

ORDER PAPER

ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

Date: Thursday, 30 October 2025

Time: 1.00pm

Venue: Council Chamber
Rangitikei District Council
46 High Street
Marton

Chair: HWTM Andy Watson

Deputy Chair: Cr Dave Wilson

Membership: Cr Diana Baird
Cr Alan Buckendahl
Cr Fi Dalgety
Cr Sandra Field
Cr John Hainsworth
Cr Piki Te Ora Hiroa
Cr Graeme O'Fee
Cr Coral Raukawa
Cr Paul Sharland
Cr Jeff Wong

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Notice is hereby given that an Ordinary Meeting of Council of the Rangitikei District Council will be held in the Council Chamber, Rangitikei District Council, 46 High Street, Marton on Thursday, 30 October 2025 at 1.00pm.

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AGENDA

1 Welcome / Prayer

2 Apologies

3 Public Forum

No Public Forum

4 Conflict of Interest Declarations

Members are reminded of their obligation to declare any conflicts of interest they might have in respect of items on this agenda.

5 Confirmation of Order of Business

That, taking into account the explanation provided why the item is not on the meeting agenda and why the discussion of the item cannot be delayed until a subsequent meeting, [enter item number](#) be dealt with as a late item at this meeting.

6 Confirmation of Minutes

6.1 Confirmation of Minutes

Author: Kezia Spence, Governance Advisor

1. Reason for Report

- 1.1 The minutes from Ordinary Council Meeting held on 23 October 2025 are attached.

Attachments

1. Ordinary Council Meeting - 23 October 2025

Recommendation

That the minutes of Ordinary Council Meeting held on 23 October 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



RANGITIKEI
DISTRICT COUNCIL
Making this place home.

UNCONFIRMED: ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

Date: Thursday, 23 October 2025
Time: 1.00pm
Venue: Te Matapihi
Rangitikei District Council
4 Criterion Street
Bulls

Present

HWTM Andy Watson
Cr Diana Baird
Cr Alan Buckendahl
Cr Sandra Field
Cr John Hainsworth
Cr Piki Te Ora Hiroa
Cr Graeme O'Fee
Cr Coral Raukawa
Cr Paul Sharland
Cr Dave Wilson
Cr Jeff Wong

In attendance

Mrs Carol Gordon, Chief Executive
Mr Arno Benadie, Deputy Chief Executive
Ms Katrina Gray, Group Manager - Strategy, Community and Democracy
Ms Leanne Macdonald, Group Manager - Corporate Services
Mr Johan Cullis, Group Manager - Regulatory and Emergency Management
Mrs Karen Cowper, Executive Officer
Ms Kezia Spence, Governance Advisor
Ms Sophia Sykes, Communications Manager

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ITEM 6.1 ATTACHMENT 1

Unconfirmed

1 Whakatau

The whakatau commenced at 1.00pm and Mrs Gordon opened the meeting at 2.02pm.

2 Apologies

Apologies were received from Cr Dalgety.

3 Reports for Decision

3.1 Mayor's Declaration and Welcome

His Worship the Mayor completed his declaration.

His Worship the Mayor welcomed everyone in attendance at the meeting and gave a welcome speech, which was tabled at the meeting.

His Worship the Mayor then assumed the Chair..

3.2 Declaration by Councillors

Declarations were made by incoming Councillors in alphabetical order, as follows:

- Cr Diana Baird
- Cr Alan Buckendahl
- Cr Sandra Field
- Cr John Hainsworth
- Cr Piki Te Ora Hiroa
- Cr Graeme O'Fee
- Cr Coral Raukawa
- Cr Paul Sharland
- Cr Dave Wilson
- Cr Jeff Wong

3.3 Appointment of Deputy Mayor

His Worship the Mayor formally announced he was appointing Cr Dave Wilson as Deputy Mayor in accordance with section 41A(3) of the Local Government Act 2002.

3.4 Fixing of Date and Time of First Ordinary Meeting

The report was taken as read, it was noted the schedule of meetings would be provided once the Council committee structure was confirmed.

Resolved minute number 25/RDC/255

That the first meeting of Council be held on Thursday, 30 October at 1pm.

HWTM/Cr P Sharland. Carried

4 Reports for Information

4.1 Laws Affecting Elected Members

The report was taken as read.

Resolved minute number 25/RDC/256

That the report Laws Affecting Elected Members be received and the information noted.

Cr P Hiroa/Cr A Buckendahl. Carried

The meeting closed at 2.30pm

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 30 October 2025.

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Chairperson

ITEM 7.1
7 Follow-up Action Items from Previous Meetings**7.1 Follow-up Action Items from Council Meetings****Author:** Kezia Spence, Governance Advisor**1. Reason for Report**

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

2. Decision Making Process

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

Attachments:

1. **Follow-up Actions Register** [↓](#)

Recommendation

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

Current Follow-up Actions

Item	From Meeting Date	Details	Person Assigned	Status Comments	Status
1	29-May-25	Timeline of Marton Water Strategy be included in a projects update to Council.	Arno	Will be included in the Projects Update report once finalised.	In progress
2	24-Apr-24	RDC please look at traffic calming options on Criterion St and Taumaihi St. From Bulls Community Committee	Arno	Council wants to progress this as soon as possible, noting the item was not included in the annual works programme and would be unbudgeted. It will stay on the radar to see if there is any funding available at the end of the financial year. Therefore this item will remain on the action list until the end of the financial year.	In progress

8 Mayor's Report

8.1 Declaration by Councillor

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

Authoriser: Carol Gordon, Chief Executive

1. Reason for Report

Mayor Andy Watson will call forward Cr Dalgety to make their declaration and be sworn into office as a Councillor for the Rangitikei District.

2. Declaration

I,, declare that I will faithfully and impartially, and according to the best of my skill and judgement, execute and perform, in the best interests of the Rangitikei District, the powers, authorities, and duties vested or imposed upon me as a Member of the Rangitikei District Council by virtue of the Local Government Act 2002, the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987, or any other Act.

Made in Marton on 30 October 2025.

Te whakapuakanga mā ngā Kai-kaunihera

Ko ahau, ko _____, e oati ana ka whai ahau i te pono me te tōkeke, i runga hoki i te mutunga kē mai nei o āku pūkenga, o āku whakatau hoki kia whakatutuki, kia mahi anō hoki i te mana whakahaere, te mana whakatau me ngā momo mahi kua ūhia ki runga i a ahau kia whiwhi painga mō te takiwā o Rangitikei hei Kai-kaunihera o te Kaunihera-ā-rohe o Rangitikei, e ai hoki ki te Ture Kāwanatanga-ā-Taiao 2002, ki te Ture Kāwanatanga-ā-Taiao Whakapae me te Hui 1987, me ētahi Ture anō rānei.

I tohungia i Marton, Rangitikei i te 30 o ngā rā, Whiringa-ā-nuku 2025.

8.2 Mayor's Report - October 2025**Author: Andy Watson, His Worship the Mayor**

Good Morning all

After weeks of electioneering we finally had the provisional election results on 11 October. My congratulations go to everybody who stood for Council. It is a tough process where you are open to public scrutiny and essentially you are all standing to support your community. Further congratulations to those who won positions on Council or Community Boards - the hard work starts now. Suddenly over the next few days your diaries will be taken over with a huge number of briefing and professional training dates.

Council was formally inducted on 23 October so officially at the time of writing this report I am one day into the three year term. As part of that induction Councillors were officially "signed in" in front of many of their family, friends and supporters which was great to see. The other formal roles for me on the day were to announce that Dave Wilson will be the Deputy Mayor and to set in place Community Committees and some of the Council structure. Dave has been a huge support, he chairs the Assets/Infrastructure Committee and will fill in for me often. At times we beg to differ which is healthy. I have no hesitation in asking him to take on the role of Deputy Mayor.

The process for setting up Community Committees for Hunterville, Turakina, Marton and Bulls will start shortly with Council led nomination processes. Please, if you are interested in being on one of these community committees feel free to reach out to myself, Councillors or past committee members.

I recently attended "Mayor's School" – a two day session in Wellington on 20-21 October. All mayors new and returning were invited. This triennium there are 33 new mayors representing half of the districts in New Zealand. This level of turnover of mayors is unprecedented and will be a challenge nationally. The President of LGNZ (Local Government New Zealand) lost his position along with several National Board Members. As a consequence I have been asked to take on some added responsibilities. Mayor Bernie (Horowhenua) and I have agreed to co-Chair the Mayor's Taskforce for Jobs (MTFJ) until at least early next year when the Governance will be able to hold elections. Bernie and I already sit on the Governance Board for MTFJ so that is at least a natural progression. It will involve more ministerial meetings to administer what is a multi-million dollar contract to provide for employment of young people in New Zealand. The other national committee that I have been involved with is the Transport Focus Group that engages with NZTA on roading, something that I'm passionate about. That group will also need restructuring with Mayor Neil Holdom (New Plymouth) choosing not to stand for re-election.

"Back to School"

The Mayor's School was all about updating mayors on their responsibilities and providing peer support for new mayors. The standout sessions were –

- Leading Disaster Relief and Response - this was a briefing for mayors on their roles in Civil Defence. The session turned out to be fortuitous with many mayors returning to face declarations for wind and rain damage. The Tararua and Ruapehu Districts were particularly hard hit. The Rangitikei once again "dodged a bullet" with little relative damage compared to other areas. However, we are not over these events - as I write there are further forecasts for heavy wind and rain regionally throughout our areas and Horizons over Labour Weekend.

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- The Day 1 presentation at Mayor's School on Getting to Grips with Government Reform and Shaping Local Government's Response was pertinent and current. I will attach the notes from this session as an appendix. The officials from LGNZ were right on point in their analysis of the work ahead that is needed.
- Equally compelling was a presentation session on Navigating Iwi Relationships which is also appended to my report. This is extremely topical with both Maori wards being dropped, the referendum for the Rangitikei and the need to ascertain the engagement that is needed with Iwi under Local Water Done Well establishment of the Regional Water Entity with the Rangitikei, Horowhenua and Palmerston North partnership.

Onto a couple of recent highlights and local briefings -

1. On 14 October Dave Wilson and I attended an in-depth briefing/site visit to the bore testing site at the Marton B&C Dams. We certainly increased our knowledge and appreciation of the nano filtration process and how microbes are being used to eat the manganese in the water. The visit increased my confidence that things are on track.
2. Recently the Argyle Hotel in Hunterville was put on the market. Hunterville, being the community it is, decided that "Hunterville" should buy it and as I understand, there were letters sent out to around about 50 local farmers, identities and residents asking to contribute to a shareholding. Those options were rapidly picked up and around \$1.3m has been spent on this project. The results are absolutely stunning with the availability of country flavoured world class cuisine, bar and meeting areas, along with new shops fronting the main road. Hunterville you need to be congratulated! I attended the shareholder's function/opening night and there were a huge number of people there who had been involved. A lot of the work in the building had been done by local tradespeople and people volunteering their time. If you get a chance when passing through Hunterville call in and have a drink and something to eat and admire what has been done by the local community.
3. On 14 October I attended the inaugural presentation of the New Zealand Animal Distinguished Service Award to Merenia Donne MNZM, founder of the Kotuku Foundation Assistance Animals Aotearoa, by Governor General Dame Cindy Kiro at Government House. The award recognised the courage and devotion of Merenia's dog Nikita who following a serious car accident subsequently acted as her assistance dog. Congratulations Merenia on your achievement in raising an assistance animal.

We all know that this triennium will be challenging, we know that the time demands on Councillors will be huge but it is also the opportunity for our district to be able to move forward with major projects that are nearing completion so it is an exciting time.

Mayor's Engagements

October 2025

1	Attended meeting with Tangi Utikere
2	Attended Meet & Greet with Te Roopu Oranga in Taihape Attended Turakina Community Committee meeting
6	Attended exercise event at Marton Memorial Hall Attended Hunterville Community Committee Meeting
7	Attended Regional Transport Matters Regional Chiefs' Matters (fortnightly catch-up) Attended Te Roopu Ahi Kaa Komiti Meeting Attended Ratana Community Board Meeting
8	Attended fortnightly update on Marton Water Strategy with staff Attended monthly Governor's Q&A with Executive Leadership Team Attended Emergency Management Leadership Group Webinar Attended Marton Community Committee Meeting
9	Attended meeting with Chief Executive Attended Meet & Greet with new DIA Partnership Director Attended meeting with Ministry of Social Development staff in Whanganui Attended Nga Tawa School AGM Attended Argyle Hotel Shareholders Function
10	Attended LWDW CCO Project Oversight Group Meeting in Foxton Attended Hunterville School Jump Jam Practice Session Attended Taihape Grandstand Meeting
13	Attended meeting with Chief Executive Attended meeting with Cr Dave Wilson Attended Mayor's Briefing before Council Meetings with staff Attended Mayor's Taskforce for Jobs online discussion
14	Attended site visit to Marton Trial Plant at Tutaenui Reservoir with staff Attended New Zealand Animal Distinguished Service Award presentation at Government House
15	Attended meeting regarding Risk & Assurance Committee Attended LWDW Poopu/Project Oversight Group Hui in Levin Attended meeting with Cr Fi Dalgety Attended October BA5 (GreenChem) at Three High Street
16	Attended Informal Chat/Induction with New Council Attended meeting with Cr Buckendahl Attended meeting with Cr Hainsworth

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	Attended NZ Food Awards Gala Event in Palmerston North
17	Attended meeting with Chief Executive Attended meeting with Cr Field Attended Online Meeting re TUIA and Mayor's Taskforce for Jobs Attended online meeting with Elected Member Retreat Facilitator Attended online Mayor's Taskforce for Jobs Governance Group meeting
18	Attended Multi-Cultural Feast & Festival at Memorial Hall
20	Attended LGNZ Mayor's School in Wellington
21	Attended LGNZ Mayor's School in Wellington
22	Attended Fortnightly Meeting with Staff re Marton Water Strategy Attended RDC Scholarship Interviews at Taihape Area School Attended meeting with Cr Wong Attended meeting with Cr Hiroa Attended meeting with Cr O'Fee
23	Attended meeting with Cr Sharland Attended meeting with Cr Baird Attended Council Workshop Attended Whakatau and Inaugural Council Meeting Attended LWDW Project Oversight Group online Meeting
24	Attended meeting with Chief Executive Attended RDC Scholarship Interviews at Rangitikei College Attended Civil Defence Emergency Management Mayor's Online Briefing Attended meeting with Cr Raukawa
25	Attended OctoberFast event at Manfield
26	Attended Turakina Church 175 Years of the Grant Family celebration
28	Attended Erewhon Rural Water Supply Inspection Day Attended weekly meeting with Deputy Mayor
29	Attended Erewhon Rural Water Scheme online meeting Attended BA5 Event at Hautapu Rural Supplies in Taihape
30	To attend Induction for new Council/Workshop To attend First Ordinary Council Meeting
31	To attend meeting with Chief Executive To attend Elected Member Retreat in Bulls

Attachments:

