

ORDER PAPER

FINANCE/PERFORMANCE COMMITTEE MEETING

Date: Wednesday, 30 April 2025

Time: 9.30am

Venue: Council Chamber
Rangitikei District Council
46 High Street
Marton

Chair: Cr Fi Dalgety

Deputy Chair: Cr Jeff Wong

Membership: Cr Brian Carter
Cr Dave Wilson
Cr Simon Loudon
Cr Greg Maughan
Cr Paul Sharland
Ms Leanne Hiroti (TRAK Representative)
HWTM Andy Watson

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Notice is hereby given that a Finance/Performance Committee Meeting of the Rangitikei District Council will be held in the Council Chamber, Rangitikei District Council, 46 High Street, Marton on Wednesday, 30 April 2025 at 9.30am.

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AGENDA

1 Welcome / Prayer

2 Apologies

3 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 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 **Finance/Performance Committee Meeting held on 27 March 2025** are attached.

Attachments

1. **Finance/Performance Committee Meeting - 27 March 2025**

Recommendation

That the minutes of Finance/Performance Committee Meeting held on 27 March 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.

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RANGITIKEI
DISTRICT COUNCIL
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UNCONFIRMED: FINANCE/PERFORMANCE COMMITTEE MEETING

Date: Thursday, 27 March 2025

Time: 9.30am

Venue: Council Chamber
Rangitikei District Council
46 High Street
Marton

Present

Cr Jeff Wong
Cr Fi Dalgety
Cr Brian Carter
Cr Dave Wilson
Cr Simon Loudon
Cr Greg Maughan
Cr Paul Sharland
HWTM Andy Watson

In attendance

Cr Richard Lambert
Mrs Carol Gordon, Chief Executive
Mr Arno Benadie, Deputy Chief Executive
Ms Leanne Macdonald, Group Manager – Corporate Services
Ms Katrina Gray, Group Manager - Strategy, Community and Democracy
Ms Lorraine Bergen, Manager Financial Services
Mr Warren Pedley, Manager Finance and Partnerships
Ms Sophia Sykes, Communications Manager
Ms Joanne Manuel, Manager Mana Whenua and Community Hubs
Ms Kezia Spence, Governance Advisor

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1 Welcome / Prayer

The Chair opened the meeting at 9.30am and read the council prayer.

2 Apologies

Resolved minute number 25/FPE/012

That the apologies be received from Ms Leanne Hiroti.

Cr F Dalgety/Cr J Wong. Carried

3 Public Forum

There was no public forum.

4 Conflict of Interest Declarations

There were no conflicts of interest declared.

5 Confirmation of Order of Business

There were no new items added to the order of business but the committee entered public excluded regarding item 8.5 Summary of Bad Debts.

6 Confirmation of Minutes

Resolved minute number 25/FPE/013

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

Cr B Carter/Cr P Sharland. Carried

7 Chair's Report

7.1 Chair's Report - March 2025

The Chair's verbal report was tabled after the meeting.

Resolved minute number 25/FPE/014

That the Chair's Report – March 2025 be received.

Cr F Dalgety/Cr S Loudon. Carried

8 Reports for Information

8.1 Finance Snapshot - February 2025

The Mayor highlighted the internal loans sitting with the rural water schemes and the position council is in with transferring the debt and the assets associated with this. Ms Macdonald responded that if council transfer the asset then council also transfers the debt and vice versa.

The Mayor highlighted that council did not rate for depreciation on the pools and signalled the repair or replacement and whether council should fund depreciation. Ms Macdonald pools are a costly asset of the community and is a council decision to fund depreciation or not, council can reevaluate this decision as part of the financial strategy. Ms Macdonald highlighted that the book value will reflect the depreciation even though council does not rate for this depreciation.

Resolved minute number 25/FPE/015

That the report 'Finance Snapshot – February 2025' be received.

Cr F Dalgety/Cr P Sharland. Carried

8.2 Treasury and Debt

The Mayor asked about the roading contract and if there are any financial considerations as part of this. Mr Benadie responded that the budget is set by NZTA and therefore cannot be exceeded.

Resolved minute number 25/FPE/016

That the report 'Treasury and Debt' be received.

Cr B Carter/Cr J Wong. Carried

8.3 QV Report

The report was taken as read.

Resolved minute number 25/FPE/017

That the QV Report be received.

Cr J Wong/Cr B Carter. Carried

8.4 Rate Remissions

Officers requested that this report be changed to a financial year rather than a calendar year. The committee agreed with this change.

Resolved minute number 25/FPE/018

That the Rate Remission Report be received.

Cr J Wong/Cr G Maughan. Carried

8.5 Summary of Bad Debts

The report was taken as read but further discussion was held during the public excluded section.

Resolved minute number 25/FPE/019

That the report 'Summary of Bad Debts' be received.

Cr F Dalgety/Cr G Maughan. Carried

8.6 Public Feedback / Performance Report - February 2025

Ms Sykes responded to questions about the Marton Pool and noted that the public were disappointed about the closure, however the community were positive about the opening of the Rangitikei College pool.

The committee spoke positively about the Youth Council and the meeting held the day before.

Resolved minute number 25/FPE/020

That the Public Feedback / Performance Report – February 2025 be received.

Cr F Dalgety/Cr B Carter. Carried

The meeting went into public excluded session at 10.14am

Resolution to Exclude the Public

Resolved minute number **25/FPE/021**

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

1. Summary of Bad Debts.

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

General subject of each matter to be considered	Reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter	Ground(s) under section 48 for the passing of this resolution
8.5 – Summary of Bad Debts	To discuss commercial information. s7(2)(a) - Privacy s7(2)(b)(ii) - Commercial Position	s48(1)(a)(i)

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

HWTM A Watson/Cr D Wilson. Carried

9 Open Meeting

The meeting went into open session at 10.26am.

Resolved minute number **25/FPE/023**

That the public excluded meeting moves into an open meeting.

Cr F Dalgety/Cr B Carter. Carried

The meeting closed at 10.26am.

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Finance/Performance Committee held on 30 April 2025.

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Chairperson

7 Follow-up Action Items from Previous Meetings

7.1 Follow-up Action Items from Finance/Performance Meetings

Author: Kezia Spence, Governance Advisor

1. Reason for Report

- 1.1 On the list attached items raised at previous Finance/Performance meetings. Items indicate who is responsible for 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 Action Items from Finance/Performance Meetings** [↓](#)

Recommendation

That the report 'Follow-up Action Items from Finance/Performance Meetings' be received.

Current Follow-up Actions

Item	From Meeting Date	Details	Person Assigned	Status Comments	Status
1	27-Mar-25	Change the rates resmission report to a financial year rather than calendar year and add data from previous year as comparison.	Leanne	Rates remission report to go to Finance / Performance at the beginning of the financial year - August Meeting	In progress

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8 Chair's Report

8.1 Chair's Report - April 2025

Author: Fiona (Fi) Dalgety, Councillor

1. Reason for Report

- 1.1 A verbal or tabled report will be provided during the meeting.

Recommendation

That the Chair's Report – April 2025 be received.

9 Reports for Information

9.1 Finance Snapshot - March 2025

Author: Lorraine Bergen, Manager Financial Services

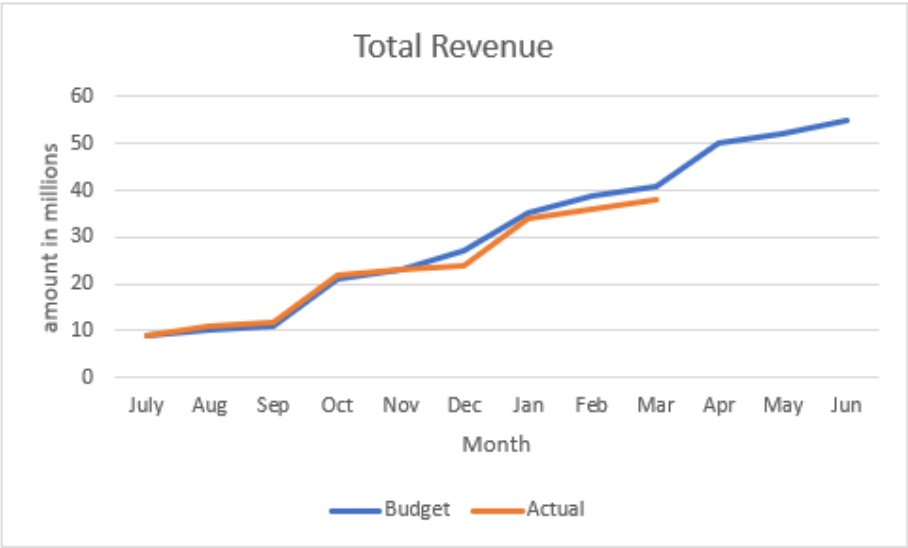
Authoriser: Leanne Macdonald, Group Manager - Corporate Services

