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Rātana Community Board

Order Paper

**Tuesday 16 February 2016,
6.30pm**

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Chair: Maata Kare Thompson

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Membership

Tama (Ringa) Biddle
Bjorn Barlien
Cr Soraya Peke-Mason

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Ratana Community Board Meeting

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The quorum for the Ratana Community Board is 2.

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 Roou 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 Public Forum

2 Whakamoemiti

3 Apologies/Leave of absence

4 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.

5 Chair's report

A verbal report will be given at the meeting.

6 Confirmation of minutes

Recommendation

That the Minutes of the Ratana Community Board meeting held on 15 December 2015 be taken as read and verified as an accurate and correct record of the meeting.

7 Council decisions on recommendations from the Board

There were no recommendations from the Board's meeting on 15 December 2015 which required Council confirmation.

8 Commentary on Te Roopu Ahi Kaa's meeting of 9 February 2016

A verbal update will be provided at the meeting.

9 Reserving of Plots at Rātana Urupa

A report is attached.

File ref: 6-CE-4

Recommendation

That the Report 'Reserving of Plots at Rātana Urupa' be received.

EITHER

That the present policy on purchasing of plots continues to be adhered to,

OR

That the Rātana Community Board recommends that plot reservation at Rātana Urupa be restricted to plot/s at the time of an internment.

10 Update on housing development

Board members may have had an opportunity to get an update from Ricky Taiaroa who is project manager for the Waipu Trust.

11 Ratana Water Treatment Plant Update

A report is attached.

File ref: 6-WS-3-9

Recommendation

That the report 'Ratana Water Treatment Plant Update' dated December 2015 be received.

12 Update on Wastewater Plant

The requested report will be included in the Order Papers for the Board's meeting on 19 April 2016.

13 Proposed District Plan Changes

A memorandum is attached.

File ref: 2-PL-2

Recommendation

The memorandum 'Proposed District Plan Changes' be received

14 Consultation - Draft Heritage Strategy

A memorandum is attached.

File ref: 1-CP-5-2

Recommendation

The memorandum 'Consultation - Draft Heritage Strategy' be received

15 Late items

16 Next meeting

Tuesday 19 April 2016, 6.30 pm

17 Closing Whakamoemiti

Attachment 1

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Present: Ms M Thompson
Ms N Rawhiti
Mr T Biddle
Cr S Peke-Mason

Also present: Mr Pai Maraku, Rātana Community representative on Te Roopu Ahi Kaa
Ms Doreen Gardiner
Mr Steve Nelson

In attendance: Ms Denise Servante, Strategy and Community Planning Manager

Unconfirmed

1 Public Forum

2 Whakamoemiti

Ms Rawhiti performed the opening Whakamoemiti.

3 Apologies/Leave of absence

Mr T Biddle (for lateness).

The Chair noted that Mayor Andy Watson was unable to be present at the meeting because of a prior commitment.

4 Confirmation of order of business

There being no late items to consider, the order of business was confirmed.

5 Chair's report

Ms Thompson noted positive comments about the speed humps but also acknowledged the Fire Chief's concerns about the delay incurred by the fire engine in leaving the community to respond to emergency calls.

She also regretted the ongoing issue of offensive rubbish being left on the roads.

The Board commented that mostly feedback from the community about the speed humps was very good. People felt that improved safety of tamariki was the priority and that this was being achieved. It was also felt that the speed humps discouraged anti-social driving behaviour from local young drivers. It was agreed that the humps should be reviewed after 6 months.

The Board confirmed its support for continuing to raise the issue of dumping of offensive materials in FB and letting people know of the potential fine if the person/people are caught.

Resolved minute number

15/RCB/015

File Ref

That the Chair's report to the Rātana Community Board's meeting on 15 December 2015 be received.

Ms Thompson/Ms Rawhiti. Carried

6 Confirmation of minutes

Exploring Possibilities workshop with Creative Communities was confirmed for 30 January. Mr Biddle was confirmed as the contact for the Board for this project and the Ture Tangata office on Ihiperia-Koria Street would be the venue.