1. Engagement with Iwi [↓](#)
2. Getting to Grips with Government Reform [↓](#)

Recommendation

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

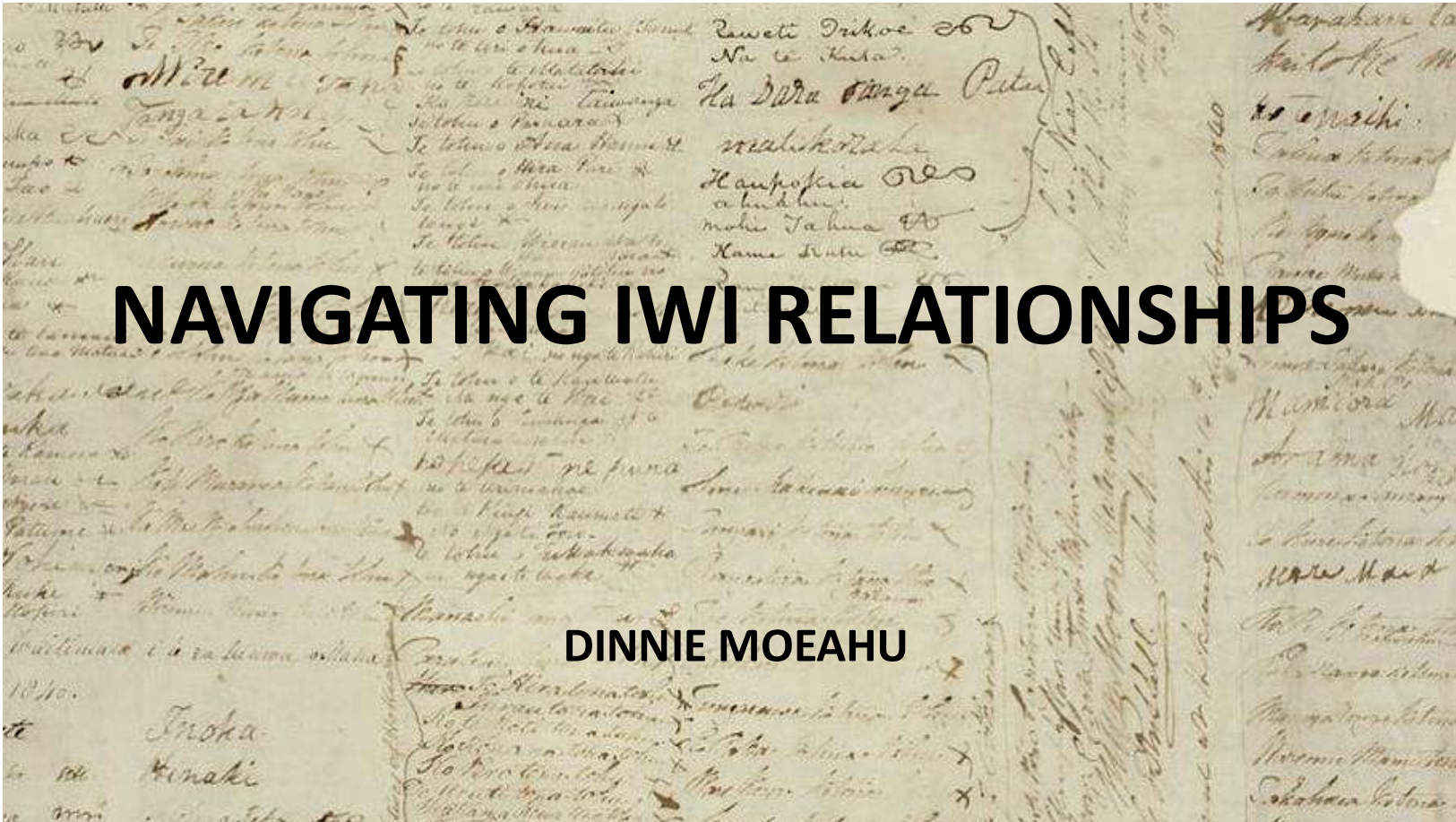
Navigating Iwi relationships

DINNIE MOEAHU



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INTENDED OUTCOMES



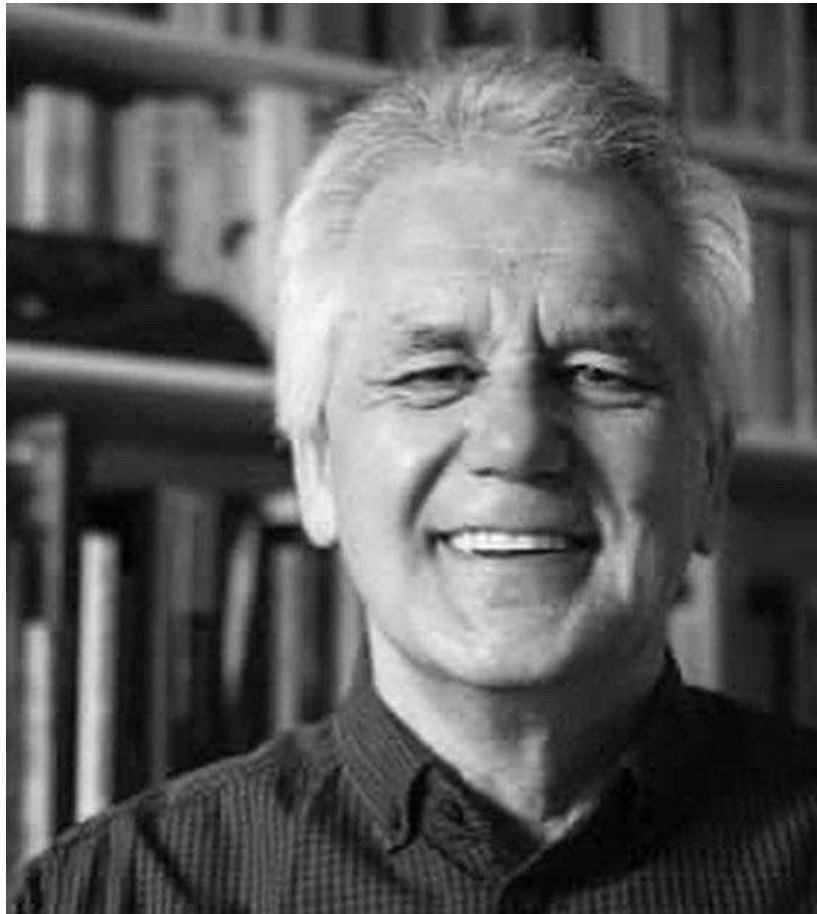
Provide education and understanding



Improve overall cultural awareness

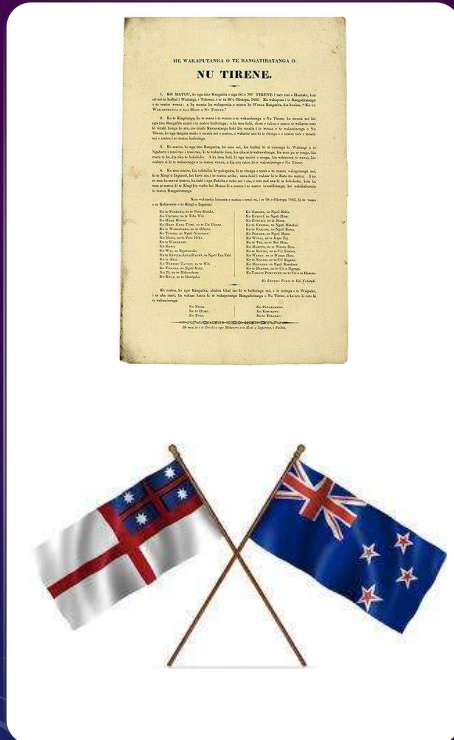


Provide tools to assist in building stronger relationships with Hapū and Iwi



MOANA JACKSON
INDIGENOUS RIGHTS LAWYER

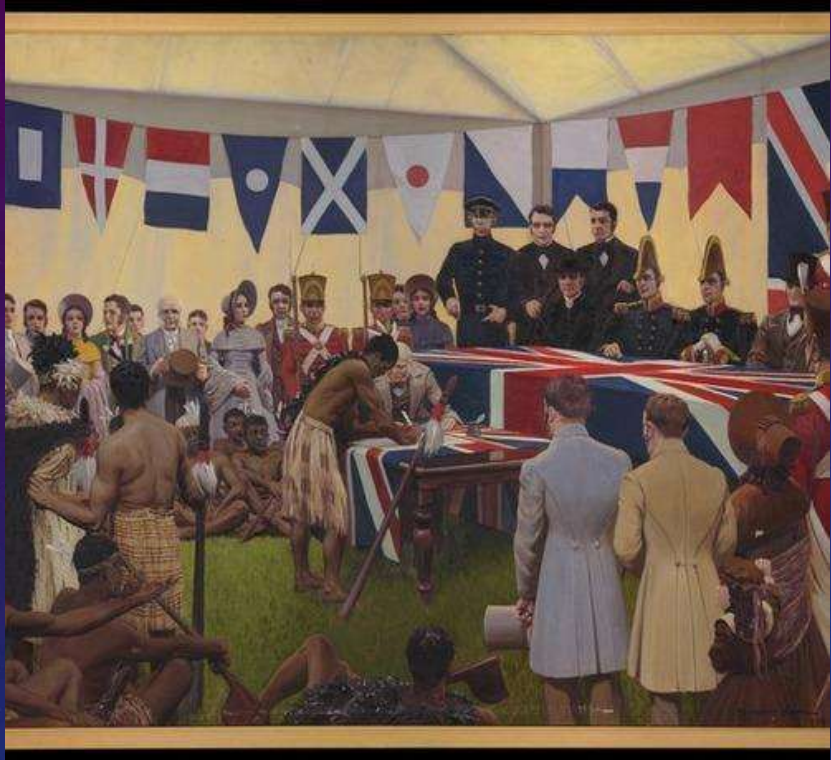
“The fact is that under the Treaty, there are pre-existing rights which were reaffirmed. The need which Māori now have, often arose out of the breach of those rights. So, to address Māori need, you’re actually recognising that certain rights have been breached.”



HE WHAKAPUTANGA O TE RANGATIRATANGA O NU TIRENI

- Signed 28th of October 1835
- 34 Rangatira initially signed
- Further 18 Rangatira signed over the next 3 and a half years
- Declared independence as a sovereign nation acknowledged by the British Crown (1836)

WHAKAPAPA OF TE TIRITI O WAITANGI



-  February 6th, 1840
-  An agreement made between the Crown and Māori
-  There are two versions that are recognised by the Crown
-  49 Chiefs signed the English version
-  More than 500 Māori Chiefs signed the Te Reo version
-  Te Tiriti Principles

ARTICLE 1: KĀWANATANGA

- **Te Tiriti o Waitangi:** Gave Queen Victoria governance over the land.
- **The Treaty of Waitangi:** Gave Queen Victoria sovereignty over the land. Māori give Queen Victoria all the rights and powers of sovereignty over the land
- *The key differences are the words ‘tino rangatiratanga’ or ‘mana’ & ‘kāwanatanga’*

ARTICLE 2: TINO RANGATIRATANGA

- **Te Tiriti o Waitangi:** Guaranteed rangatira ‘te tino rangatiratanga’— **full rights of chieftainship** over their lands, villages and taonga. It also gave the Crown the right to deal with Māori in purchasing land.
- **The Treaty of Waitangi:** Rangatira are given ‘**exclusive and undisturbed possession**’ of lands, forests, fisheries and other property. The Crown was also given an exclusive right to deal with Māori in purchasing land.

ARTICLE 3: ORITETANGA

- The Crown gave Māori the guarantee of full participation as equals to British subjects.

CASE FINDINGS

- Te Paparahi o Te Raki Waitangi Tribunal report (2014) stated that the signatories did not cede sovereignty.
- Courts have long applied Treaty principles (not the literal text) in statute. NZ Māori Council v Attorney General lands case (1987).

The 1986 Royal Commission recognised the Treaty of Waitangi as New Zealand's founding document and affirmed that its principles

STRENGTHENING RELATIONSHIPS WITH HAPŪ & IWI



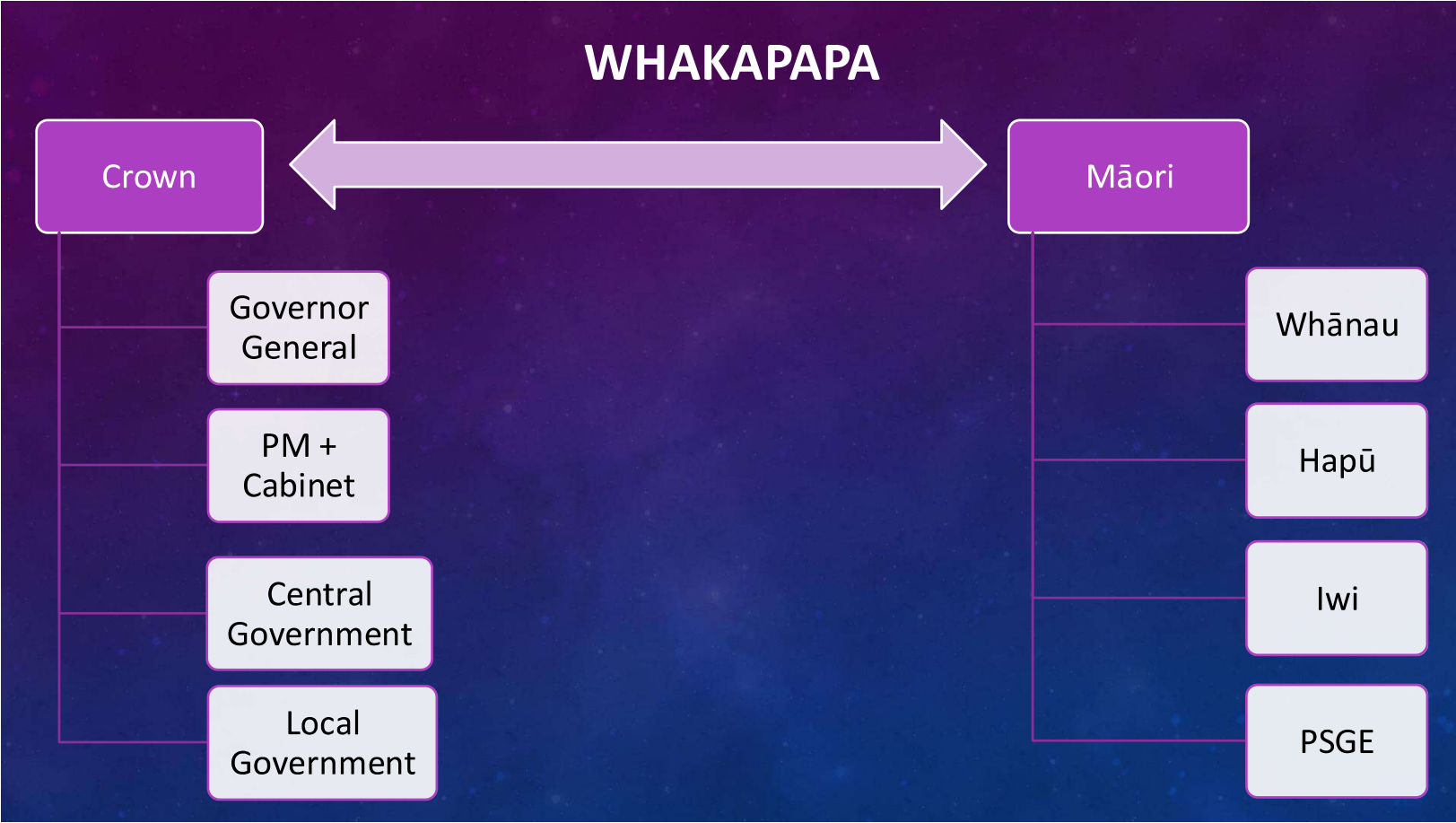
- The 1986 Royal Commission recognised the Treaty of Waitangi as New Zealand's founding document and affirmed that its principles should guide government practice.
- Acknowledges the Crown's obligation to protect Māori interests and uphold the spirit of partnership between Māori and the Crown.
- **WHY** do you want to engage?
- **WHO** do you engage with?
- **HOW** do you want to engage?

