

# ORDER PAPER

## ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

**Date:** Thursday, 29 May 2025  
**Time:** 1.00pm  
**Venue:** Council Chamber  
Rangitikei District Council  
46 High Street  
Marton

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**Chair:** HWTM Andy Watson

**Deputy Chair:** Cr Dave Wilson

**Membership:** Cr Brian Carter  
Cr Gill Duncan  
Cr Richard Lambert  
Cr Piki Te Ora Hiroa  
Cr Coral Raukawa  
Cr Jeff Wong  
Cr Simon Loudon  
Cr Greg Maughan  
Cr Fi Dalgety  
Cr Paul Sharland

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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 Thursday, 29 May 2025 at 1.00pm.**

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### **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:** Kezia Spence, Governance Advisor

#### 1. Reason for Report

- 1.1 The minutes from Ordinary Council Meeting held on 30 April 2025 are attached.

#### Attachments

1. Ordinary Council Meeting – 30 April 2025

#### Recommendation

That the minutes of Ordinary Council Meeting held on 30 April 2025 **[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.

# MINUTES

## UNCONFIRMED: ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

**Date:** Wednesday, 30 April 2025

**Time:** 1.00pm

**Venue:** Council Chamber  
Rangitikei District Council  
46 High Street  
Marton

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**Present**

HWTM Andy Watson  
Cr Dave Wilson  
Cr Gill Duncan  
Cr Richard Lambert  
Cr Jeff Wong  
Cr Simon Loudon  
Cr Greg Maughan  
Cr Fi Dalgety  
Cr Paul Sharland

**In attendance**

Mrs Carol Gordon, Chief Executive  
Mr Arno Benadie, Deputy Chief Executive  
Ms Leanne Macdonald, Group Manager – Corporate Services  
Ms Katrina Gray, Group Manager – Strategy, Community and Democracy  
Ms Sharon Bennett, Group Manager – People and Performance  
Ms Tiffany Gower, Strategy Manager  
Ms Johanna Verhoek, Manager Planning  
Mrs Janna Harris, Corporate Planner  
Ms Gaylene Prince, Northern Area and Property Manager  
Mr Eswar Ganapathi, Senior Project Manager  
Ms Sophia Sykes, Communications Manager  
Ms Caroline MacArthur, Governance Advisor

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# 1 Welcome

The Mayor opened the meeting at 1.00pm.

## 2 Apologies

**Resolved minute number** 25/RDC/059

That the apologies from Cr Carter and Cr Hiroa be received.

Cr R Lambert/Cr J Wong. Carried

### 3 Public Forum

Rangitikei Guardians – Jacqui Cottrell, Chairperson (zoom) – Huriwaka Wind Farm

Ms Cottrell advocated for Council to appeal the consent decision for the Huriwaka Wind Farm decision and not to delegate this decision to officers as referred to in the order paper.

Ms Cottrell referred to a letter that was distributed to councillors earlier in the week (tabled document for the meeting).

Cr Lambert asked there are more suitable sites response there are potentially other sites nearby better suited.

Cr Wilson asked where did the statement does not align with the Resource Management Act, where did this statement come from. This is the Rangitīkei Guardians opinion not a legal opinion.

Cr Loudon asked that the decision went through the Environment Court, has anything changed from that approval to now as to what is important. Rangitikei Guardians was opposed then and yes it was approved. The wind turbines will be up to 230 meters high and up to 60 wind turbines which is a significant increase.

The Mayor asked based on his previous experience in 2010 when he was a commissioner on a wind turbine application, this is a different application, do you see the Mayor as being conflicted on this process. Yes but further understanding on this item to make a decision.

Cr Duncan understanding that there are two other applications, and clarified that the statement around more appropriate areas was related to army land being more appropriate.

Opae Steedman – (zoom) – Huriwaka Wind Farm

Mr Steedman highlighted that in the report in the order paper that states there are no mana whenua implications and highlighted that there are. The meaning of mana whenua means the absolute authority which was not given.

Cr Wong what do you wish Council direction to go down? To focus on mana whenua relationships.



Cr Wilson asked if his concern was engagement around the project, or the land status? Mr Steedman considered that the land owners have not been engaged with.

Cr Duncan last comments around heritage values and degradation, this project might impact. Therefore the army need to be engaged with and this is inappropriate behaviour.

Mr Steedman invited the Mayor to speak at the marae.

## 4 Conflict of Interest Declarations

The Mayor and Cr Duncan declared a conflict of interest with item 10.4 Huriwaka Windfarm Council Delegation (Fast Track Approvals Delegation).

## 5 Confirmation of Order of Business

The item 14.2 Marton Pool will now be considered in the open agenda and will be discussed after item 10.2 Huriwaka Windfarm Council Delegation (Fast Track Approvals Delegation).

That a late item be will be included during public excluded item 14.5 Fee Waiver.

**Resolved minute number** 25/RDC/060

That the further apology be received from Cr Raukawa.

HWTM/Cr G Duncan. Carried

## 6 Confirmation of Minutes

Two amendments were identified:

- Update for 25/RDC/041 to read 2025/26
- Change from community group to Memorial Park User Group in item 11.2

**Resolved minute number** 25/RDC/061

That the minutes of Ordinary Council Meeting held on 27 March 2025 **as amended** 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 P Sharland. Carried

## 7 Follow-up Action Items from Previous Meetings

### 7.1 Follow-up Action Items from Council Meetings

Item 5 - Criterion Street

Mrs Gordon responded to questions that this will be looked at the end of the financial year if there is budget remaining in the roading space. If there is no budget remaining this will come back to Council to consider as an unbudgeted expense.

**Resolved minute number 25/RDC/062**

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

Cr R Lambert/Cr G Maughan. Carried

## 8 Mayor's Report

### 8.1 Mayor's Report to Council - 30 April 2025

The report was taken as read.

#### Local Government New Zealand Membership

There are increasing costs to this membership, fee has increased substantially the past few years, including inflation and withdrawal from big councils, AKONA training are included in the membership rather than separate.

Councillors noted the benefit of the Mayor's Taskforce for Jobs and the benefit this has. There is some reference point. However, some members noted the \$50,000 membership fee is expensive and the concern of the value received.

Ms Gordon undertook to bring the LGNZ invoice to Council annually.

**Resolved minute number 25/RDC/063**

That the Mayor's report – April 2025 & Cr Raukawa's report be received.

HWTM/Cr G Duncan. Carried

**Resolved minute number 25/RDC/064**

That Council agrees to retain membership of Local Government New Zealand (LGNZ).

HWTM/Cr D Wilson. Carried Against Cr Duncan, Cr Maughan

## 9 Chief Executive's Report

### 9.1 Chief Executive's Report - April 2025

The report was taken as read.

**Resolved minute number 25/RDC/065**

That the Chief Executives Report – April 2025 be received.

Cr F Dalgety/Cr R Lambert. Carried

**Resolved minute number 25/RDC/066**

That an additional 'Platinum' block be added to the Te Matapihi Ngā Kaitautoko (Supporters Wall of Fame), to be funded by the 'Halls' activity budget, to acknowledge the many volunteer hours and anonymous donations that contributed towards the building of Te Matapihi.

Cr P Sharland/Cr D Wilson. Carried

## **10 Reports for Decision**

### **10.1 Adoption of Gambling Venue (Class 4) Policy and TAB Venue Policy**

Councillors noted the process through Policy/Planning committee was highly considered and that both sides were considered. There were some changes from the policy.

**Resolved minute number 25/RDC/067**

That the report 'Adoption of Gambling Venue (Class 4) Policy and TAB Venue Policy' be received.

Cr G Duncan/Cr D Wilson. Carried

**Resolved minute number 25/RDC/068**

That the Gambling Venue (Class 4) Policy is adopted and that Council gives the Chief Executive authority to make minor editorial changes.

Cr G Duncan/Cr G Maughan. Carried Against Cr Loudon

**Resolved minute number 25/RDC/069**

That the TAB Venue Policy is adopted and that Council gives the Chief Executive authority to make minor editorial changes.

Cr D Wilson/Cr R Lambert. Carried Against Cr Loudon.

### **10.2 Huriwaka Windfarm Council Delegation (Fast Track Approvals Delegation)**

The Mayor declared a conflict of interest with this item, however this is not a pecuniary interest and remained at the table with no voting.

Cr Wilson moved to the Chair at 2.20pm.

Cr Duncan declared a conflict of interest as a member of the Rangitikei Guardians and was previously on their executive.

Councillors clarified a range of matters related to the Fast Track Approvals process.

Cr Maughan raised a point of order regarding that Cr Duncan was making statements on the item after declaring a conflict of interest. Cr Wilson ruled to accept the point of order however the inconsistencies referred to by Cr Duncan are not significant to the recommendations provided by officers.

**Resolved minute number 25/RDC/070**

That the Council:

- a) Receives the Report Huriwaka Windfarm Council Delegation (Fast Track Approvals Delegation)

Cr R Lambert/Cr G Maughan. Carried

**Resolved minute number 25/RDC/071**

That the Council:

- b) Confirms the delegation of Council's functions under the Fast-Track Approvals Act 2024 to the Rangitikei District Council Chief Executive, except for the power to appeal decisions and noting that conditions & significant matters will be provided to the Mayor and Elected Members for their input.

Cr R Lambert/Cr F Dalgety. Carried

**Resolved minute number 25/RDC/072**

That the Council:

- c) Confirms that the Chief Executive has the power to further delegate these functions to Council officers.

Cr D Wilson/Cr R Lambert. Carried

**Resolved minute number 25/RDC/073**

That the Council:

- d) Notes that the Chief Executive intends to delegate responsibilities to the Group Manager Regulatory & Emergency Management, who has responsibility for planning and functions related to the Resource Management Act 1991; and
- e) Notes the Council's Delegations to Positions Policy will be updated following this meeting to reflect the changes approved by the Council.

Cr D Wilson/Cr P Sharland. Carried

## 14.2 Marton Pool

The meeting adjourned at 2.55pm and returned at 3.13pm.

The Mayor returned to the Chair at the beginning of this item.

Elected members discussed the options available for the future of the pool.

It was noted that the item would come back to Council if the option was not fully funded externally.

A tabled document was provided that outlined indicative timeframes for completion.

Officers noted uncertainties with building consent requirements which could create additional costs and delay timeframes.

### **Resolved minute number 25/RDC/074**

That the report Marton Swim Centre Update be received.

Cr F Dalgety/Cr P Sharland. Carried

### **Resolved minute number 25/RDC/075**

That Council does not close the Marton Swim centre permanently.

Cr D Wilson/HWTM Carried

### **Resolved minute number 25/RDC/076**

That Council requests officer progress with the following option:

- Option 1B "Base recommendations" " as described in Stage 2 report from Create Architects and Engineers.

HWTM/Cr D Wilson. Carried

### **Resolved minute number 25/RDC/077**

That Council will accept the offer of external funding that has been made.

HWTM/Cr D Wilson. Carried

### **Resolved minute number 25/RDC/078**

That the tabled document of the Marton Pool estimated timeframes be accepted.

Cr D Wilson/Cr G Duncan. Carried

## 11 Reports for Information

### 11.1 Project Updates Report - April 2025

### Rātana Wastewater Discharge to Land

Mr Benadie responded to questions that the Rātana project could be under financial strain given the protracted duration of that project.

### Marton Water Strategy

Councillors noted concerns about the timelines being pushed out.

