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DISTRICT COUNCIL

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**Rātana Community Board**

# Order Paper

**8 September 2020,  
6:30pm**

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**Chair:** Charlie Mete  
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**Membership**  
Lequan Meihana  
Charlie Rourangi  
Councillor Brian Carter  
Councillor Jane Dunn (non-voting)

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# Rangitikei District Council

## Ratana Community Board Meeting

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The quorum for the Rātana Community Board is 3.

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

## **1 Whakamoemiti**

## **2 Public Forum**

## **3 Apologies**

## **4 Members' Conflict of Interest**

Members are reminded of their obligation to declare any conflicts of interest they might have in respect of items on this agenda.

## **5 Confirmation of Order of Business and Late Items**

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.

## **6 Confirmation of Minutes**

The minutes from 14 July 2020 are attached.

File ref: 3-CB-1-1

### **Recommendation:**

That the minutes of the Rātana Community Board meeting held on 14 July 2020 {as amended/ without amendment} be taken as read and verified as an accurate and correct record of the meeting.

## **7 Chair's report**

A verbal report will be provided at the meeting.

### **Recommendation:**

That the verbal 'Chair's report' to the 8 September 2020 meeting of the Rātana Community Board be received.

## **8 Council decisions on recommendations from the Board**

There were no recommendations made to Council at the previous meeting.

## **9 Council responses to queries raised at previous meeting**

### LIDAR scanning over the cemeteries at Ratana

LIDAR scanning started 2 September and is due to be completed 3 September 2020. Initial findings will come fairly quickly but a full report may take longer.

## **10 Update from Te Roopu Ahi Kaa**

A verbal update will be provided at the meeting.

### **Recommendation:**

That the verbal 'update on Te Roopu Ahi Kaa' Komiti meeting on 8 September 2020 be received.

## **11 Council's delegations to the Rātana Community Board**

At its meeting of 31 October 2019 Council resolved to invite the Community Boards in early 2020, to consider and recommend on any changes to their delegations for Council to consider. Clause 32(6) of Schedule 7 of the Local Government Act 2002 requires the Council to "consider whether or not to delegate to a community board if the delegation would enable the community board to best achieve its role".

The current delegations are attached.

### **Recommendation:**

That the Rātana Community Board, in response to Council's invitation to consider and recommend any changes to the Board's delegations....

## **12 Long Term Plan 2021-31 Update**

A memorandum is attached.

File ref: 3-CC-1-5

### **Recommendation:**

That the memorandum 'Long Term Plan 2021-31 Update' to the 8 September 2020 Rātana Community Board meeting be received.

## **13 Civil Defence Community Response Plan**

Paul Chaffe, staff member responsible for Emergency Management will be present to update the Ratana Community Board on the Civil Defence Community Response Plan.

## **14 Locking of the gates to the urupā**

Discussion item.

## **15 Update on Rātana playground project**

Mr Mete will provide a verbal update.

## **16 Update on the proposed MoU between Council and the Rātana Communal Board of Trustees**

Discussions on the proposed MoU with the Ratana Communal Board have progressed. The Communal Board have sent their proposed changes to Mr Meihana, where he will review these with each member before it is sent back to Council.

## **17 Update on wastewater treatment plant (and meeting of reference advisory group)**

An update will be provided at the meeting.

## **18 Mayoral Update**

A report is attached.

### **Recommendation:**

That the 'Mayoral Update' to the 8 September 2020 meeting of the Rātana Community Board be received.

## **19 Rangitikei Youth Development Update August 2020**

A memorandum is attached.

### **Recommendation:**

That the memorandum 'Rangitikei Youth Development Update August 2020' to the 8 September 2020 Rātana Community Board meeting be received.

## **20 Logo design and by-line 'A Voice to the Community'**

At the 12 December 2019 meeting Council confirmed the recommendation from the Taihape Community Board that each Community Board and Committee have a committee/board logo with the by-line 'A Voice to the Community'. The logo is attached. Each committee chair will receive a file with the logo images in different formats along with guidelines on appropriate use.

## **21 Placemaking**

Discussion item.

## **22 Community Grants**

The Events Sponsorship Scheme closed on 21 August 2020, with a total of 12 applications received, the deliberation meeting will be held 22 September 2020.

The following funding schemes are due to open as follows:

- The Creative Communities Scheme will be open from 29 August – 18 September 2020.
- Community Initiatives will be open from 3 October – 23 October 2020.

Applications are being received and processed through the online portal SmartyGrants.

<https://rangitikei.smartygrants.com.au/>

## **23 Cemetery register alignment**

Council's records show one new burial, DOCHERTY Lisa Angeline, row 2, interred in plot 46, on 28 July 2020.