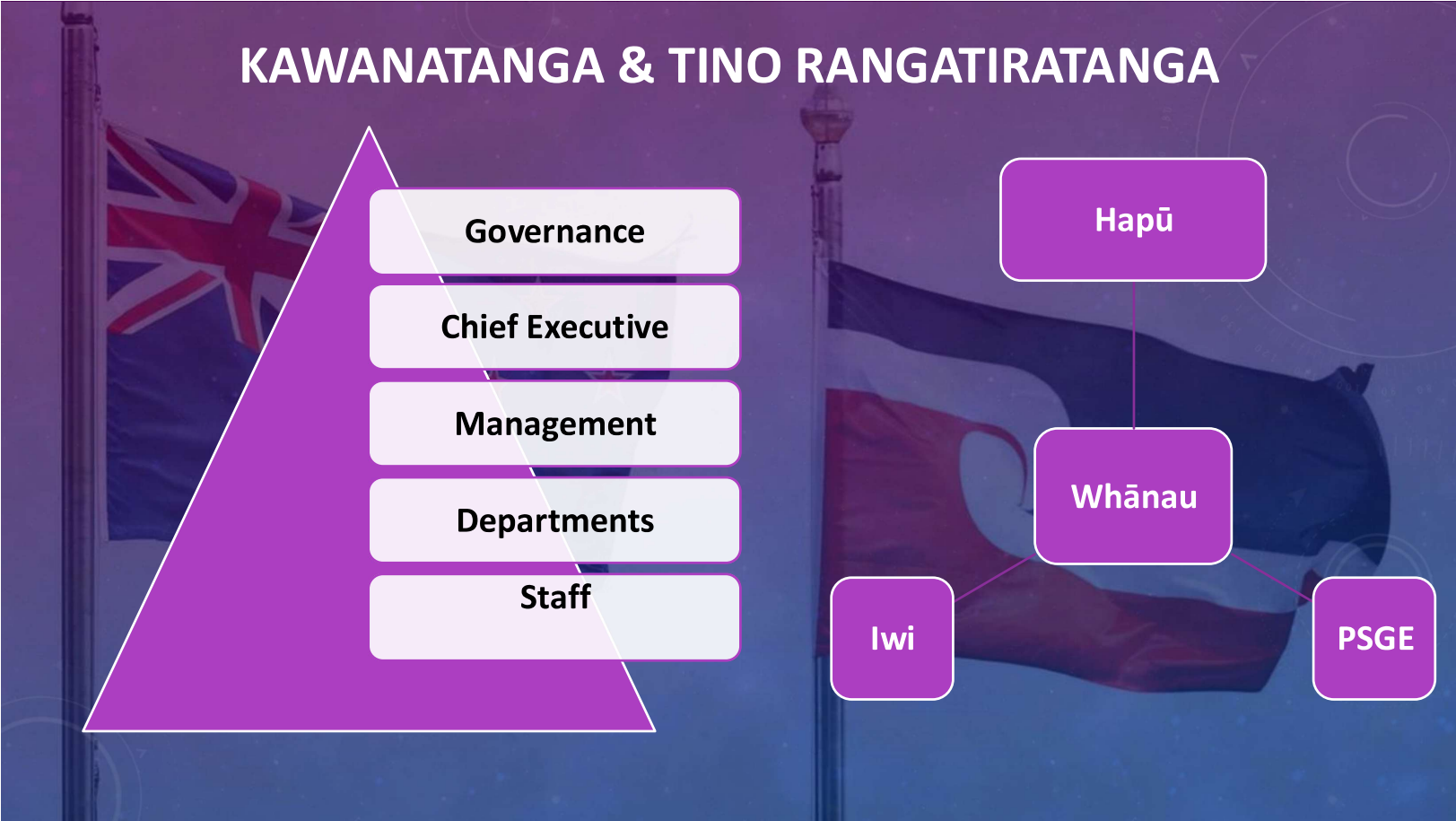


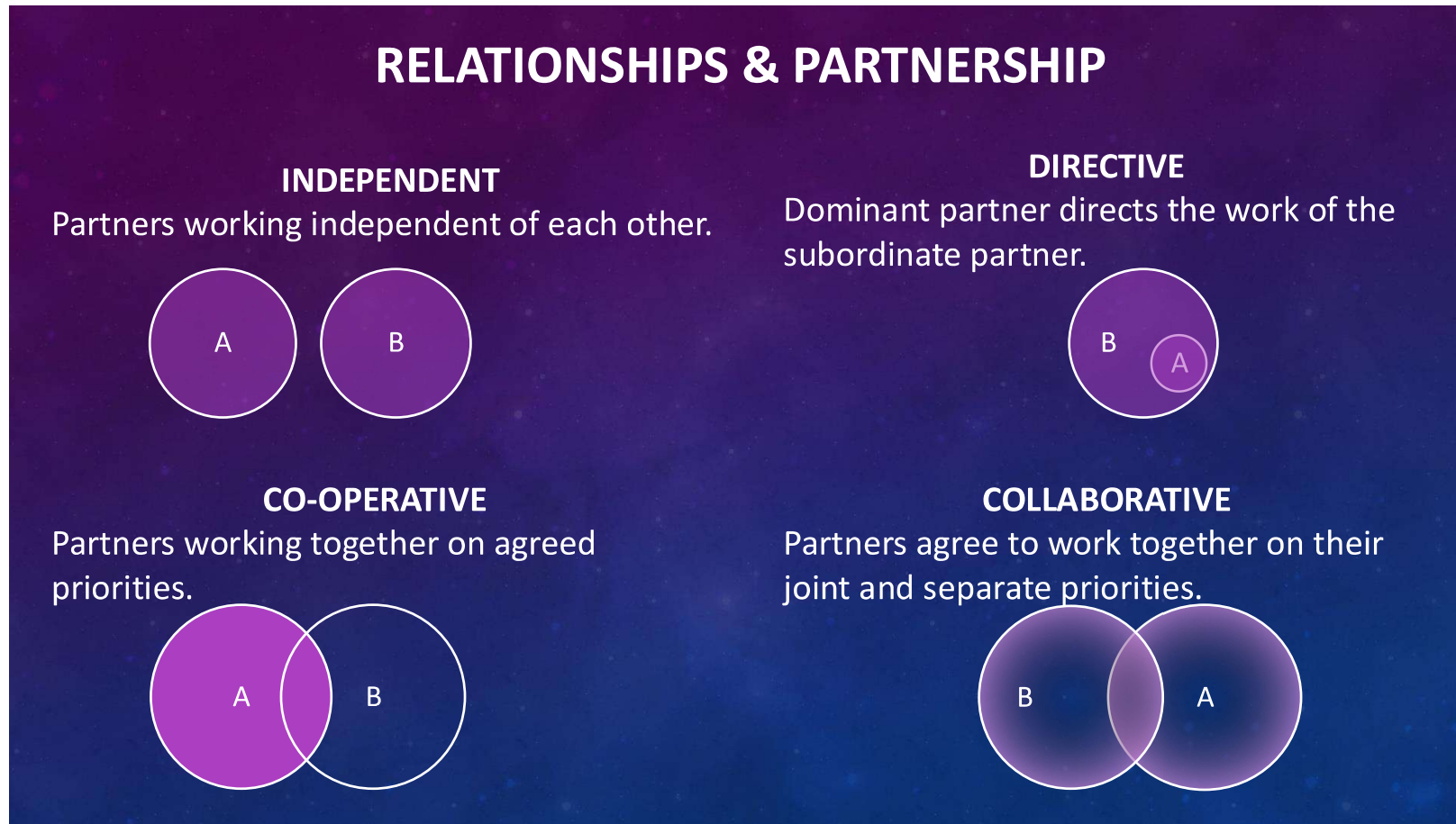
IT'S THE LAW

Councils are bound by legislation.

- **Local Government Act 2002 (LGA).**
- *s4 (Treaty principles), s14 (governance principles), s 81 (Māori participation), s 82 (consultation).*
- **Other legislation**
- **A variety of treaty settlement legislation**







WHO: DO YOU KNOW YOUR HAPŪ & IWI?

Working with Tangata Whenua

Setting

Tangata Whenua

As tangata whenua, six iwi and their respective hapū exercise mana whenua over traditionally defined areas across the New Plymouth District.

Iwi	Population (Census 2013)	Hapū		Mandated Representative Body
Ngāti Maniapoto	35,358	Ngāti Rākei Ngāti Rungaterangi Ngāti Rora		Maniapoto Māori Trust Board
Ngāti Tama	1,338			Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Tama
Ngāti Mutunga	2,514	Ngāti Okiokinga Te Kekerewai Ngāti Aurutu Ngāti Hinetuhi	Kaitangata Ngāti Kura Ngāti Uenuku Ngāti Tupawhenua or Ngāti Tū	Te Runanga o Ngāti Mutunga
Ngāti Maru	852	Ngāti Hinemokai Ngāti Rongonui Ngāti Kopua Ngāti Tamatapu	Ngariki Ngāti Kui Ngāti Te Ika Ngāti Tamakehu	Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Maru Taranaki Trust
Te Āti Awa	15,273	Otaraua Manukorihi Ngāti Tuparikino Ngāti Rahiri	Pukerangiora Puketapu Ngāti Tawhirikura Ngāti Te Whiti	Te Kotahitanga o Te Atiawa
Taranaki Iwi	6,087	Ngāti Tairi Ngā Mahanga		Ngāti Tairi Ngā Mahanga

The South Taranaki iwi of Ngāruahine, together with Ngāti Maniapoto also have overlapping Treaty of Waitangi Settlement interests within the southern and northern boundaries of the district.



KŌRERO TOWARDS BETTER UNDERSTANDING

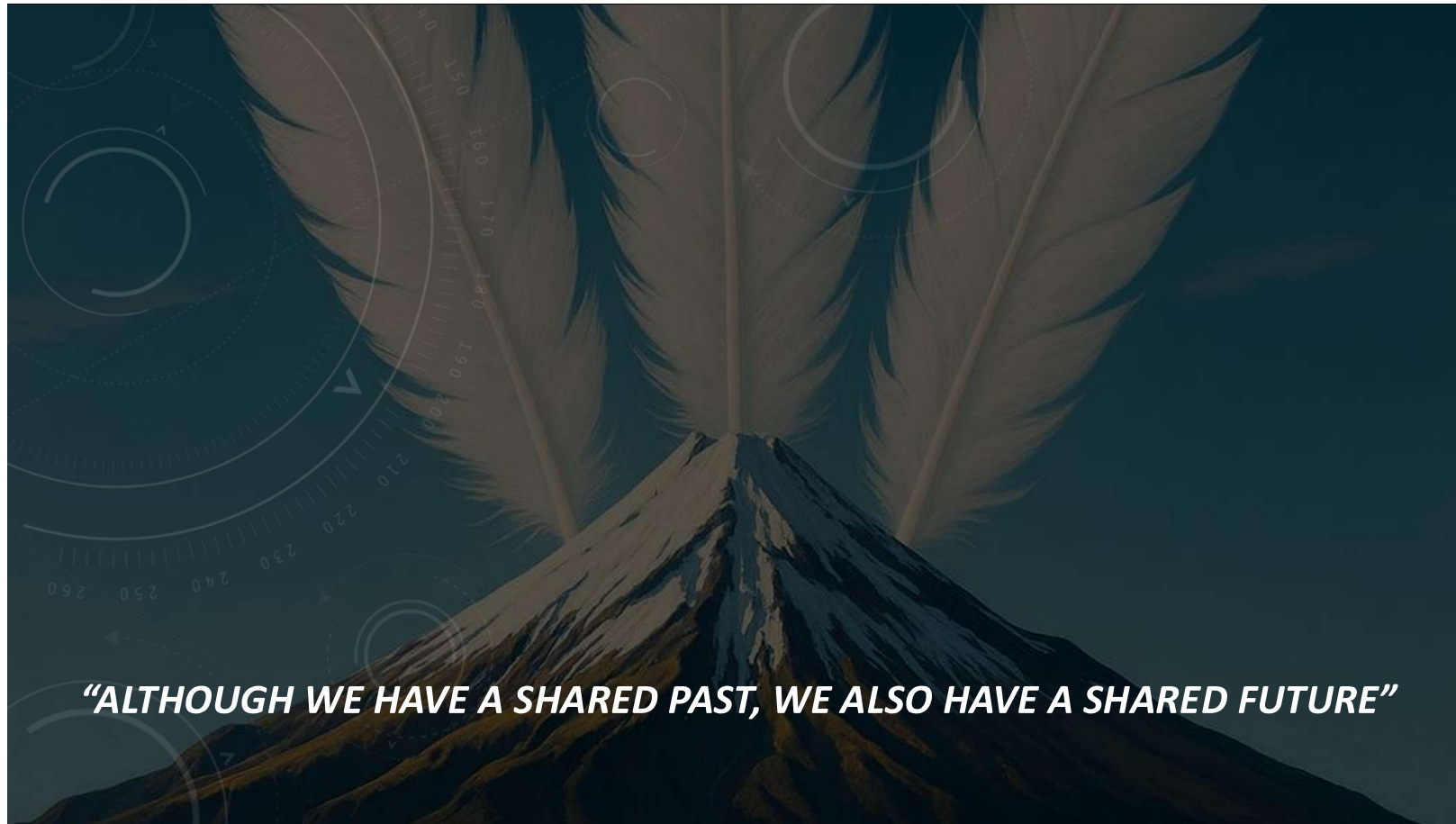
*ENGAGE MEANINGFULLY WITH YOUR HAPŪ
& IWI LEADERS*

*HOW CAN WE STRENGTHEN OUR
RELATIONSHIP?*

*HOW CAN WE WORK TOGETHER FOR THE
BETTERMENT OF OUR COMMUNITY?*

HOW: TO YOU GIVE EFFECT TO TE TIRITI O WAITANGI		
PROVIDING OPPORTUNITIES THROUGH BETTER UNDERSTANDING		
Governance	Operations	Individual
Cultural Induction	Legislation and Policy Review	Cultural Induction
Te Tiriti o Waitangi Induction	HR Policy Review	Te Tiriti Induction
Legislation Induction on the following: • LGA (2002) • RMA (1991) • LTMA (2003) • Professional development	• Comms • Resources • Processes • Employment • Professional development • Cultural audit • Committee structures	• Waiata practise • Kōrero Māori • Pepeha training • Marae visits • Wananga • Te Reo classes • Professional development

ITEM 8.2 ATTACHMENT 1



“ALTHOUGH WE HAVE A SHARED PAST, WE ALSO HAVE A SHARED FUTURE”

Getting to grips with government reforms, and how to shape LGNZ's advocacy

SCOTT NECKLEN
SIMON RANDALL



Workbook p11



GETTING TO GRIPS WITH REFORMS: LOCAL GOVERNMENT SYSTEM



Current and upcoming changes

- > Annual council profiles
- > System Improvements Bill
 - > Focused purpose statement and defined core services in the Local Government Act
 - > Requirements for elected members to be provided with necessary information
 - > Greater emphasis on freedom of expression and need to collaborate for elected members
 - > Uniform standard Standing Orders and Code of Conduct for all councils

Impacts for councils

- > Greater scope for legal challenge, greater cost, or risk aversion when making decisions
- > No ability to adjust code of conduct or standing orders

GETTING TO GRIPS WITH REFORMS: FUNDING AND FINANCE



Current and upcoming changes

- > Rates capping
- > *Going for Housing Growth* changes
 - > Amendments to the Infrastructure Funding and Finance Act (IFF Act)
 - > Introduction of Development Levies
 - > Targeted rates set on date of subdivision
- > City and regional deals

Impacts for councils

- > Greater funding pressures, greater borrowing costs
- > New and improved tools for debt constrained councils to fund and finance growth infrastructure
- > Increased cost and administrative burden from economic regulation over rates capping and development levies

GETTING TO GRIPS WITH REFORMS: RESOURCE MANAGEMENT



Current and upcoming changes

- > A range of new and changed National Direction in the current RMA
- > Replacement of the RMA with a Planning Act and a Natural Environment Act
 - > A single regional plan with a spatial chapter, an environmental chapter, and a planning chapter per city and district
 - > More direction and consistency set at the national level
 - > Emphasis on protecting private property rights and enabling use and development

Impacts for councils

- > High implementation costs and short timeframes
- > Reduced scope of decision making, and community input
- > Changed roles and responsibilities of local government

GETTING TO GRIPS WITH REFORMS: WATER



Current and upcoming changes

- > *Local Water Done Well*
 - > Implementation of Water Service Delivery plans
 - > Establishment of Water Organisations
 - > Preliminary and final economic regulation requirements
 - > Wastewater performance standards
 - > New stormwater risk management provisions

Impacts for councils

- > Costs and complexity of implementation and operation
- > Separation of water planning from other asset and financial planning
- > Costs and administrative burden from greater transparency and economic regulation

GETTING TO GRIPS WITH REFORMS: CLIMATE AND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT



Current and upcoming changes

- > New Emergency Management legislation with minimum levels of service
- > Climate Adaptation Framework – requirements for planning and investment including adaptation planning in priority areas

Impacts for councils

- > Role clarity – locally led planning and response
- > Costs from minimum levels of service for emergency management and regulation of adaptation decisions

9 Chief Executive's Report

9.1 Chief Executive's Report - October 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 5th September 2025 – South Makirikiri School - Rangitikei School cluster Rugby Day – Marton Park – Fields 1 & 2
- 2.2 8th September 2025 – St Joseph School Taihape – School Cross Country - Memorial Park, Taihape
- 2.3 One event was held, but not booked with our Parks Application form - 20th September 2025 –Taihape Spring Fling – Outback Greenspace, Taihape

3. Staff Movements

- 3.1 In September, we welcomed the following employee to RDC:
 - Steve Harper, Parks Assistant (Fixed Term)
 - Ken Legg, Parks Assistant (Fixed Term)
 - Freda Taikakara Cleaner (Casual)
 - Jacqueline Wille, Regulatory Officer
 - Petra Flemming, Community Engagement Officer (Casual)
- 3.2 There were no employee exits in September.

4. Health, Safety and Wellbeing Dashboard

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

5. Submissions

- 5.1 The updated list of current and upcoming opportunities to submit on consultations run by external agencies is attached (Attachment 2).
- 5.2 Consultations submitted on:

In the past month Council submitted on the Taranaki VTM Project as Council was found to be an effected party through the Fast Track Process. A joint submission was also submitted in conjunction with Palmerston North City Council and Horowhenua District Council on the Economic Regulation of Water Services Information Disclosure.

These submissions can be found on Council's website.

5.3 Upcoming consultations:

There are a significant number of consultations expected both between now and Christmas, and in the first quarter of 2026. As further information is made available on each consultation, Officers will review the proposed changes and plan to submit when appropriate while taking into consideration staff capacity.

6. Road Boundary Corrections - Powerco facility, Eagle Street and Kiwi Road, Taihape

- 6.1 Powerco is developing a proposal to strengthen, modernise, and generally futureproof its current Taihape substation sited in Eagle Street. The limited setback from the Eagle Street boundary presented design challenges for the proposed development. Powerco engaged a Land Surveyor to establish true legal boundary locations which were established in 1913.
- 6.2 The preliminary land survey work has identified a discrepancy at the rear of the Powerco property where part of the formed Kiwi Road carriageway encroaches across the true legal road boundary and into the Powerco land.
- 6.3 The attached redefinition survey (Attachment 3) and overview drawing display both the limitations at the Eagle Street frontage as well as the Kiwi Road boundary encroachment.
- 6.4 Costs for correction of the Kiwi Road encroachment, beyond the true legal boundary of the road, could total up to \$12,000 (costs include survey, LINZ fees, legalisation documentation).
- 6.5 Powerco has offered to transfer sufficient land adjoining Kiwi Road to enable legalisation of the formed road corridor, and in exchange asks that a strip of the unformed portion of Eagle Street be stopped and amalgamated within the Powerco Title.
- 6.6 Powerco has also offered to meet all / any costs Council incurs in the stopping of part of Eagle Street, exchange and transfer of part of its rear land for road legalisation, and the road legalisation actions. An estimate of these costs is up to \$15,000 (plus GST).
- 6.7 The proposed exchange would result in a net area benefit for Powerco. The estimated value of that net benefit (based on current Rateable Land Value) could be approximately \$3,000. That differential in favour of Powerco will be more than countered in value vs cost for Council if it had to legalise the Kiwi Road encroachment.
- 6.8 Council's Roading Manager endorses/supports the proposal.
- 6.9 The proposed actions would be completed under the Public Works Act 1981, therefore a resolution from Council is required for that process. Refer to Recommendation 2 below.

7. Local Water Done Well Update

- 7.1 This regular update provides progress on work on LWDW.
- 7.2 A reminder the three phases of the establishment plan are:
 - 7.2.1 Phase 1: Legal establishment of the entity – by 1 July 2026
 - 7.2.2 Phase 2: Operational establishment – by 1 July 2027
 - 7.2.3 Phase 3: Operational – from 1 July 2027
- 7.3 Progress on Phase 1 includes:

- 7.3.1 Water Services Delivery Plan – now completed, awaiting confirmation of signoff from the Department of Internal Affairs.
- 7.3.2 Collaboration Agreement (CA) - signed by the three council's Chief Executives on 17 September.
- 7.3.3 Commercial Terms Sheet (CTS) – A joint workshop with elected members from all three councils will be held on 7 November, where this is one document that will be discussed. It is anticipated the CTS will be completed by the end of 2025.
- 7.3.4 Foundation Documents (Shareholders Agreement and Constitution) will be agreed by early 2026.
- 7.3.5 Shareholders Council – will be set up by early 2026.
- 7.3.6 Water Services Council Controlled Organisation (WS-CCO) Establishment Board – one company has been appointed to recruit Board members. It is expected the Board will be appointed by mid 2026.
- 7.3.7 WS-CCO Establishment CEO – to be appointed by mid 2026.
- 7.3.8 Financing arrangements – agreed to by mid 2026.
- 7.3.9 A reminder that the assumed transfer date is 1 July 2027.
- 7.4 The official name of the WS-CCO will be presented to the councils in November.
- 7.5 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.
- 7.6 Expressions of interest for the establishment team have gone out to all staff across the three councils. These close at midday, Friday, 31 October.
- 7.7 Elected Members received a briefing document as part of their induction which outlines a summary of the LWDW journey.

