

ORDER PAPER

ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

Date: Thursday, 25 September 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 Jeff Wong Cr Simon Loudon Cr Greg Maughan Cr Fi Dalgety

Cr Paul Sharland

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Notice is hereby given that an Ordinary Meeting of Council of the Rangitīkei District Council will be held in the Council Chamber, Rangitīkei District Council, 46 High Street, Marton on Thursday, 25 September 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 28 August 2025 are attached.

Attachments

1. Ordinary Council Meeting - 28 August 2025

Recommendation

That the minutes of Ordinary Council Meeting held on 28 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

Date: Thursday, 28 August 2025

Time: 1.00pm

Council Chamber Venue:

Rangitīkei District Council

46 High Street

Marton

Present **HWTM Andy Watson**

> Cr Dave Wilson Cr Brian Carter Cr Piki Te Ora Hiroa Cr Coral Raukawa Cr Jeff Wong Cr Simon Loudon Cr Greg Maughan Cr Fi Dalgety Cr Paul Sharland

In attendance Mrs Carol Gordon, Chief Executive

Mr Arno Benadie, Deputy Chief Executive

Ms Leanne Macdonald, Group Manager – Corporate Services

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

Ms Tiffany Gower, Strategy Manager Mr Jarrod Calkin, Economic Lead

Mr Eswar Ganapathi, Senior Project Manager

Mr Rob Smith, Development Manager

Ms Sharon Bennett, Manager-People and Culture

Ms Kezia Spence, Governance Advisor

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1 Welcome / Prayer

The Mayor opened the meeting at 12.59pm.

2 Apologies

Resolved minute number

25/RDC/232

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

Cr S Loudon/Cr B Carter. Carried

3 Public Forum

Nigel Belsham spoke on behalf of Business Rangitikei advocating for the Marton Streetscape Plan and outlined the positive benefits to the business community in Marton this would bring.

4 Conflict of Interest Declarations

There were no conflicts of interest declared.

5 Confirmation of Order of Business

The item 11.1 Mayors Taskforce for Jobs review 24/25 is moved to before item 6 the confirmation of minutes.

Resolved minute number

25/RDC/233

That the late item 13.6 - Sale and Purchase Agreement - 304-318 Broadway, Marton" be dealt with as part of the agenda for the Council meeting on 28 August 2025 in public excluded. The item cannot be delayed until a subsequent meeting as the information was not available when the agenda was produced and is needed to be considered to progress the sale.

HWTM/Cr C Raukawa. Carried

6 Confirmation of Minutes

Resolved minute number 25/RDC/234

That the minutes of Ordinary Council Meeting held on 31 July 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 D Wilson/Cr B Carter. Carried

Resolved minute number 25/RDC/235

That the minutes of Ordinary Council Meeting held on 14 August 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 D Wilson/Cr B Carter. Carried

7 Follow-up Action Items from Previous Meetings

7.1 Follow-up Action Items from Council Meetings

<u>Item 3 – Taumata Hauha and VonLanthen presentations</u>

This was agreed to be moved to the admin action list.

Resolved minute number 25/RDC/236

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

Cr D Wilson/Cr P Sharland. Carried

8 Mayor's Report

8.1 Mayor's Report - August 2025

The Mayor congratulated Manawatū District Council as they already have a Mayor declared, Michael Ford.

The Mayor highlighted there are changes indicated from Tower insurance and the changes that this will impact to some properties for those in high risk areas, he has requested further information.

Resolved minute number 25/RDC/237

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

HWTM/Cr P Hiroa. Carried

9 Chief Executive's Report

9.1 Chief Executive's Report - August 2025

Local Water Done Well - Update

Mrs Gordon highlighted that this would become a regular section and will be added to this report each month to provide Council with an update on Local Water Done Well.

Resolved minute number 25/RDC/238

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

Cr S Loudon/Cr F Dalgety. Carried

Resolved minute number 25/RDC/239

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

Cr D Wilson/Cr P Hiroa. Carried

10 Reports for Decision

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

Ms Gower highlighted that there has been an update to the first part of recommendation three for councillors to consider.

Ms Gower advised that the timeframes for receiving a decision on the exemption have been unclear, and that there are a number of councils interested in the same process..

Councillors spoke of this being a priority, that time has already been spent on the Plan Change, that a budget has been allocated for the work and aligns with housing priorities from government.

Resolved minute number 25/RDC/240

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

Cr P Sharland/Cr C Raukawa. Carried

Resolved minute number 25/RDC/241

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

Cr G Maughan/Cr D Wilson. Carried

Resolved minute number 25/RDC/242

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 with urgency and Council accepts that officers will submit a working draft of the proposed plan change provisions in their current form.

Cr D Wilson/Cr C Raukawa. Carried

10.2 Delegation to Chief Executive during Council's Interregnum

The report was taken as read.

Resolved minute number 25/RDC/243

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

HWTM/Cr P Hiroa. Carried

Resolved minute number 25/RDC/244

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.

HWTM/Cr D Wilson. Carried

10.3 Project Update Report - August 2025

Marton to Bulls Wastewater Centralisation

Mr Benadie responded to questions that there has been progress made with discussions with ANZCO Manawatu, and officers are working through the impact that this will have on the treatment plant.

Marton Water Strategy

Mr Benadie responded to questions that the testing will not affect the warranty but will impact on the final design.

Taihape Town Hall and Library Redevelopment

Mrs Gordon highlighted that if there are any delays or changes to design at this stage, this will impact the budget and delivery of this project.

Scotts Ferry

There was a workshop with councillors recently to discuss the current situation in Scotts Ferry and the issues that have a risen. As part of this report officers have provided recommendations for Council to consider and highlighting the unforeseen risk of purchasing a tractor for the community.

Councillors acknowledged that this issue has been around the table for a significant period of time and that a decision to engage a contractor for the use of the tractor is the most practical option.

The pump is owned by the farmer, and it is his responsibility to maintain this, officers advised that the contractor is being considered has a number of pumps if required in the future.

Resolved minute number 25/RDC/245

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

Cr J Wong/Cr P Sharland. Carried

Resolved minute number 25/RDC/246

That Council approves:

Alternative Option 1 as the preferred solution for the pumping of flood waters to protect access to the Scotts Ferry community during flood events.

Cr D Wilson/Cr P Sharland. Carried

10.4 Rangitīkei Tomorrow - Economic Strategy and Action Plan

Councillors supported the Economic Strategy and Action Plan and discussed the benefits of adoption this triennium versus endorsement for the new Council. It was noted that an adopted strategy would form part of an induction for the new Council. .

Resolved minute number 25/RDC/247

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

Cr C Raukawa/Cr J Wong. Carried

Resolved minute number 25/RDC/248

That Council adopts Rangitikei Tomorrow Economic Strategy and Action Plan.

Cr S Loudon/Cr P Hiroa. Carried

10.5 Adoption of the Marton Streetscape Plan for informal consultation

Councillors were in support of the Marton Streetscape Plan and commented on whether it should be adopted as a plan, or adopted for consultation. In making the decision to adopt for consultation, it was noted that while the community has input into a number of engagements that helped develop the document, they have not had the opportunity to provide feedback on the streetscape document.

Officers highlighted that the decision on funding will be part of the Annual Plan.

Resolved minute number 25/RDC/249

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

Cr P Hiroa/Cr P Sharland. Carried

A recommendation was moved by Cr Loudon and seconded by Cr Maughan and when put was LOST:

That Council adopts the Marton Streetscape Plan.

Cr S Loudon/Cr G Maughan. Lost

Resolved minute number 25/RDC/251

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

Cr D Wilson/Cr C Raukawa. Carried

11 Reports for Information

11.1 Mayors Taskforce for Jobs review 24/25

This item was moved to after Public Forum and Mr Towers and Ms McCord were in attendance to present to councillors on the end of year review for Mayors Taskforce for Jobs 2024/25.

