

ORDER PAPER

ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

Date: Thursday, 28 August 2025

Time: 1.00pm

Venue: Council Chamber

Rangitīkei District Council

46 High Street

Marton

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

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Notice is hereby given that an Ordinary Meeting of Council of the Rangitīkei District Council will be held in the Council Chamber, Rangitīkei District Council, 46 High Street, Marton on Thursday, 28 August 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 31 July 2025 are attached.
- 1.2 The minutes from Ordinary Council Meeting held on 14 August 2025 are attached.

Attachments

- 1. Ordinary Council Meeting 31 July 2025
- 2. Ordinary Council Meeting 14 August 2025

Recommendation

That the minutes of Ordinary Council Meeting held on 31 July 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.

Recommendation

That the minutes of Ordinary Council Meeting held on 14 August 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

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Rangitīkei District Council

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Marton

Present HWTM Andy Watson

Cr Dave Wilson
Cr Brian Carter
Cr Gill Duncan
Cr Piki Te Ora Hiroa
Cr Coral Raukawa
Cr Jeff Wong
Cr Simon Loudon
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 Mr Johan Cullis, Group Manager – Regulatory and Emergency Management

Mr Michael Hodder, Advisor to CEO

Mr Eswar Ganapathi, Senior Project Manager

Ms Gaylene Prince, Northern Area and Property Manager

Ms Faenza Hiroti, TUIA Public Forum Mr Craig Connelly, Public Forum Ms Kezia Spence, Governance Advisor

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1 Welcome / Prayer

The Mayor opened the meeting at 1.00pm

2 Apologies

Resolved minute number

25/RDC/197

That the apologies be received from Cr Maughan and Cr Lambert.

Cr B Carter/Cr P Sharland. Carried

3 Public Forum

Ms Faenza Hiroti read her TUIA report to councillors. Councillors thanked her for the report and noted they look forward to hearing from her in the future.

Mr Craig Connelly spoke about the urban growth rezoning and asking for 233a SH1 Bulls to be included as part of the proposed plan change 3. It was noted that there are changes to the RMA reforms resulting in councils stopping work on plan changes.

4 Conflict of Interest Declarations

Cr Dalgety declared a conflict of interest during the public excluded section of the meeting.

5 Confirmation of Order of Business

There was no change to the order of business.

6 Confirmation of Minutes

Resolved minute number 25/RDC/198

That the minutes of Ordinary Council Meeting held on 26 June 2025 without amendment be taken as read and verified as an accurate and correct record of the meeting, and that the electronic signature of the Chair of this Committee be added to the official minutes document as a formal record.

Cr B Carter/Cr C Raukawa. Carried

7 Follow-up Action Items from Previous Meetings

7.1 Follow-up Action Items from Council Meetings

The report was taken as read.

Resolved minute number 25/RDC/199

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

Cr G Duncan/Cr P Sharland. Carried

8 Mayor's Report

8.1 Mayor's Report - July 2025

Water Services Delivery Plan

The Mayor noted there was a workshop earlier in the day and work continues on developing a water services CCO with Horowhenua District Council and Palmerston North City Council.

<u>Celebration of Christmas to the Bulls Domain</u>

Councillors were supportive of moving this event to the Bulls Doman as the event was becoming more challenging to host, requiring road closures and traffic management.

Rauma Road Safety Concerns

The Mayor introduced this item highlighting the safety concerns in the area. The Youth Council at their meeting also provided a resolution supporting the letter. The Mayor noted that the best process was for Council to advocate to New Zealand Transport Agency.

Resolved minute number 25/RDC/200

That the Mayor's Report – July 2025 be received.

HWTM/Cr F Dalgety. Carried

Resolved minute number 25/RDC/201

That Council supports the Bulls & District Community Trust's proposal to move the annual Celebration of Christmas to the Bulls Domain.

Cr B Carter/Cr P Sharland. Carried

Resolved minute number 25/RDC/202

That Council write a letter of support to NZTA highlighting the safety concerns of St Joseph's School Taihape around the SH1/Rauma Road intersection.

HWTM/Cr G Duncan. Carried

9 Chief Executive's Report

9.1 Chief Executive's Report - July 2025

Cr Wong stepped out during this item at 1.46pm and returned at 1.47pm.

Submissions

Councillors raised that there has been discussion in the media regarding kids on the farm. It was asked if there was capacity from staff to submit on this item.

Traffic Management Plan Costs for the Tangi of Te Pāti Māori MP Takutai Tarsh Kemp

The Mayor commented that there was significant traffic management for this event and while this event is a one-off traffic management is something Council has provided for other events.

Future Management of Stormwater

A workshop was held earlier that day to inform councillors of the options. Councillors noted that it was not practical to ring fence and set up a separate function to manage stormwater.

Resolved minute number 25/RDC/203

That the Chief Executive's Report – July 2025 be received.

HWTM/Cr P Hiroa. Carried

Resolved minute number 25/RDC/204

That Council does reimburse Opaea Marae Committee to the value of \$3,780 plus GST for the traffic management plan costs associated with the Tangi for MP Takutai Tarsh Kemp.

HWTM/Cr P Hiroa. Carried

Resolved minute number 25/RDC/205

That Council introduces a \$200 refundable deposit into Council's Fees and Charges 2025/26 for hire of the mountain bike fleet.

Cr F Dalgety/Cr P Hiroa. Carried

Resolved minute number 25/RDC/206

That Council:

- a. notes the recommendations made by Parliament's Finance and Expenditure Committee to the Local Government (Water Services) Bill, specifically definition of 'water services provider' in clause 4, the deletion of clause 10(2)(b) concerning obligations over stormwater infrastructure in the transport corridor, and more precision over service agreements for stormwater networks in clause 176, and
- b. resolves, subject to the Government's accepting these recommendations, to transfer to the joint water services CCO being established with Horowhenua District Council and Palmerston North City Council:
 - i. responsibility for all its stormwater services (including that in the transport corridor), and
 - ii. all legally permitted stormwater infrastructure (i.e. excluding that in the transport corridor).

Cr D Wilson/Cr G Duncan. Carried

10 Reports for Information

10.1 Project Update Report - July 2025

Rātana Wastewater Discharge to Land

Councillors asked with the new changes to the RMA whether this means the objectors from outside the area are still valid. Officers undertook to confirm if the new RMA rescinds these objections.

Taihape Grandstand

Officers responded to questions that the previous design for the Taihape Grandstand included four changing rooms, this is no longer required due to the Nga Awa Block.

Scott's Ferry

Further information will come to a Council workshop on the 07 August before coming back to Council. It was noted that this will be an open council workshop.

Resolved minute number 25/RDC/207

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

Cr P Sharland/Cr B Carter. Carried

11 Minutes from Committees

11.1 Minutes from Committees

The report was taken as read.

Resolved minute number 25/RDC/208

That the following minutes are received:

- Community Grants Committee Meeting 15 April 25
- Sport NZ Rural Travel Fund Meeting 15 April 25
- Bulls Community Committee Meeting 14 May 25
- Assets/Infrastructure Meeting 22 May 25
- Creative Communities Scheme Meeting 28 May 25
- Finance/Performance Meeting 29 May 25
- Turakina Community Committee Meeting 05 June 25
- Hunterville Rural Water Scheme Meeting 09 June 25
- Ratana Community Board Meeting 10 June 25
- Taihape Community Board Meeting 11 June 25
- Marton Community Committee Meeting 11 June 25
- Hunterville Community Committee Meeting 16 June 25
- Finance/Performance Meeting 26 June 25

Cr C Raukawa/Cr S Loudon. Carried

12 Recommendations from Committees

12.1 Recommendations from Community Committees and the Taihape Community Board - Small Projects Fund

The report was taken as read.

Resolved minute number 25/RDC/209

That the report 'Recommendations from Community Committees and the Taihape Community Board - Small Projects Fund' report be received.

Cr P Sharland/Cr J Wong. Carried

Resolved minute number 25/RDC/210

That Council approves the carry-forward of up to \$1,811.72 for the Turakina Community Committee for the 2025/26 financial year, noting that there are earmarked funds.

Cr C Raukawa/Cr F Dalgety. Carried

Resolved minute number 25/RDC/211

That Council approves carry-forward of up to \$930 for the Taihape Community Board for the 2025/26 financial year.

Cr C Raukawa/Cr F Dalgety. Carried

Resolved minute number 25/RDC/212

That Council approves carry-forward of up to \$63.74 for the Bulls Community Committee for the 2025/26 financial year.

Cr C Raukawa/Cr F Dalgety. Carried

Resolved minute number 25/RDC/213

That Council approves carry-forward of up to \$1,316.64 for the Hunterville Community Committee for the 2025/26 financial year.

Cr C Raukawa/Cr F Dalgety. Carried

13 Public Excluded

The meeting went into public excluded session at 2.42pm

Resolution to Exclude the Public

Resolved minute number

25/RDC/214

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

- 1 Public Excluded Council Meeting 26 June 2025
- 2. Follow-up Action Items from Council (Public Excluded) Meetings
- 3. Request for Rates Remission
- 4. Taihape Town Hall & Library Redevelopment Preliminary Design Proposal with Cost Estimates
- 5. 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	Reason for passing this	Ground(s) under section 48 for
to be considered	resolution in relation to each	the passing of this resolution
	matter	

12.1 Dublic Eveluded Council	To consider the minutes relative	C49(1)(a)		
13.1 - Public Excluded Council Meeting - 26 June 2025	To consider the minutes relating to matters that were the subject of discussion at the 26 June meeting.	S48(1)(a)		
13.2 - Follow-up Action Items from Council (Public Excluded) Meetings	To consider the matters arising from previous public excluded meetings.	s48(1)(a)(i)		
	s7(2)(a) - Privacy			
	s7(2)(b)(ii) - Commercial Position			
	s7(2)(h) - Commercial Activities			
	s7(2)(i) – Negotiations			
13.3 - Request for Rates Remission	To discuss a request for rate remission, their privacy and business position	s48(1)(a)(i)		
	s7(2)(a) - Privacy			
	s7(2)(b)(ii) - Commercial Position			
13.4 - Taihape Town Hall & Library Redevelopment - Preliminary Design Proposal with Cost Estimates	To enable commercially sensitive information to be discussed without impacting any negotiations.	s48(1)(a)(i)		
	s7(2)(h) - Commercial Activities			
13.5 - Public Excluded Resolutions	To consider previous public excluded decisions and bring these into the open.	s48(1)(a)(i)		
	s7(2)(a) - Privacy			
	s7(2)(b)(ii) - Commercial Position			
	s7(2)(h) - Commercial Activities			
	s7(2)(i) – Negotiations			

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 B Carter/Cr P Hiroa. Carried

14 Open Meeting

The meeting went into open session at 3.55pm

Resolved minute number

25/RDC/215

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

25/RDC/215 - 25/RDC/222

Cr C Raukawa/Cr J Wong. Carried

The meeting closed at 3.55pm

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 28 August 2025.

Chairperson

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ATTACHME

UNCONFIRMED: ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

Date: Thursday, 14 August 2025

Time: 9.30am

Venue: Council Chamber

Rangitīkei District Council

46 High Street

Marton

Present HWTM Andy Watson

Cr Dave Wilson Cr Brian Carter Cr Gill Duncan

Cr Piki Te Ora Hiroa (Zoom) Cr Coral Raukawa (Zoom)

Cr Jeff Wong Cr Simon Loudon Cr Greg Maughan Cr Fi Dalgety Cr Paul Sharland

In attendance Mrs Carol Gordon, Chief Executive (Zoom)

Mr Arno Benadie, Deputy Chief Executive

Ms Katrina Gray, Group Manager - Strategy, Community and Democracy

Mr Michael Hodder, Advisor to CEO

Mr Warren Pedley, Manager Finance and Partnerships

Mr Brent Manning, Contractor

Ms Fran Pere, Mana Whenua Strategic Advisor

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1 Welcome / Prayer

The Mayor opened the meeting at 9.29am and Cr Dalgety read the Council prayer.

2 Apologies

Resolved minute number

25/RDC/224

That the apologies be received from Cr Lambert.

Cr B Carter/Cr P Sharland. Carried

3 Public Forum

There was no public forum.

4 Conflict of Interest Declarations

There were no conflicts of interest declared.

5 Confirmation of Order of Business

There was no change to the order of business.

6 Reports for Decision

6.1 Local Water Done Well: Adoption of the Joint Water Services Delivery Plan

Cr Raukawa joined by zoom at 9.33am and Cr Hiroa joined by zoom at 9.36am.