8. Request for Fee Waiver – Hunterville Shemozzle

- 8.1 A request has been received from Murray Richmond, Secretary for the Shemozzle. Refer to Attachment 4. The request is for a waiver of council's costs associated with the event.
- 8.2 Currently costs are expected to be:

Parks – cost for Hunterville Domain	\$890
Alcohol Licensing Fees – Special Licence	\$575
Road Closure/TMP:	
Traffic Safe costs	approx TBC \$5,800
advertising costs	\$270
Resource Consent	approx TBC \$2,000-\$3,500
- 8.3 The Shemozzle has received a \$2,000 grant from the Event Sponsorship Scheme.
- 8.4 At the meeting further information on grants approved and what fees have been waived in the past, will be provided.
- 8.5 Council is now asked to consider the request. Refer to Recommendation 3 below.

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9. Erewhon Rural Water Scheme - NZ Regional Infrastructure Fund

- 9.1 Erewhon Rural Water Scheme, under the business name Rangitikei District Council is currently in the process of applying to the NZ Regional Infrastructure Fund (RIF) for a loan of \$3,250,000 inclusive of GST (refer to Attachment 5). This requires Council authorisation, as there is no formal authority in place for the Rural Water Scheme to create a loan in Rangitikei District Council's name. Under the proposed Local Water Done Well, Erewhon Rural Water Scheme will remain with Rangitikei District Council when the three water assets and liabilities transfer to the new Water Services - Council Controlled Organisation.
- 9.2 In total, the project is worth \$5 million plus GST (\$5,750,000) and, according to the application, will deliver tangible hard infrastructure upgrades—including the full replacement of aging pipelines, access tracks, and a key bridge—to ensure the continued operation of this essential water supply network. These physical works will protect and extend the life of existing local infrastructure, safeguarding farm productivity and community resilience for decades to come. The estimated \$5 million capital investment will modernise the scheme to contemporary standards and secure the long-term integrity of a critical regional asset.
- 9.3 The work that the scheme is proposing to carry out will benefit 26 farms in the Rangitikei district by safeguarding stockwater and secure a key bridge.
- 9.4 The balance of the funding (\$2,500,000 including GST) is to be funded from scheme members, with \$1,500,000 already secured according to the application and \$1,000,000 yet to be confirmed.
- 9.5 The risk is if the Scheme holders do not secure the remaining \$1,000,000 that they may require debt funding from Council. Currently there is no budget planned to raise debt for this project.
- 9.6 The second risk is if the Scheme cannot fund the interest costs and principle repayments, then the Council will need to meet these payments as they will be responsible for the liability.
- 9.7 According to the application the Council, as owner of the scheme, has confirmed its support for this project. However, the Council must formally endorse this application, noting the risks and benefits of this application should the Rural Scheme be successful in their application. Refer to Recommendations 4 and 5 below.

10. Financial Implications

- 10.1 A number of items within this report have financial impacts – these are the road boundary correction; request from Shemozzle for fee waivers; and the request from Erewhon Rural Water Scheme.

11. Impact on Strategic Risks

- 11.1 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.
- 11.2 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.

12. Strategic Alignment

12.1 There are no strategic alignment impacts on the sections in this report.

13. Mana Whenua Implications

13.1 Members of the Te Rōpū Ahi Kā Komiti receive the submission list and, if time allows, asked for input into specific draft submissions.

13.2 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.

13.3 There are no other known mana whenua implications associated with this report.

14. Climate Change Impacts and Consideration

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

15. Statutory Implications

15.1 Local Water Done Well is a requirement under the Local Government (Water Services) Bill and the regular update is provided to keep Council informed.

16. Decision Making Process

16.1 There are no sections of this report that are considered to be a significant decision according to the Council's Policy on Significance and Engagement.

Attachments:

1. **Health Safety & Wellbeing Dashboard - September 2025** [↓](#)
2. **Current and Upcoming Submissions - October 2025** [↓](#)
3. **Redefinition Survey and Taihape Sub Overview** [↓](#)
4. **Request to waiver fees - Shemozzle** [↓](#)
5. **Erewhon Water Scheme initial RIF application** [↓](#)

ITEM 9.1**Recommendation 1**

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

Recommendation 2

That Council:

- accepts Powerco's offer to exchange land adjoining Kiwi Road, Taihape in return for stopping of part of Eagle Street,
- records Powerco's offer provides that all costs of the action will be met by Powerco,
- directs the Chief Executive to conclude negotiations with Powerco and complete all requisite actions and execution of documents to complete the matter.

Recommendation 3

That Council approves / does not approve [*delete one*] a waiver of \$_____ or _____% for the Shemozzle being held on 1 November 2025.

Recommendation 4

That Council endorses/does not endorse [*delete one*] the Erewhon Rural Scheme's NZ Regional Infrastructure Fund application.

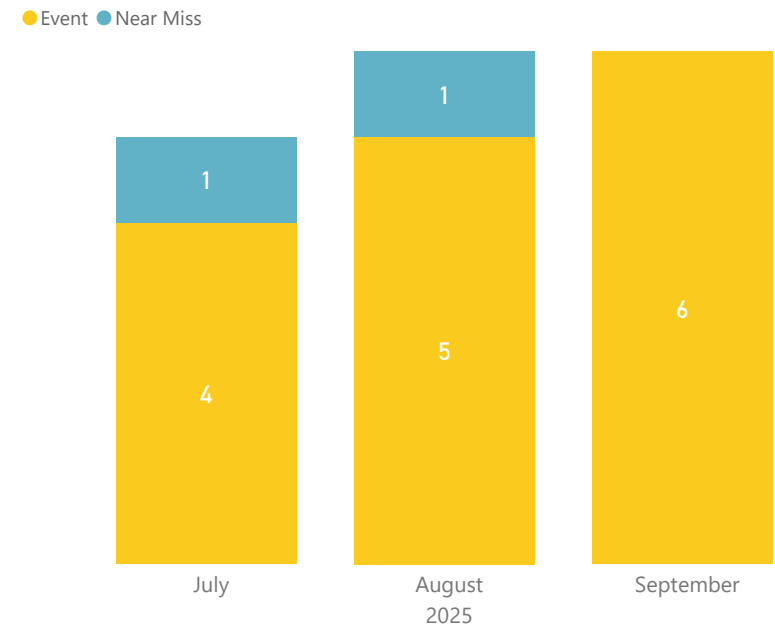
Recommendation 5

That if successful the Erewhon Rural Scheme follows Rangitikei District Council's procurement policy and process and keeps the Council informed on the spend and repayments against this debt.

RDC Health and Safety Dashboard September 2025

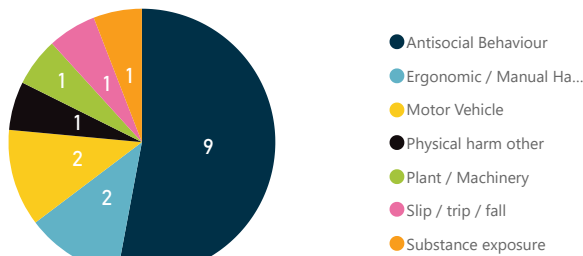
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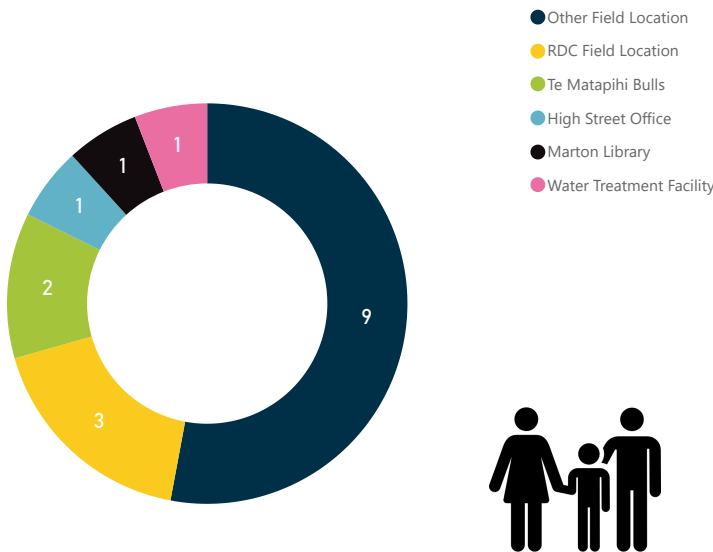
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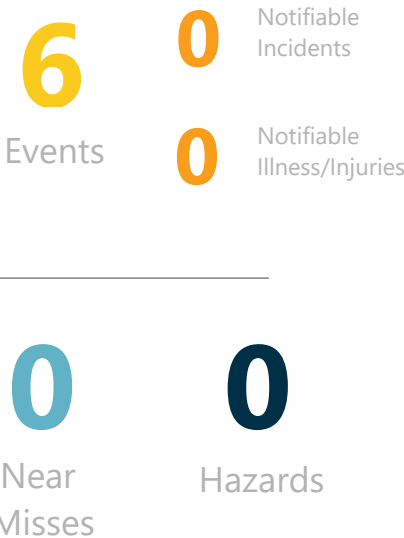


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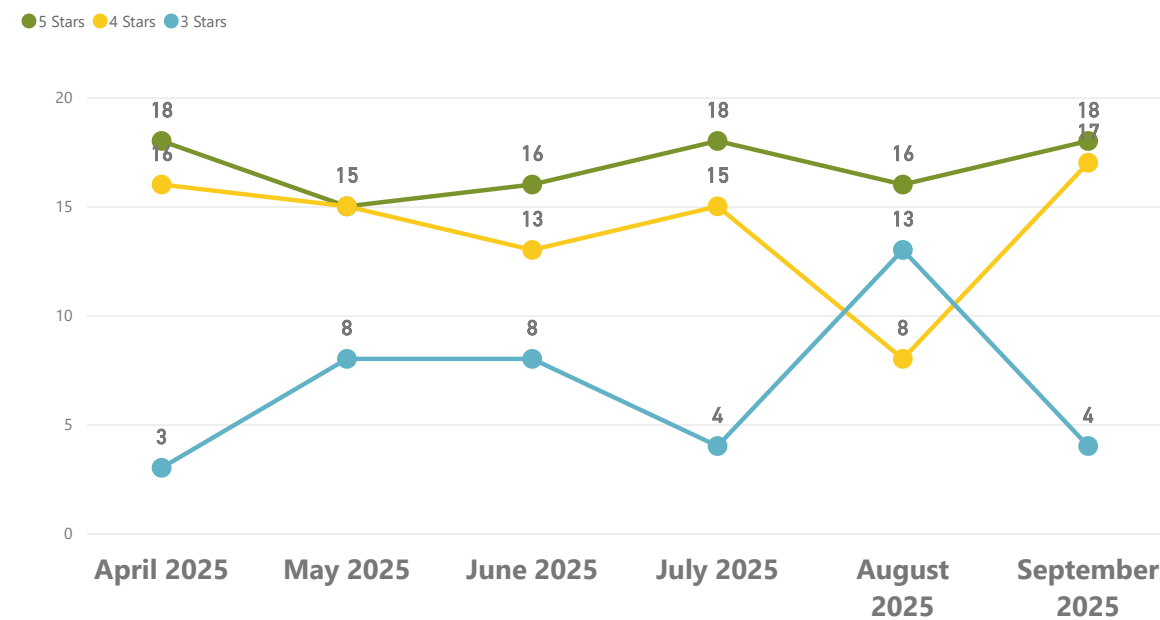


Summary of Month



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.



71%

Completed Driver Safety Training

October Wellbeing News

Be SunSmart / Me Haumaru Ra

Our days are getting sunnier! Please remember to Slip, Slop, Slap and Wrap to protect your skin and eyes from the sun's damaging ultraviolet (UV) radiation. This is particularly important during the months of September to April, especially between 10am – 4pm. Protect yourself all year round if you're working around reflect surfaces like concrete and sand, or outdoors for extended periods of time.

Hydration

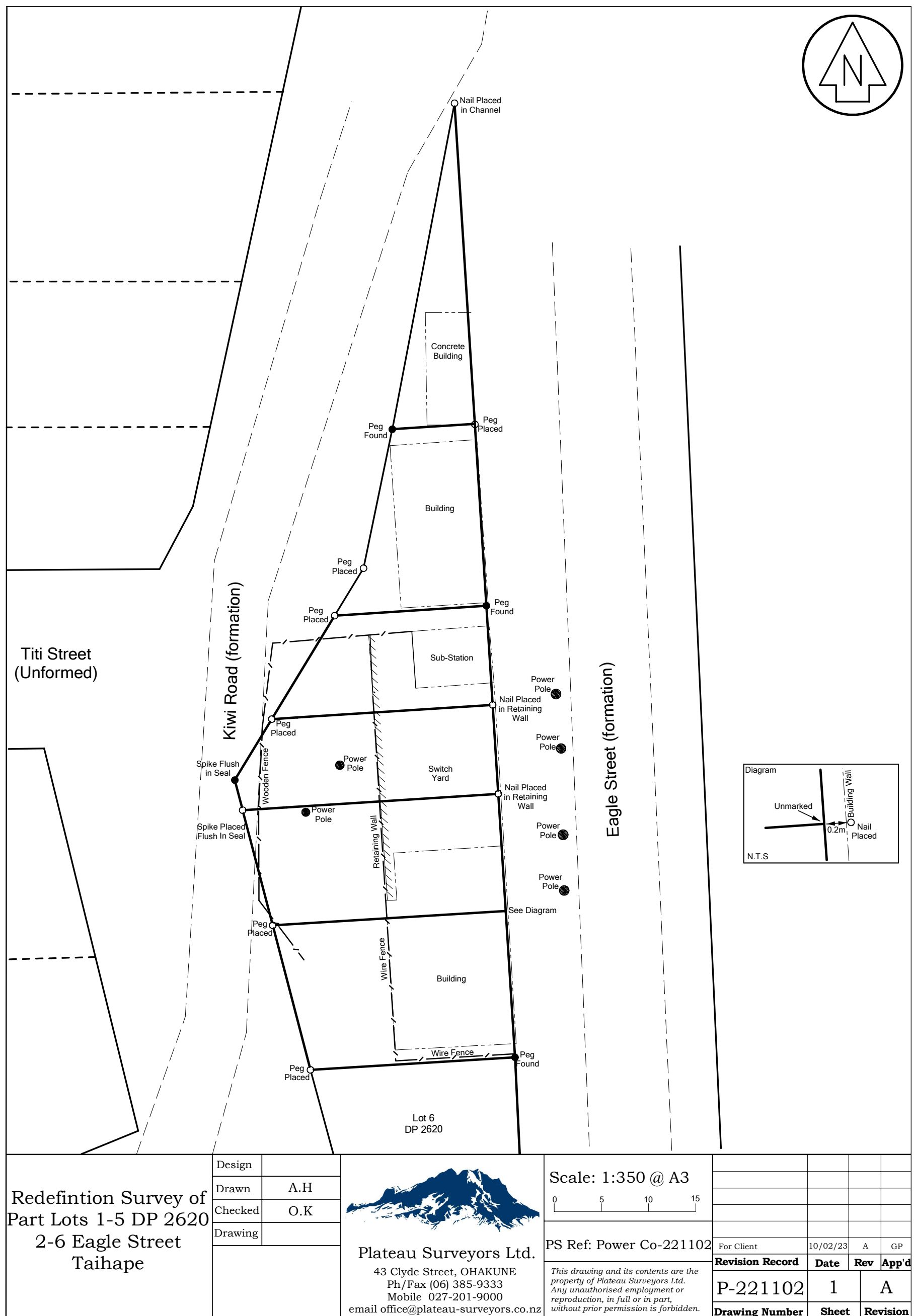
The warmer weather increases your body's need for hydration so please ensure you drink plenty of water throughout the day. Aim for at least 8 – 10 glasses daily, and more if your active or spending time in the sun.

