



Bulls and District Community Trust
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To Rangitikei District Council,

On behalf of Bulls & District Community Trust, I am writing to formally present two requests relating to our current Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Council.

1. Request for Review, Increase, and Annual Adjustment of MOU Funding

We would like to request a review and increase of our current MOU funding agreement. As our services and community initiatives continue to grow, so too do the demands on our resources. An increase in funding would allow us to better support our community, expand our programmes, and continue delivering positive and meaningful outcomes across the district.

In addition, we respectfully request that the MOU be assessed and inflation adjusted annually in line with each financial year. This approach would ensure the agreement remains responsive to rising costs, evolving community needs, and the scale of our operations, while supporting a sustainable and forward-focused partnership.

2. Request for Additional Funding for Bulls Statue Maintenance

We also seek an additional \$2,000 per year within the MOU to support the ongoing maintenance of the Bulls statues located throughout the town, which the Trust care takes. These Bulls are a well-recognised and much-loved feature of the town, contributing significantly to Bulls' identity, community pride, and visitor appeal. As they are exposed to the elements and photo opportunities year-round, they require regular upkeep to remain safe and visually presentable. Currently, there is no consistent maintenance approach across Bulls on public and private land, creating a risk of gradual deterioration.

We propose that this funding supports:

- Regular cleaning to maintain appearance
- Repainting to preserve visual quality and consistency
- Structural repairs to ensure safety and longevity
- Maintenance of Bulls on both public and private land (with owner approval)

We also request that this funding be inflation adjusted annually in line with economic conditions and rising costs.

We greatly value our relationship with Council and sincerely appreciate your ongoing support of our work. We would welcome the opportunity to meet and discuss these requests further at a time that suits you.

Thank you for your consideration.

Nga mihi nui

Heidi Macaulay
Community Co-Ordinator

Me Mahi tahi tātou mō te oranga o te katoa
We should work together for the wellbeing of everyone