1. Reason for Report

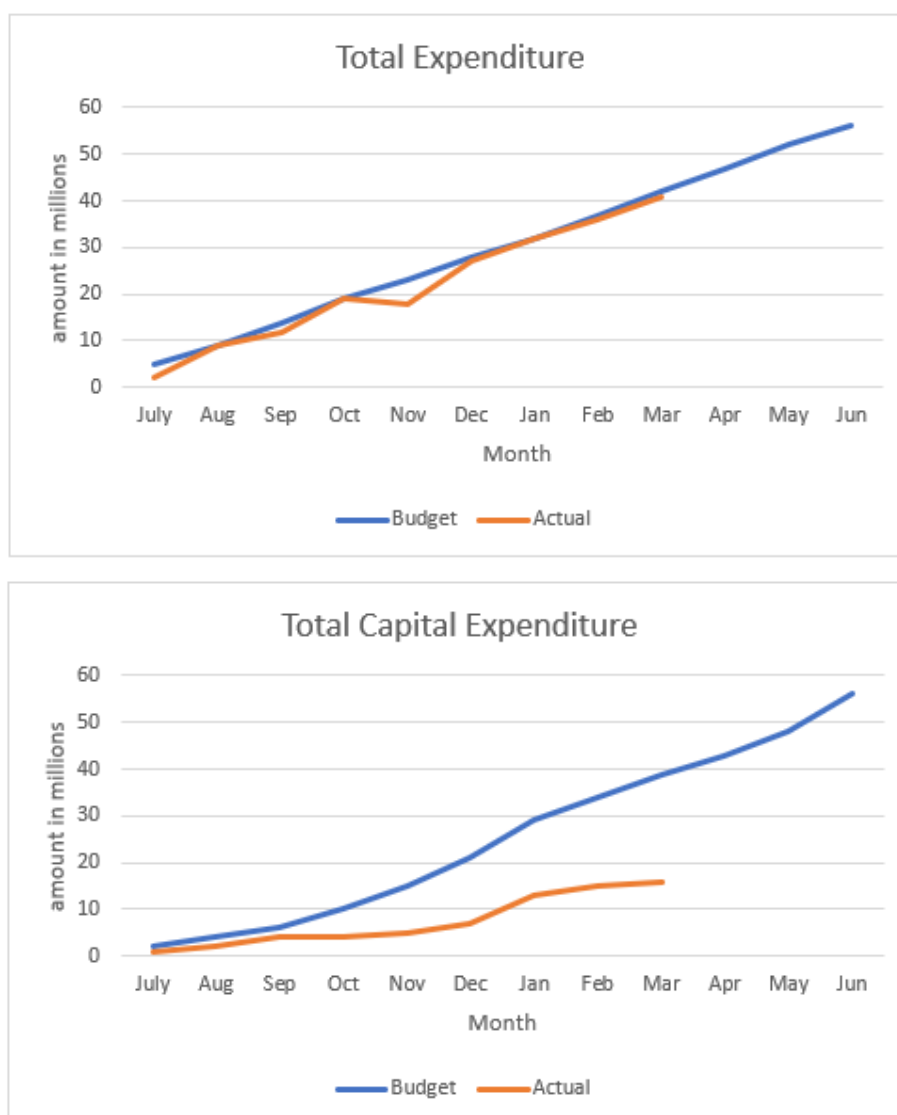
- 1.1 To provide Committee Members with Council’s management accounts and related commentary as at 31 March 2025, for both the operational and capital activities.
- 1.2 To provide the Committee with a summary of the treasury and debt position, noting that Bancorp Treasury will be providing a quarterly Treasury Dashboard Report as a separate Report to the Committee.

2. Whole of Council Financial Performance

- 2.1 The attached Whole of Council Performance Report highlights a number of budget variances that are best considered ‘at Group level’ in the individual accompanying Group Financial Summary Reports.
- 2.2 The following are trend line graphs for Operational Revenue, Operational Expenditure and Capital Expenditure.



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3. Group Financial Summary Reports

- 3.1 The attached Group Financial Summary Reports provide commentary on operational budget variances in excess of \$100k.

4. Capital Expenditure

- 4.1 The attached summary shows these budget variances split by cost centre with the larger budgets (>\$500k) being shown separately.
- 4.2 Commentary regarding the majority of these capital budgets is provided in the *Projects Update Report* that is reviewed at Council Meetings and Assets/Infrastructure Committee Meetings. Copies can be found through the RDC website.
- 4.3 Following the implementation of the business partnership programme between Finance, the Budget Managers, and Group Managers, capital expenditure is more closely monitored, and subsequent reports will signal potential carry forwards being sought at year end or re-budgeting in a future Annual Plan depending on the revised timing of the capital projects.

5. Investments

- 5.1 Council's Finance Revenue for the year ending 30 June 2025 is expected to be \$55.1m.
- 5.2 Council's current liquidity position as at 31 March 2025 is as follows:

5.2.1 Current Assets

- Bank/Deposits \$ 10.01 million
- Receivables \$0.44 million
- Prepayments \$0.65 million
- **Total \$11.10 million**

5.2.2 Current Liabilities

- Payables \$ 1.81 million
- **Net Current Treasury Position \$ 9.29 million**

6. Borrowing

The following table shows the Council's external debt unchanged at \$49m for the period ended 31 March 2025. It also shows the interest rate along with the annual cost of interest.

Amount Borrowed	Settled Date	Maturity Date	Fixed Rate of Interest	Annual Interest Cost
\$ 3m	10/05/19	15/4/2029	3.12%	\$ 94k
\$ 5m	08/02/22	14/4/2033	3.68%	\$184k
\$11m	14/04/22	15/4/2027	4.17%	\$459k
\$ 5m	27/04/23	15/5/2028	5.10%	\$255k
\$ 7m	12/06/23	15/5/2028	5.30%	\$371k
\$ 9m	15/04/24	15/6/2026	5.62%	\$506k
\$ 4m	04/06/24	20/04/2029	5.55%	\$222k
\$ 5m	24/01/25	24/04/2025	4.22%	\$211k
\$49m				\$2.3m

- 6.1 Council's LTP shows 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).
- 6.2 Council's current review of its capital projects along with the unbudgeted repairs to the swimming pool and absence of progress in Marton Rail Hub will have an impact not disclosed in the current LTP. Budgeted debt for 2025 was \$73m with the debt limit being \$102m. Currently officers are signalling this debt to reduce somewhat closer to \$60M, due to the progress of the capital projects year-to-date. Officers will continue to review the progress of the capital spend and update this report accordingly.
- 6.3 The above table also shows the annual cost of interest expense of \$2.3m per annum (approx. \$190.2k per month), providing a current weighted average cost of funds of 4.37%. However, these costs are partially offset by the borrowed money earning interest income before it is used. Year to date (31 March 2025) this interest income amounted to \$377k (31 March 2024: \$397k).

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- 6.4 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 31/03/2025 \$000	Total Loans as at 31/03/2025 \$000
Roading and Footpaths	2,906	11,500	14,406
Water Supplies			
District Urban	12,856	5,000	17,856
Hunterville Urban	517		517
Hunterville Rural	171		171
Erewhon	88		88
Omatane	22		22
Putorino	1		1
Total for Water Supplies	13,655	5,000	18,655
Wastewater/ Sewerage Disposal	1,124	22,000	23,124
Stormwater Drainage	1,676		1,676
Community and Leisure Assets			
Real Estate	307		307
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	10,500	16,212
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	25,143	49,000	74,143

- 6.5 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, as detailed below, 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.

7. Borrowing Ratios

- 7.1 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 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).

- 7.2 Net Debt/Total Revenue must not exceed 175%:

- Debt \$49.00m

• Bank	\$ 10.09m
• Corporate Bonds	\$ 1.13m
• Notional Net Debt	\$37.78m
• Projected YE Revenue	\$55.13m

Net Debt/Total Revenue **69%**

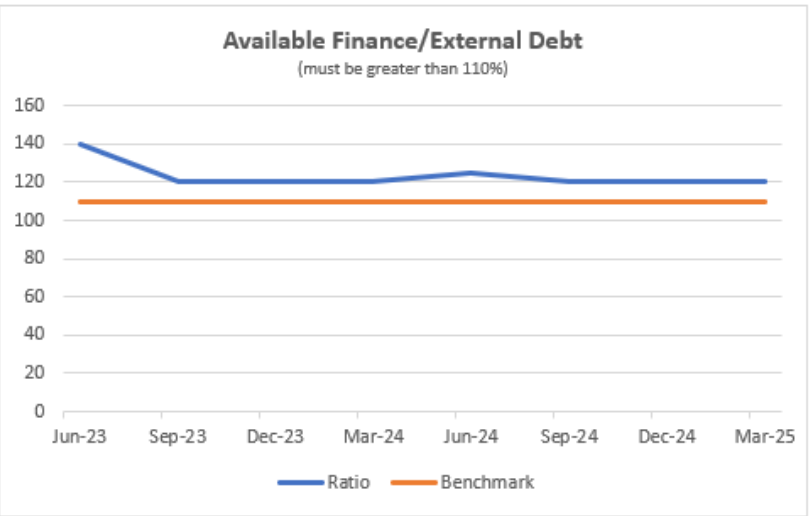
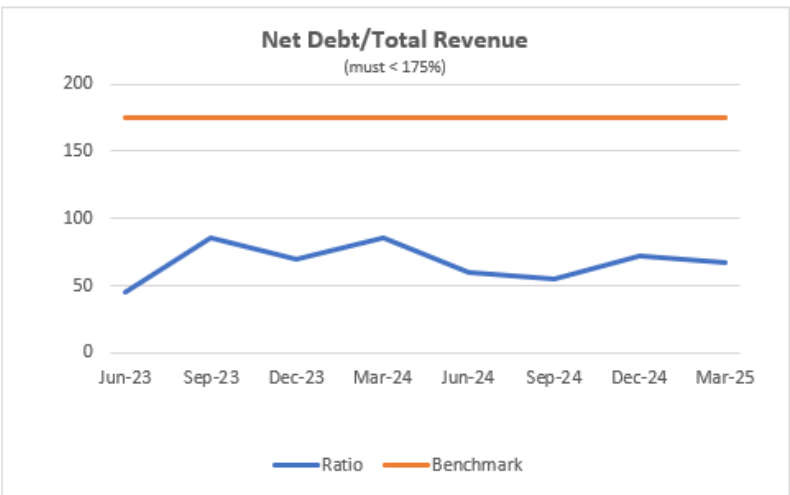
7.3 External debt plus committed facilities plus Liquid Assets (available finance) divided by external debt must be greater than 110%:

• External Debt	\$49.00m
• Bank/Deposits	\$10.09m
• Available Finance	\$59.09m

Available Finance divided by External Debt **120%**

8. Liquidity Ratio Trends

8.1 Two key Liquidity Ratios:



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

9. Sustainability

The following commentary represents Council's sustainability in relation to the Balanced Budget Prudential Benchmark and the LGFA borrowing covenants.

