by comparison, during the consultation for the 2016/17 Annual Plan (where none of the key issues involved Bulls directly) only 19 submissions were received from Bulls residents.
- 6.7 Generally, there was also support for selling the identified properties (in addition to the sale of the Information Centre, the Town Hall and the High Street toilets/Plunket sites) except for a slight majority locally to retain the car park sites in Criterion Street. The main reason for this appeared to be concern over traffic flows and car parking for when an event is on at the new Town Hall and it is during shop opening hours. Further information could be useful to better understand the peak parking needs. In addition, Council may consider that the process and criteria applied to the sale of these properties include a weighting towards their retention as car parks.
- 6.8 Several submitters commented that gifted land had been gifted for community use and should be retained for that purpose². This is understood by Council. However, community needs change and it is Council's intention to reinvest the proceeds from the sale of existing assets in new assets that it believes will better meet the future needs of the community. In addition, external funding will increase the value of assets held by Council on behalf of the community. Several submitters commented that Council needs to approach this project with a sound business case: reviewing and reshaping the portfolio of assets that Council owns is entirely in keeping with developing the business case.
- 6.9 Several submitters noted that part of the site on Walton Street, a section known as the Willis Redoubt³ appears in the Heritage NZ record as a Category 2 Historic Place. It exists on a separate title as the smallest of the

² There were some comments from submitters about the legality of selling the Plunket/High Street site and the Town Hall site. Council has sought legal advice on this and a specific process must be followed in order to facilitate their sale.

³ A Redoubt is a fort or fort system usually consisting of an enclosed defensive emplacement outside a larger fort, usually relying on earthworks

lots signalled as potentially surplus and crosses the adjacent property boundary onto 19 High St (privately owned).



- 6.10 There is no automatic impediment to selling any property which is subject to a heritage listing. However, the use and development of any such property will be subject to the Rangitikei District Plan (which includes provisions aimed at protecting/preserving heritage sites) and the statutory protection afforded by the Heritage NZ Pouhere Taonga Act 2014. This applies whether the land is in public or private ownership.
- 6.11 However, Council may consider that retaining that parcel in Council ownership (on behalf of the community) provides the greatest assurance around the continued preservation of that part of the Redoubt, and won't significantly impact on the overall value of the remaining land holding nor prevent its sale.
- 6.12 Secondly, submitters commented on the original intention of the gifted land known as Haylock Park to link Walker Crescent, Johnson Street and Gorton Street and make provision for recreational land in that part of town. If the outcome of the consultation is to progress the sale of some or all of the properties (because the Community Centre project is progressing), then Council will, as part of that decision-making process, consider the relevant implications inherent in the sale process.

Proposed response:

- 6.13 That Council proceeds with the current proposal for the Bulls Community Centre and (in accordance with legal advice) with additional property sales, bearing in mind the issues raised by the community (particularly on the Willis Redoubt and Haylock Park) as the process proceeds.

7 Key Issue 2: Marton Community Centre

7.1 Table 4 below analyses the response to this option, including by address of submitter.

Table 4	Total	Bulls	Hunterville	Mangaweka	Marton	Ratana	Taihape	Whanganui	Not stated/ anonymous/private	Out of District
Support the continuing work on redeveloping the Cobbler/Davenport/Abraham and Williams buildings as the new Marton Civic Centre	103	46	3	1	25	1	11	2	3	11
Abandon the proposed redevelopment of the Cobbler/Davenport/Abraham and Williams buildings, sell the site and undertake the necessary strengthening of the present Marton Administration Building and library buildings	19	1	0		13		3		1	1
Where a preference was indicated										
1. Retaining and refurbishing all three buildings	6	5					1			
2. Demolishing all 3 buildings and constructing a new facility on the site	45	22	1		12	1	5		1	3
3. Retaining part of the facades and building a new facility behind them	45	14	2	1	13		4	2	1	8
Option 1 and 3	2	2								

7.2 Overall, the submissions are strongly in favour of continuing to develop the Cobbler/Davenport/Abraham and Williams buildings as the new Marton Civic Centre. However, there is a fairly even split between those wanting the buildings retained and those preferring starting afresh. The response from Marton residents was not extensive – with 1 in 5 submitters from Marton not entering a view on the Civic Centre proposal.

7.3 Comments from those in favour of Options 1 and/or 3 (retain all of the old buildings or just the facades) were:

- Option 1 and 3 retaining the heritage of the buildings for future generations
- Retaining and refurbishing if possible. If it is feasible to have option 3 then do so.
- Marton has and needs its old building, they have been here for over 100 years.
- Aesthetics and preserving the existing 'look' of the corner
- Dependent on cost difference, the facades retain look of Marton. If cost is not largely different retain whole building.
- To maintain the heritage look in Broadway

- To retain character of the towns other buildings
- 7.4 Comments in favour of Option 2 (demolish and build new) were:
- A new look for the town centre
 - Earthquake proofing an old building is a temporary measure
 - Frequently unknowns can have a high cost. Demolishing may have more predictable cost
 - Marton needs a central focal point to add some vibrancy to the town - it currently looks old and tired. There are still plenty of other old facades to keep the character but there is nothing here to bring visitors in or make the town a place to be proud of.
- 7.5 Comments in favour of Option 4 (sell the corner site and strengthen existing buildings) were:
- A huge expense other options available
 - I do not believe that the Rangitikei has the rate base to support major capital development and given the population and % use of these buildings, I don't think the cost/benefit stacks up. I support all strategies to keep rates down and a 1.7% increase only, is a good achievement. I also consider the loss of historical buildings under the guise of earthquake risk, a "knee jerk" over reaction and would pay a premium to retain historical buildings as opposed to demolition and re-build
 - The council does not know the full extent of costs and it will be much cheaper to strengthen the current building or build new on vacant land for which there are many options (x5)
 - Shouldn't this be done prior to any purchase of property and why should we pay more on rates, already too expensive.

Officer comment:

- 7.6 Generally responders recognised the potential of the site. However, more work (and discussion with the community) is needed to address the polarisation between those who see the benefits of retaining heritage values (and potentially the costs and limitations that may bring) and those whose preference is for a new building.
- 7.7 Five submitters in favour of Option 4 (selling the site and looking at alternative options) commented in supporting notes that Council could look "over the road" for a site where a new development could take place and look to find a buyer to retain and refurbish the heritage site to maintain full heritage values for accommodation/retail/offices.

Proposed response:

- 7.8 That Council undertake further work to clarify the costs between heritage preservation and a new build for the proposed Marton Civic Centre,

including the potential opportunities for grants to assist the former and a concept design for the latter.

8 Key Issue 3: Taihape Memorial Park

8.1 Table 5 below analyses the response to key issue 3, including by address of submitter.

Table 5	Total	Bulls	Hunterville	Mangaweka	Marton	Ratana	Taihape	Whanganui	Not stated/ anonymous/private	Out of District
Retaining the grandstand and building the new amenity blocks in one of the other viable locations	88	10	3		9		59		2	5
Demolishing the grandstand and locating the new amenity block on that site	50	8		1	2		38			1
Demolishing the grandstand and locating the new amenity block in one of the other viable locations	9	4			1		4			

8.2 Of the five key issues, the issue of amenity and community facilities on the Memorial Park in Taihape remains less than clear cut. Of the 40 submitters from Taihape who submitted only on this issue, 20 voted for Option 1 and 20 voted for either Option 2 or 3. This division was evident at oral hearings also.

8.3 The following comments are indicative from those who submitted in favour of option 1 (to retain the grandstand):

- Retain the grandstand in Taihape. This is an excellent example of Edwardian architecture and one of a very small number of heritage buildings in Taihape
- Our grandstand is just that, it is GRAND. With many childhood memories made in my short 28 years I can only imagine the many more this historic grandstand has for many others. The demolition of this would be devastating for this community... This grand lady has NOT done her time!
- I have an Air B&B and Book-A-Bach business in Taihape and my guests love to walk around the township, and always remark on the beautiful grandstand.
- I have seen many locals and visitors use this facility over the years and to this day it is still well used.

8.4 One submitter suggested that the grandstand formed part of the memorial element of Memorial Park. However, the archives of the Taihape Borough Council show that the grandstand was not constructed as a memorial. The Park itself only became known as 'Taihape War Memorial Park' in 1953. Previously it had been known as the Showground or 'The Rec'.

8.5 The following comments are indicative from those who submitted in favour of option 2 or 3 (to demolish the grandstand):

- Try to retain some of its history (the grandstand's history)
- Covered grandstand on top of new amenity block (x 20)
- A conference centre above the amenity block to hold functions and veranda areas to watch sport

8.6 This latter comments implies that these submitters are very aware of the potential to combine the new amenities block with elements of the proposal from Clubs Taihape. More than one submitter commented that “The ‘Hub’ could put their money into putting seats on top of the new amenity block” and another submitter suggested “using material salvaged from old grandstand to build a viewing stand (covered) on top of new amenity block”.

8.7 Some submitters revisited the concept of a new amenities block on Memorial Park, for example:

- Have new (and proper) consultation for an amenity block. The last consultation was a farce for Taihape. The amenity block was not properly consulted on for the Taihape public.
- It will be cheaper to retain and refurbish what is already on the park (grandstand, public toilets, swimming pool amenities) rather than build new
- There is ample room in the existing grandstand. Public toilet facilities could be added to the bowls and squash clubs (x6).