#### **Resolved minute number 25/RDC/079**

That the report 'Project Updates Report – April 2025' be received.

Cr G Duncan/Cr P Sharland. Carried

## **12 Minutes from Committees**

### **12.1 Minutes from Committees**

The report was taken as read.

#### **Resolved minute number 25/RDC/080**

That the following minutes are received:

- Youth Council - 26 Mar 25
- Hunterville Rural Water Scheme – 07 Apr 25

Cr G Maughan/Cr D Wilson. Carried

## **13 Recommendations from Committees**

### **13.1 Adoption of the Treasury Management Policy**

The report was taken as read.

#### **Resolved minute number 25/RDC/081**

That the Treasury Management Policy is adopted by Council.

Cr S Loudon/Cr F Dalgety. Carried

### **13.2 Recommendation from the Marton Community Committee**

The report was taken as read.

#### **Resolved minute number 25/RDC/082**

That the Recommendation from the Marton Community Committee be received.

Cr G Maughan/Cr P Sharland. Carried

**Resolved minute number 25/RDC/083**

That Council confirms that the three (3) new roads associated with resource consent RM210083, residential subdivision along Hendersons Line, Marton be named as follows: the 'main road' shall be Barton Street, 'Road A' shall be Harveston Street, and 'Road B' shall be Heggulun Street.

Cr D Wilson/Cr G Maughan. Carried

**13.3 Recommendation from the Bulls Community Committee**

The report was taken as read.

**Resolved minute number 25/RDC/084**

That the Recommendation from the Bulls Community Committee be received.

Cr P Sharland/Cr R Lambert. Carried

**Resolved minute number 25/RDC/085**

That Council approves the Bulls Community Committee request Council to create a public GIS map layers for the community committees, and that this includes the number of households in the boundary lines.

Cr P Sharland/Cr D Wilson. Carried

**14 Public Excluded**

The meeting went into public excluded session at 4.22pm

**Resolution to Exclude the Public**

**Resolved minute number 25/RDC/086**

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

1. Follow-up Action Items from Council (Public Excluded) Meetings
2. Procurement of Property in Taihape
3. Sale of High St and Broadway Buildings - Update
4. Public Excluded Resolutions
5. Request for Fee Waiver

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
<b>14.0 – Public Excluded Council Meeting – 27 March 2025</b>	To consider the minutes relating to matters that were the subject of discussion at the 27 March meeting.	s48(1)(a)
<b>14.1 - Follow-up Action Items from Council (Public Excluded) Meetings</b>	To consider the matters arising from previous 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)
<b>14.3 - Procurement of Property in Taihape</b>	To enable commercially sensitive information to be discussed without impacting any negotiations s7(2)(h) - Commercial Activities s7(2)(i) - Negotiations	s48(1)(a)(i)
<b>14.4 - Sale of High St and Broadway Buildings - Update</b>	To enable commercially sensitive information to be discussed without impacting any negotiations s7(2)(h) - Commercial Activities	s48(1)(a)(i)
<b>14.5 - Public Excluded Resolutions</b>	To consider previous public excluded decisions and bring these into the open. s7(2)(a) - Privacy s7(2)(b)(ii) - Commercial Position s7(2)(h) - Commercial Activities s7(2)(i) - Negotiations	s48(1)(a)(i)
<b>14.6 – Public Excluded – Request for Fee Waiver</b>	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 S Loudon/Cr J Wong. Carried



## 15 Open Meeting

The meeting went into open session 5.25pm

**Resolved minute number**                      **25/RDC/087**

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

25/RDC/088- 25/RDC/089

Cr G Maughan/Cr G Duncan. Carried

**The meeting closed at 5.25pm.**

**The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 15 May 2025.**

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**Chairperson**

Unconfirmed

## 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	27-Mar-25	Provide further commentary on the presentations previously provided to Council by Tamata Hauha and VonLanthen on opportunities for the land and how they might relate to the feasibility assessments occurring now	Arno	No update at this stage.	In progress
2	26-Feb-25	MOU Scotts Ferry	Carol / Kevin / Arno	Update is included in the projects report.	In progress
3	26-Feb-25	Install correct signage on McHardies road (noting that one end of the road is correct and the other end is incorrect)	Arno / Darryn	New signage has been ordered.	In progress
4	24-Apr-24	RDC please look at traffic calming options on Criterion St and Taumaihi St. From Bulls Community Committee	Arno	Council wants to progress this as soon as possible, noting the item was not included in the annual works programme and would either be unbudgeted and will stay on the radar to see if there is any funding available at the end of the financial year. Therefore this item will remain on the action list until the end of the financial year.	In progress

## 8 Mayor's Report

### 8.1 Mayor's Report - May 2025

**Author:** Andy Watson, His Worship the Mayor

Good afternoon

#### LOCAL WATER DONE WELL

There have been so many meetings since the last report to Council, most of which have been in regard to Local Water Done Well (LWDW) concerning how council delivers drinking water, waste water and stormwater. In previous reports council elected to form a regional CCO with Whanganui and Ruapehu councils and ourselves. Council, at its LWDW Deliberations Meeting held on 22 May 2025 decided as a preference to form a regional wider CCO with Palmerston North, Horowhenua and ourselves leaving the option for Whanganui and Ruapehu to join with us. Points I raised prior to that decision being made are as follows –

1. Government wants councils to form regional CCO partnerships to gain efficiencies and to lower future rate rises. They are insistent that these relationships are in place by September (i.e. made before Local Government elections in October).
2. Internal Affairs (Government) claim the efficiency gains for all councils will lie between 10 and 30% and that no council will be worse off in terms of rates by joining a CCO.
3. Councils will retain ownership by way of shareholding in the new entities after passing to the entity the assets and receiving back a credit for the loans against that asset.
4. Some councils in New Zealand will look to go alone and not form regional entities. If they do, then water services must by law be ring-fenced into separate council entities and face a high level of scrutiny and legislation. Government reserves the right to assign councils to other groups if they feel that is needed.
5. Regional entities will benefit by receiving long term loan funding at the best national rates available. This alone also serves to drive lower rates for councils in the short term.

#### ALL OF GOVERNMENT MEETING – WELLINGTON – 1 MAY

What I will try and do is list the pertinent points against each speaker.

- A. Welcome and background – President Sam Broughton, Selwyn District Mayor
  - The weather was horrific with many flights to Wellington cancelled and extensive flooding in his district of Selwyn, so attendance was a challenge.
  - MC was Ceinwen McNeil, Director from Aurecon.
  - Campbell Barry, Vice-Chair LGNZ did some of the introductions.
- B. Susan Freeman-Greene, CE LGNZ
  - She has announced her resignation so LGNZ will be looking for a new Chief Executive.
  - Her session was about addressing abuse and harassment, particularly in Local Government.
  - Maori and women disproportionately attacked by social media and suffer verbal abuse.

ITEM 8.1

- LGNZ have released a new guide/toolkit on how to say safe entitled “Free to Lead”.
  - Councils need to ensure that they meet their own health and safety obligations for staff and councillors.
  - Session was supported by Nicola Grigg, Minister for Women.
- C. Fiscal Policy & Infrastructure Financing – Dominick Stephens, Deputy Secretary and Chief Economic Advisor for Treasury
- He talked about the difference between shocks and cycles and their effects on the economy.
  - Shocks are things such as droughts/floods, covid etc.
  - He noted that some of those shocks come from overseas actions, e.g. war in Ukraine – these are different to natural cycles.
  - Net core debt in New Zealand is rapidly rising. Government’s response in the past in times of shocks is to spend more to buffer these effects.
  - Net core debt as a percentage of GDP in 1972 sat at 5% - it is now likely heading in the future to 40%?
  - Government needs to be aware that investment by Government (Fiscal Policy) is to smooth shocks and is inflationary by nature.
  - Note - expanding the school lunch programme came out of a Government Fiscal covid response.
  - This was an interesting presentation and 15 minutes was not enough time for the audience to understand and assimilate.
  - When Government uses fiscal support, Government therefore must run surpluses in the good times. We note that this has not been happening.
  - Building resilience in the private/public sector, i.e. councils, is incredibly important.
  - Fiscal policy has a role when monetary policy is not coping.
- D. Infrastructure for Growth – Peter Nunns, GM Infrastructure Commission
- Interesting quote in Q&A – *“every \$1 dollar spend in capex results in a 33c increase in opex spend”*.
  - The above will be an issue for our council with the new builds for earthquake prone buildings. There will be an increase budgets particularly because of the cost of depreciation funding.
  - There were a series of slides illustrating comparisons between New Zealand and other OECD countries. The message here was we are slipping behind and will need a reset.
  - Again, this presentation should have been longer. The first safety presentation by Susan Freeman-Greene of over an hour was too long.
- E. Sam Stubbs – Managing Director, Simplicity
- This was on unpacking financing of infrastructure – the long term solution.
  - There has been a tidal wave of investment dollars in New Zealand. The sequence of overseas investment was –
    - English money
    - American money – think of the period around the war
    - Lately Japanese money
  - Kiwi Saver \$\$ investments continue to grow. You assume that this Kiwi Saver money will be continued to be invested in New Zealand.

- Kiwi Saver will in the future have \$250 billion to invest – this will solve our investment needs.
  - Message here is that the next 25 years for New Zealand will be prosperous??
  - Aussie started this process earlier – they have 5 times our population but 50 times the investment in savings per capita.
- F. Anthony Walker – Standard & Poors
- This discussion was what is behind our credit rating downgrades.
- G. LGNZ Update – Sam Broughton (Chair) / Susan Freeman-Green (CE)
- The appointment of a replacement for Susan has been commenced but that appointment will be finalised by the new National Council after Local Government elections.
  - Scott Necklen will be the Acting CE to fill the gap.
  - Rates cappings – Government has been clear it wants to see control of rate increases but National Council wants to hold firm on no rates caps.
- H. Minister's Address – Hon. Chris Penk
- To speed up the economy there are changes coming to simplify the Building Acts and Public Works Acts.
  - We think too often council is left as the last man standing regarding consents (e.g. leaky homes). Therefore councils become risk adverse whereas Government wants to rebalance that liability. What the Minister is referring to is where builders can opt to go out of business to avoid a liability for leaky homes etc and then start again under a new registration business. This is good news for the sector!
  - Minister hopes to see an aggregation of councils re building authorities, potentially another new CCOs set up like LWDW? At this stage he is wanting a voluntary aggregation.
  - The BCA authority not now needed to a single residential unit where infrastructure is available by an accredited builder. In these cases council would have no liability.
  - Building companies with a qualified track record could self-certify.
- I. There were two case studies revealed of which the second one was the most interesting. This is where sports facilities done well have resulted in community growth.
- J. Te Ahu a Turanga – new road replacing the Manawatu Gorge, lessons learned –
- This told the success of working early with Iwi. James Kendrick, Nga Tuhoe, spoke passionately and well.
  - Iwi engagement on this project had a budget of \$10m – only needed less than \$4m because engagement was early and genuine.
- K. Minister's Address – Simon Watts
- Q&A session only – points raised –
    - i) I am impressed with collaboration, LWDW, in the North Island.
    - ii) We will allow councils, LWDW, to go alone unless they are deemed not to be financially sustainable.
    - iii) "I (Minister) am leading a policy approach to rates capping design". There are different designs to this in other countries.
    - iv) We need to address the inflationary process on rates rises – they are too high.

