

# ORDER PAPER

## MARTON COMMUNITY COMMITTEE MEETING

**Date:** Wednesday, 8 October 2025  
**Time:** 6.00pm  
**Venue:** 18 Humphrey Street  
Marton

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**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 Greg Maughan  
Cr Dave Wilson  
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 for "defined small local works" in line with the guidelines provided<sup>1</sup>.
- 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.
- To engage with wider/small communities of the ward represented.

## **Quorum**

Council's Standing Orders (adopted 23 November 22) 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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<sup>1</sup> Appended to the Delegations Register

**Notice is hereby given that a Marton Community Committee Meeting of the Rangitīkei District Council will be held in the 18 Humphrey Street, Marton on Wednesday, 8 October 2025 at 6.00pm.**

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## **AGENDA**

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### **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 **Marton Community Committee Meeting held on 13 August 2025** are attached.

#### Attachments

1. **Marton Community Committee Meeting - 13 August 2025**

#### Recommendation

That the minutes of Marton Community Committee Meeting held on 13 August 2025 [**as amended/without amendment**] be taken as read and verified as an accurate and correct record of the meeting, and that the electronic signature of the Chair of this Committee be added to the official minutes document as a formal record.

# MINUTES



**RANGITIKEI**  
DISTRICT COUNCIL  
*Making this place home.*

## **UNCONFIRMED: MARTON COMMUNITY COMMITTEE MEETING**

**Date:** Wednesday, 13 August 2025  
**Time:** 6.00pm  
**Venue:** 18 Humphrey Street  
Marton

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**Present**

Mrs Carolyn Bates  
Mr David Christison  
Mrs Lyn Duncan  
Mrs Jennifer Greener  
Mrs Belinda Harvey-Larsen  
Ms Sally Moore  
Cr Dave Wilson

**In attendance**

Ms Melanie Bovey, Heritage, Culture and Committee Support Officer  
Jason Hartill, Local Resident  
Kate Wake, Local Resident  
Simon Spence, Bulls Resident  
Greg Smith, Chair Bulls Community Committee  
Justin Adams, Chair Hunterville Community Committee  
Evan McIntyre, Te Kai Whaka Ora – Marton Youth Trust

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## 1 Welcome

The Chair Carolyn Bates welcomed everyone to the meeting,

## 2 Apologies

**Resolved minute number** 25/MCC/020

That the apologies from Peter Farrell, John Whittaker, and HWTM Andy Watson be accepted.

Mrs C Bates/Mr D Christison. 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 changes in the order of business.

## 6 Confirmation of Minutes

**Resolved minute number** 25/MCC/021

That the minutes of Marton Community Committee Meeting held on 11 June 2025 **without amendment** be taken as read and verified as an accurate and correct record of the meeting.

Mrs J Greener/Mrs B Harvey-Larsen. Carried

## 7 Follow up Actions

### 7.1 Follow-up Action Items from Marton Community Committee Meetings

**Resolved minute number** 25/MCC/022

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

Mrs J Greener/Ms S Moore. Carried



## 8 Chair's Report

### 8.1 Chair's Report - August 2025

The Chair reported that she has been out and about talking to the community about the upcoming local elections, and also attended the Hunterville Community Committee meeting.

Mrs Bates provided information on the current Grey Power survey that is collecting information on "home care" in the community.

**Resolved minute number 25/MCC/023**

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

Mrs C Bates/Ms S Moore. Carried

## 9 Reports for Information

### 9.1 Mayor's Report - June 2025

The report was taken as read.

**Resolved minute number 25/MCC/024**

That the Mayor's Report for June 2025 be received.

Mrs J Greener/Mrs L Duncan. Carried

### 9.2 Mayor's Report - July 2025

The report was taken as read.

**Resolved minute number 25/MCC/025**

That the Mayor's Reports for July 2025 be received.

Mrs J Greener/Mrs L Duncan. Carried

### 9.3 Consultation Tracker - July

The report was taken as read.

**Resolved minute number 25/MCC/026**

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

Mr D Christison/Mrs C Bates. Carried

**9.4 Funding Schemes Update - August 2025**

The report was taken as read.

**Resolved minute number 25/MCC/027**

That the Funding Schemes Update – August 2025 be received.

Mrs L Duncan/Mrs J Greener. Carried

**9.5 Small Projects Fund Update - August 2025**

Three applications were received for funding from the Small Projects Fund. These were from Te Kai Whaka Ora – Marton Youth Trust, Marton Budget Service, and the Marton Arts and Crafts Centre. Evan McIntyre from Te Kai Whaka Ora – Marton Youth Trust attended the meeting to speak to his application and answered questions around the programme from the committee. In considering the applications the committee discussed whether the applicants met the criteria for receiving funding, and how to ensure as it was the committee's first meeting in the new financial year that there was sufficient funding remaining for further applications during the year.

**Resolved minute number 25/MCC/028**

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

Mrs C Bates/Mrs L Duncan. Carried

**Resolved minute number 25/MCC/029**

To not support the application for funding from the Marton Arts and Crafts Centre at this time.

Cr D Wilson/Mr D Christison. Carried

**Resolved minute number 25/MCC/030**

That the Marton Community Committee support the application from Te Kai Whaka Ora – Marton Community Trust by granting \$1,000.00 for start up costs related to providing their youth programme to Marton Schools.

Mrs B Harvey-Larsen/Mr D Christison. Carried

**Resolved minute number 25/MCC/031**

That the Marton Community Committee support the application from the Marton Budget Services by donating \$400.00 towards their costs.

Mr D Christison/Ms S Moore. Carried

**9.6 Project Update Report - July 2025**

The report was taken as read.