8.8 However, the consultation this year was specifically about where to build the new amenity block. Consultation on whether to build the new amenity block was undertaken in the 2016/17 Annual Plan process. Table 6 shows the preferences expressed for the site of the new amenity block. Only about 50% expressed a preference when asked to do so.

Table 6	Underneath the grandstand	Near the swimming pool	On the site currently used as toilets	At the ends of the netball courts	Other	No preference expressed	Total
Option 1 (Retain the grandstand)	9	6	15	5	8	45	88
Option 2 (Demolish the grandstand, new block on current site)							50
Option 3 (Demolish grandstand, alternative site)			1	2		6	9

Total	9	6	16	7	8	51	147
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- 8.9 The option at the end of the netball courts, although not a popular option, drew this thoughtful submission from a resident in Kokako Street;

“at the back of netball courts will do much to eliminate the traffic congestion on Kokako Street, Taihape. At present trucks, camper vans are stopping overnight in our street (Kokako). With parking and toilet facilities open 24/7. These "overnighters" will have off street parking and the use of the toilets. There is room off Weka Street to the Memorial Park for the off road site. Should this be the chosen site, the present toilets in Memorial Park should be retained for the major users of the park; families and school children during daylight hours.”

- 8.10 There was a view that it would be possible to retain the grandstand and upgrade underneath with a tidy amenity which can be used by all groups and the public”.
- 8.11 However, most submitters did not express a specific preference; those who submitted for option 2 by default provide the most consensus for the site of the new amenities block.

Officer comment

- 8.12 There is strong support for a grandstand on the Park at the current location. The cost for retaining and strengthening the current one has already been established (\$362,000) but the cost of constructing a new (smaller) grandstand on top of the new amenity block is not known. Doing this may preclude having a recreational facility on top of that block, as indicated in the consultation document. Therefore, it could be desirable to gauge interest in including (and funding) the second storey facility and grandstand since it would be more cost-effective to include these elements as part of the construction.
- 8.13 Despite the support for the new amenity block in last year’s consultation, some submitters want that process set aside. That was not part of this year’s consultation, so the only way this could be done is through a new consultation process. Further work would be needed in terms of design and costings of alternatives before proceeding with such a process.

Proposed response:

- 8.14 EITHER: That, to maintain momentum with the project, particularly the support from last year’s Annual Plan process for a new amenity block on the Park, Council accepts the majority preferences expressed in the current consultation – i.e. to keep the grandstand as proposed (with the ground floor being modified as a storage area) and build the new amenity block on

the site occupied by the toilets, possibly with a second storey if there is external funding committed to that.

- 8.15 OR: That Council sets aside the outcome of last year's Annual Plan and conduct an intensive consultation process focussed on Taihape residents; this would encompass a range of design and location options for amenity/grandstand/recreational facilities on the Park.

9 Key Issue 4: Taihape Pool

- 9.1 Table 7 below analyses the response to this option, including by address of submitter.

Table 7	Total	Bulls	Hunterville	Mangaweka	Marton	Ratana	Taihape	Whanganui	Not stated/ anonymous/private	Out of District
Support funding the upgrade of the Taihape Pool during 2017 after the swimming season has ended using reserves to cover any shortfall from external funding applications (up to \$200,000)	118	22	1	4	10		77		1	3
The upgrade of the Taihape Pool should be deferred until the funding gap is covered by sources other than Council	30	8	2		6		8		1	5

- 9.2 A clear majority across all areas within the District are in favour of Council undertaking the upgrade of the pool for the 2017/18 season. Many submitters commented on the value of the pool and the associated benefits to health and well-being.
- 9.3 One submitter underlined the importance of swimming lessons for water safety, especially for children. She also underlined the health benefits, including for mental health⁴.

Proposed response:

- 9.4 That Council make provision in its Annual Plan for 2017/18 to complete the upgrade of the Taihape pool with an additional budget \$200,000 (reserve funded).

10 Key Issue 5: Public Toilets

⁴ Council has continued to fundraise to support swim-4-All to enable every school child in the District to get pool side no matter where they attend school. This fundraising will continue and funds raised allocated to ensuring that as many children as possible have access to affordable swimming lessons.

10.1 Table 7 below analyses the response to this option, including by address of submitter.

Table 7	Total	Bulls	Hunterville	Mangaweka	Marton	Ratana	Taihape	Whanganui	Not stated/ anonymous/private	Out of District
Support the provision of new toilets in Mangaweka village and Council setting aside \$25,000 to support an application to the Government's Mid-Sized Tourism infrastructure Fund for toilets in other locations	104	29	1	2	13		55		2	2
I do not support the provision of additional public toilets in the District at this time	21	4	2		6		5			4

10.2 There was clear support for option 1 – to provide toilets for Mangaweka village and to apply for external funding to build toilets in four other visitor/tourist hotspots.

10.3 Other suggested spots were

- Opposite Kawhatau Outdoor Education Centre
- Near the water pumping station at the entrance to Bulls (in the small riverside park)
- Clifton Cemetery, Bulls
- Walker Park, Bulls
- North entrance to Bulls and replace toilets in High Street Bulls
- Santoft end of Brandon Hall Road between 1 November and 1 March each year (portaloos) for Te Araroa Trail walkers

10.4 6 submitters in favour of Option 2 felt that “Mangaweka has a hall that could provide public toilet facilities more simply and cost effectively. Toilets for other locations need to be assessed in terms of maintenance and seasonal use”.

10.5 Submitters generally did not approve of Portaloos as an option.

10.6 Additional issues around public toilets. Three submitters requested that the toilets in Bulls High Street be re-opened, (one of these at least until the new building has been built). One submitter also requested signage is put up to the public toilets in the Bulls Library. One submitter requested that non-slip flooring be investigated for the toilets at Rangitikei Junction. Two submitters requested additional public toilets in the northern part of Marton (and specifically Marton Park, Centennial Park and Frae Ona Park in Marton and that the toilets on High Street, Marton be renovated internally to match the external renovation recently undertaken through place-making. The Marton

Community Committee requested that the High Street toilets and any new toilets in Marton Park should be open 24/7.

Officer Comment

- 10.7 Council had agreed that an application is made to the Mid-Sized Tourism Infrastructure Fund to support the toilets in the four suggested sites. This application was due in early April and has been submitted to contribute to the toilets in Mangaweka village, Papakai Park (Taihape), River Bank at Bulls and Bruce Reserve in Hunterville. The application required evidence of permission from the landowners and this was not secured for the swimming spot on Toe Toe Road.
- 10.8 The application is based on Permalooos – an innovative, pre-cast concrete kitset that can be bespoke to suit individual situations.
- 10.9 If successful, further Government funding may be available at which point Council can decide to apply for funding for other visitor/tourist hotspots as suggested by submitters.
- 10.10 It is suggested that re-opening the public toilets in Bulls High Street is not appropriate. There are 24 hour public toilets approximately 600 metres away and other public facilities available at the Information Centre within 100 metres. The facilities at the Library, although available for public use are not suitable to be advertised as such (one toilet only). However, a sign could be put up directing the public to the facilities at Rangitikei Junction. The floor surfaces in these toilets will also be checked.
- 10.1 The Marton Park Management Plan identifies the need for public toilets near or in the park and this is currently being investigated. The cost could be up to \$100,000 for a twin pan not including paths etc. The High Street toilets will be replaced by facilities in the proposed new Civic Centre on Broadway/High Street. Whilst this may be an appropriate place-making project, it is not suggested that Council should invest in these facilities for the time-being. Further consideration should be given to toilet locations in Marton e.g. Centennial Park concept also includes a toilet block.
- 10.2 Generally 24 hour toilets are available to cater to the needs of visitors/passing traffic and are situated in Bulls and Taihape. The need for 24 hour toilets in Marton will need to be reviewed.

Proposed response:

- 10.3 That Council confirm the funding proposed in the draft 2017/18 Annual Plan (\$110,000) for public toilets in Mangaweka village and for additional toilets in Papakai Park (Taihape), River Bank at Bulls and Bruce Reserve in Hunterville, provided that sufficient matched funding can be secured from external sources.

- 10.4 That in developing the 2018-28 Long Term Plan, consideration will be given to the need for 24/7 toilets in Marton.

11 Other matters

- 11.1 The consultation document also raised several issues that were new i.e. not included in the 2015-25 Long Term Plan and other issues that had changed from previously described in the 2015-25 LTP. These are:

12 Whangaehu Flood Resilience Project

- 12.1 The Whangaehu Valley has experienced four major flood events since 2004. Council alerted the community to an externally funded investigative project (through the Ministry of Civil Defence and Emergency Management) that is assessing options and actions for managing the impacts of extreme weather events in the Valley. It signalled that there would be no impact on rates for 2017/18 but there may be an issue to consider as part of the 2018-28 Long Term Plan. Three submitters commented on this.
- 12.2 Flood control and defence is a regional council responsibility so Council's leadership on behalf of the community was acknowledged and supported by the submission from Federated Farmers and Horizons regional council.
- 12.3 The other submitter felt that Council should have disclosed the likely level of resource required and money spent to date exploring options. The funding received from external sources to date is \$14,500 (from the Ministry of Civil Defence and Emergency Management). The project has been managed internally using existing staff resources. The project is investigative in nature. It would be premature to signal at this stage what costs would be required to implement any recommendations. That is a conversation for a future LTP/Annual Plan.

