

COUNCIL MEETING

ORDER PAPER

THURSDAY, 27 JUNE 2019, 1PM

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Dean McManaway, Soraya Peke-Mason, Graeme Platt, Ruth Rainey,
Lynne Sheridan, and Dave Wilson.

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Rangitikei District Council

Council Meeting

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The quorum for the Council is 6.

Council's Standing Orders (adopted 3 November 2016) 10.2 provide: The quorum for Council committees and sub-committees is as for Council, i.e. half the number of members if the number of members (including vacancies) is even or a majority if the number of members is odd.

Public Excluded minutes are provided separately to Elected Members only.

1 Welcome

2 Public Forum

3 Apologies/Leave of Absence

4 Members' conflict of interest

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

5 Confirmation of order of business

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

6 Confirmation of minutes

The minutes from the Council meeting held 30 May 2019 are attached.

Recommendation:

That the minutes of the Council meeting on 30 May 2019 [as amended/without amendment] be taken as read and verified as an accurate and correct record of the meeting.

7 Mayor's Report

The Mayor's report and schedule are attached.

File ref: 3-EP-3-5

Recommendation:

That the 'Mayor's report and schedule' to the 27 June 2019 Council meeting be received.

8 Portfolio Updates

Ohakea

Criterion Site

Shared Services

Southern Sport

Samoa Community, Youth Development and Environment

Marton Building (Civic Centre)

Iwi Interests

Heritage and Tourism

Northern Sport and Taihape Building

Cr Platt

Cr Dunn

Cr Belsham/Cr McManaway

Cr Sheridan

Cr Ash

Cr Wilson

Cr Peke-Mason

Cr Aslett

Cr Gordon / Cr Rainey

Recommendation:

That the 'Portfolio Updates' to the 27 June 2019 Council meeting be received.

9 Taihape 125th Anniversary Year – Request for Funding - Deputation

Ms Gill Duncan and Ms Michelle Marks of the Taihape Community Development Trust (TCDT) wish to speak to the attachment. The attachment requests Council considers supporting the TCDT by way of additional funding for the townships 125 year celebration.

The funding items requested are separate to any items/budget lines requested from Council under the funding schemes.

Recommendation:

That, regarding the 125th Anniversary Year of Taihape, Council....

10 Remits to Local Government New Zealand 2019 Annual General Meeting

The complete set of 24 remits is attached.

File: 3-OR-2-1

At its meeting on 13 June 2019, the Policy/Planning Committee made the following recommendations to Council:

Number	Topic	Support (Y/N)	Comment
1	Climate Change – local government representation	Yes	
2	Ban on the sale of fireworks to the general public	No	
3	Traffic offences – red light running	Yes	
4	Prohibit parking on grass berms	No	

5	Short-term guest accommodation	No	
6	Nitrate in drinking water	Yes	
7	Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act (1987)	Yes	
8	Weed control	Yes	
9	Building defects claims	Yes	
10	Social housing	Yes	
11	Procurement	Yes	
12	Single use polystyrene	Yes	
13	Local Governments Act 2002	Yes	
14	Campground regulations	Yes	
15	Living Wage	Yes	
16	Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act	Yes	

17	Greenhouse gases	Yes	
18	Climate Change – funding policy framework	Yes	
19	Road safety	Yes	
20	Mobility scooter safety	Yes	
21	Museums and galleries	Yes	
22	Resource Management Act	No	
23	Mayor decision to appoint Deputy Mayor	No	
24	Beauty industry	Yes	

Recommendation:

That Council adopt [as amended/without amendment] as guidance to its voting delegates the recommendations from the Policy./Planning Committee on the 24 remits to be considered at the Local Government New Zealand 2019 Annual General Meeting.

11 Administrative Matters – June 2019

A report is attached.

File ref: 5-EX-4

Recommendations:

- 1 That the report 'Administrative Matters – June 2019' to Council's meeting on 30 May 2019 be received.

- 2 That His Worship the Mayor be authorised, on behalf of the Council to sign the submission [without amendment/as amended] to the Parliamentary Environment Committee on the Kāinga Ora – Homes and Communities Bill.
- 3 That His Worship the Mayor be authorised, on behalf of the Council to sign the submission [without amendment/as amended] to the Ministry for Primary Industries on the review of the Walking Access Act 2008.
- 4 That the Policy/Planning Committee be authorised to approve a submission to the Parliamentary Environment Committee on the Climate Change Response (Zero Carbon) Amendment Bill.

12 Top 10 projects report – status, June 2019

A memorandum is attached.

File ref: 5-EX-4

Recommendations:

1. That the memorandum 'Top Ten Projects – status, June 2019' to the 27 June 2019 Council meeting be received.
2. That, regarding the proposed new community amenities block on Taihape Memorial Park, Council
 - notes an in-principle preference for strategy X as outlined by Copeland Associates Architects

and

- requests the Chief Executive to negotiate a Memorandum of Understanding with Clubs Taihape (to be ratified by Council resolution) to include:
 - Council's commitment to build a facility which will meet Clubs Taihape's needs and to manage the operation of the facility;
 - Clubs Taihape's commitment to release its funding for the agreed strategy at specified times;
 - Council's commitment to house Clubs Taihape's equipment on the upper floor and to make it available on a mutually agreed basis; and
 - A joint commitment to seek external funding to cover the balance of cost beyond the currently available funds from Council and Clubs Taihape.

13 Proposed carry-forwards from 2018/19 to 2019/20

A schedule will be tabled (and circulated beforehand)

File: 1-AP-2-1

Recommendation:

That the proposed carry-forwards from 2018/29 to 2019/20 [as amended/without amendment] be adopted for inclusion into the 2019/20 Annual Plan, and included as an appendix to the minutes of the Council meeting on 27 June 2019.

14 Adoption of the 2019/20 Annual Plan

The final draft Annual Plan will be circulated separately to Elected Members.

That final draft is based on the consultation draft prepared as supporting information for 'Unfolding 19/20 – The Annual Plan for 2019/20'. Changes reflect Council's decisions at its meeting on 30 May 2019 together with

- an introduction from the Mayor, and
- the proposed carry-forwards presented in the previous agenda item.

The adopted Annual Plan will be uploaded to the Council website and printed copies placed in the District libraries and Council's administration offices.

File ref:

Recommendations:

- 1 That the report 'Adoption of Annual Plan 2019/20' be received.
- 2 That pursuant to section 95 of the Local Government Act 2002, the Annual Plan 2016/17 [as amended/without amendment (apart from typographical or minor corrections)] be adopted.

15 Adoption of 2019/20 rates resolution

The proposed rates resolution will be tabled at the meeting. It will have been scrutinised By Simpson Grierson.

To ensure charging for water meters is aligned to each financial year, there is an additional reading being undertaken during 2019/20.

File: 5-RA-1-13

Recommendation:

That the rates resolution for the financial year 1 July 2019 to 30 June 2020, including the additional final section on discounts for early full payment, be adopted and included as an appendix to the minutes of Council's meeting of 29 June 2017.

16 Review of the District Plan

An update will be provided to the meeting.

17 Minutes and recommendations from Committees

The minutes are attached.

Recommendations:

1 That the following minutes be received:

- Rangitikei Youth Council Committee, 30 April 2019
- Hunterville Rural Water Supply, 27 May 2019
- Rangitikei Youth Council Committee, 28 May 2019
- Finance/Performance Committee, 30 May 2019
- Te Roopu Ahi Kaa Komiti, 11 June 2019
- Bulls Community Committee, 11 June 2019
- Rātana Community Board, 11 June 2019 - *Tabled*
- Taihape Community Board, 12 June 2019
- Marton Community Committee, 12 June 2019
- Santoft Domain Management Committee, 12 June 2019 – *Tabled*
- Assets/Infrastructure Committee, 13 June 2019
- Policy/Planning Committee, 13 June 2019
- Turakina Reserve Management Committee, 13 June 2019
- Turakina Community Committee, 13 June 2019
- Hunterville Community Committee, 17 June 2019

2 That the following recommendation from the Bulls Community Committee meeting held on 11 June 2019:

19/BCC/015

~~That the Bulls Community Committee recommends to Council that the unspent balance of the Small Projects Grant Scheme (\$1254) be carried forward to the 2019/20 financial year.~~

This was dealt with in item 13.

3 That the following recommendation from the Taihape Committee Board meeting held on 12 June 2019:

19/TCB/032

~~That the Taihape Community Board recommends to Council that the unspent balance of the Small Projects Grant Scheme (\$5000) be carried forward to the 2019/20 financial year.~~

This was dealt with in item 13.

- 4 That the following recommendations from the Marton Community Committee meeting held on 12 June 2019:

19/MCC/025

~~That the Marton Community Committee recommends to Council that the unspent balance of the Small Projects Grant Scheme (\$797) be carried forward to the 2019/20 financial year.~~

This was dealt with in item 13.

19/MCC/027

That Council provide information on what streams/drains Council are responsible for and which ones Horizons are responsible for.

- 5 That the following recommendations from the Assets/Infrastructure Committee meeting held on 13 June 2019:

19/AIN/029

That the Council supports the consultation process over the decision and possible retention of the Mangaweka Bridge in conjunction with Manawatu District Council, along with public consultation.

19/AIN/030

That the Council supports the retention of the Mangaweka Bridge for a walk and cycleway.

- 6 That the following recommendation from the Policy Planning Committee meeting held on 13 June 2019:

19/PPL/052

~~That the Policy/Planning Committee makes the following recommendations to Council on the 24 remits to be considered at the Local Government New Zealand 2019 Annual General Meeting.~~

This was dealt with in item 10.

- 7 That the following recommendation from the Turakina Community Committee meeting held on 13 June 2019:

19/TCC/014

~~The Turakina Community Committee recommends to Council that the unspent balance of the Small Projects Grants Scheme (\$710) be carried over to the 2019/20 financial year.~~

This was dealt with in item 13.

- 8 That the following recommendation from the Hunterville Community Committee meeting held on 17 June 2019:

19/HCC/013

~~That the Hunterville Community Committee recommends to Council that the unspent balance of the Small Projects Grant Scheme (\$816) be carried forward to the 2019/20 Financial year.~~

This was dealt with in item 13.

18 Late items

As agreed at Item 5.

19 Future Items for the Agenda

20 Next Meeting

Thursday 25 July 2019, 1.00 pm

21 Meeting Closed

Attachment 1



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Present: His Worship the Mayor, Andy Watson
Cr Nigel Belsham
Cr Cath Ash
Cr Richard Aslett
Cr Jane Dunn
Cr Angus Gordon
Cr Dean McManaway
Cr Graeme Platt
Cr Ruth Rainey
Cr Lynne Sheridan
Cr David Wilson

In attendance: Mr Michael Hodder, Community & Regulatory Services Group Manager
Ms Jo Devine, Group Manager – Finance Business Support
Mr Arno Benadie, Principal Advisor – Infrastructure
Ms Gaylene Prince, Community & Leisure Assets Team Leader
Mr Blair Jamieson, Strategy and Community Planning Manager
Mr George Forster, Policy Advisor
Mrs Carol Gordon, Customer Services and Communications Team Leader

Tabled Documents

Item 8 Portfolio Updates – Cr Ash – Youth Development
Item 10 Policy Paper – Childcare Allowance for Elected Members of Local Government
Item 12 Relocation of Marae – Kauangaroa Marae
Late Item Marton and District Historical Society – funding assistance

1 Welcome

His Worship the Mayor welcomed everyone to the meeting, the meeting started at 1pm.

2 Public Forum

Nil.

3 Apologies/Leave of Absence

There were no apologies received. The absence of Cr Soraya Peke-Mason was noted.

4 Members' conflict of interest

Conflicts of interest were declared by Cr Wilson for item 10.6 and by Cr Gordon for item 12.8.

5 Confirmation of order of business

That, taking into account the explanation provided why the item is not on the meeting agenda and why the discussion of the item cannot be delayed until a subsequent meeting, one item was be dealt with as a late item at this meeting – **Letter from Marton & District Historical Society – request for funding assistance.**¹

6 Confirmation of minutes

Amendments were made to the minutes pages 15 (resolution 104), 18 (resolutions 111 and 112), and 19.

Resolved minute number	19/RDC/127	File Ref
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That the minutes and public excluded minutes of the Council meeting on 2 May 2019, as amended, be taken as read and verified as an accurate and correct record of the meeting.

That the minutes of the Council meeting on 9 May 2019 (adjourned until 10 May 2019) without amendment be taken as read and verified as an accurate and correct record of the meeting.

His Worship the Mayor / Cr Aslett. Carried

7 Mayor's Report

The Mayor's report and schedule were taken as read.

¹ Considered at the end of item 12.

In response to a question about whether the Mayoral Taskforce for Jobs was achieving its objectives His Worship the Mayor advised that it was very worthwhile. He also noted that Rangitikei was taking part in the TUIA programme this year. It was also noted that a Cadet was about to be employed to work in the Library / Information Centre.

Resolved minute number **19/RDC/128** **File Ref** **3-EP-3-5**

That the 'Mayor's report and schedule' to the 30 May 2019 Council meeting be received.

His Worship the Mayor / Cr Sheridan. Carried

8 Portfolio Updates

Youth Development:

It's been a big week for youth. Very successful youth awards were held with youth getting recognised for the work they are doing. Alyce Turner was the overall winner.

The Skatepark in Marton was officially opened. Now looking forward to the next part of the build for this.

Samoan Independence Day is on Monday, 3 June, starting at 10am.

Southern Sport:

Progress for the playground next to the Marton Memorial Hall is continuing.

Ben Woolston is holding planting days at the dams.

Marton Building (Civic Centre):

A productive workshop was held with WSP Opus during the month. It is hoped to go out to the public for consultation on two options by the end of August.

Criterion Site:

Comments from the Bulls community about the new building are very positive now that building is well underway. The painters have been working at the community house in Walton Street.

Heritage and Tourism:

The Rangitikei Heritage weekend continues to go from strength to strength, with a good turnout for this event.

Resolved minute number **19/RDC/129** **File Ref**

That the 'Portfolio Updates' to the 30 May 2019 Council meeting be received.

Cr Ash / Cr Gordon. Carried

9 Change of Chair for the Assets/Infrastructure Committee

As Cr McManaway wishes to relinquish his role as Chair of the Assets/Infrastructure Committee it is now necessary to appoint a replacement. Section 41A of the Local Government Act 2002 allows the Mayor to establish committees and to appoint their chairs. Cr Wilson was

proposed to take over this role as one of the main areas of focus for the rest of this triennium is the building of the Marton Civic Centre, which is part of Cr Wilsons' portfolio.

Resolved minute number **19/RDC/130** **File Ref**

That Council endorses the decision by His Worship the Mayor to (i) accept Cr McManaway's request to relinquish his role as Chair of the Assets/Infrastructure Committee and (ii) appoint Cr David Wilson in his place for the balance of the 2016-19 triennium.

Cr McManaway / Cr Rainey. Carried

10 Administrative Matters

Mr Hodder spoke to the report.

The Council discussed:

- Proposal from the Remuneration Authority on childcare allowance for Elected Members of Local Government - It was noted this policy did not cover all dependants, only children and it was not mandatory to adopt this.
- Responsible Camping Initiatives - It was clarified that this fund did not have to be for 'new' toilets and could include any toilets across the District.
- Ward Furniture – proposed development agreement - Mr Hodder provided clarification, that if the occupancy had to cease while work was being done they would receive remission. It was noted that work is being done solely outside this building and therefore Ward Furniture will not close the shop while the work is being done. In reaching the decision it was noted the policy needs to be looked at to make sure it's consistently applied.

Resolved minute number **19/RDC/131** **File Ref**

That the report 'Administrative matters – May 2019' to Council's meeting on 30 May 2019 be received.

Cr Aslett / Cr Belsham. Carried

Resolved minute number **19/RDC/132** **File Ref**

That His Worship the Mayor be authorised, on behalf of the Council, sign the submission without amendment to the Remuneration Authority's proposed childcare allowance for Elected Members of Local Government.

Cr Ash / Cr Rainey. Carried

Resolved minute number 19/RDC/133 File Ref

That the Policy/Planning Committee be delegated to approve a submission to the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment on the proposed building law reform.

Cr Ash / Cr Gordon. Carried

Resolved minute number 19/RDC/134 File Ref

That Council authorises the Chief Executive to make a submission to the 2019/20 round of the Tourism Facilities Development Grants to assist with operational costs for the District's toilet facilities being serviced by Council.

Cr Ash / Cr Belsham. Carried

Resolved minute number 19/RDC/135 File Ref

That, in terms of section 41(5) of the Reserves Act 1977, Council approve the public notification of its intention to develop a reserve management plan over that part of Taihape Memorial Park which is classified as scenic reserve and a reserve management plan for Frae-Ona Park, Marton.

Cr Gordon / Cr Ash. Carried

Cr Wilson declared a conflict of interest in this section of this item and removed himself from the discussion but remained in the room.

Motion

That Council approve the development agreement for earthquake-strengthening of Ward Furniture, 219 Broadway, Marton; supports the application as submitted; remission to be 100% of the rates payable for a 3 year period, and the fee waiver of the internal building consent fee up to a sum of \$5,000, as written in the application.

Cr Belsham / His Worship the Mayor

Amendment

That Council approve the development agreement for earthquake-strengthening of Ward Furniture, 219 Broadway, Marton; supports the application as submitted; remission to be 100% of the rates payable for a 2 year period, and the fee waiver of the internal building consent fee up to a sum of \$5,000, as written in the application.

Cr McManaway / Cr Aslett. Lost

Amendment

That Council approve the development agreement for earthquake-strengthening of Ward Furniture, 219 Broadway, Marton; supports the application as submitted; remission to be

100% of the rates payable for a 1 year period, and the fee waiver of the internal building consent fee up to a sum of \$5,000, as written in the application.

Cr Gordon / Cr Platt. Carried

Resolved minute number **19/RDC/136** **File Ref**

That Council approve the development agreement for earthquake-strengthening of Ward Furniture, 219 Broadway, Marton; supports the application as submitted; remission to be 100% of the rates payable for a 1 year period, and the fee waiver of the internal building consent fee up to a sum of \$5,000, as written in the application.

Cr Gordon / Cr Platt. Carried

Resolved minute number **19/RDC/137** **File Ref**

That the Policy/Planning Committee be authorised to approve a submission to the Hawkes's Bay Regional Council's Draft Plan Change 7 to the Regional Resource Management Plan.

His Worship the Mayor / Cr Gordon. Carried

That Council authorises the Chief Executive to test the proposal with Te Roopu Ahi Kaa (at its next meeting) and, if the Komiti agrees enter into negotiations for the sale of the vacant (and surplus) land on Moawhango Valley Road – valuation 13290 15200 – with the provisos that the disused dump site remains open to public access, that Council make that area safe and maintain it; and that the purchaser (and any subsequent owner) with an indemnity against any contamination or problems resulting from the disused dump.

Cr Wilson / Cr McManaway. Lost

Resolved minute number **19/RDC/138** **File Ref**

That Council requests the Chief Executive to investigate the subdivision for potential sale of the (and surplus) land on Moawhango Valley Road – valuation 13290 15200.

Cr Gordon / His Worship the Mayor. Carried

11 Top 10 projects report

Mr Hodder spoke to the report.

Ms Prince advised a meeting had been held regarding the Taihape Memorial Park development. Quotes have now been received, the bar into the kitchen would cost an estimated \$25,000 and an estimate for the kitchen was \$5,000 noting that some work could be done ourselves.

Undertaking Subject Taihape Memorial Park Development

Council staff to negotiate sharing the Taihape Memorial Park site with Clubs Taihape, within reason

Resolved minute number 19/RDC/139 File Ref 5-EX-4

That the memorandum 'Top Ten Projects – status, May 2019' to the 30 May 2019 Council meeting be received.

Cr Gordon / Cr Belsham. Carried

12 Analysis of submissions on the draft 2019/20 Annual Plan

Mr Forster spoke to this report.

Resolved minute number 19/RDC/140 File Ref 1-AP-1-6

That the report 'Analysis of submissions on the draft 2019/20 Annual Plan' to the 30 May 2019 Council meeting be received.

Cr Ash / Cr Aslett. Carried

Resolved minute number 19/RDC/141 File Ref

That Council increases the annual funding for community-led projects by \$50,000, to be a total annual budget of \$100,000.

Cr Wilson / Cr Belsham. Carried

Resolved minute number 19/RDC/142 File Ref

That Council does contribute \$50,000, out of general rates, towards the new St Johns Ambulance Station in Taihape, as the final funder.

Cr Rainey / Cr Aslett. Carried

Resolved minute number 19/RDC/143 File Ref

That (as a response to climate change) Council continue to maintain and upgrade its infrastructure.

Cr Gordon / Cr McManaway. Carried

Resolved minute number 19/RDC/144 File Ref

That Council continue to work on options for kerbside recycling.

Cr Ash / Cr Belsham. Carried

Resolved minute number 19/RDC/145 File Ref

That Council does not provide \$5,000 funding for the de-sexing and micro-chipping of cats (not including unwanted) for a period of three weeks following extensive public notification.

Cr Ash / Cr Rainey. Carried

Helping with euthanising cats

It was noted that dumping of unwanted cats is a problem in the rural areas, and was raised at a number of the public meetings in the rural communities.

Resolved minute number 19/RDC/146 File Ref

That Council approves a trial period of four weeks up to \$1,600 covering the full cost of euthanising unwanted cats **trapped in Council traps** following extensive publicity and officers report back.

His Worship the Mayor / Cr McManaway. Carried

Cr Gordon declared a conflict of interest for this section of the item and did not take part in the discussion but remained in the room.

Resolved minute number 19/RDC/147 File Ref

That the current funding level of \$20,000 for Rangitikei Environment Group be continued and the use of surplus vehicle.

His Worship the Mayor / Cr Sheridan. Carried

Resolved minute number 19/RDC/148 File Ref

That Council approves \$5,000 as requested by the Rangitikei Environment Group for fencing funding in the reserves.

His Worship the Mayor / Cr Rainey. Carried

Resolved minute number 19/RDC/149 File Ref

That Council investigate funding assistance for the new Hunterville St John operational building.

Cr McManaway / Cr Aslett. Carried

Resolved minute number 19/RDC/150 File Ref

That the Onepuhi Road Reserve be reinstated and that Council provide ongoing support to Onepuhi and Porewa Community Group on this project through the Parks Upgrade Partnership Scheme and including the area for mowing and grounds maintenance by the Parks & Reserves team.

Cr Ash / Cr Sheridan. Carried

Resolved minute number 19/RDC/151 File Ref

That submitters to the retention of Mangaweka Bridge be informed that Council will, in conjunction with Manawatu District Council, be considering the feasibility of the retaining the current Bridge once the economic analysis has been completed and submitted to both councils.

Cr Rainey / Cr Aslett. Carried

Resolved minute number 19/RDC/152 File Ref

That Council investigate horses being included in the use of the proposed shared pathway around Marton Reservoir.

Cr Belsham / Cr Sheridan. Carried

Undertaking Subject Marton Reservoir

Council needs to formally approve this as a public area / reserve – letters to the submitters needs to be clear that the reserve has not been approved for public use yet.

Resolved minute number 19/RDC/153 File Ref

That Council officers meet with representatives from the Kauangaroa Marae to discuss helping support the relocation of the Marae.

Cr Wilson / Cr Gordon. Carried

Resolved minute number 19/RDC/154 File Ref

The Mayor, Marton Ward Councillors and the Chief Executive to investigate a contribution with the Marton and District Historical Society for their expenses, to be brought back to Council for a decision.

His Worship the Mayor / Cr Wilson. Carried

Resolved minute number **19/RDC/155** **File Ref**

That the report 'Analysis of submissions on the draft 2019/20 Annual Plan' as amended is included in the final draft 2019/20 Annual Plan as the response to submitters.

His Worship the Mayor / Cr Ash. Carried

The meeting adjourned at 3.05pm and reconvened at 3.26pm

13 Analysis of submissions to the proposed Schedule of Fees and Charges 2019/20

Mr Forster spoke to the report.

Areas of change from the draft Schedule of Fees and Charges:

- Working Dog fees: Council agreed that registrations fees be capped at 5 working dogs.
- Fireplace consents: Mr Cullis advised that costs are determined by looking at the time it takes to process consents, then an average is applied, this includes a cost for travel. Council issues the Code Compliance Certificate and has to ensure it meets the code of today (i.e. flue and hearth sizes, has the right gaps to the wall, separation that it requires etc). The cost is the same for new as replacement.
- Marton Bowling club – water usage – The existing Council policy states they could be eligible for a 50% reduction in fees, so that will be followed.

Resolved minute number **19/RDC/156** **File Ref** **1- AP-1-6**

That the report 'Analysis of submissions to the proposed Schedule of Fees and Charges 2019/20' to Council's 30 May 2019 meeting be received.

Cr Belsham / Cr Gordon. Carried

Resolved minute number **19/RDC/157** **File Ref**

That the first inspection, undertaken every 3 years, be done at no charge, and any subsequent inspection incurs a charge.

His Worship the Mayor / Cr Dunn. Carried

Resolved minute number **19/RDC/158** **File Ref**

That registration fees for working dogs be capped at 5.

Cr McManaway / Cr Gordon. Carried

Resolved minute number **19/RDC/159** **File Ref**

That the following fees apply: Install inbuilt fire - \$385; Freestanding fire - \$285; Replacement fires, when replacing like for like (while meeting current requirements) – a 50% reduction of the consent fee.

Cr Belsham / Cr Sheridan. Lost

Resolved minute number **19/RDC/160** **File Ref**

The 2nd bullet on page 125 be removed (in explanatory notes, which reads Halls – no charge for local non-profit community organisations for short-term hire (up to five hours a day)

Cr Gordon / Cr Rainey. Carried

Undertaking **Subject** **Halls**

Hourly inspection fees – add an explanation of these charges.

Resolved minute number **19/RDC/161** **File Ref**

That Council adopts the amended Schedule of Fees and Charges 2019/20.

Cr Gordon / Cr Belsham. Carried

14 Conceptual approach to subdivisions

Mr Hodder spoke to this tabled item. The approach needs to be a negotiated process.

Council considered the recommendations from the Subdivisions Working Group.

Resolved minute number **19/RDC/162** **File Ref**

1. That Council proceeds with disposal of the vacant properties at Walton Street and Walker Crescent, Bulls, as bare land holdings on the following basis:

- Council will not subdivide or develop the properties prior to disposal, either by itself or as a joint venture with another party;
- Expressions of Interest are to be invited for potential purchasers to submit separate proposals for purchase of each of the properties recording:
 - purchase prices;
 - detailed development plans including timeframes for subdivision and sale of residential sections;

- prospective purchaser's acknowledgement all expressions of interest will be assessed against the Policy on Disposal of Surplus Property 2015, for which Council sets the weightings; and
2. That Council determines the non-financial assessment criteria be given a weighting of 25% for the disposal of the surplus properties at Walker Crescent and Walton Street, Bulls.

His Worship the Mayor / Cr Belsham. Carried

15 Minutes and recommendations from Committees

Resolved minute number **19/RDC/163** **File Ref**

That the following minutes be received.

Sport New Zealand Rural Travel Fund Committee, 2 May 2019
 Finance/Performance Committee, 2 May 2019
 Assets/Infrastructure Committee, 9 May 2019
 Policy/Planning Committee, 9 May 2019
 Creative New Zealand Funding Assessment Committee, 14 May 2019

Cr Ash / Cr Aslett. Carried

That the following recommendations from Creative New Zealand Funding Assessment Committee meeting held on 14 May 2019 be confirmed.

19/CNZ/006

~~The Creative New Zealand Assessment Committee recommend to Council that they consider whether or not to continue with the use of the SmartyGrants platform to administer the grants.~~

This recommendation was dealt with in the Finance Performance Committee meeting on 30 May 2019.

Undertaking **Subject**

That letters of thanks be written to the Creative Communities Committee members who are retiring.

16 Late items

(As agreed at item 5; considered at end of item 12)

17 Future Items for the Agenda

Nil.

18 Next Meeting

Thursday 27 June 2019, 1.00 pm

19 Meeting Closed

The meeting closed at 4.20pm.

Confirmed/Chair: _____

Date:

Attachment 2

Mayor's Report to Council June 2019.

The District continues to grow. We have had another citizenship ceremony this month and have one planned for next month which is great news. The subdivisions that are planned will be needed in the very near future. This month we are also looking to go public with the district plan changes associated with the need to provide for more industrial land.

On the roading front the Mayors of the region met to give support for at least the designation around the road corridor for the O2NL road. This is the replacement road between Otaki to north of Levin.

At that meeting all of the regional heads of NZTA were present and they recognized the process around the discussion for a possible inclusion of the Gentle Annie road between Taihape and Napier into the State highway network. This in my view is long overdue and, although it may not be achieved now, we see the need for a long term commitment by the Government. I will progress this with my fellow Mayors from Hawkes Bay with the help from Mr Jones our roading manager. Recently I spent a day on some of the bigger stations on the Gentle Annie road and you realize the scale of farming and the part that they play on a national economic scale.

Work is progressing on the new build in Bulls and Council is involved in the planning for the new amenities block in Taihape and the replacement build for the new civic centre in Marton.

LGNZ Rural and Provincial meetings were held in Wellington this month which I attended; however, I had to miss some of the meetings to attend meetings with Council and CentrePort so I am attaching the notes provided to me by the Chief Executive of Manawatu District Council. I have some hesitation in doing so because his notes are superb, illustrating that I need to step up in my own reporting.

I have also included the response from Horizons to our submission to their Annual Plan. They invite further discussion on both the points which Council raised.

Andy Watson
Mayor of the Rangitikei District

Mayor's Engagement

June 2019

2	Guest speaker for the Pink Ribbon Breakfast – Club Hotel, Marton
3	Attended Samoan Independence Day Was based at the Bulls house for the afternoon
4	Met with local business owner Hosted a citizenship ceremony for 17 Rangitikei District residents
5	Attended the following meetings at Horizons Regional Council: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EM Joint Standing Committee Meeting • Regional Transport Committee • Regional Chiefs meeting
6	Attended the Rural and Provincial meeting Day 1 - Wellington
7	Attended the Rural and Provincial meeting Day 2 – Wellington Attended the Amenities/Community Facility meeting – Taihape
10	Opened the National vet club conference – Palmerston North Meet with local Marton resident Attended the Bonny Glen Community Trust
11	Was a guest speaker at Chamber of Commerce and Industry breakfast – Whanganui Attended the NZ Transport Agency NLTP workshop – Palmerston North Met with potential business owner – Taihape Attended the Ratana Community Board meeting
12	Was based in Taihape all day Attended the Taihape Community board meeting
13	Attended the Assets/ Infrastructure Committee meeting Attended the Policy/Planning Committee meeting Attended the Turakina Reserve Management Committee meeting Attended the Turakina Community Committee meeting
14	Helped out at the Bulls Community house
17	Attended monthly meeting with Manawatu District Council Mayor Helen Worboys Attended Monthly Marton Health Networking meeting Met with Marton resident Attended the Hunterville Community Committee meeting
18	Attended the BNZ Mobile Opening Breakfast – Palmerston North Attended meeting re proposed District Plan change Attended Beers & Burgers with Brian FM - Whanganui
19	Visited Coogan Contracting site – Taihape Assisted with interviews for a local organisation
20	Attended meeting with Bulls business owner Attended meeting at the Bulls Community house

21	Met with a MBIE representative regarding the Bulls Community Centre
25	<p>To phone into the Regional Rooding Matters Fortnightly Teleconference</p> <p>To attend the Bulls & Districts Community Trust Annual AGM</p> <p>To meet with Met with a Te Puni Kokiri representative regarding the Bulls Community Centre</p> <p>To attend the High Commissioner of Singapore's farewell – Wellington</p>
26	<p>To be based in Taihape all day</p> <p>To attend the Duffy assembly at Taoroa School</p>
27	<p>To attend the Finance/Performance Committee meeting</p> <p>To attend the Council meeting</p>
29	To attend Matariki Celebration – Winiata Marae

Appendix 1

LGNZ: Rural & Provincial Notes 6th & 7th June 2019

R&P CE Forum

Update from the Department of Conservation

Lou Sanson, Director-General DOC

- 30% of NZ is a Conservation Reserve

Two key Challenges

- Reversing Biodiversity Decline
- Responding to significant increase in visitor numbers

Responsible Camping

- Good relationship with TAs to address the issue

Biodiversity

- Island Management – pest eradications
- 10+ islands pest free
- On shore Islands – Zealandia etc. Looking to expand into Auckland
- Reconnecting Northland – multiply party collaboration around community conservation
- Stephen Tindall the key driver
- Poutiri Ao ō Tāne – Transforming farmland predator pest control, GPS linked cat/possum/stoat traps on the east coast of the North Island
- Halved the number of possums in NZ with 1080 (to 20 million)
- Battle for the Birds – 1 million ha under pest control, including 1080
- Zero invasive predators – clear and defend landscapes – research on trapping and fencing
- Basically kill all the pests with 1080, then trap and fence to keep them out

Predator free NZ 2050

- Social movement supported by Government
- DoC doesn't lead it enables
- Taranaki Moanga – making Taranaki Mountain predator free – community, TAs, RA & DoC
- Te Manahura Aoraki – Mackenzie Basin preservation of Black Stilts
- Pukaha to Palliser 600 000 ha – pest control, biodiversity, water restoration – community led
- DoC delivers funding, technology & research

Wilding Pikes

- Queenstown Lakes has led the charge
- 50 000 ha a year growth unless checked
- SCION working on a non-seeding Pine or Douglas Fir

Welcome from Chair/survey outcome

Fergus Power, (Chair) – Waitaki District Council

New CEs

- Harry Wilson - South Wairarapa
- Janine Dowding – Tasman

Survey Results – what we want

- Key note speaker plus a Forum
- 60 mins on Forum
- 3 key topics: 3 Waters, CG officials, Influencing CG
- Preference for the Loft vs. the Waterfront room

Three Waters Review - Alternative model

Ross Parry and David Hunt, Concept Consulting

- Working for LGNZ in parallel with DIA work
- Looking at regulation, funding and delivery models

Regulatory

- Focus drinking water – which makes sense

- Create an independent drinking water provider
- Lift standard from 'reasonably practical' to absolute
- Strengthen compliance monitoring and enforcement
- May make Councils responsible for private drinking water networks
- Wastewater regulation proposals appear OK but specifics could result in high cost/low benefits outcomes
- Not clear it makes sense to separate wastewater regulation from receiving environment
- Possible fund to support improvements to service delivery – but lacks detail
- Government keen on forced geographic aggregation of 3 water providers
- Apply economic regulation (price control) to water service providers

Funding

- \$2-2.7 B issue
- Drinking water \$500 M
- Figures exaggerate the scale of the problem
- Will aggregation reduce costs? Maybe scale is not strongly proportional to cost
- Costs are actually inversely proportional to connection density (higher the density the lower the cost)
- Scale won't fix everything
- Super rugby model requires significant increases for AKL, WEL & CHC who already have the highest levels of debt per capita!

Aggregation

- 60+ providers to either 15 regional or 5 large providers
- Last change of similar magnitude SoEs in the 1980s
- SoE process took 4 years
- Current 3 waters \$27B in assets, 4000 staff
- Forced aggregation raises many issues, SoEs had a single owner

Recommended Approach

- Drinking water – tighten standards, private networks consider carefully
- Wastewater – targeted strengthening of regulation, prioritise upgrades, increase transparency
- Structures – dedicated regulator, funding support, don't force aggregation

Conclusion

- CG should use regulation and funding to drive desired change – and let councils determine which service delivery models best achieve the goals

Ministry of Transport [MoT]/Government Policy Statement [GPS] Development Process Jason Krupp for Philip Shackleton, LGNZ

- Transport was not a priority for many years... and then there was a change at the top of NZTA
- LGNZ then elevated Transport as a priority
- Chalk & cheese = MoT & NZTA
- Positive engagement with Mark Radcliffe – started a major culture turn around
- MoT lead the GPS, LGNZ attempted to co-design the process and were rejected and locked out
- Thus MoT's workshops haven't worked
- LGNZ working to identify the costs of radical changes to the GPS
- LGNZ working with Regional Council sector
- Road speed framework – encouraging engagement with TAs rather than RAs

Update from the Road Efficiency Group

Malcolm Alexander for Andrew McKillop - Programme Manager, LGNZ

- Joint committee between NZTA and TAs/RAs a.k.a. One network road classification now one network framework [ONF]
- Continued through to 2021
- New GPS focused on mode neutrality
- Have to meet the standards to get funding
- How to get better bang for everyone's buck

CE's Open Forum

Topics Covered

- 3 waters
- Recruitment
- Localism
- Digital LG Partnership

R&P Main Forum

Welcome, apologies, confirmation of minutes and LGNZ President's, National Council commentary

Chairs, Rural and Provincial Sectors and Dave Cull, President, LGNZ

Focus for LGNZ is local-central government relations

- 3 waters – Government looking to impose a solution: Mandatory Aggregation
- Government using costs to justify aggregation
- DIA and Minister looking to bypass LGNZ rather than work with LGNZ
- NZTA – widespread dissatisfaction with and not helped by GPS
- Housing – not a simple solution – requires land, regulations, building products, builders etc.
- Climate change – limited capacity
- LG-CG Forum later this month
- Never accept criticism from someone you wouldn't accept advice from

LGNZ Update

Malcolm Alexander, CE, LGNZ

- 3 Waters – see notes from CE Forum above
- Freshwater reforms – seem to be proceeding at pace
- Trade-offs not easy
- Climate change – Reserve Bank noted Insurance Risk in their financial stability report
- Building sector reforms – Joint and several liability is the big issue, LGNZ believes that we should be liable for our own work not everyone else. Reforms are fiddling at the edges
- Transport – Road Safety & speed management (not sure if it is broken), GPS & NZTA
- Tourism – its working! International Visitor Levy being collected will raise \$70M half to DoC and half to LG, Responsible Camping fund available

[Minister did not attend] Government's proposals to reform the building system

Hon Jenny Salesa Minister of Building and Construction

Highlights of the proposed reforms from MBIE email 16/4/19 for your information

Building products and methods

- clarify roles and responsibilities for building products and methods
- require manufacturers and suppliers to provide information about building products
- strengthen the framework for product certification
- make consenting easier for modern methods of construction.

Occupational regulation

- change the licensed building practitioners scheme to raise competence standards and broaden the definition of restricted building work
- introduce a new licensing scheme for engineers and restrict who can carry out safety-critical engineering work

- remove exemptions that allow unlicensed people to carry out sanitary plumbing, gasfitting and drainlaying work.

Risk and liability

- require a guarantee and insurance product for residential new builds and significant alterations, and allow homeowners to actively opt out of it
- leave the liability settings for building consent authorities unchanged [Councils remain 100% liable for all other parties actions].

Building levy

- reduce the building levy from \$2.01 including GST to \$1.50 including GST (per \$1,000)
- standardise the building levy threshold at \$20,444 including GST
- allow MBIE to spend funds raised by the building levy on broader stewardship of the building sector.

Offences, penalties and public notification

- increase the maximum financial penalties
- set different maximum penalties for individuals and organisations
- extend the time enforcement agencies can lay a charge from six months to 12 months
- remove the requirement to publish key decisions in newspapers, information would still be published on publicly accessible websites and in the New Zealand Gazette.

Proposals to reform the building system - Do the reforms go far enough?

David Kelly, Chief Executive, Masterbuilders

Construction Sector Accord

- Sector has serious problems: commercial, residential & mental (Construction sector has overtaken the agriculture sector for highest suicides/sector numbers)
- Needs a collaborative approach to improve the sector
- Accord is a positive step
- LG will be an important part of this especially around procurement
- LGNZ is now part of the Accord

Regulatory Reform

- Building products – needs to be sorted
- Liability - Master builders do step up for liability but majority of builders are not members
- Licensed building practitioners – hasn't delivered as plan
- Need a consent system that matches risk with cost & time
- Reforms won't solve the issues around the consent process
- Master Builders have an insurance scheme which is members only and it works – proposed system won't work as you can't regulate product and price
- Approximately 30% of costs are due to regulations

National Party on the state of play of provincial and Rural New Zealand

Hon Nathan Guy

Issues

- One billion trees programme – allowing foreign investment to come in and convert agricultural land, raised price from \$6000/ha to \$13 000/ha, now Govt is thinking about a re-think
- Carbon Price capped at \$25, if cap is removed it will go to \$150+, will lead to Carbon Farming
- Hoping that technology will solve agricultural emissions as part of the Zero-Carbon bill (supported by National)
- Budget – disappointing for some, petrol & diesel taxes up 4c on 1 July, not much to stimulate the economy
- Water storage (dried up), quality, nutrient limits (NPS expected)

Questions

- Incentives to retire native land – carbon farming is all about pine

Crime Stoppers Current focus

Haydn Smith, Crimestoppers

Turns out this was a sales pitch

- Anonymous reporting line for crime: 0800 555 111
- Integrity Line New Zealand – 24 hour coverage on site, uses the same resources as Crimestoppers
- Opportunity to address issues of bullying, harassment, white collar crime

Council staff integrity line proposal

- 24 house on Police vetted independent operating system
- Anonymous guarantee with witness option
- Internal policy & procedure review
- 0800 number selection
- Individual Council scripting
- Staff awareness etc.