**Resolved minute number 25/MCC/032**

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

Mr D Christison/Mrs B Harvey-Larsen. Carried

## 10 Discussion Items

### 10.1 Property Files

Mrs Bates wanted to ensure the committee knew that Property Files are now available digitally and are no longer stored physically at the Council offices.

### 10.2 Meet the Candidates

Mrs Bates talked about the upcoming Meet the Candidates events running across the District.

### 10.3 Community Open Day

Mrs Bates talked about the upcoming Community Open Day being held at the RSA and Citizen's Memorial Hall in Marton.

**The meeting closed at 7.28pm.**

**The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Marton Community Committee held on 8 October 2025.**

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Chairperson

## **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 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	11-Jun-25	Cook's Wall updates	Jarrood	No updates	In progress
2	11-Jun-25	Marton Streetscape upgrade	Jarrood	This will be going out for community consultation in the new triennium	In progress
3	14-Feb-24	Update on Calico Line foothpath installation	Arno	There is nothing to update on this project.	In progress

**ITEM 8.1****8 Chair's Report****8.1 Chair's Report - October 2025**

**Author:** Carolyn Bates, Chair

**1. Reason for Report**

- 1.1 A verbal report will be provided during the meeting.
- 1.2 The Chair did provide some items for the committee to cover:
  - 1.2.1 Marton Health Network
  - 1.2.2 Meet the Candidates at Rangitikei College / Tutaenui Hall
  - 1.2.3 Marton Friendship Club
  - 1.2.4 MCC in the next Triennium
  - 1.2.5 Business Rangitikei AGM

**Recommendation**

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

## 9 Reports for Information

### 9.1 Mayor's Report - September 2025

**Author:** Andy Watson, His Worship the Mayor

Good afternoon

Usually my reports are very lengthy so I'm sure that some of you will breathe a sigh of relief at the brevity this time. However, there are some things that do need mentioning -

1. On 3 September the Working Group working with police met in Hunterville to discuss local policing options. All of the senior regional and district policing leaders were there in force. The meeting was constructive and the decision making will take many months but at least there is a genuine desire to engage.
2. The discussion regarding financing of the Gentle Annie roads with NZTA is difficult. NZTA's position is for our Council to reprioritise its existing funding which would leave us unable to do anything of any significance elsewhere on our network for the next two years! This will need to be a priority discussion for the next Council and probably a national level political approach.
3. On Friday 19 September there will be a meeting of forestry, roading, rail and port interests regarding a possible extension of the rail/train contract to alleviate the traffic on the Taihape-Napier Road. This will be pivotal for us – I am prepared to update further at the Council meeting.
4. Attached to this report is a response from NZTA in regard to the application for speed restrictions/signage on the Winiata straight just short of Taihape. These are discussions that are being led by Peter Hijazeen, Principal of St Joseph's School, Iwi and the Winiata Marae. We seem to have got what is a standard response, which is disappointing. The critical point will be where NZTA refers to signage – this needs to be signage at the Rauma Road junction and not just the prescribed signage outside of the school which will make very little difference to the safety and risk when turning from SH1 onto Rauma Road. I'm hoping that our roading team engages further with regards to this matter.
5. Also attached to this report is the standard reply from NZTA with regards to the Bulls intersection. It is a cop-out position where they say "...when the demand or safety concerns justify further investment". This is a rubbish position. The justification is there currently and I question whether it would take a fatality at this intersection for action to be taken. The intersection is regarded as a pinch-point officially in the network. Bulls is growing and the difficulty for people crossing the road is extreme. The bottom line is we need a response now.

### Elections

Firstly, this triennium has been tough, on both staff and councillors. The demands on staff time have been extreme and I know that I, and possibly others under pressure get frustrated around operational delays. I apologise, we are all tired and pushed. I thank staff on behalf of all councillors – we appreciate your diligence and attention to detail and the workloads you are facing.

Lastly, to councillors. To those not contesting this election, thank you to all of you for your time and sacrifice. At times it is a thankless job, you receive criticism and it is impossible to satisfy everyone. Please pass on my thanks to your families who have supported you. To those of you that are standing, good luck. Take the hiatus between terms to recharge.

## Mayor's Engagements

September 2025

1	<p>Attended meeting with Chief Executive</p> <p>Attended Climate Action Joint Committee Meeting</p> <p>Attended Mayoral Forum</p>
2	<p>Attended Emergency Management Joint Standing Committee Meeting</p> <p>Attended Regional Transport Committee Meeting</p> <p>Attended Erehon Rural Water Scheme Meeting</p> <p>Attended weekly meeting with Deputy Mayor</p>
3	<p>Attended Risk &amp; Assurance Committee Meeting</p> <p>Attended Hunterville Policing Community Meeting</p>
4	<p>Attended meeting with Chief Executive</p> <p>Attended online meeting with NZTA/Hastings DC re Taihape-Napier Road</p>
8	<p>Attended meeting with Chief Executive</p> <p>Attended online meeting with Tower Insurance</p> <p>Attended Defence Force relationship meeting at Linton</p>
9	<p>Attended monthly governors Q&amp;A session with Executive Leadership Team</p> <p>Attended debrief with Aspiring Leaders Forum attendee</p> <p>Attended meeting with Deputy Mayor</p>
10	<p>Attended fortnightly Marton Water Strategy meeting with governors and staff</p> <p>Attended Local Government Emergency Management Webinar</p>
11	<p>Attended fortnightly governance meeting on Marton Offices &amp; Library project</p> <p>Attended Assets &amp; Infrastructure Committee meeting</p> <p>Attended Council Workshop</p> <p>Attended Community Grants Committee Meeting</p>
12	<p>Attended meeting with Chief Executive</p> <p>Attended LWDW Project Oversight Group Meeting – Mayors &amp; CEs</p> <p>Attended Bulls &amp; District Friendship Club meeting</p> <p>Attended Marton Friendship Club meeting</p>
15	<p>Attended monthly breakfast meeting with Mayor Helen Worboys</p> <p>Attended Mayors Taskforce for Jobs online Governance Group meeting</p> <p>Attended Mayors Briefing before Council with Staff</p>