Proposed response:

- 12.4 That, as part of development of the 2018-28 Long Term Plan, Council consider the findings of the Whangaehu Flood Resilience Project.

13 Earthquake Prone Building investigation

- 13.1 Council signalled its intention to initiate the process required by the Building (Earthquake-prone Buildings) Amendment Act to identify buildings that will be required by the legislation to strengthen buildings or redevelop sites to meet the standards outlined in the National Building Codes. Council has offered to coordinate efforts in each town in an attempt to reduce the cost incurred by individual building owners. Two submitters commented on this.
- 13.2 Federated Farmers supported Council's approach to supporting building owners to address the requirements of the new legislation.

- 13.3 The other submitter suggested that Council should have implemented this approach post-Christchurch earthquake when the purchase of expert services would have been more reasonable. The Act with the statutory requirements comes into force on 1 July 2017 and the regulations which are to define the various processes under the Act had not (as at 31 March 2017) been issued. It would have been premature for Council to require building owners to incur, potentially significant, expense outside of a regulatory framework.

Proposed response

- 13.4 That Council completes its identification of earthquake-prone buildings during 2017/18 and develops, for owners of earthquake-prone buildings, a proposal to co-ordinate obtaining engineering assessments.

14 Marton heritage precinct – promotion, advocacy, funding case

- 14.1 Council canvassed opinions for its intention to support local building owners in the Marton CBD to address the retention of significant heritage values within the town centre. One submitter commented that this item is to help promote \$800k capital budget to develop detailed design for the Marton Civic Centre.
- 14.2 The submitter suggested that the proposal will not be sustainable if employment is not attracted to the town.
- 14.3 On a related issue, one submitter requested financial support for other heritage projects (e.g. Scotts Ferry maintenance and Willis Redoubt) and clear signage for historical sites for tourism potential (e.g. Mangaweka hydro plant and Colenso trail to Hawkes Bay).

Officer Comment

- 14.4 Council anticipates that its own plans to develop the heritage site for the civic centre will add value to efforts by other building owners in the Marton CBD to develop their properties sustainably. It will be important to also include potential for job creation in these plans.
- 14.5 In terms of wider support for heritage projects, Council supports a working group of heritage interests in the District through Rangitikei Heritage. Some funding is available to Rangitikei Heritage through Council and Council staff support external funding applications as appropriate. These projects will be signalled to that group to investigate feasibility and implementation, with potential implications for funding to be considered as part of the 2018-28 Long Term Plan.

Proposed response

- 14.6 That Council continues to discuss the concepts around the Marton Heritage Precinct and to work with business/property owners and local residents to find a value solution for the future development of the town centre.

15 Mangaweka bridge

- 15.1 Council informed the community that, following an assessment of the Mangaweka bridge that substantial repairs and/or replacement of the structure is needed, its preferred option was to build a new bridge (with new approaches), and to evaluate the benefits/costs of retaining the present structure for walking and cycling. This was supported by submitters, including Taihape Community Board, Heritage New Zealand and Horizons.
- 15.2 The Taihape Community Board suggested that a safety review is carried out on the access road to Mangaweka Bridge (Toe Toe Road) even before any decisions are made about the bridge.

Officer Comment

- 15.3 Council needs to be explicit that it wishes to keep the old bridge and secure agreement for this from Manawatu. Although a unique structure, it does not carry any heritage protection. This could be explored with Heritage New Zealand – it may open opportunities for funding.
- 15.4 While Council is confident that the business case for a replacement Mangaweka Bridge will be accepted by the New Zealand Transport Agency, a safety review of Toe Toe Road will be undertaken. Upgrading the road will require negotiation with the New Zealand Transport Agency to ensure co-investment alongside rates funding.

Proposed response

- 15.5 That, assuming the business case for a replacement Mangaweka bridge is accepted by the New Zealand Transport Agency, Council confirms its desire to keep the old Mangaweka Bridge as a pedestrian/cycling route and to seek protection from Heritage New Zealand subject to obtaining a similar view from Manawatu District Council.
- 15.6 That a safety review be undertaken of that section of Toe Toe Road being used while the Mangaweka Bridge is limited to 6 tonnes and reported to the Assets/Infrastructure Committee's meeting on 10 August 2017.

16 District promotion – taking up the legacy of Rangitikei Tourism

- 16.1 Council informed the community that Rangitikei Tourism's role has changed over the past ten years from being an operator-membership organisation to promoting the District more widely to visitors and locals, primarily through web-based portal, www.rangitikei.com with Council funding.

- 16.2 Council's offer to take over www.rangitikei.com and continue its development using the funding previously provided to Rangitikei Tourism has been taken up. During the past two months, Rangitikei Tourism has been dissolved and residual assets passed back to Council as per the organisation's rules.
- 16.1 Five submitters commented on this issues. Federated Farmers requested that any funding for District Promotion/Information Centres was levied as a targeted rate on tourism businesses. One submitter felt that the Council should be providing more funding to Rangitikei Tourism and one submitter hoped to see promotion of the District at Palmerston North airport. One submitter congratulated Council on undertaking promotion of the District externally. One submitter suggested that building on the Bulls precinct development as an example of a community strategy to see the Rangitikei as a tourist destination. This submitter also suggested that strategies to welcome newcomers to the district and make the district appealing as an immigration/relocation proposition (inclusion as opposed to exclusion) are needed.
- 16.2 Two submitters commented on associated issues relating to District Promotion and economic development. Two submitters suggested that Council employ a full-time role to increase retail and other businesses in the towns. One submitter requested details of what had been spent from the \$205,000 additional funding for economic development allocated through the 2015-25 LTP.
- 16.3 Three submitters commented on associated issues relating to place-making in the towns. One submitter outlined a potential process for a place-making project in Bulls. One submitter requested that place-making in Taihape commence again. Two submitters suggested that some place-making take place on the sites of the Elim Church and the Criterion Hotel which are currently "an eyesore".
- 16.4 There was one submission on the associated issue of support for events where it was requested that Council ensure all participants in the Christmas Parades are aware of health and safety requirements.

Officer Comment

- 16.5 During the coming year, Council will develop its District Promotion strategy to include the development of the web portal www.rangitikei.com. Other issues raised in submissions will be considered as part of developing the District Promotion Strategy and the Revenue and Finance Policy as part of the preparation for the 2018-28 Long Term Plan.
- 16.6 Council currently provides support to three town coordinators in Bulls, Marton and Taihape. Part of their role is to support local businesses and to welcome new residents and businesses to the District. This provision will be reviewed as part of the 2018-28 Long Term Plan.

- 16.7 Information relating to the addition budget of \$205,000 allocated to economic development in the 2015-25 LTP is given below:

Project area:	Annual Budget	Actual 2015/16	Actual 1 July 2016 - 31 March 2017
Projects to support the regional growth study	\$100,000	\$0	\$29,720
Place-making/implementation of town centre plans	\$60,000	\$52,373	\$19,597
District Promotion and Events	\$20,000	\$2,500	\$5,086
Events Sponsorship Scheme	\$25,000	\$24,509	\$21,412

- 16.8 Protocols for place making are already in place, and have been communicated to the Community Committees (and the Taihape Community Boards). There have been discussions with the Elim Church and will be with the owners of the Criterion site. These may be place-making projects if the local community wish to actively engage in creating great public spaces.
- 16.9 Council sponsors events but it does not organise them directly. It is the responsibility of event organisers to ensure that health and safety has been covered. There is a template available for this from the Town Coordinators. However, as all Christmas Parades entail temporary road closures, it is feasible for Council staff to check with organisers that they have the health and safety requirements in place.

Proposed response

- 16.10 That, as part of the development of the 2018-28 Long Term Plan, Council:

- consider its role in promoting the District and the way in which it is to be funded.
- review the arrangement to support Town Centre coordinators through a Memorandum of Understanding with local community development agencies.

17 Getting greater value from recreational facilities

- 17.1 Council signalled in the consultation document that it intended to look at this as part of the 2018-28 Long Term Plan. Potential projects that have already been brought to its attention are a new skate park in Centennial Park, upgrading the velodrome in Wilson Park and returning at least part of Santoft Domain for recreational use.
- 17.2 A substantial submission was received in favour of an upgrade of the skate park at Centennial Park. In addition, two other submitters supported an extension to the skate park. The submitters also spoke at oral hearings.

- 17.3 Two submitters supported specifically upgrading the velodrome. One submitter referred specifically to Santoft Domain. One submitter also suggested that Council develop amenities for the increased use of the Te Araroa Trail, particularly by looking at developing facilities at Bulls Domain and/or Santoft Domain.
- 17.4 The Rangitikei College Board of Trustees requested that Council participate in discussions around sharing maintenance and renewal costs for assets that both the school and general community may use, for example, the swimming pools and turf management.