Mrs Gordon thanked staff that have worked on this and highlighting that there is work to be continued with Horowhenua District Council and Palmerston North City Council.

The Joint Water Services Delivery Plan (WSDP)

The Mayor responded to questions that the Whangaehu River obligations will be addressed through the new entity as required by law.

Officers responded to questions that the Rangitīkei District Council is the last council to adopt the Joint Water Services Delivery plan (WSDP).

Mr Benadie responded to questions that the critical assets are included in the asset management database.

Mr Manning responded to comments that the Water Services Delivery Plan allows for other councils to join over time.

Elected members discussed if recommendations 7 and 8 were still needed as Ruapehu District Council has made its decision to remain with Whanganui. The general consensus was that elected members want to remain open to other councils joining the water services council controlled organisation in the future, but specific reference via resolution was not required.

Resolved minute number 25/RDC/225

That Rangitīkei District Council receives the report 'Local Water Done Well: Adoption of the joint Water Services Delivery Plan.

HWTM/Cr F Dalgety. Carried

Resolved minute number 25/RDC/226

That Rangitīkei District Council notes that Horowhenua District Council and Palmerston North City Council have both made their decisions on the joint Water Services Delivery Plan by 14 August 2025.

Cr D Wilson/Cr G Duncan. Carried

Resolved minute number 25/RDC/227

That Rangitīkei District Council adopts the joint Water Services Delivery Plan, attached to this report.

HWTM/Cr D Wilson. Carried

Resolved minute number 25/RDC/228

That Rangitīkei District Council authorises the Chief Executive to make minor changes (if required, and in conjunction with Horowhenua District Council and Palmerston North City Council) to the joint Water Services Delivery Plan to allow for certification and joint submission prior to 3 September, and (in conjunction with the Chief Executives of Horowhenua District Council and Palmerston North City Council), to make changes to address any minor comments from the Department of Internal Affairs following submission of the Plan.

Cr D Wilson/Cr B Carter. Carried

Resolved minute number 25/RDC/229

That Rangitīkei District Council directs the Chief Executive to certify the joint Water Services Delivery Plan, allowing for any minor changes to be made, before jointly submitting the Water Services Delivery Plan with the Chief Executives of Horowhenua District Council and Palmerston North City Council to the Secretary for Local Government on or before 3 September 2025.

HWTM/Cr D Wilson. Carried

Resolved minute number 25/RDC/230

That Rangitīkei District Council delegates to the Chief Executive the authority to enter into and sign, on behalf of the Council, the Collaboration Agreement with Horowhenua District Council and Palmerston North City Council that will provide for the operational guidelines and individual Council commitments on how the decision to establish the joint WS-CCO will be enacted, noting that there will be a Council workshop before the Collaboration Agreement is signed.

Cr F Dalgety/Cr G Duncan. Carried

Resolved minute number 25/RDC/231

That Council removes Recommendation 7 and Recommendation 8.

Cr D Wilson/Cr S Loudon. Carried

The meeting closed at 10.36am

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 28 August 2025.

Chairperson

7 Follow-up Action Items from Previous Meetings

7.1 Follow-up Action Items from Council Meetings

Author: Kezia Spence, Governance Advisor

1. Reason for Report

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

2. Decision Making Process

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

Attachments:

1. Follow-up Actions Register <a>J

Recommendation

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

	From Meeting				
em	Date	Details	Person Assigned	Status Comments	Status
				Because the resource consent is already in progress the submitters will still	
1	31-Jul-25	Ratana WW consent - with RM Reforms does that mean those two submitters are part of that appeal?	Arno	be part of the appeal.	Completed
2	29-May-25	Timeline of Marton Water Strategy be included in a projects update to Council.	Arno	Will be included in the Projects Update report once finalised.	In progress
2	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
	27-10101-23	opportunities for the fand and flow they might relate to the reasonity assessments occurring flow	AIIIO	No upuate at this stage.	iii progress
4	26-Feb-25	MOU Scotts Ferry	Carol / Arno	A further update with options for a decision is provided in this agenda.	Completed
	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 be unbudgeted. It 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 - August 2025

Author: Andy Watson, His Worship the Mayor

Good afternoon

I'd like to start by mentioning the Community Social Services Expo that took place in Marton last weekend, Saturday 23 August at the Memorial Hall. The event involved around 25 providers of social services in our district talking about what they can provide in the way of support to our community and was made possible by the actions of Cherie from Marton & Districts Budget Service. I also note with pleasure that at the recent "Stronger Together, Tātou Kaha National Forum" in Auckland, Cherie was officially recognised and received an award as one of two outstanding Financial Mentors within New Zealand. I think there are about 700 people working in this field and to have somebody like Cherie from a small rural town being recognised in this way is simply outstanding. Congratulations!



Award Winners - Cherie Ross-Broadbent (left) and Jos Merwood.

Local Water Done Well

This Mayoral Report was written on 21 August and was the day that Horowhenua, Palmerston North and Rangitīkei District Councils officially signed off the Water Services Delivery Plan to be sent to Government. This is a significant milestone in our history. We will continue to own these assets but the new water shared business will save significant money easing pressure on rates in the future. I thank councillors and staff for their work - this document represents as huge commitment of time.

The work ahead of us will also be significant but I am comfortable that we have the team in the three councils to achieve it. I suspect within the next few years there will be other councils joining us.

During the month the combined Iwi of the three districts met to work out how they can sit alongside us in this journey. It was a productive congenial hui with a genuine desire from all parties to consider how we go about this.

We are fortunate to have Chris Dyhrberg from Palmerston North City Council leading the set-up of the new entity. Chris has the experience, impressive technical skills and an approachable manner. Each council of the three councils has different strengths and all are contributing equally.

There have been a number of important meetings held over the last month and these are -

- 1. The Regional Commander of Police Superintendent Dion Bennett has met with me and has offered a genuine conversation around the future of policing needs in Hunterville. He has agreed to meet with a selected group of Hunterville people in September to continue this conversation. There will be a service provided from Marton in the interim, but absolutely Hunterville based, in the way of a community police officer. This trial could take a considerable length of time, around 8-9 moths and it will provide opportunities for discussion about what the final arrangements will be. We need to enter these discussions in a positive mindset to best cater with both an operational and community outcomes lens.
- 2. I attended a meeting last week in Taihape with about 60-65 concerned residents around the Taihape West Slip Overlay. Their concerns are that the slip hasn't moved for a considerable length of time and their properties within this area are subject to specific rules under the Rangitīkei District Plan which effectively prevent new dwellings being constructed or properties being subdivided. These provisions are in place to help manage the risk of movement of the slip and potential damage to property and/or infrastructure. Certainly these restrictions bring difficulties in insurance and makes it harder to sell properties. Council absolutely understands their concerns. I suspect that they will formally ask Council to review the zoning and I have suggested that if they do that it needs to be a collective approach. They are under no illusions around the difficulties of the process they will face and the time it will take to consider this. I thank Councillor Jeff Wong for being the liaison between these groups and myself and Council. Timing means that this will inevitably be faced by the new Council and new councillors will take some time to understand and consider how this may or may not progress.
- 3. Quite some time ago I negotiated a deal between KiwiRail, Ports of Napier, NZTA, forestry owners and trucking interests with regard to logs being carted over the Gentle Annie from the mills at Tangiwai to Napier. This was causing unsustainable damage for our district and I suggested an agreement needed to be put in place where those logs were transported by rail. Commonsense played out and a business arrangement was entered into where those logs (between 700-1000 tonne a day) were transported by rail. That agreement ceases at Christmas and the relative parties are now approaching me to get everybody back together to see what can be done for the future. On 20 August I travelled over the Gentle Annie Road to Hastings and met with Hastings District Council who are also party in these discussions and who share my concerns about both the immediate need for rebuilds of part of this road and the long term future. This is a challenging conversation for a Government that has no available money for roading other than roads of national significance. It will be a battle but it's certainly one that needs to be taken up. Currently a section of the road on our side of the divide has suffered significant damage that cannot be repaired until the summer months and will come at considerable cost. This damage is caused not only by logging trucks but from the high volume of heavy freight that is causing significant stress. Officers from Hastings District Council and Darryn Black, Roading Manager representing our roading interests will have discussions with

contractors and we need to take that political discussion further with NZTA – something that is certainly on my horizon. I have attached a letter sent to Minister Bishop on 30 July expressing our concerns about the road and also housing issues in the southern part of our district that are directly impacted by the recently announced Government direction to stop all planning processes due to RMA changes.

- 4. Over the last month there have been a series of River Catchment Collective meetings throughout the Rangitīkei. I appreciate the other councillors who also attended the meetings because they are incredibly important. These meetings have been set up by the farming sector, largely because they were seen over the last few years as the ones to blame for the poor quality of our waterways. With that in mind people like Roger Dalrymple set about understanding the rivers, getting farmers together and taking some responsibility for their catchments. This has resulted in huge areas being fenced off and planted and the catchment collectives (of which there are several within the district) have undertaken regular water monitoring at their own cost by way of levy on their own membership. To put this in perspective as I understand it, they do more river monitoring in the Rangitīkei than Horizons do. The catchment collective looks at not only the river quality but also what other environmental issues they can consider such as Old Man's Beard and pest eradication e.g. the feral deer herds in our district in some areas are out of control. They are doing outstanding work and I absolutely commend them for this. Their work is now being recognised by Government across both parties with extra funding coming in to support them.
- 5. On 18 August I attended the Ngā Wai Tōtā hui in Whanganui. There are a number of Trusts, Iwi and Councils that border the Whangaehu Awa, along with the Regional Council. These groups have a legal responsibility to look after, promote and care for the Whangaehu River Catchment in much the same way that the Whanganui Awa has an identity. This was the third hui of which there will probably be one every two months, to develop the strategy as to how this proceeds, how it will be resourced and how we look to the future. There will be financial resourcing needs from the Councils in the future, however at the moment Horizons Regional Council have the responsibility to provide for these meetings.

For me this has really been a learning journey. The inaugural hui was over two days based at Tirorangi Marae in Ohakune with the first day being a field trip. As you head up State Highway 1 on the Desert Road you look across the Mount Ruapehu and what you don't realise is the huge number of tributaries that flow from the mountain, many of which are underground water sources. These catchments are collected, piped back under the road to feed power generation that our country desperately needs. As the Whangaehu Awa heads towards our western coast it runs down through vast areas of forestry emerging at Tangiwai, the site of the rail disaster in 1953. Along its journey, the Awa provides much needed resources for agriculture, industry and tourism. Understanding how this will all fit together in the future is critical and we have not only a legal responsibility to be part of all discussions but also certainly an environmental stewardship or kaitiakitanga.

Mayor's Engagements

August 2025

2	Attended Devils on Horses Premier
4	Attended meeting with Chief Executive

	Attended new staff whakawhanaungatanga
	Attended tripartite monthly mayor meeting
5	Attended weekly meeting with Deputy Mayor
6	Attended meeting with Chief Executive
	Attended monthly Governors Q&A session with Executive Leadership Team
7	Attended Working Group meeting for National Direction Package 4
	Attended Council Workshop
	Attended Turakina Community Committee meeting
8	Attended meeting with Chief Executive
	Attended fortnightly economic development meeting with staff
	Attended Bulls Friendship Club meeting
9	Attended Marton Fire Brigade Honours Night
11	Attended meeting with Deputy Chief Executive
	Attended LGNZ Transport Forum online meeting
	Attended Zone 3 November Hui online preparation meeting
	Attended Hunterville Rural Water Scheme Meeting
	Attended LWDW Follow-up Hui
	Attended Hunterville Community Committee Meeting
	Attended Taihape Fire Brigade Training Night to present award to Curly Troon
12	Attended Regional Transport Matters Regional Chiefs Matters fortnightly online meeting
	Attended Te Roopuu Ahi Kaa Komiti meeting
	Attended Rangitikei River Catchment Collective meeting in Taihape
	Attended weekly meeting with Deputy Mayor
13	Attended fortnightly Marton Water Strategy meeting with governors and staff
	Attended Taihape West Slip Zone community meeting in Taihape
	Attended Taihape Community Board meeting
14	Attended Marton Office & Library Project Governance Fortnightly meeting
	Attended LWDW Council Meeting
	Attended Assets & Infrastructure Committee workshop
	Attended Phil Transom's funeral in Taihape
	Attended DTHL After 5 function in Bulls
15	Attended meeting with Deputy Chief Executive
	Attended Regional Relationship meeting with NZTA
	Attended meeting with MSD staff in Palmerston North
	Attended meeting with Denise Pio (Aspiring Leaders Forum attendee)
18	Attended Ngā Wai Tōtā hui in Whanganui
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19	Attended meeting with Chief Executive
	Attended LWDW lwi Hui at Te Rangimarie Marae Rangiotu
	Attended weekly meeting with Deputy Mayor
20	Attended meeting with Mayor Sandra Hazlehurst Hastings District Council
21	Attended signing of Water Services Delivery Plan
22	Attended meeting with Chief Executive
	Attended MTFJ Governance Group online meeting
	Attended A35 Lead Team Meeting
	Attended Fortnightly Economic Development meeting with staff
23	Attended Marton Budget Services Social Services Expo at Memorial Hall
25	Attended breakfast meeting with Mayor Helen Worboys
	Attended meeting with Chief Executive
	Attended monthly comms meeting with staff
	Attended MTFJ Programme online update
26	Attended Regional Transport Matters Regional Chiefs Matters fortnightly online meeting
	Attended weekly meeting with Deputy Mayor
27	Attended meeting with Chief Executive
	Attended fortnightly meeting with governors and staff re Marton Water Strategy
	Attended LWDW Online Workshop on Collaboration Agreement
	Attended Santoft Domain Management Committee meeting
28	Attended Marton Office & Library Project Governance Fortnightly Meeting
	Attended Finance/Performance Committee Meeting
	Attended Council Meeting

Attachments:

- 1. Letter to Minister Bishop RMA & Roading Issues in the Rangitikei District J
- 2. Elected Member Attendance J

Recommendation

That the Mayor's Report – August 2025 be received.