[FYI MDC has Vitae support which provides a 24 hour helpline]

1 Billion Trees - The unintended consequences for the regions

Craig Little, Mayor Wairoa District, Tracey Collis, Mayor Tararua, Don Cameron, Mayor Ruapehu District and Julie Oliver, CE Forestry NZ

Wairoa

- North Island forestry land has doubled in price \$6 000 to \$13 000
- May be able to pay up to \$20 000/ha!
- Driven by Govt incentives not economic return
- 7-9% conversion of farming lands in the last 12 months, 1000 ha/month converted

Tararua

- 8 000 ha into Forestry (size of Rotorua City)
- Class 4 land
- Lost revenue \$1.6 M to the community
- 48 000 sheep gone 20 000 Beef
- 5 farms are Carbon farms
- Land will not come back as the ETS liability is too great
- Will impact rates take
- Need a better ETS to incentivise reduction of carbon output rather than offsetting
- NZ firms making the purchases

Ruapehu

- Same story
- 40 000 ha to Pines in the last 20 years, best land has gone first
- Future of pastoral farming at risk
- Can we use District Plans to stop this? Only if there is an RMA reason and this is unlikely
- Carbon farms are not harvested

Te Uru Rākau (Forestry NZ)

- Lots of miss information around
- One Billion Trees: Existing forests (570-770 M), New Trees (230-430 M) = 230-430 000 ha = 3% of total farmland
- Grants: 60 M trees, Crown JVs 24 M trees, Native trees 90 M, Market drivers: 50-250 M trees
- Grants: \$4000 to \$9000/ha commercial forestry should be excluded
- NZ Median price per ha Dairy \$37 100, Finishing \$31 059, Grazing \$10 373
- Forestry farm sales up 45% in the last year (log and carbon)
- Overseas investment in forestry – 7 sales 3 500 ha, most sales driven locally
- Looking at levers and information including overseas investment streamlining

Portfolio priorities

Hon Ron Mark, Minister of Defence

Defence Estate (Phil Gurnsey)

- Defence is NZ's 3rd largest landowner after DoC & LINZ
- 14 500 people
- Defence adds \$540 M to the wider Manawatū per annum
- 170 projects worth \$500 M current
- \$397 M new Capex for Manawatū
- Improved logistics, roads and hard stands
- Ohakea \$300M upgrade for the 6 P8 Poseidon aircraft
- Infrastructure pipeline and asset management
- Looking at cost effective solutions for 3 waters
- Contingent capability for CDEM and other issues
- Wildling Pine management investment \$1 M per year

Youth Development (Andrew Lincoln)

- 97 Cadet units in NZ \$3.7 M/year
- Sir Peter Blake & Les Mills were Cadets
- Contributed to 350 ANZAC day parades
- Limited Service Volunteer – six week residential course in partnership with MSD to prepare kids for employment. Need life skills and the kids grow dramatically. Will graduate 1600 per year
- Each LSV course has a Patron
- Also work with school kids to get them back on track

Minister

- Need you to recommend kids for this scheme and to help get them into work when they graduate
- NZDF is the largest ITO in NZ
- Long term planners and dealing with resource issues, NZDF is very similar to LG
- Want to move our military bases to your district - Auckland to Manawatū because of encroachment (and reverse sensitivity)
- Who wants a new Military Base? – if you do make sure people aren't complaining about everything
- We are here to help in times of crisis and in times of peace

The wellbeing budget

Hon James Shaw, Associate Minister of Finance

Fundamentally new method to build the budget

- Tackling long term challenges
- Challenges identified by Science Advisor

Three fundamental differences:

- Break down the silos (e.g. domestic and sexual violence \$350 M for 10 agencies and SLU package 5 agencies)
- Focus on outcomes rather than Ministry or Minister (work backwards to achieve the outcome)
- Different indicators of success

Key priorities

- Taking mental health seriously
- Addressing child poverty
- Supporting Maori and Pacifica - poverty <4% for Pakeha and >8% for Maori & Pacifica
- Building a productive nation
- Transforming the economy- sustainable and low emissions
- Also Long term infrastructure (education, health, defence)

LG specific

- LG Reforms \$10M/3 years (DIA work programme)
- LG engagement with Iwi Maori \$10M/3 years plus \$4M/3 years for bilingual towns
- \$64M for sustainable land use, \$32M for environmental work and \$56M for Infrastructure commission

- \$1B for KiwiRail, \$300M for regional rail
- Green Card - Gold Card for students and the poor

Also

- Changes to Capital Planning - moving to the same model as LG - multi-year capital funding.
- International Visitor Levy - \$184M per year
- Focus on strong investment in DoC estate

Questions

- Climate Change - hats off to DairyNZ for the education work
- Reading Infrastructure- how serious is the government about a 30 year strategy? Central government need to get a robust strategy first
- Will Rail need more to replace Road as the major freight mode? If mode neutral decisions are made it should work. But we are making up for decades of under investment.
- 3 Waters receiving environment and private water sources especially Iwi? Post settlement Iwi interested in investing in infrastructure. Will defer to others.
- Tourism levy capex but not opex? We are just getting started
- Stronger local government? Difference between intent and practice

NZTA – local government engagement

Mark Ratcliffe, Chief Executive New Zealand Transport Agency

Introduction

- Spoken to many people in LG
- Almost 5 months in, not a transport specialist but a telecom infrastructure background
- Invest in state highways, managing network
- Delivery agency not policy or strategy agency
- NZTA was the best partner of LG it isn't anymore, but we are working to get there
- Only by working together can we solve some of the problems
- Solutions require more capital than we have available- currently rationing investment
- Have informed us of what has been approved and what is 'likely'

What's going on at NZTA

- Interim CE
- New Chair will be announced soon
- Process to recruit new CE
- Big problems about regulation - need to take a stronger approach and increasing resources in this area
- Will be consequential challenges relating to the 45 000 dodgy warrants - only 20% have been rechecked even though this is free!
- Shifting from inwardly looking to outwardly looking
- New Minister wants a micro-level of Information - more interventionist
- Happy to help with capability deficits
- Support regional land transport plans - look to join them up
- New People
- National H&S and Road Safety
- Regulatory Team

Safety

- Big focus of associate Min
- State highways plus 3 worst regions (AKL, Waikato & Canterbury - absolute numbers)
- Safer roads - median barriers, rumble strips, safer cars (give the kids your car)
- 65% of fatal crashes involve cars rated 1-2 star for safety despite being 45% of the vehicle fleet
- Driver training
- Reduce the speed - always an emotive issue

Questions

- Mega Maps? Herald won Mega Maps access after NZTA fought it for a year. It's one Journalist's view its not an NZTS view
- Simulator training? Contact me. As elected officials you know There are a whole bunch of people trying everyday to minimise the number of decisions you can make.
- Vehicle safety? Young plus male plus unsafe vehicles plus speed plus impairment plus seatbelts plus distraction

Day Two

Project Thrive - Central Hawke's Bay District

Alex Walker, Mayor & Monique Davidson, Chief Executive, Central Hawke's Bay District Council

Community Driven Vision for Change

- "The future of every community lies in capturing the passion, energy and imagination of its own people" Ernesto Sirolli, who also produced the Ted Talk: Shut up and listen
- In 2016 a new Council was formed with 7 of 9 new members including the new Mayor Alex
- This was the community saying 'enough'!
- THRIVE = Trust Honesty Respect Innovation Valuing people Excellence
- We asked the community and we listened
 - What do you value most in CHB
 - What is holding us back
 - What does a thriving future look like
 - What are you transformational ideas
- 10 000+ responses
- Categorised the responses and then presented back to the community with all the individual responses underneath so people could see how their individual response mattered
- Phase One: New Chief Executive and Business on a Page
- Phase Two: Clear Priorities and New Investment Packages
- Phase Three: Back out to the Community
- Phase Four: Values Vision Priorities Issues
- Draft District Plan (10 years late so very important) – community leading the community
- Key change: Rural zones subdivisions from 0.4 ha (4000m²) to 12 ha to protect the productive soils
- Discussion: Gisborne 8 ha, Selwyn 40 ha

Government Policy Statement: Shifting transport policy and working with LG

Peter Mersi, Chief Executive, Ministry of Transport

Wellbeing

- Getting the most out of our transport system
- Partnership with LG important

Outcome Framework for Transport System

- Inclusive access
- Economic prosperity
- Environmental sustainability
- Resilience and security
- Healthy & safe people

GPS 2021 started and the review of GPS 2018

- GPS 2018 had a new focus – major change
- Constraints on funding, lack of clarity, added complexity
- Metros crowding out smaller areas
- More oversight and monitoring

- Need to understand what works for you
- Draft GPS for engagement will go out later this year
- Will partner with LG
- Intended release of GPS 2021 in mid 2020 (if possible)

Road Safety Strategy

- Since 2013 road deaths have risen
- 2018 377 deaths = 8 deaths/100 000 people, Australia 5, Sweden 2.6
- Traditional approach: Road deaths are caused by poor behaviour, safety is only one consideration
- Vision Zero: No loss of life is acceptable, crashes are inevitable by death and serious injury isn't
- Draft strategy and action plan later this year

Speed

- Speed remains an issue and speed limits are too high for many roads
- NZTA would develop a national plan
- Regional Controlling Authority would develop a regional plan
- Would look at specific rules around schools
- [This would remove the ability of MDC to set speed limits]

Delivery

- Requires you input and your engagement

Questions

- Be careful about snap judgements on speed – often speed is not the cause
- Compulsory 3rd party insurance, restricted power for learners? Don't know if we are looking at these issues
- Unexpected loss of funding – does NZTA (& MoT) want to work with us? NZTA had less money than expected and more demands on the funding despite increasing revenue
- Speed – reducing the limit does work!
- Much discussion on speed

Regional airports - Sustaining our regions

Kevin Ward, Chief Executive, NZ Airports Association John Carter, Mayor Far North District

Hamish McDouall, Mayor Whanganui District & K Guru Gurunathan, Mayor Kāpiti District

38 Airports of all sizes (Auckland to Tasman)

Lots of strategic priorities

- Key: sustainable air connectivity
- Enhancing regional economic growth
- Strong national air network – connecting business, health & social
- Providing resilience and disaster recovery capability
- Implementing good planning
- Being good neighbours – noise and lower carbon

Economic contributions

- Per passenger value added \$395 for an arriving passenger e.g. if 100 000 passengers arrive the region benefits \$39 500 000
- \$6 to airport the rest to the region

Challenges

- Growth – new terminals and facilities
- Low carbon economy – can do more at the airport
- Competing land use – noise = reverse sensitivity, Urban development authorities are a big risk!

Current issues

- Smaller airports – lack of support unlike roads
- Civil Aviation Amendment Bill – removes statutory power to set charges after consultation! Also removes requirement to act commercially
- Looking to get support from LGNZ for these issues

Panel discussion from Mayors

Whakatane

- 2015 AirNZ pulled out of 3 airports – down to new AirNZ CE (Christopher Luxton)
- 22 000 passengers out of Whakatane, reduced to 18 000 due to pricing (\$1000 to Wellington) and the AirNZ pulled out
- Three airlines bid for the rights to operate the airport – none of the TAs have needed to pay out on the backstop they provided
- Air Chathams is better than AirNZ!

Whanganui

- 46 000 people, 65 000 catchment, 65 minutes from PN airport
- 2015 AirNZ put on a new plane, Whanganui achieved 70-75% capacity
- AirNZ pulled out when Jetstar moved into PN, six weeks warning
- Air Chathams to the rescue
- Business community signed up first, then the Brethren community
- Easy to get people out harder to get them in – no viability for Air Chathams
- Won't welcome AirNZ back
- Multi-modal includes planes and ships

Paraparaumu Airport

- Airport sold for \$1.6M then on sold for \$24M then finally sold for \$42M
- Privately owned regional airport – owned by the Todd Group (Big boys with a busload of lawyers)
- Kapiti 52 000 residents poised for growth
- AirNZ exit was with only 4 weeks notice
- Has a full cost recovery airways flight information service
- Ratepayers subsidising central government
- Future electric air taxis will provide new air travel options, only available if we have an airports

Conservation Portfolio priorities

Hon Eugenie Sage, Minister of Conservation

Recycling and Recovery

- NZ used to take 300 000 tonnes of fibre (paper) and 40 000 tonnes of plastic
- China shut this down under National Sword programme
- Prices have collapsed, resulting in a reduction of \$70-100 per tonne
- 10 Councils have or are about to stop collecting lower value plastics
- Waste was an 'away' issue – send it away
- Challenge and opportunity
- NZers care about this – second most important challenge after poverty

Need to recharge the sector and increase onshore processing

- National taskforce established
- Identify and understand the system – quality and quantity
- What can we establish in terms of onshore reprocessing
- Product stewardship
- Low quality 3,4,7 plastics
- Public education
- Central government doesn't have all the answers
- Number of small and medium sized projects in Councils looking to improve recycling, reprocessing

Need to achieve system change

- MfE small team working in waste
- \$4M boost to MfE to expand this area
- One of the areas is product stewardship
- A.k.a. Producer responsibility schemes
- Example Tires – need a product stewardship scheme, Lithium batteries, Refrigerants, Agri-chemical containers and Packaging
- Next 3 months will put out to industry the criteria they will use: funding, control and QA

Landfill levy

- Landfill Levy \$10/tonne and only applies to 11% of landfills – MfE working on this
- Looking to expand the Levy
- Need to incentivise waste away from landfills
- Needs an investment strategy on where the money will go

Closing remarks

- Exciting space
- Need to work towards a circular economy

Questions

- Waste to energy? Burning of metro waste cuts across recycling and uses the atmosphere as a landfill – sends the wrong signals, maybe appropriate for hazardous waste and anaerobic digesters, pyrolysis
- Landfills vs waste to energy plants? We do know how to manage landfills
- Fly tipping? Could use the RMA to deal to fly tippers, not looking at litter act

Freshwater Reform - Impacts for the regions

Doug Leeder, Chair Regional Sector & Katie Milne, President Federated Farmers

Doug

Introduction to Katie

- Update on where we are
- In conjunction with 3 waters
- RAs seconded staff into MfE to try and get implementation right
- Future change will be significant in Southland, Otago, Canterbury, Manawatū & Waikato
- Policy keeps changing, why? – four advisory groups: Māori, Freshwater leadership, Stakeholder Advisory Group and Regional Sector
- Currently MfE and MPI working on a proposal to go to Cabinet late this month, legislation enacted in Q1 next year

Parts of the Freshwater Reform

- RMA improvements
- Rural Package: National Environmental Standard NES – Te Mana o te wai (the water has the first call on quality and quantity = ecological health, the second is the people and the third is the extractive position)
- Compulsory farm nutrient management plans
- Intensification – depends on the water body: forest – dry stock – dairy – hort – veges are examples of intensification and this will be very hard to do
- Big issue: Real issues regarding capacity and capability with in RAs to make the changes

Katie

- Whenever I travel I look at the water – NZ has very good water quality
- Feds want to keep Regional differences – concerned about a one size fits all approach with the NES
- Concerns about how things are being reported – need consistent balanced long term criteria
- Feds want time to change and are concerned about farm environmental reporting

Responsible Camping Summer report 2018/19

Adam Hutchinson, Geozone

Making Freedom camping more sustainable

- Use the App Campermate
- Provided information to 50 000 campers per day at peak in summer
- Over-crowding of freedom camp sites up to 400%
- Real time information delivered to users on camp site availability
- Used camera and AI vs ground sensors – cheaper option
- Campers used the data and diverted to empty sites – very successfully!
- Campermate data will become a dashboard and has been funded for the next year
- Will report on:
 - overnight stays,

- overnights stays by day of the month,
- clusters of stay locations,
- where campers have come from/go to next,
- times people are entering or leaving your region,
- how long do they spend in the district,
- where do we need more toilets,
- popularity of freedom campsites,
- how far away are campers looking for information
- time of arrival and time of search

This summer

- Grow the dashboard
- Integrate holiday parks
- Provide more information
- Do we provide information on where you can't camp?
- Nationwide ambassadors for freedom camping
- Pressure likely to level off

Census 2018 State of play and the 2023 Census

Liz MacPherson, Chief Executive, StatsNZ

2018

- Lower than expected participation only 4.2M
- We know: we didn't make it easy enough to take part and we didn't make contact with households early enough
- Independent review report July 2019
- Filled missing data with admin data (IRD, MSD, Immigration, Births & Deaths etc) results in a 'Combined Census data set'
- Now 4.7 M people in the dataset which is 1.2% (58 000) less than our best estimate of the population on 6 March 2018
- Likely better than 2013 census for: ethnicity (5 group level), Māori decent, age, sex and geographic coverage
- However there will be issues with the quality of some variables: Iwi counts! Household data!
- So coverage 98.8% of 'Real' People and for some data much more accurate

When you'll hear more

- Customer update in July
- Release of independent review in July
- First release of data 23 September 2019 – resident population, general and Māori electorates and population count
- Subsequent data released by June 2020
- Population information by March 2020, demographic projections after June 2020

2023

- Opportunity for interested parties
- Involvement where it matters
- Getting business case underway
- Keen to work with LGNZ/Councils

Questions

- Rural deliver not used, why? Will be reviewed
- Need to get hearts & minds back? External data quality panel, we know we have to get hearts and minds back
- Central government response? Independent review
- Annual data for population?
- Online Census? Worked for those who wanted it
- Tourism data collection? Money issue

Appendix 2

19 June 2019



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Dear Mayor Watson

SUBMISSION TO 2019-20 ANNUAL PLAN

Thank you for your submission to Horizons Regional Council's 2019-20 Annual Plan.

This year we received 57 submissions, all of which were carefully considered by Council. It is always a challenge to balance the diverse concerns and interests in our region and the submission process is an important one for Councillors to better understand the views of the people they represent.

Your submission to Council's 2019-20 Annual Plan related to:

Land and Water Management

Thank you for your submission supporting the efforts to reduce soil erosion in the region through the Sustainable Land Use Initiative (SLUI) and your suggestion of a complementary dimension to this programme to provide protection for critical roading infrastructure.

Horizons welcomes further discussion with Rangitikei District Council and other Councils around this topic (noting Manawatu District Council also submitted on a similar topic). Alongside the goals for maintaining soil on land and water quality outcomes, SLUI also has objectives around resilience of the community to adverse events. To deliver on the resilience goals, SLUI already includes a component about consideration of roading infrastructure, however this is typically more focused on within farm roading. There is likely more that could be done to consider how the efforts of SLUI could link in with protection of wider infrastructure and Horizons would welcome further discussion on this to develop potential options for Council to consider. For further discussion around this please contact Jon Roygard - jon.roygard@horizons.govt.nz at Horizons.

Biosecurity and Biodiversity Management

Thank you for your support for additional funding to manage Old Man's Beard and the request for information on how this will impact on the Rangitikei District. The proposed funding increase is to support the implementation of control to achieve the goals outlined in the Regional Pest Management Plan. This funding is also to complement additional efforts through Horizons' biological control programme which is working to release a new biological control agent (the Old Man's Beard gall mite) and investigating further potential biological control agents. Horizons welcomes further discussion with Rangitikei District Council around how and where the additional funding will be spent. Please contact Craig Davey at Horizons regarding this - Craig.Davey@horizons.govt.nz.

Kairanga

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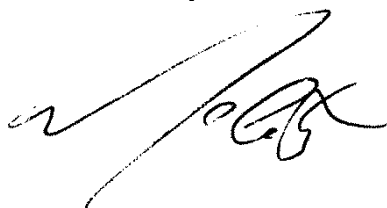
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The Council's 2019-20 Annual Plan is available on our website,
www.horizons.govt.nz/publications-feedback/the-annual-plan .

Yours sincerely



Michael McCartney
Chief Executive Officer
Horizons Regional Council

Attachment 3

125

TAIHAPE Celebration

13 - 15 September 2019

INTRODUCTION

Taihape's 125 Anniversary this year has seen the creation of a 125 Committee comprising of many stakeholders, (List of Committee attached).

This weekend of events replaces the previous "Spring Fling" put on by the Taihape Community Development Trust (TCDT) with support from RDC and local businesses that we ask now to get behind the 125 Celebrations.

The TCDT will provide funding application and office support and Trustee Gill Duncan is acting as convener for this Community driven series of celebratory events to affect the following:

- Supporting town and country pride and involvement, meeting 'placemaking' goals and objectives.
- To increase Community, buy-in – increased engagement with elderly and youth; and
- to strengthen the business community – becoming a vibrant town, engaging visitors and clientele from both inside and outside of Taihape.
- Create an important calendared event for Taihape & District;
- Using established mentoring relationships with students and volunteers; and
- Maintaining regular networking relationships with:
 - the Rangitikei District Council
 - local (sport) clubs & organisations
 - service providers in Taihape i.e. Mokai Patea, REAP, Schools
 - Taihape Business Community

The Trust will need to apply for funding from the RDC Event Sponsorship Scheme

125 CELEBRATIONS

THE WEEKEND'S EVENT'S INCLUDE

FRIDAY 13 SEPTEMBER

5 - 7PM

MAJESTIC THEATRE *bubbles & banter*

This event is fully sponsored and organized by the Majestic Theatre.

The contact in Taihape is Gail Larsen.

- Denis Robertson will have a book signing of his updated second edition of "*....give me TAIHAPE on a Saturday night*";
- Launch of a Taihape General Knowledge Quiz with prizes to be drawn at the Vintage High Tea.
- Historic footage will be shown on the big screen.

Goal: to kick start the weekend with an opportunity to socialize with friends and get the flavour of the weekend with Denis' book and Historic footage shown on the big screen in the atmospheric theatre. To support the Majestic Theatre in their fundraising towards new heat pumps.

SATURDAY 14 SEPTEMBER

GOLF TOURNAMENT *18 holes*

9.30 - 2pm

This event is fully sponsored and organized by Denis Robertson & the Cancer Society.
The contacts in Taihape are D. Robertson & Diane Mickleson.

SATURDAY 14 SEPTEMBER**TAIHAPE MUSEUM** *baby animal fair**11 - 1pm*

Previously a part of the Spring Fling, this event will be run this year on popular request. Sponsored by The Taihape Museum, Taihape Vet Club, Thompson's shearing, Versatile Equines and Farmyard Friends & The Wool Shop. V-ray Light and Sound will provide music and microphones for the event. (Quote attached). Contact: Gill Duncan.

Goal: For children and small pets to have a "Pet Day" with competitions & prizes in town and raise the profile of our treasured Museum that put on a gold coin Sausage Sizzle and this year will also host a display of Historic Taihape photographs and documents in the Museum Hall.

This is a family event that includes donkey and pony rides, petting animals and a homemade lemonade stand run by two enterprising local primary school aged sisters.

An Animal Mask Parade, partly funded through CCS, will also take part so that children who do not have pets can still participate. Taihape Vet Anthony Oswald judges and commentates on the competitions and provides expert advice to little pet owners.

SATURDAY 14 SEPTEMBER**OUTBACK MARKET** *the outback**12 - 3pm*

A free event with Music, BBQ, Bouncy Castle, NZBTA Gumboot Throwing, Gig-rides and stalls. The Taihape Pipers will also attend. Supported by the community, RDC, TCD and TCB.

Goal: To compliment the town's festivities and give local enterprise a platform to display and sell their goods.

Contact Persons: Sharyn Robson (Rusty Nail Backpackers); Curly Troon (NZBTA), Sandy Rowling's (St Johns), Ann Abernethy (TCB), Hannah Totman (stalls).

SATURDAY 14 SEPTEMBER**TOWN HALL** *vintage high tea**3.30 - 6pm*

The Social gathering of the Weekend.

This MCed event will allow all the community, but especially the elderly and the young, to come together in the building that represents the town's heart. Mayor and Councilors will be invited, and the afternoon will include:

- Attendees to be Piped into the Town Hall
- Local live entertainment including singing/a scene from the children's drama group,
- Piano playing;
- we are investigating participation from a local Soprano (Andy Watson);
- A vintage photo booth;
- Book signing by Denis Robertson;
- Drawing the winners of the Taihape General Knowledge Quiz
- Cutting of the 125 Cake by the Mayor and eldest & youngest residents attending.

Key people: Fran Robertson, (overall organizer of catering & schedule of event); support from Katene Peretini, Elizabeth Cottrell, Rita Batley and Wendy Totman. Cake by Kirsty Fannin. Photo booth display and manning of by Kerry Stevens; Photography by Bernie Bee Photography; Quiz by D. Robertson; Charlotte Oswald & Kirsty Fannin Children's Drama Group. (Soprano & Arcadian Singers?).

SATURDAY 14 SEPTEMBER**MUSICIANS CLUB** *bands and supper**7pm onwards*

This event is fully sponsored and organized by the Taihape Musicians Club and will include local bands such as "Fossil Rock" and "The Bush Chooks" along with an open bar and a supper provided.

The contact in Taihape is Christine MacIntosh.

SUNDAY 15 SEPTEMBER**CHURCH SERVICE** *vicar st margaret's anglican**to be confirmed*

The Taihape churches are hosting a combined church service.

The service will be hosted at Vicar St Margaret's Anglican church followed by the blessing of the tree planting.

St Margaret's Church is including a display of beautiful handmade Quilts and flowers as well as art in their weekend celebration.

Any celebration cake left will be given to the churches to complement their morning teas. Contact person: Rev. Tracy Peters.

SUNDAY 15 SEPTEMBER**TREE PLANTING***to be confirmed*

The planting of a tree or a group of trees is planned for the Sunday to include everyone. Contact person: Jan Byford.

Businesses Participation

Businesses will be invited to have a stall/display in window and on the street.

125 CELEBRATIONS COMMITTEE

CONVENYOR Gill Duncan

MINUTES SECRETARY Michelle Marks

COMMITTEE Jan Byford, Ann Abernethy, Charlotte Oswald, Sharyn Robson, Denis Robertson

Item	Amount (excl GST)	Company
Lasercraft - Event signage (town event boards)	\$143.75	RDC
Event organiser (5hrs per week, 9 weeks, \$25 per hr)	\$1,125.00	Gill Duncan NA
TCDT (5hrs per week, 9 weeks, \$25 per hr)	\$1,125.00	TCDT
Decoration & materials (Balloons)	\$90.00	PaperPlus
Advertsing for the full event	\$671.00	Herald and District Monitor
Majestic Theatre	\$0.00	Majestic Theatre
18 Holes Golf Tournament	\$0.00	Denis Robertson & Cancer Society
Museum (Animal Fair)	\$100.00	Museum
Vray Light & Sound- Music and microphones for the animal fair	\$575.00	RDC
Colourful Bunting	\$300.00	Christmas Heirloom Company
Taihape Vets - prizes	\$150.00	Taihape Vets
Baby Animal Fair prizes	\$100.00	Thomsens Shearing
Outback Market	\$350.00	Sharyn Robson
Family Fun Entertainment - Bouncy Castle	\$275.00	RDC
Music and microphone	\$250.00	SoundTec
Curly Troon - Gumboot Throwing (includes set up, prizes, running)	\$150.00	NZBTA
Vintage High Tea	\$0.00	Fran Robertson
Hire of Town Hall, Supper Rooms & Council Chambers	\$42.20	RDC
Photo Booth	\$0.00	Kerry Stevens
Cake - Kirsty Fanin	\$250.00	RDC
Flowers for Tables	\$100.00	Blush Florist
Photography	\$200.00	Bernie Bee Photography
Quiz Prizes	\$200.00	Denis Robertson & Cancer Society
Childrens Drama Group	\$0.00	Childrens Drama Group
Musicians Club	\$0.00	Musicians Club - Christine MacIntosh
Fossil Rock	\$0.00	Fossil Rock
The Bush Chooks	\$0.00	The Bush Chooks
Church Service - Rev Tracy Peters	\$0.00	Various Taihape Churches
Tree Planting	\$150.00	Jan Byford
Total event expenses	\$6,346.95	

Item	Amount (excl GST)	Company
Funding received	\$1,337.81	RDC
Event organiser (5 hrs per week, 9 weeks, \$25 per hr)	\$1,125.00	TCDT
Advertsing for the full event	\$671.00	Herald and District Monitor
Museum (Animal Fair)	\$100.00	Museum
Colourful Bunting	\$300.00	Christmas Heirloom Company
Thomsens Shearing	\$100.00	Thomsens Shearing
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Flowers for Tables	\$100.00	Blush Florist
Photography	\$200.00	Bernie Bee Photography
Quiz Prizes	\$200.00	Denis Robertson & Cancer Society
Tree Planting	\$150.00	Jan Byford
	\$4,933.81	
SHORTFALL:	\$1,413.14	

Outstanding amounts requested from RDC 125 th Taihape Celebration			
Item		Amount	Totals
<u>Sounds</u> Sountec Music: Outback Market & Vintage High Tea		250.00 250.00	\$500.00
<u>Advertising</u> District Monitor		276.00	
Herald		395.00	\$671.00
<u>Tree Planting</u> Tree (s)		\$150.00	(Estimate) \$150
<u>Coordinator</u> Gill Duncan/TCDT Staff extra hours 5hrs/wk., 9wks \$25.00 p/hr.		\$1,125.00	\$1,125.00
<u>Venue Hire</u> Town Hall, Supper Rooms, Council Chambers		\$42.20	\$42.20
<u>Website</u> Raquel Duncan Piki Design		\$517.50	\$517.50
			\$3,005.70

TOTAL AMOUNT REQUESTED

\$3,005.70

Attachment 4

Who's
putting local
issues on
the national
agenda?

**We are.
LGNZ.**

2019 Annual General Meeting

Remits

1

Climate change – local government representation

Remit:	That LGNZ calls on the Government to include local government representation (as determined by local government) at all levels of policy development, technical risk and resilience assessment, and data acquisition on climate change response policies – with an emphasis on climate adaptation: policy; legal; planning; and financial compensation regimes.
Proposed by:	Auckland Council
Supported by:	Zone One

Background information and research

1. Nature of the issue

- a. Climate change action, impacts and related policy, risk, legal, planning and financial implications are borne most directly by local communities.
- b. As the structure and framework for a more cohesive New Zealand-wide approach emerges with the current government, it is critical that the country-wide context is informed directly by the local voice at a local council level so it is integrated appropriately into the wider context.
- c. Local government is likely to be responsible for implementing a range of central government climate change policies – it is therefore crucial that local government is represented in policy/technical design process to ensure it is fit for purpose at a local scale and able to be implemented cost-effectively in the local government system.

2. Background to its being raised

- a. Climate adaptation and mitigation approaches are being adopted across New Zealand, in some cases well in advance of a coherent national approach. As local councils make progress on strategy, policy, planning and direct initiatives, an opportunity exists to integrate learning, challenges or concerns into the wider national context.
- b. Some councils have pioneered new approaches with mana whenua, community engagement, evidence-building and research and cross-sector governance. Without a seat at the larger table, the lessons from these early adopters risk being lost in the national conversation/approach.

3. New or confirming existing policy

This is a new policy.

4. How the issue relates to objectives in the current Work Programme

- The issue relates to LGNZ's climate change work programme, particularly relating to the input/influence on the Zero Carbon Act and Independent Climate Commission, implementation of CCATWG recommendations, decision-making and risk, impacts assessment, and other elements.
- A local seat at the larger New Zealand table would ensure a strong local voice for a range of workstreams.

5. What work or action on the issue has been done on it, and the outcome

Aside from specific LGNZ workstreams relating to climate change (see above), central government has progressed consultation on the Zero Carbon Bill and Interim Climate Change Committee, has appointed a panel to produce a framework for national climate change risk assessment, and has announced a set of improvements to New Zealand's emissions trading scheme. Likewise, a number of councils have progressed action plans and strategies to reduce emissions and prepare for climate impacts. Notably, New Zealand-wide emissions continue to rise and the serious risks associated with climate impacts continue to be better understood – an integrated local and national approach is very much needed in order to make any substantive progress on climate change in New Zealand.

6. Any existing relevant legislation, policy or practice

As described above, the Zero Carbon Act is the main relevant New Zealand legislation with accompanying frameworks, policies and schemes. A range of more local policies from the Auckland Unitary Plan to coastal policies need meticulous alignment and integration with the national approach in order for both to be most effective.

7. Outcome of any prior discussion at a Zone or Sector meeting

Zone 1 agreed on 1 March 2019 to support this remit.

8. Suggested course of action envisaged

- It is recommended that LGNZ work with central government to advocate for these changes.
- It is recommended that LGNZ engage directly with relevant ministers and ministries to ensure local government has an appropriate role in the National Climate Change Risk Assessment Framework, and all related and relevant work programmes.

2

Ban on the sale of fireworks to the general public

Remit: That LGNZ works with central government to introduce legislation to ban the sale of fireworks to the general public and end their private use.

Proposed by: Auckland Council

Supported by: Metro Sector

Background information and research

1. Nature of the issue

The following issues have been identified:

- a. Community concern about the negative impacts of the ad-hoc private use of fireworks particularly around the deliberate and unintentional distress to people and animals and damage to property.
- b. High demand for council and emergency services who receive a large number of complaints in relation to the use of fireworks.
- c. The absence of regulatory powers to territorial authorities to ban the sale of fireworks by retailers to the general public.

2. Background to its being raised

- a. The issue was raised during the review of the Auckland Council's Public Safety and Nuisance Bylaw 2013 which prohibits setting off fireworks on public places.
- b. During the review of this Bylaw, Auckland Council separately resolved to request the New Zealand Government to introduce legislation to ban the sale of fireworks to the general public and end their private use.
- c. Reasons for the decision are stated in the 'Nature of the issue' and further details are in 'What work or action on the issue has been done, and the outcome'.

3. New or confirming existing policy

This is a new policy.

4. How the issue relates to objectives in the current Work Programme

This issue relates to LGNZ's social issues portfolio which reflects working alongside central government to address social issues affecting community safety:

- Community safety is an issue of vital interest for councils as areas which are perceived to be "unsafe" are likely to experience lower levels of social cohesion and economic investment. When asked to rank issues that are most important to themselves and their communities' safety is always one of the top.
- Framed in this way, prohibiting the private use and sale of fireworks through government legislation enhances community safety as a top priority for LGNZ. Furthermore, it also promotes social cohesion by enabling the use of public displays without the worries and danger of ad-hoc private use of fireworks.

5. What work or action on the issue has been done on it, and the outcome

The review of Auckland Council's Public Safety and Nuisance Bylaw 2013 identified that a territorial authority has no regulatory powers to ban the retail sale of fireworks to the general public.

A territorial authority's regulatory powers in relation to fireworks are limited to:

- Prohibiting fireworks from being set off on or from a public place.
- Addressing nuisance and safety issues that may arise from their use on other places (eg private property) and affect people in a public place.
- Addressing noise issues relating to fireworks being set off on other places.

Enforcement is also challenging and resource-intensive. Auckland Council (and potentially other territorial authorities) do not have capacity to respond to all complaints during peak times, and it is difficult to catch people in the act. There can also be health and safety risks for compliance staff.

A ban on the sale of fireworks through legislative reform would therefore be the most efficient and effective way of addressing issues identified in the 'Nature of the issue'.

Any such ban would not prohibit public fireworks displays which enable a managed approach towards cultural celebrations that use fireworks throughout the year.

There is also a known level of public support for such a ban. Public feedback between October and December 2018 on the decision of Auckland Council to request a ban on the sale of fireworks was overwhelmingly supportive. Feedback to Auckland Council resolution was received from 7,997 people online. Feedback showed 89 per cent (7,041) in support and 10 per cent (837) opposed.

Key themes in support included:

- Concerns for the safety of people and animals (68 per cent).
- Concerns about the amount of noise (35 per cent).
- Concerns about stockpiling and use of fireworks after Guy Fawkes night (27 per cent).
- A preference for public fireworks displays only (23 per cent).

Key themes opposed, including from fireworks retailers, were:

- A ban would be excessively restrictive.
- In favour of more regulation on use instead of a ban.
- A ban would end a key part of kiwi culture and tradition.

Similar requests and petitions to ban the sale of fireworks to the general public have been delivered to the Government, including:

- An unsuccessful petition in 2015 with 32,000 signatures, including the SPCA, SAFE and the New Zealand Veterinarians Association.
- A recent petition in 2018 with nearly 18,000 signatures which was accepted on its behalf by Green Party animal welfare spokesperson Gareth Hughes.

A ban on the sale of fireworks would align New Zealand legislation to that of other comparative jurisdictions. For example, retail sale of fireworks to the general public is prohibited in every Australian jurisdiction (except the Northern Territories and Tasmania where strict restrictions on the sale and use are in place).

6. Any existing relevant legislation, policy or practice

Hazardous Substances (Fireworks) Regulations 2001

- Fireworks may be displayed for retail sale or sold by a retailer during the period beginning on 2 November and ending at the close of 5 November in each year.
- A person must be at least 18 years in order to purchase fireworks.

WorkSafe

- Regulates health and safety in a workplace and administers the regulations for storing fireworks in a workplace.
- Approve compliance certifiers who certify public/commercial displays.

New Zealand Police

- Enforce regulations around the sale of retail fireworks, including requirements around the sale period and age restrictions under the Hazardous Substances (Fireworks) Regulations 2001.
- Address complaints about dangerous use of fireworks.

Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)

- Responsible for providing information about the sale of retail fireworks.
- Responsible for approving certifiers to test and certify that retail fireworks are safe prior to being sold in New Zealand.
- Provides approval for hazardous substances, including fireworks and provide import certificates to allow fireworks to be brought into New Zealand and the requirements for labelling and packaging of fireworks.

Auckland Council

- Deals with complaints about noise from fireworks.
- Prohibits setting off fireworks from public places under its Public Safety and Nuisance Bylaw 2013.

New Zealand Transport Agency (NZTA)

- Responsible for enforcing Land Transport Rule 1 which covers fireworks being transported on the road.

7. Suggested course of action envisaged

We ask that LGNZ request the Government to include red light running with other traffic offences that incur demerit points.

3

Traffic offences – red light running

Remit:	That LGNZ request the Government to bring into line camera and officer-detected red light running offences with other traffic offences that incur demerit points.
Proposed by:	Auckland Council
Supported by:	Metro Sector

1. Background information and research

1. Nature of the issue

LGNZ strategic goals include a safe system for transport – increasingly free of death and serious injury. This proposal is directly working towards a safe road system, with an integrated approach across infrastructure, operation of the road network and enforcement.

The red-light-running-related crash-risk has increased in recent years (CAS) and additional prevention measures are required to reduce and eventually eliminate the social, financial and road trauma burden of these crashes.

Making use of safety cameras and demerit points would allow the intent of the law to be upheld without the need for significantly increased police presence, and is a cost effective way to ensure safety at high risk camera locations.

Demerit points are more effective than fines in deterring unsafe road user behaviour as the deterrent effect impacts equally across a wide range of road users.

We ask that LGNZ request the Government that red light running be included with other traffic offences that incur demerit points (currently absent from the list of similar offences that acquire points, although this was proposed in 2007).

All councils in New Zealand stand to benefit from reduced red-light running and cost-effective enforcement of safety using red light cameras which can operate more cheaply over wide areas. This will support councils to get strong safety results from their road safety camera programmes.

Demerit point systems (DPS) work through prevention, selection and correction mechanisms. A DPS can help increase compliance with stop signals, reducing the likelihood of exposure to non-survivable forces, and it can help reduce repeat offending among ‘loss of licence’ drivers who repeatedly make poor safety choices which may lead to a crash.

Applying demerit points to red-light-running offences would help make the whole penalty system more meaningful and fair, and better reflect the risk. It is expected that the costs would be minimal, mostly in the justice sector, however these too can be minimised with an educational approach.

2. Background to its being raised

Road safety crisis

Auckland, as the rest of New Zealand, has an increasing road toll. From 2014 to 2017 Auckland had an increase in deaths of 78 per cent. The rest of New Zealand had an increase of almost 30 per cent in that same period. Serious injuries have increased at similar rates in that time. This follows a long period of gradual reductions in road trauma. The previous methods for managing road safety are no longer working.

A Vision Zero approach requires clear expectations and shared responsibility about safe behaviour at intersections, from road users and legislators and managers of the road system.

Auckland Transport (AT) Independent Road Safety Business Improvement Review (BIR) recommends increasing penalties for camera offences for all drivers, alongside other recommendations for road safety sector partnerships.

National Road Safety Strategy update is underway. It would help to have LGNZ support for changes like this being considered under the strategy.

3. New or confirming existing policy

Red light running or failing to stop at a red signal at intersections:

- Note that in this 2007 release for changes to the demerit system in 2010, proposed a fine of \$50 and 25 demerit points for red light running.
<https://www.beehive.govt.nz/release/tougher-penalties-focus-road-safety-package>

10 years of driver offence data:

- <https://www.police.govt.nz/about-us/publication/road-policing-driver-offence-data-january-2009-december-2018> (accessed at 2 April 2019)

Number of red light running offences for 2014-2018 five year period, all of New Zealand:

- Officer issued: 61,208 or \$8.9 million in fines, no demerit points.
- Camera issued: 14,904 or \$2.2 million in fines, no demerit points.

4. How the issue relates to objectives in the current Work Programme

The overall strategic focus of LGNZ includes leadership and delivery of change on the big issues confronting New Zealand communities, such as road safety, with a focus on best performance and value for communities. Safety cameras with reliable enforcement tick off a number of these requirements.