Officer Comment

- 17.5 Councillors have signalled their support for a project to extend the skate park at Centennial Park but would like to see more evidence of the community support through development of a committee to proceed. There is opportunity to incorporate these plans into the redevelopment of that area of Centennial Park currently being investigated by the Centennial Park Users Group. Linking these two groups together to develop a proposal that would meet the criteria for support through a Park Upgrade Partnership Fund application (i.e. a 2 for 1 contribution from the community) would demonstrate the community demand for this skate park extension. This implies a Council contribution of \$40,000.
- 17.6 Such projects will need to be considered as part of the Long Term Plan – however, the skate park at Centennial Park may provide a blueprint for these more ambitious projects that meet the needs of specific user groups.
- 17.7 A report on Santoft Domain will be prepared for consideration at Assets/infrastructure Committee. The report will provide options including to develop an area of the Domain for community use, fence water ways, and develop a fence replacement and weed eradication programme, and lease the remaining land. Te Araroa Trail Is a NZ Trail. This needs further discussions with the appropriate body, however, developments at Santoft Domain could contribute to resolving this issue.

Proposed response

- 17.8 That Council sets aside up to \$40,000 during 2017/18 to support a community-led project to extend the skate park at Centennial Park on the basis of at least a 2:1 contribution from external funds and/or in kind contributions
- 17.9 That the Rangitikei College Board of Trustees be invited to meet with Council to discuss sharing of assets with a view to reaching agreement by 30 September 2017 so that budgetary and operational implications form part of the 2018-28 Long term Plan.

18 Options for community groups using former Taihape College

18.1 Council alerted the community to the potential for a longer-term solution for community use of the old College site on Rauma Road in Taihape following an agreement with the MOE for interim use on a licence to occupy basis. Council signalled its intent to consider this as part of the 2018-28 Long Term Plan.

18.2 There were no submissions on this item.

19 Purchasing land at 7 King Street, Marton

19.1 Council outlined its plan to exercise the option to purchase land currently leased on King Street and used for the Marton Waste Transfer Station and to house the Parks and Reserves Team. The site may be used to house other services if the proposed new Civic Centre goes ahead. One submitter asked what was the value of the building on this site and whether it would be worth renewing on land council already own, and commented that the Council has not revealed the actual costs (including internal staff costs, fit out, new computer systems, etc.) of shifting staff to King Street.

19.2 The improvements value of the site at King Street is \$305,000. The rationale for Council's approach is that costs will be minimised in the long term if the site is owned rather than leased. The Parks and Reserves team are currently based there and, if proposals for new premises for Council's administration and library services in Marton proceed, there will be an option to re-house some staff teams (particularly those using vehicles and equipment) more cost effectively at a works site rather than a central CBD location. If the proposal does not go ahead, then the Parks and Reserves team remain secure in the premises that they currently occupy. Developing a full costings for the possibility of a future move is premature.

Proposed response

19.3 That Council confirms its intentions to exercise the option to purchase land currently leased on King Street and used for the Marton Waste Transfer Station and to house the Parks and Reserves Team.

20 Postponement of major wastewater, water and stormwater upgrades into 2017/18

20.1 The Council signalled that there were significant carry forwards in planned infrastructure works in water, wastewater and stormwater activities and the reasons for this. Three submitters commented on these proposals.

20.1 Two of these urged Council to be proactive in seeking to resolve consenting issues with Horizons and to get on with the work. The asset managers confirm that no critical projects have been deferred but that securing the consent conditions is a critical precursor to the prior to physical works commencing. The Council is working closely doing what it can to advance consent applications to Horizons once they've been submitted.

- 20.2 The submission from Horizons pledged to continue to work closely with Council to secure the best and most cost effective solutions for the District.

Proposed response

- 20.3 That Council confirms it will continue to work closely with Horizons in planned upgrades to water, wastewater and stormwater facilities.

21 Altered arrangement for delivering infrastructure services

- 21.1 Council updated the community on plans to develop a Council Controlled Organisation (CCO) to deliver a shared service infrastructure arrangement with Manawatu District Council. Although this had been found to not be feasible, Council confirmed its intention to confirm an alternative approach by 1 July 2017 but did not foresee any impact on budgets.
- 21.2 One submission – from Kevin Whelan – was withdrawn prior to deliberations. Whilst included in the high level analysis, Mr Whelan’s other comments on infrastructure services are not considered further.

22 Funding for Youth Services

- 22.1 Council updated the community on the appointment of youth development coordinators in Marton and Taihape. This issue had been consulted upon as part of the 2016/17 Annual Plan, following which Council agreed to invest \$60,000 per annum on youth services. No submitters commented on this.

23 Rangatira cemetery at Hunterville

- 23.1 Council informed the community that Council had assumed ownership of Rangatira cemetery at the request of the appointed trustees.
- 23.2 Several submitters requested that Council undertake additional maintenance work at the Anglican cemetery at Mt View and the Presbyterian cemetery on Parewanui Road. No resources currently exist within the Parks and Reserves team to undertake additional work so this would need to be considered following a formal approach from the relevant trustees/current caretakers. In the meantime, use of Corrections PD workers may be of assistance. Council can supply contact details.

24 Fire and Emergency New Zealand

- 24.1 Council informed the community of changes in the delivery and funding of urban and rural fire services with both services replaced by one integrated service. Council’s management of a standalone rural fire service is closely linked with District civil defence and emergency management and managed through a contract for service with Horizons regional council. In its submission, Horizons confirmed its intent to continue to work with territorial

authorities to meet our obligations under the Civil Defence and Emergency Management Act 2002.

Proposed response

- 24.2 That Council continues to work collaboratively with Horizons Regional Council (and other councils in the Horizons region) to give effect to the Civil Defence and Emergency Management Act.

25 Other issues raised by submitters

- 25.1 Submitters raised a number of other issues relating to Council's services or other aspects of its business. These are summarised in Appendix 2 with officer comment and recommended proposals, relating to Council's Groups of Activities, as follows:

- Community leadership
- Roading
- 3-Waters (water supply, sewerage and the treatment and disposal of sewage and stormwater drainage)
- Community and Leisure Assets
- Rubbish and Recycling
- Environmental and regulatory services
- Community Well-being

26 Next Steps

- 26.1 Council will consider the submissions made to its consultation document and make decisions about amendments (if any) to its draft 2017/18 Annual Plan. The final draft 2017/18 Annual Plan will be considered for adoption by Council at its meeting on 25 May 2017.
- 26.2 At that stage, Council will also finalise its response to submitters which will then be forwarded to all submitters. It is suggested that this report forms the basis of the response to submitters.

27 Recommendations

- 27.1 That the report 'Analysis of submissions to the Consultation Document, "What's changed, what's the plan for 2017/18...?" with respect to the draft 2017/18 Annual Plan' be received.
- 27.2 That Council proceeds with the current proposal for the Bulls Community Centre and (in accordance with legal advice) with additional property sales, bearing in mind the issues raised by the community (particularly on the Willis Redoubt and Haylock Park) as the process proceeds.
- 27.3 That Council undertake further work to clarify the costs between heritage preservation and a new build for the proposed Marton Civic Centre,

including the potential opportunities for grants to assist the former and a concept design for the latter.

- 27.4 EITHER: That, to maintain momentum with the project, particularly the support from last year's Annual Plan process for a new amenity block on the Park, Council accepts the majority preferences expressed in the current consultation – i.e. to keep the grandstand as proposed (with the ground floor being modified as a storage area) and build the new amenity block on the site occupied by the toilets, possibly with a second storey if there is external funding committed to that.

OR: That Council sets aside the outcome of last year's Annual Plan and conduct an intensive consultation process focussed on Taihape residents; this would encompass a range of design and location options for amenity/grandstand/recreational facilities on the Park.

- 27.5 That Council completes its identification of earthquake-prone buildings during 2017/18 and develops, for owners of earthquake-prone buildings, a proposal to co-ordinate obtaining engineering assessments.
- 27.6 That Council continues to discuss the concepts around the Marton Heritage Precinct and to work with business/property owners and local residents to find a value solution for the future development of the town centre.
- 27.7 That, assuming the business case for a replacement Mangaweka bridge is accepted by the New Zealand Transport Agency, Council confirms its desire to keep the old Mangaweka Bridge as a pedestrian/cycling route and to seek protection from Heritage New Zealand subject to obtaining a similar view from Manawatu District Council.
- 27.8 That Council confirms its intentions to exercise the option to purchase land currently leased on King Street and used for the Marton Waste Transfer Station and to house the Parks and Reserves Team.
- 27.9 That Council confirms it will continue to work closely with Horizons in planned upgrades to water, wastewater and stormwater facilities.
- 27.10 That Council continues to work collaboratively with Horizons Regional Council (and other councils in the Horizons region) to give effect to the Civil Defence and Emergency Management Act.
- 27.11 That Council make provision in its Annual Plan for 2017/18 to:
- a) complete the upgrade of the Taihape pool with an additional budget \$200,000 (reserve funded)
 - b) install public toilets in Mangaweka village and additional toilets in Papakai Park (Taihape), River Bank at Bulls and Bruce Reserve in

Huntermville, provided that sufficient matched funding can be secured from external sources, with a budget of \$110,000

- c) up to \$40,000 during 2017/18 to support a community-led project to extend the skate park at Centennial Park on the basis of at least a 2:1 contribution from external funds and/or in kind contributions

27.12 That a report be provided to Council's meeting on 25 May 2017 regarding the requested interest free loan from Edale and considered before the adoption of the 2017/18 Annual Plan.