Cr Raukawa raised a conflict of interest, however, due to this being a report for information the Mayor ruled this was not required.

Mr Towers spoke of the success of the programme but did note that the changing job market and the changes to the priorities from MSD have been challenging.

Resolved minute number 25/RDC/252

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

Cr S Loudon/Cr F Dalgety. Carried

12 Minutes from Committees

12.1 Minutes from Committees

The report was taken as read.

Resolved minute number 25/RDC/253

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

Cr D Wilson/Cr G Maughan. Carried

13 Public Excluded

The meeting went into public excluded session at 3.08pm.

Resolution to Exclude the Public

Resolved minute number

25/RDC/254

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
- 6. Sale and Purchase Agreement 304-318 Broadway, Marton

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
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13.1 - Public Excluded Council Meeting - 14 August 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	
13.6 - Sale and Purchase Agreement - 304-318	To discuss commercial activities and negotiations	s48(1)(a)(i)
Broadway, Marton	s7(2)(b)(ii) - Commercial Position	
	s7(2)(h) - Commercial Activities	
	s7(2)(i) – Negotiations	
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This resolution is made in reliance on Section 48(1) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 and the particular interests protected by Section 6 or Section 7 of the Act

which would be prejudiced by the holding or the whole or the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting in public as specified above.

Cr B Carter/Cr P Sharland. Carried

14 Open Meeting

The meeting went into open session 3.50pm

Resolved minute number

25/RDC/256

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

25/RDC/248 - 25/RDC/255

Cr B Carter/Cr P Sharland. Carried

The meeting closed at 3.50pm

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 25 September 2025.

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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.

Cu	rent Follo	w-up Actions			
	From Meeting				
ltem	Date	Details	Person Assigned	Status Comments	Status
	1 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
				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	
	24-Apr-24	RDC please look at traffic calming options on Criterion St and Taumaihi St. From Bulls Community Committee	Arno	of the financial year.	In progress

8 Mayor's Report

8.1 Mayor's Report - September 2025

Author: Andy Watson, His Worship the Mayor

Good afternoon

Usually my reports are very lengthy so I'm sure that some of you will breathe a sigh of relief at the brevity this time. However, there are some things that do need mentioning -

- 1. On 3 September the Working Group working with police met in Hunterville to discuss local policing options. All of the senior regional and district policing leaders were there in force. The meeting was constructive and the decision making will take many months but at least there is a genuine desire to engage.
- 2. The discussion regarding financing of the Gentle Annie roads with NZTA is difficult. NZTA's position is for our Council to reprioritise its existing funding which would leave us unable to do anything of any significance elsewhere on our network for the next two years! This will need to be a priority discussion for the next Council and probably a national level political approach.
- 3. On Friday 19 September there will be a meeting of forestry, roading, rail and port interests regarding a possible extension of the rail/train contract to alleviate the traffic on the Taihape-Napier Road. This will be pivotal for us I am prepared to update further at the Council meeting.
- 4. Attached to this report is a response from NZTA in regard to the application for speed restrictions/signage on the Winiata straight just short of Taihape. These are discussions that are being led by Peter Hijazeen, Principal of St Joseph's School, Iwi and the Winiata Marae. We seem to have got what is a standard response, which is disappointing. The critical point will be where NZTA refers to signage this needs to be signage at the Rauma Road junction and not just the prescribed signage outside of the school which will make very little difference to the safety and risk when turning from SH1 onto Rauma Road. I'm hoping that our roading team engages further with regards to this matter.
- 5. Also attached to this report is the standard reply from NZTA with regards to the Bulls intersection. It is a cop-out position where they say "...when the demand or safety concerns justify further investment". This is a rubbish position. The justification is there currently and I question whether it would take a fatality at this intersection for action to be taken. The intersection is regarded as a pinch-point officially in the network. Bulls is growing and the difficulty for people crossing the road is extreme. The bottom line is we need a response now.

Elections

6. Firstly, this triennium has been tough, on both staff and councillors. The demands on staff time have been extreme and I know that I, and possibly others under pressure get frustrated around operational delays. I apologise, we are all tired and pushed. I thank staff on behalf of all councillors – we appreciate your diligence and attention to detail and the workloads you are facing.

7. Lastly, to councillors. To those not contesting this election, thank you to all of you for your time and sacrifice. At times it is a thankless job, you receive criticism and it is impossible to satisfy everyone. Please pass on my thanks to your families who have supported you. To those of you that are standing, good luck. Take the hiatus between terms to recharge.

Mayor's Engagements

September 2025

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1	Attended meeting with Chief Executive
	Attended Climate Action Joint Committee Meeting
	Attended Mayoral Forum
2	Attended Emergency Management Joint Standing Committee Meeting
	Attended Regional Transport Committee Meeting
	Attended Erewhon Rural Water Scheme Meeting
	Attended weekly meeting with Deputy Mayor
3	Attended Risk & Assurance Committee Meeting
	Attended Hunterville Policing Community Meeting
4	Attended meeting with Chief Executive
	Attended online meeting with NZTA/Hastings DC re Taihape-Napier Road
8	Attended meeting with Chief Executive
	Attended online meeting with Tower Insurance
	Attended Defence Force relationship meeting at Linton
9	Attended monthly governors Q&A session with Executive Leadership Team
	Attended debrief with Aspiring Leaders Forum attendee
	Attended meeting with Deputy Mayor
10	Attended fortnightly Marton Water Strategy meeting with governors and staff
	Attended Local Government Emergency Management Webinar
11	Attended fortnightly governance meeting on Marton Offices & Library project
	Attended Assets & Infrastructure Committee meeting
	Attended Council Workshop
	Attended Community Grants Committee Meeting
12	Attended meeting with Chief Executive
	Attended LWDW Project Oversight Group Meeting – Mayors & CEs
	Attended Bulls & District Friendship Club meeting
	Attended Marton Friendship Club meeting
15	Attended monthly breakfast meeting with Mayor Helen Worboys
	Attended Mayors Taskforce for Jobs online Governance Group meeting

	Attended Mayors Briefing before Council with Staff
16	Attended weekly meeting with Deputy Mayor
	Attended McIntyre Reserve Meeting
17	Attended meeting with Chief Executive
	Attended Elected Member LWDW Hui
18	Attended Maori Land Rate Remission Committee Meeting
	Attended St Matthews School for talk on being Mayor
	Attended BA5 function at Moomaa
19	Attended meeting with Chief Executive
	Attended meeting Taihape-Napier Road meeting with stakeholders
	Attended Rangitikei College to judge Talent Quest
20	Attended Taihape Spring Festival
22	Attended meeting with Chief Executive
	Attended Marton Christian Welfare AGM
23	Attended meeting with NZDF staff regarding housing in Bulls
	Attended weekly meeting with Deputy Mayor
	Attended Defence Hub event at Ohakea
24	Attended fortnightly Marton Water Strategy meeting with governors and staff
	Attended BBQ and walkaround Tutaenui Dams
	Attended LWDW Project Oversight Group meeting with 3-Council Mayors/CEs
25	To attend fortnightly governance meeting on Marton Offices & Library project
	To attend Finance/Performance Committee Meeting
	To attend Council meeting
26	To attend meeting with Chief Executive
	To attend opening of Acute Mental Health Unit Nga Wai Ngaro at Palmerston North Hospital
	To attend monthly meeting with Police
29	To attend meeting with Sgt Major Sandy Paterson re Freedom of the Borough of Taihape
	To attend Manawatu-Whanganui Disaster Relief Fund Trust online AGM
30	To attend meeting with Chief Executive
	To attend Citizenship Ceremony
	To attend Business Rangitikei AGM
	To attend weekly meeting with Deputy Mayor
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Attachments:

1. NZTA Initial Response - SH1 Winiata Intersection - August 2025 U

- 2. NZTA Final Response SH1/Winiata Marae September 2025 J
- 3. NZTA Response Bulls Intersection September 2025 😃
- 4. Elected Member Attendance J

Recommendation

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



22 August 2025

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Ref. NZT-10873

Dear Andy,

Thank you for your letter of 11 August 2025 regarding your request to reassess the speed limit and safety measures on State Highway 1 (SH1), south of Taihape.

