

ORDER PAPER

MARTON COMMUNITY COMMITTEE MEETING

Date: Wednesday, 11 June 2025

Time: 6.00pm

Venue: 18 Humphrey Street
Marton

Chair: Mrs Carolyn Bates

Deputy Chair: Mr David Christison

Membership: Mrs Lyn Duncan
Mr Peter Farrell
Mrs Jennifer Greener
Mrs Belinda Harvey-Larsen
Ms Sally Moore
Mr John Whittaker
Cr Dave Wilson
Cr Greg Maughan (Alternate)
HWTM Andy Watson

Purpose of the Committee

- To provide a local link and point of contact for Council liaison with the community.
- To provide for the exchange of information, communication, and to assist with the Council's consultative processes.
- To exercise delegated authority for the annual allocation of \$1.00 per rateable property for "defined small local works" in line with the guidelines provided¹.
- Particularly, to help ensure that any minor remedial or renewal works are brought to Council's attention through the Request for Service procedure, by promoting its use and advising community members on how to use it.
- To be the first point of contact (prior to Council) for community groups. Where this is not possible, the Committee will be informed of the approach by the community group to the Council.
- Placemaking initiatives that are taking place on Council land will be considered and commented on by the Committee before the application is considered by the Chief Executive.
- To engage with wider/small communities of the ward represented.

Quorum

The quorum for the Marton Community Committee is 5.

Council's Standing Orders (adopted 31 October 2019) 11.2 provide: The quorum for Council committees and sub-committees is as for Council, i.e. half the number of members if the number of members (including vacancies) is even or a majority if the number of members is odd.

At least 1 Elected Member must be present at the meeting.

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¹ Appended to the Delegations Register

Notice is hereby given that a Marton Community Committee Meeting of the Rangitikei District Council will be held in the 18 Humphrey Street, Marton on Wednesday, 11 June 2025 at 6.00pm.

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1 Welcome

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

1. Reason for Report

- 1.1 The minutes from **Marton Community Committee Meeting held on 9 April 2025** are **attached**.

Attachments

1. **Marton Community Committee Meeting - 9 April 2025**

Recommendation

That the minutes of Marton Community Committee Meeting held on 9 April 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
Making this place home.

UNCONFIRMED: MARTON COMMUNITY COMMITTEE MEETING

Date: Wednesday, 9 April 2025

Time: 6.00pm

Venue: 18 Humphrey Street
Marton

Present

Ms Sally Moore
Mrs Lyn Duncan
Mrs Jennifer Greener
Mrs Carolyn Bates
Mr John Whittaker
Mr David Christison
HWTM Andy Watson
Cr Greg Maughan
Cr Dave Wilson

In attendance

Ms Kezia Spence, Governance Advisor
Mark Mitchell, Marton Boxing Club
Lewis Lye, Marton Boxing Club
Kelly Widdowson, Marton Boxing Club
Sue Wells, Marton Food Pantry
Chloe Gaskin, Marton Crafters
Greg Smith, Chair Bulls Community Committee
David Yates, Bulls Community Committee
Aaron Torkil, Marton Players Theatre
Christian Stafford, Marton Players Theatre

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5 Confirmation of Order of Business

There was no change to the order of business.

6 Confirmation of Minutes

Matters arising on the toilets- Ms Bovey provided an email update to this request to committee members.

Resolved minute number 25/MCC/010

That the minutes of Marton Community Committee Meeting held on 12 February 2025 **without amendment** be taken as read and verified as an accurate and correct record of the meeting.

Mr J Whittaker/Mrs L Duncan. Carried

7 Follow-up Actions

7.1 Follow-up Action Items from Marton Community Committee Meetings

The report was taken as read.

Resolved minute number 25/MCC/011

That the report 'Follow-up Action Items from Marton Community Committee Meetings' be received.

Mrs C Bates/Mr D Christison. Carried

8 Chair's Report

8.1 Chair's Report - April 2025

Mrs Bates highlighted the events and meetings in the community she has attended recently.

- Tux's 70TH Birthday
- Bulls Community Committee meeting,
- Tried to attend a Te Rōpū Ahi Kā meeting – this meeting was cancelled due to lack of quorum.

The committed thanked council for actions taken concerning the rubbish situation.

Resolved minute number 25/MCC/012

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

Mrs C Bates/Ms S Moore. Carried

9 Reports for Decision

9.1 Road Naming - Hendersons Line Subdivision

The committee appreciate d the historic consideration for the street names.

Resolved minute number 25/MCC/013

That the report 'Road naming – Hendersons Line, Marton subdivision' be received.

Mr J Whittaker/Mrs J Greener. Carried

Resolved minute number 25/MCC/014

That the Marton Community Committee recommends to Council the three new roads associated with resource consent RM210083, residential subdivision along Hendersons Line, be named as follows: 'main road' shall be Barton Street, 'Road A' shall be Harveston Street, and 'Road B' shall be Heggulun Street.

Ms S Moore/Mr D Christison. Carried

10 Reports for Information

10.1 Mayor's Report - February 2025

The Mayor spoke to his report highlighting that resignation from the CE of LGNZ was received and the impact that the increase in the defence budget may have for the district.

Resolved minute number 25/MCC/015

That the Mayor's Report – 26 February 2025 be accepted.

HWTM A Watson/Mrs C Bates. Carried

10.2 Mayor's Report - 27 March 2025

The report was taken as read.

Resolved minute number 25/MCC/016

That the Mayor's Report – 27 March 2025 be received.

HWTM A Watson/Mrs C Bates. Carried

10.3 Consultation Tracker – March

Marton Streetscape

The consultants are working through this and highlighted that the street is structurally good.

Marton Pool

The committee highlighted that council should focus on getting the pool open as soon as possible.

Resolved minute number 25/MCC/017

That the report 'Consultation Tracker - March' be received.

Mrs C Bates/Cr D Wilson. Carried

10.4 Funding Schemes Update - March 2025

Take report as read.

Resolved minute number 25/MCC/018

That the Funding Schemes Update – March 2025 be received.

Ms S Moore/Mrs J Greener. Carried

10.5 Small Projects Fund Update - April 2025

The committee noted the presentations earlier in the meeting and supported spending the full allocation of the small projects fund.

Resolved minute number 25/MCC/019

That the report 'Small Projects Fund Update –April 2025' be received.

Mrs J Greener/Mrs L Duncan. Carried

Resolved minute number 25/MCC/020

That the Marton Community Committee provide funding of \$200 to the Marton Crafters

Cr D Wilson/Mr J Whittaker. Carried

Resolved minute number 25/MCC/021

That the Marton Community Committee provide funding of \$2500 to the Marton Boxing.

Cr D Wilson/Mr J Whittaker. Carried

Resolved minute number 25/MCC/022

That the Marton Community Committee provide funding of \$600 to the Marton Food Pantry

Cr D Wilson/Mr J Whittaker. Carried

Resolved minute number 25/MCC/023

Cr Wilson moved that the remaining \$24.32 of the fund be provided to the Marton Food Pantry - all in attendance agreed to a revised amount of \$624.32.

Cr D Wilson/Mrs C Bates. Carried

10.6 Project Updates Report - March 2025

The report was taken as read.

Resolved minute number 25/MCC/024

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

Mrs C Bates/Mr D Christison. Carried

11 Discussion Items**11.1 Where's Annual Plan & Co @ Rangitikei?**

Cr Wilson spoke about this item and highlighted that any questions - councillors can provide answers.

11.2 Horizons Passenger Transport

Mrs Bates forwarded the email on to the committee from Cr Wong – he is one of the councillors based in Taihape and is the Rangitikei councillor on the Horizons Passenger Transport.

11.3 Discussion itemsAge Concern

Mrs Bates presented the emergency packs that were put together from Michelle Malcolm at Age Concern.

Elections

Mrs Bates has emailed the communications manager at Council regarding elections and the meet the candidates. Mrs Bates has spoken to Lions about the opportunity to run a "Meet the Candidates" event.

The meeting closed at 7.40pm.

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Marton Community Committee held on 11 June 2025.