27.13 That the following issues are reported to the Assets/Infrastructure Committee meeting on 10 August 2017:

- a) safety review be undertaken of that section of Toe Toe Road being used while the Mangaweka Bridge is limited to 6 tonnes
- b) installing a pedestrian crossing on Wellington Road (Marton) between Hereford Street and Morris Street
- c) the outcome of further discussion with the New Zealand Transport Agency on relocating the pedestrian crossing at Hautapu/Huia Streets (Taihape), and a new pedestrian crossing on Bridge Street (Bulls) between the Burger bar and the Information Centre
- d) fencing the open drain at Marton Park
- e) the requested demolition of the shed next to the Old Boys Rugby Club (Taihape Memorial Park)
- f) installing fencing on the perimeter of Centennial Park (Marton) and security cameras over the pavilion
- g) providing an additional seat on Kaka Road, Taihape
- h) establishing a dog cemetery in Huntermville.

27.14 That the following issue is brought to the Policy/Planning Committee meeting on 10 August 2017:

a report on amending the location of speed limit signs on Parewanui Road

27.15 That the Rangitikei College Board of Trustees be invited to meet with Council to discuss sharing of assets with a view to reaching agreement by 30 September 2017 so that budgetary and operational implications form part of the 2018-28 Long Term Plan.

27.16 That Council does not proceed with

- a) fencing the dog exercise area on the land at Robin Street (for which Council has a licence to occupy from the Office of Treaty Settlements)
- b) installing permanent heating in the Taihape Town Hall (because of projected redevelopment of this site)

27.17 That in developing the 2018-28 Long Term Plan, consideration will be given to:

- a) the need for 24/7 toilets in Marton
- b) the findings of the Whangaehu Flood Resilience Project
- c) consider its role in promoting the District and the way in which it is to be funded
- d) review the arrangement to support Town Centre coordinators through a Memorandum of Understanding with local community development agencies
- e) research the feasibility and costs of a micro-chipping service to owners of all dogs and cats
- f) upgrading the playground at Marton Plunket
- g) upgrading the playground at the Taihape Outback
- h) the feasibility of a bike trail at Taihape Memorial Park
- i) costs of getting tracks to DoC standards on Mt Stewart, Taihape
- j) upgrading road access into the Ratana cemetery and co-management of both parts of the cemetery.
- k) upgrading the Ratana playground

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Strategy and Community Planning Manager

Appendix 1

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Sent: Friday, 31 March 2017 2:24 PM
To: Andy Watson <Andy.Watson@rangitikei.govt.nz>; Ross McNeil
<Ross.McNeil@rangitikei.govt.nz>
Subject: Fwd: proposed sale of Walten Str reserve for subdivision

Hello Andy and Ross

The sender of this email spoke to me earlier today and I have relayed his thoughts to Carol
I do remember a lot of discussion about this redoubt when the Bulls Council planned the subdivision
I do not remember all of the issues and whether the area of the redoubt is marked on the
subdivision plans

Regards

Graeme

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: Tony Pernthaner <pernthanert@hotmail.com>
Date: 31 March 2017 at 1:32:34 PM NZDT
To: "Graeme.p@xtra.co.nz" <Graeme.p@xtra.co.nz>
Subject: proposed sale of Walten Str reserve for subdivision

Hi Graeme,

This mail is in addition to our discussion about the sale of the council land known as Walton Street subdivision (I actually spoke more by chance to Jan Dunn as well as on the council forms her number is shown under your details). The plans published on the council web site show that the land for sale includes part of the land known as Willis Redoubt, a class 1 heritage site, which is not disclosed.

This important fact and the associated consequences have not been disclosed in the council proposal, which presently is under consultation. The outcome of this process therefore cannot be regarded as being representative of the opinion of the community.

The Willis Redoubt is mostly on private land and the site is regarded as one of the best preserved redoubts in the entire country. I am concerned that the sale for development will have a detrimental effect on the integrity of this unique site.

Best wishes
Dr Anton Pernthaner
Beccles, Bulls

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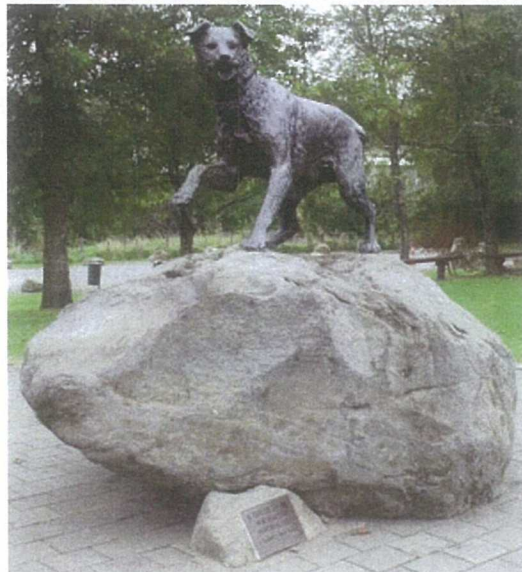
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Hunterville Dog Cemetery.



Proposal put to the Hunterville Community Board.

The community of Hunterville is commonly referred to as the home of the Huntaway dog, and displays the statue of a Huntaway in the park. It also is the home of the Hunterville Shepherds Shemozzle.

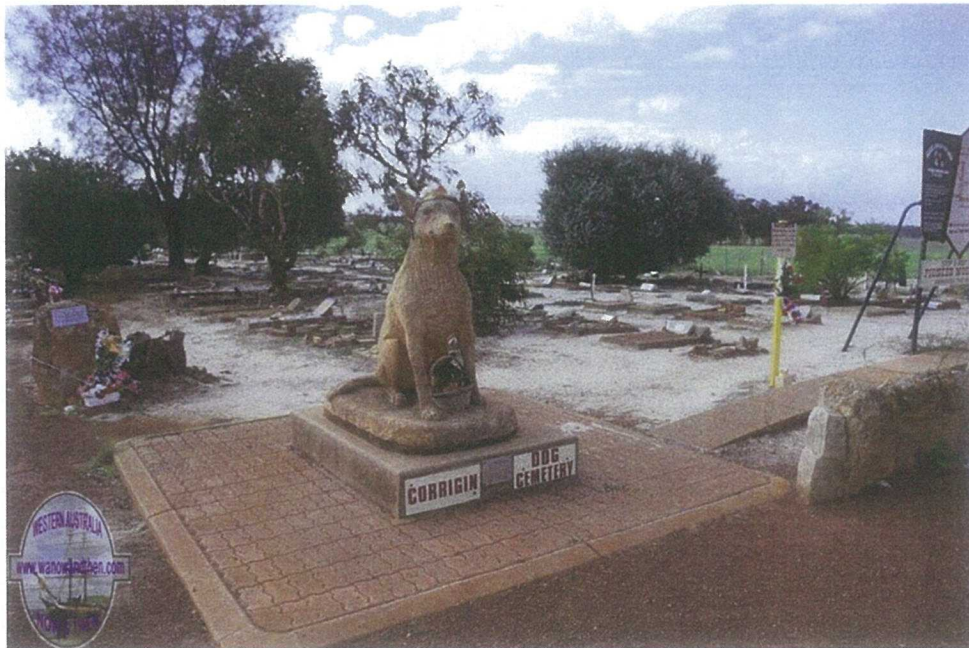
I, after having visited Corrigin, a small town in Western Australia found one of its show case sites to visit, is a Dog Cemetery which now celebrates “man’s best friend” the dog.

It was originally the burial place of one man’s dog, and then a second local put his dog next to the first. To celebrate the life of this dog he made a grave similar to that of a human plot complete with headstone. And so it began, other dogs were buried there and many elaborate graves were designed.

This site is a huge draw card for the town and even has its own Facebook page.

From what I understand anyone may bury a dog at this site, after having gained permission from the Shire of Corrigin. The information I have found is that the cost to do so is free for local dogs with a fee paid by those from further afield. Headstones are often decorated and dedicated to the dog by its owners.

Corrigin Dog Cemetery



Corrigin Dog Cemetery



Corrigin Western Australia



Corrigin Western Australia

- Located in Western Australia's central Wheatbelt region, 235km south-east of Perth, is the friendly community of Corrigin.
- Corrigin is a predominantly farming community with cereal cropping and sheep its main industries.
- Corrigin's pro-active approach in improving all facets of country living mean this picturesque town is a great alternative to the city and offers all the necessary services including medical, education, recreation, economic and social facilities.
- It is only in the country that you can develop a relationship with the whole community, where everyone knows you and you know them.
- Over 1,000 proud and friendly locals are keen to welcome all visitors and prospective residents to Corrigin and hope that you will enjoy our town as much as we do.
- (<http://www.corrigin.wa.gov.au/> web site)

A similar NZ Pet cemetery site.

- Taupo Pet Cemetery
- Although we are not permitted to carry out pet cremations at Taupo Funeral Services Ltd, we do have our very own Pet Cemetery.
- A place where the Taupo and surrounding communities can lay their much loved animal friends to rest and visit them any time.
- Plot and Interment Fees:

	Plot:		Interment Fee:
• Large Dog	\$190.00	/	\$80.00
• Medium Dog	\$153.00	/	\$60.00
• Small Dog	\$95.00	/	\$45.00
• All Cats	\$153.00	/	\$45.00
• All Other Small Pets	\$80.00	/	\$45.00
- <http://www.taupofuneral.co.nz/taupo-pet-cemetery>

Suggested Site for the Hunterville Dog Cemetery



Suggested site for the Hunterville Dog Cemetery.



