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Te Roopu Ahi Kaa Meeting

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Ms B Ball (Ngāti Whitikaupeka)

Mr M Gray (Ngāti Rangituhia), Mr P Richardson (Ngāti Parewahawaha), Mr T Curtis (Te Runanga o Ngāti Hauiti), Mr H Albert (Ngā Ariki Turakina), Mr P Maraku (Rātana Community), Mr C Shenton (Ngāti Kauae/Tauira), Mr T Steedman (Ngāti Hinemanu/Ngāti Paki), Ms H Benevides (Ngāti Tamakopiri), Mr R Steedman (Ngai te Ohuake), Ms K Hina (Ngā Wairiki Ki Uta.)

Councillor Cath Ash

His Worship the Mayor, Andy Watson, (ex officio)

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Te Roopu Ahi Kaa Komiti Meeting

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The quorum for Te Roopu Ahi Kaa is 6 plus an elected member

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

1 Karakia/Welcome

2 Public forum

3 Apologies/leave of absence

4 Whakatau Nga Tuhinga Korero/Confirmation of Minutes

Recommendation

That the Minutes of the Te Roopu Ahi Kaa Komiti meeting held on 9 June 2015 be taken as read and verified as an accurate and correct record of the meeting.

5 Chair's report

A verbal report will be given at the meeting.

Recommendation

That the Chair's report to the Te Roopu Ahi Kaa Komiti meeting on 11 August 2015 be received.

6 Council decisions on recommendations from the Komiti

There were no recommendations from the Komiti presented to Council's meeting on 25 June 2015.

7 Update from Council (June/July 2015)

An update of Council's decisions at its June and July 2015 meetings is attached for the Komiti's information.

File ref: 3-CT-8-1

Recommendation

That the report 'Update from Council (June/July2015)' be received.

8 Draft Heritage Strategy

A discussion draft is attached.

The Tangata Whenua foreword is in development and will be tabled if available in time.

9 Maori Community Development Programme – update

A memorandum is attached.

File Ref: 3-GF-10

Recommendation

That the memorandum 'Maori Community Development Programme – update' be received.

10 Update on Landlocked Land (and issues discussed with John Grant Regarding the Review of Te Ture Whena Maori Act)

A verbal update will be provided at the meeting.

11 Regional Growth Strategy

A presentation on the Regional Growth Strategy will be provided at the meeting.

12 Update on the Path to Well-Being Initiative – August 2015

A memorandum is attached.

File ref: 3-CT-8-1

Recommendation

That the memorandum 'Update on the Path to Well-Being Initiative – August 2015' be received.

13 Late items

14 Date of next meeting

Tuesday 13 October 2015, 10.00 am

15 Karakia

Attachment 1

Rangitikei District Council

Te Roopu Ahi Kaa Komiti Meeting

Minutes – Tuesday 9 June 2015 – 10:00 a.m.

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Present: Mr Pahia Turia (Chair)
Ms Barbara Ball
Mr Hone Albert
Ms Hari Benevides
Mr Thomas Curtis
Ms Jacqui Johnson
Mr Pai Maraku
Mr Peter Richardson
Mr Chris Shenton
Mr Peter Steedman
Mr Terry Steedman
His Worship the Mayor, Andy Watson
Cr Cath Ash

Apologies: Mr Mark Gray

In attendance: Mr Ross McNeil, Chief Executive
Mr Michael Hodder, Community & Regulatory Services Group Manager
Ms Denise Servante, Strategy and Community Planning Manager
Mrs Priscilla Jeffrey and Ms Samantha Whitcombe, Governance Administrators

Tabled documents: **Item 9** Late Item (Te Ture Whenua Maori Reform)

1 Karakia/Welcome

Mr Richardson performed the opening Karakia to the meeting.

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and expressed his thanks for those who had organised April's hui at Moawhango marae.

2 Public forum

Nil.

3 Apologies/leave of absence

That apology for absence from Mr Gray be received.

Mr Curtis / Mr Shenton. Carried

4 Whakatau Nga Tuhinga Korero/Confirmation of Minutes

Resolved minute number	15/IWI/010	File Ref
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That, subject to an amendment to the preamble to include Mr Terry Steedman as an apology, the Minutes of the Te Roopu Ahi Kaa Komiti meeting held on 14 April 2015 be taken as read and verified as an accurate and correct record of the meeting.

Mr T Curtis / Mr C Shenton. Carried

5 Chair's report

The Chair gave a verbal report to the Committee. He thanked those who had participated in the sub-committee's discussions on 26 May 2015. MPI and MBIE had funded 38 members of Northland Iwi to come to Manawatu and Rangitikei to see agribusiness ventures. He reflected on the recent initiative by the Wanganui District Council in establishing Whanganui and Partners with its links to China, and thought something similar in the Rangitikei was worth consideration.

Resolved minute number	15/IWI/011	File Ref
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That the Chair's report to the Te Roopu Ahi Kaa Komiti meeting on 9 June 2015 be received.

