

ORDER PAPER

ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

Date: Wednesday, 22 February 2023

Time: 1.00pm

Venue: Council Chamber
Rangitikei District Council
46 High Street
Marton

Chair: HWTM Andy Watson

Deputy Chair: Cr Dave Wilson

Membership: Cr Brian Carter
Cr Jarrod Calkin
Cr Fi Dalgety
Cr Gill Duncan
Cr Richard Lambert
Cr Simon Loudon
Cr Greg Maughan
Cr Tracey Piki Te Ora Hiroa
Cr Coral Raukawa
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Notice is hereby given that an Ordinary Meeting of Council of the Rangitikei District Council will be held in the Council Chamber, Rangitikei District Council, 46 High Street, Marton on Wednesday, 22 February 2023 at 1.00pm.

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AGENDA

1 Welcome / Prayer

2 Apologies

3 Public Forum

No Public Forum

4 Conflict of Interest Declarations

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, [enter item number](#) be dealt with as a late item at this meeting.

6 Confirmation of Minutes

6.1 Confirmation of Minutes

Author: Crystal Johnston, Executive Assistant

1. Reason for Report

- 1.1 The minutes from Ordinary Council Meeting held on 15 December 2022 are attached.

Attachments

1. Ordinary Council Meeting - 15 December 2022

Recommendation

That the minutes of Ordinary Council Meeting held on 15 December 2022 **[as amended/without amendment]** be taken as read and verified as an accurate and correct record of the meeting, and that the electronic signature of the Chair of this Committee be added to the official minutes document as a formal record.

ITEM 6.1

ATTACHMENT 1

MINUTES



RANGITIKEI
DISTRICT COUNCIL
Making this place home.

UNCONFIRMED: ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

Date: Thursday, 15 December 2022
Time: 1.00 pm
Venue: Council Chamber
Rangitikei District Council
46 High Street
Marton

Present

HWTM Andy Watson
Cr Dave Wilson
Cr Brian Carter
Cr Gill Duncan
Cr Richard Lambert
Cr Tracey Piki Te Ora Hiroa
Cr Coral Raukawa
Cr Jeff Wong
Cr Simon Loudon
Cr Greg Maughan
Cr Jarrod Calkin
Cr Fi Dalgety

In attendance

Mr Peter Beggs, Chief Executive
Mrs Carol Gordon, Group Manager - Democracy and Planning
Ms Gaylene Prince, Group Manager - Community Services
Mrs Sharon Grant, Group Manager - People and Culture
Ms Adina Foley, Senior Project Manager-Infrastructure
Ms Georgia Etheridge, Corporate Planning Advisor (Zoom)
Miss Crystal Johnston, Executive Assistant – Group Managers

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1 Welcome / Prayer

The Mayor opened the meeting at 1.00pm.

2 Apologies

No apologies received.

3 Public Forum

No public forum.

4 Conflict of Interest Declarations

Cr Wilson declared a conflict of interest regarding item 9.1, specifically the Marton Rotary application for funding.

HWTM declared a conflict of interest regarding item 9.1 as he is a Rotarian but he is not specifically involved with the proposed project.

Cr Loudon declared a conflict of interest in relation to item 10.4 Project Management Officer report specifically the Marton Rail Hub and item 10.5 in regard to the Marton Rail Hub project.

Cr Loudon declared a conflict of interest regarding item 12.3 Request for Waiver of Water Charges.

5 Confirmation of Order of Business

Resolved minute number 22/RDC/439

That the late item "10.5 - Marton Rail Hub – WSP Expert Witness and Resource Consent Support" be dealt with as part of the agenda for the Council meeting on 15 December 2022, the item cannot be delayed until a subsequent meeting as the amount invoiced exceeds the delegation of the Chief Executive, and requires payment ahead of Council's next meeting in February 2023. The reason the item is not on the agenda is that the invoices were received after the agenda had been sent out.

Cr J C Calkin/Cr B Carter. Carried

6 Confirmation of Minutes

Mrs Gordon responded to a query regarding Māori Ward Councillors and the process of the Tiikeitia Ki Uta member being appointed to the Ratana Community Board and the Tiikeitia Ki Tai member being appointed to the Taihape Community Board as a matter of right. Staff responded that the representative could only be from the General Ward as this was stated by the commission. Mrs Gordon to approach the Commission to discuss any opportunity to change this.

Resolved minute number 22/RDC/440

That the minutes of Ordinary Council Meeting held on 23 November 2022 without amendment, be taken as read and verified as an accurate and correct record of the meeting, and that the electronic

signature of the Chair of this Committee be added to the official minutes document as a formal record.

Cr F Dalgety/Cr G Duncan. Carried

Resolved minute number 22/RDC/441

That Cr Lambert is the Council nominated person for the first 18 months with Cr Dalgety as the alternate and that for the following 18 months Cr Fi Dalgety is the nominated Councillor with Cr Lambert being the alternate for the Hunterville Community Committee.

Cr F Dalgety/Cr B Carter. Carried

7 Follow-up Action Items from Previous Meetings

7.1 Follow-up Action Items from Council Meetings

Item 19: it was advised that the procurement policy should also consider the carbon position.

Item 23: Certain locations of the boundary of the river sits between Rangitikei District Council and Horizons Regional Council. Rangitikei District Council remove the rubbish but then invoice Horizons for this work. Signage has been drafted to convey this message.

Resolved minute number 22/RDC/442

That the report 'Follow-up Action Items from Council Meetings' be received.

Cr B Carter/Cr T Piki Te Ora Hiroa. Carried

8 Mayor's Report

8.1 Mayor's Report – December 2022

His Worship the Mayor note that two exceptional candidates have applied for the Tuia Programme from the Northern part of district. He said no decision has yet been received from the Environment Court re the Marton Rail Hub.

It was noted that the Hunterville Community Committee attendance needed to be amended in his report.

Resolved minute number 22/RDC/443

That the Mayor's Report – December 2022 be received.

Cr R Lambert/Cr G Maughan. Carried

9 Chief Executive's Report

9.1 Chief Executive Report - December 2022

Rural Water Supplies

Huntermville and Erewhon rural water schemes (RWS) acknowledged that they are mixed use which means the assets will transition to the new water services entities, following the 3 waters reform. Some rural water schemes can be removed from the transition after 1 July 2024. Council no longer will have any control or financial interest and therefore if they become independent they will need to set up their own structure. It is not guaranteed, if the schemes leave the entities, they would get the assets they put in, back. However, it is likely as the entities will be co-governed with appointees from within the community.

Rural Water Schemes have their own view on ownership but the Council has formal ownership of the schemes.

Omatane and Putorino RWS users have been invited to workshops regarding this however they have not attended. Council will continue to extend the invitation to both groups. Cr Duncan offered to be a conduit regarding this.

Request for Fee Waiver - Turakina Caledonia Society

There are community available funds and the group has been give funds of \$6,900 through the events sponsorship scheme. There are many events in this District and therefore we need to be consistent with our decision. Council have supported events of this nature across the District.

Staff are currently looking at the event sponsorship scheme, regarding regular events specifically and what this criteria and funding applications will look like.

Request from Marton Rotary Club

Conflict of interest declared by Cr Wilson at 1.45pm regarding Marton Rotary Club funding application.

Council have provided funding through the placemaking scheme for \$6,600. This was provided to the overall project not any individual organization.

HWTM advised he would not vote as he is a Rotarian but is not on the project board. Declared at 1.49pm.

Resolved minute number 22/RDC/444

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

Cr B Carter/Cr G Maughan. Carried

Resolved minute number 22/RDC/445

That the Council agrees to waive the fee of \$318 to the Turakina Caledonia Society for application to erect their marquee for the Turakina Highland Games.

Cr T Piki Te Ora Hiroa/Cr C Raukawa. Carried

Resolved minute number 22/RDC/446

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.

Cr D Wilson/Cr G Maughan. Carried

Resolved minute number 22/RDC/447

That the Council agrees to waive the fee of \$974 to the Marton Rotary Club for the consent fees to a community stage at the Village Green, Marton.

Cr C Raukawa/Cr B Carter. Carried

10 Reports for Decision

10.1 Roding - 2022/23 Budget Amendments

This report was a follow up from the September report for projects that needed deferral to try to align the budget with the Long Term Plan with Waka Kotahi budget and emergency works.

With increasing emergency events we need to anticipate these types of events and create a buffer for these types of events.

It was noted there was a discussion regarding this at the Finance and Performance meeting earlier in the day.

Resolved minute number 22/RDC/448

That Council receives the report 'Roding – 2022/23 Budget Amendments'.

Cr F Dalgety/Cr R Lambert. Carried

Resolved minute number 22/RDC/449

That Council approves the proposed amendments to reduce the 2022/23 Capital Budget to \$33,170,170 for the deferral of certain capital expenditure budgets, changes to some Budget Carry Forwards from 2021/22 and the realignment of other capital budgets.

Cr J C Calkin/Cr G Maughan. Carried

Resolved minute number 22/RDC/450

That Council approves the proposed amendments to reduce the 2022/23 Operating Expense Budget to \$22,439,994 for the deferral of certain roading operating expenditure budgets and changes to some Budget Carry Forwards from 2021/22.

Cr J C Calkin/Cr D Wilson. Carried

10.2 Triennial Agreement for the Manawatu-Whanganui Region 2022-25

Changes to the agreement came through to staff yesterday and Mrs Gordon noted the changes that were different from the version included in the agenda.

There was a need for a decision by 1 March 2023 on receiving this document.

Resolved minute number 22/RDC/451

That the Triennial Agreement for the Manawatu-Whanganui Region 2022-25 report be received.

Cr D Wilson/Cr G Maughan. Carried

Resolved minute number 22/RDC/452

That, the draft Triennial Agreement for the Manawatu-Whanganui Region be received, noting it is currently in a draft form, and that (unless any other Council suggests substantive change) His Worship the Mayor be authorised to sign the agreement, accepting any minor changes proposed by other councils.

Cr F Dalgety/Cr T Piki Te Ora Hiroa. Carried

10.3 Te Matapihi – Changing Rooms

In response to a question it was advised that Te Matapihi complies with health and safety standards.

Designs for the changing room went out to the community and schools before this was brought to Council. Their preferred option was a separate changing room for 200+ people, as advised to council previously. Council were told that the hall would get low usage without the changing room however groups and schools continue to use it.

In response to a question it was advised that a marquee was able to be erected by the doors in the carpark to give easy access to the back of the building. Due to the glass windows the upstairs area is not suitable as a changing space.

It was noted that the project completion report is still to come to Council, this will be in the new year, this will provide the final budget for the Te Matapihi project.

Resolved minute number 22/RDC/453

That the report 'Te Matapihi – Changing Rooms' be received.

Cr B Carter/Cr D Wilson. Carried

Resolved minute number 22/RDC/454

That Council approves minor privacy improvements (curtains and blinds) as per option (1) in section 4.2 of the report and not exceeding \$10,500, noting these improvements can be achieved within the remaining Te Matapihi Capital Budget.

Cr B Carter/Cr C Raukawa. Carried

Resolved minute number 22/RDC/455

That Council approves up to \$25,000 of operational expenditure in the 2023/24 Annual Plan for the hire of a marquee as an occasional changing room, if required. The events will be limited to school productions and large events only, and will require the approval of Council's Chief Executive.

Cr B Carter/Cr R Lambert. Carried

Cr Maughan recorded his vote against the motion

Amendment

That Council approves up to \$45,000 of operational expenditure in the 2023/24 Annual Plan for the hire of a marquee and associated costs as an occasional changing room, if required. The events will be limited to school productions and large events only, and will require the approval of Council's Chief Executive.

Cr Calkin/Cr (Amendment Lost)

Foreshadowed Motion

That Council investigate the purchase of a marquee for use at various events around the district.

Cr Loudon/Cr Calkin. Motion lost

Resolved minute number 22/RDC/456

That Council request staff to not conduct any further investigation or work to construct additional changing rooms at Te Matapihi.

Cr R Lambert/Cr D Wilson. Carried

Cr Loudon/Cr Calkin recorded their votes against the motion

10.4 Project Management Office Report – December 2022

Ms Foley gave the following highlights from the report:

Marton to Bulls Wastewater Centralisation Project:

Project work plan meeting held (high level scope) to capture the project itself in the right spirit.

Marton Industrial Park and Rail Hub

Conflict of interest noted by Cr Loudon.

Marton Water Strategy

Making good progress with the bore hole. Soil report to be provided to Councillors.

Marton Civic Centre

There is a fifteen year timeline to get this building strengthened, this date will be included in future reports.

Taihape Amenities Building

Staff to include photos in future reports.

Lake Waipu Improvement and Ratana Wastewater Treatment Project

Consent has been lodged.

Regional Treatment Plant Consenting Programme

An infringement notice has been received for the Taihape treatment plant as the quality of the water is not to standard, staff are working to identify to short term improvements.

Scotts Ferry Pump

Manawatu District Council staff have been trying to meet with Horizons Regional Council as the land is owned by them.

Resolved minute number 22/RDC/457

That the Project Management Office Report – December 2022 be received.

Cr G Maughan/Cr S Loudon. Carried

Resolved minute number 22/RDC/458

In regard to the Marton to Bulls Centralisation project, that Council request for HWTM and the Chief Executive to meet with the Chair and Chief Executive of Horizons Regional Council to discuss the status of current planning, timelines and next steps, and for regular meetings to be set up between RDC and Horizons.

HWTM/Cr B Carter. Carried

10.5 Marton Rail Hub – WSP Expert Witness and Resource Consent Support

Cr Loudon declared a conflict of interest and removed himself from the table, he returned at 4:03pm.

Resolved minute number 22/RDC/459

That the report “Marton Rail Hub – WSP Expert Witness and Resource Consent Support” be received.

HWTM/Cr G Maughan. Carried

Resolved minute number 22/RDC/460

That Council approves the payment of WSP invoices 01981360 @ \$166,498.56 (exc GST) and 01984621 @ \$65,459.58 (exc GST) for the subject matter expert witness and reporting services for the proposed MRH District Plan change.

HWTM/Cr C Raukawa. Carried

Resolved minute number 22/RDC/461

That Council approves for WSP to continue their work on supporting the MRH District Plan change and on resource consent(s) preparation at a value not to exceed \$425,000, noting this sum is fully

funded by the Infrastructure Reference Group grant to Council for the provision of the Marton Rail Hub.

HWTM/Cr F Dalgety. Carried

11 Minutes from Committees

11.1 Minutes from Committees

Resolved minute number 22/RDC/462

That the following minutes are received:

- Youth Council- 9 August
- Policy and Planning-11 August
- Bulls Community Committee- 27 September
- Finance and Performance 29 September
- Finance and Performance- 23 November
- Marton Community Committee- 4 October
- Taihape Community Board- 5 October
- Turakina Community Committee-6 October

Cr J C Calkin/Cr C Raukawa. Carried

12 Public Excluded

The meeting went into public excluded session 4:03pm

Resolution to Exclude the Public

That the public be excluded from the following parts of the proceedings of this meeting.

- 1 Public Excluded Council Meeting - 23 November 2022
2. Follow-up Action Items from Council (Public Excluded) Meetings
3. Request for Waiver of Water Account Charges

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

General subject of each matter to be considered	Reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter	Ground(s) under section 48 for the passing of this resolution
12.1 - Public Excluded Council Meeting - 23 November 2022	[enter text]	S48(1)(a)

12.2 - Follow-up Action Items from Council (Public Excluded) Meetings	s7(2)(a) - Privacy s7(2)(b)(ii) - Commercial Position s7(2)(h) - Commercial Activities s7(2)(i) - Negotiations	s48(1)(a)(i)
12.3 - Request for Waiver of Water Account Charges	s7(2)(a) - Privacy	s48(1)(a)(i)

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

Cr Hiroa/Cr Duncan. Carried

13 Open Meeting

The meeting went into open session 4:24pm

Resolved minute number 22/RDC/463

That the public excluded meeting move into an open meeting, and the below recommendations be confirmed in the open meeting:

22/RDC/459 - 22/RDC/462

Cr T Piki Te Ora Hiroa/Cr G Duncan. Carried

The meeting closed at 4:29pm.

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 26 January 2023.

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Chairperson

7 Follow-up Action Items from Previous Meetings

7.1 Follow-up Action Items from Council Meetings

Author: Kezia Spence, Governance Advisor

1. Reason for Report

- 1.1 On the list attached are items raised at previous Council meetings. Items indicate who is responsible for each follow up, and a brief status comment.

2. Decision Making Process

- 2.1 Staff have assessed the requirements of the Local Government Act 2002 in relation to this item and have concluded that, as this report is for information only, the decision-making provisions do not apply.

Attachments:

1. Follow-up Actions Register [↓](#)

Recommendation

That the report 'Follow-up Action Items from Council Meetings' be received.

Current Follow-up Actions

Item	From Meeting Date	Details	Person Assigned	Status Comments	Status
1	15-Dec-22	A letter to be written to the Local Government Commission re representatives on Taihape and Ratana Community Boards	Carol	An email was sent on Friday, 16 December and a response has been received. There is no way to address this until a further representation review is undertaken. Cr Hiroa has been co-opted onto the Ratana Community Board.	Completed
2	15-Dec-22	send soil report to HWTM (referred to in PMO report re Marton water strategy)	Adina	This report has been loaded into the Hub (bigtincan) for elected members to access.	Completed
3	15-Dec-22	For the PMO Report •Marton CC put the timeframes for earthquake strengthening into the report and what heritage status is for the High Street / Broadway buildings For the PMO Report •Include any photos of the building of the new Taihape amenities building In PMO Report •In relation to the note in the report "Taihape WTP - Substitution request has been approved" what does 'substitution request' refer to or mean? •For future PMO reports add in details of who is in charge of community projects (including an overview of each community project and who is involved)	Adina	The PMO report has been updated with more detail. This information is included in the February report.	Completed
4	15-Dec-22	Meeting between CE, Mayor, Cr Wilson, Adina re the infringement notice for Taihape water	Adina	This meeting was held 20 January 2023	Completed
5	23-Nov-22	A summary of Elected Members Pecuniary Interests will be sent to all EMs before it goes on the website	Carol	This is due to be done by the end of February 2023	In progress
6	3-Nov-22	Mangaweka bridge - remove old signage posts that are in the area	CE	Signage posts removed.	Completed.
7	3-Nov-22	Mangaweka bridge -increase the size of the font on the Pouwhenua plaque	CE	A new (larger) sign is being manufactured. Council have consulted Iwi and the new plaque will be installed on the campground side facing back up the road.	In progress
8	3-Nov-22	Check that the Bulls rubbish dump site tested during the recent round of PFAS testing.	CE	Staff have reviewed bore sites in and around the old Bulls rubbish dump site. A total of three additional bore sites have been identified and are to be tested for PFAS contamination in January 2023. We are awaiting results.	In progress
9	3-Nov-22	That staff provide a report to Council on the unsolicited offer received to seismically strengthen the Taihape Town Hall, to give advice on the impacts of Councils procurement policy and budgets, and any legal requirements that may need to be considered	Adina	Will be brought to Council in March 2023 as part of the final Business Case report.	In progress
10	29-Sep-22	Chief Executive to investigate and advise the total cost of Te Matapihi project, and separate the Bulls Bus Lane and Town Square costs.	CE/ Adina Foley	Report is in February Council meeting	Completed
11	29-Sep-22	Staff continue to pursue reduced cost options for strengthening the Taihape Grandstand, to report these options to the December Council meeting, and to keep the Taihape Heritage Group Grandstand Subcommittee apprised of this action	Arno / Adina	A report will be provided at the March council meeting.	In progress
12	25-Aug-22	As per resolution 22/RDC/305 : That, should "better off" funding be received for the Hautapu River Parks Project, Council enters into a formal agreement with the Friends of Taihape for them to conduct ongoing maintenance of the bridges.	Adina Foley	PMO is working with Friends of Taihape to support them in their project preparation.	In progress
13	30-Jun-22	Adoption of the Procurement Policy; this was left to lie at Council's 30 June 2022 meeting, in order to allow the PMO to review the policy and make changes. Once these changes are complete, the policy will go back to the Audit and Risk Committee for review/feedback, before being presented to full Council for adoption. Carbon to be included in this review, and potentially the Policy.	Adina Foley	This will be brought back to Finance / Performance Committee for the March meeting in 2023	In progress
14	26-May-22	As per resolution 22/RDC/165 : That due to safety concerns around vehicles other than buses using the Bulls Bus Lane, Council staff be asked to investigate possible options around discouragement and enforcement practices.	Gaylene Prince / Johan Cullis	Staff are presently investigating software compatibility with our suppliers. Staff are also drafting a bylaw for Council's consideration that will allow enforcement action.	In progress
15	28-Apr-22	Mr Beggs will confirm the status of the agreement with the Mangaweka Bridge Historical group regarding the ongoing maintenance and use of the old Mangaweka Cantilever Bridge.	CE	A Memo of Understanding exists between Manawatu and Rangitikei District Councils and the Historic Society. This was signed 31 March 2021. The bridge is a legal road; each of the 2 Councils own and have responsibility for the road to the centreline of the Rangitikei River. The 2 councils will progress stopping of the road (bridge), following which there can be a more formal handover to the Historical Society. This is not expected until mid-2023	In progress
16	31-Mar-22	Staff to provide a report to a future Council meeting on the Putorino Water Supply Scheme.	Arno Benadie	No new updates available at this time.	In progress

17	28-Oct-21	<p>With regards to the recommendation from the Bulls Community Committee for rubbish bin/s at the picnic area at the Bulls river: A recommendation by Council to approve this request was lost, and Cr Gordon instead requested that staff contact Horizons Regional Council and request that they investigate this further as this area of land lies under their responsibility.</p> <p>From 3 Nov meeting - Cr Carter raised the issue of fly tipping - CE undertook to speak to him more about this.</p>	Raj Khadka	<p>Staff are working on an updated Memorandum of Understanding between ourselves and Horizons on arrangements for issues where they overlap each Council. (eg flytipping under the Bulls bridge).</p>	In progress
18	30-Sep-21	<p>As per resolutions 21/RDC/291 and 21/RDC/292: Staff to progress the sale of the stopped road at the front boundary of 66 Kiwi Road, Taihape, noting that Council's costs of road stopping are to be paid by the purchasers through a non-refundable deposit.</p>	Arno Benadie	<p>Survey completed and now awaiting LINZ approval of the plan. LINZ is way behind in this work at present and we expect some delays to complete this portion of the work.</p> <p>Plan approval still awaited from LINZ. The landowners/purchasers are regularly updated by phone or email.</p> <p>Update 15/02: Road Stop process complete. Transferees' lawyer is seeking new title and will then process Transfer of the land.</p>	In progress
19	25-Mar-21	<p>Staff to advise the Hunterville Community Committee on costings and requirements to create disability access to the Hunterville town hall.</p> <p>Update: Cr Lambert sought an update on this item at the Council meeting 16 Dec 21. Mr Benadie advised that he will follow up on this and provide an update.</p>	Adina Foley	<p>PMO is waiting for quote for concept design strengthening and accessibility</p>	In progress
20	2020	<p>20/RDC/478 Authority to negotiate and enter into a Licence to Occupy part of the unformed road at the South approach to Mokai Bridge.</p> <p>Update August 2022 (length of licence) As per Cr Gordon's query, staff to investigate the length of the licence to occupy for the unformed road at the South approach to Mokai Bridge and update this action accordingly.</p>	Graeme Pointon	<p>Update on this is included in CE Report.</p>	Completed

8 Mayor's Report

8.1 Mayor's Report - February 2023

Author: Mayor Andy Watson

This Council meeting and recent Council workshops have focussed on putting together a draft Annual Plan to go out for consultation. That draft should be available after the Council meeting in March. The inflationary pressures on all Councils at the moment is extreme, especially in the roading and salary categories. Various reports for instance give the increased cost of repairing and rebuilding roads to be in the range of a 20-30% increase in terms of cost. This is challenging and in my view the 2.5% inflation cost that we put into place when budgeting the Long Term Plan a year ago is unachievable. Council will need to consider what rate increase is both realistic and affordable for our communities. The workshops so far have proved the difficulty of that task. What we are seeing anecdotally around the country coming out in the press is that some Councils are looking at increases well in excess of 10%, I don't believe that we will be in that position however to keep our rates affordable we may well need to review what services we provide.

Cyclone Gabrielle – the Rangitikei escaped relatively undamaged compared to our Zone 3 partners and neighbours which include Manawatu, Palmerston North, Gisborne, Wairoa, Hawkes Bay through Horowhenua to Taranaki. The damage and loss of production across the country is unprecedented. The Rangitikei River at one stage of modelling by Horizons was going to peak as measured at Mangaweka in excess of 10m. To understand this figure, the 2004 flood event was at 8.8m which was thought at the time of being a 1 in 200 year flood. However thankfully the modelling was incorrect and the measurement at Mangaweka peaked at 7.6m, largely due to the predicted rainfall and the headwaters of the ranges being retained or falling into the Hawkes Bay. Scotts Ferry and Tangimoana escaped inundation courtesy of the huge amount of money and efforts Horizons have put into maintaining and lifting the stop-banks and we should appreciate that.

Our other rivers, being the Whangaehu and Turakina received only moderate rainfall initially in their catchments and although rain did come later there is no predicted damage associated in such places such as Whangaehu, Kauangaora and Koitiata.

We dodged a bullet this time but these events are becoming the new normal associated with climate change and our planning, including our spatial planning, must consider this.

On Saturday 4 February I had the pleasure of attending a ceremony at Mt View Cemetery organised by the Marton RSA to acknowledge a series of unidentified graves of servicemen who returned from war and resided at Lake Alice Hospital until they died. To walk along and see the 34 graves covered with flags before the ceremony commenced was quite poignant. There were a number of dignitaries present and what struck me first of all was the presentation that Barry Rankin from the RSA gave around his personal voyage in discovering the number of unidentified graves. These were military personnel who after returning from the world wars were resident at Lake Alice Hospital and basically forgotten. When they died they were buried at Mt View Cemetery with makeshift markers that over time disintegrated and those graves were effectively unnamed for many years. It was an incredibly moving story to me and I think everybody was astounded at the work that Barry had done over a number of years to in recognition of those soldiers' final resting places. Each of the 34 graves has now been suitably fitted with a military plaque. After the official ceremony I was given the opportunity to stand and listen to some of the individual soldier's stories which were fascinating. I happened to be at the unveiling of Sergeant Leonard Hardcastle's grave, a soldier who was involved in field action near Ypres in 1917 where a near miss high explosive shell buried him up to his neck

leaving him alone and unable to dig himself out. He lay out for three days and was delirious when he was finally brought in. He suffered permanent physical injury and returned to NZ suffering incredible mental stress. There were also soldiers who falsified their ages in their military records so that they could enlist on what they saw as the Great Adventure in 1914 and if that was a sample of all servicemen at the time it indicates the enormous amount of young people who left NZ and who shouldn't really have been eligible to serve. To hear these stories from the military records Barry was able to obtain was raw and emotional and as the RSA would say "lest we forget".

We are delighted to have received over 20 nominations for the Inaugural Community Volunteer Awards. The awards recognise the people who always go above and beyond for our district – the wonderful volunteers we have in our community who have contributed significantly to the community service, welfare, sport and recreation, culture, arts and education sectors. The panel have met and shortlisted those nominations for the Awards Evenings to be held in March at Te Matapihi. The names of the winners will be kept strictly confidential until the night. In addition to the volunteer awards that will be presented there is a special Mayor's Recognition Award that I will present on the night. Awardees will be engraved on an Honour's Board that will be placed in the foyer of the Marton Council Offices and updated bi-annually from 2025 onwards.

The Four Regions Trust, which provide heavy amounts of funding for community facilities within our District, have written to us to advise they have voted and unanimously recommended that the current Trustee, Mr Christopher Renshaw, be reappointed for a further term of three years and are seeking our endorsement of this reappointment. Annabel Whisker was appointed to the Trust by Council in June 2021 and I believe both Annabel and Chris are key people in their respective communities who will argue strongly for a share of the funding to come to the Rangitikei.

On 7 February I attended a blessing for the new St John Ambulance site in Taihape. This was unfortunately at very late notice and I was unable to extend the invitation to all Councillors to attend. St John have apologised to me around this. The great news is that there has been a sod turning and construction will follow in due course.

Recently Terry Steedman a long term member of Te Roopuu Ahi Kaa (TRAK) passed away. Terry has been an integral part of TRAK which is the Iwi representative group standing committee of Council, his input has been invaluable and this is why we recognised him with a minute's silence at the beginning of the Council meeting. I attended his tangi at Winiata Marae where a huge number of Vietnam Veterans attended as well. We mark his passing with the deepest respect and our thoughts are with his wider whanau.

Andy Watson, Mayor

Mayors Engagement

January 2023

10	Attended weekly meeting with Deputy Mayor
11	Attended Camp Quality at Nga Tawa School
14	Attended Country Music Festival
16	Attended monthly breakfast meeting with Mayor Helen Worboys Attended meeting with ratepayers in Taihape

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17	Attended meeting with Kiwiburn organisers Attended weekly meeting with Chief Executive Attended weekly meeting with Deputy Mayor
18	Attended meeting with Horizons/NZDF Ohakea staff re Elected Members Forum in February
20	Attended meeting with Chief Executive, Deputy Mayor and Infrastructure Staff
21	Attended Otairi Sports Day Attended Bulls RSA Life Membership presentations Attended Community BBQ At Kiwiburn Site in Hunterville
23	Attended Ratana 25 th Celebrations Attended Ohingaiti & Hunterville District Sports Club Annual Picnic & Sports Day
24	Attended Ratana 25 th Celebrations Attended weekly meeting with Deputy Mayor Attended Working Bee at B&C Dams
25	Attended Ratana 25 th Celebrations Attended weekly meeting with Chief Executive
26	Attended Council Workshop
28	Attended Caledonian Games at Turakina Attended Terry Steedman's tangi
30	Attended meeting with Bulls Historical Society
31	Attended Forestry Differential Engagement with Iwi Attended weekly meeting with Chief Executive Attended weekly meeting with Deputy Mayor

February 2023

1	Attended monthly ELT meeting – Governance Q&A Worked from Taihape Attended Rural Professionals Meeting Attended Bulls Community Meeting (for Bulls Community Committee)
3	Attended Working Bee at Mt View Cemetery (RSA)
4	Attended Mt View Veterans Unveiling Ceremony Attended Shearing Sports
6	Attended Waitangi Big Day Out in Taihape
7	Attended fortnightly Regional Transport Zoom Attended weekly meeting with Chief Executive Attended Zoom meeting with Ombudsman
8	Attended Danelle Whakatihī's Powhiri at Palmerston North City Council Worked from Bulls

	Attended Taihape Community Board Meeting
9	Attended Council workshop Attended Turakina Community Committee Meeting
10	Attended Accessing Central NZ Governance Group Meeting Attended Community Volunteer Awards Nomination Shortlisting meeting
11	Attended Gwen's 100 th Birthday Party
13	Attended Hunterville Community Committee Meeting
14	Attended Te Roopuu Ahi Kaa Komiti Meeting Attended weekly meeting with Chief Executive Attended Defence Hub Meeting at Linton Military Camp
15	Attended Civil Contractors launch of merged branch (Manawatu-Whanganui)
16	Attended Council Workshop Attended Post-Election Councils Meet & Greet
17	Attended fortnightly discussions on Economic Development Attended fortnightly discussion – Pae Tawhiti
20	To attend breakfast meeting with Mayor Helen Worboys
21	To attend weekly meeting with Chief Executive To attend weekly meeting with Deputy Mayor
22	To attend Finance/Performance Committee Meeting To attend Council Meeting
23	To attend Elected Members Regional Forum
24	To attend Earthquake Strengthening Seminar Marton
27	To attend Waka Kotahi Regional Relationship Meeting To attend weekly meeting with Chief Executive
28	To attend opening event for Bulls Charger Site To attend Citizenship Ceremony To attend weekly meeting with Deputy Mayor

Recommendation 1:

That the Mayor's Report – February 2023 be received.

Recommendation 2:

That the Council endorses the reappointment of Mr Christopher Renshaw to the Four Regions Trust for a further term of 3 years.

9 Chief Executive's Report

9.1 Chief Executive Report - February 2023

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 December and January

2.1 School Sports Events:

- Taihape Touch Rugby Taihape Memorial Park – 2 and 9 December
- Taihape Area School Whole School Top Town Event Taihape Memorial Park - 6 December
- Marton Rugby (Rugby 7s) and Sports Club hosting Whanganui – Marton Park - 28 January

2.2 Community Events:

- Mini Market Day - Village Green - 3 December
- Taihape Christmas Parade - 3 December
- Whanganui NZMCA (Caravan Association) Event - Turakina Domain – 8, 9, 10 December
- Marton Country Music Festival – Sir James Wilson Memorial Park – 13, 14, 15 January
- Private event – 90th Birthday Celebration – Te Matapihi - 14 January
- Private event – Wedding – Te Matapihi – 20 - 22 January
- Vintage Car Club NZ Whanganui Branch – Marton Park - 22 January
- Turakina Highland Games – Turakina (a school helped out by allowing the dancing to take place at the school due to the poor weather)
- Taihape Gumboot and A&P Show – Memorial Park on 28 January was cancelled due to poor weather.

