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Policy/Planning Committee Meeting

Order Paper

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1.00 pm**

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His Worship the Mayor, Andy Watson (ex officio)

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The quorum for the Policy/Planning Committee is 4

At its meeting of 28 October 2010 Council resolved that 'The quorum at any meeting of a standing committee or sub-committee of the Council (including Te Roopu Ahi Kaa, the Community Committees, the Reserve Management Committees and the Rural Water Supply Management Sub-committees) is that required for a meeting of the local authority in SO 2.4.3 and 3.4.3.'

1 Welcome

2 Apologies/leave of absence

3 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, be dealt with as a late item at this meeting.

4 Confirmation of minutes

Recommendation

That the Minutes of the Policy/Planning Committee meeting held on 9 April 2015 be taken as read and verified as an accurate and correct record of the meeting.

5 Chair's report

A report is attached.

File ref: 3-CT-15-1

Recommendation

That the Chair's report to the Policy/Planning Committee meeting on 11 June 2015 be received.

6 Residential Zone Feedback and Rural Zone Discussion

A report is attached.

File ref: 1-PL-2-4

Recommendations

- 1 That the memorandum 'Residential Zone Feedback and Rural Zone Discussion' be received.
- 2 That the Policy/Planning Committee endorses the proposed rule changes for the District Plan as outlined in the Section 32 Report [as amended/without amendment] presented to the meeting on 11 June 2015 and attached to the minutes of the meeting.

7 Activity Management Templates

The activity management templates for Community Well-Being, Community Leadership and Environmental & Regulatory Services for April and May 2015 are attached. The Request for Service details will be tabled at the meeting and circulated electronically before the meeting.

File ref: 5-EX-4

Recommendation

That the activity management templates for Community Well-Being, Community Leadership and Environmental & Regulatory Services for April and May 2015 be received.

8 Update on Legislation and Governance Issues

A report is attached.

File ref: 3-OR-3-5

Recommendations

- 1 That the report 'Update on legislation and governance issues' to the Policy/Planning Committee's meeting of 11 June 2015 be received.
- 2 That the proposed outline of a submission to the Building Act Emergency Management Proposals be further developed, with particular regard for..... and included in the agenda for Council's meeting on 25 June 2015, with a view that (when finalised) it is provided to the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment.

9 Draft Heritage Strategy

A memorandum is attached.

File ref: 1-CP-5

Recommendations

- 1 That the memorandum 'Draft Heritage Strategy' be received.
- 2 That the Committee acknowledges that the draft Heritage Strategy is a work in progress and that further input is sought from parties including Rangitikei Heritage and Te Roopu Ahi Kaa, with a further draft provided to the Committee's meeting on 9 July 2015.
- 3 That the Committee requests an Engagement Plan is prepared for its meeting on 13 August 2015 to seek further public input into this working draft.

10 Walking/Cycle/Paddle Trail along the Rangitikei River

A report is attached.

File ref: 1-CO-4-6

Recommendations

- 1 That the report 'Walking/Cycle/Paddle Trail along the Rangitikei River' be received.
- 2 That further investigatory work be undertaken on

EITHER

upgrading the present access points to the Rangitikei River

OR

developing a trail alongside the Bulls-Kakariki section of the river

OR

developing a trail along the disused rail tunnels from Mangaweka to Utiku;
with progress being reported back to subsequent meetings of the Committee.

11 Fire Services Review – Discussion Document Suggested Points for Council Submission

A presentation will be made at the meeting.

12 Preliminary View of 2018 Census Content

A memorandum is attached:

File ref: 1-CO-2

Recommendations

- 1 That the memorandum "Preliminary view of 2018 Census content" is received.
- 2 That the Committee endorses a submission to Statistics New Zealand on the proposals for the content of the 2018 Census that provides feedback as requested and as outlined in the memorandum "Preliminary view of 2018 Census content".

13 Review of Scope of Council's Rates Remission Policy – Suggested Criteria / Attributes

A report will be tabled at the meeting.

14 Update on Communications Strategy

A report is attached.

File ref: 3-CTY-15-1

Recommendation

That the update on the Communications Strategy to the Policy/Planning Committee's meeting on 11 June 2015 be received.

15 Update on the Path to Well-Being Initiative and other community development programmes – June 2015

A memorandum is attached.

File ref: 1-CO-4

Recommendation

That the memorandum 'Update on the Path to Well-Being Initiative and other community development programmes – June 2015' be received.

16 Late items

17 Future items for the agenda

18 Next meeting

Thursday 9 July 2015, 1.00 pm

19 Meeting closed

Attachment 1

Rangitikei District Council

Policy and Planning Committee Meeting

Minutes – Thursday 9 April 2015 – 1:10 p.m.

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Present: Cr Lynne Sheridan (Chair)
Cr Richard Aslett
Cr Cath Ash
Cr Angus Gordon
His Worship the Mayor, Andy Watson

In attendance: Mr Michael Hodder, Community & Regulatory Services Group Manager
Mr Johan Cullis, Environmental & Regulatory Services Team Leader
Ms Denise Servante, Senior Policy Analyst
Ms Katrina Gray, Policy Analyst
Ms Samantha Whitcombe, Governance Administrator

Tabled documents:

Item 9	Activity Management Templates (Community Leadership and Environmental Services)
Item 15	Review of scope of Council's Rates Remission Policy
Item 17	Update on Communications Strategy

1 Welcome

That Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2 Apologies/leave of absence

That the apologies for absence from Cr McNeil and Cr Peke-Mason be received.

His Worship the Mayor / Cr Gordon. Carried

3 Confirmation of order of business

The Chair informed the Committee that there would be no change to the order of business from that set out in the agenda.

4 Confirmation of minutes

Resolved minute number **15/PPL/021** File Ref

That the Minutes of the Policy/Planning Committee meeting held on 12 March 2015 be taken as read and verified as an accurate and correct record of the meeting.

Cr Aslett / Cr Ash. Carried

5 Chair's report

The Chair spoke briefly to her report.

Resolved minute number **15/PPL/** File Ref **3-CT-15-1**

That the Chair's report to the Policy/Planning Committee meeting on 9 April 2015 be received.

Cr Sheridan / Cr Gordon. Carried

6 Heritage Update from the Deputy Chair

Cr Aslett gave a verbal update from the Rangitikei Heritage group.

The following points were discussed:

- More than 200 copies of the DVD 'Rangitikei Remembers' have been sold to date.
- The weekend of the 16-17th of May is Rangitikei Weekend.
- The inventories are progressing
- There are a number of ANZAC Day commemorations taking place across the District over the coming month.

Resolved minute number

15/PPL/022

File Ref

That the report from Rangitikei Heritage be received.

Cr Aslett / Cr Ash. Carried

7 Proposed District Plan Changes – Overview and Issues in the Residential Zone

Ms Gray spoke briefly to the discussion item and facilitated a discussion session on the issues identified within the residential zone.

8 Rules Reduction Feedback

Mr Cullis spoke briefly to the report and gave an overview of the feedback taken from the workshop session at the previous meeting.

The Committee suggested an additional issue to be added to the report on rules relating to the disposal of parcels of land with reserve status.

Resolved minute number

15/PPL/023

File Ref

3-OR-3-5

That the report 'Rules Reduction Feedback' be received.

Cr Gordon / Cr Ash. Carried

9 Activity management templates

Ms Servante spoke briefly to the activity management templates.

Resolved minute number

15/PPL/024

File Ref

5-EX-4

That the activity management templates for Community Well-Being, Community Leadership and Environmental & Regulatory Services for March 2015 be received.

Cr Ash / Cr Gordon. Carried

10 Update on Legislation and Governance issues

Mr Hodder spoke briefly to the report and informed the Committee that at the 30 April 2015 Council meeting, a presentation would be made by Horizons Regional Council on their 2015-2025 Long Term Plan.

Resolved minute number **15/PPL/025** **File Ref** **3-OR-3-5**

That the report 'Update on legislation and governance issues' to the Policy/Planning Committee's meeting of 9 April 2015 be received.

Cr Aslett / Cr Sheridan. Carried

11 Quarterly reports from Bulls and District Community Trust, Project Marton, Rangitikei Tourism and Taihape Community Development Trust (December 2014)

Ms Servante spoke briefly to the memorandum.

Resolved minute number **15/PPL/026** **File Ref** **3-GF-10**

That the memorandum "Quarterly reports from Bulls and District Community Trust, Project Marton, Rangitikei Tourism and Taihape Community Development Trust (December 2014)" be received.

Cr Ash / Cr Aslett. Carried

12 Review of recent changes to the Building Act: Schedule 1 exemptions

Mr Cullis spoke briefly to the report.

Resolved minute number **15/PPL/027** **File Ref** **2-BC-3**

That the report on update to changes of the Building Act 2004 Schedule 1 be received.

Cr Ash / His Worship the Mayor. Carried

Resolved minute number **15/PPL/028** **File Ref**

That the Policy/Planning Committee recommend to Council that, with respect to the discretion available under Schedule 1(2) of the Building Act 2004, all discretionary exemptions are withdrawn but delegated authority is granted to the Environmental And Regulatory Services Team Leader to allow exemptions for temporary structures and engineer-reviewed solutions;

Cr Ash / His Worship the Mayor. Carried

The meeting was adjourned for Afternoon tea 3.22 pm / 3.39 pm

13 Walking / Cycleway along the Rangitikei River

Ms Gray spoke briefly to the memorandum.

The Committee suggested that the report be presented to some of the groups that could be involved with the project (including; Rangitikei Tourism, Destination Manawatu, the Treasured Natural Environment Group, the Enjoying Life in the Rangitikei group, the Rangitikei River User's group), with a progress report to the next meeting.

Resolved minute number	15/PPL/029	File Ref	1-CO-4-6
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That the memorandum 'Walking/Cycleway along the Rangitikei River' be received.

Cr Sheridan / Cr Ash. Carried

14 Review of Heritage Protection Strategy

Ms Gray spoke briefly to the report and informed the Committee that the report had been forwarded to the Rangitikei Heritage group for comment.

Resolved minute number	15/PPL/030	File Ref	1-CP-5-1
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That the report 'Review of Heritage Protection Strategy' be received.

Cr Sheridan / Cr Aslett. Carried

15 Review of scope of Council's Rates Remission Policy

Mr Hodder spoke to the report, providing the Committee with some background to the proposed review and changes.

The Committee suggested that a list of criteria/attributes similar to the one used in the Policy on the Disposal of Surplus Lands and Buildings could be created for the Rates Remission Policy as well.

Resolved minute number	15/PPL/031	File Ref	3-PY-1-18
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That the report 'Review of scope of Council's Rates Remission Policy' be received.

Cr Gordon / Cr Aslett. Carried

16 Update on the 2015-25 Long Term Plan (April 2015)

The Committee noted the update on the 2015-2025 Long Term Plan.

17 Update on Communications Strategy

Resolved minute number 15/PPL/032 **File Ref** 3-CTY-15-1

That the update on the Communications Strategy to the Policy/Planning Committee's meeting on 9 April 2015 be received.

Cr Aslett / Cr Ash. Carried

18 Update on the Path to Well-Being Initiative and other community development programmes – April 2015

Ms Servante spoke briefly to the memorandum, noting that the meeting of the Buoyant District Economy group on 24 March 2015 was not included in the memorandum.

Resolved minute number 15/PPL/033 **File Ref** 1-CO-4

That the memorandum 'Update on the Path to Well-Being Initiative and other community development programmes – April 2015' be received.

Cr Gordon / Cr Ash. Carried

19 Late items

Nil

20 Future items for the agenda

Nil

21 Next meeting

Thursday 14 May 2015, 1.00 pm

22 Meeting closed - 4.57 pm

Confirmed/Chair: _____

Date: _____

Attachment 2

Policy /Planning Committee – Chairperson’s Report

June, 2015

There are four items I wish to bring to your attention since our last meeting in early April.

ANZAC commemorations, in particular focusing on World War One were keenly supported throughout the district during April. The production of the DVD (**Rangitikei Remembers...**) along with relevant exhibitions at our local museums was the result of efforts not only the museums but also the staff here at the Council. Thank you to Council staff member, Katrina Gray for the support you provide to the Rangitikei Heritage Group. Community groups with common goals working together strengthen not only each other but each community.

Contained in this agenda is an item on the Review of the Fire Service (<http://www.beehive.govt.nz/release/submissions-called-fire-services-review>) and potential options for improving this sector is something I would ask you all to consider. The Review is currently out for consultation and I hope we will carefully consider the three potential options in regards to the needs and future of our communities.

1. Whether it be for urban or rural fires, the availability of volunteers is pivotal to the ongoing provision of all fire services in our district.
2. Demographic predictions will also be relevant, for volunteers as well as the needs of the elderly.
3. The fire service levy is another issue; it is not apparent the extent or the makeup of funding required for each respective option.

Yet another farming focused initiative (Farmstrong – Better Health, Better Farming, <http://farmstrong.co.nz/>) has been launched recently to further support our rural communities, but in particular farmers. Backed by rural insurer (FMG), Mental Health Foundation (MHF), Movember Foundation and NZX Agri (media partner). The wellbeing and quality of life is important to farmers and the goal of this group is to make a positive difference to the lives of 1000 farmers during 2015. The website enables farmers to access information on;

- nutrition
- fitness
- sleep
- managing fatigue
- building mental and physical resilience
- strengthening links with family and community
- scheduling time off the farm

In addition there will be a series of workshops and public talks. I would hope that our Council will support this sort of initiative given our desire to see our agricultural sector grow and the shortly to be released ‘Regional Growth Strategy’ for our region.

The next **Councillor Street Table** will be held on the **27th June outside Leader and Watt**. Thank you to Marton New World for allowing a table inside their shop and to everyone who supported this morning.

Councillor Lynne Sheridan

Attachment 3

MEMORANDUM

TO: Policy/Planning Committee

FROM: Katrina Gray

DATE: 2 June 2015

SUBJECT: **Residential Zone Feedback and Rural Zone Discussion**

FILE: 1-PL-2-4

1 Introduction

- 1.1 At its 9 April meeting, the Committee discussed the following issues in the Residential Zone:
- Daylight setback and boundary setback – accessory buildings
 - Motorhomes
- 1.2 This memorandum summarises the feedback received from the Committee and the proposed changes to the District Plan. The proposed changes are discussed in the section 32 evaluation report attached as Appendix 1.
- 1.3 A discussion document has also been prepared for the issues of; shelterbelts and dwelling separation. This is attached as Appendix 2.

2 Daylight Setback and Building Setback – Accessory Buildings

2.1 Current rule:

Rule	Current Wording
Daylight Setback B2.1-1	Buildings, parts of buildings and structures (excluding chimneys, antennae and support structures of less than 8 metres height above ground level) must be contained within a recession plane starting 2 metres above the existing ground floor level at each site boundary and projecting inwards at a 45 degree angle. <i><u>This rule does not apply to accessory buildings and network utilities having a wall height of 2.4 metres and/or a maximum overall height of 3.5 metres and a maximum building length of 9 metres.</u></i>
Building Setback 2.2-1b)	1 metre from any other site boundary, or 3 metres where the site adjoins any Commercial Zone or Industrial Zone boundary. <i><u>Note accessory buildings are excluded from this rule.</u></i>

- 2.2 The Committee had mixed discussion regarding whether it is appropriate to require a setback for accessory buildings. Generally, the Committee agreed that having some space is desirable, but were concerned about placing setback requirements for small sheds.

- 2.3 It is suggested that accessory buildings are required to comply with the recession plane requirements, however, remain exempt from complying with the building setback requirement.
- 2.4 This would mean that, from a planning perspective, smaller sheds (up to 2 metres high) could be placed along the boundary, while larger garages and other accessory buildings would need to be placed further from the boundary depending on their height.
- 2.5 Note: the requirements of the Building Act 2004 still need to be met. Under these requirements a 2 metre high shed needs to be 2 metres from the boundary for it to be exempt from requiring a building consent. In addition, a standard residential garage which requires building consent, is required to be 1 metre from the boundary, unless increased fire rating requirements are met.

3 Motorhomes

Current rule

- 3.1 A self-contained motorhome is considered as a dwelling under the definition in the District Plan. Therefore, it is a permitted activity to live in a motorhome on a site in the Residential Zone. The only requirement is for the motorhome to connect to the reticulated waste and water services.
- 3.2 The Committee generally agreed that the District Plan rules should not be too restrictive in allowing people living in motorhomes to establish in the District. However, was concerned about the health issues associated with the disposal of waste. Nevertheless, if these issues could be addressed then generally felt that motorhomes should be permitted.
- 3.3 It is recommended that the rule requiring dwellings to connect to the reticulated system is amended to exclude self-contained and warranted motorhomes from complying with the rule, so long as they dispose their waste at an official dump station. See the amended part of the rule underlined and in red below.

Every habitable building must have a potable water supply and waste water treatment system unless the building is on an allotment where there is a reticulated water and sewer system with 50 metres of the boundary, in which case the habitable building must be connected to a reticulated water and sewage system.

Motorhomes which are self-contained, have a current warrant of fitness and meet the requirements of the Health Act 1956, are exempt from complying with this rule, provided all waste is disposed of at an official dump station.

4 Discussion – Shelterbelts and Dwelling Separation

- 4.1 A discussion document is attached as Appendix 2. The key issues to be addressed are:

- Shelterbelts – should the District Plan try to regulate their establishment/maintenance on property boundaries?
- Dwelling Separation – should the 100 metre dwelling separation apply to new Rural Zoned buildings with existing dwellings in the Residential Zone.

5 Conclusion

- 5.1 It is proposed that accessory buildings are required to comply with daylight setback requirements, however, remain exempt from building setback requirements. This would result in smaller buildings (up to 2 metres) able to be built to the boundary, while larger buildings are setback based on their height. This would minimise the effects of shading on adjacent properties, while ensuring flexibility for the development of residential sections.
- 5.2 It is also proposed that self-contained motorhomes with a current warrant of fitness is exempt from the requirement to connect to the reticulated services.
- 5.3 A discussion document is provided to further assess the issues of shelterbelts and the 100 metre dwelling separation distance between new dwellings in the Rural Zone and existing dwellings in the Residential Zone.

6 Recommendations

- 6.1 That the memorandum 'Residential Zone Feedback and Rural Zone Discussion' be received'.
- 6.2 That the Policy/Planning Committee endorses the proposed rule changes for the District Plan as outlined in the Section 32 Report [as amended/without amendment] presented to the meeting on 11 June 2015 and attached to the minutes of the meeting.

Katrina Gray
Policy Analyst

Appendix 1

Section 32 Evaluation Report

Residential Zone

1 Scale and Significance Assessment

- 1.1 The scale and significance of the proposed changes are attached. The vast majority of the changes are considered to have a low scale and significance, therefore, the analysis and detail required reflects this assessment.

2 Evaluation of the objectives

- 2.1 Current objectives:

Promote urban areas with highly regarded amenity values that reflect the character of each township and provide nice places to live.

Enable a variety of housing that reflects the aspirations and identity of people and communities while achieving good urban amenity and design. This includes the efficient use of existing infrastructure, and integration of pedestrian, cycling and vehicle transportation networks.

- 2.2 The objectives for the Residential Zone are not proposed to be amended. It is considered that the objectives are appropriate for the needs of the District and adequately portray the desired direction for residential areas. It is considered that the analysis provided in the 2010 section 32 Evaluation Report is still relevant and does not need to be expanded upon in this report.

3 National Environmental Standards

- 3.1 There are considered to be no National Environmental Standards Relevant to the proposed changes.

DAYLIGHT SETBACK

4 Background to the Issue

4.1 Current rule:

Daylight Setback B2.1-1	Buildings, parts of buildings and structures (excluding chimneys, antennae and support structures of less than 8 metres height above ground level) must be contained within a recession plane starting 2 metres above the existing ground floor level at each site boundary and projecting inwards at a 45 degree angle. <u><i>This rule does not apply to accessory buildings and network utilities having a wall height of 2.4 metres and/or a maximum overall height of 3.5 metres and a maximum building length of 9 metres.</i></u>
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4.2 The intent of the current rule is to ensure that neighbouring dwellings are not shaded by buildings and dwellings on adjacent sites. However, accessory buildings up to a certain size are exempt. This exemption recognises that many residents may wish to maximise the space of their property and construct their garages and sheds close to their boundaries and that accessory buildings are generally okay to be constructed closer to the boundary than a dwelling..

4.3 The issue with accessory buildings being exempt from complying with the daylight setback rule is that accessory buildings can still create shading issues between properties. Having garages located directly on the boundary may detract from amenity values for the adjoining neighbour.

5 Options considered

- a) **Status quo** – Retain the exemption of accessory buildings up to a particular size from complying with the daylight setback requirements.
- b) **Amend rule** - Remove accessory buildings from being exempt from the daylight setback requirements.

6 Preferred option

Amend rule to remove the exemption of accessory buildings from the daylight setback requirement.

6.1 It is considered that all buildings, including accessory buildings, should be required to be placed in a position on the site where they do not cause adverse effects of shading on adjoining properties. This rule change fits well with the objectives of Urban Amenity and the Residential Zone which seek to ensure amenity values are retained.

Benefits	<p>Environmental Ensures that neighbouring accessory buildings do not adversely shade adjacent properties.</p> <p>Economic Property values are retained.</p> <p>Social Ensures that amenity for residents is retained.</p> <p>Cultural N/A</p>
Costs	<p>Environmental Less efficient use of sites.</p> <p>Economic Resource consent will be required to breach the setback requirements.</p> <p>Social Removing the exemption for accessory buildings increases regulatory requirements on the property owner.</p> <p>Cultural N/A</p>
Effectiveness	These rules clearly articulate the expected outcome, therefore, should be easily implemented and effectively provide for residential activities, while ensuring amenity is retained.
Efficiency	Having the daylight setback rules as Permitted Activity Standards ensures the efficient implementation of the Act, ensuring that development can occur without undue restriction, while retaining amenity values.
Appropriateness	The rule allows for the development of residential sections, while minimising the potential for conflicts (due to shading) to occur between adjoining land owners.

7 The risk of acting or not acting

- 7.1 The risk of not acting on the proposed rule changes is somewhat low. The risk of leaving accessory buildings up to a certain size as exempt from complying with the daylight setback rules would more than likely have only localised effects. For example it would only affect neighbours where a new garage is to be constructed.

General Rules and Standards

CONNECTION TO SERVICES (Motorhomes)

8 Background to the Issue

8.1 Current rule:

B1.3 Water Supply and Waste Disposal	Every habitable building must have a potable water supply and waste water treatment system unless the building is on an allotment where there is a reticulated water and sewer system with 50 metres of the boundary, in which case the habitable building must be connected to a reticulated water and sewage system.
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8.2 The intent of the current rule is to ensure that amenity and health values are retained in urban areas. However, the relatively recent trend of residents living in self-contained motorhomes is not accounted for in this rule.

9 Options considered

- c) **Status quo** – Residents wanting to live in a motorhome on a vacant site would need resource consent to breach the service connection rule.
- d) **Amend rule** – Exempt motorhomes from the requirement to comply with the connection requirements, provided they are self-contained and have a current warrant of fitness.

10 Preferred option

Amend rule to exempt self-contained, warranted motorhomes from requiring connections to reticulated services.

10.1 It is considered that motorhomes provide alternative, often affordable housing options for residents. It is important that small communities have the opportunity to provide for a range of housing types. Health issues can be addressed by ensuring the motorhomes are self-contained, and can travel to the appropriate dump station (warranted).

Benefits	<p>Environmental Ensures that waste is disposed of appropriately.</p> <p>Economic Provides for a wider range of housing options with less regulation, increasing development opportunities throughout the district.</p> <p>Social Ensures that there are a variety of housing options available to fill vacant sections</p> <p>Cultural N/A</p>
Costs	<p>Environmental Monitoring will be required to ensure wastes are not being disposed of inappropriately.</p> <p>Economic Motorhomes do not count as a capital improvement; therefore, the residents will not pay as greater rates on the property as if they had constructed a small dwelling.</p> <p>Social An increase in motorhomes in an area may not be desirable for some residents, and may affect amenity values of the area for them.</p> <p>Cultural N/A</p>
Effectiveness	These rules clearly articulate the expected outcome, therefore, should be easily implemented and effectively provide for motorhome activities.
Efficiency	Exempting motorhomes which can dispose of their waste otherwise from complying with the requirement to connect to services increases the efficiency of the plan as consent will not be required.
Appropriateness	The rule allows for the development of residential sections, where otherwise they might have remained vacant. The Rangitikei District has a declining population. Enabling motorhome development increases the flexibility of housing options available to potential residents, or existing residents looking to move from renting to purchasing a property.

11 The risk of acting or not acting

- 11.1 The risk of not acting on the proposed rule changes is considered to be of a medium risk. Requiring residents who want to live in a motorhome to gain resource consent in order to be exempt from connecting to reticulated services, may discourage these people from coming into the District. This has the potential to reduce economic benefits of attracting new residents to the area.