30 July 2025

Hon Chris Bishop

cc Mayor – Hastings District Council Suze Redmayne MP

C.Bishop@ministers.govt.nz

Good afternoon Minister Bishop

I wish to ask for an urgent meeting to discuss two issues of great concern to the Rangitikei.

Housing

Recently you chose to effect a stop on planning processes due to the impending changes to the RMA process. I can understand that reasoning but it impacts heavily on our situation. Housing in the southern areas of the Rangitikei surrounding Bulls and Marton in particular is in high demand and I attach a planner's description of where we are at in that process. Over the last two weeks I have also been approached by NZ Defence, in particular the Air Force based at Ohakea, with a need for replacement of significant housing stock in Bulls. Nearly one-third of housing in Bulls is defence force housing for Ohakea. As I understand it, there is an urgent need to comply with both housing needs and the national direction to increase the percentage of GDP spent on defence. Our plan change needs to sit alongside that process.

2. Roading

The "Gentle Annie" Road is a regional connecting road of 130kms between Hawkes Bay and Taihape. It is extensively used for freight and serves as an alternative route during many weather events. Last year I arranged a meeting with KiwiRail, NZTA, Ports of Napier and forestry interests because of extensive damage to the road. I brokered a deal where between 800-1000 tonnes of logs per day would be sent by rail. That deal runs out at the end of this year. With the closure of the Tangiwai Mills all of those logs continue to be transported to Napier. In spite of these efforts, the road has continued to deteriorate and needs urgent work.

Minister, all sectors agree that this road should be treated in some form as part of the national roading network. Urgent work is needed on this road this summer but to fund this from Council's existing budget allocation and approved NZTA roading programme would mean that significant maintenance elsewhere on our network would be impossible for the next couple of years. The Hastings District Council and ourselves have tried to get this road recognised nationally for years and I copy Hastings into this advice. Our district needs direction and support here as we are unable to continue funding this road in the foreseeable future.

I am prepared to travel to Wellington to meet with you to discuss these matters further.

Yours faithfully

Andy Watson

Mayor - Rangitīkei District

Making this place home.

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9 Chief Executive's Report

9.1 Chief Executive's Report - August 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 There were no events booked in our parks, reserves and green spaces for July 2025.

3. Staff Movements

3.1 There were no staff entries or exits in July 2025.

4. Health, Safety and Wellbeing Dashboard

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

5. Consultation Tracker Dashboard

5.1 At this stage, there are no public consultations planned for the remainder of 2024. For this reason, we have removed the Consultation Tracker dashboard from this report. It will be reintroduced when there are planned consultations.

6. Submissions

- 6.1 The updated list of current opportunities to submit on to external agencies is attached (Attachment 2).
- 6.2 Consultations submitted on:
 - 6.2.1 In the past month Council submitted on the Resource Management Act (RMA) National Direction Packages 1-3 and the National Direction Package 4: Going for Housing Growth. These submissions can be found on Council's <u>website</u>.
- 6.3 Consultations for submission:
 - 6.3.1 A submission will be drafted for the consultation on the Local Government (Systems Improvements) Amendment Bill which closes on 27 August. This submission will be made available on Council's website once it is submitted.

7. Annual Report to the Alcohol and Regulatory Licensing Authority for the year ending 30 June 2025

7.1 Section 199 of the Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act 2012 requires an annual report to be submitted from the District Licensing Committee to the Alcohol Regulatory and Licensing Authority (which is the Council). The report to 30 June 2025 is attached (Attachment 3). This will also feature on Council's website once its been received by Council.

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8. Local Water Done Well - Update

- 8.1 A regular section will be added to this report each month to provide Council with an update on Local Water Done Well (LWDW). The update for Autust is provided in detail below.
- 8.2 The Water Services Delivery Plan was signed by the Chief Executives of Horowhenua District Council, Palmerston North City Council and Rangitikei District Council on 21 August 2025. The document was also submitted to the Department of Internal Affairs on the same day. This is well before the deadline of 03 September 2025.
- 8.3 Two hui with Rangitikei iwi were held during the month, these were attended by iwi representatives, staff and elected members. Chris Dyhrberg, Executive Director presented at both the hui and they were very productive meetings.
- 8.4 A joint iwi hui was held on 19 August at Te Rangimarie Marae, Rangiotu. This was a very productive hui, with iwi advising they will form a Technical Group, to be made up from iwi across the three districts. One of the topics raised at the hui was whether there was resourcing available for iwi involvement in LWDW. It was agreed by the three councils there would be, and the technical group were asked to come back to the three councils on what this might look like.
- 8.5 The three phases of the establishment plan are:
 - 8.5.1 Phase 1: Legal establishment of the entity by 1 July 2026
 - 8.5.2 Phase 2: Operational establishment by 1 July 2027
 - 8.5.3 Phase 3: Operational from 1 July 2027
- 8.6 Now that the Delivery Plan has been signed work continues on the next stages. Phase 1 work plan, includes:
 - 8.6.1 Water Services Delivery Plan now completed
 - 8.6.2 Collaboration Agreement this sets out how the councils will work together to develop and establish the WS-CCO. A joint workshop has been set for 27 August to progress this.
 - 8.6.3 Commercial Terms Sheet this sets out key elements that the shareholder council need to agree to. A first draft of this document will soon be considered by CEs and will be completed by the end of 2025.
 - 8.6.4 Foundation Documents (Shareholders Agreement and Constitution) will be agreed by early 2026.
 - 8.6.5 Shareholders Council will be set up by early 2026.
 - 8.6.6 Water Services Council Controlled Organisation (WS-CCO) Establishment Board to be appointed by mid 2026.
 - 8.6.7 WS-CCO Establishment CEO to be appointed by mid 2026.
 - 8.6.8 Financing arrangements agreed to by mid 2026.
 - 8.6.9 A reminder that the assumed transfer date is 1 July 2027.
- 8.7 Alongside the work outlined above Council needs to document all the assets that will transfer to the new entity and the responsibilities for providing water services, resource consents and associated rights and functions, contracts (including service agreements

between the Council and any other person), and relevant liabilities. In addition, the transfer agreement needs to provide:

- 8.7.1 details of water services infrastructure that will not transfer,
- 8.7.2 specify how the Council will work with the WS-CCO in performing its functions as a Building Consent Authority, over land use planning and resource management planning and in relation to emergency management, and
- 8.7.3 set out arrangements to be put in place for charging and revenue collection for water services being transferred and, if the Council will continue doing the collection, how that revenue will be passed onto the WS-CCO and for how long that arrangement is to last.
- 8.7.4 Council must adopt the transfer agreement by resolution.
- 8.8 Council will need to identify staff whose employment relates more to the water services being transferred than to the functions remaining with Council, and work with staff on understanding what this will mean under a WS-CCO.

9. Financial Implications

9.1 There are no significant financial implications associated with this report.

10. Impact on Strategic Risks

- 10.1 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.
- 10.2 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.

11. Strategic Alignment

11.1 There are no significant matters that impact on Council's Strategic Framework associated with this report.

12. Mana Whenua Implications

- 12.1 Members of the Te Rōpū Ahi Kā Komiti receive the submission list and, if time allows, asked for input into specific draft submissions.
- 12.2 Iwi play a key part in Local Water Done Well and the next stages of forming the Water Services CCO having iwi input early into this is a vital and important step in the formation of this.
- 12.3 There are no other known mana whenua implications associated with this report.

13. Climate Change Impacts and Consideration

13.1 There are no other climate change impacts associated with this report.

14. Statutory Implications

- 14.1 Local Water Done Well is a requirement under the Local Government (Water Services) Bill and the regular update is provided to keep Council informed.
- 14.2 Section 199 of the Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act 2012 requires an annual report to be submitted, this report meets that requirement.

15. Decision Making Process

15.1 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 July 2025 U
- 2. Submissions August 2025 J
- 3. ARLA Report year ending 30 June 2025 U

Recommendation 1

That the Chief Executive's Report – August 2025 be received.

Recommendation 2

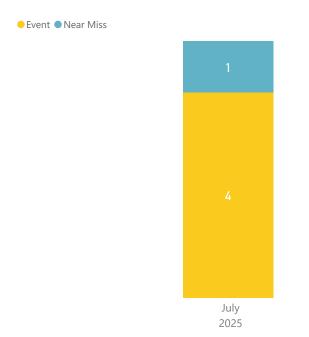
That the report 'Annual Report to the Alcohol and Regulatory Licensing Authority for the year ending 30 June 2025' be received.

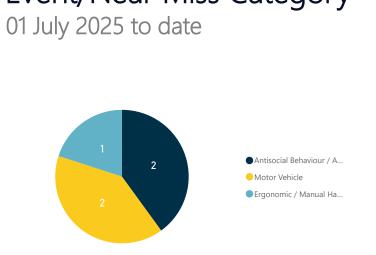


RDC Health and Safety Dashboard July 2025

Events, Hazards and Near Misses | Event/Near Miss Category

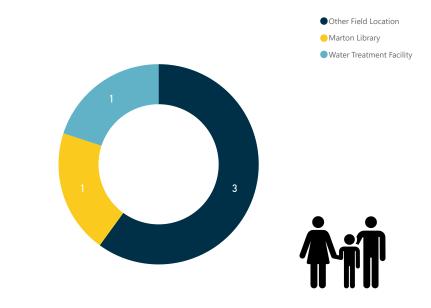






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Events, Hazards and Near Misses



Summary of Month



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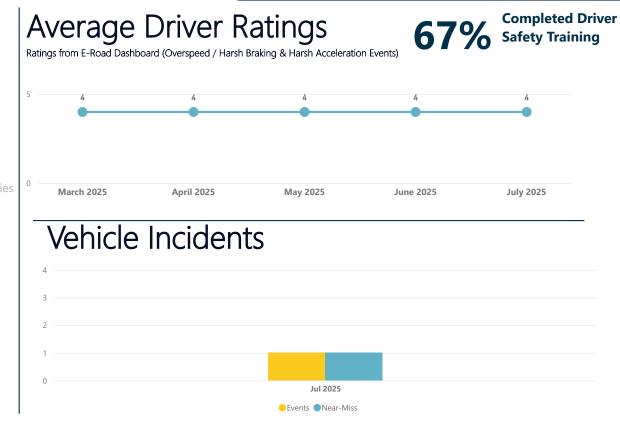
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July Wellbeing News

Mole Maps

Our Wellbeing Programme – Hauora Ake provides for annual Mole Maps, at no cost to staff. Mole Maps are a great way to monitor the harmful effects of the NZ sun, and we encourage you to take up this opportunity. We're running on-site clinics in Marton in October, November and December, or we can give you a voucher to attend a clinic in Palmerston North or Whanganui. Please contact Matt or Chelsea for bookings, vouchers or more information.

Winter Illness

Theres some nasty bugs winter bugs going around at the moment, and this is a reminder to please stay home if you are sick. Buccaline Tablets are still available for collection from Bulls, Marton and Taihape pharmacies, and we have a limited amount of Covid tests available in the People and Culture Office – however, please don't come in to collect these if you are symptomatic.