2.3 Work Event:

- RDC staff Christmas Function - Bulls Domain - 16th December

3. Health Safety and Wellbeing Update

- 3.1 The dashboard for December 2022 and January 2023 is attached (Attachment 1).

4. Staff Movements

4.1 In December and January we welcomed the following team members to RDC:

- Angela Coleman, Casual Library and Information Officer
- Matt Gordon, Health, Safety and Wellbeing Advisor
- Sundeep Solomon, Digital Transformation Specialist
- Harry Singh, Systems Analyst

4.2 We also farewelled the following team members in December / January:

- Rebecca Bramley, Financial Accountant
- Sandra Field, Library Officer
- Lequan Meihana, Strategic Advisor Mana Whenua
- Lesley West, Cleaner
- Sam Zhang, Manager Financial Services

5. Exit Interview Summary June – December 2022

5.1 Since June 2022, RDC has been offering all exiting permanent and fixed term employees the opportunity to participate in an exit interview. The purpose of an exit interview is to gain feedback on the employment experience together with insights about primary reasons for leaving. There were 11 exits and 10 exit interviews completed between June and December 2022, giving a response rate of 91%. Common responses to the primary reason for leaving were pay and career development. The top highlight reported was RDC's team culture.

5.2 The small number of surveys completed to date makes it difficult to conclude any trends at this time, however it is anticipated that useful trends will be visible after 12 – 18 months. The surveys to date do appear to confirm the value of Councils' efforts to develop and maintain an exemplary organisational culture.

5.3 RDC's staff turnover for 2022 (calendar year) was 18.6%. The national average turnover rate for the 12 months to 1 July 2022 was 20.5% (NZ Staff Turnover Survey).

6. External Submissions

6.1 The updated list of current and recently closed submissions is attached (Attachment 2).

Consultations proposed for submission

6.2 Water Services Entities Legislation Bill and Water Services Economic Efficiency and Consumer Protection Bill. Submissions close 17 February 2023.

6.3 Spatial Planning Bill and Natural and Built Environment Bill (replacing the Resource Management Act). Submissions close Sunday, 19 February 2023 (Attachment 3).

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- 6.4 Future for Local Government Draft Report. Submissions close 28 February 2023. A draft copy of this submission has been sent to Elected Members and is also attached (Attachment 4). Refer to Recommendation 2 below.
- 6.5 Proposed Plan Change 3 Urban Development – further submissions. Officers will examine the submissions received to determine if a further submission is required. Submissions close 28 February 2023.

Consultations not proposed for submission

- 6.6 Regulation of methamphetamine contamination in rental housing. Submissions close 20 February 2023.
- 6.7 National Environment Plan on PFAS. Submissions close 28 February 2023. It is proposed not to submit, due to the NEP being very technical in nature and a lack of resource to be able to adequately respond.
- 6.8 Inquiry into the 2022 Local Elections. Submissions close 14 February 2023.
- 6.9 Review of the Resource Management (infringement Offences) Regulations. Submissions close 6 March 2023.
- 6.10 Smoked Tobacco Regulatory Regime. Submissions close 15 March 2023.

Consultations submitted on during January 2023

- 6.11 Business Payment Practices Bill and Business Payment Practices Regulations – Submissions closed 8 January 2023 (Attachments 5 and 6).
- 6.12 Consultation on reducing the emissions impact of fluorinated gasses –Submissions closed 18 December 2022 (Attachment 7).
- 6.13 LGOIMA Amendment Bill – Submissions closed 3 February 2023 (Attachment 8).

7. Country Music Festival

- 7.1 Feedback has been received from the Country Music Festival organisers advising that their recent event at Sir James Wilson Park, Marton, was a huge success, far exceeding their expectations with ticket sales indicating an attendance of just under 1000 paying patrons.
- 7.2 The Committee advised “We can't thank the Rangitikei District Council enough for working with us to make this the success that it was” and asked that sincere thanks be passed on to Council's team [identifying the Parks, and the Property teams] for all their hard work, saying “The grounds were in superb condition and as always, we received a lot of positive comments about the venue. The ladies who were doing the toilet cleaning were lovely and the facilities were well maintained throughout the entire weekend.”

8. Welcoming Communities

- 8.1 With the support of Council's Welcoming Communities staff and the Bulls & District Community Trust, Lyndon Tamblyn (La Bull Cafe) applied to the Multicultural Council Rangitikei/Whanganui for funding to host a welcoming event for newcomers to our district. This funding was successful, and an event is being planned for mid-March at La Bull Café. Further information will be circulated to Councillors in the near future.

9. Sport Whanganui Update

- 9.1 Sport NZ and Sport Whanganui have an investment agreement schedule that is worked on collaboratively. This investment agreement sets out the agreed outcomes that Sport Whanganui will work towards over a 3-year period. These initiatives cover Rangitikei, Ruapehu, and Whanganui districts and the breadth of work includes but is not limited to Play, Active Recreation, Spaces and Places, and leadership of the sector. There is no specific funding tagged towards any of the three districts, but rather towards initiatives designed to make an impact in our communities.
- 9.2 As part of the ongoing Sport Hub Collective hui that have been organised by Council, and Sport Whanganui with community support from Rangitikei Farm Stay – Kylie Stewart, Rangitikei College Sports Coordinator – Emily Rayner, Ngā Wairiki Ngāti Apa – Steven (Brownie) Karehana, and local sporting and school community connections, a new role is being created in Rangitikei called the "Healthy Active Learning Adviser". This role will be providing support to school leaders and teachers to assist in planning, identifying, and developing opportunities for quality play, sport, and physical activity experiences for tamariki. The role also includes developing and maintaining meaningful relationships with community health and physical activity providers to ensure a connected and coordinated approach to health and well being outcomes for our tamariki.

10. (Old) Mangaweka Bridge

- 10.1 Following the commissioning of the replacement bridge across the Rangitikei River at Mangaweka, the old bridge is closed to motor vehicles.
- 10.2 The bridge is co-owned by Manawatu and Rangitikei District Councils (each responsible to the middle line of the river). For all purposes, the bridge continues to have the status of legal road.
- 10.3 The Councils have a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with The Mangaweka Heritage Incorporation under which Mangaweka Heritage will accept liability for the operation and maintenance of the bridge "if an agreement is ultimately entered into for transfer of responsibility".
- 10.4 That proposed agreement and transfer cannot proceed until the legal road status is uplifted (road to be stopped).
- 10.5 Survey work for the proposed road stop has been instructed. The full process of stopping road entails survey, legal, LINZ and public inputs. The total time for completion of all processes is, realistically, likely to be at least 4 months.

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10.6 The MOU provides for Conservation, Public Health and Safety, and Engineering Maintenance Plans to be developed. Work on those is progressing.

11. Three Waters Stock Take – Department of Internal Affairs National Transition Unit (NTU)

11.1 Staff across the organisation undertook a two-day workshop on the 7th and 8th of February in the Council Chambers. The purpose of the workshops was to obtain the Council's operational structure in relation to three waters, and gives an indication to the NTU of how to proceed with Entity B. This work aligns with our support of the various requests for information from the NTU.

12. Mokai Bridge Licence to Occupy

12.1 Mokai Gravity Canyon Limited (MGC) operated an adventure tourism activity at Mokai Bridge. The company owned an office/administration building sited on unformed legal road at the South approach to the bridge. Council issued a Licence to Occupy (LTO) in 2001 for the adventure activity assets on the bridge itself, plus the office building and carpark.

12.2 The company was subsequently liquidated (in 2020). Prior to the liquidation the company's secured creditor had been repaired by an associated company and the office/administration building was transferred to that associated company.

12.3 The Liquidator has confirmed he has no call on the building and the associated company owns it outright.

12.4 The building owner and the local Runanga (Te Runanga o Ngai Te Ohuake through its legal entity, Te Kete Manawa Trust) have an agreement for sale and purchase of the building and on 26 November 2020 Council resolved the following:

“(20/RDC/478)

That the Chief Executive is authorised and directed to negotiate and enter into a new Licence to Occupy for the office building sited on the unformed road at the South approach to Mokai Bridge and to set Terms and the Licence Fee.

Cr Wilson/Cr Belsham.”

12.5 Negotiations for a new LTO cannot proceed until the Runanga has secured funding to complete its purchase. Officers are in regular contact with the Runanga's representative.

13. Community Water Fluoridation – Letter from the Ministry of Health Update

13.1 The Ministry of Health requested confirmation of the estimated financial costs and expected timelines of adding fluoride to drinking water in Bulls, Marton and Taihape. RDC provided a response to The Ministry of Health at the end of January 2023 to confirm a capital cost of \$300,000 per installation and an additional \$50,000 of operational expenses per annum. The Ministry has acknowledged receipt of this letter and will communicate further if in need of clarification. A copy of this response is attached (Attachment 9).

14. Bulls & Districts Historical Society (Inc) – Loan

- 14.1 In March 2022 the Bulls & Districts Historical Society (Inc) ('the Society') wrote to the CEO and Mayor seeking a loan of \$159k to enable the earthquake proofing of the Bulls Museum. At the time the Society thought it would receive external grant funding to enable it to repay the loan before the end of 2022. Council approved the granting of this loan at its March 2022 Council meeting. A copy of this letter is attached (see Attachment 10).
- 14.2 The Society has been unsuccessful in obtaining the external grant funding needed to repay the loan. The loan agreement was for a fixed period and this period has now expired.
- 14.3 In February 2023, the Society wrote to the CEO to outline the funding challenge, attached (see Attachment 11), and to seek the debt to be written down over 3 years. Officers are seeking guidance from Council regarding the request from the Society.
- 14.4 The initial loan agreement expired on 26 January 2023 and, should the loan be extended, Officers propose backdating any interest to this date. Refer to recommendation 3 below.

15. Annual Report on Dog Control Policy and Practices

- 15.1 Under section 10A(3) of the Dog Control Act 1996, Council is required to give public notice of its annual reports on dog control policy and practice. This report covers the 2021/22 financial year; once Council has adopted the report it will be publicly advertised, as required. The report is attached (Attachment 12). Refer to Recommendation 4 below.

16. Alternate Representative to the Civil Defence Emergency Management Group Governance Body

- 16.1 At the Council meeting on 3 November 2022 His Worship the Mayor was confirmed as the Council's representative to the Civil Defence Emergency Management Group Governance Body. An alternate also needs to be approved by Council; a recommendation is included below to appoint the Deputy Mayor, Dave Wilson as the alternate. Refer to Recommendation 5 below.

17. Request from Marton RSA for Fee Waiver

- 17.1 A request has been received from Mr Alan Buckendahl on behalf of the Marton RSA. He is requesting a waiver of consent fees (\$318) associated with a building consent application for the erection of a marquee at the unveiling and blessing of graves of veterans of WWI and WWII (see Attachment 13). The event was held on 4 February 2023. Refer to Recommendation 6 below.

18. Better Off Funding Update

- 18.1 In August 2022, Council resolved to apply for the full amount available (\$3.33 m) in tranche 1 of Central Government's 'Better Off Funding' initiative (refer 22/RDC/304).

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The Better Off Funding initiative is to support Territorial Authorities to transition three waters assets and to position for the future wellbeing of our communities.

- 18.2 Council have been offered a contract for the full amount of funding requested. The following projects are included in the proposed contract:

Title	Amount Allocated	Brief Statement of Function
Business Case for Housing	\$50,000	Investigation of housing in the region.
Development of Climate Impact Strategy and Action Plan	\$75,000	Engaging a consultant to prepare/develop/adopt a clear strategy for the Rangitikei in collaboration with the Manawatu-Whanganui and the Climate Action Joint Committee.
District Plan Acceleration	\$425,000	Acceleration of Phase 1 of the District Plan to enable intensification and options for housing development.
Flood Protection Marton CBD	\$120,000	Investigation of solutions for areas along the Tutaenui Stream to protect against future flooding.
Hautapu River Parks Project	\$375,000	Funding towards building four bridges across the Hautapu river, and community planting days.
Taihape Civic Centre	\$1,883,000	Complete the Better Business Case, perform investigation and design works into the preferred option, support of project costs.
Town Centre Regeneration	\$200,000	Costs in relation to designing spaces for placemaking projects in each town. Marton, Bulls and Taihape.
TRAK – Nga Marae O Rangitikei Water Compliance	\$200,000	Implementation of the remainder of the water improvements required for the Marae in our district under Taumata Arowai regulations.

- 18.3 The contract has been reviewed by officers, and it is recommended to be accepted without amendment. Refer to Recommendation 7 below. Most of the project work has been included in the 2023/24 Annual Plan funding currently under consideration by Council.

19. Triennial Agreement for the Hawke's Bay Region

- 19.1 Following Local Government elections a triennial agreement is drafted for local authorities whose boundaries are encompassed within the Hawke's Bay Region. The Local Government Act 2002 requires all such triennial agreements to be concluded by 1 March. The agreement is attached (Attachment 14).
- 19.2 A small part of the Rangitikei District is within the Hawke's Bay region so is (like the Taupo District Council) a non-primary party to the Hawke's Bay Region Triennial Agreement.
- 19.3 The agreement was discussed by the Hawke's Bay leaders at their meeting on 30 January and is now presented to Council for consideration. Refer to Recommendation 8 below.

20. Bulls Community Patrol Waiver Request of Hall Hire Fee

- 20.1 The Bulls Community Patrol (a non profit organisation) is planning an awareness promotion and recruitment drive on Saturday March 11th, and have tentatively booked the Te Matapihi Hall from 8.30am – 1.30pm for the promotional event.
- 20.2 They are planning to offer the installation of anti-theft number plate screws, and a BBQ to hopefully entice extra public interest.
- 20.3 The only income the Bulls Community Patrol receive is through fund raising events.
- 20.4 The Community Patrol have requested a waiver of their fee of \$85 (non profit rate). This has been declined by the Chief Executive on the grounds that the not for profit rate has already been applied. The Community Patrol seeks the fee waiver requested be escalated to Council for their consideration. Refer to Recommendation 9 below.

21. Roothing Procurement Strategy

- 21.1 Council's Chief Operating Officer is in the process of finalising a procurement strategy for the Roothing Maintenance contract. This journey started in August last year, with a new maintenance contract required to be in place by 1 July 2024. Waka Kotahi require Council to confirm (and approve) Council's roading procurement strategy by 30 June 2023.
- 21.2 Staff will provide a summary update of the process implemented so far, as well as all previous updates to Council, to a March workshop to share the information with new Councillors and to remind existing Councillors on progress. In addition, staff will present a detailed report to the March Council meeting that will describe all available options and ask Council for a final decision on the procurement strategy.

22. Decision Making Process

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

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Attachments:

1. Health Safety Dashboard Dec 22 and Jan 23 [↓](#)
2. External submissions summary - February 2023 [↓](#)
3. Submission on the SPA and NBEA Bills [↓](#)
4. Future for Local Government - draft Submission [↓](#)
5. Submission on Business Payment Practices Bill [↓](#)
6. Submission on Business Payment Practices Regulations [↓](#)
7. Submission on reducing the emissions impact of fluorinated gases [↓](#)
8. Submission on LGOIMA Amendment Bill [↓](#)
9. Response to Ministry of Health re Fluoridation [↓](#)
10. Loan Request - Bulls and Districts Historical Society - March 2022 [↓](#)
11. Letter from Bulls and District Trust - February 2023 [↓](#)
12. Dog Control Report 2021/22 [↓](#)
13. Request from Marton RSA for fee waiver [↓](#)
14. 2022-25 Triennial Agreement - Hawke's Bay [↓](#)

Recommendation 1:

That the Chief Executive's Report – February 2023 be received.

Recommendation 2:

That the Council approves with / without amendment [delete one] the submission on the Future for Local Government Draft Report.

Recommendation 3:

That Council either:

Write off the \$159k loan to the Bulls & Districts Historical Society (Inc) in three tranches, spread over a three year period;

Or

Agrees / does not agree [**delete one**] to extend the old loan agreement to The Bulls & Districts Historical Society (Inc), for a period of three years, allowing early repayment of the loan after which it will be reviewed, if necessary.

Recommendation 4:

That the Annual Report on Dog Control Policy and Practices, required under Section 10A of the Dog Control Act 1996, be adopted.

Recommendation 5:

That the Deputy Mayor, Dave Wilson, be appointed as the alternate Rangitikei District Council representative to the Civil Defence Emergency Management Group Governance Body.

Recommendation 6:

That Council agrees / does not agree to waive the consent fee of \$318 as requested by the Marton RSA which relates to a building consent application for the erection of a marquee.

Recommendation 7:

That the Chief Executive be authorised to sign the funding agreement without amendment for the 'Three Waters Reform – Better Off Funding' (Tranche 1) totalling \$3,330,000.

Recommendation 8:

That His Worship the Mayor and the Chief Executive be authorised to sign the proposed triennial agreement for the Hawke's Bay Region.

Recommendation 9:

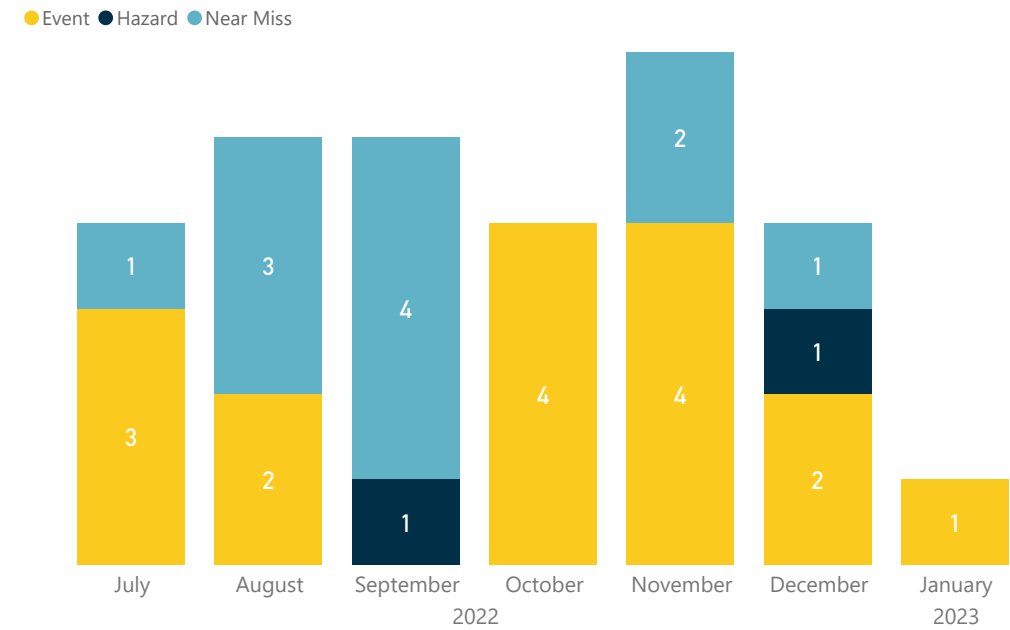
That Council agrees / does not agree to waive the not for profit fee of \$85 for the Bulls Community Patrol hire of Te Matapihi on 11 March 2023.



Rangitikei District Council Health & Safety

Events, Hazards and Near Misses

01 June 2022 to date



Last 2 months

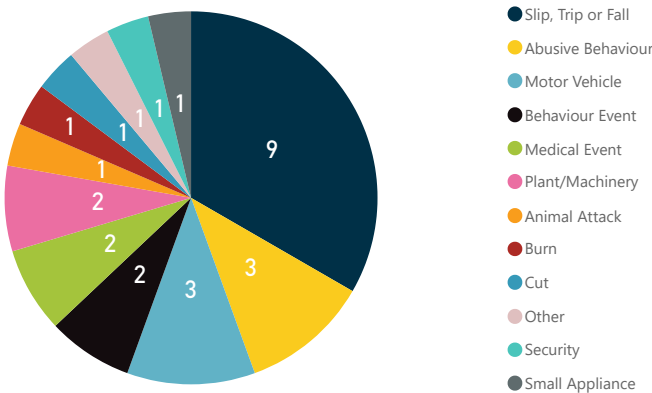
December 2022/January 2023

3 Events
0 Notifiable Incidents
0 Notifiable Illness/Injuries

1 Near Misses
1 Hazards

Event/Near Miss Category

01 June 2022 to date



Wellbeing News

Welcome to 2023!

The New Year is a great time to reflect on our personal wellbeing goals for the next 12 months. The Five Ways to Wellbeing provide some simple strategies you can introduce into your life:

Connect: Talk and listen, be there, feel connected; **Give:** Your time, your words, your presence; **Take Notice:** Remember the simple things you do that give you joy; **Keep Learning:** Embrace new experiences, see opportunities, surprise yourself!; **Be Active:** Do what you can, enjoy what you do, move your mood.

Delicious for a Summers Day! Strawberry Shortcake Pops

Ingredients:

1 tablespoon castor sugar 250g punnet strawberries, hulled 2 cups low-fat vanilla yoghurt 6 malt biscuits, crumbled

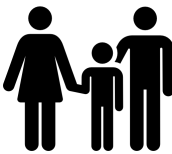
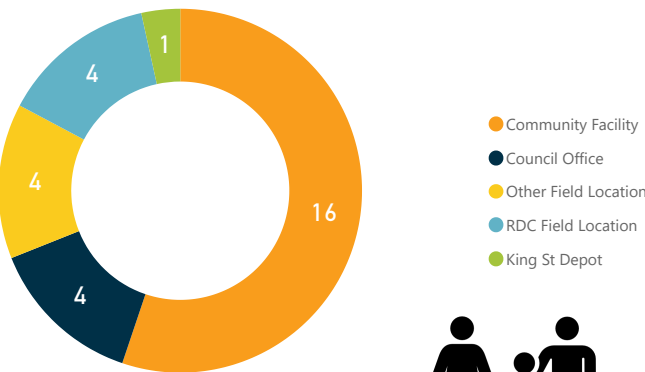
Instructions

1. In a food processor, blitz sugar and strawberries until smooth, pour into 10 x 1/3-cup (80ml) capacity ice block moulds. Freeze for 30 mins to 1 hour, turn the moulds occasionally so mixture drizzles and lines the inside of the mould. Freeze for a further hour or until firm.
2. In a jug combine yogurt and biscuits. Spoon mixture evenly over strawberry layer in ice block moulds. Freeze ice blocks overnight, or until firm. Serve.

You can find more great healthy food recipes on My Everyday Wellbeing. If you haven't registered yet, simply email marcelle.williams@rangitikei.govt.nz

Location

Events, Hazards and Near Misses



Driver Ratings

	Nov	Dec	Jan
★★★★★	4	6	12
★★★★	12	9	9
★★★	17	14	10
★★	3	6	3
★	0	0	0

Note: The star ratings measure over-speed, sharp acceleration and harsh breaking events as per data captured from E-Roads

Coming Up

Driver Simulator Training

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Submissions Currently Open

Name of initiative	Agency engaging	Due date	Description	RDC Action	Submission Lead
Water Services Entities Legislation Bill	Finance and Expenditure Committee	17-Feb-23	Bill covering powers funding and pricing, links to land use planning and amendments to LGA - Water reform	Submit	Michael Hodder
Water Services Economic Efficiency and Consumer Protection Bill	Finance and Expenditure Committee	17-Feb-23	Gives effect to government decisions to introduce economic and consumer protection regulation for the three waters services	Submit	Michael Hodder
Inquiry into the 2022 Local Elections	Justice Select Committee	14-Feb-22	Examine law and administrative procedures for 2022 local elections, with reference to: - low voter turnout - election services by private organisation (reference to special voting, provision of papers, complaint processes, accountability, postal voting - security and effectiveness) - voting age (wrt lowering age to 16 years)	Do not submit	N/A
Spatial Planning Bill	Environment Select Committee	19-Feb-23	One of two Bills progressing reform of the resource management system - extension to 19th approved by email 22 December	Submit	Katrina Gray
Natural and Built Environment Bill	Environment Select Committee	19-Feb-23	One of two Bills progressing reform of the resource management system - extension to 19th approved by email 22 December	Submit	Katrina Gray
Regulation of methamphetamine contamination in rental housing	HUD	20-Feb-23	Regulation to give clarity on responses to methamphetamine level including a threshold for responses. This will give certainty around response to contamination of residential rental properties	Do not submit	N/A
Future for Local Government Draft Report	Future for Local Government Panel	28-Feb-23	Draft report including recommendations	Submit	Morrison Solutions (Tessa & Simon)
Business Payment Practice Regulations	MBIE	28-Feb-23	This regime will improve information and transparency around business-to-business payment practices by requiring large firms (those with turnover of \$33 million a year) to publicly disclose information on their payment practices, including payment times. This includes local authorities.	Submitted December 2022	Dave Tombs
National Environment Plan on PFAS	MFE (joint with NZ and Aust EPA)	28-Feb-23	The Heads of EPAs of Australia and New Zealand (HEPA) have released the draft per- and poly-fluoroalkyl substances National Environmental Management Plan (PFAS NEMP) version 3.0 for public consultation. We're advised that this potentially affects any entity that deals with water, wastewater, stormwater, biosolids, composting and landfills.	Do not submit	N/A
Review of the Resource Management (Infringement Offences) Regulations (NEW – added 7 Feb)	MFE	6-Mar-23	Considers options for increasing fines for infringement offences.		
Smoked Tobacco Regulatory Regime		15-Mar-23	The Smokefree Environments and Regulated Products (Smoked Tobacco) Amendment Act came into force on 1 January 2023. The amendment also extends the Act's regulatory powers over the composition of smoked tobacco products, such as nicotine levels. Health is seeking views on proposals to implement these changes, including a retail scheme (where they are sold), and low nicotine requirements. The consultation document also sets out proposals to tighten current restrictions on vaping product safety requirements and packaging. It also considers some restrictions on the location of Specialist Vape Retailers (SVR's).	Do not submit	N/A

Submissions Closed January 2023

Business Payment Practices Bill	Economic Development, Science and Innovation Committee	8-Jan-22	Introducing the regime to bring transparency to business to business payment terms and practices in New Zealand	Submit	Dave Tombs
Proposed changes EEZ Fees Regulations	EPA	20-Jan-23	Changes to the hourly rates charged by the EPA under the Exclusive Economic Zone and Continental Shelf Environmental Effects Act 2012. EPA staff deliver consenting and monitoring activities under the EEZ act. This affects those with marine consents under the EEZ act or intend to undertake permitted activities.	Do not submit	N/A

Performance Based Class 4 Licensing	DIA	31-Jan-23	Proposal to adjust DIAs licensing and monitoring process, with the potential for venues exceeding requirements to receive longer licensing periods.	Do not submit	N/A
Sale and Supply of Alcohol (Community Participation) Amendment Bill	Justice Select Committee	12-Feb-23	Bill that removes appeal rights on provisional local alcohol plans	Do not submit	N/A
LGOIMA Amendment Bill	Governance and Admin Select Committee	3-Feb-23	<p>Bill makes changes to law governing disclosure of information about natural hazards on LIMS.</p> <p>Aims to provide clarity and certainty for local authorities. The proposals include improving natural hazard information - requiring regional councils to provide hazard info and support - and limiting legal liability for providing it. Liability remains for not disclosing if it is known. similar protection to other information.</p> <p>Also provides grounds for withholding information consistent with OIA.</p>	Submit	Georgia Etheridge



15 February 2023

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Tēnā Koe

Submission on the Spatial Planning Bill and Natural and Built Environment Bill

Thank you for the opportunity to submit on the Spatial Planning Bill and Natural and Built Environment Bill. We thank the Committee for the extension of time to the submission period. Rangitikei District Council (Council) has developed one submission on both bills due to the interconnected nature of the proposed pieces of legislation.

Council agrees that reform of the resource management system is needed. We support amendments that incorporate increased strategic planning, increase the agility of the system, and decrease costs.

Council is concerned that the proposed system may not deliver the transformational change intended or create the efficiency gains sought. However, the vast volume of consultations out from Government, limits Council's ability to comprehensively comment on the proposed pieces of legislation. Therefore, Council has focused comments on 'local matters' and does not provide comments on the technical aspects of the bills. The following key areas are discussed:

1. Local input
2. Funding
3. Implementation and transition
4. Consenting
5. Treaty settlements

1. Local input

Council's main concern is the potential loss of local voice and knowledge in the resource management system, particularly in the development of the regional spatial strategy and natural and built environment plans. The comments provided below seek to ensure increased local decision-making is incorporated into a regional plan-making system.

Statement of Community Outcomes

We support the requirement under the Spatial Planning Bill (Section 24(2)(b)) and the Natural and Built Environment Bill (Section 107(1)) for the Regional Planning Committee to 'have particular regard to' any Statement of Community Outcomes in preparing the regional spatial strategy or

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natural and built environment plans. We see this as an important mechanism for consideration of local views and knowledge.

Section 645(2) of the Natural and Built Environment Bill identifies the purpose of the statement of community outcomes as “to record a summary of the views of a district or local community within the region”.

Council has invested considerable time and effort creating a spatial plan for the Rangitikei. We will finalise the document by mid-2023. This document provides a clear picture of the outcomes and priorities for our communities and should hold weight for the regional planning committee when developing the regional spatial strategy. Council requests that the purpose of the statement of community outcomes is expanded to make it clear that existing spatial planning, community planning or growth planning documents can form part of a statement of community outcomes.

Decision requested

That Section 645(2) of the Natural and Built Environment Bill is amended as follows:

The purpose of the statement of community outcomes is to record a summary of the views of a district or local community within the region. The statement of community outcomes may consist of, or include, local spatial planning, community planning, or growth planning documents.

Plan-making processes

Spatial Planning Bill

Section 30 of the Spatial Planning Bill sets out that the regional planning committee must adopt a process for preparing its regional spatial strategy. This section outlines that the process must comply with section 31 to 34.

- Section 31 – support quality decision-making
- Section 32 – encourage participation
- Section 33 – comply with Māori participation arrangements
- Section 34 – contain key steps.

We support Schedule 4, Section 3 which requires the regional planning committee to provide the body with the opportunity to review the draft regional spatial strategy. However, we request that subsection (2) is expanded to provide local authorities greater scope to comment on the content of the draft strategy.

Decision requested

That Schedule 4, Section 3(2) of the Spatial Planning Bill is amended as follows:

- (2)The purpose of a review is to allow the appointing body to—
- (a) familiarise itself with the content of the draft strategy;
 - (b) identify any errors;
 - (c) identify any risks in the implementation or operation of the draft strategy; and
 - (d) provide comment on the content that is relevant to that appointing body

Natural and Built Environment Bill

Schedule 7 of the Natural and Built Environment Bill sets out the process for preparation, change and review of natural and built environment plans.

Council supports Schedule 7, Clause 20 related to enduring submissions and Schedule 7, Clause 22(1)(e) that requires consultation with local authorities in the preparation of a plan. Council requests a strengthening of these clauses by requiring a review of a draft plan by the local authorities in the region.

Decision requested

That additional provisions are added to Schedule 7 of the Natural and Built Environment Bill to require the regional planning committee to provide a draft plan to local authorities in the region for comment prior to notification.

Membership of regional planning committee

The membership of the regional planning committee is a key part of ensuring local voice in the reformed planning system. Council supports each local authority being able to appoint one member onto the committee. Council does not support Clause 3(2)(d) which gives weight to population when considering the composition of the committee. The Rangitikei has a small population, but significant land area to manage. The districts resource management issues are no less important or deserve less weighting than those of larger centres in our region.

Decision requested

That Schedule 8 Clause 3(2)(d) of the Natural and Built Environment Bill is removed.

2. Funding

The second most significant concern about implementing the proposed legislation is the potential funding implication. There are several areas that will create cost increases for local government.

1. Plan-making - Schedule 8, Clause 36(1) requires local authorities to *jointly fund and provide resources sufficient to enable the committee and the secretariat to perform or exercise their functions, duties, and powers.*
2. Monitoring and Enforcement – increased monitoring and reporting requirements (sections 836/837 of the Natural and Built Environment Bill.
3. Implementing actions from the Regional Spatial Strategy – such as provision of infrastructure.

Council's concerns are supported by the *Supplementary Analysis Report* that identifies an increase in cost to the local government sector of 11% under the proposed system. This report identifies cost increases for the sector associated with developing and monitoring new economic instruments (\$27m annually), increased monitoring and enforcement activity (\$18m annually) and reviewing and implementing additional national direction under the NPF (\$15m annually).