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Chairperson

Unconfirmed

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7 Follow-up Action Items from Previous Meetings**7.1 Follow-up Action Items from Marton Community Committee Meetings**

Author: Kezia Spence, Governance Advisor

1. Reason for Report

- 1.1 On the list attached are items raised at previous Marton Community Committee 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 Actions Register** [↓](#)

Recommendation

That the report 'Follow-up Action Items from Marton Community Committee Meetings' be received.

Current Follow-up Actions					
Item	From Meeting Date	Details	Person Assigned	Status Comments	Status
1	14-Feb-24	Update on Calico Line footpath installation	Arno	There is nothing to update on this project.	In progress
2	9-Apr-25	Road naming Hendersons Line Subdivision update	Kezia	The recommendation from the committee was accepted by Council.	Completed.

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8 Chair's Report

8.1 Chair's Report - June 2025

Author: Carolyn Bates, Chair

1. Reason for Report

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

Recommendation

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

9 Reports for Information

9.1 Mayor's Report to Council - 30 April 2025

Author: Andy Watson, His Worship the Mayor

Good Morning,

Recently I attended the Zone 3 meeting at Hawera which I co-Chair. I thank Councillors Dave Wilson, Fi Dalgety, Piki Te Ora Hiroa and our Chief Executive Carol Gordon for also attending the two day meeting. I have attached the presentations as an appendix to this report but I want to make a series of comments regarding same -

1. Zone meetings are a sub-set of Local Government, and our Zone includes 17 councils in the central North Island including Gisborne/Wairoa to Taranaki, New Plymouth to Horowhenua and all the councils within these areas. It is a chance to gather collegial support, showcase worthwhile initiatives and to hear directly from Government ministers and officials. It is a valuable process that comes at a cost. The membership costs for Local Government New Zealand (LGNZ) for our council sit at \$50,000 per annum, not including Zone costs such as attendance etc. These costs have been climbing and a number of councils have withdrawn from LGNZ and unfortunately some of the large metro councils such as Christchurch and Auckland are included as withdrawals. They pay much higher costs and as a consequence everyone else faces fee increases. Metros have the ability to engage directly with Government, those Mayors can literally call the Prime Minister or ministers directly, an advantage most Mayors do not have. Also, there have been questions around the performance of LGNZ, some of which may be warranted. The LGNZ Board is now more settled in my opinion and will be shortly advertising for a new Chief Executive. I believe strongly that we should remain in LGNZ. For us it brings huge advantages - the training and information that they provide, the Mayor's Taskforce for Jobs funding is important and without LGNZ it is difficult to challenge and question Government.
2. Hawera is in the South Taranaki District and is one of the very wealthy councils that can afford to subsidise rates in times of crises such as Covid and provide magnificent facilities in each of their small towns. We went to visit a new library, built at a cost of \$22m at no additional cost on rates. So why are they in this position?
 - i) They are a relatively small council similar to us in size and also service many small towns – so no difference there!
 - ii) Their roading includes significant portions of state highways that they do not have to fund and the roads that they do fund are built on reasonably level ground with a good base material.
 - iii) Like many councils in Taranaki their water sources are simple and pure, needing very little treatment. They often collect water from mountain streams. So infrastructurally their costs are lower.
 - iv) But the first big one is that South Taranaki has several significant industrial sites. Think of gas at Kapuni, multiple large dairy factories and wind farms etc. These sites pay huge rates effectively subsidising the district and they pump in direct support by way of grants to meet local initiatives.

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- v) Like all Taranaki councils, South Taranaki received money from the “Think Big” projects initiative by past Governments and have a share of port revenues so their cash inputs, other than rates, are significant.
- vi) **They seized an opportunity!** When local power boards were aggregated to form Powerco they, like us, were paid a share value that they could have just used to subsidise rates in the short term or make direct payments back to their ratepayers. Their council of the time said no and went through a challenging local consultation process to ring-fence money into a trust for the future. They won that consultation process against stiff local opposition from ratepayers. They now have a local investment fund of \$89m that continues to grow and effectively fund new developments such as their brand new library.

There is a message here. Could Rangitikei try and set up a similar pathway with the payments back from the Regional CCO entity or by starting on a very minor scale and building a trust over time? I don't know the answers here but it may well be worth a discussion.

3. The DIA (Department of Internal Affairs) presentation at Zone was made by Vanessa Blakelock, the Partnership Director for Local Government, filling in for other staff who were not available. She was on the back foot, Government is still unable to answer many questions around Local Water Done Well (LWDW) particularly around pricing, strategy and the new Government Bill running into hundreds of pages of information which is not yet before Government. We as a sector will be challenged by new information as it comes to hand. One of the difficult decisions we as a region will face will be who will be the decision makers when it comes to housing or industrial growth? Will it lie with the council receiving the interest or could the entity say no, we have capacity from the Three Waters elsewhere and cope with this and effectively force a decision.

Points regarding LWDW and Annual Plan consultations -

- i) At this stage interest has been very low and to some extent I can understand that communities are “over it” and consulted-out.
- ii) I do thank those who are submitting – the points raised so far are interesting and well worthwhile, it certainly adds to my thought process. Councillors and I will still be available even after consultations close to discuss any further concerns as they arise.

Following an invitation, Council has joined the Hauora Taiwhenua Rural Health Network which seeks to strengthen the health of rural communities. The cost of this membership is \$1,000. Councillor Piki Te Ora Hiroa has been appointed as the lead and we will look to take her advice in terms of membership. Provision of health services for our district remains a huge concern for me and our communities. We absolutely accept that it is a nationwide issue and as such as I have reached out both our MP Suze Redmayne and the Minister of Health, Simeon Brown, to discuss this. It is frustrating that the local initiative, for example, in Taihape to take ownership and drive integrated health service seems to have been stifled by very slow decision making by Te Whatu Ora. This is a specific question that I will be raising with the Minister and asking for the address of this.

Based on advice from the Trustees, Rangitikei District Council has reappointed Mrs Annabel Whisker to the Four Regions Trust for a further term of three years. Mr Chris Renshaw also serves as a current Trustee appointed by Rangitikei District Council.

Finally, I attended the Harvest Festival and Pedals for Pleasure held at Wilson Park in Marton on 6 April. This event just gets better and bigger every year. I understand we had 500 people through the gates in the first 10 minutes of opening! All of the car parks were full and the weather gods were in our favour. Huge numbers of people did the Rotary Pedals for Pleasure and I thank Rotary and the Prize Sponsors.

Mayor's Engagements

April 2025

1	<p>Attended meeting with Chief Executive</p> <p>Attended weekly meeting with Deputy Mayor</p> <p>Attended Mayor's Taskforce for Jobs online meeting</p> <p>Attended Kaitiata Community Meeting regarding wind farms</p>
2	<p>Attended meeting with Chief Executive</p> <p>Attended Local Water Done Well Mayoral Steering Group online meeting</p> <p>Attended signing of Downer/RDC Roading Contract</p> <p>Attended meeting with Transition Advisor to Chief Executive</p> <p>Attended Taihape Network Meeting</p> <p>Attended Taihape Grandstand Meeting</p>
3	<p>Attended meeting with Chief Executive</p> <p>Attended Zone 3 LGNZ Sector Meeting in Hawera</p>
4	<p>Attended Zone 3 LGNZ Sector Meeting in Hawera</p>
6	<p>Attended Marton Harvest Festival & Pedals for Pleasure</p>
7	<p>Attended meeting with Chief Executive</p> <p>Attended Mayor's Taskforce for Jobs online meeting</p> <p>Attended Citizenship Ceremony</p> <p>Attended Hunterville Rural Water Scheme Meeting</p> <p>Attended LGNZ zoom meeting with Infometrics</p>
8	<p>Attended meeting with Chief Executive</p> <p>Attended Regional Transport Matters Regional Chiefs Fortnightly Zoom</p> <p>Attended Te Roopuu Ahi Kaa Komiti Meeting</p>
9	<p>Attended Annual Plan Community Meeting in Taihape</p> <p>Attended Marton Community Committee Meeting</p>
10	<p>Attended meeting with Chief Executive</p> <p>Attended Marton Office & Library Project Governance Meeting</p> <p>Attended Assets & Infrastructure Committee Workshop</p> <p>Attended Policy/Planning Committee Meeting</p> <p>Attended Taihape Town Hall & Library Redevelopment meeting</p>
11	<p>Attended meeting with Chief Executive</p>