- v) But rates capping should not restrain growth – there is a way through that.
- vi) In response to a question regarding funding of tourism in places such as Queenstown – “I want tourism to drive economic growth and one size doesn’t fit all, I will work with Local Authorities”.

*Mayor’s Comments –*

- *Government wants Back to Basics principles from councils*
  - *Government wants Local Government to deal with unemployment via the Mayors Taskforce for Jobs programme*
  - *Government wants councils to deal with educational truancy. The question is how does this align with a Back to Basics principle?*
- The Minister also accepted that Central Government does drive costs for Local Government and again the response is “a need for dialogue and one size doesn’t fit all”.
  - The Minister then spoke about Regional Deals –
    - i) These deals will provide for certainty of funding for large capex programmes.
    - ii) The first Regional Deal will be signed off before Christmas.
    - iii) “There is a cost in doing nothing and a cost in delay of projects”.
    - iv) City Regional Deal will bring partnerships between Local Government and Central Government.
  - “There is no Government talk on amalgamation but we will support councils who want to consider it”.

#### **TE RUNANGA O NGATI HINEMANU ME NGATI PAKI OPENING OF FRESH WATER SCIENCE LAB**

On 17 May I attended the opening of the Fresh Water Science Lab at Winiata Marae. This is the first Iwi lead water testing lab in the country and I congratulate them for it. They have gone through a process of teaching their rangatahi how to collect water samples, how to prepare them and test them in the lab. Again this is impressive. This process has been supported and backed by Auckland University in association with Downer NZ.

#### **HUNTERVILLE POLICING**

Recently the local police and Area Commander Neil Forlong advised me that with the local officer in Hunterville transferring there would be a review undertaken as to how policing would be serviced in Hunterville. No decisions have been made at this point. When a decision is made by the Regional Commander there will be further consultation. I then advised the Hunterville Community Committee and suggested a public meeting. The meeting on 21 May was attended by Neil Forlong and Sgt David Fraser, our MP Suze Redmayne, myself, Carol Gordon our Chief Executive, Deputy Mayor Dave Wilson and about 40 residents. Total support from the community was for a local police manning and presence. This was a genuine discussion covering roles and who the funders are – in this case NZTA Highway Control are a principal funder. We will now wait for the next steps.

#### **MARTON POOL**

As everybody is aware the Marton swimming pool suffered serious damage with one of the main leading trusses dropping by nearly a metre. The pool has been closed while council undertakes a review. Some of the salient points are –

- a) There has been an exhaustive look at the total future of the pool as to what is required to make it safe, comply with regulations and be fit for the next 40-50 years. The consultants that we had doing this work, Create, have expertise in this field and have produced a lengthy report giving a variety of options, ranging from a quick fix repair to the beams at a cost of under \$1m to a total refit of the building dealing with virtually all the issues and a possible



reconfiguration of the 50m pool to a 25m pool with other hydro therapy/learn to swim options etc.

- b) Fortunately a community member has approached council and offered to substantially fund the repair of the roof. This comes at a cost of in excess of \$2m and we as a community and council are deeply appreciative of the gesture made. If the replacement of the roof and strengthening of the walls proceeds to tender, the funder has agreed, in view of transparency, to make their details known. Council is looking to tender the strengthening of the walls, the total replacement of the roof including a new clear-lite type product to let in light and help with heating. This is Stage 1.
- c) As part of that work there will need to be a number of building issues looked at to comply with existing regulations and council will consider how that can be internally financed.
- d) We will also actively look for other external funders and agencies such as Lotteries. If there are other businesses that would consider supporting us please get in contact with me.
- e) I was always hopeful that we would have this project underway this coming summer. That is my aim but many people tell me that timeframe is unlikely. As we know more we will talk to the community.

## HEALTH SERVICES

The provision of health services in our district needs review. In the northern part of the district I commend Mokai Patea Services for the work they have done with Taihape Health to look at providing those services. Recently I sent a letter to the Minister asking for clarification on why the transfer of facilities from Te Whatu Ora to Mokai Patea Services has been delayed and requested a meeting. The Minister is Simeon Brown now and he has recently written to me agreeing to a meeting in Parliament on 4 June. This is a huge step forward. I will update a more detailed report and give Councillor Piki Te Ora Hiroa the opportunity to speak further on this as part of my Mayor's Report. She is the expert and I applaud her dedication to this project.

## Mayor's Engagements

May 2025

1	Attended LGNZ All of Government meeting in Wellington Attended Mayors Taskforce for Jobs meeting
2	Attended the second TUIA Powhiri and Wananga at Taheke Marae Rotorua
4	Attended the Annual Plan Community meeting at Scotts Ferry
5	Attended meeting with Chief Executive Attended Mayors Taskforce for Jobs Governance Group meeting
6	Attended meeting with Chief Executive Attended Regional Transport Matters   Regional Chiefs' Matters fortnightly catch-up Attended annual Audit NZ meeting Attended Tripartite Monthly Mayoral online meeting Attended weekly meeting with Deputy Mayor
7	Attended interview with Breeze Radio Station on Bulls Township Attended meeting with Chief Executive

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	<p>Attended monthly Governors Q&amp;A session with Executive Leadership Team</p> <p>Attended Youth Award Nomination Assessments meeting</p> <p>Attended quarterly NZTA Regional Relationship meeting</p>
8	<p>Attended meeting with Chief Executive</p> <p>Attended Marton Office &amp; Library fortnightly governance meeting</p> <p>Attended LWDW Elected Members Hui in Palmerston North</p> <p>Attended Business After 5 function in Marton</p>
9	<p>Attended Accelerate35 Lead Team Meeting in Palmerston North</p> <p>Attended online Mayoral Meeting</p> <p>Attended Meet &amp; Greet with Rangitikei College Principal Penny Keet</p> <p>Attended Mayors &amp; CE's Online LWDW meeting</p>
10	<p>Attended working bee at Marton Historical Society</p>
12	<p>Attended meeting with Chief Executive</p> <p>Attended meeting with Arohanui Hospice team</p> <p>Attended LGNZ Transport Forum online meeting</p>
13	<p>Attended meeting with Chief Executive</p> <p>Attended meeting with Andy Justice – Kiwiburn 2025 Debrief</p> <p>Attended LWDW online meeting with DIA</p> <p>Attended weekly meeting with Deputy Mayor</p>
14	<p>Attended meeting with Chief Executive</p> <p>Attended Bulls Community Committee meeting</p>
15	<p>Attended meeting with Chief Executive</p> <p>Attended Annual Plan Hearing meeting</p> <p>Attended Council Workshop</p> <p>Attended SLUI Advisory Group meeting in Palmerston North</p>
16	<p>Attended meeting with Chief Executive</p> <p>Attended LWDW Workshop in Palmerston North</p>
17	<p>Attended Te Runanga O Ngati Hinemanu Me Ngati Paki Opening of Fresh Water Science Lab at Winiata Marae Taihape</p>
18	<p>Attended Marton Car Show</p> <p>Attended Marton Historical Society day across the district museums</p>
19	<p>Attended breakfast meeting with Mayor Helen Worboys</p> <p>Attended relationship meeting with Horizons governors and RDC elected members</p>
20	<p>Attended meeting with Chief Executive</p> <p>Attended Regional Transport Matters   Regional Chiefs' Matters fortnightly catch-up</p> <p>Attended Mayors Taskforce for Jobs F26 online update</p> <p>Attended meeting with Sport Whanganui representatives about rangatahi sport in district</p>

	Attended weekly meeting with Deputy Mayor
21	Attended meeting with Chief Executive Attended public meeting in Hunterville re Hunterville Policing
22	Attended meeting with Chief Executive Attended Marton Office & Library fortnightly governance meeting Attended Assets & Infrastructure meeting Attended LWDW Deliberations meeting Attended LWDW Mayoral Steering Group online meeting
23	Attended staff Pink Ribbon High Tea
26	Attended meeting with Chief Executive
27	Attended meeting with Chief Executive Attended site visit at Taihape Attended weekly meeting with Deputy Mayor
28	Attended meeting with Chief Executive Attended Creative Communities Scheme meeting
29	Attended meeting with Chief Executive Attended Finance/Performance Committee Meeting Attended Council Meeting
30	To attend meeting with Chief Executive To attend new staff Whanaungatanga To attend fortnightly Economic Development meeting with staff To attend LWDW Mayoral Steering Group meeting

### Recommendation

That the Mayor's Report – May 2025 be accepted.

Date	Meeting	HWTM	Wilson	Carter	Dalgety	Duncan	Hiroa	Lambert	Loudon	Maughan	Sharland	Raukawa	Wong	Notes
13-Mar-25	AIN Meeting	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR		PR	PR	PR	PR		PR	
13-Mar-25	PPL Hearing	PR	PR			PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR		PR	
19-Mar-25	RA Meeting	PR	PR		PR		AP		PR					
26-Mar-25	Youth Council	PR				PR							PR	
27-Mar-25	Finance/Performance	PR	PR	PR	PR			AT	PR	PR	PR		PR	
27-Mar-25	Council Meeting	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	AB	PR	
3-Apr-25	Turakina CC	CB		PR										
7-Apr-25	Hunterville RWS	PR			PR			PR						
8-Apr-25	TRAK	PR					PR					PR	AT	
9-Apr-25	Taihape CB	CB				AP							PR	
9-Apr-25	Marton CC	PR	PR							PR				
9-Apr-25	Santoft Domain	CB		PR										
10-Apr-25	AIN Workshop	PR	PR	PR	PR	AP		AP	PR	AP	PR		PR	
10-Apr-25	Policy/Planning	PR	PR			AP	AP	PR	PR	AP	PR		PR	
14-Apr-25	Hunterville CC	PR			PR			PR						
15-Apr-25	Community Grants	PR		PR	PR	PR			PR		PR		PR	
15-Apr-25	Sport Travel Fund	PR	PR							AP				
16-Apr-25	Council Hearing	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	AP	PR	PR	AP	PR	PR	PR	
30-Apr-25	Finance/Performance	PR	PR	AP	PR						PR		PR	
30-Apr-25	Council Meeting	PR	PR	AP	PR	PR	AP	PR	PR	PR	PR	AP	PR	
14-May-25	Bulls CC													Minutes not completed
15-May-25	Council Hearing	PR	PR	PR	AP	AP	PR	PR	AP	PR	PR	PR	PR	
22-May-25	AIN Meeting	PR	PR	PR	AP	AP	PR	AP	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	
22-May-25	Council Meeting	PR	PR	PR	PR	AP	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	

Present (and is a member of the committee)	PR
Apology	AP
Absent - no apology received	AB
Not a member of the committee	
Not a member of the committee (but still attended)	AT
Not present as on Council business	CB
Attended via Zoom [this indicator is no longer used]	ZM

## 9 Chief Executive's Report

### 9.1 Chief Executive's Report - May 2025

**Author:** Carol Gordon, Chief Executive

**Authoriser:** Carol Gordon, Chief Executive

#### 1. Reason for Report

- 1.1 This report provides Elected Members with an update on key activities across the organisation.

#### 2. Events Held Across the District at Council's Facilities

- 2.1 4<sup>th</sup> April 2025 – Hunterville School Interschool Athletics – Hunterville Domain – All Fields  
2.2 6<sup>th</sup> April 2025 – Marton Harvest Festival 2025 – Wilson Park, Marton – Velodrome

#### 3. Staff Movements

- 3.1 In April, we welcomed the following employee to RDC:
- Eve Tunncliffe, Community Engagement Officer
- 3.2 No employees left the organisation in April.