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As a small local authority cost increases to deliver reform may have a significant impact on our ratepayers and could result in unintended outcomes, such as the reduction in levels of service for other functions to maintain rating affordability for our communities. In addition, there appears to be little alignment with the long term planning (funding cycle). Council requests additional support is provided by Central Government for the implementation of the new system.

Decision requested

That Central Government provide funding to support transition to the proposed resource management system including; funding support for the development of the first regional spatial strategy and natural and built environment plan, funding for Māori participation in the system, and funding for additional administrative costs incurred with the new system.

That key phases of implementing the new resource management system are aligned with local government long term planning cycles.

3. Implementation and transition

Council supports a phased transition process which develops the planning framework in the correct hierarchy – national direction first, followed by the development of regional spatial strategies and then the natural and built environment plans.

Council has reservations about the capacity in the planning sector and iwi sector to resource the transition. Council notes the Ministry for the Environment has engaged a consultant to investigate capacity of the system for the transition. Staff will be needed to continue to implement the existing resource management system (which is already under resourced), as well as, implement the new system. Council suggests significant effort by Central Government should be placed into resourcing the transition. Without adequate resourcing the effectiveness of the new system could be compromised.

Council supports the ability for local authorities to undertake plan changes under the Resource Management Act 1991 up until the adoption of the regional spatial strategy.

The proposed legislation could also benefit from greater alignment with 3 Waters and local government reform.

Decision requested

Retain the ability to enable local authorities to undertake RMA plan changes up until adoption of the regional spatial strategy.

That significant Central Government resource is placed into ensuring capacity of the planning and iwi sectors in the implementation and transition.

4. Consenting

The Natural and Built Environment Act proposes resource consenting will remain a function of local authorities. Council supports this approach as a way of retaining local oversight in the resource management space.

Decision requested

That the resource consenting function remains with local authorities.

5. Treaty settlements

Council has been able to talk about this submission briefly with our Te Roopuu Ahi Kaa (the Council's standing Iwi advisory committee). Council supports the proposed greater role for mana whenua participation in the proposed system. A key area of interest and concern for the iwi and hapū in the Rangitikei is ensuring existing Treaty Settlements are protected under the new system and any outstanding settlements are not adversely impact by the proposed system.

Te Roopuu Ahi Kaa Komiti does not support the establishment of a national Māori entity

Decision requested

Retain provisions in the Spatial Planning Bill (section 20 and Schedule 2) and Natural Environment Bill (Section 111 and Schedule 2) that protect treaty settlements and statutory acknowledgements.

I look forward to the opportunity to appear before the committee to speak to Council's submission.

Naku noa



Andy Watson
Mayor of the Rangitikei

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Submission by:



To:



In relation to:

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Draft report

October 2022

1.0 Introduction

- The Rangitikei District Council (RDC) welcomes the opportunity to make submissions (the submission) on the Review Panel's (the Panel's) draft report (the report) released in October 2022.
- RDC has followed the progress of the Inquiry with great interest and engaged with the Panel back in March 2022, particularly in relation to the five key shifts the Panel identified for consideration at that time.
- It notes the report is not a 'draft' of the Panel's final report, providing a significant amount of information on the Panel's thinking, an initial set of recommendations, and asking a range of further questions.
- RDC has considered the report in some detail applying the lens of the five key shifts on which most of the chapters are based, as well as discussing the structure examples set out in the report.
- To avoid duplication and provide a rounded RDC response, the submission notes the key points made back in March 2022 and builds on these with further feedback for the Panel to consider.

2.0 Revitalising citizen-led democracy & Replenishing and building on representative democracy - Chapters 2 & 7***What RDC said to the Panel in March 2022 about "Shift 1" - strengthening local democracy:***

- *Rangitikei District Council is a district with only 16,500 people, but multiple small towns, eight iwi and a large land area. We are now experiencing growth which is putting significant pressure on land, housing, and services; all these provide a representation challenge in hearing the voice of the community:*
- *If RDC was to end up under a larger entity, with responsibilities similar to that of a Community Board, it would have limited ability to strengthen local initiatives and community involvement.*
- *If the Panel suggested a larger population base is required for Local Government in future, it will be even harder for decision makers to understand the needs and challenges of each community...currently there is a significant part of the population who are excluded/not engaged with Local Government, this would be more difficult at a larger scale.*

February 2023:

- In October 2022 the RDC welcomed two newly established tangata whenua ward representatives and four new general ward Councillors to the Council of 12 representatives, including re-elected Mayor Andy Watson.
- Rangitikei also has two community boards and four community committees, the latter covering each of four towns, as well as an active Youth Council.
- RDC has closely considered the Panel's quite specific recommendations about representative democracy as these need, in the Council's view, to be coordinated with what might change at a national level as a result of the current Independent Electoral Review.
- *Electoral Term* - The Council sees advantages and disadvantages in lengthening the term to four years. In itself it won't necessarily 'strengthen local democracy'. There may be efficiency gains, but much depends on what happens at a national level and when; and, also how the planning requirements such as the three-yearly long-term plan reviews are dealt with.
- *Voting age* - At this time a reduction in voting age to 16 years is not generally supported by the Council. A key concern is the need to better civics education generally and in schools particularly, as the basis for any future move in this respect.

- *Universal Single Transferrable Vote* – The Council generally sees merit in a single system across local government, but again much depends on what might happen at a national level. It may be that STV provides a better representation of peoples’ overall preferences across the electorate, but it can be challenging when there is a large number of candidates.
- *Employment provisions of chief executives* – RDC does not have a strong view on this matter, but sees merit in it being addressed, noting that the Public Service Act provides for a CE to have a term for 5 years and can have multiple terms, while under the Local Government Act Council CE roles must be advertised after the 5/7 years. Although incumbent CEs can reapply, many have an inbuilt expectation to only live so long in the role. RDC agrees that it is important for overall Council performance for the CE to have a positive employment relationship and sense of security, which is not always the case under such provisions.

3.0 Allocating roles and functions in a way that enhances local wellbeing & Local Government as champion and activator of wellbeing - Chapters 4 and 5

What RDC said to the Panel in March 2022 about ‘Shift 2’ - stronger focus on wellbeing:

- *Frameworks and funding for achieving community wellbeing need to be simplified and administered locally to allow the different agencies to work together on achieving shared outcomes, this will require additional government funding. From a wellbeing perspective, the key issues that Local Government must and can influence are:*
 - *Employment outcomes, including the link between non-mainstream education and training*
 - *Community’s link with MSD and other wellbeing support services*
 - *Cross-agency health outcomes*
 - *Social housing and funding*
- *As well as focusing on the potential new remit for Local Government, it is important that the Panel also considers how to best continue to deliver existing core services such as rural based roading, which are critical to the social and economic wellbeing of our community.*
- *Local Government is the best avenue for providing localism into big picture economic decision-making by:*
 - *Advocating for its communities, and*
 - *Understanding how policies will work on the ground and how to customise these to result in better outcomes for specific communities.*

February 2023:

- There is a huge ‘PR’ exercise required to get the public ‘attuned’ to councils and understand that councils focus is increasingly on local wellbeing. Presently there is a disconnect between the local council and people’s daily lives, in the role councils play.
- As previously indicated the opportunity is there for councils like RDC to be more influential in local wellbeing, more opportunities to be involved; but this is subject to more funding and resourcing at the right level.
- RDC believes that there is an opportunity to collect community views on dimensions of wellbeing that they want council to focus on, instead of a pre-determined definition provided centrally. Everybody has a different perspective of wellbeing across society, and this includes a Te Ao Māori perspective.
- The reinstatement of the four wellbeings gives a wider scope to consider supporting activities that otherwise would not be relevant under the LG Act, e.g., social housing. Councils can choose what to invest in, but wellbeing gives the opportunity and mandate.

- RDC notes the core principles set out in the report in relation to any review of the future allocation of roles and functions. Council supports recognising and giving consideration to these values in Council decision-making, but not an implication that this would be mandatory.
- RDC has previously indicated that as well as considering new remits, it is important to consider how Council will deliver existing services. If Councils' take on additional responsibilities, there is a risk of losing sight of core responsibilities or finding funding does not stretch far enough.
- RDC notes that a number of councils have expressed a desire to have a first principles review to consider what is the right level for each function.
- But it also notes concern across the sector around unfunded mandates. If Central Government requires more services from Councils, funding should be provided. Councils have already seen things being devolved without funding coming alongside. Funding alignment should be a core principle.

4.0 A Tiriti-based partnership between Māori and local government - Chapter 3

What RDC said to the Panel in March 2022 about 'Shift 3'- authentic relationship with Hapū/Iwi/Māori:

- *The future relationship needs to be shaped considering the Māori world view and the principles of kaitiakitanga which has a different meaning and emphasis than co-governance*
- *The future Local Government system should provide clearer guidelines on what an effective iwi partnership looks like*
- *Rangitikei has the resources of eight iwi with huge participation potential if the system is set up to support this, however*
 - *Iwi/hapū capacity and capability need to be addressed and resources need to be made available to support this*
 - *Reform of the Pakeha – Māori relationship is needed all the way up to central government.*

February 2023:

- RDC supports consideration of Māori worldviews as part of decision making, but the system needed clearer guidance on what the future partnership may look like. Clarity is sought about what co-governance means and how it might be appropriately expressed in Council actions.
- It is important to note that the Council, like others, has developed strong existing relationships and it doesn't want to destabilise what is already working, nor undermine it with a new system.

5.0 A stronger relationship between central and local government - Chapter 5

What RDC said to the Panel in March 2022 about 'Shift 4'- genuine partnership between CG/LG:

- *The reality and needs for residents in small town New Zealand is substantially different from those in Wellington. Local Government is close to its community and understands their issues and needs. One-size fits all CG policies often do not fit those needs*
- *Regulation and reform outcomes should be considered for the impact they will have on someone in Taihape as well as for someone in Auckland. There should be a mechanism for Local Government's knowledge and voice to be better utilised when Central Government is designing new policies. This will enable a practicality/sense check from a local implementation perspective.*
- *Central and Local Government have different perspectives and need to act in the interests of their respective communities. This will naturally result in differences in opinion from time to*

time. However, this must be underpinned by a high trust model in both directions. Local Government feels threatened by Central Government's willingness to assert authority but has no ability in return to meaningfully oppose additional regulatory burden, responsibilities, and constraints.

- *The boundaries problem needs addressing... it prevents RDC and the region from developing a consistent geographical presence that can collaborate across agencies. This collaboration will be critical if Councils are expected to take on a broader remit for wellbeing and respond to issues that cut across health, justice, social development, and local community services.*

February 2023:

- There are several avenues for local government to engage with, and influence, Central Government. Councils make individual submissions and participate in the remit process through LGNZ, but there is no requirement that Central Government has to respond. RDC would like to see a requirement that Central Government actively consider remits, even if they cannot be bound to action them
- By comparison there are a range of proposals that come out of Wellington-based agencies or inquiries that have attached a requirement for government to respond, and for that response to be tabled in Parliament
- RDC suggests that remits passed by LGNZ, as the organisation that represents the interests of local government, be given the same status (consideration) as reports or recommendations from central agencies; including the opportunity for the house of representatives to give consideration to such 'submissions' in the same way Councils are required to give consideration to submissions on their planning documents.

6.0 Building an equitable, sustainable funding and financing system – Chapter 8

What RDC said to the Panel in March 2022 about 'Shift 5' - more equitable funding:

- *RDC believes that the current rating system should be substantially reduced as the primary way of funding Local Government*
- *There should be a distribution of taxation from Central Government, as this:*
 - *Allows for progressive tax principles;*
 - *Is better suited to delivering social and community wellbeing rather than property-based services. Delivering social services via a property-based rate is unlikely to be equitable;*
 - *Is needs based, not just population based*
- *Local assets, including rural roads, are key supporting elements of placemaking and wellbeing and will continue to require funding – which could remain via a rates-based funding system*
- *Sources of external funding, sponsorship and partnerships must also be explored*
- *Equity between different groups of ratepayers (e.g., urban, rural, and business) must be maintained in any new system. Equity between districts is also important, as already recognised via Waka Kotahi Financial Assistance Rates and this should be considered in the design of any new funding system.*

February 2023:

- In relation to the appropriate basis and process for allocating central government funding, RDC believes more consideration should be given to where government income is generated from, on a district basis.
- The Council believes that Government should pay rates on a consistent capital basis, noting that some districts are only rated on land value.

- While rates are the dominant source of funding, should there be additional service delivery functions by local councils such as RDC, then consider having these funded from sources other than rates.
- RDC supports the long-held local government sector viewpoint that GST on rates is a tax on tax, that offends the principles of fair and appropriate taxation and that GST should go back to the district of origin.

7.0 Designing the local government system to enable the change we need – Chapter 9

- Currently unitary councils vary greatly in size and the smaller ones seem to work well. This should be an option retained for the future and not necessarily aligned with existing regional boundaries. These are catchment based whereas there a range of existing social and economic factors that should be accorded more weight in the future
- Unitary authorities provide a one stop shop, avoiding times where a resident is unaware which council to approach or how responsibilities are split, and may find themselves referred between the two as there is uncertainty which Council should be resolving an issue.
- They can also simplify administration and consultation. The community aren't worried who provides the services, as long as things are done. Integrating rules and policies stops confusion between areas.
- There is however still a need to retain the local voice and while the report implies more of a regional scale (and that there isn't consideration of the option to stay as is), it has been demonstrated elsewhere that the unitary approach works at a district scale.
- However, the positives of a smaller number of bigger entities (be they unitary or combined authorities) in making partnership with central government easier are noted.
- Regardless of structure it is important to note the number and wide range of 'bilateral and multilateral' relationships between councils and other agencies and not try to fix something that is not totally broken.
- RDC is concerned about how Three Waters and Regional Planning Committee boundaries line up? Three Waters are already not aligned with existing Horizons boundaries, and the Water Entity scale is too large for a local voice. There is a presumption that RM reform will reflect existing boundaries, but this may not be correct.
- It is important to note that Three Waters is separating RDC from Manawātū District Council which doesn't reflect current water services delivery arrangements (managed by MDC for RDC under contract) and also regional relationships.
- RDC believes Option Three, whereby local councils retain a local voice but the combined authority delivers appropriate regional services, has merit – it has the potential for the best of both local and regional councils.

8.0 System Stewardship and the Pathway Forward – Chapters 10 and 11

- RDC supports a more integrated or comprehensive stewardship system that is a partnership between local and central agencies.
- It believes the Panel needs to chart a more specific pathway forward that accounts for the number and range of reforms affecting Councils and the lack of alignment, with only short timeframes to shape proposals and then implement them. There are real risks in this approach.

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Tēnā Koutou,

Rangitikei District Council Submission on Business Payment Practices Bill

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comment on the proposed Business Payment Practices Bill. There are several aspects of this Bill which will apply to Rangitikei District Council (RDC), and we wish to provide the following comments:

1. Key Principles

We agree with the underlying key principles of the proposed Bill insofar as we recognise the importance of prompt payment of invoices to all our suppliers.

2. Impact

RDC's position is, and always has been, to ensure on-time payment to our suppliers so this Bill (and associated Regulations) has minimal direct impact on our Accounts Payable function.

The impact of this Bill on RDC would be determined by the requirements of the Regulations as these contain the detail of disclosures that RDC would be required to make. We have responded separately to the consultation on the Business Payment Practices Regulations.

The key points we intend to raise with regards to the Regulations include:

- The need to keep the reporting requirements simple and cost effective;
- Recognition that suppliers of accounting systems may have a role in helping to develop the reporting that their clients can use to satisfy any future reporting requirements; and
- Recognition that disputed invoices need to be catered for in the proposed reporting framework.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide this submission

Ngā mihi,

Peter Beggs

Chief Executive

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Rangitikei District Council Business Payment Practices Regulations

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1. Key Principles

We agree with the underlying key principles of the proposed Regulations insofar as we recognise the importance of prompt payment to all our suppliers.

2. Impact

RDC's position is to ensure on-time payment to our suppliers so these Regulations would have minimal direct impact on our Accounts Payable function.

The key points we note with regards to the Business Payment Practices Regulations are:

- The reporting requirements should be kept simple and cost effective to avoid additional costs. In the case of Council, these costs must be passed on to ratepayers.
- Suppliers of accounting systems should have a role in developing the reporting that their clients can use to satisfy any future reporting requirements. This will avoid issues arising around the comparability and validity of "in-house" systems; and
- Disputed invoices need to be catered for in the reporting framework. These invoices can cause a valid reason for a delay in payment which should be captured in any reporting on payment timeframes.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide this submission.

Ngā mihi,

Peter Beggs

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Rangitikei District Council submission on the 'Proposed measures to reduce the environmental impact of F gases'

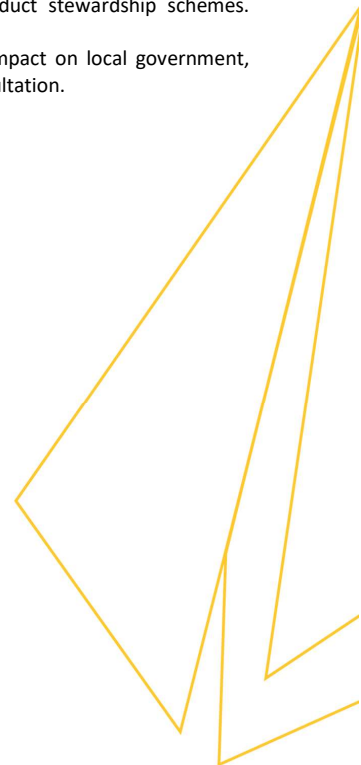
We thank the Ministry for the opportunity to respond to this consultation.

Territorial authorities have a responsibility under the Waste Minimisation Act 2008 to promote effective and efficient waste management and minimisation within the District, and Council therefore has an interest in consultations on matters under the Act, including those on proposed product stewardship schemes.

However, given the range of consultations running concurrently that have impact on local government, Council does not have capacity to consider and provide a response to this consultation.

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Peter Beggs
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Tēnā Koe

Rangitikei District Council Submission on the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Amendment Bill

We thank the Governance and Administration Committee for the opportunity to submit on this Bill.

We acknowledge the purpose of the Bill is to provide clarity and certainty to Councils around the disclosure of natural hazard information in land information memoranda (LIMs). We support the steps taken to limit liability for authorities when disclosing natural hazard information in good faith. Council supports the transparent provision of information on LIMS, including the disclosure of natural hazard information.

We request clarification on the requirements of disclosure of liquefaction information as a natural hazard. For the Rangitikei District, the only liquefaction information available has been produced by Horizons Regional Council at a 1:50,000 scale. At a 1:50,000 scale there is potential for inaccuracies with the data and this can create unnecessary uncertainty/concern for current and potential property owners. It is not designed for, or suitable for, site-specific analysis (it was developed to guide where further analysis could be warranted). Council is concerned about potential liability and other issues associated with the disclosure of this information, particularly, given LIMS are property-specific which means this information could be attempted to be used at a site-specific level.

We acknowledge that the amendment intends to limit liability to Council for information provided in good faith. We support this purpose and request the Committee provides clarity on the matters raised.

Naku noa

Peter Beggs
Chief Executive, Rangitikei District Council

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25 January 2023

Dr Diana Sarfati
Te Tumu Whakarae mō te Hauora
Director-General of Health



Kia ora Dr Sarfati

Community water fluoridation - notification of active consideration

This letter is in reply to your letter and request for information dated 3 November 2022. The Rangitikei District Council appreciate the extension of time to reply and am now able to offer the following written comments on the following:

- a) the estimated financial cost of adding fluoride to the drinking water, including any additional costs of ongoing management and monitoring
- b) the date by which your local authority would be able to comply with a direction to fluoridate

We can confirm that the capital cost estimate of \$300,000 per installation is still achievable in the current market. It is however unclear how sensitive the supply chain is and if these prices will increase beyond the cost estimates. The installation of the three plants will add an additional \$50,000 of operational charges per annum.

Under normal business as usual conditions it will take around 18 months from initiation of a project through design, procurement, construction, and commissioning to complete the installations. We are uncertain about the number of contractors and service providers available in the market and if this will have an impact on these forecasts.

The Rangitikei District Council is a small rural territorial authority with limited staff availability for the delivery of normal council capital works programmes. At present there are many additional requirements over and above business as usual such as Better off Funding and Three Waters transition that occupies all our available resources. It will be an unreasonable stretch of resources to add this to the works programme in the 2022/23 or the 2023/24 financial years.

We respectfully request that the Rangitikei District Council fluoridation be considered at a later date to allow RDC to focus on current works programmes and the delivery of the current LTP projects and Three Waters reform outcomes.

Kind regards

Arno Benadie
Chief Operating Officer

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19th March 2022

To Mr Peter Beggs
CEO
Rangitikei District Council

Mr Andy Watson
Mayor

Rangitikei District Councillors

Earthquake Strengthening- Bulls Library Building

As per the lease agreement, The Bulls Historical Society is responsible for the cost of earthquake strengthening to bring the building up to 34% of the NBS.

Following an inspection of the building in November 2021 by Seismic Performance, the firm suggested by Gaylene Prince from the Council, we received a quote which we would like assessed by Council Staff for \$147,000 plus GST. This has now escalated to \$159,000 plus GST. A copy of the quote is attached, which has not cost the Society anything.

The Society has investigated funding opportunities and we believe we have an excellent chance of obtaining the necessary funds from the Duddings Trust. However the applications do not close until September 2022. In the meantime costs for the strengthening will continue to increase substantially.

To enable us to get this project underway, we are asking the Council to grant a loan to the Society to have this work undertaken before costs increase any further. The loan would be repaid once funds were obtained and the loan amount would be \$159,000 plus GST.

We note in the minutes of the Oct 2021 Council meeting item 10.4, the Council granted the

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Hunterville Sport and Recreation Trust a loan of \$120,000 plus GST (minute number 21 /RDC/370) who were in a similar position to us.

We would appreciate similar consideration be given to our request.

Along with the building project we have already raised \$35,000 towards the Chris Amon statue and currently awaiting the outcome of a funding application.

Paul Sharland

Project Co-ordinator

Bulls & Districts Historical Society (Inc)

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6th February 2023

Mr Peter Beggs
Chief Executive Officer
Rangitikei District Council
Private Bag
MARTON

BULLS & DISTRICT HISTORICAL SOCIETY (INC) LOAN

With the lease agreement relating to the former Bulls Library with the Rangitikei District Council, it was the Society's responsibility to have the historically important building earthquake strengthened in accordance with the code.

The Society applied to the JBS Dudding Trust with a strong belief that funding would be forthcoming to carry out the required remedial work. The closing date for applications was some months away with the possibility that the cost of the work could increase during the interim period which led to the Society applying to your Council for loan money to have the work completed.

At the Council's meeting on 28 April 2022, item 22/RDC/070 was discussed with Council agreeing to grant a loan of \$159,000 plus GST to enable the work on the building to be completed, this was duly done and signed off by a Council official.

Unfortunately the Society's application to the JBS Dudding Trust was unsuccessful as it didn't come within the required criteria, which has left the Society in the embarrassing and difficult position of being unable to repay the loan or the interest. As a result the Society is forced to request that the Council considers writing off the loan in three tranches spread over a three year period, subject to the completion of the envisaged Memorial project. In the interim the Society will commit to making every endeavour to repay the loan in part or full through other funding agencies.

Perhaps it is timely to update Council on progress with the Library building project. Agreement has been reached with a local professional tradesman to paint the entire exterior of the building with quality product at no cost, this will give the face of the building a

completely new look that will enhance its appearance, particularly with the planned landscaping of the forecourt area.

With regard to the interior of the building, the main display area will be dedicated to the World War 1 war horses with the story of 'Bess' being the central focus. In the same area will also be a section featuring people from the Rangitikei region whose names are shown on the marble archway at the building's entrance.

With our objective of the World War 1 display becoming an educational experience I have set-up an initial on-site meeting with Russell Harris and Mr Joel Taylor, who was responsible for a number of the displays at the Waiouru Military Museum, to discuss our proposed plans and seek his expert advice. Following this meeting Mr Taylor will construct a 3D scale model of what we collectively propose as a memorial to the horses of World War 1 and the Rangitikei people who served.

The room at the rear of the building will be dedicated to Chris Amon, telling his story to compliment the statue on the building's forecourt. At this time I can confirm that the required one third of the cost (\$52,000) of the statue has been raised which has allowed sculptor Matt Gaudie to commence Stage 1 of the project.

Further, Russell and myself have met with Mr Rolf Wilson, a son of Bruce Wilson who owned the iconic garage in Hunterville and was responsible for the preparation of Chris Amon's racing cars. Rolf made a very generous donation towards the statue fund and spoke about the re-establishment of the Hunterville Museum, where the history of Wilson Motors would be displayed with the possibility of forming a strong link to the proposed Bulls Memorial Museum that would be beneficial to both parties. Rolf also offered invaluable material for our use and I believe that it will become a very strong and enthusiastic relationship.

Thank you for your time and advice Peter. The Society looks forward to receiving the response from Council to the proposal regarding the current loan as the outcome could have considerable influence on the future direction of the Museum's planning.

Regards



Paul Sharland

Memorial Museum Project Director

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

for the period 1 July 2021 – 30 June 2022

PART 1 – Dog Control Policy and Practices

1. Dog Control in the District

- Number of dog owners in District – 2353
- Number of dogs in District
 - 5058 comprising
 - 2519 working dogs
 - 2012 Good Dog Owners and
 - 527 non working dogs.
- The Council employs five Animal Control Officers and one Team Leader Animal Control.
- A shared service agreement for animal control has continued with the Manawatu District Council. The contract is renewed tri-annually.
- Two Animal Control Officers are based in the Rangitikei, and two in the Manawatu and one is a permanent floater. Throughout the month a weekly roster provides an Animal Control Officer for afterhour on call cover for both Districts with regards to animal control complaints. The Team Leader Animal Control supervises activities in both districts.
- Animal Control Officers respond to priority one calls after hours. Priority one calls include dog attacks, secured dogs and stock on roads.

There was an increase of the number of infringements compared to last year (83 versus 45). This increase can be attributed to an increase of rural working dogs not being registered through neglectfulness by the owners, or the owners moving their dogs out of the district, retirement or death and not notifying Council.

Court action is permitted once the infringement fine is 56 days overdue.

Wandering dogs relate to nearly 27% percent of all requests for service. While some wandering dogs are identified during patrols, we rely on people reporting them. Unfortunately a large number of people find it easier to post lost, found or roaming dogs on social media platforms rather than contacting Council in the first instance. In some cases days can go by before council is informed. This practice cannot be controlled and some owners are getting their dogs back without consequence.

Barking dog complaints relate to 20% of all requests for service. This can be attributed to owners not being with their dogs as much as they did during covid creating separation anxiety in some cases. Other factors that contribute to this is dogs not being socialized correctly, dogs that were kept indoors now outside while the owners are at work and owners now not spending as much time with their dogs

now that they are back at work. Our Barking Dog Policy is useful to assist complainants and owners achieve good results.

2. Dog Control Enforcement Practices

- Animal Control Officers responded to 976 service requests/complaints during the reporting period in response to the following:
 - 86 attacks (human and animal – includes rushing)
 - 202 barking
 - 260 wandering/stray (includes stock)
 - 37 Animal Welfare/Property Investigation
 - 94 Found
 - 98 Lost
 - 199 Other (e.g. microchipping, Good Dog Owner status/Bylaw/General, MDP)
- 83 infringement notices were issued.

3. Dogs Prohibited, Leash Only and Exercise Areas

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

4. Dog Control Registration and Other Fees

- Non working dogs registration went from \$136 to \$140
- Non working neutered/spayed went from \$91 to \$94
- Good Dog Owner non neutered/spayed went from \$64 to \$66
- Working Dogs went from \$44 to \$45

The dog registration fees reflect the respective levels of service required by each category of dog owner. The good dog owner system aims to provide an incentive within the registration fee structure that promotes responsible dog ownership. The fee structure will reward dog owners who:

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

Council's approach to dogs that remained unregistered after the usual warnings and penalties etc. is for the Animal Control Officers to visit all known properties previously recorded as housing a registered dog. Checks are made to ascertain whether a dog was still housed at that property. If such

a visit verifies that a dog is still owned, infringements are sent to owners, and if required dogs have been impounded under Section 42 of the Dog Control Act 1996, for failing to be registered.

5. Dog Education and Dog Obedience courses

The Council contracts an instructor to deliver its quality dog education programme targeted at schools within the Rangitikei District. Positive feedback has been received from schools in response to the education programme to date. The service provider uses her own dogs to enforce the message during her presentations.

This year Rangitikei District Council supported our dog education provider in purchasing a book she had published which taught children aged between 5-8 years of age about dog safety. It has been well received by the schools visited to date and Council sponsored 660 books that are handed to the children after her safety presentation on our behalf. An ACO assists where possible.

6. Disqualified and Probationary Dog Owners

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

7. Menacing and Dangerous Dogs

The Council has not had any issues with owners of menacing dogs not complying with the requirements relating to their classification.

There are 3 dogs classified as dangerous in the District.

8. Multiple Dog Permits

The Council introduced a new policy under the Control of Dogs Bylaw, for multiple dog permits to be required by owners in any residential area having more than two dogs.

This has proved beneficial and has reduced barking dog complaints, roaming dogs and dogs causing general disturbance due the numbers on a property.

PART 2 – Statistical Information		
Category	As at 30 June 2020	As at 30 June 2021
1) Total Registered Dogs	4754	5058
2) Total Probationary Owners	Nil	Nil
3) Total Disqualified Owners	Nil	Nil
4) Total Dangerous Dogs	3	3
Dangerous by Owner Conviction Under s31(1)(a)	Nil	Nil
Dangerous by Sworn Evidence s31(1)(b)	4	3

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Dangerous by Owner Admittance in Writing s31(1)(c)	Nil	Nil
5) Total Menacing Dogs	53	44
Menacing under s33A(1)(b)(i) – i.e. by behavior	20	16
Menacing under s33A(1)(b)(ii) by Breed Characteristics	6	6
Menacing under s33C(1) by Schedule 4 Breed	27	22
6) Total Infringement Notices	39	83
7) Total Complaints Received	966	976
8) Total Prosecutions Taken	Nil	Nil
9) Infringements Sent to Court	17	63



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Attn. Peter Beggs Chief Executive

On behalf of the Marton RSA we request a waiver of the fees (\$318) associated with a building consent application required for the erection of a marquee at the Unveiling and Blessing of a significant number of recently identified graves of Veterans of WWI & WWII who had been interred in unmarked sites after passing away whilst residing at Lake Alice Hospital between 1952 and 1999, taking place on Saturday 4 February 2023 at Mt View Cemetery Marton.

We thank Council for considering our request and look forward to hearing from you.

Alan Buckendahl....

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Hawke's Bay Region Triennial Agreement

for the Triennium October 2022 - 2025



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1. Parties

1.1 The parties to this Triennial Agreement (the Agreement) are:

Primary Parties (those local authorities whose boundaries are completely encompassed within the Hawke's Bay Region)

- Central Hawke's Bay District Council
- Hastings District Council
- Hawke's Bay Regional Council
- Napier City Council
- Wairoa District Council

Non-Primary Parties (those local authorities whose boundaries bisect the Hawke's Bay region and whose principal identification is with another region)

- Rangitikei District Council
- Taupo District Council

1.2 This Agreement applies to all local authorities in the Hawke's Bay region. However, it is recognised that for Non-Primary Parties the degree of involvement in various aspects of the Agreement will be in proportion to the degree to which these parties assess how they will benefit or be affected by decisions, issues, proposals or other matters.

2. Purpose

2.1 The Triennial Agreement provides the framework for local government in the Hawke's Bay region to:

- work collaboratively
- improve communication and coordination at all levels, and
- maximise effectiveness and efficiency

in order to meet the purposes of Local Government to:

- enable democratic local decision-making by and on behalf of communities
- promote the social, economic, environmental and cultural wellbeing of our communities in the present and for the future.

2.2 This agreement is deemed to duly constitute fulfilment of the requirements of section 15 of the Local Government Act 2002.