Resolved minute number **15/RCB/016** **File Ref**

That the Minutes of the Rātana Community Board meeting held on 18 August 2015 be taken as read and verified as an accurate and correct record of the meeting.

Cr Peke-Mason/Ms Rawhiti. Carried

7 Consideration of consensus at inquorate meeting on 20 October 2015

It was noted that the consensus from the inquorate meeting had been considered by Council (see Item 8). A resolution was required to confirm that the Board approved of these recommendations.

Resolved minute number **15/RCB/017** **File Ref**

That the Rātana Community Board confirms its consensus on the decisions taken at the inquorate meeting held on 20 October, subsequently accepted by Council at its meeting on 29 October 2015.

Mr Biddle/Mr Maraku. Carried

8 Council decisions on recommendations from the Board

It was noted that the following recommendations from the Board at its inquorate meeting on 18 October 2015 had been accepted by Council on 29 October 2015:

- a. that Council –
 - i. authorise the installation of a converted shipping container located inside the Rātana Waste Transfer Station site to allow additional items to be recycled during opening hours, with capital funding from the 2015/16 waste minimisation budget;
 - ii. agree that the opening hours at the Rātana Waste Transfer Station remain as they are (Wednesday 2.30pm-4.30pm and Saturday 9.00am – 12noon); and
 - iii. agree that the fly tipping issue at the Rātana Waste Transfer Station continue to be managed as it is presently.
- b. that \$500 be granted towards the Mahi Toi (Bus shelters art project) from the unallocated sum remaining in the Māori Community Development Fund.

9 Commentary on Te Roopu Ahi Kaa's meeting of 8 December 2015

Mr Maraku reported from the recent meeting of Te Roopu Ahi Kaa.

He had expressed his thanks from the Community to Council at the Ahi Kaa meeting for the allocation of the funding for Mahi Toi art project.

The future of the Maori Community Development Scheme had been discussed and Mr Maraku expressed his desire to see the applicants "income tested" to ensure that the funding was being allocated to the most needy applicants.

The draft Heritage Strategy had been considered and recommended to Council for consultation.

Resolved minute number **15/RCB/018** **File Ref**

That the verbal report from the Te Roopu Ahi Kaa meeting held on 8 December be received.

Mr Maraku/Ms Rawhiti. Carried

10 Urupa Update

The Board noted that an order has been issued to the Rātana Communal Board to lay a new berm at the Urupa, and that this work is currently underway. It was also noted that the Communal Board have been asked to provide quotes for the fence and shed works. Cr Peke-Mason confirmed that where there is additional work such as berm building, which lies outside of the maintenance contract between Council and the Communal Board, then the Communal Board is asked to quote. This is part of the new contract for works agreed between Council and the Communal Board very recently.

Mr Nelson requested clarification over the breakdown of costs and expressed his concern that some of the costs charged to whanau were not being allocated for work carried out by the grave-diggers. Particularly, the costs of petrol for the generator to drive the jack hammer. Ms Thompson reminded the Board that it was essential that the volunteers who are digging graves do not pay the petrol money from their own pockets. She suggested that whoever is dealing with the koha on behalf of the whanau needs to be made aware of the need to allocate some petrol money. Ms Rawhiti will try to include this on the form that is given out when the plot is registered.

Ms Rawhiti further noted that recently a single family has purchased multiple plots and this went against the policy previously agreed that whanau could only register one plot at a time. The loophole - if people from the same whanau come in one after the other to book plots next to each other – needs to be closed. It was agreed to request a meeting with Ms Vicki Hodds from Council.

11 Update on housing development

Ms Servante advised that there is nothing further to report: Council is awaiting notification from the Waipu Trust of the outcome of the funding via Te Puni Kokiri.

