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31 May 2018

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Criterion Report

There has been a lot of interest in the new Community Centre lately, every day when I have been out and about there has been at least one person asking- How's it going- when will we see it starting- how's the fundraising going? Etc - I would like to add that there are still many people commenting that they will donate when they see the centre actually beginning to happen.

I know the designs are going out for tender soon, it will be great to be able to communicate this next step and hopefully send out a flier to the Bulls ward residents telling them where the council is up to concerning the Community Centre.

The Community house project – The section has been selected - Dave Scott will be the project manager he has much experience in this field and is fully donating his time. Also there have been meetings with local builders, plumbers and suppliers etc, all of whom are willing to give some time to this project. We have viewed the house as a group a few times and a plan has come together very nicely.

The house itself is very sound with good bones for this type of project. Central House Movers have already completely stripped the outside of the house and are preparing it for painting which is a huge job, (as those of us would know, who have done this kind of thing before) it looks amazing and really demonstrates the house is sound. Central House Movers have also found a car shed that they are happy to donate and move onto the section. It is incredible how this local Company has got behind this project and has been willing to put so much into it, as well as giving of their skills and experience. As for the fundraising committee they also have been working hard towards this project as well as all the Tradesman and suppliers that have come onboard. All is looking very positive.

Regards

Cr Jane Dunn

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**REPORT TO RDC ON THE IWI PORTFOLIO FOR MONTHLY
COUNCIL HUI MAY 2018**

NGATI HINEMANU & NGATI PAKI HEARINGS

Week seven of the Waitangi Tribunal hearings was held at Winiata Marae on 21 to 25th May 2018, they have a little way to go yet.

Major work was carried out at the Marae in order to bring it upto standard required to host hearings. These hearings are opportunities for Iwi to call their people home which attracts a lot of people into the district.

MOKAI PATEA WAITANGI CLAIMS TRUST

This claimant group have through Office of Treaty Settlement (OTS) process late last year advertised their draft Mandate Strategy and received submissions. They have compiled responses on key comments, this can be read on their website on the documents page here <https://mokaipateaclaims.maori.nz/documents/>.

EREWHON

At the last meeting of Erewhon representative of land Owner's bought new Chair of Trust along. They are seeking review of arrangements and working with the Scheme. Some sensitivities have arisen around the taking of water, easement, monitoring and distribution, with discussions ongoing.

I acknowledge Cr. Rainey was present and possibly Cr. Gordon.

MAORI WARD'S

There are now a number of Council's who support Maori Wards they are Manawatu, Palmerston North, Whakatane to name a few. Unfortunately all were overturned due to petitioning by constituents using 'petition clause' in LG Act. It didn't help that Don Brash and his merry men 'Hobson's Pledge' directly lobbied each Council area to oppose Councils' decisions.

Ex New Plymouth, Mayor Andrew Judd who calls himself "Recovering Racist" is working hard along with many others to remove the poll.

TE MARUATA – ANNUAL MAORI COUNCILLOR/STAFF HUI (LGNZ)

This is a one day meeting before Conference held at local Marae. It brings together not just Councillors but also Maori employed by Councils. This is an opportunity for us to get insights into what is happening nationally with Iwi, the challenges, successes, and setting strategy for next 12 months.

Now we are appointing an Iwi Strategic Advisor a report back from this hui will help inform this person and provide an understanding at a national level that could provide insights at local level. The relevance back to most ratepayers would be indirect and probably related to partnerships, co-managements and economic develop opportunities.

Cr. Soraya Peke-Mason.

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Portfolio Update Heritage & Tourism – Cr Richard Aslett – May 2018

1) Update Heritage - Rangitikei Heritage Weekend – 19 & 20 May 2018

Ten years since its inception, the Rangitikei Heritage Groups' annual 'Heritage Weekend' was once again a resounding success, with many people, both locals and from far & wide came visiting the districts Museums on Saturday 19 and Sunday 20 May. **With all the Museums open from 10am to 4pm**, recognising the weekend date that falls the closest to the actual date of when the Deed of Purchase was signed, and the first of the Rangitikei blocks were made available for purchase, way back on the 18th of May 1849.