16	Attended weekly meeting with Deputy Mayor Attended McIntyre Reserve Meeting
17	Attended meeting with Chief Executive Attended Elected Member LWDW Hui
18	Attended Maori Land Rate Remission Committee Meeting Attended St Matthews School for talk on being Mayor Attended BA5 function at Moomaa
19	Attended meeting with Chief Executive Attended meeting Taihape-Napier Road meeting with stakeholders Attended Rangitikei College to judge Talent Quest
20	Attended Taihape Spring Festival
22	Attended meeting with Chief Executive Attended Marton Christian Welfare AGM
23	Attended meeting with NZDF staff regarding housing in Bulls Attended weekly meeting with Deputy Mayor Attended Defence Hub event at Ohakea
24	Attended fortnightly Marton Water Strategy meeting with governors and staff Attended BBQ and walkaround Tutaenui Dams Attended LWDW Project Oversight Group meeting with 3-Council Mayors/CEs
25	To attend fortnightly governance meeting on Marton Offices & Library project To attend Finance/Performance Committee Meeting To attend Council meeting
26	To attend meeting with Chief Executive To attend opening of Acute Mental Health Unit Nga Wai Ngaro at Palmerston North Hospital To attend monthly meeting with Police
29	To attend meeting with Sgt Major Sandy Paterson re Freedom of the Borough of Taihape To attend Manawatu-Whanganui Disaster Relief Fund Trust online AGM
30	To attend meeting with Chief Executive To attend Citizenship Ceremony To attend Business Rangitikei AGM To attend weekly meeting with Deputy Mayor

**Attachments:**

1. **NZTA Initial Response - SH1 Winiata Intersection - August 2025** [↓](#)
2. **NZTA Final Response - SH1/Winiata Marae - September 2025** [↓](#)
3. **NZTA Response - Bulls Intersection - September 2025** [↓](#)

**4. Elected Member Attendance** [↓](#)

**Recommendation**

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

**ITEM 9.1**

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22 August 2025

Andy Watson  
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Ref. NZT-10873

Dear Andy,

Thank you for your letter of 11 August 2025 regarding your request to reassess the speed limit and safety measures on State Highway 1 (SH1), south of Taihape.

I want to acknowledge the commitment you and the community have demonstrated in raising your safety needs with us. We recognise how important road safety is to everyone who travels, works, and lives along this stretch of highway, and we appreciate the time and advocacy invested in seeking improvements.

Under the Land Transport Rule: Setting of Speed Limits Rule 2024 (the Rule), NZ Transport Agency Waka Kotahi (NZTA) can carry out targeted speed reviews, including public consultation, in areas of high safety concern, provided they meet the Rule's requirements regarding speed limit ranges for different classifications of road. In this case, this stretch of state highway is classified as an interregional connector, which cannot have a permanent speed limit lower than 100km/h under the Rule.

While the Rule doesn't allow NZTA to review the 100km/h speed limit on this section of state highway due to its classification as an interregional connector, it does provide for the implementation of safety interventions. Such interventions can include consideration of variable speed limits (VSLs) outside of marae to protect vulnerable visitors and pedestrians.

Variable speed limits at marae would operate when there are large volumes of traffic turning out of the Marae, and in 15-minute periods when activated by the Marae to support the safety of pedestrians and vehicles associated with marae activity. With this in mind, and community feedback, NZTA have added a VSL for Winiata Marae to their list for review, subject to funding and resourcing.

Should you wish to discuss this matter further with NZTA, you are welcome to contact me by email at [linda.stewart@nzta.govt.nz](mailto:linda.stewart@nzta.govt.nz).

Yours sincerely

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**Linda Stewart**  
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5 September 2025

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Ref. NZT-10914

Dear Andy

Thank you for your letter of 11 August 2025 regarding your council's endorsement of Peter Hijazeen's submission to reassess speed limits on and around State Highway 1 (SH1) and Rauma Road.

Regarding the speed limit, our current immediate priority for speed management on state highways is implementing variable speed limits outside schools and delivering speed limit changes linked to specific projects, including intersection zones through to 1 July 2026. However, we recognise that community input is invaluable, and we continue to consider community-requested speed reviews, provided they align with the *Land Transport Rule: Setting of Speed Limits 2024* (the Rule), the speed classifications outlined in Schedule 3 of the Rule, and funding is available.

I can confirm that SH1 south of Taihape is listed on our speed management register as a regional priority through to 2027. All community-requested speed limit changes, including requests for variable speed limits (VSLs) or intersection speed zones, recorded in our register are subject to a moderation and national prioritisation process. We are working towards reviewing the speed limit at this location by the end of this year, subject to funding and resourcing. We will keep the community informed as progress is made.

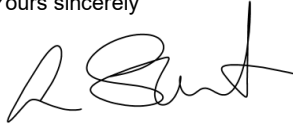
I assure you that safety remains a key priority for NZ Transport Agency waka Kotahi (NZTA), alongside the Government Policy Statement on Land Transport, which requires that speed limits take into account economic impacts (including travel times) as well as community views. Stakeholders such as councils, schools, businesses, iwi, and the public will have the opportunity to provide feedback on any proposed speed limit changes as part of the six-week public consultation required by the Rule.