The Board noted that it could seek further feedback from Ricky Taiaroa who is project manager for the Trust.

12 Rātana Water Treatment Plant Update

Resolved minute number

15/RCB/019

File Ref

That the report 'Rātana Water Treatment Plant Update' dated December 2015 be received.

Ms Rawhiti/Mr Biddle. Carried

Resolved minute number

15/RCB/020

File Ref

That the information contained in the memorandum, Rātana Water Treatment Plant Update, dated 8 December 2015 be circulated to the community as the next newsletter.

Cr Peke-Mason/Ms Rawhiti. Carried

Mr Maraku raised the issue of the wastewater treatment plant. An update on the wastewater treatment plant upgrade is requested for a future meeting.

13 Late Items

14 Next meeting

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15 Closing Whakamoemiti

Mr Biddle performed the closing Whakamoemiti.

The meeting closed at 8.00 pm

Confirmed/Chair: _____

Date:

Attachment 2

REPORT

SUBJECT: **Reserving of Plots at Rātana Urupa**

TO: Rātana Community Board

FROM: Gaylene Prince, Community & Leisure Services Team Leader

DATE: 10 February 2016

FILE: 6-CE-4

1 Background

- 1.1 At the December meeting of the Rātana Community Board concern was expressed at the multiple purchase of plots.

2 Reserved Plots

- 2.1 The present policy is that a customer is required to complete an “Application to reserve plot” and pay for the reserved plots on application. No more than two plots are permitted to be reserved by the one person.
- 2.2 This policy applies to Council cemeteries across the Rangitikei District. It is being adhered to at Rātana where there is, however, a much higher proportion of whanau reserving plots.
- 2.3 While the number of reservations is resulting in the need for new berms much more quickly than at other cemeteries, these reservations do allow for forward planning of new berms and additional land. Income from these reservations contributes towards these developments.
- 2.4 Another option could be to introduce a policy that allowed no reservations, or allowed for only one plot (or a specific number) to be reserved at the time of another plot being purchased for a burial.
- 2.5 However, as per the report to the Board in October 2014, such a policy is likely to be unwelcome and be seen as unsympathetic for those that wish to be buried next to a loved one.

3 Recommendation

- 3.1 That the Report ‘Reserving of Plots at Rātana Urupa’ be received.

EITHER

That the present policy on purchasing of plots continues to be adhered to,

OR

That the Rātana Community Board recommends that plot reservation at Rātana Urupa be restricted to plot/s at the time of an internment.

Gaylene Prince
Community & Leisure Services Team Leader

Attachment 3

REPORT

SUBJECT: **Ratana Water Treatment Plant Update**

TO: Ratana Community Board

FROM: Joanna Saywell - Utilities Asset Manager

DATE: 5 February 2016

FILE: 6-WS-3-9

1. General

Below are bullet points providing an update on progress for each of the key work elements of the Ratana Water Treatment Plant.

2. Building Construction

- A contract was let to KiwiSpanNZ Whanganui for the construction of the process building.
- KiwiSpanNZ contracted the structural design for wind loading and foundations, fire access/egress design to a consultant.
- Progress with this design has been exceedingly slow and it is not yet complete. Formal correspondence has been entered into with KiwiSpanNZ and their obligations under the contract with Council explained.
- KiwiSpanNZ has taken legal advice and have acknowledged their obligation to complete the project as quickly as possible.
- A meeting to agree on a programme for completion has been requested by Council officers, but due to the illness of KiwiSpanNZ's manager this has not yet been held. It is hoped this will be held early in the week beginning 8 February 2016 and the completion programme agreed.

3. Treatment Process

- The contract for the supply and installation of the process equipment has been entered into with Filtec.
- Filtec is finalising the detailed design of the process equipment and has begun sourcing component parts.
- Approval has been received from the Ministry of Health for changes to the treatment process as a result of contract negotiations with Filtec. These changes are incorporated in Filtec's final design.