This years' theme was "Characters of the Past" with each museum creating various displays to people of various note from Rangitikei's past. **Bulls museum featured Doctor Watson**, who among other things, was well known for his generosity of giving sweets away to children, and Bulls carried on that tradition much to the delight of the younger visitors. **Marton museum featured displays of Miss Lucy Cook and the honourable Norman Shelton**, and enjoyed a great turn out, especially on the Sunday with around 50 visitors, one who signed on as a new member and future volunteer. **Huntermuir Settlers Museum** also enjoyed substantial numbers through the old Courthouse building, with visitors enjoying two special displays while also looking around Craig's Crib the old blacksmiths shop and Ropers Cottage 1900's dwelling. More than fifty visitors enjoyed **Mangaweka Museums'** hospitality, with many trying out a mug of Billy Tea and a slice of fresh camp-oven bread, with butter & jam. Heritage Mangaweka members had researched the lives of **"The Drover" Bill Brewer**, a Boer War Veteran and local drover and Count Geoffrey Potocki de Montalk, a past local pretender to the Polish throne. Also featured were the Munro family, who were early storekeepers in Mangaweka, stocking everything and anything that was required back in the day. Members manning the museum over the weekend found the visitors very interesting, with everyone thoroughly enjoying the experience. **Taihape Museum** also reported a good weekend, with over 50 adults and several children viewing special displays **that featured Dame Cecily Pickerill, Morton Coutts, Douglas MacDiarmid, Sister Agnes Buckley, Scotty Baird, Johnny Pohe and Jack Doole**. There was a sausage sizzle on the Sunday, enjoyed by the visitors, whose feedback was all complementary. Many visitors took the opportunity to enter a **competition** that was running, **for a full colour A2 printed canvas**, of the districts **"Characters of the past"**. To qualify entrants had to visit two Museums, dropping an entry into a second Museum, which had been collected from the first. With over 100 entries collected, the **prize winner will be drawn at the next Rangitikei Heritage Committee meeting, scheduled for some time next month**.

2) UPDATE on Tourism : Economic Development/District Promotion;

Interesting to see the feedback from the LTP submissions and the overall scores, with 'District Promotion' taking top score, followed by Incentives for Development, Expanding Markets, Business Assistance, and Labour Planning scoring least. Be interesting to see the outcomes of the workshop planned for 19 July.

Upcoming/Ongoing Events; 'And When He Was Called He Went' – New Zealand at War
by Elwyn Stone, Mangaweka 'Yellow Church' Gallery.

Wear-a-Bull Arts, (& Art Exhibition) Sat 1st September, Bulls Town Hall

Rangitikei.com Website :

Website Stats : Quick view; **April Hits 262,668** down on March's 328,843. This is again **up massively on the same period for last year (120897 for April 2017)**, so again, lots of new traffic in 2018. There was a question about these figures last time, so IT here at Council were approached and *'confirmed that, although it was dependant on how these statistics collection was initially set up, it was highly unlikely they were compounding'* As described 'Hits' are only part of the story, so have forwarded the full stats and comparisons for everyone's' perusal. Thanks, Cr Richard Aslett - mangawekagallery@xtra.co.nz

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on 31 May 2018

Low Emissions Economy Inquiry
New Zealand Productivity Commission
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WELLINGTON 6143

By email: info@productivity.govt.nz

Low Emissions Economy Report - Submission

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Low Emission Economy Report. Council has previously commented on the Issues Paper, and the issues raised in that submission remain relevant. For this submission Council has focused its comments around the new issues in the Report that most affect the Rangitikei District in particular:

- An inclusive transition
- Agriculture into the ETS
- Wastewater treatment plants into the ETS
- Aquaculture
- Wetlands

We support the Government's decision to establish a separate Climate Commission. This will reduce the potential for political interference and introduce policy setting certainty

An Inclusive Transition

The Report identifies a number of policies to ensure the transition to a low emissions economy does not have a disproportionate effect on low income households. Council is supportive of the need to support low income households who are likely to be disproportionately affected. However, Council does not support the Commission's view that communities facing large shocks should not also receive assistance, and that assistance should be targeted at individuals, rather than regions.