#### 4. Health, Safety and Wellbeing Dashboard

- 4.1 The Health, Safety and Wellbeing Dashboard for April 2025 is attached (Attachment 1).

#### 5. Consultation Tracker Dashboard

- 5.1 Attached is the latest Consultation Tracker dashboard, refer to Attachment 2. This dashboard highlights the topic, staff lead and expected consultation period. This is provided to Council and our Community Boards and Community Committees.

#### 6. Survivor Support & Recognition Fund (SSRF)/Lake Alice Survivors Group

- 6.1 Council has previously been advised that it was intended to apply for funding from the Survivor Support & Recognition Fund. An application has been made for the maximum amount of \$50,000. The fund has now closed while the large number of applications are worked through. It may re-open if the total funds are not allocated, although this is believed to be unlikely.
- 6.2 At the March Assets/Infrastructure Committee meeting, the Committee were advised that the Community Led Project process would be followed to consider a request by the Lake Alice Survivors Group to erect a small memorial plaque on the road reserve in the vicinity of the former Lake Alice Hospital. The process was to include confirmation of a suitable site, identifying responsibilities, and agreement of wording/images to go on the memorial plaque. Once agreement was reached by the working group, the proposal was to be confirmed by Council. A written agreement would then be entered into identifying responsibilities. Council's nominated representative on the working group is the Mayor.
- 6.3 Agreement has been reached between representatives on the Working Group. The only change to the information previously presented and advised to the Committee and

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Council, is the location, which was changed on the recommendation of the Roading Manager and the Corridor Access Request Manager. The location is confirmed as Lake Alice Road, not No 7 Line as previously advised. It is likely that a Resource Consent will be required. Staff will ensure any consents are in place before work commences. Staff are seeking Council approval now for the installation of a Memorial on the Lake Alice Road road reserve to enable them to progress this project.

**7. Submissions**

- 7.1 The updated list of current opportunities to submit on consultations run by external agencies is attached (Attachment 3).
- 7.2 In the last month submissions have been made on the:
- Proposed National Wastewater Environmental Performance Standards run by Taumata Arowai – Water Services Authority, and
  - Strengthening New Zealand’s Emergency Management Legislation run by the National Emergency Management Agency, and
  - Counter-objection to the Electoral Commission on the changes to the Rangitikei electorate.
- 7.3 These submissions can be found on Council’s [website](#).

**8. Commercial Project Award - Nga Awa Block**

- 8.1 It is pleasing to report that at the recent Commercial Project awards Nga Awa Block, Taihape Amenities Building achieved a silver award.
- 8.2 W&W Construction Ltd entered the Nga Awa Block as a project in these awards, which were held in mid May. Further information is available on this website [Civic Results](#).

**9. Assessment for Preparedness and Ability to Respond in an Emergency Event**

- 9.1 The Civil Defence Emergency Management Act states that Local Authorities are responsible for civil defence emergency management in their areas and that it is imperative we are able to respond to any emergency. In order to assess our preparedness, ability and capacity to respond to an emergency event I have commissioned Ian Macdonald from Sage Planning to undertake a review.
- 9.2 At a recent presentation on learnings from Cyclone Gabrielle Mr Macdonald strongly stressed that Councils need to be ready to respond, and that it is essential that realistic exercises and training occurs on a regular basis so that when they are required staff feel prepared and able to respond.
- 9.3 Sage Planning will also work with our elected members, Community Committees and Community Boards, iwi and emergency services to involve them in this review. They will identify areas for improvement with a list of recommendations and priorities for staff to work through.
- 9.4 In addition, the Mayor recently received a letter from the Hon. Mark Mitchell, Minister for Emergency Management and Recovery asking for an assessment of our decision-making processes to effectively manage local waterways to prevent flooding ahead of and during significant weather events. Our review will consider this aspect also.

**10. Financial Implications**

- 10.1 There are no significant financial implications associated with this report.

**11. Impact on Strategic Risks****11.1 Insufficient capability and capacity to fulfil agreed commitments**

- It is imperative that staff have the training to respond to an emergency event.

**11.2 Legal and political environment requires excessive resources / changes to governmental legislation are transformational:**

- Tracking external submissions ensures Council is aware of upcoming legislative changes which may require resources.

**11.3 Obligations with health, safety and wellbeing are not met:**

- The Health, Safety and Wellbeing dashboard is attached. There is a strong focus on Health, Safety and Wellbeing within the organisation.

**12. Strategic Alignment****12.1 There are no significant matters that impact on Council's Strategic Framework associated with this report.****13. Mana Whenua Implications****13.1 Members of the Te Roopuu Ahi Kaa Komiti receive the submission list and, if time allows, asked for input into specific draft submissions.****13.2 There are no other known mana whenua implications associated with this report.****14. Climate Change Impacts and Consideration****14.1 There are no other climate change impacts associated with this report.****15. Statutory Implications****15.1 Civil Defence Emergency Management Act states that councils have a responsibility to be able to respond during an emergency.****16. Decision Making Process****16.1 There are no sections of this report that are considered to be a significant decision according to the Council's Policy on Significance and Engagement.****Attachments:**

1. **HSW Dashboard - April 2025** [↓](#)
2. **Consultation Tracker - May 2025** [↓](#)
3. **Submissions - May 2025** [↓](#)

**Recommendation 1**

That that the Chief Executive Report – May 2025 be received.

**Recommendation 2**

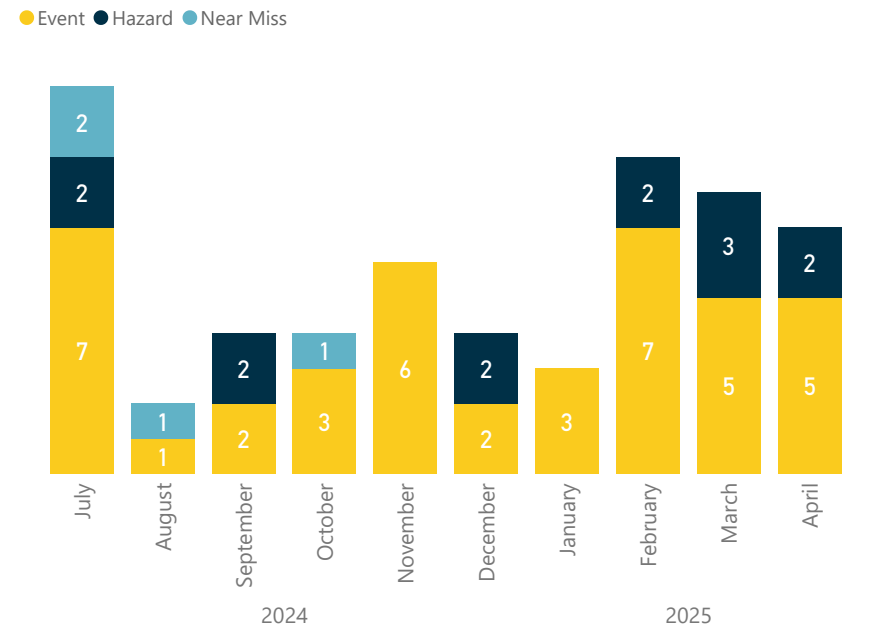
That the request from the Lake Alice Survivors Group for the erection of a Lake Alice memorial plaque on the Lake Alice Road, Marton, road reserve be agreed to / not agreed to [delete one] and formalised in a written agreement.



# RDC Health and Safety Dashboard April 2025

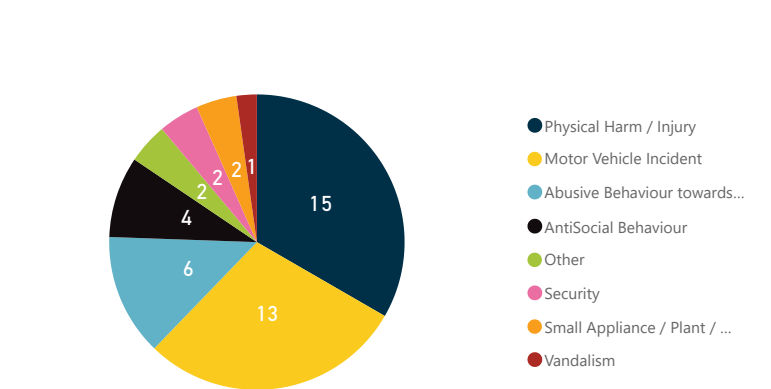
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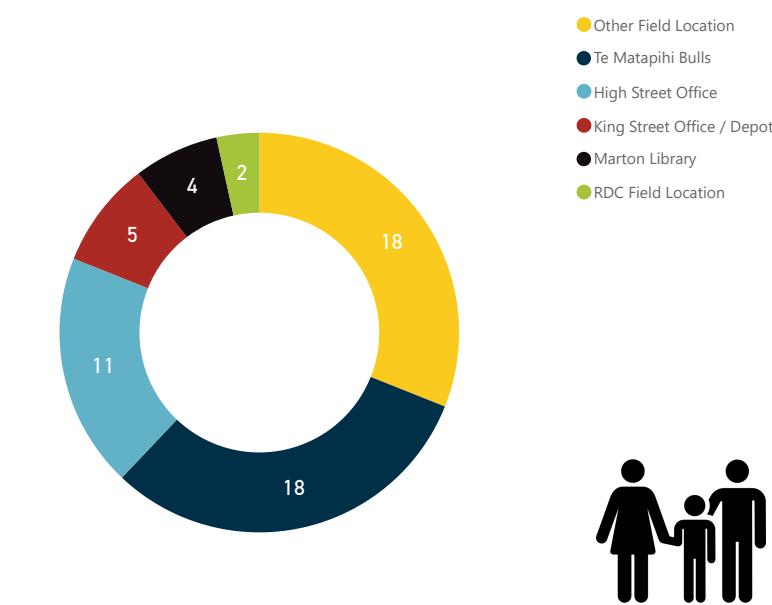
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01 July 2024 to date



## Location

### Events, Hazards and Near Misses



## Summary of Month

5Events

0Notifiable Incidents

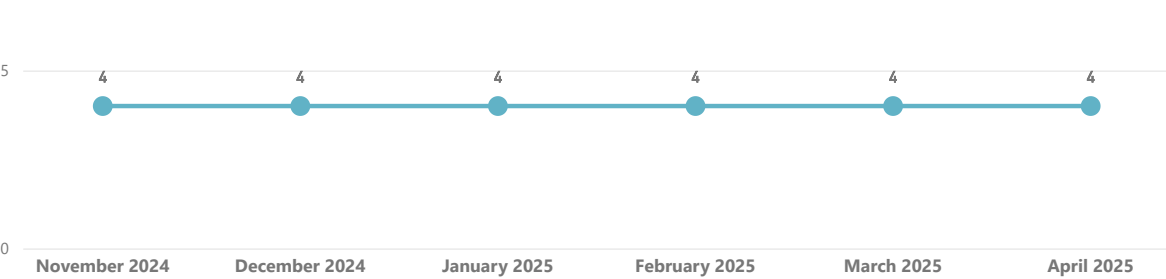
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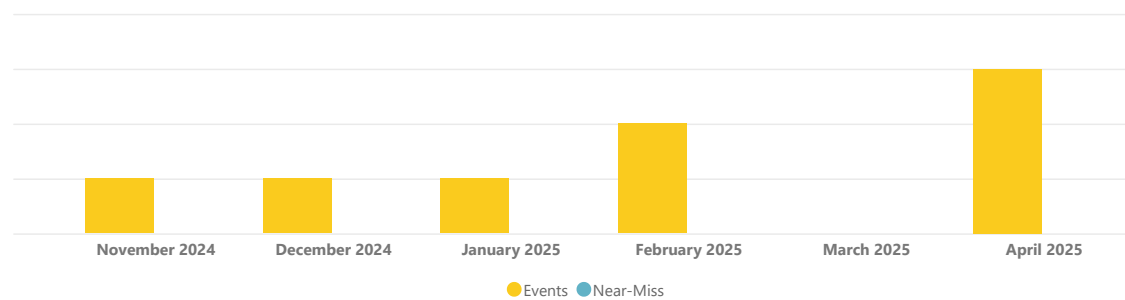
2Hazards

## Average Driver Ratings

Ratings from E-Road Dashboard (Overspeed / Harsh Braking & Harsh Acceleration Events)



## Vehicle Incidents



## April Wellbeing News

**Support the NZ Breast Cancer Foundation (Pink Ribbon)**  
Our Wellbeing Programme includes opportunities to give back to others. In May we're supporting the NZ Breast Cancer Foundations' Pink Ribbon Appeal.