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	<p>Attended meeting with Mana Whenua Strategic Advisor</p> <p>Attended meeting with Lake Alice Survivor's Group Representative and Staff</p>
14	<p>Attended Mayor's Taskforce for Jobs Governance Group online meeting</p> <p>Attended Annual Plan Community Meeting in Bulls</p> <p>Attended Annual Plan Community Meeting in Marton</p> <p>Attended Council meeting agenda briefing with staff</p> <p>Attended Hunterville Community Committee Meeting</p>
15	<p>Attended meeting with Chief Executive</p> <p>Attended weekly meeting with Deputy Mayor</p>
16	<p>Attended meeting with Chief Executive</p> <p>Attended Local Water Done Well Hearings and Workshop</p> <p>Attended Business After 5 meeting in Marton</p>
17	<p>Attended meeting with Chief Executive</p> <p>Attended meeting with Mana Whenua Strategic Advisor</p> <p>Attended Local Water Done Well Council Workshop in Whanganui</p>
22	<p>Attended meeting with Chief Executive</p> <p>Attended weekly meeting with Deputy Mayor</p>
23	<p>Attended meeting with Chief Executive</p> <p>Attended monthly meeting with Police</p>
24	<p>Attended meeting with Chief Executive</p> <p>Delivered ANZAC Day wreaths across the district</p> <p>Attended Koitiata/Turakina Annual Plan Community Meeting</p>
25	<p>Attended Marton ANZAC Dawn Parade</p> <p>Attended Turakina ANZAC Day Ceremony</p> <p>Attended Marton RSA ANZAC Ceremony at Cenotaph</p>
27	<p>Attended Suzuki Extreme 4x4 Challenge in Turakina</p>
28	<p>Attended Ngā Wai Tōtā Inaugural Hui at Tirorangi Marae</p>
29	<p>Attended Ngā Wai Tōtā Inaugural Hui at Tirorangi Marae</p> <p>Attended weekly meeting with Deputy Mayor</p>
30	<p>To attend meeting with Matt Claridge regarding Whangaehu Bridges – Te Araroa Trail</p> <p>To attend Finance & Performance Committee Meeting</p> <p>To attend Council Meeting</p> <p>To attend Local Water Done Well Mayoral Steering Group Meeting</p>

Attachments:

1. **Presentations Zone 3 (under separate cover)**
2. **Elected Member Attendance** [↓](#)

Recommendation

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

Date	Meeting	HWTM	Wilson	Carter	Dalgety	Duncan	Hiroa	Lambert	Loudon	Maughan	Sharland	Raukawa	Wong	Notes
27-Mar-25	Finance/Performance	PR	PR	PR	PR			AT	PR	PR	PR		PR	
27-Mar-25	Council Meeting	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	AB	PR	
3-Apr-25	Turakina CC	CB		PR										
7-Apr-25	Hunternville RWS	PR			PR			PR						
8-Apr-25	TRAK	PR					PR					PR		
9-Apr-25	Taihape CB	CB				AP							PR	
9-Apr-25	Marton CC	PR	PR							PR				
9-Apr-25	Santoft Domain	CB		PR										
10-Apr-25	AIN Workshop	PR	PR	PR	PR	AP		AP	PR	AP	PR		PR	
10-Apr-25	Policy/Planning	PR	PR			AP	AP	PR	PR	AP	PR		PR	
14-Apr-25	Hunternville CC	PR			PR			PR						
15-Apr-25	Community Grants	PR		PR	PR	PR			PR		PR		PR	
15-Apr-25	Sport Travel Fund	PR	PR							AP				
16-Apr-25	Council Hearing	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	AP	PR	PR	AP	PR	PR	PR	

Present (and is a member of the committee)	PR
Apology	AP
Absent - no apology received	AB
Not a member of the committee	
Not a member of the committee (but still attended)	AT
Not present as on Council business	CB
Attended via Zoom [this indicator is no longer used]	ZM

9.2 Mayor's Report - May 2025**Author: Andy Watson, His Worship the Mayor**

Good afternoon

LOCAL WATER DONE WELL

There have been so many meetings since the last report to Council, most of which have been in regard to Local Water Done Well (LWDW) concerning how council delivers drinking water, waste water and stormwater. In previous reports council elected to form a regional CCO with Whanganui and Ruapehu councils and ourselves. Council, at its LWDW Deliberations Meeting held on 22 May 2025 decided as a preference to form a regional wider CCO with Palmerston North, Horowhenua and ourselves leaving the option for Whanganui and Ruapehu to join with us. Points I raised prior to that decision being made are as follows –

1. Government wants councils to form regional CCO partnerships to gain efficiencies and to lower future rate rises. They are insistent that these relationships are in place by September (i.e. made before Local Government elections in October).
2. Internal Affairs (Government) claim the efficiency gains for all councils will lie between 10 and 30% and that no council will be worse off in terms of rates by joining a CCO.
3. Councils will retain ownership by way of shareholding in the new entities after passing to the entity the assets and receiving back a credit for the loans against that asset.
4. Some councils in New Zealand will look to go alone and not form regional entities. If they do, then water services must by law be ring-fenced into separate council entities and face a high level of scrutiny and legislation. Government reserves the right to assign councils to other groups if they feel that is needed.
5. Regional entities will benefit by receiving long term loan funding at the best national rates available. This alone also serves to drive lower rates for councils in the short term.

ALL OF GOVERNMENT MEETING – WELLINGTON – 1 MAY

What I will try and do is list the pertinent points against each speaker.

- A. Welcome and background – President Sam Broughton, Selwyn District Mayor
 - The weather was horrific with many flights to Wellington cancelled and extensive flooding in his district of Selwyn, so attendance was a challenge.
 - MC was Ceinwen McNeil, Director from Aurecon.
 - Campbell Barry, Vice-Chair LGNZ did some of the introductions.
- B. Susan Freeman-Greene, CE LGNZ
 - She has announced her resignation so LGNZ will be looking for a new Chief Executive.
 - Her session was about addressing abuse and harassment, particularly in Local Government.
 - Maori and women disproportionately attacked by social media and suffer verbal abuse.
 - LGNZ have released a new guide/toolkit on how to say safe entitled “Free to Lead”.

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- Councils need to ensure that they meet their own health and safety obligations for staff and councillors.
 - Session was supported by Nicola Grigg, Minister for Women.
- C. Fiscal Policy & Infrastructure Financing – Dominick Stephens, Deputy Secretary and Chief Economic Advisor for Treasury
- He talked about the difference between shocks and cycles and their effects on the economy.
 - Shocks are things such as droughts/floods, covid etc.
 - He noted that some of those shocks come from overseas actions, e.g. war in Ukraine – these are different to natural cycles.
 - Net core debt in New Zealand is rapidly rising. Government's response in the past in times of shocks is to spend more to buffer these effects.
 - Net core debt as a percentage of GDP in 1972 sat at 5% - it is now likely heading in the future to 40%?
 - Government needs to be aware that investment by Government (Fiscal Policy) is to smooth shocks and is inflationary by nature.
 - Note - expanding the school lunch programme came out of a Government Fiscal covid response.
 - This was an interesting presentation and 15 minutes was not enough time for the audience to understand and assimilate.
 - When Government uses fiscal support, Government therefore must run surpluses in the good times. We note that this has not been happening.
 - Building resilience in the private/public sector, i.e. councils, is incredibly important.
 - Fiscal policy has a role when monetary policy is not coping.
- D. Infrastructure for Growth – Peter Nunns, GM Infrastructure Commission
- Interesting quote in Q&A – *“every \$1 dollar spend in capex results in a 33c increase in opex spend”*.
 - The above will be an issue for our council with the new builds for earthquake prone buildings. There will be an increase budgets particularly because of the cost of depreciation funding.
 - There were a series of slides illustrating comparisons between New Zealand and other OECD countries. The message here was we are slipping behind and will need a reset.
 - Again, this presentation should have been longer. The first safety presentation by Susan Freeman-Greene of over an hour was too long.
- E. Sam Stubbs – Managing Director, Simplicity
- This was on unpacking financing of infrastructure – the long term solution.
 - There has been a tidal wave of investment dollars in New Zealand. The sequence of overseas investment was –
 - English money
 - American money – think of the period around the war
 - Lately Japanese money
 - Kiwi Saver \$\$ investments continue to grow. You assume that this Kiwi Saver money will be continued to be invested in New Zealand.
 - Kiwi Saver will in the future have \$250 billion to invest – this will solve our investment needs.