This has been confirmed.

## **24 Late Items**

As accepted in Item 5.

## **25 Future Items for the Agenda**

## **26 Next meeting**

Tuesday 10 November at 6.30 pm

## **27 Whakamoemiti/Meeting Closed**

# Attachment 1



# Rangitikei District Council

## Ratāna Community Board Meeting

Minutes – Tuesday 14 July 2020 – 6:30 p.m.

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**Present:** Mr Charlie Mete (Chair)  
Mr Jamie Nepia  
Mr Lequan Meihana  
Mr Charlie Rourangi  
Cr Brian Carter  
Cr Jane Dunn

**In attendance:** Cr Waru Panapa (for His Worship the Mayor, Andy Watson)  
Ms Grace Taiaroa  
Mr Michael Hodder, Community & Regulatory Services Group Manager

Unconfirmed

## 1 Whakamoemiti

Jamie Nepia provided the Whakamoemiti.

## 2 Public Forum

None

## 3 Apologies

The Board accepted apologies of absence from Ms Soraya Peke-Mason, His Worship the Mayor Andy Watson and Chief Executive Peter Beggs.

## 4 Members' Conflict of Interest

Board members noted their obligation to declare any conflicts of interest they might have in respect of items on this agenda.

## 5 Confirmation of Order of Business and Late Items

There was no change to the Order of Business.

The Chair accepted as late items the locking of the gates to the urupā and promotion of the Government's rates rebate scheme.

## 6 Confirmation of Minutes

The minutes from 11 February 2020 were tabled at the meeting.

**Resolved minute number: 20/RCB/034**

That the minutes of the Rātana Community Board meeting held on 11 February 2020 (without amendment) be taken as read and verified as an accurate and correct record of the meeting.

## 7 Chair's report

Charlie Mete provided a verbal report:

- He acknowledged those many people who had provided essential services to the Ratana community during the Covid-19 lockdown – including spiritual welfare.
- The Ratana playground group has been active, with useful discussions with Lucy Skou of the Marton Development Group (working on a substantial upgrade of the playground beside Marton Memorial Hall).
- Ratana Rugby Club was fielding a team this year. The club had been a massive part of the Ratana community and would be celebrating its centenary in 2024.

**Resolved minute number: 20/RCB/035**

That the verbal 'Chair's report' to the 14 July 2020 meeting of the Rātana Community Board be received.

Cr Carter / Mr Rourangi. Carried

## **8 Council decisions on recommendations from the Board**

There were no recommendations made to Council at the previous meeting.

## **9 Council responses to queries raised at previous meeting**

There were no queries made to Council at the last meeting.

## **10 Update from Te Roopu Ahi Kaa**

Soraya Peke-Mason had attended the Te Rōpu Ahi Kā meeting on 7 July 2020 but was unable to attend the Board's meeting. Lequan Meihana provided a verbal update.

- Blair Jamieson from the Ministry for Primary Industries provided a presentation on Maori Agribusiness.
- Nga Puna Rau O Rangitikei made a request for its one billion tree programme.
- The Maori Responsiveness Framework was discussed, and a further workshop on this topic was held on 13 July 2020.
- The Youth Council was participating in this year's Festival for the Future- a virtual event because of Covid-19.

**Resolved minute number: 20/RCB/036**

That the verbal 'update on Te Roopu Ahi Kaa' Komiti meeting on 7 July 2020 be received.

## **11 Council's delegations to the Rātana Community Board**

The Board noted the commentary in the agenda. Members would consider what changes might be recommended for discussion at the next meeting.

**Resolved minute number: 20/RCB/037**

That the current delegations to the Rātana Community Board be received (and further considered at the Board's meeting on 8 September 2020).

Mr Rourangi / Cr Carter. Carried

## **12 Intermediaries**

The Board noted the commentary in the agenda.

The proposed intermediary role was not a mediator; it was to offer a second opinion. This was important as people within a particular community typically knew one another and could be close neighbours. Charlie Mete considered he was already undertaking such a role

**Resolved minute number: 20/RCB/038**

That, the Chair of Rātana Community Board agrees to be an Intermediary on behalf of Council and the community they service.

### **13 Proposed Online Community Radio for Morehu**

Lequan Meihana outlined the results of his discussions with Noel Edmonds, based at Matakana Island, Tauranga, who had offered to set up 100 online community radio stations throughout New Zealand. This provided an opportunity to reach out to the Morehu (who had been invited to send in 30 second recordings) and to engage with young people.

The online community radio would be associated with a Facebook page and website.

While currently administered by Noel at Matakana Island, the radio station would eventually be transferred to Ratana with the relevant equipment. A contract had been signed.