- 9.1 The Balanced Budget Benchmark is likely to end below 100% at year-end as council has budgeted to incur a deficit for the year.

The definitions for operating revenue and expenditure are explained and may be different from the actual year end position and described in the Statement of Comprehensive Revenue and Expenditure, which will include those items excluded from the definition in the Regulations.

Derivative gains and losses only incur if Council enters into interest rate swap agreements which are given a generic term of Financial Derivatives. Council does not currently have any derivatives.

- 9.2 Net debt to projected revenue covenant can only be used with the projected year end revenue, which at the stage is the budgeted year end revenue total from year 1 of the 2024-2034 LTP.
- 9.3 Net interest to rates revenue covenant can be assessed all the way through the financial year. For the purposes of this report ratio has been calculated using figures as at 31 March 2025.
- 9.4 Net Interest to operating revenue is similar in nature to the above covenant.
- 9.5 The liquidity benchmark requires Council to have at least 10% or more of debt in available cash or in bank standby facilities. We have used only cash in the bank to satisfy this requirement to date. The covenant is met where the benchmark is greater than 110%.

Sustainability

Balance Budget Ratio 91%

Operating Revenue YTD	\$37.56m
Operating Expenditure YTD	\$41.18m

This is 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	\$37.78m
Total projected operating revenue	\$55.13m

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%

Net Interest YTD	\$ 1.18m
Rates Revenue	\$ 24.51m

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) 3%

Net Interest	\$ 1.18m
Operating revenue	\$37.56m

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

Liquidity benchmark (LGFA covenant) 120%

External Debt plus cash	\$59.09m
External debt	\$49.00m

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.

Attachments:

- 1. Financial Snapshot - March 2025** [↓](#)

Recommendation

That the Financial Snapshot – March 2025.

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Whole of Council

LTP Full Year 1	Activity Report For Period Ending 31 March 2025	YTD Actuals	YTD Budgets	YTD Variance	YTD Percentage Variance	Full Year Budget
\$000		\$000	\$000	\$000		\$000
(55,127)	Total Revenue	(37,558)	(40,723)	(3,165)	-8%	(55,126)
(16,282)	Subsidies and Grants	(8,730)	(11,718)	(2,988)	-25%	(16,282)
(5,051)	Other Revenue	(3,776)	(3,933)	(156)	-4%	(5,051)
(495)	Finance Revenue	(412)	(356)	57	16%	(495)
(356)	Gains	(127)	(356)	(229)	-64%	(356)
(32,943)	Rates	(24,513)	(24,361)	152	1%	(32,943)
56,444	Total Expense	41,177	42,457	1,280	3%	56,829
25,738	Other Expenses	17,002	18,162	1,160	6%	24,667
9,333	Personnel Costs	8,581	8,305	(276)	-3%	10,789
2,899	Finance Costs	1,589	2,184	595	27%	2,899
18,474	Depreciation	14,005	13,806	(199)	-1%	18,474
0	Losses	0	0	(0)	-100%	0
1,318	Grand Total	3,619	1,734	(1,884)	-109%	1,703

The revised Budget contains Council agreed changes that have accrued post LTP adoption. This includes the transition of MDC Shared Services contract over to Council and the impact of carry forwards.

Variances > \$100k: Comment

Commentary provided in the following Group Summaries.

Corporate Services and Support Business Units

LTP Full Year 1	Activity Report For Period Ending 31 March 2025	YTD Actuals	YTD Budgets	YTD Variance	YTD Percentage Variance	Full Year Budget
\$000		\$000	\$000	\$000		\$000
(933)	Total Revenue	(781)	(804)	(23)	-3%	(933)
(15)	Other Revenue	(79)	(13)	66	509%	(15)
(460)	Finance Revenue	(412)	(329)	83	25%	(460)
(356)	Gains	(123)	(356)	(233)	-65%	(356)
(10,313)	Rates	(7,826)	(7,764)	61	1%	(10,313)
10,211	Rate Apportionment	7,659	7,659	0	0%	10,211
1,010	Total Expense	(661)	1,205	1,866	155%	951
4,578	Other Expenses	2,254	3,017	762	25%	4,458
7,916	Personnel Costs	7,325	7,069	(256)	-4%	8,929
0	Finance Costs	(874)	0	874	100%	0
403	Depreciation	535	521	(14)	-3%	697
(11,887)	Overhead Allocation	(9,902)	(9,401)	500	5%	(13,133)
0	Losses	0	0	(0)	-100%	0
77	Grand Total	(1,442)	402	1,844	459%	18

Variances > \$100k: Comment

Gains

- Reflects gain on sale of Fleet vehicles for above depreciated/book value. The need to retain vehicles due to MDC services being back in house will result in a permanent decrease in gains on sale.

Other Expenses

- Variance is mainly caused by contract spend primarily in Corporate Services lower than planned costs for contractors (which included MDC Shared Services) and software maintenance and licencing.

Personnel Costs

- Variance reflects the impact of MDC personnel coming over to RDC, and then redistributed to Infrastructure, offset by above.

Finance Costs

- The positive debt cost reflects a saving in debit interest cost due to reduced debt overall as well as internal debt being charged at a higher rate than the cost of external (LGFA) borrowing. This will be revised at the end of the financial year.

Overhead Allocation

- Variance is driven by the overhead recovery budget being set too low relative to the total planned costs. This has no impact at a Whole of Council level.

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Community

LTP Full Year 1	Activity Report For Period Ending 31 March 2025	YTD Actuals	YTD Budgets	YTD Variance	YTD Percentage Variance	Full Year Budget
\$000		\$000	\$000	\$000		\$000
(7,267)	Total Revenue	(5,975)	(5,270)	705	13%	(7,267)
(350)	Subsidies and Grants	(844)	(98)	746	763%	(350)
(823)	Other Revenue	(580)	(602)	(22)	-4%	(823)
(31)	Finance Revenue	0	(23)	(23)	-100%	(31)
0	Gains	(4)	0	4	100%	0
0	Rates	0	0	(0)	-100%	0
(6,062)	Rate Apportionment	(4,548)	(4,548)	0	0%	(6,062)
8,971	Total Expense	6,018	6,490	473	7%	8,708
3,395	Other Expenses	2,097	2,572	474	18%	3,405
115	Personnel Costs	89	86	(2)	-3%	115
815	Finance Costs	573	614	41	7%	815
2,671	Depreciation	1,815	1,792	(23)	-1%	2,398
1,976	Overhead Allocation	1,444	1,427	(17)	-1%	1,976
0	Losses	0	0	0	0%	0
1,704	Grand Total	43	1,220	1,177	97%	1,441

Variances > \$100k: Comment

Subsidies and Grants/Other Expenses

- Largely driven by receipt of Better off Funding subsidies not factored into the Budget. This to be realigned next Budget review, along with Mayoral Taskforce for Jobs subsidy received (offset by costs in Other Expenses).

Community Leadership

LTP Full Year 1	Activity Report For Period Ending 31 March 2025	YTD Actuals	YTD Budgets	YTD Variance	YTD Percentage Variance	Full Year Budget
\$000		\$000	\$000	\$000		\$000
(2,428)	Total Revenue	(1,820)	(1,821)	(1)	-0%	(2,428)
(0)	Other Revenue	1	(0)	(1)	-704%	(0)
(104)	Rates	(78)	(78)	(0)	-0%	(104)
(2,323)	Rate Apportionment	(1,743)	(1,743)	0	0%	(2,323)
2,445	Total Expense	1,825	1,637	(188)	-11%	2,445
1,090	Other Expenses	711	693	(17)	-3%	1,090
0	Depreciation	0	0	0	0%	0
1,355	Overhead Allocation	1,115	944	(171)	-18%	1,355
18	Grand Total	6	(184)	(189)	-103%	18

Variances > \$100k: Comment

Overhead Allocation

- Variance is driven by the overhead recovery budget being set too low relative to the total planned costs. This has no impact at a Whole of Council level.

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Regulatory Services

LTP Full Year 1	Activity Report For Period Ending 31 March 2025	YTD Actuals	YTD Budgets	YTD Variance	YTD Percentage Variance	Full Year Budget
\$000		\$000	\$000	\$000		\$000
(3,331)	Total Revenue	(2,137)	(2,664)	(528)	-20%	(3,331)
(2,254)	Other Revenue	(1,329)	(1,857)	(528)	-28%	(2,254)
(1,077)	Rate Apportionment	(808)	(808)	(0)	0%	(1,077)
3,396	Total Expense	2,202	2,466	264	11%	3,328
770	Other Expenses	237	519	282	54%	702
1,303	Personnel Costs	931	1,002	72	7%	1,303
1,324	Overhead Allocation	1,034	944	(90)	-10%	1,324
65	Grand Total	65	(199)	(264)	-133%	(2)

Variances > \$100k: Comment

Other Revenue/Other Expenses

- All regulatory activity continues as below expected levels. Accordingly, associated revenue and expenditure accounts are below budget.