This proposal could support three of the five strategic policy priorities in the LGNZ Policy statement 2017-2019, although it does not fit under one alone:

- Infrastructure: LGNZ's policy statement mentions *a safe system for transport – increasingly free of death and serious injury* (p6). This proposal is directly working towards a safe road system, including infrastructure, operation of the road network and enforcement.
- Risk and resilience: Also known as safe and sustainable transport, Vision Zero and this detailed change to road safety supports a risk-based approach to increasing safety in New Zealand communities. Collaboration between local and central government is necessary to achieve the safe system goal and treating no death or serious injury as acceptable for those communities.
- Social issue – community safety: LGNZ supports projects that strengthen confidence in the police and improve perceptions of safety. This proposal reflects the goal of responsive policing, and innovative solutions for dealing with social issues.

Note on equity

While demerit points provide a more equitable deterrent effect compared to fines and help dispel the myth of 'revenue gathering', an increase in the use of demerit points may still impact some low deprivation communities and create 'transport poverty' issues, particularly in areas with high sharing of vehicles. One way to manage this potential equity issue is to use the Swedish model for managing safety cameras where they are only switched on a proportion of the time and are well supported by local road safety education activities.

5. What work or action on the issue has been done on it, and the outcome

From Auckland Transport research report: *Auckland Red Light Camera Project: Final Evaluation Report, 2011*: "When red light cameras were trialled in Auckland between 2008 and 2010, there was a 43 per cent reduction in red-light running and an average 63 per cent decrease in crashes attributable to red light running."

Conversations with AT and Policing Operations on demerits for safety camera infringements indicate that police are very supportive of demerit points for safety cameras.

Reasons include that demerits from safety cameras can be easily transferred to the driver involved in the infringement, which addresses concerns that vehicle owners who are not driving would be unfairly penalised.

Further conversations between AT and New Zealand Police indicate that red light running offences are an anomaly as they do not lead to demerit points. For comparison, failing to give way at a pedestrian crossing is 35 points, and ignoring the flashing red signal at rail crossings, 20 points.

The effect of demerit points on young drivers: incentives and disincentives can have an important impact on young, novice drivers' behaviour, including demerit points as a concrete disincentive.

From OECD research report: *Young Drivers: The Road to Safety* 2006 by the European Conference of Ministers of Transport (EMCT), OECD publishing, France.

Comment on technology used for enforcement:

Existing cameras are more than capable of detecting offences, it is just the legal rules that are preventing this. However, it may be worth considering that new intelligent technology will potentially improve this process even further in future.

6. Any existing relevant legislation, policy or practice

To change the:

- Land Transport Act 1998.
- Land Transport (offences and penalties) Regulations 1999.
- Land Transport (road user) Rule 2004.

The demerits points system comes from section 88 of the Land Transport Act and expressly excludes offences detected by camera enforcement ("vehicle surveillance equipment" as it is called in legislation).

These sections of the Act are supported by reg 6 and schedule 2 of the Land Transport (Offences and Penalties) Regulations 1999.

7. Suggested course of action envisaged

We ask that LGNZ request the Government to include red light running with other traffic offences that incur demerit points.

4

Prohibit parking on grass berms

Remit:	To seek an amendment to clause 6.2 of the Land Transport (Road User) Rule 2004 to prohibit parking on urban berms.
Proposed by:	Auckland Council
Supported by:	Metro Sector

Background information and research

1. Nature of the issue

Auckland Transport cannot enforce 'parking on the grass berms' without the request signage being in place.

2. Background to its being raised

In 2015 Auckland Transport Parking Services received advice that the enforcement of motor vehicles parking on the berms of the roadway could not be lawfully carried out, without the requisite signage being in place to inform the driver that the activity is not permitted. After that advice, enforcement was restricted to roadways where signage is in place. A programme to install signage was undertaken on a risk priority basis from that time to present.

3. New or confirming existing policy

Change in the existing legislative situation.

4. How the issue relates to objectives in the current Work Programme

The overall strategic focus of LGNZ includes leadership and delivery of change on the big issues confronting New Zealand communities, such as road safety, with a focus on best performance and value for communities.

This proposal supports the Infrastructure strategic policy priorities in the LGNZ policy statement 2017-2019:

- Infrastructure: LGNZ policy statement mentions the right infrastructure and services to the right level at the best cost (p6). This proposal is directly working towards a safe road system, including infrastructure that meets the increasing demands within a reasonable roading investment.

5. What work or action on the issue has been done on it, and the outcome

- September 2015: AT legal team notified Parking Services and Ministry of Transport (MoT) of the issue.
- October 2015: Ministry responded stating it would be included in the next omnibus rule amendment.
- June 2016: AT was advised that the matter would not be progressed as a policy project would be needed. AT also informed that the matter was not in the 2016/17 programme but would be considered in the forward work programme.
- AT advised there would be workshops with local government to determine potential regulatory proposals in the 2017/18 programme. This did not happen.
- November 2016: AT's Legal team wrote to the MoT again requesting for an update on when the workshops would take place.
- November 2016: MoT advised AT that they were currently co-ordinating proposals.

AT have not received an update on the issue since.

6. Any existing relevant legislation, policy or practice

AT's Traffic Bylaw 2012 prohibits parking on the grass within the Auckland urban traffic area. However, the combination of provisions in the Land Transport Act 1998, and the various rules made under it, mean that for AT to enforce this prohibition, we must first install prescribed signs every 100 metres on all grass road margins within the urban traffic area.

It should be noted that this is not just confined to Auckland, but is a nationwide issue, hence our multiple requests for the Ministry to consider the issue.

To note: The same requirements apply to beaches, meaning before AT can enforce a Council prohibition on parking on the beach, signage must first be installed every 100 metres along the beach.

Clearly, installing the required signage on all road margins and beaches is both aesthetically undesirable as well as prohibitively expensive.

Operational practice by AT parking services is to respond to calls for service and complaints from the public. This change is not to introduce a change in enforcement practices.

5

Short-term guest accommodation

Remit:	That LGNZ advocates for enabling legislation that would allow councils to require all guest accommodation providers to register with the council and that provides an efficient approach to imposing punitive action on operators who don't comply.
Proposed by:	Christchurch City Council
Supported by:	Metro Sector

Background information and research

1. Nature of the issue

The advent of online listing and payment platforms like Airbnb and HomeAway have helped grow a largely informal accommodation provider sector around the world on a huge scale. This is presenting challenges for local authorities around the world to adapt regulatory frameworks to effectively capture these new businesses.

The Airbnb market share in Christchurch has grown exponentially from June 2016 to December 2018.

- Rooms in owner-occupied homes listed grew from 58 in June 2016 to 1,496 in December 2018.
- Entire homes listed increased from 54 to 1,281 over the same period (+2,272 per cent).
- Airbnb's share of all guest nights in Christchurch rose from 0.7 per cent in June 2016 to 24 per cent in December 2018.
- In the month of December 2018 there were an estimated 120,000 guest nights in Christchurch at Airbnb providers.

Councils generally have regulatory and rating requirements that guest accommodation providers are required to work within. District Plan rules protect residential amenity and coherence and many councils require business properties to pay a differential premium on general rates.

However, many informal short-term guest accommodation providers operate outside the applicable regulatory and rates frameworks. The nature of the activity makes finding properties being used for this activity problematic. Location information on the listing is vague and GPS coordinates scrambled. Hosts do not provide exact address information until a property is booked, and the platform providers won't provide detailed location, booking frequency or contact details to councils, citing privacy obligations. In their view, the onus is on hosts to

confirm they meet relevant regulatory requirements. In short, we don't know where they are and finding them is an expensive and resource-intensive exercise akin to playing whack-a-mole with a blind fold on.

This means the informal accommodation sector is able to capture competitive advantages vis-à-vis the formal sector by reducing compliance costs and risks. In popular residential neighbourhoods, high demand for this activity can reduce housing affordability, supply and choice and compromise the neighbourhood amenity.

Councils need to be able to require guest accommodation providers to register with them and to keep records of the frequency of use of residential homes for this purpose. This would enable councils to communicate better with providers, ensure regulatory and rating requirements are being met and enable a more productive relationship with platform providers.

Queenstown Lakes District Council proposed a registration approach through its District Plan review but withdrew that part of their proposal after seeking further legal advice. Christchurch City Council has also had legal advice to the effect that registration with the Council cannot be used as a condition for permitted activity status under the District Plan, particularly if that registration is contingent on compliance with other Acts (eg the Building Act, various fire safety regulations, etc). The closest thing to a form of registration that can be achieved under the RMA is to require a controlled resource consent which is still a relatively costly and onerous process for casual hosts.

2. Background to it being raised

Christchurch City Council has received numerous complaints and requests for action from representatives of the traditional accommodation sector – hotels, motels and campgrounds. They have asked for short-term rental accommodation to be brought into the same regulatory framework they are required to operate in.

There are other wider issues to consider such as impact on rental housing availability, impact on house prices and impact on type of development being delivered in response to this market.

Representatives from the Christchurch accommodation sector have raised the disparity in operating costs and regulation that are imposed on them and not the informal sector. They believe the effect of this is:

- Undermining the financial viability of the formal accommodation sector.
- Resulting in anti-social behaviour and negative amenity impacts in residential neighbourhoods.
- Creating a health and safety risk where small, casual operators are not required to meet the same standards that they are.

3. How the issue relates to objectives in the current Work Programme

LGNZ Flagship Policy Project - Localism

“Local government is calling for a shift in the way public decisions are made in New Zealand by seeking a commitment to localism. Instead of relying on central government to decide what is good for our communities it is time to empower councils and communities themselves to make such decisions. Strengthening self-government at the local level means putting people back in charge of politics and reinvigorating our democracy.”

Providing councils with the means to require accommodation providers to register will greatly assist them to work with their communities to develop approaches to regulating the short-term guest accommodation sector that best serves that particular community. For many councils it would enable a nuanced approach for each community to evolve under a district-wide policy.

4. What work or action on the issue has been done on it, and the outcome

Christchurch City Council is taking a four-pronged approach to creating a more workable regulatory and rating frameworks.

- Preliminary work is underway to consider changes to the District Plan. These will explore options including:
 - To differentiate between scales of the activity with a primarily residential or rural versus primarily commercial character (likely to be determined based on the number of days a year that a residential unit is used for this activity and whether or not it is also used for a residential purpose);
 - To enable short-term guest accommodation with a primarily residential or rural character in areas where it will have no or minimal effects on housing availability or affordability, residential amenity or character, and the recovery of the Central City; and
 - Restrict short-term guest accommodation in residential areas where it has a primarily commercial character.
- Consideration will be given to business rates approaches that align with any changes to District Plan rules. This may see a graduated approach to imposing business rates based on the level of activity and in line with District Plan compliance thresholds. This is an approach Auckland Council and Queenstown Lakes District Council are using.
- Consideration of a more proactive regulatory compliance approach once any changes to District Plan rules are introduced. The Council is currently responding to complaints related to guest accommodation activity but is not undertaking proactive enforcement due to the difficulty in identifying properties being used as guest accommodation and then enforcing zone rules.
- Advocating for enabling legislation that would allow councils to require all guest accommodation providers to register with the council and that provides an efficient approach to imposing punitive action on operators who don't comply.

5. Suggested course of action envisaged

Convene a working group of local government subject matter experts to prepare a prototype legislative solution to put to the Government to guide advice to MPs.

The solution should enable councils to require all accommodation providers to register and keep records of the frequency of their bookings and should enable councils to develop a regulatory and rating approach that best suits its situation and needs.

Examples of legislation that provide similar powers include:

- Class 4 and TAB Gambling Policies under the Gambling Act.
- Prostitution Bylaws under the Prostitution Reform Act.
- Freedom Camping Bylaws under the Freedom Camping Act.

6

Nitrate in drinking water

Remit:	That LGNZ recommend to the Government the funding of additional research into the effects of nitrates in drinking water on human health, and/or partner with international public health organisations to promote such research, in order to determine whether the current drinking water standard for nitrate is still appropriate for the protection of human health.
Proposed by:	Christchurch City Council
Supported by:	Metro Sector

Background information and research

1. Nature of the issue

Nitrates are one of the chemical contaminants in drinking water for which the Ministry of Health has set a maximum acceptable value (MAV) of 50 mg/L nitrate (equivalent to 11.3 mg/L nitrate-Nitrogen) for 'short-term' exposure. This level was determined to protect babies from methaemoglobinaemia ('blue baby' syndrome).

Some studies, in particular a recent Danish study, indicate a relationship between nitrates in drinking water and increased risk of adverse health effects, in particular colorectal cancer.

The well-publicised 2018 Danish study found that much lower levels of nitrate than that set in the New Zealand drinking water standards may increase the risk of colorectal cancer. The level of increased risk was small, but 'significant' even at levels as low as 0.87 mg/L nitrate-Nitrogen, which is more than an order of magnitude lower than the New Zealand drinking water standard.

Other studies looking at the relationship of nitrate in drinking water and possible adverse human health effects have in some instances been inconclusive or have found a relationship between nitrate in drinking water and colorectal cancer for specific sub-groups with additional risk factors (such as high red meat consumption), but not necessarily at the same level as the 2018 Danish study. The 2018 Danish study is notable because of its duration (between 1 January 1978 to 31 December 2011) and the size of the population studied (2.7 million Danish adults).

There does not appear to be a robust national system for monitoring and reporting nitrate in drinking water, nor a programme or system in place for considering whether the current drinking water standard for nitrate is still appropriate for protecting human health.

2. Background to its being raised

Dietary intake of nitrates include consumption of vegetables such as spinach, lettuce, beets and carrots, which contain significant amounts of nitrate, and processed meat, and to a lesser extent drinking water (when/where nitrate is present).

In the 2015 Environmental indicators Te taiao Aotearoa compiled by Ministry for the Environment and Statistics New Zealand, an overall trend of increasing levels of nitrate in groundwater was observed for the ten-year period 2005-2014 at monitored sites (see Figure 1).

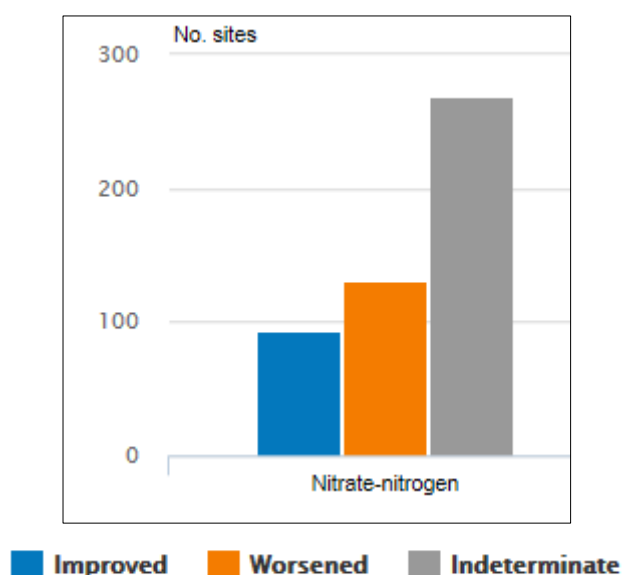


Figure 1. Nitrate levels in groundwater, 2005-2014

Ministry for the Environment's Our Fresh Water 2017 reports that 47 of 361 sites (13 per cent) did not meet the drinking water quality standard for nitrate at least once in the period between 2012 and 2014. The report doesn't indicate whether any or all of these sites are sources of public water supplies.

3. How the issue relates to objectives in the current Work Programme

- One of LGNZ's five strategic priorities concerns councils' infrastructure including that for 'Three Waters': "Water is critical to the future health of New Zealanders and their economy and in a world facing water scarcity New Zealand's water resources represent a significant economic advantage. Consequently, protecting the quality of water and ensuring it is used wisely is a matter of critical importance to local government and our communities. Water is also subject to a range of legislative and regulatory reforms, with the overall allocation framework under review and councils subject to national standards, such as drinking water standards."
- Another of LGNZ's strategic priorities is addressing environmental issues including the quality and quantity of New Zealand's freshwater resources: "Water quality is, and will continue to be, one of the defining political issues for governments and councils over the foreseeable future ..."

- LGNZ's Water 2050 project is also relevant. This project is described as: "A fit-for-purpose policy framework for the future (Water 2050) which considers freshwater quality and quantity: including standards, freshwater management, impacts on rural and urban areas, such as infrastructure requirements and associated funding, quantity issues including rights and allocation, and institutional frameworks for water governance."

4. What work or action on the issue has been done on it, and the outcome

The City Council undertakes chemical sampling from approximately 20-25 bores each year as an additional risk management barrier for the provision of its public drinking water supply. This data is shared with Environment Canterbury. The monitoring programme analyses for a number of chemicals, with nitrate being only one of many contaminants analysed. The City Council maintains a database with the results of the chemical monitoring programme.

The extent of the issue with respect to understanding the extent of nitrates in drinking water and its associated human health implication is beyond the scope of the City Council's resources to undertake.

5. Outcome of any prior discussion at a Zone/Sector meeting

To date no City Council drinking water well has exceeded the drinking water standard for nitrate.

Data from the last ten years of the City Council's monitoring programme have shown that in about a third of the samples taken, results have met or exceeded the 0.87 mg/L level for which the 2018 Danish study found an increased risk of colorectal cancer (see Table 1).

Table 1. Nitrate-Nitrogen sampling results of CCC drinking water wells, 2008-2018

	Results <u>below</u> 0.87 mg/L	Results <u>at/above</u> 0.87 mg/L
Total number of samples taken	280	93
Number of wells with 1 or more results	126	57
Concentration range	<0.001 – 0.85	0.89 – 7.1

6. Suggested course of action envisaged

Recommend that central government fund additional research into effects of nitrates in drinking water on human health and/or partner with international public health organisations to promote such research.

Recommend that central government work with regional and local governments to improve monitoring of nitrates in reticulated supplies as well as in the sources of drinking water, noting that in its 2017 report *Our Fresh Water 2017* the Ministry for the Environment has stated that they “have insufficient data to determine groundwater trends at most monitored sites” and that the Ministry of Health’s latest report on drinking water *Annual Report on Drinking water Quality 2016–2017* states that “chemical determinants are not regularly monitored in all supplies”.

7

Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act (1987)

Remit: That LGNZ initiates a review of Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act (1987) (LGOIMA) request management nationally with a view to establishing clear and descriptive reporting for and by local authorities that will create a sector-wide picture of:

- Trends in the volume and nature of LGOIMA requests over time.
- Trends in users.
- The impacts of technology in terms of accessing information sought and the amount of information now held by local authorities (and able to be requested).
- The financial and resource impacts on local authorities in managing the LGOIMA function.

That LGNZ use the data obtained to:

- Identify opportunities to streamline or simplify LGOIMA processes.
- Share best practice between local authorities.
- Assess the value of a common national local government framework of practice for LGOIMA requests.
- Identify opportunities to advocate for legislation changes on behalf of the sector (where these are indicated).

Proposed by: Hamilton City Council

Supported by: Metro Sector

Background information and research

1. Nature of the issue

A comprehensive understanding of the current state of play in the sector is needed, as are metrics to measure LGOIMA activity nationally to identify opportunities for improvements and efficiencies for the benefit of local authorities and the public.

An appropriate response is needed to address the tension between transparency and accountability to the public and effective, cost-efficient use of council resources to respond to requests under LGOIMA.

Despite guidance provided by the Office of the Ombudsman, it is becoming harder for local authorities to traverse the range of requests made under LGOIMA with confidence that they are complying fully with the Act. Issues such as grounds for withholding information, charging for information or seeking extensions are becoming increasingly problematic as the scope and scale of complex requests grows.

2. Background to its being raised

Anecdotally, local authorities all around the country seem to be noticing:

- An increase in the volume of LGOIMA requests year on year;
- An increase in requests from media;
- An increase in serial requestors;
- An increase in referrals for legal advice to negotiate complex requests and the application of the Act;
- An increase in requests that could be described as vexatious; and
- Consequently, an increase in the costs of staff time in managing LGOIMA.

In seeking to comply with the legislation, local authorities share the Ombudsman's view of the importance of public access to public information in a timely fashion in order to "enable more effective public participation in decision-making; and promote the accountability of members and officials; and so, enhance respect for the law and promote good local government" (s4 LGOIMA).

In many ways technology is making it easier to source, collate and share a far greater range of public information faster. At the same time the ubiquitous use of technology within local government has significantly increased the volume and forms of information an organisation generates and captures, with associated implications for researching, collating and then reviewing this information in response to LGOIMA requests.

Current status:

- a. Understandably, the Ombudsman's advice encourages local authorities to apply a very high threshold for withholding information and to take a generous view of what is in the public interest.
- b. The scope of requests is becoming broader, more complex and covers longer time periods (to the point where some could be described as fishing expeditions). While local authorities can request refinements to scope, requestors do not always agree to do so or make only minimal changes.
- c. There are costs associated with automated searches of systems, databases and email accounts, some of which should not or are not easily able to be passed on to requestors. Not undertaking automated searches increases the risk of pertinent information being omitted.

- d. The Ombudsman's guidance is very helpful in the main. However, Ombudsman's guidelines take the view that a council will scope the request then make the decision whether to release the information then prepare the information for release. This often does not reflect the reality of dealing with a LGOIMA request especially large and complex requests. These components are interrelated and cannot be processed as entirely separate stages.
- e. A small number of repeat requestors appear to be responsible for an increasingly disproportionate number of the total requests. Some are individuals, but a greater number are media and watchdog groups like the Taxpayers Union.
- f. With an increasing amount of information requested, the review of documents, webpages, etc and redaction of text for reasons of privacy or outside-of-scope is significant and onerous.
- g. Local authorities are failing to take a common approach to people and organisations that are making the same request across the sector.
- h. An increasing number of LGOIMA requests are seeking property/property owner/license-holder information or other information more often than not to be used for marketing or other commercial ends. Yet local authorities are limited in their ability to recoup associated costs in providing this information, or in the case of standard operating procedures, protect their own intellectual property.

3. How the issue relates to objectives in the current Work Programme

LGNZ has a work programme focused on improving the local government legal framework. This remit is consistent with that programme and seeks to focus attention on a particularly problematic part of the framework that is currently not being specifically addressed.

4. What work or action on the issue has been done on it, and the outcome

At a local level, Hamilton City Council has been working continuously over the last 18 months to refine our processes for dealing with LGOIMA requests. This work has ensured that relevant staff as well as the staff in the LGOIMA office and in the Communications Unit are aware of the procedures and requirements for dealing with LGOIMA requests under the Act, and options potentially available where the scope or the complexity of requests tests Council resources. Templates for responses and communications with staff regarding responses have been developed and are used or customised as necessary. We have also introduced a reporting framework so that we have visibility of requests over time and various component factors including time taken to prepare and respond to LGOIMAs. Opportunities for further enhancements relate to understanding and being able to reflect best practice sector-wide.

5. Any existing relevant legislation, policy or practice

Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987; Privacy Act 1993; Office of the Ombudsman Official Information legislation guides; Privacy Commissioner privacy principles.

Hamilton City Council is very conscious of its responsibilities under the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987, the Privacy Act 1993, and related guidance, and our processes comply with the relevant legislation.

This topic is also closely aligned with Hamilton City Council's strategic imperative: 'A Council that is Best in Business'.

6. Suggested course of action envisaged

LGNZ prioritises a national review of LGOIMA request management as part of its programme to continuously improve the local government legal environment.



Weed control

Remit:	That LGNZ encourages member councils to consider using environmentally friendly weed control methods.
Proposed by:	Hamilton City Council
Supported by:	Metro Sector

Background information and research

1. Nature of the issue

There is mixed evidence of the risks associated with using chemical weed control as a method, particularly glyphosate-based, and lobby groups are actively pressuring councils to reduce use. Glyphosate is currently approved for use as a herbicide by New Zealand's Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), and most New Zealand councils use it, given it is a cost-effective, proven option for weed control. Most councils take an integrated approach to weed control, which includes the use of glyphosate-based products along with alternative methods.

2. Background to its being raised

In New Zealand, the use of chemicals including glyphosate is regulated by the EPA. A 2016 EPA review concluded that glyphosate is unlikely to be genotoxic or carcinogenic to humans and does not require classification under the Hazardous Substances and New Organisms Act 1996 as a carcinogen or mutagen.

Internationally, there is controversy surrounding the use of glyphosate. In 2004 a World Health Organisation (WHO) Group (the Joint Meeting on Pesticides Residues) determined that glyphosate does not pose a cancer risk to humans. In 2015, another WHO sub-group (the International Agency for Research on Cancer) classified glyphosate as 'probably carcinogenic to humans'.

In August 2018 a California jury found Monsanto liable in a case linking the use of the company's glyphosate-based weedkillers to cancer. In March 2019, a federal jury in America ruled that use of Monsanto's glyphosate-based weedkiller was a 'substantial factor' in another user developing cancer. These cases have reinvigorated calls to ban the use of glyphosate in New Zealand and worldwide.

3. How the issue relates to objectives in the current Work Programme

LGNZ has an environmental work programme and the proposed remit is consistent with this focus on environmental issues that affect local government and local communities. The LGNZ programme does not specifically address the issue of non-chemical methods of weed control despite strong public interest.

4. What work or action on the issue has been done on it, and the outcome

At a local level, Hamilton City Council staff are currently actively looking at reducing chemical use in general and, more specifically, at alternative weed control methods. Our approach acknowledges the importance of keeping our community and staff safe and healthy. Staff are appropriately trained and required to wear the correct personal protective equipment (PPE) for the task.

Our investigation of non-chemical options has incorporated the following:

- In September 2018, we began trialling use of a steam machine for weed control. The equipment has a large carbon footprint (9 litres of fossil fuel per hour of operation) and requires more frequent application to achieve the same level of weed control.
- The use of a new mulch application machine has enabled sites to be mulched faster than traditional methods, which suppresses weeds for longer.
- We have trialled longer grass-cutting heights to reduce Onehunga weed in amenity areas. This has led to a reduction in selective herbicide application.
- We are working with Kiwicare to trial alternative weed control methods in Hamilton parks. Kiwicare has a wide range of alternatives, including an organic fatty acid-based product.

Our current operating approach includes continuous review of application equipment efficiency including use of air-induced spray nozzles droplet control, which results in less spray being required.

As a result of Hamilton City Council's strategy to consider alternatives, one large herbicide sprayer was decommissioned from the council parks fleet in early 2019. This will lead to a reduction in glyphosate used.

Glyphosate is no longer used for weed control in our playground sites. It has been replaced with an organic spray alternative (this option is 30 per cent more expensive than using glyphosate).

Glyphosate use by Hamilton City Council is recorded on a dedicated webpage and a no-spray register is maintained. Residents can opt out of the council spraying programme and take responsibility themselves for weed control along property boundaries and street frontages.

5. Any existing relevant legislation, policy or practice

Hamilton City Council currently operates in compliance with national standards (New Zealand Standard 8409:2004 Code of Practice for the management of agrichemicals), the Waikato Regional Plan and Pest Management Plan and our own Herbicides Use Management Policy.

6. Outcome of any prior discussion at a Zone/Sector meeting

Most councils take an integrated approach to weed control, which includes the use of glyphosate-based products along with alternative methods. Reports this year from Christchurch, where the City Council is phasing out use of glyphosate, indicates levels of service and maintenance appearance have been an issue, along with significant cost increases when glyphosate has been significantly reduced.

7. Suggested course of action envisaged

LGNZ leads a commitment by local government to investigate and trial environmentally friendly alternatives to chemical weed control with results shared amongst member organisations.

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Building defects claims

Remit:	LGNZ calls on central government to take action as recommended by the Law Commission in its 2014 report on “Liability of Multiple Defendants” to introduce a cap on the liability of councils in New Zealand in relation to building defects claims whilst joint and several liability applies.
Proposed by:	Napier City Council
Supported by:	Zone Three

Background information and research

1. Nature of the issue

- In its report on joint and several liability issued in June 2014 (the Law Commission report) the Law Commission recommended that councils’ liability for defective building claims should be capped. Building consent authorities in New Zealand (councils) are disproportionately affected by defective building claims.
- The Government in its response to the Law Commission report directed the Ministry of Justice and the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment (MBIE) to further analyse the value and potential impact of the Law Commission’s recommendations, including capping liability of councils, and report back to their respective ministers.
- The MBIE website suggests that a Building (Liability) Amendment Bill would be consulted on in 2017 and final policy approval obtained from Cabinet. That Bill, according to the MBIE website, would be aimed to amend the Building Act 2004 to cap the liability of councils and protect consumers by introducing provisions driving greater uptake of home warranty protection. However no progress appears to have been made towards drafting or introducing this Bill into Parliament. At a recent rural and provincial local government meeting in Wellington, MBIE advised that no further action is being taken to progress any capping of council liability.
- This proposed remit is aimed to put pressure on MBIE and the Government to follow the Law Commission’s recommendation to limit (ideally by capping) councils’ liability in respect of defective building claims.

2. Background to its being raised

- Defective building claims are prevalent throughout New Zealand, both in large centres and small. They are not limited to “leaky building” claims. Claims which include allegations involving structural and fire defects are increasingly common, both for residential and commercial properties.
- The courts have held that councils will generally have a proportionate share of liability in defective building cases in the vicinity of 20 per cent. However, because councils are generally exposed to the full quantum of the claim, when other parties are absent (for example whereabouts unknown, deceased, company struck off) or insolvent (bankrupt or company liquidated), which is the rule, rather than the exception, the Council is left to cover the shortfall. The Law Commission report recognised that councils in New Zealand effectively act as insurers for homeowners, at the expense of ratepayers.
- Other liable parties such as developers, builders and architects can potentially reduce their exposure through insurance and wind up companies in the event of a large claim. Developers often set up a dedicated company for a particular development and then wind that company up following completion.
- Councils on the other hand can no longer access insurance for weathertightness defects (a “known risk”). They have no choice about whether to be involved in the design and construction of buildings, as they have a legislative role as building consent authorities in their districts. They make no profit from developments and cannot increase their fees to account for the level of risk. Yet they are often the main or sole solvent defendant in defective building claims (last person standing).
- The cost to ratepayers of the current joint and several liability system is significant, disproportionately so. This was recognised in the Law Commission report in 2014, but no substantive steps have been taken by central government to address the issue or implement the Law Commission’s recommendation that council liability should be capped.

3. How the issue relates to objectives in the current Work Programme

The current LGNZ Work Programme for housing includes an objective of the regulatory and competitive framework of continuing advocacy to government for alternatives to current liability arrangements. Clearly this remit fits squarely within and would assist to progress that objective.

4. What work or action on the issue has been done on it, and the outcome

- The Law Commission report was a result of concerns raised primarily by LGNZ and councils around New Zealand about the effect of joint and several liability in relation to the leaky homes crisis. Prior to release of the report, LGNZ and a number of councils around New Zealand, including Auckland Council, Christchurch City Council, Hamilton City Council, Hastings District Council, Queenstown Lakes District Council, Tararua District Council, Waipa District Council staff, Wellington City Council, as well as SOLGM and BOINZ all filed submissions advocating for a change to the status quo.
- The Law Commission report, as discussed in more detail above, recommended that councils' liability be capped. It was understood from the Government's response to the Law Commission report and from MBIE (both discussed above) that this recommendation was being progressed in a meaningful way. This was further supported by MBIE's submission to the Law Commission prior to the release of the Law Commission report, in which it stated that:
 - a. Provisions in the Building Amendment Act 2012 not yet in force, in particular the three new types of building consent limiting councils' liability "are likely to be brought into force within a reasonable time after the Commission completes its review of joint and several liability". MBIE stated that the Law Commission should take the impact of these changes into account in preparing its report. However, these provisions are still not in force.
 - b. "The Government has instructed the Ministry to explore options for the consolidation of building consent authorities as part of the Housing Affordability agenda and ongoing reforms in the construction sector. Issues regarding the liability of a central regulator, as well as that of territorial authorities, will be fundamental concerns as consolidation options and other measures to increase productivity in the sector are explored". This does not appear to have been progressed.
- It was only in the last month or so that MBIE has now advised that the recommendation that councils' liability be capped would no longer be progressed.

7. Suggested course of action envisaged

We consider that LGNZ could form a joint working party with MBIE and the Ministry of Justice, and possibly the relevant Minister's (Jenny Salesa's) staff to explore limiting councils' liability for building defects claims, including:

- Disclosing and considering the following information (whether by way of OIA requests and/or as part of a working group):
 - MBIE documents relating to its consideration of the Law Commission report and the reasons why it is no longer progressing the capping of council liability.
 - Ministry of Justice and Minister of Building and Housing's documents relating to the Law Commission report and to proposed capping of council liability.

- MBIE and Minister of Building and Housing's documents relating to implementation of s 17 of the Building Amendment Act 2012.
- Drafting proposed amendments to the Building Act and/or a Building (Liability) Amendment Bill (this work may have been started by MBIE, so this task should await the outcome of the information gathering exercise above).
- Drafting content for a cabinet paper regarding the Law Commission's recommendation that council liability for building defect claims be capped.

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Social housing

Remit:	That LGNZ, in conjunction with central government, urgently focus on the development and implementation of a broader range of funding and financing tools in respect of community/social housing provision, than those which currently exist in the housing needs space. These should include funding to support the operation, upgrade and growth of council housing portfolios and, where a council chooses, access to Income Related Rents for eligible tenants.
Proposed by:	Napier City Council, Tauranga City Council and Wellington City Council
Supported by:	Zone Three Metro Sector

Background information and research

1. Nature of the issue

Napier City Council

Social housing, especially for older citizens, is a strategic issue.

New Zealand communities are facing an extremely serious housing affordability crisis that has resulted in the country having the highest rate of homelessness in the developed world. Current policy settings are failing to adequately address the issue.

Local government is the second largest provider of social housing in New Zealand, however, since 1991, successive governments have failed to adequately recognise the contribution we have and are making. Unfortunately, existing policy actively discriminates against councils meeting local housing needs resulting in a gradual reduction in the council owned social housing stock. With Housing New Zealand focussing its attention on fast growing urban areas, social housing needs in smaller communities are not being met.

The issue is becoming more serious as baby boomers retire – the current social housing is not designed to address the needs of this cohort – a role historically provided by councils with support from central government in the form of capital grants.

The issue has already become urgent for Aotearoa New Zealand and its communities.

Tauranga City Council

The western Bay of Plenty SmartGrowth partnership (Tauranga City Council, Western Bay of Plenty District Council, Bay of Plenty Regional Council and tangata whenua), has undertaken some preliminary research into the potential for government assisted bond raising for community/social housing providers using the Federal Government experience from Australia.

It has also identified the Australian rental housing provision tax incentive opportunities that the current Labour opposition has put forward. The partnership is aware of work being undertaken by Treasury in terms of raising the debt ceilings via amendments to the Local Government (Financial Reporting and Prudence) Regulations 2014. The SmartGrowth partnership would welcome the opportunity to work further with LGNZ and others to take a more “four well-beings” focus to the housing funding and financing toolkit than currently exists. This matter is becoming critical for all of the Upper North Island growth councils and other councils such as Queenstown.

Wellington City Council

Housing is an important contributor to the wellbeing of New Zealanders, and councils support the work of the Government to continue to grow and improve social housing provision in New Zealand.

Addressing housing demand and affordability related challenges are significant issues for local government. 62 (93 per cent) of New Zealand’s 67 local authorities reference some type of housing-related activity in their current Long Term Plans. As at November 2018, 60 local authorities (90 per cent) collectively own 12,881 housing units and 13 of those provide 50 per cent or more of the total social housing within their jurisdictions.

The social housing currently owned by local authorities equates to 16 per cent of the nationwide social housing stock, with the remaining 82 per cent largely owned by the Housing New Zealand Corporation (HNZC) and Community Housing Providers (CHPs). While there is variation in housing eligibility policy settings at the local level, a significant proportion of tenants housed by local authorities have a similar profile to those housed by HNZC and CHPs.

To help address housing affordability for households on the lowest incomes, central government provides the Income Related Rent Subsidy (IRRS) for those with housing need and that meet policy eligibility criteria. Eligible households generally pay 25 per cent of their income on rent, and a government subsidy is paid to the housing provider for remaining portion of rent.

Despite housing a similar group of tenants, current IRRS policy settings mean HNZC and CHPs can access the subsidy for tenants but local authorities cannot.

This has created considerable inequity in the housing system and is placing pressure on a vulnerable population group in New Zealand. Tenants who would be eligible for IRRS, but who are housed by a local authority, generally have to pay a significantly higher amount of rent. With demand for HNZC public housing and social housing provided by Community Housing Providers outstripping supply in most areas, these households have very few housing options and are unable to access the Government support they would otherwise be eligible for.

The inability to access IRRS has also contributed to housing portfolio sustainability challenges for local authorities, who cannot access the additional funding through IRRS to help maintain their housing portfolios. This challenge has led to vulnerable tenants having to be charged unaffordable levels of rent, and the decline in the overall social housing stock levels owned by local authorities. This has occurred even as social housing demand has increased and housing affordability has become a more acute challenge for more households.

2. Background to its being raised

Napier City Council

Councils provide in excess of 10,000 housing units, making it a significant provider of community housing in New Zealand. Councils began providing community housing across the country, particularly for pensioners, in the 1960's when central government encouraged them to do so through capital loan funding. In the 1980's, this occurred once again and was applied to general community housing developments. Council's rent setting formulas varied but all provided subsidised rents. While the housing stock was relatively new, the rental income maintained the homes, however, now decades on, and with housing at the end of life, significant investment is required. Income from rents has not been enough to fund renewals let alone growth to meet demand.

The Government introduced Income Related Rent subsidy (IRR) in 2000 for public housing tenants and it was later applied to registered Community Housing Providers. This mechanism allows tenants to pay an affordable rent in relation to their income, while the housing provider receives a 'top up' to the agreed market rent for each property under the scheme. In effect, housing providers receive market rent through this mechanism. Being able to generate market rental income is the most successful sustainable model for the provision of community housing. Providers receive an adequate income to cover the cost of providing housing, to fund future renewals and to raise capital for immediate asset management. Councils are excluded from receiving this subsidy, and so are their tenants.

Wellington City Council

Key objectives for councils that provide social housing generally include ensuring that their social housing tenants are well housed in quality homes, and that they pay an affordable level of rent. Balancing this objective with business sustainability continues to be a real challenge for many councils, and has contributed to some divesting their social housing portfolios. At the same time, demand for social housing has generally continued to increase and housing affordability is a more prominent issue, particularly for households on the lowest incomes.

Despite ongoing and repeated lobbying over a number of years from councils and LGNZ, and a commitment from the current government to reconsider IRRS policy settings, local authorities are still unable to access IRRS. This remit recognises the inequitable situation this has created for a significant number of vulnerable households, and the negative impact it has had on the overall supply of social housing owned by local authorities.

3. How the issue relates to objectives in the current Work Programme

Napier City Council

This remit supports LGNZ's Housing 2030 policy and programme, in particular the Social Housing and Affordable Housing workstreams. Housing 2030 is one of LGNZ's four strategic projects. This remit reinforces and supports that initiative.

LGNZ recently hosted a Social Housing workshop with both local and central government agencies to discuss the issues and opportunities and the future role councils could play in the provision of social housing. There was agreement that a partnership approach that recognises local situations with a range of options for support from government (both funding and expertise) would be most suitable.

Wellington City Council

By working with central government, local authorities, and a range of other stakeholders, the current LGNZ housing work programme seeks to establish a central local government housing partnership and improve housing outcomes. The work programme includes three key focus areas: housing supply; social and community housing; and healthy homes.

As part of the 'social and community housing' focus area, LGNZ have already signalled an intention to work with government agencies to enable local authorities to access IRRS. This remit would however provide specific mandate from member councils on this point.

4. What work or action on the issue has been done on it, and the outcome

Napier City Council

As the proposer of this remit, Napier City Council, has undertaken an S17A Review of its own provision of community housing, with further investigation underway. In addition, both at a governance and management level, we have taken part in numerous conferences, symposiums and workshops on the matter in the last two years. We lead a local Cross Sector Group – Homelessness forum and take part in the Hawke's Bay Housing Coalition. We have provided housing for our community for over five decades, supplying just under 400 retirement and low cost rental units in Napier.

Wellington City Council

Wellington City Council, along with a number of other councils and LGNZ have already made a number of formal submissions to central government regarding this issue. To date, central government has advised that no changes will be made to IRRS policy settings at this stage.

5. Suggested course of action envisaged

Napier City Council

This remit supports, as a matter of urgency, the further investigation by central government and LGNZ of the opportunities identified at the workshop and any other mechanisms that would support councils provision of community housing in New Zealand.

It is designed to strengthen LGNZ's advocacy and would provide a reason to approach the Government in the knowledge that local government as a whole is in support.

Wellington City Council

LGNZ, on behalf of member councils, would increase efforts to formally advocate for local authorities to be able to access Income Related Rent Subsidies for all eligible tenants that they house, with implementation within a two year timeframe.

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Procurement

Remit:	That LGNZ investigate the ability of the sector to collaborate in procuring open-source designs and plans for bulk infrastructure that are largely similar, with an initial approach to look at water and wastewater treatment facilities.
Proposed by:	New Plymouth District Council
Supported by:	Central Hawkes Bay District Council Otorohanga District Council South Taranaki District Council Stratford District Council Thames-Coromandel District Council Waitomo District Council Wellington City Council Whanganui District Council

Background information and research

1. Nature of the issue

At present, every local authority in New Zealand undertakes bespoke procurement for its own infrastructure despite there being little difference in the infrastructure provided. Each local authority then receives a slightly different product that largely achieves the same outcome.