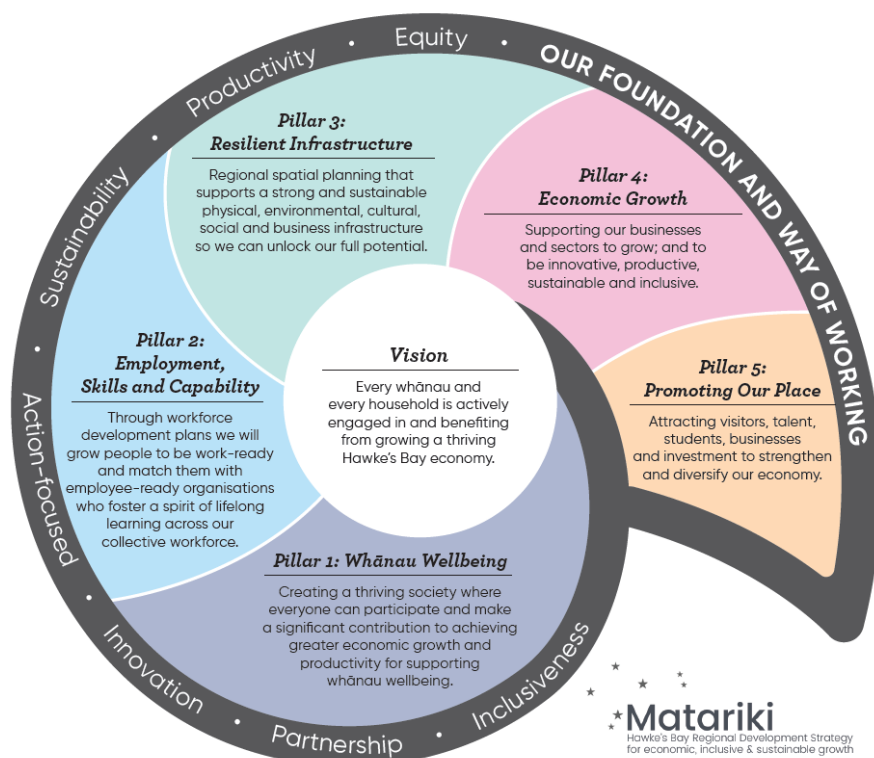
2.3 It should be noted that as well as the encouragement towards collaboration, the Local Government Act 2002 and other legislation recognises that regional councils and territorial authorities have different responsibilities. These differences provide an important context for collaboration between the councils. The requirements contained in legislation for collaboration between local authorities are contained in Appendix Two to this Agreement.

3. Principles

- 3.1 Parties to this Agreement agree to work together in good faith for the good governance of their local communities and the region; to develop our collective strategic capacity from available resources and achieve our strategies by working together, through co-design and partnership so every whānau and every household is actively engaged in growing a thriving Hawke's Bay economy to support inclusive and connected communities and sustainable and resilient environments.
- 3.2 In doing so, we:
- recognise that obligations to the Treaty of Waitangi – Te Tiriti, and to provide opportunities for Māori to contribute to local decision-making
 - acknowledge that the communities within the region are diverse and encompass a range of desired outcomes and objectives
 - support the establishment of processes for communication and collaboration at both governance and management levels in ways that will enhance the overall performance and reputation of local government in the region
 - recognise that collaboration and co-operation between local authorities of the region can bring efficiencies in terms of planning, administration costs and decision-making and consultation. There is also the potential to increase available resources and promote co-operative approaches in making strategic choices
 - will investigate further opportunities for collaboration, co-operation, regional funding and shared services between local authorities of the region in addition to those prescribed by statute or already being undertaken
 - agree that collaborative or shared services opportunities may occur between two or more parties to this Agreement, but not in every case between all parties to this Agreement. Although collaboration and co-operation are outcomes that should be strived for, each local authority has the legislative mandate to govern their own area as appropriate
 - will make every effort to accommodate, acknowledge, or at least fairly represent the dissenting view where some parties to this Agreement have a significant disagreement with the position of other parties to the Agreement
 - will show leadership to ensure the implementation of this Agreement makes a positive difference for Hawke's Bay.

4. Strategic Priorities

Hawke's Bay Regional Development Strategy Matariki Action Plan (MAP) Overview



- 4.1 Local Government priority areas for the 2022-25 triennium, remain aligned to the five pou of Matariki (above).
- 4.2 At the Hawke's Bay Councils' Regional Collaboration Day on 21 November 2022, elected members prioritised investment in the following areas (noting they are interrelated and the first two priority areas are necessary to support the achievement of the other three areas)
- Regional Spatial Planning
 - Collaboration
 - Climate Change and Water
 - Transport
 - Housing
- 4.3 Priority areas where formal cooperative approaches exist or are proposed include:
- Regional Spatial Planning
 - Future Development Planning Joint Committee
 - Collaboration
 - Matariki Governance Group

- Climate Change and Water
 - Climate Action Joint Committee (TBC)
 - Clifton to Tangoio Coastal Hazards Strategy Joint Committee
 - HB CDEM Joint Committee
 - [Hb3waters.nz](https://www.hb3waters.nz)
 - Transport
 - Regional Transport Committee
- 4.4 Any new priorities or services of significance to more than one district will be communicated to the Chief Executives by the Hawke's Bay Leaders' Forum for further development in accordance with the protocols in section 5 following.

5. Protocols for communication and coordination

- 5.1 It is recognised that a significant level of formal and informal cooperation already exists between Hawke's Bay's local authorities. Further to this existing cooperation, parties to this Agreement will:
- Hold monthly meetings of the Mayors of the primary parties and the Regional Chair (aligned to the other Committee meetings as appropriate) to formally communicate and coordinate on matters of mutual interest, in accordance with arrangements detailed in Appendix Two.
 - Invite the Chief Executives of the primary parties to attend every Forum for a period of time.
 - At the first meeting following the local body elections, elect a Chair of the Forum from among the attendees. The Council whom the elected Chair represents will provide the administrative support for the Forum for that triennium.
 - Share resources where feasible for the purposes of preparing information on the various communities in the region. These resources may include information on demographics, survey data, scientific studies and the analysis of social, economic, environmental and cultural trends.
 - Develop joint approaches to the development of annual and long term plans and, where appropriate, to engagement with Central Government, iwi governance bodies and tribal entities, national agencies and community organisations.
 - Provide early notification of, and participation in decisions that may affect other local authorities in the region.
 - Make draft strategies, policies, and plans available to other local authorities in the region for discussion and development, where they may have regional implications or implications beyond the boundaries of the decision-making council.
 - Apply a "no surprises" policy whereby early notice will be given over disagreements between local authorities concerning policy or programmes before the matter is put out to the public.
 - Review the performance of the Triennial Agreement and benefits realised in the priority areas at least quarterly, as outlined in section 6 following.
 - Establish, as necessary, other forums including bi-lateral meetings, at both political and operational levels that will help enhance and achieve the purpose of this Agreement.
 - Provide a process for initiating reviews of regional forums that are not working optimally in the view of one or more parties.

6. Benefits Realisation

- 6.1 Achievements in each of the priority areas will be reported to the HB Leaders Forum quarterly, in a format to be agreed by the Forum.

7. Significant New Activities Proposed By Hawke's Bay Regional Council

- 7.1 If the Regional Council or a Regional Council controlled organisation proposes to undertake a significant new activity, and these activities are already undertaken or proposed to be undertaken by one or more territorial authorities within the region, Section 16 of the Local Government Act applies.
- 7.2 However, in the spirit of this Agreement, the parties agree to an expanded consultation and communication process which includes discussion of the issues involved at the first available monthly meeting (see 5.1 above), and to provide drafts of proposals to affected Councils for early comment in accordance with the requirements of sections 77-87 of the Local Government Act (decision-making and consultation).
- 7.3 The parties also agree that prior to implementing the formal provisions of section 16¹:
- the Regional Council will inform all territorial authorities within the region of
 - the nature of the activity proposed to be undertaken
 - the scope of the proposal (including size, districts covered, and why); and
 - the reasons for the proposal.
 - territorial authorities will be given a reasonable period of time, but no less than 40 working days, to respond to any such proposal. The Regional Council agrees to fully consider any submissions and representations on the proposal made by territorial authorities within the region.

8. Consultation in Relation to the Regional Policy Statement

- 8.1 The following consultation process will apply to any change, variation, or review of the Hawke's Bay Regional Policy Statement, and the preparation of any future Regional Policy Statement:
- The Regional Council will seek the input of territorial authorities into the review of the Regional Policy Statement
 - The Regional Council will make available to all local authorities, for discussion and development, draft copies of:
 - any change or variation of to the Regional Policy Statement
 - any proposed Regional Policy Statement.
 - Territorial authorities will be given a reasonable period of time, but no less than [20] working days, to respond to any such proposal. The Regional Council agrees to consider fully any submissions and representations on the proposal made by territorial authorities within the Region.
 - The parties to this agreement acknowledge their obligation to act in accordance with the principles of collaboration set out in the Local Government Act 2002.
- 8.2 Nothing in this Agreement shall interfere with the rights, functions or duties given by statute to any party.

¹ Appendix Three

9. Dispute Resolution

- 9.1 In the event of a disagreement between the Councils as to the interpretation or implementation of this Agreement the Councils commit to working in good faith to resolve the disagreement, if not then the matter in dispute will be referred to mediation.
- 9.2 If the Councils cannot agree on the appointment of a mediator, the President of the Hawke's Bay District Law Society will be requested to appoint the mediator. The costs of the mediation shall be borne by the Councils in equal shares.

10. Revision of the Agreement

- 10.1 The Agreement is effective from the date of signing until such time as the Agreement is either amended by the agreement of all parties or is renewed following the 2025 local authority elections (by 1 March 2026).
- 10.2 If a party to the Agreement requests a review of its terms within the triennium, such a review will begin within four weeks of the request being lodged. Otherwise the Agreement will be renewed following the local body elections as outlined in 10.1 above.
- 10.3 Hawke's Bay Regional Council will be the first Council responsible for servicing this Agreement.

11. Parties - Signatures

11.1 This Agreement is signed on this day DDth day of MM YYYY by the following on behalf of their respective authorities.

Primary Parties

Central Hawke's Bay District Council

Hastings District Council

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Mayor Alex Walker

Mayor Sandra Hazlehurst

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Chief Executive Doug Tate

Chief Executive Nigel Bickle

Hawke's Bay Regional Council

Napier City Council

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Chair Hinewai Ormsby

Mayor Kirsten Wise

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Chief Executive James Palmer

Chief Executive Richard Munneke

Wairoa District Council

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Mayor Craig Little

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Chief Executive Kitea Tipuna

Non-Primary Parties

Rangitikei District Council

Taupo District Council

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Mayor Andy Watson

Mayor David Trewavas

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Chief Executive Peter Beggs

Chief Executive Gareth Green

Appendix One: Meetings**Hawke's Bay Leaders' Forum**

Meetings will be arranged and minutes kept by the appointed Chair - elected each three-year term - and minutes distributed to all parties to the Agreement. This does not preclude meetings being arranged, on request, by Councils other than that of the appointed Chair.

Given the importance accorded to this Agreement each Council will be represented by its Mayor/Chairperson and Chief Executive.

Where appropriate, and agreed, the Chief Executive of a Council Controlled Organisation (CCO) may attend on an item related to that CCO's activities.

Media and communications contact (including the provision of information to the public on request) in relation to matters covered in the Agreement shall be shared on a rotating basis.

All public communications from these meetings shall be approved by all participants prior to their release.

Where a significant decision or issue affects a particular Council, or its community, it should, in partnership with the other Councils of the region, have the lead role in formulating the collective response of the region's local authorities to this issue or decision.

Responsibility for servicing, and making media comment on behalf of, existing specific regional and sub-regional forums, will lie within those specific forums.

Appendix Two: Legislative Context**Local Government Act****Section 15 Triennial agreement**

- (1) Not later than 1 March after each triennial general election of members, all local authorities within each region must enter into an agreement under this section covering the period until the next triennial general election of members.
- (2) An agreement under this section must include—
 - (a) protocols for communication and co-ordination among the local authorities; and
 - (b) a statement of the process by which the local authorities will comply with section 16 in respect of proposals for new regional council activities; and
 - (c) processes and protocols through which all local authorities can participate in identifying, delivering, and funding facilities and services of significance to more than 1 district.
- (3) An agreement under this section may also include—
 - (a) commitments by local authorities within the region to establish or continue 1 or more joint committees or other joint governance arrangements to give better effect to 1 or more of the matters referred to in subsection (2); and
 - (b) the matters to be included in the terms of reference for any such committees or arrangements, including any delegations.
- (4) An agreement under this section may be varied by agreement between all the local authorities within the region.
- (5) An agreement under this section remains in force until it is replaced by another agreement.
- (6) If a decision of a local authority is significantly inconsistent with, or is expected to have consequences that will be significantly inconsistent with, the agreement under this section that is currently in force within the region, the local authority must, when making the decision, clearly identify—
 - (a) the inconsistency; and
 - (b) the reasons for the inconsistency; and
 - (c) any intention of the local authority to seek an amendment to the agreement under subsection (4).
- (7) As soon as practicable after making any decision to which subsection (6) applies, the local authority must give to each of the other local authorities within the region notice of the decision and of the matters specified in that subsection.

Section 14 Principles relating to local authorities

- (1) in performing its role, a local authority must act in accordance with the following principles:
 - (e) a local authority should actively seek to collaborate and cooperate with other local authorities and bodies to improve the effectiveness and efficiency with which it achieves its identified priorities and desired outcomes.

Resource Management Act 1991**Schedule 1 Preparation, change, and review of policy statements and plans****3A Consultation in relation to policy statements**

- (1) A triennial agreement entered into under section 15(1) of the Local Government Act 2002 must include an agreement on the consultation process to be used by the affected local authorities in the course of—
 - (a) preparing a proposed policy statement or a variation to a proposed policy statement; and
 - (b) preparing a change to a policy statement; and
 - (c) reviewing a policy statement.
- (2) If an agreement on the consultation process required by subclause (1) is not reached by the date prescribed in section 15(1) of the Local Government Act 2002,—
 - (a) subclause (1) ceases to apply to that triennial agreement; and
 - (b) 1 or more of the affected local authorities—
 - (i) must advise the Minister and every affected local authority as soon as is reasonably practicable after the date prescribed in section 15(1) of the Local Government Act 2002; and
 - (ii) may submit the matter to mediation.
- (3) If subclause (2) applies, the parts of the triennial agreement other than the part relating to the consultative process referred to in subclause (1) may be confirmed before—
 - (a) an agreement on the consultative process is reached under subclauses (4) and (5)(a); or
 - (b) the Minister makes a binding determination under subclause (5)(b).
- (4) Mediation must be by a mediator or a mediation process agreed to by the affected local authorities.
- (5) If the matter is not submitted to mediation or if mediation is unsuccessful, the Minister may either—
 - (a) make an appointment under section 25 the purpose of determining a consultation process to be used in the course of preparing a proposed policy statement or reviewing a policy statement; or
 - (b) make a binding determination as to the consultation process that must be used.
- (6) The consultative process must form part of the triennial agreement, whether or not the other parts of the triennial agreement have been confirmed, in the event that—
 - (a) an agreement is reached under subclause (4) or subclause (5)(a) as to a consultative process, as required by subclause (1); or
 - (b) the Minister makes a binding determination under subclause (5)(b).
- (7) In this clause, **affected local authorities** means—
 - (a) the regional council of a region; and
 - (b) every territorial authority whose district is wholly or partly in the region of the regional council.

Appendix Three: Significant new activities proposed by regional Council**LGA Section 16 Significant new activities proposed by regional council**

- (1) This section applies if,—
 - (a) in the exercise of its powers under section 12(2), a regional council proposes to undertake a significant new activity; or
 - (b) a regional council-controlled organisation proposes to undertake a significant new activity; and
 - (c) in either case, 1 or more territorial authorities in the region of the regional council—
 - (i) are already undertaking the significant new activity; or
 - (ii) have notified their intention to do so in their long-term plans or their annual plans.
- (2) When this section applies, the regional council—
 - (a) must advise all the territorial authorities within its region and the Minister of the proposal and the reasons for it; and
 - (b) must include the proposal in the consultation document referred to in section 93A.
- (3) A proposal included in the consultation document referred to in section 93A must include—
 - (a) the reasons for the proposal; and
 - (b) the expected effects of the proposal on the activities of the territorial authorities within the region; and
 - (c) the objections raised by those territorial authorities, if any.
- (4) If, after complying with subsection (2), the regional council indicates that it intends to continue with the proposal, but agreement is not reached on the proposal among the regional council and all of the affected territorial authorities, either the regional council or 1 or more of the affected territorial authorities may submit the matter to mediation.
- (5) Mediation must be by a mediator or a mediation process—
 - (a) agreed to by the relevant local authorities; or
 - (b) in the absence of an agreement, as specified by the Minister.
- (6) If mediation is unsuccessful, either the regional council or 1 or more affected territorial authorities may ask the Minister to make a binding decision on the proposal.
- (7) Before making a binding decision, the Minister must—
 - (a) seek and consider the advice of the Commission; and
 - (b) consult with other Ministers whose responsibilities may be affected by the proposal.
- (8) This section does not apply to—
 - (a) a proposal by a regional council to establish, own, or operate a park for the benefit of its region; or
 - (b) a proposal to transfer responsibilities; or
 - (c) a proposal to transfer bylaw-making powers; or
 - (d) a reorganisation application under Schedule 3; or
 - (e) a proposal to undertake an activity or enter into an undertaking jointly with the Crown.
- (9) For the purposes of this section,—

affected territorial authority means a territorial authority—

 - (a) the district of which is wholly or partly in the region of a regional council; and
 - (b) that undertakes, or has notified in its long-term plan or annual plan its intention to undertake, the significant new activity

annual plan—

- (a) means a report adopted under section 223D of the Local Government Act 1974; and
- (b) includes such a report that section 281 applies to

new activity—

- (a) means an activity that, before the commencement of this section, a regional council was not authorised to undertake; but
- (b) does not include an activity authorised by or under an enactment

regional council-controlled organisation means a council-controlled organisation that is—

- (a) a company—
 - (i) in which equity securities carrying 50% or more of the voting rights at a meeting of the shareholders of the company are—
 - (A) held by 1 or more regional councils; or
 - (B) controlled, directly or indirectly, by 1 or more regional councils; or
 - (ii) in which 1 or more regional councils have the right, directly or indirectly, to appoint 50% or more of the directors of the company; or
- (b) an organisation in respect of which 1 or more regional councils have, whether or not jointly with other regional councils or persons,—
 - (i) control, directly or indirectly, of 50% or more of the votes at any meeting of the members or controlling body of the organisation; or
 - (ii) the right, directly or indirectly, to appoint 50% or more of the trustees, directors, or managers (however described) of the organisation.

10 Reports for Decision

10.1 Adoption for Community Consultation: Pae Tawhiti Rangitikei Beyond Draft Community Spatial Plan

Author: Katrina Gray, Senior Strategic Planner

Authoriser: Carol Gordon, Group Manager - Democracy & Planning

1. Reason for Report

- 1.1 To present the draft Community Spatial Plan for adoption for public consultation.

2. Context

- 2.1 The Pae Tawhiti Rangitikei Beyond project is the development of a spatial plan for the district. It will set out our aspirations for future land use and development.
- 2.2 An Advisory Group was established consisting of Elected Members and Te Roopuu Ahi Kaa members to assist with the strategic direction setting for the document. The Group's members included Chris Shenton, Cr Tracey Hiroa, His Worship the Mayor Andy Watson, Cr Fi Dalgety, Cr Angus Gordon, Cr Gill Duncan. The Advisory Group has not been re-established following the local government elections in October 2023.

Project Stage / Phase	Timeline
Background research / technical assessment	Now – December 2021
Community Engagement	March – April 2022
Develop Draft Spatial Plan	April – December 2022
Community Consultation	March/April 2023
Adoption	July 2023

- 2.3 To date, the project has been through the first three phases, background assessment, community engagement, and development of the draft Community Spatial Plan.
- 2.4 The draft Community Spatial Plan has been developed from feedback in the community engagement phase held in early 2022.
- 2.5 The draft Community Spatial Plan document is attached under separate cover in three sections (due to document size). There are minor final edits to be completed prior to publishing for consultation.

3. Proposed Consultation

- 3.1 The next phase of the project is community consultation on the draft Community Spatial Plan document.
- 3.2 Consultation is proposed to run for 6 weeks from 9 March to 25 April. An oral hearing is proposed to occur alongside the Annual Plan on 11 May 2023.
- 3.3 Consultation objectives are:

- 3.3.1 The community is aware of the consultation occurring and are encouraged to, and easily able to, have their say.
- 3.3.2 Everyone who submits feels like they have been heard.
- 3.3.3 Each community understanding the aspects of the draft Community Spatial Plan that are relevant to them.

3.4 A range of engagement methods are proposed to support this consultation:

Online

- 3.4.1 The engagement will be shared via Council's online platforms – website, facebook.
- 3.4.2 An online map with all the layers from the spatial plan will be available on Council's website.
- 3.4.3 Emails will be sent to those on the spatial plan distribution list (including those from the community consultation and key stakeholders).

In person

- 3.4.4 It is proposed that in-person consultation meetings and sessions are held together with the Annual Plan. This will include a range of in-person community meetings, as well as identification of opportunities to 'go out to the community' via events, community meetings and busy locations.

Hard copy

- 3.4.5 Hard copies of the documents will be available from Council's service centres. Summary documents will be distributed more widely.
- 3.4.6 Advertising is proposed for the local newspapers via the Rangitikei Connect. Advertising is also proposed in local community newsletters (Bulls, Taihape, Hunterville).

4. Financial Implications

- 4.1 There are no financial implications from adopting the document for public consultation. Consultation costs will be met via existing budgets.

5. Impact on Strategic Risks

- 5.1 This piece of work has relevant to the following Strategic Risks:
 - 5.1.1 *Failure to honour the commitments of Te Tiriti o Waitangi.* Iwi have been engaged throughout the development of the document including; workshops, through the Te Roopuu Ahi Kaa Komiti (meetings and via email), directly with iwi. The opportunity to continue discussions remains open.
 - 5.1.2 *Trust and confidence is tarnished.* The consultation is being planned alongside communication specialists to ensure that the community is clear about the purpose of the consultation and how their feedback will be used.

6. Mana whenua implications

- 6.1 The draft Community Spatial Plan was provided to Te Roopuu Ahi Kaa (TRAK) members in December 2022. Feedback received to date has been incorporated into the document. Iwi continue to have the opportunity to engage throughout the community consultation period.

7. Statutory Implications

- 7.1 There are no statutory implications. The document is non-statutory and has no legislative consultation requirements.

8. Decision Making Process

- 8.1 This decision is not considered significant under Council's Significance and Engagement Policy.

Attachments:

1. **Draft Community Spatial Plan - Section 1 Overview (under separate cover)**
2. **Draft Community Spatial Plan - Section 2 Towns (under separate cover)**
3. **Draft Community Spatial Plan - Section 3 The Details (under separate cover)**

Recommendation 1

That the report 'Adoption for Community Consultation: Pae Tawhiti Rangitikei Beyond Draft Community Spatial Plan' be received.

Recommendation 2

That Council adopt Pae Tawhiti Rangitikei Beyond Draft Community Spatial Plan for community consultation, noting that minor proofing edits may be made before publication.



10.2 Project Management Office Report - February 2023**Author: Adina Foley, Senior Project Manager****Authoriser: Peter Beggs, Chief Executive****Reason for Report**




This is a monthly report on the most significant projects currently being delivered by Council's Project Management Office (PMO):

1. Marton to Bulls Wastewater Centralisation Project
2. Marton Industrial Park and Rail Hub
3. Marton Water Strategy
4. Marton Civic Centre
5. Taihape Town Hall / Civic Centre
6. Taihape Amenities Building
7. Taihape Grandstand
8. Lake Waipu Improvement and Ratana Wastewater Treatment Project
9. Regional Treatment Plant Consenting Programme






The miscellaneous section of this report contains information or requests for decision on projects not included in the list above.

1. Marton to Bulls Wastewater Centralisation Project

Project Status			
<p>The Marton to Bulls wastewater centralisation scope includes 4 subprojects:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. Construction of a wastewater transfer pipeline from Marton Wastewater Treatment Plant to Bulls Wastewater Treatment Plant B. Purchase of land in the Bulls area to dispose of treated wastewater and install irrigation infrastructure C. Consenting for the activities D. Upgrades of the treatment plants at Marton and Bulls <p>Construction is complete for subproject A. Practical Completion inspection has been completed by RDC. There are three small crossings and the connection to each treatment plant to be completed.</p> <p>A revised project work plan is attached to this report. It has been shared and discussed with iwi partners. Staff are seeking endorsement of the work plan, especially for the project's constraint prioritisation. See resolution at the end of the report.</p> <p>Investigations</p> <p>A number of investigations are underway or complete. These include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Compliance Assessment • Statutory and Planning Considerations • Land Area Requirement • Land Prioritisation Report – Coastal Area & Pipeline Corridor • Current receiving environment description (surface water quality, flows, and ecology) • River assimilative capacity assessment <p>Treatment plants & storage requirements for land discharge</p>			
Project Budget	\$25,000,000	Project Spend	\$7,455,904
Estimated Costs to Complete	\$17,544,096	Forecast Cost at Completion	\$25,000,000
% Spent of Forecast Cost	30%	Variance Forecast Cost / Budget	0%
Project Start Date (MM-YY)	06-20	Project Completion Date (MM-YY)	06-25
Metric	Trend	Comment	
Health and Safety		No near misses or lost time injuries to report.	
Programme		The overall programme for the entire project is five years starting in 2020, and the target end date is June 2025.	

		<p>The part of the pipeline that was funded by the 3-water stimulus funding was complete on 30 April 2022 – the deadline for spending this funding was 30 June 2022.</p> <p>The PMO team has prepared a project work plan as part of the best practise approach the team wants to set, it is attached to this report. There is urgency around the delivery of a draft consenting strategy to Horizons Regional Council until the end of March to avoid further fines or legal action.</p>
Cost		<p>\$3,880,000 of the pipeline cost has been agreed to be funded by DIA through the 3-waters stimulus funding.</p> <p>As part of the government's 3 Waters programme high level capital cost estimates and timing over the next 30 years were supplied to DIA to inform the future 3 Waters Services Entity's budgeting and planning. The proposal/aspirations need to be tested by councillors and the community.</p>
Quality		<p>No concerns to date, design or construction are not currently being undertaken, as the remainder of the project is currently in the planning and engagement stage.</p>
Risk		<p>This will be updated once the work plan is completed.</p>
Tasks completed		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Project management and forward planning activities are on-going. - Background information and interpretation are on-going. - LEI has prepared an interactive Land Suitability Assessment map for the area along the new wastewater transfer pipeline and between Bulls and the coast. The map is accessible to Council staff, iwi partners, and the public via a shared online dashboard. - Project Update Group (PUG). Following the election of the new council, the council has made appointments to the PUG, namely the Mayor, Cr Carter, Cr Dalgety, Cr Raukawa and Cr Wilson. First PUG meeting occurred on 6 December - Little and Loud are developing the communications strategy and public branding for the project to be used during community engagement. - Iwi consultation meetings have occurred and they now have representatives embedded into the project control team who meet monthly. - Procurement plan is with Council to be finalised and adopted as appropriate for the phases prior to lodging consent applications. - Met with Horizons to update on progress - Work plan completed (see attached to PMO report)
Tasks forecast		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Complete communication strategy - Continue iwi engagement and PUG meetings - Commence community engagement - Commence assessments of waterway impacts and capacity to receive treated wastewater from Marton and Bulls WWTP's - Horizon Regional Council expect to receive a draft consenting strategy by the end of March 2023

2. Marton Industrial Park and Rail Hub

Project Status			
<p>The Marton Rail Hub (MRH) project is a Rangitikei district Council sponsored initiative to establish a rail hub and, in partnership with private investor/s, a log yard on currently rural designated land parallel to Makirirkiri Road, Marton.</p> <p>The MRH has the potential to generate additional economic benefit to the area by attracting businesses who see a real benefit in moving materials and products via rail rather than road.</p> <p>This wider opportunity requires a change to the District Plan by rezoning 65Ha from rural to industrial use. The rail hub and log yard operation will occupy part of this rezoned area, with future development dependent on private investment.</p> <p>The District Plan change is currently before the Environment Court and is ongoing.</p> <p>The timeline for the Court decision is open ended. However, to minimise programme delay, design in support of Resource Consent submissions (assuming a positive Court outcome) is progressing in parallel.</p> <p>The Council is investing \$0.75M and has secured an additional \$9.1M grant funding from central government.</p>			
Project Budget	\$9,850,000	Spend to Date	\$2,831,083
Estimated Costs to Complete	\$7,018,917	Forecast Cost at Completion	\$9,850,000
% Spent of Forecast Cost	29%	Variance: Forecast Cost / Budget	0%
Project Start Date (MM-YY)	11-20	Project Completion Date (MM-YY)	05-24
Metric	Trend	Comment	
Health and Safety		No near misses or lost time injuries to report.	
Programme		Project completion of 05/24 is at risk due to the open-ended Court timeline. The MRH programme will be reviewed following the Court decision. Mitigation: Design in support of Resource Consent being progressed.	
Cost		Forecast aligns with approved Council and PGF funding provision.	
Quality		Design deliverables align with business case.	
Risk		Programme is key risks. Mitigations described above.	
Tasks completed	Environment Court submissions completed. Project financial audit completed. Contracts requiring variation identified. Resource consent-level design 60% complete.		
Tasks forecast	Resource consent-level design continues. Continued discussions with developer(s) Receive outcome of environment court.		

3. Marton Water Strategy

Project Status

The Marton Water Strategy has been developed with the establishment of a new bore as its foundation which will replace the current source for potable water for Marton (currently sourced from the dams). The strategy comprises of three sub-projects:

Sub-project A: Construction of new raw water bore






Sub-project B: Design of treatment plant refurbishment and consenting

Sub-project C: Upgrades to existing treatment plant

Once all sub-projects are completed, Marton will be provided with potable water without the unpleasant smell and taste that currently occurs at certain times of the year, and meets the NZ Drinking Water Standards.

Sub-projects B and C will commence when sub-project A is near completion. At this stage, staff will look at options for the use of the dams once we are drawing Marton water from a bore. This will include looking at restoring flow to the Tutaenui Stream. All work is expected to be completed by the end of 2024.

Total Project Budget	\$11,000,000	Spend to Date (sub-project A)	\$802,504
Estimated Costs to Complete (sub-project A)	\$1,197,496	Forecast Cost at Completion (Sub-project A)	\$2,000,000
% Spent of Forecast Cost (sub-project A)	40%	Variance: Forecast Cost / Budget	0%

Metric	Trend	Comment
Health and Safety		Wanganui Well Drillers have submitted their Health and Safety document and hazard signage has been installed at the entrance gate of the worksite.
Programme		The target completion of the end of 2024 is still expected to be achieved.
Cost		Additional costs for the new pilot hole is covered within project contingency.
Quality		No concerns to date
Risk		Iwi engagement is fundamental at this stage of the project to ensure the approach, location and design are acceptable to local Iwi.
Tasks completed	Total depth of drilling has been reached at 462m. Request For Proposals to provide Engineering & Design services for the Water Treatment Plant Upgrade has been advertised on GETS, closing 10/03/2023 with good amount of interest.	
Tasks forecast	Screen to be brought down the second pilot hole. Screen test strata zone 270-287m, and 319-335m.	

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	<p>Flow rate testing.</p> <p>Water quality testing.</p> <p>Additional analysis of bore samples to assist with production bore design.</p>
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4. Marton Civic Centre

Project Status

The current Council civic buildings in Marton are earthquake prone and are required to be strengthened to meet government legislation. Council purchased several heritage buildings in Marton's town centre with the option to restore the buildings and use them as a replacement Civic Centre/library/community hub/emergency operations centre.

To identify the best way forward, a Better Business Case (BBC) was undertaken to help Council better plan the projects. A Better Business Case allows Council to make an informed decision on moving forward based on defined problems and objectives. The goal is for smart investments that have the most value for money and therefore biggest impact for our community.

The shortlist options have been presented to Council in the September 2022 meeting. Due to rising construction costs, only the bare minimum option was within the LTP budget. Council did not endorse any option and requested staff to investigate a change in scope to upgrade the existing facilities at 46 High Street and the current Library building. Council also requested staff to investigate finance consequences should an additional \$15m be added to the LTP budget.

This new option will be taken back to council early 2023 and Council will decide on the options that will be presented in the Annual Plan consultation in April 2023.

Note: Some investigative cost occurred in 2019 which was not allocated to the LTP budget and is therefore not shown in the data below.

Project Budget	\$20,000,000	Spend to Date (since 2021 LTP)	\$236,587
Estimated Costs to Complete	Unknown	Forecast Cost at Completion	Unknown
% Spent of approved budget	%	Variance: Forecast Cost / Budget	0%
Project Start Date (MM-YY)		Project Completion Date (MM-YY)	Unknown

Metric	Trend	Comment
Health and Safety		Construction has not yet started
Programme		Project scope has not yet been confirmed, LTP planned for this project to be completed in year 2-4, this is unlikely to be achieved.
Cost		Project scope has not yet been confirmed, LTP budget is \$20,000,000.
Quality		Project scope has not yet been confirmed
Risk		Project scope has not yet been confirmed

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Tasks completed	Architect has been engaged for concept design for the new option of upgrading the existing Marton Civic Office and Library sites. Site Visit with architects has been conducted.
Tasks forecast	Strengthening Design is being continued for current Marton Civic Building and the Library building. Work to continue with the architects to complete concept design for upgrading existing facilities. Financial analysis to be undertaken.