Roading and Footpaths

LTP Full Year 1	Activity Report For Period Ending 31 March 2025	YTD Actuals	YTD Budgets	YTD Variance	YTD Percentage Variance	Full Year Budget
\$000		\$000	\$000	\$000		\$000
(25,924)	Total Revenue	(15,446)	(19,117)	(3,672)	-19%	(25,924)
(15,929)	Subsidies and Grants	(7,942)	(11,620)	(3,678)	-32%	(15,929)
(174)	Other Revenue	(107)	(136)	(28)	-21%	(174)
(9,820)	Rates	(7,397)	(7,362)	35	0%	(9,820)
23,842	Total Expense	18,785	18,280	(505)	-3%	24,299
8,517	Other Expenses	6,794	6,627	(167)	-3%	8,504
0	Personnel Costs	1	0	(1)	-100%	0
487	Finance Costs	513	367	(146)	-40%	487
10,722	Depreciation	8,484	8,365	(120)	-1%	11,193
4,116	Overhead Allocation	2,993	2,922	(71)	-2%	4,116
(2,082)	Grand Total	3,339	(837)	(4,177)	-499%	(1,625)

Variances > \$100k: Comment

Subsidies and Grants

- Variance is due to timing difference of the capex programme and receipt of NZTA subsidy claim payments.

Other Expenses

- Variance is due to timing differences compared with the 2023-24 programme profile used in our 2025-26 budgeting assumptions.

Finance Costs

- This reflects higher costs for internal debt servicing.

Depreciation

- Variation attributed to system generated charging of Depreciation (previously manual) and timing as overall is in line with year-end Budget totals.

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Rubbish and Recycling

LTP Full Year 1	Activity Report For Period Ending 31 March 2025	YTD Actuals	YTD Budgets	YTD Variance	YTD Percentage Variance	Full Year Budget
\$000		\$000	\$000	\$000		\$000
(3,030)	Total Revenue	(2,153)	(2,200)	(48)	-2%	(3,030)
(1,635)	Other Revenue	(1,093)	(1,214)	(121)	-10%	(1,635)
(1,243)	Rates	(946)	(873)	73	8%	(1,243)
(152)	Rate Apportionment	(114)	(114)	0	0%	(152)
3,067	Total Expense	2,245	2,305	60	3%	3,079
2,490	Other Expenses	1,816	1,884	68	4%	2,490
11	Finance Costs	2	8	6	76%	11
65	Depreciation	58	58	(1)	-1%	77
501	Overhead Allocation	369	355	(14)	-4%	501
37	Grand Total	93	105	12	11%	49

Variances > \$100k: Comment

Total Revenue

- Officers have signalled that revenue will need to be revised down at the end of the year to reflect probable impairment of outstanding debt.

Parks and Reserves

LTP Full Year 1	Activity Report For Period Ending 31 March 2025	YTD Actuals	YTD Budgets	YTD Variance	YTD Percentage Variance	Full Year Budget
\$000		\$000	\$000	\$000		\$000
(692)	Total Revenue	(500)	(511)	(11)	-2%	(692)
(2)	Subsidies and Grants	0	0	0	0%	(2)
(93)	Other Revenue	(53)	(63)	(11)	-17%	(93)
(597)	Rate Apportionment	(448)	(448)	(0)	-0%	(597)
586	Total Expense	400	429	29	7%	596
359	Other Expenses	226	260	34	13%	359
0	Finance Costs	5	0	(5)	-100%	0
0	Depreciation	5	7	2	32%	10
227	Overhead Allocation	165	162	(3)	-2%	227
(106)	Grand Total	(100)	(82)	18	22%	(96)

Variances > \$100k: Comment

Nil

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Water, Sewerage & Stormwater

LTP Full Year 1	Activity Report For Period Ending 31 March 2025	YTD Actuals	YTD Budgets	YTD Variance	YTD Percentage Variance	Full Year Budget
\$000		\$000	\$000	\$000		\$000
(11,522)	Total Revenue	(8,748)	(8,335)	412	5%	(11,522)
0	Subsidies and Grants	56	0	(56)	-100%	0
(56)	Other Revenue	(537)	(49)	488	1003%	(56)
(4)	Finance Revenue	0	(3)	(3)	-100%	(4)
(11,462)	Rates	(8,267)	(8,284)	(16)	-0%	(11,462)
13,127	Total Expense	10,363	9,645	(717)	-7%	13,423
4,539	Other Expenses	2,867	2,591	(276)	-11%	3,659
0	Personnel Costs	236	147	(89)	-60%	442
1,587	Finance Costs	1,370	1,195	(174)	-15%	1,587
4,613	Depreciation	3,108	3,064	(44)	-1%	4,100
2,389	Overhead Allocation	2,782	2,648	(135)	-5%	3,636
1,605	Grand Total	1,615	1,310	(305)	-23%	1,901

Variances > \$100k: Comment

Other Revenue

- Variance is mainly due to unplanned funding received from the Ministry of Environment for the Lake Waipu Freshwater Improvement Programme.

Other Expenses

- Variance reflects increased operational costs across the business unit including - additional reticulation staff and consultants, electricity and chemicals. Also unbudgeted expenses relating to Ngā Marae o Rangitikei, to be offset against Better off Funding.

Finance Costs

- This reflects higher costs for internal debt servicing.

Overhead Allocation

- Driven by assets overheads being shared across infrastructure and not allocated across the rest of the business. This has no impact at a Whole of Council level.

Rangitikei District Council
Capital Activity
For Period ended 31 March 2025

LTP 2024/25 Year 1 Total Budget	Account	2024/25 YTD Actuals March	2024/25 YTD Budgets March	2024/25 YTD Percentage Variance March	2024/25 Full Year Budget	2024/25 Full Year Forecast
2,480,465	Corporate Services and Support	341,728	993,426	65.60%	2,621,465	1,621,465
500,000	Fleet Management	0	13,174	100.00%	500,000	500,000
500,000	95500701. Motor Vehicle Purchases	67,730	9,120	-642.65%	500,000	500,000
1,480,465	Information Services	271,143	971,132	72.08%	1,621,465	621,465
10,334,669	Community	1,094,581	12,450,717	91.21%	7,676,768	1,762,969
800,000	Domains	277,675	957,319	70.99%	1,394,301	386,002
650,000	4410170630. Taihape Grandstand	41,593	608,399	93.16%	747,001	97,001
9,127,000	Halls	512,146	10,998,300	95.34%	5,487,498	681,998
4,000,000	4090174504. Taihape Town Hall and Library Redevelop	215,307	1,830,582	88.24%	2,234,999	234,999
5,000,000	4090174505. Marton Building Design & Construction	191,727	8,990,518	97.87%	2,999,999	299,999
15,139,083	Roading and Footpaths	5,909,812	12,184,274	51.50%	16,141,080	12,568,081
730,000	Non-Subsidised Roding	268,900	904,291	70.26%	1,532,000	1,007,000
14,409,083	Subsidised Roding	5,640,912	11,279,983	49.99%	14,609,080	11,561,081
2,848,000	70100745. Marton Rail Hub	4,980	2,482,173	99.80%	3,047,999	0
1,637,283	70100781. Sealed Road Pavement Rehabilitation (214)	1,684,255	966,077	-74.34%	1,637,283	1,637,283
985,000	70100782. Drainage Renewals (213)	766,104	813,378	5.81%	985,000	985,000
842,000	70100783. Structures Components Replacements (215)	95,747	448,869	78.67%	842,001	842,001
534,000	7010078417. Renewal Footpath (225)	36,071	490,022	92.64%	534,001	534,001
615,000	7010078419. Walking Facilities Renewals (415)	0	564,350	100.00%	615,000	615,000
2,405,009	70100787. Sealed Road Surfacing (212)	1,840,363	2,402,772	23.41%	2,405,009	2,405,009
3,471,746	70100795. Improvements- Low Cost Low Risk (341)	344,474	2,538,629	86.43%	3,471,746	3,471,746
9,048,427	Water, Sewerage & Stormwater	8,562,903	13,269,909	35.47%	26,010,858	11,412,933
820,799	Stormwater	301,723	1,254,332	75.95%	2,096,598	1,210,098
500,000	6050177203. Bredins Line New Outfall	5,922	543,600	98.91%	609,000	6,000
0	6050177204. Bulls Stormwater Upgrades	180,957	269,200	32.78%	673,000	673,000
2,530,000	Waste Water - Sewerage	6,189,536	7,293,887	15.14%	11,950,626	7,628,795
750,000	6070176204. Wastewater Reticulation	223,005	160,049	-39.34%	950,001	950,001
1,250,000	6070176206. Marton to Bulls Centralisation Project	809,423	960,600	15.74%	2,250,000	1,000,000
0	6070176207. Land Purchase - Marton to Bulls Central	4,220,794	4,000,000	-5.52%	4,000,000	4,220,794
0	6070177108. Taihape Wastewater Treatment Plant Cor	80,975	400,000	79.76%	1,000,000	100,000
0	6070177109. Taihape / Papakai Wastewater Pump Stat	423,891	280,000	-51.39%	700,000	700,000
0	6070177111. Ratana Complete Upgrade	48,146	866,250	94.44%	2,165,625	50,000
5,236,000	Water - District	2,031,402	4,340,181	53.20%	11,502,004	2,491,004
2,450,000	6060174503. Marton Water Strategy	791,865	2,286,708	65.37%	7,450,003	950,003
391,845	6060176316. Bulls Water Pump Station / Rising Main	435,219	238,848	-82.22%	505,845	505,845
2,144,155	6060176401. Water Supply Renewals	691,342	1,195,825	42.19%	2,374,156	874,156
37,164,644	Grand Total	16,145,306	39,248,679	58.86%	52,887,170	27,787,446

The capex spend continues to run significantly lower than planned, particularly with Water Services, the Taihape Town Hall and the Marton Civic Centre. The associated year end positions on these projects along with others (including removal of the Marton Rail Hub expenditure) has been reflected in the full year forecast positions tabled above.