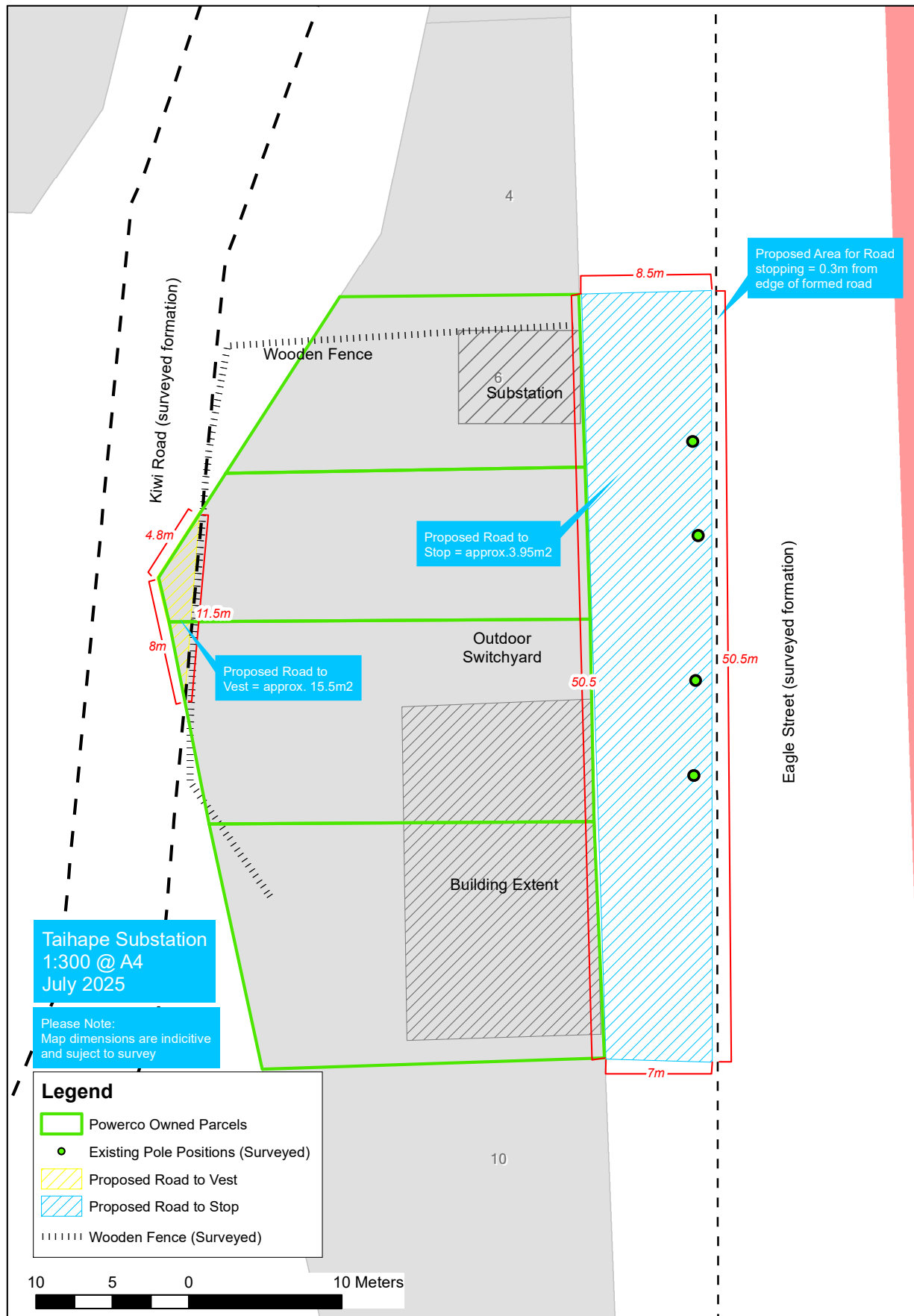
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Current and Upcoming Consultations

Name of Initiative	Agency Engaging	Due Date	Description	Proposed RDC Action
Currently Open for Submissions				
Inquiry into performance reporting and public accountability - New Zealand Parliament	Parliament Finance and Expenditure Committee	29 October	The inquiry has two primary aims: (a) to make findings about limitations of the current system of performance reporting and public accountability, and (b) to make recommendations aimed at ensuring that the performance reporting and public accountability system is fit for purpose and meets the needs and expectations of 21st century New Zealand. It is focused on performance reporting to Council but there may be implications for local government.	None
Manawatū-Whanganui Emergency Management Group Plan review Have Your Say	Horizons Regional Council	31 October	Proposed updates include: Ensuring the plan details the role of Māori and Iwi in emergency management in the Manawatū-Whanganui Emergency Management Group area, aligning the existing goals and objectives to the National Disaster Resilience Strategy 2019-2029, and a number of improvements to the collective capability to respond to emergencies learnt through recent events.	None
Proposed regulations for managing high pathogenicity avian influenza H5N1 in poultry NZ Government	Ministry for Primary Industries	2 November	There are various strains of high pathogenicity avian influenza (HPAI). The strain that is the subject of this consultation is HPAI H5N1 clade 2.3.4.4b. If this virus arrives in New Zealand and becomes widespread in wild birds, it's unlikely it will be able to be eradicated. The proposals outlined in this consultation would empower the poultry industry to effectively and sustainably support the management of HPAI H5N1 in the long term. The focus is on commercial poultry, but some proposals might affect other poultry owners – for example biosecurity standards if the regulations specify a method (or methods) for disposing of dead birds.	None

Local Government (Auckland Council) (Transport Governance) Amendment Bill - New Zealand Parliament	Parliament Transport and Infrastructure Committee	9 November	The bill aims to improve democratic accountability for transport decision-making in Auckland, by (i) repealing the legislation that established Auckland Transport and re-establishing a council-controlled organisation that will be responsible solely for delivering public transport services in Auckland, (ii) transferring most transport and policy planning decisions from Auckland Transport to Auckland Council, and (iii) allocating transport decisions on local roads to the relevant local boards.	None
Upcoming Opportunities to Submit				
Local Government (Infrastructure Funding and Financing) Amendment Bill	Parliament	Before Christmas	Changes are expected to replace development contributions with development levies.	Tbc
Climate Adaptation Bill	Parliament	Before Christmas	Bill sets the legal framework for powers and responsibilities with respect to climate adaptation. If there is a climate adaptation fund it will be in this Bill.	Tbc
Planning Bill	Parliament	Before Christmas	A new act to “manage environmental effects that arise from the use of natural resources”.	Tbc
Natural Environment Bill	Parliament	Before Christmas	Replacement for the RMA.	Tbc
Inquiry into 2025 local elections	Parliament	Before Christmas	History suggests that terms of reference and a call for submissions will be issued.	Tbc
Local Government Legislation Amendment Bill	Parliament	Before Christmas	Holding titles for legislation to give effect to rate-capping.	Tbc
Land Transport and Land Transport Management Amendment Bills	Parliament	First quarter 2026	Give effect to the introduction of RUC for all vehicles and extend the planning horizon for the NLTS and GPS: Land Transport Funding	Tbc
Treaty Clauses Legislation Bill	Parliament	First quarter 2026	Bill implementing results of the review of existing Treaty clauses in legislation.	Tbc
Building (Earthquake Strengthening) Amendment Bill	Ministry for Business, Innovation and Employment	First Quarter 2026	Legislation expected to implement changes announced by the government on 29 September 2025 including changes to what will be classed as an earthquake-prone building.	Tbc







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1st October 2025

Dear Carol,

It was nice to meet you yesterday.

I am writing to you on behalf of the Hunterville Huntaway Festival Committee, to ask that you consider waiving the council fees associated with our Community Event being held on 1nd November 2025, as you have done in previous year's.

I did send through requests earlier in the year (February). I am not sure whether I mistakenly sent them to the wrong email address or overlooked due to the applications being so early.

I have lumped them into one request rather than the multiple requests originally.

It is requested that the following fees are considered for waiving:

1. Parks and Reserves - Hunterville Domain, casual one-off exclusive users per use fee
2. Alcohol Licensing Fees – Special Licences
3. Fees associated with Road Closure and TMP

As you are aware we also have the Resource Consent Application filed for the event. I was wondering, if possible, we could put this on hold until the use of the pole shed issue is finalised as if its use is denied the whole matrix of our event going forward will change and as such will change the basis of the consent.

As you know we are a non-profit organisation and we work hard to host a fabulous event that attracts up to 5000 people to the Rangitikei region each year.

We are extremely lucky to secure many sponsors each year to make this event possible and we try to keep our costs down wherever we can.

I look forward to hearing from you soon and hopefully see you at our Festival. If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

For your consideration

Kind Regards,

Murray Richmond

HHF Secretary



Form name

NZ Regional
Infrastructure Fund

Submitted date

October 10, 2025 4:32
PM

Applicant details

Individual

Business legal name
Rangitikei District
Council

Do you have a Registered Company number?
Yes

Registered Company number
9429041917480

This is the address communications will be sent for this application
Private
Bag 1102, Marton, Marton 4741

Business website (optional)
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Application contact person

This is the person we will contact if we have any queries about this application.

First name
Erica

Last name
van Reenen

Phone number
0274555616

Email address

Erica.vanReenen@agfirst.co.nz

Eligibility criteria detail

Have you been invited to apply?

No

Have you received an unsupported letter from Kānoa – RD?

No

Provide brief information against each of the following eligibility criteria, please note this is only a portion of the eligibility criteria as some are answered throughout this form.

How will the project focus on delivering a 'hard infrastructure' asset or complete physical works that protect existing Crown/local infrastructure or assets developed through the RIF?

The Erewhon Water Scheme is a critical rural infrastructure asset established in the 1980s, providing reliable stock water to 28 farms across approximately 20,000 hectares in the Central North Island and supporting around 185,000 stock units. The scheme underpins productive land use and animal welfare across a large area of challenging hill country.

The project will deliver tangible hard infrastructure upgrades—including the full replacement of aging pipelines, access tracks, and a key bridge—to ensure the continued operation of this essential water supply network. These physical works will protect and extend the life of existing local infrastructure, safeguarding farm productivity and community resilience for decades to come. The estimated \$5 million capital investment will modernise the scheme to contemporary standards and secure the long-term integrity of a critical regional asset.

How will the project contribute to improving regional resilience and/or productivity?

The Erewhon Water Scheme is fundamental to the economic and social fabric of the upper Rangitikei and wider Manawatu-Whanganui region. Upgrading this aging asset will safeguard the viability of 26 farms that depend on the scheme for reliable stock water, many of which have no feasible alternative supply. Reticulated water is critical for maintaining animal productivity, business continuity, and drought resilience — challenges that are intensifying with more frequent and severe dry periods.

By securing the long-term functionality of the scheme, the project directly supports over 185,000 stock units and sustains more than 50 full-time equivalent positions, with additional seasonal labour and service industries benefiting. Member farms generate around \$20 million in annual revenue, contributing an estimated \$160 million to the wider regional

economy and supporting approximately 150 indirect jobs. The upgrade will not only protect this existing economic base but also lift productivity, with modelling indicating potential direct gains of nearly \$500,000 per year by Year 5 and avoided losses of around \$1.8 million annually by Year 10; a total benefit of \$2.2 million.

This investment therefore delivers tangible regional resilience — maintaining essential water infrastructure that underpins primary production, employment, and downstream economic activity across a drought-prone and strategically important rural area.

Select how the project fits either or both of the Resilience or Enabling infrastructure components of the RIF

Resilience and
enabling

Explain how the project fits the RIF components

The Erewhon Water Scheme upgrade strongly aligns with the Rural Infrastructure Fund's goals of supporting resilient and enabling rural communities.

Resilient:

The scheme underpins the economic and environmental resilience of 26 farms operating across nearly 20,000 hectares of extensive hill country. In an area increasingly exposed to drought and climate variability, a reliable water supply is fundamental to maintaining animal welfare, productive capacity, and business continuity. Replacing the aging infrastructure with modern, durable materials will reduce the risk of system failure, water loss, and unplanned outages. This ensures long-term service reliability for decades, safeguarding a critical regional asset and supporting adaptation to a changing climate.

Enabling:

The project enables ongoing productivity and growth within one of the region's most significant primary production areas. A secure and efficient water network supports on-farm innovation, land-use diversification, and investment confidence — enabling farmers to plan, invest, and operate sustainably. The upgrade also unlocks broader community and economic benefits, sustaining employment across farming, transport, and service sectors, and maintaining the viability of rural infrastructure that contributes to the region's \$160 million annual economic output.

By strengthening the physical backbone of the local water system, the project both protects existing livelihoods and enables future development — exemplifying the intent of the Rural Infrastructure Fund.

How does the project connect to regional priorities and can it demonstrate

evidence of relevant regional and local support, either through existing regional development mechanisms, or through another relevant body such as a council, iwi, economic development governance group or other representative group?

The project is well aligned with both regional and local development priorities, and is strongly supported by key governance partners, including Rangitikei District Council and the Erewhon Water Scheme members.

Regional alignment:

The Erewhon Water Scheme upgrade directly contributes to Horizons Regional Council's Long-Term Plan 2024–2034 and its Infrastructure Climate Resilience Projects, which emphasise building resilient communities, sustainable land and water management, and regional prosperity through enabling infrastructure. Horizons has identified the need to “develop and maintain climate-resilient infrastructure to protect communities from the impacts of climate change” and to strengthen critical networks that support rural economies.

The project also aligns with the national Regional Infrastructure Fund investment priorities, which focus on Resilience (including flood and climate resilience) and Enabling Infrastructure, including water systems that sustain productivity and community wellbeing. The Erewhon Scheme directly contributes to these objectives by securing a vital rural water supply network that underpins primary production, employment, and regional adaptation to a changing climate.

Local support and engagement:

The Rangitikei District Council — as owner of the scheme and a member of the Governance Group — has confirmed its support for the upgrade, recognising the scheme's central role in maintaining economic viability, land productivity, and animal welfare across 20,000 hectares of extensive hill country. Council provides financial management and oversight, while scheme members have maintained and co-funded the system for more than 40 years, reflecting strong community ownership and long-term stewardship.

As part of the renewed consenting process, the Governance Group is actively engaging with iwi to ensure cultural and environmental values are appropriately recognised and incorporated into the scheme's future operation. This engagement supports shared objectives for sustainable land and water management and demonstrates the scheme's commitment to partnership-based approaches.

This upgrade is seen as a strategic investment that protects an essential rural service, advances Horizons' climate resilience and sustainability objectives, and supports the long-term prosperity and wellbeing of the Manawatū–Whanganui region.

How will the project be able to be delivered, including an implementation plan appropriate to the size, scale and nature of the project, robust project governance/decision-making systems, and appropriate risk identification and management?

The Erewhon Water Scheme upgrade will be delivered through a structured plan appropriate to its scale and setting. Consenting is underway and on track for completion by June 2026, following environmental assessment and iwi engagement. Detailed design, costing, and procurement planning will also be completed by this date, allowing construction to begin in November 2026 and be completed by March 2029. Works will be staged over three summer seasons to suit terrain and ensure continuous water supply.

Potential delivery partners have been identified and will be engaged through a formal Request for Proposal (RFP) process once funding and consents are confirmed. An independent Project Manager will be appointed to oversee delivery, ensuring separation between project management and construction activities and maintaining strong governance oversight.

The established Governance Group—comprising Rangitikei District Council (RDC) representatives, scheme members, and a technical expert with long-term scheme experience—will make final project decisions in partnership with funders. RDC will provide financial management, procurement compliance, and audit oversight through standard Council processes, ensuring accountability and transparency.

Key risks include consenting or weather delays, cost escalation, contractor availability, and potential member withdrawal due to capital costs. These are mitigated through contingency provisions, peer-reviewed cost estimates, experienced contractors, and early iwi engagement. A comprehensive risk register will be maintained and reviewed regularly by the Governance Group and Project Manager.

This framework provides strong governance, transparent decision-making, and credible delivery systems, giving confidence the project will be completed effectively, on time, and within budget—consistent with the expectations of the Rural Infrastructure Fund.

How does the project require government financial support to progress or to crowd-in private investment (either within the region or elsewhere) – that is, the project would otherwise not progress without RIF support?

RIF support is essential to enable the Erewhon Water Scheme upgrade to proceed at the scale and pace required. Without Government assistance, the project could only be funded through member contributions, extending delivery over more than a decade. This would significantly delay the replacement of critical infrastructure that is already nearing the end of

its life, resulting in lost productivity, rising maintenance costs, and increasing risk of system failure.

The current network underpins approximately 20,000 ha of productive farmland and supports over 185,000 stock units. Prolonged deferral of investment would risk reduced farm viability, the loss of jobs, and conversion of productive land to less economically beneficial uses.

RIF funding will unlock and accelerate \$1.5 million in confirmed co-funding from scheme members, with an additional \$1 million to confirm ensuring that local private investment is realised and coordinated through a single, efficient delivery programme. This partnership model represents genuine “crowding in” of private capital alongside public funding, providing durable economic and environmental outcomes that could not be achieved in a reasonable timeframe without Government support.

Project key information

Contracting entity legal name (if known)

Rangitikei District
Council

Select contracting entity type

Local authority

Project title

Erewhon Rural
Water Scheme Upgrade

Project description

The project is a significant capital upgrade of the Erewhon Rural Water Scheme to support the ongoing economic viability and broader economic contribution of the 26 farmers on the Scheme. While the Scheme has been maintained by farmer members since it was established in the late 1970's/early 80's, it is at an age where it requires significant investment to maintain its integrity, and for members to continue realising the benefits of reticulated water.

Although the Scheme is owned by the Rangitikei District Council, the maintenance and up-keep of the Scheme is largely done by Scheme members. The Council provides financial management of the Scheme and a current account facility, as well as being members of the Governance Group.

Project address

Private

Bag 1102, Marton, Marton 4741

Select the proposed project location

manawatuWanganuiHorowhenua

Rangitikei district

Owner(s) of the project land (according to Land Title)

Mangaohane Station - owned by Rimanui Farms (water source).

Pipe extends to 26 farms. List can be provided.

Select the sector the works envisaged by this application most closely aligned to?

Agriculture /

Horticulture

Describe what the co-funding (funding not from the RIF) will be used for. Additionally, is this project part of a wider project or programme of projects and, if so, provide some detail.

Co-funding for capital works and associated costs, as well as ongoing maintenance of existing scheme.

Key Dates

Provide dates and commentary on the various stages of your proposal.

When providing further information, please include any comments on activities that the forecast is contingent upon, for example, when consenting or design needs to conclude.

Consenting forecast / Completed date

30/06/2026

Further details (Optional)

Include what your forecast date is contingent upon if anything

Contingent on Council being able to process the consent in a timely manner following the environmental assessment that will occur over the 2025/2026 summer, and iwi engagement. Currently on-track.

Detailed design, costing and procurement completed or forecasted to be complete

30/06/2026

Further details (optional)

Include what your forecast date is contingent upon if anything

Capital raise / co-funding secured completed or forecast to be completed

30/06/2026

Further details (optional)

Include what your forecast date is contingent upon if anything

The current co-funding documented is confirmed. However, if additional capital is needed (e.g. RIF funding is less than asked, or more co-funding is required) then members of the scheme will need to approve the additional capital. Rangitikei District Council (RDC) have indicated that they could provide a loan facility, but again, this would need to be confirmed by both RDC and Scheme members.

Date construction to commence:

01/11/2026

Date construction to be completed or forecast to be complete:

31/03/2029

Number of months between commencement and completion of construction

28

Provide further information related to the construction commencement dates

The construction commencement dates are subject to funding and the renewed consent. They are also dependent on weather - given the environment that the Scheme is located, construction can only really occur in the summer months. A wet, cold summer may constrain this.

Funding sought

Set out the proposed sources of funding to complete your proposed project

Regional Infrastructure fund

Funding type

Loan

Funding sought:

\$3250000

Status / Commentary

For example, secured / in principle / to be confirmed

to be confirmed

Are you applying for other funding instruments under RIF? (For example; Loan or Equity)

No

Other sources of funding

Provide details on any other sources of funding (Optional)

Source of funding

Co-funding

(cash) from scheme members

Funding type:

Equity

Amount

\$2500000

Status / Commentary

For example, secured / in principle / to be confirmed

\$1.5M secured, additional \$1M to be confirmed (by members)

Total project cost

\$5750000

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Declarations

The contracting entity is compliant and will continue to comply with all applicable laws, regulations, rules and professional codes of conduct or practice including but not limited to health and safety and employment practices

Yes

Has this applicant ever been declined Crown Funding in the past?