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Current Consultations

Name of Initiative	Agency	Due Date	Description	Proposed RDC
muative	Engaging	Date		Action
Currently Oper	n for Submissio	ns		
Local Government (System Improvements) Amendment Bill	Parliament Governance and Administration Committee	27 August	This primary policy objective of this bill is to reduce pressure on council rates by refocusing the purpose of local government, better measuring and publicising council performance, prioritising core services in council spending, strengthening council accountability and transparency, and providing regulatory relief to councils.	Submit
Building Resilience to Hazards Long- term Insights Briefing	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet & Ministry for the Environment	27 August	Building New Zealand's long-term resilience to hazards, such as severe weather, pandemics, volcanic activity, and earthquakes.	None
Reserve Management Plan	Heritage NZ	12 September	The Minister of Conservation has appointed Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga (HNZPT) to manage 18 public historic and recreation reserves and 4 private historic reserves A Reserve Management Plan (RMP) is required these reserves (Reserves Act 1977 s.41). These 22 reserves have historic buildings, structures or remains on them and are integral to management of the relevant historic properties administered and managed by HNZPT. Includes Tikirere Mill Race - Te Moehau Road, Moawhango, Taihape	None

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Regulatory	Governance	4	A wide range of Acts amended, including Local	None
Systems	and	September	Government (Members Interests) Act 1968:	
(Internal Affairs)	Administration	·	Clause 137 amends section 3 of the principal	
Amendment Bill	Select		Act, which provides that a person may not be	
	Committee		elected or appointed as a member of a local	
			authority or a committee of a local authority if	
			the total payments made by the local authority	
			for contracts in which the person is concerned	
			or interested exceeds \$25,000 in a financial	
			year. The amendment increases that threshold	
			of \$25,000 to \$100,000, excluding GST.	
Antisocial Road	Parliamentary	30	The single broad policy of the Bill is to deter	None
Use Legislation	Justice	September	antisocial driving behaviour that negatively	
Amendment Bill	Committee		affects road and community safety in New	
https://www.leg			Zealand, including fleeing from Police, illegal	
islation.govt.nz/			street racing, dirt bike gatherings, frightening or	
bill/government			intimidating convoys, and excessive noise. The	
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<u>0/LMS1460409.</u>			with Standing Order 267(1)(a) as the provisions	
<u>html</u>			deal with an interrelated topic that can be	
			regarded as implementing a single broad policy.	
			Amendments are proposed to the Land	
			Transport Act 1998, the Sentencing Act 2002	
			and the Policing Act 2008.	

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Rangitikei District Council

District Licensing Committee

Annual Report to the Alcohol and Regulatory Licensing Authority for the year ending 30 June 2025

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Section 199 of the Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act 2012 requires an annual report to be submitted from the District Licensing Committee to the Alcohol Regulatory and Licensing Authority

The Committee comprises:

Commissioner: Stuart Hylton

Deputy Chair Andy Watson, Mayor of the Rangitikei District

Members: Chalky Leary

Cr Jeffery Wong

The Committee is supported as follows:

Secretary Johan Cullis Inspector Vicki Reed Administrator Rochelle Baird

Staff training

The Inspector is attending the NZILLI Conference every year which as a learning tool is invaluable and collaboration with other agencies and TA's is always interesting, you always come away with ideas on how to work faster and smarter.

Committee Training

There are regular emails from the District Licensing News group which are sent to the DLC Committee.

The Committee Chairman is Chairman in three other Districts in the lower North Island which allows for continuity and learnings across the respective District Licensing Committee's. With having so few matters which require to be determined via formal hearing, a recent hearing of some complexity allowed the Committee and staff to review its practices and reflect on lessons learnt.

DLC Initiatives

Over the past 12 months the Inspector has attended monthly alcohol regulatory meetings with surrounding TA's, they are found to be very beneficial and are a good chance to network with Police and MOH Compliance Officers on a one to one basis.

Local Alcohol Policy

The Rangitikei District Council has not adopted such a policy. Accordingly the default provisions of the Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act 2012 apply.

Current legislation

The Committee has no comment on the requirements of the Act.

Statistical information

The following pages outline the applications received during the year and the current listing of licensed premises

The report also lists the District's current licensed premises.

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Licence Application 1 July 2024 – 30 June 2025

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Application Type	Number Received in Fee Category Very Low	Number Received in Fee Category Low	Number Received in Fee Category Medium	Number Received in Fee Category High	Number Received in Fee Category Very High
On Licence New					
On Licence Renew			5	2	
On Licence Variation					
Off Licence New					
Off licence Renew			10		
Off Licence Variation					
Club Licence New					
Club Licence Renew	8				
Club Licence Variation					
Total Number	8		15	2	
ARLA Fee	\$17.25	\$34.50	\$51.75	\$86.25	\$172.50
Total Fee paid to ARLA	\$138.00		\$776.25	\$172.50	

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Annual Fees for Existing licences received:

Licence Type	Number received In fee category very low	Number received in fee category low	Number received in fee category medium	Number received in fee category High	Number received in fee category very high
On-Licence			5	2	
Off-Licence			10		
Club Licence	8				
Total Number	8		15	2	
ARLA FEE	\$17.25	\$34.50	\$51.75	\$86.25	\$172.50
Total fee paid	\$138.00		\$776.25	\$172.50	
to					
ARLA (GST					
Incl.)					

Managers Certificates Received

	Number Received
Managers Certificate New	16
Managers Certificate Renewal	43
TOTAL	59
ARLA FEE	\$28.75
Total fee paid to ARLA	\$1696.25

Specials Licences Received

Number
2
12
31
46

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Temporary Authority applications

Off Licences

37/OFF/0011/2016	DJL Investments Limited	23/08/2024
37/OFF/0026/2025	Marton FreshChoice	14/11/2024
37/OFF/0026/2025	Marton Freshchoice	08/02/2025
37/OFF/0029/2025	Captain Cooks Bar and Café	06/12/2024
37/OFF/0029/2025	Captain Cooks Bar and Café	06/03/2025
O37/OFF/0029/2025	Captain Cooks Bar and Café	23/05/2025
37/OFF/0027/2025	New World Taihape	31/01/2025

On Licence

37/ON/0052/2025	Captain Cook Bar & Café	06/12/2024
37/ON/0052/2025	Captain Cook Bar & Café	06/03/2025
37/ON/0053/2025	Argyle Hotel	28/08/2024
37/ON/0053/2025	Argyle Hotel	22/11/2024

Licence No Licence Name

Location

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CLOBS		
37/CL/0017/2016	Utiku Old Boy Rugby Football Club	12 Kokako Street, Taihape
37/CL/0002/2014	Bulls RSA	55 High Street, Bulls
37/CL/0022/2023	Bulls Rugby Football & Sports Club	Domain Road, Bulls
37/CL/0021/2024	Taihape Squash Rackets Club	12 Kokako Street, Taihape
37/CL/0004/2014	Bulls Bowling Club	18 Criterion Street, Bulls
37/CL/0013/2015	Rangitikei Squash Club	443 Wellington Road, Marton
37/CL/0012/2015	Marton Golf Club	432 Santoft Road, Marton
37/CL/0010/2015	Marton Bowling Club	3 Hereford Street, Marton
37/CL/0011/2015	Hawkestone Golf Club	252 Kakariki Road, Marton
37/CL/0014/2015	Rangitikei Golf Club	56 Raumai Road, Bulls
37/CL/0015/2015	Rangatira Golf Club	4561 SH1, Hunterville
37/CL/0009/2015	Taihape Golf Club	90 Golf Club Road, Taihape
37/CL/0003/2014	Hunterville Rugby Football Club	3-29 Paraekaretu Street, Hunterville
37/CL/0006/2014	Taihape Workingmens Club	34 Kuku Street, Taihape
37/CL/0016/2016	Marton Rugby & Sports Club	6 Follett Street, Marton
37CL/0018/2016	Rangiwaea Social Club	133 Koukoupo Road, Taihape
37/CL/0007/2015	Taihape Rugby & Sports Club	34 Kuku Street, Taihape
37/CL/0020/2024	Hunterville Squash Club	3-29 Paraekaretu Street, Hunterville

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On Licence

37/ON/0047/2024 Rangitikei Tavern 144 Bridge Street, Bulls 37/ON/0037/2005 Station Hotel 22-24 High Street, Hunterville 37/ON/0019/2016 **River Valley Ventures** 114B Mangahoata Road, Hunterville 14-18 Lower High Street, Marton 37/ON/0016/2015 **Mad Toms** 37/ON/0004/2014 Flat Hills (2005) Ltd 5733 SH1, Hunterville 37/ON/0035/2020 Moomaa Café 1833 SH1, Marton 37/ON/0026/2019 Café le Telephonique 8 Huia Street, Taihape 37/ON/0030/2019 115-119 Hautapu Street, Taihape Gretna Hotel 37/ON0032/2019 Ohingaiti Truck Stop 2 Onslow Street, Ohingaiti **Dukes Roadhouse** 37/ON/0037/2021 2 Koraenui Street, Mangaweka 37/ON/0043/2023 La Bull 119 Bridge Street, Bulls 37/ON/0041/2023 Four Doors Down 267 Broadway, Marton 37/ON/0043/2023 **Roast Cottage** 57-59 Hautapu Street, Taihape 37/ON/0049/2024 3 High Street Coffee House 3 High Street, Marton 37/ON/0046/2024 **Antons Bar** 255 Broadway, Marton Club Hotel 37/ON/0048/2024 17-19 High Street, Marton 37/ON/50/2024 Aamod Indian Restaurant 83A High Street, Bulls 37/ON/0051/2024 Hunger Hutt 105 Hautapu Street Taihape 297 Broadway, Marton 37/ON/0052/2025 Captain Cooks Bar & Café

Off Licences

Off Licences		
37/OFF/0001/2014	Bulls Liquor Centre	158 Bridge Street, Bulls
37/OFF/0003/2014	Marton New World	423 Wellington Road, Marton
37/OFF/0060/2013	Marton Bottle Store	188 Broadway, Marton
37/OFF/0005/2014	Marton Bottle Store	6 Hammond Street, Marton
37/OFF/0007/2015	Taylors (1998) Ltd	4 Milne Street, Hunterville
37/OFF/0011/2016	Countdown Marton	280-284 Broadway, Marton
37/OFF/0012/2016	Taihape Liquorland	120 Hautapu Street, Taihape
37/OFF/0019/2021	Quickstop Grocery	107-109 Hautapu Street, Taihape
37/OFF/0020/2022	Taihape New World	112-114 Hautapu Street, Taihape
37/OFF/0022/2023	Bottle O	17 Mataroa Road, Taihape
37/OFF/0023/2024	Captain Cooks	297-303 Broadway, Marton
37/OFF/0024/2024	Foursquare Bulls	92-102 Bridge Street, Bulls
37/OFF/0025/2024	Rangitikei Tavern	144 Bridge Street, Bulls

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10 Reports for Decision

10.1 Overview of the "plan stop" and its implications for the review of the Rangitikei District Plan

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1. Reason for Report

- 1.1 Subsequent to the Government's "plan stop" announcement, officers are seeking confirmation from Council to cease work on the full, sectional review of the Rangitīkei District Plan with the exception of Proposed Plan Change 3 Urban Growth (PPC3).
- 1.2 Officers are also seeking direction on whether or not the Council would like to continue work on PPC3 with a view of applying for an exemption to the *plan stop*.

2. Context

Overview Proposed Plan Change 3:

- 2.1 As Council is aware, officers have been working on the preparation of PPC3. The purpose of this plan change is to provide for urban growth across the district over the next 30 years.
- 2.2 This plan change focuses on the Residential and Rural Lifestyle zones within the Rangitīkei District Plan. PPC3 includes looking at how to better provide for intensification of urban development (where appropriate), amending provisions in the Residential and Rural Lifestyle zones that are not working and/or are not achieving their desired outcomes, and was to propose to rezone land to provide for urban greenfield growth where there is an identified need.
- 2.3 Officers had undertaken efficiency and effectiveness monitoring to inform this plan change. A range of technical assessments have either been completed for the growth areas or are well advanced.
- 2.4 Officers have commenced engagement with landowners within the growth areas being assessed. Informal engagement has been undertaken with Ngā Wairiki Ngāti Apa and Ngāti Parewahawaha and officers have reached out with offers to meet with representatives of Ngāti Hauiti. Engagement has also taken place with key agencies including NZTA Waka Kotahi and Horizons Regional Council.