9.2 Bancorp Treasury Quaterly Update**Author:** Lorraine Bergen, Manager Financial Services**Authoriser:** Leanne Macdonald, Group Manager - Corporate Services**1. Reason for Report**

- 1.1 To provide the committee with a quarterly update of Rangitīkei District Councils Treasury Position as at 31 March 2025.

2. Key points to note

- 1.2 Page 2 provides a global commentary along with a New Zealand perspective.
- 1.3 Page 3 details the liquidity and funding, noting our liquidity headroom is \$9.8M, giving us 118.5% ratio.
- 1.4 Page 4 advises Council that we are non-compliant with the proposed hedging parameters. While it is very minor (\$300k at end of two-four-year Fixed Rate Hedging Bands) it is a breach never-the-less as it reaches 89%, as opposed to the upper limit of the band being 80%. As per the narrative, this cannot be corrected until Westpac put in place the interest rate derivative dealing line. They anticipate having this in place late April/Mid-May.
- 1.5 Page 5 lists the current borrowing rates and page 6 the tranches of debt and the corresponding interest rates.

Attachments:

- 1. **Bancorp Treasury Services Dashboard Report (March 2025)** [↓](#)

Recommendation

That the Finance and Performance Committee receives the Treasury Dashboard Report for 31 March 2025.



Treasury Dashboard Report

31 March 2025



Economic Commentary (incorporates 2 April tariff announcements)

Global

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	10 Year Government Bond Rates					
	US	NZ	Australia	UK	Germany	China
31-Dec-24	4.60%	4.51%	4.36%	4.57%	2.36%	1.67%
31-Mar-25	4.06%	4.43%	4.28%	4.64%	2.72%	1.79%
Change	-0.54%	-0.08%	-0.08%	+0.07%	+0.36%	+0.12%

The key themes for the first quarter of 2025 have been Trump/US-centric. The beginning of 2025 saw US economic data cool; notably, key indicators such as retail sales and non-farm payrolls printed below market expectations. As a result, the markets appear to be reassessing the US market’s growth outlook, with markets now pricing an increased possibility of a recession (Goldman Sachs now sees a 35.0% chance versus 20.0% previously). Accordingly, the market is now pricing in 3 US Federal Reserve rate cuts throughout the remainder of 2025. Markets continue to expect that further rate cuts in Europe and Australia will occur throughout the year.

Tariffs have been the paramount economic disruptor, with a general ‘risk-off’ sentiment across financial markets. As a result, equities posted significant losses (S&P down 11.0% and the Nasdaq down 16.0%), the USD-index fell from a high of 109.9 to currently be at 102.1. Furthermore, the US 10-year Treasury yield has fallen from 4.80% to currently be at 4.05%. Trump’s 2nd April “Liberation Day” implemented reciprocal tariffs on countries around the world, starting with a baseline 10.0% tariff, of which New Zealand and Australian exports will be subject to, but there was a clear discrimination amongst some countries, such as China, who saw their tariffs increase by 34.0% to 54.0%. One sobering estimate by Bloomberg Economics implied that the 54.0% tariff rate on goods from China could lead to a 90.0% decrease in US exports by 2030.

While we have some clarity around tariff levels, this is likely only the first move in what is likely to be a long-winded trade war. It appears inevitable that other nations will respond with tariffs and countermeasures of their own. While we can’t be certain of much, and there is still a lot to eventuate, the resulting economic landscape is unlikely to be favourable for global growth.

New Zealand

	OCR	90 day	2 year swap	3 year swap	5 year swap	7 year swap	10 year swap
31-Dec-24	4.25%	4.17%	3.38%	3.38%	3.52%	3.72%	3.93%
31-Mar-25	3.75%	3.59%	3.32%	3.39%	3.58%	3.76%	3.99%
Change	-0.50%	-0.58%	-0.06%	+0.01%	+0.06%	+0.04%	+0.06%

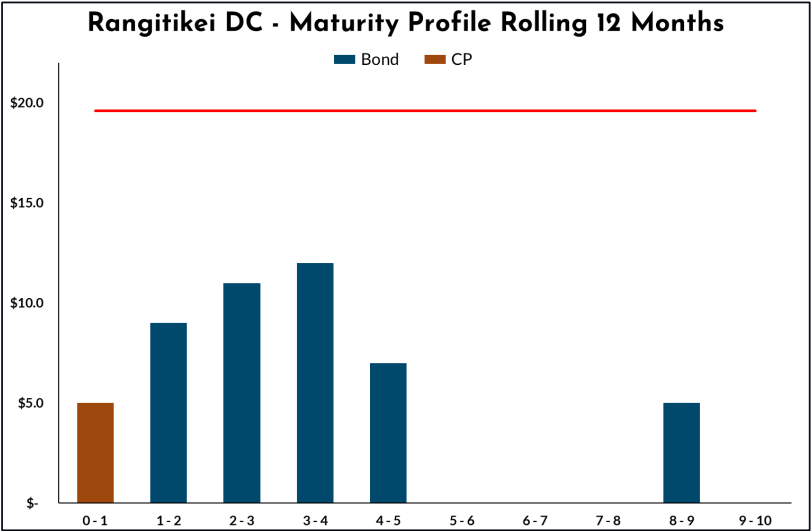
New Zealand GDP increased by 0.7% in the December 2024 quarter, greater than market expectations of a 0.4% increase, although over the December year GDP fell by 1.1%. The positive quarterly figure meant New Zealand emerged from its technical recession. Inflation appears to be under control as headline CPI remained at 2.2% in Q4 2024, well within the Reserve Banks’s 1.0-3.0% target range. Markets continue to price further OCR cuts at each of the next two meetings and then cut one more time in the second half of 2025, with the likelihood that the RBNZ will pause the cutting cycle at either 3.00% or 3.25% and then become data-dependent.

As a trading nation, New Zealand is particularly exposed to a concerning global trade backdrop. While Trump’s 10.0% tariff on NZ goods appears to be manageable, what will be important are the indirect impacts from key trading partners in South East Asia, such as China and Vietnam, whom now have ~50.0% tariffs on exports into the US. The expanded impacts of a trade war could potentially hinder the domestic recovery.

Swap rates in New Zealand have fallen sharply following the tariffs announcement in early April, with the 2, 5 and 10 year rates falling as low as 3.02%, 3.36% and 3.84%, respectively. However, they have since moved higher again and are currently at 3.14%, 3.56 and 4.12%, respectively.



Liquidity and Funding



Policy Compliance	Compliant
Have all transactions been transacted in compliance with policy?	Yes
Is fixed interest rate cover within policy control limits?	No
Is the funding maturity profile within policy control limits?	Yes
Is liquidity within policy control limits?	Yes
Are counterparty exposures within policy control limits?	Yes

Debt
\$49.0m
External Council Drawn Debt

LGFA Debt
\$49.0m
Funds Drawn from LGFA

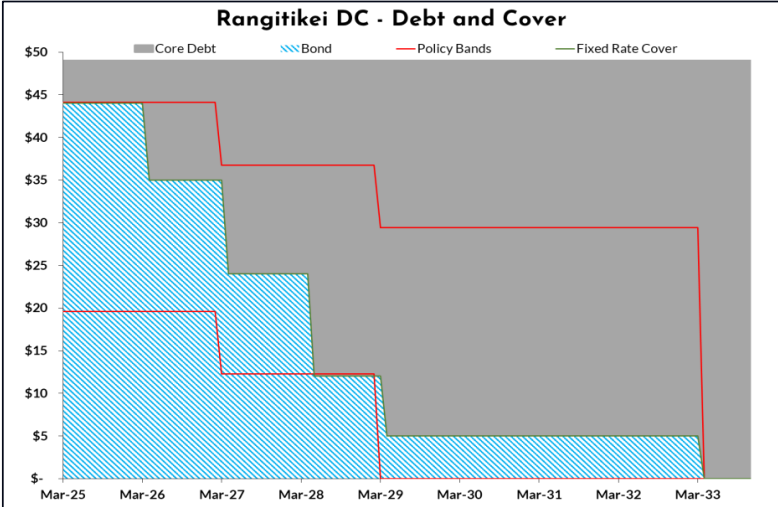
Headroom = cash in bank
\$9.8m

Liquidity Ratio (must be >110%)
118.53%

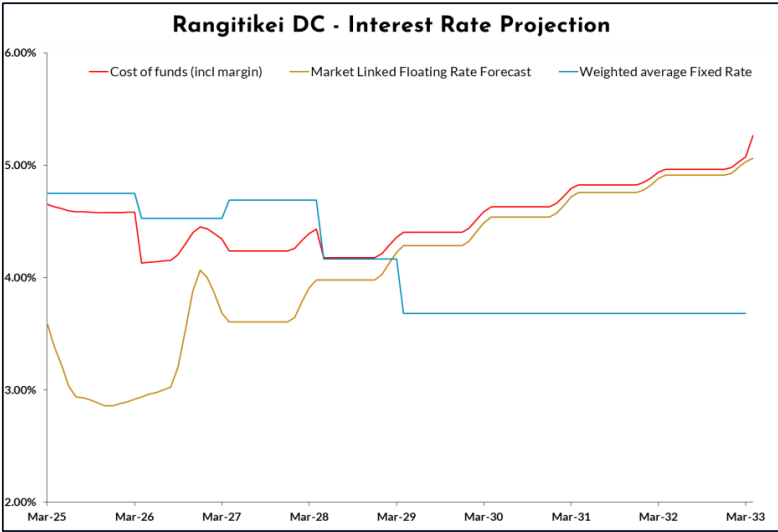
Cost of Funds as at 31 March 2025
4.65%

Interest Rate Risk Management

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Current % of Debt Fixed	89.8%
Current % of Debt Floating	10.2%
Value of Fixed Rate (m)	\$44.0
Weighted Average Cost of Fixed Rate Instruments	4.75%
Value of Floating Rate (m)	\$5.0
Current Floating Rate	3.60%
All Up Weighted Average Cost of Funds Including Margin	4.65%
Total Facilities In Place (m)	\$49.0



Fixed Rate Hedging Bands			
	Minimum	Maximum	Policy
0 - 2 years	40%	100%	Compliant
2 - 4 years	25%	80%	Non Compliant
4 - 8 years	0%	60%	Compliant

Based on the new hedging parameters which are detailed in the table above, Rangitikei DC has a miniscule policy breach in the 2-4 year timeframe where it is under-covered by \$0.3 million for a ten month period. It is not possible to rectify the breach until Westpac puts in place an interest rate derivative dealing line which will enable RDC to enter into interest rate swaps. We expect this to be in place by late April/mid May.