2. Background to its being raised

Local authorities often face similar challenges, albeit at different times. Local authorities often procure similar infrastructure that deal with the same inputs and outputs, but are bespoke products designed at significant cost.

A good case example, and a useful starting point, is water and wastewater treatment plants. The Government's Three Waters Reform programme received a report from Beca that identified the number of water treatment plants that are non-compliant with water standards. While not all of these plants will require replacement, some of them may do so.

The report identifies that 17 large plants (10,001+ people), 13 medium plants (5,001-10,000 people), 140 minor plants (501-5,000 people), 169 small plants (101-500 people) and 153 neighbourhood plants (25-100 people) are not compliant with standards. A similar story emerges with wastewater treatment plants.

At the same time, the sector is aware of the upcoming increase in renewals across water and wastewater treatment plants (including plants currently compliant with standards). There are a considerable number of plants coming near to the end of their useable lifespan in coming years. Often these plants have to be replaced with an entirely new plant so as to keep the existing plant operating during the replacement's construction.

While there may be some local variation, new water and wastewater treatments plants being built in the future will either be large, medium or small. The increasingly prescriptive regulatory framework will invariably reduce scope for choices and options in plant design. All plants will need to meet the same output quality standards, and will require the same treatment processes (with some minor variations to reflect any local preferences or unique circumstances).

Local authority procurement is a 'hot topic' for the Office of the Auditor-General (OAG). The OAG have signalled a forthcoming report *Procurement workforce capacity and capability in local government* that will aim to encourage greater collaboration between local authorities. Similarly, there is a strong focus on procurement within central government, including all-of-government procurement in which local authorities can choose to be involved.

Local authorities should collaborate now to procure a number of standardised open-source options for water and wastewater treatment plants for the future. These would then be available to all local authorities to use when required, rather than having to go to the market for a new design. These would be tested and implementable designs – the risk of failure would be lower than a bespoke design. The processes used would need to be customisable (such as whether drinking water is fluoridated, or to address particular issues in incoming water). Scalability would, of course, be critical. Council procurement would be limited to build-only contracts.

A collaborative procurement process for standardised designs could lead to significant cost savings. Even a small saving of one or two per cent would result in millions of dollars of savings across the sector. Over time, there would be further consequent savings, such as not having to retrain staff when transferring between authorities or even the capacity for further collaboration through shared services.

If successful, the sector would be well-placed to look at other areas where collaborative procurement processes for standardised designs would be useful. These could include solid waste resource recovery and separation facilities, roading assets, or other significant assets.

3. How the issue relates to objectives in the current Work Programme

LGNZ has placed significant time and energy into the Three Water Reform programme. LGNZ's position paper on these reforms notes strong support for improving the regulatory framework for drinking water. LGNZ oppose the mandatory aggregation of water assets.

This remit will also contribute to the LGNZ strategic policy priorities: Infrastructure; Risk and Resilience; Environmental; and Economic Development.

4. Any existing relevant legislation, policy or practice

The Three Waters Reforms are likely to result in significant legislative reform that impacts on water and wastewater treatment plants.

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Single use polystyrene

Remit:	That LGNZ advocates to the Government to phase out single use polystyrene.
Proposed by:	Palmerston North City Council
Supported by:	Metro Sector

Background information and research

1. Nature of the issue

Expanded polystyrene is bulky and does not break down. While some technologies exist to reduce the bulk of polystyrene prior to landfill, or to recycle it (for example, to make insulation material), these interventions offer only a partial solution to the prevalence of polystyrene. Single-use polystyrene (such as used in food containers) has further contamination issues, meaning that landfill remains the only means of disposal.

Palmerston North City Council's own Waste Management and Minimisation Bylaw 2016 prohibits the use of polystyrene or styrofoam containers or cups at events held on council land or with council funding. This has encouraged the use of more sustainable substitutes. However, while the council can control, to some small extent, the use of polystyrene and its disposal (for example, by refusing to collect it), in practice its influence is limited. This is because most of the supply of polystyrene originates outside of the city, and the Council has limited ability to ensure it doesn't end up in the waste stream (for example, it can be inside rubbish bags).

2. Background to it being raised

Under section 23(1)(b) of the Waste Minimisation Act 2008, the Government is empowered to ban or regulate certain problematic or wasteful products. This provision is currently being used to phase out single-use plastic shopping bags.

This remit proposal meets both LGNZ remit policy criteria. As with single-use plastic bags, the national regulation of single-use polystyrene products would be more effective in beginning to address their use in the first place, rather than being addressed (as at present) as a city-level waste issue.

Single-use polystyrene contributes significantly to landfill in New Zealand, and it is the view of the Palmerston North City Council that a nationwide ban would reduce the environmental impact of these products.

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Local Government Act 2002

- Remit:** That LGNZ pursue an amendment to the Local Government Act 2002 to:
- a. Re-number sub-sections 181 (5) and (6) to sub-sections (6) and (7); and
 - b. Introduce a new sub-section (5) to read: For all purposes the term “any work” in subsection 4 means any works constructed before xx Month 20xx; and includes any works that were wholly or partly in existence, or work on the construction of which commenced, before xx Month 20xx.
- Proposed by:** Rangitikei District Council
- Supported by:** Zone Three

Background information and research

1. Nature of the issue

Historic assumptions that there is statutory authority for the siting of Three Waters infrastructure on private land do not reflect the complete picture.

Questions arise:

- May an infrastructure asset owner notify further works on private land where the original works are not protected by written consent (or notification)?
- Does an infrastructure asset owner have authority to restrict a landowner’s ability to build over a non-protected asset?
- What is the potential cost to infrastructure asset owners to remedy the absence of enforceable authority?

2. Background to its being raised

An example in the Rangitikei – Hunterville urban and rural water schemes

- a. The rural scheme was constructed in the 1970’s (government grant involved).
- b. Construction was a collective project (county and scheme users).
- c. The urban supply draws bulk (raw) water from the rural scheme.
- d. Infrastructure is sited on numerous private landholdings.

- e. Conscious decision that landowner consents not required (relied on “the Act”).
- f. Urban supply treatment, storage, reticulation sited on one member’s land.
- g. Land has changed hands (twice) since urban supply infrastructure developed.
- h. Current owners seek renegotiation of access rights as well as compensation.
- i. Council and owners negotiating (little progress after seven years).
- j. Substantial costs to survey and register easement.

The issue is not unique to Rangitikei

- a. Several local authorities from Waikato and Bay of Plenty to Otago have emailed to comment. All record similar experiences to Rangitikei’s, both historic and ongoing’. One noted that such incidents arise, on average, monthly.
- b. All comments received have noted frustration at the potential costs to formalise previously ‘casual’ but cordial and workable arrangements with prior landowners.

The power to construct is constrained

- Local Government Act (2002) sections 181 (1) and (2) empower a local authority to construct Three Waters works on private land.
- Section 181 (3) specifies the local authority must not exercise the power to construct unless it has the prior written consent of the landowner (or it has followed the prescribed notification process).
- Similar provisions that existed in previous legislation were repealed by the 2002 Act.

Effect of the law

- The Act provides power to construct; it is the owner consent (or notification process) that provides the authority to enter private land to exercise its power to construct.
- A local authority cannot claim absolute right of access without evidence of owner consent or compliance with the notification requirements.
- The High Court considered the need for fresh consent from, or notice to, subsequent owners (Re Watercare Services Ltd [2018] NZHC 294 [1 March 2018]).

Other infrastructure owners

- The Electricity Act 1992, the Gas Act 1992, and the Telecommunications Act 2001 all provide retrospective authority for siting of infrastructure on private land.
- No record has been found of the rationale behind those retrospective authorities.
- The thread of these authorities could be brought into the Local Government Act.

3. How the issue relates to objectives in the current Work Programme

- Local Government Act (2002) section 181 (4) authorises entry to any work constructed under the Act or the corresponding provisions of a prior Act.
- The effect of the Court's (Watercare) Declaration is to confirm that a local authority must have evidence of prior written consent (or notification) for the original works on that land.

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Campground regulations

Remit:	That LGNZ request the Government to amend the Camping - Ground Regulations to allow councils to approve remote camp facilities on private property, subject to any such conditions as deemed required by a council, including the condition that any approved campground is x distance away from an existing campground, unless the existing campground operator agrees to waive this condition in writing.
Proposed by:	Thames-Coromandel District Council
Supported by:	Dunedin City Council Waikato District Council New Plymouth District Council Mackenzie District Council Hamilton City Council

Background information and research

1. Nature of the issue

Currently the 'remote camp site' definition means a camping ground: 'in a national park, state forest, state forest park or public reserve or on Crown Land.' As the provision is only for public land there is no opportunity to provide such an experience on private property.

2. Background to its being raised

Ratepayers, through their council, are having to provide areas for camping for increasing numbers of what are being called "freedom campers", with associated increasing costs to ratepayers and community both regarding environmental and financial considerations.

Unfortunately for councils there is nothing for free, and to provide any public facilities there is a range of costs to provide and maintain the facilities including power, water, waste collection, maintenance, cleaning, and compliance monitoring and enforcement etc. Those costs are increasing.

Enforcement for compliance is increasingly problematic and costly and in addition, social media is sending the wrong messages for our communities who must contend with freedom campers in their area. The result is that prime beach front sites are being degraded through overuse, and abuse of sites available.

While reserve areas can be either managed or leased for a remote camp facility, councils are constrained by the lack of public land where a remote site can be established, particularly in more remote locations. Remote camps have far fewer regulatory requirements than usual campgrounds.

3. How the issue relates to objectives in the current Work Programme

There is work underway regarding freedom camping in New Zealand which is looking at a range of issues in relation to freedom camping.

The Responsible Camping Working Group comprises central and local government representatives, as well as other interested parties, and is currently looking at a number of matters, including the Camping Ground Regulations. A review of the Regulations was one of the recommendations of the Working Group and work is underway specifically on this.

4. Any existing relevant legislation, policy or practice

The remit seeks an amendment of the Camping - Ground Regulations to broaden the definition of remote camp site to allow councils to authorise remote camp sites on private land, taking into account distance from existing campground facilities. A new definition would enable sites to be established where, for a modest fee, an operator would be able to provide basic facilities and recover some of the cost of provision and maintenance.

In addition the 2016 annual general meeting agreed to ask the Government to change to s14(3) of the Camping Ground Regulations 1985 (made under s120B of the Health Act 1956) to allow broader exemptions to the need for provision of camping facilities for those that wish to freedom camp in all areas and not just at “remote” camps; this is yet to be actioned but is being considered by the joint officials body.

5. Suggested course of action envisaged

Amend the Campground Regulations definition for remote sites to allow councils to authorise remote camps on private land taking into account distance from existing campground facilities.

By providing sites where a modest fee is required, the operator provides the basic facilities at no cost to ratepayers or the environment.

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Living Wage

Remit:	Wellington City Council asks that LGNZ members consider engaging with the Living Wage Aotearoa New Zealand Movement when developing policies on payment of the Living Wage.
Proposed by:	Wellington City Council
Supported by:	Metro Sector

Background information and research

1. Nature of the issue

According to the Living Wage Movement Aotearoa New Zealand, “Over the last 30 years New Zealand has gone from one of the most equal countries in the developed world to one of the most unequal. Wages have stagnated while New Zealanders are working harder and longer than ever before. Growing poverty and inequality hurts us all; workers and their families, employers, business, the Government and society as a whole.”

The Living Wage Movement Aotearoa New Zealand was formed in 2012 to generate a conversation about working poverty in Aotearoa. It brings together community, union and faith based groups to campaign for a Living Wage.

The Living Wage is defined as: “The income necessary to provide workers and their families with the basic necessities of life. A living wage will enable workers to live with dignity and to participate as active citizens in society”. The Living Wage is an independently researched hourly rate based on the actual cost of living and is reviewed annually. The official 2019 New Zealand Living Wage is \$21.15 and will come into effect on 1 September 2019.

Research from around the world shows that paying a Living Wage brings benefits to employers, to the community and most importantly to workers who need it the most.

2. Background to its being raised

The Living Wage Movement Aotearoa New Zealand has an accreditation system available to employers who meet the criteria to become a Living Wage Employer. In order to use this trade mark, employers must sign a license committing the organisation to paying no less than the Living Wage to directly employees and contracted workers, delivering services on a regular and ongoing basis.

This remit recognises that a number of local authorities across New Zealand are currently taking steps towards becoming Living Wage councils.

3. How the issue relates to objectives in the current Work Programme

LGNZ is committed to working alongside central government and iwi to address social issues in New Zealand's communities, including disparity between social groups.

4. What work or action on the issue has been done on it, and the outcome

In September 2018, Wellington City Council became the first council in New Zealand to be accredited as a Living Wage Employer. This was the culmination of implementing a Living Wage and working with the Living Wage Movement Aotearoa New Zealand since 2013, in summary:

- Following a decision in 2013, from January 2014 the Council implemented a minimum wage rate of \$18.40 for all fully trained directly employed staff.
- On 1 July 2014, WCC implemented its decision to introduce the Living Wage (at \$18.40 per hour) for council and Council Controlled Organisation (CCO) staff.
- On 15 May 2015, the Council's Governance, Finance and Planning Committee passed a resolution to increase the \$18.40 rate to reflect annual inflation movement.
- On 28 October 2015, WCC extended the living wage (at \$18.55 per hour) to security and core cleaning contractors.
- In July 2017, the Council implemented the New Zealand Living Wage (\$20.20 at the time) for staff, CCOs and core contractors as they come up for renewal.
- In September 2018, WCC was accredited as a Living Wage employer.

5. Suggested course of action envisaged

Member councils who are developing policies on payment of the Living Wage will consider engaging with the Living Wage Movement Aotearoa New Zealand to understand the criteria for becoming a Living Wage accredited employer.

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Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act

Remit:	LGNZ, on behalf of its member councils ask for a review of the effectiveness of the Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act 2012 in reducing alcohol harm (eg price, advertising, purchase age and availability) and fully involve local government in that review.
Proposed by:	Wellington City Council and Hastings District Council
Supported by:	Metro Sector

Background information and research

1. Nature of the issue

Wellington City Council

The Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act was introduced in 2012 and has not as yet been reviewed.

There is now considerable experience in how it is working in practice and it is timely that a review is undertaken to ensure it is meeting the outcomes that were sought when it was introduced and that any anomalies that have emerged from regulation under the Act are addressed.

Addressing anomalies: an example of such an anomaly that has become apparent is the definition of 'grocery store' in the Act, where a business is only a grocery store if its largest single sales group (by turnover) is a specified type of food/groceries. In hearings the focus is often more on the accounting statements of an applicant, rather than about alcohol effects.

An established operator for whom the highest turnover item was topping up Snapper cards ahead of groceries applied for a renewal of their licence. The Act requires the District Licensing Committee (DLC) to use turnover as the measure to define the type of business and there is no discretion allowed to the DLC. In effect the DLC had the choice of declining the liquor licence or saying they could only retain their liquor licence by stopping Snapper top ups. They were not a grocery store by definition as Snapper card top ups was the highest turnover item. The obvious decision was to stop the Snapper top ups, to meet the "grocery store" definition, and retain the liquor licence. The overall outcome of considering the safe and responsible sale, supply and consumption of alcohol; and the minimisation of harm was not achieved.

This is one of a range of issues. The District Licensing Committees all report each year to the Alcohol Regulatory and Licensing Authority. This addresses the issues of the operation of the Act. After five years this now provides a considerable base of information that can be used in a wider review to improve the effectiveness of the Act.

Better regulation: The current regulations are tightly prescribed (eg setting maximum penalties or fees), leave little flexibility for local circumstances and have not been reviewed. The process of establishing local alcohol policies has also not been effective.

The Council developed a Provisional Local Alcohol Policy which was notified on January 21, 2014. Appeals were lodged by eight parties which were heard by the Authority over eight days between 20 October and 5 November 2014. The Authority released its decision on 20 January 2015 which asked the Council to reconsider elements of its PLAP. In 2016, the Council resolved that it should not at that time resubmit the PLAP to the Authority, and should instead continue to monitor alcohol-related data in Wellington, work with key stakeholders, and consider future Alcohol Regulatory and Licensing Authority (ARLA) decisions on other PLAP appeals prior to determining if the Council requires a local alcohol policy.

This experience is not uncommon and it has been difficult to establish a comprehensive Local Alcohol Policy which was a key building block of the regulatory framework. As at November 2018 while 34 of the 67 territorial authorities have an adopted LAP, this only covers 28 per cent of the New Zealand population. The majority of New Zealand communities have not been able to achieve the level of community input that was envisaged under the Act. This process needs to be reviewed in light of the experience of how the Act is operating in practice.

2. Background to its being raised

Wellington City Council

This remit recognises that almost all local authorities across New Zealand are currently managing this issue through the licensing powers under the Act. They can bring practical experience of the operation of the Act and help enable communities to benefit from a review of the provisions of the Act.

Hastings District Council

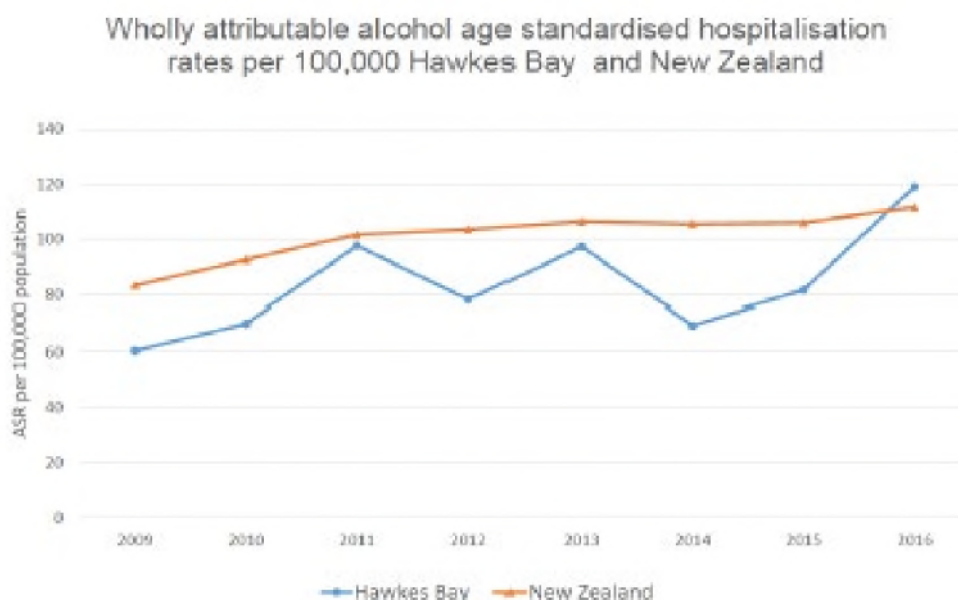
Hawke's Bay faces significant social challenges as demonstrated in the following statistics:

- 25 per cent of Hawke's Bay 0-4 year olds live in a household receiving a main benefit (compared with 18 per cent nationally).
- 40 per cent of Hawke's Bay tamariki Maori aged 0-4 years live in a household receiving a main benefit.
- 250 Hawke's Bay children are in the care of Oranga Tamariki.
- Hawke's Bay rates of violent crime continues to be higher than the New Zealand average and is twice the rate of New Zealand as a whole.
- There were 9,932 family violence investigations by the Eastern Police District in 2017.

- Suicide;
 - Is a major cause of premature, avoidable death in Hawke's Bay.
 - From 2010 to 2015, suicide was the second highest reason for premature death for those aged 0 to 74 years.
 - Since 1 July 2018, 29 people have committed suicide in Hawke's Bay.
- Drugs;
 - Synthetic substances are a serious concern for many whanau.
 - Fewer youth are smoking but more Hawke's Bay adults smoke than nationally.

A contributing factor of these negative statistics is the significant problem that the Hawke's Bay community has with alcohol consumption. For our region the issues manifested by alcohol consumption are a problem across the whole community including for young newly-born babies, infants and children, young people, adults and seniors across the generations. Local alcohol statistics are alarming and include:

- 29 per cent of Hawke's Bay adults drink at harmful levels compared to 21 per cent nationally, and this rate is increasing over time.
- 41 per cent of young people aged 15-24 are drinking hazardously.
- Over half of young men are drinking hazardously.
- The number of 15 years and older hospitalisations wholly attributable to alcohol; see the below graph. Note, there is an increasing rate of people being admitted to hospital due to alcohol.



- Alcohol intoxication or a history of alcohol abuse are often associated with youth suicide.

The statistics relating to our alcohol harm impact negatively on other key community safety concerns including health issues; death and injury; violence; suicide; assault and anti-social behaviours. This is why addressing the harm of alcohol is such an important issue for our community to address.

The harm that alcohol causes across New Zealand is also a significant issue for the country and as with Hawke's Bay the harm that alcohol causes within the community is pervasive. National statistics include:

- About four in five (79 per cent) of adults aged 15 years or more drank alcohol in the past year (in 2017/18).
- 21 per cent of New Zealand adults drink at harmful levels.
- In 2017/18, 25 per cent of adults aged 15 years or more who drank alcohol in the past year has a potentially hazardous drinking pattern, with men (32 per cent) more likely to drink hazardously than women (17 per cent).

At a local level there are some tools available to territorial authorities and their respective communities to combat alcohol harm. For example, Local Alcohol Policies (LAPs) are permitted in accordance with the Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act 2012. Unfortunately for many LAPs there are significant delays in these becoming operational due to long appeal processes.

There are typically commercial implications for businesses particularly supermarkets and these often result in appeals being lodged. Appeal processes have not allowed for more local input and influence by community members and groups, but have instead allowed larger companies, with more money and resources, to force councils to amend their LAP's reducing the potential impact on harm minimisation.

Of course, local tools available to territorial authorities are also limited by what is permitted within our national laws. We consider that current statutes and their content are not strong enough and need to be strengthened so that alcohol harm within our communities can be more effectively addressed.

The most significant drivers of alcohol-related harm include:

- The low price of alcohol.
- Levels of physical availability.
- Alcohol advertising; promotion and sponsorship.
- The minimum legal purchase age (18).

Therefore this remit seeks a focus on effective national level strategies and interventions that prevent or minimise alcohol-related harm in regards to:

- Pricing and taxing (minimum unit pricing for alcohol).
- Regulating the physical availability.
- Raising the purchase age.
- Restrictions on marketing, advertising and sponsorship.
- Drink driving countermeasures.
- Treatment and early intervention services.

We consider that significant changes in national policy and law that address key issues pertaining to alcohol harm are needed to create significant impact on reducing the harm that alcohol causes both in Hawke's Bay and New Zealand.

3. How the issue relates to objectives in the current Work Programme

Wellington City Council

LGNZ has a priority to work, in partnership with central government, for local areas to develop innovative and place-based approaches for dealing with social issues. While the operation of the Act is not directly listed as one of the social issues covered by the current work programme, the intent of the Act was to allow place-based approaches to the management of alcohol related harm.

Hastings District Council

This remit links to the social policy priority; community safety. Integrate policy positions from *Mobilising the Regions* including: integrated transport planning and decision-making models into the above.

4. What work or action on the issue has been done on it, and the outcome

Wellington City Council

We are actively involved. The Council was proactive in initiating the development of a Local Alcohol Policy. We administer licencing functions under the Act and the DLC reports each year to the Alcohol Regulatory and Licensing Authority on its functions.

We have not directly progressed work on a review at this point as it requires central government leadership with the input of local authorities across New Zealand.

Hastings District Council

The Napier City and Hastings District Councils have a Joint Alcohol Strategy 2017-2022 (JAS) and have started to implement the JAS Action Plan with support from the JAS Reference Group (local stakeholder organisations that also contribute to this strategy). Some actions completed thus far include:

- Removal of alcohol advertising on bus shelters in Hastings and Napier;
- Funding obtained to identify and develop youth-driven alcohol harm prevention projects;
- Creation and distribution of an alcohol network newsletter (bi-monthly) to make the licensing process more accessible to the community;
- A move to notifying liquor licence applications online; and
- Funding obtained to create brand and resources for alcohol free events and alcohol free zones.

Hastings District and Napier City Councils have completed a Provisional Local Alcohol Policy that was notified in July 2016. The Provisional Local Alcohol Policy has been before ARLA as a result of appeals. A position has been negotiated with the appellants. That position has been considered by ARLA and will be notified to the original submitters once ARLA is satisfied with the final wording. If no one seeks to appeal the revised version it will become the adopted Local Alcohol Policy.

5. Suggested course of action envisaged

Wellington City Council

That LGNZ would, on behalf of its member councils, form a working group to work with central agencies to review the effectiveness of the Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act 2012.

Hastings District Council

- Actively monitor opportunities to submit to central government with respect to review of statutes and regulations that relate to alcohol.
- Prepare submissions to central government review processes that relate to the key drivers of alcohol harm as outlined in this remit.
- Write to and meet with the Minister of Justice and officials to promote changes to laws and regulations that will address the key drivers of alcohol harm.
- Create a national action plan to reduce harm caused by alcohol.
- Engage and support councils nationwide to implement strategies, policies and actions that are aimed at reducing alcohol-related harm. This could include delivering workshops; providing statistics and information on the harm alcohol causes and developing templates for policies and strategies that can be easily implemented.

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Greenhouse gases

Remit:	Wellington City Council asks that LGNZ members collectively adopt the position that government should revise the Resource Management Act 1991 to adequately consider the impact of greenhouse gases when making decisions under that law and to ensure that the Resource Management Act 1991 is consistent with the Zero Carbon Bill.
Proposed by:	Wellington City Council
Supported by:	Metro Sector

Background information and research

1. Nature of the issue

The purpose of the Resource Management Act 1991 (RMA) is to promote the sustainable management of natural and physical resources.

The Act seeks to enable people and communities to provide for their social, economic, and cultural well-being and for their health and safety while:

- Sustaining the potential of natural and physical resources (excluding minerals) to meet the reasonably foreseeable needs of future generations;
- Safeguarding the life-supporting capacity of air, water, soil, and ecosystems; and
- Avoiding, remedying, or mitigating any adverse effects of activities on the environment.

Under the RMA, most decisions are decentralised to local and regional levels to enable public participation in decision-making.

The emissions trading scheme is a national framework. Because of this, there is a disconnection between decisions taken under the RMA and the emission of greenhouse gases. Emissions are not consistently contemplated when decisions are taken; there appears to be a gap, however the Council currently doesn't have a formal position on this.

2. Background to its being raised

Wellington is proposing a substantial change in urban form and transportation in order to accommodate anticipated growth and to meet community expectations around carbon emissions. Planning for this growth has highlighted the regulatory gap described above.

3. How the issue relates to objectives in the current Work Programme

In planning for growth the Council is setting out to develop a future Wellington that is low carbon and resilient. Decisions will be taken under the RMA, yet the need to reduce carbon emissions is not currently a requirement under our key planning legislation.

4. What work or action on the issue has been done on it, and the outcome

The Council has developed a draft plan, Te Atakura – First to Zero, that would establish the Council's advocacy position in favour of significantly boosted consideration of emissions in the RMA. This draft was released for consultation on 15 April 2019 and is to be considered for adoption on 22 June 2019.

5. Suggested course of action envisaged

The Minister for the Environment is aware of the gap, and has publicly stated:

"The Government intends to undertake a comprehensive review of the resource management system (Stage 2), which is expected to begin this year."

"Cabinet has already noted my intention to consider RMA changes relating to climate change (both mitigation and adaptation) within the scope of this review."

Local government will have an opportunity to advocate for the inclusion of climate change effects through this process.

This remit asks councils to work together in engaging with government to amend the RMA to require decision makers to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

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Climate Change – funding policy framework

Remit:	That LGNZ recommends to government that they establish an independent expert group to develop a new funding policy framework for adapting to climate change impacts as recommended by the Climate Change Adaptation Technical Working Group (CCATWG). This new expert group would be supported by a secretariat and stakeholder advisory group.
Proposed by:	Greater Wellington Regional Council
Supported by:	Regional Sector

Background information and research

1. Nature of the issue

New Zealand will need a new funding policy framework to enable effective, efficient and equitable long-term adaptation to the many challenges posed by climate change. Any such framework must be comprehensive, fit for purpose, and facilitate flexible and dynamic responses.

While there is broad agreement that the current policy framework for climate change adaptation, and especially sea level rise, is inadequate, there has been little attention given to securing a consensus among the stakeholders on the core features of a new framework.

Some small initiatives have been taken by a few local councils and academics towards the formulation of a new framework.

There are a large number of separate, yet interconnected issues that require investigation in parallel or in sequence. It is very likely to take several years to formulate a new, well-designed policy framework, followed by the drafting and enactment of legislative reforms, before the process of implementation can begin. Given the amount of work that is involved and that climate change impacts are already making themselves felt, it is important that this process is started without further delay.

2. Background to its being raised

Sea level rise constitutes a particularly serious challenge due to irreversibility of the near-term impacts. Already many low-lying coastal communities around New Zealand are facing a growing threat to their homes and livelihoods, public infrastructure and private businesses. This and other impacts on human and natural systems related to more intense rainfall, heat, wind, and pathogens and disease vectors, will increase and become disruptive. They will increase the financial burden on the state at all levels and create inequities across society.

For further discussion of the issues and options for developing a new policy framework, from which the proposed remit was derived, see the discussion paper by Jonathan Boston (VUW) and Judy Lawrence (VUW), dated 4 February 2019.

3. What work or action on the issue has been done on it, and the outcome

A recent report by LGNZ found an estimated \$14 billion of local government assets are at risk from climate change impacts. It has called on central government to create a 'National Climate Change Adaptation Fund'. It has also recently published a legal opinion by Jack Hodder QC regarding the potential for local government to be litigated in relation to its actions or inaction in relation to climate change. A key risk raised by Mr Hodder's report was the absence of national climate change adaptation guidance (or framework) in New Zealand, which in effect is leaving it to the courts to decide how to remedy climate change related harms. This will be an uncertain and inefficient means of doing so.

The Government has received the recommendations of the CCATWG, but is yet to act upon them. The CCATWG recommendation to the Government (quoted below) was to set up a specialist group to define funding arrangements for funding adaptation.

"We recommend that a specialist group of practitioners and experts undertake this action (formulate a new policy framework for adaptation funding). These should be drawn from central and local government, iwi/hapū, sectors such as banking, insurance, and infrastructure; and have expertise in climate change, planning and law, public finance, capital markets, infrastructure financing, and risk management. The group should be serviced by a secretariat with officials across relevant public sector and local government agencies and include significant public engagement."

4. Suggested course of action envisaged

That LGNZ issue a news release explaining the content of the remit, and that they engage with central government directly (in face to face meetings) to discuss the setting up of an independent expert group to progress the development of a new funding policy framework for adapting to climate change impacts.

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Road safety

Remit:

1. That LGNZ acknowledges that the New Zealand Transport Agency's (NZTA's), Code of Practice for Temporary Traffic Management (CoPTTM) is a comprehensive and robust document, and that NZTA ensures the CoPTTM system is regularly reviewed, refined and updated. However, in light of the recent road worker fatalities LGNZ requests NZTA, in partnership with Road Controlling Authorities (RCAs);
 - a. Review afresh its Code of Practice for Temporary Traffic Management (CoPTTM) to satisfy themselves that;
 - i. The document provides sufficient guidelines and procedures to ensure approaching traffic are given every possible opportunity to become aware of the worksite ahead and to respond appropriately and in a timely manner.
 - b. Review its CoPTTM Training System to ensure;
 - i. Trainers are sufficiently qualified and adequately covering the training syllabus.
 - ii. Site Traffic Management Supervisors (STMS's) and Traffic Controllers (TC's) are only certified when they can demonstrate competence in the application of CoPTTM.
 - ii. A robust refresher programme is in place to ensure those in charge of Traffic Management on worksites remain current in the required competencies.
 - c. Review its Site Auditing requirements to ensure the traffic management at worksites is independently audited at a sufficient frequency to ensure compliance, and that a significantly robust system is put in place to enable enforcement of compliance.
2. That LGNZ takes steps to remind its members of their duties with respect to their role as Road Controlling Authorities including;
 - a. Appointing and sufficiently training and resourcing a Traffic Management Co-ordinator to ensure their obligations under the Health and Safety Work Act 2015, with respect to traffic management, are being met.
 - b. *Adequately resourcing and undertaking audits of road work sites to ensure compliance with CoPTTM.*

Proposed by: Whakatāne District Council

Supported by: Dunedin City Council
Wairoa District Council
Hamilton City Council
Kawerau District Council
Tauranga City Council

Background information and research

1. Nature of the issue

Four road workers have been killed on New Zealand roads this calendar year, and we need to ask ourselves, are we doing all that we can to ensure those working on our roads are safe from harm.

There is an increasing level of public discontent with the level of discipline around traffic management being maintained on roadwork sites by contractors, particularly on unattended sites, where all too often the temporary traffic management on site does not seem appropriate, or to adequately inform motorists of the need for the restrictions, or is left in place for too long.

2. Background to its being raised

Frameworks for the safe management of roadworks have been in place for over two decades now, and during this time they have evolved and improved to keep up with the changing risks in the workplace environment.

The current framework is the New Zealand Transport Agency's Code of Practice for Temporary Traffic Management, fourth edition 2018 (CoPTTM).

This is a comprehensive document that applies a risk based approach to temporary traffic management, based on a road's classification and intensity of use, and the nature of works required to be undertaken on the road.

It is closely aligned to the Health and Safety at Work Act 2015, recognising the statutory duty of all those involved with activities on or adjacent to the road, to systematically identify any hazards, and if a hazard is identified, to take all reasonably practical steps to ensure no person is harmed.

It includes steps to eliminate risks to health and safety and if it is not reasonably practicable, to minimise risks to health and safety by implementing risk control measures in accordance with Health and Safety at Work (General risk and Workplace Management) Regulations 2015.

CoPTTM also includes a risk matrix to help determine what the appropriate temporary speed limit is that should be applied to a worksite, whether attended or unattended. It further contains procedures for undertaking safety audits and reviews of worksites, including the ability to close down worksites that are identified as unsafe following an audit. There are no financial penalties for non-compliance, although there are a range of other penalties that can be imposed, including the issue of a notice of non-conformance to individuals or companies, and a 'three strikes' system whereby the issue of three non-conformances within a 12 month period results in sanctions being imposed. These can include:

- Removal of any prequalification status.
- Reduction of quality scores assigned in tender evaluations.
- Forwarding of non-conformance to the appropriate standards organisation which may affect the company's ISO9000 registration.
- Denial of access to the road network for a period of time.
- Requirement for the company to have someone else provide their TTM.
- Staff retraining for CoPTTM warrants.

In principle there would seem to be sufficient processes in place to ensure that traffic management on road worksites was appropriate and adequately provided for the safety of workers on site, the general public, and passing traffic.

However, this year has seen four road workers killed whilst working on our roads.

There is also a growing level of discontent from motorists regarding the appropriateness of signs that are left out on unattended sites.

Often these signs are perceived to be (any combination of) unnecessary, poorly located, incorrectly advising the condition of the road ahead, having an inappropriate speed limit, or being left out too long.

3. How the issue relates to objectives in the current Work Programme

Local Government New Zealand has five policies in place to help achieve their sector vision: Local democracy powering community and national success.

Policy priority one is Infrastructure, which focuses on water, transport and built infrastructure. The transport statement states that a national policy framework is needed to achieve five outcomes. One outcome is 'a safe system, increasingly free of death and serious injury'.

This remit is aligned to this priority outcome as it is focused on reducing safety risks, death and serious injury in locations where road works are being undertaken.

4. What work or action on the issue has been done on it, and the outcome

The Whakatāne District Council has been working proactively with NZTA and its local contractors to review its own traffic management requirements, the level of compliance with those requirements, and the adequacy of its auditing processes and frequencies.

There has been positive engagement with NZTA and the local contracting sector on this matter.

The process has identified improvements that could be effected by both the Council and its contractors. A plan is being developed to socialise the outcomes with NZTA and other RCA's, and this remit forms part of that plan.

NZTA is also responding to the recent deaths by initiating immediate temporary changes to pertinent traffic management plans, and considering permanent changes through its standard CoPTTM review process.

There is currently no national initiative to require local government RCA's to review their practices in response to these deaths.

5. Suggested course of action envisaged

- Support NZTA's initiative to review CoPTTM in light of the recent fatalities.
- Encourage NZTA to work closely with RCA's to ensure the CoPTTM review also covers local road Temporary Traffic Management.
- Strongly encourage RCA's to work with NZTA, perhaps through the RCA Forum, on a review of local road Temporary Traffic Management.
- Strongly encourage RCA's to adopt with urgency, any local road CoPTTM
- Improvements that arise from the review.

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Mobility scooter safety

Remit:	That LGNZ requests that government investigate the introduction of strengthened rules to govern the safe use of mobility scooters, particularly in relation to speed limits and registration.
Proposed by:	Whanganui District Council
Supported by:	Zone Three

Background information and research

1. Nature of the issue

The following issues have been identified:

- a. There is no opportunity to enforce a speed limit for mobility scooters, despite the fact that the top speeds of these devices can reach 40kmh.
- b. Mobility scooters are used too frequently on the road, even when a suitable footpath is available.
- c. There is no requirement for a mobility scooter user to have a license or any previous driving experience.
- d. There are no health related restrictions on who can operate a mobility scooter.
- e. There is no ability to track mobility scooters as no registration or Warrant of Fitness (WoF) is required.

A supplementary issue is also acknowledged:

- There is no restriction in terms of who can use a mobility scooter. For example, in some states of Australia mobility scooters can only be used by a person with an injury, disability or medical condition which means they are unable to walk or have difficulty walking. People who do not have difficulty walking are not permitted to use them.

2. Background to its being raised

Establishing the number of injuries and fatalities involving mobility scooter users can be difficult to isolate and this has been identified as an issue nationwide. However, coronial data shows that at least 20 people have died while using mobility scooters in New Zealand.

Given the considerable lag between a death occurring and a coronial case on that death being closed, the actual number may be significantly higher. Notably NZTA reports that: “mobility scooters... have been involved with a number of fatalities (at least 20 in 2014-2015).”

For the period 2008-2012 the Ministry of Transport recorded eight fatalities and 141 injuries of mobility scooter users. NZTA records 12 fatalities, 19 serious injuries and 81 less serious injuries for the period 2009-2014. These figures do not include fatalities or injuries to persons other than the mobility scooter user.

It has been acknowledged by those working in this field that there have been a ‘surprising’ number of injury crashes involving mobility scooters over the last five years, including fatalities. More work on clarifying the extent of this problem is required and there has been general agreement nationwide from the region’s road safety co-ordinators, and other agencies such as NZTA and Age Concern, that mobility scooter safety is an emerging concern. This is the case throughout the country and is reiterated by both large and small centres, in urban areas and rural regions.

Some of the issues raised include:

- Mobility scooters being driven on the road, at speed, with low visibility (eg without a flag) and like a motor vehicle (as opposed to like a pedestrian as is required).
- No accountability around vulnerable elderly users, particularly those who have lost their licence. There is no established avenue to ascertain whether there are issues around dementia or other chronic conditions which could have an impact on their ability to use these safely.
- No accountability around the purchase of mobility scooters, both in terms of being fit for use and training for safe handling. This is particularly the case when they are bought off the internet, eg there is no opportunity to ensure that the right scooter has been purchased for the user’s level of ability and that they are shown how to drive it according to the regulations.
- No ongoing monitoring of use, particularly in the case of declining health.
- No restrictions on the speed that mobility scooters can reach or the size of mobility scooters. With an increase in larger model mobility scooters being imported, there is less room for scooters to pass one another, or to pass other pedestrians. This leads to a greater likelihood of one or more of the footpath users needing to use the road rather than the footpath. Larger mobility scooters also require larger areas to turn. Given the size of many footpaths in New Zealand, this increases the risk that the user will enter the roadway at an angle and roll the mobility scooter, resulting in serious injury or death.

Some centres have also identified an issue with the increasing prevalence and size of mobility scooters adding load to the footpaths. Furthermore, the contrast between New Zealand Post’s work on safety assurances with the use of Paxster vehicles on the footpath, and the lack of oversight over larger sized mobility scooters being used in a similar (but unmonitored) way has been drawn.

However, it is also important to note the significant role that mobility scooters play in granting senior people their independence. Any measures taken to address this remit's concerns must balance this benefit with the need to ensure safety for users and other pedestrians.

3. New or confirming existing policy

The remit would strengthen existing central government policy. However, new legislation would be required to put in place an appropriate registration programme, both for mobility scooter users and for the mobility scooters.

4. How the issue relates to objectives in the current Work Programme

Transport safety issues are not referred to specifically in the current LGNZ work programme. However, ensuring we have safe systems, increasingly free of death and serious injury and addressing the needs of an ageing population are each included under one of the five policy priorities (Infrastructure and Social, respectively).

5. What work or action on the issue has been done on it, and the outcome

This is an emerging issue and is acknowledged as such by those with an interest and involvement in road safety at both the local and regional level. Although discussions are underway about working with the Safe and Sustainable Association of Aotearoa/New Zealand (SASTA) and Trafanz on these concerns so that this can be addressed with the NZTA, it is understood that this work has not yet commenced.

The Marlborough Road Safety Mobility Scooter User Group has undertaken some useful research in this area. They have canvassed users in relation to training needs, safety, registration, injuries, facilities and the footpath network.