RESIDENTIAL ZONE – SCALE AND SIGNIFICANCE ASSESSMENT FOR S 32 EVALUATION REPORT

Criteria	Consider the following if relevant	Comment	Ranking of Scale/Significance (high, medium, low)
The degree of shift from the status quo	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Addressing an existing or new RM issue New management regime Minor/major change in policy/rule framework Scale of regulatory impact Changing existing objectives 	<p>Addressing an existing RM issue</p> <p>Minor change in the rule framework. No policies changed.</p> <p>Small regulatory impact, most accessory buildings are setback 1 metre already.</p> <p>Not changing existing objectives.</p>	Low
Who will be affected and by how much	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Degree of public interest Level of interest/impact on Maori/ Iwi Likely degree of impact on Part 2 matters Degree proposal will address community outcomes How many people will be affected Degree of impact on private property 	<p>Degree of public interest – low</p> <p>Level of impact on Maori – low</p> <p>Impact on Part 2 matters – low</p> <p>Low degree of impact, will ensure amenity values are maintained.</p> <p>A small number of residents will be affected over time.</p> <p>Small impact on private property.</p>	Low
The geographic scale or reach of the issue	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Localised or wide ranging? Level of distribution or equity effects (i.e. degree to which costs and benefits will accrue to many or a few) 	<p>Wide-ranging reach through whole District</p> <p>The costs will be borne by the property owner – having to setback the accessory building.</p> <p>Benefits will be gained by the neighbour.</p>	Low
The degree of policy risk, implementation risk or uncertainty	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Potential acceptability Extent to which options are novel/unprecedented Quality of evidence base Certainty of benefits/costs. 	<p>Policy risk is low</p> <p>Options are not novel</p> <p>Evidence base is low</p> <p>Benefits/costs are clear.</p>	Low

Appendix 2

DISCUSSION ITEM

SUBJECT: **Proposed District Plan Changes - Rural Zone - Shelterbelts And Dwelling Separation**

TO: Policy/Planning Committee

FROM: Katrina Gray, Policy Analyst

DATE: 2 June 2015

FILE: 1-PL-2-4

1 Introduction

- 1.1 The issues of shelterbelts and dwelling separation were presented to the 12 February 2015 Policy/Planning Committee meeting. A consensus was not able to be reached on either of these issues. At the 12 March 2015 meeting the Committee requested that further information be presented for the Committee to discuss.

2 SHELTERBELTS

Background

- 2.1 There is no current rule which restricts the planting of shelterbelts¹ which have the potential to create a nuisance, when they are planted on property boundaries. Nuisance effects can include - falling branches, shading and access requirements for tree trimming.
- 2.2 The previous version of the District Plan required a 10 metre setback and 5 metre maximum height. This rule was removed because it was considered that shelterbelts are a necessary farming tool and that there are few new shelterbelts being established throughout the District.

Previous Comments from the Committee

- 2.3 Discussion focused on whether a setback was appropriate and whether it was enforceable. The general consensus from the Committee was that there should be provision to ensure good management and maintenance of shelterbelts. However, it is considered that a Permitted Activity Standard requiring 'suitable' maintenance could not be easily enforced.
- 2.4 A potential solution discussed was to implement a 5 metre boundary setback for shelterbelts, with those who wish to be closer requiring resource consent. As part of the consent application a condition requiring annual maintenance could be imposed.

¹ Other than where they might cause shading of sealed roads.

However, this solution does not address the issue of enforceability of the rule over the long term.

- 2.5 A further suggestion was the requirement for shelterbelts to meet the recession plane requirements. Requiring shelterbelts to comply with recession plane requirements may also have some challenges with enforcement, however, if breaches are found, the solution, of requiring the trees to be trimmed to meet the requirement would be simpler than requiring their removal.
- 2.6 At the 12 March meeting, the Committee requested more information regarding the potential to establish a maximum height requirement and further comparison between other territorial authorities. These aspects are discussed below.

Maximum Height Requirement

- 2.7 It is considered that a maximum height requirement would most likely be enforceable for trees which are currently shorter than the implemented height restriction. However, existing trees that breach the height requirement would have existing use rights and would not be required to be trimmed. The difficulty with enforcement would be determining if the tree was shorter than the maximum height when the rule came into effect.
- 2.8 What would be an appropriate height?

Comparison with other territorial authorities

- 2.9 As shown below many territorial authorities do not have rules restricting shelterbelts. Wanganui District Plan and Manawatu District Plan both have setback rules, while Manawatu also has a 4 metre height restriction for shelterbelt trees. The Waikato District Plan has a rule based on shading of adjacent properties.
- 2.10 Manawatu District Plan – there are a number of rules in the Manawatu District Plan regarding shelterbelts. There is a restriction on the height of trees (4 metres), the distance from any dwelling on a neighbouring property (30 metres) and the distance from any residential zone (30 metres). There is also a setback of 5 metres from the northern boundary and 10 metres from any other boundary.
- 2.11 Wanganui District Plan – requires shelterbelts to be set back 10 metres from the boundary. Have no restrictions on height.
- 2.12 Waikato District Plan – requires that the shelterbelt does not cast a shadow longer than 12 metres on an adjoining site on the shortest day of the year.
- 2.13 Horowhenua District Plan – Has a maximum height of 4 metres from ground level if the trees are within 10 metres from the site boundary.
- 2.14 Hastings District Plan – shelterbelts longer than 20 metres need to be 10 metres from the boundary.

2.15 There are a number of Councils who do not have rules about shelterbelts including; Tararua District Plan, Grey District Plan, South Taranaki District Plan, Matamata-Piako District Plan, Hauraki District Plan and Far North District Plan.

2.16 Feedback sought

- *Should Council regulate shelterbelts?*
- *If yes, what is the best method? Height, setback, recession plane, other?*

3 DWELLING SEPARATION

Rule	Current Wording	Proposed Options
Dwelling Separation B7.4	New dwellings must not be located closer than 100 metres from any existing dwelling.	Amend rule Status quo

The issue

- 3.1 The intention of this rule is to preserve the open space nature and amenity in the rural areas. This provision is effective in the Rural Zone. However, issues arise with rural properties on the urban fringe, adjoining the residential zone. Effectively the 100 metre separation distance requires new rural dwellings to be 100 metres from any other residential dwelling. However, rules also require a dwelling to be connected a reticulated water and sewage system if available within 50 metres of the boundary.²
- 3.2 If the separation distance between rural and residential dwellings is reduced there could be sensitivity issues. For example, rural dwellings are likely to keep noisy/smelly animals, such as roosters and pigs close to the dwelling³.

² Rule B1.3

³ Note: the Animal Control Bylaw restricts the keeping of rooster at least 100 metres and pigs 25 metres from an urban area.

3.3 Options to consider:

Amend rule	Status quo
<p>Amend rule</p> <p>New dwellings must not be located closer than 100 metres from any existing dwelling in the Rural Zone or 60 metres from any existing dwelling in the Residential, Commercial or Industrial Zones.</p> <p>This would ensure some separation between the residential and rural dwellings, but have less of a restriction for the rural property owner.</p>	<p>Keep the current rule.</p> <p>This would require any new dwelling in the Rural Zone to have a 100 metre separation distance (or gain resource consent) from any other existing dwelling, regardless of the zoning.</p> <p>This would ensure those residential properties on the rural fringe can expect to have a 100 metre buffer with other dwellings in the rural area.</p>

Previous comments from the Committee

3.4 The Committee was asked to consider whether the 100 metre dwelling separation rule centred on whether this rule should apply between existing dwellings in the Residential Zone and new dwellings in the Rural Zone.

3.5 The response from the Committee was divided. The diversity of views was as follows:

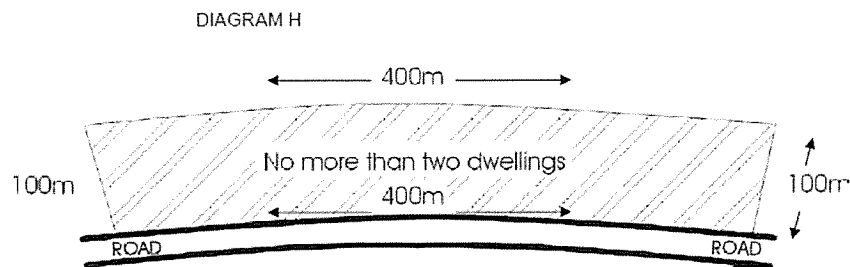
- The rule should apply – new dwellings in the Rural Zone should be located at least 100 metres from existing dwellings in the Residential Zone. It was considered that residents in the Residential Zone on the rural fringe often value their rural outlook, which could be compromised if a dwelling was built close to their boundary.
- The separation rule should be reduced to 60 metres. This would ensure there is separation between the residential and rural dwellings, but not unduly constrain owners of rural properties adjoining the residential zone from developing their site for residential use.
- The dwelling should comply with the setback rules of the adjoining zone. E.g. a 3 metre setback from the residential zone boundary.

District Plan Review

3.6 Dwelling separation was an issue amended as part of the District Plan Review. The separation distance was reduced from 200 metres to 100 metres. There were five submissions received on the issue, with two submissions requesting the separation rule was deleted and three supported the rule. The issue of whether this rule should apply to dwellings which are proposed in the Rural Zone, but have dwellings within 100 metres in the Residential Zone was not discussed.

Other territorial authorities

- 3.7 Manawatu District Plan – stated that there should be no more than two dwellings or potential dwellings within a 400 metre section of road (see figure below). This rule excludes dwellings which are more than 100 metres from the road or on the opposite side of the road.



- 3.8 South Taranaki District Plan – Does not have a specific dwelling separation rule, but states that where there is less than 10 metres between main living areas, the dwellings need to be oriented so that main living areas do not look directly onto each other.
- 3.9 Horowhenua District Plan – 30 metre dwelling separation requirement.
- 3.10 Central Otago District Plan – specifies that dwellings (not specified by a building platform) should be at least 50 metres from the residential area.
- 3.11 The local authorities considered that do not have dwelling separation rules include; Wanganui District Council, Grey District Council, Matamata-Piako District Council, Hauraki District Council, Hastings District Council and Tararua District Council.
- 3.12 Feedback sought
- *Do you think a dwelling separation distance between dwellings in the Rural Zone and the Residential Zone is appropriate?*
 - *If so, what size? 100 metres to match the rural separation rule? 20 metres to match the boundary setback rule? A figure in between?*
 - *If not, why not?*

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Policy Analyst

Attachment 4

April 2015

COMMUNITY WELL-BEING GROUP OF ACTIVITIES 2014/15			Apr-15
Performance measures in LTP/Annual Plan			
What are they:	Targets	Progress for this reporting period	Planned for the next two months
Provide opportunities to be actively involved in partnerships that provide community and ratepayer wins	A greater proportion (than in the previous year) of the sample believe that Council's service is getting better: 37% in 2012, 30% in 2013, 16% in 2014	From the 96 (cf 86 in 2014 and 108 in 2014) responses to the survey, 17% (cf 16% in 2014 and 30% in 2013) thought Council's service was getting better, 45% (cf 37% in 2014 and 42% in 2013) thought it about the same, 3% (cf 8% in each of the last two years) and 35% (cf 43% in 2014 and 21% in 2013) did not know.	No further action
Requests for Service			
What are they:	Completed on time	Completed late	Overdue
None			
Other Levels of Service			
What are they:	Targets	Progress for this reporting period	Planned for the next two months
Maintain information centres in Taihape and Bulls, the gateways to the District	Develop a one-stop shop in Bulls through colocation of Library and information centre.	Included in the Consultation document as a key issue.	Deliberations and adoption of the LTP
	Commission earned - aggregated across Bulls and Taihape - information only	December 2014 \$880.69 (\$819.94 2013) January 2015 \$630.25 (\$1639.82 2014) February 2015 \$1149.32 (\$1367.16, 2014) March 2015 \$941.35 (\$1229.97, 2014) April 2015 \$584.81 (\$961.12, 2014)	
	Visitor contacts recorded monthly for Bulls and Taihape - information only	Bulls Taihape	
Contract with local organisations to provide a range of information, such as community newsletters, for local distribution	Through MOU arrangements and work plan	Nothing further to report at this stage	Agree detailed work programmes and funding allocation through LTP deliberations.
Maintain a website that provides information about Council and community services and activities	www.rangitikei.govt.nz	Final touches to Council's website in process.	Website to be live
Contract with local organisations to provide a website that is a gateway to the District, with links through to more local web pages, with information about living in the District and social media opportunities.	MOU with Rangitikei Tourism to maintain www.rangitikei.com	Nothing further to report at this stage	Agree detailed work programmes and funding allocation through LTP deliberations.
Contract with local organisations to develop and deliver events, activities and projects to enliven the towns and District	Through MOU arrangements and work plan	Nothing further to report at this stage	Agree detailed work programmes and funding allocation through LTP deliberations.
Contract with local organisations to support, encourage and facilitate business investment within the towns and District	Through MOU arrangements and work plan	Nothing further to report at this stage	Agree detailed work programmes and funding allocation through LTP deliberations.
Facilitate at least an annual opportunity for community organisations to apply for funding under the various grant schemes administered by the Council	Through the Community Initiatives Fund, Creative Community Funding Scheme and Sport New Zealand Rural Travel Fund	Creative Communities extended to encourage further applications. Sport NZ Rural Travel Fund allocated. Scoping report for criteria for funding events presented to Finance/Performance Committee.	Creative Communities round to be processed. Events Funding and Community Initiatives criteria to be reviewed.
	Publish the results of grant application process to a Council-run forum show-casing the results of grant application processes where successful applicants provide brief presentations and are open to questions	Nothing further to report at this stage	Business as usual

Major programmes of work outlined in the LTP/Annual Plan			
What are they:	Targets	Progress for this reporting period	Planned for the next two months
Appropriate range of well-used Council and community facilities and services	Proactively seek out opportunities for collaboration and support/facilitate inclusive partnerships to deliver more services in the community	On track - see regular reports prepared for Policy/Planning Committee, Council, Community Boards and Community Committees as necessary.	Ongoing
Contract with Horizons to provide access to a full-time Emergency Management Officer	Maintain contract with Horizons and meet agreed level of service as defined in the triennial work plan	On track	
Arrange regular planning and operational activities	Participate in group and national exercises to test and develop readiness	No activities during this period	An activity has been scheduled for May
Host and chair bi-monthly meetings of Rangitikei Emergency Management Committee	6 meetings held per year	No meeting held during this period.	
Provide fully trained and adequately resourced volunteer personnel who are in a position to respond to rural fire call-out with the minimum of delay	At least two crews (8 people) at all times	No new recruits	
Community Partnership Activity	Delivery of Partnership Board Action Plan	Nothing further to report at this stage	Ongoing
	Delivery of agreed work programme with MOU agencies	Trial established to investigate use of Eventfinda to maintain calendar of events on rangitikei.com website.	Quarterly reports due end May or first nine months of 2014/15
Other programmes of work identified in e.g. activity management plan / major contracts			
What are they:	Targets	Progress for this reporting period	Planned for the next two months
Facilitation of Path to well-being theme groups	Marton and Taihape Connections	Nothing further to report at this stage	Marton Community Charter to be progressed
	Community database of contacts available on-line	Database training for Information Centre staff is ongoing.	
	Youth Action Plan	Report prepared for Council in April. Youth Club funding continued to June 2015, pending further report. Prepared and submitted application for MYD funding 2015/16.	Completion of MSD projects. Work on sustainable funding for youth activities in Marton and Taihape.
	Positive Ageing Strategy	Meeting held with Whanganui DHB: falls prevention programme being undertaken through a project with ACC. Ongoing secondment pending decisions about redeployment of Health Promotion Team.	Agree and implement follow-on proposal.
	Treasured Natural Environment Theme Group	Although outside the scope of the Theme group, the P/PI committee considered a memorandum to extend the cycle/walkway along the Rangitikei River and agreed to pursue the project with other interested parties.	Smaller projects progressed pending Rangitikei River Accord
	Buoyant District Economy	Meeting held in Marton on 23 April. Good representation from Taihape.	Achieve some consensus for Rangitikei Growth Strategy
Strategic Water Assessment	Further investigations as a result of stage 1	On track	Develop stage 2 projects for inclusion in Rangitikei Growth Strategy
Kensington Road	Review options for full use of site as a transport hub, aim to sell completely.	Nothing to report	

COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP GROUP OF ACTIVITIES 2014/15			Apr-15
Performance measures in LTP/Annual Plan			
What are they:	Targets	Progress for this reporting period	Planned for the next two months
The Council to provide leadership to the District and make sensible and prudent decisions	Completion of annual plan actions on time: 92% of Annual Plan actions substantially undertaken or completed during the year, all groups of activities to achieve at least 80% of identified actions	As at 9 months, of 60 actions identified in the Annual Plan, 34 are being actively progressed. 18 are fully complete, of which and 17 are fully achieved.	Completion of annual report
	Completion of capital programme: 90% of planned capital programme expended, all network utilities groups of activities to achieve at least 80% of planned capital expenditure	Total capital expenditure for the first nine months was \$9.39 million from a total budget of \$19.60 million (including carry-forwards of \$1.69 million) i.e. 48%.	Completion of annual report
Requests for Service			
What are they:	Completed on time	Completed late	Overdue
General enquiry	None		
Row Labels	Email/Telephone	In Person	Not Provided
Animal Control	4	10	12
Building Control	0	0	0
Cemeteries	1	0	0
Council Housing/Property	1	1	4
Culverts/Drainage	0	0	0
Environmental Health	0	0	0
Footpaths	2	1	0
General enquiry	4	1	2
Graffiti/Vandalism	0	0	0
Halls	0	0	0
Parks and Reserves	1	0	0
Public Toilets	0	0	0
Road signs	0	0	0
Roads	1	0	0
Roadside Vegetation/Trees	0	0	2
Stormwater	0	0	0
Street Cleaning	0	0	0
Street Lighting	0	0	0
Swimming Pools	0	0	0
Vehicle Crossings	0	0	0
Waste	0	1	0
Water	1	2	2
Grand Total	15	16	22

Other Levels of Service			
What are they:	Targets	Progress for this reporting period	Planned for the next two months
Assurance that Council has sound planning for a positive future for the District, taking into account all reasonable and realistic projections	Follow its Public Participation (Consultation) Policy in assessing the impact of its decision-making and involving affected parties appropriately	No reports have been prepared for Council, Committees and Boards that are not reported upon elsewhere.	Ongoing
The Council to be a strong and successful advocate for the District's interests	Be an obvious participant in discussions within the sector and central government on key matters affecting the Rangitikei	Nothing further to report	Submission to be made. Watching brief on likely submission to regional LTPs.
Community Boards which are responsive to local needs and improve the nature of Council's local facilities and service delivery	Provide full administrative support for Community Boards for bi-monthly meetings, with officer reports when appropriate, and opportunities to participate in strategic workshops	The Ratana and Taihape Community Boards met during April - items discussed included updates on the Town Centre Plans, Quarterly Reports from relevant MOU agencies, the Dangerous and Insanitary Buildings policy review and the CD/draft LTP consultation.	Ongoing
Community Committees which are responsive to local needs and able to liaise successfully with the Council	Provide secretarial assistance for Community Committees' bi-monthly meetings and opportunities for members to participate in strategic workshops	The Bulls, Marton, Hunterville and Turakina Community Committees met during April - items discussed included updates on the Town Centre Plans, Quarterly Reports from relevant MOU agencies, the Dangerous and Insanitary Buildings policy review and the CD/draft LTP consultation.	Ongoing
Collaborative and productive relationship between Council and tangata whenua	Develop well-serviced and functional relationship with Te Roopu Ahi Kaa and in addition, develop relationships with individual Iwi, hapu and the Ratana community	The Komiti met on 14 April at Maowhango Marae. Discussion focussed on the review of Te Tura Whenua Māori Act	Ongoing
Major programmes of work outlined in the LTP/Annual Plan			
What are they:	Targets	Progress for this reporting period	Planned for the next two months
Strategic Planning Activity	Annual Report 2013/14	Completed.	
	2015-25 Long Term Plan	CD and draft LTP adopted for consultation during April.	Deliberations and adoption of final draft LTP for Audit.
	Policy and Bylaw review (as per Policy work schedule)	On track	Ongoing
	Review Governance arrangements for shared services	Nothing further to report	Ongoing
	Comprehensive review of Council's reserve funds	Nothing further to report	

Other programmes of work identified in e.g. activity management plan / major contracts			
What are they:	Targets	Progress for this reporting period	Planned for the next two months
Statutory Policy review	Development of recreational parks and reserve management plans	The contracts are being negotiated with local firms to give added value to this project.	Ensure actions have been undertaken where appropriate.
	Review Schedule of Fees and Charges	The draft Schedule of Fees and Charges was out for consultation during April.	Need to be finalised by 30 June 2015
	Review statutory policies for LTP	The Developments Contributions Policy was subject to SCP during April. The P/PI committee reviewed the scope of the rates remission policy and agreed to develop criteria for remission of rates to encourage economic development.	Consultation process to take place concurrent with the CD/draft LTP.
	Develop Local Approved Products Policy	Completed	
	Review Dangerous and Insanitary Buildings Policy	Submissions were deliberated upon at Council's meeting in April and the policy adopted without further amendment.	Completed.
Non-statutory Policy Review	Contaminated land (initially to analyse how the current budget is used, followed by discussion paper on contaminated land in the district and issues needing consideration)	Nothing to report this month	Ongoing
	Reviews of the operational policies for Roading specifically: Footpaths and Vehicle Crossings policy, Unformed Roads policy, and the development of policies to address the standard of access to the last property on any road, to guide the removal and replacement of street trees and to recover costs towards renewal of the roading network from heavy users	Nothing further to report	Outstanding review on policy of standard of access to last property on a road.
	Review the Heritage Strategy	A scoping report on the review of the Heritage Protection Strategy was considered at P/PI Committee during April.	Make a start on this through Wanganui District Council contract.
	Develop and implement Community Housing strategy for inclusion in 2015-25 LTP	The future of community housing was included as a key issue in the consultation document.	Consultation process to take place concurrent with the CD/draft LTP.
	Develop an Arts Strategy and an Events-Events Strategy	Nothing further to report - however F/P Committee is considering an events sponsorship programme as part of the action to develop an events strategy.	Ongoing
	Earthquake prone building policy review	Nothing to report.	Unlikely to be reviewed this financial year.
	Dog Owner Policy	Completed	
Bylaw Review	Noxious weeds (analysis of problems on Council land including road reserves - background for deciding the long-term operational programme with Horizons and REG)	Nothing to report this month	Budgetary provision is included in the LTP for an ongoing programme with REG in line with the proposals received by Council during a presentation from the Horizons team (October 2014).
	Dog Control Bylaw	Completed	
Communications	Water Services bylaw	This piece of work has been postponed. It is not expected to be completed this financial year.	
	Develop and implement communications strategy	Monthly update provided to Policy/Planning Committee	

ENVIRONMENTAL AND REGULATORY SERVICES GROUP OF ACTIVITIES 2014/15			Apr-15
Performance measures in LTP/Annual Plan			
What are they:	Targets	Progress for this reporting period	Planned for the next two months
Provide a legally compliant service	At least 92% of the processing of documentation for each of Council's regulatory and enforcement services is completed within the prescribed times	Consent processing times for the reporting period 100% . A breakdown is as follows: BC 43 out of 43 within time frame, 0 Subdivision and 1 Land use consent granted this month.	Business as usual
	Accreditation as a building consent authority maintained	Maintained	Business as usual
Provide responsive compliance officers	Improvement in timeliness reported in 2013/14 (88% completed, 77% completed in time) NB for 2012/13: 99% were completed and 64% were completed in time	84 RFS received.78 completed and 76 (97%) completed within time.	Business as usual
Requests for Service			
What are they:	Completed on time	Completed late	Overdue
Animal Control	80	5	12
Animal Control Bylaw matter	1	0	0
Animal welfare	1	1	0
Attacks on animal	2	0	0
Attacks on humans	1	0	1
Barking dog	13	1	2
Dog Property Inspection (for Good Dog Owner)	4	0	1
Found dog	8	2	0
Lost Animal	10	0	3
Microchip dog	0	0	1
Property Inspection - Animal Control Problem	0	0	1
Rushing at human	2	0	1
Rushing at animal	0	0	0
Stock worrying	0	0	0
Wandering stock	19	1	1
Wandering/stray dog	19	0	1
Building Control	0	0	0
BCA Complaint	0	0	0
Dangerous or unsanitary building	0	0	0
Property inspection	0	0	0
Environmental Health	24	1	3
Abandoned Vehicle	0	0	0
Dead animal	2	0	0
Dumped rubbish (Outside town boundary)	3	0	0
Dumped rubbish (within town boundary)	3	0	1
Fire Permit - urban (restricted fire season only)	0	0	0
Fire Permit - rural	0	0	0
Food premises health issue	0	0	0
Hazardous substances	1	0	0
Livestock issues (non-impound)	0	0	0
Noise - day and night	11	1	1
Pest Problem	0	0	0
Recycle Bins	0	0	0
Smell or Smoke	0	0	0
Untidy/overgrown section	1	0	1
Vermin	3	0	0
Totals for group	104	6	15