AS AT 31 MARCH 2025

LGFA Borrowing Rates

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Listed below are the credit spreads and applicable interest rates as at 31 March for Commercial Paper (“CP”), Floating Rate Notes (“FRN”) and Fixed Rate Bonds (“FRB”), at which Rangitikei District Council could source debt from the Local Government Funding Agency (“LGFA”).

Maturity	Margin	FRN (or CP Rate)	FRB
3 month CP	0.15%	3.76%	N/A
6 month CP	0.15%	3.64%	N/A
April 2025	0.33%	3.94%	4.10%
April 2026	0.46%	4.07%	3.86%
April 2027	0.57%	4.18%	3.99%
May 2028	0.73%	4.34%	4.25%
April 2029	0.79%	4.40%	4.43%
May 2030	0.89%	4.50%	4.60%
May 2031	0.95%	4.56%	4.81%
May-2032	1.01%	4.62%	4.94%
April 2033	1.08%	4.69%	5.10%
May 2035	1.14%	4.75%	5.30%
April 2037	1.22%	4.83%	5.50%



Funding

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As at 31 March 2025 RDC had \$49 million of core debt, all of which is sourced from the LGFA using Commercial Paper (“CP”) and Fixed Rate Bonds (“FRB’s”). Details of the drawn LGFA debt is as follows.

Instrument	Maturity	Yield	Margin	Amount
LGFA CP	24-Apr-25	4.22%	N/A	\$5,000,000
LGFA FRB	15-Apr-26	5.62%	N/A	\$9,000,000
LGFA FRB	15-Apr-27	4.17%	N/A	\$11,000,000
LGFA FRB	15-May-28	5.10%	N/A	\$5,000,000
LGFA FRB	15-May-28	5.30%	N/A	\$7,000,000
LGFA FRB	15-Apr-29	3.12%	N/A	\$3,000,000
LGFA FRB	20-Apr-29	5.55%	N/A	\$4,000,000
LGFA FRB	14-Apr-33	3.68%	N/A	\$5,000,000



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9.3 QV Report**Author:** Lorraine Bergen, Manager Financial Services**Authoriser:** Leanne Macdonald, Group Manager - Corporate Services**1. Reason for Report**

- 1.1 To provide the Finance and Performance Committee with data provided by QV.
- 1.2 Officers provide this data in response to a prior request from members of the Committee. Officers have previously noted that certain market transactions cause apparent anomalies in some of the data included in the attached and emphasise that this raw information should not be used for any decision making.
- 1.3 Any queries arising from the following data will need to be passed to QV for a response.
- 1.4 Note that the data included in the following mini report is 'live' data so is current as of 16 April 2025.
- 1.5 Since the last report - Total Capital Values increased by \$2m; Total Rating units increased by 10; five Building Consents and 13 Subdivisions were completed; and 22 Sales were processed.

Attachments:

1. QV Monthly Report - 16 April 2025 [↓](#)

Recommendation

That the Finance and Performance Committee receive the QV Monthly Report



TOTAL CAPITAL VALUE

\$8,066,104,710

SINCE 1 JULY 2024

+0.41%

TOTAL LAND VALUE

\$5,348,757,100

+0.18%

TOTAL RATING UNITS

8,881

+41

RATING VALUATION

01 August 2023

NEXT RATING VALUATION

01 August 2026

Report Centre

Building Consents Listing

Objections Listing

Outstanding Objections

Subdivisions Listing

Sales Listing

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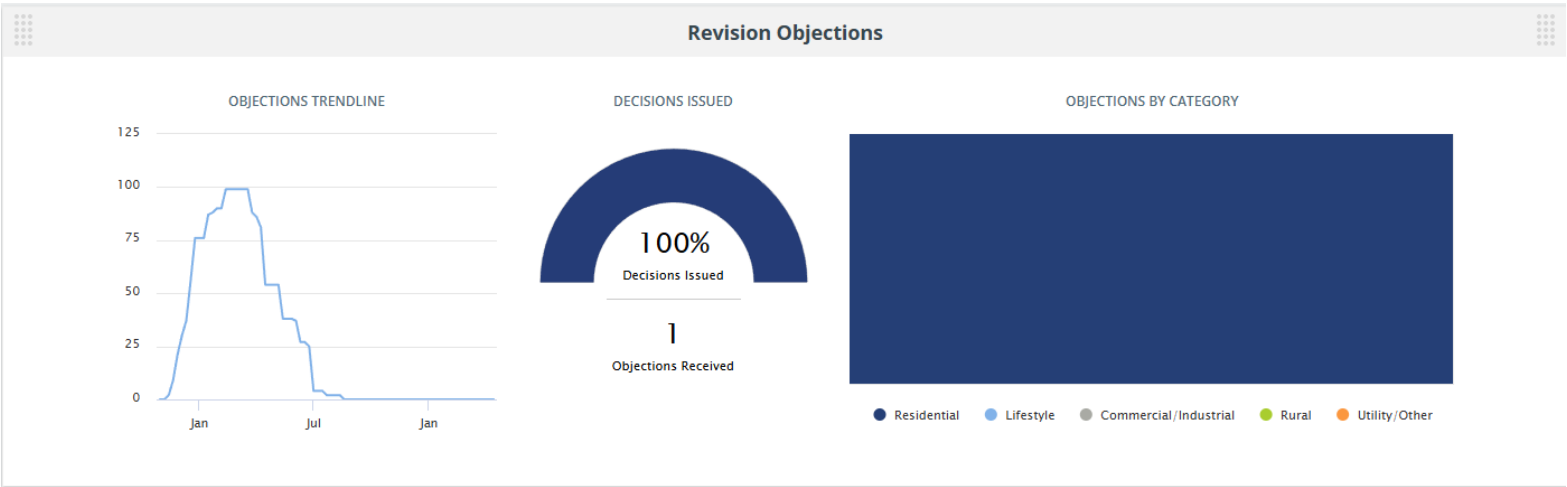
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9.4 Summary of Bad Debts**Author:** Lorraine Bergen, Manager Financial Services**Authoriser:** Leanne Macdonald, Group Manager - Corporate Services**1. Reason for Report**

To provide Finance and Performance Committee with a summary of Council's bad debt position on a quarterly basis.

2. Context

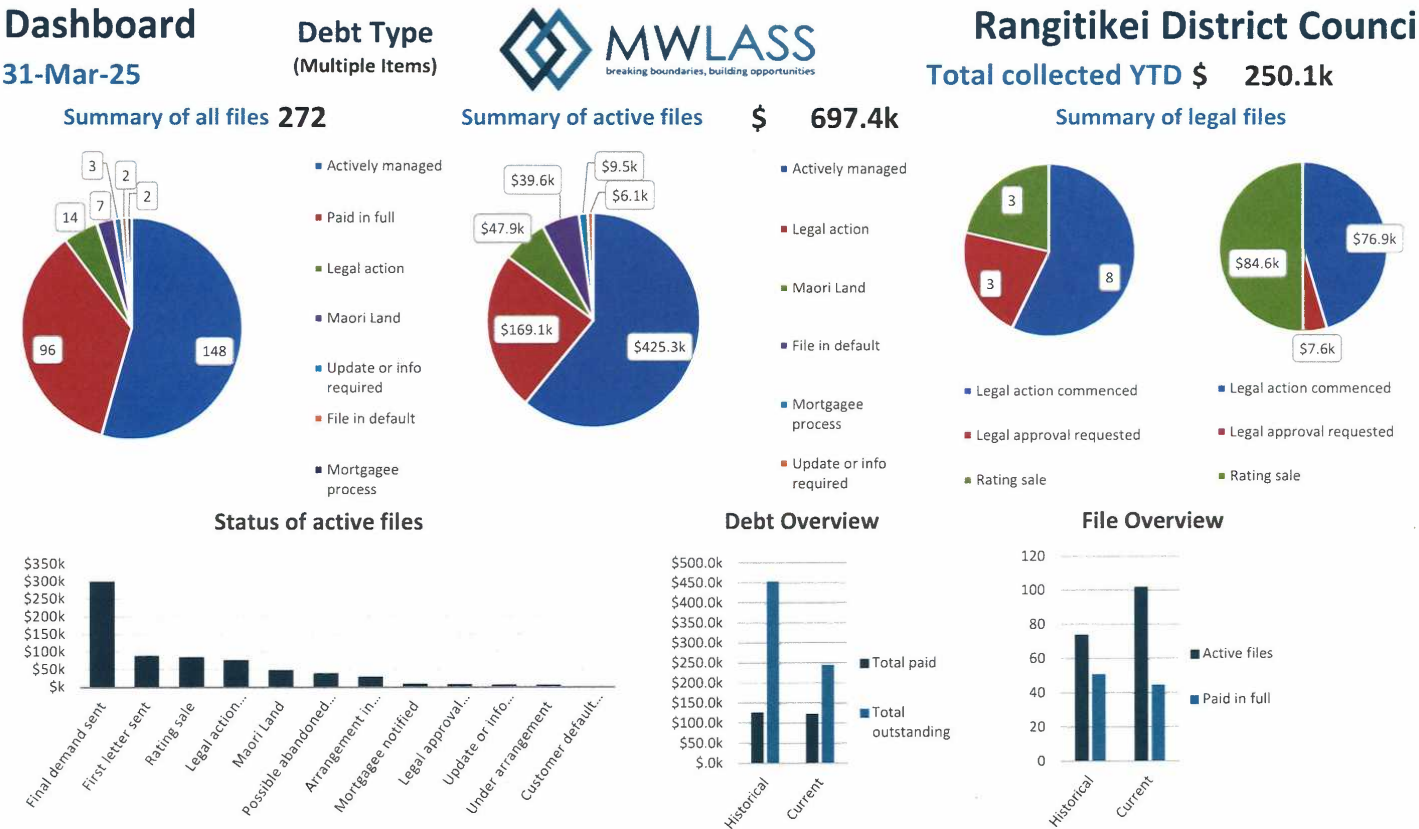
- 2.1 Year to date Debt Management Central (DMC) has collected \$250k for Council.
- 2.2 Of the 272 files submitted to DMC, 96 have been paid in full, 148 are actively managed and the remaining 28 remain work in progress, either seeking more information, Māori land, legal action, mortgagee process or in default.
- 2.3 In addition, Sundry Debtors total \$402k, with 85.7% being current or under 3 months. Amounts over three months are actively managed in-house or sent to DMC.
- 2.4 Officers have signalled one doubtful debt relating to a rubbish collection company that recently went into liquidation of approx. \$120k.