The date for the station to go live had yet to be fixed.

Lequan had briefed both the Ratana Communal Board of Trustees and the Reserves Trust.

### **14 Update on Rātana playground project**

The Board noted the commentary in the agenda. Josephine Renata had been unable to attend the meeting to give an update on the project.

#### **Undertaking**

Michael Hodder to ask Murray Phillips to meet Charlie Mete and Lequan Meihana at the Ratana playground site to progress the tidying up of the area, identification of what equipment could be repaired, and the removal of the broken irreparable equipment,

### **15 Update on the proposed MoU between Council and the Rātana Communal Board of Trustees**

There was a meeting to progress this on 21 March 2020.

The Board was informed that further discussion with the Council was on hold until some matters had been resolved between the Ratana Communal Board of Trustees and the Reserves Trust.

## **16 Update on wastewater treatment plant (and meeting of reference advisory group)**

The Board noted the commentary in the agenda. They understood that, although the Ministry for the Environment has agreed in principle to funding being made available for a long-term lease rather than outright purchase of land to receive wastewater from the Ratana treatment plant this had yet to be cleared by Horizons.

### **Undertaking**

Michael Hodder to check the current status of the negotiations for land to receive wastewater from the Ratana wastewater treatment plant.

## **17 Mayoral Update**

The Board asked how the average rate increase for 2020/21 played out at Ratana.

### **Undertaking**

Michael Hodder to circulate the relevant page from the adopted 2020/21 Annual Plan which showed the rate increase on properties at Ratana.

**Resolved minute number: 20/RCB/039**

That the 'Mayoral Update' to the 14 July 2020 meeting of the Rātana Community Board be received.

## **18 Rangitikei Youth Development Update July 2020**

Lequan Meihana asked all members of the Board to promote the Rangitikei Youth Awards (just opened) within the community so that there were nomination of Ratana youth.

**Resolved minute number 20/RCB/040**

That the memorandum 'Rangitikei Youth Development Update July 2020' to the 14 July 2020 Rātana Community Board meeting be received.

Mr Nepia / Mr Rourangi. Carried

## **19 Placemaking**

Cr Jane Dunn explained how the concept of placemaking worked at Bulls. Applications would proceed through the Board to the Council's Chief Executive. The Board saw there could be potential at Ratana.

## **20 Community Grants**

The Board noted the commentary in the agenda. A market day at Ratana would be eligible for consideration in the Events Sponsorship Scheme.

## 21 Cemetery register alignment

Lequan Meihana noted corrections to the commentary in the agenda.

Council's records show two new burials, KARAITIANA Tahupotiki Werahiko Hohepa Paneere, row 13, interred in plot 283, on 25 March 2020 and MEAD Kenneth, row 6, interred in plot 152, on 14 April 2020.

The LIDAR scanning had not yet been done because of the Covid-19 response alerts. The Board confirmed that the scanning was to be over both the cemetery and urupa.

### Undertaking

Michael Hodder to confirm with Alicia Hansen (Parks Administration Officer) that the LIDAR scanning over the cemeteries at Ratana would be completed.

## 22 Late Items

### Community housing

The Board noted the report from Gaylene Prince on the condition of the community housing at Ratana – in particular the comments about intended painting.

**Resolved minute number**      **20/RCB/041**

That the Ratana Community Housing Condition Report be received.

Cr Carter / Mr Meihana. Carried

### Rates rebate

Board members were willing to approach individuals within the Paa to ensure they were aware of the availability of the rates rebate and to help them complete the application.

### Undertaking

Michael Hodder to provide the details of the Internal Affairs rates rebate scheme to each Board member.

### Maintenance of urupā

Council's contract with the Ratana Communal Board of Trustees for various services around the Paa included the cemetery but not the urupa. Since this contract was currently being renegotiated for a further two years, there was an opportunity to see whether it could be extended to include the urupā. (Clarification on the public toilets was also needed.)

### Undertaking

Michael Hodder to liaise with Murray Phillips and Lequan Meihana over a revised scope for the Council's contract with the Ratana Communal Board of Trustees for services within the Paa.

## **23 Future Items for the Agenda**

Locking of the gate by the road entrance to the urupa – this was intended to be the subject of a community hui before the Board's next meeting

## **24 Next meeting**

Tuesday 8 September 2020, 6.30pm

## **25 Future Meeting dates for 2020**

Tuesday 10 November at 6.30 pm

The sequence of meetings for 2021 would follow the usual pattern, i.e. the first meeting would be in February.

## **26 Whakamoemiti/Meeting Closed**

Jamie Nepia provided the Whakamoemiti.