27 Milne Street Hunterville

- Valuation No.
- 1358018100
- Location
- 27 Milne Street, Hunterville
- Legal Description
- PT SEC 37 TSHIP OF HUNTERVILLE
- Certificate of Title
- No title
- Ward No.
- 2
- Zone
- 1A
- Use
- 77
- Category
- ISP
- TORAS
- 141000
- Property Area (hectares)
- 0.4679
- Current Rating Valuation
- As valued at 1 July 2014
- Land Value
- \$21,000
- Improvements Value
- \$500
- Capital Value
- \$21,500
- Nature of Improvements
- OI

Suggested site for the Hunterville Dog Cemetery



27 Milne Street Hunterville

- This site is at the southern entrance to Hunterville. Its on SH1 near Feltham Street.
- It already has a tarseal area for parking.
- It has previously been contoured.
- It appears it is not currently used for any purpose.

27 Milne Street Hunterville

- I believe this was the Rangitikei Council Works Site.
- It had for a time been cleared and used as a picnic site until the tables were removed.
- It is currently overgrown with blackberry, other weeds and surrounded by large trees.

Why a dog cemetery in Hunterville?



Why a dog Cemetery in Hunterville?

- Hunterville is a small rural community situated centrally in the Rangitieke District.
- It is referred to as the “Huntaway Capital of the world”. Huntaways being dogs used on the farms of New Zealand to muster sheep and cattle.
- Hunterville holds an annual Shepherds Shemozzle, a large festival event. A race of man and dog.

Why a dog Cemetery in Hunterville?

- Small rural towns need promotion to stay viable.
- Hunterville is a dynamic village which is proud of its Dog title.
- A dog cemetery would continue to grow this ideal.

Who is responsible?



What is required?

- This idea considers using a Rangitikei District Council asset.
- Initial clearing of the site of weeds and preparation of the site suitable for plots is required.
- Consents (Building and Resource) may be required for this proposal.
- Ongoing site maintenance and burial plot preparation.

What is required?

- Council already have a Cemetery Administration Manual that sets rules for Human burial and for ashes. Similar rules for this should be established for this proposal.
- Plots, headstones and signage rules required.
- Is sponsorship by third parties an option?
- Cost to bury dog or ashes?

Quality control would be required!



Initial Investigation

- I have taken this suggestion to the Hunterville Community Committee and had favourable feedback.
- This appears to be considered as a suitable Community Project.
- Financial cost will require investigation.
- I respectfully ask that the Rangitikei District Council may consider this proposal and the feasibility of the site in question.

The shire of Corrigin. WA. A sister for Hunterville?



Sister Town

- Hunterville, a Sister town to Corrigin?
- I put the suggestion to the Hunterville Community Committee they might also approach the Shire of Corrigin with the proposal of becoming Sister/Twin towns.
- As I see it that both townships are small rural communities that place a high importance on its agricultural heritage.
- Such ties between communities can be used to build relationships and promote each other and the surrounding districts in their respective countries.

The Hunterville Dog Cemetery.

- This is one persons' idea for Hunterville.
- And a project that must be desired, approved and developed by the community.
- Can the Council help?

Richard GOWER.

Appendix 2

Community Leadership Group of Activities

Submitter	Do you have any comment on other matters noted in this Consultation Document?	Officer comment
Federated Farmers, Kristy McGregor	<p>Purpose Statement of Local Government - note and prioritise current spending proposals in line with the purpose of local government</p> <p>Rates increases - keep rates increases to a minimum</p> <p>Transparency - continue to give range of examples of impact on rates</p> <p>Revenue and Financing Strategy - general rates, differentials, UAGC - review Policy in run up to LTP to ensure fair and equitable collection of rates</p> <p>EQP Buildings investigation - supports Council's proposed approach</p> <p>These comments were echoed in a submission from Owen Bonner and Jo Rangooni</p>	<p>Council is mindful of the statutory purpose of local government.</p> <p>Council will be reviewing the relative benefits from services and the rates requirements in its reconsideration of the Revenue and Financing Policy, part of developing the 2018-28 Long term Plan.</p> <p>Council intends to engage with Federated Farmers in the Long term Process as it will with major industries.</p>
Taihape Community Board, Michelle Fannin	<p>Communication-this is still an issue in our community and would like RDC to consider a one page flyer in with quarterly rate demand. One page District news and the other side more local.</p> <p>When it comes to the Taihape Town Hall, we need to do a better job in consulting our community, recently we did a stint at the Taihape New World to inform our community, but better communication; more lead up especially when it comes to our town hall will be needed.</p> <p>These comments were echoed in submissions from Rob Snijders, peter Oliver, Angela Oliver and Bronwyn Troons.</p>	<p>Council used the distribution channels available to it - the District Monitor and the Feilding-Rangitikei Herald (both of which are distributed in Taihape) as well as its website and Facebook pages, and placing copies of the Annual Plan consultation document in the Taihape Library. In addition, the Taihape Community Board has been active in talking to members with members of the community alerting people to the issues affecting Taihape. An updated communications strategy is to be considered by the Policy/Planning Committee's meeting on 11 May 2017.</p> <p>Rates demands are received only by property owners (and only once if the rates instalment for the year is paid in full.)</p>

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Robert Snijders	<p>Council are delaying core infrastructure projects in favour of bringing forward civic centre projects for each of the major towns. It is clear from documents that our water supply, sewage treatment are earthquake prone and need urgent upgrades.</p> <p>Why is priority given to this over e.g. Mangaweka bridge which supports the economy and should take precedence.</p> <p>Costings should include staffing costs.</p> <p>RDC staff attend a number of external and internal conferences both in NZ and abroad. e.g. Path to Wellbeing, very few of the districts population know about these and what benefits it is to them. How has the investment benefited the community?</p> <p>Options for Taihape College: is there an option to create start up business spaces?</p>	<p>The delay in some major infrastructure projects (notably Bulls and Marton wastewater upgrades) are related to settling consent conditions, determined by Horizons Regional Council. Council has a programme of earthquake-strengthening its water and wastewater treatment plants and reservoirs where this is needed. They are all insured.</p> <p>Having been informed that the current Mangaweka Bridge cannot safely carry loads over 6 tonnes, Council has set aside an additional provision to underwrite the costs of replacement – but the timing for this project is determined by the New Zealand Transport Agency.</p> <p>Civic centre projects are not being given priority over these critical projects.</p> <p>Assets when capitalised include staff time where appropriate.</p> <p>Staff training and development is essential for the Council to remain informed about, and participate in, discussions and programmes which improve the effectiveness of Council services.</p> <p>The former Taihape College is not owned by Council, and the Ministry of Education is willing to commit to only short-term arrangements for community groups.</p>

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Jo Rangooni	Rates affordability is an issue for many	Council has rates affordability as one of its strategic intention for the triennium. The projected rates increase for 2017/18 is lower than projected in the 2015/25 Long Term Plan and is the lowest increase of any council in the Horizons region.
Madeleine Grove	Great mechanism for easy feedback. Well done!	-
Lynley Means	Council needs to open up more land for housing. Every week there are folk arriving here wanting to buy/build. Businesses would move here if there was somewhere to go. Don't wait until no-one wants to come to a ghost town.	The consultation for the Annual Plan included two large blocks of land in Bulls which could be used for new housing. There are substantial areas of land zoned residential but currently not used of that purpose in the three main towns.
Ratana Communal Board of Trustees and Ratana Community Board	Rates affordability and a local wananga (workshop) on the Rates Rebate Scheme Include provision for members of the Ratana Community Board to attend at least one conference during the triennium	Council will continue its practice to make a time each year to visit Ratana to explain the operation of the Government's rate rebate scheme. There is provision in the Ratana Community Board's budget for members to attend conferences and seminars.
Bronwyn Meads	80kmph sign on Parewanui Road: I would like Council to reconsider placement of this sign. The 100kmph comes into play just before the turn off to Riverlands, and before Brandon Hall Road. To speed up to 100kmph just before a road that has a lot of traffic coming from it, (meatworks) doesn't make sense. It would be safer to remain at 80kmph till after these 2 side roads.	Current placing of the speed restriction sign was made following a recommendation from Council's roading team in amending the Speed Limit Bylaw. The matter will be taken up with them.
Gretta Mills	The council purports to use ABDC principles to determine local needs. However plans to erect new buildings in Bulls and Marton have not been ideas that arose from the community ratepayers. They are wants not needs. Our key needs are basic infrastructure i.e., water, roads, wastewater and reliable fast broadband!	There has been considerable engagement with residents about the proposed civic/community centre in Bulls, Marton and Taihape – in particular what is needed for the future. Council remains committed to maintaining viable roading, water and wastewater infrastructure within the District and to advocate/facilitate provision of broadband.

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Dudley Brown	The Edale Trust Board has an excellent relationship with Council. As the only retirement village/rest home we wish to ask for further assistance to ensure our facility remains to serve the Rangitikei Community	In his oral submission, the Board's Chair asked for an interest-free loan from Council to implement the recommendations from the strategic review. The amount and term was not specified. Such a loan would be feasible only if Council made the payment from reserves (as Council has not had an opportunity to include the matter in the Annual Plan consultation). There will need to be further discussion with the Edale Trust Board, and a report considered by Council at its meeting on 25 May 2017 prior to the adoption of the 2017/18 Annual Plan.