I want to acknowledge the commitment you and the community have demonstrated in raising your safety needs with us. We recognise how important road safety is to everyone who travels, works, and lives along this stretch of highway, and we appreciate the time and advocacy invested in seeking improvements.

Under the Land Transport Rule: Setting of Speed Limits Rule 2024 (the Rule), NZ Transport Agency Waka Kotahi (NZTA) can carry out targeted speed reviews, including public consultation, in areas of high safety concern, provided they meet the Rule's requirements regarding speed limit ranges for different classifications of road. In this case, this stretch of state highway is classified as an interregional connector, which cannot have a permanent speed limit lower than 100km/h under the Rule.

While the Rule doesn't allow NZTA to review the 100km/h speed limit on this section of state highway due to its classification as an interregional connector, it does provide for the implementation of safety interventions. Such interventions can include consideration of variable speed limits (VSLs) outside of marae to protect vulnerable visitors and pedestrians.

Variable speed limits at marae would operate when there are large volumes of traffic turning out of the Marae, and in 15-minute periods when activated by the Marae to support the safety of pedestrians and vehicles associated with marae activity. With this in mind, and community feedback, NZTA have added a VSL for Winiata Marae to their list for review, subject to funding and resourcing.

Should you wish to discuss this matter further with NZTA, you are welcome to contact me by email at linda.stewart@nzta.govt.nz.

Yours sincerely

Linda Stewart

Director Regional Relationships (Taranaki/Hawkes Bay/Gisborne/Manawatu)

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Ref. NZT-10914

Dear Andy

Thank you for your letter of 11 August 2025 regarding your council's endorsement of Peter Hijazeen's submission to reassess speed limits on and around State Highway 1 (SH1) and Rauma Road.

Regarding the speed limit, our current immediate priority for speed management on state highways is implementing variable speed limits outside schools and delivering speed limit changes linked to specific projects, including intersection zones through to 1 July 2026. However, we recognise that community input is invaluable, and we continue to consider community-requested speed reviews, provided they align with the *Land Transport Rule: Setting of Speed Limits 2024* (the Rule), the speed classifications outlined in Schedule 3 of the Rule, and funding is available.

I can confirm that SH1 south of Taihape is listed on our speed management register as a regional priority through to 2027. All community-requested speed limit changes, including requests for variable speed limits (VSLs) or intersection speed zones, recorded in our register are subject to a moderation and national prioritisation process. We are working towards reviewing the speed limit at this location by the end of this year, subject to funding and resourcing. We will keep the community informed as progress is made.

I assure you that safety remains a key priority for NZ Transport Agency waka Kotahi (NZTA), alongside the Government Policy Statement on Land Transport, which requires that speed limits take into account economic impacts (including travel times) as well as community views. Stakeholders such as councils, schools, businesses, iwi, and the public will have the opportunity to provide feedback on any proposed speed limit changes as part of the six-week public consultation required by the Rule.

Lastly, regarding your reference to the Rauma Road intersection, Mr Hijazeen queried the utility of a turning bay. However, the intersection does not currently meet the warrant criteria for a turning bay

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following our analysis of the turning traffic volumes, crash data and future plans for the area. However, all feedback from local communities like yours is valued and helps inform our future decisions.

If you would like to discuss this matter further with NZTA, you are welcome to contact me by email to linda.stewart@nzta.govt.nz

Yours sincerely

Linda Stewart

Director Regional Relationships (Taranaki/Hawkes Bay/Gisborne/Manawatu)

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5 September 2025

Andy Watson
Mayor
Rangitikei District Council
andy.watson@rangitikei.govt.nz

Ref. NZT-10911

Dear Andy

Thank you for your letter of 20 August 2025 regarding your concerns around traffic issues at the junction of State Highways 1 and 3 (SH1 and SH3).

Improvements to this intersection are included in the *Accessing Central New Zealand Programme Business Case* (PBC), which was completed in 2020. This programme outlines a preferred set of safety and access improvements across the transport network between Waiouru, Levin, and Ashhurst, connecting with Te Ahu a Turanga: Manawatū Tararua Highway over the next 30 years. The PBC serves as a strategic guide for transport investment in the Manawatū region.

As you will be aware, transport investments must be included in the *National Land Transport Programme* (NLTP), which sets out how NZ Transport Agency Waka Kotahi (NZTA) works with partners and stakeholders to deliver a safer, more accessible, better connected, and more resilient land transport system.

The 2024–27 NLTP was confirmed last year and reflects the Government's strategic priorities for land transport, as outlined in the *Government Policy Statement on Land Transport 2024*. While improvements to the SH1/SH3 intersection in Bulls are not included in the 2024–27 NLTP, activities identified in the PBC will be considered in the development of future NLTPs.

I can also advise that the Bulls intersection is under ongoing monitoring, and improvements will be undertaken when demand or safety concerns justify further investment.

If you would like to discuss this matter further with NZTA, you are welcome to contact me by email to linda.stewart@nzta.govt.nz.

Yours sincerely

Linda Stewart

Director Regional Relationships (Taranaki/Hawkes Bay/Gisborne/Manawatu)

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Date	Meeting	HWTM	Wilson	Carter	Dalgety	Duncan	Hiroa	Lambert	Loudon	Maughan	Sharland	Raukawa	Wong	Notes
30-Jul-25	Youth Council	PR				PR							PR	
31-Jul-25	Finance/Performance	PR	PR	PR	PR				PR	AP	PR		PR	
31-Jul-25	Council Meeting	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	AP	PR	AP	PR	PR	PR	
7-Aug-25	Turakina CC	PR		PR										
11-Aug-25	Hunterville RWS	PR			PR			PR		PR				
11-Aug-25	Hunterville CC	СВ			PR			PR						
12-Aug-25	TRAK	PR				PR	PR					AP		
13-Aug-25	Taihape CB	PR				PR							PR	
13-Aug-25	Marton CC	СВ	PR											
14-Aug-25	Council Meeting	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	AP	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	
27-Aug-25	Santoft Domain	PR		PR										
28-Aug-25	Finance/Performance	PR	PR	PR	PR				PR	PR	PR		PR	
28-Aug-25	Council Meeting	PR	PR	PR	PR	AP	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	
2-Sep-25	Erewhon RWS													
3-Sep-25	RA Meeting	PR	PR		PR		PR		PR					
10-Sep-25	Bulls CC													Minutes not recieved
11-Sep-25	AIN Meeting	PR	PR	PR	PR	AP		AP	PR	AP	PR	AT	PR	
11-Sep-25	Council Workshop													1
11-Sep-25	CGC Meeting	PR		PR	PR	AP			PR		PR		PR	1
18-Sep-25	MLRR Meeting	PR			PR		PR						PR	1

Present (and is a member of the committee)

Apology
Absent - no apology received

Not a member of the committee

Not a member of the committee (but still attended)

Not present as on Council business
Attended via Zoom [this indicator is no longer used]

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8.2 Valedictory Speeches for retiring Councillors

1. Reason for Report

- 1.1 Councillors not standing for re-election have an opportunity to make a valedictory speech at this final Council meeting for the 2022-25 triennium.
- 1.2 The following Councillors are not standing for re-election and have indicated they wish to make a speech:
 - 1.2.1 Cr Gill Duncan
 - 1.2.2 Cr Greg Maughan
 - 1.2.3 Cr Richard Lambert

Recommendation

That the valedictory speeches of retiring Councillors, listed below, be received:

