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RANGITĪKEI DISTRICT COUNCIL
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ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

Date:	**Thursday, 13 August 2026**
Time:	**10.00am**
Venue:	**Council Chamber Rangitīkei District Council 46 High Street Marton**

Present	HWTM Andy Watson Cr Diana Baird Cr Alan Buckendahl Cr Fi Dalgety Cr Sandra Field Cr Coral Raukawa Cr Graeme O'Fee Cr Dave Wilson Cr Jeff Wong
In attendance	Mrs Carol Gordon, Chief Executive Mr Arno Benadie, Deputy Chief Executive Ms Leanne Macdonald, Group Manager – Corporate Services Ms Katrina Gray, Group Manager – Strategy, Community and Democracy Mr Johan Cullis, Group Manager – Regulatory and Emergency Management Ms Tiffany Gower, Strategy Manager Mr Darryn Black, Roading Transport Manager Ms Kezia Spence, Policy Analyst Ms Petra Fleming, Governance Advisor Mr Brent Holmes, Asset Manager – Downer Mr Craig Pocock, Design Environment NZ

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1 Welcome / Prayer

The meeting opened at 10.00am and His Worship the Mayor read the Council Prayer.

2 Apologies

Resolved minute number 26/RDC/207

That the apologies from Cr Piki Te Ora Hiroa, Cr Paul Sharland and Cr John Hainsworth be received.

Cr A Buckendahl/Cr S Field. Carried

3 Public Forum

Danelle Whakatihi spoke to the Bulls Domain Masterplan as the Captain of the Bulls Domain Netball Club. She advocated that the Bulls Domain be considered by Council as the most important place of interest in the plan. Ms Whakatihi raised specific concerns regarding the need for upgrading the netball courts, playground and ablution blocks, not only for the Club but also for residents, visitors and events hosted at the Domain. She highlighted the Club is currently seeking independent funding and is open to collaboration with Council, and acknowledged the work that has been done at the Domain by Council Officers since the report was published.

4 Conflict of Interest Declarations

There were no conflicts of interest declared.

5 Confirmation of Order of Business

His Worship the Mayor returned to Item 8.1 Mayor's Report at 11.44am to table the reports on LGNZ Rural and Provincial August 26 Meeting from Cr Diana Baird and Deputy Mayor Dave Wilson.

6 Confirmation of Minutes

Resolved minute number 26/RDC/208

That the minutes of Ordinary Council Meeting held on 30 July 2026 without amendment be taken as read and verified as an accurate and correct record of the meeting, and that the electronic signature of the Chair of this Committee be added to the official minutes document as a formal record.

Cr D Wilson/Cr D Baird. Carried

7 Follow-up Action Items from Previous Meetings

7.1 Follow-up Action Items from Council Meetings

The report was taken as read.

Resolved minute number 26/RDC/209

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

Cr F Dalgety/Cr C Raukawa. Carried

8 Mayor’s Report

8.1 Mayor's Report - August 2026

His Worship the Mayor took the report as read and noted that his voting for the LGNZ Remits was according to Council’s resolution.

The meeting returned to this item at 11.44am and the LGNZ Rural and Provincial August 26 Meeting attendee reports from Councillor Baird and Deputy Mayor Dave Wilson were tabled.

Resolved minute number 26/RDC/210

That the Mayor’s Report – August 2026 be received.

HWTM/Cr A Buckendahl. Carried

Resolved minute number 26/RDC/211

That the attendee reports from Deputy Mayor Dave Wilson and Cr Diana Baird for the LGNZ Rural and Provincial August 2026 Meeting be received.

HWTM/Cr D Wilson. Carried

9 Chief Executive’s Report

9.1 Chief Executive's Report - August 2026

Mrs Gordon took Council through each section of the report.

<u>Central Districts Water</u>

Mrs Gordon Highlighted the work happening behind the scenes for Central Districts Water to begin operations on 1 July 2027.

Councillors enquired regarding the timeline of Rural Water Schemes. Mrs Gordon clarified that Rural Water Schemes will be working through the issues before a decision is made by Council by the end of the year.

Annual Dog Control Report 2025/26

Elected members discussed the issue of missing dogs. Mrs Gordon and Mr Cullis advised that it is always best to follow the advice regarding lost dogs as supplied on the Council website.

His Worship the Mayor enquired to the relevance of the LGNZ Remit passed that is seeking expanded powers in terms of animal control to this Report. Officers advised of Council Officers' involvements in this remit and that its intent is to make sure the Dog Control Act 1996 is still fit for purpose, identifying and enhancing any gaps.

Annual Alcohol Report

Officers responded to questions about the Temporary Authority process.

Mana Whakahono ā Rohe

Councillors noted their support for continuing to build relationships with iwi in the Rangitīkei. Members noted the proposed changes in legislation, but noted that this work is still important.