Proposed responses

That a report on amending the location of speed limit signs on Parewanui Road be provided to the Policy/Planning Committee's meeting on 10 August 2017.

That a report be provided to Council's meeting on 25 May 2017 regarding the requested interest free loan from Edale and considered before the adoption of the 2017/18 Annual Plan.

Roading Group of Activities

Submitter	Do you have any comment on other matters noted in this Consultation Document?	Officer comment
Wayne Spencer	Accelerate the Turakina Valley Road seal programme. Potential cycling event and tourism hampered by gap in sealed road.	A design programme is currently being worked upon to address this aspect. Considering a three phase option with phase one aimed for early next year.

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Taihape Community Board, Michelle Fannin	<p>Taihape Footpaths have been an ongoing issue for too long, Taihape Community Board wants to see further action; we do not believe that the grooving is a viable option. We do understand the RDC is working on this issue, but want to see this resolved sooner.</p> <p>These comments were echoed in a submission from Naomi Maclean.</p>	The testing and phases being worked through to try and address the slippery condition of the footpaths in the CBD is continuing. Testing to use a high pressure jetting system is about to commence. Funding for this activity is included in the 2017/18 budget.
Bronwyn Minty	<p>Making a heavy vehicle bypass down Criterion Street for trucks and buses heading north. Pedestrian crossing or safe walkway for Bulls Domain/marae users.</p> <p>Pedestrian access to centre of town by Gorton Street/Ngati Apa building</p>	<p>Given the intended location of the new Bulls community centre, Council is not in favour of Criterion Street being used as an alternative heavy traffic bypass. Previous discussions with the New Zealand Transport Agency made it clear that Council would need to bear the cost of upgrading the road for that purpose.</p> <p>The request for this pedestrian crossing has been investigated several times and found not warranted.</p>
Marton Community Committee, Carolyn Bates	<p>Pedestrian crossings on Wellington Road between Hereford Street and Morris Street and...</p> <p>...a raised crossing on Broadway from the new seating area to the gnome garden</p> <p>Liaise with MOE /Schools over crossings outside all schools</p>	<p>An investigation needs to take place to ascertain if such a crossing is justified.</p> <p>The current crossing on Broadway in the area identified is deemed sufficient and appropriate. The final design proposal for the upgrade of the CBD still needs to be completed and will or should determine if such a crossing be warranted.</p>

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Christine Mackintosh	Concerned about Hautapu/Huia Street pedestrian crossing. Really dangerous! When turning left onto SH1 South, watching traffic not pedestrians. I've seen a few near-misses! Should crossing be moved further down Hautapu Street (near old hardware store) and have garden either side (like Marton).	NZTA decision. It has been previously been discussed but can be taken up again.
David A J Lee	A pedestrian crossing in Bridge Street or traffic lights at the junction of High and Bridge Streets.	NZTA decision. It has previously been discussed, but can be taken up again.
Elaine Lee	More crossings for pedestrians especially by corner of Bridge and High Street, between Bulls Burger Bar and Information Centre. A lot of people cross here and it is often very busy. Although there is a crossing outside the 4 Square many do not cross there.	NZTA decision. It has previously been discussed but can be taken up again.
Graham Ross	The main intersection in Bulls needs looking at. Council should have bought Westpac and eventually the one opposite	The addressing of this intersection lies with NZTA and is part of a National Road Safety programme.
Ratana Communal Board of Trustees and Ratana Community Board	The temporary speed bumps - noise issues need to be addressed while retaining efficacy. Reduce speed limit in the Paa to 40km/h in line with new transport Authority guidelines Include Ratana in Council's roading programme to improve curb and channelling and avoid stormwater run off into properties	This aspect was discussed at a community board meeting on Tuesday April 11 and investigation currently underway to address these concerns.

Proposed response

That a report on installing a pedestrian crossing on Wellington Road (Marton) between Hereford Street and Morris Street be provided to the Assets/Infrastructure Committee's meeting on 10 August 2017.

That further discussion with the New Zealand Transport Agency on relocating the pedestrian crossing at Hautapu/Huia Streets (Taihape), and a new pedestrian crossing on Bridge Street (Bulls) between the Burger bar and the Information Centre and reported to the Assets/Infrastructure Committee's meeting on 10 August 2017.

3-Waters Groups of Activities (Water Supply, Wastewater and Stormwater)

Submitter	Do you have any comment on other matters noted in this Consultation Document?	Officer comment
Heather Thorby	<p>Motorhome/caravan effluent dump station in Bulls - where is it?</p> <p>RDC has still not sorted the problem of rural landowners not cleaning main drains.</p>	<p>Caravan dump site/water refill station is currently intended to be included in conjunction with the new Bulls community centre.</p> <p>The Council does not provide/maintain rural stormwater drains in the Bulls area. Council officers do however where practicable work with Horizons and the rural landowners to identify flood risks and assist with advice.</p>
Holt	Better water for drinking.	Council is continuously working on improving water quality, and achieving 100% compliance with the Drinking Water Standards
Kaye and Steven Kerr	Renewing of the water mains around the town (Bulls)	There are a number of water main renewals programmed for Bulls in Council's Long Term Plan. Any specific issues with flow or pressure can be notified to Council's call centre to help inform renewal programming.
M D Smith	<p>Concentrate on the basics such as good water systems.</p> <p>Land based sewerage disposal - composting, recycling and treated water for irrigation from the sewerage.</p> <p>Put flood water pipe from around Curls Bridge area direct to river to prevent flooding in Bulls from Tutaenui stream</p>	<p>Robust water programme planned for 2017/18.</p> <p>Land-based effluent disposal is being considered as an option at Bulls, Rātana and potentially other wastewater treatment plants as consents come up for renewal. It is already in place at Koitiata.</p> <p>Flood protection works are dealt with by Horizons Regional Council.</p>

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Ratana Communal Board of Trustees and Ratana Community Board	Address water pressure issues in old pipes for new scheme and include landscaping in the design for the new plant Support to ensure services are adequate for the November 2018 centennial celebrations	Water pressure issues in Ratana will be improved as a result of the water supply upgrade (but to manageable levels that have no negative effects on existing household plumbing). Site landscaping i.e. planting has not been included in the budget for the upgrade. It could be added following project completion at an additional cost. The new water supply will be commissioned prior to this, and will provide an adequate quantity of water.
Follet Street Kindergarten, Louise White et al	Covering, or fencing off, the entire or partial top end of the drain (at north end of Marton Park) worthy of consideration and action. We look forward to your response.	Additional fencing of the reserve /drain has not been forecast within the current 3-waters budget. Additional funding would be required. Currently the area is fenced off from the kindergarten play area.

Proposed response

That a report be prepared for the Assets/Infrastructure Committee's meeting on 10 August 2017 on fencing the open drain at Marton Park.

Community and Leisure Assets Groups of Activities

Submitter	Do you have any comment on other matters noted in this Consultation Document?	Officer comment
Marton Plunket Society and the Rangitikei Toy Library	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Upgrade of Plunket Rooms/Toy Library • Replace play equipment (an individual submitter supported this) • Repaint exterior with a mural on wall closest to playground • Repaint interior • Reconfigure waiting room as a parents meeting place • Clarification of relationship between Council and Plunket/Toy Library in terms of responsibilities <p>These comments were echoed in the submission from Rebecca Wilkinson</p>	<p>In lieu of rent, Plunket Society is responsible for cleanliness, internal upgrading, and maintenance of rooms/areas used to standard acceptable to Council.</p> <p>Council is responsible for normal exterior maintenance of the building.</p> <p>Plunket Society is responsible for cost of any other external works that is provided for them by Council or any other Contractor. Any such works require approval of Council prior to commencement;</p> <p>Heritage building – repair, maintenance and painting is permitted “using original or similar materials to those originally used and does not alter the form, character and appearance of the premises”.</p> <p>Playground cost would be a minimum of \$30,000. Parks Upgrade Partnership Fund is an option. If a greater contribution is required from Council than 1/3 or the cost, then it may be considered as part of the 2018-28 Long Term Plan.</p>

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Taihape Community Board, Michelle Fannin	<p>The project to create a dog exercise area in Robin Street be funded through the Annual Plan</p> <p>A feasibility study to establish bike trails through Taihape Memorial Park be undertaken</p> <p>Facilities be made available to address the demand for freedom camping in and around Taihape</p> <p>A playground be developed in the Outback area</p>	<p>The cost of fencing the dog exercise area is \$16K: this is not a place-making project, nor is it land which is owned by Council.</p> <p>A feasibility study into bike trails through Memorial Park can be considered when developing the 2018-28 LTP.</p> <p>Freedom camping is available in Memorial Park; Council will work with Taihape Community Board to ensure that proposed developments in Taihape (for example the new amenity block in Memorial Park and the proposed toilet block in Papakai Park alleviate some of the issues with space for freedom campers.</p> <p>Other solutions may be available through a District Promotion Strategy (for example, to investigate an app for use by independent travellers or technology to enable a user pays system.</p> <p>Outback Playground – Minimum of \$30,000; Best considered as part of Memorial Park feasibility i.e. perhaps update that playground for use by older children.</p>
Marton Community Committee, Carolyn Bates	Street cleaning to be more regularly done for gutters and waste rubbish bin.	The CBD street cleaning contracts are due for review by August 2017.