Attachments:

- 1. **DMC Summary of Debts - March 2025** [↓](#)

Recommendation

That the Finance and Performance Committee receive the Summary of Bad Debts Report.



9.5 Public Feedback / Performance Report - March 2025

Author: Jo Manuel, Manager Mana Whenua and Community Hubs

Authoriser: Sophia Sykes, Communications Manager

1. Reason for Report

- 1.1 This report provides the Finance/Performance Committee with a regular monthly Community Hubs, Customer Service, and Communications update.

2. Context

- 2.1 This report covers the March 2025 period and includes feedback received through Council's Happy Or Not system, and Korero Mai – Have Your Say initiative. It also includes an overview of the complaints dashboard, and a monthly communications update.
- 2.2 The Committee are asked to provide any feedback on any other things they would like to see included in this report.

3. Discussion and Options Considered

- 3.1 As this report is for information only, this item is not considered to be significant according to the Council's Policy on Significance and Engagement.

4. Financial Implications

- 4.1 There are no financial implications from this report.

5. Impact on Strategic Risks

- 5.1 There is no direct impact on Council's Strategic Risks associated with this report.

6. Strategic Alignment

- 6.1 Regular and consistent communications and engagement with the Rangitikei community is a foundational component of Council's strategic framework.

7. Mana Whenua Implications

- 7.1 There are no direct mana whenua implications associated with this report. Engagement with Mana Whenua is an ongoing priority for the Community Hubs and Communications teams.

8. Climate Change Impacts and Consideration

- 8.1 There are no notable climate change impacts or considerations.

9. Statutory Implications

- 9.1 There are no statutory implications associated with this report.

10. Conclusion

10.1 This is a regular monthly report for the Finance/Performance Committee about the performance of Community Hubs and Communications activity.

11. Decision Making Process

11.1 This report is for information only, there are no decisions required.

Attachments:

1. **Public Feedback/Performance Report - March 2025** [↓](#)

Recommendation

That the Public Feedback / Performance Report – February 2025 be received.

Te Whakawhitiwhiti - Communications Report (March 2025)

Commentary from the Comms Corner

Rangitikei Wheelie Bins

Overall, the response from Council to the RWB situation was met with positivity from the public. Many expressed gratitude to Council for stepping in to provide a temporary solution for customers impacted by the RWB liquidation.

Some have expressed frustration that Council didn't communicate the issues with RWB earlier, however, we were limited in what we could say, and this has been mostly accepted. Other residents were surprised to find out that kerbside rubbish collection is not covered in rates, with some of those residents expressing a desire for Council to have a more active role in this space.

- *The customer experience team fielded over **250 calls** in one day during Council's response to RWB's liquidation.*
- *Our social media response was met with over **1,000 comments** across a number of posts shared throughout the district.*

Local Water Done Well

Local Water Done Well consultation resulted in 89 submissions to Council on the future of water services delivery in Rangitikei. In total, we reached just over 30,000 people with our Local Water Done Well content. As Rangitikei was one of the first councils to launch consultation, it is likely some of this reach was due to interest from regional council partners, and residents outside the Rangitikei district. However, roughly 40% of our online following resides in Rangitikei. Although it is difficult to quantify exactly how many residents were reached, one indication is post engagements;

- *Of the 30,000 accounts reached, we fielded just over 1,000 engagements. These engagements ranged from simple likes and reactions to our posts, to about **170 meaningful and thoughtful comments** that encouraged two-way communication with residents about what Local Water Done Well means for Rangitikei.*

Other highlights

The Rangitikei District Council Facebook page passed **8,000 followers** in March. Rangitikei District Council still holds second place for social media follower growth across all of local government in the last 12 months (#1 is Invercargill).

Media Releases

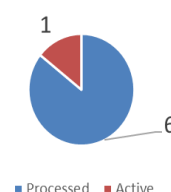
March	Public Interest
Grant Guru launches for Rangitikei District residents	Low
Rangitikei District Council prefers a collaborative approach to future water services delivery	High
Mayors across Aotearoa step up for childhood cancer in 'Miracle Makers' challenge	Medium
Youth Awards 2025 – Nominations Open	Medium
Rangitikei Wheelie Bins update - March 2025	Very high
Marton Water Update – March 2025	Medium
Marton Swim Centre Update – March 2025	High

Looking Ahead

Consultation on Annual Plan & Co continues through until early May, and we'll be pushing out messaging encouraging people to submit their feedback.

Local Election comms have already begun but will ramp up in May as we try and encourage more people to stand for election. We're working on increasing voter turnout and attracting potential candidates now will help us with that goal.





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Te Whakawhitiwhiti - Communications Report (March 2025)

Comms Channels

Social Media Posts

Facebook	Instagram	LinkedIn	Tik Tok
 facebook	 Instagram	 Linked in	 Tik Tok
61	73	9	4

Facebook

Page
Impressions



532,416

New
Followers



251

Comments
and Replies



1,764



POST WITH MOST ENGAGEMENT:

1. Raff for adoption

Reach = 67,155 Reactions = 384 Comments = 112
Impressions = 96,106

Followed by:

2. RWB solution

3. Smart Environmental shout out

Instagram

Page
Impressions



5,139

New
Followers



13

Comments
and Replies



7



POST WITH MOST ENGAGEMENT:

1. Citizenship Ceremony

View = 390 Reach = 163 Interactions = 10

Followed by:

2. Child Cancer Society Fundraiser

3. Rooding update

Te Whakawhitiwhiti - Communications Report (March 2025)

LinkedIn

Page
Impressions



5,171

New
Followers



26

Reactions



101

POST WITH MOST ENGAGEMENT:

1. Senior Policy Planner ad
Impressions = 1,590 Engagements = 132 Reactions = 25 Clicks = 101
2. Raff for adoption
3. LWDW stats



Tik Tok

Post Views



4,596

New
Followers



9

Comments
and Replies







7

POST WITH MOST ENGAGEMENT:

1. What is Local Water Done Well
Plays = 1328 Reactions = 52 = Comments = 7 Total play time = 7h:29m:3s
- Followed by:
2. LWDW follow up
 3. Marton Harvest Festival 2024



News and Website Statistics

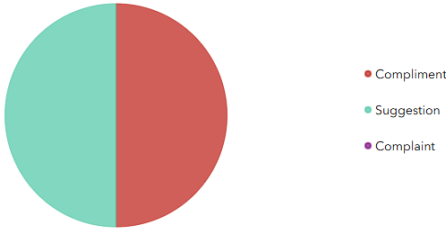
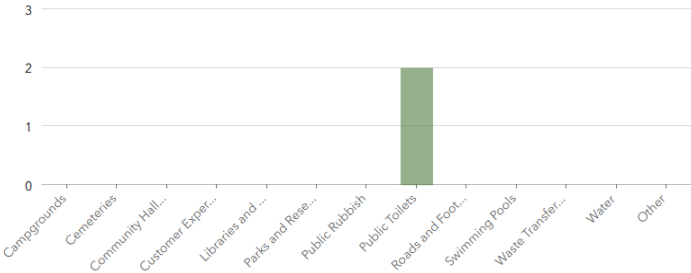
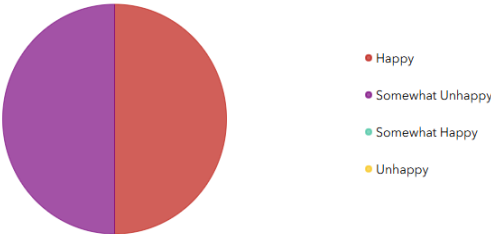
Newspaper Articles	Public Notices	Website Stories	Website New Users
 11	 3	 11	 7.7K

Top Five Web Pages

- News – Wheelie Bins
- Search
- Rating Information
- Library
- Kerbside Collection Days

Kōrero Mai - Feedback Report (March 2025)

Kōrero Mai feedback is captured from QR codes displayed throughout our community parks and facilities. All submissions are acknowledged (if contact details are supplied) and if required a Request for Service is lodged. This feedback form is not intended for urgent or emergency requests.