Lastly, regarding your reference to the Rauma Road intersection, Mr Hijazeen queried the utility of a turning bay. However, the intersection does not currently meet the warrant criteria for a turning bay

following our analysis of the turning traffic volumes, crash data and future plans for the area. However, all feedback from local communities like yours is valued and helps inform our future decisions.

If you would like to discuss this matter further with NZTA, you are welcome to contact me by email to [linda.stewart@nzta.govt.nz](mailto:linda.stewart@nzta.govt.nz)

Yours sincerely

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5 September 2025

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Ref. NZT-10911

Dear Andy

Thank you for your letter of 20 August 2025 regarding your concerns around traffic issues at the junction of State Highways 1 and 3 (SH1 and SH3).

Improvements to this intersection are included in the *Accessing Central New Zealand Programme Business Case* (PBC), which was completed in 2020. This programme outlines a preferred set of safety and access improvements across the transport network between Waiouru, Levin, and Ashhurst, connecting with Te Ahu a Turanga: Manawātū Tararua Highway over the next 30 years. The PBC serves as a strategic guide for transport investment in the Manawātū region.

As you will be aware, transport investments must be included in the *National Land Transport Programme* (NLTP), which sets out how NZ Transport Agency Waka Kotahi (NZTA) works with partners and stakeholders to deliver a safer, more accessible, better connected, and more resilient land transport system.

The 2024–27 NLTP was confirmed last year and reflects the Government's strategic priorities for land transport, as outlined in the *Government Policy Statement on Land Transport 2024*. While improvements to the SH1/SH3 intersection in Bulls are not included in the 2024–27 NLTP, activities identified in the PBC will be considered in the development of future NLTPs.

I can also advise that the Bulls intersection is under ongoing monitoring, and improvements will be undertaken when demand or safety concerns justify further investment.

If you would like to discuss this matter further with NZTA, you are welcome to contact me by email to [linda.stewart@nzta.govt.nz](mailto:linda.stewart@nzta.govt.nz).

Yours sincerely

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Date	Meeting	HWTM	Wilson	Carter	Dalgety	Duncan	Hiroa	Lambert	Loudon	Maughan	Sharland	Raukawa	Wong	Notes
31-Jul-25	Council Meeting	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	AP	PR	AP	PR	PR	PR	
7-Aug-25	Turakina CC	PR		PR										
11-Aug-25	Hunterville RWS	PR			PR			PR		PR				
11-Aug-25	Hunterville CC	CB			PR			PR						
12-Aug-25	TRAK	PR				PR	PR					AP		
13-Aug-25	Taihapa CB	PR				PR							PR	
13-Aug-25	Marton CC	CB	PR											
14-Aug-25	Council Meeting	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	AP	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	
27-Aug-25	Santoft Domain	PR		PR										
28-Aug-25	Finance/Performance	PR	PR	PR	PR				PR	PR	PR		PR	
28-Aug-25	Council Meeting	PR	PR	PR	PR	AP	PR	AP	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	
2-Sep-25	Erewhon RWS													
3-Sep-25	RA Meeting	PR	PR		PR		PR		PR					
10-Sep-25	Bulls CC													Minutes not recieved
11-Sep-25	AIN Meeting	PR	PR	PR	PR	AP		AP	PR	AP	PR	AT	PR	
11-Sep-25	Council Workshop													
11-Sep-25	CGC Meeting	PR		PR	PR	AP			PR		PR		PR	
18-Sep-25	MLRR Meeting	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

## 9.2 Mayor's Report - August 2025

**Author:** Andy Watson, His Worship the Mayor

Good afternoon

I'd like to start by mentioning the Community Social Services Expo that took place in Marton last weekend, Saturday 23 August at the Memorial Hall. The event involved around 25 providers of social services in our district talking about what they can provide in the way of support to our community and was made possible by the actions of Cherie from Marton & Districts Budget Service. I also note with pleasure that at the recent "Stronger Together, Tātou Kaha National Forum" in Auckland, Cherie was officially recognised and received an award as one of two outstanding Financial Mentors within New Zealand. I think there are about 700 people working in this field and to have somebody like Cherie from a small rural town being recognised in this way is simply outstanding. Congratulations!



Award Winners – Cherie Ross-Broadbent (left) and Jos Merwood.

### Local Water Done Well

This Mayoral Report was written on 21 August and was the day that Horowhenua, Palmerston North and Rangitikei District Councils officially signed off the Water Services Delivery Plan to be sent to Government. This is a significant milestone in our history. We will continue to own these assets but the new water shared business will save significant money easing pressure on rates in the future. I thank councillors and staff for their work - this document represents a huge commitment of time.

The work ahead of us will also be significant but I am comfortable that we have the team in the three councils to achieve it. I suspect within the next few years there will be other councils joining us.

During the month the combined Iwi of the three districts met to work out how they can sit alongside us in this journey. It was a productive congenial hui with a genuine desire from all parties to consider how we go about this.



We are fortunate to have Chris Dyhrberg from Palmerston North City Council leading the set-up of the new entity. Chris has the experience, impressive technical skills and an approachable manner. Each council of the three councils has different strengths and all are contributing equally.