**Pink Ribbon High Tea:**  
This is happening on Friday 23 May in the Marton Council Chambers and by Zoom. Please 'think pink' and join your colleagues for some yummy kai (please bring a plate to share).

**Pink Ribbon Raffle:**  
Don't forget to get your tickets for our Pink Ribbon Raffle. There are two great hampers up for grabs and tickets are just \$2 (available from the People and Performance Team). All proceeds go to Pink Ribbon

**Donations Platform:**  
You can also visit the RDC section of the Pink Ribbon Website to donate. Let Chelsea know that you've donated, and we'll convert your donation to raffle tickets.  
Please reach out to Chelsea if you have questions.



2025 Consultation Tracker  
Rangitikei District Council



Project	Staff Lead	Jan-25	Feb-25	Mar-25	Apr-25	May-25	Jun-25	Jul-25	Aug-25	Sep-25	Oct-25	Nov-25	Dec-25
Local Water Done Well	Arno	Adoption of Consultation doc - 26th Feb		Consultation 5th March - 2nd April		Deliberations - 22 May				WSDP submitted to Govt.			
District Plan Review													
Urban Growth Plan Change	Tiffany					Engagement			Notification				
Annual Plan	Janna			Adoption of CD & draft annual plan - 27 Mar	Consultation 4 April - 5 May								
Fees & Charges	Janna					Hearing - 15 May	Deliberations - 5 June						
Dangerous and Insanitary Buildings Policy	Janna/Bryan			Adopt of draft consultation - 27 Mar	Consultation as part of Annual Plan	Hearing - 15 May	Deliberations - 5 June						
Waste Management and Minimisation Plan	Arno/Raj			Adoption of draft WMMP - 27 Mar	Consultation as part of Annual Plan	Hearing - 15 May	Deliberations - 5 June						
									Est. meeting to decide preferred option				
Marton-Bulls Wastewater Centralisation Plan	Arno												
Local Body Elections	Katrina					National, regional, local campaign			Pre-election period		Election		
Māori Wards Referendum	Katrina					National, regional, local campaign					Election		
Bulls Recreation Master Plan	Tiffany			Engagement			Workshops						
Upcoming but unconfirmed projects													
Marton Streetscape Plan Rangitikei Tomorrow: Economic Strategy and Action Plan													

**Current Consultations**

Name of Initiative	Agency Engaging	Due Date	Description	Proposed RDC Action
<b>Currently Open for Submissions</b>				
<a href="#">Proposed product stewardship regulations for agrichemicals, their containers, and farm plastics</a>	Ministry for the Environment	1 June	The Government is seeking feedback on proposed regulations to enable a national take-back and recycling scheme for agrichemicals, their containers, and farm plastics	None
<a href="#">Amendments to waste legislation proposals</a>	Ministry for the Environment	1 June	Proposals to amend the Waste Minimisation Act 2008 (WMA) and the Litter Act 1979 include: creating a framework for extended producer responsibility, changes to how the waste levy is allocated to territorial authorities, and what they can spend the money on, clarifying roles and responsibilities for central government, local government and the waste sector, improving tools for compliance, monitoring, and enforcement, and enabling efficient and effective controls for littering and other types of mismanaged waste. The consultation excludes any proposed changes to the current bylaw provisions.	None
<a href="#">Proposed Improvements to New Zealand's Graduated Driver Licensing System</a>	Ministry of Transport	9 June	Proposed changes: Remove the full test; Introduce a clean driving record requirement to the restricted licence: Reduce the demerit threshold for novice drivers to have their licence suspended; Introduce a zero-alcohol limit for novice drivers; Improve NZTA's oversight of approved advanced driver courses; Reduce the number of vision tests (but not for drivers 75 years old).	None
<a href="#">Proposed changes to drinking water</a>	Water Services Regulator - Taumata Arowai	13 June	Changes are proposed to the current Acceptable Solutions compliance options for rural supplies that provide water for farm use (e.g. irrigation, stock) as well as for people to drink, and drinking water supplies that serve 500 people or fewer. For some suppliers, following the requirements of an Acceptable Solution may be a more straightforward and cost-effective way to meet	Submit

			their responsibilities than completing a drinking water safety plan and following the Drinking Water Quality Assurance Rules.	
<a href="#">Public Works (Critical Infrastructure) Amendment Bill</a>	Parliament Transport and Infrastructure Committee	13 June	The policy objective is to streamline the land acquisition process under the Public Works Act 1981 for critical infrastructure projects listed in new Schedule 2A of the Bill. These projects are public works listed in Schedule 2 of the Fast-track Approvals Act 2024, and Roads of National Significance that are identified in the Government Policy Statement on Land Transport 2024 and that are not already listed in Schedule 2 of that Act.	None
<a href="#">Draft guidance on IPP3A</a>	Office of the Privacy Commissioner	25 June	The Privacy Amendment Bill introduces a new Information Privacy Principle 3A (IPP 3A), is currently undergoing its third reading before Parliament. Once passed, IPP 3A is expected to have effect from 1 May 2026. It will require agencies who collect personal information indirectly (i.e from sources other than the individuals concerned) to notify the relevant individuals of certain information, like where agencies collect the information directly from the individuals. The draft Guidance describes what IPP-3A means.	None
<a href="#">Give your feedback on two important plans for nature: Have your say</a>	Department of Conservation	30 June	Two plans are being consulted on: The next implementation plan for New Zealand's Biodiversity Strategy and The Predator Free 2050 Strategy.	None
<a href="#">Proposed changes to the Code of Welfare for Sheep and Beef Cattle</a>	MPI	15 July	The National Animal Welfare Advisory Committee is consulting on proposed changes to how sheep and beef cattle are farmed in New Zealand. Proposed changes to the code include: incorporating dairy sheep into the code, amended behavioural provisions for sheep and beef cattle, and new minimum standards for animals in off-paddock facilities and feedlots. NAWAC is also proposing a regulation to prohibit the use of electro-immobilisation devices.	None

## 10 Reports for Decision

### 10.1 Council Controlled Organisations Exemption

**Author:** Leanne Macdonald, Group Manager - Corporate Services

**Authoriser:** Carol Gordon, Chief Executive

#### 1. Reason for Report

- 1.1 This Report seeks to renew Council's granting of an exemption to two Council Controlled Organisations (CCOs) from certain administrative requirements as summarised below.
- 1.2 Page 62 of Council's current Annual Report ([RDC-Annual-Report-2023 24-Web.pdf](#)) provides a summary of the background to this request to renew these exemptions.
- 1.3 This report seeks approval for this exemption to continue for a further three years ending 30 June 2028.

#### 2. Context

- 2.1 Council's Annual Report notes that it has two CCOs:
  - 2.1.1 Manawatu-Whanganui LASS Ltd (MW LASS); and
  - 2.1.2 MW Regional Disaster Relief Fund Trust.
- 2.2 Part 5 of the Local Government Act 2002 (LGA2002) contains a wide range of obligations and requirements on CCOs.
- 2.3 However, S6(4)(i) LGA2002 and S7 LGA2002 allow a local authority, after consideration of certain matters, to grant an exemption to an organisation from being treated as a CCO.
- 2.4 The matters to be considered are:
  - 2.4.1 The nature and scope of activities provided by the organisation; and
  - 2.4.2 The costs and benefits, if an exemption is granted, to the local authority, the CCO and the community.
- 2.5 When an exemption is granted, it must be reviewed within three years and can be revoked at any time. In May 2022 both CCO's were resolved to be exempt from these obligations for the period ending 30 June 2025.

#### 3. Discussion

- 3.1 **MW LASS** was set up as a CCO during 2007-08 to provide councils in the Horizons region with an umbrella vehicle to investigate, procure, develop and deliver shared services.
- 3.2 Council first exempted MW LASS from being a CCO in conjunction with agreement with other member Councils in 2008.
- 3.3 The objectives of MW LASS are confined to shared services where a business case shows that they provide benefit to the (voluntary) council users by either improved levels of service, reduced costs, improved efficiency and/or increased value through innovation.

- 3.4 The MW LASS member councils are all represented by their Chief Executives on the Board of Directors. Each member council is therefore continually directly involved with the status of, and developments regarding, the activities of the LASS.
- 3.5 **MW Regional Disaster Relief Fund Trust** is a small organisation with limited nature and scope of its activities. The Trust's activity is spasmodic - primarily after significant adverse events.
- 3.6 Accountability is adequately provided through the Trust deed, which includes a requirement for audited accounts to the Annual General Meeting and presentation to the eight local authorities appointing trustees.
- 3.7 The exemption last resolved by Council for both MW LASS and the Trust will expire on 30 June 2025.

#### 4. Options Considered

- 4.1 The granting of the exemption that is the subject of this Report means that the CCOs are not required to comply with Part 5 LGA2002.
- 4.2 There would be significant additional costs if the CCOs were required to meet all the obligations of a council-controlled organisation - through the preparation of a statement of intent, performance monitoring and six- monthly reporting to all member local authorities.
- 4.3 There is a considerable cost associated with this and members of these CCOs have previously deemed this cost to be excessive, given the nature and scope of the activities provided by each CCO (refer S2.4.1 above).

#### 5. Financial Implications

- 5.1 There is no cost to Council to authorise an exemption, however, the cost of denying the exemption means these two CCO's will need to incur additional costs in the preparation of statements mentioned in 4.2 above.

#### 6. Impact on Strategic Risks

- 6.1 N/A as this is considered under the activities of each CCO.

#### 7. Strategic Alignment

- 7.1 N/A as this has been considered as part of the Long-term Planning process.

#### 8. Mana Whenua Implications

- 8.1 N/A this is considered under the CCO's legislative requirements.

#### 9. Climate Change Impacts and Consideration

- 9.1 N/A as this is considered under the activities of each CCO.

#### 10. Statutory Implications

- 10.1 An exemption is permitted under S6 and S7 of the Local Government Act 2002.