8.00 pm

Confirmed/Chair: \_\_\_\_\_

Date:

# Attachment 2



## Community Boards

### Rātana Community Board

Establishment	Delegations
<p><i>Purpose:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The role of community boards is set out in section 52 of the Local Government Act 2002. This includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ represent, and act as an advocate for, the interests of its community; and</li> <li>○ consider and report on all matters referred to it by the territorial authority, or any matter of interest or concern to the community board; and</li> <li>○ maintain an overview of services provided by the territorial authority within the community; and</li> <li>○ prepare an annual submission to the territorial authority for expenditure within the community; and</li> <li>○ communicate with community organisations and special interest groups within the community; and</li> <li>○ undertake any other responsibilities that are delegated to it by the territorial authority.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• To be the first point of contact (prior to Council) for community groups. Where this is not possible the Committee will be informed of the approach by the community group to the Council.</li> <li>• Applications for the Parks Upgrade Partnership Fund are considered and commented on by the Committee prior to the application being considered by Council.</li> </ul>	<p>To determine and set names for roads in their area of responsibility.</p> <p>Seeking community views on projects or initiatives requiring or allocated Council funding or other support within the area covered by the Board (including consultation on significant projects during their implementation phase).</p> <p>Managing specified community facilities and services within the area covered by the Board.<sup>2</sup></p> <p>Authority to make decisions on major tree removals in public spaces, taking into account community consultation processes', and the advice of the Parks and Recreation team leader.<sup>3</sup></p> <p>To nominate an assessor who will be a member of the Grants Sub-Committee along with a member from each other community board and committee to decide on the amount to be granted to each applicant to the Community Initiatives Fund and the Events Sponsorship Scheme. <sup>4</sup></p> <p>Council will provide staff for secretarial support on the basis that frequency of meetings being normally not more than every second month, and that the meetings start time are negotiated with Council and finish formally within two hours. <sup>5</sup></p>

<sup>2</sup> Resolved Minute Number 07/RDC/359, 15 November 2007

<sup>3</sup> Resolved Minute Number 17/RDC/264, 27 July 2017

<sup>4</sup> Resolved Minutes Number 19/RDC/428 12 December 2019

<sup>5</sup> Resolved Minute Number 19 RDC/274, 26 September 2019

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Placemaking initiatives that are taking place on Council land, will be considered and commented on by the Committee before the application is considered by the Chief Executive.</li> </ul> <p><i>Membership:</i> Four members elected from the Rātana Community</p> <p><i>Current membership</i> Chair: Charlie Mete Jamie Nepia Lequan Meihana Charlie Rourangi</p> <p><i>Liaison Councillor</i> Cr Brian Carter and Cr Dunn on a rotating basis for 18 months each of the triennium<sup>1</sup></p> <p><i>Meeting Frequency:</i> Monthly or bi-monthly, as determined by the Committee</p>	
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<sup>1</sup>Resolved minute number 19/RDC/375, 31 October 2019

# Attachment 3

# Memorandum

To: Rātana Community Board

From: Carol Gordon – Project Manager

Date: 28 August 2020

Subject: **Long Term Plan 2021-31 Update**

File: 3-CB-1

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## 1 Executive Summary

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to provide Rātana Community Board an update on the development of the 2021-31 Long Term Plan.

## 2 Context

- 2.1 Every Local Authority must at all times have a Long Term Plan (LTP) which covers a period of not less than 10 consecutive years and is formally consulted on using the special consultative process outlined in the Local government Act.
- 2.2 The purpose of the LTP is set out in section 93(6) of the Local Government Act and includes:
- Describes the activities of the Local Authority (LA)
  - Describes the community outcomes of the District
  - Provides integrated decision-making and co-ordination of the resources of the LA
  - Provides a long-term focus for the decisions and activities of the LA
  - Provides a basis for accountability of the LA to the community.

It also provides Elected Members the chance to make a major difference during their three year term.

- 2.3 Council has begun its process to develop and produce its Long Term Plan. A Project Team has been established, **Appendix 1** shows the makeup of the project team and their responsibilities.
- 2.4 So far Council has held three Workshops specifically on the development of the Long Term Plan, these were held on 23 July, 20 and 27 August.
- 2.5 An invitation has been made to the Chairs of each Community Committee, Community Board and Te Roopu Ahi Kaa to participate in subsequent LTP workshops, to provide input from their respective community.

### 2.5.1 Outcomes from Workshop 1 – 23 July

This workshop provided a full explanation of what an LTP was, its purpose, what information must be included, and the need to strike the right balance between “the

community needs and aspirations; services provided by Council and the willingness / ability to pay” of our community.