Although not all suggestions were supported, this survey did identify some relevant ideas and safety concerns, eg 71 per cent of respondents had seen a mobility scooter being used in an unsafe manner on the footpath or road, 19 per cent had been injured by a mobility scooter as a pedestrian and 78 per cent said that they or someone they knew has had a 'near miss'.

Some ideas raised include focusing on licensing/registering drivers rather than the mobility scooters themselves, ensuring that any registration costs were low to ensure affordability, making mobility scooters easier to hear and introducing a speed limit.

6. Any existing relevant legislation, policy or practice

NZTA has the responsibility, via government, for mobility scooters in New Zealand and has a booklet available, titled *Ready to Ride - Keeping safe on your mobility scooter*. This is based on section 11 of the Land Transport (Road Use) Rule 2004.

The following provisions exist – it is recommended that these be expanded upon and strengthened:

- Speed limits: Current New Zealand law says “A driver of a mobility device or wheeled recreational device on a footpath;
 - a. Must operate the device in a careful and considerate manner; and
 - b. Must not operate the device at a speed that constitutes a hazard to other footpath users.”
- Road usage: Current New Zealand law says;
 - a. A driver must not drive a mobility device on any portion of a roadway if it is practicable to drive on a footpath.
 - b. A pedestrian or driver of a mobility device or a wheeled recreational device using the roadway must remain as near as practicable to the edge of the roadway.
- Monitoring and registration: Current New Zealand law does not require users to have a driver licence or any form of medical approval to operate a mobility scooter and no warrant of fitness or registration is needed.

Further, current law does not require the use of any personal protective equipment such as helmets, despite these devices being capable of reaching similar speeds to mopeds and higher speeds than many bicycle users travel at.

This is particularly problematic given Canadian research that showed, of their sample group of mobility scooter users, 38 per cent had hearing impairments, 34 per cent had vision impairments, 19 per cent had memory impairments and 17 per cent had balance impairments. The study also found that 80 per cent of the mobility scooter users took four or more medications daily.

The *Ready to Ride* guidelines clearly spell out that mobility scooter users could be fined if they are found to be riding their scooter: “... carelessly, inconsiderately or at a dangerous speed. The fine may be higher if you do any of these things more than once.” Furthermore, if a mobility scooter user causes a crash where someone is killed or hurt then they could be charged with “careless or inconsiderate use of a motor vehicle”. This brings penalties ranging from a severe fine to a prison sentence. However, these do not provide clear definitions or rules to inform a user’s decisions.

7. Suggested course of action envisaged

Speed limits

It is recommended that the approach taken in some Australian States, including Victoria be adopted. This states that mobility scooters: “must have a maximum capable speed of 10km per hour on level ground and a maximum unladen mass of 110kg”.

Road usage

It is recommended that New Zealand Police be resourced to enforce the law. Local and regional councils throughout the country, as well as NZTA, road safety action groups and other key agencies, have highlighted serious concerns about mobility scooters riding on the road when a footpath is available, as well as riding on the road as if they are a motor vehicle.

Monitoring and registration

It is recommended that legislation is changed to require all mobility scooters to be registered and display a licence plate, with minimal or no cost imposed, to ensure compliance. It is further recommended that the legislation set a maximum power assisted speed and size for mobility scooters.

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Museums and galleries

Remit:	That central government funding be made available on an annual basis for museums and galleries operated by territorial authorities with nationally significant collections.
Proposed by:	Whanganui District Council
Supported by:	Zone Three

Background information and research

3. Nature of the issue

The following issues have been identified:

- There is currently no central government funding for daily operating costs for museums and galleries operated by territorial authorities.
- Public museums and galleries often house nationally significant collections and taonga but are supported largely by their local ratepayers, often from a limited funding pool.
- These facilities attract national and international visitors and service far more than the local area from which their funding is drawn.
- Local authorities are severely challenged to adequately support the annual running costs required for these key cultural facilities due to the financial impost on ratepayers.
- Support for the retention of these facilities in smaller regional centres, outside the larger cities, is important in terms of cultural accessibility and in keeping our provincial communities viable.

4. Background to its being raised

Regional museums and galleries are important to the cultural makeup of this country. They are recognised as critical hubs for communities and visitors and play a role that extends far beyond the display of images and artefacts:

- They occupy a dynamic position in our national cultural life, encouraging us to think about our place in the world.
- They stimulate discussion and debate. This enhances participation, creativity, community capacity and a sense of place.

- They generate economic activity; they are a driver of tourism and create jobs and vibrancy.
- They contribute to key aspects of our community and national cultural identity; the nature of our bicultural society and other multicultural influences means that museums and galleries will act as an increasingly important link in reflecting and understanding the diversity of our communities.
- They build social cohesion, creativity and leisure opportunities. They contribute to civic development and provide a focal point for gathering and interaction; acting as a key social destination.
- They foster enrichment. Arts and culture are 'good for you'. Having access to events and exhibitions is important, and this might be even more so in provincial centres.

Despite this, there is limited funding available, particularly for operating costs. This raises concerns about the ongoing ability of territorial authorities to:

- Provide adequate, appropriate and safe storage methods. Climate control and professional and timely care or repair of our treasures requires adequate funding to ensure the longevity of many of our special collection items (for example, paintings or heritage artefacts such as Māori cloaks).
- Deliver the right display conditions. Without the right climate control, security and display methods, the public's access to view these collections is severely limited. Instead of enhancing the visibility of, and connection to, our key collection pieces locally, nationally and internationally, this access is restricted by inadequate funds for exhibition. This is exacerbated by the limitations of funding at the local ratepayer level.
- Preserving our stories. The collections available at public museums and galleries are not only often nationally significant but also reveal important aspects of our local identity. They are an education resource (both formally through school programmes and informally) and are a drawcard for tourism. Maintaining these collections retains our storytelling abilities, supports our unique identities and contributes to economic and social development.

This is supported by the following background information:

- Some collections are over 100 years old and need specialised climate control and storage facilities. Paint, canvas, fabric and fibres have unique requirements to ensure their preservation and longevity. The cost of doing so is huge and is a burden that many local communities cannot sustain. However, despite this, they are solely responsible for this care.
- Some grants are available, on application, to deliver education programmes for school children. However, this funding is very limited and requires additional subsidisation by schools. As a result, not all children are gaining equitable access to our museums and galleries.
- Limited grants are also available, on application, for storage and building upgrades, as well as for one-off restoration projects. However, there are no regular, reliable funds available to meet the significant and necessary costs of just running these institutions.

- Currently only the Auckland War Memorial Museum and Museum of New Zealand Te Papa Tongarewa receive an ongoing proportion of operating costs.

As an example, the Sarjeant Gallery in Whanganui has an annual operating budget of \$2.285 million and the Whanganui Regional Museum a budget of \$1.085 million. The value of their collections is \$30 million across each institution, with their collections considered to be some of the best in New Zealand. Yet they are funded almost solely from the local Whanganui district ratepayer base. This is not sustainable if we are to make the most of New Zealand's nationally significant collections and ensure their preservation for the future.

An example of public museums and art galleries currently operated by territorial authorities:

Institution	Permanent collection?
Sarjeant Gallery - Whanganui	✓
Whanganui Regional Museum	✓
Auckland Art Gallery	✓
Whangarei Art Museum	✓
Te Tuhi Center for the Arts, Manukau City	x
Waikato Museum	✓
Rotorua Museum of Art & History	✓
Tauranga Art Gallery	✓
Whakatane Museum & Art Gallery	✓
Govett Brewster Gallery/Len Lye Centre – New Plymouth	✓
Percy Thompson Gallery – Stratford	x
Tairāwhiti Museum – Gisborne	✓
Hawke's Bay Museum and Art Gallery – Napier	✓
Aratoi Wairarapa Museum of Art & History – Masterton	✓
City Gallery – Wellington	x
The New Dowse – Lower Hutt	✓
Millennium Art Gallery – Blenheim	✓
Suter Art Gallery – Nelson	✓
Christchurch Art Gallery	✓
Coca – Centre for Contemporary Art – Christchurch	✓
Aigantighe Art Gallery – Timaru	✓
Forrester Gallery – Oamaru	✓
Dunedin Public Art Gallery	✓
Southland Museum and Art Gallery – Invercargill	✓
Anderson Park Art Gallery – Invercargill	✓
Eastern Southland Gallery – Gore	✓

5. New or confirming existing policy

The remit would require a policy shift by central government to provide funding for operating costs based on a set of clear assessment criteria.

6. How the issue relates to objectives in the current Work Programme

The LGNZ work programme includes tourism as a focus area and addresses concerns about funding in relation to key facilities and amenities:

“Without more equitable forms of funding there is a risk that visitors will lack the appropriate range of local amenities they need to have a positive experience.”

This is framed by the following statement:

“The visitor industry is now New Zealand’s largest export industry however the speed of its growth is putting many of New Zealand’s smaller communities under pressure. It is a problem created by the way in which councils are funded as new facilities will be paid for out of property taxes while visitor expenditure, in the form of increased GST and income tax, benefits central rather than local government.”

7. What work or action on the issues has been done on it, and the outcome

Although there was work completed on a central government funding model for the ‘national collection’ in the 1990’s (that being, the collection held by all public museums and galleries in New Zealand) this did not progress. The United Kingdom has a centrally funded system for museums and galleries.

8. Any existing relevant legislation, policy or practice

- Auckland War Memorial Museum Act 1996.
- Museum of New Zealand Te Papa Tongarewa Act 1992.

9. Suggest course of action envisaged

That central government funding be made available on an annual basis for museums and galleries operated by territorial authorities with nationally significant collections.

This would be in the form of an annual allocation for operating costs based on specific criteria to ensure the maintenance, preservation and development of collections with relevance beyond the local setting. This would provide the surety of a reliable income stream and could be set to a specified limit, eg 10 per cent of annual operating costs.

Of particular interest would be those collections of national importance where the benefit of protection and enhancement would make a substantial contribution to New Zealand's creative sector as well as our national cultural identity.

Priority funding would be given to museums and galleries which hold permanent New Zealand collections, rather than being solely exhibition galleries. Funding could also be based on the size and type of collection. This recognises the added burden of storage, care and maintenance for collections of a significant size and importance.

22

Resource Management Act

Remit:	That the selection of all independent commissioners for Resource Management Act hearings be centralised to improve independence and enhance the quality of decisions.
Proposed by:	Whanganui District Council
Supported by:	Zone Three

Background information and research

1. Nature of the issue

The following issues with the current system have been identified:

- There is potential for corruption and undue influence.
- There is limited ability for newer commissioners to obtain experience.
- There is opportunity for enhanced effectiveness and more robust decision-making.

2. Background to its being raised

The Resource Management Act (RMA) contains provisions for the appointment of independent commissioners to sit on panels to hear RMA matters, for example, resource consent applications, notices of requirement and District and Regional Plan Reviews, including plan changes (s39B).

Commissioners must be accredited to sit on RMA hearing panels and the Minister for the Environment must approve the qualification for accreditation. The certification process is called “Making Good Decisions” and is delivered on behalf of the Ministry.

The Ministry for the Environment (MfE) website sets out the areas covered by the accreditation and recertification processes and has a register of qualified commissioners.

Although this system provides opportunity, in theory, for panel composition based on a balanced range of factors to ensure impartiality and relevant breadth of experience – in practice this is not the case. Instead, selection can be influenced by:

- Paid relationships. For example, commissioners being held on retainer.
- Manipulation of focus areas. For example, panels being 'stacked' to increase the likelihood of support or sympathy for particular issues.
- Existing connections. For example, the same commissioners being selected by the same councils, leaving little room for newer certificate holders and leading to questions of true independence.

As a result, the current system is open to both real and perceived issues of fairness based on concerns about:

- The appropriateness of an ongoing financial arrangement for retained availability, as well as the ability of this relationship to really remain independent and impartial. For example, would an 'unfavourable' decision jeopardise the financial benefit for a commissioner in this position?
- A balance of experience and expertise on the panel when many of the same commissioners, with similar backgrounds (planners, lawyers, elected members) are used on a consistent basis.
- Missed opportunities to provide practical experience to a broader spread of certificate holders in a more even way (rather than the same familiar options being selected).
- The ability to achieve genuine impartiality when commissioners can be picked based on prior relationships and knowledge of their position (and therefore likely decisions) on particular issues.
- An absence of local and external collaboration on decisions – missing important opportunities to upskill lesser experienced commissioners and provide the right mix of local versus external perspectives to equally inform good decision-making.
- A lack of standardisation in fee structures throughout the country, potentially leading to 'cherry-picking' of hearings.
- Poor Māori representation on hearing panels in areas where co-management legislation does not yet apply.

There is also no process for receiving or addressing complaints about commissioner conduct.

3. New or confirming existing policy

The remit would require amendment to the RMA and the development of a centralised and independently managed appointment process to allocate commissioners in a systematic and fair manner. This would be supported by regulations which would set out the steps to be followed.

Such provisions are already contained in legislation such as the Waikato-Tainui Raupatu Claims (Waikato River) Settlement Act 2010 (s 25 and s28).

4. How the issue relates to objectives in the current Work Programme

The work programme notes that ‘major reform’ of the RMA is required. It does not, however, specifically relate to the recommendations of this remit.

5. What work or action on the issue has been done on it, and the outcome

No work has been undertaken specifically on this. However, the proposed model recommends use of the Victorian State Government approach: <https://www.planning.vic.gov.au/panels-and-committees/panels-and-committees>

In addition, the New Zealand Environment Court uses a mixed model approach, with the Judge as chair and two or more court appointed commissioners. These commissioners have a varied background (across planning, ecology, landscape architecture, civil engineering, Tikanga Māori etc) and have all completed the “LEADR” mediation programme to assist the Court in mediated resolutions of court appeals. Many have also undertaken the “Making Good Decisions” programme.

6. Suggested course of action envisaged

That the selection of all accredited commissioners for RMA hearings be centralised and independently managed by the Ministry for the Environment.

The new process could follow the Victorian State Government example. In essence this involves making an initial hearing panel application online, followed by a formal letter of request. A panel is then appointed by the Minister (or a delegate) in accordance with the specific details of the particular issue, eg the complexity of the topic, the number of submissions received or the special expertise required. This enables administrative ‘filtering’ to sort panellists according to their suitability across a spectrum of hearing complexities. For example, smaller and less controversial issues would be resourced differently to more difficult topics. This would also ensure a tailored mix of expertise and backgrounds – enabling greater Māori representation, a balance of newer and more experienced commissioners and a spread of local and external knowledge.

In Victoria the pool of available commissioners is managed by an ‘Office of Planning Panels’ acting as a conduit between panels and interested parties to “ensure an independent and transparent process is upheld”.

If MfE took this on it would also be expected to manage the contracts, oversee the effectiveness of the process, receive and adjudicate on any complaints about commissioner conduct and regulate the fee structure. It would also deliver administrative support for the process (although where hearings are cost recoverable from applicants then this would be managed accordingly). MfE could also maintain the register of accredited commissioners and chairs and ensure that it remained up to date, with sufficient information provided to ensure the effective appointment of panels.

23

Mayor decision to appoint Deputy Mayor

Remit:	That LGNZ request the Government to amend S.41A of the LGA2002 to give Mayors the same powers to appoint a deputy mayor as held by the Mayor of Auckland.
Proposed by:	Horowhenua District Council, Invercargill District Council and Whanganui District Council
Supported by:	Provincial Sector

Background information and research

1. Nature of the issue

Since 2013 mayors have had the power to determine who their deputy mayor should be, however a mayor's choice of deputy can be overturned by a majority vote of councillors. Not only has this caused confusion the fact that councils can over turn a mayor's choice undermines the original intent of the legislation.

2. Background to its being raised

The 2012 LGA 2002 Amendment Act introduced Section 41A which recognised mayors' leadership role and gave mayors the authority to appoint their deputy as well as committee chairs. The select committee amended the original bill to provide councils with an ability to reverse a mayor's decision. Not only did that change make a nonsense of the original intent it has also undermined the credibility of the legislation in the eyes of citizens who generally expect a mayor to be able to choose who their deputy will be, given the importance of that working relationship.

3. How the issue relates to objectives in the current Work Programme

The problems mayors face with implementation of section 41A is not currently on the LGNZ work programme.

4. Any existing relevant legislation, policy or practice

The Government is re-drafting the Local Government Amendment Bill 2 which is expected to be given its second reading later this year. The Bill could provide a vehicle to amend S.41A in order to strengthen mayors' ability to appoint their deputies without the risk of that decision being reversed.

24

Beauty industry

Remit:	That LGNZ calls on the Government to develop and implement national guidelines, policy or regulations to achieve national consistency for the largely unregulated 'health and beauty clinic' industry.
Proposed by:	Whangarei District Council
Supported by:	Selwyn District Council
	Kawerau District Council
	Dunedin City Council
	Rangitikei District Council
	Far North District Council

Background information and research

1. Nature of the issue

Over recent years, the 'health and beauty clinic' industry has seen tremendous growth and continues to expand rapidly. Unfortunately, there is no national legislation or guidance to regulate this industry.

The Health Act 1956 is currently the only legislative tool at the disposal of local authorities to deal with concerns and complaints. However, the powers under the Act are very limited, and do not relate specifically to quality and community safety.

Several councils have developed their own Bylaws to deal with the potential risks that this industry poses to its clientele, with varying degrees of success, but by large the industry remains unregulated. By contrast, national regulations to regulate the hairdressing industry have existed since the 1980's. It is considered that the 'health and beauty clinic' industry faces much higher risks and challenges.

2. Background to its being raised

Nationally, as well as locally, Environmental Health Practitioners are dealing with an ever-increasing number of complaints about this industry and the fallout from botched procedures, as well as infections. Whilst, practitioners can address some of these concerns under the Health Act 1956, it is felt that specific legislation or guidance is the only way to regulate this industry and achieve national consistency.

In the absence of national legislation, territorial authorities such as the Whangarei District Council are unable to regulate the industry, except through the development of a specific Bylaw. The development of Bylaws is an expensive and time consuming process and the cost of that process and any complaint investigation, outside the Bylaw process, falls solely on ratepayers whilst creation of Bylaws can mitigate risk at local level, they do not result in national consistency.

3. New or confirming existing policy

New policy.

4. How the issue relates to objectives in the current Work Programme

The issue aligns to the LGNZ Three Year Business Plan (2019/20 – 2021/22), that recognises quality and community safety as a key social issue, with social issues being one of the five big issues for New Zealand councils. Specifically, the commitment to “work alongside central government and iwi to address social issues and needs in our communities, including a rapidly growing and an ageing population, inequality, housing (including social housing) supply and quality and community safety.”

5. What work or action on the issue has been done on it, and the outcome

Aside from some council’s developing their own Bylaws, as far as the Whangarei District Council is aware, central government has no plan to develop legislation or guidance for this sector.

Notably, as New Zealand-wide complaints regarding the industry continue to rise and the serious risks associated with the industry continue to be better understood a national approach is needed to make any substantive progress on regulating the ‘health and beauty clinic’ industry in New Zealand.

6. Any existing relevant legislation, policy or practice

As described above, the Health Act 1956 is currently the only legislative tool at the disposal of local authorities to deal with concerns and complaints. However, the powers under the Act are very limited, and do not relate specifically to quality and community safety.

7. Suggested course of action envisaged

That LGNZ calls on the Government to develop and implement national guidelines, policy or regulations to achieve national consistency for the largely unregulated 'health and beauty clinic' industry.

It is also suggested that LGNZ engage directly with relevant ministers and ministries to ensure local government has an appropriate role in the development of nationally consistent legislation or guidelines to address the challenges the industry brings.

Remits not going to AGM

The remit Screening Committee has referred the following remits to the National Council of LGNZ for action, rather than to the Annual General Meeting for consideration. The Remit Screening Committee's role is to ensure that remits referred to the AGM are relevant, significant in nature and require agreement from the membership. In general, proposed remits that are already LGNZ policy, are already on the LGNZ work programme or technical in nature will be referred directly to the National Council for their action.

1. Earthquake strengthening – tax relief

Remit: That LGNZ lobby central government to provide tax relief for buildings owners for the compulsory earthquake strengthening of their buildings either by way of reinstating depreciation or some other tax relief for earthquake compliance costs.

Proposed by: Horowhenua District Council

Supported by: Zone Three

Recommendation: That the remit is referred to National Council for action

2. Benchmark Programme

Remit: That LGNZ investigate and implement an infrastructure delivery benchmark programme, including working with the Department of Internal Affairs to improve the Non-Financial Performance Measures Rules 2013 to be more meaningful measures of infrastructure service delivery.

Proposed by: New Plymouth District Council

Supported by: Central Hawkes Bay District Council; Otorohanga District Council; South Taranaki District Council; Stratford District Council; Thames-Coromandel District Council; Waitomo District Council; Wellington City Council; Whanganui District Council

Recommendation: That the remit is referred to the National Council for action

3. On-line voting

Remit: That LGNZ advocates to the Government for it to provide financial support for the Local Government on-line voting trial.

Proposed by: Palmerston North City Council

Supported by: Metro Sector

Recommendation: That the remit is referred to the National Council for action

4. E-waste

Remit: That LGNZ advocates to the Government to introduce a mandatory product stewardship programme for e-waste.

Proposed by: Palmerston North City Council

Supported by: Metro Sector

Recommendation: That the remit is referred to the National Council for action

5. Tourism Industry Aotearoa

Remit: That LGNZ actively consider the Tourism Industry Aotearoa Local Government Funding Model to Support Regional Tourism Growth.

Proposed by: Ruapehu District Council

Supported by: Palmerston North City Council; Horizons Regional Council; New Plymouth District Council; Rangitikei District Council; Stratford District Council

Recommendation: That the remit is referred to the National Council for action

Attachment 5

REPORT

SUBJECT: **Administrative Matters – June 2019**

TO: Council

FROM: Ross McNeil, Chief Executive

DATE: 21 June 2019

FILE: 5-EX-4

1 2019 Local government elections

1.1 The timetable is as follows:

From Monday 1 July	2019 nomination documents available
From Wednesday 17 July	Public notice of elections
Friday 19 July	Nominations open ; electoral roll open for inspection
Thursday 8 August	Candidate information presentations- Taihape Town Hall Chamber, 4.00 pm Marton Council Chamber, 7.00 pm
Friday 16 August	Nominations close (noon); electoral roll closes
Friday 20 September	Delivery of ordinary voting documents starts. Ordinary and special voting opens
20 September-12 October	Voting period
Saturday 12 October	Election Day – voting closes at noon
17 -27 October	Final results announced
By Wednesday 18 December	Return of election expenses declaration forms

1.2 Matters to be covered in the presentations on 8 August 2019 will include how the Council is structured, the role and responsibilities of elected representatives, the skills required, anticipated time commitments and meeting schedules, and an overview of the nomination and election processes.

1.3 The management of the election process is contracted to electionz.com. The local contact, and Deputy Electoral Officer, is Blair Jamieson.

2 Amendments to meeting schedule

- 2.1 In finalising the plan for the 2018/19 audit with Audit New Zealand, it became apparent that it would not be possible to have an audited Annual Report for Council's meeting on 26 September. As a consequence, Council's final meeting for the 2016-19 triennium will be on Thursday 10 October 2019, from 1.00 pm.
- 2.2 Following discussion at their meetings earlier this month, there have been some changes to Community Committee and Community Board meetings in August. The meeting times will be:

Turakina Community Committee	Thursday, 1 August, 7.30 pm
Bulls Community Committee	Tuesday, 6 August, 5.30 pm
Taihape Community Board	Wednesday 7 August, 5.30 pm
Te Roopu Ahi Kaa	Tuesday 13 August, 11.00 am
Ratana Community Board	Tuesday 13 August. 6.30 pm
Marton Community Committee	Wednesday 14 August, 7.00 pm
Huntermville Community Committee	Monday, 12 August 2019

3 Manatu Whakaaetanga – Memorandum of Understanding between Te Rūnanga o Ngā Wairiki – Ngāti Apa and Rangitikei District Council

- 3.1 Following discussions with His Worship the Mayor a draft MoU is under discussion regarding the development of education, training and employment programmes at Te Poho o Tuariki.
- 3.2 Staff from both organisations will liaise before it is presented formally to the Rūnanga and the Council for ratification, planned for the end of July.

4 Re-accreditation as a Building Consent Authority

- 4.1 All non-compliances found during the visit by IANZ have now been cleared, so formal advice of Council's continuing accreditation is anticipated soon.

5 Submission to Kāinga Ora – Home and Communities Bill

- 5.1 This Bill was introduced into Parliament on 29 May 2019, had its first reading on 30 May 2019 when it was referred to the Environment Committee. Submissions are due on 11 July 2019. A draft submission is attached as [Appendix 1](#).
- 5.2 The Bill proposes to disestablish the New Zealand Housing Corporation (Housing New Zealand) and HLC (2017) (formerly Hobsonville Land Company) and assign their roles to a new agency, Kāinga Ora - Homes and Communities. It will also absorb the KiwiBuild Unit, currently part of the Ministry for Housing and Urban Development. The intention is for the new Crown entity to be operational by 1 October 2019.

- 5.3 The Bill will require Kāinga Ora to provide good quality rental housing, to support tenants to be connected with their communities while living independent lives, and to be a fair and reasonable landlord.
- 5.4 A second Kāinga Ora Bill is planned for introduction later this year, to make the new Crown entity responsible for delivering urban development of all sizes, including housing, transport links, commercial and industrial buildings, new infrastructure, parks and open spaces and a range of community facilities. It will take responsibility for building houses.
- 5.5 As part of this broader mandate, Kāinga Ora will have ability to access fast-track urban development termed 'specified development projects'. It is envisaged that powers for such projects will include over-riding land use rules in district plans and issuing resource consents.

6 Submission to review of the Walking Access Commission Act

- 6.1 Following workshops in December 2018, the Ministry for Primary Industries is inviting public feedback on whether the Act is still needed, the operation and effectiveness of the Act and whether changes to the Act are necessary or desirable. Submissions are due on 2 July 2019.
- 6.2 A draft submission is included as Appendix 2.

7 Submission to Climate Change Response (Zero Carbon) Amendment Bill

- 7.1 This Bill was introduced into Parliament on 8 May 2019 and had its first reading on 21 May 2019, when it was referred to the Environment Committee. Submissions are due on 16 July 2019.
- 7.2 The Bill's purpose is to establish a framework which will enable New Zealand to develop clear, stable climate change policies in accord with the Paris Agreement - which limits the global average temperature increase to 1.5 degrees Celsius above pre-industrial levels. The Bill proposes to set greenhouse gas reduction targets into law and to bind future governments to continue these efforts.
- 7.3 It is recommended that Council delegates approving a submission to the Policy/Planning Committee at its meeting on 11 July 2019

8 Proposed Memorandum of Understanding with Ratana Communal Board of Trustees

- 8.1 The Ratana Communal Board of Trustees is keen to see a formal understanding with Council about development proposals focussing on community needs and aspirations, particularly when they relate to assets such as the playground, community housing, the rugby field and the community gym (the former Ratana fire station) which Council owns, administers or provides ongoing assistance.

- 8.2 It is intended to progress this with representatives from the Board and Council with satisfaction by both in due course.

9 Applications for road closures

- 9.1 There are no new requests for road closures since Council's last meeting

10 Requests for fee waivers exceeding the Chief Executive's delegation

- 10.1 There are no new requests for such fee waivers.

11 Service request reporting

- 11.1 The summary reports for first response and feedback and for resolution (requests received in April 2019) are attached as [Appendix 3](#).

12 MW LASS update

- 12.1 Work is proceeding towards collaboration among member councils over health and safety to progress the assessments done in December 2018 by Work Wise.
- 12.2 The latest newsletter for 2019 from Archives Central is attached as [Appendix 4](#). An upgrade of the website is planned. In May the Archives Central team visited Council's Marton office.
- 12.3 Recently a major repair was completed on a severely damaged plan of the Bulls cemetery made in 1882. Before and after photos are attached as [Appendix 5](#).

13 Staffing

- 13.1 Athol Sanson will be leaving his position as Team Leader, Parks & Reserves Team Leader effective 28 June 2019. The vacancy has been advertised and interviews for the short-listed applicants are being arranged.
- 13.2 Peter Howard (Senior Parks Assistant) is retiring effective 5 July 2019. That vacancy has also been advertised and interviews for short-listed are being arranged.
- 13.3 An additional Building Control Officer position has been advertised and interviews are being arranged for shortlisted applicants.
- 13.4 The vacancy for a part-time cleaner in Bulls has been advertised and interviews of short-listed applications are being arranged.
- 13.5 Jackson Stone advertised the Chief Executive role, with a closing date of 24 June 2019.

14 Recommendations:

- 14.1 That the report 'Administrative matters – June 2019' to Council's meeting on 30 May 2019 be received.
- 14.2 That His Worship the Mayor be authorised, on behalf of the Council to sign the submission [without amendment/as amended] to the Parliamentary Environment Committee on the Kāinga Ora – Homes and Communities Bill.
- 14.3 That His Worship the Mayor be authorised, on behalf of the Council to sign the submission [without amendment/as amended] to the Ministry for Primary Industries on the review of the Walking Access Act 2008.
- 14.4 That the Policy/Planning Committee be authorised to approve a submission to the Parliamentary Environment Committee on the Climate Change Response (Zero Carbon) Amendment Bill.

Ross McNeil
Chief Executive

Appendix 1

27 June 2019

File: 3-OR-3-5

Deborah Russell, MP
Chair
Environment Committee
Parliament Buildings
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By email: en@parliament.govt.nz

Dear Deborah

Kāinga Ora- Homes and Communities Bill 2019

Thank you for the opportunity to submit on Kāinga Ora – Homes and Communities Bill.

The Rangitikei District Council understands that this Bill will set up the legislative framework for the creation Kāinga Ora, which is being established to address some of the unprecedented pressure on housing supply in New Zealand.

Council appreciates that by having broader functions in relation to urban development than that of Housing New Zealand, Kāinga Ora will have additional scope that goes beyond that of the provision of housing and being a 'landlord'. It understands that Kāinga Ora will allow Central Government to lead and co-ordinate urban development projects.

The Rangitikei is experiencing growth, yet Council still wonders whether or not it will feel effect from the new development powers being afforded to Government, due to not being a main centre. Will the type of development that is envisaged by the Government branch into areas that are not experiencing strain on housing supply and over inflated market values, or if it will be limited to areas such as Auckland and Tauranga where the pressures on housing are more acute? Housing affordability remains a nationwide issue, and even the Rangitikei is seeing the ripple effects of the housing crisis. Council is therefore hopeful that less populated districts will also be able to benefit from these new development powers.

As the Bill does not do more than create the entity, Council anticipates that the second Bill, to be released later in year, will include the legislative machinery to override Resource Management Act plans and policy statements, bylaws and acquire land. Council hopes that there will be local government permissions drafted into this legislation where territorial powers (such as those under the Resource Management Act) are being overridden.

I hope these comments are useful. I do not wish to speak to this submission.

Yours sincerely

Andy Watson

Mayor of the Rangitikei District

Draft

Appendix 2

Dr Hugh Logan
Chair
Walking Access Review Team
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Environment and Communities Directorate
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By email: walkingaccessreview@mpi.govt.nz

Dear Hugh

Review of Walking Access Act 2008

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comment on the review of the Walking Access Act 2008.

Rangitikei District Council wholeheartedly supports the retention of the Walking Access Act 2008 and is of the view that it should continue to be administered by the Ministry for Primary Industries. Council also believe that if the Act was to be revoked, the momentum of work already achieved by the Walking Access Commission could be lost.

There are three aspects in the review we wish to offer comment in this review:

- The approach for maintenance of unformed legal roads,
- Access to wāhi tapu,
- Section 19 (b).

The approach for maintenance of unformed legal roads

Council recognises the value of the Act, but is of the opinion that a more pragmatic, practical approach could be taken in relation to the unnecessary maintenance of unformed legal roads. In the past the assumption has been given that unformed legal roads are walkways by default. The Rangitikei District has many unformed legal roads that run through some larger land holdings, without leading to any waterways or other significant natural features. Council is not required to form, upgrade or maintain unformed legal roads which do not form part of Council's maintained road network. Council proposes that a section clearly stating any unformed legal roads that have not been declared a walkway do not need to be maintained by the local authority.

Furthermore, parts of the Rangitikei are well known for the geological feature that is the Papa Cliffs and some of these unformed legal roads run alongside or in close proximity to them. It would therefore be impractical and unsafe for Council to continue maintaining these with the ongoing slips that have been occurring.

Access to wāhi tapu

Council believes it is important that Māori have access to wāhi tapu and traditional sites. If additional provisions are included for wāhi tapu, the Act ought to take into account the possibility that wāhi tapu and traditional sites may be located where an activity is already being undertaken and allowing access may alter the activity on that site. To limit disturbance to certain traditional and cultural sites Council proposes that access be limited to specific iwi and hapū and that they manage these access ways.

Making the code available for free

Section 19 of the Act, Availability of code, subsection (b) states that the code is readily available for purchase at a reasonable price. Given the code is available for viewing for free online, and if requested, the Commission can post a physical copy for free, Council considers it would be best if subsection (b) was removed from the Act.

I hope these comments are helpful.

Yours sincerely

Andy Watson
Mayor of the Rangitikei District

Appendix 3

Service Request Breakdown for April 2019 - First Response

Service Requests Department	Compliance current	overdue	Responded In time	Responded late	Grand Total
Animal Control			80	5	85
Animal welfare concern			2		2
Barking dog			4		4
Dog attack			2		2
Dog property inspection (for Good Owner status)			5	4	9
Found dog			9		9
General enquiry			1		1
Lost animal			15		15
Microchip dog			2		2
Property investigation - animal control problem			2		2
Roaming dog			9	1	10
Rushing dog			4		4
Wandering stock			25		25
Building Control		1			1
General enquiry		1			1
Bylaws		1			1
Traffic and Parking		1			1
Cemeteries			4		4
Cemetery maintenance			3		3
General enquiry			1		1
Council Housing/Property			22	1	23
Council housing maintenance			18		18
Council property maintenance			1	1	2
General enquiry			1		1
Graffiti/vandalism			2		2
Environmental Health	1	20	16		37
Abandoned vehicle			7		7
Dumped rubbish - outside town boundary (road corridor only)			2		2
Dumped rubbish - under bridges, beaches, rivers, etc		1			1
Dumped rubbish - within town boundary			2		2
General enquiry		1			1
Noise		18	3		21
Pest problem eg wasps			2		2
Vermin	1				1
Footpaths			5		5
Footpath maintenance			4		4
General enquiry			1		1
Parks and Reserves	1		8		9
General enquiry			2		2
Maintenance (parks and reserves)	1		4		5
Playground equipment			1		1
Water leak - parks and reserves only			1		1
Roads			26	1	27
Culverts, drains and non-CBD sumps			4		4
General enquiry			2	1	3
Potholes			2		2
Road maintenance - not potholes			8		8
Road signs (except state highway)			5		5
Road surface flooding - danger to traffic			5		5
Roadside Trees, Vegetation and Weeds	1	3	7		11
General enquiry			1		1
Rural trees, vegetation and weeds		1	3		4
Urban trees, vegetation and weeds	1	2	3		6
Stormwater			2		2
Stormwater blocked drain (non urgent)			2		2
Street Lighting		6			6
Street lighting maintenance		6			6
Wastewater			3	1	4
General enquiry			2		2
Wastewater overflow (dry weather)			1	1	2
Water		2	17		19

Service Request Breakdown for April 2019 - First Response

Service Requests	Compliance					
Department	current	overdue	Responded in time	Responded late	Grand Total	
Bad tasting drinking water				1	1	
Dirty drinking water		1		1	2	
General enquiry				1	1	
HRWS maintenance required				1	1	
Location of meter, toby, other utility				1	1	
No drinking water supply				1	1	
Replace meter, toby or lid				7	7	
Water leak - council-owned network, not parks or cemeteries				3	3	
Water leak at meter/toby		1		1	2	
Grand Total		4	32	190	8	234

Feedback Required	(Multiple Items)
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Service Requests	Feedback						
Department	Email	In Person	Letter	Not able to contact	Telephone	Not provided	Grand Total
Animal Control		1	6	2	2	16	27
Building Control						1	1
Bylaws						1	1
Cemeteries					1	1	2
Council Housing/Property				1	1	2	4
Environmental Health					2	5	7
Footpaths			1				1
Parks and Reserves		1			1	1	3
Roads		1			2	3	6
Roadside Trees, Vegetation and Weeds					2	2	4
Stormwater					1		1
Wastewater			1				1
Water			3		1	1	5
Grand Total		3	11	2	3	27	63

Service request Breakdown for April 2019 - Resolutions

Service Request Department	Compliance Completed in time	Completed late	Current	Overdue	Grand Total
Animal Control	67	12			79
Animal welfare concern	2				2
Barking dog	2	1			3
Dog attack	1	1			2
Dog property inspection (for Good Owner status)	4	3			7
Found dog	9				9
General enquiry	1				1
Lost animal	11	4			15
Microchip dog		1			1
Property investigation - animal control problem	1	1			2
Roaming dog	7	1			8
Rushing dog	4				4
Wandering stock	25				25
Building Control				1	1
General enquiry				1	1
Bylaws				1	1
Traffic and Parking				1	1
Cemeteries	4				4
Cemetery maintenance	3				3
General enquiry	1				1
Council Housing/Property	19	2			21
Council housing maintenance	16				16
Council property maintenance	1	1			2
General enquiry	1				1
Graffiti/vandalism	1	1			2
Environmental Health	13	2	1	19	35
Abandoned vehicle	5	2			7
Dumped rubbish - outside town boundary (road corridor only)	2				2
Dumped rubbish - under bridges, beaches, rivers, etc				1	1
Dumped rubbish - within town boundary	2				2
General enquiry				1	1
Noise	2			17	19
Pest problem eg wasps	2				2
Vermin			1		1
Footpaths	4			1	5
Footpath maintenance	3			1	4
General enquiry	1				1
Parks and Reserves	7		2		9
General enquiry	2				2
Maintenance (parks and reserves)	4		1		5
Playground equipment			1		1
Water leak - parks and reserves only	1				1
Roads	23	2	2		27
Culverts, drains and non-CBD sumps	4				4
General enquiry	2	1			3
Potholes	1		1		2
Road maintenance - not potholes	6	1	1		8
Road signs (except state highway)	5				5
Road surface flooding - danger to traffic	5				5
Roadside Trees, Vegetation and Weeds	4	1	3	3	11
General enquiry		1			1
Rural trees, vegetation and weeds	3			1	4
Urban trees, vegetation and weeds	1		3	2	6
Stormwater	2				2
Stormwater blocked drain (non urgent)	2				2
Street Lighting				6	6
Street lighting maintenance				6	6

Service request Breakdown for April 2019 - Resolutions

Service Request Department	Compliance Completed in time	Completed late	Current	Overdue	Grand Total
Wastewater	2	2			4
General enquiry	2				2
Wastewater overflow (dry weather)		2			2
Water	16	1		2	19
Bad tasting drinking water	1				1
Dirty drinking water	1			1	2
General enquiry		1			1
HRWS maintenance required	1				1
Location of meter, toby, other utility	1				1
No drinking water supply	1				1
Replace meter, toby or lid	7				7
Water leak - council-owned network, not parks or cemeteries	3				3
Water leak at meter/toby	1			1	2
Grand Total	161	22	9	32	224

Percentage completed in time

72%

Appendix 4



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MAY 2019

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16 and 18 Hammond Street - An Historical Delineation of Flood-Risk Areas in Marton Borough

COMBINING OUR PAST CREATING OUR FUTURE

FROM THE ARCHIVES: 1950 FLOOD REPORT

These images come courtesy of a series of reports created by the Rangitikei-Manawātū Catchment Board, having been freshly arranged and described in fine detail by the team at Archives Central. The report is entitled, "An Historical Delineation of Flood-Risk Areas in Marton Borough" and briefly catalogues the 1950 flood which swept through Marton via the Tutaneui Stream. This documentary evidence aided the Rangitikei-Manawātū Catchment Board in mapping flood-risk areas and the creation of the Tutaneui Flood Control Scheme circa 1984. We will be uploading this data to our website in the coming month, but the reports and attached photographs are available to access for anyone interested in the region's environmental past.



WELCOME

Hello to everyone across New Zealand. We hope you have managed to stay warm as wet and wild winter weather sweeps up from the south. Maintaining the weather theme, our From The Archives section of the newsletter reveals photographs taken during the 1950 Tutaneui Stream Flood. We also look in on some of our many projects, as well as the introduction of a new section, This Is Not Health And Safety. On that note, sit back, stoke the fire and read on!

VISITS AND PROJECTS

This month we spent plenty of time with our friends throughout the region. Whanganui District Council is currently involved in the digitisation of cemetery record books, utilising our custom-built camera rig and photograph editing software.

Feilding High School
Year 11 students

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Claire & Claire visit from Whanganui



Shopping centre in the Tutaneui Stream flood

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The Manawatu Heritage interactive kiosk

THIS & THAT!

We are hosting the Manawātū Heritage kiosk at our Bowen Street HQ until Friday, 7 June. If you have never used the kiosk before, stop by and have a look. You can also view the nearly 14,000 images and recordings on the database via manawatuheritage.pncc.govt.nz

VISITS AND PROJECTS

(...Continued from pg 1) are continuing their centenary project, involving two separate weekly team visits to Archives Central to digitise historic photographs and yearbooks.