There have been a number of important meetings held over the last month and these are -

1. The Regional Commander of Police Superintendent Dion Bennett has met with me and has offered a genuine conversation around the future of policing needs in Hunterville. He has agreed to meet with a selected group of Hunterville people in September to continue this conversation. There will be a service provided from Marton in the interim, but absolutely Hunterville based, in the way of a community police officer. This trial could take a considerable length of time, around 8-9 months and it will provide opportunities for discussion about what the final arrangements will be. We need to enter these discussions in a positive mindset to best cater with both an operational and community outcomes lens.
2. I attended a meeting last week in Taihape with about 60-65 concerned residents around the Taihape West Slip Overlay. Their concerns are that the slip hasn't moved for a considerable length of time and their properties within this area are subject to specific rules under the Rangitikei District Plan which effectively prevent new dwellings being constructed or properties being subdivided. These provisions are in place to help manage the risk of movement of the slip and potential damage to property and/or infrastructure. Certainly these restrictions bring difficulties in insurance and makes it harder to sell properties. Council absolutely understands their concerns. I suspect that they will formally ask Council to review the zoning and I have suggested that if they do that it needs to be a collective approach. They are under no illusions around the difficulties of the process they will face and the time it will take to consider this. I thank Councillor Jeff Wong for being the liaison between these groups and myself and Council. Timing means that this will inevitably be faced by the new Council and new councillors will take some time to understand and consider how this may or may not progress.
3. Quite some time ago I negotiated a deal between KiwiRail, Ports of Napier, NZTA, forestry owners and trucking interests with regard to logs being carted over the Gentle Annie from the mills at Tangiwai to Napier. This was causing unsustainable damage for our district and I suggested an agreement needed to be put in place where those logs were transported by rail. Commonsense played out and a business arrangement was entered into where those logs (between 700-1000 tonne a day) were transported by rail. That agreement ceases at Christmas and the relative parties are now approaching me to get everybody back together to see what can be done for the future. On 20 August I travelled over the Gentle Annie Road to Hastings and met with Hastings District Council who are also party in these discussions and who share my concerns about both the immediate need for rebuilds of part of this road and the long term future. This is a challenging conversation for a Government that has no available money for roading other than roads of national significance. It will be a battle but it's certainly one that needs to be taken up. Currently a section of the road on our side of the divide has suffered significant damage that cannot be repaired until the summer months and will come at considerable cost. This damage is caused not only by logging trucks but from the high volume of heavy freight that is causing significant stress. Officers from Hastings District Council and Darryn Black, Roading Manager representing our roading interests will have discussions with contractors and we need to take that political discussion further with NZTA – something that is certainly on my horizon. I have attached a letter sent to Minister Bishop on 30 July expressing our concerns about the road and also housing issues in the southern part of our district that are

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directly impacted by the recently announced Government direction to stop all planning processes due to RMA changes.

4. Over the last month there have been a series of River Catchment Collective meetings throughout the Rangitikei. I appreciate the other councillors who also attended the meetings because they are incredibly important. These meetings have been set up by the farming sector, largely because they were seen over the last few years as the ones to blame for the poor quality of our waterways. With that in mind people like Roger Dalrymple set about understanding the rivers, getting farmers together and taking some responsibility for their catchments. This has resulted in huge areas being fenced off and planted and the catchment collectives (of which there are several within the district) have undertaken regular water monitoring at their own cost by way of levy on their own membership. To put this in perspective as I understand it, they do more river monitoring in the Rangitikei than Horizons do. The catchment collective looks at not only the river quality but also what other environmental issues they can consider such as Old Man's Beard and pest eradication e.g. the feral deer herds in our district in some areas are out of control. They are doing outstanding work and I absolutely commend them for this. Their work is now being recognised by Government across both parties with extra funding coming in to support them.
5. On 18 August I attended the Ngā Wai Tōtā hui in Whanganui. There are a number of Trusts, Iwi and Councils that border the Whangaehu Awa, along with the Regional Council. These groups have a legal responsibility to look after, promote and care for the Whangaehu River Catchment in much the same way that the Whanganui Awa has an identity. This was the third hui of which there will probably be one every two months, to develop the strategy as to how this proceeds, how it will be resourced and how we look to the future. There will be financial resourcing needs from the Councils in the future, however at the moment Horizons Regional Council have the responsibility to provide for these meetings.

For me this has really been a learning journey. The inaugural hui was over two days based at Tiorangi Marae in Ohakune with the first day being a field trip. As you head up State Highway 1 on the Desert Road you look across the Mount Ruapehu and what you don't realise is the huge number of tributaries that flow from the mountain, many of which are underground water sources. These catchments are collected, piped back under the road to feed power generation that our country desperately needs. As the Whangaehu Awa heads towards our western coast it runs down through vast areas of forestry emerging at Tangiwai, the site of the rail disaster in 1953. Along its journey, the Awa provides much needed resources for agriculture, industry and tourism. Understanding how this will all fit together in the future is critical and we have not only a legal responsibility to be part of all discussions but also certainly an environmental stewardship or kaitiakitanga.