#### 11. Conclusion

- 11.1 To ensure that the CCO's can remain cost effective it is believed that it is in all member Council's best interest to exempt both CCO's for a further three years.

**12. Decision Making Process**

- 12.1 This decision is not considered to be significant.

**Recommendation 1**

That the "Council Controlled Organisations Exemption" Report be received.

**Recommendation 2**

That Council provide an exemption to Manawatu-Whanganui Local Authority Shared Services from being a Council Controlled Organisation granted under Section 7(5) of the Local Government Act 2002 for the period of 1 July 2025 to 30 June 2028.

**Recommendation 3**

That Council provide an exemption to Manawatu-Whanganui Regional Disaster Relief Trust from being a Council Controlled Organisation granted under Section 7(5) of the Local Government Act 2002 for the period of 1 July 2025 to 30 June 2028.

# 11 Reports for Information

## 11.1 Resource Consent Fee Calculations

**Author:** Johanna Verhoek, Planner

**Authoriser:** Johan Cullis, Group Manager Regulatory Services and Emergency Management

### 1. Reason for Report

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to provide findings of an internal audit into the manual calculation of Resource Consent fees during the period 1 July 2020 to 21 February 2025.

### 2. Context

- 2.1 It was highlighted late 2024 that a Resource Consent fee had been incorrectly calculated, in particular as a result of an hours to minutes conversion which had been manually miscalculated.
- 2.2 As a result, an Internal Audit on all Resource Consent fee Calculations for the period 1 July 2020 to 21 February 2025 was conducted.
- 2.3 The finding of this audit shows:
  - 2.3.1 Forty Seven (47) Resource Consents fees out of a total of 379 during this period have been incorrectly calculated, or 12.4%.
    1. 28 Resource Consents fees have been overcharged, to the value of \$4,191.03.
    2. 19 Resource Consents fees have been undercharged, to the value of \$7,280.92.

- 2.4 The findings are summarised as:

Incorrect Resource Consent (RC) Fee	Number (over the period)	Amount (over the period)	Average per RC Fee	Common Reason for error
Overcharged	28	\$4,191.03	\$149.68	Calculation of time
Undercharged	19	\$7,280.92	\$383.21	'Breakdown' Spreadsheet incomplete
Total	47			

### 3. Discussion and Options Considered

- 3.1 Since April 2025, the Resource Consents team have implemented an automated Checklist Spreadsheet, to mitigate the calculation of time error which has historically been occurring and have adopted a '1-up' invoice checking process.
- 3.2 This new system will ensure that the previous charging errors which have occurred do not occur. This new system will ensure our customers are being charged the correct amount for their resource consents.

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- 3.3 Furthermore, the new system not only ensures the accuracy of charge calculations but also delivers efficiency gains for the Resource Consent Teams by significantly reducing the staff time required for invoicing resource consent fees.
- 3.4 Where customers have been overcharged, refunds will be made.
- 3.5 Where resource consent fees have been undercharged, customers will not be charged.

**4. Financial Implications**

- 4.1 There are no further financial implications – the refunds (total \$4,191.03) will be made out of current budgets.

**5. Impact on Strategic Risks**

- 5.1 Trust and confidence is tarnished – it is important that fees and charges are fair and reasonable, but also accurate. Where customers have been overcharged, refunds will be made. Moreover, new procedures have been put in place to ensure that fees and charges are correct moving forward.

**6. Strategic Alignment**

- 6.1 There are no relevant aspects of strategic alignment.

**7. Mana Whenua Implications**

- 7.1 There are no Mana Whenua implications.

**8. Climate Change Impacts and Consideration**

- 8.1 There are no climate change impacts and considerations.

**9. Statutory Implications**

- 9.1 There are no statutory implications.

**10. Decision Making Process**

- 10.1 This decision is not considered to be significant.

**Recommendation**

That the report “Resource Consent Fee Calculations” be received.



**11.2 Project Updates Report - May 2025****Author:** Arno Benadie, Deputy Chief Executive**Authoriser:** Carol Gordon, Chief Executive**Reason for Report**

- 1.1 This is a monthly report on progress on significant projects currently being delivered by Council staff.

**2. Key Highlights from Current Projects****Wastewater Projects****2.1 Marton to Bulls Wastewater Centralisation (Project Manager – Steve Carne)**

- 2.2 Responding to the contents of the Taumata Arowai Discharge Standards, the project team has refined the shortlisted options as follows –

- Option 1 - 100% Discharge to land- treatment plant at the RDC-owned site.
- Option 2 - Combined discharge to land and river – treatment plant at Bulls.
- Option 3 - Combined discharge to land and river – treatment plants at Marton and Bulls.
- Option 4 - 100% Discharge to river – standards as per the draft Wastewater Discharge standards (moderate dilution environment).
- Option 5 - 100% Discharge to river – discharge requirements as per the Horizon One Plan (i.e. the treatment assumptions in the long list options report).

Variants on Options 1 and 4 involving storm water inflow and infiltration reduction works, and reduced plant design flows are also being investigated.

- 2.3 A Design Report on each of these Options is anticipated to be supplied before the end of May 2025.
- 2.4 Costing of these options are anticipated to be completed by early June.
- 2.5 The team will be ready to identify a preferred option by the end of June. However, it has been decided that the identification of the preferred option will not be carried out until the Wastewater Discharge Standards are finalised. Taumata Arowai advised that this is anticipated for early August.
- 2.6 It is proposed that a preferred option will be identified immediately after this and that the preferred option will be presented to the last current Council meeting in late August for ratification.
- 2.7 Taumata Arowai have also advised on 13 May that RDC may fall within the Interim provisions of Standards re operating on expired consents and that Horizons' insistence

of consent lodgement before June 30, 2026, may not be valid. We are currently seeking clarification from Taumata Arowai on this point before advising Horizons.

- 2.8 Review of the Discharge Standards indicates waterway discharges will require a far lower treatment standard than the current Horizons One Plan requirements and hence significantly lower capital cost involved in such a discharge arrangement. This was a component of the presentation by Steve Carne to the Assets and Infrastructure Committee meeting on 10 April.
- 2.9 Prioritised investigative works carried out by the team thus far have concluded that the RDC purchased land will not be able to dispose of more than 65% of current design flows. A land disposal solution will require more land, adding significantly to its costs. The associated costs may make this option unfeasible. This is currently being assessed by the project team.
- 2.10 Autosamplers are currently being installed to provide better definition on possible trade waste flow components of the flows entering the Marton and Bulls treatment plants.
- 2.11 Dialogue with ANZCO Bulls is ongoing to determine the feasibility and appropriateness of incorporating their discharge into the Bulls plant inlet. ANZCO Bulls would become a trade waste customer of RDC under this scenario. Iwi have indicated that a single discharge at this point would be viewed more favourably by them as part of the consenting process. Discussions will evolve further once the additional components of capex and Opex due to the ANZCO Bulls flow are determined.
- 2.12 Value engineering inputs on the shortlisted options have considered demand management scenarios involving inflow/infiltration reduction and reduction of water consumption.
- 2.13 A community awareness and engagement campaign is currently being formulated which will have preparatory information released in the 2025 calendar year but needs to be coordinated with other campaigns around Local Water Done Well reforms.

### **3. Rātana Wastewater Discharge to Land (Project Manager – Steve Carne)**

- 3.1 The project is in a holding pattern awaiting approval to proceed with track pricing and hard stand construction, needed to enable the pipe materials to be delivered. Work on designing the large dam that will store the treated wastewater, up to Building Consent status, continues with WSP and external experts.
- 3.2 A pre-hearing meeting with all three submitters to the new Ratana consent was held at Horizons Regional Council. A full hearing date has not been set yet.
- 3.3 Due to relative high salinity of treated wastewater in the Ratana oxidation ponds, (caused by the softening process at the water treatment plant), it is likely that land irrigation of Ratana effluent as proposed could be problematic.
- 3.4 Investigation of the engineering feasibility of an alternative arrangement involving long distance pumping of Ratana effluent to the new Whanganui District Council/ Kaitoke Prison wastewater connection is almost complete.
- 3.5 The estimated cost of this alternative solution is \$4.6M which is approximately 60% of the estimate of the previously adopted solution.
- 3.6 WDC officers have agreed verbally in principle to such an arrangement. This alternative relies on either a trade waste agreement with Whanganui DC (if RDC and WDC are

separate entities) or simply an inter-network connection if RDC and WDC were to form a combined Council Controlled Organisation (CCO).

- 3.7 Reticulating Koitiata and transferring these flows to Ratana is also being considered as an addition to this alternative. The initial estimated cost of this using low-pressure sewer technology to service Koitiata is \$4.8M. This cost is currently being refined.

## Water Projects

### Marton Water Strategy (Project Manager – Steve Carne)

- 4.1 A design consultancy with WSP has almost completed design of the inlet work. This is inclusive of a permanent pump for the new Reservoir Bore and some new inlet pipework.
- 4.2 A draft contract and warranty condition was tabled to main treatment plant contractor GFS on 18 March. The finalised warranty condition will be presented to Council for consideration.
- 4.3 Queries and clarifications submitted by Council officers and agents are providing further detail on GFS' offer. Responses to some of these clarifications and queries were obtained and others are yet to be addressed by GFS.
- 4.4 Detailed contract negotiations continue.
- 4.5 Details of the waste stream from the proposed plant are yet to be evolved and finalised.
- 4.6 Relocation of the pilot plant to the Reservoir Bore site will be finalised after completion of the contract negotiations.
- 4.7 Extended full capacity testing of the 10-year-old Tutaenui Bore has been completed and indicating that sustainable yield (stable water levels without on-going unacceptable drawdown) of this bore is of the order of 3-3.1ML/day.
- 4.8 Staff are working towards a communication strategy to keep the Marton community up to date with progress.

## Community Facilities

### Marton Offices and Library (Project Manager - Eswar Ganapathi)

- 5.1 Council authorised staff to proceed with the Emergency Operations Centre (EOC) as a separate project independent of the Marton Offices and Community Hub.
- 5.2 Team Architects have now been engaged to provide Design Consultancy services for the EOC project.
- 5.3 Initial Urban Design review report was presented to RDC and was reviewed internally. Staff identified a combination of scenarios 1A and 3 to be ideal. *The Urban Design report is provided as a separate attachment (Attachment 1).*
- 5.4 Staff have been working with the Ruapehu EOC building footprint as the base for the EOC build while modifying the internal layout to suit RDC's purposes better.
- 5.5 Soil contamination and Geotechnical survey contracts have been signed and the work will begin in June.

- 5.6 Staff have been liaising with Maycroft on the contract details with a second meeting scheduled for 13 May 2025.

**Taihape Grandstand (Project Manager - Eswar Ganapathi)**

- 6.1 A second meeting with the user group was held on 2 April 2025 in Taihape. Staff presented work completed to date including a list of project documents developed during the process.
- 6.2 Staff presented the indicative floor plans that were developed and was used as a basis for initiating a discussion around what the community wants to achieve with the redevelopment works.
- 6.3 Council resolved that the remaining available funding of approximately \$700,000 shall only be utilised towards seismic strengthening works. This means, any design services required for the community's initiatives will need to be funded by the community.
- 6.4 The majority of parties that attended the second meeting would prefer that any renovation underneath the grandstand be done at the same time as seismic strengthening. It is unclear at this stage if this will be achievable.
- 6.5 Council would have to decide whether to put the seismic strengthening works on hold until such time that the community are ready to move ahead with their proposed initiatives.
- 6.6 If Council choose to proceed with undertaking the seismic strengthening works as a separate activity, the community will no longer be able to use the interior of the building as they currently do.
- 6.7 A further user group meeting that was scheduled for 7 May was cancelled due to a number of apologies from the user group members, staff will work on an alternative date.