Plan from a set of drawings of Feilding Technical High School

On the archives side of the ledger, our team recently visited Rangitikei District Council HQ in Marton and were given a warm welcome and an informative tour of their facilities and records storage.

Evan recently visited Horizons Regional Council's Kairanga site to undertake assessment of a future archival transfer.

Lastly, on Wednesday 22 May we hosted thirty five new team members of Horizons Regional Council on their Orientation Day, giving a tour and overview of holdings here at the facility. A very busy month for us!

If you have a group who might benefit from a tour of Archives Central or if you think we should visit you, contact us and we'll make it happen.

WEB QUESTIONNAIRE

We recently sent out a questionnaire seeking feedback on the Archives Central website before we progress with our replacement. We received a good number of responses and the information is greatly appreciated by the team.

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THIS IS NOT HEALTH AND SAFETY!

This photograph comes to us via Manawātū Catchment Board reports and the photographs created to document major works undertaken. This specific photograph shows two workmen undertaking trenching activities while thin boards catch dirt cascading downwards from an unshored earth bank. Not sure those linen hats worn by the diggers would stop many rocks!

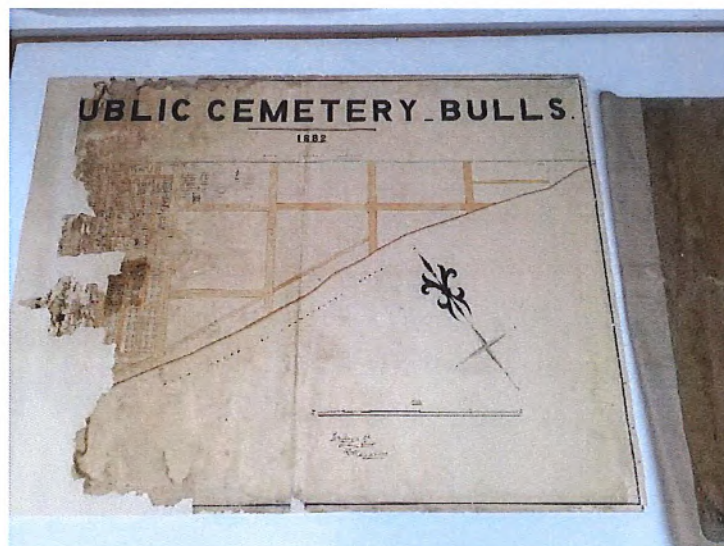


Appendix 5

Before treatment.



During treatment



Attachment 6

Memorandum

To: Council

From: Ross McNeil

Date: 21 June 2019

Subject: **Top Ten Projects – status, June 2019**

File: 5-EX-4

This memorandum updates the information presented to the March 2019 Council meeting. New text is *italicised*. Currently the Finance team is working on a more analytical and shorter monthly presentation of key financial information, including budgeted, actual and projected revenue and expenditure (including borrowing). It will show results for each group of activities, for the identified top ten projects and for other projects and programmes of interest to Council. This is expected to be ready for the reports provided to Council and the Finance/Performance Committee for the new financial year.

1. Mangaweka Bridge replacement

Following consideration of the detailed business case for a replacement bridge, the New Zealand Transport Agency has given approval to fund the pre-implementation phase. This is for the construction of a new single-lane 132m long steel plate girder bridge, 30 metres downstream of the existing bridge, and include detailed design, property acquisition, and consenting. Desktop assessments of liquefaction, slope stability and settlement have been completed. Geotechnical investigations have been completed.

The business case for the replacement bridge included consideration of the existing bridge. That showed the most economic option is to demolish it but deciding on that will be managed during the consultation and consenting process that runs in parallel with the pre-implementation phase. The two councils will have the final say. *An economic analysis about keeping or demolishing the existing bridge has been provided to both councils (13 June for Rangitikei, 20 June for Manawatu). A joint meeting with representatives from both councils will set a date for further engagement with the community, an undertaking given by Rangitikei to submitters to the draft Annual Plan on this topic.*

Heritage NZ has advised an application has been made for the existing bridge to have a heritage classification and that it will not be considered for inclusion on the heritage list before 2020/21.

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

As noted in the March 2018 report, the application for a new resource consent lodged with Horizons was placed 'on-hold' pending the outcome of the business case process for the upgrade of the Marton wastewater plant. A meeting involving Infrastructure staff, Council's

consent advisors and Horizons compliance staff was held to progress the consenting strategy for Bulls/Marton. However, Horizons needs clear commitment from the Council about the proposed upgrade to be confident that any interim (short term) consent is a genuine stepping stone to new long-term consent with associated plant upgrades. A full briefing was provided for the Assets/Infrastructure Committee's meeting on 9 August 2018, together with a District-wide strategy towards consenting. Prior to that a meeting of the Advisory Group was convened to allow a full update to be provided and discussed with them.

Subsequent to that a briefing for members of Ngati Parewahawaha was undertaken, and a similar briefing/hui offered to Ngati Apa as a pre-cursor to the preparation of the resource consent application.

The Committee recommended to Council that it confirms as its preferred option establishing a land-based disposal system for the combined Marton and Bulls wastewater flows. A renewal application for Marton was submitted on 28 September 2018 and an updated consent application for the proposed Bulls and Marton centralisation with discharge to land is due to be submitted in May 2019.

Before then, the Committee recommended that Council agrees to commence the process to procure land, to continue advancing the design and other elements and undertake further consultation with iwi and the Bulls/Marton communities, with progress being reported to the Assets/Infrastructure Committee. Council accepted that recommendation at its meeting on 30 August 2018. Investigations and discussions are progressing regarding the procurement of land. In addition, Council staff are considering the merits of advancing the design and construction of the Marton to Bulls wastewater pipeline. Such an approach would have the benefit of removing the discharge of treated wastewater from the Tutaenui Stream sooner than might otherwise be possible, but would rely on discharge to the Rangitikei River at Bulls. Estimated costs for the pipelines are being reviewed. Discussions to secure the necessary land for effluent disposal are continuing. Once those are concluded, tenders will be called for the construction of the pipeline from Marton to Bulls.

The NZ Defence Force has confirmed its interest in being a trade waste customer in the upgraded Bulls/Marton wastewater land disposal arrangement.

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

The trade waste agreement with MidWest Disposal for acceptance of treated leachate at the Marton wastewater treatment plant is now in place. MidWest Disposal sought an amendment to the agreement, which was considered by Council at its July meeting and approved. Subsequently, both MidWest and Council agreed to explore further changes acknowledging that no leachate would be accepted during the summer months of minimal flow in the Tutaenui Stream.

Horizons has made it clear that lodgement of a new consent application by October 2018 will allow the current consent arrangements to apply until a new consent is issued. That consent application was lodged at the end of September 2018.

4. Upgrade of the Ratana wastewater treatment plant

The proposed programme to enable the installation of a land-based disposal of treated effluent (i.e. removal of discharge to Lake Waipu) starts from 1 July 2018 (as per the

agreement with the Ministry for the Environment). Consideration is now being given to identifying the most suitable land for this disposal, following which purchase will be negotiated with the owner. Discussions with landowners are now underway.

As noted in previous reports, an application for a new consent was lodged by 30 April 2018 (the extended timeframe agreed to by Horizons), which means the existing consent continues to apply until a new consent is issued.

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

As previously noted, a site has been identified in the Hunterville Domain for a test bore for a new water source for the Hunterville township. There is cost efficiency to expand the scope of the work to include drilling the test bore and getting that bore to production status. A yield of between 200 and 400 cubic metres per day would be needed for a production bore to be viable. A new request for tender was issued to allow for the progression with a production bore should the test bore process verify good water (volume and quality).

At its meeting on 11 October 2018 (reconvened from 27 September 2018), Council awarded Contract C1096 for construction of the Hunterville Bore to Interdrill Ltd for a total of \$423,205.75 excluding GST and inclusive of 15% contingency. At 340 metres depth water was found; investigation is now under way to determine its quality and quantity. The bore is currently being developed, and payment of the subsidy from the Ministry of Health is not contingent on a successful outcome. The indicative date for completion is the end of July. We currently have the full diameter bore drilled to approximately 320m deep and the permanent casing will be installed before the end of this month, after which the casing will be grouted into place. Then we will be able to drill through into the strata identified for production and attempt bore development.

Part of the capability grant recently received from the Provincial Growth Fund is being used to prepare the case for a feasibility study for a Tutaenui rural water scheme. A draft application is being finalised and was discussed with Government officials prior to the formal application being lodged. The formal application was submitted on 3 May 2019.

6. Future management of community housing

The future options and opportunities, including funding, for Council's continued management of community housing has been informed by the Government's policy position on community housing. At its meeting on 14 June 2018, the Policy/Planning Committee considered the question of moving to market rentals and its recommendations were approved at Council's meeting on 28 June 2018. All tenants have been advised (in writing) of the change, to take effect from 1 November 2018, and meetings were arranged in Taihape, Marton and Bulls at which a Work & Income representative was invited to attend (and did so). At its meeting on 13 December 2018, Council agreed to engage with Solarcity for the provision of solar power and access to the wholesale energy market for the tenants at Wellington Road and Cobber Kain Avenue community housing complexes. The contract will be finalised shortly.

The proposed upgrade programme was presented to the Assets/Infrastructure Committee's meeting in August. At its August meeting, the Policy/Planning Committee adopted a slightly amended community housing policy.

Consideration is currently being given to options/opportunities for the further development/enhancement of Council's community housing portfolio. Staff attended a Local Government New Zealand workshop on 24 October 2018 which considered policy options to propose to central government to enable councils to both maintain their current investment in social housing and expand that investment should they choose to do so. Council's decision to terminate the lease of the Queen Carnival Building at 22 Tui Street opens up this site to alternative use once that building and the Conference Hall are removed.

7. Bulls multi-purpose community centre

The detailed design has been finished and an application for a building consent has been submitted. The closing date for tenders was extended to 10 August 2018. Council considered the evaluation undertaken of the tenders at its meeting on 30 August 2018 and identified a preferred contractor, W & W Construction 2010 Ltd, for subsequent negotiation by the Mayor and the Chief Executive.

There were discussions with Heritage New Zealand to gain an archaeological authority before the tender is awarded and estimates of costs were provided: these could affect the price of the tendered work. This authority is needed because the site was in human occupation before 1900. The archaeological authority was issued on 16 October 2018, but required a 15 working day + 3 day stand-down period (for appeals) before it can be actioned. Following further discussions with the preferred contractor and the JV partners regarding the final development area, Council confirmed (at its meeting on 15 November 2018) the award of the contract to W & W Construction 2010 Ltd and accepted a revised (and larger) footprint area. The target completion time remains December 2019. Progress to date is in line with that timing. Negotiations to secure title have been concluded apart from finalising shared costs. LINZ questioned one easement which, while now resolved, caused further delay. Turnaround (and issue of title) is typically one month. Once Council receives title, Lotteries can be asked to release the \$500,000 approved for the project. That should be early in July.

Following a blessing and sod turning ceremony, W & W Construction took possession of the site on 10 December 2018. An archaeologist was on site during the excavation for the slab: no items of significance were found.

Work on the Bulls Community Centre has steadily progressed. During the past month on site trades have been placing and installing

- *Ground floor concrete pour complete*
- *Structural steel column installation complete*
- *First floor steel beam installation complete*
- *First floor precast beam installation complete*
- *First floor reinforcing steel installation complete*
- *First floor concrete pour complete*
- *Second floor steel beam installation complete*

- *Second floor precast beam installation in progress*
- *Second floor reinforcing steel installation in progress*

The project team, architect, and engineers are working to finalise the decorative elements of the building and continuing to work out design details of the bus stop, car park, and town square. Ngā Wairiki-Ngāti Apa and Ngāti Parewahawaha are involved in this process.

Work continues on sourcing further external funding for the project. In July, the Whanganui Community Foundation approved a grant of \$300,000 for the project. His Worship the Mayor has met with representatives of Te Puni Kokiri concerning funding to highlight *Ngāti Parewahawaha and Ngā Wairiki-Ngāti Apa* within the development. Arrangements were finalised to relocate the house made available by Central House Movers – the makeover will be a significant community project and will be a substantial contribution to external funding. It is planned to auction it early May with support from Bayleys. The additional resource contribution to this project by Central House Movers has been substantial. Discussions continue with potential developers of the two vacant pieces of land in Bulls owned by Council – at Walton Street and off Johnson Street/Walker Crescent (known as Haylock Park).

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

The Lottery Heritage Fund Committee declined the Council's application for a grant for a heritage feasibility precinct study for Marton's CBD. An application will shortly be made for this study to be accepted as a project to the Provincial Growth Fund: in October a capability grant of \$25,000 was approved part of which will be used to complete the detailed application required.

A business case is being prepared on the principal options for the redevelopment of the proposed civic centre site. These are the status quo (i.e. not moving from the current Administration and Library sites), demolition of all buildings on the Cobbler/Davenport/Abraham & Williams site and erecting an entirely new facility; retaining all structures on the Cobbler/Davenport/Abraham & Williams site and refurbishing; retaining facades only on the Cobbler/Davenport/Abraham & Williams site and building behind. *A workshop on the progress with the business case for this project was held with Elected Members on 13 June 2019.*

WSP-Opus submitted a draft proposal for developing the concepts designs to support the next phase of this project, which will involve community engagement. This will be the basis of an application to the Provincial Growth Fund, linking the Civic Centre project to the Heritage Precinct proposal. Council considered this on 13 December 2018 and decided to accept the proposal for WSP Opus and requested a project plan be finalised, incorporating a community engagement phase and completion of business case to final draft status by September 2019. The work to be undertaken is, in part, a feasibility study regarding the conversation/preservation of built heritage. Lotteries will fund projects started but not completed, which is the case for this project. On that basis the project would meet the criteria for funding from Lotteries' Environment and Heritage Fund. Lotteries will fully fund a feasibility and an application to that effect was submitted by the mid-March 2019 deadline. *However, the Lottery Environment and Heritage Committee approved a grant of \$50,000 as a contribution to the project, not seeing the project (or at least the application for it) as a full feasibility study.*

This project featured in media stories last year fronted by the Mayor on the likely impacts of the provisions of the Building (Earthquake-prone buildings) Amendment Act on rural towns like Marton. Following the meeting of Council representatives with Minister Salesa, a profile of Rangitikei's commercial building stock, including the likely extent of earthquake-prone buildings, was provided to MBIE staff, who are evaluating the policy/regulatory impacts on rural/provincial communities of the recently enacted earthquake-prone building provisions of the Building Act.

WSP-Opus have started work on the concept designs, with the first stage being the detailed engineering assessments. This phase also includes a detailed survey of the exterior of the buildings, which was undertaken using a drone and completed at the end of February 2019. A detailed interior survey of all four buildings has also been completed. A 50% progress update as a workshop was provided to Council on 9 May 2019 on the two different options for the site (*retention of as much heritage as possible and demolition and new build*), at which it was agreed to hold a further workshop (on 23 May) to provide comment back to WSP Opus. *That led to a decision to have design work on an option which retained the street facades and Davenport interior (being highly significant heritage) and suspend further work on the demolition-new build option. WSP Opus has confirmed that it will be able to have completed costed designs for a workshop with Elected Members on 8 August 2019.*

Changes to Heritage EQUIP (the national earthquake upgrade incentive programme) announced on 11 February 2019 will benefit heritage-listed properties – up to 50% of the cost of detailed seismic assessments, conservation reports or architectural and structural engineering plans, allowing multiple applications for up to 67% of the cost of professional advice. However, historic buildings which aren't heritage-listed in the District Plan are not eligible. The Government has acknowledged this is a gap and are working on proposals in this regard.

9. Taihape Memorial Park development

While Council set out its position on the initial stage of development on Memorial Park in the draft Long Term Plan consultation document, subsequent deliberations and discussions led to a request for a further report outlining various options and their costs. That was provided to the Assets/Infrastructure Committee's meeting on 12 July 2018. Further information was requested for consideration at the Committee's August meeting, before which a public meeting (including the Park User Group) will be held to gain clearer insights into community views and preferences.

That meeting was held on 3 August 2018 and the outcome considered by the Assets/Infrastructure Committee at its meeting on 10 August 2018. The proposed new amenities building project is on hold pending an estimate to renovate both the facilities under the Taihape grandstand as well as the grandstand itself. Colspec was engaged to undertake an initial scoping assessment; they provided a rough order cost of \$2.4 million for renovating/upgrading the grandstand.

A meeting with representatives of Clubs Taihape was arranged to clarify their proposed project on Memorial Park. The outcome was the suggestion of erecting co-located (and complementary) facilities at the end of the netball courts and leaving the grandstand as it is, apart from minor repairs. At its meeting on 30 November 2018, Council confirmed its intention to build a new amenities block at Memorial Park on the site beside the No. 3 field and incorporating a portion of the last tennis/netball court, and investigate the need for a new

court in the vicinity of the ex-croquet green. Council representatives have since met with Clubs Taihape to agree a process for finalising the design for a project that would fulfil the facility requirements of both organisations.

A design brief has been prepared and a further meeting with Clubs Taihape has been held. The design brief is close to being finalised, and once that is done a targeted RFP/EOI process will be undertaken to engage an architect for the design process. The design brief indicates two potential build options:

1. A 2-storey building, with the amenity facilities at ground level and the Clubs Taihape/Community facilities on the upper level
2. Two single level buildings connected by a covered walkway (or similar).

Clubs Taihape has a preference for option1, and to undertake the project as a single build. That would mean Council is the owner of the building and it would require all of the funding to be secured prior to the build. There are pros and cons with both design options. Ultimately, Council will need to decide which option it supports have regard to the design process outcomes and feedback from groups likely to use the facilities.

Three expressions of interest were received for the design. Copeland Associates Architects have been appointed to undertake the design work.

Barry Copeland (Copeland Associates Architects) has met with Council and Clubs Taihape representatives. His view was that one two-storey building was the better option; more economical, better solar orientation, view would be restrained from the former croquet site, etc.

A budget provision of \$1.2 million for the amenities facility is included in the draft 2019/20 Annual Plan (with \$200,000 to be raised externally). Clubs Taihape has \$500,000 to commit to the project.

Mr Copeland has suggested a ground floor of approximately 25m x 12m, overhung at one end for a control room and tuck shop. He has suggested construction costings of \$1.1m for a 300m² amenities block, \$1.1m for a 350m² community facility, plus another \$300K for foundation. *He presented a concept design for spaces and how they could all gel together, together with cost estimates from BQH Quantity Surveyors at a meeting with representative from Council and Clubs Taihape on 7 June 2019. These are attached as [Appendix 1](#). It was agreed to have the cost estimates peer-reviewed¹ and to consider variations which would allow staged construction of the upper floor. The various strategies (including costs) are attached as [Appendix 2](#). They are supported by detailed statements from BQH Quantity Surveyors.*

The four suggested strategies are:

<i>1. Single storey, with truss roof (which would need to be removed if the upper floor is added)</i>	<i>\$1.504 m + \$1.784 m = \$3.288 m</i>
<i>2. Single storey, with slab (which would be the base of the upper floor) covered by temporary roof</i>	<i>\$1.635 m + \$1.531 m = \$3.166 m</i>
<i>3. Two storey, with exterior walls and roof only on upper floor</i>	<i>\$2.526 m + \$0.463 m = \$2.989 m</i>
<i>4. Two storey, fully completed</i>	<i>\$2.935 m</i>

¹ *The outcome of this will be tabled at the meeting.*

The projected total cost means successful bids for external funding will be needed to avoid further investment by Council. Since construction is unlikely to be completed before the end of 2019, that gives a reasonable opportunity to secure that.

Inevitably, staging the construction brings additional cost. The closer the initial build is to the fully completed build the lower the total cost – but a higher initial investment is needed. In the case of strategies 3 and 4, this might require additional funding from Council, depending on the timing and amount of external funding secured.

- *Strategy 1 can proceed without external funding but is probably not feasible, as it requires the ground floor to be vacated when the upper floor is constructed.*
- *Strategy 2 allows ongoing use of the ground floor, can proceed initially without external funding, but would be less visually compelling in terms of securing external funding to complete.*
- *Strategy 3 has an early dependency on external funding but probably provides the best opportunity to raise such funds during design and early construction with the fitout of the upper floor possibly involving locally procured community effort.*
- *Strategy 4 has the lowest overall cost, but places the greatest urgency for securing external funding.*

Since all four scenarios will require at least some financial commitment from Clubs Taihape to proceed, a Memorandum of Understanding with Clubs Taihape will be needed, which would include:

- *Council's commitment to build a facility which will meet Clubs Taihape's needs and to manage the operation of the facility;*
- *Clubs Taihape's commitment to release its funding for the agreed scenario at specified times;*
- *Council's commitment to house Clubs Taihape's equipment on the upper floor and to make it available on a mutually agreed basis;*
- *A joint commitment to seek external funding to cover the balance of cost beyond the currently available funds from Council and Clubs Taihape.*

An important preliminary to preparing and discussing this MoU with Clubs Taihape is for Council to indicate its in-principle priorities for each of the four strategies.

Once the MoU has been ratified by Council, tenders will be called for construction for the chosen strategy.

A further development on the Park has occurred. At its meeting on 13 December 2018, Council agreed to the transfer of the Taihape Bowling Club's building (as the club was winding up) and at its 28 February 2019 meeting agreed to offer current users of the Taihape Women's Club in Tui Street the use of the Bowling Club building and that Council staff would manage the bookings for the facility. *Since* April 2019 there have been meetings with staff and elected members to determine the work to be done in the Bowling Club building.

At a meeting with the Mayor, Councillor Rainey and the Community & Leisure Services Team Leader, the majority of users requested that the bar area at 2 Kokako Street (former Bowling Club) be turned into a kitchen. *However, the estimated cost for this is \$25,000. Assuming the*

Women's Club does not wish to underwrite this cost, it is proposed to create an internal access into the present kitchen area and use the bar area for storage.

10. Taihape civic centre.

As previously noted, further engagement with the Taihape community to determine a preferred option for the development of the Taihape Civic Centre was planned for 2018/19, but is now likely to be later in 2019. This engagement will be better informed following a final decision on the nature and scope of the development of community facilities on Memorial Park, and that looks likely to be two or three months away.

Recommendation

1 That the memorandum 'Top Ten Projects – status, June 2019' to the 27 June 2019 Council meeting be received.

2 *That, regarding the proposed new community amenities block on Taihape Memorial Park, Council*

- *notes an in-principle preference for strategy X as outlined by Copeland Associates Architects*

and

- *requests the Chief Executive to negotiate a Memorandum of Understanding with Clubs Taihape (to be ratified by Council resolution) to include:*
 - *Council's commitment to build a facility which will meet Clubs Taihape's needs and to manage the operation of the facility;*
 - *Clubs Taihape's commitment to release its funding for the agreed strategy at specified times;*
 - *Council's commitment to house Clubs Taihape's equipment on the upper floor and to make it available on a mutually agreed basis; and*
 - *A joint commitment to seek external funding to cover the balance of cost beyond the currently available funds from Council and Clubs Taihape.*

Ross McNeil
Chief Executive

Appendix 1

MEMORIAL PARK TAIHAPE

AMENITIES AND COMMUNITY BUILDING

Final Concept Design

MEMORIAL PARK TAIHAPE - AMENITIES AND COMMUNITY BUILDING - FINAL CONCEPT DESIGN

Background

This Concept Design has been prepared in response to the Design Brief dated March 2019 issued by Rangitikei District Council, and developed from the initial study presented for discussion at a meeting in Taihape on 13 May 2019. Since that meeting further background has also been provided to us with more detail regarding the activities of the various clubs and groups that would use the building.

The design reflects space and amenity standards comparable with recent similar community facility buildings constructed elsewhere in New Zealand. The concept assumes simple repetitive elements and conventional forms of construction. At the next stage of design we envisage investigating the use of available prefabrication technology which may be of benefit in the Taihape context.

Building Form

The proposal is for a compact rectangular two-storey building, sited at the end of the Memorial Park tennis courts, in a commanding position overlooking the courts and playing fields. The community and Clubs Taihape accommodation is located on the first floor, the players' amenities and public toilets are provided at ground floor level. The two storey building form offers significant advantages over the alternative of a single storey building - which was also considered - for a number of reasons:

- Smaller building footprint reduces foundation costs- making double use of expensive piles
- Compact building envelope provides more efficient materials and thermal performance
- Shared use of HW heating plant
- More efficient underground services connections
- Public toilets are immediately accessible to the community space, thus reducing number of toilets on the upper level
- Upper and lower admin/control rooms can be closely linked
- More intensive building use/better security
- The building can achieve optimal solar orientation particularly at the Community (first floor) level

Client

Rangitikei District Council

Project Team

Copeland Associates Architects
BQH Quantity Surveyors

Ground Floor - Amenity Level

Four large team changing rooms have been provided, two smaller officials changing rooms which can each comfortably accommodate two persons, and a third larger room has been shown which can be used for small numbers of players, as well as for a first aid station and possible physiotherapy room. Each of these rooms is fully self-contained with a toilet and showers. The access to the changing accommodation is from a corridor which connects both sides of the building, and which can be closed off from the rest of the building if not in use.

Public Toilets can be independently accessed directly from outside the building, or alternatively by connection to the changing room corridor. If required the public toilets can be closed off to outside but still accessed from the internal stair-well, thus providing additional facilities if there is a large function taking place at first floor level.

The tuck shop and administration office have been located on the north face of the building, and can be accessed from the covered veranda.

First Floor - Community Level

The Community level of the building can be entered by ramp or stair from car parking at the south, or from the north via an external or internal stair. As the ramp provides for accessibility requirements it is thought that a lift should not be required to meet legislative requirements, however if desired could be installed at a later date.

After further consideration of the brief and additional information provided by Gaylene Prince subsequent to the meeting on 13 May, we have developed a layout which has three main rooms - a large community room of 156 square metres, a small community room of 60 square metres which also directly accesses an external deck looking over the playing fields, and an activity room of 27 square metres which can be set up to meet the needs of particular groups (for example the Art Society). The activity room is also directly connected to the large community room and so can be annexed for larger functions or for storage, thus providing a degree of flexibility. The layout shown is a suggestion only and can be modified as may be required after more detailed discussions about how the building is to be used.

Areas

Ground Floor	Internal Accommodation	300 square metres
	Fully covered external area	60 square metres
	Area under slatted deck	45 square metres
	Covered services area	30 square metres
First Floor	Internal Accommodation	387 square metres
	Entry Deck (south)	20 square metres
	Observation Deck (North)	45 square metres

Cost

A cost estimate for the project based on this Concept Design has been prepared by BQH Quantity Surveyors and is appended as a separate document with this report.





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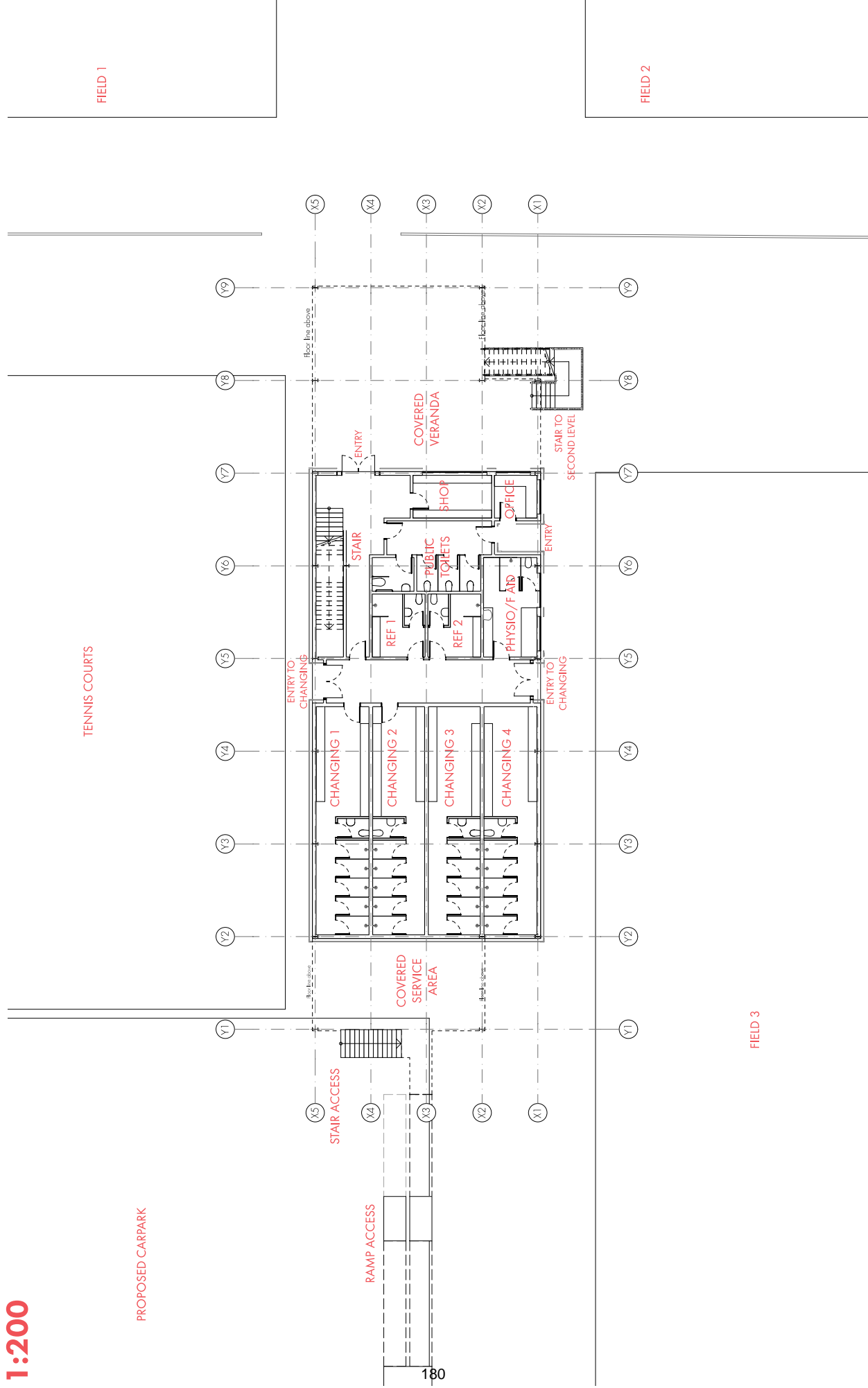
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Ground Floor Plan

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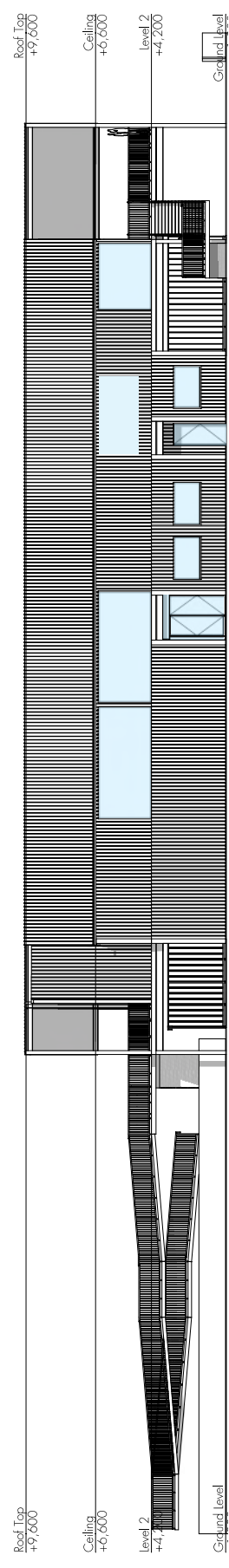
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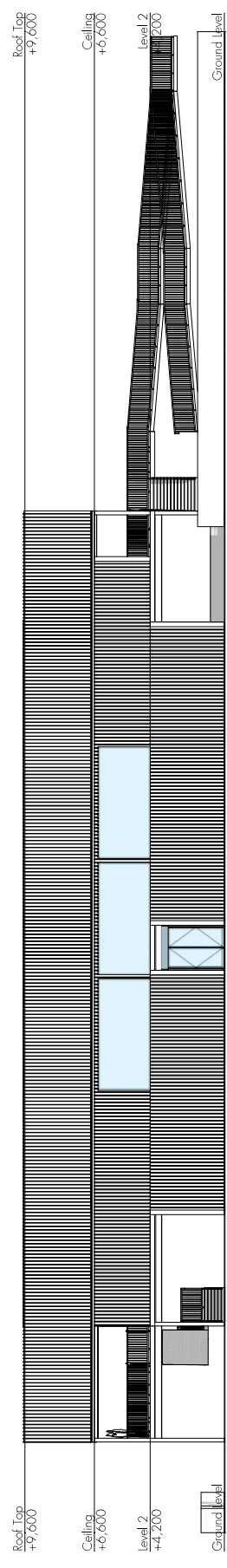
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East and West Elevations



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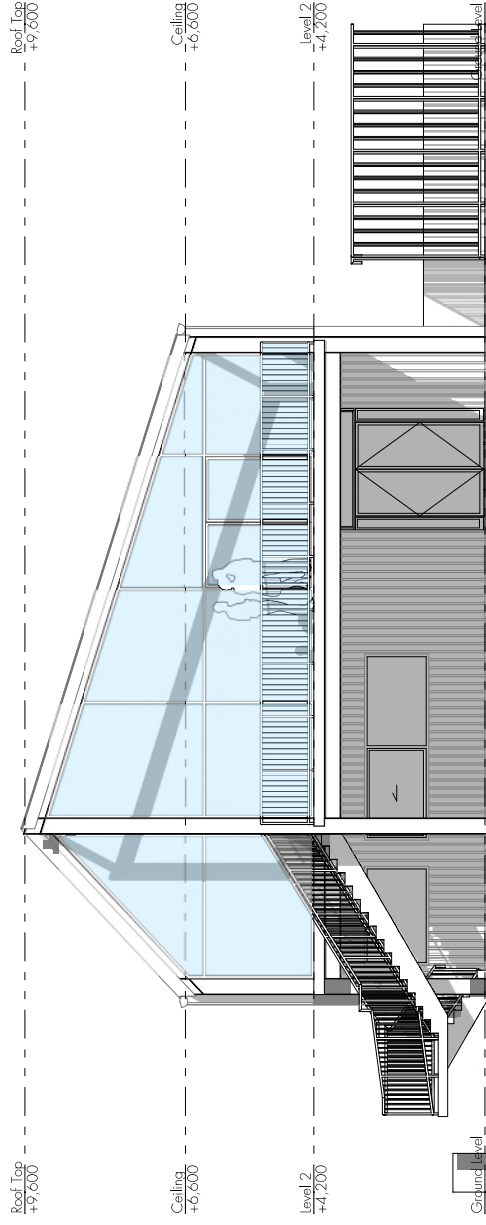
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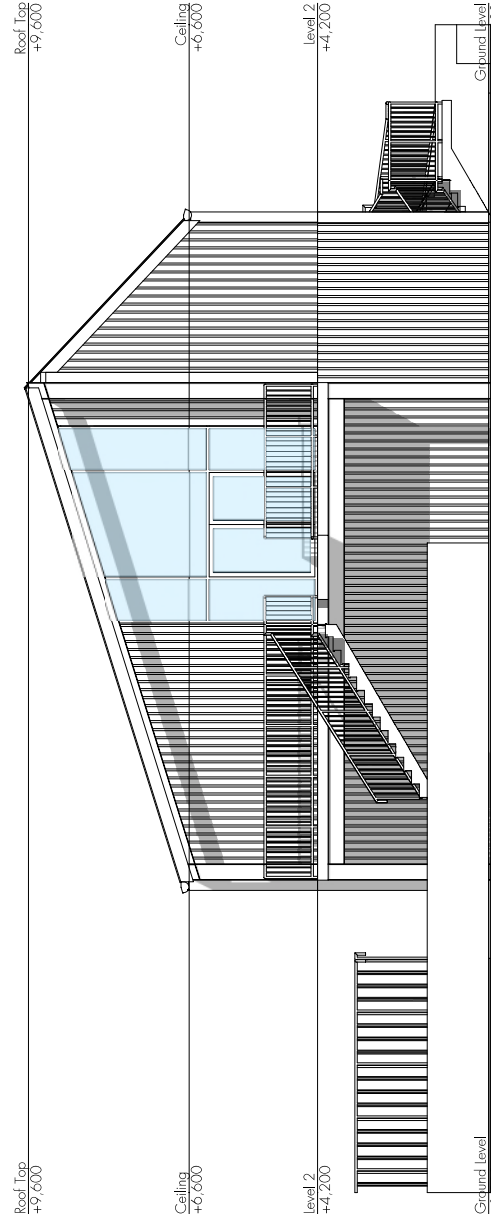
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North and South Elevations



North Elevation

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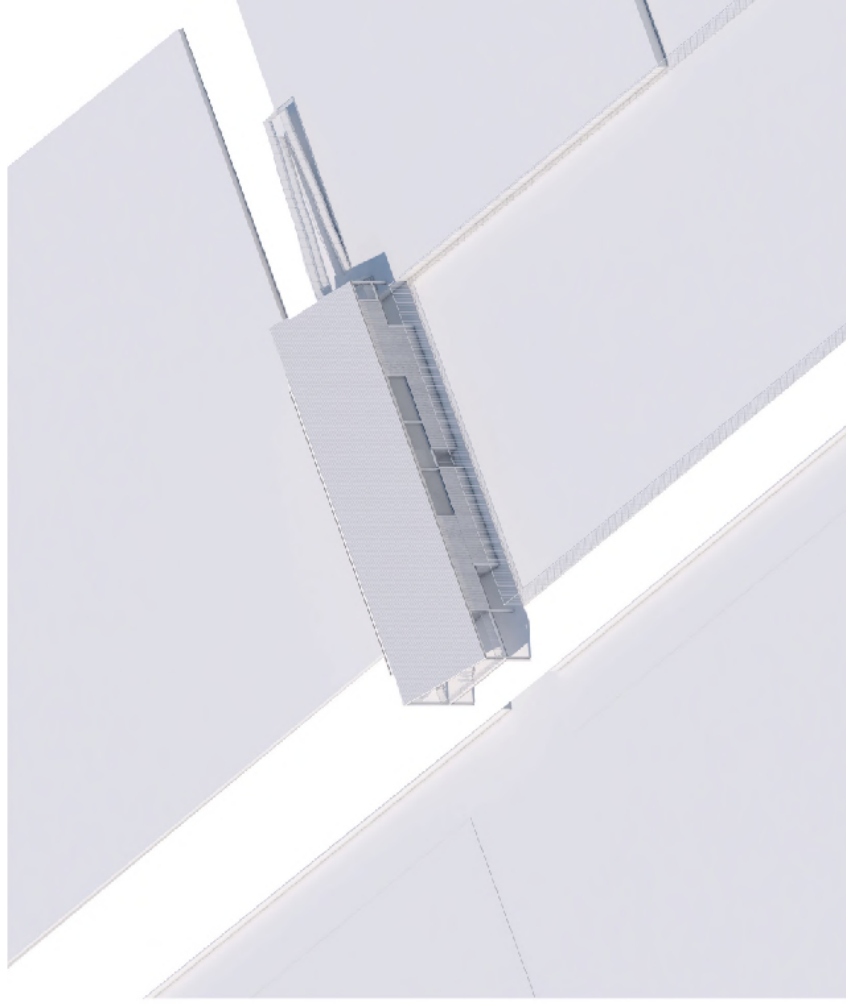
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Birds Eye Views



from the North



from the West

Approach from Kokako Street



View from the North



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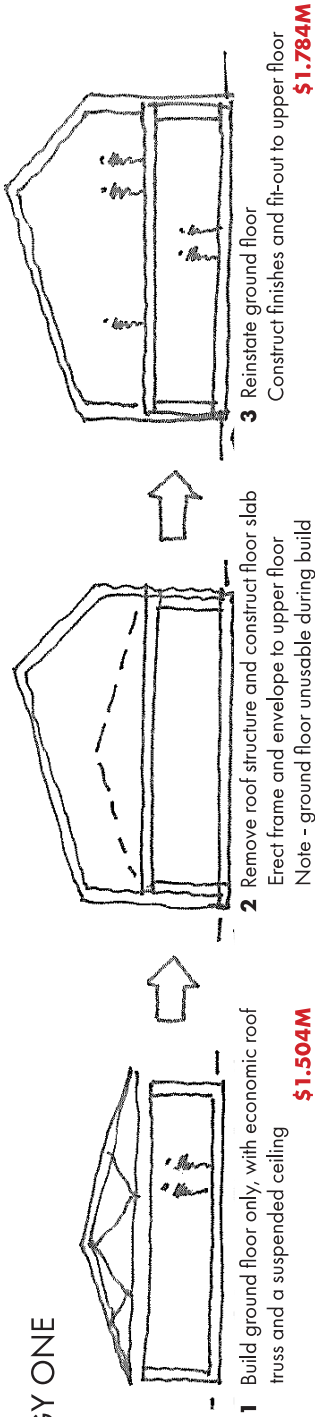
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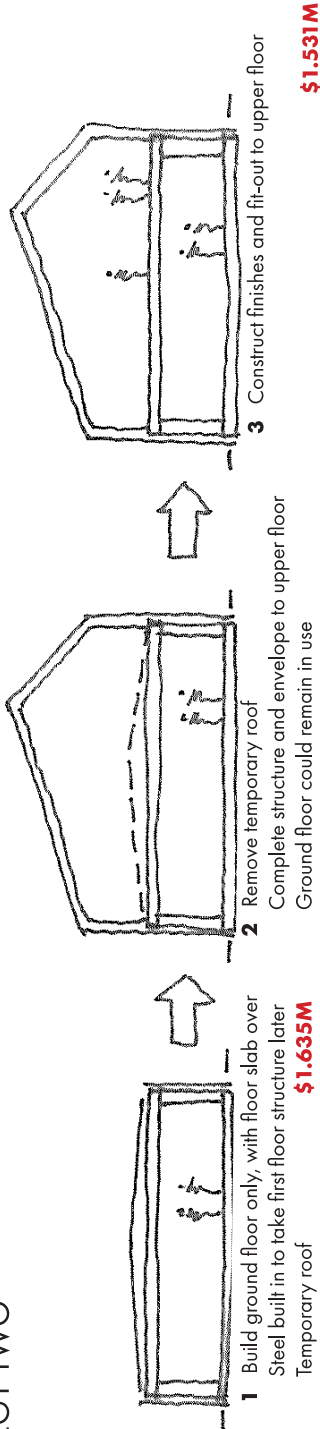
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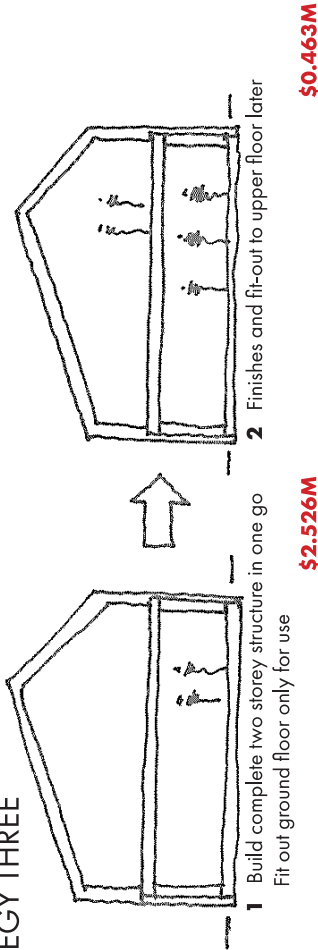


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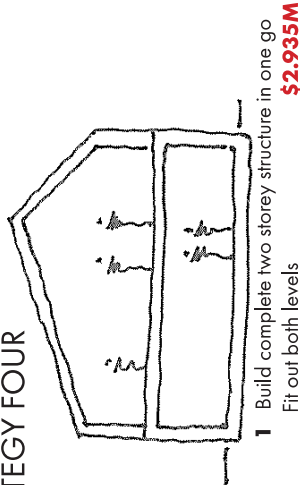


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Rangitikei District Council

Youth Council Meeting

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Present:

Erika Elers
Caryse Clark
Charly Ward-Berry
Hunter van der Jagt
Kathryn Fleming
Makayla Vaa
Paige Thompson
Samantha Bradley

In attendance

His Worship the Mayor Andy Watson
Cr Cath Ash
Katarina Hina – Te Roopu Ahi Kaa Representative
Jason Shailer – 100% Sweet Whanganui
Blair Jamieson – Strategy and Community Planning Manager
Nardia Gower – Strategic Advisor for Rangatahi

1 Welcome

Meeting started 5.11pm.