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9 Chief Executive's Report

9.1 Chief Executive's Report - September 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 22 August 2025 Taihape Area School Annual Winter tournament All Fields Memorial Park, Taihape
- 2.2 30 August 2025 Bulls Junior Rugby Tournament All fields Bulls Domain
- 2.3 9, 10 August 2025 U20 Heartland Hurricanes final selection round Bulls Domain (no application received)

3. Staff Movements

- 3.1 In August, we welcomed the following employee to RDC:
 - Zane Bell, Reticulation Technician
- 3.2 We also farewelled the following team member in August:
 - Mark Anderson, Business Analyst

4. Health, Safety and Wellbeing Dashboard

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

5. Submissions

- 5.1 The updated list of current opportunities to submit on consultations run by external agencies is attached (Attachment 2).
- 5.2 Consultations submitted on:
 - 5.2.1 In the past month Council submitted on the Local Government (System Improvements) Amendment Bill and provided feedback to the National Emergency Management Agency on their Issues and Options Paper on the Review of section 33 of the Guide to the National CDEM Plan. These submissions can be found on Council's website.
- 5.3 Consultations for submission:
 - 5.3.1 A submission will be drafted for the consultation on the Economic Regulation of Water Services. Council has also been found to be an affected party for the Taranaki VTM Project going through the Fast Track process, therefore Council is able to submit on this project.

6. Local Water Done Well Update

- 6.1 A reminder the three phases of the establishment plan are:
 - 6.1.1 Phase 1: Legal establishment of the entity by 1 July 2026
 - 6.1.2 Phase 2: Operational establishment by 1 July 2027
 - 6.1.3 Phase 3: Operational from 1 July 2027
- 6.2 Progress on Phase 1 includes:
 - 6.2.1 Water Services Delivery Plan now completed.
 - 6.2.2 Collaboration Agreement (CA) a joint workshop was held on 27 August and then subsequently the CA was signed by the three council's Chief Executives on 17 September.
 - 6.2.3 Commercial Terms Sheet (CTS) A joint workshop with elected members from all three councils was held on 17 September, this included the proposed content of this document. It is anticipated the CTS will be completed by the end of 2025.
 - 6.2.4 Foundation Documents (Shareholders Agreement and Constitution) will be agreed by early 2026.
 - 6.2.5 Shareholders Council will be set up by early 2026.
 - 6.2.6 Water Services Council Controlled Organisation (WS-CCO) Establishment Board proposals are being sought by three companies for the recruitment of Board members, which is hoped will be appointed by mid 2026.
 - 6.2.7 WS-CCO Establishment CEO to be appointed by mid 2026.
 - 6.2.8 Financing arrangements agreed to by mid 2026.
 - 6.2.9 A reminder that the assumed transfer date is 1 July 2027.
- 6.3 The Project Oversight Group (POG) held their first meeting on 12 September, where it was agreed that fortnightly meetings will be scheduled, with the hope that every second meeting can be in person. The POG will meet quarterly with the iwi roopu that has been appointed as the technical group for iwi.
- 6.4 All three council's comms teams are coming up with options for names for the WS-CCO, these will be presented to the Project Oversight Group.
- 6.5 On 23 September the Chief Executive, senior staff and Chris Dyhrberg (Executive Director Water Services CCO) will hold an in person meeting for staff directly working in the waters space, following that comms will also be sent out to all staff. It is intended these meetings will take place regularly to keep staff informed.

7. Chief Executive Employment and Performance Committee

- 7.1 As it is the end of the triennium the current Council is being asked to consider and, if they agree, endorse the formation of a Chief Executive Employment and Performance Committee to be considered as part of the Committee Structure for the 2025-28 triennium.
- 7.2 Committees of this nature are common across councils and are consider best practice to ensure there is effective, transparent and regular monitoring of the Chief Executive's performance.

- 7.3 The Committee would also be responsible for any recruitment process required for the Chief Executive.
- 7.4 Attached is a proposed Terms of Reference for the Committee (Attachment 3).

8. Financial Implications

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

9. Impact on Strategic Risks

- 9.1 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.
- 9.2 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.

10. Strategic Alignment

10.1 Council's strategic direction could be impacted by changes to the purpose of local government proposed in the Local Government (System Improvements) Amendment Bill.

11. Mana Whenua Implications

- 11.1 Members of the Te Rōpū Ahi Kā Komiti receive the submission list and, if time allows, asked for input into specific draft submissions.
- 11.2 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.
- 11.3 There are no other known mana whenua implications associated with this report.

12. Climate Change Impacts and Consideration

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

13. Statutory Implications

13.1 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. Decision Making Process

14.1 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 August 2025 J
- 2. Current and upcoming submissions September 2025 &
- 3. Draft Terms of Reference CE Employment and Performance Committee &

Recommendation 1

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

Recommendation 2

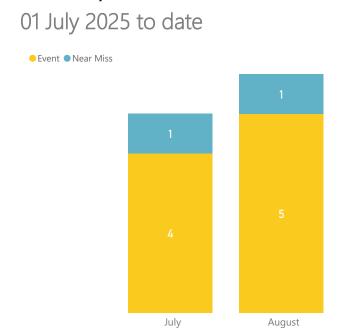
That the Council endorses the formation of the Chief Executive Employment and Performance Committee and recommends to the new Council to include it in the Committee Structure.

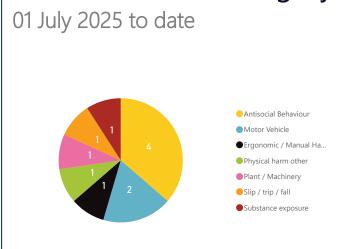


RDC Health and Safety Dashboard August 2025

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

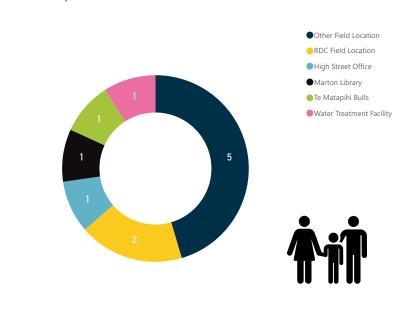
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Events, Hazards and Near Misses



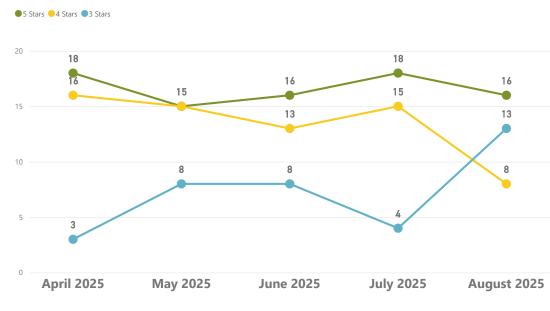
Summary of Month





Average Driver Ratings

Ratings from E-Road Dashboard (Overspeed / Harsh Braking & Harsh Acceleration Events) Increased 3-star ratings in June and August due to emergency braking practice during driver training exercises.



September Wellbeing News

Mole Maps

Completed Driver

71% Safety Training

There's still time to register for our on-site clinics which are happening during October, November and December. If you can't make one of these times, you can request a voucher to attend a clinic in Palmy or Whanganui. Mole maps are a great way to monitor the harmful effects of the NZ sun, and we encourage everyone to take up this opportunity. Please contact Matt or Chelsea for bookings, vouchers or more information.

Hauora Ake - Wellbeing Programme

In addition to Mole Maps, there's heaps more wellness opportunities available through our wellbeing programme. You can find the details on the HSW page of Kapua, or chat to a member of the People and Culture Team for more information.