5. Taihape Town Hall / Civic Centre

Project Status				
<p>Council included costs for the refurbishment of the Taihape Town Hall within the 2021-31 LTP. Since the LTP was adopted, the Town Hall and Library was closed due to the earthquake risk posed to staff and the public (the detailed seismic assessment report provided a rating of only 10% of National Building Standard).</p> <p>Council have started the process for a Better Business Case to provide exploration and objective analysis of possible options. The business case is intended to enable fully informed investment decisions that will optimise value to the Council, to the people of Taihape, and to the district.</p> <p>Staff are to present options to Council in February 2023, including the unsolicited offer received to strengthen the grandstand independently of Council’s procurement process.</p>				
Project Budget		\$9,700,000	Spend to Date (since 2021 LTP)	\$104,286
Estimated Costs to Complete		Unknown	Forecast Cost at Completion	Unknown
% Spent of approved budget		%	Variance: Forecast Cost / Budget	0%
Project Start Date (MM-YY)			Project Completion Date (MM-YY)	Unknown
Metric	Trend	Comment		
Health and Safety		Construction has not yet started		
Programme		Project scope has not yet been confirmed, LTP planned for this project to be started from year 4.		
Cost		Project scope has not yet been confirmed, LTP budget is \$9,700,000.		
Quality		Project scope has not yet been confirmed		
Risk		Project scope has not yet been confirmed		
Tasks completed	Concept design of the three shortlisted options has been completed. Strengthening Design has been completed			
Tasks forecast	QS are working on cost estimates for the business case. Business Case to be completed when concepts of options have been received. Assessment of unsolicited offer to strengthen town hall to be assessed for March Council meeting.			

6. Taihape Amenities Building

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Projects Status				
The scope of this project is the construction of a new Taihape Amenities Building. Construction began in March 2022.				
Staff were successful in applying for external funding: \$40,000 from Four Regions Trust and \$374,000 from the Lotteries Funding.				
Project Budget		\$4,648,757	Spend to Date	\$2,814,441
Estimated Costs to Complete		\$1,834,315	Forecast Cost at Completion	\$4,648,757
% Spent of Forecast Cost		61%	% Contingency within budget committed	63%
Project Start Date (MM-YY)		11-2020	Project Completion Date (MM-YY)	04-2023
Metric	Trend	Comment		
Health and Safety		No near misses or lost time injuries to report.		
Programme		Construction started March 2022. There is still a risk of delay caused by COVID sicknesses and seasonal weather events. The contractor is working on reducing the programme, but significant delays occurred caused by bad weather and scheduling challenges. The current completion is expected to be early April 2023 with some areas completed earlier to allow for the tennis court resurfacing in March 2023.		
Cost		Staff are being vigilant on scope changes and monitor the budget and contingencies closely.		
Quality		New building construction work only started when all design was completed, and scope confirmed (lessons learned from Bulls Te Matapihi).		
Risk		There is a risk of delay caused by contractors or subcontractors being off due to COVID and potential delays caused by weather events. The contractor is managing site activities closely as there will be a large number of subcontractors on site at the same time over the next couple of months.		
Tasks completed	Construction continues. Communication updates on various channels. The building is weather tight. Interior work started			
Tasks forecast	Construction to continue. Interior work to continue. Communication to continue. Staff are starting on planning the opening of the building for early 2023 and will prepare comms and plans for this occasion.			



Decking Started








Trenching








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7. Taihape Grandstand

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Projects Status			
<p>The scope of this project is the detailed design of the endorsed strengthening concept design for the Taihape Grandstand.</p> <p>Design has been completed for the strengthening of the Grandstand. \$1m was allowed for the Grandstand in the 2021 LTP. Current projections of project costs are estimated to be well above committed budget. Therefore, additional funding will have to be secured or alternative options for strengthening will need to be considered.</p> <p>Staff are keeping the Taihape Heritage Group Grandstand Subcommittee updated. A further report will be brought to the March 2023 Council meeting and decision by Council will be sought on the list of alternative options to move ahead.</p>			
Project Budget	\$1,000,000	Spend to Date	\$230,649
Estimated Costs to Complete	Unknown	Forecast Cost at Completion	Unknown
% Spent of Forecast Cost	Unknown	Variance: Forecast Cost / Budget	0%
Project Start Date (MM-YY)	11/2020	Project Completion Date (MM-YY)	Unknown
Metric	Trend	Comment	
Health and Safety		No near misses or lost time injuries to report.	
Programme		Programme to be established once a way forward has been decided by Council	
Cost		The \$1m budget for the Grandstand includes investigation, staff time, design, consenting, and some construction works.	
Quality		Construction work to be designed in accordance with all standards and building regulations.	
Risk		There is a risk of poor public perception of the grandstand strengthening. Public consultation has been undertaken to reduce the risk.	
Tasks completed	Report was brought to Council in September showing an overview of the project costings and strengthening design. Continue to work on communication with the public, to ensure the public are being given accurate information on programme. Submission to Heritage listing proposal has been sent.		
Tasks forecast	Option analysis and next steps to be presented to Council in March 2023.		






8. Lake Waipu Improvement and Ratana Wastewater Treatment Project

Project Status			
<p>This project has been a collaborative effort involving local iwi, RDC, HRC and the community of Ratana, and is partly funded (46%) by Ministry for the Environment (MfE). The project is to remove treated effluent from Lake Waipu and to dispose of it to land. The project started on 1 July 2018 with an agreement with the Ministry for the Environment (MfE) and has an estimated duration of 5 years. Construction will need to be completed by December 2023.</p> <p>An application for a new consent was lodged in April 2018, and this application allows RDC to proceed under existing use rights with the current consent conditions to discharge treated wastewater into lake Waipu until such time as a new consent application for land disposal can be submitted.</p> <p>The scope of this project includes purchase of land for disposing of treated wastewater (instead of discharge to Lake Waipu), the installation of irrigation equipment and an upgrade of the existing Rātana Pā wastewater treatment plant.</p>			
Project Budget	\$2,425,000	Spend to Date	\$873,650
Estimated Costs to Complete	Unknown	Forecast Cost at Completion	Unknown
% Spent of Forecast Cost	Unknown	Variance: Forecast Cost / Budget	0%
Project Start Date (MM-YY)	07-18	Project Completion Date (MM-YY)	12-23
Metric	Trend	Comment	
Health and Safety		No near misses or lost time injuries to report.	
Programme		Construction will need to be completed by December 2023, duration of when the resource consent will be approved are unknown and further testing details have been requested by Horizon Regional Council.	
Cost		<p>The 2020-21 Annual Plan and the 2021-2031 Long Term Plan included \$1.55m budget spread across various line items for this project. \$875,000 is being granted to RDC by Horizons Regional Council out of the funding they will receive from the Ministry for Environment, which is included in the budget.</p> <p>Actual construction costs can only be finalised once all detail has been specified or designed and the resource consent conditions are known. The costs are expected to be more than the current estimates when looking at cost escalation trends of the construction market in the last couple of years, however staff are evaluating all potential solutions to minimise (or eliminate) any budget overspend.</p>	
Quality		No concerns to date.	
Risk		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wetland Delineation Report confirmed two natural wetlands, the ecological and restoration reports address this and proposed measures of mitigation. 	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tight timeframe to get work completed by December 2023, for MfE funding for the project. Council is working with consultants to assist with planning the forward works programme. • Land constraints to be worked through as part of design. • Proximity to Whangaehu River, degree of interconnection between groundwater and the river to be worked through as part of the Assessment of Environmental Effects (AEE). These have been thoroughly assessed by the Groundwater Report and potential interconnection risks are not considered to be present. • Ongoing discharge to waterway and ultimately Lake Waipu raised by Regional Council may be grounds for public notification of the consent application (or limited notification) • Best location for the storage reservoir, understanding implications of site selection and avoiding additional consent requirements. • There is a risk of unforeseen requirements or consent conditions imposed on RDC. Pre-application discussions with Horizons Regional Council have sought to mitigate this as much as possible. • The approved budgets might not be sufficient to cover the full cost of the upgrade.
Tasks completed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Installation of the monitoring bores has been completed. This will help to get clarification on the existing environmental conditions and help with on-going monitoring. Results have informed the draft groundwater report. • Drafting of the preliminary irrigation design including sizing of storage has now been completed and the draft irrigation report has been reviewed. • Pipeline initial design and progress the wastewater design, working on additional cost estimates. • Landowner negotiations for the easements required for the new pipeline have commenced. • Ecological and restoration plan reports have been finalised. • Resource Consent application with Horizons Regional Council has been lodged. • S92 letter from Horizons Regional Council received requesting further technical analysis of the proposal including soil sampling and analysis. • Resource consent application has been lodged with the Rangitikei District Council
Tasks forecast	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Onsite groundwater sample collection to be continued throughout the consenting period. • Prepare s92 response to Horizons Regional Council. • Pipeline easement negotiations with landowners continue towards acquisition of easements. • Iwi hui to be organised once the Resource Consent application with Horizons Regional Council has been advanced. • Budget update report to be brought to council for decision (after consent conditions are known)

9. Regional Treatment Plant Consenting Programme

Programme Status			
<p>A consultant (WSP) has been engaged to deliver a programme of treatment plant consents for Rangitikei District Council. The contract is for four years.</p> <p>The outcome of this programme is current consents on all treatment plants, which can be regularly complied with. This will resolve non compliances with our regional council consents.</p> <p>Variations to date include:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Taihape Water Treatment Plant optimisation (\$32,350) – approved in November 2021 under resolution 21/RDC/411. 2) Hunterville Wastewater Treatment Plant new consent – noted under resolution 21/RDC/322 that a new consent will be sought. Costs will be presented to Council for approval once known (expected April 2023). 			
Project Budget	\$475,030	Spend to Date	\$292,653
Estimated Costs to Complete	\$182,377	Forecast Cost at Completion	\$475,030
% Spent of Forecast Cost	62%	Variance: Forecast Cost / Budget	0%
Project Start Date (MM-YY)	04-21	Project Completion Date (MM-YY)	12-23
Metric	Trend	Comment	
Health and Safety		WSP (Contractor) Health and Safety Plan prepared prior to site visits	
Programme		Ratana programme revised now that land purchase area secured, Resource Consent application was lodged on 2 nd December 2022, which was behind schedule. The delay has been caused by the requirement for some extra groundwater analysis, testing and revisions to the ecological & restoration plans. Bulls WTP lodged in time to secure s124b existing use rights. Hunterville WWTP request for assistance, programme to be established.	
Cost		Forecast completion cost is on budget, various variations prepared. Technical assessments price for Ratana WWTP were greater than provisional sum estimates but agreed with PMO.	
Quality		No concerns to date.	
Risk		<p>Risk 1: Programme – slight delays to start while waiting on information to be provided for some sites (flow and quality data). Ability to re-establish programme.</p> <p>Risk 2: Scope creep – nothing identified at this stage, early variations identified by RDC.</p> <p>Risk 3: Cost of upgrades. Not known at this stage, needs to be balanced against stakeholder expectations. Watching brief to be kept</p> <p>Risk 4: Delivery of Cultural Impact Assessment (CIA). Continue to work with iwi to understand information requirements and implications as they come to hand. Ongoing consultation is allowed for.</p>	

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		<p>Risk 5: Legislative changes. Various legislation changes have occurred since most of the consents of existing sites were approved. Need to ensure that information within consent applications is fit for purpose to be able to evaluate against legislative requirements.</p> <p>Risk 6: Horizons Regional Council have indicated that consider the discharge to the unnamed tributary which ultimately discharges to Lake Waipu to be part of the application for Ratana WWTP. As environmental effects associated with this are considered to be more than minor raises risk of public notification of the consent application which could extend timeframes associated with receiving a decision for the application.</p>
Tasks completed	<p><u>Ratana WWTP</u> For details, see project 8. Lake Waipu Improvement and Ratana Wastewater Treatment Project</p> <p><u>Taihape WWTP</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Technical task briefs confirmed. • Meeting with Iwi in Taihape undertaken and follow up actions agreed. • WSP continue to advance Plant improvement design and investigations. • Data analysis for treatment process review and water quality assessment. • Desk top assessment of land disposal options undertaken <p><u>Taihape WTP</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Substitution request has been approved – Changes to original proposal were: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ looking into additional storage ○ inlet control to reduce the rate of water rate which is currently a non-compliance <p><u>Bulls WTP</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continuing to follow up Ngāti Raukawa ki te Tonga • Responses from hydrologists collated into section 92 response letter 	
Tasks forecast	<p><u>Ratana WWTP</u> For details, see project 8. Lake Waipu Improvement and Ratana Wastewater Treatment Project</p> <p><u>Taihape WWTP</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continuing data analysis for treatment process review and water quality assessment. • Sludge Survey to be undertaken in March 2023 • Meeting with operations staff to discuss short term maintenance <p><u>Taihape WTP</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commence storage options review work, commencing with meeting with staff • Update Horizons regarding progress <p><u>Bulls WTP</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Waiting for iwi to respond. Continue to request response, may suggest face to face hui if required, can liaise with Te Roopuu Ahi Kaa Komiti for assistance. 	

Miscellaneous**a) Papakai Pump Station**

The construction contract has commenced with Fulton Hogan Limited. The rising main has commenced, and the pump station site is being prepared for earthworks. The transformer has been ordered from Downer. Community engagement is continuing with Iwi and local Taihape interest groups/individuals.

For the next report this project will have its own single page update.

b) Scotts Ferry Pump

Land use approval by Horizons Regional Council (HRC) has been agreed. MDC staff are finalising the design and procurement of a contractor to undertake the works. Subject to procurement of a suitable contractor the works will be completed within the current financial year.

There has been a significant delay caused by capacity issues within the PMO, and most recently Horizons have been slow to respond to the issue of land use. This has now been agreed in general.

The expected timeframe for the project to be completed is about 6 months due to the implementation being a bit more complex which will take time to organise, as it involves a combination of electrical, electronic, solar panels and mechanics.

Current expected cost is around \$250,000 but a detailed report will be brought to Council when the contractor is being procured. It has previously been flagged that \$100k would be insufficient for the extent of this project.

c) Hunterville DSA

Staff are awaiting a quote for concept design of strengthening and accessibility improvements and will report this to Council when known (expecting quote late February 2023).

d) Marton Memorial Hall upgrade

Installation of the HVAC is underway with the new shower areas extraction fans and electrical works next on the list for completion within the next couple of weeks. Following the insurance claim for the flooding caused by a pipe not being crimped off inside the wall we are expecting the vinyl flooring to be replaced in the female toilet and shower areas as well as the foyer, the timeframe for this is unknown at this stage.

Attachments:

1. **PMO Project Work Plan - Marton to Bulls Wastewater Centralisation** [↓](#)
2. **PMO Project Work Plan - Marton Water Supply** [↓](#)

ITEM 10.2**Recommendation 1**

That the Project Management Office Report – February 2023 be received.

Recommendation 2

That the Work Plan for the Marton to Bulls Centralisation is endorsed by Council with / without (delete one) changes to the project constraints.

Recommendation 3

That the Work Plan for the Marton Water Strategy is endorsed by Council with / without (delete one) changes to the project constraints.

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Endorsement by Elected Members is sought for:

The Project Work Plan and its method; and that the project team proceeds to implementing the plan.

Project Work Plan Decision: **ENDORSED / CHANGES REQUIRED (delete one)**

Project Sponsor: Peter Beggs

Project Director: Adina Foley

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I. Version control

This document is a living document which will be reviewed regularly as part of the standard project management practice.

The table below outlines the versions and what areas were updated.

Version	Date	Extend of Review	Prepared by	Reviewed by
A	01/12/2022	Original draft	Damien Wood	Adina Foley
B				

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I. Detailed Project Scope Statement – What will the project do and not do?

PROJECT PURPOSE STATEMENT

To improve the current Marton and Bulls wastewater network to become efficient, effective, and reliable wastewater collection, treatment and disposal services in a culturally sensitive and environmentally responsible manner that meets evolving regulatory requirements and ongoing sustainable compliance.

PROJECT OBJECTIVES (in order of importance)

- 1) To address the two expired resource consents for the discharge of treated wastewater from the Marton and Bulls wastewater treatment plants
- 2) To centralise the Marton and Bulls wastewater network
- 3) To improve treatment processes and discharge methods to achieve a compliant, consented, culturally sensitive, and environmentally responsible wastewater network for Marton and Bulls which can be maintained and operated efficiently
- 4) To actively engage and work with Elected members, Iwi and Hapu, Stakeholders and the wider community to achieve the best outcome for the project within its limitations
- 5) To construct and implement the identified and necessary works in an efficient, effective, reliable, and timely manner

PROJECT SCOPE

- With iwi as partners, develop a consenting strategy for the Marton to Bulls Wastewater centralisation project
- Investigate the existing WWTP performance
- Determine what upgrade are required to improve the effluent quality if necessary
- Develop best practicable design for wastewater treatment and discharge
- Construct a new pipeline connecting and centralising the Marton WWTP to the Bulls WWTP
- Undertake community consultation to inform a best practicable option
- Obtain appropriate consent(s) from Horizons Regional Council (HRC) and Rangitikei District Council for the delivery of the best practicable option
- Develop a procurement strategy for the Marton to Bulls Wastewater centralisation project including consenting, technical consultants and civil construction
- Procurement of Consenting and Technical consultants
- Procurement construction of the best practicable option
- Construction & commissioning of best practicable option
- Handover of best practicable option to operations team

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Out of scope:

- Restoration of the Tutaenui Stream
- Restoration of the Rangitikei River

II. Project Background

The Bulls wastewater treatment plant resource consent expired in 2006, the Marton wastewater treatment plant consent expired in 2019. Both plants have been operating on these expired consents since and at times were operating under significant non-compliance (notified by the regional council various times). The plants can continue operating legally as long as applications have been made to get new consents within six months of the old consents expiring.

In the short-term upgrades to the wastewater treatment will improve the quality of treated wastewater discharged from the wastewater treatment plants and the centralisation with all its components will need to be completed while in parallel the long term the best practical solution within the project restraints will be developed.

The Marton to Bulls pipeline (just the pipeline and not the entire project) has been one of the projects funded by the three waters MOU funding grant to the value of \$3.5 Million.

III. Project Approach

A. Update to date

Planning on this project, started a long time ago when it became clear that reconsenting a discharge to the Tutaenui Stream is not an option due to changed regulations and cultural considerations.

In 2018 Manawātū District Council (MDC) staff completed and presented a Better Business Case recommending the centralisation and land discharge to RDC elected members and this recommendation was approved. Following the approval, Aquanet was engaged to complete a consenting strategy draft. In March 2018 an application for a new resource consent was lodged with HRC and placed “on hold” pending an outcome on the future of the Marton and Bulls Wastewater treatment plants. It was found that the draft consenting strategy needed further considerations.

Since then the project has suffered from a number of impacts including a number of staff changes (which led to the current review of the best approach to this project), COVID and its delays and the significant increase in land value across the Rangitikei and neighbouring regions. All of these factors contributed to a significant reduction of the confidence in the existing budget and the scope that has been communicated to date.

The current approved budget is \$25 million which includes DIA funding. The current project scope is defined in 4 sub-projects:

- 1) Construction of a wastewater transfer pipeline from Marton Wastewater Treatment Plant to Bulls Wastewater Treatment Plant
- 2) Purchase of land in the Bulls area to dispose of treated wastewater and install irrigation infrastructure
- 3) Consenting for the activities

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4) Upgrades of the treatment plants at Marton and Bulls

The PMO is confident that this scope within the approved budget is unachievable and that there are too many unknowns at this point to be able to give an estimate with higher confidence. The spend to date (January 2023) is \$7,629,694 which is mostly the cost of the pipeline.

Ongoing lessons learned from current projects, especially the Lake Waipu Improvement and Rātana Wastewater Treatment Project, has shown the significant complexity of land discharge. There are many factors to consider before land can be purchased which include availability, soil type, topography, surrounding waterways, existing use, existing plants/wetlands/dunes and proximity to the treatment plant in Bulls.

Even though a few land parcels had been found to potentially be suitable, to date RDC staff were unable to secure suitable, affordable land for the discharge. Based on many other land irrigation consents that have been granted, it is likely that even when land is found, the consent conditions will restrict the discharge to certain months of the year with the remaining months continuing the discharge to the river (e.g. PNCC latest consent application, Rātana Land discharge).

One part of the project was successful in progressing to an approx. 90% completion, which is the pipeline connecting the two treatment plants. There are three small crossings and the connection to each treatment plant to be completed (which is underway). The pipeline received government funding worth \$3,500,000.

In March 2022 Lowe Environmental was engaged to project manage the project.

B. Urgency around a combined short term / long term consenting approach

This work plan will enable the PMO to be able to work on this project in a measurable and efficient manner as it contains the project's mission and objectives clearly defined and will be endorsement from the elected members.

The importance of a good partnership with iwi on such a complex endeavour as the Marton and Bulls wastewater centralisation is essential for successful project delivery. Feedback from a recent hui has been included within this work plan and continued hui will strengthen and support the delivery of the project's objectives.

Further conversations with HRC in December 2022 and January 2023 made clear that the expired consents at Marton and Bulls are causing them considerable concern, given the length of the expiry of the original consent especially for Marton and due significant non-compliance due to water quality. HRC are considering a court enforced order to increase the pressure on RDC making significant progress on this project.

Staff were able to receive an extension to the end of March 2023 in which RDC will need to show significant progress in form of a draft consenting strategy and an appropriate project team which includes iwi as partners, RDC project manager and support, planners, consenting experts and engineering support.

Due to the consents being expired for such a long term already and continuous significant non-compliance of both the Marton and the Bulls treatment plant, there is a need to urgently identify and implement improvements to both treatment plants to improve output quality.

The pipeline was completed due to an urgency receiving national government funding for the work. The pipeline needs to be completed to be functional, which includes three crossings, connection to both

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plants and a pump station for the treated effluent to be able to move towards Bulls.

The high level draft consenting strategy as advised by HRC, will need to include the following components:

1) Short Term

- Completion of pipeline between Marton and Bulls (three stream crossings and connection at each end of the pipeline)
- Design of pump station to move treated wastewater from Marton to Bulls
- Consent variation for Bulls treatment plant to take water from Marton
- Plan to make pipeline operational
- Some improvements to both treatment plants

2) Long Term

- Wider consultation including iwi, community
- Development of best practical option

3) How short term and long term are entwined

4) Timeframes for milestones

For the long term solution if iwi and the Council still aim to discharge to land with only emergency discharge to the river a long term consenting strategy need to be completed. This solution is currently very unlikely to be achieved within the existing budget and timeframes.

IV. Project Constraints and Priority

The Theory of Constraints (TOC) was originally developed by Israeli businessman, Eliyahu M. Goldratt. The central idea is that there will always be at least one component in any system that will constrain or slow down processes. It is along the lines of the saying, “A chain is only as strong as its weakest link.”

The three most common constraints are scope, time, and cost. Together, these three constraints are known as the Triple Constraint. One of these constraints cannot be changed without impacting the other two. So there needs to be a way to balance and prioritise these three.



Scope: The scope should be well documented and clearly communicate what will and won't be included in the final product to reduce scope creep.

Time: The timelines need to be realistic. To create a realistic schedule, it is essential to look at the resources available, team member skills, and the amount of time it took to do similar tasks in a past project.

Cost: Every project has a budget. It is an estimate what the project will cost by analysing previous projects. If resources and time are limited, the budget needs to be adjusted to avoid overages.

For every project, it must be defined whether scope, time, or cost is most important. Then the other two constraints need to be aligned. For example, if the deadline is the highest priority and can't be moved, then cost and scope need to be adjusted to reflect what can actually be accomplished within the time constraint.

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For this work plan the focus is on the main three constraints, **scope, time, cost**. These have to be prioritised and labelled with either of the following (each one can only be used once):

- Must Meet
- Within acceptable limits
- Optimise

Constraint	Priority	Description	Metrics
Time	Must Meet (suggestion by PMO)	Significant required progress by April 2023 incl. draft consenting strategy (imposed by HRC) Significant improvements and consent lodging should be achieved before 30/06/2024 (3-waters transition)	April 2023 draft consenting strategy to HRC
Cost	Within acceptable limits (suggestion by PMO)	Defined by the Long Term Plan process	\$25,000,000
Scope	Optimise (suggestion by PMO)	Objectives and Purpose are defined and details around scope will be developed through the consenting strategy and consent conditions.	Pipeline operational New consents for both WWTPs Best practical option

Other constraints that can be considered:

Quality: The quality constraint is closely related to the Triple Constraint. Any change to scope, time, or cost might impact product quality. A change in quality expectations affects the project's scope, time, and cost.

Risks: Every project comes with risks. To manage risks as a constraint, a range of responses to potential risks that customers and stakeholders will tolerate needs to be defined.

Benefits: The projected benefits help to justify costs, resources, scope, and time needed to complete the project.

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The following Council resolutions have been made in relation to this project:

22/RDC/110	<p>That the Chief Executive be authorised to sign off staged engagements for Lowe Environmental for the Marton to Bulls Wastewater Centralisation Project not to exceed the total value of \$500,000.</p> <p>Cr D Wilson/Cr A Gordon. Carried</p>
21/RDC/343	<p>That Council approve for the Chief Executive to sign a contract for the construction of the Bulls to Marton pipeline, and Bulls Water Rising Mains not to exceed \$10m, which includes 30% contingency.</p> <p>Cr D Wilson/Cr T Hiroa. Carried</p>
18/RDC/323	<p>That the following recommendations from the Assets/Infrastructure Committee held on 9 August 2018, be confirmed: 18/AIN/056</p> <p>That the Assets/Infrastructure Committee, having considered the detailed business case on options to address wastewater disposal from Bulls and Marton, recommends to Council that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Establishing a land-based disposal system for the combined Marton and Bulls wastewater flows is confirmed as Council's preferred option; • The process to procure the appropriate land disposal area(s) for Marton and Bulls treated wastewater is commenced; • The pipeline design and progress with scoping the other elements of the proposed project continue to be advanced; • Further engagement/consultation with Iwi and the Bulls/Marton communities is undertaken prior to the lodging of the resource consent application with Horizons by the end of October 2018; <p>Reports on progress are provided to the Assets/Infrastructure Committee, and the advisory group ahead of any requirement for a final Council decision prior to the lodging of the resource consent application in October 2018.</p>

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VI. Stakeholders, Roles & Responsibilities

A. Stakeholder Register

Stakeholder	Influence (high / low)	Interest (high / low)	Requirements	Concerns	Strategies for Gaining Support
Elected Members RDC	H	H	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Approve Budget and procurement ✓ Endorse Project Work Plan ✓ Receive updates on progress ✓ Decision making power 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Financial ✓ Regulatory Compliance ✓ Cultural ✓ Environmental ✓ Reputation 	<p>Regular updates on progress and next steps</p> <p>Seek advice and expert knowledge to overcome issues which might arise throughout the project.</p>
Iwi	H	H	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Project Partner ✓ Sensitivity around wastewater ✓ Receiving environment 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Cultural ✓ Environmental ✓ Reliability 	<p>Strong partnership is foundation for the consenting strategy.</p> <p>Regular meetings essential to continue partnership.</p>
Horizons Regional Council	H	H	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Compliance ✓ Consenting Authority 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Regulatory Responsibilities ✓ Environmental 	<p>Regular Updates</p> <p>Seek feedback on approach or planning</p>
RDC/MDC Treatment Operations Team	H	H	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Operation of treatment plants and discharge 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Ease of operation ✓ Consenting conditions achievable ✓ Reliability 	<p>Seek input from operations for best outcome</p>
Community	H	H	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Efficient outcome ✓ Environmental outcomes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Environmental ✓ Financial ✓ Reliability 	<p>Regular Updates</p>
Media	L	L	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Sensitivity around wastewater ✓ Interest in outcomes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Cultural ✓ Environmental 	<p>Regular Updates</p>
			✓	✓	

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B. Project Team

Name	Project Role (e.g. Sponsor, Project Manager, Designer etc.)	BAU Role
Peter Beggs	Project Sponsor	Chief Executive
Representative of	Iwi Partner Te Rūnanga o Ngā Wairiki Ngāti Apa	GM Environment
Kim Savage	Iwi Partner Ngāti Parewahawaha	Manager at He Puna Hauora
Peter Darryl Richardson	Iwi Partner Ko Ngāti Raukawa ki te Tonga me Ngāti Hauiti ki Mōkai Pātea ngā iwi.	
Arno Benadie	Subject Matter Expert / internal client	Group Manager Assets and Infrastructure
Adina Foley	Project Director	Group Manager Capital Projects
Dave Te Maro-Geary	Lead Project Manager for whole project	Senior Project Manager
Hamish Lowe (incl. LEI team)	Project Manager (consenting pathway)	Principal Environmental Scientist
Damien Wood	Project Assistance	Project Engineer
Dianne Ritter	Project Assistance	Project Coordinator
Phil Hindrup	Principal Planner, Consenting Strategy	Principal Planner
Little & Loud	Communications	Communication Consultant
TBC	Consenting Expert	
TBC	Scientific Expert	
TBC	Design Expert	
TBC	Construction Contractor(s)	
RDC operations Team	Final operational delivery	RDC operations Team (through shared Service)

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C. Project RACI Chart – What skills & responsibilities are allocated for each key deliverable?

Deliverable	Responsible	Accountable	Consulted	Informed
Establish partnership with iwi	Adina	Adina	RDC, Iwi	All
Complete Project Work Plan	Adina	Adina	RDC, Iwi	All
Develop draft consenting strategy	LEI	Adina	RDC, Iwi	All
Procure and engage consultant for consenting strategy and consent preparation	Adina, LEI	Adina	RDC, Iwi	All
Finalise consenting strategy	LEI	Adina	RDC, Iwi	All
Investigate the existing WWTP performance	TBC	Adina	TBC	All
Determine what upgrade are required to improve the effluent quality if necessary	TBC	Adina	TBC	All
Develop best practicable design for wastewater treatment and discharge	TBC	Adina	TBC	All
Construct a new pipeline connecting and centralising the Marton WWTP to the Bulls WWTP	TBC	Adina	TBC	All
Undertake community consultation to inform a best practicable option	TBC	Adina	TBC	All
Obtain Resource Consent from HRC and RDC for the delivery of the best practicable option	TBC	Adina	TBC	All
Procurement of Consenting and Technical consultants	TBC	Adina	TBC	All
Procurement construction of the best practicable option	TBC	Adina	TBC	All
Construction & commissioning of best practicable option	TBC	Adina	TBC	All
Handover of best practicable option to operations team	TBC	Adina	TBC	All
Continuous communication	Little & Loud	Adina	TBC	All
				All

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D. Project Team Charter – How will the people working on the project work together? What are the protocols for decision-making, conflict resolution and meetings?

Who is client / customer for the project?

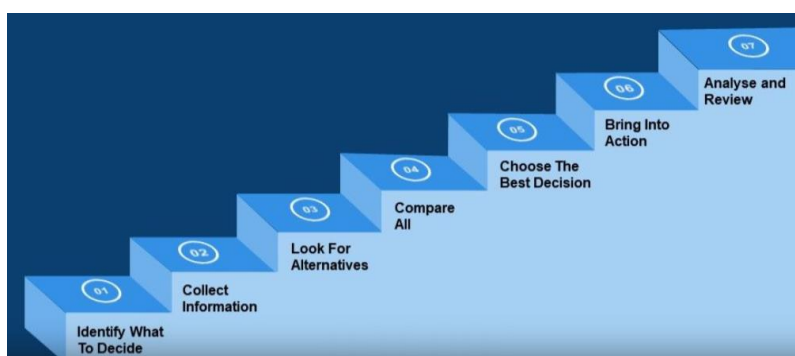
Council as an entity, Iwi, Community and other stakeholders with interest in the improvement to the existing treatment plant disposal upgrades and eventual disposal to land.

Project Team Meeting Protocols

- ✓ Weekly Project Team Meetings
- ✓ Monthly Project Control Group Meetings
- ✓ Monthly updates to council via PMO report
- ✓ Monthly updates to HRC
- ✓ Bi-monthly updates to the Assets and Infrastructure Committee via PMO report
- ✓ Project Manager to take actions and complete actions.
- ✓ Other meetings as required to enable the successful delivery of the project works.

Project Team Decision Making Process

- ✓ Head Project Manager to make decisions within his/her authority and delegation.
- ✓ Head Project Manager to escalate anything relevant to Project Director.
- ✓ Project Director to escalate anything relevant to Project Sponsor.
- ✓ Project Sponsor to make decisions within his/her authority and delegation.
- ✓ Escalations are through Project Sponsor to RDC Chief Executive.
- ✓ Any further escalations are to the elected Council via the Mayor.