- Message here is that the next 25 years for New Zealand will be prosperous??
 - Aussie started this process earlier – they have 5 times our population but 50 times the investment in savings per capita.
- F. Anthony Walker – Standard & Poors
- This discussion was what is behind our credit rating downgrades.
- G. LGNZ Update – Sam Broughton (Chair) / Susan Freeman-Green (CE)
- The appointment of a replacement for Susan has been commenced but that appointment will be finalised by the new National Council after Local Government elections.
 - Scott Necklen will be the Acting CE to fill the gap.
 - Rates cappings – Government has been clear it wants to see control of rate increases but National Council wants to hold firm on no rates caps.
- H. Minister's Address – Hon. Chris Penk
- To speed up the economy there are changes coming to simplify the Building Acts and Public Works Acts.
 - We think too often council is left as the last man standing regarding consents (e.g. leaky homes). Therefore councils become risk adverse whereas Government wants to rebalance that liability. What the Minister is referring to is where builders can opt to go out of business to avoid a liability for leaky homes etc and then start again under a new registration business. This is good news for the sector!
 - Minister hopes to see an aggregation of councils re building authorities, potentially another new CCOs set up like LWDW? At this stage he is wanting a voluntary aggregation.
 - The BCA authority not now needed to a single residential unit where infrastructure is available by an accredited builder. In these cases council would have no liability.
 - Building companies with a qualified track record could self-certify.
- I. There were two case studies revealed of which the second one was the most interesting. This is where sports facilities done well have resulted in community growth.
- J. Te Ahu a Turanga – new road replacing the Manawatu Gorge, lessons learned –
- This told the success of working early with Iwi. James Kendrick, Nga Tuhoe, spoke passionately and well.
 - Iwi engagement on this project had a budget of \$10m – only needed less than \$4m because engagement was early and genuine.
- K. Minister's Address – Simon Watts
- Q&A session only – points raised –
 - i) I am impressed with collaboration, LWDW, in the North Island.
 - ii) We will allow councils, LWDW, to go alone unless they are deemed not to be financially sustainable.
 - iii) "I (Minister) am leading a policy approach to rates capping design". There are different designs to this in other countries.
 - iv) We need to address the inflationary process on rates rises – they are too high.
 - v) But rates capping should not restrain growth – there is a way through that.

- vi) In response to a question regarding funding of tourism in places such as Queenstown – “I want tourism to drive economic growth and one size doesn’t fit all, I will work with Local Authorities”.

Mayor’s Comments –

- *Government wants Back to Basics principles from councils*
 - *Government wants Local Government to deal with unemployment via the Mayors Taskforce for Jobs programme*
 - *Government wants councils to deal with educational truancy. The question is how does this align with a Back to Basics principle?*
- The Minister also accepted that Central Government does drive costs for Local Government and again the response is “a need for dialogue and one size doesn’t fit all”.
 - The Minister then spoke about Regional Deals –
 - i) These deals will provide for certainty of funding for large capex programmes.
 - ii) The first Regional Deal will be signed off before Christmas.
 - iii) “There is a cost in doing nothing and a cost in delay of projects”.
 - iv) City Regional Deal will bring partnerships between Local Government and Central Government.
 - “There is no Government talk on amalgamation but we will support councils who want to consider it”.

TE RUNANGA O NGATI HINEMANU ME NGATI PAKI OPENING OF FRESH WATER SCIENCE LAB

On 17 May I attended the opening of the Fresh Water Science Lab at Winiata Marae. This is the first Iwi lead water testing lab in the country and I congratulate them for it. They have gone through a process of teaching their rangatahi how to collect water samples, how to prepare them and test them in the lab. Again this is impressive. This process has been supported and backed by Auckland University in association with Downer NZ.

HUNTERVILLE POLICING

Recently the local police and Area Commander Neil Forlong advised me that with the local officer in Hunterville transferring there would be a review undertaken as to how policing would be serviced in Hunterville. No decisions have been made at this point. When a decision is made by the Regional Commander there will be further consultation. I then advised the Hunterville Community Committee and suggested a public meeting. The meeting on 21 May was attended by Neil Forlong and Sgt David Fraser, our MP Suze Redmayne, myself, Carol Gordon our Chief Executive, Deputy Mayor Dave Wilson and about 40 residents. Total support from the community was for a local police manning and presence. This was a genuine discussion covering roles and who the funders are – in this case NZTA Highway Control are a principal funder. We will now wait for the next steps.

MARTON POOL

As everybody is aware the Marton swimming pool suffered serious damage with one of the main leading trusses dropping by nearly a metre. The pool has been closed while council undertakes a review. Some of the salient points are –

- a) There has been an exhaustive look at the total future of the pool as to what is required to make it safe, comply with regulations and be fit for the next 40-50 years. The consultants that we had doing this work, Create, have expertise in this field and have produced a lengthy report giving a variety of options, ranging from a quick fix repair to the beams at a cost of under \$1m to a total refit of the building dealing with virtually all the issues and a possible

reconfiguration of the 50m pool to a 25m pool with other hydro therapy/learn to swim options etc.

- b) Fortunately a community member has approached council and offered to substantially fund the repair of the roof. This comes at a cost of in excess of \$2m and we as a community and council are deeply appreciative of the gesture made. If the replacement of the roof and strengthening of the walls proceeds to tender, the funder has agreed, in view of transparency, to make their details known. Council is looking to tender the strengthening of the walls, the total replacement of the roof including a new clear-lite type product to let in light and help with heating. This is Stage 1.
- c) As part of that work there will need to be a number of building issues looked at to comply with existing regulations and council will consider how that can be internally financed.
- d) We will also actively look for other external funders and agencies such as Lotteries. If there are other businesses that would consider supporting us please get in contact with me.
- e) I was always hopeful that we would have this project underway this coming summer. That is my aim but many people tell me that timeframe is unlikely. As we know more we will talk to the community.

HEALTH SERVICES

The provision of health services in our district needs review. In the northern part of the district I commend Mokai Patea Services for the work they have done with Taihape Health to look at providing those services. Recently I sent a letter to the Minister asking for clarification on why the transfer of facilities from Te Whatu Ora to Mokai Patea Services has been delayed and requested a meeting. The Minister is Simeon Brown now and he has recently written to me agreeing to a meeting in Parliament on 4 June. This is a huge step forward. I will update a more detailed report and give Councillor Piki Te Ora Hiroa the opportunity to speak further on this as part of my Mayor's Report. She is the expert and I applaud her dedication to this project.