2 Youth Council Prayer

Hunter read the Youth Council prayer.

3 Public Forum

Jason Shailer from 100% Sweet Whanganui. Jason explained the service that 100% Sweet Whanganui offers youth in Whanganui and Marton help to become work ready and assistance to get into education, apprenticeship or employment. Jason has said that he would be interested in offering this service to the youth of Taihape.

4 Apologies/Leave of Absence

That the apology for the absence of Reihania Hemi and Cr Ash, along with the early departure of His Worship the Mayor be accepted.

Caryse / Kathryn. Carried

5 Members' conflict of interest

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

6 Confirmation of order of business

There was change to the order of business and no late items.

7 Confirmation of Minutes

Resolved minute number	19/RYC/011	File Ref
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That the minutes of the Rangitikei Youth Council meeting 17 March 2019 without amendment be taken as read and verified as an accurate and correct record of the meeting.

Hunter / Makayla. Carried

8 Chairs Report

The Chair read her tabled report.

Resolved minute number **19/RYC/012** **File Ref**

That the 'Chairs Report' to the 30 April 2019 Rangitīkei Youth Council meeting be received

Sam / Hunter. Carried

9 District Updated March – April 2019

Ms Gower took the District Update as read.

Resolved minute number **19/RYC/013** **File Ref**

That the memorandum 'District Update March - April 2019' to the 30 April 2019 Rangitīkei Youth Council meeting be received.

Kathryn / Samantha. Carried

10 Work-plan for 2019

Ms Gower spoke to the work plan. The focus for the coming month will be on the John Turkington Forestry Youth Awards Celebration. No amendments to the plan were made. Undertakings developed through this discussion are attached below.

Resolved minute number **19/RYC/014** **File Ref**

That the Rangitīkei Youth Council adopt without amendment the living Work-plan for 2019 at its 30 April meeting 2019.

Sam / Caryse. Carried

11 Rangitīkei District Council Annual Plan 2019

The committee discussed their submission which Ms Gower agreed to submit the following day.

Resolved minute number**19/RYC/015****File Ref**

That the Rangitikei Youth Council agree to submit, as discussed, a Rangitikei District Council Annual Plan 2019 submission form as a committee.

Hunter / Samantha. Carried

12 Rangitikei District Council Annual Residence Survey

The committee agreed to share the link to the Rangitikei District Council Annual residence Survey and opportunity for youth to have a say through their networks.

13 John Turkington Forestry Rangitikei Youth Awards 2019

Ms Gower provided a verbal update and assigned focus areas to various committee members.

14 Next Meeting

28 May 2019 5.00 pm, Rangitikei District Council Chambers, 46 High St, Marton

15 Meeting Closed

7.16pm

Undertakings:

Tasks	People assigned to it
Billboards on the different school (college) properties of Rangitikei District as advertisement for the Youth Council.	Kathryn and Hunter - Nga Tawa Makayla - Rangitikei College Caryse - Taihape Area School
Updating the school newsletters following each meeting or in school gatherings such as assemblies.	Erika - Taihape Area School
Possible radio plug for Youth Council.	Sam will enquire as to whether this is possible and when.
Getting as many people aware of TRYB website and other social media sites.	Any of the members will try to pass onto others the links to this information.
Being present in more community events and wearing the badge while doing so.	Applies to all members.
Christmas Float attending one of the 3 Christmas parades in the district. A subcommittee will be created in soon time. Or walking in the parade handing out lollies, Youth Council merchandise and going around with TRYB Insta frame.	Applies to all members if available for the event. Further consideration will be done in future.

Connecting to other organisations such as Rotary, churches and Pasifika community. This could be contributing to their community events and gatherings and sharing communication channels through this partnership.	Group activity.
Placemaking in Taihape possibly, there is 60k funding for this a year to making a community space.	
New name for the Life skills event and a change of sessions in the event longer than 30mins.	The committee for this is made up of everyone, technical things lead by Sam, Hunter and Caryse, further decisions will be made in the future. Reihania will have possibly good advice on site prep.
<p>Decoration is the hardest and most time consuming for the Youth Awards.</p> <p>Sponsors will need different coloured tickets, separate seating and platters on their table.</p>	Reihania, Charly, Paige and Caryse are organising decorations, but on the day there will be a need for more people to complete the task.
<p>Meet the candidates evening for council members in Bulls, Marton and Taihape.</p> <p>Dates will soon be announced.</p>	<p>Charly - Bulls</p> <p>Hunter - Marton</p> <p>Caryse - Taihape</p>
Voice Boxes will need their information collated from their different locations in the three Lobby's. The people in charge of this are the 'Voice Box Ambassadors'. There is also a need for the sticky notes to change to forms for more space to write feedback.	<p>Anaru Hawira?? - Taihape</p> <p>Hunter - Marton</p> <p>Charly - Bulls</p>
Transport for these types of activities because of the issue of getting to these events to help, such as community gatherings.	
Intergenerational connections between groups for example: Rotary, Older and Bolder, Matariki, RSA, etc. Extending invitations to representatives from these groups to meetings and other things.	Sam - RSA
More youth members for RSA.	Sam



Rangitikei District Council

Hunternville Rural Water Supply Sub-Committee Meeting

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Present:

Mr Brett Journeaux
Mr Bernie Hughes
Mr Sam Weston
Mr Paul Peterson
Mr John McManaway
Mr Bob Crawford
Cr Dean McManaway
His Worship the Mayor, Andy Watson

In attendance:

Mr Ashley Dahl, Financial Services Team Leader
Ms Tania Whale, Finance Officer
Mr Arno Benadie, Principle Advisor Infrastructure
Mr Andrew Van Bussel, Operations Manager
Cr Dave Wilson
Mr George Forster, Policy Advisor

1 Welcome

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Cr McManaway informed the Committee he is standing down as Chair of Assets and Infrastructure Committee and that Cr Wilson will replace him as Chair of the Assets and Infrastructure Committee.

His Worship the Mayor thanked Cr McManaway for his contribution.

Mr Journeaux thanked Cr McManaway for the work he has done for the Committee.

2 Apologies

That the apologies of Mr Mark Dawson be received.

Cr D McManaway / Mr P Peterson. Carried

3 Members' conflict of interest

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

There were no conflicts declared.

4 Confirmation of order of business

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

5 Confirmation of Minutes

Resolved minute number

19/HWRS/042

File Ref

3-CT-3-2

That the Minutes of the Hunterville Rural Water Supply Sub-Committee meeting held on 8 April 2019 be taken as read and verified as an accurate and correct record of the meeting.

Mr B Journeaux / Mr B Hughes. Carried

6 Chair's Report

The Chair had nothing new to report.

7 Council decisions on recommendations from the Committee

The Committee noted the commentary in the agenda.

8 Questions put at previous meeting for Council advice or action

There were no questions put to council for advice at the previous meeting.

9 Hunterville Rural Water Supply – Operations Report

Mr van Bussel spoke to the report:

- There have been a number of repairs during this period, but nothing major.
- Onga Road bridge replacement has been fabricated. Now waiting for the contractor to turn up.
- Currently working with Kiwi Rail on the Rata crossing.
- Scheme is running well and the pump has been pulled out. There hasn't been as much pumping this summer compared to previous summers.

Resolved minute number

19/HWRS/043

File Ref

6-WS-3-4

That the 'Hunterville Rural Water Supply – Operations Report' dated 1 June 2019, be received.

Mr B Journeaux / Mr B Hughes. Carried

10 Hunterville Bore – Update

Mr Benadie provided an update to the Committee:

The test bore drilled to 350m. No water could be tested for quality or quantity due to the clay. The Ministry of Health has offered to fund the development of a full bore. The contractor is halfway from the test bore to the production bore. Should have numbers by July.

11 Hunterville Rural Water Supply – Financial Report

Mr Dahl provided an update to the Committee:

- Discussed the financial statements with the Committee and advised over how the overdue debtor's process works.

Resolved minute number

19/HWRS/044

File Ref

3-CT-3-1

That the 'Hunterville Rural Water Supply – Financial Report' dated 1 April 2019, be received.

Mr B Hughes / Mr P Peterson. Carried

12 Late Items

A land purchase has been made and the new owner wants to transfer the water units from the recently purchased property.

Cr McManaway informed the Committee that units are assigned to a property but water can go down the line.

Meetings are going to be held with Mr Bradley the land purchaser.

13 Next Meeting

Monday 29 July 2019, 4.00pm

14 Meeting Closed

Meeting closed 4.32 pm.

Confirmed/Chair: _____

Date:



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Rangitikei Youth Council Meeting

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Present:

Erika Elers
Caryse Clark
Charly Ward-Berry
Hunter van der Jagt
Kathryn Fleming
Makayla Vaa
Reihania Hemi

In attendance:

His Worship the Mayor Andy Watson
Mataariki Veuger – Tuia representative
Michael Andrews
Anaru Hawira – Board of Trustees Student representative of Taihape Area School
Blair Jamieson – Strategy and Community Planning manager
Nardia Gower – Strategic Advisor for Rangatahi/Youth

Tabled Documents:

Chair's Report May 2019.

1 Welcome

The meeting started at 5:14pm. The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting, a special welcome was made to Anaru and Mataariki.

2 Youth Council Prayer

Kathryn read the Youth Council Prayer

3 Public Forum

The Mayor's Task Force for Jobs was discussed. Anaru and Mataariki briefly introduced themselves and why they attended the meeting. Mataariki is a part of the Tuia programme, who take a long term approach towards developing young Maori across the generations into leadership roles. The Tuia programme has Mayor's selecting young Maori to mentor one-to-one basis to encourage leadership.

4 Apologies/Leave of Absence

That the apologies from Paige Turner be received.

Hunter van der Jagt / Caryse Clark. Carried

5 Members' conflict of interest

Members were reminded of their obligation to declare any conflicts of interest they might have in respect of items on this agenda. No conflicts of interest were declared.

6 Confirmation of order of business

Due to Mr Jamieson having to leave the meeting early Item 12 was taken following Item 8, there were no late items.

7 Confirmation of Minutes

Resolved minute number

19/RYC/016

File Ref

3-CT-19-3

That the minutes of the Rangitikei Youth Council meeting held on 30 April 2019 (without amendment) be taken as read and verified as an accurate and correct record of the meeting.

Reihania Hemi / Makayla Vaa. Carried

8 Chair's Report

The Chair spoke to her tabled report. There were no questions raised.

Resolved minute number **19/RYC/017** **File Ref** **3-CT-19-5**

That the 'Chairs Report' to the 28 May 2019 Rangitikei Youth Council meeting be received.

Kathryn Atkinson Fleming / Caryse Clark. Carried

12 Meet the Candidates Events

The Council noted the commentary in the agenda. Mr Jamieson spoke to the Council

- Mr Jamieson congratulated the Youth Council on getting involved in the elections.
- Three different meetings are recommended, i.e. one for each of the three district wards.
- Thoughts for next discussion will include which organisations could be involved as adult support for these events.

9 District Update May 2019

Ms Gower spoke to the memorandum; no questions were raised. Ms Gower encouraged the Council to request information on items of interest within the district.

Resolved minute number **19/RYC/018** **File Ref** **4-EN-12-9**

That the memorandum 'District Update May 2019' to the 28 May 2019 Rangitikei Youth Council meeting be received.

Hunter van der Jagt / Kathryn Atkinson Fleming. Carried

10 Work-plan for 2019

Youth Engagement was the topic of discussion for the meeting. Ms Gower spoke of increasing district wide youth engagement, potentially modelling the method used by Horowhenua District Council (HDC). The Council agreed to attend a HDC meeting youth meeting if possible.

- Youth Box has been a slow process to gather feedback.
- Possibly testing a proactive approach.
- Horowhenua our neighbouring district has a closed Facebook page with 58 members including a leadership board of 8. Day-to-day communication getting feedback, advertising events and gathering volunteers throughout the district in one go has made it an effective model. The leadership board collates the feedback and engages relevant organisations such as Council.

Ms Gower noted the dates for Festival For The Future, Friday 26th-Sunday 28th July are the dates and requested attendance be confirmed ASAP.

Extra mention was made for the following topics

- Dudding Trust gives a grant of \$800,000. Youth Council may want to engage the community to apply.
- Samoan Independence Day on the 29th May.
- Maori language week – the Council discussed creating video clips of correct pronunciation of district place names, etc.

11 Rangitikei Youth Council Logo

This item was postponed.

13 Late Items

Nil.

14 Next Meeting

25 June 2019, 5.00 pm, Marton Council Chambers¹

15 Meeting Closed

Meeting was closed at 5:55pm.

Confirmed/Chair: _____

Date: _____

¹ Subsequently changed to 27 June 2019, 5.00 pm to allow attendance at the Rangitikei District Council meeting that afternoon.



Rangitikei District Council

Finance and Performance Committee Meeting

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Present:	Cr Nigel Belsham	
	Cr Cath Ash	
	Cr Dean McManaway	
	Cr Graeme Platt	
	Cr Ruth Rainey	
	Cr Lynne Sheridan	
	Cr David Wilson	
	His Worship the Mayor, Andy Watson	
In attendance:	Mr Michael Hodder, Community & Regulatory Services Group Manager	
	Mr Ashley Dahl, Financial Services Team Leader	
	Ms Jo Devine, GM – Finance Business Support	
	Mr Blair Jamieson, Strategy and Community Planning Manager	
	Mr Arno Benadie, Principal Advisor - Infrastructure	
	Mr George Forster, Policy Advisor	
	Ms Selena Anderson, Governance Administrator	
	Ms Bonnie Clayton, Governance Administrator	
Tabled Documents	Item 6	Chair's Report
	Item 11	Statement of Service Performance report
	Item 12	Delivery of Infrastructure Services – Quarterly Performance report 1 January 2019 – 31 March 2019

1 Welcome

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting at 9.29am

2 Council Prayer

Cr Platt read the Council Prayer.

3 Public forum

Nil

4 Apologies/Leave of Absence

That the apology for lateness from Cr Sheridan be received.

5 Members' Conflict of Interest

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

There were no conflicts of interest declared.

6 Confirmation of order of business

The order of business was confirmed.

There were no late items.

7 Minutes of Previous Meeting

Resolved minute number

19/FPE/022

File Ref

That the Minutes of the Finance/Performance Committee meeting held on 2 May 2019 without amendment be taken as read and verified as an accurate and correct record of the meeting.

Cr Rainey / Cr Ash. Carried

8 Chair's Report

The Chair took his tabled report as read.

Resolved minute number**19/FPE/023****File Ref**

That the 'Chair's report' to the Finance/Performance Committee meeting on 30 May 2019 be received.

Cr Belsham / Cr McManaway. Carried

9 Progress with strategic issues

The Committee noted the commentary in the agenda.

10 Financial Highlights and Commentary – April 2019

Ms Devine took the report as read.

The Committee discussed:

- Rates rebate and what percentage is made up of low income people. 10-12 pieces of abandoned land had been sold mid-May; however, due to timing issues these do not yet reflect current rates. There are 10 further properties (abandoned land) to be tendered.
- Bulls Community Centre – where is it currently tracking for costs. Also if there were other external funding applications that have been applied for. Also discussed the cost for the carpark, this is pending design.
- Disaster relief fund – it was explained that there is some funding set aside in the Roothing reserves fund, further clarification was sought by Committee members is regards to other funds and how much. Also discussed was what provisions do the Council have in place in the event of a major disaster. It was noted that due to the two major earthquakes in Christchurch and Kaikoura that world insurance companies are becoming more risk adverse, however there were other avenues to go down and investigate.
- Vehicle fleet – The Committee noted that there needed to be policy work around the buying of vehicles and the restrictions around the selling of vehicles. Also that the vehicles that are being purchased are fit for purpose.

Undertaking**Subject****Rates Rebate Policy**

Ms Devine to email out to Committee the Rates Rebate Policy

Undertaking**Subject****Bulls Community Centre**

Finance Committee to provide a breakdown of costs for the Bulls Community Centre build at the next meeting.

Undertaking Subject Disaster Relief Fund

Ms Devine to clarify to Committee members what the Rangitikei District Council has in regards to Disaster relief funds.

Undertaking Subject Vehicle Policy

Ms Devine to the next Finance/Performance meeting the Vehicle Policy and a fleet management report.

Resolved minute number 19/FPE/024 File Ref 5-FR-4-1

That the memorandum 'Financial Highlights and Commentary – April 2019' to the Finance/Performance Committee meeting 30 May 2019 be received.

Cr Sheridan / Cr Wilson. Carried

11 Statement of Service report

Mr Hodder spoke to the tabled report.

The Committee discussed:

- Environmental and Regulatory Services – the number of building and resource consents has increased. The committee noted moving forward that Council should be on top of training apprenticeships and that they need to be more pre-emptive with staff training/ apprenticeships.
- PFAT investigations – Test samples have been sent away and will report on once all tests are back.

No available land for Wastewater in Ratana, Seeking an alternative option. Determining size and usage of existing sites.

"Plan B" Have not considered a partnership with Ohakea, as would require more land if to consider it as an option.

Water supply results will be provided in Assets meeting.

Resolved minute number 19/FPE/025 File Ref

That the report 'Statement of Service report' to the Finance/Performance Committee meeting 30 May 2019 be received.

His Worship the Mayor / Cr Rainey. Carried

12 Quarterly review of Infrastructure Shared Services Agreement (January – March 2019)

Mr Benadie spoke to the tabled report.

The Committee discussed:

- The current results from the report are similar to the previous report.
- Marton/Bulls Water Strategy – What do Council want it to look like and how do Council want to implement it, what processes need to be put in place.

Workshop to be undertaken for councillors with a short presentation of the direction the Infrastructure team are heading.

Undertaking	Subject	Infrastructure KPI's
Email out base KPI's to committee members.		

Resolved minute number

19/FPE/026

File Ref

That the 'Quarterly review on Infrastructure Shared Services Agreement (January – March 2019' report to the Finance/Performance Committee meeting 30 May 2019 be received.

Cr Rainey / His Worship the Mayor. Carried

13 2018/2019 Grants and Funding - Assessment of Smartygrants™

Mr Jamieson spoke to the report. He noted:

- There were a few teething issues with SmartyGrants in the beginning, information is being sought from the developers of SmartyGrants in regards to these issues. Although there were issues to begin with most members thought that it was good, it is also good from a staffing perspective as staff aren't spending as much time with the administration process of the funding applications.
- The SmartyGrants licence is valid from 1 November 2018 to 1 November 2019.
- SmartyGrant service staff will take our concerns to their board for Potential reimbursement for the technical fault. They will be in contact with a formal outcome.

The Committee discussed options to explore using the website for funding requests. No feedback from users. Next round of grants will be in October before the elections. Will discuss 2020 membership at a later date.

Resolved minute number 19/FPE/027 File Ref

That the report '2018/2019 Grants and Funding - Assessment of Smartygrants™' to the Finance/Performance Committee on 30 May 2019 be received.

Cr Wilson / Cr Sheridan. Carried

Resolved minute number 19/FPE/028 File Ref

That the Finance/Performance Committee endorses the continued participation by nominated members of Community Committees/Boards in the initial evaluation of grant applications.

Cr Rainey / Cr Sheridan. Carried

Resolved minute number 19/FPE/029 File Ref

That the Finance/Performance Committee accepts the findings and remedial actions of staff to continue the use of Smartygrants for the 2019/2020 first funding rounds.

Cr Rainey / Cr Sheridan. Carried
His Worship the Mayor. Against

Resolved minute number 19/FPE/030 File Ref

That a report be provided to the Finance/Performance Committee before the end of 2019 on using the Council's website to receive grant applications (and facilitating their administration) as an alternative to renewing the contract with Smartygrants.

Cr Sheridan / His Worship the Mayor. Carried

14 Economic Development

Mr Jamieson spoke to the report.

Resolved minute number 19/FPE/ File Ref

That the 'Economic Development' report to the Finance/Performance Committee meeting 30 May 2019 be received.

Cr McManaway / Cr Rainey. Carried

15 Late Items

As agreed at item 6.

16 Future Items for the Agenda

Grant funding and utilisation of the website

Rural Water

17 Next Meeting

27 June 2019, 10.30 am.

18 Meeting Closed

11.10am

Confirmed/Chair: _____

Date:



Rangitikei District Council

Te Rōpu Ahi Kā Komiti Meeting

Minutes – Tuesday 11 June 2019 – 11:00 a.m.

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Present:

- Mr Pahia Turia (Chair)
- Ms Tracey Hiroa
- Mr Robert Gray
- Ms Kim Savage
- Mr Thomas Curtis
- Ms Coral Raukawa-Manuel
- Mr Charlie Mete
- Mr Chris Shenton
- Mr Terry Steedman
- Ms Hari Benevides
- Ms Naumai Wipaki

In attendance:

- Mr Michael Hodder, Community & Regulatory Services Group Manager
- Mr Blair Jamieson, Strategy & Community Planning Manager
- Mr George Forster, Policy Advisor
- Mr Arno Benadie, Principal Advisor - Infrastructure
- Ms Bonnie Clayton, Governance Administrator
- Ms Nardia Gower, Strategic Advisor – Youth / Rangatahi

Tabled Documents: Item 10 – Mangaweka Bridge Replacement report

1 Karakia/Welcome

The meeting started at 11.07am. The Chair welcomed everyone to the hui.

2 Apologies

That the apologies of His Worship the Mayor Andy Watson, Cr Angus Gordon, Mr Mark Pirikahu and Mr Lequan Meihana be received.

Mr T Curtis / Ms K Savage. Carried

3 Members' Conflict of Interest

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

There were no declared conflicts of interest.

4 Confirmation of Order of Business and Late Items

There were no late items or scheduled change to the order of business.

5 Whakatau Nga Tuhinga Kōrero / Confirmation of Minutes

Ms Hiroa advised the Komiti that, although reported in the minutes of the previous hui, she will not be standing down from Te Rōpu Ahi Kā.

Resolved minute number	19/IWI/014	File Ref	3-CT-8-2
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That the Minutes of the Te Rōpu Ahi Kā Komiti meeting held on 9 April 2019 without amendment be taken as read and verified as an accurate and correct record of the meeting.

Ms T Hiroa / Mr T Curtis. Carried

6 Chair's Report

The Chair gave his verbal report, the following highlights were noted:

- The Chair attended the Chamber of Commerce Breakfast of Champions network event Tuesday 11 June 2019 where His Worship the Mayor spoke in regards to economic development in Rangitikei, collaboration between the districts, strategies for encouraging businesses to relocate to the area and support growth of existing businesses.

- Mr Turia noted the recent opening of the world-class skate park in Marton, advising that the kaimahi of Angus McMillian Concrete Ltd were housed at Te Poho o Tuariki as Nga Wairiki Ngati Apa contribution to the project.

7 Feedback from the Komiti's Workshop

The Komiti discussed the following key areas:

- Previously noted oversights by Council in engaging with iwi and hapū could be mitigated by the creation of a process map and communication strategy to ensure clear direction on how Council should approach issues and which issues require iwi/hapū engagement. The Komiti recognised that the commitment by Rangitikei District Council to engage with tangata whenua appropriately and that the creation of a process map would aid that commitment.
- In relation to determining the membership of the Komiti, the Komiti *noted that its Council's responsibility to determine what iwi make up its membership but should recognise tangata whenua of the district. If requests for membership are made to Council, the requirement for membership must rely on formal recognition of that iwi/hapū (such as from the Office of Treaty Settlements), however if a request for membership comes from a hapū (without formal recognition) then the respective iwi will advise Council if that hapū has a legitimate grounds for membership.*
- Direct discussion with local hapū regarding the Lake Waipu sewerage system is requested.

8 Council Decisions on Recommendations from the Komiti

There were no recommendations to Council made at the previous hui.

9 Council Responses to Queries Raised at Previous Hui

There were no queries raised at the previous hui.

Undertaking	Subject
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Mr Jamieson is to report back to the Komiti on the status of the Creative Communities membership.	
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10 Update from Council's meetings April - May 2019

Mr Hodder briefly explained items in the attached memorandum, with special note on:

- Council's upcoming deliberation on the Annual Plan submissions, with adoption of the plan at the end of the month.
- Onepuhi Reserve development work in conjunction with Rangitikei Aggregates

Mr Benadie spoke to the tabled report on the Mangaweka Bridge replacement with the following highlights:

- The tabled report by John Jones highlights recent studies have resulted in the retention of the bridge as a walk and bicycle way as a preferred financial option. Council is to consider that recommendation at their upcoming meeting.
- The Mangaweka Bridge replacement falls under both the Rangitīkei District Council and the Manawātū District Council. Both parties are equally responsible for the decision of the future and any ongoing running costs of the bridge.
- Maintenance costs for the next 50 years will be approximately \$20,000 annually for each council.

Mr Benadie further updated the Komiti on the following waste water treatment schemes:

- **Bulls / Marton:**
Funding has been granted to purchase land required for land dispersal of treated waste from planned Bulls/ Marton wastewater treatment plant. There have been long and complex land negotiations delaying the consenting process. Horizons have agreed to Council working on other aspects of the project while ground while negotiations continue. – **(Progression so we can see how things are moving)**
- **Rātana**
Land has not yet been obtained for land disposal of treated waste, however there is an alternative plan which is being explored before further information can be provided. The effluent is to be removed from the lake.
- **Hunternville**
Council met with Horizons last week to discuss the wastewater consent for Hunternville. The current consent uses an incorrect flow meter leaving council in apposition of continual non-compliance. It has been agreed by Horizons that there is no environmental impact. test results had incorrect flow and volume information, Re-engagement with iwi and other affected parties has seen an variation to the consent being granted.
- **Taihape**
Wastewater consent for Taihape is more complex as the results have returned as inconclusive on several occasions due to illegal discharges with unknown effects on the environment. Council are to discuss with Horizons and local iwi for a strategy moving forward and whether a new consent should be applied for.

Following the updates the following was noted through Komiti discussion:

- Engaging central government to reconsider the grant based on purchase of land for treated effluent disposal as land owners have indicated a potential interest in leasing land to council for this purpose.
- It was discussed that treated waste could be a resource for land owners.

Resolved minute number

19/IWI/015

File Ref

3-CT-8-1

That the report 'Update from Council's meetings April - May 2019' to the 11 June 2019 Te Rōpu Ahi Kā Komiti be received.

Mr R Gray / Mr T Steedman. Carried

11 Values

Undertaking

Subject

Mr Jamieson to discuss this item further with Mr G Huwyler

12 Review of Memorandum –Tūtohunga

Mr B Gray confirmed the appropriate use of the name 'Ngāti Rangituhia' within the MOU, is to omit 'Ngāti' to be stand alone as 'Rangituhia'.

Resolved minute number

19/IWI/016

File Ref

That the memorandum 'Review of the Memorandum of Understanding: Tūtohunga' to the 11 June 2019 Te Rōpu Ahi Kā Komiti be received.

Ms H Benevides / Mr T Curtis. Carried

13 Update on Discussions with Ngāti Waewae

This was discussed in item 7.

14 Horizons Update

Mr Twomey did not attend the hui.

15 Update on Landlocked Land

The Chair noted that the issue of Landlocked Land is under review by Minister Nanaia Mahuta.

16 Update on Te Pae Tawhiti

The Chair provided a verbal update with following highlights:

17 Policy and Community Planning Project and Activity Report – April 2019

The Komiti raised the social media conversions regarding the new signage erected in Rātana. It was noted that all appropriate and extensive consultation was conducted by Council and the Rātana Community Board.

Mr Jamieson paid special mention and thank you to Nga Wairiki Ngati Apa for their \$500 sponsorship towards the Youth in Apprenticeship category of the John Turkington Forestry Rangitikei Youth Awards 2019.

Resolved minute number **19/IWI/017** **File Ref**

That the report 'Policy and Community Planning Project and Activity Report – April 2019' to the 11 June 2019 Te Rōpu Ahi Kā Komiti be received.

Ms T Hiroa / Ms C Raukawa-Manuel. Carried

Undertaking **Subject** **Kahurauponga stream**

Mr Jamieson is to investigate the correction of the spelling of the signage of the Kahurauponga stream in Turakina.

18 Pānui/Announcements

Mokai Patea mandate hui which will include voting details below:

- Saturday 15 June 2019 10 am, Taihape hospital, Taihape
- Saturday 15 June 2019 5 pm, Kingsgate Hotel, Whanganui
- Sunday 16 June 2019 1 pm, Porirua Club, Porirua
- Friday 21 June 2019 5.30 pm, Tokaanu Hotel, Turangi
- Saturday 22 June 2019 11 am, Taradale Town Hall, Hastings
- Sunday 23 June 2019 11 am, Holiday Inn Auckland Airport, Auckland

Mr Turia announced that the second Māori Business awards celebrating Māori Business will be held Saturday 6th July 2019 at the Whanganui memorial hall.

Ms Raukawa-Manuel thanked to Council in particularly Athol Sanson for the support during the opening of their new building at Tiniwaitara Marae.

19 Late Items

Nil.

20 Future Items for the Agenda

Mr Benadie to provide an update on the Rātana wastewater treatment plant.

21 Next Meeting

13 August 2019 11.00 am (Komiti only hui from 10.00 - 11.00 am)

22 Meeting closed/Karakia

Mr Turia provided the karakia and thanked everyone for their attendance. The meeting closed at 12.27 pm.

Confirmed/Chair: _____

Date:

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Rangitikei District Council

Bulls Community Committee Meeting

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Present: Mr Tyrone Barker (Chair)
Ms Lynette Andrews
Mr Sean Willis
Ms Julie Toomey
Mr Russel Ward
Ms Raewyn Turner
Mr John Sula
Ms Tricia Falkner
Ms Annabel Sidey
Cr Jane Dunn

In attendance: Mr George Forster, Policy Advisor
Ms Helen Scully, Bulls and District Community Trust Chair

Unconfirmed

1 Welcome

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2 Public Forum

Nil.

3 Apologies

That the apologies of Nigel Bowen and Cr Graeme Platt be received.

Ms Turner / Mr Ward. Carried

4 Members' Conflict of Interest

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

5 Confirmation of Order of Business and Late Items

The Order of Business was unchanged. No late items were notified.

6 Confirmation of Minutes

Resolved minute number	19/BCC/010	File Ref	3-CC-1-1
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That the Minutes of the Bulls Community Committee meeting held on 12 February 2019 be taken as read and verified as an accurate and correct record of the meeting.

Cr Dunn / Ms Turner. Carried

7 Chair's Report

The Chair provided the following updates:

- The new complex is coming along steadily with people commenting how they can see the progress.
- Progress on Community house is going well with everyone looking forward to the upcoming auction.
- Cr Dunn informed the Committee that a Kart has been decided on to assist with the watering of plants in Bulls but are waiting for them to come back in stock before they can get it.

8 Council decisions on recommendations from the Committee

The Committee noted the commentary in the agenda.

9 Council response to queries raised at previous meetings

No queries were raised at the previous meeting.

10 Investigation of placement of dump station in Bulls and Hunterville

The Committee noted the commentary in the agenda.

The Committee discussed that Bulls should be looked at separately to Hunterville as it would not be the same cost to install a dump station in Bulls compared to Hunterville. The Committee believed that it would cost them a lot less than \$75,000 to carry out this work.

Resolved minute number

19/BCC/011

File Ref

That the report from the Assets/Infrastructure Committee 11 April 2019 'Investigation of placement of dump stations in Bulls and Hunterville' to the 11 June 2019 Bulls Community Committee be received.

Cr Dunn / Mr Barker. Carried

Resolved minute number

19/BCC/012

File Ref

That Mr Barker will write a letter to Council requesting that Council reconsider the installation of a dump station in Bulls, providing information and reasoning for this.

Mr Barker / Ms Sidey. Carried

11 Update on town signage

The Committee noted the commentary in the agenda.

Cr Dunn spoke to the item and said that Ms Falkner and herself had been working on some draft concepts for signage which were shared with the Committee who were pleased with the concepts they presented. Cr Dunn and Ms Falkner informed the Committee that the signs will need to go to the Bulls and District Community Trust.

Ms Falkner discussed some of the things that must be included in the sign, backdrop, trim, Council logo and kowhai branch flowering.

Resolved minute number **19/BCC/013** **File Ref**

That Cr Dunn and Ms Falkner will continue to work on the concept designs of the Bulls town signage consulting with the necessary community groups and organisations.

Cr Dunn / Ms Falkner. Carried

12 Update on Place-Making Activities

Ms Falkner spoke to the item and said that some UCOL students had been assigned to do a project with the Bulls township around how they could link the towns identity into its image and in what way this could be physically displayed throughout Bulls.

13 Update on Community Centre Development

Cr Dunn spoke to the item and informed the Committee that work was going ahead as planned and that a meeting with the architect was scheduled for next week to decide on some colours. The project is on track to be completed to the end of the year and should be all fitted out by February 2020. Both iwi will have input into the centre.

14 Update from Bulls Community Development Manager

The following update was provided by Ms Scully:

- Ms Scully thanked Ms Harris for the work she has done over the last four years and that there is currently a part time employee filling the role.
- Things will continue as business as usual for the meantime.
- Matariki and Arts Festival is coming up in August.

15 Small Projects Grant Scheme Update – June 2019

- Money has been allocated to a few different projects.
- Kart for taking watering cans around to water plants around town.

Resolved minute number **19/BCC/0014** **File Ref** **3-CC-1-1**

That the memorandum 'Small Projects Grant Scheme Update – June 2019' be received.

Ms Toomey / Ms Andrews. Carried

Resolved minute number **19/BCC/015** **File Ref**

That the Bulls Community Committee recommends to Council that the unspent balance of the Small Projects Grant Scheme (\$1,254) be carried forward to the 2019/20 financial year.

Cr Dunn / Ms Andrews. Carried

16 Renaming of Criterion Street to Chris Amon Drive

The Committee discussed the item.

- Renaming the Street could come at a cost to businesses.
- A good idea but might be best saved for when a development opens up a new road.
- There is history behind Criterion Street.
- More information is needed on what affect this will have and the reasoning for the proposal before the Committee can decide whether they support or do not support the proposal to rename the street.

Resolved minute number

19/BCC/016

File Ref

That a letter be sent to the Bulls Museum requesting more information on renaming Criterion Street including community feedback, cost of change and research.

Ms Turner / Ms Andrews. Carried

17 Development of Road Safety Strategy

The Committee noted the commentary in the agenda.

Mr Barker spoke to the item and told the Committee that this was a project being implemented by Government and they are seeking feedback on how we can reduce the danger on our roads. This is all areas not just the State Highways.

Mr Willis raised the point that when feedback is provided people should think the effect of growth and the danger that could present.

Ms Scully will put this information into the Bulletin.

18 Outcome of SmartyGrants review

Ms Turner spoke to the item

There were issues with people not turning up to training and that whilst it is an asset it is an expensive one.

19 Youth Updated meetings schedule

Mr Barker spoke to the report and told the Committee that the Youth Awards was a successful night and thanked Ms Gower for the work she put into this.

Ms Turner commented that it would be good to get more Bulls residents apply for awards next year.

The Committee requested that Ms Gower send out a reminder leading up to the awards.

Resolved minute number **19/BCC/017** **File Ref** **4-EN-12**

That the memorandum 'Youth Update – May 2019' to the 11 June 2019 Bulls Community Committee be received.

Ms Toomey / Ms Andrews. Carried

20 Current Infrastructure Projects/Updates and Other Council Activities within the Ward

Mr Barker made Council aware of the issues with the footpath on Parewanui Road and wants to know what progress has been made on this.

The footpath on Edward and Bridge Street has collapsed and needs to be repaired.

Ms Dunn gave an update on the work being undertaken at Santoft Domain and that a date is being organised for planting natives along with progress with fencing.

Undertaking **Subject**

Mr Benadie to provide update on the footpath issues on Parewanui Road and the corner of Edward and Bridge Streets.

Resolved minute number **19/BCC/019** **File Ref** **3-CC-1-5**

That the extract 'Current Infrastructure Projects/Updates and other Council Activities within the Bulls Ward' dated April 2019 be received.

Cr Dunn / Ms Andrews. Carried

21 Changes to the RNZAF Base Ohakea Representation on the Committee

The Committee noted the commentary in the agenda. The further comments were made:

- Mr Barker welcomed the new members.
- Ms R Turner to pass on thanks to Mr P Turner.

22 Late Items

None

23 Next meeting

06 August 2019, 5.30 pm

24 Meeting Closed

7.30pm

Confirmed/Chair: _____

Date:

Unconfirmed



Rangitikei District Council

Taihape Community Board Meeting

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Present: Ms Ann Abernethy
Ms Gail Larsen
Ms Yvonne Sicely
Cr Richard Aslett

Also Present: Cr Ruth Rainey

In attendance: His Worship the Mayor, Andy Watson
Mr Michael Hodder, Community & Regulatory Services Group Manager
Ms Selena Anderson

Unconfirmed

1 Welcome

Ms Abernethy welcomes everyone to the meeting.

2 Public Forum

Katene Peretini – Chair – Taihape Community Development Trust introduced the two recently appointed co-ordinators who would be job-sharing: Michelle Marks and Kathy Clark, who then spoke briefly to the board about their previous experience.

3 Apologies

That the apology for Ms Michelle Fannin be received.

Ms Abernethy / Cr Rainey. Carried

4 Members' conflict of interest

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

There were no conflicts of interest declared.

5 Confirmation of order of business

That, taking into account the explanation provided why the item is not on the meeting agenda and why the discussion of the item cannot be delayed until a subsequent meeting, that the *Taihape Event signboards, Maintenance of the event notice boards and Purchase of the AED* be dealt with as a late item at this meeting.

The order of business was confirmed.

6 Minutes of previous meeting

The Minutes from the meeting held on 10 April 2019 are attached.

Resolved minute number

19/TCB/026

File Ref

3-CB-1-2

That the minutes of the Taihape Community Board meeting as amended held on 10 April 2019, be taken as read and verified as an accurate and correct record of the meeting.

Ms Abernethy / Ms Sicely. Carried

7 Chair's report

A report was tabled at the meeting.

Resolved minute number 19/TCB/027 **File Ref**

That the Chair's report to the 12 June 2019 meeting of the Taihape Community Board, as presented be received.

Cr Aslett / Ms Sicely. Carried

8 Council decisions on recommendations from the Taihape Community Board

The Board noted the commentary in the agenda.