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VII. Budget

Item	Value	% Confidence
Funding		
Rangitikei District council	\$21,500,000	100%
DIA Funding for the construction for the pipeline	\$3,500,000	100%
Total Funding	\$25,000,000	100%
Costs Estimates		
Project Management & Capitalisation of salaries	\$750,000	20%
Consenting strategy & consent preparation	\$1,200,000	20%
Reports and supporting information for consent	\$300,000	20%
Notification & Hearings	\$200,000	20%
Pipeline Design & construction	\$8,500,000	80%
Pump station for pipeline	\$1,500,000	20%
Upgrade design	\$150,000	20%
Treatment Plant upgrade Bulls	\$3,000,000	20%
Treatment plant upgrade Marton	\$3,000,000	20%
Land Purchase	\$4,900,000	20%
Pipeline from Bulls Treatment plant to Land	\$1,500,000	20%
TOTAL	\$25,000,000	25%

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The overall programme for the project is 5 years starting in 2020 with a target end date of 30th June 2025.

Timeline is dependent on the consenting strategy.

Deliverables	Timing
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Firming Partnership with iwi - Confirm Project Team - Procure and engage consultant for consenting strategy and consent preparation - Draft Consenting Strategy (long term and short term approach) submitted to HRC 	by April 2023
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Pipeline completion (three crossings and connection on both ends) - Start of pump station design 	30 June 2023
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Construction of pump station to connect both treatment plants - Identification of short term improvements - Design of Plant improvements - Procurement of plant improvements - Implementation of plant improvements - Best practicable option presented - Best practicable option high level design - Best practicable option costed (Ranged and quantified) - Report presented to Council - Council approve long term option to advance - Consenting Authorities are kept informed 	30 June 24
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Consultants engaged on appropriate contracts - Technical reports are prepared - Resource consenting requirements are identified. - Resource Consent Lodge & processing. - Monitoring of plant performance is being undertaken - Consenting Authorities are kept informed 	30 June 25
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Resource consent granted - Consent conditions known 	Financial year 2025/2026

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Detailed design of approved long term option - Procurement of physical works for approved long term option - Delivery of physical works for approved long term option 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Delivery of physical works for approved long term option - Approved long term option commissioning - Approved long term option operation and monitoring 	Financial year 2026/2027

IX. Risks

Probability / Impact / Ranking rated as: **Low** | **Medium** | **High**

Risk Response: Accept | Transfer | Mitigate | Avoid

Risk	Probability	Impact	Ranking	Risk Response	Actions
Infringement notices and fines until project is completed	High	High	High	Avoid	Focus on short term actions and improvements
Court Order by Horizons	High	High	High	Avoid	Significant progress until April 2023
Slow progress	Medium	Medium	Medium	Mitigate	Create schedule with milestones to best knowledge
Poor outcomes environmentally	Medium	High	High	Mitigate	Work with iwi and HRC to develop best practicable outcomes
Unrealistic Expectations of what can be delivered	Medium	Medium	Medium	Mitigate	Communicate changes to project clearly and keep stakeholders informed
Budget not sufficient for scope	High	High	High	Mitigate	Look into alternative options or extra budget
Land not available (if land discharge)	High	High	High	Mitigate	Public Works Act as last resorts
Long consenting periods	Medium	High	High	Mitigate	Work closely with HRC
Unrealistic consent conditions	Medium	High	High	Mitigate	Work closely with HRC

Rangitikei District Council**Marton to Bulls Wastewater Centralisation****X. Communication Plan**

Stakeholders	Updates on any developments
Key Messages (To Tell & Listen For)	<p>This project is a partnership project with iwi.</p> <p>RDC wants to renew the consents for both treatment plants.</p> <p>RDC wants to centralise the wastewater from Marton and Bulls in Bulls.</p> <p>RDC wants to reduce the effects of treated wastewater to its receiving environment.</p> <p>RDC wants to achieve a practical solution in a culturally sensitive and environmentally responsible manner that meets evolving regulatory requirements and ongoing sustainable compliance.</p> <p>This project is a priority for RDC and has dedicated project support and a significant budget.</p>
Tone & Manner	<p>Professional</p> <p>Open to advice and collaboration with stakeholders</p>
Communication Method	Email, Phone, council reports, face to face, regular meetings
Actions	Completed with urgency
Responsible	Project Team

XI. Issue Log

Date	Issue	Action

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Endorsement by Elected Members is sought for:

Acceptance of the Project Work Plan and its method; and that the project proceeds to implementing the plan.

Project Work Plan Decision: **ENDORSED / CHANGES REQUIRED (choose one)**

Project Sponsor: Arno Benadie
Project Manager: Dave Te Maro-Geary



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I. Version control

This document is a living document which will be reviewed regularly as part of the standard project management practice.

The table below outlines the versions and what areas were updated.

Version	Date	Extend of Review	Prepared by	Reviewed by
A	18/01/2023	Original Draft	Damien Wood	Adina Foley
B				

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II. Detailed Project Scope Statement – What will the project do and not do?

PROJECT PURPOSE STATEMENT

To improve the current Marton water supply quantity and quality to become efficient, effective, and reliable water extraction, treatment and reticulation services in a culturally sensitive and environmentally responsible manner that meets evolving regulatory requirements and ongoing sustainable compliance.

PROJECT OBJECTIVES (in order of importance)

- 1) To provide a safe and secure drinking water supply for Marton that looks, smells and tastes unoffensive.
- 2) To improve treatment processes to achieve a compliant, culturally sensitive, and environmentally responsible water treatment facility for Marton which can be maintained and operated efficiently
- 3) To actively engage and work with Elected members, Iwi and Hapu, Stakeholders and the wider community to achieve the best outcome for the project within its limitations
- 4) To construct and implement the identified and necessary works in an efficient, effective, reliable, and timely manner

PROJECT SCOPE

- Design and construct an upgrade to the existing water treatment plant for Marton providing 5,000m³/day of treated drinking water
- Resolve high per capita water use in Marton
- Determine what upgrades are required to improve the drinking water quality
- Develop best practicable design for water treatment and supply
- Construct a new pipeline connecting the new Marton bore and the Water Treatment plant
- Develop a consenting strategy for the new Marton bore and treatment plant upgrades
- Undertake community consultation to inform a best practicable option
- Obtain Resource Consent from Horizons Regional Council and Rangitikei District Council
- Develop a procurement strategy for the Marton water supply project including consenting experts, technical consultants and civil construction
- Procurement of Consenting and Technical consultants
- Procurement construction of the best practicable option
- Construction & commissioning of best practicable option
- Handover of best practicable option to operations team
- Decommissioning/disposal of existing water treatment plant

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Out of scope:

- Exploring alternative options for delivery of water supply
- Decommissioning of the Marton Dams

Key project control (Scope/Price/Time):

- Scope: delivery of the scope is considered to be the key project control i.e., the collection Treatment and supply of 5,000m³/day of water to Marton Residents of a quality meeting the minimum drinking water standards of New Zealand.
- Constraints:
- Time – The project must be completed by June 2024
- Cost – The project must be completed within the \$11,500,000 budget allocation
- Scope – The project must deliver a new bore or bores and related treatment plant upgrades.

III. Project Background

The Assets and Infrastructure Committee endorsed the development of a Marton Water Supply Strategy and indicative development process and timelines in February 2019. The purpose of the Water Supply Strategy is to consistently deliver good quality, affordable, safe drinking water at volumes for today and the future.

During the May 2021 Council meeting a resolution was passed to change the Marton raw water source to Ground Water with a capacity of 5000m³/day. The existing Tutaenui bore is consented for the abstraction of 3500 m³/day and a second bore will be required to achieve the 5000 m³/day goal.

RDC engaged the services of water treatment process engineers to investigate the costs and complexity of treating existing groundwater sources. In terms of the whole of life costs, the most cost-effective treatment process applicable to the current groundwater sources is Ion Exchange. The concept design created in 2020 will be progressed to a full detailed design ready for tender and construction.

The current water supply has the following issues:

- Unpleasant odour and taste: variable water quality conditions in the reservoirs, associated in particular with seasonal changes and algae and manganese concentrations, have made the water difficult to treat.
- Water demand in Marton: significant residential development in the past 12 months has put pressure on water supply, and future growth is anticipated for the foreseeable future.
- Age of existing treatment and distribution infrastructure: the Marton water treatment plant was constructed in the 1920's and would require significant renewal work in the next few years.
- Marton B & C Dams compliance with NZ Dam Safety Guidelines: both B and C Dams were shown to not meet the requirements to be capable of safely discharging the Probable Maximum Flood.

A report presented to the Council meeting of May 2021 resolved future projects to include the construction of the new bore and treatment plant, and a report presented to Council meeting of June

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2021 described the finalised Marton Water Supply strategy in accordance with all previous Council resolutions.

IV. Project Approach

On 27th May 2021, Rangitikei District Council (RDC) selected and approved the solution of ground water as raw water source with a new water treatment plant to supply 5000 m3/day to Marton residents.

The project approach was identified from a feasibility assessment conducted by RDC's Assets and Infrastructure Team that was informed by findings within the following reports:

- Marton Water Supply Strategy – Alternative Groundwater Source Treatment Investigation (NZ100568) Cardno, 28 January 2020

Within this report, Cardno assessed whether it would be possible to use existing bores as the primary source of supply for Marton and proposed four potential treatment options to enable this.

- Marton Water Phase 2 (NZ100568) Cardno, 16 April 2020

Cardno prepared operating cost estimates for the four water treatment options proposed in the January 2020 report. Cardno also investigated the cost of reticulating the Calico Line Bore to the existing Marton water treatment plant vs. drilling a new bore.

The most cost-effective option was the Ion Exchange treatment process followed by Pellet Softening.

The cost to reticulate the Calico Line bore to the existing treatment plant site was much higher than the cost of developing a new production bore in the vicinity of the existing plant.

- Electro Kinetic Survey, Groundwater Report & Map No. C08058. Aquatel Technologies, 19th November 2008.

Preparation of an Electro Kinetic investigation of the ground water resources in Marton Township and approximately 7km North, and mapping of potential sources

- Electro Kinetic Survey, Groundwater Report No. C08061. Aquatel Technologies, 8th December 2008.

Preparation of an Electro Kinetic investigation of the ground water resources near the townships of Ratana and Whangaehu.

A detailed schedule and plan for progressing the project will be outlined within a Project Plan with input from associated Council officers.

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V. Project Constraints and Priority

The Theory of Constraints (TOC) was originally developed by Israeli businessman, Eliyahu M. Goldratt. The central idea is that there will always be at least one component in any system that will constrain or slow down processes. It is along the lines of the saying, “A chain is only as strong as its weakest link.”

The three most common constraints are scope, time, and cost. Together, these three constraints are known as the Triple Constraint. One of these constraints cannot be changed without impacting the other two. So there needs to be a way to balance and prioritise these three.



Scope: The scope should be well documented and clearly communicate what will and won't be included in the final product to reduce scope creep.

Time: The timelines need to be realistic. To create a realistic schedule, it is essential to look at the resources available, team member skills, and the amount of time it took to do similar tasks in a past project.

Cost: Every project has a budget. It is an estimate what the project will cost by analysing previous projects. If resources and time are limited, the budget needs to be adjusted to avoid overages.

For every project, it must be defined whether scope, time, or cost is most important. Then the other two constraints need to be aligned. For example, if the deadline is the highest priority and can't be moved, then cost and scope need to be adjusted to reflect what can actually be accomplished within the time constraint.

For this work plan the focus is on the main three constraints, **scope, time, cost**. These have to be prioritised and labelled with either of the following (each one can only be used once):

- Must Meet
- Within acceptable limits
- Optimise

Constraint	Priority	Description	Metrics
Cost	Must Meet (suggestion by PMO)	Budget has been allocated to the project within the LTP 2021-31. There is uncertainty regarding construction market cost increases and the final total project cost will have to be managed carefully.	Project delivered within allocated budget.
Scope	Within acceptable limits (suggestion by PMO)	Should the scope of the project change, this should be managed through a formal change process authorised by the project sponsor.	All items within scope are delivered at project completion.
Time	Optimise (suggestion by PMO)	The 3 Waters entities are expected to start trading as independent businesses by 1 July 2024. It is important to complete all projects by this date. Therefore, schedule should be optimised. Some activities will have to be progressed concurrently.	Safe and secure drinking water is supplied to Marton residents by June 2024.

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Other constraints that can be considered:

Project Constraint	Priority	Description	Metrics
Quality	Optimise	Drinking water must meet quality requirements of the drinking water standards and meet the expectations of the community in regard to taste, appearance and odour.	Drinking water standards met. Reduction in complaints to Council in regard to drinking water taste and odour.
Resources	Optimise	RDC and MDC staff will manage the project, with services procured externally for design, consenting and construction. Additional resources may be procured externally if risks arise.	All project phases are adequately resourced.
Risk	Optimise	Negative risk should be managed. Positive risk may be accepted if approved by project sponsor.	A risk management approach is successfully implemented and maintained throughout the life of the project.
Stakeholder Satisfaction	Optimise	Marton resident's lack of satisfaction with quality of current water supply is a key project driver and satisfaction must be optimised.	Following project completion, a reduction in complaints regarding taste and odour of Marton water supply.
Project Process	Optimise	Investigate and implement process improvement measures for RDC and MDC water supply projects.	Lessons learned collected via project review at completion, and appropriate changes implemented.

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The following Council resolutions relate to this project:

Reference	Resolution
Resolved minute number 21/RDC/097	That Option 2 - Ground water as raw water source with a new WTP to supply 5000 m3/day - be selected as the preferred option for the Marton Water Supply strategy.

VII. Stakeholders, Roles & Responsibilities**A. Stakeholder Register**

Stakeholder	Power (high / low)	Interest (high / low)	Requirements	Concerns	Strategies for Gaining Support
Elected Members RDC	H	H	Approve Budget and procurement Endorse Project Work Plan Receive updates on progress Decision making power	Health and wellbeing of the Marton and surrounding community upheld through delivery of quality drinking water. Reduction in community complaints regarding taste and odor of drinking water supply. Effective and prudent use of budget available for Marton Water Supply.	Regularly update the Elected members about any developments and next steps of the project. Seek their advice and expert knowledge to overcome issues which might arise throughout the project.
Iwi	H	H	Engaged in the design and consenting of the works. Cultural values are upheld	Cultural responsibilities are upheld	Regularly update Iwi about any developments and next steps of the project. Seek their advice and expert knowledge to overcome cultural issues

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					which might arise throughout the project.
Regional Council Horizons	H	H	Compliance with the requirements of the Resource Management Act		Regularly update the Regional Council about any developments and next steps of the project. Seek their advice and expert knowledge to overcome issues which might arise throughout the project.
Manawatu District Council Treatment Operations Team	L	H	Operational and functionality requirements achieved.	Ongoing operation of the treatment plant needs to be efficient and effective.	Ensure operational team are involved in the design of the treatment facility.
Media & Community	L	H			Regularly update media & community about any developments and next steps of the project.

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B. Project Team

Name	Project Role (e.g., Sponsor, Project Manager, Designer etc.)	BAU Role
Arno Benadie	Project Sponsor	Chief Operating Officer
Adina Foley	Project Director Overall	Group Manager Capital Projects
Michael Taylor	MDC Project Director (Bore Construction)	Delivery Manager - Utilities
Hao Liu	MDC Project Manager (Bore Construction)	Project Engineer - Utilities
Dave Te Maro-Geary	RDC Project Manager (Bore Construction)	Contractor Project Management
Cardno	Engineering for Bore Construction	Engineering Consultant
TBC	Principal Planner, Consenting	
TBC	Consenting Expert (as part of Consenting)	
TBC	Engineering Design for Treatment Plant upgrades	
TBC	Design Expert	
TBC	Construction Contractor(s)	
Andrew Van Bussel	Final operational delivery	RDC operations Team (through shared Service)

C. Project RACI Chart – What skills & responsibilities are allocated for each key deliverable?

Deliverable	Responsible	Accountable	Consulted	Informed
Complete Project Work Plan	Adina	Adina	PMO team, MDC, Iwi, Elected Members	All
Obtain formal agreement from local Iwi	RDC Project Manager	Adina	Iwi	All
Obtain resource consent from Horizons Regional Council	RDC Project Manager	Adina	Iwi, Horizons, MDC, RDC	All
Obtain detailed ground level	Consultant	Adina	RDC	All

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investigations (external surveyor)				
Develop concept design for the preferred solution (external)	RDC Project Manager with consultant	Adina	RDC, Iwi, Horizons	All
Develop detailed design: pipeline, valves, treatment (external)	RDC Project Manager with consultant	Adina	RDC, Iwi, Horizons	All
Procurement of contractors for the construction phase and preparatory work	RDC Project Manager	Adina	RDC, MDC	All
Construction	RDC Project Manager	Adina	RDC, MDC	All
Commissioning	RDC Project Manager	Adina	RDC, MDC	All
Operation	Plant operator(s)	Operations Manager	RDC, MDC	All

D. Project Team Charter – How will the people working on the project work together? What are the protocols for decision-making, conflict resolution and meetings?

Who is client / customer for the project?

- Council as an entity, Community, Iwi and other stakeholders with interest in the improvement to the treatment and supply of drinking water to Marton.

Objectives

- To provide a safe and secure drinking water supply for Marton that looks, smells and tastes unoffensive.
- To improve treatment processes to achieve a compliant, culturally sensitive, and environmentally responsible water treatment facility for Marton which can be maintained and operated efficiently
- To actively engage and work with Elected members, Iwi and Hapu, Stakeholders and the wider community to achieve the best outcome for the project within its limitations
- To construct and implement the identified and necessary works in an efficient, effective, reliable, and timely manner

Project Team Meeting Protocols

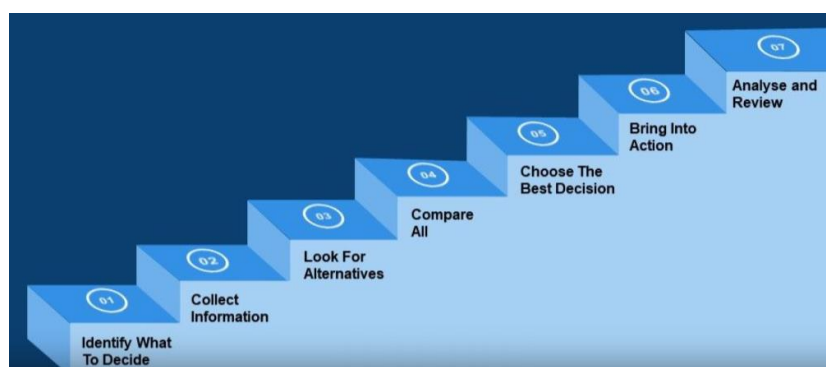
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- Weekly update meeting Project Manager and Arno as part of the PMO meeting.
- Project Manager to take actions and complete actions.
- Other meetings as required to enable the successful delivery of the project works.

Project Team Decision Making Process

Arno as Sponsor makes decisions he deems to be within his authority and delegation. Escalations are through Arno to Peter Beggs, Chief Executive. Any further escalations are to the elected Council via the mayor Andy Watson



VIII. Budget

Item	Value	% Confidence
Funding		
New Marton Bore 2021/22 budget	\$1,000,000	100%
New Marton Treatment Plant 2021/22 budget	\$500,000	100%
New Marton Treatment Plant 2022/23 budget	\$5,000,000	100%
New Marton Treatment Plant 2023/24 budget	\$5,000,000	100%
TOTAL	\$11,500,000	100%
Costs Estimates		
Project Management & Capitalisation of salaries	\$750,000	68.3%
New Bore Design	\$300,000	95%
New Bore Construction	\$2,000,000	95%
Consenting preparation	\$1,200,000	68.3%

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Reports and supporting information for consent	\$300,000	68.3%
Pipeline new Bore to treatment plant Design & construction	\$2,000,000	68.3%
Upgrades to Treatment Plant Design	\$250,000	68.3%
Upgrades to Treatment Plant Construction	\$4,700,000	68.3%
TOTAL	\$11,500,000	75%

IX. Timeline including Milestones

The overall program for the project is for all works to be completed and operational before 30th June 2024.

The project consists of consenting and construction of a new water bore and water treatment plant connected to the Marton Water Supply reticulation.

Project Activities	Deliverables	Timing
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Development of best practicable treatment option - Best practicable option costing - Construction of test bore - Testing of water quality from new test bore 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Best practicable option presented - Best practicable option costed (Ranged and quantified) - Council Select option to advance to design stage - Consenting Authorities are kept informed 	2021/22
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Consultation with Iwi - Procurement of Technical & Design Consultant(s) - Preparation of preliminary design - Preparation of developed design - New Bore water sampling test results analysed - Commence Resource consenting process 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Iwi are engaged with at the preliminary stage - Technical/Design consultant procured. - Tender Documents for physical works are prepared - Council approval of the physical works contractor - New bore water analysis provided. - Engagement plan provided - Consenting Authorities are kept informed 	2022/23
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Preparation of detailed design - Council review and endorsement of detailed design 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Detailed design approved and issued for Tender - Resource consent application lodged and approved 	2023/24

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Procurement of Water Treatment Plant construction contractor - Prepare, lodge & obtain resource consent - Preparation of Building consent application - Water treatment Plant Construction and commissioning - Sign off of Treatment plant (Building consent) - Operation of Water Treatment Plant 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Building consent lodged, approved and signed off - Treatment plant constructed and commissioned - Treatment plant operational and compliant with conditions of resource consent. 	
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X. Risks

Probability / Impact / Ranking rated as: **Low** | **Medium** | **High**

Risk Response: Accept | Transfer | Mitigate | Avoid

Risk	Probability	Impact	Ranking	Risk Response	Actions
No suitable water quality can be found	Medium	High	High	Avoid	Work close with bore experts to assess progress
No suitable water with sufficient flow can be found	Medium	High	High	Avoid	Work close with bore experts to assess progress
Water quality shows high hardness	High	Medium	Medium	Accept	Treat hardness as much as possible
Community is not used to hard water and the effects on electrical appliances	High	Medium	Medium	Accept	Communicate potential changes to the water quality early and educate public
Budget not sufficient for scope	High	High	High	Mitigate	Look into alternative options or extra budget
Unrealistic Expectations of what can be delivered	Medium	Medium	Medium	Mitigate	Communicate changes to project clearly and keep stakeholders informed

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XI. Communication Plan

Stakeholders	Updates on any developments
Key Messages (To Tell & Listen For)	<p>The new bore will work alongside an existing bore at Tutaenui Reserve and significantly increase the volume of groundwater that can be accessed. The water accessed through these bores is much more consistent than the dams which means we can fine tune the treatment and produce consistent, high quality drinking water all year round.</p> <p>The upgrades to the water treatment plant will be a state-of-the-art processing plant and will replace the existing 100-year-old water treatment plant.</p> <p>This project is a priority for RDC and has dedicated project support</p>
Tone & Manner	<p>Professional</p> <p>Open to advice and collaboration with stakeholders</p>
Communication Method	Email, Phone, council reports, face to face, regular meetings
Actions	Completed with urgency
Responsible	Project Team

XII. Issue Log

Date	Issue	Action

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10.3 RDC Road Maintenance Contract – Increase Purchase Order

Author: Adina Foley, Senior Project Manager

Authoriser: Peter Beggs, Chief Executive

1. Reason for Report

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to share information on how the current roading contract works and to update council on changes to the reporting on roading.
- 1.2 Further the report requests authorisation to increase the current Purchase Order value for the Road Maintenance Contract RDC 980 to reflect the full 3-year period of the contract.

2. Context

- 2.1 The road maintenance contract RDC uses is set up to be a 3 year contract which gets renewed with the existing contractor twice to a total of 9 contract years. The current contract serves the period of 1 July 2021 to 30 June 2024 and is the last of the possible renewals. A separate paper is being presented to Council in the March Council meeting which covers the procurement strategy for the next road maintenance contract.
- 2.2 RDC Contract 980 is a measure and value contract. The contract price is made up of a list of unit rates, multiplied by an estimated number of quantities for each scheduled item. These contracts are commonly used for civil engineering projects where the scope of work is reasonably well-defined but cannot be quantified accurately until the work is completed. The Contract also has a clause providing for cost fluctuations. Waka Kotahi publishes standard methods for contract price adjustment to allow for cost fluctuation, which are applied for this contract.
- 2.3 The contract has a proposed programme which needs to be flexible to allow work to take priority that may be more urgent such as emergency works and changes when due to unexpected heavy usage roads degenerate faster than expected.
- 2.4 The goal for the supplier is to complete as much as possible of the programme included in the contract and react to urgent works. All works will be charged to the rates that were confirmed at the beginning of the contract (including adjustments due to escalations).
- 2.5 While the priorities and the programme have to be flexible, the budget that Council agreed within the Long Term Plan does not change. The budget is however spent differently than originally programmed to allow for emergency works, cost escalation and re-prioritisation.
- 2.6 In April 2021 Council resolved to extend the Contract for the 3-year period 1 July 2021 to 30 June 2024, for the contract sum of \$32,969,150 + GST.
- 2.7 The contract value of \$32,969,150 + GST **did not include Emergency Works, Improvements, or escalations**. Escalations by their nature are subject to economic fluctuations, therefore in the past these have been accommodated by Purchase Orders generated each financial year for the maintenance contract.
- 2.8 RDC is directly paying the road maintenance contractor (Contract RDC 980, Higgins) for the work as agreed within the original contract which includes the component of cost that has been approved by and will be carried by Waka Kotahi.

3. Relevant Council Resolutions

Original Contract award for 3 years	29 April 2021
Resolved minute number 21/RDC/067 That the report Rangitikei District Council Road Maintenance Contract: 980: Three Year Extension be received. Cr Wilson/Cr Belsham. Carried	
Resolved minute number 21/RDC/068 That Council approves the three year extension of the Road Maintenance Contract 980 to Higgins Contractors Limited up to a value of \$32,969,150 + GST for the period 1 July 2021 to 30 June 2024. Subject to Council's adoption of the draft 2021-31 Ten Year Plan. Cr Wilson/Cr Gordon. Carried	
Resolved minute number 21/RDC/069 That Council note this investment receives a subsidy from the New Zealand Transport Agency. The subsidy is 65% for 2021-22, 64% for 2022-23, and 63% for 2023-24. This change is a result of NZTA re-running their subsidy model. HWTM/Cr Dalgety. Carried	
Report on Emergency Works December 2021 and February 2022	28 April 2022
Resolved minute number 22/RDC/137 That Council approves the below recommendation from the Assets/Infrastructure Committee meeting on 14 April 2022: a. That the Council approves additional expenditure of up to \$1,820,000 (plus GST) for roading emergency works. Waka Kotahi's funding assistance rate is still to be confirmed. The remainder of the cost will be covered by the Council local share as unbudgeted expenditure. Cr N Belsham/Cr D Wilson. Carried	
Resolved minute number 22/RDC/138 That Council approves the below recommendation from the Assets/Infrastructure Committee meeting on 14 April 2022: That the Council approves additional expenditure of up to \$341,000 (plus GST) for roading emergency works. Waka Kotahi's funding assistance rate is still to be confirmed. The remainder of the cost will be covered by the Council local share as unbudgeted expenditure. Cr N Belsham/Cr A Gordon. Carried	
Report on Emergency Works May 2022 and June 2022	25 August 2022
Resolved minute number 22/RDC/001 That the report 'Recent Weather Event Damage to Road Network' be received. Cr N Belsham/Cr C Raukawa. Carried	
Resolved minute number 22/RDC/002 That the Council approves additional expenditure of up to \$825,000 and \$2,352,000 plus GST for roading emergency works for the May and June 2022 weather events, noting 84% of the expenditure will be claimed as a Waka Kotahi subsidy but that the claim has not yet been approved. HWTM/Cr F Dalgety. Carried	

4. Process going forward

- 4.1 Staff of RDC and MDC have agreed that going forward for better transparency, one purchase order will be raised for the total of the 3- year contract period.
- 4.2 Every quarter of the year staff will prepare an update to council which will include any adjustments that may be required to this contract budget caused by emergency works, deferrals, or delays.
- 4.3 When Emergency works occur, staff will work with Waka Kotahi to assess the value of the damage. This will be brought to council for approval of extra unbudgeted expenditure so that the Purchase order can be adjusted once Waka Kotahi has completed their assessment and the final approved amount and FAR rate is known.

5. Budget details

- 5.1 The contract value as resolved in April 2021 (21/RDC/068) was \$32,969,150. This figure did not include Road Improvements (budget item), Emergency Works, or escalations. The contract value needs to be adjusted to allow the main contractor to also complete the road improvement activities and emergency works as part of their contract.
- 5.2 The subsidised roading budget agreed within the LTP 2021-2031 of \$41,266,490 has not changed.
- 5.3 There have been additional unbudgeted expenditures approved by Council due to the Emergency Works from December 2021, February 2022, May 2022 and June 2022 worth \$3,848,826. Staff have indicated that there has been additional Emergency works since the last approval, but the damage and related value is still being assessed and will be brought back to Council in the next quarterly update.
- 5.4 The Purchase order for Contract RDC 980 will use the subsidised roading budget agreed in Council's 2021-24 Long Term Plan (\$41,266,490) plus the already approved emergency works (\$3,848,826 see council paper in August 2022) which is a total budget of \$45,115,316.
- 5.5 The revised value of the works to be carried out under Contract RDC 980 (Higgins) for the 3 year period 1 July 2021 to 30 June 2024 is \$43,129,184, noting that the remaining difference between the LTP budget & Emergency works and the contract value carried out by Higgins of \$1,986,132 will be spent with other contractors and consultants e.g. on engineering design or street lighting over the 3 year period 1 July 2021 to 30 June 2024.
- 5.6 The table below shows the Waka Kotahi and Council's approved budgets for the 3 year period 1 July 2021 to 30 June 2024.

Work category	2021-22 Expenditure	2022-23 Approved Budget	2023-24 Approved Budget	2021-24 Approved Budget
Maintenance	\$6,549,340	6,910,316	\$6,401,664	\$19,861,320
Amount completed by road maintenance contractor (Higgins)				\$17,875,188
Renewals	\$3,929,104	\$4,949,102	\$4,957,179	\$13,835,385
Amount completed by road maintenance contractor (Higgins)				\$13,835,385
Road Improvement	\$971,048	\$4,052,437	\$2,546,300	\$7,569,785

Amount completed by road maintenance contractor (Higgins)				\$7,569,785
TOTAL LTP (subsidised roading budget)				\$41,266,490
Emergency Works Dec 2021	\$977,071			
Emergency Works Dec 2021	\$570,829			
Emergency Works Feb 2022	\$150,000			
Emergency Works May 2022	\$714,223			
Emergency Works Jun 2022	\$1,436,703			
Emergency Works Nov 2022		TBC		
Emergency Works Jan 2023		TBC		
Sub-Total	3,848,826			3,848,826
TOTAL LTP (subsidised roading budget) incl. Emergency Works				\$45,115,316
TOTAL amount completed by road maintenance contractor (Higgins)				\$43,129,184

6. Purchase Orders

- 6.1 As per RDC procurement policy, there should only be one Purchase Order per scope of works and supplier, however two purchase orders exist for the Contract RDC 980 (Higgins):

<p>PO 138821 (ACTIVE)</p> <p>Total current value \$13,668,235.62</p> <p>Proposed increase to \$40,430,349.25</p> <p>First invoice January 2022</p> <p>Last invoice June 2024</p> <p>For better transparency this PO needs to be increased to the total value of the 3-year contract 2021-2024 to the value of \$40,430,349.25 which can be accommodated within the budget and extra approved emergency works.</p>	<p>PO 130292 (COMPLETED)</p> <p>Total value \$10,800,590</p> <p>Increased to \$11,703,385</p> <p>First invoice July 2020</p> <p>Last invoice December 2021</p> <p>The PO was raised for the last financial year of the 3-year contract 2018-2021 and the first 6 months of the current 3-year contract 2021-2024.</p> <p>The amount relevant to the current contract is \$2,698,834.75</p>
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- 6.2 The current Purchase Order (138821) should be increased to **\$40,430,349.25** to be able to meet Council's contractual commitments and deliver the 2021-24 Maintenance, Renewal, Improvement Programme and Emergency Works. Both the current Purchase Order and the partial value from the older Purchase Order come to a total of **\$43,129,184**

7. Conclusion

- 7.1 There is sufficient LTP and approved budget for the increase of the Purchase Order for the Contract RDC 980 (Higgins).
- 7.2 If future severe weather events occur, and additional Emergency Works funding is approved by Waka Kotahi, then approval will be sought from Council for a Purchase Order to cover those costs.
- 7.3 The changes to reporting and how the Purchase Order is being set up are to aid with clarity and transparency around any roading works.

Attachments:

- 1. **Roading Budget Infograph** [↓](#)

Recommendation 1

That the report 'RDC Road Maintenance Contract – Increase Purchase Order' be received.