Reform of the planning system and the "plan stop":

- 2.5 The Government is committed to repealing the Resource Management Act 1991 (RMA) and introducing a new planning system. The reform of the planning system is being done in three phases.
- 2.6 Phase One was the repeal of the Natural and Built Environment Act and Spatial Planning Act which were enacted by the previous Government.
- 2.7 Phase Two is well underway with the enactment of the Fast-track Approvals Act 2024, advancing amendments to the RMA, and progression of National Direction packages 1-4.

- 2.8 Phase Three will be the replacement of the RMA with a new two-Act framework consisting of the Planning Act and Natural Environment Act, which are currently still under development.
- 2.9 On 16 July 2025 the Government announced a "plan stop". The purpose of the *plan stop* is to stop councils from progressing "unnecessary" plan and regional policy statement work. The intent is to "free up council resources so they can focus on preparing for the new system".
- 2.10 The *plan stop* has been formerly incorporated into the Resource Management (Consenting and Other System Changes) Amendment Bill (the Amendment Bill) which had its third reading on 14 August 2025 and, at the time of writing this report, is awaiting enactment.

2.11 The plan stop will:

- suspend the requirement for councils to undertake 10-year plan or policy statement reviews;
- suspend the requirement for councils to implement the National Planning Standards; and
- include an extension of the restriction on notifying freshwater planning instruments for a further two years to 31 December 2027.
- 2.12 The *plan stop* will prohibit the notification of new plan or regional policy statement reviews, changes, or variations. This includes proposed plans or regional policy statements that are already notified but have not reached the hearings stage.
- 2.13 There are some automatic exemptions to the *plan stop* (i.e. work can continue) and these are provided for in section 80T(2) of the Amendment Bill and include: streamlined planning processes; intensification streamlined planning processes; private plan changes; changes to implement new national direction provisions where the national direction specifies that its implementation, or parts of its implementation, are to occur through a plan-making process before 31 December 2027; a proposed planning instrument or draft planning instrument, using the freshwater planning process to give effect to the National Policy Statement for Freshwater Management 2020; plan changes and reviews which are directed by the Minister or called in as a proposal of national significance; any plan changes to the Minister of Conservation's Regional Coastal Plan for the Kermadec and Subantarctic Islands; proposed plans, or parts of proposed plans, related to natural hazards; and proposed plans, or parts of proposed plans, where that proposal is required by, or gives effect to, an obligation in:
 - Treaty settlement legislation or Deeds;
 - The Ngā Rohe Moana o Ngā Hapū o Ngāti Porou Act 2019; and
 - The Marine and Coastal (Takutai Moana) Act 2011.
- 2.14 Section 80U of the Amendment Bill provides for local authorities to apply to the Minister for the Environment (the Minister) for a plan stop exemption to continue necessary plan and policy statement work. The Minister will have the discretion to approve or decline (either in whole or in part). The Ministry for the Environment (MfE) has signalled that guidance will be provided on the process for applications in the coming months.

2.15 Section 80V(2) outlines criteria that an application must meet in order for a local authority to be able to apply for an exemption to the *plan stop*.

3. Discussion and Options

- 3.1 The *plan stop* does have implications for the Council's planned sectional review of the Rangitikei District Plan. This review has commenced with the preparation of PPC3, and with the intention to move through the review of other sections of the District Plan based on Council's priorities.
- 3.2 It is officers' recommendation at this time that the full sectional review of the Rangitīkei District Plan does not proceed. Officers note that this should not prevent efficiency and effectiveness monitoring of the Rangitīkei District Plan being undertaken as this will still provide useful information that can be utilised in the new planning system.
- 3.3 Officers also seek specific direction from the Council on PPC3. Work on PPC3 has ceased while officers await direction from the Council. The direction sought is whether the Council would like to endorse that officers continue work on PPC3 with a view to apply for an exemption from the Minister or whether the Council would like work on PPC3 to permanently cease, and these options are explored below.
- 3.4 Officers note that Mayor Andy Watson has written to the Minister and indicated that Council has commenced PPC3 and an exemption would be appropriate for this plan change.

Option A: Continue work on PPC3 and apply for an exemption from the Minister

- 3.5 Under this option officers would recommence work on PPC3 with a view to apply for an exemption from the Minister when this becomes available for us to do so. Section 80V(2) of the Amendment Bill includes criteria for applications for a plan stop exemption and it is officers preliminary view that PPC3 would need to apply for exemption under s80V(2)(h) "enable work to be progressed that, for any other reason, the Minister considers appropriate." This is because PPC3 does not align with any of the other more prescriptive criteria.
- 3.6 Substantial time and resource has been invested in PPC3. Officers are on track to present this proposed plan change to the new Council later this year for adoption for public notification. Notification would occur in mid-to-late January 2026 with a view to progress the plan change to the point of a hearing being held in August 2026.
- 3.7 The primary purpose of this plan change is to provide for urban growth (i.e. provide greater opportunity for intensification within our main towns and rezoning land to provide additional capacity for greenfield development where there is an identified need).
- 3.8 In late 2023, Council adopted "Pae Tawhiti Rangitīkei Beyond", its Spatial Strategy and Community Plan. Pae Tawhiti Rangitīkei Beyond identified towns and settlements throughout the district that currently have a shortfall of residentially zoned land to sufficiently accommodate projected urban growth in the medium to longer term (meaning 10+ years).
- 3.9 PPC3 would propose to rezone land on the urban edge of Marton and Bulls (as the towns experiencing the greatest amount of urban growth) from Rural to Residential to address the identified shortfall. Officers were also considering options for how to provide for greenfield-type development around Mangaweka.

- 3.10 While there is uncertainty around the exemption application process (including timeframes), this plan change aligns well with the Government's priorities to enable housing growth and urban development. Officers could also refine the scope of the plan change to remove parts of the plan change that are not so well aligned with the Government's priorities (e.g. drafting has included amending provisions in the General Residential and Rural Lifestyle zones that are considered outdated).
- 3.11 If work on this plan change continues this will require officer time as well as budgeted expenditure to finalise assessments including the draft Integrated Transport Assessment and the Three Waters Capacity Assessment. Officers also recommend a more detailed flood assessment is undertaken for the BUL03 growth area to better understand whether this growth area is appropriate to be proposed to be rezoned Residential. The cost of this assessment is currently not known as officers will need to seek quotes.
- 3.12 Prior to the plan stop officers had also been exploring obtaining external support with the preparation of the section 32 report and finalising the plan change documents. The Strategy Team is operating under capacity, and this support was intended to be temporary and to ensure the proposed plan change is ready for notification by the end of this year. If work on this plan change continues then it is recommended that this external support is obtained, and the cost of this support would be covered within existing budgets.
- 3.13 There is a risk that the Government could decline an exemption for this plan change. The Council should consider this risk in relation to the officer time and other expenditure required to progress the plan change.

Option B: Permanently cease work on PPC3

- 3.14 This option would mean that officers would not continue to work on PPC3. As outlined above, towns that have an identified shortfall in available land to accommodate urban growth in the medium to longer term, which was to be addressed through the plan change, would continue to have this shortfall until such a time as the new planning system is in place (assuming under the new system the land is rezoned by the body responsible at this time).
- 3.15 Currently there is uncertainty around what role Rangitīkei District Council will have under the new planning system in preparing the "combined District Plan" which will be developed for the region under the new planning system. However, the assessments and work done to-date on PPC3 will be retained by Council and it is possible that these could be utilised once the new system is in place.
- 3.16 Under this option the Strategy Team's work on the Rangitīkei District Plan would be limited to ePlan maintenance, efficiency and effectiveness monitoring, providing policy advice and guidance on the current District Plan provisions, and working with Council and other local authorities in the region to understand and implement the new planning system once it is in place.
- 3.17 If this is the Council's preferred option, then it is recommended that landowners within the growth areas being assessed as part of PPC3 are informed of this decision as well as mana whenua and key stakeholders.

4. Financial Implications

- 4.1 There is budget for PPC3 in the Annual Plan 2025/26 and Council has received funding from the Better Off Fund for the acceleration of this plan change. Officers have not received correspondence from the DIA around the status of this funding following the plan stop announcement.
- 4.2 If work continues on PPC3 this can be done within the existing budget.

5. Impact on Strategic Risks

- 5.1 There are a number of strategic risks associated with PPC3 including:
 - Trust and confidence is tarnished;
 - Insufficient capability and capacity to fulfil agreed commitments; and
 - Changes to government legislation are transformational.
- 5.2 It is possible that different members of the community will not support either Council continuing with PPC3 or equally Council permanently ceasing work on the plan change. Some community members may want to see Council following the Government's direction to stop plan change work and shift our focus towards implementing the new system. Other members of the community have an interest in PPC3 continuing to provide the additional development opportunities. Whichever option the Council decides to pursue, it is recommended that this is clearly communicated to our community, and this will help mitigate trust and confidence in Council being tarnished.
- 5.3 With regards to capacity and capability, the Strategy Team has limited resource and must prioritise how that resource is utilised to ensure that key projects are delivered and Council meets its statutory obligations. If Council continues work on PPC3 then the Strategy Team will utilise external support as required to ensure that this project is progressed.
- 5.4 There is transformation reform underway with the Local Government (System Improvements) Amendment Bill and the signalled repeal of the RMA and move to a new planning system. Officers are actively monitoring and responding to changes as they come through. However, some changes such as the *plan stop* are relatively rapid and require us to be agile as we work through implications for Council and the district.

6. Strategic Alignment

- 6.1 PPC3 has implications for Environmental, Social, Economic, and Cultural Wellbeing. The well-beings are invariably considered as part of the plan change process through technical reports (e.g. ecological assessments and archaeological assessments) and through consultation with affected landowners, key stakeholders, and the wider public. If work on the plan change is not continued and the shortfall of rezoned urban land is not addressed in a timely manner under the new planning system then this could have implications for the Social, Economic and possibly Cultural Wellbeing of the district.
- 6.2 A trusted partner with iwi. Officers have presented to and provided updates to Te Rōpū Ahi Kā for PPC3. Officers have met with Ngā Wairiki Ngāti Apa and Ngāti Parewahawaha and reached out to Ngāti Hauiti for a meeting, as the iwi/hapu with growth areas within their rohe. If PPC3 continues and Council is successful in obtaining an exemption then the plan change will follow the Schedule 1 process outlined in the RMA, which stipulates special consultation with relevant iwi.

6.3 PPC3 strongly aligns with Council's Strategic Priority of Facilitating Growth.

7. Mana Whenua Implications

- 7.1 If work on PPC3 progresses, then officers will continue to engage with mana whenua. This will be in accordance with the requirements of Schedule 1 of the RMA and in line with Council's commitment to be a trusted partner with iwi.
- 7.2 If work on PPC3 is ceased, then officers will update mana whenua when they update landowners and key stakeholders.

8. Climate Change Impacts and Consideration

8.1 If PPC3 progresses then climate change impacts will continue to be considered as part of the development of the plan change. If work on the plan change ceases then there will be no relevant climate change impacts or considerations.

9. Statutory Implications

9.1 The *plan stop* will be enacted as part of the Resource Management (Consenting and Other System Changes) Amendment Bill. To be able to formally progress PPC3 Council will require an exemption from the Minister. The exemption timeframe and process are unclear at the time of this report being written.

10. Decision Making Process

- 10.1 Officers are seeking direction from the Council on whether or not to continue work on PPC3.
- 10.2 If work is to continue then Council will need to apply to the Minister for an exemption to formally continue the plan change. If successful then the plan change will follow a Schedule 1 process.

Recommendation 1

That the report "Overview of the "plan stop" and its implications for the review of the Rangitīkei District Plan" be received.

Recommendation 2

That the Council confirm that the full sectional review of the Rangitīkei District Plan does not proceed.

Recommendation 3

That the Council endorses that work on Proposed Plan Change 3 – Urban Growth continues and that officers apply to the Minister for the Environment for an exemption to the plan stop when this becomes available.

OR

That the Council directs officers to cease work on Proposed Plan Change 3 – Urban Growth and that landowners within the growth areas being assessed as part of plan change are informed of this decision as well as mana whenua and key stakeholders.

10.2 Delegation to Chief Executive during Council's Interregnum

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1. Reason for Report

- 1.1 Elected members are deemed to have vacated their office at the time that the final results for the 2025-28 election are declared by Council's Electoral Officer¹ (likely to be 16 October 2025).
- 1.2 New elected members (including those re-elected) may not act as members of Council until they have been sworn in². The whakatau and swearing in ceremony for the new Council is scheduled for 23 October 2025.
- 1.3 As Council cannot act between these two dates (16 23 October 2025), it is requested that the Chief Executive be delegated authority to make urgent decisions, specifically in relation to matters that may otherwise sit outside of their existing authority.