Mr R Steedman / Ms H Benevides. Carried

6 Council decisions on recommendations from the Komiti

There were no recommendations from the Komiti presented to Council's meeting on 30 April 2015.

7 Update from Council (April/May 2015)

Mr McNeil gave an update on Council's decisions at its April and May 2015 meetings.

The Komiti was briefed on the basis of the decision to award the roading contract to Higgins – Council was guided by its procurement policy – and the way in which Council anticipated Higgins would employ local staff and use local contractors. That impact would not be known until after 1 July 2015, when the contract began. The Mayor noted that the parks and town maintenance contract with Fulton Hogan was not being renewed, with some aspects being drawn into direct Council management and others re-contracted out. This would also bring some change for local employment and local businesses.

The Chair looked for the Komiti to have an opportunity to comment on the evaluation criteria for awarding future major contracts.

Mr McNeil also spoke on the outcome of the submission process to the Long Term Plan. Most of Council's preferred options had been endorsed; the final rates increase for 2015/16 would be around 1.6%, taking into account carry-forward of some capital projects which did not need to be funded until 2016/17.

Resolved minute number	15/IWI/012	File Ref	3-CT-8-1
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That the report 'Update from Council (April/May 2015)' be received.

Ms B Ball / Mr T Curtis. Carried

Mr Turia left the room 10.51am / 10.53am

8 Maori Community Development Programme – update

A letter from Te Runanga o Ngati Hauiti addressed to the Komiti was received on 20 April 2015.

Resolved minute number	15/IWI/013	File Ref	3-GF-10-7
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That the letter, dated 15 April 2015, from Te Runanga o Ngati Hauiti and update be received.

Mr C Shenton / Mr P Turia. Carried

9 Update on landlocked land and issues regarding the review of the Te Ture Whenua Maori Act

Mr McNeil spoke to the tabled document entitled "Te Ture Whenua Maori Reform" and the extract from the exposure draft of the Te Whenua Maori Bill containing section 280 which addressed landlocked land. The proposed legislative changes to the Act included supporting and promoting the retention and use of Maori land by its owners; empowering Maori land owners to pursue their aspirations for the sustainable development of their land; enabling Maori land owners to make decision without needing Maori Land Court approval and

encouraging owner participation; respect the intrinsic cultural significance of Maori land; and provide an effective alternative to litigation to resolve disputes.

Ms Benevides noted that the Federation of Maori Authorities (FOMA) had concerns about transferring the determination about succession away from the Maori Land Court (with its considerable institutional knowledge) to the boards and about the distinction drawn in favour of participating owners and allowing them to make decisions. Mr Turia noted that the views of Iwi were not the same as those of FOMA.

The Komiti supported the Mayor's interest in attending the hui in Wanganui on 18 June 2015. There would be an Iwi Chairs Forum at Te Puni Kokiri's offices in Wanganui on 10 August 2015 at 2.00 pm. The Minister's office had been advised that the time to respond (3 July 2015) was unrealistically tight.

10 Outcome of meeting of the Sub-Committee

Mr Turia apprised members on the outcome of the Te Roopu Ahi Kaa Komiti Sub-Committee's meeting. He saw particular value in localising Iwi relationships with Ward Councillors and arranging a tour for Councillors to see what Ngati Apa is involved in. Mr Albert asked if there was to be a further meeting of the Sub-Committee that it be held on a Friday.

Referring to the section in the report concerning heritage, Ms Benevides noted various unsuccessful attempts to draw Maori perspectives into the work of the District's museums. It was agreed that Mr Terry Steedman could be a second representative of the Komiti on Rangitikei Heritage.

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That the notes of the Te Roopu Ahi Kaa Sub-Committee meeting held on 26 May 2015 be received.

Mr P Turia/ Ms B Ball. Carried

Resolved minute number	15/IWI/015	File Ref	3-CT-8-3
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That the proposed next steps identified in the notes of the Te Roopu Ahi Kaa Sub-Committee meeting held on 26 May 2015 be agreed to, and progress updates be brought to subsequent meetings of the Komiti.

Ms B Ball / Mr R Steedman. Carried

Ms B Ball left the room 12.07pm / 12.10pm
Mr T Curtis left the room 12.11pm / 12.12pm

11 Events associated with Waitangi Day

Ms Servante gave an update on the Council's current funding for an Events Strategy. Part of the rationale for this strategy was to enable Te Ao Maori events to be held on the regular

calendar. The funding would be contestable, from a pool of \$25,000 (less what was required to purchase the market impact reports).

Cr Ash left the room 12.27pm / 12.30pm

Mr R Steedman left the room 12.35pm / 12.37pm

Mr T Steedman left the room 12.37pm / 12.39pm

12 Update on the Path to Well-Being Initiative – June 2015

Ms Servante gave an update on the Path to Well-Being Initiative. Mr Shenton noted that the Environment Theme Group had held a meeting at Mataroa, which had led to a catchment care group being formed – Cr Angus Gordon was leading this.