At this workshop Council agreed to engage early, on a more informal basis, with all sectors of our community to find out what’s important to them, and do this by going out to where our people are. This precedes formal engagement that needs to be done next year, using a formal Consultation Document (CD) and submission process.

Councillors also identified a list of “significant issues” that our communities could be facing and this list will be further developed to be included in the early engagement to generate discussion and opinions on where Council’s focus should be for the next 10 years.

Roading was also a focus for this workshop. The basis for the Asset Management Plan was presented to Councillors - this will be used for the initial application to the New Zealand Transport Agency for continuing co-investment.

### **2.5.2 Outcomes from Workshop 2 – 20 August**

A large part of this Workshop focussed on the ‘forecasting assumptions’. These assumptions are produced using a risk and level of uncertainty approach. Councillors reviewed the previous assumptions (from the 2018-28 LTP) and suggested changes to these. These, along with demographic and population changes, will also inform the Financial and Infrastructure Strategy. The Government’s three waters reform programme announced by the Government presents a substantial uncertainty.

Councillors also started the review of the Revenue and Financing Policy – this Policy specifies how operating and capital expenditure will be funded from the sources available (i.e. general rates, uniform annual general charge, targeted rates, fees and charges, borrowing etc.). Work will now be done to review the current funding splits across some of the activities that Council carries out.

Early engagement was discussed and it was agreed this would be done using the phrase “Framing Our Future” with the objective being “To achieve greater input from all sectors of community to influence the Long Term Plan consultation to ensure the Rangitikei District Council has an LTP that incorporates the aspirations and needs of our various communities.” **Appendix 2** shows some of the colours and concepts which will be used as part of this engagement.

### **2.5.3 Workshop 3 – 27 August**

This workshop expanded on a suggested outline for the early engagement process, based on the “Framing Our Future” concept that was presented in July.

The Council’s Performance Framework was also discussed, presenting the framework used for the 2018-28 LTP and an explanation of the mandatory measures and whether other measures would be included or altered for the 2021-31 LTP.

As part of the development of the LTP Council must consider whether Policies need to be updated, two policies were discussed at this workshop – these were, the Policy on development of Maori capacity to contribute to Council decision-making (also included as an item on this agenda) and the Significance and Engagement policy. The Development Contributions policy will be discussed at a future workshop.

### **3 Recommendation**

- 3.1 That the memorandum 'Long Term Plan 2021-31 Update' to the 8 September 2020 Rātana Community Board be received.

Carol Gordon

LTP Project Manager

# *Appendix 1*

# Long Term Plan 2021-31

## Project Team Structure, Roles and Responsibilities

### Project Sponsor – Peter Beggs

Overall champion for the Project  
Manages risk  
Provides the project manager and team  
the authority to drive the LTP Project.

### Role of Elected Members

Provides political input  
Review and set priorities  
Determines rates and debt limits  
Adopts the Consultation Document and the LTP

**Team collectively responsible  
for Quality Assurance**

### Project Manager – Carol Gordon

Overall responsibility for making the LTP happen  
Develops Project Plan and monitors progress against the Plan  
Manages resources  
Audit NZ key contact  
Provides regular updates to Project Sponsor and Council  
Prepares Engagement Strategy  
Responsibility for the delivery of the CD and engagement  
process (including early engagement)

### Project Team Members:

Leah Johnston  
George Forster

### Project Management Lead – Michael Hodder

Responsible for the delivery of:  
Management of submission process, hearings &  
deliberations  
Community outcomes  
Activity plans  
Policies (incl. policy reviews) that have non-financial  
impacts  
Growth Strategy

### Project Team Members:

Gaylene Prince  
Nardia Gower

### Project Management Lead – Dave Tombs

Responsible for the delivery of:  
Financial Strategy and financial forecasts  
All financial information, rate setting, fees &  
charges  
Level of Service review  
All Policies (incl. policy reviews) that have financial  
impacts

### Project Team Members:

Karin Cruywagen  
Ashley Dahl  
Kat McDonald

### Project Management Lead – Arno Benadie

Responsible for the delivery of:  
Infrastructure Strategy  
Input on infrastructure issues, including  
Asset Management Plans