Recommendation 2

That the Council acknowledges that the value of RDC 980 Road Maintenance Contract is **\$43,129,184** for the 3 year period 1 July 2021 to 30 June 2024, which includes the LTP budget and approved Emergency Works.

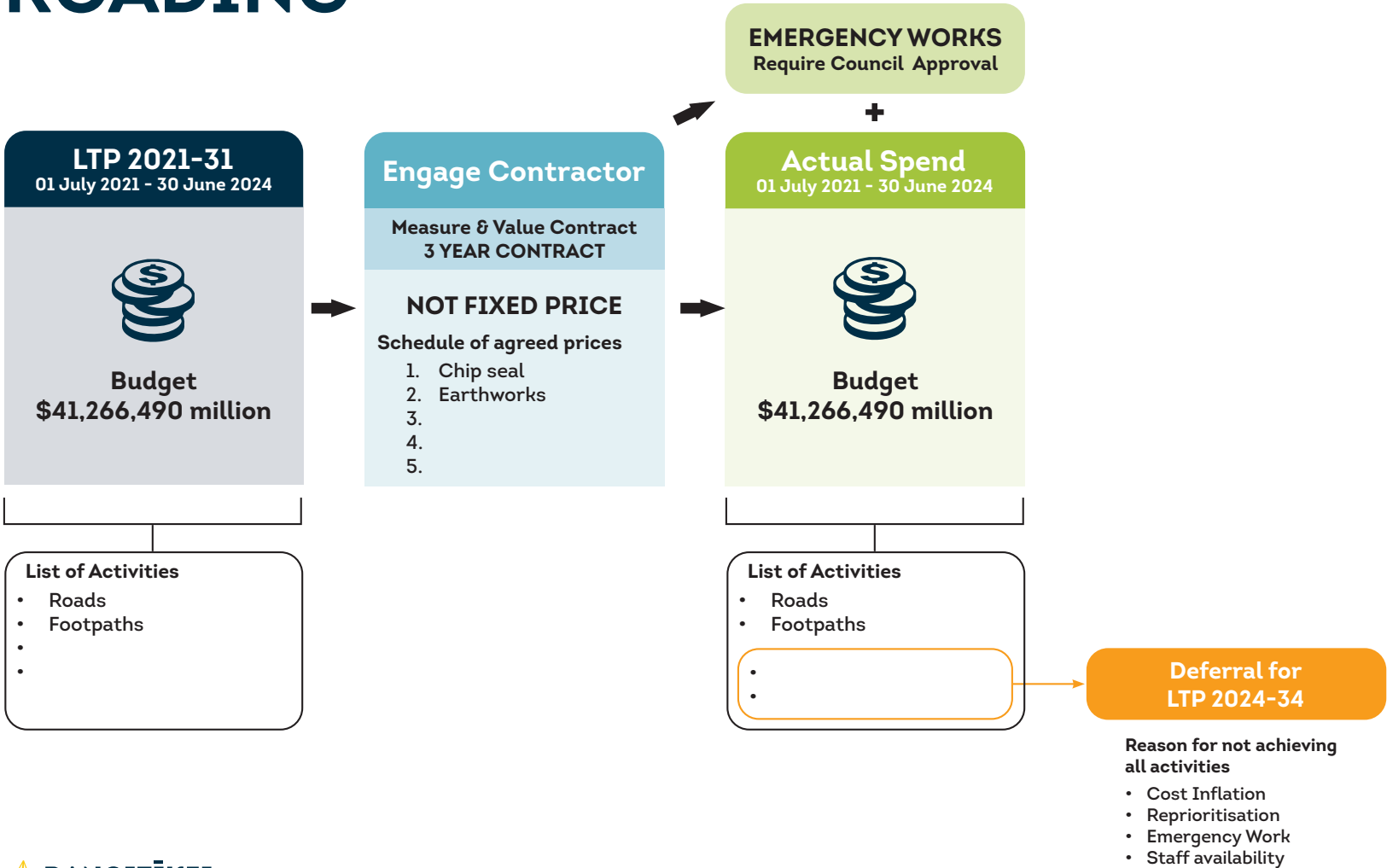
Recommendation 3

That the Council authorises the Chief Executive to approve the increase of the current Purchase Order to a total value of **\$40,430,349.25** to reflect the increased value of RDC 980 Road Maintenance Contract over the whole 3 year period, 1 July 2021 to 30 June 2024, to enable the contractor to deliver the 2022-23 Maintenance, Renewal and Improvement Programme as well as the Emergency Works that have already been approved. (Noting that there is a portion of \$2,698,834.75 spent on another Purchase Order, the sum of these two is \$43,129,184)

Recommendation 4

That the Council notes that if future severe weather events occur, and additional Emergency Works funding is approved by Waka Kotahi, then approval will be sought from Council for those unbudgeted expenditures so that the current Purchase Order can be increased accordingly.

ROADING



10.4 Taihape Development Steering Group - Wellbeing Initiative

Author: Gaylene Prince, Group Manager - Community Services

Authoriser: Peter Beggs, Chief Executive

1. Reason for Report

- 1.1 Mrs Jude MacDonald, Whanganui Regional Health Network, will be presenting to Council's February meeting, seeking Council's support and endorsement of a collective impact approach to health and well-being services in Taihape.
- 1.2 The purpose of the presentation is to seek agreement from Council "to participate in a collective impact approach, whereby key parties and stakeholders partner with the Taihape community to create integrated and meaningful connected planning, investment and wellbeing outcomes now and into the future to ensure efficient and effective outcomes for all our people, and to eliminate inequity for Māori so they may flourish and achieve at the same rate as the remaining community population". A briefing paper is attached as Attachment 1.

2. Context

- 2.1 Mōkai Pātea Services (MPS), the Whanganui Regional Health Network (WRHN), Otaihape Health Trust (OHT), Taihape Health Ltd (THL) and the Crown owner of Taihape Hospital Campus, Te Whatu Ora Whanganui (TWOW), formed a steering governance group in 2021 and have been collaborating with Council staff from late 2022 with the objective of creating a structured and meaningful investment into Taihape's health and well-being culture.
- 2.2 At this time, the 'how' and 'when' are still to be finalised.

3. Discussion and Options Considered

- 3.1 The Taihape Development Steering Group (TDSG) aim to form an initiative around the following objectives:
 - Integration of THL's health and MPS' whanau ora services with the Taihape Health Centre facility
 - Accommodation of external providers (Physio, X-ray, Plunket, etc) within the same facility
 - Creation of a public space within the facility, incorporating social/wellbeing activities within a café environment (as recommended by the community/Rangatahi)
 - Support of OHT to repurpose their own facility
 - Identification of the hospital campus (buildings and land) as a sustainable wellness 'village' with a focus on generational social, education, and accommodation needs.
- 3.2 Council's contribution could include, for example:

- Collaboration with the TDSG via Council's Community services group; for example, potentially providing youth programmes from this space, being part of discussion for accommodation options such as supported living.
- Consideration of a fee waiver for building consent.

4. Financial Implications

4.1 At this time no costs are associated with this proposal, aside from staff time.

5. Mana whenua implications

5.1 Mōkai Pātea Services is a partner on the TDSG. MPS' is representative for whanau, hapū/lwi and marae groups of the four lwi who hold mana whenua over the rohe.

6. Statutory Implications

6.1 The Local Government Act 2002 provides for local authorities to promote the social, economic, environmental, and cultural well-being of communities in the present and for the future. The proposal contributes to the core components and priorities of the Pae Ora (Healthy Futures) Act 2022.

7. Conclusion

7.1 The initiative provides opportunity for Council to contribute, plan, and invest into the future of Taihape as Council services potentially move to more community focused services and outcomes from 2024.

7.2 Council's contribution will help maximise the potential of this initiative, helping provide efficient and effective outcomes for the Taihape community.

8. Decision Making Process

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

Attachments:

1. Briefing Note from Jude MacDonald [↓](#)

Recommendation 1:

That the report 'Taihape Development Steering Group – Wellbeing Initiative' be received.

Recommendation 2:

That Council **does/does not [delete one]** participate in a collective approach with key stakeholders in the Taihape community on the Taihape Development Steering Group – Wellbeing Initiative.



1 February 2022

BRIEFING PAPER TO RANGITIKEI MAYOR, COUNCILLORS AND EXECUTIVES

FROM: Tracy Piki Te Ora Hiroa, Pou Whakahaere, Mokāi Pātea Services (MPS)

Jude MacDonald, Chief Executive Whanganui Regional Health Network (WRHN)

Recommendation:

This paper is seeking agreement from Rangitikei Council Mayor, Councillors and Executive, to participate in a collective impact approach, whereby key parties and stakeholders partner with the Taihape community to create integrated and meaningful connected planning, investment and wellbeing outcomes now and into the future to ensure efficient and effective outcomes for all our people, and to eliminate inequity for Māori so they may flourish and achieve at the same rate as the remaining community population.

Intent:

A significant development is underway for the Whanganui district that is organising health and wellbeing services into localities to bring services together into more responsive 'placed based' networks. Whanganui was chosen of one of nine locality prototypes nationally, and within this prototype is a detailed plan for Taihape, that is leading the way in bringing together community, Iwi, NGO organisations relevant to health and wellbeing. This work and approach have been underway since 2021, largely due to the high trust relationship and connectivity between Mōkai Pātea Iwi leaders (MPS), Otaihape Health Trust (OTHT), Taihape Health Ltd (THL), Whanganui Regional Health Network (WRHN) and Taihape hospital campus crown owner, Te Whatu Ora Whanganui (TWOW). A steering governance group was established in 2021 and representation from the organisations (as stated above) and an operational manager from Rangitikei Council have been meeting regularly to drive, plan and deliver on the agreed objectives as follows;

1. Integrate THL health and MPS whānau ora services within Taihape RHC facility and revise the model of care
2. Accommodate external providers within RHC such as physiotherapist, X Ray, Jigsaw, visiting specialists, Plunket etc

3. Create public space within the RHC (as recommended by the community), inviting community as partners to the facility to accommodate space for social and wellbeing activities, social connection and café environment
4. Support OTHT to repurpose their facility for supported living or apartment living options
5. Examine with partners, the potential for the hospital campus (land and buildings) utilising collaborative and innovative generational planning to address future accommodation, social and education needs with a view to creating a sustainable 'village' vibe with a focus on wellness

Pae Ora Act and Local Body Act Binding a Common Agenda:

Government legislative change for health and Local body council is pointing towards a common direction. Partnering with our communities /honouring obligations associated to Ti Treaty Waitāngi and requiring evidence of a meaningful relationship and partnership with Iwi to improve outcomes for Māori.

Essentially the core components of the Pae Ora Act are;

1. Protect, promote, and improve health of all New Zealanders
2. Achieve equity in health outcomes, striving to eliminate health disparities in particular for Māori
3. Build towards Pae Ora (healthy futures for all NZers)

Local Government Act 2002 sites the following priorities;

1. Enable democratic local decision making and action by and on behalf of communities
2. Promote social, economic, environmental and cultural wellbeing of communities now and in the future

Partners:

Mōkai Pātea Services, Whanganui Regional Health Network (WRHN), Otaihape Health Trust, the former Whanganui District Health Board (Te Whatu Ora Whanganui) and Taihape Health Limited embarked on a collaborative journey of change in 2021 to ensure sustainable access to health and social services for the Taihape and District communities. Initially the focus was on agreement to migrate MPS Whānau Ora services and THL health services into the largely vacant DHB owned Taihape Rural Health Centre, however, for a variety of reasons this is now about so much more, and in particular, the health and wellbeing of our community.

Mōkai Patea Services

Nga Iwi O Mōkai Pātea Services Trust, trading name "Mokai Patea Services" is the mandated development vehicle for whanau, hapu/ Iwi and marae groups of the four Iwi who hold mana whenua over the rohe. The iwi groupings are;

Ngati Tamakopiri
 Ngati Whitikaupeka
 Ngati Te Ohuake
 Ngati Hauiti

The vision of this kaupapa "**Kotahi te Haumarū mo a tatou katoa**" or working towards one shelter for the betterment of us all, encapsulates a similar vision that is held by Mōkai Patea Services of "Te Rangatiratanga o nga hapu O Mōkai Patea".

As a service we work together to achieve Whānau Ora outcomes for our whanau, and we achieve this by working as a team and understanding that each individual brings their own pukenga (skill) and matauranga (knowledge) and by bringing those elements together we are stronger.

With this being a collaborative project between likeminded organisations in our community, we each work to our own strengths, keep within our own lanes of expertise, with a shared vision of keeping "Whānau at the centre of all that we do."

Our Iwi appointed Governance Board members are;

Kuia Byford – Ngati Tamakopiri

Diane Saunders – Ngati Tamakopiri

Barbara Ball – Ngati Whitikaupeka

Miria Wipaki – Ngati Whitikaupeka

Maraea Bellamy – Ngai Te Ohuake

Johnson Hiroa – Ngai Te Ohuake

Pania Winiata – Ngati Hauiti

Barbara Thomason – Ngati Hauiti

Whanganui Regional Health Network

WRHN is a charitable trust (NGO) that operates as a Primary Health Organisation in the Whanganui district and owns and operates five clinical businesses; Ruapehu Health, Taihape Health, Gonville Health (all general practice clinics), Whanganui Accident and Medical Clinic (the regional urgent care clinic) various clinical contracts and has a partnership agreement with Ngā Wairiki Ngāti Apa to operate the Stewart Street General Practice, Marton on behalf and alongside the Runanga governance group.

Taihape Health Ltd

Taihape Health Ltd as a subsidiary company of the parent WRHN, is governed locally by a group of nominated community and Iwi Directors as well as governance and executive membership from WRHN board and executive. Director members are;

Barbara Ball – Nominated Iwi representative.

Maraea Bellamy – Nominated Iwi representative.

Dr Antonia Hughes – Doctor and employee

Susan Benson – Private business owner / community

Julie Nitschke – community and ex WRHN executive

Dr Ken Young – WRHN Chair and Gp Bulls (ex GP Taihape)

Jude MacDonald – WRHN CE (and ex Taihape health manager)

Otaihape Health Trust

Otaihape Health Trust (OTHT) operates as the landlord of the facility occupied currently by THL (the former Rest home). The community trust is community governed and have partnered with the stakeholders since the inception of the discussions.

It is the intent for WDHB (Te Whatu Ora Whanganui) to transfer via a campus lease agreement, the overall operational running of the campus to the stakeholder parties in the heads of agreement (MPS, WRHN/THL and OTHT). It is the preference of the stakeholders that OTHT are the lease holders on behalf of the community.

The key members that have participated in the development to date are;

Marian Cleaver, Chair OTHT
Mary Freeman
Michael Andrews
Les Rowlands

Te Whatu Ora Whanganui (formally WDHB)

During the development of this partnership, considerable Crown health system change has occurred. WDHB is now part of a national organisation called Te Whatu Ora and a local CE role does not exist. Locally at Whanganui there has been a director role that leads operations and until 31 December that role has been filled by Andrew McKinnon, who also operates the Facility and Finance portfolios. Andrew has been a helpful partner and committed to supporting the community and partners to ensure the RHC is occupied and facilitates access to a vibrant range of health and social services continues to be available at Taihape.

Taihape Hospital Campus Footprint:Rural Health Centre (RHC)

The RHC is the old hospital that is owned by the crown (Te Whatu Ora Whanganui) and was redeveloped in early 2005 by the DHB to accommodate a merged health service model that included hospital level services (including a small number of beds) and Resthome services (a collaboration project between Otaihape Trust and WDHB). The Otaihape Trust went into liquidation in 2009 and WRHN were then asked to take over an integrated contract that included primary care services, maternity, palliative care and allied and nursing community services. Resthome services were discontinued, and no inpatient bed services have continued for the community (other than maternity however this service has not been utilised by clients since COVID19 and will not continue in the new configuration).

WRHN, THL and MPS have been undertaking community conversations for some time now to ascertain interest from the community in moving health and whānau ora services into the RHC which will form an integrated health and social hub for a range of core services, private and visiting services from the hospital and out of region such as physiotherapy, X Ray, Specialist Doctors, Jigsaw, Plunket etc. Essentially the model will return to a 'one stop shop' which the community was familiar and comfortable with in the past. There is a great deal of emotional connection voiced by the community for the RHC, and therefore the pleasure in seeing its use maximised and once again being a key hub of the community has been well expressed.

Otaihape former Resthome Facility (currently occupied by THL)

THL have provided a primary care service from this facility since 2010. (Maternity services have been accessed from the RHC). Prior and since COVID 19, space has been a particular issue, and operating services from two facilities has created high overhead costs. THL and MPS have agreed to provide the community with an integrated model of services through bringing primary health and whānau ora together who will operate as a collaborative team serving one population.

The OTaihape facility will be vacated when THL move their services to the RHC. Early community conversations led by Jaime Reibel, Strategic Advisor Economic Development Rangitikei Council indicates that there is community interest in developing the facility as shared accommodation (either as a supported living model or apartments). Predictive population growth for older age group would support the need for more accommodation options for older adults who wish to vacate their large homes but wish to remain in the community.

Staff Quarters Facility and Doctors Surgery

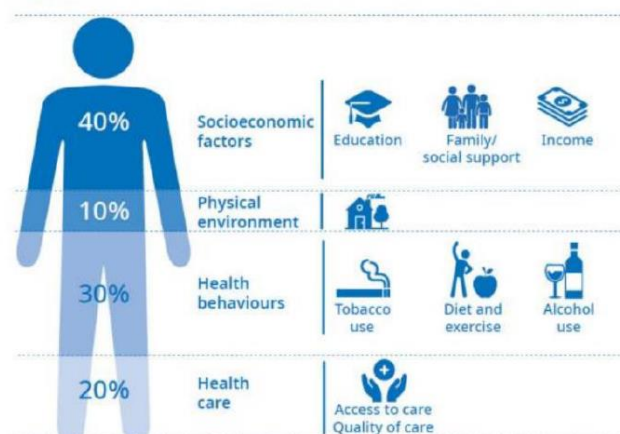
This facility has been vacant for many years and given no repairs and maintenance investment has been occurring, Otaihape Trust were keen for this building to be removed so no liability is incurred from their perspective (as lease holders for the campus) into the future. Demolition is currently underway. The old doctors' surgery on the campus has not been used or maintained. The site was offered to St Johns Ambulance in the hope that they would integrate with other services on the campus, however this option was declined by their executive. Te Whatu Ora have considered removing this facility and transporting it to the Whanganui campus but no firm actions have been progressed.

Hospital Campus footprint

The hospital campus offers significant scope and opportunity to incorporate other population needs such as housing, gardens, social connectivity, and education which could result in a vibrant village vibe where our community comes together for a wide range of activities. The best approach to progress this thinking is to codesign with the community working alongside key stakeholders, sharing investment and creating collective impact.

Social Determinants

Figure 3: The determinants of health and their relative contribution to our health outcomes



Source: Adapted from the Institute for Clinical Systems Improvement (2014)

The health reforms are focusing on collective impact and wider conversations and actions with other sectors. This is relevant due to health care and health behaviours only contribute 50% towards wellness. A recent article authored by Zoe Hawke, best articulates the issue;

"If you have nowhere to live, no fixed address and no income, it is next to impossible to have stable healthcare".

"A home, food and money are whānau first priorities, and healthcare usually comes last (as the former are requirements for the latter)".

During the development planning to date, conversations with community and providers inevitably has shaped change. Here are examples that have been incorporated which will impact on wellness and have been identified by Rangatahi and Kaumatua that they are important to them;

- 1. A conversation with the local Taihape Undertaker who leases the facilities at the RHC, identified that whānau are seeking a comfortable place to wait and congregate during the time the undertaker is preparing and caring for their loved one. Their preference and tikanga is to not leave the site.**

ACTION: The agreement to create public space area in the RHC that could be accessed outside of the services operating hours and include a place to rest, connect and access refreshments is being progressed by the architect and funders.

- 2. Rangatahi that we spoke to talked about wanting to have access to a public space at the RHC that enabled them to meet socially and where possible perhaps operate a café type service as well as knowing the clinical and whānau ora service were close by and they could call on**

'aunty' to help them access the services they need rather than access in the traditional way of making an appointment and waiting in general public areas. The RHC is a place they highlighted as special to them and therefore having access and sharing this place with the workforce and the community was meaningful for them. Kaumatua talked about the importance the RHC was to them and their desire to continue to access wellness activities and social events from the RHC as the preferred place.

ACTION: The existing kitchen and cafeteria space is large and with some refurbishment would be able to offer at least two community rooms. In addition, while THL will continue with Meals on Wheels food preparation from the kitchen, the kitchen footprint is large and is able to be shared by others. The intent is to design a shared kitchen space, where both meals on wheels preparation can occur as well as the development of a café type environment where Rangatahi can be engaged in a training programme to operate the café serving refreshments and prepare the food that could be sold to community and workforce patrons. This could be a collective stakeholder development engaging council, education and other stakeholders to deliver on this vision.

A collaborative investment strategy is planned with Otaihape Health Trust taking a lead in accessing community funds to fund the refurbishment of the area and WRHN will fund the core kitchen that is required for the meals on wheels function. Mōkai Patea are interested in utilising the existing chillers for their Iwi events.

Given the RHC has access to emergency power, this kitchen will become pivotal in supporting the community for periods when power outage is prolonged due to weather events.

3. Rangatahi were seeking opportunities to contribute to the design of the refurbishment and in some way leave some 'markers' that they contributed to the process.

ACTION:

A local woodwork tutor has been engaged by the Architect to facilitate the design and decoration with Rangatahi, planter boxes that would be situated throughout the building to ensure a 'green' environment. Their designs would be visible and a reminder of their contribution to the refurbishment for future generations.

Conclusion:

The opportunity for Rangitikei Council planning and investing for the future of Taihape and working alongside the community and partners to maximise the potential this development offers, is an efficient and effective opportunity to achieve outcomes at pace and make collective impact. Wellness will require us all working and planning together to ensure that community priorities are worked on together to achieve swift change and respond to environmental change and risk that emerges in small rural communities. We welcome the opportunity for shared discussion and to achieve agreed outcomes that will progress the aspirations of the Taihape community.

11 Reports for Information

11.1 Rangitikei Economic Wellbeing

Author: Gaylene Prince, Group Manager - Community Services

Authoriser: Peter Beggs, Chief Executive

1. Reason for Report

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to present Council with a quarterly economic wellbeing snapshot to help monitor and provide insight across economic interest areas.

2. Context

- 2.1 Included are snapshot reports from MarketView monthly *district* consumer spending information for October, November, and December 2022.
- 2.2 Other sources of economic data, such as GDP, number of businesses, employment and standard of living are provided by Infometrics, which generally updates its figures annually (based on Statistics New Zealand data collection). Housing purchase and rental affordability data is provided quarterly by the Ministry of Housing and Urban Development.

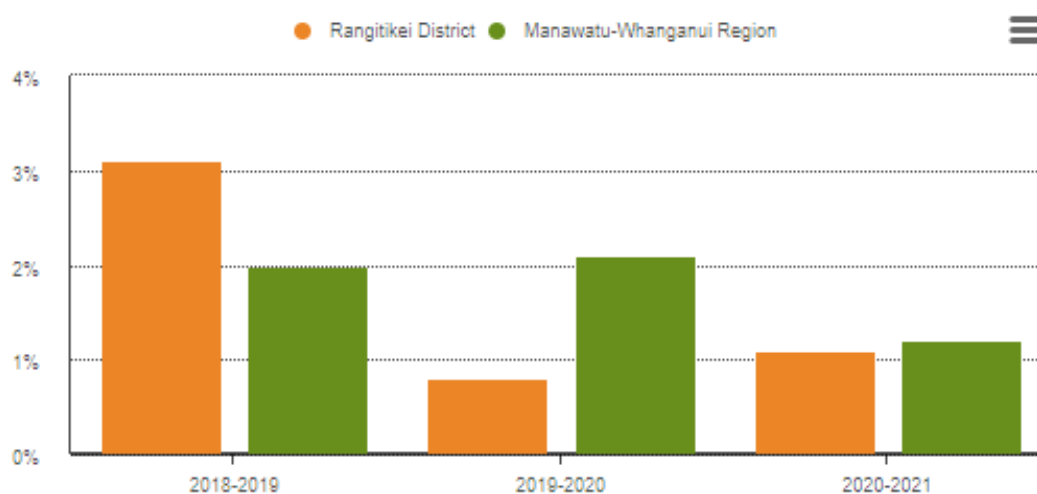
3. Gross Domestic Product (GDP)

- 3.1 Rangitikei District experienced GDP growth of 2.3% in the year to 30 June 2021, which was a strong result viewed against the annual New Zealand GDP of -1.2% during the same period. Information for the year to June 2022 is not yet available.

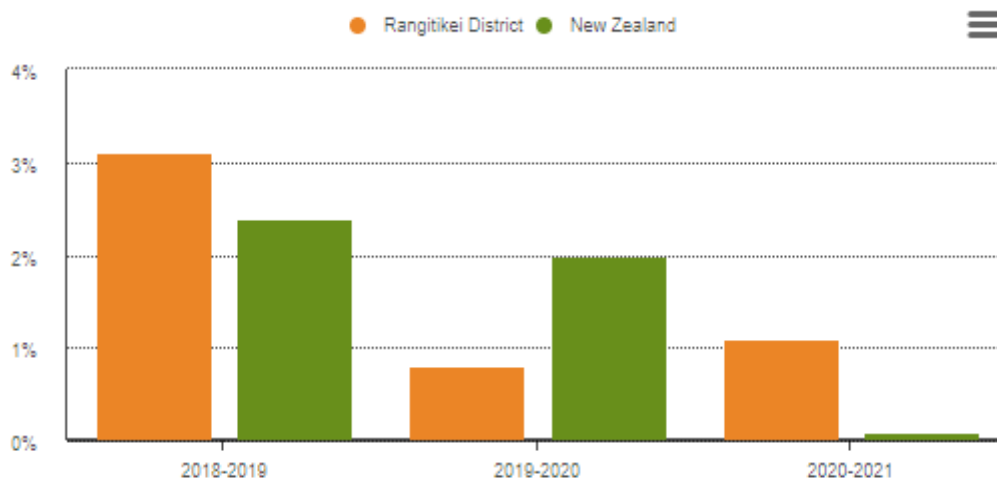
4. Employment

4.1 Employment Growth

Rangitikei Compared to Manawatu – Whanganui (2019 – 2021)



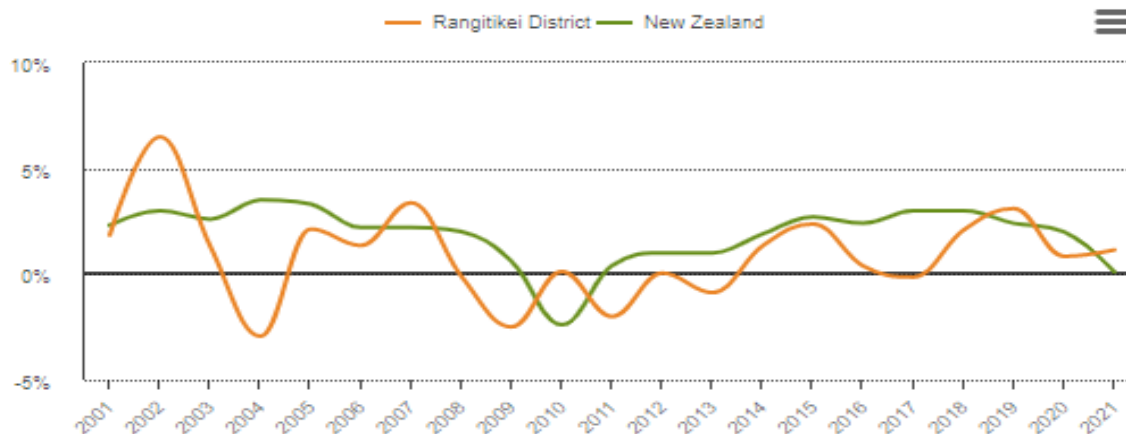
Rangitikei Compared to New Zealand (2019 – 2021)



These graphs indicate that in 2021 the percent annual employment growth in the Rangitikei of +1.1% was comparable to that of the Manawātū – Whanganui Region and far outstripped national growth.

4.2 Fluctuation in Employment Growth/Decrease

Rangitikei Compared to New Zealand (2001 – 2021)



Source: *ibid*

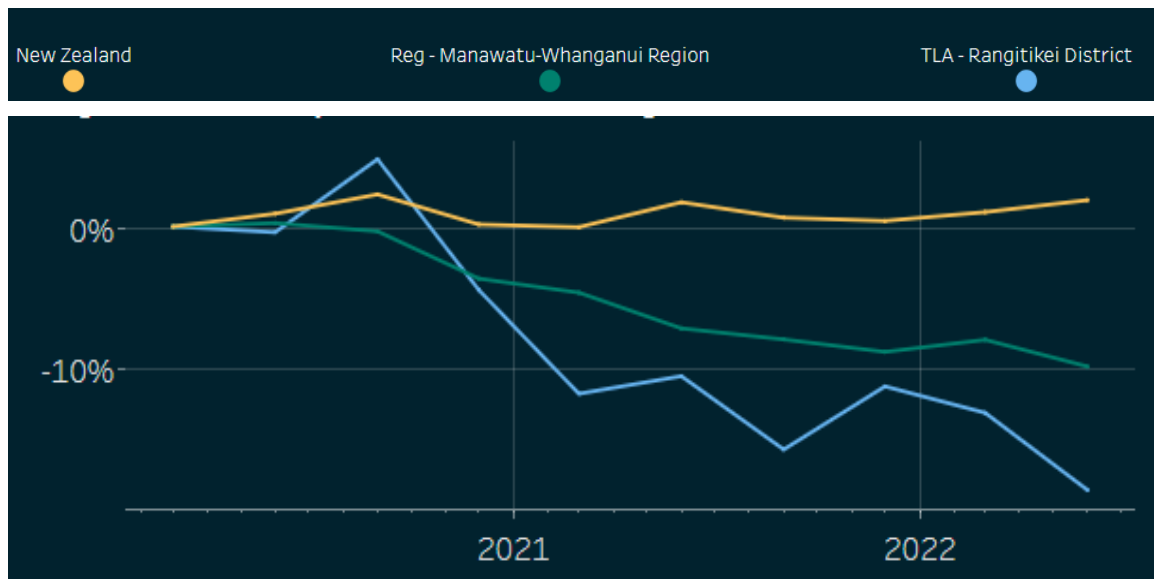
Since the agricultural and forestry sectors are the largest contributor of filled jobs in the district (29.4% in 2021) and the demand for primary products is often dependent on external factors beyond producers' control, the changes in employment growth or decrease over the last twenty years in the Rangitikei reflect the cyclical nature of the demand, both domestic and international, for food and wood products.

5. Housing

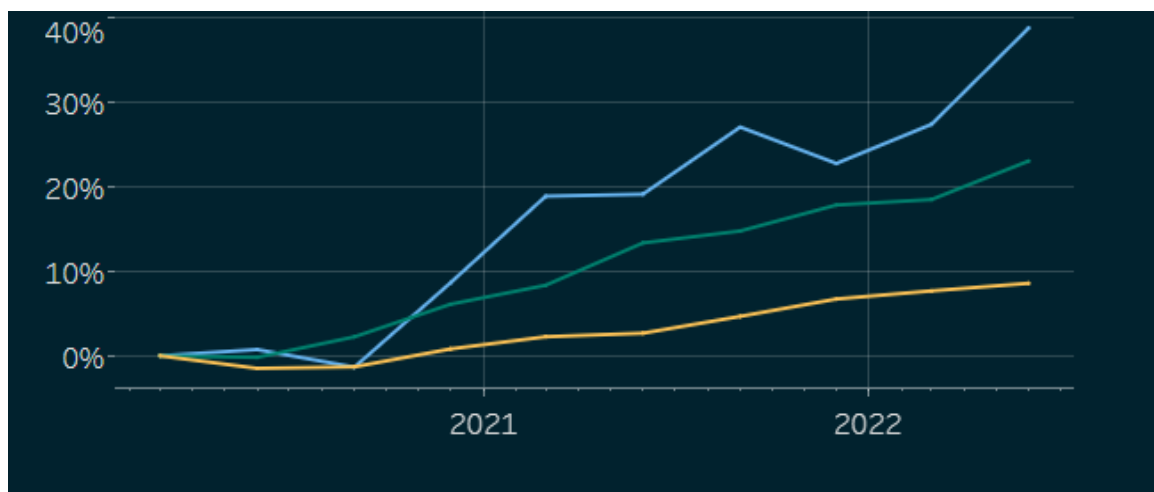
5.1 Rental Housing

Source: Ministry of Housing and Urban Development <https://www.hud.govt.nz/stats-and-insights/change-in-housing-affordability-indicators/compare-regions/>

Change in Rental Affordability (since March 2020)



Change in Rental Prices (since March 2020)



Presently average rental affordability in the Rangitikei is decreasing at a faster rate than the national average, while average rental prices in the district are increasing much faster than the national average. In large part this has to do with a limited amount of rental stock in the district relative to demand.