Recommendation 1

That the report 'Delegation to Chief Executive during Council's Interregnum' be received.

Recommendation 2

That from the day following the Electoral Officer's declaration, until the new Council is sworn in, the Chief Executive be authorised to make decisions in respect of urgent matters, in consultation with the Mayor Elect.

AND

That any decisions made under this delegation be reported to the first ordinary meeting of the new Council.

¹ LEA 2001, Sections 86, 115, and 116

² LGA 2002, Schedule 7, Clause 14

10.3 Project Update Report - August 2025

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1. 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

3. Marton to Bulls Wastewater Centralisation (Project Manager – Steve Carne)

- 3.1 Responding to the proposed new 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 as per Option 1 with inflow and infiltration (I/I) reduction in the networks.
 - Option 3 Combined discharge to land and river.
 - 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).
 - Option 6 Option 4 with an I/I reduction program
- 3.2 A Design Report on each of these Options has been presented to the project team in August and will now be refined through an iterative process of value engineering.
- 3.3 The team will be ready to identify a preferred option by the end of October. It has been decided that the identification of the preferred option will not be finalised until the Wastewater Discharge Standards are finalised. Taumata Arowai advised that this is anticipated for October 2025.
- 3.4 It is proposed that a preferred option will be identified immediately after this and that the preferred option will be presented to Council later in the year to align with the Local Government elections in October.
- 3.5 Taumata Arowai have also advised in a meeting with them on 3 June that RDC is covered by the interim provisions of Standards re operating on existing use rights for expired consents and that the insistence of consent lodgement before 30 June 2026, is no longer necessary. A consent could therefore be lodged at a date later than this. However, this is

- not the preferred process, with consent lodgement still being targeted to be submitted as soon as possible.
- 3.6 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 in a 100% discharge to land option. A land disposal solution will require more land, adding significantly to the cost. The associated costs may make this option unfeasible. This is currently being assessed by the project team.
- 3.7 Autosamplers are now installed to provide better definition on possible trade waste flow components of the flows entering the Marton and Bulls treatment plants. A representative from Ngati Parewahawaha is carrying out the sampling for RDC.
- 3.8 Direct liaison with Malteurop, Speirs and Nestle Purina about their current and projected trade waste flows has helped better define trade waste inputs.
- 3.9 Dialogue with ANZCO Manawatu is ongoing to determine the feasibility and appropriateness of incorporating their discharge into the Bulls plant inlet. ANZCO Manawatu would become a trade waste customer of RDC under this scenario. Discussions will evolve further once the additional components of capex and Opex due to the ANZCO Manawatu flow are determined.

4. Rātana Wastewater Discharge to Land (Project Manager – Steve Carne)

- 4.1 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.
- 4.2 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.
- 4.3 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.
- 4.4 The estimated cost of this alternative solution is \$4.6M which is approximately 60% of the estimate of the previously adopted solution.
- 4.5 A second alternative of reticulating Koitiata and receiving flows at Koitiata from Ratana and discharging these flows via a small ocean outfall at Koitiata is also being considered for its engineering feasibility and costs.

5. Taihape Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvement Projects (Project Manager - Steve Carne)

- 5.1 To improve current plant operations and increase consent compliance outcomes, an investigation into possible short term operational improvements and longer-term capital works improvements (given new requirements in the Taumata Arowai Wastewater Discharge Standards) is being undertaken.
- 5.2 A range of low-cost operational improvement opportunities have been identified for immediate implementation.
- 5.3 An assessment of plant infrastructure needs has been completed cognisant of the Wastewater Discharge Standards requirements.

- 5.4 Outcomes relating to both 5.2 and 5.3 above will be greatly improved if the extensive rainfall-dependent inflow and infiltration (I/I) in the network is reduced.
- 5.5 A strategy for network I/I reduction has been developed and work started.
- 5.6 Based on a numerical I/I KPI analysis already completed, I/I levels in Taihape have been quantified by 4 sub-catchments and have been found to be significant and throughout the whole system.
- 5.7 A range of investigative field works has been scoped, and some already completed by RDC, some rectification and remedial works have already been completed, and more items have been identified for implementation.
- 5.8 News of the I/I Strategy development and the proposed remedial works needs to be communicated to the Taihape community. A community awareness campaign has been developed by RDC which will be implemented before onsite work start.

Water Projects

6. Marton Water Strategy (Project Manager – Gwilym van Hoffen)

- 6.1 The pilot nanofiltration test plant at the Reservoir Bore site is now operating, and testing of the bore water commenced on 21 July. It will run continuously for 12 weeks, to collect information relating to the proposed membrane's design and performance.
- 6.2 Draft Principal's Requirements, NZS3916 Contract Document (Design and Construct), and Separable Portions for stage payments are being reviewed by Simpson Grierson. The appointment of an RDC "principal's design reviewer" is also underway. The reviewer will carry out the necessary design reviews at Preliminary Design, Detailed Design, and Construction Design stages.
- 6.3 An extended operating warranty (5 years) is still being negotiated, in addition to the 12-month defects liability period. This will provide RDC with good protection from any 'teething' issues that are to be expected with an innovative design solution.
- 6.4 Design and costing of ancillary works to deal with the waste stream from the new plant are being undertaken. This is a new cost, which has not been included in the original (or later revised) GFS offer. More details will be brought to council for consideration and approval once design has advanced sufficiently.
- 6.5 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.
- 6.6 Staff are keeping the Marton community up to date with progress. Ongoing updates are being published to the council website and social medial pages.

Community Facilities

7. Marton Offices and Library (Project Manager - Eswar Ganapathi)

- 7.1 Geotech, soil contamination and underground tank detection surveys are now completed with three tanks identified for removal.
- 7.2 Two other tanks seem to have been removed and back filled. Maycroft is currently evaluating the quality of this fill material to determine the appropriate foundation approach.

- 7.3 The soil contamination is restricted to the central concreted car park area with minor contamination found on the site of the old house that was previously removed.
- 7.4 The EOC site is relatively free from any contamination.
- 7.5 Maycroft is evaluating the extent of contaminated soil that will need to be disturbed and the associated disposal fee.
- 7.6 ELT had conducted a series of discussions to evaluate the operational needs of the Council for Marton and to determine how best the various facilities in Marton could be used to their best potential. A report was presented to Council during the workshop on 7th Aug 2025.
- 7.7 The outcomes from the workshop will now be communicated to Maycroft and this will form the base scope document for the design process.
- 7.8 Staff are working closely with the planning consultant to determine the best consenting strategy that aligns with both the EOC and the Marton Offices projects.

8. Taihape Grandstand (Project Manager - Eswar Ganapathi)

- 8.1 A user group meeting was organized on 21 Jul 2025 in Taihape. RDC were informed that the group have now finalised their requirements for utilising the underside of the building.
- 8.2 These requirements have since been shared with RDC staff. Staff have reached out to Copeland Associates with these requirements, to prepare an offer of service for the design works.
- 8.3 The community in the meantime are looking at various funding avenues to fund the design works.

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

- 9.1 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.
- 9.2 A meeting was held with the User Group on 3 June 2025 where staff presented the preliminary design proposal along with an optional proposal with enhanced features.
- 9.3 Further discussions were required to finalise the stage height. These investigations considered the additional costs to increase the stage height from the current 900 mm to 1200 mm and identified additional regulatory requirement and risks.
- 9.4 A meeting was held with the northern ward Councillors, RDC staff and Maycroft representatives on 14 July 2025. A separate report was presented to Council during the council meeting in Jul 2025.
- 9.5 Council determined the stage height to be 1200mm. Staff have since provided Maycroft with the consolidated comments on the design proposal.
- 9.6 Maycroft will now amend the drawings and prepare a costing summary which will then be peer reviewed by a Quality Surveyor.

10. Marton Swim Centre Structural Remediation (Project Manager – Eswar Ganapathi)

10.1 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.
- 10.2 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 1-B as their preferred option.
- 10.3 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.
- 10.4 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.
- 10.5 At the June 2025 Council meeting, Council confirmed the scope for the Marton Pool repairs to include the replacement of the roof with like for like with the addition of a ETFE liner for improved insulation and to allow more daylight into the facility.
- 10.6 The scope of work to be included in the first phase of repairs and upgrades has now been finalised with Create Architects and Engineers and work has commenced.
- 10.7 The timeline for the design is expected to be completed by the end of October 2025, followed by a tender process expected to be finalised by the end of February with a Contractor expected to be on site by early March 2026. Construction of phase 1 repairs and upgrades are expected to be completed by August 2026.
- 10.8 The remainder of the upgrades may be included in future years depending on available funding.
- 10.9 A Geotechnical survey was carried out on site on 7 and 8 July 2025 and the report presented on 12 Aug 2025. The report has since been forwarded to CREATE Limited for their review.
- 10.10 Staff have now engaged WSP to conduct a soil erosion assessment at the Tutaenui stream to determine any potential impact on the structure of the Marton pool building. The report is anticipated to be available by mid-September 2025.
- 10.11WSP would also be presenting RDC with erosion protection solutions including estimated costs if required. This report is expected to be available by mid-October 2025.

Miscellaneous

11. Scotts Ferry

11.1 Scotts Ferry update

11.2 The purpose of this section is to seek Council's direction on the preferred option for providing flood pumping capacity at the Amon Drain, in Scotts Ferry.

11.3 Context

11.4 This project is a continuation of the Scotts Ferry stormwater reticulation and improvements Package announced in the 2018 to 2028 LTP after the Bulls community committee made a successful submission to Council.

- 11.5 Works to upgrade the drainage infrastructure within the village has been complete but work to automate the flood pump in Amons Drain was not, which is the final piece of work to complete.
- 11.6 Currently the pump in Amon's drain is manually operated by the Manager of Theland Farms. The pump and associated pipe work is owned by Theland Farms. They operate the pump when the floodgate on the outlet of Amon's Drain to the Rangitikei River is closed.
- 11.7 The gate closes when the river level reaches 4.5m at Mangaweka, though it takes 12 to 14 hours for this flow to reach Scotts Ferry and close the gate.
- 11.8 Theland Farms use their own tractor to pick up the pump from its mounts and lower it into the pumping position in the drain. They then hire an external contractor to run the pump with a hired tractor.
- 11.9 At a meeting on 24 May 2023 Council resolved (23/RDC/128) to approve the project expenditure required to automate the existing flood pump on Amon drain for a total amount of \$298,424.11.
- 11.10The proposal was to permanently mount the pump and install an electric motor with a gearbox and a variable speed drive to the PTO shaft that runs the pump. This installation included the construction of a concrete shed to house a diesel generator that will run the electric motor. Install a float switch set to a predetermined height to operate the pump automatically.
- 11.11 During the early project design phase, this solution became unachievable due to technical factors, and the solution was abandoned.
- 11.12A meeting was held onsite at Scotts Ferry attended by HWTM Andy Watson, CEO Kevin Ross, Scotts Ferry Representatives and the Farm Manager of Theland Farms, to discuss the project moving forward.
- 11.13 At that meeting it was proposed that council would purchase a tractor with enough horse power to run the pump, It was to include a front end loader with forks, to enable the pickup and lowering of the pump into the drain, any ancillary equipment required to run the tractor (fuel containers, pumps and hoses etc.) as well as any other items required by the agreement (PPE etc.) RDC was to also construct a shed to house the tractor and this equipment.
- 11.14Council would be responsible for all ongoing costs and maintenance required. It was reiterated that this was not to be relied on to totally alleviate the road flooding.
- 11.15A memorandum of understanding (MOU) was proposed to be drafted between Council, the Scotts Ferry Residents, Horizons Regional Council and Theland Farms. During the drafting process, several potential issues were identified.
- 11.16 Health and safety is a major consideration, as involving residents in pump operations could expose them to flood conditions. During flood conditions or heavy rain events the health and safety of all our communities is always the primary goal, and this engagement of the residents to be responsible for pumping during flood conditions will place them in harm's way and be contradictory to making sure they remain safe. Several additional risks were identified with operating the tractor and PTO attachment in a small, confined area with many external hazards such as wet and muddy conditions and the close proximity of the flood waters contributing to the risks. Many of the identified hazards could lead to serious harm and will have to be mitigated in some way.