Other Levels of Service			
What are they:	Targets	Progress for this reporting period	Planned for the next two months
Minimal regulatory control	Allow maximum level of exemption where appropriate	1 Granted, 0 Declined	Business as usual
District Plan (and other) review processes conducted frugally	Give effect to the reviewed District Plan and monitor any issues potentially resolved through a Council-initiated plan change	P/PL committee have discussed potential plan change required for issues on commercial and rural/rural living zoning	Business as usual
Major programmes of work outlined in the LTP/Annual Plan			
What are they:	Targets	Progress for this reporting period	Planned for the next two months
Other regulatory functions	Give effect to provisions of enacted Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act		Business as usual
	Give effect to the provisions of the Food Bill, when enacted		Business as usual
Major programmes of work outlined in the LTP/Annual Plan			
What are they:	Targets	Progress for this reporting period	Planned for the next two months
Building Consents	Report on number of building consents processed, the timeliness and the value of consented work	43 processed for April, 43 completed on time, 100%. Value of work \$870,038	Business as usual
	Code of compliance certificates, notices to fix and infringements issued.	CCC issues 33 , NTFs 2, Infringements 0	Business as usual
Resource Consents	Report on number of land use consents issued and timeliness, and for subdivision consents and timeliness, and for section 223 and 224 certification and timeliness, abatement and infringements issued.	s221 - 0, s223 - 1 issued 100%; s224 - 1 issued 100% ; 1 Land use and 0 Subdivision consent issued this month 100%; Infringement Notices 0	Business as usual
Dog Control	Report on number of new registrations issued, dogs impounded, dogs destroyed and infringements issued.	30 New Dog Registration,15 Dog Impounded,8 Dogs Destroyed,0 Infringements Issued	Business as usual
Bylaw enforcement	Narrative on enforcement action taken	Litter infringements - 6 -	Business as usual
Liquor Licensing	Report on number and type of licences issued and timeliness of process.	1 New On Licence, 3 Renewal Manager Certs,4 New Managers Cert, 8 Special Licences issued	Business as usual

May 2015

COMMUNITY WELL-BEING GROUP OF ACTIVITIES 2014/15			May-15
Performance measures in LTP/Annual Plan			
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Requests for Service			
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None			
Other Levels of Service			
What are they:	Targets	Progress for this reporting period	Planned for the next two months
Maintain information centres in Taihape and Bulls, the gateways to the District	Develop a one-stop shop in Bulls through colocation of Library and information centre.	Project adopted in draft LTP. Criterion Hotel site secured for the redevelopment.	New project plan developed for next phase.
	Commission earned - aggregated across Bulls and Taihape - information only	December 2014 \$880.69 (\$819.94 2013) January 2015 \$630.25 (\$1639.82 2014) February 2015 \$1149.32 (\$1367.16, 2014) March 2015 \$941.35 (\$1229.97, 2014) April 2015 \$584.81 (\$961.12, 2014) May 2015 \$874.56 (\$403.92)	
	Visitor contacts recorded monthly for Bulls and Taihape - information only	Bulls May 2015, 382 (442, May 14), Taihape May 2015, 467 (543, May 14)	
Contract with local organisations to provide a range of information, such as community newsletters, for local distribution	Through MOU arrangements and work plan	Framework and budget for work programme 2015-2018 adopted in draft LTP.	Agree detailed work programmes and funding allocation through report to Council.
Maintain a website that provides information about Council and community services and activities	www.rangitikei.govt.nz	Final touches to Council's website in process.	Website to be live
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Contract with local organisations to develop and deliver events, activities and projects to enliven the towns and District	Through MOU arrangements and work plan	As above	Agree detailed work programmes and funding allocation through report to Council.
Contract with local organisations to support, encourage and facilitate business investment within the towns and District	Through MOU arrangements and work plan	As above	Agree detailed work programmes and funding allocation through report to Council.
Facilitate at least an annual opportunity for community organisations to apply for funding under the various grant schemes administered by the Council	Through the Community Initiatives Fund, Creative Community Funding Scheme and Sport New Zealand Rural Travel Fund	Creative Communities Assessment Committee met on 27 May and allocated all available funding. Draft sponsorship form for events agreed at Finance/Performance Committee	Creative Communities round to be processed. Events Funding and Community Initiatives criteria to be reviewed.
	Publish the results of grant application process to a Council-run forum show-casing the results of grant application processes where successful applicants provide brief presentations and are open to questions	Nothing further to report at this stage	Outcome of Creative Communities Fund to be published on website.

Major programmes of work outlined in the LTP/Annual Plan			
What are they:	Targets	Progress for this reporting period	Planned for the next two months
Appropriate range of well-used Council and community facilities and services	Proactively seek out opportunities for collaboration and support/facilitate inclusive partnerships to deliver more services in the community	On track - see regular reports prepared for Policy/Planning Committee, Council, Community Boards and Community Committees as necessary.	Ongoing
Contract with Horizons to provide access to a full-time Emergency Management Officer	Maintain contract with Horizons and meet agreed level of service as defined in the triennial work plan	On track	
Arrange regular planning and operational activities	Participate in group and national exercises to test and develop readiness	All staff have undertaken emergency management training during May.	
Host and chair bi-monthly meetings of Rangitikei Emergency Management Committee	6 meetings held per year		
Provide fully trained and adequately resourced volunteer personnel who are in a position to respond to rural fire call-out with the minimum of delay	At least two crews (8 people) at all times	No new recruits	
Community Partnership Activity	Delivery of Partnership Board Action Plan	Nothing further to report at this stage	Ongoing
	Delivery of agreed work programme with MOU agencies	Work ongoing to find ways to ensure up to date calendar of events. Meeting held of MOU agencies on 26 May to look at alternative to Eventfinda	Quarterly reports due end May or first nine months of 2014/15
Other programmes of work identified in e.g. activity management plan / major contracts			
What are they:	Targets	Progress for this reporting period	Planned for the next two months
Facilitation of Path to well-being theme groups	Marton and Taihape Connections	Marton Community Charter Board meeting held on 12 May with additional attendance from Ministry of Education, Ministry for Social Development and NZ Police.	Marton Community Charter to be progressed
	Community database of contacts available on-line	Database training for Information Centre staff is ongoing.	
	Youth Action Plan	Health Expos undertaken in Marton and Taihape in association with the Youth Club and Youth Hutt and Whanganui DHB Health Promotion Team.	Completion of MSD projects. Work on sustainable funding for youth activities in Marton and Taihape.
	Positive Ageing Strategy	Ongoing assessments for falls prevention programmes being undertaken at Edale Trust Dementia Unit.	Agree and implement follow-on proposal.
	Treasured Natural Environment Theme Group	Nothing further to report at this stage	Smaller projects progressed for Hautapu and Tutaenui. Project Plan agreed with Tutaenui Restoration Trust
	Buoyant District Economy	Feedback from the group on the Rangitikei growth Strategy collated. Council has adopted the economic development strategy in the draft LTP.	Achieve some consensus for Rangitikei Growth Strategy
Strategic Water Assessment	Further investigations as a result of stage 1	On track	Develop stage 2 projects for inclusion in Rangitikei Growth Strategy
Kensington Road	Review options for full use of site as a transport hub, aim to sell completely.	Nothing to report	

COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP GROUP OF ACTIVITIES 2014/15			May-15
Performance measures in LTP/Annual Plan			
What are they:	Targets	Progress for this reporting period	Planned for the next two months
The Council to provide leadership to the District and make sensible and prudent decisions	Completion of annual plan actions on time: 92% of Annual Plan actions substantially undertaken or completed during the year, all groups of activities to achieve at least 80% of identified actions	As at 9 months, of 60 actions identified in the Annual Plan, 34 are being actively progressed. 18 are fully complete, of which and 17 are fully achieved.	Completion of annual report
	Completion of capital programme: 90% of planned capital programme expended, all network utilities groups of activities to achieve at least 80% of planned capital expenditure	Total capital expenditure for the first nine months was \$9.39 million from a total budget of \$19.60 million (including carry-forwards of \$1.69 million) i.e. 48%.	Completion of annual report
Requests for Service			
What are they:	Completed on time	Completed late	Overdue
General enquiry	None		
Row Labels	Email/Telephone	In Person	Not Provided
Animal Control	10	13	11
Building Control	0	0	0
Cemeteries	0	0	0
Council Housing/Property	0	0	2
Culverts/Drainage	0	0	0
Environmental Health	1	0	1
Footpaths	0	0	1
General enquiry	0	0	2
Graffiti/Vandalism	0	0	0
Halls	0	0	0
Parks and Reserves	0	0	0
Public Toilets	0	0	0
Road signs	0	0	0
Roads	1	0	1
Roadside Vegetation/Trees	0	0	1
Stormwater	0	2	0
Street Cleaning	0	0	0
Street Lighting	3	0	0
Swimming Pools	0	0	0
Vehicle Crossings	0	0	0
Waste	0	0	0
Water	3	3	1
Grand Total	18	18	20

Other Levels of Service			
What are they:	Targets	Progress for this reporting period	Planned for the next two months
Assurance that Council has sound planning for a positive future for the District, taking into account all reasonable and realistic projections	Follow its Public Participation (Consultation) Policy in assessing the impact of its decision-making and involving affected parties appropriately	No reports have been prepared for Council, Committees and Boards that are not reported upon elsewhere.	Ongoing
The Council to be a strong and successful advocate for the District's interests	Be an obvious participant in discussions within the sector and central government on key matters affecting the Rangitikei	Submission to the Rules Reduction Taskforce.	Submission to be made. Watching brief on likely submission to regional LTPs.
Community Boards which are responsive to local needs and improve the nature of Council's local facilities and service delivery	Provide full administrative support for Community Boards for bi-monthly meetings, with officer reports when appropriate, and opportunities to participate in strategic workshops	Neither Community Board met during May.	Ongoing
Community Committees which are responsive to local needs and able to liaise successfully with the Council	Provide secretarial assistance for Community Committees' bi-monthly meetings and opportunities for members to participate in strategic workshops	The Bulls and Marton Community Committees met during May - no unusual items of business were discussed.	Ongoing
Collaborative and productive relationship between Council and tangata whenua	Develop well-serviced and functional relationship with Te Roopu Ahi Kaa and in addition, develop relationships with individual Iwi, hapu and the Ratana community	A sub-committee of TRAK met to consider fostering maori involvement in Council processes, the Heritage Strategy review and inclusion of local iwi in town centre plans.	Ongoing
Major programmes of work outlined in the LTP/Annual Plan			
What are they:	Targets	Progress for this reporting period	Planned for the next two months
Strategic Planning Activity	Annual Report 2013/14	Completed.	
	2015-25 Long Term Plan	Council heard submissions on 7 and 8 May, deliberated upon submissions on 14 May and adoption of final draft LTP for Audit on 28 May. Reports were also prepared for F/P Committee updating the population projections and labour force survey report.	Auditted LTP to be adopted at end June
	Policy and Bylaw review (as per Policy work schedule)	On track	Ongoing
	Review Governance arrangements for shared services	Nothing further to report	Ongoing
	Comprehensive review of Council's reserve funds	Nothing further to report	

Other programmes of work identified in e.g. activity management plan / major contracts			
What are they:	Targets	Progress for this reporting period	Planned for the next two months
Statutory Policy review	Development of recreational parks and reserve management plans	The contracts have been agreed with local firms to refurbish the Centennial Pavilion.	Ensure actions have been undertaken where appropriate.
	Review Schedule of Fees and Charges	Deliberations on submissions took place and the final draft Schedule of Fees and Charges was agreed.	Need to be finalised by 30 June 2015
	Review statutory policies for LTP	Deliberations took place on the Development Contributions Policy and the policy was adopted without further amendment.	Consultation process to take place concurrent with the CD/draft LTP.
	Develop Local Approved Products Policy	Completed	
	Review Dangerous and Insanitary Buildings Policy	Completed	
Non-statutory Policy Review	Contaminated land (initially to analyse how the current budget is used, followed by discussion paper on contaminated land in the district and issues needing consideration)	Nothing to report this month	Ongoing
	Reviews of the operational policies for Roading specifically: Footpaths and Vehicle Crossings policy, Unformed Roads policy, and the development of policies to address the standard of access to the last property on any road, to guide the removal and replacement of street trees and to recover costs towards renewal of the roading network from heavy users	Nothing further to report	Oustanding review on policy of standard of access to last property on a road.
	Review the Heritage Strategy	A sub-committee of TRAK considered bicultural elements to the review of the Heritage Strategy.	Draft Heritage Strategy considered by Policy/Planning Committee.
	Develop and implement Community Housing strategy for inclusion in 2015-25 LTP	Deliberations have taken place and the Council's preferred option has been adopted in the draft LTP	Consultation process to take place concurrent with the CD/draft LTP.
	Develop an Arts Strategy and an Leisure Events Strategy	Nothing further to report this month	Ongoing
	Earthquake prone building policy review	Nothing to report.	Unlikely to be reviewed this financial year.
	Dog Owner Policy	Completed	
	Noxious weeds (analysis of problems on Council land including road reserves - background for deciding the long-term operational programme with Horizons and REG)	Nothing to report this month	Budgetary provision is included in the LTP for an ongoing programme with REG in line with the proposals received by Council during a presentation frm the Horizons team (October 2014).
Bylaw Review	Dog Control Bylaw	Completed	
	Water Services bylaw	This piece of work has been postponed. It is not expected to be completed this financial year.	
Communications	Develop and implement communications strategy	Monthly update provided to Policy/Planning Committee	

ENVIRONMENTAL AND REGULATORY SERVICES GROUP OF ACTIVITIES 2014/15			May-15
Performance measures in LTP/Annual Plan			
What are they:	Targets	Progress for this reporting period	Planned for the next two months
Provide a legally compliant service	At least 92% of the processing of documentation for each of Council’s regulatory and enforcement services is completed within the prescribed times	Consent processing times for the reporting period 100% . A breakdown is as follows: BC 42 out of 42 within time frame, 1 Subdivision and 5 Land use consent granted this month.	Business as usual
	Accreditation as a building consent authority maintained	Maintained	Business as usual
Provide responsive compliance officers	Improvement in timeliness reported in 2013/14 (88% completed, 77% completed in time) NB for 2012/13: 99% were completed and 64% were completed in time	84 RFS received.78 completed and 76 (97%) completed within time.	Business as usual
Requests for Service			
What are they:	Completed on time	Completed late	Overdue
Animal Control	78	12	14
Animal Control Bylaw matter	0	0	0
Animal welfare	4	1	0
Attacks on animal	3	0	0
Attacks on humans	0	1	0
Barking dog	16	6	5
Dog Property Inspection (for Good Dog Owner)	4	0	3
Found dog	7	2	0
Lost Animal	7	0	0
Microchip dog	0	0	1
Property Inspection - Animal Control Problem	0	0	0
Rushing at animal	2	0	1
Rushing at human	2	0	0
Stock worrying	0	0	0
Wandering stock	15	2	0
Wandering/stray dog	18	0	4
Building Control	1	0	0
BCA Complaint	1	0	0
Dangerous or unsanitary building	0	0	0
Property inspection	0	0	0
Environmental Health	7	1	1
Abandoned Vehicle	0	0	0
Dead animal	0	0	1
Dumped rubbish (Outside town boundary)	1	0	0
Dumped rubbish (within town boundary)	0	0	0
Fire Permit - urban (restricted fire season only)	0	0	0
Fire Permit - rural	0	0	0
Food premises health issue	1	0	0
Hazardous substances	0	0	0
Livestock issues (non-impound)	0	0	0
Noise - day and night	5	1	0
Pest Problem	0	0	0
Recycle Bins	0	0	0
Smell or Smoke	0	0	0
Untidy/overgrown section	0	0	0
Vermin	0	0	0
Totals for group	86	13	15

Other Levels of Service			
What are they:	Targets	Progress for this reporting period	Planned for the next two months
Minimal regulatory control	Allow maximum level of exemption where	0 Granted, 2 Declined	Business as usual
District Plan (and other) review processes conducted frugally	Give effect to the reviewed District Plan and monitor any issues potentially resolved through a Council-initiated plan change	P/PL committee have discussed potential plan change required for issues on commercial, rural/rural living and residential zoning	Business as usual
Major programmes of work outlined in the LTP/Annual Plan			
What are they:	Targets	Progress for this reporting period	Planned for the next two months
Other regulatory functions	Give effect to provisions of enacted Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act		Business as usual
	Give effect to the provisions of the Food Bill,		Business as usual
Major programmes of work outlined in the LTP/Annual Plan			
What are they:	Targets	Progress for this reporting period	Planned for the next two months
Building Consents	Report on number of building consents processed, the timeliness and the value of consented work	42 processed for January, 42 completed on time, 100%. Value of work \$1,048,174	Business as usual
	Code of compliance certificates, notices to fix and infringements issued.	CCC issues 26 , NTFs 0, Infringements 0	Business as usual
Resource Consents	Report on number of land use consents issued and timeliness, and for subdivision consents and timeliness, and for section 223 and 224 certification and timeliness, abatement and infringements issued.	s221 - 0, s223 - 2 issued 100%; s224 - 2 issued 100% ; 5 Land use consents issued this month 100% and 1 Subdivision consent issued this month 100%; Infringement Notices 0	Business as usual
Dog Control	Report on number of new registrations issued, dogs impounded, dogs destroyed and infringements issued.	24 New Dog Registration, 21 Dog Impounded, 17 Dogs Destroyed, 4 Infringements Issued	Business as usual
Bylaw enforcement	Narrative on enforcement action taken	Litter infringements - 6 -	Business as usual
Liquor Licensing	Report on number and type of licences issued and timeliness of process.	3 Managers Certs, 3 Special Licences issued	Business as usual

Attachment 5



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REPORT

SUBJECT: **Update on Legislation and Governance Issues**

TO: Policy/Planning Committee

FROM: Michael Hodder, Community & Regulatory Services Group Manager

DATE: 3 June 2015

FILE: 3-OR-3-5

1 Executive summary

- 1.1 This update notes legislative and regulatory changes in the past two month which impact on the Council's operations.
- 1.2 There have been some technical changes to the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act, but one change has potential impact on all of the individuals and organisations which Council contracts for provision of facilities and services.
- 1.3 There have been no further specific announcements about the scope of amendments to the Resource Management Act other than very general comments as part of the budget measures.
- 1.4 The report from the Local Government and Environment Committee on the Buildings (Earthquake-prone Buildings) remains due by 30 July 2015. The Government has now indicated its preferred approach. Rangitikei has been classified as a high-risk seismic zone.
- 1.5 The Ministry of Business, Innovation and Enterprise has released the Guide to tolerances, materials and workmanship in new residential construction 2015, to support the consumer protection measures in part 4A of the Building Act 2004.
- 1.6 A consultation document has been issued on Building Act Emergency Management Proposals. This has been reviewed by the Council's building team and an initial draft submission prepared.
- 1.7 An exposure draft of the Te Ture Whenua Māori Bill has been released by Te Puni Kokiri with the objective of getting comment from Māori land owners.

2 Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act (LGOIMA)

- 2.1 The Local Government Official Information and Meetings Amendment Act 2015 received assent on 25 March 2015. It was initially part of the Statutes

Amendment Bill (No. 4) introduced into Parliament last year. This Bill covered amendments to 33 Acts.

2.2 The changes ensure alignment with the Official Information Act 1982 and reflect the changing information environment. It is no longer necessary for requests under the Act to be put in writing or to refer to the Act. And local authorities are now specifically permitted to make information available by electronic means.

2.3 The convention with Statutes Amendment Bills is that they do not introduce changes in policy. This resulted in one proposed amendment – redefining ‘legal professional privilege’ from the Evidence Act 2006 – being struck out. This new definition could have meant that legal professional privilege was restricted to circumstances where proceedings were under way or contemplated. Despite this, there are two significant changes to note:

- The Act now provides that “any information held by an independent contractor engaged by any local authority in his or her capacity as an independent contractor is....deemed to be held by the local authority.” This requirement recognises the ongoing management responsibilities on Council when it elects to contract the provision of services and facilities; it will need to be made known to all of Council’s contractors. Clarification has been sought from Archives New Zealand about the continuing rights of access to such information once the contract has ended. It is a more sweeping requirement than that in section 17 of the Public Records Act: “Every public office and local authority must create and maintain full and accurate records of its affairs, in accordance with normal, prudent business practice, including the records of any matter that is contracted out to an independent contractor.”
- Undue delay or late provision of the requested information is now regarded as a refusal of the request and this allows a complaint to be made to the Ombudsman to investigate and review what the local authority has done. In addition, where a local authority refuses to make the information available because it cannot be found, would require substantial collation or research, or is believed to be with another agency¹, the Ombudsman may

¹ (e) that the document alleged to contain the information requested does not exist or, despite reasonable efforts to locate it, cannot be found:

(f) that the information requested cannot be made available without substantial collation or research:

(g) that the information requested is not held by the local authority and the person dealing with the request has no grounds for believing that the information is either—

(i) held by another local authority or a department or Minister of the Crown or organisation; or

(ii) connected more closely with the functions of another local authority, or a department or Minister of the Crown or organisation:

notify the Chief Archivist appointed under the Public Records Act 2005. This is because poor records management practices may be the cause of refusal.

3 Resource Management Act

- 3.1 The 2015 Budget includes an additional \$20.4 million over four years to assist with implementing the resource management reforms. This will provide greater national direction (in the form of National Policy Standards and National Environmental Standards) and support to councils (particularly the development of planning templates to enable a more standardised and simplified approach to resource management).
- 3.2 Timing for the introduction of an amendment Bill is uncertain.

4 Building (Earthquake-prone Buildings) Amendment Bill

- 4.1 On 10 May 2015, the Minister for Building and Housing announced the Government's view of the policy intent for this Bill. While the priority remains on public safety and minimising future fatalities, the Government accepts that the response should be proportionate to the risk, that costs are minimised and that as much of our built heritage as possible is retained.
- 4.2 This view means there have been four significant changes to the policy:
- varying the timetable for strengthening relative to earthquake risk;
 - prioritising education and emergency buildings for strengthening;
 - reducing the number of buildings requiring assessment; and
 - introducing new measures to encourage earlier upgrades.
- 4.3 The timeframe for identification and assessment of five years and strengthening of 15 years is to be varied relative to seismic risk. The return period for a significant earthquake (MM8) ranges from 120 years in Wellington, to 720 years in Christchurch, to 1,700 years in Dunedin, and only once every 7,400 years in Auckland. New Zealand will be categorised into low, medium and high seismic risk zones with timeframes for assessment of five, 10 and 15 years and strengthening of 15, 25 and 35 years respectively. An outline map associated with the Minister's media release (reproduced on the following page) shows the suggested boundaries for these risk zones – it appears that Rangitikei falls within the high-risk zone. In the high and medium seismic risk areas, education and emergency buildings will be required to have risk identification and strengthening in half the time for other buildings.
- 4.4 Farm buildings, retaining walls, fences, monuments, wharves, bridges, tunnels and storage tanks will be excluded from the scope of the Bill. Despite contrary

evidence in the Christchurch earthquakes, the focus is on older buildings with unreinforced masonry that are considered to pose the greatest risk.

- 4.5 The earthquake-prone building definition will be confirmed as less than 34% of the new building standard (NBS). There will be a 10-year extension for listed heritage buildings and exemptions from strengthening for low risk, low occupancy buildings. The definition of this will presumably be in the regulations.
- 4.6 The Government has yet to commit to any direct financial assistance for building owners or local authorities in meeting the requirements of its policy.
- 4.7 The Local Government and Environment Committee is still due to report back to Parliament by 30 July 2015. The Minister has signalled that there will also be consultation on detailed regulations like the assessment methodology, the Earthquake-Prone Buildings Register, the building notice requirements and the definition of substantial alterations.

NEW RISK ZONES FOR STRENGTHENING



High Risk Areas (> 0.3)

Wellington	Christchurch
Palmerston North	Napier/Hastings
Gisborne	Blenheim

Medium Risk Areas (0.15 < 0.3)

Hamilton	Tauranga
New Plymouth	Rotorua
Wanganui	Nelson
Invercargill	Timaru

Low Risk Areas (< 0.15)

Auckland	Northland
Oamaru	Dunedin

5 Giving effect to greater consumer protection in the Building Act

- 5.1 The *Guide to tolerances, materials and workmanship in new residential construction* recently issued by the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment is intended to support the new consumer protection measures in Part 4A of the Building Act 2004, which came into law on 1 January 2015. In summary, these measures include;

- mandatory written contracts for residential building work costing \$30,000 or more (including GST);
- a requirement for building contractors to provide checklists and disclose certain information for residential building work costing \$30,000 or more (including GST) or when they are asked for this;
- minimum content that must be included in all residential building contracts;
- clauses that are taken to be included in a residential building contract that does not contain all of the minimum content, or in a contract for work costing \$30,000 or more (including GST) that is not in writing;
- information that a building contractor must provide to their client after the building work is completed; and
- infringement fees of \$500 for breaching the contract, disclosure or checklist requirements.

5.2 Under the new consumer protection measures, a twelve-month defect repair period starts when new residential building work has been practically completed. During this time it is the contractors' responsibility to fix any defects or to prove that any defective building work is through no fault of their own, their subcontractors', or the products used if there is a dispute.

5.3 Where a consumer thinks that there is a defect in their new building, it is envisaged that they would first talk with their contractor and check what is written in the plans, specifications, manufacturers' installation instructions and the contract. The Ministry's Guide may be of assistance if these documents do not contain enough information to determine if the issue is a defect.