4. Extension of Time for Completion

- Approval has been given by the Ministry of Health for an extension to the project completion date until 30 June 2016.
- A “proving period” of three-months follows completion and commissioning during which time Filtec is required to ensure that the plant operates as designed and that the treated water meets design standard.

5. Reservoir Construction

- The reservoir is complete and has been tested. The minor leak in the floor of the reservoir resulting from an anchor bolt hole has been repaired and the tank made water tight.

Bore

- The bore construction/installation is complete with the exception of the new power supply, see below.
- A generator was used to fill the tank for testing for water tightness, and it was noted that the bore functioned as designed.

6. Power Supply

- Easement documentation has been sent to property owners affected by the new power supply. The power supply is overhead and the cables run over two adjoining properties, hence the requirement for easements.
- Council is awaiting signoff from the property owners who are currently in possession of the easement documentation. Signoff of these documents by the Ratana Waipu Trust has been made conditional on the signing of the lease agreement, see below.
- Once the lease and easement agreements have been signed the power supply will be connected to the site.

7. Old Bore

- Ratana Waipu Trust and Ratana Dairylands are both requesting that the old bore be transferred to them.
- A member of the Ratana Waipu Trust is of the view that the land on which the bore sits was “gifted” by his father to Council, and therefore the land should be returned to his family.
- A review of Council records has shed no light on the manner in which the land was acquired by Council, apart from that it was acquired under the Public Works Act.
- In either instance because the land was acquired under the Public Works Act for a public work, this being the abstraction of water for a Council water supply scheme, under section 40 of this Act, it is required to be offered back to the previous owner or her/his descendants.

- Officers are currently researching the previous ownership of the land.

8. Lease and Easement Agreements

- A meeting will be held at the Ratana Marae on 14 February 2016 to signoff the lease and easement agreements.
- Ratana Dairylands has expressed an interest in taking over the old bore for stock watering purposes. They have made signoff of the easement agreement conditional upon transfer of the bore to them.
- Once clarification is available on the previous ownership of the bore site, discussions will be held with Ratana Dairylands.
- As above, and because this land was acquired under the Public Works Act, it will have to be offered back to the previous owner(s). This may preclude Ratana Dairylands making use of the bore.

9. Recommendation

That the report 'Ratana Water Treatment Plant Update' to the Ratana Community Board meeting on 16 February 2016 be received.

Joanna Saywell
Utilities Asset Manager

Attachment 4



MEMORANDUM

TO: Taihape Community Board; Ratana Community Board; Turakina Community Committee; Bulls Community Committee; Marton Community Committee

FROM: Katrina Gray

DATE: 26 January 2016

SUBJECT: **Proposed District Plan Changes**

FILE: 2-PL-2

1 Background

- 1.1 The Rangitikei District Plan is the main document which influences land development throughout the District. The current plan has been in place since October 2013, following a full review.

2 Proposal

- 2.1 As with any large document issues are likely to arise. The proposed Plan Changes will seek to address these issues. The current issues being investigated are:
- Natural hazards (liquefaction, ground shaking, refinement of flooding areas in Bulls and Hunterville)
 - Zoning of commercial properties for small settlements such as Mangaweka and Turakina.
 - Heritage
 - Rural boundary setbacks
 - Administrative errors
- 2.2 It is important to note that these topics are being investigated and changes may not ultimately be proposed.

3 Comment

- 3.1 The proposed District Plan changes are largely an administrative tidy up of provisions which are causing implementation issues. The changes aim to increase the efficiency and effectiveness of the District Plan, removing barriers where they unnecessary, while ensuring that amenity values are retained.
- 3.2 There will be opportunity for the community to be involved in the process, with the proposed changes scheduled to be publicly notified during March. The chair of the Community Committee/Board will be notified of the consultation period.