- 11.17 Another issue identified is the low utilisation of the tractor. Based on previous experience during flood events the access road has only been completely closed on three occasions in the past ten years. By comparison, the farmer has used the pump more regularly to manage flooding in his back paddocks.
- 11.18 Using telemetry data from Horizons Regional Council, indicative operating frequencies were estimated. For these calculations it was assumed that the farmer would activate the pump once the river at Mangaweka had remained at 4.5 m or higher for at least four hours, while Council would typically become involved in the pumping if floodgate closure extended beyond 48 hours. Based on these assumptions, it was determined that between 2014 and 2024 the farmer may have operated the pump up to 27 occasions, whereas Council's involvement would likely have been required on up to six occasions.
- 11.19This raised the question of what role the tractor would serve outside of these relatively infrequent pumping events. Members of the community proposed that they could utilise the tractor for wider community purposes. While such use may seem beneficial, it introduces additional health and safety risks, liability and costs to Council, including the requirement to formally register and ensure the tractor if used beyond flood management activities.
- 11.20 Given the concerns above, 3 alternative options have been considered:

Option 1: Make use of a Hire Contractor to supply a tractor to run the pump.

A reputable local contractor has indicated they are willing to enter into an agreement with Council to provide a suitably powered tractor to operate the pump during flood events, with 12–14 hours' notice.

Key Advantages

- No upfront capex for plant, shed, or depreciation
- No ongoing maintenance/insurance burden for Council.
- Scalable and replaceable arrangement (can panel additional providers if needed).
- No staff training or rostering required by Council.
- Lower operational risk exposure for Council and the community.

Key Considerations / Risks:

- Clear handover triggers are required (farmer vs Council start/stop).
- Opex variability: costs accrue hourly in prolonged events.
- Availability assurance: exclusivity and response times should be defined in the agreement, with a backup provider where possible.

Option 2: Utilize the Road Maintenance Contractor's Tractor

Leverage the existing roading maintenance contractor to provide a tractor and operators to deploy and run the pump when required.

- Key Advantages:
 - No capex, insurance or maintenance costs to Council
 - o Contractor supplies trained staff with PPE under established H&S Systems.

o Lower risk profile for Council due to contractor-operated plant.

• Key Considerations / Risks

- Availability not guaranteed, particularly during wider network events.
- o Potential mobilisation delays if roading priorities take precedence
- Activation expectations the farmer may seek earlier pumping to protect paddocks.
 Clear coordination protocols are needed.
- Plant suitability

Option 3 Gifting a Tractor to the community.

Council funds the purchase of a suitably powered tractor (with loader/forks) and transfers ownership to a recognised community entity (e.g., an incorporated society or trust). The community would deploy and operate the tractor to lift, lower, and run the pump during flood events and could use it for other community purposes.

Key advantages:

- o One off capex expenditure by Council. Ownership cost fully transferred.
- Ongoing responsibility with the Scotts Ferry Community
- Onsite immediate response
- o Community capability and resilience, builds local independence and readiness
- o Broader utility, potential use for other approved community tasks.

Key considerations / Risk

- Communication between the community and farmer.
- Any issues between the two parties.
- Health and safety of members of the community, although the responsibility will also be transferred to the community.

12. Discussion and Options Considered

12.1 Financial Implications

The current budget approved by council resolution was \$298,424.11 and of that \$195,000 remains and was carried over from last year.

12.2 Current solution:

The estimated cost of the current solution is between \$150,000 and \$200,000, subject to the availability of suitable second-hand tractors. Ongoing annual costs are projected at approximately \$5,000 to \$10,000. In addition, fuel costs for operating the pump continuously over a five-day period are estimated at around \$8,500.

12.3 Alternative Option 1:

There is no upfront capital cost. Engaging a contractor when required is estimated at approximately \$20,000 for five days of continuous pumping. This estimate is based on a tractor hire rate of \$150 per hour and an operator/labour rate of \$45 per hour. Once set up, the tractor can operate largely unattended, requiring only periodic refuelling checks.

12.4 Alternative Option 2:

There is no upfront capital cost. The operating cost could be negotiated with the roading contractor, provided they have a tractor of suitable size, with the final amount dependent on their charge-out rate. At present, they own a 130HP tractor which, while not ideal, could still be used as a backup alongside alternative Option 1 above to enable pumping. The operational cost for a five-day period is expected to be similar to the \$20,000 described in alternative option 1 above.

12.5 Alternative ption 3:

This option involves the same upfront capital cost (\$150,000 - \$200,000) as the current solution. The ongoing costs of pumping would fall on the community and the farmer. They would then be responsible for weighing the expense of operating the pump against the level of benefit achieved, such as reduced flooding of farmland or protection of access.

12.6 Conclusion

When the purchase of a tractor to be used for the pumping of flood waters to protect the Scotts Ferry community was first considered, all the details regarding risks and responsibilities were not known at that time. As staff progressed the creation of the MOU between all the affected parties, numerous unforeseen risks and complexities with allocation of responsibilities became clear. This report notes some of the more obvious and serious risks and suggests three alternative options that would remove these risks and costs from Council and the Scotts Ferry community.

Considering the advantages and disadvantages, risks, costs and responsibilities described in this report, it is suggested that alternative Option 1 - Make use of a Hire Contractor to supply a tractor to run the pump — will reduce the risks to all parties and provide a cost-effective solution to protect access to the Scotts Ferry community when required.

A recommendation is included below (Recommendation 2) to facilitate Council's decision making on the preferred way forward.

13. Financial Implications

13.1 This report does not identify and financial implications.

14. Impact on Strategic Risks

14.1 No impacts on strategic risks

15. Strategic Alignment

15.1 All projects are aligned with strategic goals.

16. Mana Whenua Implications

16.1 All mana whenua implications are managed by the individual projects.

17. Climate Change Impacts and Consideration

17.1 There is no climate change impact.

18. Statutory Implications

18.1 There are no statutory implications.

Recommendation 1

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

Recommendation 2

That Council approves: [select one]

the current solution; or

Alternative Option 1; or

Alternative Option 2; or

Alternative Option 3

as the preferred solution for the pumping of flood waters to protect access to the Scotts Ferry community during flood events.

10.4 Rangitīkei Tomorrow - Economic Strategy and Action Plan

Author: Jarrod Calkin, Economic Lead

Authoriser: Katrina Gray, Group Manager - Strategy, Community and Democracy

1. Reason for Report

1.1 The purpose of this report is to seek Council endorsement for Rangitīkei Tomorrow Economic Strategy and Action Plan.

2. Context

2.1 Council Officers intended on bringing this request through the Policy/Planning Committee prior to Council, however the August 2025 Committee meeting was cancelled.

3. Discussion

- 3.1 Rangitikei Tomorrow is the Economic Strategy and Action Plan for Rangitikei and has been in development through 2025. There have been multiple meetings with iwi, stakeholder engagements, workshops, and discussions with subject matter experts to develop the strategy to this draft stage.
- 3.2 The initial draft has been shared with iwi, Te Rōpū Ahi Kā and the Policy/Planning Committee. Feedback has been collated and minor changes to wording in some sections of the strategy, however the overall strategy and action plan has not changed and feedback has been positive.
- 3.3 A final copy of the draft strategy and action plan has been attached to this report.
- 3.4 As we are in the final months of this triennium, Council can either choose to adopt the strategy, defer to the new sitting Council, or endorse with final adoption to be completed by the new sitting Council.
- 3.5 It is Officers recommendation that Council endorses the strategy and action plan with final adoption to be completed by the new sitting Council.

4. Financial Implications

4.1 The decision to defer, endorse or adopt has no financial implications as there is no commitment of funding relating to Rangitīkei Tomorrow.

5. Impact on Strategic Risks

5.1 There are no impacts on strategic risks relating to this item.

6. Strategic Alignment

6.1 Economic Wellbeing is a Community Outcome and the existing Economic Development Strategy is one of the strategies which informs Council's strategic framework. Rangitīkei Tomorrow Economic Strategy and Action Plan has strong strategic alignment for Council.

7. Mana Whenua Implications

7.1 Iwi engagement has been conducted throughout the development of this strategy starting at the early stages through to feedback on the draft strategy and action plan.

8. Climate Change Impacts and Consideration

8.1 There are no climate change impacts and considerations relating to this item.

9. Statutory Implications

9.1 Rangitīkei Tomorrow Economic Strategy and Action Plan is a non-statutory document. Council has completed a high level of engagement with iwi, business, stakeholders, elected members and community and Council Officers recommend Council can proceed without the need for public consultation.

10. Decision Making Process

10.1 Council has undertaken engagement with iwi, the business sector, stakeholders, elected members and community and Officers recommend Council can proceed without the need to consult further on this draft which is consistent with our significance and engagement policy.

Attachments:

1. Rangitīkei Tomorrow Draft (under separate cover)

Recommendation 1

That the report 'Rangitīkei Tomorrow – Economic Strategy and Action Plan' is received.

Recommendation 2

EITHER

That Council endorses Rangitīkei Tomorrow Economic Strategy and Action Plan and recommends adoption by the new Council.

OR

That Council adopts Rangitikei Tomorrow Economic Strategy and Action Plan.

10.5 Adoption of the Marton Streetscape Plan for informal consultaton

Author: Jarrod Calkin, Economic Lead

Authoriser: Katrina Gray, Group Manager - Strategy, Community and Democracy

1. Reason for Report

1.1 To present the Marton Streetscape Plan to Council for adoption for informal consultation with the community.

2. Context

The Marton Streetscape Plan

- 2.1 As part of the Long Term Plan 2024-34, Council consulted on whether or not Council should invest in revitalising the main street of Marton.
- 2.2 The aim of this project is to support the revitalisation of the Marton Town Centre which will be achieved by improving the space for the community. This would support local business development, provide a place where the community can choose to spend time in, and attract visitors into the town centre.
- 2.3 This project has two distinct stages. Stage 1 is to draft and adopt the Marton Streetscape Plan, which is currently underway. This stage has a \$100,000 budget associated with it, of which a significant portion has already been spent. Stage 2 is to implement the Marton Streetscape Plan that was developed in stage 1. This stage of the plan has a \$2 million budget associated with it in the 2026/27 financial year.
- 2.4 This report pertains to stage 1 of this project only.

Marton Streetscape Plan Development Process

2.5 At the Council meeting where Council deliberated on the Long Term Plan 2024-34, Council agreed to approve \$2.1 million to be included in the Long Term Plan 2024-34 for the Marton Streetscape Plan.

Resolved minute number 24/RDC/102

That Council approves the budget of \$2.1 million in the 2024-34 Long Term Plan to implement Key Choice 3, Option 1- Streetscape revitalisation for Marton.

Cr D Wilson/Cr F Dalgety. Carried

- 2.6 Of this budget, \$100,000 was to be spent on the development of the plan, while the remaining \$2 million was to be spent on the implementation of the plan.
- 2.7 After the adoption of the Long Term Plan 2024-34, Council engaged McIndoe Urban and Local Landscape Architecture Collective to begin developing the Marton Streetscape Plan.
- 2.8 In October 2024, Officers were advised to pause progress on the development of the plan while working to understand the possible implications of the Government's announcement on getting local government back to basics.

2.9 Progress on the plan had recommenced by December 2024. Since then, Officers have continued to develop the Streetscape Plan. Work has included engagement with members of the community, and a number of Council workshops.

Engagement previously completed

- 2.10 During the development of Pae Tawhiti Rangitīkei Beyond, the spatial and community plan for the Rangitīkei, town centre revitalisation was identified by the Marton community as their most important theme. A range of priorities were identified under the theme of town centre revitalisation, including streetscape redevelopment.
- 2.11 Key Question 3 for the Long Term Plan 2024-34 asked the community whether or not Council should revitalise Marton Streetscape. Of the members of the community who submitted on this topic, a majority supported the project. While this consultation was not focused on the specific design of streetscape, a number of submitters chose to provide suggestions for the design of the Streetscape.
- 2.12 During the development of the draft Marton Streetscape Plan Officers completed two rounds of engagement with the community/stakeholders.
- 2.13 The first round of engagement occurred at Marton Market Day held in Broadway, Marton in December 2024. This stage of engagement occurred in the early stages of the project, aimed at understanding how the community currently views Broadway, how the space is currently used, and what the community believes would improve this space. This feedback (alongside the feedback from the previous engagements/consultations identified in 2.10 and 2.11) shaped the first draft of the plan.
- 2.14 In March 2025 stakeholder engagement occurred to build on the feedback received from Marton Market Day. This engagement occurred over a number of sessions with a range of stakeholders including business owners, community groups, community committee, elected members, and officers.