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Current Consultations

Name of	Agency	Due	Description	Proposed
Initiative	Engaging	Date		RDC
				Action
Currently Open fo	r Submissions			
Constitution	Parliamentary	15	This bill amends the Constitution Act 1986	None
Amendment Bill	Justice	September	to improve the resilience of the	
	Committee		mechanisms that provide for the	
			continuity of executive government and	
			the transition of power following an election.	
Draft Government	Ministry of	21	The updated GPS-HUD reflects the current	None
Policy Statement on	Housing and	September	government's priorities and is intended to	
Housing and Urban	Urban		guide the housing and urban development	
<u>Development</u>	Development		system towards more equitable and	
			effective outcomes. For the first time, the	
			GPS-HUD will incorporate the MAIHI	
			(Māori and Iwi Housing Innovation)	
			approach, recognising that Māori housing	
			solutions are integral to the broader	
D 11 0 1			housing system.	
Regulatory Systems	Governance	24 Santambar	A wide range of Acts amended, including	None
(Internal Affairs) Amendment Bill	Administration	September	Local Government (Members Interests) Act 1968: Clause 137 amends section 3 of	
Amendment biii	Select		the principal Act, which prevents a person	
	Committee		may not be 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,	
Land Transcratt (C)	Dorling	25	excluding GST.	None
<u>Land Transport (Clean</u> Vehicle Standard)	Parliament Transport and	September	The objective of this bill is to support the achievement of the annual carbon dioxide	None
Amendment Bill (No	Infrastructure	September	targets in the Clean Vehicle Standard and	
2)	Committee		to reduce the costs that the Standard	
	, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,		could impose on vehicle suppliers and	
			consumer.	
Telecommunications	Ministry for	25	The Review will examine regulatory	None
Sector Regulatory	Regulation	September	design, stewardship and practice. The	
Review			Ministry is seeking feedback on options for	

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			change on the following: Consumer	
			protection and customer service, access to	
			basic telecommunications services,	
			including access in rural areas and basic	
			fibre services, how fibre businesses and	
			products are regulated, how levies on	
			businesses are calculated; and balancing	
			the costs and benefits of regulation.	
Standardised Codes	Local	26	The draft code attempts to focus	None
of Conduct	Government	September	engagement on the key elements of a	
<u> </u>	Commission	осресинос.	code – expected behaviours and the	
	Commission		process for dealing with complaints and	
			breaches. It minimises the role of Chief	
			Executives in the process and allows the	
			'	
			public to lodge complaints. The Local	
			Government (Systems Improvement)	
			Amendment Bill proposes to make this	
			Code mandatory for all councils.	
Antisocial Road Use	Parliamentary	30	The single broad policy of the Bill is to	None
<u>Legislation</u>	Justice	September	deter antisocial driving behaviour that	
Amendment Bill	Committee		negatively affects road and community	
			safety in New Zealand, including fleeing	
			from Police, illegal street racing, dirt bike	
			gatherings, frightening or intimidating	
			convoys, and excessive noise. The Bill is an	
			omnibus Bill introduced in accordance	
			with Standing Order 267(1)(a) as the	
			provisions 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.	
Proposed ban on	Environmental	4 October	Chlorthal-dimethyl is used to control	None
chlorthal-dimethyl /	Protection	- October	annual grasses and broadleaf weeds in	TVOTIC
DCPA weedkiller	Agency		onions and other alliums, ornamental	
Del A Weedkiller	Agency		plants and forest nurseries. It is also	
			•	
			known as DCPA, dimethyl	
			tetrachloroterephthalate and Dacthal. The	
			EPA considers that the risks outweigh the	
			benefits because the health risks for	
			people who are pregnant cannot be	
			effectively mitigated, the environmental	
			risks of groundwater contamination	
			cannot be mitigated, and use is limited in	

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			New Zealand and there are cheaper	
			alternatives.	
Taranaki VTM Project	Environmental	6 October	On 23 April 2025, Trans-Tasman Resources	Submit
Fast Track	Protection		Limited lodged an application with the	
	Authority		Environmental Protection Authority for the	
			Taranaki VTM project under the Fast-track	
			Approvals Act 2024 (the Act). Council has	
			been invited to submit on this application	
			as an affected party.	
Economic Regulation	Commerce	20 October	The Commission proposes a staged	Submit
of Water Services	Commission		approach to introducing information	
			disclosure requirements, starting with a	
			focus on information that will enable a	
			greater understanding of investment and	
			asset management, financial sustainability	
			and ring-fencing. While the Commission	
			does not directly regulate affordability, the	
			cost to consumers is closely linked to how	
			efficiently and effectively services are	
			delivered. Greater efficiency and better	
			performance can lead to more affordable	
			outcomes over time. The Commission	
			aims to keep its approach proportionate	
			and practical, knowing that compliance	
			costs ultimately fall to consumers.	

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Proposed Chief Executive Employment and Performance Committee

Terms of Reference

Elected membership	Five elected members
Quorum	Half the membership, or a majority of members if there is an odd number
Meeting frequency	Four monthly [1 - To approve the performance plan for the year, 2 - Mid year progress review, 3 - Annual performance review, others - as required]
Reports to	Council

Areas of Focus

- 1. The Chief Executive Employment and Performance Committee has the role of undertaking any review for the purposes of clause 35, Schedule 7, Local Government Act 2002, making a recommendation to the Council under clause 34, Schedule 7, LGA 2002, and (if applicable) undertaking any recruitment and selection process, for recommendation to the Council.
- 2. The Committee has responsibility for the effective monitoring of the Chief Executive's performance, professional development and the authority to undertake the annual remuneration review.

Terms of Reference (Delegations)

The Committee will have responsibility and authority to:

- Lead the Chief Executive recruitment process in accordance with best practice and in compliance with the Local Government Act 2002, with the exception of the power to appoint a Chief Executive, this must be done by full Council.
- Agree the annual performance objectives, including professional development opportunities, with the Chief Executive.
- Undertake a six monthly review to assess progress against the performance objectives, provide constructive feedback and agree to any amendments, with the Chief Executive.
- Conduct an annual remuneration review and provide recommendations to Council regarding any adjustments to remuneration.
- Seek independent professional advice on good employer practice and remuneration as necessary.

Manage any other matters relating the Chief Executive's employment including any employment dispute that may arise. The following responsibilities sit with the wider Council, and not the Committee:

- Undertake contract renewal / extension in accordance with the Local Government Act 2002.
- Negotiate and amend the terms and conditions of employment of the Chief Executive.
- Determine annual remuneration review decisions.

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10 Reports for Decision

10.1 2024/25 Carry-over Requests

Author: Warren Pedley, Manager Finance and Partnerships

Authoriser: Leanne Macdonald, Group Manager - Corporate Services

1. Reason for Report

1.1 The purpose of this report is to seek formal approval to carry-over unspent budget provisions from 2024/25 into 2025/26 to complete committed projects.

1.2 The majority of the carry-over requests is for the completion of projects where work is committed and under contract or some way advanced and the carry-over is required to complete the works.

2. Context

- 2.1 A number of projects started in 2024/25 were not completed by 30 June 2025. In order to complete this work, the associated budget must be carried forward into the 2025/26 financial year and form part of the revised budget.
- 2.2 The reasons for the non-completion of projects includes
 - 2.2.1 Difficulty in obtaining materials or resourcing.
 - 2.2.2 Consultation requirements
 - 2.2.3 Consents or other legislative processes to be completed
 - 2.2.4 Delays associated with construction or design by third parties

3. Discussion and Options Considered

- 3.1 There are several requests received by Finance. This totals \$4.246m. Of this total \$728k is operational budget and \$3.5m is completion of capital programmes of work committed projects, in that they have already commenced and need to be completed, contracts have been awarded or some form of commitment has been undertaken.
- 3.2 The carry overs are split into activities and detail in the tables below.