Mayor's Engagements

May 2025

1	Attended LGNZ All of Government meeting in Wellington Attended Mayors Taskforce for Jobs meeting
2	Attended the second TUIA Powhiri and Wananga at Taheke Marae Rotorua
4	Attended the Annual Plan Community meeting at Scotts Ferry
5	Attended meeting with Chief Executive Attended Mayors Taskforce for Jobs Governance Group meeting
6	Attended meeting with Chief Executive Attended Regional Transport Matters Regional Chiefs' Matters fortnightly catch-up Attended annual Audit NZ meeting Attended Tripartite Monthly Mayoral online meeting Attended weekly meeting with Deputy Mayor
7	Attended interview with Breeze Radio Station on Bulls Township Attended meeting with Chief Executive

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	<p>Attended monthly Governors Q&A session with Executive Leadership Team</p> <p>Attended Youth Award Nomination Assessments meeting</p> <p>Attended quarterly NZTA Regional Relationship meeting</p>
8	<p>Attended meeting with Chief Executive</p> <p>Attended Marton Office & Library fortnightly governance meeting</p> <p>Attended LWDW Elected Members Hui in Palmerston North</p> <p>Attended Business After 5 function in Marton</p>
9	<p>Attended Accelerate35 Lead Team Meeting in Palmerston North</p> <p>Attended online Mayoral Meeting</p> <p>Attended Meet & Greet with Rangitikei College Principal Penny Keet</p> <p>Attended Mayors & CE's Online LWDW meeting</p>
10	Attended working bee at Marton Historical Society
12	<p>Attended meeting with Chief Executive</p> <p>Attended meeting with Arohanui Hospice team</p> <p>Attended LGNZ Transport Forum online meeting</p>
13	<p>Attended meeting with Chief Executive</p> <p>Attended meeting with Andy Justice – Kiwiburn 2025 Debrief</p> <p>Attended LWDW online meeting with DIA</p> <p>Attended weekly meeting with Deputy Mayor</p>
14	<p>Attended meeting with Chief Executive</p> <p>Attended Bulls Community Committee meeting</p>
15	<p>Attended meeting with Chief Executive</p> <p>Attended Annual Plan Hearing meeting</p> <p>Attended Council Workshop</p> <p>Attended SLUI Advisory Group meeting in Palmerston North</p>
16	<p>Attended meeting with Chief Executive</p> <p>Attended LWDW Workshop in Palmerston North</p>
17	Attended Te Runanga O Ngati Hinemanu Me Ngati Paki Opening of Fresh Water Science Lab at Winiata Marae Taihape
18	<p>Attended Marton Car Show</p> <p>Attended Marton Historical Society day across the district museums</p>
19	<p>Attended breakfast meeting with Mayor Helen Worboys</p> <p>Attended relationship meeting with Horizons governors and RDC elected members</p>
20	<p>Attended meeting with Chief Executive</p> <p>Attended Regional Transport Matters Regional Chiefs' Matters fortnightly catch-up</p> <p>Attended Mayors Taskforce for Jobs F26 online update</p> <p>Attended meeting with Sport Whanganui representatives about rangatahi sport in district</p>

	Attended weekly meeting with Deputy Mayor
21	Attended meeting with Chief Executive Attended public meeting in Hunterville re Hunterville Policing
22	Attended meeting with Chief Executive Attended Marton Office & Library fortnightly governance meeting Attended Assets & Infrastructure meeting Attended LWDW Deliberations meeting Attended LWDW Mayoral Steering Group online meeting
23	Attended staff Pink Ribbon High Tea
26	Attended meeting with Chief Executive
27	Attended meeting with Chief Executive Attended site visit at Taihape Attended weekly meeting with Deputy Mayor
28	Attended meeting with Chief Executive Attended Creative Communities Scheme meeting
29	Attended meeting with Chief Executive Attended Finance/Performance Committee Meeting Attended Council Meeting
30	To attend meeting with Chief Executive To attend new staff Whanaungatanga To attend fortnightly Economic Development meeting with staff To attend LWDW Mayoral Steering Group meeting

Attachments:

1. Elected Member Attendance - May [↓](#)

Recommendation

That the Mayor's Report – May 2025 be accepted.

Date	Meeting	HWTM	Wilson	Carter	Dalgety	Duncan	Hiroa	Lambert	Loudon	Maughan	Sharland	Raukawa	Wong	Notes
27-Mar-25	Council Meeting	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	AP	PR	
3-Apr-25	Turakina CC	CB		PR										
7-Apr-25	Hunterville RWS	PR			PR			PR						
8-Apr-25	TRAK	PR					PR					PR	AT	
9-Apr-25	Taihapa CB	CB				AP							PR	
9-Apr-25	Marton CC	PR	PR							PR				
9-Apr-25	Santoft Domain	CB		PR										
10-Apr-25	AIN Workshop	PR	PR	PR	PR	AP		AP	PR	AP	PR		PR	
10-Apr-25	Policy/Planning	PR	PR			AP	AP	PR	PR	AP	PR		PR	
14-Apr-25	Hunterville CC	PR			PR			PR						
15-Apr-25	Community Grants	PR		PR	PR	PR			PR		PR		PR	
15-Apr-25	Sport Travel Fund	PR	PR							AP				
16-Apr-25	Council Hearing	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	AP	PR	PR	AP	PR	PR	PR	
30-Apr-25	Finance/Performance	PR	PR	AP	PR						PR		PR	
30-Apr-25	Council Meeting	PR	PR	AP	PR	PR	AP	PR	PR	PR	PR	AP	PR	
14-May-25	Bulls CC													Minutes not completed
15-May-25	Council Hearing	PR	PR	PR	AP	AP	PR	PR	AP	PR	PR	PR	PR	
22-May-25	AIN Meeting	PR	PR	PR	AP	AP	PR	AP	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	
22-May-25	Council Meeting	PR	PR	PR	PR	AP	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	

Present (and is a member of the committee)	PR
Apology	AP
Absent - no apology received	AB
Not a member of the committee	
Not a member of the committee (but still attended)	AT
Not present as on Council business	CB
Attended via Zoom [this indicator is no longer used]	ZM

9.3 Consultation Tracker - May**Author:** Kezia Spence, Governance Advisor**1. Reason for Report**

- 1.1 This is included for the committee's information. The attached schedule will be update regularly.
- 1.2 This dashboard highlights the topic, staff lead and expected consultation period. There is a lot planned across the local government sector and for our Council over the next 12 months, so it is of benefit to provide this to not only Council but also our Community Committees on a monthly basis.

2. RDC Website

- 2.1 Council's website lists all open and recently closed consultations (see the below weblink). This is also where individuals can make submissions.
<https://www.rangitikei.govt.nz/council/consultation/current-consultations>

Attachments:


1. Consultation Tracker May [↓](#)

Recommendation

That the report 'Consultation Tracker – May' be received.

2025 Consultation Tracker

Rangitikei District Council



Project	Staff Lead	Jan-25	Feb-25	Mar-25	Apr-25	May-25	Jun-25	Jul-25	Aug-25	Sep-25	Oct-25	Nov-25	Dec-25				
Local Water Done Well	Arno	Adoption of Consultation doc - 26th Feb		Consultation 5th March - 2nd April		Deliberations - 22 May				WSDP submitted to Govt.							
District Plan Review						Engagement			Notification								
Urban Growth Plan Change	Tiffany																
Annual Plan	Janna			Adoption of CD & draft annual plan - 27 Mar	Consultation 4 April - 5 May	Hearing - 15 May	Deliberations - 5 June										
Fees & Charges	Janna			Adopt of draft consultation - 27 Mar	Consultation as part of Annual Plan	Hearing - 15 May	Deliberations - 5 June										
Dangerous and Insanitary Buildings Policy	Janna/Bryan																
Waste Management and Minimisation Plan	Arno/Raj			Adoption of draft WMMP - 27 Mar	Consultation as part of Annual Plan	Hearing - 15 May	Deliberations - 5 June										
									Est. meeting to decide preferred option								
Marton-Bulls Wastewater Centralisation Plan	Arno																
Local Body Elections	Katrina					National, regional, local campaign				Pre-election period		Election					
Māori Wards Referendum	Katrina					National, regional, local campaign						Election					
Bulls Recreation Master Plan	Tiffany			Engagement		Workshops											
Upcoming but unconfirmed projects																	
Marton Streetscape Plan Rangitikei Tomorrow: Economic Strategy and Action Plan																	

9.4 Funding Schemes Update - June 2025

Author: Kezia Spence, Governance Advisor

1. Overview

- 1.1 Council currently administers four funding schemes for the Rangitikei District, these are:
 - a. Community Initiatives Fund
 - b. Events Sponsorship Scheme
 - c. Creative Communities Scheme
 - d. Sport NZ Rural Travel Fund

