

**9.1 Chief Executive Report - December 2022****Author:** Peter Beggs, Chief Executive**Authoriser:** Peter Beggs, Chief Executive**1. Reason for Report**

1.1 This report provides Elected Members with an update on key activities across the organisation. Items requiring a specific decision are towards the end of this report.

**2. Events Held in November**

2.1 School Sports Events – all held at Taihape Memorial Park:

- 4, 11, 18, 25 November

2.2 Community Events:

- Marton Market Day Marton Park - 12th November
- Hearts & Homes Event – 12<sup>th</sup> November
- Market to accompany 145<sup>th</sup> Bulls Rose Show - 12th November
- Tutaenui Whānau Fishing Weekend – Tutaenui Dam – 19<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup> November
- Marton Blood Drive Memorial RSA Hall - 22nd November
- QEII Memorial Tre Planting Marton Park - 26th November

**3. Health Safety and Wellbeing Update**

3.1 The dashboard for November 2022 is attached (Attachment 1).

**4. Staff Movements**

4.1 In November we welcomed the following team members to RDC:

- Pio Rowe, Project Manager

4.2 There were no staff exits in November.

**5. External Submissions**

5.1 The updated list of current and recently closed submissions, including proposed actions is attached (Attachment 2).

Consultations proposed for submission

- 5.2 Consultation on reducing the emissions impact of fluorinated gasses – Officers suggest submitting, indicating this is relevant to Council, but there is no capacity to prepare a response. Submissions close on 18 December 2022.
- 5.3 Business Payment Practices Bill and Business Payment Practices Regulations – Officers are reviewing the Bill and Regulations. Operational submissions, signed by the Chief Executive will be prepared prior to the due dates of 8 January 2023 and 28 February 2023.
- 5.4 Spatial Planning Bill and Natural and Built Environment Bill (replacing the Resource Management Act) – A draft submission will be circulated to elected members for approval. Submissions now close on Sunday, 5 February 2023.
- 5.5 National Environment Plan on PFAS – Officers suggest a submission is prepared indicating Council does not have the capacity to prepare a response but acknowledges the importance of managing PFAS. Submissions close on 28 February 2023.
- 5.6 Future for Local Government Draft Report – A draft submission will be provided to the 22 February 2023 meeting for approval. Submissions close on 28 February 2023.
- 5.7 LGOIMA Amendment Bill – Officers are preparing a draft submission for elected member feedback. Consultation information has not yet been released but submissions are expected to be due in February 2023.

Consultations not proposed for submission

- 5.8 Proposed changes EEZ Fees Regulations - Submissions close 20 January 2023
- 5.9 Performance-Based Class 4 Licensing – Submissions close 31 January 2023

Consultations submitted on during November - December 2022

- 5.10 National Direction for Plantation and Exotic Carbon Afforestation – closed 18 November 2022 (Attachment 3).
- 5.11 Pricing Agricultural Emissions – closed 18 November 2022 (Attachment 4).
- 5.12 Second Tranche of Drinking Water and Wastewater Network Environmental Performance Measures – closed 9 December 2022 (Attachment 5).
- 5.13 Charities Amendment Bill – closed 9 December 2022 (Attachment 6).
- 5.14 Waka Kotahi Draft Interim State Highway Speed Management Plan – Closing 12 December 2022. The submission has been sent to the Mayor and Councillors for comment, the final submission will be attached to the next Chief Executive Report.

**6. Rural Water Supplies under the Government's Three Waters Reform Programme**

- 6.1 During November 2022, the Hunterville Rural Water Supply Management Subcommittee and the Erewhon Rural Water Supply Management Subcommittee considered options for the future management of their schemes. Their recommendations are provided later in the Order Paper.

- 6.2 While Council has been explicit in recent years that the water supplied to farmers through both schemes is non-potable, a working party convened by the Department of Internal Affairs (which included representatives from several councils with rural water supply schemes and reported in May 2022) concluded that most of these schemes were 'mixed use' – i.e. primarily for stock water but often providing reticulation to top-up tanks providing drinking water to property owners, their families and workers. The working party considered that all 'mixed-use' schemes would normally be transferred to one of the four regional entities which will manage the three waters from 1 July 2024.
- 6.3 Both committees considered that 'mixed use' was an accurate classification. However, there was strong interest in having Council apply for each scheme to be considered an exception, meaning that, instead of being transferred to the Western-Central Regional Water Services Entity, the schemes would manage their own affairs. However, before proceeding with such a step (which will be governed by requirements in the next Water Services Entities Bill, due for introduction into Parliament this month), each committee wanted Council to convene a meeting of all scheme members in late January 2023 so that everyone understood the situation and the intended actions.
- 6.4 Hunterville has an additional complication as that rural water supply also provides drinking water to the Hunterville township (although through a secondary treatment plant). That means it will be managed by the Western-Central Regional Entity (as will be the case for drinking water supplied to other urban areas in the Rangitikei). However, Internal Affairs has yet to decide whether the supply of drinking water to Hunterville township is best considered as distinct from the supply to farmers, subject to an agreement guaranteeing that supply.
- 6.5 Similar discussions to those with Hunterville and Erewhon will be needed for the remaining two smaller schemes, Omatane and Putorino, both of which are on Council's asset register.