4 Recommendation

4.1 That the memorandum 'Proposed District Plan Changes' be received.

Katrina Gray
Policy Analyst/Planner

Attachment 5



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MEMORANDUM

TO: Ratana Community Board, Taihape Community Board, Bulls Community Committee, Hunterville Community Committee, Marton Community Committee, and Turakina Community Committee

FROM: Alex Staric

DATE: 13 January 2016

SUBJECT: **Consultation - Draft Heritage Strategy**

FILE: 1-CP-5-2

1 Background

- 1.1 Council has developed a draft Heritage Strategy to replace the outdated Heritage Protection Strategy 2008. While consultation is not mandatory for this strategy, Council would like to ensure that decision-making is open and transparent and that the community's views are well represented on this issue.
- 1.2 As of 18 January 2016, the draft Heritage Strategy is open for public consultation until **12pm 19 February 2016** (see [Appendix 1](#) for the draft Strategy). Oral submissions are scheduled for 29 February 2016. A summary has been produced which outlines the key aspects of the draft Strategy and submission methods and is attached as [Appendix 2](#). In addition, a submission form is attached as [Appendix 3](#).

2 Recommendation

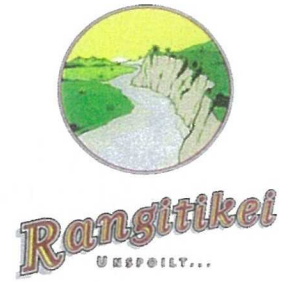
- 2.1 That the memorandum 'Consultation - Draft Heritage Strategy' be received.

Alex Staric
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. They are also potential attractions for visitors and thus may contribute to growth of the District's economy. However, the District 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 and the potential end use of the site.
- 1.3 Heritage is also preserved, promoted and supported through the documentation of narratives and stories. These can be the stories of the lives, or traditions of local communities and tangata whenua or the social or cultural context surrounding built and natural heritage. 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 Rangitikei Tangata Whenua Perspective – Heritage Protection

- 2.1 Toi tu te kupu, toi tu te mana, toi tu te whenua – a plea to hold fast to our culture, for without language, without mana, and without land, the essence of being Maori would no longer exist but be a skeleton which would not give justice to the full body of Maoritanga.
- 2.2 This well-known saying reflects upon heritage being an important aspect to the overall drive for the sustainability of iwi Maori in general and also to hapu and iwi within the Rangitikei District. This is demonstrated by the extensive involvement of local hapu and iwi in ensuring their respective korero is nurtured for future generations.
- 2.3 In all gatherings of our people whakatauki and pepeha are recited and speakers are supported by waiata which all have elements of korero that link the people to the land and the rivers. They also refer to events in our history which also provide insight into our respective relationships within this land. Physically protecting places

of significance helps sustain the korero further whilst also giving it greater meaning and understanding to whanau, hapu, iwi and non – iwi within the District. The pending settlement of historic Treaty of Waitangi claims will clear a pathway for hapu and iwi to fulfil ambitions in heritage protection to take those responsibilities further to engage with their respective whanau and to an extent with all people.

- 2.4 Having a leading hand within this process is vital as the role of kaitiaki underpins the integrity of such pursuits to make it sustainable from a perspective of responsibility and also based upon a reciprocal relationship between people and place as well as with taonga and resources.

3 What is heritage?

- 3.1 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 Heritage New Zealand.
- *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.
- *Social heritage* – the history, traditions, knowledge and identities of local communities, such as the stories behind built heritage.

4 Statutory context

- 4.1 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.
- *Reserves Act 1977* – reserves may be classified as historic reserves and vested in local authorities to control and manage.
- *Building Act 2004* – the need to facilitate the preservation of buildings of significant cultural, historical or heritage value needs to be taken into account². The Building Act 2004³ also contains a number of provisions regarding the need to ensure public safety and the priority to remedy issues with dangerous and insanitary buildings⁴.

¹ Section 6(f)

² Section 4(2)(l)

³ Subpart 6 of Part 2

⁴ The Buildings (Earthquake Prone Buildings) Amendment Bill will prescribe more vigorously how dangerous buildings should be treated, including heritage buildings.

- *Public Records Act 2005* – the requirement to ensure adequate protection and preservation of ‘protected records’⁵.
- *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.

4.2 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.⁶

5 Purpose

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

5.2 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 physical, natural and intangible heritage.

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

Goal 5: Consideration of the past use, current use and condition of the heritage resource⁷ and the potential long term use of the heritage resource and/or site.

Goal 6: Partner with the community in the preservation and management of heritage resources.

Goal 7: Seek opportunities for regional/national collaboration and funding to assist with the protection of the District’s heritage.

6 Challenges

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

⁵ Section 40

⁶ Original purpose statement in section 10.

⁷ Heritage resource can refer to a variety of heritage aspects such as; built heritage, cultural sites and natural landscapes.

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

- 6.2 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

- 6.3 The majority of heritage buildings are earthquake prone and require strengthening. Many are under-used. Often the cost of this strengthening work is prohibitive, with rents gained from tenants in the renovated building not able to cover that cost. It may be preferable to demolish such under-used buildings in the District's CBD areas and replace them with structures which are more efficient and meet the needs of local businesses. Not doing this runs the risk of such buildings being abandoned and eventually being demolished and not replaced.

The economic and demographic context

- 6.4 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

- 6.5 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

- 6.6 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.

Capacity of local museums

- 6.7 The Rangitikei District's five museums are operated solely by volunteers⁸. This provides a number of challenges for long term sustainability of the management of the heritage resources the museums care for. These challenges include: the number of volunteers available, obtaining funding (funding is often sought via external funders), adequate facilities to care for collections and ongoing training of volunteers.

⁸ Bulls, Marton, Hunterville, Mangaweka and Taihape.

Present heritage can obscure past heritage

- 6.8 Often buildings, now considered as heritage, have replaced older buildings, whose appearance and use is effectively lost. In some situations it may be more important to resurrect some tangible evidence of the earlier structure or use.

7 METHODS

- 7.1 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

8 Rangitikei District Plan

- 8.1 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.
- 8.2 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.
- 8.3 The relevant provisions from the District Plan are provided as Appendix 1.

9 Rates Remission Policy

- 9.1 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.
- 9.2 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.

10 Heritage Inventories

- 10.1 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.

- 10.2 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. This will include discussions with Te Roopu Ahi Kaa, as well as with individual Iwi and hapu. There is also the opportunity to develop further inventories for the District's natural heritage resources.
- 10.3 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.

11 Waiving of Internal Consenting Fees

- 11.1 The waiving of internal consenting fees for work on heritage buildings will be determined on a case by case basis by Council⁹. The internal consenting costs are the staff time required to process building and planning related consent applications¹⁰. 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 significance of the social context behind the heritage resource and how it could be preserved.
- The degree of impact (positive/negative) for tangata whenua.

12 Information Education and Support

- 12.1 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.

⁹ 15/RDC/031

¹⁰ 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.

Support for the Rangitikei Heritage Group¹¹

- 12.2 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

- 12.3 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

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

Use of the District libraries

- 12.5 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

- 12.6 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.

13 Advocacy for external sponsorship/funding

- 13.1 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.
- 13.2 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.

14 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).	Rangitikei District Council Rangitikei	2016

¹¹ The Rangitikei Heritage Group consists of representatives from the District's museums and historical societies (Bulls, Marton, Hunterville, Mangaweka, Taihape, Turakina), from Te Roopu Ahi Kaa, and from other interested heritage groups (Whanganui Regional Heritage Trust).

	Publication of research.	Heritage Group	
Development of a heritage inventory of Māori narratives and collections	Research, interviews and publishing of stories.	Rangitikei District Council Local Iwi/hapu Ratana Community	2016/17
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	2017/18
Joint place naming	Using both the English and Māori place names in key Council correspondence/ documentation.	Council Iwi groups	2016

15 Review

The strategy will be due for review 1 December 2018.

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.

Appendix 2



Rangitikei District Council

Community Feedback

Draft Heritage Strategy

Council wishes to seek the views of the community on the draft Heritage Strategy, specifically:

- Whether the draft strategy is clear, unambiguous and easy to understand
- Whether the draft strategy reflects the community's views of how heritage should be managed.
- Whether the draft strategy is appropriate for the Rangitikei context.
- Whether they would like to see any changes to the draft strategy

Background

The draft Heritage Strategy replaces the Heritage Protection Strategy 2008, taking a more holistic approach by considering heritage resources to include built, natural, cultural and social characteristics.

The strategy recognises heritage plays an important role in the overall wellbeing of the community and in the creation of communities and a District with a distinct identity. In developing the draft heritage strategy, Council has taken into account the current and on-going associated challenges including costs and capacity for Council, Iwi, and local museums and heritage organisations.

By using the six methods outlined in the draft strategy, Council believes the goals of promoting, documenting, supporting, and recognising heritage within the Rangitikei District will be achieved. These methods include Council's District Plan and Rates Remission Policy, waiving internal consenting fees, enhancing heritage collections, and Council co-ordination for major projects with major heritage and funding agencies.

Council proposes to work alongside key stakeholders, enabling activities such as research, interviews, and publishing of stories for delivery of key short term actions.

Further information

The draft Heritage Strategy is available from the Marton, Bulls, and Taihape Libraries, and the Council Office in Marton. It is also available from www.rangitikei.govt.nz or you may ask for a copy to be sent to you.

Feedback

Consultation on the draft Heritage Strategy is open from **18 January 2016** until **12noon 19 February 2016**.

You can provide your feedback to Council via:

1. **Weblink** - Click this link and you will be invited to complete the consultation online without the need to print, post, or email.
2. **Posted:** Rangitikei District Council
Attn: Katrina Gray
46 High Street, Private Bag 1102
Marton 4741
3. **Emailed:** info@rangitikei.govt.nz
4. **In person-** Dropped into the Marton, Bulls, or Taihape Libraries or Marton Council Offices.

If you have questions or would like to further assistance with regards to this consultation, please contact **Katrina Gray** on 06 327 0099 or 0800 422 522.

Appendix 3



SUBMISSION FORM DRAFT HERITAGE STRATEGY 2016

**Submissions close at
12 noon on
19 February 2016**

**Return this form, or send your
written submission to:**

Draft Heritage Strategy
Rangitikei District Council
Private Bag 1102
Marton 4741

Email: info@rangitikei.govt.nz

Fax: (06) 327 6970

Any questions phone:
Katrina Gray
Policy Analyst/Planner
0800 422 522

Oral submissions

Oral submissions will be held at the Marton Council Chambers on 29 February 2016. I wish to speak to my submission ☐

Ten minutes are allowed for you to speak, including questions from Elected Members. If you have any special requirements, such as those related to visual or hearing impairments, please note them here:

Privacy

All submissions will be public, please tick this box if you would like your name withheld

☐

Name: _____

Organisation: (if applicable) _____

Phone: _____

Property address: _____

Postal address: _____

Email: _____

Question 1: Do you think the draft Strategy is clear, unambiguous and easy to understand?

☐ Agree

☐ Disagree

Comment:

Question 2: Do you think **heritage**, defined as built, natural, cultural, and social, is important to the Rangitikei District?

☐ Agree

☐ Disagree

Question 3: Are you supportive of the draft Strategy's Goals?

☐ Agree

☐ Disagree

Please complete the remaining questions on the reverse side of this page.

Question 4: Are you supportive of Council’s role as outlined in the draft Strategy?

- ☐ Agree
- ☐ Disagree

Question 5: Do you have any further comment you wish Council to consider in relation to the draft Heritage Strategy?

Attach additional information or pages if necessary

Signed:_____ Date:_____

Thank you for completing the submission form.