2. Community Initiatives Fund

- 2.1 This is a Council fund intended to support community-based projects in the Rangitikei District that develop community cohesion and community resilience.
- 2.2 Council allocated \$30,000 to this fund annually, to be distributed across two separate funding rounds.
- 2.3 Round two for 2024/25 decisions were made at the April Community Grants Committee meeting with funds totalling \$10,340.
- 2.4 Successful applicants were:
 - 2.4.1 Whanganui Area Neighbourhood Support Groups
 - 2.4.2 Brain Injury Association Whanganui
 - 2.4.3 Marton Food Pantry
 - 2.4.4 Bulls Toy Library
 - 2.4.5 Forest and Bird Inc, Rangitikei Branch
 - 2.4.6 Taihape Community Development Trust
 - 2.4.7 Rangitikei MMA

3. Events Support Scheme

- 3.1 This is a Council fund intended to support events in the district that help to develop community cohesion and reinforce economic growth.
- 3.2 Council has allocated \$25,000 to this fund annually, to be distributed across two separate funding rounds.
- 3.3 Round two for 2024/25 decisions were made at the April Community Grants Committee meeting with funds totalling \$4,048.
- 3.4 Successful applicants were:
 - 3.4.1 Bulls and District Community Trust
 - 3.4.2 Gumboots Brass and Wind Ensemble

4. Creative Communities Scheme

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- 4.1 This fund is supplied by Creative NZ and administered by Council. Applications are encouraged from community groups and individuals whose projects:

- Demonstrate growth over time
- Develop and support local artistic communities
- Encourage a transfer of artistic skills
- Support diversity and inclusion
- Projects with a youth focus are also encouraged

- 4.2 Creative NZ typically allocates \$24,090 (+ GST) to the Rangitikei District Council on an annual basis, and this is distributed across two separate funding rounds.

- 4.3 Round two for 2024/25 decisions were made at the May Creative Communities meeting with funds totalling \$10,992.82.

4.3.1 Square Edge Community Arts – Project: Arts Trail Manawatu

4.3.2 Bulls & District Community Trust – Art 4 Arts Sake & Youth Hip Hop

4.3.3 Kathryn Clark – Project: Bands in Schools 2025

4.3.4 Marton Players Inc – Screen Projection Onstage

5. Sport NZ Rural Travel Fund

- 5.1 This fund is supplied by Sport NZ and administered by Council. The fund is targeted at young people aged between 5 and 19 years and is open to rural sport club teams and rural school club teams with eligible members who require subsidies to assist with transport expenses to local sporting competitions.

- 5.2 Sport NZ allocated \$9,500 (+ GST) to the Rangitikei District Council on an annual basis. There is one funding round per year.

- 5.3 The full amount of funding was spent at the Sport NZ committee meeting on the 15 April between six clubs and schools.

6. Further Information

- 6.1 More details about these funding opportunities can be found on the Council website (link below) and this is also where applications can be submitted:

<https://www.rangitikei.govt.nz/district/community/grants-funding>

Recommendation

That the Funding Schemes Update – June 2025 be received.

9.5 Small Projects Fund Update - June 2025**Author: Kezia Spence, Governance Advisor****1. Allocation**

- 1.1 The yearly allocation of the 2024/25 Small Projects Fund for the Marton Community Committee is \$4,167.19, this includes the carry-forward of \$667.19.

2. Breakdown of Allocation

- 2.1 The full amount was spent within the financial year.

3. Resolutions

- 3.1 Set words for Small Projects Fund resolutions below going forward.

- 3.1.1 Marton Community Committee agree to the payment of \$[specify the amount] to [entity or person] for [describe purpose], this amount to be transferred to the bank account of [name of bank account].

Recommendation

That the report 'Small Projects Fund Update –June 2025' be received.

9.6 Project Updates Report - June 2025**Author: Arno Benadie, Chief Operating Officer****Authoriser: Carol Gordon, Chief Executive****1. Reason for Report**

- 1.1 This is a monthly report on progress on significant projects currently being delivered by Council's Project Office.

2. Key Highlights from Current Projects**Wastewater Projects****2.1 Marton to Bulls Wastewater Centralisation (Project Manager – Steve Carne)**

- 2.2 Responding to the contents of the Taumata Arowai Discharge Standards, the project team has refined the shortlisted options as follows –

- Option 1 - 100% Discharge to land- treatment plant at the RDC-owned site.
- Option 2 - Combined discharge to land and river – treatment plant at Bulls.
- Option 3 - Combined discharge to land and river – treatment plants at Marton and Bulls.
- Option 4 - 100% Discharge to river – standards as per the draft Wastewater Discharge standards (moderate dilution environment).
- Option 5 - 100% Discharge to river – discharge requirements as per the Horizon One Plan (i.e. the treatment assumptions in the long list options report).

Variants on Options 1 and 4 involving storm water inflow and infiltration reduction works, and reduced plant design flows are also being investigated.

- 2.3 A Design Report on each of these Options is anticipated to be supplied before the end of May 2025.
- 2.4 Costing of these options are anticipated to be completed by early June.
- 2.5 The team will be ready to identify a preferred option by the end of June. However, it has been decided that the identification of the preferred option will not be carried out until the Wastewater Discharge Standards are finalised. Taumata Arowai advised that this is anticipated for early August.
- 2.6 It is proposed that a preferred option will be identified immediately after this and that the preferred option will be presented to the last current Council meeting in late August for ratification.
- 2.7 Taumata Arowai have also advised on 13 May that RDC may fall within the Interim provisions of Standards re operating on expired consents and that Horizons' insistence

of consent lodgement before June 30, 2026, may not be valid. We are currently seeking clarification from Taumata Arowai on this point before advising Horizons.

- 2.8 Review of the Discharge Standards indicates waterway discharges will require a far lower treatment standard than the current Horizons One Plan requirements and hence significantly lower capital cost involved in such a discharge arrangement. This was a component of the presentation by Steve Carne to the Assets and Infrastructure Committee meeting on 10 April.
- 2.9 Prioritised investigative works carried out by the team thus far have concluded that the RDC purchased land will not be able to dispose of more than 65% of current design flows. A land disposal solution will require more land, adding significantly to its costs. The associated costs may make this option unfeasible. This is currently being assessed by the project team.
- 2.10 Autosamplers are currently being installed to provide better definition on possible trade waste flow components of the flows entering the Marton and Bulls treatment plants.
- 2.11 Dialogue with ANZCO Bulls is ongoing to determine the feasibility and appropriateness of incorporating their discharge into the Bulls plant inlet. ANZCO Bulls would become a trade waste customer of RDC under this scenario. Iwi have indicated that a single discharge at this point would be viewed more favourably by them as part of the consenting process. Discussions will evolve further once the additional components of capex and Opex due to the ANZCO Bulls flow are determined.
- 2.12 Value engineering inputs on the shortlisted options have considered demand management scenarios involving inflow/infiltration reduction and reduction of water consumption.
- 2.13 A community awareness and engagement campaign is currently being formulated which will have preparatory information released in the 2025 calendar year but needs to be coordinated with other campaigns around Local Water Done Well reforms.

Water Projects

3. Marton Water Strategy (Project Manager – Steve Carne)

- 3.1 A design consultancy with WSP has almost completed design of the inlet work. This is inclusive of a permanent pump for the new Reservoir Bore and some new inlet pipework.
- 3.2 A draft contract and warranty condition was tabled to main treatment plant contractor GFS on 18 March. The finalised warranty condition will be presented to Council for consideration.
- 3.3 Queries and clarifications submitted by Council officers and agents are providing further detail on GFS' offer. Responses to some of these clarifications and queries were obtained and others are yet to be addressed by GFS.
- 3.4 Detailed contract negotiations continue.
- 3.5 Details of the waste stream from the proposed plant are yet to be evolved and finalised.
- 3.6 Relocation of the pilot plant to the Reservoir Bore site will be finalised after completion of the contract negotiations.

- 3.7 Extended full capacity testing of the 10-year-old Tutaenui Bore has been completed and indicating that sustainable yield (stable water levels without on-going unacceptable drawdown) of this bore is of the order of 3-3.1ML/day.
- 3.8 Staff are working towards a communication strategy to keep the Marton community up to date with progress.