The closure of a large business in a regional economy, such as the Rangitikei District, can have significant negative consequences for the well-being of the entire community (not just individuals). The solution is not to move those individuals to a different location in New Zealand, as this would only create more significant adverse effects on local communities. Instead, assistance should be provided directly to those communities to support the establishment of alternative low emissions industries. Often regional economies have advantages for business establishment already, such as low land prices which could be enhanced by additional Government incentives.

Recommendation: That where a regional community experiences a large shock due to the transition to a low emissions economy, there are policies in place to assist (e.g. incentivise the establishment of low emissions industries).

Agriculture into the ETS

The Rangitikei is a diverse District with a largely rural population supported by a range of small towns. The views from Councillors on putting agriculture into the ETS were highly mixed. Views in support of putting agriculture into the ETS recognised that this would be a key mechanism for reducing emissions from the agricultural sector which account for such a high percent of New Zealand's total emissions. Support for free NZU's, decreasing over time, was considered as a key mechanism for reducing shocks to the sector and enabling a smooth transition to lower emission practices or land uses. However, in the Rangitikei, substantial tracts of hill country have been converted to forestry already, in recognition of the need to limit erosion. This will be the case in other parts of the country so closer regard is needed to where the proposed substantial increase in afforestation can be achieved. If agriculture is included in the ETS, the template for assessing emissions needs to be simple and effective. The Commission mentions the use of OVERSEER to undertake the emissions assessment. It is essential that this model is simple to use and effective for all agricultural emissions, if the system for assessing emissions is too complex, it will make compliance and the move to lower emissions land uses unnecessarily difficult.

The views opposed to inclusion of agriculture into the ETS raised concerns particularly related to the dairy industry. The relative increase in dairying is largely due to the previous Government's productivity growth targets for 2025. In addition, many dairy farmers have high debt from significant capital investment. These parties do not have the flexibility to diversify their land uses due to significant capital investment and their inclusion in an ETS system is likely to cause these parties significant financial strain. So considerable attention will be needed on identifying how low emission agricultural productivity can be achieved and incentivising that, with Central Government providing a lead role in any incentives. If agriculture is included in the ETS, Council believes riparian planting zones should be included as carbon sinks. This is particularly important for dairy farms, where riparian planting would not only have the benefit of sequestering carbon, but would also have an environmental benefit of assisting with nutrient run-off/cleaning up rivers.

The proposed strategy for reducing emissions relies heavily on an increase in forestry, particularly, pine trees. Council would like to express concerns about the encouragement of large scale planting of pine trees proposed on the marginal hill country. This may increase depopulation of rural areas, which can lead to loss of local services. Council also faces issues of funding significant costs of upgrading or repair of local roads during harvesting. Further consideration should be given to permanent solutions – native regeneration, support for Manuka planting.

It is important to note that it is likely a number of hill country sheep and beef are already carbon neutral or actually sequestering carbon. Many have bush areas and/or woodlots and farm extensively, mostly sheep, so naturally have low methane emissions plus low Nitrogen use.

If an ETS was to be implemented for agriculture, Council supports the point of obligation to be at the farm level. While it would be more difficult to implement, it provides more tangible incentives for the reduction of emissions, while retaining the greatest flexibility for how each farm chooses to do this. Implementing the point of obligation at a farm level removes industry averaging and allows those farmers putting in the most effort in reducing emissions to be rewarded (planting trees, reducing nitrogen usage, best practice cultivation, stock number reductions). It is the method most likely to promote behavioural change.

Nevertheless, Council strongly recommends that funding to support mitigation technologies is fundamental. There are currently few mitigation methods available to reduce agricultural

emissions, therefore, research and development is essential to enable significant gains while reducing adverse effects on the industry.

Recommendation: If agriculture is put into the ETS there are incentives (in addition to the free allocation of NZUs) for reducing livestock in favour of other agricultural production. There is a more detailed mapping of where increased afforestation is most feasible, and the point of obligation should be at the farm level.

Recommendation: That additional funding is provided for research and development of mitigation technologies for agricultural emissions.

Wastewater Treatment Plants into the ETS

The Commission has asked whether the ETS should be extended to cover wastewater treatment plants. The Commission has highlighted that emissions from wastewater treatment plants only represent 0.45% of New Zealand's emissions. The Rangitikei District has 6 wastewater treatment plants to service. These costs already include resource consents, upgrades and ongoing maintenance, and are posing a significant affordability issue for the District. Given the small scope of climate benefits that are likely to be gained by including wastewater treatment plants in the ETS are likely to be outweighed by the extra cost requirements placed on local authorities.