Marton Streetscape Plan Content

- 2.15 The Broadway upgrade will revitalise Marton by beautifying the main street of the town, improving the experience for pedestrians, improve traffic flow, providing more space for the community to connect with each other, greening the area, and improving safety.
- 2.16 The components of the plan that will achieve this include; pavement renewals, street furniture, updated street lighting, planting, increased on street parking, improving The Green, encouraging activation, improving heritage buildings, illuminating heritage facades, improving access to additional car parks, and improving signage leading to town.

Alignment with the purpose of Local Government

- 2.17 In response the Government's intention to get local government back to basics, the Government released the Local Government (Systems Improvements) Amendment Bill (the Bill) for consultation in November 2025. This bill amends the purpose of local government and introduces core services for local government.
- 2.18 The proposed purpose of local government is:

10 Purpose of local government

The purpose of local government is -

- (a) To enable democratic local decision-making and action by, and on behalf of, communities; and
- (b) To meet the current and future needs of communities for good-quality local infrastructure, local public services, and performance of regulatory functions in a way that is most cost-effective for households and businesses; and
- (c) To support local economic growth and development by fulfilling the purpose set out in paragraph (b).
- 2.19 Officers consider the Marton Streetscape Plan aligns well with the proposed purpose of local government, particularly section 10 (b) and 10 (c). The Marton Streetscape Plan will improve the infrastructure within the town centre. By improving the infrastructure within the town centre, Council will also be supporting economic growth and development within Marton. This plan will directly contribute to meeting the purpose of local government by encouraging and supporting economic growth in the largest town in the Rangitikei District.
- 2.20 The proposed core services to be delivered by local government are:

11A Core services to be considered in performing role

- (1) The following services are the core services of a local authority:
 - a. Network infrastructure:
 - b. Public transport:
 - c. Waste management:
 - d. Civil defence emergency management:
 - e. Libraries, museums, reserves, and other recreational facilities.
- 2.21 The Marton Streetscape Plan aligns well with the core services of local authorities. The majority of the Marton Streetscape Plan focuses on improving elements that fall under network infrastructure and reserves such as paving renewals, street lighting, The Green, on street parking, car park connections, and improved roading signage. This plan will inform the renewal process of the towns infrastructure, making the renewal process of the old infrastructure smoother and more aligned.

3. Discussion and Options Considered

Option 1: Adopt the Marton Streetscape Plan for consultation with the community

- 3.1 This is the option recommended by Officers.
- 3.2 This option would allow Council to consult with the community on the Marton Streetscape Plan prior to consulting on the budget for the Marton Streetscape Plan as part of the Annual Plan 2026/27.
- 3.3 This option will allow Council to follow the process outlined in the next steps below prior to Council adopting the Annual Plan 2026/27 for consultation. It is intended, based on feedback from elected members, that consultation as part of the Annual Plan 2026/27 includes a key topic focused on the budget and timing for implementation of the streetscape plan.

Option 2: Endorse the Marton Streetscape Plan for a decision on consultation with the community to be made after the Local Body Elections

- 3.4 This option should be chosen if Council wishes to defer the decision to consult with the community on the Marton Streetscape Plan to the new Council post elections.
- 3.5 This option is not recommended by Officers due to time constraints. This option would not allow Council to consult with the community on the Marton Streetscape Plan and adopt the plan prior to adopting the Annual Plan 2026/27 for consultation. This means that Council would not have a finalised plan to support any consultation and consultation would occur on the content of the plan simultaneous to consultation on what to fund/implement, which is not best practice.

Option 3: Do not consult with the community on the Marton Streetscape Plan

- 3.6 This option should be chosen if Council believes that the community has already been engaged with adequately, and that no further consultation needs to occur.
- 3.7 This option would allow Council to adopt the Marton Streetscape Plan, and use this plan to inform the development of the draft Annual Plan 2026/27.

Next Steps

- 3.8 If Council adopts the Marton Streetscape Plan for informal consultation, Officers will prepare the consultation material and consult with the community on the plan. If Council chooses Option 1, Consultation will occur after the elections process is completed, beginning at the end of October, and running through to the end of November. Informal consultation will provide an opportunity for the community to provide written feedback on the content of the Marton Streetscape Plan, and attend drop a drop-in session. This informal consultation will follow the principles for consultation set out in Section 82 of the Local Government Act.
- 3.9 Post consultation, Officers would collate the feedback received and hold a workshop with Council. Following this workshop, changes will be made to the plan before Officers bring the final plan back to Council for adoption in February.
- 3.10 Once Council has adopted the plan, Council will then be able to consult with the community on whether the plan is to be implemented, and if it was to be implemented, how this will occur, including confirming the implementation budget. If Option 1 is chosen, this consultation on budget/implementation will occur as part of the Annual Plan 2026/27 consultation. This consultation as part of the Annual Plan may include asking if the community wishes to retain the \$2 million currently in the 2026/27 financial year, remove this budget from the Annual Plan, or take another approach such as staged implementation. Council has received legal advice that removing or reallocating the \$2 million budgeted in the 2024-34 Long Term Plan for the streetscape redevelopment may only occur following further community consultation.

4. Financial Implications

- 4.1 There are no financial implications associated with this report.
- 4.2 The purpose of this report is to get endorsement from Council to consult with the community on the Marton Streetscape Plan.
- 4.3 As part of the 2024-34 Long Term Plan, \$2 million was included in the 2025/26 financial year to implement the Marton Streetscape Plan. This budget was carried over to the

2026/27 financial year, to allow for consultation as part of the Annual Plan 2026/27. If the Marton Streetscape Plan is adopted in time to meet the Annual Plan 2026/27 timeframes, this budget can be assessed through the process of developing the Annual Plan 2026/27.

4.4 Any consultation would occur within existing work programme budget.

5. Impact on Strategic Risks

5.1 Council has a strategic risk 'Trust and confidence is tarnished'. There is a reputational risk associated with this work due to the expectation set with the community at the 2024-34 Long Term Plan where Council made a decision to proceed with working towards a streetscape upgrade for Marton.

6. Strategic Alignment

- 6.1 The Marton Streetscape plan closely aligns with the Strategic Framework.
- 6.2 One of Council's five strategic priorities is Town Centre Revitalisation. This plan, if implemented will significantly improve the appearance and usability of the town centre, making it more attractive for the community, improve infrastructure, increase economic potential, and in turn revitalising the town centre.
- 6.3 The Streetscape plan also aligns with all 5 of Council's community outcomes. This plan was developed in collaboration with advisors for Ngā Wairiki Ngāti Apa, supporting the outcome A trusted partner with iwi. If implemented, this plan will support the outcome environmental wellbeing by creating a high quality town centre. This plan would also support cultural wellbeing by creating a high quality space for the community where people can engage and fell connected to the wider community. Social wellbeing will be improved by creating a space for people to connect with and participate with the community, and economic wellbeing will be improved by activating this space and encouraging people to use and spend in the town centre.

7. Mana Whenua Implications

7.1 The Marton Streetscape Plan has been developed in collaboration with mana whenua advisors for Ngā Wairiki Ngāti Apa. A Kaitiaki Framework was developed for this project to serve as a guide to establish the town centre's values.

8. Climate Change Impacts and Consideration

8.1 There are no climate change impacts associated with this report.

9. Statutory Implications

9.1 There are no requirements to complete a formal consultation process before adopting the Marton Streetscape Plan, therefore an informal consultation process is recommended to better understand if the draft plan aligns with the community's vision for the Marton town centre. If consultation was to occur it will follow the principles of consultation set out in Section 82 of the Local Government Act 2002.

10. Decision Making Process

10.1 The decision making process has been described above in the options considered section.

Attachments:

- 1. Marton Streetscape Plan Draft (under separate cover)
- 2. Kaitiaki Framework (under separate cover)
- 3. Supporting Documents (under separate cover)

Recommendation 1

That the report 'Adoption of the Marton Streetscape Plan for informal consultation' be received.

Recommendation 2

EITHER

That Council adopts the Marton Streetscape Plan for consultation with the community.

OR

That Council endorse the Marton Streetscape Plan for a decision on consultation with the community to be made after the Local Body Elections.

OR

That Council adopts the Marton Streetscape Plan.

11 Reports for Information

11.1 Mayors Taskforce for Jobs review 24/25

Author: Jarrod Calkin, Economic Lead

Authoriser: Katrina Gray, Group Manager - Strategy, Community and Democracy

1. Reason for Report

1.1 The purpose of this report is to provide Council with a review of the Mayors Taskforce for Jobs programme for 2024/25 year.

2. Context

- 2.1 Financial year 2024/25 was the final year of a two-year funding agreement between James Towers and Rangitīkei District Council for the delivery of Mayors Taskforce for Jobs programme in Rangitīkei District.
- 2.2 The primary objective of the programme is to:
 - 2.2.1 Deliver employment outcomes for NEETS (not in employment, education or training), those clearly identified as at risk of becoming a NEET, disabled youth, and other youth aged 16-24.
 - 2.2.2 Deliver employment outcomes for those disadvantaged in the labour market who are not able to readily access MSD products and services.
- 2.3 James Towers and Louise McCord (James Towers Consultants Limited) will be in attendance to present and discuss the performance of the programme for the year ended June 2025.

3. Financial Implications

3.1 There are no financial implications relating to this report.

4. Impact on Strategic Risks

4.1 There are no strategic risk implications relating to this report.

5. Strategic Alignment

5.1 Successful delivery of this programme improves the economic and social wellbeing of our district which are community outcomes making this programme well aligned with Councils strategic framework.

6. Mana Whenua Implications

6.1 There are no mana whenua implications relating to this report.

7. Climate Change Impacts and Consideration

7.1 There are no climate change impacts and considerations relating to this report.

8. Statutory Implications

8.1 There are no statutory implications relating to this report.

9. Decision Making Process

9.1 This item is not considered to be a significant decision according to Council's policy on significance and engagement.

Recommendation

That the report 'Mayors Taskforce for Jobs review 2024/25' is received.

12 Minutes from Committees

12.1 Minutes from Committees

Author: Kezia Spence, Governance Advisor

1. Reason for Report

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

2. Attachments

- 2. ORWS 03 June 25 (under separate cover)
- 3. TRAK 10 June 25 (under separate cover)
- 4. PPL 12 June 25 (under separate cover)
- 5. BCC- 09 July 25 (under separate cover)
- 6. YC 30 July 25 (under separate cover)
- 7. FP 31 July 25 (under separate cover)
- 8. HRWS 11 August 25 (under separate cover)

Recommendation

That the following minutes are received:

- Omatane Rural Water Scheme Meeting 03 June 25
- Te Rōpū Ahi Kā Meeting 10 June 25
- Policy/Planning Committee Meeting 12 June 25
- Bulls Community Committee Meeting 09 July 25
- Youth Council Meeting 30 July 25
- Finance/Performance Committee Meeting 31 July 25
- Hunterville Rural Water Scheme Meeting 11 August 25

13 Public Excluded

Resolution to Exclude the Public

The meeting went into public excluded session enter time

Recommendation

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

- 1 Public Excluded Council Meeting 14 August 2025
- 2. Follow-up Action Items from Council (Public Excluded) Meetings
- 3. Cross-boundary wall at 305 Broadway, Marton update
- 4. Water Rebate Request Hunterville
- 5. 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
13.1 - Public Excluded Council Meeting – 31 July 2025	To consider the minutes relating to matters that were the subject of discussion at the 31 July meeting.	S48(1)(a)
13.2 - Follow-up Action Items from Council (Public Excluded) Meetings	To consider the matters arising from previous public excluded. s7(2)(a) - Privacy	s48(1)(a)(i)
	s7(2)(b)(ii) - Commercial Position	
	s7(2)(h) - Commercial Activities	
	s7(2)(i) - Negotiations	
13.3 - Cross-boundary wall at 305 Broadway, Marton - update	To enable commercially sensitive information to be discussed without impacting any negotiations.	s48(1)(a)(i)
	s7(2)(a) - Privacy	
	s7(2)(h) - Commercial Activities	
	s7(2)(i) - Negotiations	
13.4 - Water Rebate Request - Hunterville	To discuss a water rebate request, their privacy and business position.	s48(1)(a)(i)

	s7(2)(a) - Privacy s7(2)(b)(ii) - Commercial Position	
13.5 - Public Excluded Resolutions	To consider previous public excluded decisions and bring these into the open.	s48(1)(a)(i)
	s7(2)(a) - Privacy s7(2)(b)(ii) - Commercial Position	
	s7(2)(h) - Commercial Activities s7(2)(i) - Negotiations	

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

14 Open Meeting