6 Emergency management of buildings

6.1 On 19 May 2015, the Government announced its proposed new system for managing buildings following a disaster like a major earthquake or storm event. The objective is to minimise risk to life while ensuring people can get access to buildings that pose negligible risk as quickly as possible

6.2 The discussion paper proposes significant changes to the Building Act, covering the decision to use the emergency powers, assessment of buildings, placing red, yellow or white placards on buildings, restricting access and the power to alter or demolish buildings without requiring a building or resource consent. The proposals include clear appeal rights, give particular regard to heritage, and how the powers transition to the local authority after an emergency event.

6.3 The proposals are consistent with the recommendations of the Royal Commission of Inquiry into the Christchurch Earthquakes. Underpinning these recommendations was the realisation that powers under the Civil Defence

Emergency Management Act 2002 lapsed when the declaration of emergency lapsed. This meant delay and confusion: the Commission considered it preferable to have provisions in the Building Act which would be given effect during a declared emergency. However (but perhaps inevitably), the proposals are dominated by issues associated with earthquake damage. While the Government recognises that the proposed new powers significantly impact on people's private property rights, (in terms of restricting access to buildings and imposing costs without consultation) as well as heritage and safety, the discussion paper does not explain how these factors have been taken into account and balanced.

- 6.4 Submissions close on Friday 25 July. The Government intends to introduce a Building Amendment Bill to Parliament later this year to implement the changes, with future opportunity for public input.
- 6.5 An initial draft submission is attached for discussion. A final draft will be prepared for Council's consideration at its meeting on 25 June 2015.

7 Te Ture Whenua Māori Bill – exposure draft

- 7.1 On 27 May 2015, the Minister for Maori Development announced the release of the exposure draft of the Te Ture Whenua Māori Bill and a series of consultation hui targeting Maori land owners. Before the Bill is introduced into Parliament, Te Puni Kokiri wants to know the views of those whom will be most directly affected. This will be considered at Te Roopu Ahi Kaa's meeting on 9 June 2015. Of particular interest is section 281 which addresses access to currently landlocked Māori land.
- 7.2 There will be an opportunity for Council to submit on the Bill during the Select Committee stage, later this year.

8 Recommendations

- 8.1 That the report 'Update on legislation and governance issues' to the Policy/Planning Committee's meeting of 11 June 2015 be received.
- 8.2 That the proposed outline of a submission to the Building Act Emergency Management Proposals be further developed, with particular regard for..... and included in the agenda for Council's meeting on 25 June 2015, with a view that (when finalised) it is provided to the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment.

Michael Hodder
Community & Regulatory Services Group Manager

Appendix 1

Suggested key points for Council’s submission to the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment

The application of the proposed new powers is permitted only during a declared state of emergency

The proposals stem from an identified need for transitional powers between the Civil Defence Emergency Management (CDEM) Act and the Building Act functions. The current system does not provide clarity and smooth management of potentially or actually unusable buildings after a state of emergency has been lifted. However, no consideration has been given to amending the CDEM Act rather than the Building Act. From the perspective of a Controller, it is preferable to be focussed on one piece of legislation.

The balance between the rights of property owners (in terms of access to their buildings and obligations to meet costs without consultation) needs further consideration

The consultation document quotes the observation by the Royal Commission that ‘removing the rights of property owners outside of a state of emergency is not appropriate’. However, by extending powers under the Building Act to continue *after* the state of emergency has ceased would seem to contradict the position which the Royal Commission was anxious to safeguard. This means greater attention needs to be given to those rights.

For example, specific allowance is made in Proposal 6 to give at least 24 hours’ notice (where possible) to Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga before a warrant is issued to undertake work to remove significant and urgent dangers. It seems reasonable that the same process applies to the *owners* of any building where this need is identified. Similarly, the requirements for removing dangers causing significant economic disruption should be similar for building owners and Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga, which is not the case in Proposals 7 and 8. Allowing the latter at least two weeks to provide advice is potentially excessive.

The proposals are specific in not providing compensation to owners of buildings “lawfully removed” under the proposed powers, and where no appeal to the Chief Executive of MBIE is to be allowed. There is an unstated assumption that such owners will have insurance cover for such contingencies. The validity of such an assumption needs to be tested with insurers. It would be preferable for the Government itself to underwrite these costs, which could be significant. This would eliminate subsequent haggling whether there had been adequate consideration of more cost-effective alternatives.

The proposals should specifically provide for opportunities for a building owner (with appropriate assistance and safeguards).

The proposals are overly focussed on damage done by earthquakes

The evaluations contained in figure 4 are entirely related to earthquakes. However, the 'building type' would be different in the event of a major fire or flood. It would be helpful to work through such schematic evaluations for these.

Discussion draft

Attachment 6

MEMORANDUM

TO: Policy/Planning Committee

FROM: Katrina Gray

DATE: 4 June 2015

SUBJECT: **Draft Heritage Strategy**

FILE: 1-CP-5

1 Background

- 1.1 The Heritage Protection Strategy was confirmed in 2008. It identified that Council wants to provide for the protection of heritage resources throughout the District. The options identified in the strategy were: District Plan rules, Heritage Orders, Consent Notices, rates relief, waiving fees, heritage fund and services.
- 1.2 Since the strategy is overdue for review a report was presented to the 9 April 2015 Committee meeting discussing why a heritage strategy is required, the main provisions of the existing strategy and proposed changes to the strategy.
- 1.3 The proposed changes included:
 - Updating the District Plan provisions.
 - To take a more holistic view when considering heritage resources e.g. consider the wider context including social and economic factors.
 - Recognise the end use heritage buildings.
 - Include the Rates Remission Policy.

2 Te Roopu Ahi Kaa Komiti Sub Committee meeting

- 2.1 The Heritage Strategy was discussed at the Te Roopu Ahi Kaa Komiti Sub Committee meeting held 26 May 2015.
- 2.2 The Sub Committee agreed the following points:
 - The protection of waahi tapu through the District Plan was appropriate.
 - There is a need to compile stories about places, events, and people of the District from pre-colonial settlement. E.g. joint place naming, telling the whole story of the Rangitikei, published information at libraries/information centres.
 - It was appropriate to include the tangata whenua perspective as a foreword to the Heritage Strategy.

3 Comment

- 3.1 The draft Heritage Strategy is attached as Appendix 1. The strategy has sought to include the proposed changes presented to the April Policy/Planning Committee meeting and the agreed points from the Te Roopu Ahi Kaa Komiti Sub Committee meeting.
- 3.2 The foreword of the tangata whenua perspective has not yet been completed. It is expected that this will be completed over the upcoming month.

4 Recommendation

- 4.1 That the memorandum 'Draft Heritage Strategy' be received.
- 4.2 That the Committee acknowledges that the draft Heritage Strategy is a work in progress and that further input is sought from parties including Rangitikei Heritage and Te Roopu Ahi Kaa, with a further draft provided to the Committee's meeting on 9 July 2015.
- 4.3 That the Committee requests an Engagement Plan is prepared for its meeting on 13 August 2015 to seek further public input into this working draft.

Katrina Gray
Policy Analyst

Appendix 1

RANGITIKEI DISTRICT COUNCIL

HERITAGE STRATEGY 2015



1 Introduction

- 1.1 The Rangitikei District has a vast range of heritage resources which contribute to the well-being of the community. These resources range, from outstanding natural landscapes, places of natural beauty, to areas of cultural significance and physical resources. All of these heritage features tell stories of the past and provide an important link through the present and into the future.
- 1.2 It is recognised that our heritage assets provide benefit for the community, creating communities and a District with a distinct identity. In addition, the District also has a wide range of other factors which contribute to community well-being. Ensuring communities are vibrant places of economic and social activity is essential. Importance needs to be placed on consideration of the management of heritage resources within the wider context of overall well-being of local communities.
- 1.3 In addition, heritage is preserved, promoted and supported through the documentation of narratives and stories. These oral histories and experiences contribute to an important part of Rangitikei's heritage resource which, if not documented, may be lost over time.

2 What is heritage?

- 2.1 Heritage is a term which is applied to buildings, sites, places, objects and other features of historical significance which are valued by people and communities. Heritage is inherited from the past and handed on for the benefit of future generations and includes:
 - *Built heritage* – buildings and structures, such as those listed by the New Zealand Historical Places Trust.
 - *Natural heritage* – natural places, objects and intangible attributes, such as identified outstanding natural landscapes and notable trees.
 - *Cultural heritage* – objects and artefacts, places, language, stories, customs, protocols, knowledge and skills communities, groups and individuals recognise as part of their cultural heritage, such as sites of Waahi tapu.

3 Statutory context

- 3.1 Rangitikei District Council has responsibilities for managing heritage within the District as follows:

- *Resource Management Act 1991* – as a matter of national importance¹ to ensure heritage is recognised, provided for and protected from inappropriate subdivision, use and development.
- *Building Act 2004* – the need to facilitate the preservation of buildings of significant cultural, historical or heritage value needs to be taken into account².
- *Public Records Act 2005* – the requirement to ensure adequate protection and preservation of ‘protected records’³
- *Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga Act 2014* - promotes the identification, protection, preservation and conservation of the historical and cultural heritage of New Zealand. It specially seeks to register historic buildings, sites or areas, or Waahi tupuna, Waahi tapu sites or areas, and to protect archaeological sites.

3.2 There is no specific mention of heritage in the Local Government Act 2002. However, when ‘well-being’ of the community formed part of the purpose of local government, this was generally viewed as including a heritage dimension.⁴

4 Purpose

4.1 This strategy provides the long term vision to guide Council’s management of heritage resources throughout the Rangitikei District.

4.2 Heritage should be managed in accordance with the following goals.

Goal 1: Document cultural and local histories.

Goal 2: Promote cultural and local histories of the Rangitikei.

Goal 3: Support tangata whenua to discover and document their cultural histories.

Goal 4: Recognise the local context, providing management options which consider the overall well-being of the community.

Goal 5: Partner with the community in the preservation and management of heritage resources.

Goal 6: Seek opportunities for regional/national collaboration and funding to assist with the protection of the District’s heritage.

¹ Section 6(f)

² Section 4(2)(l)

³ Section 40

⁴ Original purpose statement in section 10.

5 Challenges

- 5.1 The management of heritage resources presents a wide range of challenges for both the Council and the community. The main challenges include:

Tension between the public benefit of heritage protection and the private cost of doing so

- 5.2 Often the cost or disadvantages associated with protecting heritage resources falls on the private property owner, hapu group, museum or historical society. However, the overall benefit of protecting the heritage resources may accrue to the wider community.

Cost of earthquake strengthening built heritage

- 5.3 The majority of heritage buildings are earthquake prone and require strengthening. However, often the cost of this work is prohibitive, with rents gained from tenants in the renovated buildings not able to cover the cost of strengthening. This risk has the potential to result in buildings being abandoned and eventually being demolished once they are not fit for purpose.

The economic and demographic context

- 5.4 Rangitikei is a District which is experiencing a slow population decline, with economic activity within the town centres also declining. This has resulted in an oversupply of commercial buildings. These factors, combined with the costs of earthquake strengthening can result in vacant buildings. Main streets with empty buildings reduce the amenity of these areas and can adversely affect community well-being.

Capacity of Tangata Whenua

- 5.5 Tangata whenua often have limited capacity for identifying, managing and enhancing their cultural heritage. There are a large number of Waahi tapu sites which are known only to the tangata whenua, and often the public recognition of these sites is not desirable.

Capacity of Council

- 5.6 Council has limited resources to identify, manage and enhance heritage resources. However, because of its leadership role in the community, it has some ability to attract sponsorship and relationships which support heritage initiatives.

6 METHODS

- 6.1 There are a wide range of possible methods for heritage management. The main methods Rangitikei District Council seeks to use through this strategy are:

- Rangitikei District Plan
- Rates Remission Policy

- Heritage Inventories
- Waiving of internal consenting fees
- Information education and support
- Advocacy for external sponsorship/funding

7 Rangitikei District Plan

- 7.1 A key method for the management of heritage resources throughout the District is the Rangitikei District Plan. The District Plan provides for protection of natural, cultural and physical heritage through identification of valuable heritage resources and controls surrounding their use and development.
- 7.2 The District Plan provides the strategic direction for the management of heritage resources - to provide for the reuse of heritage in a manner which is appropriate for the particular context. It also seeks to ensure that the considerations surrounding the destruction of heritage resources involves how the replacement activities will provide for social, cultural and economic well-being of the affected community.
- 7.3 The relevant provisions from the District Plan are provided as [Appendix 1](#).

8 Rates Remission Policy

- 8.1 Rangitikei District has a Rates Remission Policy which provides remissions for owners of earthquake prone buildings. As most heritage buildings are highly likely to be earthquake prone, this policy is highly relevant to the District's physical heritage resources.
- 8.2 The Rates Remission Policy provides remissions for up to six months during strengthening/construction works, as well as up to three years upon completion of the building work. These provisions seek to encourage property owners to develop the building so that they can be better used.

9 Heritage Inventories

- 9.1 The District's museums already have inventories of their own collections, increasingly available online. The inventory process, however, is not limited to what is collected but rather what should be known: the development of a comprehensive heritage inventory increases the documentation and understanding about heritage resources throughout the District. Creating an inventory ensures that heritage resources are remembered, without necessarily requiring the physical resource to remain in perpetuity. It will be a continually evolving document, with new sites and items added as they are recognised and new information added when discovered.
- 9.2 For example, two heritage inventories could be developed, one for the built heritage resources and one for Māori heritage. Having a separate inventory for Māori sites would ensure that it would remain a confidential document where appropriate. The development of a Māori heritage inventory would need to occur in partnership with Iwi and hapu. There is also the opportunity to develop further inventories for the District's natural heritage resources.

- 9.3 The heritage inventory process naturally extends to collecting information on narratives and associated collections from locals. These narratives and collections will provide an insight into Rangitikei's early history. Where possible such collections should be digitised for long-term protection and access.

10 Waiving of Internal Consenting Fees

- 10.1 The waiving of internal consenting fees for work on heritage buildings will be determined on a case by case basis by Council⁵. The internal consenting costs are the staff time required to process building and planning related consent applications⁶. To provide some guidance, the areas of consideration by Council when deciding whether to waive fees could be, but are not limited to:

- The extent to which heritage values will be retained or reused.
- The end use of the proposed development.
- The benefits of the proposed development.
- The significance of the heritage resource for the community.
- The degree of impact (positive/negative) for tangata whenua.

11 Information Education and Support

- 11.1 Information and education are useful methods to increase awareness of heritage in the District and to engage communities with these resources. Information and education will be provided to local communities through the following methods.

Support for the Rangitikei Heritage Group⁷

- 11.2 Provision of resources to support the ongoing activities of the Rangitikei Heritage Group. This support will be through providing administrative assistance, assistance applying for grants, or assistance through the Community Initiatives Fund.

Information about heritage resources

- 11.3 The Heritage Inventory will provide this information which could be supplied to property owners and interested community members. It will be available (once published) in the District's libraries, information centres and museums as well as being uploaded to the Council's website.

Support for the Treasured Natural Environment Group

- 11.4 Continue to provide administrative support and assistance for applying for grants for projects which enhance community engagement with the natural environment.

⁵ 15/RDC/031

⁶ Costs not included as part of this provision are; external experts, such as fire safety experts, geotechnical advisors, heritage experts or the costs related to hearings processes.

⁷ The Rangitikei Heritage Group consists of representatives from the District's museums and other interested heritage groups.

Use of the District libraries

- 11.5 The libraries hold a small collection of historical published works on the District. The databases accessible through the libraries are a key resource in finding historical information held in other places.

Archives Central

- 11.6 The Council's archives are housed in a purpose-built public facility shared with neighbouring councils in Feilding. An online database is available and there is an ongoing programme of scanning of high-use records such as rating books.

12 Advocacy for external sponsorship/funding

- 12.1 Council is able to provide co-ordination for major projects, and develop relationships with major heritage and funding agencies. For some initiatives this will be critical.
- 12.2 Council is also well-placed to be aware of regional or national programmes which could have potential application to assist with heritage identification, preservation and access within the Rangitikei.

13 Action Plan

Goal	Activity	Groups Involved	Completion
Development of a heritage inventory of built heritage.	Research into heritage resources (as identified by the Rangitikei Heritage Group). Publication of research.	Rangitikei District Council Rangitikei Heritage Group	July 2016
Development of a heritage inventory of Māori narratives and collections	Research, interviews and publishing of stories.	Rangitikei District Council Local Iwi/hapu Ratana Community	December 2016
Development of a heritage inventory of European / non-indigenous settler narratives and collections.	Research, interviews and publishing of stories.	Rangitikei District Council Rangitikei Heritage Group	December 2017
Joint place naming	Using both the English and Māori place names in key Council correspondence/ documentation.	Council Iwi groups	December 2015

14 Review

14.1 The strategy will be due for review 1 December 2018.

Discussion draft

Appendix 1 – Relevant provisions from the Rangitikei District Plan 2013

NOTABLE TREES AND CULTURALLY SIGNIFICANT FLORA

Objective

Notable Trees and culturally significant flora are identified, conserved and maintained, and their amenity values are recognised.

Policies

Require the protection and conservation of significant notable trees, as identified in Schedule C2 of the District Plan, from inappropriate subdivision, use and development.

Require the conservation of flora that has cultural significance for Māori and is within the conservation estate or is on publicly owned land.

Encourage public awareness and recognition of notable trees.

TANGATA WHENUA

Objective

To recognise and provide for the relationship of Tangata Whenua with their ancestral lands, water, sites, waahi tapu and other taonga.

Policies

Provide for the relationship between Tangata Whenua and landscapes of cultural significance within the district through the development of non-statutory methods that ensure associative values are recognised and protected long-term.

Recognise the role of Tangata Whenua as kaitiaki of key natural and physical resources with which they have a strong ancestral relationship, by ensuring that their views are sought on applications that may materially affect key natural and physical resources, particularly those sites identified in Schedule C1.

Enable development to encourage Iwi, hapu and whanau to resettle within the District and reconnect with the land, provided that the adverse of development, subdivision and use are avoided or appropriately managed.

Collaborate with Iwi on the identification and appropriate protection of sites of significance to Tangata Whenua.

HERITAGE PROTECTION

Objective

Identify examples of historic, cultural, and other sites that reflect the District's heritage and cultural amenity, and provide for the management of those resources in a way that sustains the social, cultural and economic well-being of communities.

Policies

Ensure known examples of historic heritage are recognised in the District, and listed in Schedule C3.

Enable the protection, conservation or adaptive reuse of historic heritage listed in Schedule C3 of the Plan.

Evaluate in any application for the destruction or modification of heritage, the extent to which the replacement activities provide for the economic, social and cultural wellbeing of the affected community.

Discussion draft

Attachment 7

MEMORANDUM

TO: Policy/Planning Committee

FROM: Katrina Gray

DATE: 4 June 2015

SUBJECT: **Walking/Cycle/Paddle Trail along the Rangitikei River**

FILE: 1-CO-4-6

1 Background

- 1.1 At its 9 April 2015 meeting, the Policy/Planning Committee was presented with a scoping report regarding the potential for a walking/cycle/paddle trail along the Rangitikei River.
- 1.2 The report concluded that there is potential to have a mix of on road/off road cycle trails from Scotts Ferry through to the Taihape-Napier Road. There is scope for off-road cycle trails from Scotts Ferry to Bulls, Onepuhi Road to Hunterville, around Mangaweka and from Mangaweka to Utiku. There are currently on road cycle trails, through the Gorges to the Sea Cycleway, which span the length of the District (although at times entering into the Manawatu District) from the coast to the Taihape-Napier Road.
- 1.3 The Committee requested that the report was shared with other interested groups and that feedback was sought. The report was sent to the following 'parties; Rangitikei Tourism, Project Marton, Sport Wanganui, Treasured Natural Environment Group, Bulls River Users Group, Destination Manawatu, Manawatu District Council.

2 Feedback

- 2.1 All groups which provided feedback generally supported the idea of a Rangitikei River Trail. Rangitikei Tourism, Destination Manawatu and the Treasured Natural Environment Group all support the proposal in principle.
- 2.2 Bulls River Users Group – thought the proposed cycleway is a good idea and could start by extending the existing trail in Bulls up to the cemetery and then extend the track further north to Kakariki. The group noted that the project would need a 'champion' to ensure momentum was retained.
- 2.3 Project Marton – Cath Ash noted support for the trail to run the length of the District and that points of interest (e.g. historical, geological etc.) should be included. She noted it would be essential it is a collaborative effort between Council/s, local interest groups and funding agencies.

- 2.4 NZ Walking Access Commission – is interested in this initiative and will make accessible what information it has on the ‘Queen’s Chain’ reservations which were surveyed.

3 What’s happening in the Region/District?

- 3.1 There are a number of walking/cycle/river access trails available throughout the Manawatu-Wanganui Region.
- 3.2 Mountains to the Sea¹ – a cycle trail from Ruapehu through to Wanganui. It was developed in partnership between Ruapehu district Council, Wanganui District Council, Department of Conservation and Visit Ruapehu Trust.
- 3.3 Gorges to the Sea² – part of the New Zealand Cycle Trail project. There are 4 road-based cycle trails which span across the Manawatu and Rangitikei District Council areas (Appendix 1).
- 3.4 Te Araroa – a walking track from Cape Reinga to Bluff. Te Araroa connects settlements, townships and cities. Koitiata, Bulls, Feilding, Palmerston North. There is a mix of off road trails as well as on road tracks. In particular, the track from Koitiata to Bulls has a mix of public roads, the breach and forest walking tracks.
- 3.5 Kawhatau Valley Walks and Cycleways³ – offer a number of different walking/cycling options over the Rangitikei hill country. Up to three day guided walks, providing lunch and accommodation if required.
- 3.6 River Valley – offers a number of different experiences; rafting, horse riding, corporate adventures.
- 3.7 Mangaweka Adventure Company – offers a number of activities including; rafting, kayaking, a conference/wedding venue and accommodation.
- 3.8 Rangitikei Walking Tracks/Cycleways
- A ‘Discover Rangitikei’ brochure is attached as Appendix 2. The brochure identifies the local cycling/walking/swimming and rafting opportunities in the Rangitikei District. There are a number of walking tracks owned by the Department of Conservation.
 - A ‘Rangitikei Walks’ brochure for Bulls, Marton and Taihape is attached as Appendix 3. It provides information and suggested routes of walking tracks around these towns.
 - There is information on the Rangitikei Tourism website regarding local cycle trails around Marton.

¹ <http://www.mountaintosea.co.nz/>

² <http://rangitikei.com/gorges-sea-cycleways>

³ <http://www.kvw.co.nz/>

- 3.9 Palmerston North – has a wide network of local walking trails. They have an excellent brochure which provides information (Appendix 4).

4 Next Steps

- 4.1 The development of a paddle/cycle/walking trail along the Rangitikei is a significant project which would require a key agency to consistently drive the project. It would be essential that a person with the correct skills and experience is involved to ensure the project is successful.
- 4.2 To be successful the trail project needs to address a wide range of challenges and meet a number of costs; project planning, access to private property, funding, community engagement, track development, planting, signage, marketing, etc.
- 4.3 A potential solution to ensure a manageable project would be to stage the development of the trail - working in areas where there are existing tracks which could be extended or areas where the development of a trail would have fewer barriers. For example the development of a trail from Bulls to Kakariki and further scoping on the development of a trail along the dis-used rail tunnels. However, it is important to consider that even further developing the track from Bulls to Kakariki would require a significant amount of resourcing and funding to negotiate access and develop the track, including planting and signage.
- 4.4 A further option would be for Council to initially focus on improving the existing access points to the Rangitikei River. There are currently five access points in the Rangitikei District to the Rangitikei River. All of these access points could be made more desirable for both locals and tourists if they are developed further, increasing signage, planting, improving access tracks and parking areas, and improving facilities (rubbish bins, seating etc.). Improving access to the Rangitikei River also aligns with the priorities and work proposed from Horizons Regional Council.
- 4.5 The Committee will be aware of a comparable initiative being taken over the Tutaenui Stream. Council has agreed to support this project and an initial meeting has been established with the Utility Asset Manager to discuss how the project may fit into the Marton water supply activities. This may be a useful way to develop the methodology for the much larger project which the Rangitikei River could entail.

5 Recommendation

- 5.1 That the report 'Walking/Cycle/Paddle Trail along the Rangitikei River' be received.
- 5.2 That further investigatory work be undertaken on
- EITHER
- upgrading the present access points to the Rangitikei River
- OR
- developing a trail alongside the Bulls-Kakariki section of the river

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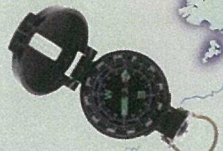
developing a trail along the disused rail tunnels from Mangaweka to Utiku;
with progress being reported back to subsequent meetings of the Committee.