Electoral System Option

Elected members chose not to make a decision on the electoral system option, but noted that this information was considered.

Resolved minute number 26/RDC/212

That the report Chief Executive's Report – July 2026 be received.

Cr S Field/Cr D Baird. Carried

Resolved minute number 26/RDC/213

That the Annual Report on Dog Control Policy and Practices, required under Section 10A of the Dog Control Act 1996, be adopted.

Cr S Field/Cr A Buckendahl. Carried

Resolved minute number 26/RDC/214

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

Cr A Buckendahl/Cr F Dalgety. Carried

Resolved minute number 26/RDC/215

That Council actively continues developing Mana Whakahono ā Rohe Agreements (and any subsequent agreements) with iwi, noting the importance of the relationship between iwi and Council.

Cr D Wilson/Cr C Raukawa. Carried. Unanimous

Resolved minute number 26/RDC/216

That Council notes that the Electoral System Option was considered by Council at the 13 August 2026 meeting.

HWTM/Cr D Wilson. Carried

10 Reports for Decision

10.1 2027/30 National Land Transport Programme Submission

Mr Black and Mr Holmes spoke to the report, clarifying the road condition evaluation process and its role in supplying the evidence for the recommendations included in the report.

Councillors raised concerns regarding the misalignment of the deadlines for submissions for the National Land Transport Programme and adoption of Long Term Plans. Mrs Gordon advised that Council Officers will continue to advocate for these dates to be aligned in the future and that this is a national issue.

Cr Wong left during this item at 11.01am and returned at 11.03am.

His Worship the Mayor raised concern that the ‘optimal’ option is more of a realistic status-quo position that will allow the necessary work to be completed to maintain standard operation within the District’s roading network and that anything less would lead to rapid deterioration.

Cr Wong left during this item at 11.16am and returned at 11.19am.

Resolved minute number 26/RDC/217

That the report 2027/30 National Land Transport Programme Submission is received.

.Cr F Dalgety/Cr A Buckendahl. Carried

Resolved minute number 26/RDC/218

That Council adopts the Draft Roading Activity Management Plan 2027-2030.

Cr D Wilson/Cr A Buckendahl. Carried

Resolved minute number 26/RDC/219

That Council agrees that:

(a) Programme One – Optimal

is Council's preferred Maintenance, Operations and Renewals programme for the 2027-30 National Land Transport Programme submission and that the Draft Roading Activity Management Plan 2027-2030 be amended to reflect this.

Cr D Wilson/Cr F Dalgety. Carried

Resolved minute number 26/RDC/220

That Council agrees that:

$4 million per annum

is Council's preferred Low-Cost Low-Risk investment option for the 2027-30 National Land Transport Programme submission.

Cr A Buckendahl/Cr D Wilson. Carried

Resolved minute number 26/RDC/221

That the Draft Roading Activity Management Plan 2027-2030 and Programme Business Case (including Council's preferred Maintenance, Operations and Renewals programme) be submitted to New Zealand Transport Agency Waka Kotahi for consideration and that Council gives the Chief Executive authority to make minor editorial and formatting changes to the document prior to its submission.

Cr D Wilson/Cr A Buckendahl. Carried

10.2 Bulls Domain Master Plan

Mr Pocock provided a presentation on the Bulls Open Spaces Strategy, highlighting the extensive community consultation which it was informed by. He reinforced the Masterplan as a tool to inform future Council plans and decisions around the parks and spaces within the report as well as to support community members and groups seeking external funding and investment.

Elected Members queried the upgrade of the utilities building at the Bulls Domain. Mr Pocock clarified that this is one of the most urgent items within the plan to facilitate and activate community events and engagement, and would be best to be a standalone refurbishment.

Elected Members emphasised the potential for partnership and collaboration between Council and the Bulls Community.

Elected Members discussed including additional information into the Bulls Open Spaces Strategy and Bulls Domain Master Plan in relation to the matters raised at the public forum. The information throughout the Plan represents a point in time, therefore, it was noted that an addendum or footnote might be appropriate.

Resolved minute number 26/RDC/222

That the report 'Bulls Domain Master Plan' be received.

Cr D Wilson/Cr C Raukawa. Carried

Resolved minute number 26/RDC/223

That Council endorses the Bulls Open Spaces Strategy and Bulls Domain Master Plan.

Cr D Wilson/Cr C Raukawa. Carried

Resolved minute number 26/RDC/224

That Council notes minor amendments will be made to the Bulls Open Spaces Strategy and Bulls Domain Master Plan to include updated information raised in the public forum by Ms Danelle Whakatihi.

Cr D Wilson/Cr C Raukawa. Carried

The meeting closed at 11.50am.

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 03 September 2026.

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Chairperson