## Mayor's Engagements

August 2025

2	Attended Devils on Horses Premier
4	Attended meeting with Chief Executive Attended new staff whakawhanaungatanga Attended tripartite monthly mayor meeting
5	Attended weekly meeting with Deputy Mayor

6	<p>Attended meeting with Chief Executive</p> <p>Attended monthly Governors Q&amp;A session with Executive Leadership Team</p>
7	<p>Attended Working Group meeting for National Direction Package 4</p> <p>Attended Council Workshop</p> <p>Attended Turakina Community Committee meeting</p>
8	<p>Attended meeting with Chief Executive</p> <p>Attended fortnightly economic development meeting with staff</p> <p>Attended Bulls Friendship Club meeting</p>
9	<p>Attended Marton Fire Brigade Honours Night</p>
11	<p>Attended meeting with Deputy Chief Executive</p> <p>Attended LGNZ Transport Forum online meeting</p> <p>Attended Zone 3 November Hui online preparation meeting</p> <p>Attended Hunterville Rural Water Scheme Meeting</p> <p>Attended LWDW Follow-up Hui</p> <p>Attended Hunterville Community Committee Meeting</p> <p>Attended Taihape Fire Brigade Training Night to present award to Curly Troon</p>
12	<p>Attended Regional Transport Matters   Regional Chiefs Matters fortnightly online meeting</p> <p>Attended Te Roopuu Ahi Kaa Komiti meeting</p> <p>Attended Rangitikei River Catchment Collective meeting in Taihape</p> <p>Attended weekly meeting with Deputy Mayor</p>
13	<p>Attended fortnightly Marton Water Strategy meeting with governors and staff</p> <p>Attended Taihape West Slip Zone community meeting in Taihape</p> <p>Attended Taihape Community Board meeting</p>
14	<p>Attended Marton Office &amp; Library Project Governance Fortnightly meeting</p> <p>Attended LWDW Council Meeting</p> <p>Attended Assets &amp; Infrastructure Committee workshop</p> <p>Attended Phil Transom's funeral in Taihape</p> <p>Attended DTHL After 5 function in Bulls</p>
15	<p>Attended meeting with Deputy Chief Executive</p> <p>Attended Regional Relationship meeting with NZTA</p> <p>Attended meeting with MSD staff in Palmerston North</p> <p>Attended meeting with Denise Pio (Aspiring Leaders Forum attendee)</p>
18	<p>Attended Ngā Wai Tōtā hui in Whanganui</p>
19	<p>Attended meeting with Chief Executive</p> <p>Attended LWDW Iwi Hui at Te Rangimarie Marae Rangiotu</p> <p>Attended weekly meeting with Deputy Mayor</p>

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20	Attended meeting with Mayor Sandra Hazlehurst Hastings District Council
21	Attended signing of Water Services Delivery Plan
22	Attended meeting with Chief Executive Attended MTFJ Governance Group online meeting Attended A35 Lead Team Meeting Attended Fortnightly Economic Development meeting with staff
23	Attended Marton Budget Services Social Services Expo at Memorial Hall
25	Attended breakfast meeting with Mayor Helen Worboys Attended meeting with Chief Executive Attended monthly comms meeting with staff Attended MTFJ Programme online update
26	Attended Regional Transport Matters   Regional Chiefs Matters fortnightly online meeting Attended weekly meeting with Deputy Mayor
27	Attended meeting with Chief Executive Attended fortnightly meeting with governors and staff re Marton Water Strategy Attended LWDW Online Workshop on Collaboration Agreement Attended Santoft Domain Management Committee meeting
28	Attended Marton Office & Library Project Governance Fortnightly Meeting Attended Finance/Performance Committee Meeting Attended Council Meeting

**Attachments:**

1. Letter to Minister Bishop - RMA & Roading Issues in the Rangitikei District [↓](#)
2. Elected Member Attendance [↓](#)

**Recommendation**

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

30 July 2025



Hon Chris Bishop

cc Mayor – Hastings District Council  
Suze Redmayne MP

[C.Bishop@ministers.govt.nz](mailto:C.Bishop@ministers.govt.nz)

Good afternoon Minister Bishop

I wish to ask for an urgent meeting to discuss two issues of great concern to the Rangitikei.

1. **Housing**

Recently you chose to effect a stop on planning processes due to the impending changes to the RMA process. I can understand that reasoning but it impacts heavily on our situation. Housing in the southern areas of the Rangitikei surrounding Bulls and Marton in particular is in high demand and I attach a planner's description of where we are at in that process. Over the last two weeks I have also been approached by NZ Defence, in particular the Air Force based at Ohakea, with a need for replacement of significant housing stock in Bulls. Nearly one-third of housing in Bulls is defence force housing for Ohakea. As I understand it, there is an urgent need to comply with both housing needs and the national direction to increase the percentage of GDP spent on defence. Our plan change needs to sit alongside that process.

2. **Roading**

The "Gentle Annie" Road is a regional connecting road of 130kms between Hawkes Bay and Taihape. It is extensively used for freight and serves as an alternative route during many weather events. Last year I arranged a meeting with KiwiRail, NZTA, Ports of Napier and forestry interests because of extensive damage to the road. I brokered a deal where between 800-1000 tonnes of logs per day would be sent by rail. That deal runs out at the end of this year. With the closure of the Tangiwai Mills all of those logs continue to be transported to Napier. In spite of these efforts, the road has continued to deteriorate and needs urgent work.

Minister, all sectors agree that this road should be treated in some form as part of the national roading network. Urgent work is needed on this road this summer but to fund this from Council's existing budget allocation and approved NZTA roading programme would mean that significant maintenance elsewhere on our network would be impossible for the next couple of years. The Hastings District Council and ourselves have tried to get this road recognised nationally for years and I copy Hastings into this advice. Our district needs direction and support here as we are unable to continue funding this road in the foreseeable future.

I am prepared to travel to Wellington to meet with you to discuss these matters further.