## **7. Impact of November Weather Event**

- 7.1 The Roding Team have advised that the weather event in mid-November has resulted in large number of slips in the middle and north western areas of the district. The Upper Turakina Valley, Pohonui and Watershed Road were badly affected but remain open. The team are carrying out tidy up work and gathering information on the extent of damage. Waka Kotahi (NZTA) have been informed of the damage and the likelihood that we may need to make an application for funding to rectify some of the damage the weather event caused.

## **8. Successful Funding Applications**

- 8.1 In a joint application with Taihape Community Development Trust, \$15,021.06 funding has been received from Tū Manawa Active Aotearoa for a Rangitikei Play Trailer and Equipment, which will be available for use at events through-out the district. The trailer is expected to be available from late January 2023.
- 8.2 Funding of \$35,000 has been received from J B S Dudding Trust for the Rangitikei District Libraries for books, e-resources, and physical language resources (such as puzzles,

games, and signage) to develop our New Zealand resource collection, as well as develop our Māori, Samoan, and Tongan language resources.

## 9. Request for Fee Waiver - Turakina Caledonia Society

- 9.1 The Turakina Caledonia Society have requested a 100% fee waiver of \$318 for the cost of their application for exempt building work (to erect a marquee) for the Turakina Highland Games event on 28 January 2023 (Attachment 7). You will note their letter requests \$250 – this was the old fee for this consent and the amount should be \$318.
- 9.2 The Society has previously applied for this fee waiver and in 2019 and 2020 was granted this, no request was received in 2021, as the event was not held. Recommendation 2, below, refers.

## 10. Rectifying an Issue in the Council Minutes dated 26 November 2020

- 10.1 Staff are seeking reconfirmation of a resolution from the Council meeting on 26 November, 2020. The unconfirmed minutes from this meeting shows that the resolution was carried by Council at the meeting:

***“Resolved minute number 20/RDC/479***

*That Council approve stopping and the sale of the unformed legal road, Short Street Taihape, with title to be amalgamated with the land at 39 – 53 Dixon Way; And that the Chief Executive be authorised to complete negotiations with the owners of 39- 53 Dixon Way; exercise discretion without limitation to set the price (Council agreeing this may be for zero value), and complete all further actions and execute all required documents to give effect to this authority.*

*Cr Gordon/Cr Duncan. Carried”*

- 10.2 The minutes were presented for confirmation to the December 2020 Council meeting, and it is likely an administrative error occurred which caused the removal of the resolution. We can confirm this was in error as the recording of the meeting in December 2020 did not mention any amendment to the resolution / minutes in relation to this item.
- 10.3 As part of the stopping of the road staff need to send LINZ the resolution number and confirmed resolution, Council are now asked to reconfirm this resolution so we can proceed with the road stopping. Recommendation 3, below, refers.

## 11. Request from Marton Rotary Club

- 11.1 A letter has been received from the President of the Rotary Club of Marton asking for a waiver of a consent fee for the community stage which is being erected by the Rotary Club, Marton Lions and other business organisations, at the “Village Green” in Marton. A copy of this letter is attached.
- 11.2 The request is for a 100% fee waiver which is above the delegation to the Chief Executive. Recommendation 4, below, refers.

**12. Decision Making Process**

12.1 This item is not considered to be a significant decision according to the Council's Policy on Significance and Engagement.

**Attachments:**

1. **Health Safety Dashboard November 2022**
2. **Submissions Table December 2022**
3. **Submission National direction for plantation and exotic carbon afforestation**
4. **Submission Pricing Agricultural Emissions**
5. **Submission from MDC and RDC Environmental Performance Measures**
6. **Submission on the Charities Amendment Bill 2022**
7. **Letter from Turakina Caledonian Society - fee waiver request**

**Recommendation 1:**

That the Chief Executive's Report – December 2022 be received.

**Recommendation 2:**

That the Council agrees / does not agree [delete one] to waive the fee of \$318 to the Turakina Caledonia Society for application to erect their marquee for the Turakina Highland Games.

**Recommendation 3:**

That, in order to rectify an issue with the minutes of the 26 November 2020, Council resolve the following:

That Council approve stopping and the sale of the unformed legal road, Short Street Taihape, with title to be amalgamated with the land at 39 – 53 Dixon Way; And that the Chief Executive be authorised to complete negotiations with the owners of 39- 53 Dixon Way; exercise discretion without limitation to set the price (Council agreeing this may be for zero value), and complete all further actions and execute all required documents to give effect to this authority.

**Recommendation 4:**

That the Council agrees / does not agree [delete one] to waive the fee of \$974 to the Marton Rotary Club for the consent fees to a community stage at the Village Green, Marton.

# Rangitikei District Council

## Tax Invoice

Marton Rotary Club  
384 Wellington Road  
Marton 4710

Tax Invoice GST Reg. No 51-668-596

Issue Date: 15/11/22

Customer Number **BC220239**  
Tax Invoice **69340**

220239 : 305 Broadway, Marton  
To erect a cover for a community stage 6m wide x 9m long x  
3m high  
Owner: Rangitikei District Council

Qty	Description	Rate	Amount	
	Building Consent		959.00	*
	Fixed fee includes BCA accreditation charge		15.00	*
	(* Incl GST \$127.05)	Total	\$974.00	
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**TOTAL NOW DUE**

**Rangitikei District Council**

Debtor Number: **BC220239**  
Name: **Marton Rotary Club**

**TOTAL NOW DUE**

**\$974.00**

Amount Paid if Different  
from Total Due \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Payment Method** 03-0683-0195600-00 (Please use customer number as reference)  
Please tick appropriate box  Cash  EftPos  Internet Banking