Katrina Gray
Policy Analyst

Appendix 1

RANGITIKEI CYCLE TRAILS

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THE GENTLE ANNIE
NEW ZEALAND CYCLE TRAIL
TO HAWKES BAY



LEGEND

- Accommodation
- Activities and Attractions
- Camping/Caravans
- Cafes and Restaurants
- Motor Home Effluent Dump
- Arts and Galleries
- Gardens and Nurseries
- Golf Course
- Heritage Sites
- River Access
- Information Centre
- Mountain Bike Track
- Picnicking, Reserves, Lookouts
- Public Toilets
- Swimming
- Walks and Tracks
- Information Centre
- Towns
- Townships
- Railway
- Main Roads
- Secondary Road
- Unsealed Roads
- Height in Metres
- Reserves
- Water
- Airport
- Air Strip
- Railway Station

CYCLEWAYS



Distance: 32 km
Total Ascent: 1432 m
Total Descent: 1564 m
Time: 2-4 hours



Distance: 53.73 km
Total Ascent: 1770 m
Total Descent: 1929 m
Time: 4-6 hours



Distance: 34 km
Total Ascent: 502 m
Total Descent: 622 m
Time: 2-3 hours



Distance: 55 km
Total Ascent: 135 m
Total Descent: 280 m
Time: 3 hours

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Appendix 2

LAIRD'S BUSH - Mangahoe Rd, Hunterville.
Native bush walk and picnic area.

MCPHERSON'S BUSH - Turakina Valley Rd, Turakina.
Forest and Bird reserve, native bush walks.

SUTHERLAND'S BUSH - 2 Mangahoe Rd.
Forest and Bird reserve, native bush walks.

KOITIATA SAND WALK - Koitiata village, Turakina Beach Rd.
¾ hour walk along sand dune between Santoft forest and Koitiata beach. No signage but trail leads to beach where you can walk back to Koitiata.

PRYCE RESERVE, Putorino Rd, Hunterville.
Native bush walk.

CYCLE RIDES

AROUND MARTON

Great rides around the township and outlying areas, nice and flat, taking in the sights and sounds of the town and incorporating the many parks along the way. Easy rides for beginners.

FROM MARTON

Sign posted from Marton Park for all grades of riders.

ROUND THE BLOCK - 20km

Mostly flat ride around greater Marton. Fern Flat Road is quite hilly can be shortened by going down Bryce's Line. Medium fitness level required.

ONEPUHI CIRCUIT - 30km

Long stretches of flat road mixed in with some down hills and two steep hills along Onepuhi Road. Follow Onepuhi to the end of the road to stop for a break at the Rangitikei River. Crosses the State Highway twice - high fitness level required.

TURAKINA VALLEY - 40km

A ride for those who really like to get out into the back blocks and explore the country. Plenty of hills to climb, lovely downhill spurt around Makuhou Road. High fitness level required.

HUNTERVILLE CIRCUIT - 66km

For those ambitious riders, high fitness level required, amazing scenery of the Rangitikei river, tough hill climb but worth it for picturesque views from the top of the Rangitira hill.

FROM BULLS

Information signpost at the Information Centre.

BRANDON HALL ROAD - 16km Return

Ride to the end of the road and back - easy ride for beginners and families. Mostly left hand turns which is great, and sheltered from the wind.

SANTOFT CIRCUIT - 37km

For those who want to push themselves - mostly flat route, beautiful scenery of the Santoft forest, Medium to high fitness level.

BEACH ACCESS

KOITIATA BEACH - Turakina.

MOANAROA BEACH - Scotts Ferry.

DISCOVER THE RANGITIKEI

The Rangitikei has an abundance of outdoor opportunities to enjoy, whether it be a cycle ride down the Turakina Valley, a walk around Bruce Park or a swim in the Rangitikei River on a hot day - there is something for everyone. This brochure is a mix of activities, we hope you enjoy it.

BE SAFE

Whatever physical activity you are participating in and wherever you are, be prepared, be aware and always follow the guidelines and rules for the environment.

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DISCOVER RANGITIKEI

CYCLING WALKING SWIMMING RAFTING
IN THE RANGITIKEI DISTRICT



RIVER ACCESS

All roads marked with River Access signs.

UTIKU – 1 km from SH1, south of Utiku, turn off SH1 onto Toe Toe Rd, turn left after the bridge.

MANGAWEKA – 1.5km from SH1, turn off SH1 onto Ruahine Rd, turn right before bridge into Mangaweka camping ground.

VINEGAR HILL – 2km from SH1, turn off SH1 onto Vinegar Hill Road – signs will lead you to entrance of reserve and river. Great picnic spot by the Rangitikei River - swimming, trout fishing and camp sites.

ONEPUHI RD - 6km from SH1, turn off SH1 near Marton onto Onepuhi Rd — River access is at the end of the road.

KAKARIKI - 3km from SH1, turn off SH1 onto Kakariki Rd – turn right off road after bridge to river.

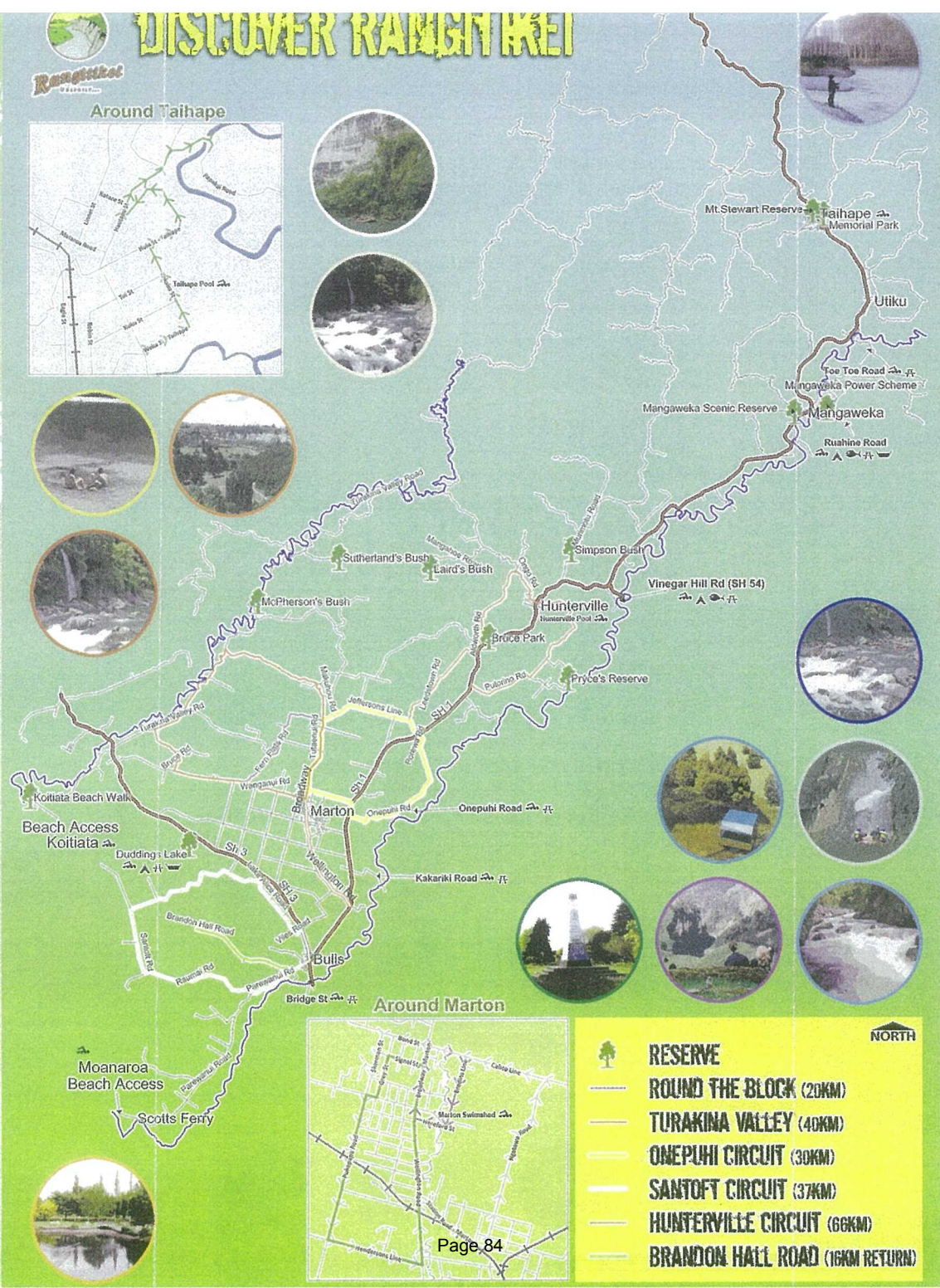
BULLS - Heading South on SH 1 off Bridge Street, access is just before Bulls Bridge on the right, and follow gravel road under bridge to river.

WALKS

PAENGAROA SCENIC RESERVE - Northwest of Taihape. 4 km off SH1
Paengaroa is located near the village of Mataroa. Turn west along Mataroa Road, three kilometres north of Taihape on SH1. Paengaroa has a remarkable concentration of plants, making it a botanical treasure trove.

BRUCE PARK - Aldworth Rd, Hunterville 3kms south of Hunterville off SH1. Walk through native bush.

DUDDING'S LAKE –10km from Marton on SH 3, 12 km from Bulls.
Camping ground and picnic area with BBQs. Perfect for swimming, fishing, and water sports.



MT STEWART RESERVE - SH1, Taihape. A 30 minute round walk past the iconic gumboot up Mt Stewart - a viewing platform provides panoramic views of Taihape, the Ruahine Ranges and Mt. Ruapehu.

MANGAWEKA POWER SCHEME - Kawhatau Rd (off Ruahine), Mangaweka. A few minutes from Mangaweka. Photographic views and short walk to the dam. Brochures are available from the Department of Conservation (DOC) on Broadway or Rangitikei Information Centres at Bulls and Taihape.

MANGAWEKA SCENIC RESERVE - Te Kapua Rd, Mangaweka. Short walk (1 hour). Brochures describing the walk and the plants to be seen are available from DOC or Rangitikei Information Centres.

MEMORIAL PARK, Kokako Rd, Taihape. A beautiful domain along the banks of the Hautapu River which covers 36ha of mostly natural forest. Paths provide pleasant strolls from the sports ground through the bush to the river which has a picnic area.

BULLS DOMAIN WALK - At the rear of the Domain take a walk around the tree plantation block which has links to Cemetery Road , SH 1 and the Rangitikei River.

SIMPSON'S BUSH - Poukiore Rd, Hunterville. Large grassed area surrounded by bush, ideal for picnics and barbecues

KAWHATAU FIELD BASE - Down Kawhatau Valley Rd - Mangaweka. Enjoy an overnight stay at DOC's Field Base in the Kawhatau Valley. Bookings essential. 15 minute walk to river where you can swim or fish. A steep climb to Colenso Spur affords spectacular views (3 hours one way).

Appendix 3

BACKGROUND

As part of the Rangitikei District Council Leisure Plan Group's mission to get the Rangitikei "healthy and active" we have facilitated the creation of walking tracks in each of the three main towns (Bulls, Marton and Taihape).

We invite you to try out our walks by following the symbolic icons in each town:

Taihape 

Marton 

Bulls 

WHY WALKING

- Health and well being
- Healthy Bones
- Enhanced Energy
- Posture
- Relaxation
- Social Activity
- Self Esteem
- Stop and Revive to Survive



Town Walks

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:

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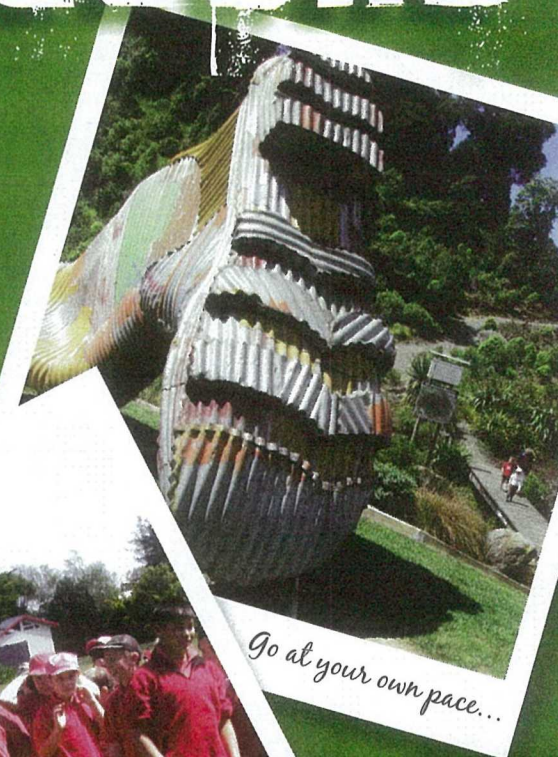
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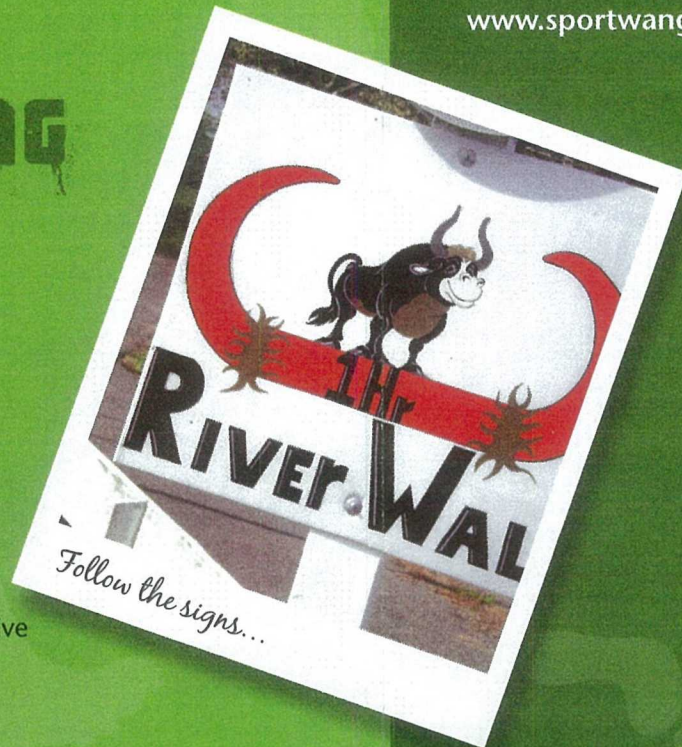


Go at your own pace...



...or get a group together and have fun!

**BULLS
MARTON
TAIHAPE**



BULLS



Follow the redbull around the town of Bulls for health and fitness and a fun thing to do.

Bulls wasn't named after a four-legged animal, however we love having fun with our name and even more so with the new walk initiative around the town and down at the river and through to the Domain.

The walks are all enjoy-a-bull and achieve-a-bull from short walks with the bulls to long walks with more bulls.

Taihape



With town walks past historic buildings the most inspiring and challenging walk starts and finishes at Taihape's prestigious art work by the world renowned artist Jeff Thomson. The corrugated iron work located in Gumboot Park on SH1 is photographed, climbed on, sat on and touched by the public from around the world.

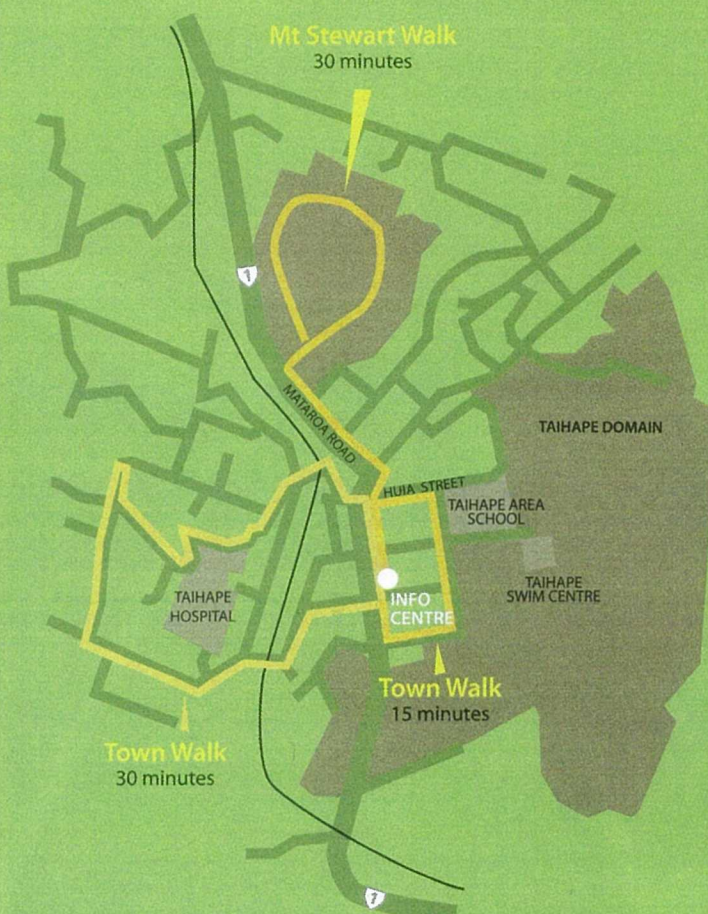
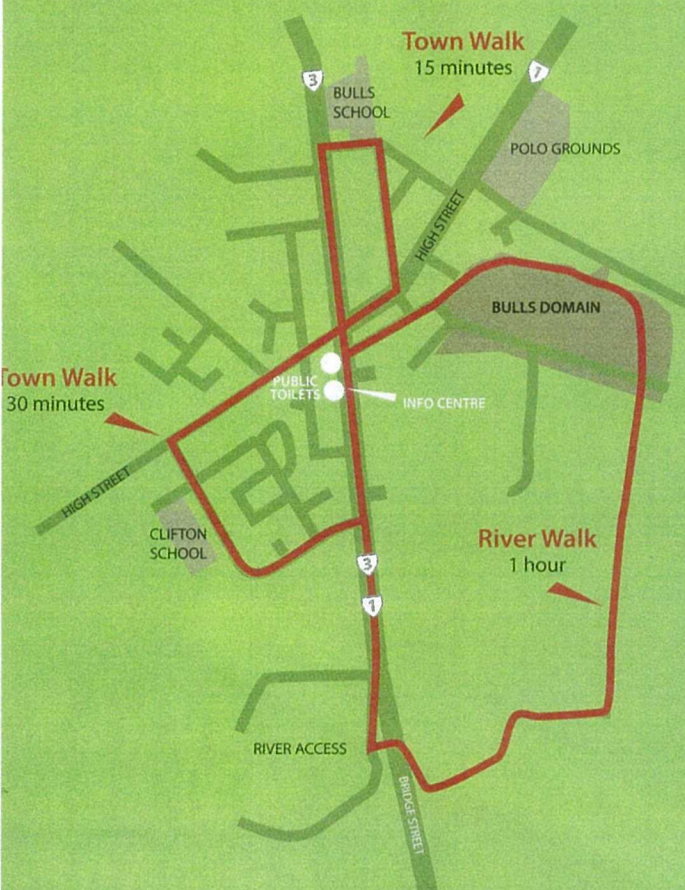
The Mt Stewart jaunt allows platform viewing of the town and surrounds—well worth the journey and great to get the heart pumping. In the summer months gumboots are not required.

Marton



Rangitikei Active, Roadsafes Central and Te Kotuku Hauora Rangitikei identified one, two, and three kilometre blocks around the town and painted green footprints along the route so people can easily keep on course—this is our Waewae Express!

The walks are being prescribed by health-providers using specially designed prescription sheets which identify which walk the client is to use and how many times a week—plus health and safety tips to keep the client on track and on the Waewae way!



Appendix 4

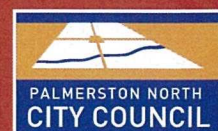
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City Walkways

Palmerston North



You'll find there's much more than meets the eye!



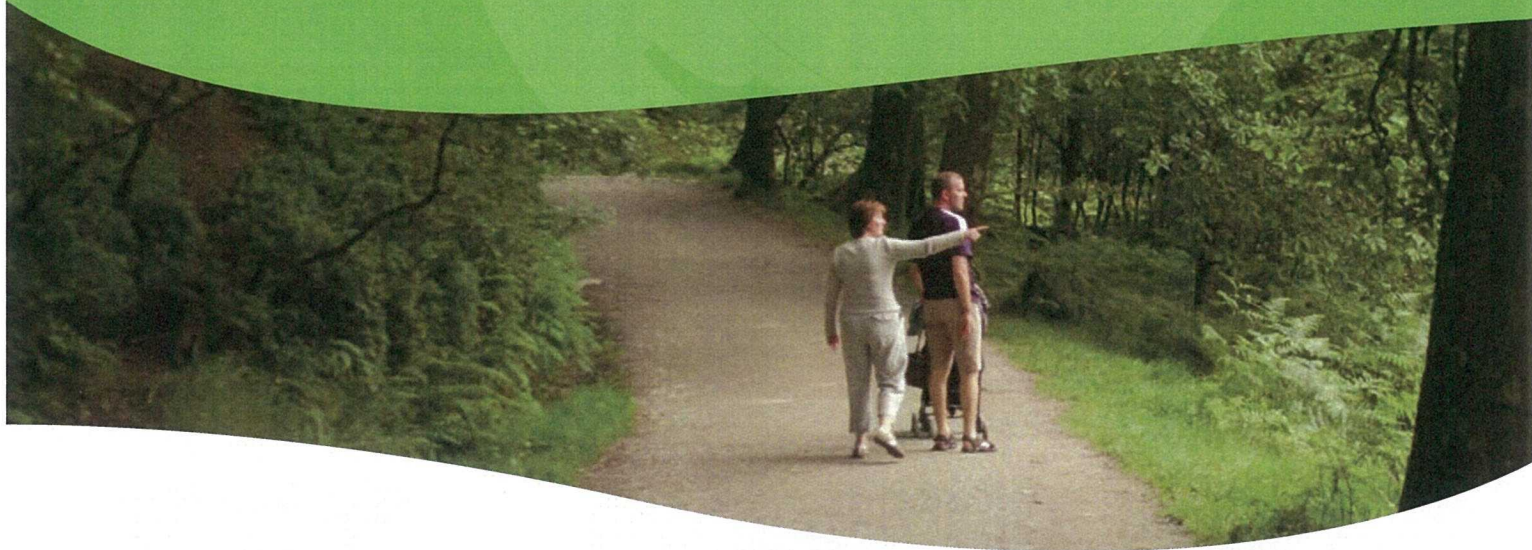


Discover...

*A thriving business and retail centre, this city offers an **abundance** of opportunities to enjoy a **wonderfully varied natural environment**. From manicured botanic gardens to untouched native bush echoing with birdsong, the choice is yours. From short, easy ambles to challenging climbs, it's all here.*

***All you need to do
is get into it!***

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Before You Walk

- Plan where you are going, how long it should take, and account for the return trip!
- Tell someone where you are going.
- Take someone with you.
- Many of the walkways are near ponds, streams and rivers. Please remember to take care around water.
- Respect walkway signs, fences, flora and fauna, and the property of those who live nearby.
- Be a tidy kiwi.
- Dress for the weather.
- Slip on a shirt, slap on a hat, and slop on some sun block.
- Wear suitable footwear.
- Take nothing but photos, leave nothing but footprints!
- Enjoy yourself! Talk while you walk.
- Please be aware that at any time we may need to close a walkway.



User Guide

Track Rating

Before setting out, check the degree of walking difficulty for the track (noted on the individual maps in this brochure). The rating scale is:

1 2 3 4 5
Very easy Very hard

Dogs

Dogs are allowed on many walkways, but not all. Generally dogs are not allowed on the central areas of the Victoria Esplanade, on or around playgrounds or sports fields. Please look for the following symbols on individual walkway maps:



Dogs must be on leash



Dogs can be off leash but must be under control

Please also:

- *Ensure dogs are under control at all times and do not worry stock where walkways pass through rural areas.*
- *Remove dog litter and use doggie doo bins where provided.*

Dog exercise areas are subject to change. Check the latest Dog Owners' Handbook for the level of dog control required on a walkway.

Horses



Horses are allowed along the Riverside Walkway (excluding the length from Maxwells Line to Dittmer Drive), the Otira Walkway and parts of Durham Street Reserve (Ashhurst).

Cycling



See individual walkway maps for tracks suitable for cycling. Please note that pedestrians have the right of way at all times.

Motorised Trail Bikes or Vehicles



Not permitted on any walkways.

Facilities



Camp sites are available at the Ashhurst Domain and the Palmerston North Holiday Park, Dittmer Drive.



Picnic areas are provided on some walkways.



Toilets.



Playground equipment is available at some locations.



Most walkways have plenty of street parking. Additional on-site parking is noted on individual walkway maps.

Wheelchair Access

All tracks are rated for their ease of use for wheelchairs.



Accessible - worth a try

Walks are flat with an even surface and there are no obstructions to hinder access. All curbs and channels have a ramp at appropriate places, including the car park.



Accessible - may need a friend

Walks are mainly flat, but may include slopes. Some people may require assistance, while others with strong upper body function will find them acceptable. Ramps and curb crossings are in place.



Accessible - will need a friend

Generally even surface, although likely to be undulating. The course may include obstacles such as low steps or curbing that people with a wheelchair will need assistance to manoeuvre around.