3.3 Community requests carry over of \$294k, made up of \$50k Opex and \$244k Capex. Opex includes \$29k contribution to an Emergency Management Preparedness Report. The work was committed in 2024/25 however, the work was not completed until August 2025. This carry over needs to contribute to the final costs of this review. A further \$21k is included to allow the community initiatives funds to carry forward with sufficient budget for the continuation of the inflight youth programmes throughout the district

The \$244k capex requested covers adjustments necessary to realign approved 2025/26 project budgets following finalisation of 2024/25. Also included are projects not already in plan for 2025/26 that are to be carried over for completion in 2025/26.

Community		Opex	Capex
Plan Adjustments (Differ	rence in 2025 EOY Position)		
Halls	4090174505. Marton Building Design & Construction		5,440
Halls	4090174504. Taihape Town Hall and Library Redevelopment		(1,415)
Domains Buildings	4410170630. Taihape Grandstand		13,365
Housing	4040170601. Housing Renovations and Compliance		(19,405)
Halls	4090170609111 Furniture Bulls Civic Centre	_	(13)
		_	(2,027)
Carry Ins (Difference in 2	2025 EOY Position))		
Library	40801705. Furniture and Fittings		7,485
Library	40801708. Library Book Purchases		17,108
Swimming Pool	4000170616. Upgrades and Replacements		17,778
Halls	40901706. Bulls Community Centre-LTPid62		18,851
Halls	4090170201. Council Halls - Renewals		5,494
Halls	4090174506. Former Bulls Library Re-Roof		49,718
Domains Buildings	4410170710. Security Gate at King Street		28,228
Domains Buildings	4410170711. Town Centre Regeneration		101,795
Civil Defence	40300692 CDEM Review	29,000	
District Promotions	4020036300 Community Initiatives Fund	15,308	
District Promotions	4020036308 Events Support Scheme	5,620	
	-	49,928	246,456
	-	49,928	244,429

3.4 Corporate Services requests carry over of \$178,143 for the completion for the 2024/25 Fleet replacement Programme. While the vehicles had been ordered, they did not arrive until July and Council cannot pay for them until they have received the vehicles.

Fleet		Opex	Capex
Carry Ins (Difference in	2025 EOY Position))		
Fleet	95500701. Motor Vehicle Purchases		178,143

3.5 Parks and Reserves requests carry over of \$10,000 for a Taihape Artificial Cricket Pitch carried over from the 2024/25 Capex plan

Parks and Reserves		Opex	Capex
Carry Ins (Difference in 20	025 EOY Position))		
Domain Grounds	4410270714. Taihape Artificial Cricket Pitch		10,000

3.6 Stormwater requests carry over of \$631k Capex. The capex requested covers adjustments necessary to realign approved 2025/26 project budgets following finalisation of 2024/25. Also included are projects not already in plan for 2025/26 that are to be carried over for completion in 2025/26.

Stormwater		Opex	Capex
Plan Adjustments (Di	fference in 2025 EOY Position)		
Stormwater	6050177203. Bredins Line New Outfall		(229)
Stormwater	6050177365. Scotts Ferry Pump		2,520
			2,291
Carry Ins (Difference	in 2025 EOY Position))		
Stormwater	6050176202. 56.2: Open Drain Renewals		58,593
Stormwater	6050177204. Bulls Stormwater Upgrades		432,823
Stormwater	6050177205. Bulls Domain Mitigation		83,643
Stormwater	6050177363. LOS Storm Water Reticulation		53,772
			628,831
			631,121

3.7 Hunterville Urban Water requests carry over of \$27k Capex for funding not already in plan for 2025/26 that is to be carried over to 2025/26.

Hunterville Urban Water Opex Carry Ins (Difference in 2025 EOY Position))		Opex	Capex
Hunterville Urban Water	6060776301. Hunterville Treatment - Contractor		27,479

3.8 Wastewater requests carry over of \$1.1m Capex. The capex requested covers adjustments necessary to realign approved 2025/26 project budgets following finalisation of 2024/25. Also included are projects not already in plan for 2025/26 that are to be carried over for completion in 2025/26.

Waste Water - Sewera	ge	Opex	Capex
Plan Adjustments (Differen	ce in 2025 EOY Position)		,
Waste Water - Sewerage	6070177111. Ratana Complete Upgrade		(34,948)
Waste Water - Sewerage	6070176206. Marton to Bulls Centralisation Project		(14,528)
Waste Water - Sewerage	6070177108. Taihape Wastewater Treatment Plant Consent		(26,815)
Waste Water - Sewerage	6070176208. 51: Wastewater Reticulation - O & M		250
			(76,041)
Carry Ins (Difference in 202	5 EOY Position))		
Waste Water - Sewerage	6070176203. 50: Wastewater Reticulation - New Works		70,622
Waste Water - Sewerage	6070176204. Wastewater Reticulation		527,372
Waste Water - Sewerage	6070177105. WWTP Minor Upgrades		92,966
Waste Water - Sewerage	6070177106119 RDC Waste Water Asset Mgt Strategy		11,999
Waste Water - Sewerage	6070177109. Taihape / Papakai Wastewater Pump Station		273,296
Waste Water - Sewerage	6070177116. Hunterville WWTP Upgrades (New UV)		239,075
			1,215,329
			1,139,288

3.9 Roading requests carry over of \$1.761m, made up of \$678k Opex and \$1.1m Capex. This request realigns the infight programme for 2025/26 as approved by NZTA which includes the carry forward of unspent funds for 2024/25.

Roading		Opex	Capex
Plan Adjustments (Carry	Plan Adjustments (Carry Ins and realignment to NZTA approved programme)		
Subsidised Roading	Multiple GL's		254,756
Subsidised Roading	70100795. Improvements- Low Cost Low Risk (341)		323,663
Subsidised Roading	Multiple GL's	678,414	
Unsubsidised Roading	7030076109. Calico Line Footpath		258,669
Unsubsidised Roading	7030076107. Mitigation Sealing		179,236
Unsubsidised Roading	7030076105. Paths and Structures		66,864
		678,414	1,083,188

4. Financial Implications

The implications of carry overs is partial budgets from a prior year are moved into 2025/26. It does not impact on our rate payer as the funding and budgets have already been factored into the 2024/25 financial year.

5. Impact on Strategic Risks

There is no impact.

6. Strategic Alignment

6.1 Carry overs of agreed programmes of work enables officers to continue with the programmes of work agreed in our 2024-34 Long Term Plan.

7. Mana Whenua Implications

7.1 There are no implications as the Mana Whenua impacts were considered when preparing the Long Term Plan.

8. Climate Change Impacts and Consideration

8.1 Climate Change impacts are considered when setting the programme of work contained in the 2024-34 Long term Plan.

9. Statutory Implications

9.1 There are no Statutory Implications.

10. Conclusion

10.1 While officers strive to complete their full programme of work, sometimes availability of products or resources impede the completion. This requires officers to request Councils to revise their Annual budget to reflect any ongoing work from a prior year.

11. Decision Making Process

11.1 This is not significant as the programmes of work are included in the Long Term or Annual Planning consultation process.

Recommendation 1

That the report 2024/25 Carry-over Request be received.

Recommendation 2

That the Council approve/do not approve [delete one] the carry over request of \$728k OPEX and \$3.5m Capital.

Recommendation 3

That Council authorise Officers to create a revised 2025/26 budget for a future meeting which includes the 2025/26 Annual Plan budget plus approved carry over amendments.

10.2 Dudding Lake Community Building

Author: Gaylene Prince, Northern Area and Property Manager

Authoriser: Arno Benadie, Deputy Chief Executive

1. Reason for Report

1.1 At the May 2025 meeting of the Assets/Infrastructure Committee meeting, elected members considered a recommendation to accept the gifting and vesting of the Community Building at Dudding Lake Campground.

1.2 The Committee resolved (25/AIN/019) That the matter of the gifting and vesting of the Community Building at Dudding Lake be left to lie on the table, until a further report is provided to Council.