5.2 Demand for Public Housing

As of 30 September 2022, the Ministry of Social Development Public Housing Register had 72 applicants on it from the Rangitikei, most of whom need 1-bedroom (33), 2-bedroom (24) or 3-bedroom (12) accommodation. This represents an increase of 21 people (+29%) on the waiting list in comparison to September 2021.

To put the magnitude of the one-year increase in the district in context it needs to be viewed in relation to the increase of people on the Public Housing Register nationally of +1.8% for the same period.

Unfortunately, the Public Housing Register does not capture the true magnitude of housing need in the district as some families in need do not know how to access government assistance or for cultural reasons do not do so.

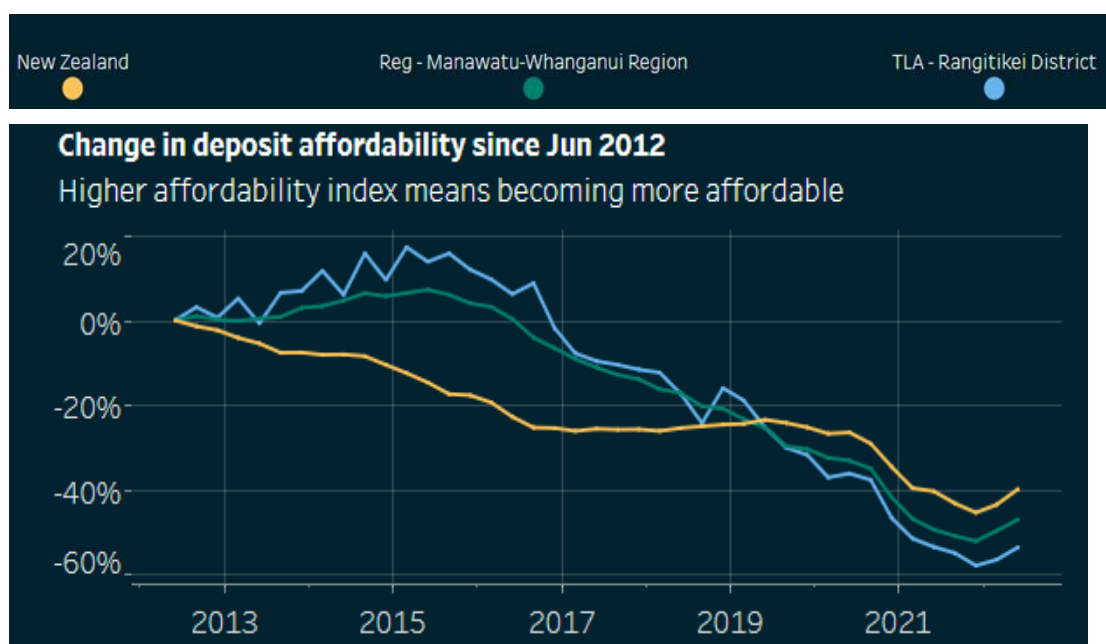
5.3 Supply of Public Housing

At the end of September 2022, Kāinga Ora had 48 rental properties in the Rangitikei, all of which were occupied. The number remained unchanged year-on-year from September 2021 and has reduced by two properties since September 2020.

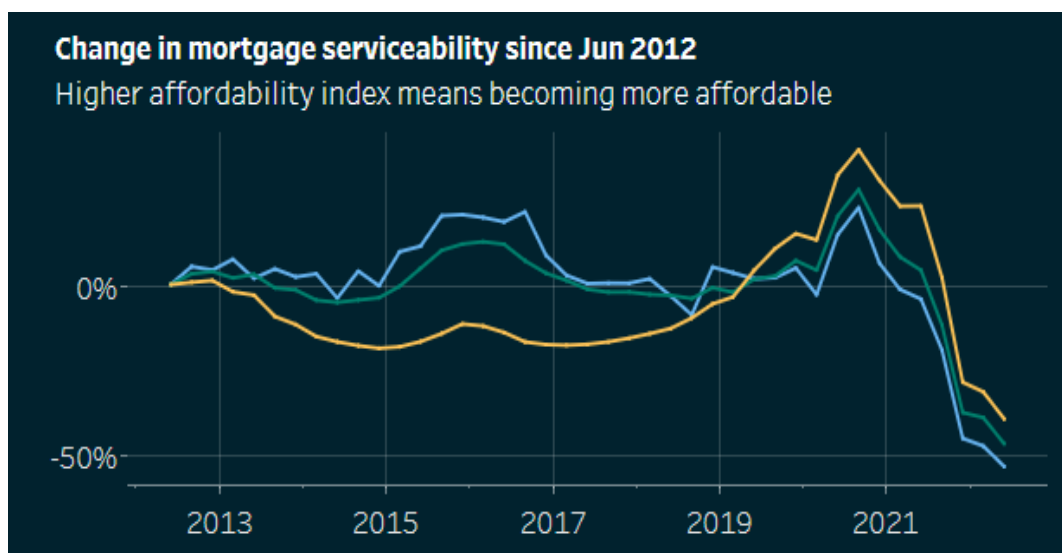
5.4 Housing Affordability

Several data sets act as proxies to provide an indication of housing affordability in the district, including the ability to save a mortgage deposit, as well as the ability to service a mortgage (make regular payments).

Ability to Save a Mortgage Deposit



Ability to Service a Mortgage



Source: Ministry of Housing and Urban Development <https://www.hud.govt.nz/stats-and-insights/change-in-housing-affordability-indicators/compare-regions/>

These graphs highlight that housing affordability, as measured by the ability to save a deposit, has been dropping steadily in the Rangitikei since 2017, whilst the ability to service a mortgage remained relatively stable from 2012 – 2021, but has since decreased sharply. As the Reserve Bank continues to increase the OCR rate to bring inflation down to the 1 – 3% level it is mandated to maintain it's likely that both the ability to save a deposit and to service a mortgage will continue to worsen. This in turn will lead to a further deterioration in housing affordability throughout the district for low-middle income buyers.

6. Market View

- 6.1 The 'Market View Council tool' provides us with a month-on-month view of consumer spending within the Rangitikei.
- 6.2 Market View data is provided by Worldline (formerly known as Paymark), the largest electronic card payment network in New Zealand.
- 6.3 Through a combination of source data and methodologies developed from projects completed over the last 15 years, Market View can accurately quantify the:
 - Value of spending in majority of businesses by 2006 Australian and New Zealand Standard Industry Classification (ANZSIC) consumer categories.
 - Source and origin of payments (e.g., domestic by Territorial Authority or region vs. international) to accurately determine where a cardholder is from.
 - Date of purchase(s).
 - Merchant retail category, as defined by ANZSIC codes
- 6.4 Attached is the last three months of retail spend data, building a month-on-month, high-level view of spending activity throughout the district.

ITEM 11.1

7. Conclusion

- 7.1 While the economic data provided by Infometrics is typically updated annually and occasionally twice a year with the subscription Council has, staff will continue to provide this data alongside consumer spending, housing, employment, and other informative data sets as requested each quarter.
- 7.2 Staff will report data relating to economic wellbeing each quarter to better align with quarterly data releases and for a more accurate reflection of what is happening. The next quarterly report due to Council at the April meeting.

Attachments:

1. **Snapshot Report-October** [↓](#)
2. **Snapshot Report-November** [↓](#)
3. **Snapshot Report-December** [↓](#)

Recommendation

That the 'Rangitikei Economic Wellbeing' report be received.

Rangitikei District Summary



October 2022

TERRITORIAL AUTHORITY

Rangitikei District		
Spend	\$14.4M	+4.1%
Transactions	352.3K	+2.4%

REGION

Manawatu-Whanganui Region		
Spend	\$294.2M	+6.4%
Transactions	6.3M	+4.3%

NATIONAL

New Zealand		
Spend	\$6,376.0M	+21.8%
Transactions	130.8M	+18.1%

Last 12 Months

TERRITORIAL AUTHORITY

Rangitikei District		
Spend	\$168.3M	+11.5%
Transactions	4.0M	+0.4%

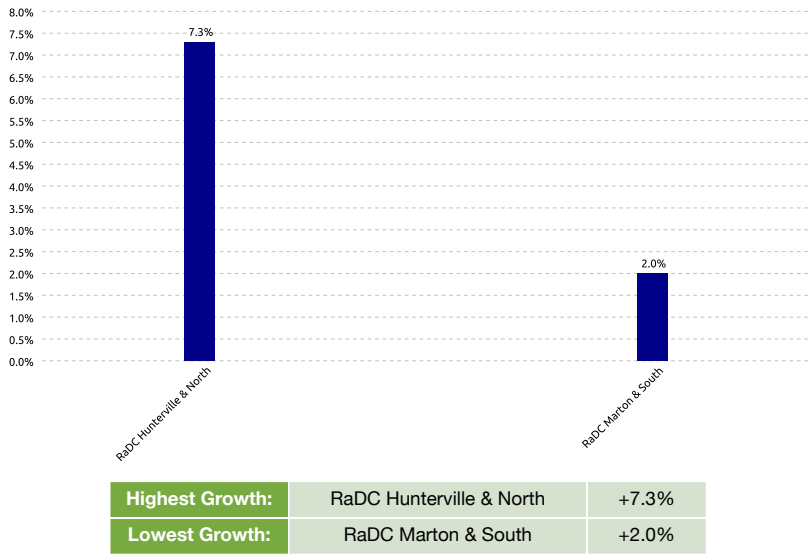
REGION

Manawatu-Whanganui Region		
Spend	\$3,316.2M	+9.7%
Transactions	70.4M	+1.5%

NATIONAL

New Zealand		
Spend	\$71,633.7M	+9.7%
Transactions	1,466.7M	+0.8%

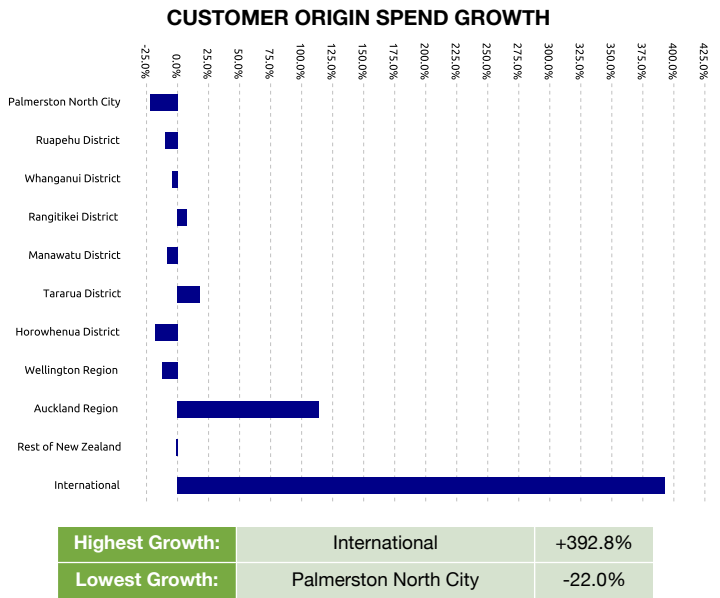
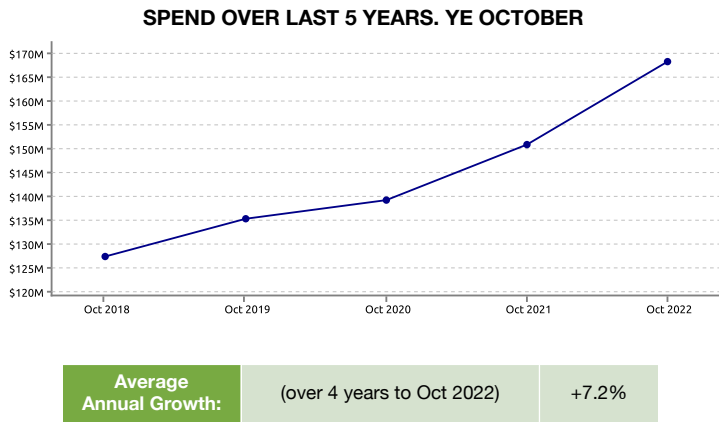
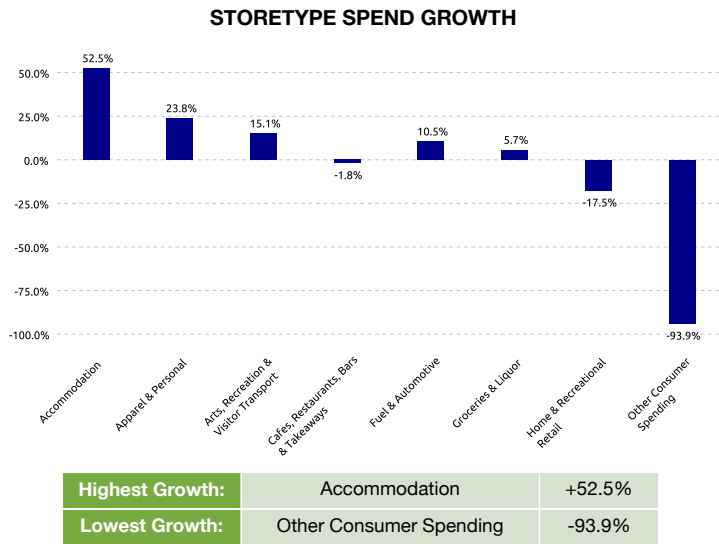
PRECINCT SPEND GROWTH



NOTEWORTHY DATES DURING OCTOBER 2022

Highest Day	Lowest Day	Average Day
Fri, 21 Oct	Mon, 31 Oct	\$465.0K
\$645.9K	\$373.2K	11.4K Transactions

All growth rates are compared with equivalent period last year, unless stated otherwise



Reading the Report

Data Source: This data is derived from Worldline terminal electronic card spending and represents estimated total cardholder spending in New Zealand.

Exclusions: Spending figures include GST; no allowance has been made for non-card purchases, online purchases or inflation.

Definitions: All parameters have been mutually agreed with the client and are the same as that used in the online Tool.

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Rangitikei District Summary



November 2022

TERRITORIAL AUTHORITY

Rangitikei District		
Spend	\$14.3M	+7.0%
Transactions	344.3K	+4.1%

REGION

Manawatu-Whanganui Region		
Spend	\$291.2M	+5.2%
Transactions	6.2M	+2.0%

NATIONAL

New Zealand		
Spend	\$6,422.7M	+10.4%
Transactions	130.3M	+8.7%

Last 12 Months

TERRITORIAL AUTHORITY

Rangitikei District		
Spend	\$169.3M	+11.3%
Transactions	4.0M	+0.8%

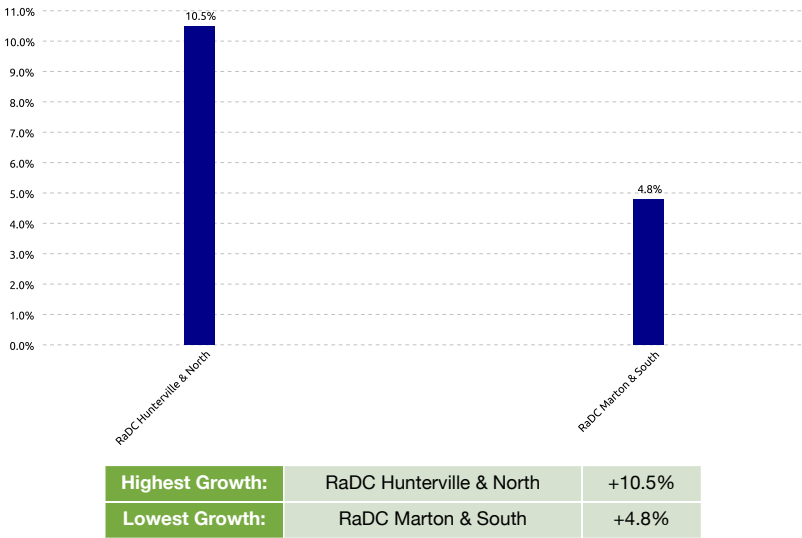
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Manawatu-Whanganui Region		
Spend	\$3,330.7M	+9.2%
Transactions	70.6M	+1.6%

NATIONAL

New Zealand		
Spend	\$72,259.1M	+10.4%
Transactions	1,477.5M	+2.2%

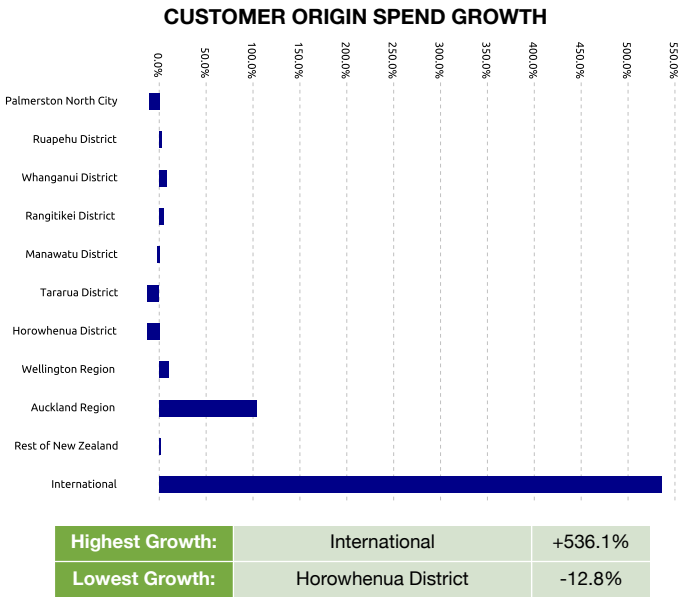
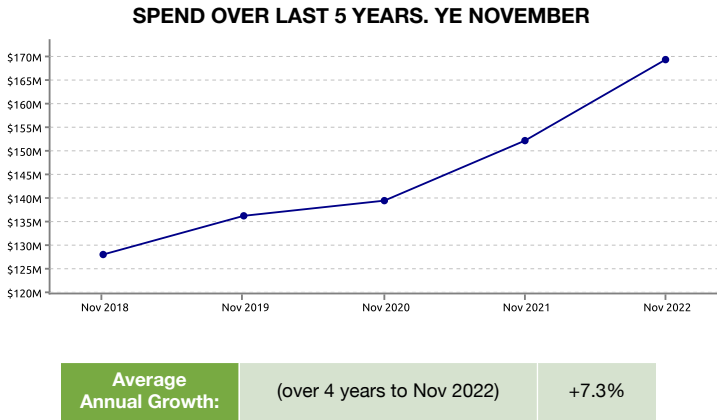
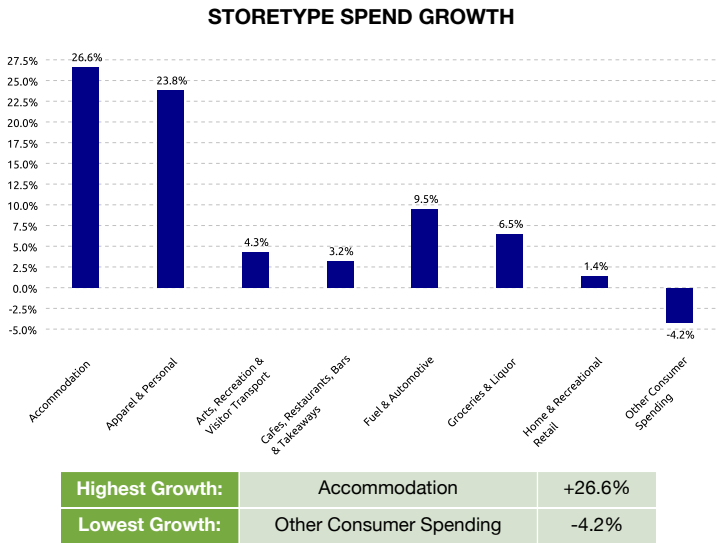
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NOTEWORTHY DATES DURING NOVEMBER 2022

Highest Day	Lowest Day	Average Day
Fri, 25 Nov	Sun, 27 Nov	\$475.8K
\$581.4K	\$401.9K	11.5K Transactions

All growth rates are compared with equivalent period last year, unless stated otherwise



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Rangitikei District Summary



December 2022

TERRITORIAL AUTHORITY

Rangitikei District		
Spend	\$17.0M	+9.4%
Transactions	396.5K	+7.3%

REGION

Manawatu-Whanganui Region		
Spend	\$342.3M	+4.2%
Transactions	6.9M	+5.1%

NATIONAL

New Zealand		
Spend	\$7,700.4M	+4.8%
Transactions	145.0M	+4.1%

Last 12 Months

TERRITORIAL AUTHORITY

Rangitikei District		
Spend	\$171.0M	+11.2%
Transactions	4.0M	+1.8%

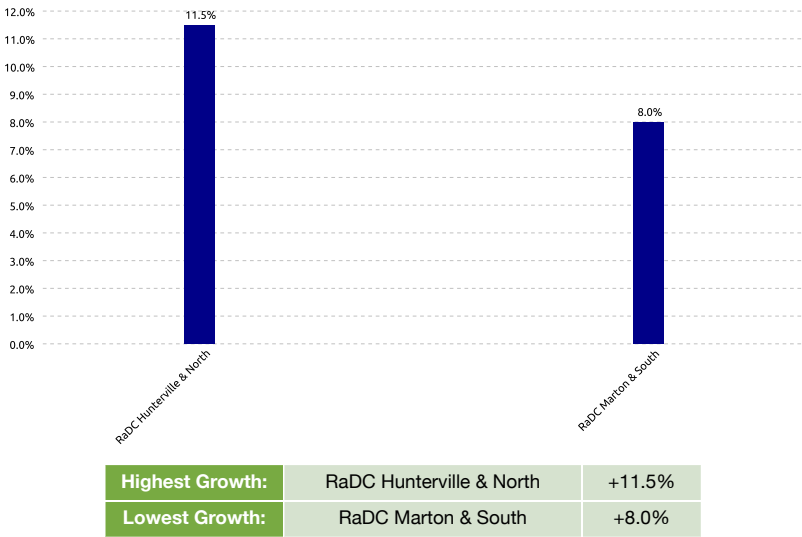
REGION

Manawatu-Whanganui Region		
Spend	\$3,346.1M	+8.8%
Transactions	70.9M	+2.1%

NATIONAL

New Zealand		
Spend	\$72,615.2M	+10.3%
Transactions	1,483.7M	+3.0%

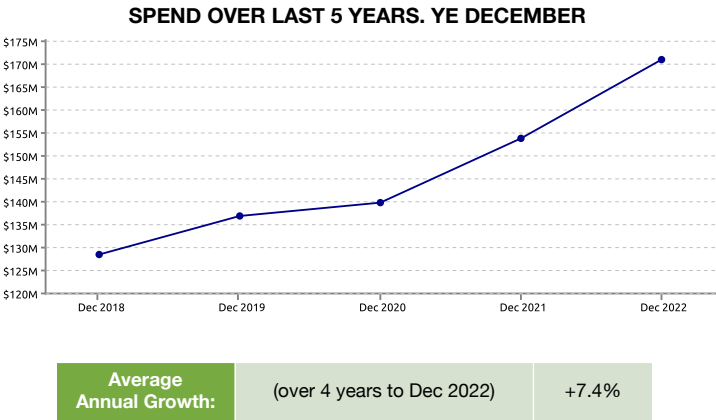
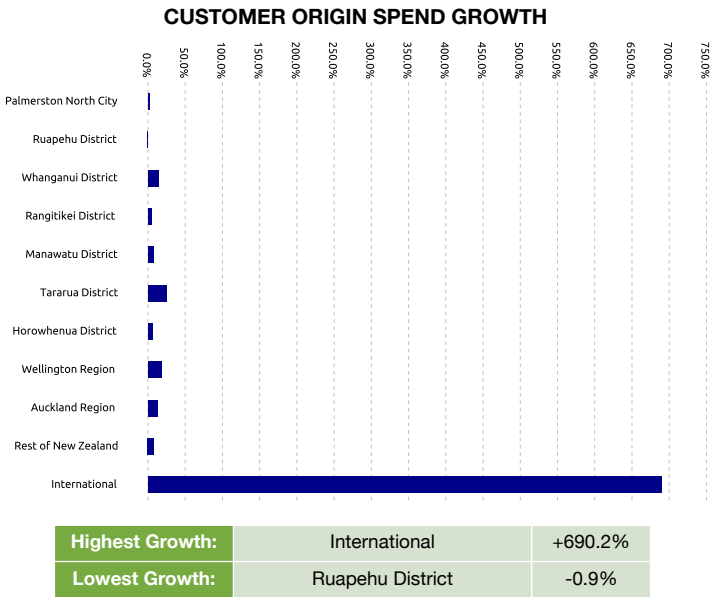
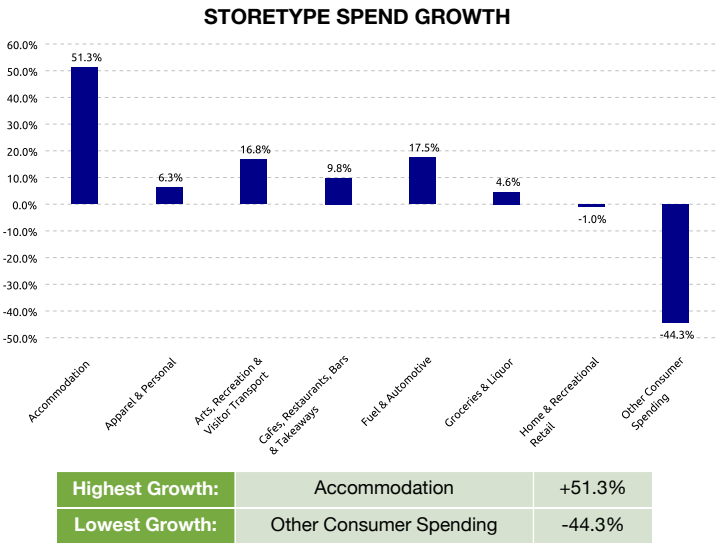
PRECINCT SPEND GROWTH



NOTEWORTHY DATES DURING DECEMBER 2022

Highest Day	Lowest Day	Average Day
Fri, 23 Dec	Sun, 25 Dec	\$549.7K
\$887.7K	\$108.0K	12.8K Transactions

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11.2 Te Matapihi - Financial Close Out Report**Author:** Adina Foley, Senior Project Manager**Authoriser:** Peter Beggs, Chief Executive**1. Reason for Report**

- 1.1 To present to Elected Members a formal financial close out report for the construction and associated costs of Te Matapihi, Bulls Community Centre.

2. Context

- 2.1 The primary purpose of the Rangitikei District Council's new build Bulls Community Centre (Te Matapihi) was to replace the earthquake prone Bulls Town Hall and amalgamate existing Council community services in the form of the i-Site, library, town hall and bus hub/exchange.
- 2.2 The Council objectives in the planning phases for these projects were to carry out the construction of Te Matapihi and in the Town Square and Bus Hub Enhancement project the following financial year. This was set up as two separate projects, one being the building and the other being the bus lane and town square.
- 2.3 There was a perception within the wider community of the district, that the project budget was overspent throughout the planning and construction phases. There have been various budget changes communicated along the project planning. The following table outlines the values that were communicated, details in what way they were communicated and what the value related to.

Public document / resolution	Value	Scope
LTP 2015-2025	\$3,611,000	Construction Cost
Annual Plan 2017-2018, Bulls Newsletter Oct 2016 and Nov 2017	\$4,360,000	Construction Cost
Bulls Newsletter December 2018	\$5,349,000	Construction Cost
18/RDC/435 That Contract 1084 Bulls Community Centre Construction be awarded to W & W Construction 2010 Ltd for the sum of up to \$5,348,837 (GST exclusive).	\$5,349,000	Construction Cost
Annual Plan 2019-20	\$6,122,000	Construction Cost
Annual Plan 2020-21 and 20/RDC/064 (Feb 2020) That, to ensure clear accountability to the community, Council approves the updated Bulls Community centre forecast project cost (including contingency) from WT Partnership Advisory, February 2020, of \$8,284,113 (GST exclusive). This increase will be a forecast change	\$8,284,113	Total Project Cost (incl. professional fees and land purchase)

in the 2019/20 financial year. That these increase costs of \$2,044,913 be debt funded.		
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3. Financial Implications

3.1 Financial Summaries

Financial Summary - Te Matapihi

Item	Budget as per Feb 2020	Actual Spend
Construction Cost (18/RDC/435)	\$5,348,837	\$5,098,337
Variations	\$412,246	\$933,978
CCC compliance		\$5,128
Contingency	\$277,483	\$0
Professional Fees	\$990,326	\$1,459,177
Consenting	\$95,000	\$92,545
Transformer upgrade	\$110,221	\$110,499
Furniture, Fittings & Equipment (FF&E)	\$400,000	\$407,941
Cultural Artwork & Representation	\$250,000	\$61,532
Land Acquisition	\$400,000	\$402,461
TOTAL COST	\$8,284,113	\$8,571,598

Donations / Offsets

Donations Total (incl. trust donations, fundraising and private donations)	\$1,180,866
Community Renovation and Sale of 8 Walton Street	\$382,000
113 Bridge Street - proceeds of sale	\$409,290
87 High Street- proceeds of sale	\$284,658
105 High St- proceeds of sale	\$164,629
3 Frood St- proceeds of sale	\$380,662
15 High St - proceeds of sale	\$156,172
DT Holdings inv 65372 share of Transformer	\$36,924
TOTAL COST OFFSET	\$2,995,202

Total Actual Spend including offsets

\$5,576,396

Financial Summary - Bus Lane & Town Square

Item	Budgeted Amount	Actual Spend
Construction Cost Resolution 21/RDC/311	\$557,103	\$702,107
Non resolution costs		
Professional Fees	\$130,000	\$59,402
RDC Staff Costs	\$0	\$49,680
Regulatory	\$22,000	\$2,487
Other, Electrical, Surveyors, Archaeological, Insura	\$115,500	\$46,826
Artwork 21/RDC/373	\$101,000	\$100,528
Contingency	\$100,000	\$0
TOTAL COST	\$1,025,603	\$961,030

Total Actual Spend including offsets

\$961,030

4. Conclusion

- 4.1 The efforts from the community, funding applications and the work by staff to sell the properties in Bulls recent have brought down the cost of the built significantly.
- 4.2 A lessons learned report has been completed earlier in 2022.
- 4.3 This project is now closed.

Recommendation 1

That the report 'Te Matapihi - Financial Close Out Report' be received.

12 Minutes from Committees

12.1 Minutes from Committees

Author: Kezia Spence, Governance Advisor

1. Reason for Report

- 1.1 Committee and Board minutes are attached for Council's receipt. These are under separate cover due to size.

Attachments:

1. YC-13 Sept 22 (under separate cover)
2. YC-11 Oct 22 (under separate cover)
3. CCS-14 Nov 22 (under separate cover)
4. SDMC-30 Nov 22 (under separate cover)
5. TCC-01 Dec 22 (under separate cover)
6. HCC-12 Dec 22 (under separate cover)
7. TRAK-13 Dec 22 (under separate cover)
8. TCB-14 Dec 22 (under separate cover)
9. F/P-15 Dec 22 (under separate cover)
10. RCB-20 Dec 22 (under separate cover)

Recommendation

That the following minutes are received:

- Youth Council-13 September 2022
- Youth Council-11 October 2022
- Creative Communities Committee- 14 November 2022
- Santoft Domain Management Committee- 30 November 2022
- Turakina Community Committee- 01 December 2022
- Hunterville Community Committee- 12 December 2022
- Te Roopuu Ahi Kaa Komiti- 13 December 2022
- Taihape Community Board- 14 December 2022
- Finance and Performance- 15 December 2022
- Ratana Community Board- 20 December 2022

13 Public Excluded

Resolution to Exclude the Public

The meeting went into public excluded session [enter time](#)

Recommendation

That the public be excluded from the following parts of the proceedings of this meeting.

- 1 Public Excluded Council Meeting - 15 December 2022
- 2 Follow-up Action Items from Council (Public Excluded) Meetings
- 3 Request for Waiver of Water Account Charges

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

General subject of each matter to be considered	Reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter	Ground(s) under section 48 for the passing of this resolution
13.1 - Public Excluded Council Meeting - 15 December 2022	[enter text]	S48(1)(a)
13.2 - Follow-up Action Items from Council (Public Excluded) Meetings	s7(2)(a) - Privacy s7(2)(b)(ii) - Commercial Position s7(2)(h) - Commercial Activities s7(2)(i) - Negotiations	s48(1)(a)(i)
13.3 - Request for Waiver of Water Account Charges	s7(2)(a) - Privacy	s48(1)(a)(i)

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

14 Open Meeting