### Project Team Members:

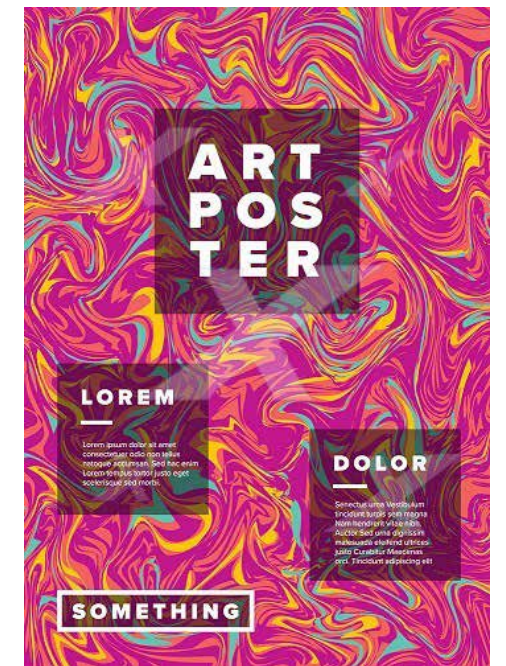
Graeme Pointon  
Murray Phillips  
MDC staff (as required)



# *Appendix 2*











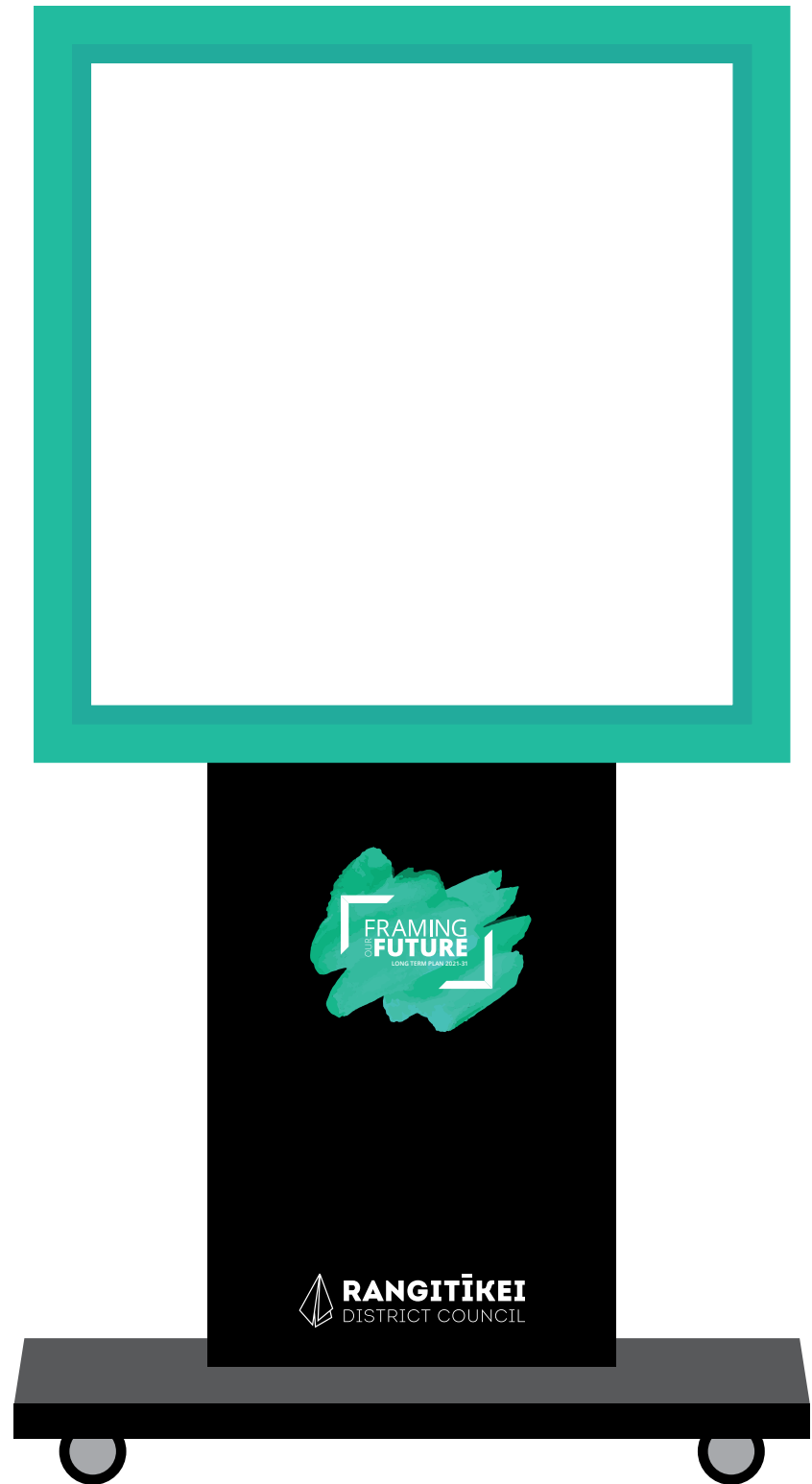


OUR **FRAMING  
FUTURE**

LONG TERM PLAN 2021-31

 **RANGITIKEI**  
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# Attachment 4



# Report

Subject: **Mayor's Report**

To: Council

From: Andy Watson  
Mayor

Date: 21 August 2020

File: 3-EP-3-5

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- 1 What a last fortnight it has been! There have been a series of announcements that have incredibly far reaching effects for our district.
- 2 I have spoken about the “three water” reforms that Government has initiated on several occasions. This is essentially the drive from Government to see waste water, drinking water and storm water being provided by a regional entity rather than individual councils. This would mean that the Council would hand over our assets such as wastewater plants and treatment stations to a conglomerate. Ratepayers would receive a bill in much the same way that you pay for electricity. All Councils are being offered a tempter from Government to start the collective conversation. For our Council that means a cash handout of \$4.8million. This money has very few tags associated with it, we should use it to improve our three water services on work that was not planned for in this year's annual plan and it could even be used for operational expenses. In exchange Council will agree to enter into a discussion with our regional partners and to provide the Government with data around the state and value of our three water networks. There is no compulsion to change our operation in the future. However in July next year we are required to make a decision as to the Rangitikei being into or out of an aggregated model. This is an enormous decision and it has major impacts, we would hand over our assets presumably in exchange for a shareholding in the new company and our share would be so small that we would in reality have very little say in the running of the company. Decisions would probably be made by a board in Wellington. How that board ran the company, which regional supplies were upgraded first and what the charges would be, would be out of our hands. Presumably the company would need to make a profit and make decisions around paying out any dividends. The difficulty is, that there is virtually no information on how it will work at this stage. As we are developing our LTP (long term plan) at the moment covering the next ten years, but focussing on the next three years heavily, we don't have the information to provide for detailed planning or to provide options for our communities to consider as part of the consultation process. If those core services were taken away from councils what would councils be expected to provide in the future, essentially what would be their role?
- 3 So why has the Government gone down this path? The conversation has been around for a number of years but was ramped up post the Havelock North water issue where potable water from a ground bore got contaminated and people fell ill in the hundreds. Government realized that this had been under investment by local authorities for many years and that there are many Councils who did not meet consents. This is true and our council is one of them. Essentially local authorities have been poor managers and had little knowledge of their assets. The liability or money needed to upgrade, runs into the tens of billions of dollars on a national basis and on a