9 Change to Community Board remuneration

Resolved minute number 19/TCB/028 **File Ref**

That the information for 'Change to Community Board remuneration' to the 12 June 2019 Taihape Community Board be received.

Ms Larsen / Ms Sicely. Carried

10 Update on Place-Making Initiatives

The Board noted the commentary in the agenda.

The Board discussed the following points:

- Paint for the alleyway has been purchased. Colour from Hammer Hardware has been accepted.
- Volunteers including members of the public have offered to help the alleyway.
- Graffiti on the wall will be covered, with the additional purchase of 2 litres of paint be approved at \$58.50 per litre.
- The Committee are organising the 125 Taihape Celebrations.

Resolved minute number 19/TCB/029 **File Ref**

That the Taihape Community Board approve payment for two litres of paint at \$58.50 per litre.

Ms Abernethy / Ms Larsen. Carried

Resolved minute number **19/TCB/030** **File Ref**

Two park benches and paid before the 30 June of the \$1570.00 delivery on top exclusive.

Ms Abernethy / Cr Rainey. Carried

11 Small Projects Grant Scheme Update – June 2019

The memorandum was taken as read.

Note: The Board is only allowed to carry-forward from one financial year to the next, up to 100% of the annual allocation for the Small Projects Grant Fund, with the proviso that this be a specific resolution of the Board.

Resolved minute number **19/TCB/031** **File Ref** **3-CB-1-2**

That the memorandum 'Small Projects Grant Scheme Update – June 2019' to the 12 June 2019 Taihape Community Board be received.

Resolved minute number **19/TCB/032** **File Ref**

That the Taihape Community Board recommends to Council that the unspent balance of the Small Projects Grant Scheme (\$5,000) be carried forward to the 2019/20 financial year.

Ms Abernethy / Ms Larsen. Carried

12 Youth Update – May 2019

The Committee noted that the Youth Awards went well with a good turnout of people.

Resolved minute number **19/TCB/033** **File Ref**

That the memorandum 'Youth Update – May 2019' to the 12 June 2019 Taihape Community Board be received.

Cr Rainey / Ms Abernethy. Carried

Resolved minute number **19/TCB/034** **File Ref**

That the Taihape Community Board writes to Mokai Patea Services and Nardia Gower – Youth Development Officer and congratulate them on the great organisation of events and their work with youth in the district.

Ms Larsen / Ms Sicely. Carried

13 Update from MoU partnering organisations

Updates from:

- Taihape Community Development Trust – Public forum
- Mōkai-Pātea Services – tabled document

Resolved minute number

19/TCB/035

File Ref

That the Mokai Patea Services tabled report to the 12 June Taihape Community Board be received.

Ms Larsen / Cr Aslett. Carried

14 Requests for service – Taihape April 2019

The report was taken as read.

Resolved minute number

19/TCB/036

File Ref

5-CS-1-9

That the report 'Request for Service – Taihape April 2019' to the 12 June 2019 Taihape Community Board be received.

Cr Aslett / Cr Rainey. Carried

15 Development of road safety strategy

The Board noted the commentary in the agenda. Points in discussion were:

- That the focus is on safety
- Cars are graded from 1 – 5 stars, most cars on the network are above 3 stars, fatalities occur with cars graded at 2-1.
- General discussion around Taihape- Napier Road.

16 Outcome of SmartyGrants review

The Board noted the commentary in the agenda.

17 Increased engagement with wider/smaller communities within Taihape Ward

Resolved minute number

19/TCB/037

File Ref

That the Taihape Community Board increases engagement with wider/smaller communities within the Taihape Ward by way of an letter introducing Board members, our role as a Board and advising of the availability of the public forum.

Ms Abernethy / Cr Rainey. Carried

18 Update on new amenities block on Taihape Memorial Park

The Board noted the commentary in the agenda, and was briefed on the subsequent discussions with Barry Copeland and Clubs Taihape.

19 Matters not arising elsewhere on the agenda – project update

The Board noted two forthcoming events:

- 125th Anniversary of Taihape – Gill Duncan is the event organiser,
- Matariki Celebration –

The Board asked about installing pedestrian alert signs on Otaihape Valley Road – to be taken up with the Council's roading team.

Clean-up of Weka Street had yet to be actioned.

Resolved minute number 19/TCB/038 **File Ref**

That the commentary 'Matters not arising elsewhere on the agenda – project update' to the 12 June 2019 Taihape Community Board be received.

20 Current infrastructure projects/upgrades and other Council activities within the Taihape Ward.

The extract was taken as read.

Resolved minute number 19/TCB/039 **File Ref** 3-CB-1-2

That the extract 'Current infrastructure projects/upgrades and other Council activities within the Taihape Ward' dated April 2019 to the 12 June 2019 Taihape Community Board be received.

Ms Abernethy / Cr Rainey. Carried

21 Late items

Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs) – and lock boxes

Letter referred to Council. Ms Abernethy to notify letter writer

Resolved minute number**19/TCB/040****File Ref**

That the Taihape Community Board buy two Automatic External Defibrillators plus the lockboxes at a total cost of \$2,396 (GST excl.) to be a change on the Small Projects Fund in 2019/20.

Ms Abernethy / Ms Sicely. Carried

22 Future items for the agenda

Street art.

23 Next meeting

7 August 2019, 5.30 pm.

24 Meeting closed

7.10pm

Confirmed/Chair: _____

Date:



Rangitikei District Council

Marton Community Committee Meeting

Agenda – Wednesday 12 June 2019 – 7:00 p.m.

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Present: Ms Carolyn Bates (Chair)
Ms Lyn Duncan
Ms Donna Harris
Ms Belinda Harvey-Larsen
Cr Lynne Sheridan
Cr Dave Wilson

In Attendance: Cr Cath Ash
Mr George Forster, Policy Advisor

Unconfirmed

1 Welcome

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2 Public Forum

No participants

3 Apologies

That the apologies of Wendy Wagner, Pip Hancock and Jennifer Greener be received.

4 Members' conflict of interest

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

5 Confirmation of order of business and late items

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

6 Confirmation of Minutes

Resolved minute number	19/MCC/019	File Ref	3-CC-1-3
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That the Minutes of the Marton Community Committee meeting held on 10 April 2019 be taken as read and verified as an accurate and correct record of the meeting.

Ms C Bates / Ms D Harris. Carried

7 Chair's Report

The Chair provided an update:

- Committee has been approached to help with some funding for skate park
- Positive feedback has been received about the skate park
- Youth Awards evening was a great success
- Have been asked what Rangitikei District Councils Digital Strategy
- Has been asked about how many houses are going into development by Frae-Ona Park
- Flooding on Nga Tawa Road, Horizons or Council stream clean
- Information table with Cr Sheridan at New World
- People have made submissions to Annual Plan and Annual Residents Survey but thought they linked to each other.

8 Council decisions on recommendations from the Committee

Follett Street Toilets – Enhanced design. At Council’s 2 May 2019 meeting Council agreed that the Follett Street toilets design is enhanced by both the gabled roof and the artwork of the branding colours, and approved an increase of \$25,800 in the project budget.

9 Council responses to queries raised at previous meetings

There were no queries raised to Council at the previous meeting.

10 Update from the Project Marton Co-ordinator

Cr Ash provided the Committee with an update:

- A staff member has recently resigned
- Raising funds for the work plan
- Crafts day is coming up
- War Memorial refurbishment is about to start
- Working with Police on the upgrade of security cameras around town
- Started some planning for the Christmas parade
- Project Marton AGM on 19 September 2019

11 Update from the Marton Wastewater Advisory Group

The Committee noted the commentary in the agenda.

12 Youth Update – May 2019

The Committee noted the report.

Resolved minute number	19/MCC/020	File Ref	4-EN-12
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That the memorandum ‘Youth Update – May 2019’ to the 12 June 2019 Marton Community Committee be received.

Ms Bates / Ms Harris. Carried

13 Update on place-making initiatives

Ms Harris spoke to the item:

- Have received prices for chairs at Wilson Park but looking for picnic tables
- Have received prices for concrete pads to place seating on
- The current seating at the park has been refurbished
- Need to meet the health and safety standards

- Part of the reasoning for new seats was for them to face the children's play area

Resolved minute number **19/MCC/021** **File Ref**

That the Committee use the Small Projects Grant to pay for two concrete slabs as quoted by Andrew Morris at \$980.00 plus GST received on 11 June 2019 with the intention that two tables are purchased in the next financial year to be installed at Wilson Park.

Ms Bates / Ms Harris. Carried

Resolved minute number **19/MCC/022** **File Ref**

That Ms Harvey-Larsen liaise with Council officers on the location of the concrete slabs.

Ms Bates / Ms Harris. Carried

14 Update on the Marton Civic Centre/Heritage Precinct project

The Committee noted the commentary in the agenda.

Cr Wilson informed the Committee about the 13 June 2019 workshop for the Marton Civic Centre / Heritage Precinct project and the business case that is being worked on.

15 Options for Wilson Park Seating/Tables

The item was discussed during item 13.

Resolved minute number **19/MCC/023** **File Ref**

That the report 'Options for Wilson Park Seating/Tables' to the 12 June 2019 Marton Community Committee be received.

Ms Bates / Ms Harvey-Larsen. Carried

16 Small Projects Grant Scheme Update – June 2019

The Committee noted the report.

Resolved minute number **19/MCC/024** **File Ref** **3-CC-1-3**

That the memorandum 'Small Projects Grant Scheme Update –June 2019' to the 12 June 2019 Marton Community Committee be received.

Ms Bates / Ms Harris. Carried

Resolved minute number**19/MCC/025****File Ref**

That the Marton Community Committee recommends to Council that the unspent balance of the Small Projects Grant Scheme (\$797) be carried forward to the 2019/20 financial year.

Ms Bates / Ms Harris. Carried

17 Community Housing

The Committee noted the commentary in the agenda.

Insulation is be being installed.

18 Outcome of Smartygrants review

Ms Bates spoke to the item and informed the Committee that there were some hiccups but everything is sorted now. There were issues with submissions not being received by some assessors and a breakdown in communication but this has been resolved.

19 Development of road safety strategy

The Committee noted the commentary in the agenda.

Cr Wilson informed the Committee that this work is being done by the Labour Government to reduce the risks on roads.

20 Current Infrastructure projects/upgrades and other Council activities within the Marton ward March 2019 - April 2019

The Committee noted the commentary in the agenda.

Cr Sheridan to raise the issue of leafs in gutters and the noise on the train track bridge over Wellington Road at the next Assets and Infrastructure Meeting.

Resolved minute number**19/MCC/026****File Ref****3-CC-1-5**

That the extract 'Current Infrastructure projects/upgrades and other Council activities within the Marton Ward, March - April 2019' to the 12 June 2019 Marton Community Committee be received.

Ms Bates / Ms Duncan. Carried

21 Marton Memorial Hall Playground - Update

Officers passed on the following message from Ms Skou, waiting for the draft concept plan to be completed by Boffa Miskell. When the plans have been finalised the Committee will be notified and let the Committee know if there are any areas they can help with.

22 Late Items

Potential flooding behind the potential flats

The Committee noted the state of the drain/creek behind the pensioner flats and that the next lot of heavy rainfall could cause them to flood.

The Committee wants to know who is responsible for this – i.e. if it is RDC or Horizons.

Resolved minute number

19/MCC/027

File Ref

That Council provide information on what streams/drains Rangitikei District Council is responsible for and which ones Horizons are responsible is.

Ms Bates / Ms Harvey-Larsen. Carried

23 Next meeting

14 August 2019, 7.00 pm.

If you wish to include any items in the upcoming agenda, these must be received by 24 July 2019. Please submit to Carolyn Bates at martoncc.cab@gmail.com.

24 Meeting Closed

8.32pm.

Confirmed/Chair: _____

Date:



Assets and Infrastructure Committee Meeting

Minutes – Thursday 13 June 2019 – 9:30 a.m. (until 11.00 am).

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Present: Cr David Wilson (Chair)
Cr Ruth Rainey
Cr Richard Aslett
Cr Nigel Belsham
Cr Jane Dunn
Cr Lynne Sheridan
Ms Coral Raukawa-Manuel (Te Roopu Ahi Kaa representative)
His Worship the Mayor, Andy Watson

In attendance: Mr Michael Hodder, Community & Regulatory Services Group Manager
Mr Blair Jamieson, Strategy and Community Planning Manager
Mr John Jones, Asset Manager, Roading
Mr Matt Williams, Programme Development Engineer
Mr Allen Geerkens, Programme Delivery Manager
Mr Arno Benadie, Principal Advisor – Infrastructure
Mr Graeme Pointon, Strategic Property Advisor
Ms Jo Devine, General Manager – Finance and Business Support
Ms Gaylene Prince, Community & Leisure Assets Team Leader
Ms Carol Gordon, Customer Services and Communications Team Leader
Mr George Forster, Policy Advisor
Ms Bonnie Clayton, Governance Administrator
Ms Nardia Gower, Strategic Advisor - Youth

Tabled Documents: **Item 8** Chair's Report
Item 10 Infrastructure Protection Update to 31 May 2019

1 Welcome

The meeting started at 9.32 am. The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2 Council Prayer

The Chair read the Council Prayer.

3 Public Forum

Nil

4 Apologies/leave of Absence

That the apology for the absence of Cr Dean McManaway and for the lateness of Cr Cath Ash and Cr Angus Gordon be received.

Cr Rainey / Cr Aslett. Carried.

5 Members' conflict of interest

There were no conflicts of interest declared.

6 Confirmation of order of business

The order of business was confirmed.

There were no late items.

7 Confirmation of minutes

Resolved minute number

19/AIN/ 024

File Ref

3-CT-13-2

That the Minutes of the 'Assets/Infrastructure Committee' meeting held on 9 May 2019 without amendment be taken as read and verified as an accurate and correct record of the meeting.

His Worship the Mayor / Cr Belsham. Carried.

8 Chair's Report

The Chair noted following his recent appointment as Chair that he has had discussions with the Principal Advisor – Infrastructure, and will have a tabled report for future Committee meetings.

Resolved minute number**19/AIN/025****File Ref****3-CT-13-5**

That the 'Chair's Report' to the Assets/Infrastructure Committee meeting on 13 June 2019 be received.

Cr Wilson / Cr Dunn. Carried

9 Progress with Strategic Issues

The Committee noted the commentary in the agenda.

The Committee noted that Council had not yet resolved to open a walkway around Marton B and C dams to the public. Weekly public planting days have commenced under the supervision of council staff, with plants funded by the Government.

Undertaking**Subject**

Mr Benadie to write up a start to finish process with timeframes on opening Marton B and C Dams to the public.

10 Infrastructure Protection Update to 31 May 2019

The memorandum was taken as read. Mr Pointon provided an update:

- Bulls reservoir access – An agreement has been reached with the landowner to allow access to the site, which will include a 5 year maintenance plan.
- Mangaweka Bridge – Still working with the Department of Conservation – it's on the Conservation Board's agenda to discuss.
- Saleyards Corner in Taihape - Purchase settled to secure access to Council owned infrastructure.

The Committee raised community concerns regarding a change in sound coming from the rail bridge on Wellington Road in Marton following recent work on the bridge. A long-time resident of over 40 years has explained that it is a significant change in sound when a train crosses the bridge. Toll, who is responsible for the rail bridge, has been approached by the community; however, the sound is ongoing.

Undertaking**Subject**

Council to approach Toll to follow up on the new sound coming from the Wellington Road rail bridge.

Resolved minute number**19/AIN/026****File Ref**

That the memorandum 'Infrastructure Protection Update to 31 May 2019' to the Assets/Infrastructure Committee meeting on 13 June 2019 be received.

Cr Aslett / Cr Rainey. Carried

Cr Gordon arrived 9.34 am

11 Expectations of the Speed Management maps (part of MegaMaps) and implications for reviewing the Speed Limit Bylaw

The report was taken as read. Mr Williams provided an overview of Speed Management maps:

- This will allow a national consistent approach to road safety
- Looks at both engineering improvements and speed limit changes
- The online tool is data driven which will have periodic updates
- The New Zealand Transport Agency can track how our roads are being used
- All councils have access to the tool

His Worship the Mayor emphasised highlighted that with the implementation of Speed Management maps the Council is not committing to change (reduce) speed limits within the District.

Resolved minute number**19/AIN/027****File Ref****6-RT-2**

That the report on the 'Expectations of the Speed Management maps (part of MegaMaps) and implications for reviewing the Speed Limit Bylaw' to the 13 June 2019 Assets/Infrastructure Committee be received.

Cr Belsham / Cr Dunn. Carried

Cr Ash arrived 10.11 am

12 Mangaweka Bridge Replacement

The report was taken as read. Mr Jones provided an update:

- Design of the new bridge going well, with consenting progressing.
- Initially testing on the current bridge concluded that retaining it would be more expensive than demolishing it. Further tests have been undertaken (water flow) resulting in an estimated cost reduction for the retention of the bridge for walk and cycle purposes.
- Sought guidance from NZTA for subsidies to retain the bridge. However the bridge is not considered as a walkway under NZTAs definitions.
- The current bridge would be fit purpose while the replacement bridge is underway.

His Worship the Mayor expressed that the report states that the recommendation is to retain the bridge, however, Council would not make a decision until the options have gone for public consultation.

His Worship the Mayor also noted that there is an alternative option to the two choices noted in the report: – the community may wish to explore the option of a Trust for the current Mangaweka Bridge. This would enable the community and trust to apply running costs from outside funding, not solely on each council.

Resolved minute number **19/AIN/028** **File Ref** **6-RT-1-69**

That the report 'Mangaweka Bridge Replacement' to the 13 June 2019 Assets/Infrastructure Committee be received.

Cr Wilson / Cr Rainey. Carried

Resolved minute number **19/AIN/029** **File Ref** **6-RT-1-69**

That the Council supports the consultation process over the decision and possible retention of the Mangaweka bridge in conjunction with Manawatu District Council, along with public consultation.

His Worship the Mayor / Cr Ash. Carried

Resolved minute number **19/AIN/030** **File Ref** **6-RT-1-69**

That the Council supports the retention of the Mangaweka Bridge for a walk and cycleway.

Cr Gordon / Cr Aslett. Carried

13 Infrastructure Group project and activity report

The report was taken as read. Mr Benadie updated the committee on the following:

- The end of the financial year is nearing, roading is good. Resealing on Kakariki Hill, has recently been carried out.
- Hunterville Bore – Testing on the water quality and quantity of the bore will commence in approximately 3 weeks.

His Worship the Mayor confirmed that the outcome from the recent National Land Transport meeting, the NZTA board agreed to update the status of Taihape-Napier road as a state highway.

Mr Benadie confirmed that the road contractor / team have a schedule for maintaining the drains.

Undertaking**Subject**

Mr Benadie to follow up on the cleaning of the drains.

Resolved minute number**19/AIN/031****File Ref**

That the 'Infrastructure Group project and activity report' to the Assets/Infrastructure Committee meeting on 13 June 2019 be received.

Cr Dunn / Cr Gordon. Carried

14 Community and Leisure Services project and activity report

The report was taken as read. Ms Prince provided an update:

- There have been 300 plants planted at Marton B and C Dams.
- Follett Street toilets – Delays have been due to a change in design requiring resource consent changes which are currently being processed. Once finalised the timeframe for the completion of the project can be confirmed estimated to be the end of August.

Resolved minute number**19/AIN/032****File Ref**

That the 'Community and Leisure Services project and activity report' to the Assets/Infrastructure Committee meeting on 13 June 2019 be received.

Cr Wilson / Cr Rainey. Carried

15 Questions put at previous meeting for Council advice or action

None.

16 Late items

As agreed in Item 6.

17 Future items for agenda

18 Next meeting

11 July 2019 at 9.30am.

19 Meeting closed

The meeting finished 11.04am.

Confirmed/Chair: _____

Date:

Unconfirmed



Rangitikei District Council

Policy and Planning Committee Meeting

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Present: Cr Angus Gordon (Chair)
Cr Richard Aslett
Cr Nigel Belsham
Cr Jane Dunn
Cr Lynne Sheridan
Cr Cath Ash
Ms Tracey Hiroa (Te Roopu Ahi Kaa representative)
His Worship the Mayor, Andy Watson

In attendance: Mr Michael Hodder, Community & Regulatory Services Group Manager
Mr Blair Jamieson, Strategy and Community Planning Manager
Ms Carol Gordon, Customer Services and Communications Team Leader
Mr George Forster, Policy Advisor
Mr Johan Cullis, Environmental Services Team Leader
Ms Gaylene Prince, Community & Leisure Services Team Leader
Ms Nardia Gower, Strategic Advisor – Rangatahi/Youth
Ms Bonnie Clayton, Governance Administrator

Also in attendance: Mr Tony Thomas

Tabled Documents	Item 7	Chair's Report
	Item 10	Legislation and Governance Update, June 2019
	Item 14	Update on the Review of the efficiency and effectiveness of the District Plan

1 Welcome

The meeting started at 1.04 pm. The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting

2 Public Forum

Ms Ali Hale Tilley from Sadhana Yoga, addressed the Committee with her presentation on Public art in Marton. Ms Tilley explained the life and vitality that public art can bring to an area, she requested an audit of Marton's current public art and potential locations including the new world class skatepark for a creative overhaul for Marton.

Ms Tilley is to meet with Cr Ash outside of Council.

3 Apologies/Leave of Absence

That the apology for the absence of Cr Graeme Platt and Cr Dave Wilson and early departure of Cr Dunn to be received.

4 Members' conflict of interest

There were no conflicts of interest declared.

5 Confirmation of order of business

The order of business was confirmed.

There were no late items.

6 Confirmation of Minutes

Resolved minute number	19/PPL/045	File Ref	3-CT-15-2
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That the Minutes of the Policy/Planning Committee meeting held on 9 May 2019 amendments be taken as read and verified as an accurate and correct record of the meeting.

Cr Dunn / Cr Aslett. Carried

7 Chair's Report

The Chair's tabled report was taken as read.

Resolved minute number	19/PPL/046	File Ref	3-CT-15-1
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That the 'Chair's Report' for the May and June meetings to the Policy/Planning Committee meeting on 13 June 2019 be received.

Cr Gordon / Cr Sheridan. Carried

Cr Ash left at 1.17 pm – 1.19 pm

8 Progress with strategic issues – Update

The Committee noted the commentary in the agenda.

9 Update on Communication Strategy

The report was taken as read.

Ms Gordon provided a brief commentary to the Committee:

- The Walton Street house in Bulls is well on its way to being completed, open homes will need to be organised.
- There has been mass media coverage around our Youth events in May.
- Planting of more than 300 plants has been happening at B and C dams.

The Committee asked where the names of B and C Dams came from. The Committee would also like to see some signage at the Dams along with a name for the project.

Undertaking

Subject

Ms Gordon to look into the history of B and C dams and whether they could be renamed suitably to their history.

Resolved minute number

19/PPL/047

File Ref

3-CT-15-1

That the 'Update on Communications Strategy' to the Policy/Planning Committee meeting on 13 June 2019 be received.

Cr Ash / Cr Aslett. Carried

10 Legislation and Governance Update – June 2019

The tabled report was taken as read.

Mr Hodder provided a brief commentary to the Committee:

- The Health (Drinking Water) Amendment Bill reading is in its second stage for stronger regulations for drinking water.

His Worship the Mayor advised that he will be at Parliament for final stage of the Ngati Rangī Claims Settlement Bill.

Resolved minute number **19/PPL/048** **File Ref** **3-OR-3-5**

That the 'Legislation and Governance Update - June 2019' to the Policy/Planning Committee meeting on 13 June 2019 be received.

Cr Ash / Cr Sheridan. Carried

11 Draft submission on proposed Building System legislation reform

The report was taken as read.

The Committee sought an explanation of Question 3.3.3 of the report.

Undertaking **Subject**

Mr Cullis to seek further detail of Question 3.3.3 of the report.

Resolved minute number **19/PPL/049** **File Ref**

That the 'Draft submission on proposed building law reform' 2008' to the Policy/Planning Committee on 13 June 2019 be received.

Cr Belsham / Cr Sheridan. Carried

Resolved minute number **19/PPL/050** **File Ref**

That the Policy/Planning Committee, under delegated authority, authorise His Worship the Mayor to sign the submission (as amended) to the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment on the proposed building law reform.

Cr Belsham / Cr Gordon. Carried

12 Remits to Local Government New Zealand 2019 Annual General Meeting

The remits were taken as read.

Resolved minute number **19/PPL/051** **File Ref**

That the remits to Local Government New Zealand 2019 Annual General Meeting be received.

Cr Sheridan / Cr Belsham. Carried

Resolved minute number**19/PPL/052****File Ref**

That the Policy/Planning Committee makes the following recommendations to Council on the 24 remits to be considered at the Local Government New Zealand 2019 Annual General Meeting.

Number	Topic	Support (Y/N)	Comment
1	Climate Change – local government representation	Yes	
2	Ban on the sale of fireworks to the general public	No	
3	Traffic offences – red light running	Yes	
4	Prohibit parking on grass berms	No	
5	Short-term guest accommodation	No	
6	Nitrate in drinking water	Yes	
7	Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act (1987)	Yes	
8	Weed control	Yes	
9	Building defects claims	Yes	

10	Social housing	Yes	
11	Procurement	Yes	
12	Single use polystyrene	Yes	
13	Local Governments Act 2002	Yes	
14	Campground regulations	Yes	
15	Living Wage	Yes	
16	Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act	Yes	
17	Greenhouse gases	Yes	
18	Climate Change – funding policy framework	Yes	
19	Road safety	Yes	
20	Mobility scooter safety	Yes	
21	Museums and galleries	Yes	

22	Resource Management Act	No	
23	Mayor decision to appoint Deputy Mayor	No	
24	Beauty industry	Yes	

Cr Gordon / Cr Sheridan. Carried

Council adjourned at 3.03 pm – 3.23 pm

Cr Dunn departed at 3.03 pm

13 Hawkes Bay Regional Council- Proposed Plan Change 7 – Outstanding water bodies

The report was taken as read.

Resolved minute number **19/PPL/053** **File Ref**

That the Policy/Planning Committee, under delegated authority, approves His Worship the Mayor supporting the Hawke's Bay Regional Council's proposed Plan Change 7 – Outstanding water bodies.

Cr Gordon / Ms T Hiroa. Carried

14 Update on the Review of the efficiency and effectiveness of the District Plan

Mr Thomas took the tabled report was taken as read.

Resolved minute number **19/PPL/054** **File Ref**

That the 'Update on the Review of the efficiency and effectiveness of the District Plan' to the Policy/Planning Committee on 13 June 2019 be received.

Cr Ash / Cr Belsham. Carried

15 Policy & Community Planning Project and Activity Report – May 2019

The report was taken as read. Mr Jamieson provided an update to the Committee:

Township signage:

- Ratana – Following social media comments, the item has been raised at the Ratana Community Board Meeting for further feedback.
- Scotts Ferry – Have received two letters of feedback from the community. This is to be followed up.
- Turakina – To discuss location of signage with the Caledonian Society on 13 June 2019.
- Marton – Lions Club have agreed that the need to remove old brick work to place new signage up. More discussion is needed on an icon for Marton, however will not be proceeding with Barley.
- Mangaweka – To be discussed at the next Community Committee Meeting.

His Worship the Mayor spoke in regards to the wonderful rapport with the children attending the Taihape Amazing race. Feedback was passed on from His Worship the Mayor to Ms Gower on the brilliant job done with Youth.

Undertaking

Subject

Mr Jamieson will deliver Supporting Items – Function Report following his Policy & Community Planning Project and Activity report in future Policy Planning Committee meetings.

Resolved minute number

19/PPL/055

File Ref

1-CO-4-8

That the report 'Policy & Community Planning Project and Activity Report – May 2019' to the Policy/Planning Committee on 13 June 2019 be received.

Cr Aslett / Ms T Hiroa. Carried

16 Activity Management

The report was taken as read.

The Committee queried when the Youth Committee meetings are held. It was noted that the meetings have been moved from 6 weekly to 4 weekly. Ms Gower and the Chair of the Youth Committee have also discussed that the Youth Committee attend a Council meeting to see it in action.

The Committee raised concerns around the First Response timeframes for noise complaints. It was explained that there is a two-step process and that the response timeframes are prompt. It has been requested that further information be provided in regards to the timeframes.

Undertaking Subject

Mr Hodder to follow up on the timeframes for response for request for service on noise complaints.

Resolved minute number 19/PPL/056 File Ref

That the report 'Activity Management' to the Policy/Planning Committee on 13 June 2019 be received.

Cr Belsham / Cr Ash. Carried

Cr Ash departed at 4.28 pm

17 Questions put at previous meeting for Council advice or action

None.

18 Late items

As agreed in Item 5.

19 Future items for the agenda

- Jurisdiction Collaboration Team
- Policy options around poor state of unoccupied CBD properties'
- Environmental compliance and infrastructure maintenance
- Datacom app – Antenno – presentation
- Closed landfills
- MoU framework
- River walk tunnel between Utiku and Mangaweka.

20 Next meeting

11 July 2019 at 1.00 pm.

21 Meeting closed

4.33 pm

Confirmed/Chair: _____

Date:



Rangitikei District Council

Turakina Reserve Management Committee Meeting

Minutes – Thursday 13 June 2019 – 7:00 p.m.

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Present: Ms Laurel Mauchline Campbell (Chair)
Mr Duran Benton
Mr Alastair Campbell
Cr Lynne Sheridan
His Worship the Mayor, Andy Watson

In Attendance: Mr Blair Jamieson (Strategy & Community Planning Manager)

1 Welcome

The meeting started at 7.02 pm. The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2 Apologies

That the apologies of Mr Murray Richardson and Cr Soraya Peke-Mason be received.

Ms L Mauchline Campell / Mr D Benton. Carried

3 Members' conflict of interest

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

There were no conflicts of interest declared.

4 Confirmation of order of business

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

Mr Benton declared a conflict of interest as the Chief of the Caledonian Society.

5 Minutes of last meeting

Resolved minute number	19/TRMC/014	File Ref	3-CT-9-2
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That the Minutes of the Turakina Reserve Management Committee meeting held on 7 February 2019 without amendment be taken as read and verified as an accurate and correct record of the meeting.

Mr A Campbell / Ms L Mauchline Campell. Carried

6 Chair's Report

The Chair updated the Committee in regards to:

- Thank you to Athol Sanson for cleaning gorse in the reserve.

7 Council decisions on recommendations from the Committee

There were no recommendations made to Council at the previous meeting.

8 Council responses to queries raised at previous meetings

There were no queries raised at the previous meeting.

9 Items for future meetings

Note any items to be added to the next agenda.

10 Late Items

As accepted in item 4.

Fee for Caledonian Society Highland Games 2020

Resolved minute number

19/TRMC/015

File Ref

The fee for the Highland Games at the Domain Reserve to be set at \$100.

Mr A Campbell / Ms L Mauchline Campbell. Carried

11 Next meeting

3 October 2019, 7pm

12 Meeting closed

7.09pm



Rangitikei District Council

Turakina Community Committee Meeting

Minutes – Thursday 13 June 2019 – 7:30 p.m.

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Present: Ms Laurel Mauchline Campbell (Chair)
Mr Duran Benton
Mr Alastair Campbell
Ms Tina Duxfeild
Ms Carol Neilson
Ms Anita Oliver
Cr Lynne Sheridan
His Worship the Mayor, Andy Watson

In attendance: Mr Blair Jamieson, Strategy & Community Planning Manager

Tabled documents: 13.1 Bonny Glen Trust Document
13.2 Turakina Town Signage

1 Welcome

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting at 7.30 pm.

2 Public Forum

Nil

3 Apologies

That the apologies of Cr Soraya Peke-Mason be received.

Ms L Mauchline Campbell / Ms C Neilson. Carried

4 Members' conflict of interest

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

There were no conflicts declared.

5 Confirmation of Order of Business and Late Items

That, taking into account the explanation provided why the item is not on the meeting agenda and why the discussion of the item cannot be delayed until a subsequent meeting, Bonny Glen Trust, Turakina Town Signage and Verbal update on Lease of Turakina Cemetery be dealt with as a late item at this meeting.

6 Confirmation of Minutes

Resolved minute number

19/TCC/011

File Ref

3-CC-1-4

That the Minutes of the Turakina Community Committee meeting held on 4 April 2019 as amended be taken as read and verified as an accurate and correct record of the meeting.

Mr A Campbell / Mr D Benton. Carried

7 Chair's Report

A verbal report was given at the meeting by the Chair.

Points noted from the verbal report were:

- The district are moving to a three ward structure, LG Commission – noted the reasons on their position
- Elected member representation – need more candidates for the 2019 – 2022 triennium.

- Athol Sanson has resigned from his position as Parks and Reserves Team Leader

Ms L Mauchline Campbell / Ms T Duxfeild. Carried

8 Council Decisions on Recommendations from the Committee

There were no recommendations made to Council at the previous meeting.

9 Council Response to Queries Raised at Previous Meetings

Reopening Turakina Cemetery – Update

10 Small Projects Grant Scheme Update – June 2019

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That the memorandum 'Small Projects Grant Scheme Update – June 2019' to the 13 June 2019 Turakina Community Committee meeting be received.

Mr D Benton / Ms T Duxfeild. Carried

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The Turakina Community Committee allocate an amount of \$500 from the committees 2018/19 Small Projects fund to the Turakina School towards the repair of the slide; pending a quote.

Ms L Mauchline Campbell / Mr D Benton. Carried

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The Turakina Community Committee recommends to Council that the unspent balance of the Small Projects Grants Scheme (\$710) be carried over to the 2019/20 financial year.

Ms C Neilson / Mr A Campbell. Carried

11 Update on place-making initiatives

A verbal update was provided, noting the following:

- The Turakina Tartan is to be painted on the bus stop, pending good weather.

12 Current Infrastructure Projects/Updates and Other Council Activities within the Ward

Resolved minute number

19/TCC/015

File Ref

3-CC-1-4

That the report 'Extract from activity report to Assets and Infrastructure, April 2019' to the 13 June 2019 Turakina Community Committee meeting be received.

Mr A Campbell / Ms L Mauchline Campbell. Carried

13 Late Items

Bonny Glen Trust

That the tabled document was taken as read.

His Worship the Mayor noted the process for additional trustees.

Turakina Town Signage

Noted the process as per the tabled document.

Lease on Cemetery

Discussed the electric fence and its appropriateness by the cemetery. Committee members advise staff request the lease be signed with the current tenant / stake-holder. Turakina Community Committee note that if signing is not the intention then Ms Neilson should have the site planted.

14 Next Meeting

1 August 2019 at 7:30pm

15 Meeting Closed

8.30 pm

Confirmed/Chair: _____

Date:



Rangitikei District Council

Hunterville Community Committee Meeting

Minutes – Monday 17 June 2019 – 6:30 p.m.

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Present: Ms Karen Kennedy, Chair
Ms Sandra Carroll
Ms Maureen Fenton
Mr Richard Gower
Ms Jean Signal
Ms Lynette Thompson
Ms Jane Watson
Cr Dean McManaway

In attendance: Ms Nardia Gower, Strategic Advisor for Rangatahi / Youth

Unconfirmed

1 Welcome

The meeting started at 6.31pm. The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2 Public Forum

Nil

3 Apologies

That the apology for the absence of Lynette Thompson and His Worship the Mayor be received.

Mrs Kennedy / Mrs Sandra. Carried

4 Members' conflict of interest

Members were reminded of their obligation to declare any conflicts of interest they might have in respect of items on this agenda. No conflicts of interest were declared.

5 Confirmation of order of business

There was no scheduled change to the order of business or late items.

6 Confirmation of Minutes

Resolved minute number	19/HCC/011	File Ref	3-CC-1-2
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That the Minutes of the Hunterville Community Committee meeting held on 15 April 2019 be taken as read and verified as an accurate and correct record of the meeting.

Ms Kennedy / Ms Watson. Carried

7 Chair's Report

There was no report provided.

8 Council decisions on recommendations from the Committee

There were no recommendations made to Council at the last meeting.

9 Council responses to queries raised at previous meetings

The Committee noted the commentary on the agenda and were pleased with the outcome.

10 Fitness Track update

Mr Gower provided a verbal update with the following highlights:

- Five truck and trailer loads of lime have been spread over the track. More loads will be delivered and applied when the weather improves.
- Two - three fitness stations are now completed.
- Another five fitness stations are yet to be finished, including zig zag, hurdles and chin ups. Signage on how to use each fitness station is being organised along with a sign naming key funders.
- Mr Gower noted he would complete a Fix-it-Form for installing safety wires on the Grandstand as per his conversation with Athol Sanson, Council's Parks and Reserves Team Leader.

11 Investigation of placement of dump stations in Bulls and Hunterville

The Committee accepted the comments in the reports and that there is no need for dump station signage as motorhome owners have their own database and online tools for locating such facilities.

Resolved minute number

19/HCC/012

File Ref

That the report from Assets/Infrastructure Committee 11 April 2019 'Investigation of placement of dump stations in Bulls and Hunterville' to the 17 June 2019 Hunterville Community Committee be received.

Mr Gower / Mrs Watson. Carried

12 Update on Place-making projects

The Committee discussed the following projects:

- Signage at Queens Park is yet to be designed or builder confirmed.
- The Council town signage for the southern end of town is yet to be erected due to waiting for a traffic management plan.
- The donated town seating remains unpainted or installed. The Committee discussed the possibility of moving the seats indoors to dry out and paint. The StepToe building will be investigated as a potential option. Ms Carroll has secured donated paint which can be collected at any time. It was noted that local resident Kelsie Smith of Destination Hunterville has offered to organise a group of volunteers to complete the painting.

13 Small Projects Grant Scheme Update – June 2019

Resolved minute number **19/HCC/013** **File Ref** **3-CC-1-2**

1. That the memorandum 'Small Projects Grant Scheme Update – June 2019' be received.
2. That the Hunterville Community Committee recommends to Council that the unspent balance of the Small Projects Grant Scheme (\$816) be carried forward to the 2019/20 Financial year.

Mrs Kennedy / Mrs Watson. Carried

Resolved minute number **19/HCC/014** **File Ref** **3-CC-1-2**

The Hunterville Community Committee approve payment of up to \$100 GST incl. from the Small Projects Fund to Jonathon Monks for the cleaning of the Hunterville signs, understanding that this may be undertaken and paid in the 2019/20 financial year.

Mrs Kennedy / Mrs Fenton. Carried

14 Youth Update – May 2019

Ms Gower noted that Hunterville Vet Club had generously offered to sponsor a category for the John Turkington Forestry Rangitikei Youth Awards 2019, but all categories sponsors had been confirmed.

Resolved minute number **19/HCC/015** **File Ref** **4-EN-12**

That the memorandum 'Youth Update – May 2019' to the 17 June 2019 Hunterville Community Committee be received.

Mrs Kennedy / Mrs Watson. Carried

15 Development of Road Safety Strategy

The committee noted the commentary in the agenda.

16 Outcome of SmartyGrants review

Mr Gower made comment on the process from an assessor's viewpoint noting that there were significant issues. It was noted that council investigated the problems and has put into action remedies for the upcoming grant round.

17 Grazing of Queens Park Reserve, Hunterville

Cr McManaway noted that, providing the horses stay within their designated areas, no issues should arise, although concern for the stream bank alongside the area marked in red was raised. Cr McManaway stated he would report back to the Committee at the August 2019 meeting on any negative impact on the park from the horses.

Resolved minute number **19/HCC/016** **File Ref**

1. That the report 'Grazing of Queens Park Reserve, Hunterville' be accepted.
2. That the Hunterville Community Committee approves/does not approve a Licence to Occupy the Queens Park Reserve, on the proviso that the Hunterville Community Committee reviews negative impact on the park, if any, and makes a further recommendation to support or decline a continued License to Occupy at the August 2019 Hunterville Community Committee meeting.

Mrs Kennedy / Mrs Watson. Carried

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

Mr Gower noted he had a meeting with Keith Sutherland, councils Project Engineer, at Hunterville School regarding the issue of storm water rising up under the office. Council staff are investigating the stormwater grate as a possible cause.

Cr McManaway updated the committee on the current status of the exploratory Hunterville Bore stating that testing on water quantity and quality will commence when a depth of 350 meters is reached.

Resolved minute number **19/HCC/017** **File Ref** **3-CC-1-5**

That the extract 'Current infrastructure projects/upgrades and other Council activities within the Hunterville ward' dated March - April be received.

Cr McManaway / Mrs Signal. Carried

19 Late Items

No late items were proposed in Item 6 however the following comments were made as general business:

- The resignation of Athol Sanson, Council's Parks and Reserves Team Leader, was noted. The Hunterville Community Committee wished to extend their

gratitude for all of his efforts throughout the district, remarking on the changes to the gardens and parks and Athol's approachable and positive attitude.

- The Hunterville Town Hall floods at the rear of the building and flows into the supper rooms, with suggestions that the drain may be full of debris and/or gravel. The Committee also noted that unsightly scrubby growth behind the hall is needs attending to. Ms Kennedy will complete a Fix it form for both issues.
- It was noted that the Scottish Pipe Band Committee has resolved to sell its hall.
- It was suggested that a standing item for general business be included in future order papers.

20 Next meeting

12 August 2019 at 6:30 pm

21 Meeting Closed

The meeting concluded at 7.25pm

Confirmed/Chair: _____

Date: