

Policy Planning

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Policy and Planning Committee Chairman's report.

10th August 2017

Welcome to today's meeting, It is interesting looking back on the last month, one month ago at this time temperatures were close to zero with deep snow in many northern parts of the district, today in contrast temperatures are predicted to be in the mid-teens with heavy winds and rain predicted, well what a difference a month makes. If we are to put aside the weather that precipitated these events and scratch below the surface though to see how the people of our district coped and whether our policies stood the test, you would have to say that some people and operational structures worked well, and others were missing in action.

I attended the Taihape area's civil defence meeting soon after the snow event, and it was very timely for them to do a stock take of their systems and processes and for that matter ours. "We" were a little lucky and the gaps that were exposed should probably be considered as useful learning tools this time rather than abject failures of people or structures, having said that the lessons learnt have to be put into practice. Currently in Taihape this is taking place, but I wonder if Taihape's near misses and learning experiences will even be recognised or acted upon in our other urban and rural communities. It is this question that we in this committee possibly need to consider. Was there anything in our response or policy settings that could have or should have been done better, and does it sit within our policy arena, I look forward to any suggestions from yourselves and our staff in the future on these matters. Until then we need to be ready to be self-contained for three days, and plan for seven.

Angus Gordon

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Communications Strategy 2017 – 2019

No update on actions are reported on this month, due to staff being away on leave. Once progress has commenced on the new actions they will be reported to the committee.

August Media Activity

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

- Rangitikei Bulletin – This was published at the end of July, covering the key decisions from the July Council meeting and featured in the Feilding - Rangitikei Herald and District Monitor.
- Rangitikei Line – the latest edition was distributed in late July.
- Council's website and social media channels (Facebook and Twitter) are used to keep residents up to date with Council happenings.
- There were 12 media articles during the month, of these 1 was positive, 10 were neutral and 1 was negative.

Date	Media Channel	Article Heading and Topic
05/07/17	Whanganui Chronicle	Push for Maori wards renewed Rangitikei District Councillor Soraya Peke–Mason will not give up trying to establish Maori wards on councils despite being voted down in Parliament last week.
05/07/17	Whanganui Chronicle	Whanganui District Council will be introducing a public forum to their agenda for council meetings. Allowing people to address councillors and raise any questions about matters of concern. Other District Councils such as Rangitikei District Council have a similar format.
06/07/17	Feilding/Rangitikei Herald	Appeal for youth volunteers Youthzone Taihape is looking for volunteers to join with its Rangitikei District Council funded youth development workers
06/07/17	District Monitor	Leaving after nine years Denise Servante will no longer be working for the Rangitikei District Council after nine years of service
07/07/17	Manawatu Standard	Regional bus service in Danger The future for two major bus routes in the Rangitikei is under threat due to not enough people using them. RDC urges residents to use the bus service
11/07/17	Whanganui Chronicle	Locals help plant beside stream Nearly 100 Marton locals including the Mayor, Councillors & officers planted trees alongside the Tutaenui Stream.
13/07/17	Whanganui Chronicle	New act threat to local democracy The new local Government bill may see power shift from local councils to central Government. RDC was used as an example

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20/07/17	Feilding Rangitikei Herald	Worst storm in years strikes the heart of the district. Taihape residents and business owners are left dealing with the nasty aftermath of a snowstorm. RDC spokesman said that the situation wasn't dire enough to open emergency centres.
20/07/17	Feilding Rangitikei Herald	Huge snow dump brings hardship over the last few days the district had a snow dumping that locals said has been the worst since 1965
20/07/17	Feilding Rangitikei Herald	Initial report advises bridge rebuild the Asset and Infrastructure committee was advised an indicative business case had been completed
27/07/17	District Monitor	RDC Environment portfolio added RDC added an Environmental portfolio to its list of councillors roles
27/07/17	Feilding/Rangitikei Herald	Storm takes a heavy toll on Rangitikei A farmhouse fire took longer than expected for rescue services to attend due to roads damaged in the recent storms. Mayor Andy Watson said the snow dump would add to the district councils roading repair costs

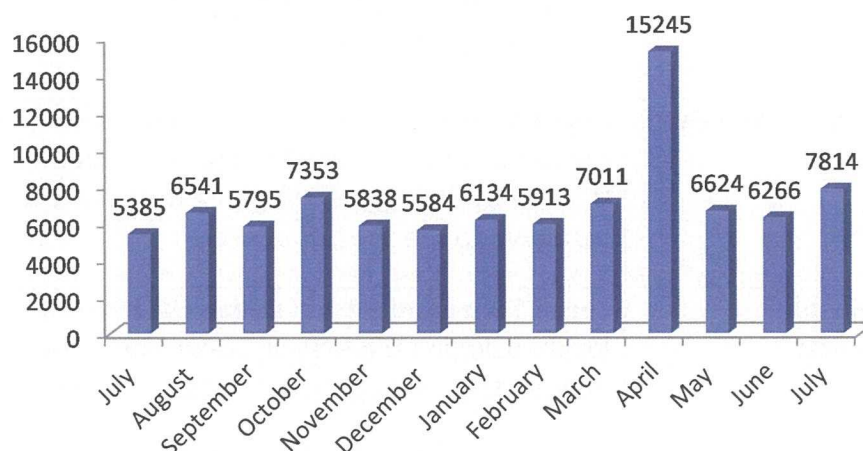
Current Consultations Underway:

- The Parking and Traffic bylaw is still open for submissions
- RMA Charges and fees – submissions close at noon on 1 September.

Website Statistics

Activity on Council's website for July 2016 – July 2017:

Website Visits 2016-17



In July 51% of those who visited Council's website were new visitors to the site. It is interesting to note the increased use of the website whenever there is a weather event, such as the storm event in July. This is also reflected in the number of visits to our Facebook page.

Top Council Webpages Visited (July)

1. Rates
2. Cemeteries / database
3. Road Closures
4. Contact us
5. Cemeteries
6. Rubbish-recycling / transfer stations

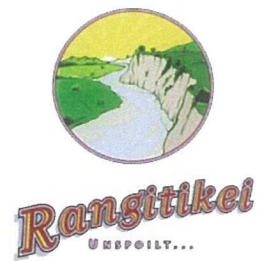
Top Six Geographical Locations

Visiting the Website (July)

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

* note smaller areas can be recorded as Auckland or Wellington

Carol Downs
Executive Officer



Memorandum

To: Policy/Planning Committee
From: Katrina Gray
Date: 9 August 2017
Subject: Urban Tree Plan - Adoption
File: 6-RF-1-1

1 Background

- 1.1 At its 13 June 2017 meeting the Bulls Community Committee requested further time to consider the Draft Urban Tree Plan.
- 1.2 The Policy/Planning Committee allowed this extension, provided comments from the Bulls Community Committee are tabled at the 10 August 2017 Policy/Planning Committee meeting.
- 1.3 The Bulls Community Committee were provided with the version of the draft Plan that included marked-up changes which resulted from comments from other committee's/boards.

2 Comment

- 2.1 At their 8 August 2017 meeting, the Bulls Community Committee recommended to the Policy/Planning Committee that no further changes were made to the draft Urban Tree Plan.

3 Recommendations

- 3.1 That the memorandum 'Urban Tree Plan – Adoption' be received.
- 3.2 That the Urban Tree Plan 2017 be adopted.

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Katrina Gray
Senior Policy Analyst/Planner



Memorandum

To: Policy/Planning Committee
From: Nardia Gower
Date: 10 August 2017
Subject: Health Promotion Agency Community Partnership Fund Application for Swim 4 All
File: 1-CO-4-9

1 Background

- 1.1 The Health Promotion Agency (HPA) Nutrition and Physical Activity (NPA) programme is offering Community Partnership grants up to \$5,000 +GST to support community projects that provide opportunities for children under age five to engage in active play.

2 Funding Application

- 2.1 The Swim 4 All programme consists in part of Council waiving all pool entry fees for any school child and any pre-school child to access a swimming lesson in either Marton or Taihape Pools. Successful external funding has been sought from KiwiSport and COGS with an application from Whanganui Foundation is pending. This funding is used to subsidise travel cost of primary school children to get them poolside for 10 lessons through terms one and four and minimal cost to the school and families. In addition, all pre-school children are provided free entry to the pools in Marton and Taihape at any time with an accompanying adult (who is also provided with free pool entry).
- 2.2 Currently in Marton Gallaghers sponsors free swim lesson to four year olds through a \$5,000 grant. The Community Partnership grant application is an opportunity for the Swim 4 All programme to match the Marton sponsorship by Gallaghers, in

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Taihape, on the assumption that the charges in Taihape for the 2017-18 season will be the same as Marton's.

3 Recommendations

- 3.1 That the memorandum 'Health Promotion Agency Community Partnership Fund Application for Swim 4 All' be received.
- 3.2 That the Policy/Planning committee approves an application being made on behalf of the Council to the Health Promotion Agency Community Partnership fund to the value of \$5000 + GST for the Swim 4 All programme.

Nardia Gower
Governance Administrator