council per capita basis rural authorities like ours face the biggest costs. Government believes that efficiencies would be gained by scale and that the large metro councils would be able to subsidise the smaller authorities. This is debateable, for it can be argued that we have seen little financial efficiency out of previous attempts to aggregate council functions both here in New Zealand and overseas. Local Government would probably also say that while there has been years of under investment, considerable gains have been made over the last few years against new standards imposed by both Government and Regional Authorities such as Horizons.

- 4 This is just the start of the conversation!!
- 5 Last week Government granted our Council \$9.1million, I repeat \$9.1million to fund the rail infrastructure and forestry development, dependant on resource consent in an area between Marton and State Highway One. We have seen the huge investment nationally by Government around the country. Our neighbouring councils have received tens of millions and finally on the last sitting day that Government had, it was our turn. This grant, which is not a loan, has taken literally years to win and I thank our new Chief Executive Peter Beggs for his part in making this happen. I would also like to thank the Government for recognizing the potential and the jobs that this will bring to our district. I would also like to thank and recognize Ngā Wairiki Ngāti Apa as a partner in the process.
- 6 Last week the Commissioner deciding the district plan application by Council released his decision in Councils favour to approve, subject to conditions, the plan change which will allow for the rail hub development. Again this has been a very lengthy process compounded by the pandemic and uncertainty as to exactly what the site could be used for in the future. We have a responsibility to work with the submitters around their concerns as part of the consenting process, we should not see this as purely a need to comply.
- 7 Once again the country is in some form of lockdown as the pandemic resurfaces in New Zealand. The regional authorities are stretched in dealing with this and our businesses continue to suffer. We have been fortunate that so far this year we have not had to deal with another type of major civil defence issue such as a flood because we would struggle to find the resources to deal with it.
- 8 Council has started work on our long Term Plan which will involve many discussions with sector groups and the community. One of the things we start with are the assumptions around what will be our population in the future and what will be the economic climate be over the next few years. The future for us looks strong we are undergoing rapid growth with hundreds of new houses, businesses are wanting to operate here and at a time where we need to borrow to invest, interest rates are at an all time low.

Andy Watson  
**Mayor**

# Attachment 5

# Memorandum

To: Rātana Community Board

From: Kelly Widdowson, Strategic Advisor for Youth

Date: 31 August 2020

Subject: **Rangitikei Youth Development Update August 2020**

File: 4-EN-12-1

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## **Yes Programme (Youth Employment Success)**

Youth Employment Success (YES) is an online platform that launched in 2016 partnering with a variety of industries to offer free employment-based opportunities to 16-24-year-olds.