Yours faithfully

Andy Watson  
Mayor – Rangitikei District

*Making this place home.*

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## ATTACHMENT 2

Date	Meeting	HWTM	Wilson	Carter	Dalgety	Duncan	Hiroa	Lambert	Loudon	Maughan	Sharland	Raukawa	Wong	Notes
11-Jun-25	Taihape CB	CB				PR							PR	
11-Jun-25	Marton CC	PR	PR	AT										
12-Jun-25	PPL Meeting	PR	PR			PR	PR	PR	AP	AP	PR		PR	
16-Jun-25	Hunternville CC	PR			PR			PR						
19-Jun-25	Risk and Assurance	PR	PR		PR		PR		PR					
24-Jun-25	Hearing												PR	
26-Jun-25	Finance/Performance	PR	PR	PR	PR				PR	PR	PR		PR	
26-Jun-25	Council Meeting	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	
9-Jul-25	Bulls CC	PR		PR								PR		
10-Jul-25	AIN Meeting	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR		PR	PR	PR	AP		PR	
30-Jul-25	Youth Council	PR				PR							PR	
31-Jul-25	Finance/Performance	PR	PR	PR	PR				PR	AP	PR		PR	
31-Jul-25	Council Meeting	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	AP	PR	AP	PR	PR	PR	
7-Aug-25	Turakina CC													Minutes not recieved
11-Aug-25	Hunternville RWS	PR			PR			PR		PR				
11-Aug-25	Hunternville CC													Minutes not received
12-Aug-25	TRAK	PR				PR	PR					AP		
13-Aug-25	Taihape CB	PR				PR							PR	
13-Aug-25	Marton CC													Minutes not received
14-Aug-25	Council Meeting	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	AP	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 Community Committees End of Triennium****Author:** Kezia Spence, Governance Advisor**Authoriser:** Katrina Gray, Group Manager - Strategy, Community and Democracy**1. Reason for Report**

- 1.1 To explain that process around community committee disestablishment and reestablishment for the next triennium.

**2. Context**

- 2.1 Local government elections are held on 11 October 2025, and the new Council for the district is scheduled to be sworn in on 23 October 2025.
- 2.2 Under Schedule 7 of the Local Government Act, all Council committees are discharged after each triennial election, and are required to be re-established by the new Council (this can either be by the Mayor (section 41A) or Council (schedule 7, clause 30)). The Bulls Community Committee is one of the committees that this applies to.
- 2.3 Following the election, the new Council will consider the committee structure for the 2025-28 triennium, including community committees.

**3. Elections for Community Committees**

- 3.1 If the new Council re-establishes community committees, there will be elections for members. Officers will call for nominations, with the date advised to current members once scheduled in the new triennium.
- 3.2 Council's process around elections for community committees is an internal one and is not prescribed by legislation (unlike the elections for Council and community boards).

**Recommendation**

That the report Community Committees End of Triennium be received.

## 9.4 Funding Schemes Update - October 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 Decision was made at the Community Grants Committee meeting on the 11 September 25 to allocate the funding to the below groups:
  - Scotts Ferry Community Committee
  - Marton Returned Services Association (Incorporated)
  - Alzheimer's Whanganui
  - Scout Association of New Zealand
  - The Parkinson's New Zealand Charitable trust
  - Itty bitty kitty committee
  - Cancer Society of NZ Whanganui Rangitikei Waimarino Centre Inc
  - Taihape Art Club (Society)
  - Manawatu Multiple Sclerosis Society Incorporated
  - Marton & Surrounds ICT Hub Charitable Trust Board
  - Marton & District Historical Society Incorporated

### 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 Decision was made at the Community Grants Committee meeting on the 11 September 25 to allocate the funding to the below groups:
  - Hunterville Huntaway Festival
  - Hunterville Squash Racquets Club Inc
  - Bulls & District Community Trust
  - Marton Country Music Festival
  - Marton Arts & Crafts Centre
  - Opaea Marae



- Rangitikei Shearing Sports Inc
- Taihape Dressage
- Taihape Area Show Jumping

#### 4. Creative Communities Scheme

- 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 has allocated \$24,397.80 + GST to the Rangitikei District Council on an annual basis, and this is distributed across two separate funding rounds.
- 4.3 Round one for 2025/26 opened on the 11 August and closes 19 October. Decision will be made on the 12 November 25.

#### 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 round will be opened 11 August 25 and will close 29 March 2026. Decision will be made by the Sport NZ Travel Committee in April 2026.

#### 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 – October 2025 be received.

**ITEM 9.5****9.5 Small Projects Fund Update - October 2025**

**Author:** Kezia Spence, Governance Advisor

**1. Allocation**

- 1.1 The yearly allocation of the 2025/26 Small Projects Fund for the Marton Community Committee is \$3,500. CPI is still to be added.

**2. Breakdown**

- 2.1 The committee paid Te Kai Whaka Ora – Marton Community Trust by grants of \$1,000.00
- 2.2 The committee paid Marton Budget Services \$400.00
- 2.3 Remaining funds are \$2,100.

**Recommendation**

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

**9.6 Project Update Report - August 2025****Author:** Arno Benadie, Deputy Chief Executive**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 staff.

**2. Key Highlights from Current Projects****Wastewater Projects****3. Marton to Bulls Wastewater Centralisation (Project Manager – Steve Carne)**

- 3.1 Responding to the proposed new 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 – as per Option 1 with inflow and infiltration (I/I) reduction in the networks.
  - Option 3 - Combined discharge to land and river.
  - 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).
  - Option 6 – Option 4 with an I/I reduction program
- 3.2 A Design Report on each of these Options has been presented to the project team in August and will now be refined through an iterative process of value engineering.
- 3.3 The team will be ready to identify a preferred option by the end of October. It has been decided that the identification of the preferred option will not be finalised until the Wastewater Discharge Standards are finalised. Taumata Arowai advised that this is anticipated for October 2025.
- 3.4 It is proposed that a preferred option will be identified immediately after this and that the preferred option will be presented to Council later in the year to align with the Local Government elections in October.
- 3.5 Taumata Arowai have also advised in a meeting with them on 3 June that RDC is covered by the interim provisions of Standards re operating on existing use rights for expired consents and that the insistence of consent lodgement before 30 June 2026, is no longer necessary. A consent could therefore be lodged at a date later than this. However, this is

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not the preferred process, with consent lodgement still being targeted to be submitted as soon as possible.