Recommendation: That wastewater treatment plants are not included in the ETS.

Aquaculture

As a country strongly reliant on agriculture, there needs to be greater consideration around New Zealand benefitting from diversification of its land-based industries. Where agricultural land has access to either a freshwater or saltwater supply it may be suited to land-based aquaculture operations (fish farming in ponds), ideally being able to be incorporated into existing infrastructure. The initial benefits from the conversion of dairying land into land based aquaculture is seen in feed conversion ratios (less demand on inputs), effluent discharge (the controllable outputs), and the Green House Gas (GHG) emissions (the by-product outputs) from such operations. The Food and Agriculture Organisation of the United Nations Technical Paper 609 (2017) highlighted that the GHG emissions per kilogram of fish production ranged from 1.37-1.84 kg carbon dioxide equivalent (CO₂e) per/kg; with the largest source of GHG emissions being associated with the production of the raw materials for fish food. In contrast, dairying production globally is seen to contribute 18.4 kg CO₂e per/kg of milk and beef production generating 38.9-67.8 CO₂e per/kg of meat. In summary, the production of beef produces 21-37x more of a carbon footprint per kilogram than fish.

There are a number of land based farming operations starting to set up in New Zealand, in both the North and South islands. However, with the entrenched outlook focusing towards beef and dairy, the land based aquaculture industry still needs assistance in getting off its feet (especially considering its emissions). Of note is that globally, farmed fish production adds up to 16.5 kilograms per person per year. Over the last decade, aquaculture has grown continuously and is the fastest growing animal food producing sector, growing at 6.6% from 1970 to 2008. With aquaculture looking to supply 46% of the world's food supply in terms of volume over the next few years, New Zealand needs to diversify its outputs, not only for economic reasons but also for the environment. In conjunction with this, by 2030 the world's population will reach 9 billion, meaning 3 billion more people (and market) will be looking for animal protein.

Recommendation: That the Commission seriously considers the benefits of aquaculture as a key industry in the transitioning to a low emissions economy.

Wetlands

The Commission's report also seems to be lacking acknowledgement of the benefit wetlands could have in addressing emissions. The number of wetlands throughout New Zealand has been destroyed, as their benefits have not been acknowledged. Wetlands are a permanent solution for requesting carbon, which also provide other benefits, such as water-quality improvement and flood abatement.

Recommendation: That the Commission seriously considers the benefits of increasing wetlands as part of the solution for transitioning to a low emissions economy.

Summary

Overall, the transition to a low emissions economy needs to occur based on a holistic approach, where the potential for political interference is reduced and policy certainty is increased. Any decisions need to consider the full implications on all areas of individual and community well-being. Consumer desires for more environmentally friendly products may help to drive this change.

Yours sincerely

Andy Watson
Mayor of the Rangitikei

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on 31 May 2018

Hon Phil Twyford
Minister of Transport

Hon Julie Anne Genter
Associate Minister of Transport

Hon Shane Jones
Minister of Regional Development and Associate Minister of Transport

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By email:

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Dear Ministers

Otaki to North of Levin – Wellington Northern Corridor

On behalf of the Rangitikei District Council, I write to express concern about the reduced scale and lower priority for the Otaki to North of Levin section of the Wellington Northern Corridor Project. My Council supported this being a significant activity in the Regional Land Transport Plan for the Horizons Region, which was approved on 24 April 2018.

We recognise that the Government has signalled new priorities for land transport and that must be reflected in altered allocations to projects. However, we ask for reconsideration of the Otaki to North of Levin section of the Wellington Northern Corridor project. There is no alternative route to this road and it is dangerous: the anticipated upgrade will improve safety as well as providing better access and will more efficient travel from Wellington through to Palmerston North, Whanganui and the Tongariro National Park tourism areas. It will also strengthen resilience and provide for regional economic development opportunities from the Wellington Port through to hubbing and distribution areas in Palmerston North and Marton, as well as Palmerston North airport (the third largest freight airport in New Zealand) and Ohakea Military Base.