No

Has the applicant or the contracting entity ever been insolvent or subject to an insolvency action, administration or other legal proceedings?

No

Has any individual involved in the project (including the applicant's leadership team, directors, partners, or trustees, or any key members of the project) ever been insolvent or subject to an insolvency action, administration or other legal proceedings, or actively involved in any organisation which has?

Yes

Provide details

From 2005-2011 Jock Stratton was involved in a community run healthcare provider (In Taihape) which provided GP services as well as some inpatient services and Maternity care. In 2010 the organisation (Otaihape Health Ltd) was placed into voluntary receivership, the services were transferred to another entity and Otaihape Health Ltd was wound up. This work was done by an independent Receiver. Jock was Chairperson of the operating

company, was unpaid and had no monetary stake in the organisation.

Has any individual in the project (including the applicant's leadership team, directors, partners, or trustees, or any key members of the project) ever been adjudged bankrupt or is an undischarged bankrupt?

No

Has any individual in the project (including the applicant's leadership team, directors, partners, or trustees, or any key members of the project) ever been under investigation for, or been convicted of, any criminal offence?

No

Does the applicant have any outstanding tax or rate obligations as at the time of this application being submitted?

No

Are there any actual, potential or perceived conflicts of interest that the applicant or any of the key personnel have in relation to this project.

No

By completing the details below, the applicant makes the following declarations about its application for Kānoa – Regional Economic Development & Investment Unit funding for the project:

- ☒ I have read, understand and agree to the Terms and Conditions of applying for Kānoa – Regional Economic Development & Investment Unit funding which refers to Terms and conditions of this application
- ☒ The statements in the application are true and the information provided is complete and correct, and there have been no misleading statements or omissions of any relevant facts, nor any misrepresentations made
- ☒ I have secured all appropriate authorisations to submit the application, to make the statements and to provide the information in the application
- ☒ I have obtained the permission of each member of the project team to provide the information contained in this application (including any personal information) and those individuals are aware of, and agree to, the Terms and Conditions of applying for Kānoa – Regional Economic Development & Investment Unit funding which refers to Terms and conditions of this application
- ☒ I consent to this application, its contents and any supporting documentation for the application being publicly released if funding is

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☒ The applicant warrants that it has no actual, potential or perceived conflict of interest (except any already declared in the application) in submitting the application or entering into a contract to carry out the project. Where a conflict of interest arises during the application or assessment process, the applicant will report it immediately to Kānoa – Regional Economic Development & Investment Unit by emailing Kanoa@mbie.govt.nz

☒ I understand that the falsification of information, supplying misleading information, or the suppression of material information in this application, may result in the application being eliminated from the assessment process and may be grounds for termination of any contract awarded as a result of this application process

☒ The applicant consents to Kānoa undertaking due diligence including any third-party checks as may be required to fully assess the application

☒ I declare the information provided is true and correct and I understand and accept the terms and conditions of this application

First name

Jock

Last name

Stratton

Role / Designation

Chair

- Erewhon Rural Water Scheme Governance Committee

10 Reports for Decision

10.1 2024/25 Annual Report

Author: Warren Pedley, Manager Finance and Partnerships

Authoriser: Leanne Macdonald, Group Manager - Corporate Services

1. Reason for Report

- 1.1 To request that Council adopt the 2024/25 Annual Report, subject to Audit NZ supplying a written audit opinion.

2. Context

- 2.1 Section 98 of the Local Government Act 2002 requires every local authority to prepare and adopt in respect of each financial year an audited annual report containing in respect of that year the information required by Part 3 of Schedule 10.
- 2.2 The specified purposes of the 2024/25 annual report is:
 - 2.2.1 to compare the actual activities and the actual performance of the local authority for the 2024/25 year with the intended level of performance as set out in respect of the 2024/25 year in the long-term plan (year one); and
 - 2.2.2 to promote the local authority's accountability to the community for the decisions made throughout the year by the local authority.
- 2.3 The annual report is required to be completed and adopted, by resolution, within 4 months after the end of the financial year to which it relates, being 30 October 2025.
- 2.4 The Finance/Performance Committee in September made a recommendation that the newly formed Council adopt the final 2024/25 Annual Report subject to any amendments (if any) Audit NZ may request or any final changes to the set of accounting notes, or grammatical corrections identified.
- 2.5 At the time of writing this report verbal clearance by Audit NZ of the 2024/25 Annual Report has been given, subject to resolving some final procedural matters not considered material to the outcome of the audit.
- 2.6 Officers understand, as with previous years, there will be an emphasis of matter around Local Water Done Well and the Water Service Delivery Plan pending approval from the Department of Internal Affairs. Standard practice across many councils.
- 2.7 Officers will arrange for the written audit opinion to be placed on the TinCan once it is received, and it will be presented to Council on the day of adoption. Pages 4-7 in the 2024/25 Annual Report are the pages being held for this written opinion.
- 2.8 Once the Annual Report has been adopted Council has 1 month to make it publicly available along with an audited Summary Annual Report. The audited Summary Annual Report must represent fairly and consistently, the information regarding the major matters dealt with in the 2024/25 Annual Report.

3. Subsequent Changes to the Draft 2024/25 Annual Report

- 3.1 At the Finance/Performance meeting in September, it was agreed that officers would bring to Council any material changes or adjustments made to the final annual report as a result of the end of the audit that has been carried out.
- 3.2 There have been a few administrative/grammatical corrections carries out as a result of on-going review of the draft annual report. For example -
 - Page numbering
 - Te Roopuu Ahi Kaa corrected to Te Rōpū Ahi Kā
 - Updating wording to reflect the current wording in Performance Measures from the 2021-31 LTP to 2024-34 LTP. No changes to the intent of the measures.
 - The committee members listed for Te Rōpū Ahi Kā have been corrected and the Chair for Hunterville committee has also been updated and phone numbers from committee and board members have been removed.
 - Update of some information pertaining to the committee and board members
- 3.3 There have been minimal financial changes (and noting that these change do not change the underlying financial results presented to the Finance/Performance Committee in September). The key changes of which none are material, and as noted, do not change the underlying financial results –
 - 3.3.1 An adjustment to *Note 20 Contingencies* noting council’s potential exposure (through membership) to the liabilities as at 30 June 2025 for LGFA. A minor change from last year.
 - 3.3.2 Reclassification of *Receivables in Note 9* between Rates Receivables and Other Receivables. No impact on the financial statements.
 - 3.3.3 *Note 11* required a disclosure note around the asset valuation methodology and the separation of Work in Progress (WIP) transfers from asset additions on the movements in Property Plant and Equipment.
 - 3.3.4 Separation of costs for audit fees detail in *Note 6*.

Pages 28-33 (levels of service for drinking water) have changed post Finance/Performance Committee reviewing the draft 2024/25 Annual Report. The service performance results have not changed, however, additional wording in the narrative was required. In addition, pages 32 and 33 contain new tables as requested by Audit NZ. These two tables are reporting on compliance with the DWQA rules around bacteria and protozoal compliance.

4. Discussion and Options Considered

- 4.1 Council has incurred an operating deficit of \$9.3m compared to a budgeted deficit of \$1.5m.
- 4.2 Income levels were \$4.85m below budget. This was mainly due to

4.2.1 Reduced Subsidies and Grants due to NZTA funding being less than budgeted in the Long-term Plan and the cancellation of the Marton Rail Hub project funding with no funding being received in 2024/25.

4.3 Operating Expenditure increased by \$2.9m above budget. This was attributed to

4.3.1 The primary variance arose from losses of \$2.2m from a movement between work in progress and operating expenditure due to the Marton Hub no longer continuing.

4.3.2 Increased personnel costs of \$2.2m, although much of this was as a result of bringing roading and three waters back in house and has been offset by reduced Other Expenses. Depreciation also attributed to an increase in expenses as well.

4.4 Council also has a \$68.67m gain in infrastructure assets as a result of the 2024/25 infrastructure revaluation. This was lower than anticipated when setting the budget. Whilst there has been a significant increase in the value of roading assets, there was minimal movement in the three-water assets.

4.5 Therefore, the total Comprehensive revenue and expenditure for the year is \$59.3m. More detailed analysis of variances is presented in note 27 of the financial statements.

4.6 Councils overall net assets increased by \$59.4m year-on-year, largely represented by increases in Property, Plant and Equipment because of capital spending and the infrastructure revaluations on roading and 3 Waters infrastructure.

4.7 Note 24 Events after Balance date details the decisions made post 30 June around Local Water Done Well and the agreed establishment of the three-Council CCO. Noting that the financial impact of this decision remains uncertain as arrangements are still to be finalised. This statement is consistent with Palmerston North City Council's note and has been reviewed by Audit NZ in advance.

4.8 None of the above financial figures have changed since reporting to the Finance/Performance Committee in September.

5. Financial Implications

5.1 There are no financial implications as such as this report is not requesting any funding or expenditure. The budgets were set as part of the 2024-34 Long Term Plan and Council has been tracking income and expenditure against a revised budget, which reflects council's decisions post the adoption of the LTP, including carry forwards and reduced NZTA funding and inclusion of Infrastructure staff being brought back in-house.

6. Impact on Strategic Risks

6.1 There is no impact on strategic risk.

7. Strategic Alignment

7.1 The 2024-34 Long Term Plan includes Councils activities and Financial and Infrastructure strategies. This report is simply the end reporting of the implementation of Council's strategy.

8. Mana Whenua Implications

8.1 Mana Whenua implications are considered when preparing the Long Term Plan.

9. Climate Change Impacts and Consideration

- 9.1 Climate change impacts and considerations form part of the planning work contained in the planning of the activities contained in 2024-34 Long Term Plan.

10. Statutory Implications

- 10.1 Council has an obligation under Section 98 of the Local Government Act 2002 to prepare and adopt in respect of each financial year, an audited annual report.

11. Conclusion

The adoption of an annual report is the final step in an annual cycle of Annual Plan – Annual Report process. The annual plan signals to our community what we will do in a given year and how much it will cost and the annual report confirms the outputs of the annual plan and what it has actually cost.

12. Decision Making Process

- 12.1 The level of significance is high as it contains information relevant to the entire community regarding year one's Performance Measures and Financial results compared to what has been consulted on as part of the Long-Term Plan (year one).

Attachments:

1. **RDC 2024/25 Annual Report (under separate cover)**

Recommendation 1

That the '2024/25 Annual Report' report be received.

Recommendation 2

That Council adopt/do not adopt the 2024/25 Annual Report subject to any amendments (if any) or final changes to the information, or grammatical corrections identified.

Recommendation 3

That Council authorise staff to make any late administrative changes, noted by elected members, staff or Audit NZ, post writing of this report, including copying the final written audit opinion from Audit NZ into the 2024/25 Annual Report ahead of publishing the Annual Report for circulation.

10.2 Appointments to Committees 2025-28 Triennium

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

Authoriser: Carol Gordon, Chief Executive

1. Reason for Report

- 1.1 Council has a number of appointments to make to external organisations. The process for making these appointments is guided by its policy “Council Membership and Representation on other organisations” (Attachment 1).
- 1.2 Where no other appointment has been made on other bodies, Council has previously resolved that His Worship the Mayor is the Council’s representative¹.
- 1.3 In addition, Council needs to appoint members to the community boards, and committees that did not disestablish at the end of the triennium. It is noted that His Worship the Mayor is an ex-officio member of all Council committees.
- 1.4 As Council has not finalised its committee structure not all committee memberships are included in this report, there will be a further report at the November Council meeting to cover committee structure and membership.

2. Appointments Required

2.1 Te Rōpū Ahi Kā

- 2.1.1 Te Rōpū Ahi Kā is a committee that does not disestablish at the end of the triennium. The committee comprises mainly of tangata whenua of the Rangitikei. The terms of reference identify that the Tiikeitia ki Tai (Coastal) Ward and Tiikeitia ki Uta (Inland) Ward councillors are members. The terms of reference also include two elected members of the Rangitikei District Council to be appointed by Council. In the 2022-2025 triennium those members were His Worship the Mayor and former councillor Gill Duncan. Council is asked to nominate a councillor.

2.2 Rural Water Schemes

- 2.2.1 Council’s rural water supply committees (Erewhon, Omatane, and Hunterville) do not disestablish at the end of the triennium. These committees comprise mainly of scheme members. Council needs to appoint a member to each committee.

2.3 Community Boards

- 2.3.1 The Rangitikei District has had two Community Boards in place since 1989 – one in Taihape and one in Rātana. The membership of the Boards was set by the Local Government Commission following the 2022 representation review. Council is required to appoint a member to each board.
 - Rātana Community Board will comprise four elected members and one member appointed to the community board by the council representing Southern Ward.

¹ Resolved Minute Number 07/RDC/350, 15 November 2007

- Taihape Community Board will comprise four elected members and two members appointed to the community board by the council representing Northern Ward.

2.4 Regional Transport Committee and Passenger Transport Committee

- 2.4.1 Each triennium Horizons Regional Council request Council appointments (and alternates) for the Regional Transport Committee and Passenger Transport Committee. A formal request is yet to be received this triennium, however, Council is asked to pre-emptively nominate representatives. The Mayor is usually the appointment for the Regional Transport Committee, with the Deputy Mayor as alternative. Cr Wong was the appointment on the Passenger Transport Committee in the 2022-25 triennium (former Cr Maughan was the alternative).

2.5 Climate Action Joint Committee

- 2.5.1 Council is part of the regional Climate Action Joint Committee. The Terms of Reference for this Committee identify the Mayor as the designated delegate. The purpose of the Climate Action Joint Committee is to support a coordinated response to climate change across the councils and communities of the Manawatū-Whanganui Region.

2.6 Funding Assessment Committees

- 2.6.1 The Council has two funding assessment committees, both being the mechanism for distributing funding in accordance with criteria laid down by the agencies concerned – Creative New Zealand and Sport New Zealand. Creative New Zealand has allocated \$24,397.80 in 2025/26 for its Funding Assessment Committee to distribute and requires that Committee to meet at least twice a year. Sport New Zealand has allocated \$9,500 in 2025/26 for the Rural Travel Fund Committee to distribute. This Committee meets annually.
- 2.6.2 The Mayor has decided to re-establish the Creative Communities Assessment Committee and the Rural Travel Fund Committee in accordance with Section 41A(3) of the Local Government Act 2002.
- 2.6.3 Officers are seeking applications from community members for the Creative Communities Funding Assessment Committee, and Council usually appoints one councillor (in addition to the Mayor as ex officio).
- 2.6.4 There are no representation requirements for the composition of the Sport New Zealand Rural Travel Fund Assessment Committee, which has been previously undertaken by just two Councillors from different Wards. This arrangement is efficient and appropriate for the far smaller number of applications received. It is noted the Mayor is an ex officio member of this Committee.

2.7 OTaihape Health Trust

- 2.7.1 In the past Council has been asked for a representative for the OTaihape Health Trust. Officers are awaiting confirmation if the Trust is requesting a council representative for this triennium. An update will be provided at the meeting.

2.8 Ngā Wai Tōtā o Te Waiū

- 2.8.1 Members of Ngā Wai Tōtā (governance group) include iwi representatives from Ngā Wairiki, Ngāti Rangī, Ngāti Uenuku and the Whanganui Land Settlement Trust, Rangitikei District Council, Ruapehu District Council, Whanganui District Council

and Horizons Regional Council. Horizons Regional Council will provide secretariat support.

2.8.2 The appointed person is expected to have the appropriate mana, skills, knowledge, and experience to participate effectively in Ngā Wai Tōtā; and to contribute to the purpose of Ngā Wai Tōtā. The term for each member for Ngā Wai Tōtā o Te Waiū is 3 years.

2.8.3 His Worship the Mayor was appointed in the last triennium, and is suggested to be reconfirmed.

2.9 John Beresford Swan Dudding Trust Advisory Committee

2.9.1 This Committee advises the Public Trustee on grant applications to the Trust. There are four members, two of whom are nominated by the Council. One must be a resident of Marton; the other must be a resident of the rural area of the Rangitikei. His Worship the Mayor is required to be one of Council's nominees, and given the current Mayor lives in Marton, means the other needs to be rural. Rita Batley held this role through the 2022-25 triennium and recently appointed trustee representing rural constituents.

2.10 Bonny Glen Community Trust

2.10.1 Midwest Disposals Ltd, the owner of Bonny Glen Landfill, have set up a charitable trust to benefit the Bonny Glen Community. Funding for projects will be available to those who live in the Trust area. The Community Trust meets at least once annually for the purpose of awarding funding to community projects identified through funding applications made direct to the Community Trust. There are three elected Trustees and four appointed Trustees of which Council is one. The role was most recently held by Cr Wilson.

2.11 Civil Defence

2.11.1 Under section 13 of the Civil Defence Emergency Management Act 2002 (CDEM 2002), the Council must be represented on the region's Civil Defence Emergency Management Group by the Mayor or an elected person who has the delegated authority to act for the Mayor. The Mayor always holds this role.

2.11.2 In a civil defence emergency, the Mayor can declare a local state of emergency or give notice of a transition period (s25(5) CDEM 2002). In the event the Mayor is absent, an elected member is able to be designated to declare a local state of emergency, or give notice of a transition period (s25(5) CDEM 2002). It is proposed the Deputy Mayor is designated in the Mayor's absence.

3. Financial Implications

3.1 There are no financial implications associated with this report.

4. Impacts on Strategic Risks

4.1 Council should consider when appointing members capacity of those elected members to fulfil the commitment.

5. Strategic Alignment

5.1 Appointments to these committees contribute to the social wellbeing of the district by ensuring community representation, promoting inclusive decision-making, and

supporting initiatives that enhance social connection, and community resilience. They also support partnership with tangata whenua through membership on Ngā Wai Tōtā.