Community Facilities

4. Marton Offices and Library (Project Manager - Eswar Ganapathi)

- 4.1 Council authorised staff to proceed with the Emergency Operations Centre (EOC) as a separate project independent of the Marton Offices and Community Hub.
- 4.2 Team Architects have now been engaged to provide Design Consultancy services for the EOC project.
- 4.3 Initial Urban Design review report was presented to RDC and was reviewed internally. Staff identified a combination of scenarios 1A and 3 to be ideal. *The Urban Design report is provided as a separate attachment (Attachment 1).*
- 4.4 Staff have been working with the Ruapehu EOC building footprint as the base for the EOC build while modifying the internal layout to suit RDC's purposes better.
- 4.5 Soil contamination and Geotechnical survey contracts have been signed and the work will begin in June.
- 4.6 Staff have been liaising with Maycroft on the contract details with a second meeting scheduled for 13 May 2025.

5. Marton Swim Centre Structural Remediation

- 5.1 During the April 2025 Council meeting a report was presented to Council that provided a more detailed analysis of the options available for the Marton Swim Centre. This report aimed at providing more detailed information to facilitate Council's decision making for how to address the structural issue with the Marton Swim Centre.
- 5.2 Council agreed to proceed with investing in the repair of the Marton Swim Centre and to upgrade the existing facility to modern standards. Council selected the Base Recommendation option as their preferred option.
- 5.3 This option proposes that the swim centre main pool hall is strengthened and includes a range of repairs and some replacement of end of life or out of date assets. This option excludes any upgrades to the changing rooms and reception area.
- 5.4 The items identified in this option will be phased to align with available funding. The first items to be actioned will be the replacement of the roof and the earthquake strengthening of the main pool hall.
- 5.5 The remainder of the upgrades will be included in future years depending on available funding.
- 5.6 The scope of work to be included in this first phase of repairs and upgrades are being finalised. Once this has been completed the design of the items included in the scope will start.

- 5.7 The construction of the phase 1 repairs and upgrades are expected to be completed by June 2026.

6. Financial Implications

- 6.1 This report does not identify and financial implications.

7. Impact on Strategic Risks

- 7.1 No impacts on strategic risks

8. Strategic Alignment

- 8.1 All projects are aligned with strategic goals.

9. Mana Whenua Implications

- 9.1 All Mana Whenua implications are managed by the individual projects.

10. Climate Change Impacts and Consideration

- 10.1 There is no climate change impact.

11. Statutory Implications

- 11.1 There are no statutory implications.

Attachments:

- 1. **Marton Offices Urban Design Report** [↓](#)

Recommendation 1

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

NZS3916 Contract approach**Separable Portion 1 = Design & Cost Plan – Fixed Fee of \$1,423,155****3 June 2025 – 20 August 2026****Stage 1: Project Setup, Design & Build Parameter Setting, Geotech/Soil/Asbestos Review**

Aim: To ensure the design team are clear on the boundaries they are working within and to resolve the biggest risk (at this stage) to the budget.

Maycroft Outputs: Final Design QMP, Staging Plan, Consenting Plan, Communications Plan, Project Risk Register, Baseline Programme v1, Updated Budget

Rangitikei District Council Outputs: Agreed Design Parameters (including floor area reconciliation), Geotech & Soil Contamination Reports, Confirm HRC involvement, Confirm EOC details.

Review and Approvals: Design Brief, Baseline Programme v1 & Updated Budget

Stage 2: Concept Design

Aim: To provide 1 concept design (including rough floor plans, elevations, site plans and illustrative sketches/3D views) in a manner that allows for stakeholder engagement and modular decision making on the final scope of the building, prior to moving to preliminary/developed design.

Maycroft Outputs: Concept Design, Draft Construction Methodology, Updated Budget

Rangitikei District Council Outputs: None

Review and Approvals: Concept Design & Updated Budget

Stage 3: Preliminary Design

Aim: To expand and develop further detail around the Concept Design and start to finalize spatial definition (consider the use of an RDC nominated interior designer/furniture supplier to support), solutions and test alternative options regarding structural approach, cladding types, roof forms and significant building services. Commence preliminary engagement with the supply chain to confirm market availability and cost. Commence resource consenting.

Maycroft Outputs: Preliminary Design, Resource Consent Applications (Change of use – if needed)

Rangitikei District Council Outputs: Confirmation of EOC building interface requirements with MOCH (if any) and EOC delivery programme.

Review and Approvals: Preliminary Design & Updated Budget

Stage 4: Developed Design & Final Estimate

Aim: To ensure that all design decisions (from all consultants including structural, mechanical, electrical, plumbing & drainage, fire and landscaping) are finalised and incorporated (including materials and finishes), allowing for a clear understanding of how

the construction will be managed, a reasonably accurate estimate of the final cost and an understanding of the potential subcontractors that could be involved (we'd recommend a meet the buyer style event in this stage, to try and support the inclusion of local suppliers). Confirmation that the design meets all the required codes, regulations and commence building consenting.

Maycroft Outputs: Developed Design, Final Construction Methodology CMP, Draft Construction QMP, Draft Environmental Management Plan, Subcontractor Shortlist, Baseline Programme v2, Final Estimate (including fixed P&G), Resource Consent Applications (NES / Earthworks)

Rangitikei District Council Outputs: None

Review and Approvals: Developed Design, Subcontractor Shortlist and Final Estimate

Stage 5: Detailed Design & Final Price

Aim: To ensure the construction team have all the information they need to commence the build and that consents can be issued.

Maycroft Outputs: Detailed Design Documentation (including specifications), Producer Statements, Final Construction QMP, Approved Consents, Final Programme v3, Fixed Lump Sum Price

Rangitikei District Council Outputs: Instruction to proceed with construction (Separable Portion 2)

Review and Approvals: Detailed Design, Fixed Lump Sum Price

Separable Portion 2 = Construction & Handover – Provisional Sum of \$13,576,845

20 August 2026 – 23 December 2027

Stage 6: Site Establishment & Procurement

Stage 7: Demo & Groundworks

Stage 8: Main Construction

Stage 9: Practical Completion & Handover

Stage 10: Defects Liability & Final Completion

Stage 11: Warranty/Guarantee Period

Exclusions:

- Works associated with the EOC.
- Contaminated ground
- Removal of underground tanks
- Changes in levels within building or site retaining walls
- Loose FF&E, AV equipment and Security & CCTV
- Contract bond
- Insurances
- New Transformer
- Development Levies

46-59 High Street, Marton

Rangitikei District Council Marton Offices, Community Hub & EOC

Design Brief

19 May 2025



Site location

McIndoe Urban Limited

59 High Street, Marton – Design Brief

19 May 2025

Site analysis

The 5,640m² site fronts High Street between William Street and Grey Street. Although part of the General Residential Zone, the site has hosted council offices since 1876 and presents as the western extremity of Marton's town centre.

With a sequence of free-standing heritage buildings, High Street can be seen as a 'civic axis', which complements the continuous facades and commercial character of nearby Broadway.

The old Courthouse, Women's Restroom (now Plunket) and Library have landscaped forecourts that give a leafy appearance to High Street's southern frontage. Intermittent vegetation merges with the front gardens of residential properties, which provide a consistent edge condition west of Stewart Street.

In contrast, High Street's northern frontage is almost devoid of planting. Properties are only partially built-up, but forecourts are paved for vehicular use. Within this relatively open fabric, spatial definition relies on one and two-storey structures that occupy the street edge and are seen in-the-round. The present Rangitikei District Council offices continue this pattern one block further to the west.