**Taihape Town Hall and Library Redevelopment (Project Manager - Eswar Ganapathi)**

- 7.1 During the council meeting in March 2025, staff presented two concept options for the redevelopment works. Council approved to proceed with the option of retaining the front two storey structure and to demolish and rebuild the hall, stage, supper room and toilets.
- 7.2 A meeting was held with the User Group on 10 April 2025 where Maycroft presented the proposed modifications.
- 7.3 Maycroft will consider all these requirements and assess the impact on the final costs.
- 7.4 Staff highlighted that all design proposals that were not included in the original project scope will have to be presented to Council for approval to be included in the design.
- 7.5 Staff expect the preliminary plans to be presented to RDC by the end of May 2025.

**Marton Swim Centre Structural Remediation (Project Manager – Arno Benadie / Eswar Ganapathi)**

- 8.1 During the April 2025 Council meeting a report was presented to Council that provided a more detailed analysis of the options available for the Marton Swim Centre. This report aimed at providing more detailed information to facilitate Council's decision making for how to address the structural issue with the Marton Swim Centre.

- 8.2 Council agreed to proceed with investing in the repair of the Marton Swim Centre and to upgrade the existing facility to modern standards. Council selected the Base Recommendation option as their preferred option.
- 8.3 This option proposes that the swim centre main pool hall is strengthened and includes a range of repairs and some replacement of end of life or out of date assets. This option excludes any upgrades to the changing rooms and reception area.
- 8.4 The items identified in this option will be phased to align with available funding. The first items to be actioned will be the replacement of the roof and the earthquake strengthening of the main pool hall.
- 8.5 The remainder of the upgrades will be included in future years depending on available funding.
- 8.6 The scope of work to be included in this first phase of repairs and upgrades are being finalised. Once this has been completed the design of the items included in the scope will start.
- 8.7 The construction of the phase 1 repairs and upgrades are expected to be completed by June 2026.

#### **Miscellaneous**

#### **Scotts Ferry**

- 9.1 Council staff are working on finalising the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) that will determine the activities, responsibilities and conditions when the Council owned tractor will be used in conjunction with the pump owned by a local farmer to reduce the risk of flooding at Scotts Ferry.
- 9.2 A draft has been created and is currently being reviewed. The finalised draft will then be presented to the Scotts Ferry group for consideration.

#### **10. Financial Implications**

- 10.1 This report does not identify and financial implications.

#### **11. Impact on Strategic Risks**

- 11.1 No impacts on strategic risks

#### **12. Strategic Alignment**

- 12.1 All projects are aligned with strategic goals.

#### **13. Mana Whenua Implications**

- 13.1 All mana whenua implications are managed by the individual projects.

#### **14. Climate Change Impacts and Consideration**

- 14.1 There is no climate change impact.

#### **15. Statutory Implications**

- 15.1 There are no statutory implications.

**ITEM 11.2**

**Attachments:**

1. **Marton Offices Urban Design Report** [↓](#)

**Recommendation 1**

That the report 'Project Updates Report – May 2025' be received.

46-59 High Street, Marton

**Rangitikei District Council Marton Offices, Community Hub & EOC**

## Design Brief

15 April 2025



**Site location**

**McIndoe Urban Limited**

59 High Street, Marton – Design Brief

15 April 2025

**Site analysis**

The 5,640m<sup>2</sup> site fronts High Street between William Street and Grey Street. Although part of the General Residential Zone, the site has hosted council offices since 1876 and presents as the western extremity of Marton's town centre.

With a sequence of free-standing heritage buildings, High Street can be seen as a 'civic axis', which complements the continuous facades and commercial character of nearby Broadway.

The old Courthouse, Women's Restroom (now Plunket) and Library have landscaped forecourts that give a leafy appearance to High Street's southern frontage. Intermittent vegetation merges with the front gardens of residential properties, which provide a consistent edge condition west of Stewart Street.

In contrast, High Street's northern frontage is almost devoid of planting. Properties are only partially built-up, but forecourts are paved for vehicular use. Within this relatively open fabric, spatial definition relies on one and two-storey structures that occupy the street edge and are seen in-the-round. The present Rangitikei District Council offices continue this pattern one block further to the west.

In this context, the three houses at 40-44 High Street appear anomalous, and the subject site provides the real interface between 'civic' and residential character. To some extent, this relationship is mediated by the exceptional size of 64 High Street. Comprising at least three standard residential lots, this property introduces a heavily planted 50m wide open space on the western side of Grey Street. Conversely, the juxtaposition across High Street is unmediated by landscape. Street trees are absent, and the EOC and RDC offices confront a row of dwellings with mostly open frontages.

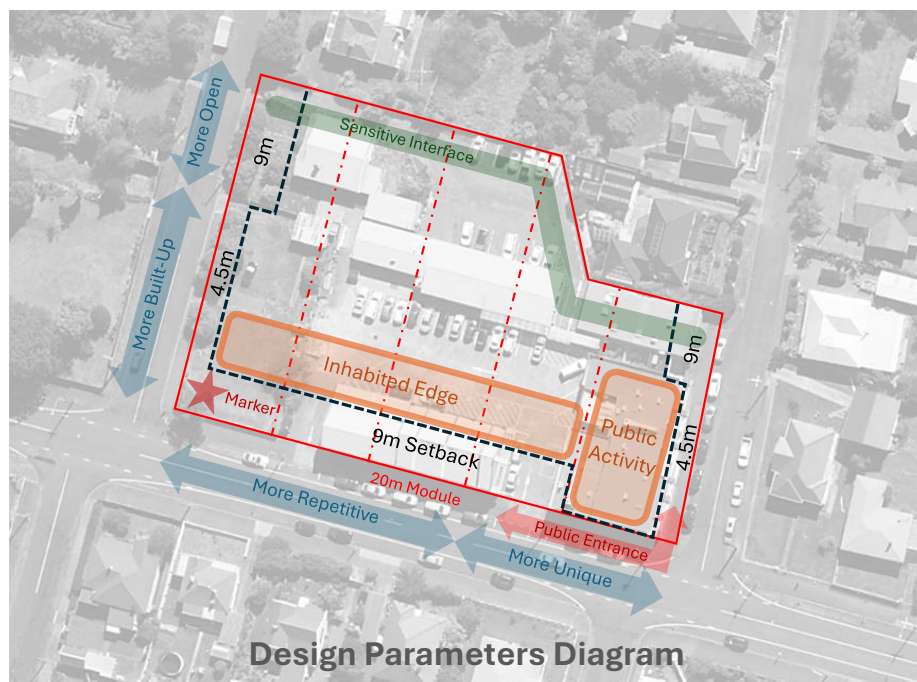
The site's other sensitive residential interface occurs at shared mid-block boundaries with 53 Grey Street and 10 William Street. Both properties are exposed to development at the rear of the RDC land.

On the southern side of High Street, the width of residential lots varies from 12m to 40m. However, recurring 16m and 20m wide lots bring a noticeable rhythm to the streetscape. Front setbacks are relatively uniform. If outliers at numbers 57 and 61 are excluded, houses are typically located 9-10m from the street edge. Frontages are fenced and planted. However, landscape treatments differ markedly. Some properties are open to the street while others are almost fully concealed by vegetation.

Dwellings are predominantly single-storey, although 45 High Street is a prominent exception to this pattern. Most street elevations are composed of a primary form and a projecting secondary volume with relatively consistent measurements. When added to common lot sizes, these building dimensions allow a typical High Street property to be described. Notionally, a parcel measures 20m by 33m and includes a dwelling with 5m and 10m modules.

The Design Parameters Diagram summaries relevant dimensions and relationship (see below).





### Design principles

1. Organise buildings and open spaces in an orthogonal composition that aligns with High Street and encompasses the entire site.

#### Rationale:

- o Site and context are already strongly gridded.
- o Consistent alignments aid efficiency and promote visual unity.
- o Landscaped forecourts are an integral part of High Street's heritage sites.
- o Buildings and open spaces interact in mutually supportive ways.

2. Create a strong architectural statement by building on (or near) the street edge at the corner of High Street and William Street.

#### Rationale:

- o Council offices have occupied this corner site since 1876.
- o A built-up corner continues a pattern on the northern side of High Street.
- o A strong corner signals RDC's presence to approaching visitors.
- o A prominent corner volume helps to create a public threshold to the site.

3. Elsewhere, set buildings back behind landscaped frontages that relate to the forecourts of heritage buildings and the front gardens of residential properties.

#### Rationale:

- o A landscaped setback mediates between 'civic' and residential characters.
- o Perimeter planting helps to mitigate the visual impact of new buildings.

- *Setbacks allow building volumes to be seen in-the-round.*
- *A strong 'buildings-in-grounds' tradition exists for civic campuses.*

4. Ensure that the complex's main public entrance directly addresses High Street. Locate this entrance at or near the William Street corner.

*Rationale:*

- *High Street is Marton's 'civic axis' and principal route of approach.*
- *The corner of High Street and William Street is an obvious point of arrival.*
- *An area can be part of a deep landscaped setback on High Street.*
- *The residential character of Grey Street and William Street should be respected.*

5. Locate intensively occupied spaces and publicly relevant activities along High Street ensuring that active building edges turn the corner into Grey Street and William Street.

*Rationale:*

- *Important internal spaces should be recognisable on the exterior.*
- *Internal activity provides a reliable source of visual interest.*
- *Visitors and passersby feel safer when there are 'eyes on the street'.*

6. Ensure that site plan, building massing and facade articulation acknowledge the recurring dimensions found within nearby residential fabric.

*Rationale:*

- *Existing residential fabric has modules measuring 5m, 10m and 20m (approx.).*
- *Combining small, medium and large units provides visual interest.*
- *Different sized modules help to produce sympathetic scale.*
- *Composite massing can express distinct components of accommodation.*

7. Ensure that some plan-based modules and units of surface articulation are echoed in the building's roof forms or profile.

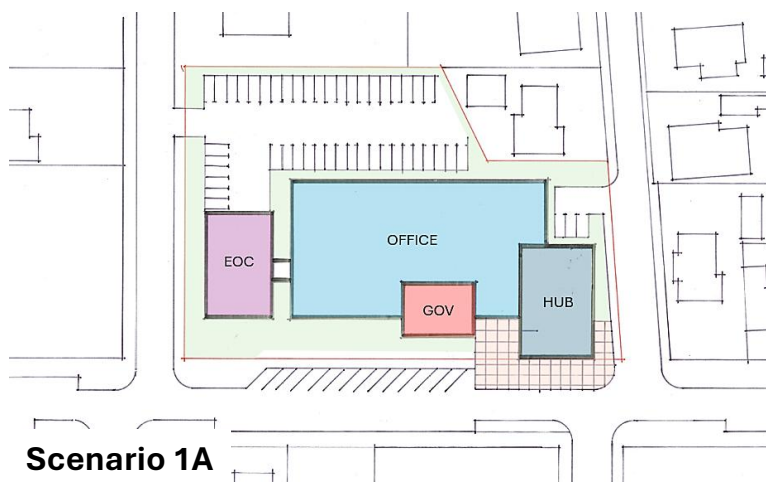
*Rationale:*

- *Long unbroken horizontal lines are uncharacteristic of Marton streetscape.*
- *Hip and gable roofs help to articulate existing residential fabric.*
- *A building's profile is often its most memorable feature.*
- *Congruence between plan, section and elevation increases unity.*

8. Use site planning, landscape and – if necessary – building massing to achieve a sympathetic relationship with residential properties on the site's northern boundary.