Inaccessible to mobility impaired

Generally not suited for someone who uses a wheelchair or has restricted mobility.

Walking Events

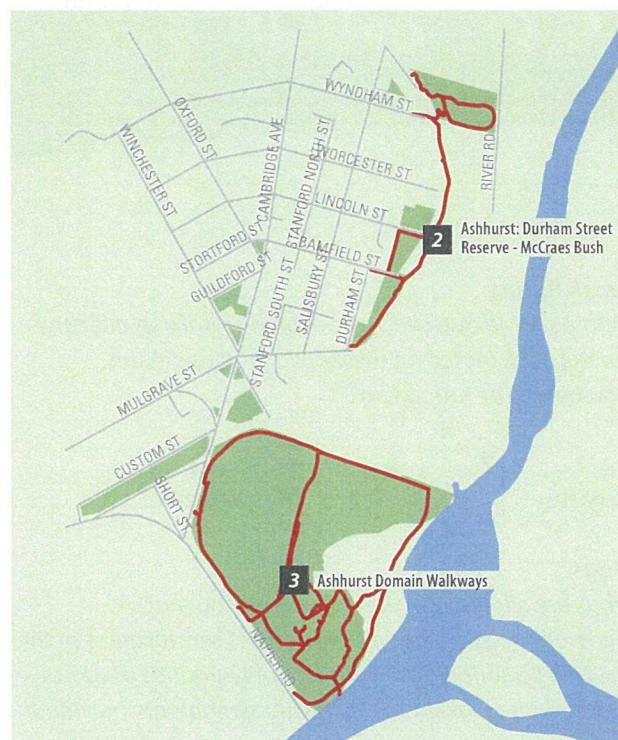
If you're a keen walker, check out the range of organised walking events in the Manawatu including KiwiWalks. Contact Sport Manawatu on:

Phone (06) 357 5349








Fax (06) 358 1178

Website www.sportmanawatu.org.nz

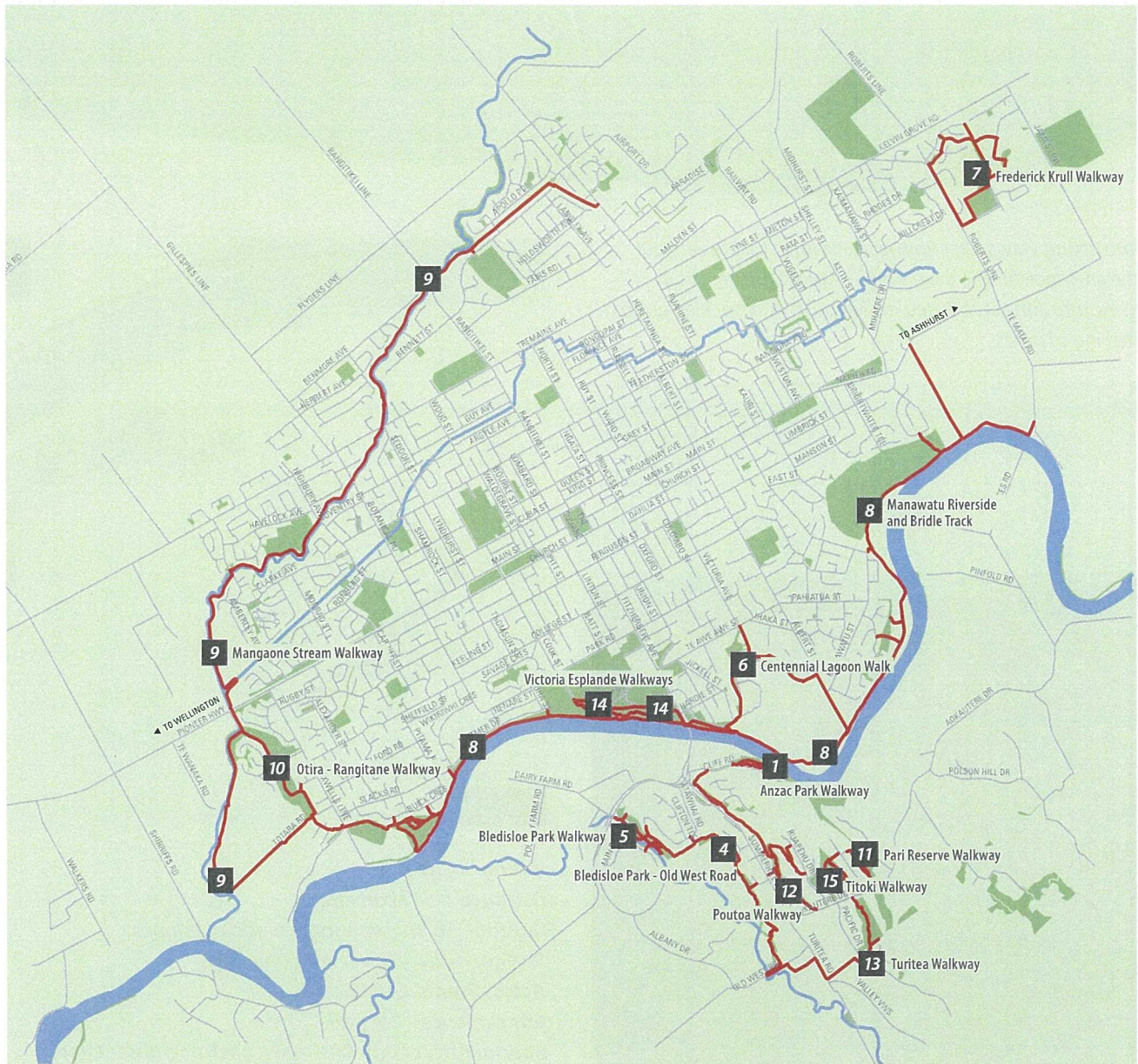
ASHHURST WALKWAYS



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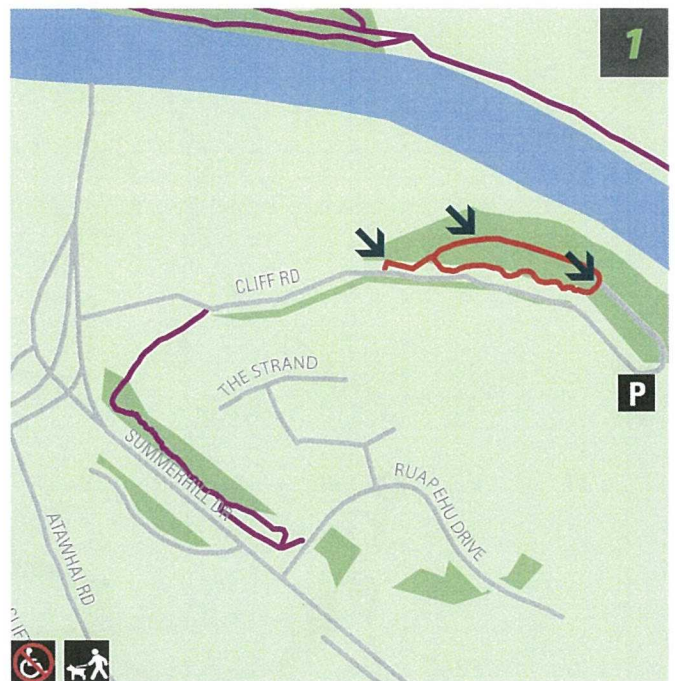
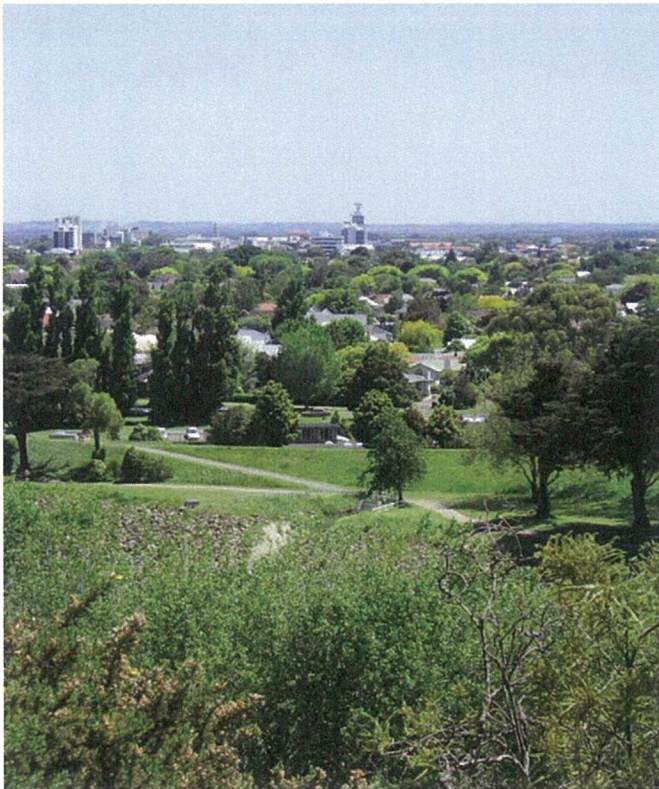
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-  Access Points
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-  Walkway Trails from Linking Walkways
-  Roads
-  Parks and Reserves
-  Water Ways

PALMERSTON NORTH WALKWAYS



Anzac Park Walkway

Breathtaking views over Palmerston North City greet you at the entrance of this short walk. Explore further for a journey through established native bush and back through a scattering of pines.



Rating 1 2 **3** 4 5

Distance 0.55 kilometres

Contour Rolling with some moderate slopes

Surface Gravel, forest floor and steps

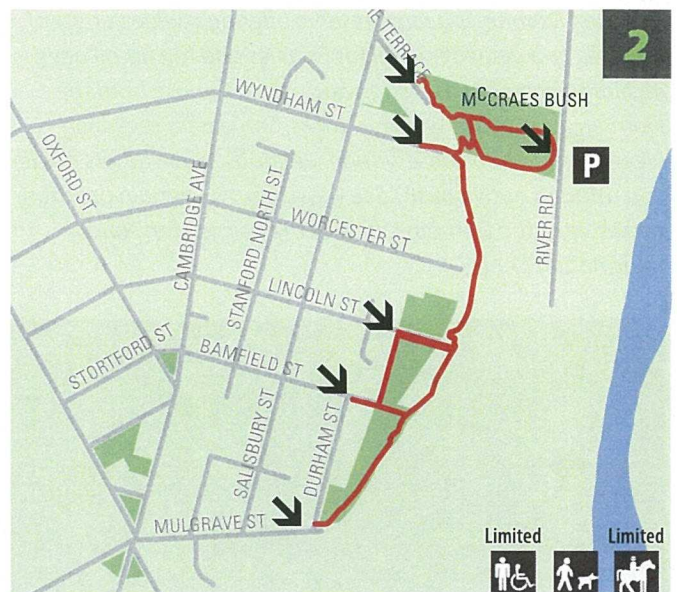
Access Points Cliff Road

Conveniences Car park

Special Attractions City views, bush and observatory

Ashhurst: Durham Street Reserve - McCraes Bush

You'll enjoy a mix of native and rural environments on this track as it takes you along the terrace edge from Durham Street, down between paddocks and into the McCraes native bush remnant.



Rating 1 2 **3** 4 5

Distance 2.04 kilometres (entire length)

Contour Mainly flat with steep access points from Wyndham Street and The Terrace

Surface Gravel, some board-walk and grass
Steps and a stile at The Terrace access point

Access Points The Terrace, River Road, Wyndham Street, Lincoln Street, Durham Street

Conveniences Parking at River Road

Special Attractions Native bush

Ashhurst: Domain Walkways

Ashhurst Domain is a large reserve offering a wide variety of facilities and activities ideal for families and fun for all ages, including access to the Manawatu River. Choose from the Domain's numerous walking tracks. Some offer revealing views overlooking conservation wetlands, while others guide you through native bush. See the Ashhurst Domain brochure available at the Domain Office or the Palmerston North Information Centre.



Rating

Upper Circuit (large): **1** 2 3 4 5

Upper Circuit (small): **1** 2 3 4 5

Lower Loop: **1** **2** 3 4 5

Full Circuit (excluding Lower Loop): 1 2 **3** 4 5

Distance

Upper Circuit (large): 1.88 kilometres

Upper Circuit (small): 1.40 kilometres

Lower Loop: 0.90 kilometres

Full circuit (excluding Lower Loop): 2.83 kilometres

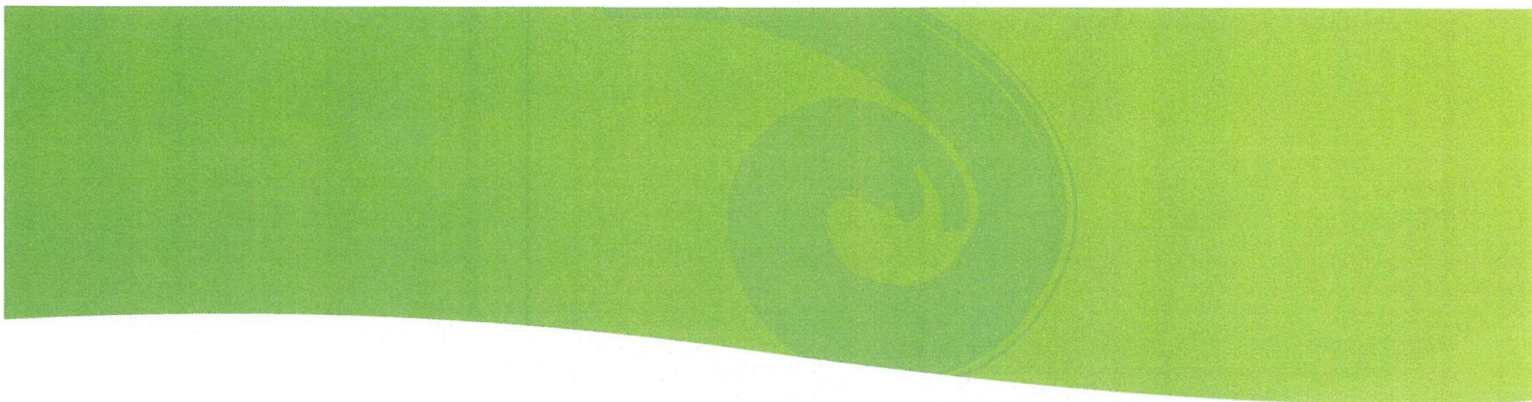
Contour A flat terrace area with moderate to steep slopes to the riverside

Surface Limestone, gravel, grass and forest floor. Board-walks and bridges present on Lower Loop and stiles on Full Circuit

Access Points Napier Road and Cambridge Avenue

Conveniences Playground, car parks, drinking water, toilets, changing facilities, camping ground, picnic area

Special Attractions Views of Wetland, Windfarm and Manawatu region, native bush, river access and the cemetery

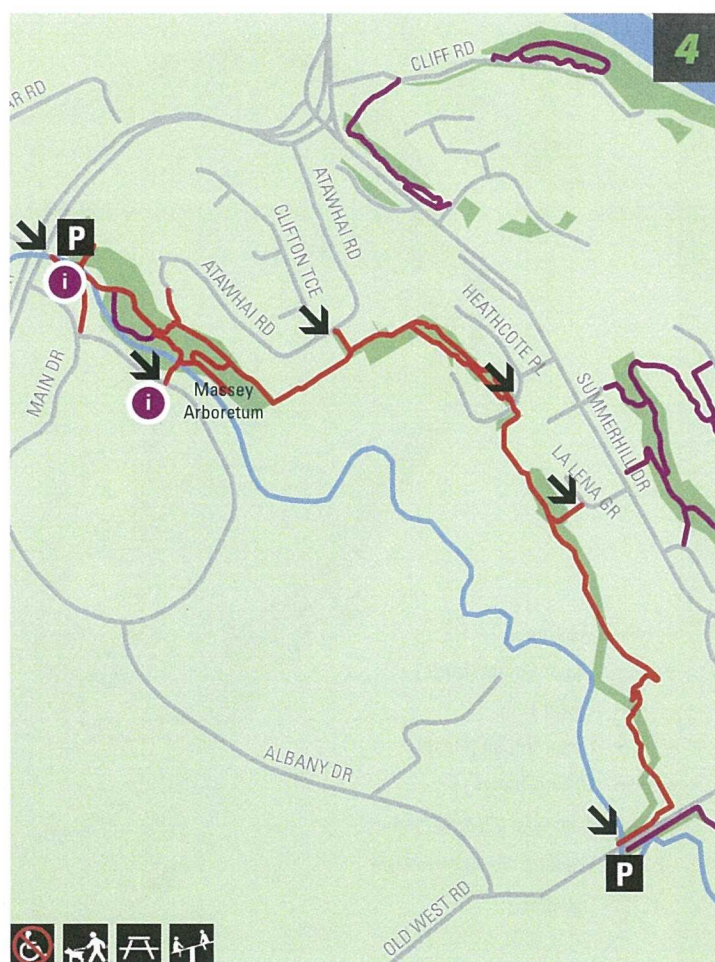


Bledisloe Park - Old West Road

This circuit extends across a variety of landscapes through native bush, pine forest and farmland. Leaving the Turitea Stream behind, the track emerges into open space and a playground at the Atawhai Road access point, a great rest spot for adults and children alike. You can then opt to finish your walk on Old West Road, or continue on under the bridge, into the Turitea Walkway.



Rating 1 2 3 **4** 5 **Distance** 3.2 kilometres
Contour Undulating with moderate to steep climbs
Surface Mostly gravel and steps
Access Points Old West Road, La Lena Grove, Springdale Grove, Atawhai Road, Massey University Avenue, Tennent Drive
Conveniences Playground, picnic benches and car parks
Special Attractions Views of Massey University and countryside, native bush, stream access and access to an arboretum



Bledisloe Park Walkway

Join the native birds as this path journeys through one of Palmerston North's native bush remnants. The pathway also links up with the Turitea Stream where babbling water, birdsong and fresh bush scent combine to create an oasis of calm.



Rating 1 2 3 4 5

Distance 0.51 kilometres

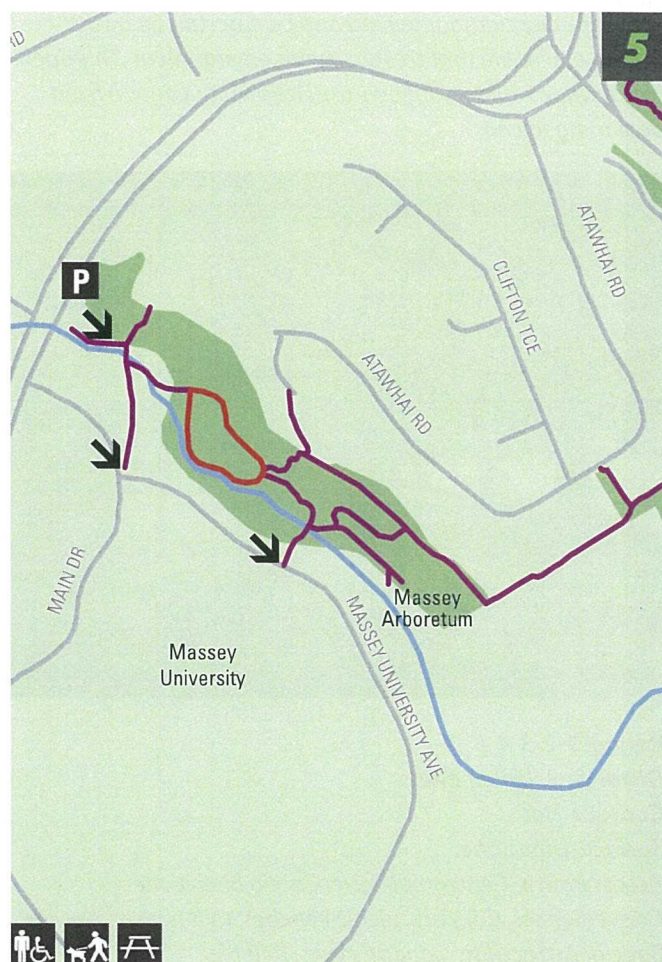
Contour Flat

Surface Gravel

Access Points Tennent Drive, Massey University Avenue (x2)

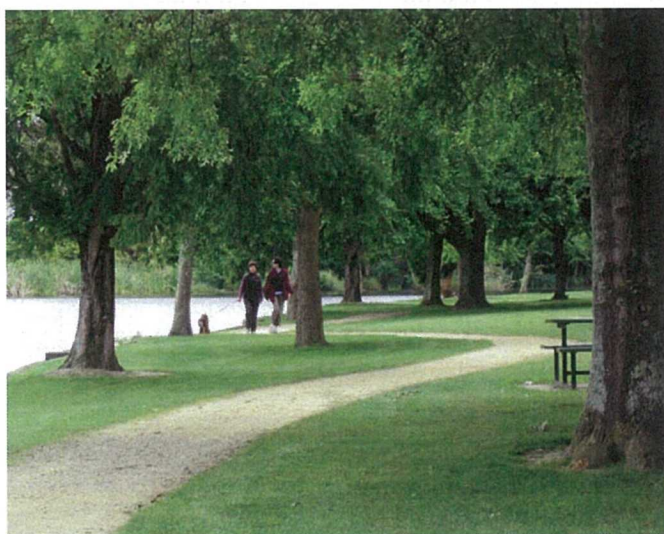
Conveniences Car park, picnic benches

Special Attractions Turitea Stream access, native bush



Centennial Lagoon Walk

Leave the city clamour behind and be entertained by the wealth of bird life that shelters in this environment. This open, picturesque walkway follows the Hokowhitu Lagoon from beginning to end.



Rating 1 2 3 4 5

Distance 1.1 kilometres

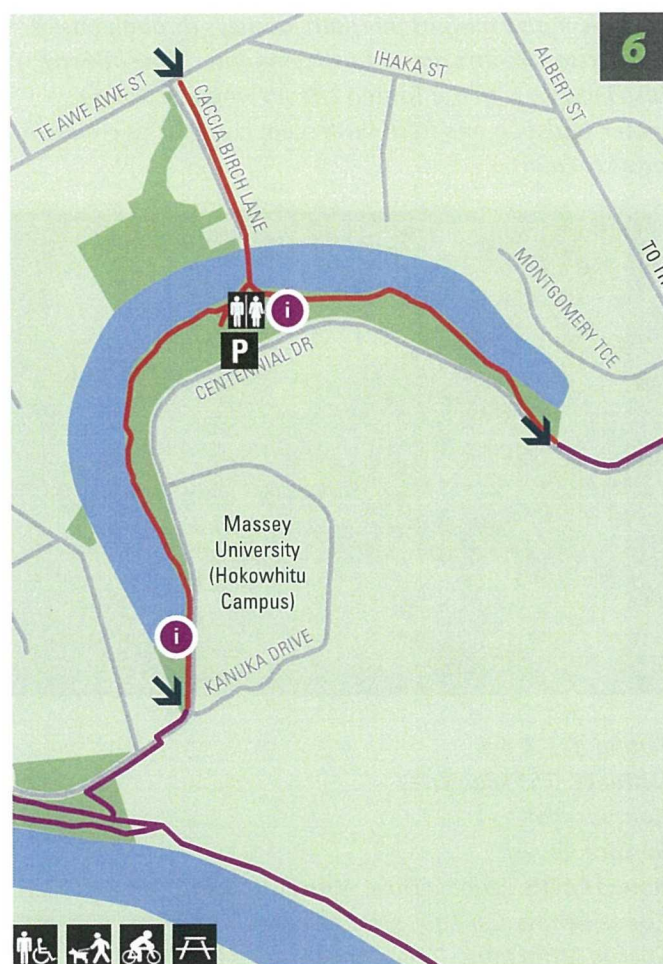
Contour Flat

Surface Limestone

Access Points Centennial Drive, Caccia Birch Lane

Conveniences Car park, picnic benches, toilets

Special Attractions Lagoon views, bird life



Frederick Krull Walkway

For a journey of varied scenery, take this walkway through sports field, meadow reserve, and suburban streets.



Rating 1 2 3 4 5

Distance 1.5 kilometres (length of reserve)

Contour Flat to mildly contoured

Surface Grass

Access Points Fernlea Avenue, Schnell Drive (x2), Parnell Heights (x2), Logan Way, Roberts Line

Conveniences Car park, picnic table



Manawatu Riverside Walkway and Bridle Track

Experience the ever-changing views of the Manawatu River and its surrounds on this open, flat walk which follows the River from the end of Maxwells Line through to Riverside Drive. While the entire route may not suit an evening stroll, numerous access points allow for the option of shorter walks.