Feedback Summary March 2025		Total amount of Feedback = 2
What type of feedback do you have?		
Which area does your feedback relate to?		
How happy are you with your experience?		

Kōrero Mai - Feedback Report (March 2025)

Feedback Received

DATE: 21 Mar 2025

- TYPE OF FEEDBACK: Suggestion
- AREA FEEDBACK RELATES TO: Public Toilets - Hunterville - High Street
- COMMENT:
The spinning vent on toilet needs cleaning, been here several times over past 4 months ,and it's so covered with cobwebs it doesn't spin ,so the toilet always smells alot worse than it should, have been to many long drops and if the vent works they great.
- EXPERIENCE: Somewhat Happy
- ANYTHING ELSE: -
- ACTION TAKEN: Feedback has been lodged as a RFS.

DATE: 16 Mar 2024

- TYPE OF FEEDBACK: Compliment
- AREA FEEDBACK RELATES TO: Public Toilets - Marton - Follett Street
- COMMENT:
Not only was it very clean, it also had a pleasant, welcoming smell like you would expect at home. Definitely a cut above compared to other public toilets across the country. Great job, well done..
- EXPERIENCE: Happy
- ANYTHING ELSE: -
- ACTION TAKEN: Feedback provided to Cleaning Team

Community Hubs Report (March 2025)

Commentary from the Community Hubs

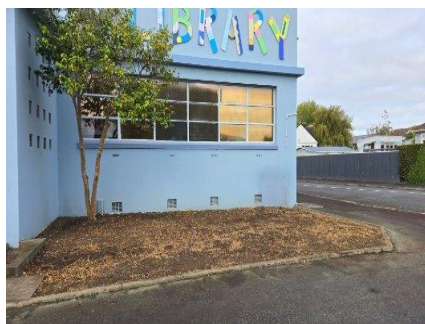
Community Hubs/facilities are physical or virtual spaces designed to bring people together, fostering social interaction, support and collaboration.

These hubs are our libraries, community centres, co-working spaces or our online digital platforms where individuals can access resources, participate in activities and engage with others.



YHQ in collaboration with Marton Community Hub team organised a treasure hunt for after school program. Tamariki & Youth had to answer 20 questions around Marton Park.

Marton's smallest park is taking shape. The Project plan is to provide an outdoor seated area for users of the Marton Community Hub to read, knit, connect to wifi, or just chill in some sunny weather. Thanks to Council's Parks and Reserves Team for their mahi on removing the hedge and clearing the site.



Rangitikei District Community Hubs are now active on Facebook. The team have been working hard creating content and sharing all the awesome regular events available to residents weekly. The online activity has notably resulted in increased foot traffic at the library. An example being the weekly craft session at Marton Community Hub:

In March, the Rangitikei District Community Hubs page gained 22 followers (that's a 175% increase on the month prior). The page is now sitting at over 1,000 followers: 29.9% of those in Marton, 6.8% Taihape, 6% in Bulls, and 1.8% in Hunterville.

Looking Ahead

- School Holiday Programs
- Easter Egg Hunt across the three Community Hubs – stay tuned
- Matariki Celebration collaboration in planning
- Youth Awards 2025 – Nominations now open
- Youth Week 19-25 May



Community Hubs Report (March 2025)

Commentary from our Youth Spaces

THE LOBBY

Rangatahi – Youth Taihape Activities

- **Golf Frisbee Taihape** – NZ Disc Golf Union is working with us to design a golf frisbee course in Taihape. Currently in the planning stage, but we will keep Council updated as the project progresses.
- **Ministry of Youth Development** has initiated \$20,000 funding towards supporting Youth engagement in the Northern Rangitikei district.
- Planning for Tamariki & Rangatahi events with the Taihape Development Community Trust to celebrate Matariki in June.

The Lobby Attendance

March 2025	80
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Lobby provides a safe space for Youth in Taihape. Tamariki and Rangatahi come in and hang out, play games, craft, and play pool. • We are currently running a seed planting program for Tamariki and Rangatahi. This program is being run in collaboration with local business Kakariki Green Organics. 	



Rangatahi – Youth Marton Activities

- **Inter-School Junior Athletics:** YHQ supported the Northern District Primary School athletics day held at Sir James Wilson Park in Marton. We provided a free sausage sizzle to the approximately 300 tamariki aged 5-8yo in attendance.

YHQ Marton Attendance

March 2025	117
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • YHQ provides a safe space for Youth in Marton. Tamariki and Rangatahi are welcome in our space out the back of the Marton Community Hub after school. We also run school holidays in collaboration with the Community Hub staff. 	



Rangitikei District Youth Council 2025

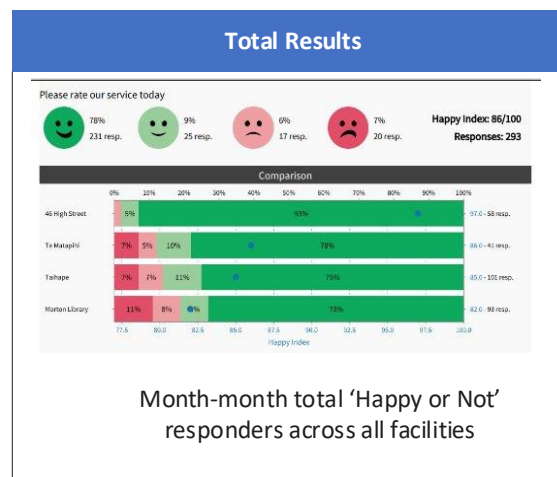
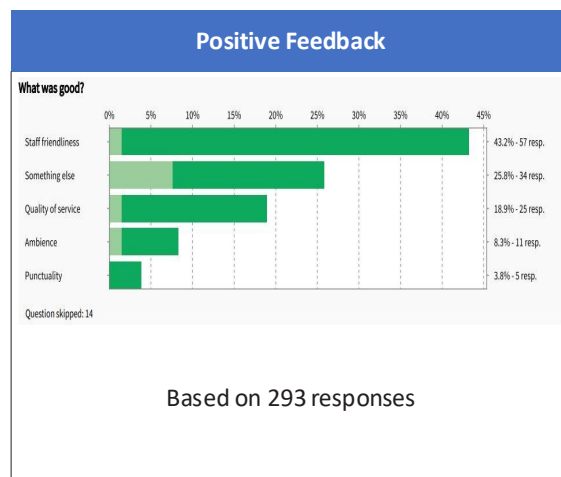
- In March the Youth Council 2025 held its first meeting in Council Chambers.
- Highlights were the declarations of members, election of chair, deputy chair, administration, social media liaison, and the creative communities scheme panel.

Congratulations to all our 2025 Youth Councillors, and the following on their positions.

- **Chair:** Cyria Lowrie-Hetet (pictured with Cr Gill Duncan)
- **Deputy Chair:** Denise Pio
- **Administration:** Savannah May
- **Social Media Liaison:** Eden Hera Aroha Rei and Anahera Bennett
- **Creative communities Scheme Panel:** Julius Zuppich and Telma J

Community Hubs Report (March 2025)

Happy Or Not Report



Summary of HappyOrNot Responses

Te Matapihi

- 2025-03-29 2:55 PM **Something else**
free water and its refreshing
- 2025-03-14 4:48 PM **Staff friendliness**
It was nice here and this is a great place
- 2025-03-08 1:18 PM **Something else**
no food
- 2025-03-08 12:34 PM **Something else**
nice computer

Marton Library

- 2025-03-21 3:33 PM **Ambience**
marton library has great ambience as the staff make it a safe space to be.
- 2025-03-21 3:33 PM **Staff friendliness**
great team we appreciate the service
- 2025-03-15 11:06 AM **Something else**
i love it here so so much
- 2025-03-03 3:50 PM **Quality of service**
did not let

Taihape

- 2025-03-30 1:12 PM **Quality of service**
cool kids books for my little brother
- 2025-03-30 1:11 PM **Quality of service**
there was no movies my brother would like, buttherde is
- 2025-03-28 11:09 AM **Something else**
geat time but more dog man and cat kid comic club
- 2025-03-27 4:00 PM **Something else**
I love how you are so nice see you soon bye
- 2025-03-27 3:58 PM **Something else**
I had greattimee reading here soo u
- 2025-03-25 1:17 PM **Something else**
i was good but i would love more dog man books or cat kid comic club or diarybof a wimpy kid
- 2025-03-16 11:54 AM **Quality of service**
good movies and cool stuff
- 2025-03-10 4:09 PM **Quality of service**
Staff super helpful, even though our books were overdue! Thank you so much, my kids love it here
- 2025-03-08 2:19 PM **Staff friendliness**
it was sad the vr wermt working but thats ok
- 2025-03-07 2:25 PM **Something else**
good
- 2025-03-02 11:40 AM **Quality of service**
too much whanau

10 Public Excluded

Resolution to Exclude the Public

The meeting went into public excluded session [enter time](#)

Recommendation

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

1 Finance/Performance Committee Meeting - 27 March 2025

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

General subject of each matter to be considered	Reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter	Ground(s) under section 48 for the passing of this resolution
10.1 - Finance/Performance Committee Meeting - 27 March 2025	To consider the minutes relating to matters that were the subject of discussion at the 27 March meeting.	S48(1)(a)

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

11 Open Meeting