2. Context

- 2.1 The Dudding Lake Reserve is a public recreation facility, purchased by Marton Borough Council in 1965 with cash gifted to the Council specifically for that purpose by Mr JBS Dudding. In 1972 additional land was acquired and was funded by a grant from the JBS Dudding Trust, with a condition of that funding, that the Council was required to settle the whole of Dudding Lake as a perpetual charitable trust, with the lake, the surrounding land, and all the improvements to be officially known as "the Dudding Lake Reserve".
- 2.2 It has since been held by Council as a public recreation facility, in accordance with the Deed of Trust ("The Trust") dated 1 December 1972.
- 2.3 Since 1 April 2010 the facility has been managed by a private company Dudding Lake Limited ("The Manager"). The Manager appointed a sub-contractor, EB Gordon Limited ("The Subcontractor") to be responsible for the daily management and operation of the Dudding Lake Reserve.
- 2.4 All rights of renewal were taken up by The Manager (and The Subcontractor). Since expiry of the last renewal on 31 March 2023 the agreement has been carried on pending formal review.
- 2.5 There is a 2009 Reserve Management Plan for Dudding Lake Reserve, however this was written prior to the Management Agreements of 2010 and 2011 and requires updating. Staff are presently considering options for reviewing all Reserve Management Plans.
- 2.6 With Council approval, a community building was sited on the land in 2012. Council's consent (12/SPP/018) reserved the right for Council to require the building to be removed on expiry/termination of the management agreement.
- 2.7 The building was purchased by and is currently still owned by The Subcontractor, who obtained and brought the building on-site to provide an extra facility for the Dudding Lake Reserve campers and visitors. As well as an opportunity for such a facility to be used for social gatherings, meetings and weddings, feedback had also been received from campers that when the weather was miserable, they had nowhere to go and it would be beneficial to have a place they could meet with other campers, play cards, etc.
- 2.8 Two Marton Service Clubs assisted with the costs to relocate the building onto the reserve, while a third Club was also involved with the building of the decks onto the

- building and the development of the playground equipment. The building has been refurbished and developed, with most of the work and materials almost publicly funded and undertaken by volunteer workers.
- 2.9 Any work relating to the Community building that required a consent has been consented. The owner advises that the building is in a sound condition. Recent work includes one barge board having been replaced, while the other is about to be replaced. Work is about to commence on sanding back and painting the window frames/sills. Some joinery is aluminium. The owner has advised a new roof may be required in 10 years. There is a combined gas/electric stove in the facility, and a new water pump.
- 2.10 The Subcontractor wishes to gift the building and improvements to Council to remain part of the facility as it is an integral part of the public reserve.

3. Discussion and Options Considered

Legal Advice

- 3.1 Legal advice was sought regarding the risks in accepting the gift of the building as well as recommendations on the expired management agreement between the Council and The Manager.
- 3.2 The advice identified that the gift of the building would tidy up the ownership of Dudding Lake reserve and its facilities, ensuring that all facilities on the land are owned by Council.
- 3.3 It would avoid the risk in future of the management of the facility being transferred to a third party, but the building not being transferred leaving a complex ownership position.
- 3.4 The Trust Deed grants Council full power in its management and control of the Dudding Lake Reserve, which would include the power to take ownership of the building.
- 3.5 Under the Reserves Act 1977, there are powers for Council to authorise the erections of buildings. Although Dudding Lake Reserve is not recorded as reserve land, it is used in a similar fashion, and by analogy the ownership of a building on such land is contemplated by the legislature framework. For all purposes, it is treated as reserved land by Council in terms of the Deed.
- 3.6 There is a general, although minor, risk of adding a further building for public use to Council's building portfolio, including renewals and any compliance requirements.
- 3.7 When the Management Agreement was entered into, the building was not on site and therefore the agreement does not deal with operational matters regarding this i.e., bookings, income, and fees and charges. Legal advice confirmed that the Management Agreement should be updated to reflect the management of the building if the gift of the building was accepted and noted it should be reviewed prior to finalising any vesting agreement.
- 3.8 Legal advice also recommended that the existing agreement be reviewed and updated to ensure it accurately represents the parties.

Options Identified

- 3.9 Three options have been identified for Council's consideration:
 - 3.9.1 Option 1: Declining the offer to gift and vest the building in Council.

It is considered that this option passes the matter off to (potentially) others to deal with in the future and offers no certainty to Council, the Subcontractor, the community and users of the facility.

3.9.2 Option 2: Determining now that the building must be removed by the end of the contract with the Subcontractor.

As well as offering no certainty, there is also the risk of trust and confidence in Council being tarnished with this option. There has been 'buy-in' by the community in their contribution to the relocation and development of the building for community use.

3.9.3 Option 3: Determining now that Council accepts the gift and vesting of the community building in Council as the owner of the Dudding Lake Reserve and treat the building as a fixture at the Reserve.

It is considered that this meets the original intent of The Manager and The Subcontractor of enhancing the Dudding Lake Reserve for the community.

As advised to the Assets/Infrastructure Committee, there is no record of the rationale behind 12/SPP/018 reserving the right for Council to require removal of the building.

4. Financial Implications

Council Costs and Income

- 4.1 The Council presently pays a Grant of \$17,500 plus GST per annum, paid in quarterly instalments. The Grant is for the proportion of the services required to meet the public entitlement.
- 4.2 "Public Entitlement" is defined in the agreement as the entitlement of the public at large to use the following facilities without charge: access way, public toilets, picnic area, lake, children's play area. "Services" is defined as: supervision of the reserve, all necessary lawn mowing of areas that are mowed at the commencement of this agreement, repair and maintenance costs as particularised in this agreement.
- 4.3 On any renewal of the agreement, the Manager (Subcontractor) has been entitled to an increase in the grant to compensate for the reduction in the purchasing power of the currency since the commencement of the agreement, to be calculated by reference to the Consumer Price Index. However, the Grant has remained unchanged since 2010, when the agreement commenced.
- 4.4 Council is presently responsible for paying insurance premiums (the community building included), rates, the cost of all maintenance, repair or renewal which is of a capital nature (excluding for the community building), and the costs incurred in respect of the waste disposal system, less \$1,500 plus GST per annum, which is the responsibility of the Manager.
- 4.5 Renewals in the last 10 years have included re-roofing the Ablution Block, UV Filtration, Water line replacement, new Hot Water Cylinder and replacing wastewater pipes, and sealing the entrance roadway. Council also contributed via the Parks Upgrade Partnership to an electric BBQ, with the majority of funding provided (including in a voluntary work capacity) by volunteers and Lions.

- 4.6 If the community building was gifted to and vested in Council, Council would need to determine if it would seek to recover depreciation via fees or rates for the building and, if so, what the percentage of depreciation would be. Council's Rural Halls, for example, are depreciated for annual accounting purposes, however depreciation is not recovered, via rates, at 100%. Council would need to decide if they wished to fund depreciation and this decision would form part of Council's Annual Plan consideration.
- 4.7 The Council presently receives no income from The Dudding Lake Reserve. Council may determine, in future, to receive funding (e.g., via rates, fees and charges, an annual rental or agreed percentage of user fees) to contribute towards managing the costs of accepting the gift.

Subcontractor Costs and Income

- 4.8 Presently, The Subcontractor's costs include, for example, maintenance and repair of the land and the facilities (which would include the community building if gifted) including mowing, keeping the house, kitchen, showers and toilets clean, provisioned, and in repair, rubbish removal, keeping fences in repair, filling in potholes (but not repairing any seal), keeping the lighting, caravan points, electrical fittings in repair, replacing lights, power points, electrical fittings as reasonably required. The Subcontractor is responsible for compliance costs e.g. Health Licence.
- 4.9 The Subcontractor, as owner, is presently responsible for all costs associated with the community building.
- 4.10 The Subcontractor is also responsible for all electricity and tankered water costs for The Dudding Lake Reserve, and a maximum of \$1,500 plus GST per annum towards the waste disposal system.
- 4.11 The Subcontractor presently retains all income generated from the campground.