Rating 1 2 3 4 5

Approximate Distance

Paneiri Park - end of Dittmer Drive: 2.37 kilometres
End of Dittmer Drive - Fitzherbert Avenue: 1.31 kilometres
Fitzherbert Avenue - Albert Street: 1.69 kilometres
Albert Street - Waterloo Crescent: 0.61 kilometres
Waterloo Crescent - Ayr Place: 0.60 kilometres
Ayr Place - Ruahine Street: 0.92 kilometres
Ruahine Street - Ruamahunga Crescent: 1.10 kilometres
Ruamahunga Crescent - Napier Road: 0.34 kilometres
Napier Road - Riverside Drive: 0.94 kilometres
Total: 9.86 kilometres

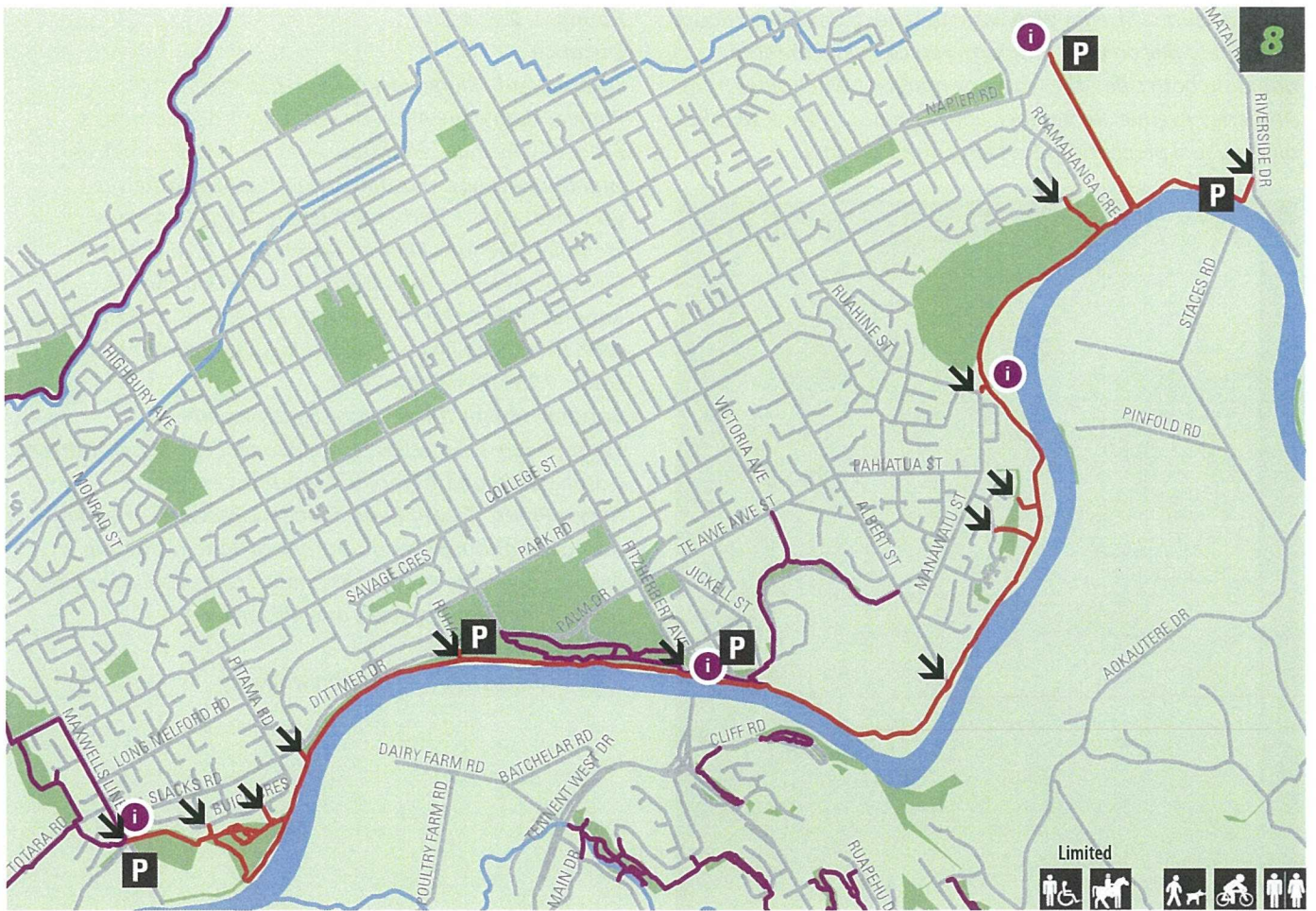
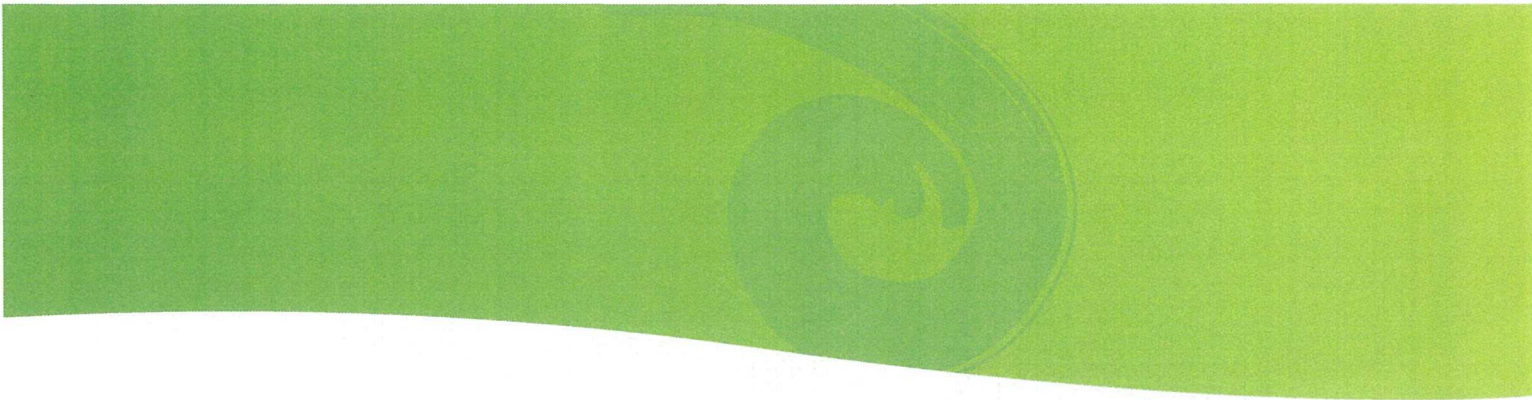
Contour Flat to mildly contoured

Surface Gravel

Access Points Riverside Drive (off Te Matai Road), Napier Road, Ruamahunga Crescent, Ruahine Street, Ayr Place, Waterloo Crescent, Albert Street, Fitzherbert Avenue, Victoria Esplanade Drive (Esplanade access), Dittmer Drive, Buick Crescent, Maxwells Line

Conveniences Car parks (River Road, Napier Road, Ruahine Street, Fitzherbert Avenue, Palm Drive, Dittmer Drive, Maxwells Line), toilets at Fitzherbert Avenue access

Special Attractions River views, river access



Mangaone Stream Walkway

The Mangaone Stream Walkway stretches from Totara Road through to Milson Line. Although you can walk the stop banks on both sides, the walkway markers switch sides from Amberley Avenue. Remember, you're on a stop bank so take all the usual precautions for being around water.



Rating 1 2 3 4 5

Distance

Totara Road - Pioneer Highway: 2.56 kilometres

Pioneer Highway - Amberley Avenue: 1.68 kilometres

Amberley Avenue - Highbury Avenue: 1.20 kilometres

Highbury Avenue - Botanical Road: 0.48 kilometres

Botanical Road - Tremaine Avenue: 0.56 kilometres

Tremaine Avenue - Benmore Avenue: 1.20 kilometres

Benmore Avenue - Rangitikei Line: 0.60 kilometres

Rangitikei Line - John F Kennedy Drive: 0.40 kilometres

John F Kennedy Drive - Milson Line: 0.47 kilometres

Total: 9.15 kilometres

Contour Mainly flat though slightly uneven

Surface Grass. Stiles present at Pioneer Highway, bridge of trotting club, and Tremaine Avenue access points

Access Points Totara Road, Pioneer Highway, Amberley Avenue, Highbury Avenue, Botanical Road, Tremaine Avenue, Benmore Avenue, Rangitikei Line, Apollo Parade, John F Kennedy Drive (x2), and Milson Line

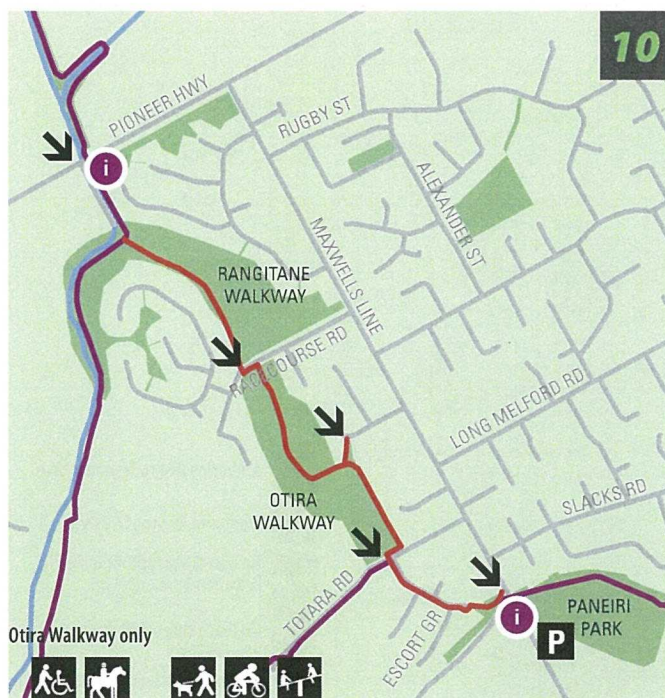
Conveniences Nil

Special Attractions A riparian walkway



Otira - Rangitane Walkway

You can start this walkway at Paneiri Park, travelling up Escort Grove through pasture into the Rangitane Reserve, a large open space carpeted in grass and bounded by native plantings. Up for more? You can extend your walk on the circuit back to Totara Road where the walkway joins the Mangaone Stream Walkway.



Rating 1 2 3 4 5

Distance 1.56 kilometres or
3.93 kilometres (circuit through Mangaone Stream)

Contour Flat with some moderate slopes. Rangitane Reserve has a gently sloping surface

Surface Concrete footpaths, limestone (Otira Walkway), and grass (Rangitane Walkway)

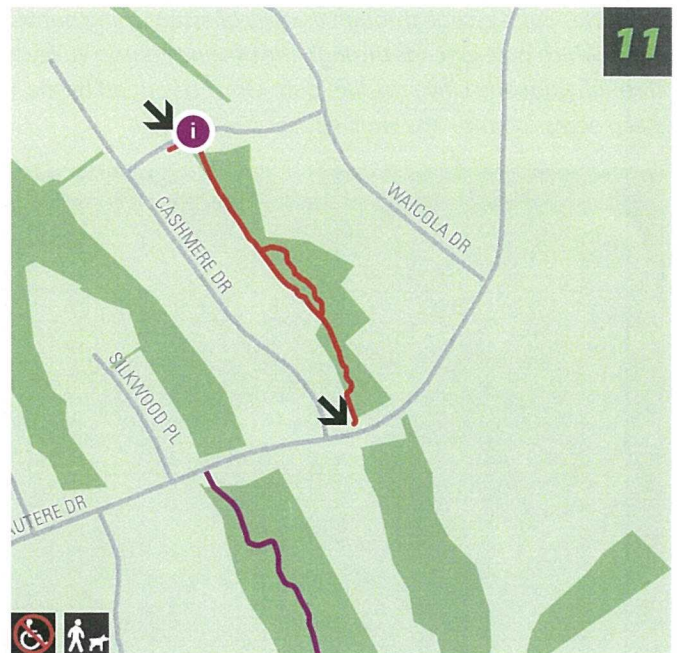
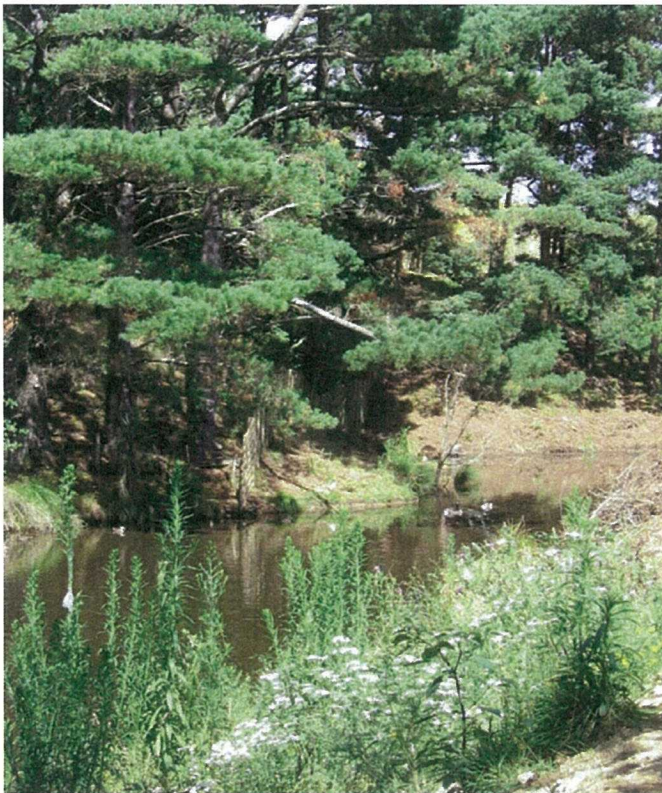
Access Points Maxwells Line (Paneiri Park), Totara Road, Otira Place, Racecourse Road

Conveniences Playground

Special Attractions Large areas of open space

Pari Reserve Walkway

Take a short walk past natural swampland and a vegetation-edged pond on this residential walkway, which also offers a convenient short-cut back through Cashmere Drive. More walkways are planned for this area.



Rating 1 2 **3** 4 5

Distance 0.5 kilometres

Contour Moderately contoured with a steep climb up to Aokautere Drive

Surface Gravel and some board-walk

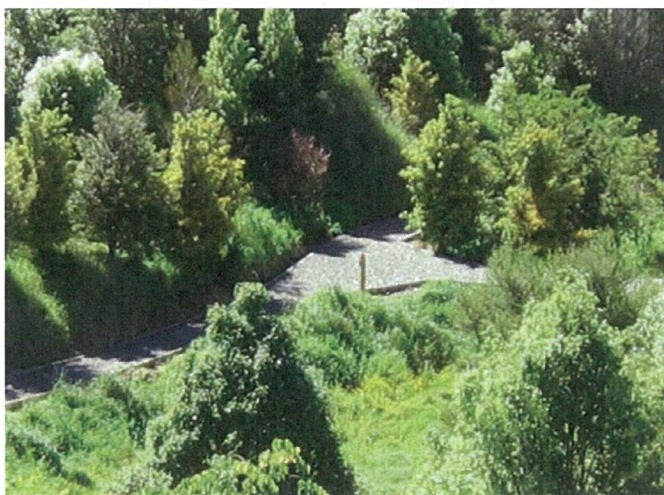
Access Points Waicola Drive, Aokautere Drive

Conveniences Nil

Special Attractions Pond

Poutoa Walkway

Enjoy this quite escape through a valley of establishing native bush, which now extends through the pristine Poutoa Valley through Ruapehu Drive to Cliff Road. Don't be put off by the steep access points – the walkway soon levels out!



Rating 1 2 **3** 4 5

Distance 2.8 kilometres

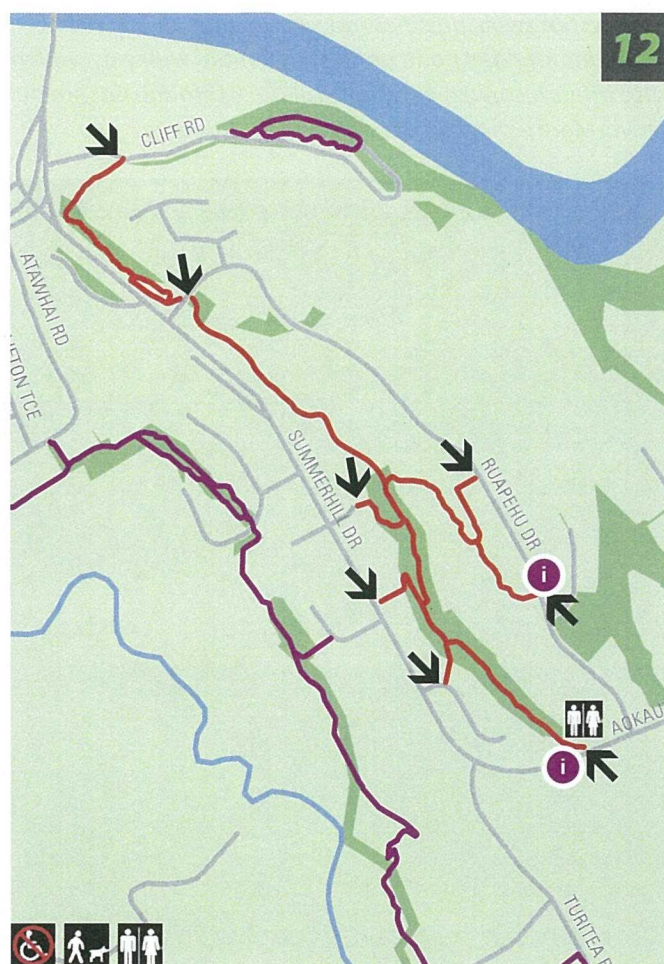
Contour Steep access points, remainder flat to rolling

Surface Gravel, steps (Jasmine Place)

Access Points Jasmine Place, Summerhill Drive, Greenwood Place, Aokautere Drive, Ruapehu Drive, Cliff Road

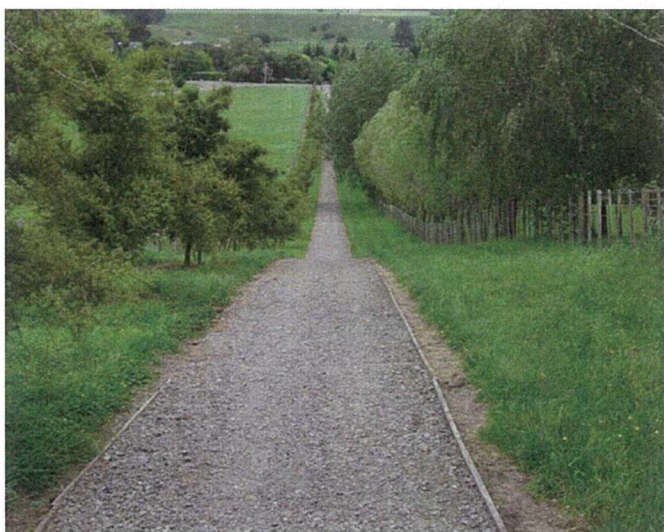
Conveniences Picnic benches and seats

Special Attractions Valley views, native bush



Turitea Walkway

Leave the Old West Road car park behind as you climb towards Pacific Drive where you'll be rewarded with amazing views over the Manawatu countryside. This path connects up with Adderstone Walkway, which leads through to Aokautere Drive.



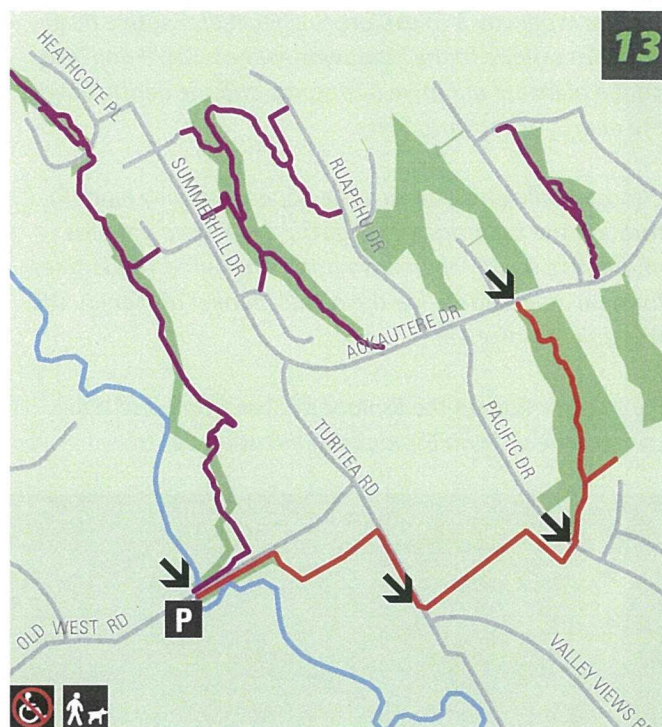
Rating 1 2 **3** 4 5

Distance

Old West Road - Pacific Drive: 1.24 kilometres

Pacific Drive - Aokautere Drive: 0.69 kilometres
(Adderstone Walkway)

Contour Undulating with moderate to steep climbs



Surface Gravel

Access Points Old West Road, Turitea Road,
Pacific Drive, Aokautere Drive

Conveniences Car park, picnic bench

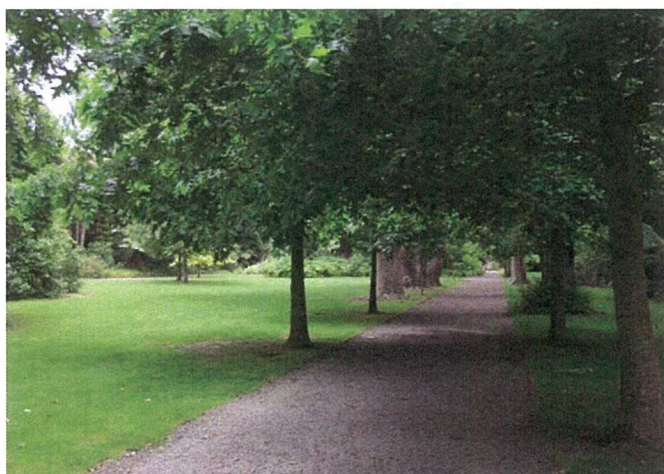
Special Attractions Rural views, pond

Victoria Esplanade Walkways

Choose Walkway A to explore the heart of a native bush remnant unique to the Manawatu plains. You'll gain the added pleasure of native bird songs and the gentle flow of the nearby Manawatu River.

Choose Walkway B for an easier, open pathway leading through the Esplanade's delightful developed gardens and native bush. Open lawn and established shade trees form an ideal spot to lay the picnic blanket and enjoy the tranquil atmosphere.

For information on the Esplanade Forest and Bird Walk, contact the Victoria Esplanade Education Centre.



WALKWAY A (Red)

Rating 1 2 3 4 5

Distance 1.35 kilometres

Contour Flat with minor undulation

Surface Fine gravel

Starting Point Victoria Esplanade Drive

Conveniences Car park. Toilets, picnic areas, BBQ's, paddling pool, and playgrounds nearby

Special Attractions Native bush, established gardens
Nearby: Miniature railway, duck ponds, river access, conservatory, aviaries, café

WALKWAY B (Yellow)

Rating 1 2 3 4 5

Distance 0.9 kilometres

Contour Flat

Surface Fine gravel

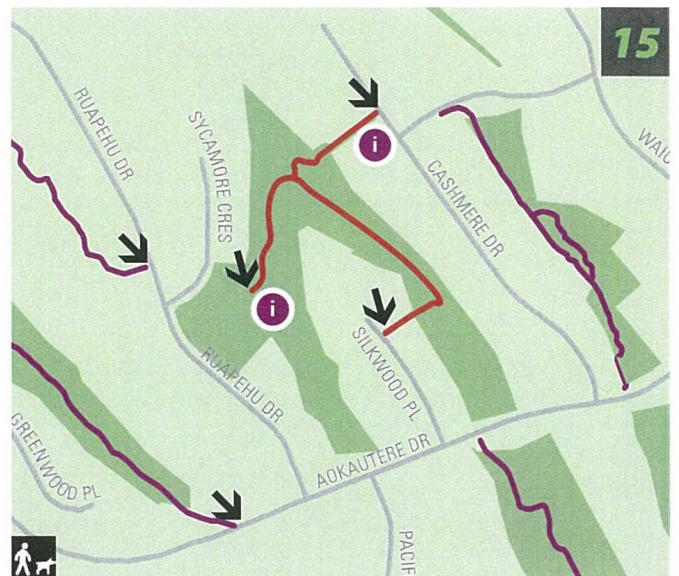
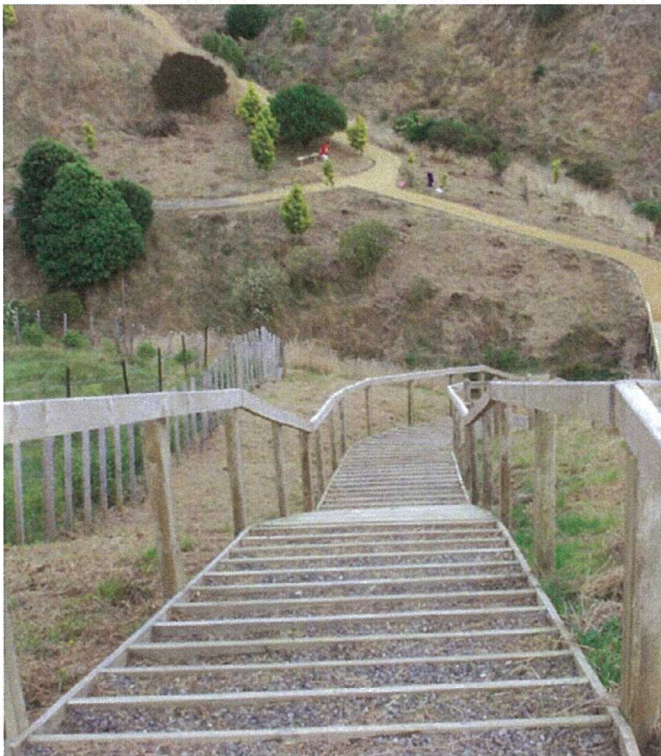
Starting Point Victoria Esplanade Drive

Conveniences Car park. Toilets, picnic areas, BBQ's, paddling pool and playgrounds nearby

Special Attractions Native bush, established gardens
Nearby: Miniature railway, duck ponds, river access, conservatory, aviaries, café

Tifoki Walkway

Make your way through this scenic valley of newly planted native vegetation for views of the Tararua Ranges and the city. Opened in 2005 by the mayors of Palmerston North and its sister city, Kunshan (China), this walkway can be accessed from Sycamore Crescent, Cashmere Drive and Silkwood Place.