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The Tutaenui Stream Restoration Society, Greg Carlyon	<p>Request a \$10k capped sum from RDC to be spent on providing basic improvements to the track network, providing information, directional signage, addressing small scale drainage issues ensuring track is on grade to allow for family walking opportunities. In conjunction with Parks and Reserves Team Leader. In return the voluntary team will undertake work at the site agreed with RDC.</p> <p>Requests ongoing technical support and advice from the RDC team on public access to the reservoirs site, through an MOU with the RDC team. Work together to address contamination of the reservoirs from agricultural run-off etc..</p>	<p>Subject to confirmation of a Management Plan which enables public access to Marton B and C Dams, tracks should be up to Doc Standard. Funding will be determined when/if Council adopts the Dam Management Plan.</p> <p>A draft management plan for the Marton B and C Dam site has been prepared for Council's consideration on 27 April 2017. This plan gives priority to ensuring the safety of Marton's water supply.</p>
Carolyn Bates	Libraries - supportive of their continuation	
Heather Thorby	<p>Maintenance of assets in Bulls: tagging on transit pole outside Medical Centre, flashing missing on Courthouse Roof.</p> <p>Repairs to the pipe and channel drainage under the pavilion and repair/repaint the white fence and posts at Bulls Domain are needed.</p> <p>Well done to the parks, gardens and reserves team. Consider silviculture of street trees in winter</p>	<p>Flashing Has Been Replaced On Bulls Courthouse.</p> <p>A contractor has investigated the drainage at Bulls Domain which affects the Pavilion. He advises that a soak hole and field drainage would need to be installed as there is a very large catchment area and in his opinion, the building integrity is not being affected, so it may not be a good value proposition. The Parks and reserves team is working with Corrections to repaint the fence.</p> <p>Developing Urban Trees Plan which includes street trees.</p>
Don Tantrum	I would like Council to provide more financial support for the on-going maintenance of Mt Stewart, Taihape.	Upgrading tracks to DoC standards would probably require an initial annual provision of \$10,000 for two years
Bronwyn Meads	Council complete hotmixing the driveway to Bulls Domain	Will require costing and programming by Roading.
Submitter	Do you have any comment on other matters noted in this	Officer comment

	Consultation Document?	
Elizabeth Riley	Demolition of shed next to the Old Boys Rugby Club. This is in poor condition and an eyesore. These comments were echoed in submissions from Albert Keurning and Lesley Kenning	Aside from demolition costs, a section of fencing would be required, approx. costs \$5,000
Angela Oliver	Install heating in Taihape Town Hall. Not so long ago, \$100,000 for heating the Town Hall was deferred, and then later on omitted in future budgets. So now we have a Civic Centre the town is still trying to utilise, but without any heating. And there are currently no plans for an alternative Taihape civic centre, I would suggest that if heating were no installed, it would run its 'asset life' before any decision is made.	Council has previously considered and rejected this, because of the planned redevelopment of the Town Hall site.
B & WM Houghton	Do something constructive about the area between Takahe and Moa Streets which is designated as a park. It is an eyesore.	Parks team will address this and maintain ongoing.
Braden Hammond	Would keeping the Marton swimming pool open all year round be financially viable These comments were echoed in a submission from Bridget Hammond	Nicholls Swim Academy has previously advised the longest it could be open would be 10 months. There would be increased costs as previously advised. Potentially a LTP issue.
P & J.M Abernathy	Keep the swimming pool in Taihape open until the school term finishes in April.	One month's extra costs. Previously been trialled however that was before free entry for pre-schoolers and students attending swim lessons.

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Richard Gower	Establishing a dog cemetery in Hunterville at the former Council works site at 27 Milne Street. A similar facility had been established successfully in Corrigin (Western Australia), a town of less than 1000 residents, where 80 dogs are buried . He would be talking with the Hunterville Lions Club for support	Funding and ongoing management for such a cemetery need further work before a recommendation is made to Council.



Proposed responses

That at its meeting on 10 August 2017, the Assets/Infrastructure Committee is briefed on:

- the requested demolition of the shed next to the Old Boys Rugby Club (Taihape Memorial Park)

- installing fencing on the perimeter of Centennial Park (Marton) and security cameras over the pavilion
- providing an additional seat on Kaka Road, Taihape
- establishing a dog cemetery in Hunterville

That in developing the 2018-28 Long term Plan, consideration will be given to:

- upgrading the playground at Marton Plunket
- upgrading the playground at the Taihape Outback
- the feasibility of a bike trail at Taihape Memorial Park
- costs of getting tracks to DoC standards on Mt Stewart, Taihape
- upgrading road access into the Ratana cemetery and co-management of both parts of the cemetery.
- upgrading the Ratana playground.

That Council does not proceed with

- fencing the dog exercise area on the land at Robin Street (for which Council has a licence to occupy from the Office of Treaty Settlements)
- installing permanent heating in the Taihape Town Hall (because of projected redevelopment of this site)

Rubbish and Recycling Group of Activities

Submitter	Do you have any comment on other matters noted in this Consultation Document?	Officer comment
Bronwyn Minty	Wheelie bins provided to each resident to scrap plastic rubbish bags. Option 1 1 x wheelie bin 240L rubbish, 1 x Wheelie bin 240L Recycling, 1 Plastic container for glass. Option 2 1 x Wheelie bin 240L rubbish, 1 x wheelie bin 240L all recyclables. Aim to cut down on littering, overfilling of council rubbish bins on pavement. In line with govt's zero waste policy, cost saving in the long run.	Part of review of WMMP for LTP
Holt	Rubbish dump - costs - too high, not open enough	Part of review of WMMP for LTP
Horizons Regional Council, Michael McCartney	Thanks for support for EnviroSchools.	Noted
Rebecca Wilkinson	Curb side recycling like every other town gets? And more rubbish bins around the town so litter is not dropped all over the streets.	Part of review of WMMP for LTP

Submitter	Do you have any comment on other matters noted in this Consultation Document?	Officer comment
Kelvin Lehmstedt	Why can't the rubbish trucks from Palmy go up the main road and turn at Turakina, not through town dropping plastic everywhere. Instant fines if rubbish is dropped.	Cost
Ratana Communal Board of Trustees and Ratana Community Board	Monitor Bonny Glen leachate very carefully	This is a condition of the consent requirements.

Environment and Regulatory Group of Activities

Submitter	Do you have any comment on other matters noted in this Consultation Document?	Officer comment
Marion Community Committee, Carolyn Bates	Animal Control: continue with de-sexing programme, extend to all owners and to cats. Take responsibility for: reducing the number of stray animals (cats as well as dogs) and providing a service to dispose of stray animals that cannot be identified as pets and micro-chipping cats as well as dogs	All dogs require a microchip if aged greater than three months except for working dogs which are exempt. Council cannot make a bylaw that is contrary to the Act and these types of dog will have to remain unchipped unless their owners opt to do this. Council has no powers to dispose of other animals other than through the Dog Control Act and Stock and Impounding Act.
Carolyn Bates	Animal Control - recommends micro-chipping for all cats and dogs. Supports a policy to stop animals roaming at night time.	As above, further note that Council has no facilities to host cats nor do we have any powers to remove or capture any cats other than on Council property. If a person currently breaches a bylaw in terms of number of cats the matter has to go to court to be decided.
Horizons Regional Council, Michael McCartney	Will continue to work with Council to ensure civil defence and emergency management arrangements comply with the new legislation	As member of the joint and CEG committees for the Group CDEM the ongoing work and relationship will be maintained and fostered to give effect to the CDEM Act.

Jenny Meads	Do something with old dairy factory SH3 coming into Bulls. It is an eyesore, who owns it? They need a discussion.	Eyesore is not recognised under the Building Act as a legitimate reason for Council to enforce maintenance or upgrading of a building. However, under that Act the building would have to meet earthquake prone, dangerous and or insanitary criteria.
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Proposed response

That, as part of developing the 2018-28 Long Term Plan, Council research the feasibility and costs of a micro-chipping service to owners of all dogs and cats.

Community Well-being Group of Activities

Submitter	Do you have any comment on other matters noted in this Consultation Document?	Officer comment
Gretta Mills	A 'housing first' policy to support local need for basic, dry, warm and safe homes - both private and rental properties	The provision of adequate housing is primarily a central government responsibility, which has set standards for fire protection and insulation. The provision of warmth in an insulated home will remain the responsibility of the tenant/resident.
Taihape Community Board, Michelle Fannin	"The Taihape Woolshed Concept" - Richard Witheford-Smith, Richard came to us last year to present this idea. He has since spoken to the Mayor Andy Watson and CE Ross McNeill. We support this idea via a feasibility study, we do not think that Rangitikei District Council needs to pay for this, but believe that RDC should support Richard in finding a funding stream to get this idea moved forward.	This is a significant business initiative, for which support from the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment is probably the most likely source to find a funding stream.
Carolyn Bates	IT Hub - please continue to support	
William Helena	Disband Taihape Community Trust	Not a Council decision
Ratana Communal Board of	Council support for fibre and connectivity	Council has Digital Enablement Strategy outlining the support that it can provide to improve connectivity and its priorities for this. This, as with other services, will be reviewed in the

Trustees and Ratana Community Board		preparation of the 2018-28 Long Term Plan.
Ray Sisley	Encourage in-fill building in Marton	Council will investigate the supply of land for development (residential and commercial) as part of the development of policies connected to the 2018-28 Long Term Plan.