Community Building

- 4.12 As identified above, Council presently covers the cost for rates and insurance for the Dudding Lake Reserve as a whole. The community building is included in these costs already.
- 4.13 Presently The Subcontractor is responsible for bookings of the community building and retains all income generated from the building. The Subcontractor is also responsible for setting the fee for the building. For the last two financial years, income received for the building was between \$4000 and \$5000 each year. Not all users have paid a fee e.g., Forest & Bird contributed to the Reserve by having a planting day, instead of paying for use of the building. The fees and charges for the community building appear to be in line with those for Council's halls, considering its size and facilities available.
- 4.14 The Subcontractor has advised that the building may need re-roofing in 10 years time. This has not been confirmed.

Management Agreement

- 4.15 As per legal advice a decision on the building should be made before the terms of any Agreement is confirmed.
- 4.16 As per paragraph 2.4, the last renewal of the agreement has expired. It is anticipated that the Dudding Lake Reserve would continue to be managed by an external provider.

4.17 All terms of the Management Agreement for the Dudding Lake Reserve will be reviewed, including responsibilities, and reporting. As per paragraph 4.7, a future Management Agreement may include that Council will receive revenue from the operation of the Dudding Lake Reserve e.g., an annual rental and/or agreed percentage of income as a contribution towards costs (towards renewals, rates, etc).

5. Impact on Strategic Risks

- 5.1 If Council determined that the building must be removed, there is a risk that trust and confidence is tarnished.
- 5.2 There has been considerable 'buy-in' by the community in their contribution to the relocation and development of the building for community use. It may be the community's belief and/or expectation that the community building is a permanent fixture at the Reserve.

6. Strategic Alignment

6.1 This aligns with Council's strategic priority – Social Wellbeing as this is an opportunity to support parks and open spaces and ensures public facilities to enhance community wellbeing.

7. Mana Whenua Implications

7.1 Officers are not aware of mana whenua implications associated with the decisions in this report.

8. Climate Change Impacts and Consideration

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

9. Statutory Implications

9.1 The Reserves Act 1977, Section 41 requires a Reserve Management Plan (as discussed in context with Paragraphs 2.5 and 3.5).

10. Decision Making Process

- 10.1 The building has been renovated, improved and developed since it was first moved onsite. The building owner has advised it may need re-roofing in 10 years time.
- 10.2 The community building is now a valued and integral part of both campers and day visitors/hirers experience at the Dudding Lake Reserve. It has achieved the vision of the present owner and the service clubs involved in its placement, in the value it adds for the Reserve users experience and in terms of facilities available.
- 10.3 It is intended that maintenance costs and licence and/or compliance costs for the building would be treated the same way as the other buildings on-site i.e., they would continue to be the responsibility of a lessee or manager.
- 10.4 There may be opportunities with a new management agreement for a lessee or manager to contribute (by way of rental and/or a percentage of income) towards costs of insurance and rates, and renewals of the facilities on the Reserve.
- 10.5 Depreciation, if any since the building will be gifted to Council, would be determined by Council as part of the Annual Plan process. If/when the building needed to be replaced,

Council could decide at that time whether they wished to replace the building and to identify funding options then.

Recommendation 1

That the report Dudding Lake Community Building be received.

Recommendation 2

EITHER

That Council declines the offer to gift and vest the Community Building at the Dudding Lake Reserve.

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That Council direct the Subcontractor to remove the Community Building at the Dudding Lake Reserve at the end of their contract.

OR

That Council accepts the gift and vesting of the Community Building at the Dudding Lake Reserve and therefore as the owner of the Dudding Lake Reserve the building becomes a fixture of the Reserve.

11 Reports for Information

11.1 Project Update Report - August 2025 Extended Update

Author: Arno Benadie, Deputy Chief Executive

Authoriser: Carol Gordon, Chief Executive

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.
- 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.
- 9.7 Although the concept design is now signed off, there has been a delay in the design timeline to date. The design process is now expected to be completed by early April 2026, with the following factors contributing to the delay:

- 9.7.1 Concept design was separated into two stages with the first to understand the extent of seismic work along with associated costs before designing for the rest of the scope.
- 9.7.2 Deviation from a seismic only project to a partial new build.
- 9.7.3 Concept designs were approved 3 months after being presented.
- 9.7.4 Aligning the contract schedule to tie in with council meeting dates.

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.

11. Financial Implications

11.1 This report does not identify and financial implications.

12. Impact on Strategic Risks

12.1 No impacts on strategic risks

13. Strategic Alignment

13.1 All projects are aligned with strategic goals.

14. Mana Whenua Implications

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

15. Climate Change Impacts and Consideration

15.1 There is no climate change impact.

16. Statutory Implications

16.1 There are no statutory implications.

Recommendation

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

12 Minutes from Committees

12.1 Minutes from Committees

Author: Kezia Spence, Governance Advisor

1. Reason for Report

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

2. Attachments

- 1. ERWS 03 June 25 (under separate cover)
- 2. RA 19 June 25 (under separate cover)
- 3. AIN 10 July 25 (under separate cover)
- 4. TCC 07 August 25 (under separate cover)
- 5. HCC 11 August 25 (under separate cover)
- 6. TCB 13 August 25 (under separate cover)
- 7. MCC 13 August 25 (under separate cover)
- 8. F/P 28 August 25 (under separate cover)
- 9. ERWS 02 September 25 (under separate cover)

Recommendation

That the following minutes are received:

- Erewhon Rural Water Scheme Meeting 03 June 25
- Risk and Assurance Meeting 19 June 25
- Assets/Infrastructure Meeting 10 July 25
- Turakina Community Committee Meeting 07 August 25
- Hunterville Community Committee 11 August 25
- Taihape Community Board Meeting 13 August 25
- Marton Community Committee Meeting 13 August 25
- Finance/Performance Committee Meeting 28 August 25
- Erewhon Rural Water Scheme Meeting 02 September 25

13 Recommendations from Committees

13.1 Recommendation from Assets/Infrastructure Committee

Author: Kezia Spence, Governance Advisor

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

1. Reason for Report

- 1.1 To consider the recommendation from the Assets/Infrastructure Committee meeting on the 11 September 25.
- 1.2 The Assets/Infrastructure Committee received two options for the roof design for the Marton Swim Centre Structural Remediation project.
 - 1.2.1 Elected members can view the report that was presented to the Assets/Infrastructure Committee on the Council website <u>Marton Pool Developed Design Roof Design Options</u>

Resolved minute number 25/AIN/001

That the Asset/Infrastructure Committee recommend to Council that staff proceed with Option 1 to develop the design details further.

Cr D Wilson/HWTM A Watson. Carried Abstained Cr Loudon.

Recommendation 1

That Council direct staff proceed with Option 1 (ETFE roof with steel frame) to develop the design details further for the Marton Swim Centre.

14 Public Excluded

Resolution to Exclude the Public

The meeting went into public excluded session enter time

Recommendation

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

- 1 Public Excluded Council Meeting 28 August 2025
- 2. Follow-up Action Items from Council (Public Excluded) Meetings
- 3. Chief Executive's Report September 2025
- 4. Public Excluded Resolutions

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

General subject of each matter to be considered	Reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter	Ground(s) under section 48 for the passing of this resolution
14.1 - Public Excluded Council Meeting - 28 August 2025	To consider the minutes relating to matters that were the subject of discussion at the 28 August 25 meeting.	S48(1)(a)
14.2 - 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	
14.3 - Chief Executive's Report - September 2025	This item is in public excluded to protect privacy.	s48(1)(a)(i)
	s7(2)(a) - Privacy	
	s7(2)(b)(ii) - Commercial Position	
	s7(2)(g) - Legal Professional Privilege	
	s7(2)(i) - Negotiations	
14.4 - 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.

15 Open Meeting