Council has previously indicated its strong support for the Government's intentions to make greater use of the rail network. This will be reflected in better connections between Horizons and Wellington regions through rail (Capital Connection and Northern Rail Plan, rail freight through to the port) and public transport (Levin to Waikanae services). We realise, however, that these

developments have considerable dependency on achieving uniformly high standards in state highways.

We hope that you will reconsider the matter and reinstate the Otaki to North of Levin section upgrade to its previous scope, level of investment and timing.

Yours sincerely

Andy Watson
Mayor of the Rangitikei District

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FORMERLY POWERCO WANGANUI TRUST

25 May 2018

Rangitikei District Council
46 High Street
Marton 4710

Attention: Ross McNeil

Dear Ross,

We wish to advise that under the rotational retirement of Trustees, Mr Alan Thomas will retire as a Trustee of the Four Regions Trust on 31 March 2018, but is eligible for re-appointment. We refer you to the relevant clauses in our Trust Deed.

1. Clause 6.1 (C) of the Trust Deed dated 29 March 2006 states that "One of the Trustees may be appointed by the person holding the office as the mayor of Ruapehu District council and the Mayor of South Taranaki District Council jointly, after consulting with counsellors at both District Councils and Trustees of the Four Regions Trust".
2. Clause 6.4 states that "when appointing Trustees, the appointers shall seek and have regard to any recommendation by the Trustees but shall not be bound by those recommendations".

As per the Trust Deed, the maximum term of any Trustee can serve is nine years. Currently Mr Thomas will have served three years to March 2018 and has indicated a willingness to be reappointed.

At the March 2018 meeting of the Four Regions Trust, the other six Trustees voted unanimously to recommend to the Rangitikei District Council, that this Trustee be reappointed for a further term of three years.

If you require any further information or explanations about this appointment process, please contact me.

I thank you for your cooperation on this matter and look forward to your response prior to the next meeting which is scheduled for the 26 July 2018.

Yours faithfully

James Bowen
Moore Stephens Markhams - Secretary

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29 May 2018,

Dear Andy Watson,

I am writing to you on behalf of the Huntaway Festival Committee to ask that you waive the Liquor Licence application fee for our marquee, as you did last year.

As you know we are a non-profit organisation and we work hard to host a fabulous event that attracts up to 4000 people to the area each year. We are lucky enough to secure many sponsors to make this event possible and try to keep our costs down wherever we can.

This year is the 21st anniversary of the festival and we are very excited about this years event.

I look forward to hearing from you soon and hopefully seeing you at our Festival. If you have any further questions please do not hesitate to contact me.

Kind Regards



Christine Whinn, Secretary

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on 31 May 2013

29 June 2018

Dear Ross McNeil,

I am writing to you on behalf of the Huntaway Festival Committee to ask that you waive the building application consent fee for our marquee, as you did last year.

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Kind Regards



Christine Whinn, Secretary

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Whangaehu Hall Trust
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21st May 2018

To the Councillors of the Rangitikei District Council,

We have appreciated the support given by Council to the Whangaehu community over the last two years. This support has enabled the community to gather together and look towards reducing flood risk and building resilience for future flood events.

The current trustees of the Whangaehu Hall Trust have recently applied for a resource consent to relocate St Andrews Catholic Church from 41 Whangaehu Village Road to 19 Whangaehu Village Road.

We have given this relocation option considerable thought and consulted with the wider community. Shifting this Church out of the current flood zone will be of great benefit to St Andrew's congregation. Relocating St Andrews Church is one of the ways we can as a community increase our resilience to flood events and at the same time help build community cohesion.

We would ask the Council to consider processing this resource consent application at no cost or at a reduced cost given this relocation will be of much benefit to our community as a whole.

Thank you for considering our request. We look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely

Rachel Cvitanovich
Trustee for Whangaehu Hall Trust.

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TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF MATAI STREET, MARTON, RAIL CROSSING

Rangitikei District Council wishes to advise that PURSUANT to Section 342 (b) and the Tenth Schedule of the Local Government Act 1974, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a portion of Matai Street will be closed from 6.00am to 5.00pm on Sunday 10 June 2018, for the purpose of upgrading the rail crossing at this location.

Matai Street Rail Crossing will be closed for all vehicular traffic.

Rangitikei District Council regrets any inconvenience caused.

Ross McNeil
Chief Executive

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