



Puka Tāpaetanga Submission Form

He aha tō tirohanga whakamua mō Rangitikei? Have your say on our 2023/24 Annual Plan

Submissions close at 5pm Tuesday, 25 April 2023.

Your Details

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☐ Please tick this box if you would like to speak to your submission at the Council Hearings on 11 May. Someone will contact you to confirm this.

☐ Please tick here if you want your details (but not your name) to remain private.

PLEASE NOTE:

Submissions on this Annual Plan are public information and your information and submission will be made available to the public as part of deliberations.

Your submission will only be used for the purpose of the Annual Plan process and will be held by Rangitikei District Council at 46 High St, Marton 4710. You may access the information and request its correction, if required.

Optional Demographic Information This is kept confidential for analysis only.

Key Choice 1? (see page 8)

Taihape Town Hall / Civic Centre

I prefer...

- ☒ **Option 1 *** - Fully Restored and Earthquake Strengthened Taihape Town Hall / Civic Centre
- ☐ **Option 2** - Earthquake Strengthened Taihape Town Hall / Civic Centre and Transformation of Taihape Memorial Park Grandstand
- ☐ **Something else**

Comment: Vital this building remains the main centre for the community. Information Centre must stay on site 1 & inside this stunning building

Please include more pages if required.

* Council's preferred option.

Key Choice 2? (see page 10)

Marton Civic Centre

I prefer...

- ☐ **Option 1 *** - Demolish existing buildings and replace with new purpose built facility
- ☐ **Option 2** - Refurbish Existing Buildings, Preserving Some Heritage Features, where possible
- ☐ **Something else**

Comment: _____

Please include more pages if required.

👉 Key Choice 3? (see page 12)

New active mobility pathway along Calico Line

I prefer...

- ☐ Option 1* - Build a new basic pathway
- ☒ Option 2 - Wait and apply for funding
- ☐ Something else

Comment: Safety of the Nga Tawa students is paramount but there must be other avenues for funding eg. Education Board or roading.

Please include more pages if required.

👉 Taihape Town Hall

How often did you use the Taihape Town Hall when it was still open and before COVID?

Comment: Probably weekly for the IG or events.

Please include more pages if required.

Anything else?

Please include more pages if required.



Tirohanga Whakamua - Look to the future

We need to receive
your feedback by 5pm on
Tuesday 25 April 2023



Rangitikei District Council
2023/24 Annual Plan Submissions
Att: Democracy and Planning
Private Bag 1102
Marton 4741



Reply

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RANGITIKEI DISTRICT COUNCIL

Taihape Town Hall/Civic Centre

I write this to express my deepest concern for the future of the Taihape Town Hall in the hope that its retention will continue to be the centre of the Taihape Community offering all aspects of entertainment & business as a 'one stop shop'.

I have been associated with the Town Hall for the past 25 years wearing many hats at many visits.

As the past co-ordinator of Gumboot Country Promotions, past Taihape Community Board member, past RDC councillor, past TCDT member, a member of other committees involved in working with council staff & attending many meetings in all meeting rooms. I personally frequented the Town Hall on numerous occasions for personal business & enquiries and still frequent the Information Centre working with council staff.

Over the years I have visited every part of the Town Hall for all the above reasons but more significantly as a co-presenter of the Royal New Zealand Ballet for 10 visits, New Zealand Symphony Orchestra visit, 2 centenary celebrations and a Gumboot Art exhibition.

All these activities have given me a fair understanding of how & what works for so many occasions and with the Taihape staff & user groups consultation we would ensure that any changes would be cost effective as well as beneficial to all users.

While I realise that further opportunities will be given I wish to emphasise the need to retain the size of the auditorium for all the activities and events held in the past, are likely for the future. While it could be screened off for small breakout groups, having the ability to return to full size is essential.

I have examined the 'high level concept designs' in detail and express real concerns that there are wasted spaces in lobbies and hallways & relocation of toilets and kitchens. Locals know their facilities & what works, so before further developments there must be consultation with all user groups & local staff. Chances are that our input would show some serious cost cutting efforts.

One staff member commented to me that 'she had never realised how valued the Town Hall was until she looked out the window on various occasions and saw how frequently the building was being photographed by passer-by's'. THAT SPEAKS VOLUMES.

So while I support OPTION 1, I ask that there is ample communication with user parties to ensure we get what is needed in our community for now & the future.