Since 2016, YES has seen 112 businesses across the country offering their time, close to 1,500 opportunity requests and nearly 20,000 unique visitors to their website across the country. The Whanganui/Rangitikei district platform was launched at the beginning of June, with 80 businesses so far on-board offering opportunities for our youth.

Council, along with 100% Sweet, are engaging with local businesses to offer the same opportunities to youth to connect to local businesses in a real world way. It involves a professional short video clip of business and their staff, talking about what the job entails and how the business and industry is a great career path option. Further the business can choose from a selection of real world help they can offer an interested youth. Such options include a coffee catch up, business walk through, CV review, desk shadow, internship and lots more. Each business decides what, from the offers, they can genuinely deliver.

100% Sweet further works with youth to help them successfully complete a work ready passport which covers a range of skills from the importance of turning up on time to begin drug free, first aid and basic health and safety.

<https://youthemployer.nz/>

## **Mahi Tahi**

Mahi Tahi is the Rangitikei Employment Programme delivered through partnership with Rangitikei District Council, Te Rūnanga o Ngā Wairiki Ngāti Apa and their Te Puna - Education, Training and Employability branch, Mayor's Taskforce for Jobs and the Ministry of Social Development (MSD). The programme is delivered district wide for both jobseekers and businesses looking for staff. The primary focus is for youth under 25 OR anyone who has lost their job due to COVID-19.

Funding is used in a bespoke manner and has a focus on working with individuals to make them job ready through upskilling, training, micro credentials and holistic wellbeing. Further Mahi Tahi can support businesses with support packages, onsite buddy training options, and more. Mahi

Tahi is committed to working with local employers and jobseekers to provide effective solutions and success for all.

<https://www.facebook.com/Mahi-Tahi-Rangit%C4%ABkei-Employment-Programme102880514799866/>

## **Youth Council**

Youth Council finally attend their postponed training day and inaugural meeting. This Took place the 4th of July in Marton Chambers. Youth Council elected a chairperson, deputy chair set their vision for the remainder of the year, and implemented strategy on how to deliver their vision to their community.

Members of Youth Council, along with other youth in the district, attended Festival for the Future 2020 (FFTF). This festival is usually held in Wellington over a weekend, however due to the uncertainty of COVID-19, the event was moved to a digital platform. Although attendees were encouraged by FFTF to attend in the comfort of their own environment, Youth Council agreed they would gain more benefit from attending as a group, being able to bounce ideas and concepts off each other, with the Strategic Advisor for Youth creating a mini-festival atmosphere. Therefore this was held at Rangitikei College, 13 – 17 July in conjunction with the digital event. 8 Youths attended the week-long event, enjoying the atmospheric activities and social interactions with each other, with mixed reviews of the digital content. <https://www.festivalforthefuture.co/>

## **John Turkington Forestry Youth Awards 2020**

The 2020 Youth Awards has been postponed twice, due to COVID-19, forcing us to think outside the box to ensure the awards can still take place. The event was set to take place on the 27<sup>th</sup> August.

Finalists were announced via Facebook and Instagram 30<sup>th</sup> August 2020. The Youth Council made the decision to hit the road and take the Youth Awards to the community, rather than planning yet another event that may not eventuate. This will take place September 7<sup>th</sup>, moving from Taihape, Marton, Bulls and Feilding, with winners, runners up and nominees being publically recognised through social media and newspaper outlets.

## **Lobby's**

The Lobby Taihape has remained open during August and through COVID-19 Alert level 2. It is run through MOU with Mokai Patea Services, 3-5pm each day.

The Marton Lobby employed a new youth assistant to supervise the Lobby, 3-5pm each day, however was unable to be open due to social distancing space restrictions during August. Re-opening will take place once we return to level one guidelines.

## **Recommendation**

That the memorandum 'Rangitikei Youth Development Update August 2020' to the 8 September 2020 Rātana Community Board be received.

Kelly Widdowson  
Youth Development Advisor

# Attachment 6

RANGITĪKEI DISTRICT COUNCIL

# COMMUNITY BOARD & COMMITTEE LOGOS

03 SEPTEMBER 2020



## LOGO

Portrait




Byline in Te Reo



Landscape





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**6.30 pm**

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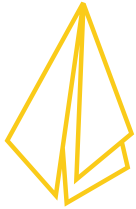
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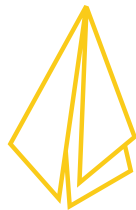
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