Rating 1 2 3 4 5

Distance 0.3 kilometres

Contour Moderate contoured with a steep climb up to Sycamore Crescent, Silkwood Place and Cashmere Drive.

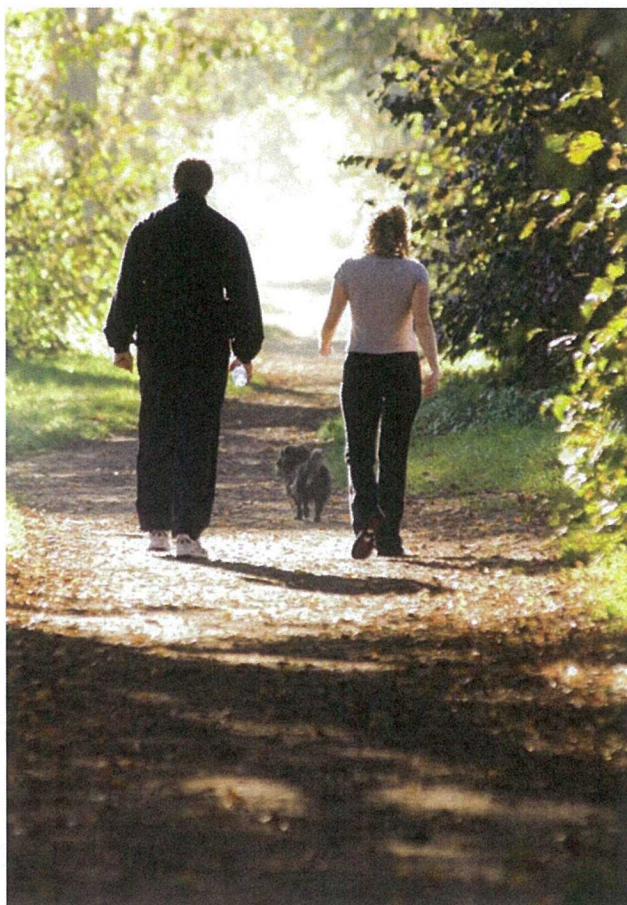
Surface Limestone and some board-walk

Access Points Sycamore Crescent, Cashmere Drive, Silkwood Place

Conveniences Nil

Special Attractions Valley views, two bridges bought in by helicopter, rest seats, small dams

Other Regional Walkways



Department of Conservation

Beehive Creek - Pohangina Valley West Road
Manawatu Gorge Walks - State Highway 3
Kahikatea Walk - Pohangina Valley East Road
Coppermine Creek Walks - Pinfold Road, Woodville

Manawatu District Council

Mt Lees Reserve - Ngaio Road, Sanson
Tangimoana - near Tangimoana Village
Totara Reserve - Pohangina Valley East Road
Branch Road Walkway - Kuku Road, Pohangina Village
North Range Road - top of Pahiatua Track

Palmerston North City Council

Sledge Track - Kahuterawa Valley
Back Track - Kahuterawa Valley

The Manawatu Walkways Promotion Society, the Manawatu District Council and the Department of Conservation have produced booklets on the other walkways within the Manawatu region. Most are available from the Palmerston North Visitor Information Centre, other regional information centres, or the Department of Conservation (Tremaine Ave).

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Palmerston North. So many ways to get into green.

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Administration Building, The Square, Palmerston North or*

- Phone 06 356 8199

- Fax 06 351 4479

- see our web site: www.pncc.govt.nz

Attachment 8



Rangitikei
UNUSPILT...

MEMORANDUM

TO: Policy/Planning Committee

FROM: Denise Servante, Strategy and Community Planning Manager

DATE: 4 June 2015

SUBJECT: **Preliminary view of 2018 Census content**

FILE: 1-CO-2

Background

Statistics New Zealand have produced a public engagement and consultation document seeking feedback on their proposed changes for the Census 2018. The full document is available at <http://www.statistics.govt.nz/Census/2018-census/prelim-content.aspx>. Submissions may be made to the consultation document before 30 June 2015. This memorandum summarises the proposed changes and seeks feedback from the Committee to inform a potential submission from Council.

Clearly the Census is the most important dataset available to local authorities to use in their planning processes. The information provides an accurate snapshot of the population across a range of demographic characteristics. It also provides a longitudinal dataset to study past trends and make future projections. It can be supplemented where necessary by other datasets which may need to be captured more regularly or through a more sensitive data collection process.

A summary of the proposed changes is attached as Appendix 1. The consultation documents provides more detail about the changes that are being proposed by Statistics New Zealand and the changes that have been considered and rejected.

Personal characteristics of the population

Many of the proposed changes relate to providing more detail on social issues that have been drivers of change over the past decade or so. These relate to the way that people manage their personal and family lives, including relationship status, blended family relationships and gender identity.

Statistics New Zealand are particularly seeking feedback on whether legal marital status is as relevant as questions that improve partnership status categories. The example cited is that the Census produced a figure for civil union rates that was far higher than the data from registration of civil unions – the reason could simply be that people misinterpreted what a civil union is.

Introducing an improvement in the categories to remove any possible confusion over legal status and relationship status could provide a more accurate picture of the relationship status of the population.

Council does not currently use this data in any of its planning. However, it may in the future become more important – and it will certainly be used by some agencies that provide services in the District – so any improvements in the quality of the data would be welcome.

Work, income and education

Proposed changes in this area again tend to reflect modern day living and working. The need for additional data on education and training is driven by tertiary education providers and economic development agencies in planning for training and retraining the workforce beyond school age. It reflects that people no longer have “jobs for life” and need to be able to acquire new skills to reflect opportunities and technological change.

This information is currently used by Council and it would be useful for the data on work, income and education to be more in depth and to reflect changing needs.

The proposal not to collect information on unpaid work is interesting, given the increasing importance of, for example, voluntary and unpaid care work, in providing essential social services. Statistics New Zealand have not under-valued the importance of this data but suggest that the census is not the most useful tool to collect robust information.

Housing

Proposed changes to the data collected on housing is driven mainly by the change in collection methods from personal visits to mail and online completion of forms. The data on the form therefore needs to be more explicit to enable people to complete the forms correctly. Additional information is intended to further distinguish between type of dwelling (for example, to be able to collect data on “high-rise living”) and new forms of housing (for example, retirement villages). A particular issue is the classification of an unoccupied dwelling as either “empty” or “residents away” since this information is mostly collected by the Census collectors.

Council currently does not use this data to any great extent: it is more valuable to areas of growth and particularly authorities that have spatial plans. However, it could well be useful for Council to be able to continue to distinguish between “empty” and “residents away” if, as predicted, absolute population decline eventually leads to a reduction in households as well as population decline. The number of empty buildings may be important.

Statistics New Zealand is also looking for feedback on the collection of data relating to housing quality. This is something that could be very useful for Council and its planning functions.

Transport

Statistics New Zealand acknowledges that this information is most important for local authorities and transport planners in larger cities.

An area of concern for Council is the use of car ownership as a key indicator in the Deprivation Index. Car ownership is perhaps no longer the indicator of affluence that it once was. This is because in rural areas, car ownership has long been a necessity rather than a luxury and many people in rural areas prioritise a car over other “luxury items” such as dishwashers or washing machines. Equally, inner city living is now a lifestyle choice for many because it enables them to walk, cycle or use public transport and not own a car – again this decision is not one that is income related. It may be of more value to ask a question about the age of the car rather than the number of cars.

Recommendations

- 1 That the memorandum “Preliminary view of 2018 Census content” is received.
- 2 That the Committee endorses a submission to Statistics New Zealand on the proposals for the content of the 2018 Census that provides feedback as requested and as outlined in the memorandum “Preliminary view of 2018 Census content”.

Denise Servante

Strategy and Community Planning Manager

Appendix 1

Table 1: Summary of preliminary content recommendations for the 2018 Census

Topic	Existing content to remain the same	Recommended new content or improvements to existing content	More information required to recommend inclusion	Content not recommended for inclusion
Population structure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Age⁽¹⁾ • Name⁽¹⁾ • Number of occupants on census night⁽¹⁾ • Absentees 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sex⁽¹⁾ • Partnership status in current relationship 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Legally registered relationship status • Number of children born alive 	
Location	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Address on census night⁽¹⁾ • Address of dwelling⁽¹⁾ • Usual residence • Usual residence five years ago 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Usual residence one year ago⁽²⁾ 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Years at usual residence 	
Second address/residence (new topic)		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Second address/residence⁽²⁾ 		
Ethnicity, culture, and identity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ethnicity⁽¹⁾ • Māori descent • Birthplace • Language spoken • Years since arrival in New Zealand • Religious affiliation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Iwi affiliation 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Generational attachment⁽²⁾ • Citizenship⁽²⁾ • Sexual orientation⁽²⁾ • Gender identity⁽²⁾
Education and training	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Highest secondary school qualification 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Post-school qualification • Study participation 		
Work	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hours worked per week • Industry • Work and labour force status • Occupation • Sector of ownership • Status in employment • Workplace address 			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Veteran population⁽²⁾ • Unpaid activities
Income		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Total personal income • Sources of personal income 		
Families and households	The existing range of derived family and household information, eg: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Family type - Household composition - Extended families - Child dependency status - Dependent young person indicator - Grandparents in a parental role 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stepfamilies⁽²⁾ 		
Housing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dwelling counts (occupied, unoccupied, under construction) • Number of bedrooms • Number of rooms⁽¹⁾ • Weekly rent paid by households 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Occupied dwelling type • Tenure of household⁽¹⁾ • Tenure holder • Sector of landlord 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Types of unoccupied dwellings (empty, residents away) • Housing quality⁽²⁾ • Mortgage payment amount⁽²⁾ • Fuel types used to heat dwelling 	
Transport		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of motor vehicles • Main means of travel to work • Main means of travel to education⁽²⁾ • Educational institution address⁽²⁾ 		
Telecommunications		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Access to telecommunication systems 		
Health		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Disability 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cigarette smoking behaviour 	

Notes:

1. Content that is required to be collected under the Statistics Act 1975.

2. Content that was not collected in the 2013 Census.

Attachment 9

Update on Communications Strategy

This regular report provides the Committee with an update with progress on the Council's Communications Strategy and media and communication activity.

Update on Action Plan – January 2014 to 31 May 2015

<i>Action Description</i>	<i>Expected Completion</i>	<i>Lead Responsibility</i>	<i>Status</i>
Investigate the potential use of social media for the dissemination of information	August 2014	Executive Officer (Carol Downs)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> An RDC Facebook page was created in January. Other social media avenues can be explored if they are deemed appropriate (e.g Twitter)
Develop the Council intranet as the primary internal business support tool	Ongoing	Information Management Officer (TBC)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Work is being done to re-design an appropriate intranet page, this will now be progressed as the website has been finished.
Develop and implement Corporate Identity guidelines to reinforce our professionalism	September 2014	Executive Officer (Carol Downs)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A Uniform Policy was introduced earlier this year, and most key frontline staff and those working "in the field" now wear corporate uniforms.
Develop the Council website as the primary customer/resident self-help tool	Ongoing	Information Management Officer (TBC)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The new website was launched on Friday, 29 May 2015.
Provide Elected members and staff with training to ensure appropriate standards are maintained	Ongoing	Executive Officer (Carol Downs)	
Key staff to have undertaken appropriate communications training	Mid 2015	Executive Officer (Carol Downs)	
Investigate and implement (where appropriate) the most effective ways of communicating within and beyond Council	Ongoing	Executive Officer (Carol Downs)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> RDC will take part in the LGNZ Performance Uplift Programme and dovetail into that process.

May Media Activity

The table below outlines the media activity during May, including printed media articles and website activity:

- Rangitikei Bulletin – 2 editions were published during May in Rangitikei Mail, Central District Times and District Monitor
- Rangitikei Line, Council's e-newsletter was published in late April/early May
- 23 articles relating to Council appeared in local papers, during May, as outlined in the table below. Of these 4 were positive, 6 were negative and 13 were neutral.

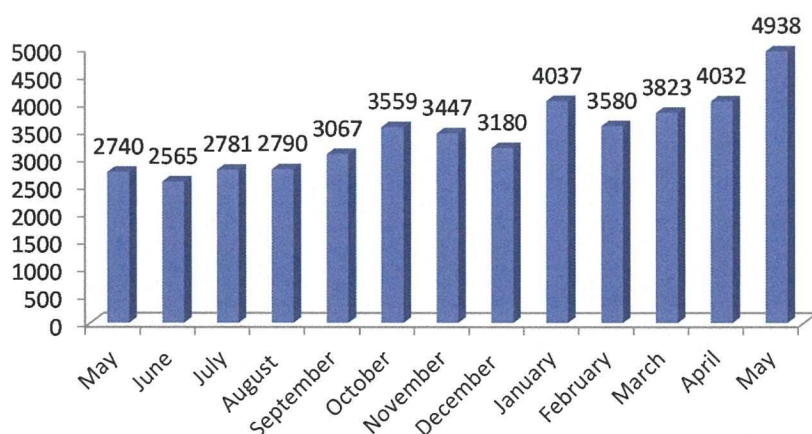
Date	Media Channel	Article Heading and Topic
1/5/15	Manawatu Standard	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pay or lose your house, non-paying ratepayers warned (Council has warned ratepayers that that it will proceed with further action against those in rate arrears)
2/5/15	Wanganui Chronicle	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council fights MPI over 'Severe' fine (Council received a fine for not informing MPI of its intention to harvest its forest at Rata in a timely manner)
5/5/15	Wanganui Chronicle	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cash for youth clubs hangs in the balance (Council last week voted to cover a \$8850 shortfall to keep Marton and Taihape Youth clubs open until July 3)
7/5/15	Wanganui Chronicle District Monitor x 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Homes at risk as rates debt mounts (council has warned ratepayers that that it will proceed with further action against those in rate arrears) • Bulls skate ramp removed for public safety (the structure was too dangerous to continue to be used) • First steps in playground revamp (a student from St Matthews School designed a colourful multi-level stepping post feature for the Wilson Park playground which is a council owned park) • RDC will go back to clarify a few issues with Kiwi Rail (re the \$650 annual fee for the upkeep of the Marton Junction subway)
8/5/15	Wanganui Chronicle	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council urged to boost tax on landfill road haulers
12/5/15	Wanganui Chronicle	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Costs limit pupils' pool use: Schools (Lower-Rangitikei schools are seeking free access to the reduced instruction fees to allow a more comprehensive swim programme for pupils)
14/5/15	Manawatu Standard	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Relief at progress on Bulls premises (RDC has signed a memorandum of understanding with the new owners of the Criterion Hotel. This will be the location of the combined service centre include the I/C the Library and the town hall)
18/5/15	Wanganui Chronicle	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meridian appeals wind farm vote
19/5/15	Wanganui Chronicle x 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Landfill expansion granted consents (Bonny Glen gets 35-year consent to increase capacity nearly 5-fold) • Mangaweka - Petition says thanks, but no tanks (The LTP said the preferred option was to scrap Mangaweka's current system in favour of individual septic tanks in 2024. 60 people signed a petition against the proposal)

Date	Media Channel	Article Heading and Topic
20/5/15	Manawatu Standard	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mayors call for regional growth (Seven mayors united in calling for more cash to be spent on economic growth across Manawatu/Wanganui)
21/5/15	District Monitor	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Roading contract review causes employment concerns
22/5/15	Wanganui Chronicle	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 'Kick in backside' to those in Marton (roading contract)
26/5/15	Wanganui Chronicle	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wind farm bid gets second chance Residents bridge gap during closure (a four month refurbishment of the bridge was completed last month and the bridge officially reopened on Friday)
27/05/15	Manawatu Standard	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Decision pending (RDC to vote whether or not to extend the consent period Meridian Energy's Project Central Wind on Thursday)
28/05/15	District Monitor	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> One roading contractor for all (RDC award the Roding contract to Higgins) Rubbish at Bonny Glen to grow for next 40 years
29/5/15	Wanganui Chronicle	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Consent extension granted (Bonny Glen)
30/05/15	Manawatu Standard	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Higgins to use local businesses

Website Statistics

Activity on Council's website for May:

Website Visits 2014-15



In May 58.5% of those who visited Council's website were new visitors to the site.

**Top Council Webpages Visited
(May)**

1. Home page
2. Rates
3. Cemeteries
4. Solid Waste

**Top Six Geographical Locations
Visiting the Website (May)**

1. Palmerston North area
2. *Auckland
3. *Wellington
4. Christchurch
5. Napier
6. Hamilton

* note smaller areas can be recorded as Auckland or Wellington

Carol Downs
Executive Officer

Attachment 10



Rangitikei
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MEMORANDUM

TO: Policy/Planning Committee

FROM: Samantha Whitcombe

DATE: 4 June 2015

SUBJECT: **Update on the Path to Well-Being initiative and other community development programmes – June 2015**

FILE: 1-CO-4

1 Background

- 1.1 In consultation with the Chair of the Policy/Planning Committee, this report identifies meetings that have taken place involving members of the Policy Team through the Community Partnerships activity, focussing on the Path to Well-being initiatives. Added commentary is provided where necessary.
- 1.2 This report also covers applications for external funding as required by the Policy on external grant applications made by Council.

2 Meetings

What?	When/Where?	Why?
Bouyant Economy Theme Group	24 March Marton	Inaugural meeting of reconvened Theme Group to guide the Rangitikei Growth Strategy.
Tracey Schiebli, General Manager Service and Business Planning at Whanganui DHB	7 April Whanganui	To discuss continuation project for secondment of Te Ora Nyman to undertake Positive Ageing Strategy implementation and other local health promotion work.
Rangitikei Heritage Group Meeting	7 April Hunterville	Bi-monthly meeting. Discussion about Rangitikei Weekend, heritage inventories, Heritage Strategy, local issues, WW1 DVD.
Shelton Pavilion Management Committee	20 April Marton	To finalise refurbishment programme and agree partnership arrangements with contractors
Treasured Natural Environment Group meeting	22 April	Regular meeting to discuss environmental issues in the Rangitikei – River Accord, Long Term Plan submissions, local

	Marton	issues/projects, other issues.
Bouyant Economy Theme Group	23 April Marton	Second meeting of the reconvened group.
Meeting with representative of the Southern Rangitikei Schools' Principals Cluster Inc.	28 April Marton	Met with Brya Dixon. Update on the Swim 4 All programme 2015 and 2015/2025 Long Term Plan submission.
Hautapu Catchment Care Group Meeting	29 April Mataroa	Community meeting to discuss the Hautapu catchment – issues, ideas and potential projects.
HYPE Academy Ltd	1 May Marton	To discuss implementation of the Youth Projects as part of the contract with HYPE Academy to continue providing the Marton Youth Club and Taihape Youth Hutt services until end June.
Safe and Caring Community Theme Group	6 May Taihape	Regular networking meeting of the group.
Marton Community Charter Board meeting	12 May Marton	Second meeting of the Board – terms of reference and next steps discussed.
HYPE Academy Ltd	13 May Marton	Meeting to discuss Health Expo in Marton (23 May) and Taihape (28 May)
Bulls River Users Group Meeting	13 May Bulls	Discussion about OMB's, planting, rubbish, cycleway, future projects.
Southern Rangitikei Networking Group	18 May Marton	Regular networking meeting of the group: specifically raised the Youth Health Expo and the Marton Community Charter Board progress
Rangitikei Heritage Group	2 June Hunterville	Bi-monthly meeting. Discussion about Rangitikei Weekend, heritage inventories, Heritage Strategy, local issues, WW1 DVD.

3 Comment

Marton Youth Club/Taihape Youth Hutt

- 3.1 Funding for these initiatives has been confirmed to the end of June. There is good support for maintaining the Marton initiative through the Marton Community Charter: hopefully this will translate into financial support within the next two months.

Secondment of Te Ora Nyman

- 3.2 A meeting with key management staff at Whanganui DHB has confirmed that Te Ora will continue to work in the District for 2 days each week, pending further discussions within the healthy Families initiative about resourcing health promotion work to align with this project. The Falls Prevention Programme has been picked up by the DHB for roll-out across the District in a more formal way. Te Ora is therefore focussing on ensuring that the District participates in a number of regional and national health promotion initiatives. To date this has concentrated on Road Safety Week (with presentations to kindergartens relating to toddlers in driveways) and Youth Week through supporting HYPE Academy with the Youth Health Expos.

Rangitikei Growth Strategy

- 3.3 The Buoyant Economy Theme Group has met twice and is aiming to oversee the implementation of the emerging Rangitikei Growth Strategy. This is likely to develop into a number of sub-groups focussing on different aspects of the local economy, including agribusiness, education sector development and District promotion.

Swim 4 All

- 3.4 Funding has been secured from two external funding agencies (the Whanganui Community Foundation and the Lotteries Community Committee). A submission was made by the Southern Rangitikei School's Principals Cluster Inc. to Council's 2015/2025 Long Term Plan for the waiver of entry fees for School groups to Councils swimming pools.

4 External Funding Applications

- 4.1 Youth Clubs: A funding application was prepared from Whanganui Community Law on Council's behalf for the Todd Foundation for the Marton and Taihape Youth Clubs. This has been declined.
- 4.2 Swim 4 All: The application to Lottery Community Committee was successful providing \$10,000 towards travel costs for swimming in Term 4 2015 and Term 1 2016.

5 Recommendations

- 5.1 That the memorandum 'Update on the Path to Well-Being initiative and other community development programmes – June 2015' be received.

Samantha Whitcombe
Governance Administrator

Appendix 1

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Fund	Project description	How much	Desired outcomes and milestones	Lead Agency	Council role	Policy Team Role	Final report due
MSD - Quality Services and Innovation Fund	Taihape Community Connections; to develop better collaborative and referral practices amongst local health and social service providers, collation and provision of information about services within Marton.	\$120,000	Central information resource, improved access to services	Taihape Community Development Trust	Support Agency	Prepared application, project steering group: no reporting responsibilities	Dec-13
Environment, heritage and WWI commemorative projects Lottery Fund	Repair and renewal of WWI memorials across the District	\$16,333	Completion of restoration of memorials	Marton RSA	Project Manager	Prepared application, project management, will support RSA to report back to funder	Nov-15
MYD - Youth Development Fund	Youth Action Plan	\$24,000	Delivery of four youth-led civic projects: one each in Marton, Bulls, Taihape and District-wide	RDC	Lead agency, fund holder	Prepared application, holds funds, manages project, employment of youth development officer (possibly contracted out), and reports to funder. In kind support from Council. Cash support from Council Youth Strategy: \$9,000.	Jun-15
Lottery Community Facilities Fund	Renewal of Shelton Pavilion in Centennial Park	\$100,856	Refurbishment of Shelton Pavilion in line with Park Management Plan	RDC	Lead agency, fund holder	Prepared application, holds funds, manages project, reports back to funder	Jul-15
PowerCo Trust Whanganui	Renewal of Shelton Pavilion in Centennial Park	\$10,000	Refurbishment of Shelton Pavilion in line with Park Management Plan	RDC	Lead agency, fund holder	Prepared application, holds funds, manages project, reports back to funder	Jul-15

Whanganui Community Foundation	Swim 4 All	\$10,000	Swimming lessons for Primary School aged children in the Rangitikei District	RDC	Lead agency, fund holder	Prepared application, holds funds, manages project, reports back to funder	Jan-16
Lottery Community Committee	Swim 4 All	\$10,000	Swimming lessons for Primary School aged children in the Rangitikei District	RDC	Lead agency, fund holder	Prepared application, holds funds, manages project, reports back to funder	Apr-16
New Zealand Community Trust	Swim 4 All	\$15,000	Travel costs associated with swimming lessons in the Rangitikei District	RDC	Lead agency, fund holder	Prepared application, holds funds, manages project, reports back to funder	To be submitted for consideration (June 2015)
KiwiSport	Swim 4 All	\$10,000	Swimming lessons for Primary School aged children in the Rangitikei District	RDC	Lead agency, fund holder	Prepared application, holds funds, manages project, reports back to funder	To be submitted for consideration (June 2015)
Todd Foundation (and other potential funders to be identified)	Marton Youth Club	\$15,000	To prepare the Youth Club to take part in the Marton Community Charter	RDC	Lead agency, fund holder	Prepared application, holds funds, manages project, reports back to funder	Declined
as at 02/04/2015	Confirmed	\$281,189					