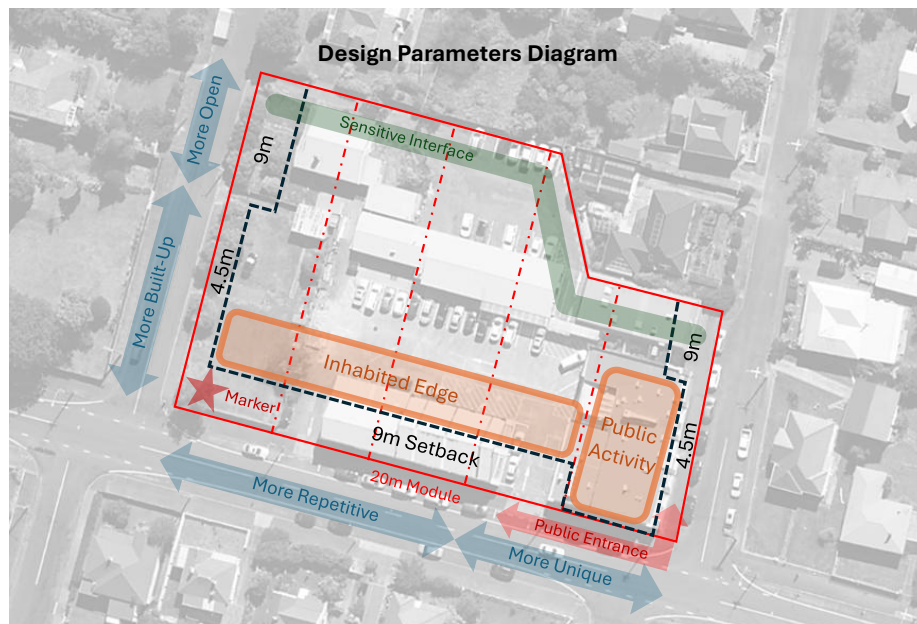
In this context, the three houses at 40-44 High Street appear anomalous, and the subject site provides the real interface between 'civic' and residential character. To some extent, this relationship is mediated by the exceptional size of 64 High Street. Comprising at least three standard residential lots, this property introduces a heavily planted 50m wide open space on the western side of Grey Street. Conversely, the juxtaposition across High Street is unmediated by landscape. Street trees are absent, and the EOC and RDC offices confront a row of dwellings with mostly open frontages.

The site's other sensitive residential interface occurs at shared mid-block boundaries with 53 Grey Street and 10 William Street. Both properties are exposed to development at the rear of the RDC land.

On the southern side of High Street, the width of residential lots varies from 12m to 40m. However, recurring 16m and 20m wide lots bring a noticeable rhythm to the streetscape. Front setbacks are relatively uniform. If outliers at numbers 57 and 61 are excluded, houses are typically located 9-10m from the street edge. Frontages are fenced and planted. However, landscape treatments differ markedly. Some properties are open to the street while others are almost fully concealed by vegetation.

Dwellings are predominantly single-storey, although 45 High Street is a prominent exception to this pattern. Most street elevations are composed of a primary form and a projecting secondary volume with relatively consistent measurements. When added to common lot sizes, these building dimensions allow a typical High Street property to be described. Notionally, a parcel measures 20m by 33m and includes a dwelling with 5m and 10m modules.

The Design Parameters Diagram summarises relevant dimensions and relationship (see below).



Design principles

1. Organise buildings and open spaces in an orthogonal composition that aligns with High Street and encompasses the entire site.

Rationale:

- Site and context are already strongly gridded.
- Consistent alignments aid efficiency and promote visual unity.
- Landscaped forecourts are an integral part of High Street's heritage sites.
- Buildings and open spaces interact in mutually supportive ways.

2. Create a strong architectural statement by building on (or near) the street edge at the corner of High Street and William Street.

Rationale:

- Council offices have occupied this corner site since 1876.
- A built-up corner continues a pattern on the northern side of High Street.
- A prominent corner volume helps to create a public threshold to the site.
- Corner features can include cultural elements associated with local iwi.

3. Elsewhere, set buildings back behind landscaped frontages that relate to the forecourts of heritage buildings and the front gardens of residential properties.

Rationale:

- A landscaped setback mediates between 'civic' and residential characters.
- Perimeter planting helps to mitigate the visual impact of new buildings.
- A strong 'buildings-in-grounds' tradition exists for civic campuses.
- A cultural marker can occupy the corner of Grey Street and High Street.

4. Ensure that the complex's main public entrance directly addresses High Street. Locate this entrance at or near the William Street corner.

Rationale:

- *High Street is Marton's 'civic axis' and principal route of approach.*
- *The corner of High Street and William Street is an obvious point of arrival.*
- *An area can be incorporated into the landscaped setback on High Street.*
- *The residential character of Grey Street and William Street should be respected.*

5. Locate intensively occupied spaces and publicly relevant activities along High Street ensuring that active building edges turn the corner into Grey Street and William Street.

Rationale:

- *Important internal spaces should be recognisable on the exterior.*
- *Internal activity provides a reliable source of visual interest.*
- *Visitors and passersby feel safer when there are 'eyes on the street'.*
- *Buildings are seen 'in-the-round' because the site has frontages on three sides.*

6. Ensure that site plan, building massing and facade articulation acknowledge the recurring dimensions found within nearby residential fabric.

Rationale:

- *Existing residential fabric has modules measuring 5m, 10m and 20m (approx.).*
- *Combining small, medium and large units provides visual interest.*
- *Different sized modules help to produce sympathetic scale.*
- *Composite massing can express distinct components of accommodation.*

7. Ensure that some plan-based modules and units of surface articulation are echoed in the building's roof forms or profile.

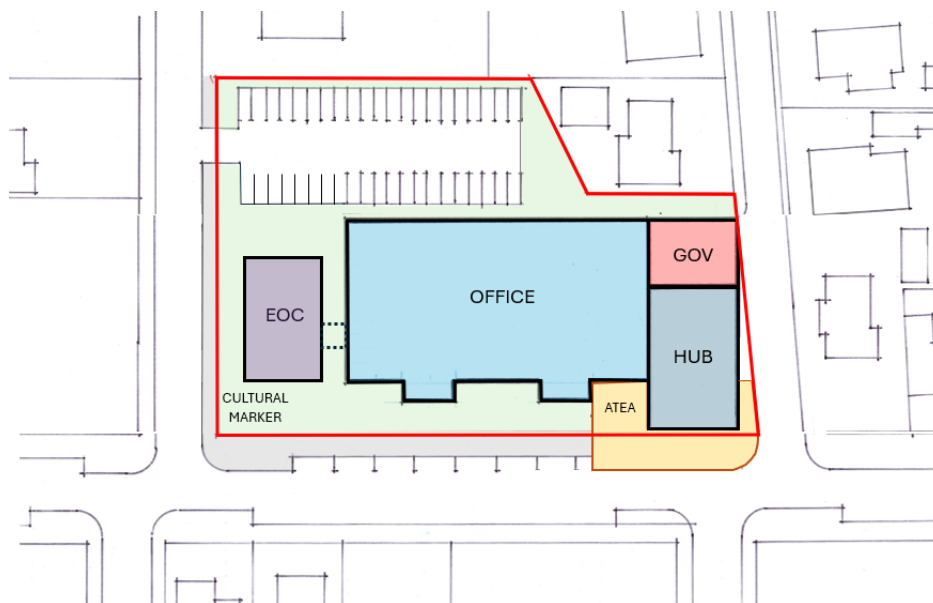
Rationale:

- *Long unbroken horizontal lines are uncharacteristic of Marton streetscape.*
- *Hip and gable roofs help to articulate existing residential fabric.*
- *A building's profile is often its most memorable feature.*
- *Congruence between plan, section and elevation increases unity.*

8. Use site planning, landscape and – if necessary – building massing to achieve a sympathetic relationship with residential properties on the site's northern boundary.

Rationale:

- *Grey Street and William Street each have a cohesive residential character.*
- *The site's relationship with its northern neighbours is not mediated by a street.*
- *During summer evenings, sun access is important for neighbouring properties.*
- *If most buildings address High Street, the north of site can be relatively open.*

Development scenario**Benefits**

1. Eventful High Street frontage.
2. Strongly defined public entrance.
3. Prominent corner location for Hub.
4. Synergy between Governance and Hub.
5. Compact footprint / efficient circulation.
6. Open space at residential interface.

Challenges

1. Exposed location for utilitarian EOC.
2. Building adjacent to William St housing.
3. Single identity for Governance / Hub.
4. Reduced setbacks on High St and William St.
5. Unbroken expanse of parking at rear.
6. Vehicle movement adjacent to housing.

Summary and conclusion

- 46-59 High St can accommodate RDC's MOCH / EOC campus.
- The site occupies a transitional location between the town centre and residential streets.
- The design needs to balance efficient land use, on-site amenity and off-site impacts.
- It is important to design buildings and open spaces together.
- EOC and associated landscape must respond to prominent corner location.

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