6. Mana Whenua Implications

- 6.1 Appointments to some committees can support Council in being a trusted partner with tangata whenua by strengthening relationships and promoting collaboration.

7. Climate Change Impacts and Consideration

- 7.1 There are no direct climate change impacts associated with this report. Being part of the Climate Joint Action Committee supports regional climate coordination.

8. Statutory Implications

- 8.1 Statutory implications, where relevant have been outlined throughout the report.
- 8.2 His Worship the Mayor is able to establish committees under Section 41A of the Local Government Act 2002. Under Section 30 of the Local Government Act 2002 a local authority may appoint committees, or subcommittees, and other subordinate decision-making bodies it considers appropriate and Section 31 of the LGA allows the local authority to make appointments to those committees.

9. Decision Making Process

- 9.1 This item is not considered to be significant.

Attachments:

1. Council membership and representation on other organisations [↓](#)

Recommendation 1

That the report Appointments to Committees 2025-28 Triennium be received.

Recommendation 2

That for the 2025-28 triennium Cr _____ be appointed to Te Rōpū Ahi Kā.

Recommendation 3

That for the 2025-28 triennium _____ be appointed to the Rātana Community Board.

Recommendation 4

That for the 2025-28 triennium _____ and _____ be appointed to the Taihape Community Board.

Recommendation 5

That for the 2025-28 triennium Cr _____ be appointed to the Hunterville Rural Water Supply Management Sub-Committee and Cr _____ as the alternate.

Recommendation 6

That for the 2025-28 triennium Cr _____ be appointed to the Omatane Rural Water Supply Management Sub-Committee.

Recommendation 7

That for the 2025-28 triennium Cr _____ be appointed to the Erehon Rural Water Supply Management Sub-Committee and Cr _____ as the alternate.

Recommendation 8

That for the 2025-28 triennium Cr _____ be appointed to the Creative New Zealand Assessment Committee.

Recommendation 9

That for the 2025-28 triennium Cr _____ and Cr _____ be appointed to the Sport New Zealand Rural Travel Fund Assessment Committee, with _____ appointed as Chair.

Recommendation 10

That for the 2025-28 triennium His Worship the Mayor be appointed as the Rangitīkei District Council representative to the Regional Transport Committee, with the Deputy Mayor as the alternate.

Recommendation 11

That for the 2025-28 triennium Cr Wong be appointed as the Rangitīkei District Council representative to the Passenger Transport Committee, with Cr _____ as the alternate.

ITEM 10.2**Recommendation 12**

That for the 2025-28 triennium His Worship the Mayor and Rita Batley be appointed as the Rangitikei District Council representatives to the John Beresford Swan Dudding Trust Advisory Committee.

Recommendation 13 [if required]

That for the 2025-28 triennium _____ be confirmed as the Rangitikei District Council representative to the Otaihape Health Trust.

Recommendation 14

That Council reconfirms the appointment of His Worship the Mayor as the Rangitikei District Council representative on Ngā Wai Tōtā o Te Waiū, the governance group associated with the Te Waiū-o-Te-Ika Framework.

Recommendation 15

That the 2025-28 triennium Cr Wilson be appointed as the Rangitikei District Council representative to the Bonny Glen Community Trust and that Cr _____ be appointed as the alternate.

Recommendation 16

That the 2025-28 triennium His Worship the Mayor be appointed as the Rangitikei District Council representative to the Civil Defence Emergency Management Group Governance Body.

Recommendation 17

That in the absence of His Worship the Mayor, the Deputy Mayor be designated to declare a local state of emergency, or give notice of a transition period in accordance with s25(5) of the Civil Defence and Emergency Management Act 2002).

Council Membership and Representation on other organisations

Council will maintain representation on other organisations as listed in the Delegations Register.

Representatives may be elected members or other persons appointed by Council

Representatives to other organisations must formally report back to the appropriate committee at least once a year and Council have the opportunity to express its views to these organisations

A Councillor may be a Board member but such an appointment is not as Council's representative.

Council has due regard for representation of other organisations for the following reasons¹:

- to respond to statutory requirements or pre-requisites for additional funding from central government,
- to demonstrate a commitment to community well-being and progressing community outcomes,
- to influence the strategy and programmes of regional organisations which operate in the Rangitikei as well as in neighbouring districts, and
- to influence the distribution of funds into the Rangitikei.

¹ Resolved Minute Number : 08/SPP /026 : 31 January 2008

10.3 Code of Conduct and Standing Orders**Author:** Kezia Spence, Governance Advisor**Authoriser:** Katrina Gray, Group Manager - Strategy, Community and Democracy**1. Reason for Report**

- 1.1 To provide elected members with an overview of the Code of Conduct and Standing Orders.

2. Code of Conduct

- 2.1 It is mandatory for councils to adopt a code of conduct - *clause 15 of Schedule 7 of the Local Government Act 2002*. There is no legislative requirement to re-adopt the Code of Conduct at the start of a new triennium but important for Council to receive this.
- 2.2 Council last updated the Code of Conduct following the triennial election on 23 November 2022.
- 2.3 Council's current Code of Conduct is attached.
- 2.4 The Code of Conduct sets out the standards of behaviour expected from elected members in the exercise of their duties. Its purpose is to:
- enhance the effectiveness of Council and the provision of good local government of the district;
 - promote effective decision-making and community engagement;
 - enhance the credibility and accountability of Council to its communities;
 - promote strong and collegial relationships between members when working together in the course of their various functions and duties; and
 - develop a culture of mutual trust, respect and tolerance between members and executive management.
- 2.5 Generally, Council would review the code of conduct at the commencement of each triennium. However, the Government has announced that they intend to create a national standardised code of conduct. Therefore, officers propose that Council retains the current Code of Conduct.

3. Standing Orders

- 3.1 It is mandatory that councils adopt Standing Orders for the conduct of their meetings and the meetings of any subordinate bodies, such as committees and subcommittees - *clause 27 Schedule 7 of the Local Government Act 2002*. There is no legislative requirement to re-adopt Standing Orders at the start of a new triennium but important for Council to receive this.
- 3.2 Council last updated its Standing Orders on 28 September 2023.
- 3.3 Council's Standing Orders are attached.
- 3.4 Standing orders contain rules for the conduct of the proceedings of local authorities, committees, subcommittees, subordinate decision-making bodies, and local and community boards. Their purpose is to enable local authorities to exercise their decision-making responsibilities in a transparent, inclusive, and lawful manner.

- 3.5 Generally, Council would review its Standing Orders each triennium. However, the Government has announced that they intend to create national standardised standing orders. Therefore, officers propose that Council retains the current set, although may wish to reconsider any minor amendments or alterations to the voting system following training on Standing Orders in December.

4. Financial Implications

- 4.1 There are no financial implications.

5. Impact on Strategic Risks

- 5.1 There are no relevant strategic risks.

6. Strategic Alignment

- 6.1 The Code of Conduct and Standing Orders are supportive of effective governance processes.

7. Mana Whenua Implications

- 7.1 Council's standing orders provide additional speaking rights at meetings for iwi and the Rātana community.

8. Climate Change Impacts and Consideration

- 8.1 There are no climate change impacts.

9. Statutory Implications

- 9.1 The adoption of a Code of Conduct (and any amendments) and amendments to the Standing Orders is required under the Local Government Act 2002.

10. Decision Making Process

- 10.1 This decision is not considered to be significant.

Attachments:

1. **Code of Conduct (under separate cover)**
2. **Standing Orders (under separate cover)**

Recommendation

That the report Code of Conduct and Standing Orders be received.

Recommendation

That Council adopt the Code of Conduct and Standing Orders.

11 Reports for Information

11.1 Finance Snapshot - September 2025

Author: Warren Pedley, Manager Finance and Partnerships

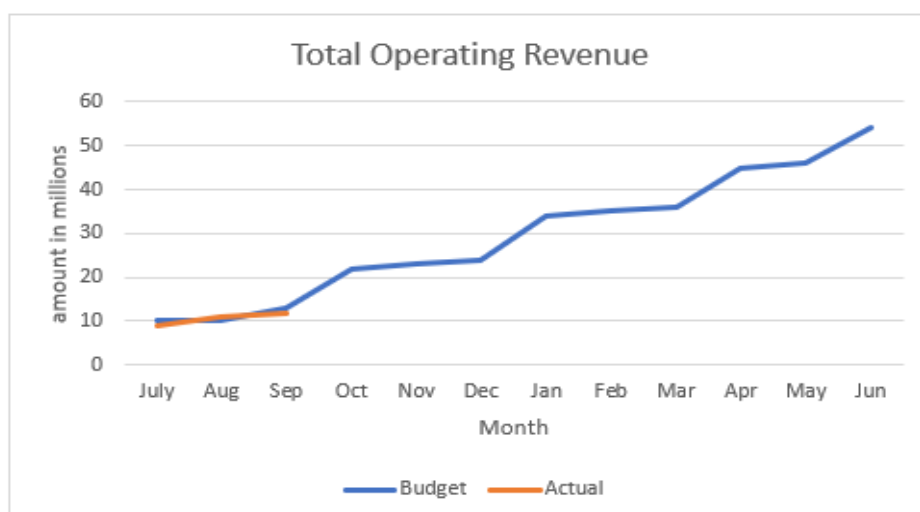
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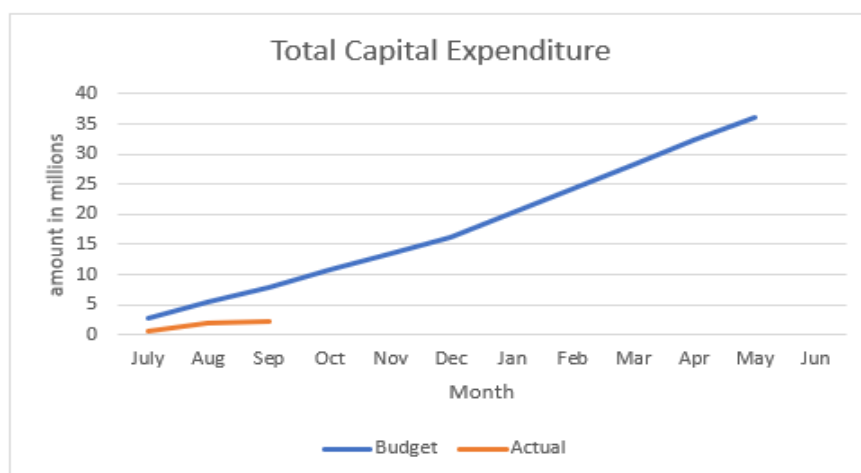
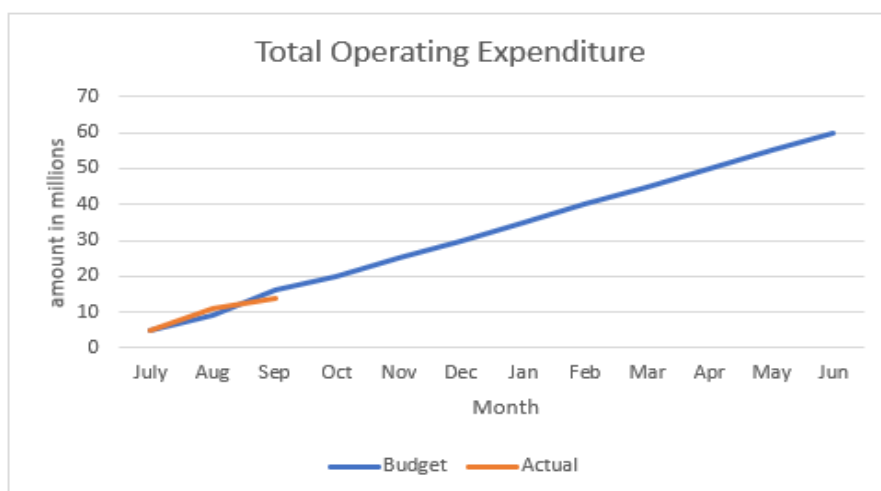
Reason for Report

- 1.1 To provide Council with the management accounts and related commentary as at 30 September 2025, for both the operational and capital activities against the 2025/26 Annual Plan.
- 1.2 To provide Council with a summary of the treasury and debt position, noting that Bancorp Treasury quarterly Treasury Dashboard Report will be provided in November 2025.

2. Whole of Council Financial Performance

- 2.1 The attached Whole of Council Performance Report highlights budget variances that are best considered 'at Group level' in the individual accompanying Group Financial Summary Reports.
- 2.2 As at 30 September 2025, the overall surplus is \$376k ahead of the expected budget for the same period. Total Operating Revenue is under budget by \$957k, this is offset by overall operating expenditure, which is also under budget by \$1.33m.
- 2.3 The following trend line graphs for Operational Revenue, Operational Expenditure and Capital Expenditure.





The attached Group Financial Summary Reports provide commentary on operational budget variances typically in excess of \$100k. Council will be able to see where the revenue and costs differ to budget through the activity detail.

3. Capital Expenditure

- 3.1 The attached summary shows capital budget variances split by cost centre with the larger budgets (>\$500k) being shown separately. The total value of the capital programme is \$39.6M. This excludes council-approved carry forwards which have yet to be included in a revised budget. YTD \$2.2M of expenditure has occurred reflecting 5.5% of the annual programme.
- 3.2 Commentary regarding the majority of these capital budgets is provided in the *Projects Update Report* that is reviewed at Council Meetings and previously at Assets/Infrastructure Committee Meetings.
- 3.3 Following the implementation of the business partnership programme between Finance, the Budget Managers, and Group Managers, ongoing conversations are held to update progress and for managers to identify any changes in timing or completion of the capital programmes of work. There were a number of capital programmes transferred across to the 2025/26 Annual Plan to reflect a change in the timing of capital projects. This was balanced by moving an equivalent value of the capital programme across to 2026/27.

3.4 As officers identify any permanent delays in capital projects, or any changes to the timing of projects, Council will be advised, and the programme of work will be adjusted accordingly.

4. Investments

4.1 Council's current liquidity position as at 30 September 2025 is as follows:

4.1.1 Current Assets

• Bank/Deposits	\$ 15.1m
• Receivables	\$1.3m
• Prepayments	\$0.1m
• Total	\$16.5m

4.1.2 Current Liabilities

• Payables	\$ 1.8m
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Net Current Treasury Position **\$ 14.7m**

5. Borrowing

The following table shows the Council's external debt at \$54m (unchanged since 30 June 2025) for the period ended 30 September 2025. It also shows the interest rate along with the annual cost of interest, (noting that the annual cost is an estimate based on the current interest rate applicable to the short-term commercial papers council has borrowed against and this also excludes the impact of hedging).

Total External Debt

Amount Borrowed	Settled Date	Maturity Date	Fixed Rate of Interest	Annual Interest Cost
\$ 3m	10/05/2019	15/04/2029	3.12%	\$ 94k
\$ 5m	8/02/2022	14/04/2033	3.68%	\$184k
\$11m	14/04/2022	15/04/2027	4.17%	\$459k
\$ 5m	27/04/2023	15/05/2028	5.10%	\$255k
\$ 7m	12/06/2023	15/05/2028	5.30%	\$371k
\$ 9m	15/04/2024	15/06/2026	5.62%	\$506k
\$ 4m	4/06/2024	20/04/2029	5.55%	\$222k
\$ 5m	24/07/2025	22/10/2025	3.40%	\$170k
\$ 5m	23/09/2025	27/11/2025	3.11%	\$156k
\$54m				\$2.42m

5.1 Council's LTP reflected that debt is budgeted to remain within its Debt Ceiling and Debt Limit throughout the term of the LTP (the Debt Ceiling is Council's maximum debt it can access from LGFA; less a self-imposed amount of at least \$4m to \$5m lower than the Debt Ceiling, to allow for unforeseen costs).

5.2 Council's amendment of the capital projects along with the unbudgeted repairs to the swimming pool have an impact unknown at the time of the 2025/26 Annual Plan.

External debt for 2026 has been budgeted to end the year at \$80m with the debt limit being \$112m.

- 5.3 The above table also shows the annual cost of interest expense anticipated to be \$2.42m per annum (approx. \$201.7k per month), providing a current weighted average cost of funds of 3.94%. However, these costs are partially offset by the borrowed money earning interest income before it is used. Year to date (30 September 2025) this interest income amounted to \$109k (30 September 2024: \$174k).
- 5.4 The following table discloses Council's debt by activity. Council borrows to fund capital expenditure in accordance with the Revenue and Financing Policy.