*Rationale:*

- *Grey Street and William Street each have a cohesive residential character.*
- *The site's relationship with its northern neighbours is not mediated by a street.*
- *During summer evenings, sun access is important for neighbouring properties.*
- *If most buildings address High Street, the north of site can be relatively open.*

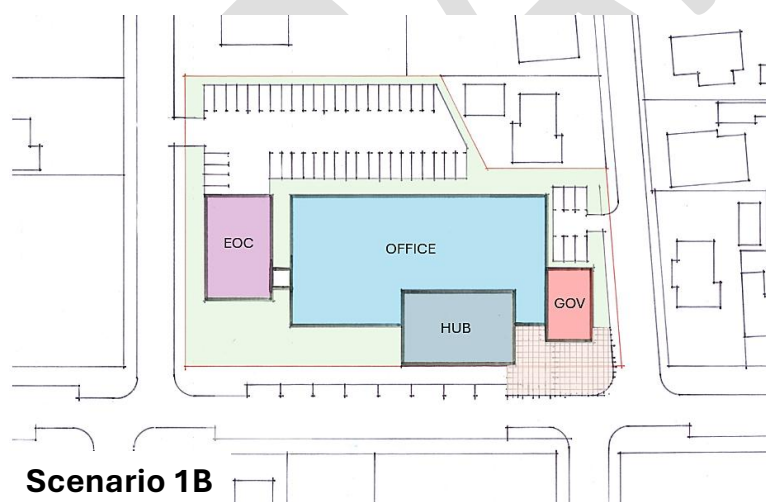


*Positives*

1. Eventful High St frontage.
2. Prominent corner location for Hub.
3. Strongly defined public entrance.
4. Compliant setbacks on all frontages.
5. Open space at residential interface.

*Negatives*

1. Exposed location for utilitarian EOC.
2. Unbroken expanse of parking at rear.
3. Vehicle movement adjacent to housing.

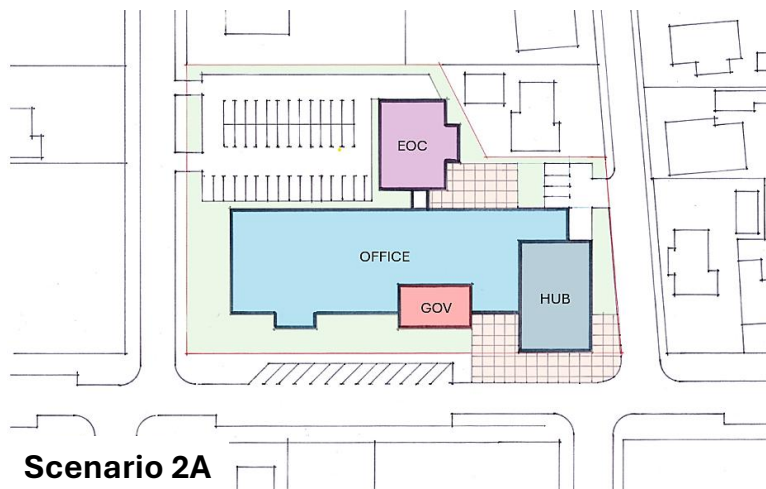


*Positives*

1. Eventful High St frontage.
2. Prominent location for Governance.
3. Diagonal orientation for public entrance.
4. Open space at residential interface.
5. Less prominent High St location for EOC.

*Negatives*

1. Relatively weak corner feature.
2. Unbroken expanse of parking at rear.
3. Vehicle movement adjacent to housing.
4. More prominent Grey St location for EOC.
5. Reduced High St setback.

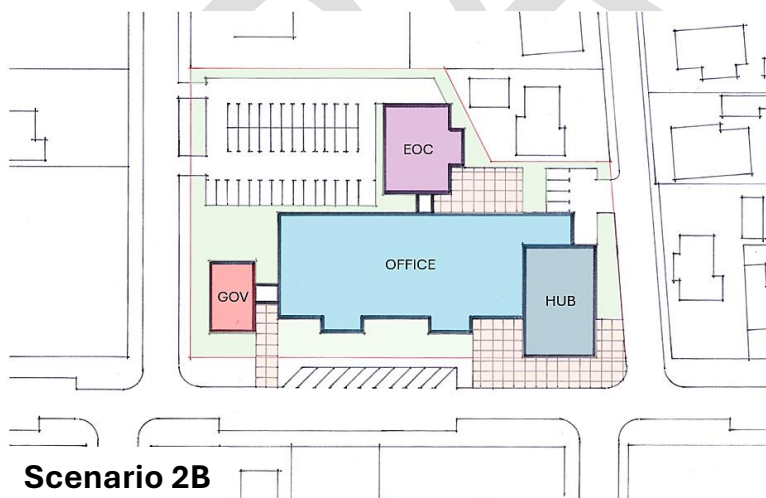


*Positives*

1. Extensive active edge on High St.
2. Prominent corner location for Hub.
3. Less prominent rear location for EOC.
4. Compliant setbacks on all frontages.
5. Well-defined open spaces.

*Negatives*

1. EOC adjacent to housing.
2. Fewer on-site carparks.
3. Less direct access to EOC.

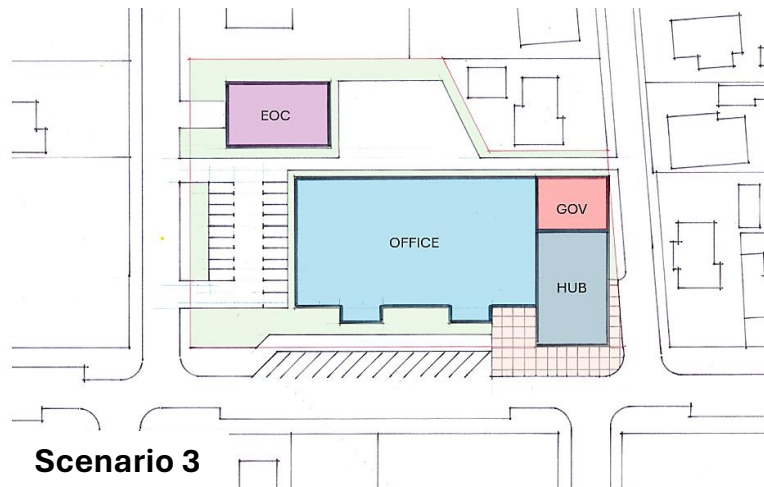


*Positives*

1. Extensive active edge on High St.
2. Strongly expressed Governance and Hub.
3. Corner features at Grey St and William St.
4. Less prominent rear location for EOC.
5. Well-defined open spaces.

*Negatives*

1. Weak Governance / Office connection.
2. Irregular footprint / extended circulation.
3. Confusing duplication of entries.
4. EOC adjacent to housing.
5. Fewer carparks.



**Scenario 3**

*Positives*

1. Prominent corner location for Hub.
2. Synergy between Governance and Hub.
3. Compact footprint / efficient circulation.
4. Less prominent rear location for EOC.
5. Well defined open spaces.

*Negatives*

1. Buildings adjacent to housing.
2. Single identity for Governance / Hub.
3. Reduced High St setback.
4. Weak EOC / Office connection.
5. Prominent Grey St location for parking.

**Summary and conclusion**

- Scenario testing shows that 46-59 High St can accommodate RDC's MOCH / EOC campus.
- Scenarios 1A and 2A offer particularly promising starting points for design.
- A key question is whether EOC should be a foreground building or a background building.
- Another important issue is whether on-site amenity takes priority over off-site impacts.
- Although all the scenarios are viable, each has weaknesses as well as strengths.
- The range of options confirms the inherent flexibility of a site with three street frontages.
- Scenario testing reveals the importance of designing buildings and open spaces together.

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## **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. F/P – 30 Apr 25 (under separate cover)

#### **Recommendation**

That the following minutes are received:

- Finance/Performance Committee – 30 Apr 25

## 13 Recommendations from Committees

### 13.1 Recommendations Assets/Infrastructure Committee

**Author:** Darryn Black, Roding Transport Manager

**Authoriser:** Arno Benadie, Deputy Chief Executive

#### 1. Reason for Report

1.1 To consider the recommendations from the Assets/Infrastructure Committee:

1.1.1 That Council approve the Option 1 (WSP) repair at a cost of \$350,000 to remediate the slip on Kaimatawi Road to be funded from the General Purpose (Capital Works) Reserve, noting that Council's local share is 34% of the total cost.

1.1.2 That Council approve that the Roding Reserve is accessed to fund Emergency Works repairs required on the Kuripapango Bridge with a local share value of \$73,803 (full cost \$217,069).

#### **Resolved minute number 25/AIN/001**

*That the Assets/Infrastructure Committee recommends to Council that they approve the Option 1 (WSP) repair at a cost of \$350,000 to remediate the slip on Kaimatawi Road to be funded from the General Purpose (Capital Works) Reserve, noting that Council's local share is 34% of the total cost.*

*Cr D Wilson/Cr J Wong. Carried Against Cr Maughan, Cr Sharland*

#### **Resolved minute number 25/AIN/002**

*That the Assets/Infrastructure Committee recommends to Council that they approve that the Roding Reserve is accessed to fund Emergency Works repairs required on the Kuripapango Bridge with a local share value of \$73,803 (full cost \$217,069).*

*Cr D Wilson/Cr S Loudon. Carried*

#### **Recommendation 1**

That the recommendations from Assets/Infrastructure Committee be received.

#### **Recommendation 2**

That Council does/does not [delete one] the approve the Option 1 (WSP) repair at a cost of \$350,000 to remediate the slip on Kaimatawi Road to be funded from the General Purpose (Capital Works) Reserve, noting that Council's local share is 34% of the total cost.

#### **Recommendation 3**

That Council does/does not [delete one] approve that the Roding Reserve is accessed to fund Emergency Works repairs required on the Kuripapango Bridge with a local share value of \$73,803 (full cost \$217,069).

## 14 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 – 30 April 2025
2. Follow-up Action Items from Council (Public Excluded) Meetings
3. Recommendation Assets/Infrastructure Committee
4. Public Excluded Resolutions

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
<b>14.0 - Public Excluded Council Meeting – 30 April 2025</b>	To consider the minutes relating to matters that were the subject of discussion at the 30 April meeting.	S48(1)(a)
<b>14.1 - Follow-up Action Items from Council (Public Excluded) Meetings</b>	To consider the matters arising from previous 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)
<b>14.2 - Recommendation Assets/Infrastructure Committee</b>	To consider recommendation from Assets/Infrastructure on commercial activities s7(2)(h) - Commercial Activities	s48(1)(a)(i)
<b>14.3 - Public Excluded Resolutions</b>	To consider previous public excluded decisions and bring these into the open. s7(2)(a) - Privacy s7(2)(b)(ii) - Commercial Position s7(2)(h) - Commercial Activities	s48(1)(a)(i)



	s7(2)(i) - Negotiations	
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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.

**15 Open Meeting**