- 3.6 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 in a 100% discharge to land option. A land disposal solution will require more land, adding significantly to the cost. The associated costs may make this option unfeasible. This is currently being assessed by the project team.
- 3.7 Autosamplers are now installed to provide better definition on possible trade waste flow components of the flows entering the Marton and Bulls treatment plants. A representative from Ngati Parewahawaha is carrying out the sampling for RDC.
- 3.8 Direct liaison with Malteurop, Speirs and Nestle Purina about their current and projected trade waste flows has helped better define trade waste inputs.
- 3.9 Dialogue with ANZCO Manawatu is ongoing to determine the feasibility and appropriateness of incorporating their discharge into the Bulls plant inlet. ANZCO Manawatu would become a trade waste customer of RDC under this scenario. Discussions will evolve further once the additional components of capex and Opex due to the ANZCO Manawatu flow are determined.

**Water Projects****4. Marton Water Strategy (Project Manager – Gwilym van Hoffen)**

- 4.1 The pilot nanofiltration test plant at the Reservoir Bore site is now operating, and testing of the bore water commenced on 21 July. It will run continuously for 12 weeks, to collect information relating to the proposed membrane's design and performance.
- 4.2 Draft Principal's Requirements, NZS3916 Contract Document (Design and Construct), and Separable Portions for stage payments are being reviewed by Simpson Grierson. The appointment of an RDC "principal's design reviewer" is also underway. The reviewer will carry out the necessary design reviews at Preliminary Design, Detailed Design, and Construction Design stages.
- 4.3 An extended operating warranty (5 years) is still being negotiated, in addition to the 12-month defects liability period. This will provide RDC with good protection from any 'teething' issues that are to be expected with an innovative design solution.
- 4.4 Design and costing of ancillary works to deal with the waste stream from the new plant are being undertaken. This is a new cost, which has not been included in the original (or later revised) GFS offer. More details will be brought to council for consideration and approval once design has advanced sufficiently.
- 4.5 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.
- 4.6 Staff are keeping the Marton community up to date with progress. Ongoing updates are being published to the council website and social media pages.

**Community Facilities****5. Marton Offices and Library (Project Manager - Eswar Ganapathi)**

- 5.1 Geotech, soil contamination and underground tank detection surveys are now completed with three tanks identified for removal.
- 5.2 Two other tanks seem to have been removed and back filled. Maycroft is currently evaluating the quality of this fill material to determine the appropriate foundation approach.
- 5.3 The soil contamination is restricted to the central concreted car park area with minor contamination found on the site of the old house that was previously removed.
- 5.4 The EOC site is relatively free from any contamination.
- 5.5 Maycroft is evaluating the extent of contaminated soil that will need to be disturbed and the associated disposal fee.
- 5.6 ELT had conducted a series of discussions to evaluate the operational needs of the Council for Marton and to determine how best the various facilities in Marton could be used to their best potential. A report was presented to Council during the workshop on 7<sup>th</sup> Aug 2025.
- 5.7 The outcomes from the workshop will now be communicated to Maycroft and this will form the base scope document for the design process.
- 5.8 Staff are working closely with the planning consultant to determine the best consenting strategy that aligns with both the EOC and the Marton Offices projects.

**6. Marton Swim Centre Structural Remediation (Project Manager – Eswar Ganapathi)**

- 6.1 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.
- 6.2 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 1-B as their preferred option.
- 6.3 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.
- 6.4 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.
- 6.5 At the June 2025 Council meeting, Council confirmed the scope for the Marton Pool repairs to include the replacement of the roof with like for like with the addition of a ETFE liner for improved insulation and to allow more daylight into the facility.
- 6.6 The scope of work to be included in the first phase of repairs and upgrades has now been finalised with Create Architects and Engineers and work has commenced.
- 6.7 The timeline for the design is expected to be completed by the end of October 2025, followed by a tender process expected to be finalised by the end of February with a Contractor expected to be on site by early March 2026. Construction of phase 1 repairs and upgrades are expected to be completed by August 2026.

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- 6.8 The remainder of the upgrades may be included in future years depending on available funding.
- 6.9 A Geotechnical survey was carried out on site on 7 and 8 July 2025 and the report presented on 12 Aug 2025. The report has since been forwarded to CREATE Limited for their review.
- 6.10 Staff have now engaged WSP to conduct a soil erosion assessment at the Tutaenui stream to determine any potential impact on the structure of the Marton pool building. The report is anticipated to be available by mid-September 2025.
- 6.11 WSP would also be presenting RDC with erosion protection solutions including estimated costs if required. This report is expected to be available by mid-October 2025.

**7. Financial Implications**

- 7.1 This report does not identify and financial implications.

**8. Impact on Strategic Risks**

- 8.1 No impacts on strategic risks

**9. Strategic Alignment**

- 9.1 All projects are aligned with strategic goals.

**10. Mana Whenua Implications**

- 10.1 All mana whenua implications are managed by the individual projects.

**11. Climate Change Impacts and Consideration**

- 11.1 There is no climate change impact.

**12. Statutory Implications**

- 12.1 There are no statutory implications.

**Recommendation**

That the report Project Updates Report – August 2025 be received.

## **10 Meeting Closed.**