Total Loans By Activity

Activity	Internal Loans as at 30/06/2024 \$000	External loans allocated as at 31/07/2025 \$000	Total Loans as at 30/06/2025 \$000
Roading and Footpaths	2,906	11,500	14,406
Water Supplies District Urban	12,856	5,000	17,856
Total for Water Supplies	12,856	5,000	17,856
Wastewater/ Sewerage Disposal	1,124	26,500	27,624
Stormwater Drainage	1,676		1,676
Community and Leisure Assets			
Real Estate	307	500	807
Swim Centres	428		428
Civil defence	8		8
Community Housing	161		161
Public Toilets	641		641
Cemeteries	133		133
Libraries	530		530
Halls	3,207	4,000	7,207
Domains	297	6,500	6,797
Total Community & Leisure Assets	5,712	11,000	16,712
Waste Transfer Stations	56		56
Other Activities			
Community Leadership			-
Environment & Regulatory Services			-
Community Wellbeing			-
Forestry	4		4
Business Units	10		10
Total other activities	14	-	14
Totals	24,344	54,000	78,344

- 5.5 Internal borrowing has occurred over many years where surplus cash is used to fund these activities before resorting to borrowing externally. In essence Council's treasury function acts as an internal bank. The interest charged to the activities, becomes income to the Treasury, offsetting the external charge. This means that overall Council only discloses the external borrowing costs in the Comprehensive Revenue and Expenditure Statement.
- 5.6 Internal Loan balances currently are as at 30/06/2024. These will be readjusted once audit have confirmed the 25/26 annual accounts to reflect the internal cash movements between Treasury and council activities (noting this does not impact the 2025/26 Annual Accounts)

6. Borrowing Ratios

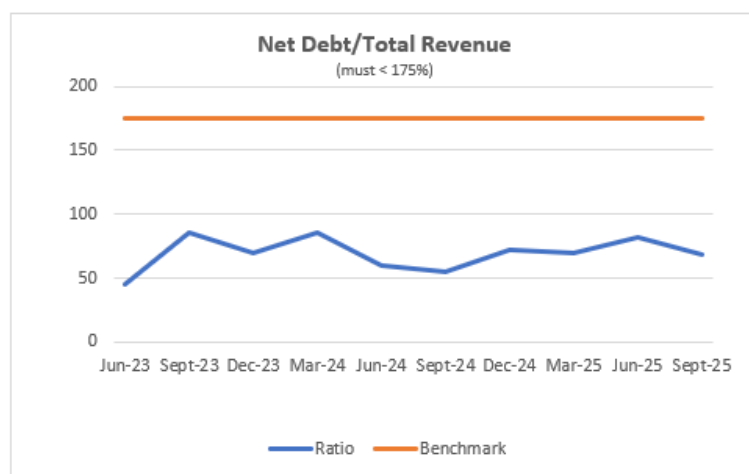
- 6.1 Council's Long-Term Plan 2024-34 (pages 152 and 153) includes two Liquidity Ratio Benchmarks set by the LGFA. Incorporating the figures above, Council's YTD performance in

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relation to these benchmarks is as follows (note these ratios are currently included in a more detailed report that is provided to each Risk and Assurance Committee).

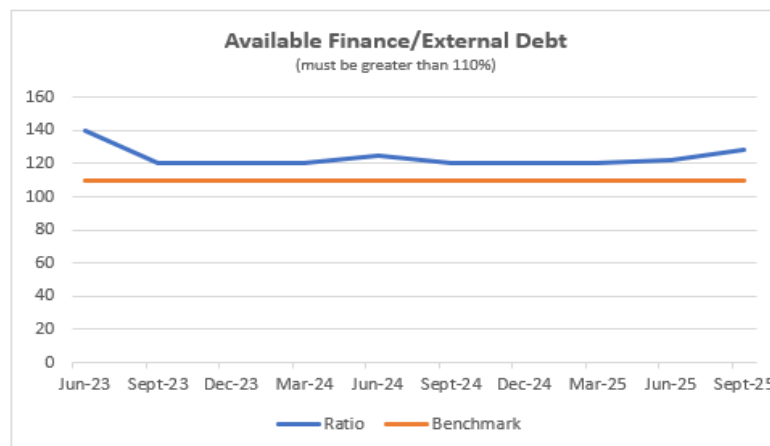
6.2 Net Debt/Total Revenue must not exceed 175%:

• Debt	\$54.0m
• Bank	\$ 15.1m
• Corporate Bonds	\$ 1.2m
• Notional Net Debt	\$37.7m
• YE Revenue	\$55.0m
Net Debt/Total Revenue	69%



6.3 External debt plus committed facilities plus Liquid Assets (available finance) divided by external debt must be greater than 110%:

• External Debt	\$54.0m
• Bank/Deposits	\$ 15.1m
• Available Finance	\$69.1m
Available Finance divided by External Debt	128%



Note: Council's 2023/24 Annual Report includes similar trend analyses for the past 5 year-ends (Page 101).

6.4 Sustainability

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Sustainability

Balance Budget Ratio **84%**

Operating Revenue YTD	\$12.0m
Operating Expenditure YTD	\$14.3m

This a Prudential Benchmark reported under the Local Government (Financial Reporting and Prudence) Regulations 2019. Operating Revenue should be equal or more (i.e. over 100%) to meet this benchmark. Operating revenue is described above. Operating expenditure includes depreciation and excludes losses on revaluations, increases in landfill after care provisions and loss on derivatives if applicable.

Net Debt to projected revenue (LGFA covenant) **69%**

Total net borrowing	\$37.7m
Total projected operating revenue	\$55m

This is also a prudential benchmark set in our Treasury Policy and also a LGFA Covenant maximum of 175%. Net debt is defined as external borrowing less cash in the bank.

Net Interest to rates revenue (LGFA covenant) **5.8%**

Net Interest YTD	\$ 0.5m
Rates Revenue	\$ 8.6m

This is also a prudential benchmark set in our Treasury Policy. Our set limit is 25% of rates revenue. Net interest is Interest paid less interest received.

Interest to operating revenue (LGFA covenant) **4.2%**

Net Interest	\$ 0.5m
Operating revenue	\$12.0m

This is also a prudential benchmark set in our Treasury Policy. Our set limit is 20% of operating revenue.

Liquidity benchmark (LGFA covenant) **128%**

External Debt plus cash	\$69.1m
External debt	\$54.0m

This is also a prudential benchmark set in our Treasury Policy. Our set limit is greater than 110%. This benchmark is calculated by dividing external debt plus cash by external debt.

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Attachments:

1. **Finance Snapshot - September 2025** [↓](#)

Recommendation

That Council receive the report Finance Snapshot - September 2025 be received.

Whole of Council

Activity Report for period ending 30 September 2025	YTD Actuals	YTD Budgets	YTD Variance	YTD Percentage Variance	Full Year Budget
	\$000	\$000	\$000		\$000
Total Revenue	(11,959)	(12,916)	(957)	-7%	(54,858)
Subsidies and Grants	(1,859)	(2,769)	(910)	-33%	(13,479)
Other Revenue	(1,361)	(1,467)	(106)	-7%	(5,295)
Finance Revenue	(109)	(164)	(55)	-33%	(459)
Gains	(23)	0	23	100%	(53)
Rates	(8,607)	(8,517)	91	1%	(35,573)
Total Expense	14,382	15,715	1,333	8%	60,426
Other Expenses	5,719	6,698	979	15%	24,550
Personnel Costs	3,210	3,232	23	1%	12,728
Finance Costs	591	775	183	24%	3,100
Depreciation	4,856	5,010	154	3%	20,048
Losses	6	0	(6)	-100%	0
Grand Total	2,423	2,799	376	13%	5,568

Variances > \$100k: Comment

Commentary provided in the following Group Summaries.

Corporate Services and Support

Activity Report For the Period Ending 30 September 2025	YTD Actuals	YTD Budgets	YTD Variance	YTD Percentage Variance	2025/2026 Annual Plan
	\$000	\$000	\$000		\$000
Total Revenue	(306)	(257)	49	19%	(3,091)
Subsidies and Grants	0	0	0	0%	(2,400)
Other Revenue	(43)	(4)	40	1068%	(15)
Finance Revenue	(109)	(164)	(55)	-33%	(459)
Gains	(22)	0	22	100%	(53)
Rates	(2,875)	(2,833)	42	1%	(11,135)
Rate Apportionment	2,743	2,743	(0)	0%	10,972
Total Expense	(164)	(69)	95	-139%	(303)
Other Expenses	653	888	235	26%	3,525
Personnel Costs	2,378	2,482	104	4%	9,766
Finance Costs	(226)	(91)	135	148%	(365)
Depreciation	254	186	(68)	-37%	744
Overhead Allocation	(3,229)	(3,534)	(304)	-9%	(13,973)
Losses	6	0	(6)	-100%	0
Grand Total	(470)	(326)	145	44%	(3,394)

Variances > \$100k: Comment

- Other Expenses – under budget, reflecting timing differences in planned expenditure for both information services licence fees and contractor costs
- Personnel Costs – under budget, reflecting open vacancies yet to be filled and budget for some positions being paid directly from other council activities instead of through support overheads, (notably 3 Waters and Regulatory Services), with no impact at a total council level
- Finance Costs – under budget reflecting underspends in the capital programme reducing the requirement for borrowed funds along with more favourable interest rates than planned.
- Overhead allocation, under budget reflecting the lower than planned operational costs to date as mentioned above which get reallocated across the various council activities below

Community

Activity Report For the Period Ending 30 September 2025	YTD Actuals	YTD Budgets	YTD Variance	YTD Percentage Variance	Full Year Budget
	\$000	\$000	\$000		\$000
Total Revenue	(1,634)	(1,749)	(115)	-7%	(7,012)
Subsidies and Grants	(207)	(265)	(58)	-22%	(1,060)
Other Revenue	(161)	(219)	(58)	-27%	(891)
Finance Revenue	0	0	0	0%	0
Gains	(1)	0	1	100%	0
Rate Apportionment	(1,265)	(1,265)	(0)	-0%	(5,061)
Total Expense	2,200	2,382	182	8%	8,392
Other Expenses	783	1,075	291	27%	3,190
Personnel Costs	35	31	(4)	-12%	122
Finance Costs	191	176	(15)	-9%	702
Depreciation	634	589	(45)	-8%	2,358
Overhead Allocation	557	512	(45)	-9%	2,021
Losses	0	0	0	0%	0
Grand Total	566	633	67	11%	1,380

Variances > \$100k: Comment

Other Expenses – under budget, due to a refund of overcharged electricity on the RSA Hall in Marton and Marton swim centre management fees not being incurred whilst the pool remains closed.

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Community Leadership

Activity Report For the Period Ending 30 September 2025	YTD Actuals	YTD Budgets	YTD Variance	YTD Percentage Variance	Full Year Budget
	\$000	\$000	\$000		\$000
Total Revenue	(709)	(717)	(8)	-1%	(2,867)
Other Revenue	(0)	(8)	(8)	-95%	(32)
Rates	(17)	(17)	0	2%	(68)
Rate Apportionment	(692)	(692)	0	0%	(2,768)
Total Expense	637	722	85	12%	2,869
Other Expenses	276	306	29	10%	1,224
Depreciation	0	0	0	0%	0
Overhead Allocation	361	416	55	13%	1,645
Grand Total	(72)	5	77	1619%	2

Variances > \$100k: Comment

Nil

Regulatory Services

Activity Report For the Period Ending 30 September 2025	YTD Actuals	YTD Budgets	YTD Variance	YTD Percentage Variance	Full Year Budget
	\$000	\$000	\$000		\$000
Total Revenue	(1,154)	(1,126)	28	2%	(3,971)
Other Revenue	(748)	(720)	28	4%	(2,346)
Rate Apportionment	(406)	(406)	0	0%	(1,625)
Total Expense	897	1,002	105	11%	3,965
Other Expenses	95	167	72	43%	668
Personnel Costs	427	414	(13)	-3%	1,627
Depreciation	5	18	13	74%	71
Overhead Allocation	371	403	33	8%	1,598
Grand Total	(258)	(125)	133	107%	(7)

Variances > \$100k: Comment

Nil

Roading and Footpaths

Activity Report For the Period Ending 30 September 2025	YTD Actuals	YTD Budgets	YTD Variance	YTD Percentage Variance	Full Year Budget
	\$000	\$000	\$000		\$000
Total Revenue	(4,368)	(5,203)	(835)	-16%	(20,808)
Subsidies and Grants	(1,652)	(2,504)	(851)	-34%	(10,016)
Other Revenue	(36)	(46)	(10)	-22%	(179)
Rates	(2,680)	(2,653)	26	1%	(10,613)
Total Expense	6,122	6,568	446	7%	26,210
Other Expenses	2,022	2,194	172	8%	8,764
Personnel Costs	0	0	(0)	-100%	0
Finance Costs	171	140	(31)	-22%	559
Depreciation	2,879	3,006	127	4%	12,027
Overhead Allocation	1,050	1,229	178	15%	4,860
Losses	0	0	0	0%	0
Grand Total	1,755	1,365	(389)	-28%	5,402

Variances > \$100k: Comment

- Subsidies and Grants, under budget which is principally a timing issue caused by the straight-line profiling of the Roading programme plan for budgeting purposes versus the actual completion of roading works. This is offset by an underspend in other expenses (where roading operational spend resides) and the roading capex spend to date.
- Depreciation- under budget due to the revaluation of roading assets being lower than planned which results in a lower level of depreciation

Rubbish and Recycling

Activity Report For the Period Ending 30 September 2025	YTD Actuals	YTD Budgets	YTD Variance	YTD Percentage Variance	Full Year Budget
	\$000	\$000	\$000		\$000
Total Revenue	(738)	(840)	(102)	-12%	(3,299)
Other Revenue	(325)	(435)	(110)	-25%	(1,680)
Rates	(363)	(355)	8	2%	(1,421)
Rate Apportionment	(50)	(50)	0	0%	(199)
Total Expense	752	861	109	13%	3,367
Other Expenses	524	622	98	16%	2,421
Finance Costs	1	1	(0)	-6%	2
Depreciation	22	20	(2)	-8%	81
Overhead Allocation	205	218	13	6%	862
Grand Total	14	21	7	33%	68

Variances > \$100k: Comment

- Other Revenue is under budget with Waste Transfer revenues being lower than planned to date. This is offset by other expenses being lower than planned reflecting the cost to council for disposal also being lower than planned

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Parks and Reserves

Activity Report For the Period Ending 30 September 2025	YTD Actuals	YTD Budgets	YTD Variance	YTD Percentage Variance	Full Year Budget
	\$000	\$000	\$000		\$000
Total Revenue	(365)	(359)	6	2%	(1,417)
Subsidies and Grants	0	(1)	(1)	-100%	(3)
Other Revenue	(35)	(29)	6	22%	(95)
Rate Apportionment	(330)	(330)	0	0%	(1,319)
Total Expense	223	318	95	30%	1,250
Other Expenses	70	110	40	36%	425
Finance Costs	2	2	1	29%	9
Depreciation	6	48	43	88%	194
Overhead Allocation	146	158	12	7%	622
Grand Total	(142)	(41)	101	244%	(167)

Variances > \$100k: Comment

Nil

Water, Sewerage & Stormwater

Activity Report For the Period Ending 30 September 2025	YTD Actuals	YTD Budgets	YTD Variance	YTD Percentage Variance	Full Year Budget
	\$000	\$000	\$000		\$000
Total Revenue	(2,685)	(2,665)	20	1%	(12,393)
Other Revenue	(12)	(6)	6	96%	(58)
Finance Revenue	0	0	0	0%	0
Rates	(2,673)	(2,659)	14	1%	(12,336)
Total Expense	3,715	3,931	216	6%	14,676
Other Expenses	1,296	1,337	41	3%	4,333
Personnel Costs	370	306	(64)	-21%	1,213
Finance Costs	453	548	95	17%	2,192
Depreciation	1,057	1,143	86	8%	4,573
Overhead Allocation	539	598	59	10%	2,364
Grand Total	1,030	1,266	236	19%	2,283

Variances > \$100k: Comment

Nil

Rangitikei District Council
Capital Activity
For Period ending 30 September 2025

Account	2025/26 YTD Actuals September	2025/26 YTD Budgets September	2025/26 YTD Percentage Variance September	2025/2026 Annual Plan
Corporate Services and Support	445,984	583,239	23.53%	2,332,942
Information Services	149,527	477,504	68.69%	1,910,000
Community	49,358	885,162	94.42%	11,300,647
Domains	44,077	247,803	82.21%	991,211
4410170630. Taihape Grandstand	9,574	170,052	94.37%	680,211
Halls	142,577	371,259	61.60%	7,085,034
4090174504. Taihape Town Hall and Library Redevelopment	16,147	200,001	91.93%	4,000,000
4090174505. Marton Building Design & Construction	119,918	150,000	20.05%	3,000,000
Swim Centres	161,600	174,555	7.42%	2,858,211
4000170618. Swim Centres - New Roof	0	135,000	100.00%	2,700,000
Roading and Footpaths	595,146	1,963,770	69.69%	7,855,086
Non-Subsidised Roothing	2,255	167,016	98.65%	668,051
Subsidised Roothing	592,891	1,796,754	67.00%	7,187,035
70100781. Sealed Road Pavement Rehabilitation (214)	84,194	472,554	82.18%	1,890,218
70100782. Drainage Renewals (213)	39,013	246,249	84.16%	985,000
70100783. Structures Components Replacements (215)	21,808	154,374	85.87%	617,500
7010078417. Renewal Footpath (225)	668	137,499	99.51%	550,000
70100787. Sealed Road Surfacing (212)	172,122	640,725	73.14%	2,562,905
Water, Sewerage & Stormwater	1,069,979	4,456,182	75.99%	17,824,711
Stormwater	60,670	690,780	91.22%	2,763,120
6050177203. Bredins Line New Outfall	777	150,771	99.48%	603,078
6050177207. Hunterville Network Upgrade	0	127,749	100.00%	511,000
6050177208. Marton Skerman St Upgrade	27,310	229,950	88.12%	919,800
Waste Water - Sewerage	325,226	1,302,546	75.03%	5,210,176
6070176204. Wastewater Reticulation	65,608	191,625	65.76%	766,500
6070176206. Marton to Bulls Centralisation Project	200,355	360,123	44.36%	1,440,490
6070177108. Taihape Wastewater Treatment Plant Consent	(89)	225,264	100.04%	901,051
6070177111. Ratana Complete Upgrade	1,797	291,405	99.38%	1,165,625
Water - District	673,851	2,326,998	71.04%	9,307,982
6060174503. Marton Water Strategy	362,016	1,862,502	80.56%	7,450,003
6060176401. Water Supply Renewals	151,861	187,500	19.01%	750,000
Grand Total	2,197,983	7,949,112	72.35%	39,556,420
Business Unit Totals				
Sub area Totals within Business Units				

Budget is as per Annual Plan, Carryforward budgets from last year (and approved by council in September 2025) will be reflected for November reporting. To date, only 6% of the annual planned capital programme has been spent with Water Sewerage and Stormwater (namely the Marton Water Strategy) and the Roothing spending to date being the main areas where spend is significantly lower than planned year to date.

12 Meeting Closed.