Resolved minute number **15/IWI/016** **File Ref** **3-CT-8-1**

That the memorandum 'Update on the Path to Well-Being Initiative – June 2015' be received.

Mr T Curtis / Mr C Shenton. Carried

13 Late items

Mr McNeil advised that the Local Government Commission had just announced its final proposal on the reorganisation of local government in the Hawkes Bay, noting that:

- one local government entity for the Hawkes Bay region which will comprise 18 Councillors from five local boards plus the Mayor.
- a Maori Board, comprising the Mayor and 3 Councillors – Maori representation to be determined after consultation with Iwi/hapu.
- a Statutory Regional Planning Committee comprising 10 hapu and iwi and 10 Councillors; it would be co-chaired.
- Rangitikei District was outside the boundary of the new Hawkes Bay Council (but it would administer the statutory catchment responsibilities)

The full final proposal would be circulated to Komiti members. 10% of electors could demand a poll: the outcome of that poll was binding. If there was no poll then the final proposal would be confirmed for the 2016 elections.

Ms Benevides advised that the Sergeant Gallery would be holding an open day on Friday, 31 July 2015 and iwi were invited to attend.

Ms Ball expressed concern in respect of the lack of insulation in Council owned properties and encouraged Council to remedy the issue.

14 Date of next meeting

Tuesday 11 August 2015, 10.00 am

Venue to be confirmed.

15 Karakia – 12.48pm

Mr Richardson performed the closing Karakia for the meeting.

Confirmed/Chair: _____

Date: _____

Unconfirmed

Attachment 2

MEMORANDUM

TO: Te Roopu Ahi Kaa

FROM: Priscilla Jeffrey

DATE: 31 July 2015

SUBJECT: **Update from Council's Meetings in June and July 2015**

FILE: 3-CT-8-1

1 Executive Summary

- 1.1 This report is to provide the Komiti with an update on issues that have been under consideration by Council over the past two months.

2 Town centre plans update – June 2015

- 2.1 The implementation of the Town Centre Plans will require coordination and it is planned that the Chairs of the Bulls Community Committee, Marton Community Committee, Hunterville Community Committee and Taihape Community Board (or their nominees) will meet with the Chief Executive twice a year to discuss progress locally and agree District-wide priorities for Council support.
- 2.2 Through the adoption of the Long Term Plan \$60,000 per annum has been allocated to the Place-making initiatives which will be allocated between the participating towns. Council has engaged the services of Creative Communities to provide place-making initiatives for each of Bulls, Marton and Taihape and provision also for Turakina, Mangaweka and Ratana, if desired. The training will deliver a place-making project in each community as well as training local people in the process of place-making.

3 June 2015 Floods

- 3.1 The Council donated \$50,000 to the Manawatu-Wanganui Regional Disaster Relief Fund Trust and \$5,000 to the re-established Rangitikei Mayoral Flood Relief Fund. Current estimated cost of damage to local roads is \$19-20 million. Without any enhancement to funding assistance rate that would leave a shortfall of \$4 million for local ratepayers.
- 3.2 Council has agreed that the rates remission policy for land affected by natural calamity will apply to the recent storm event.

4 Adoption of 2015/25 Long-Term Plan

- 4.1 The Council, at its 25 June 2015 adopted the 2015/25 Long Term Plan including the report from the Council's auditor in compliance with section 93 of the Local Government Act 2002.

5 Ratana Communal Board

- 5.1 The current agreement with the Ratana Communal Board of Trustees for parks and town maintenance at Ratana Paa has come to an end in July 2015. A new agreement will commence on 1 August for the period 2015/16 to 2017/18.

6 Ministry for Primary Industries

- 6.1 The proposed Stage 2 application to the Ministry for Primary Industries for co-investment from the Irrigation Acceleration Fund for a feasibility study into establishing a separate Tutaenui Rural Supply Scheme and decentralising the Hunterville Rural Water Supply Scheme was endorsed by the Council at its 25 June 2015 meeting.

7 Infrastructure Shared Services – Council Controlled Organisation (CCO) – investigation

- 7.1 The Council, at its 25 June 2015 meeting has authorised an investigation into the establishment of a council controlled organisation for the provision of Infrastructure Shared Services. A governance investigation group was established with its membership being the same as the Infrastructure Shared Services Joint Working Group.

8 Annual Works Planned and Proposed Funding Allocations for Bulls and District Community Trust, Project Marton, Rangitikei.com and Taihape Community Development Trust in 2015/16

- 8.1 The Council, at its 25 June 2015 meeting approved the following allocation of funding for 2015/16 on the understanding that Rangitikei.com would deliver an up to date calendar of events coordinated across the MoU agencies:

- Bulls and District Community Trust	\$25,762
- Project Marton	\$31,224
- Rangitikei.com	\$16,500
- Taihape Community Development Trust	\$26,514

9 Registration of Interest for Ultra-Fast broadband 2, Rural Broadband Initiative 2 and Mobile Black Sport Fund

- 9.1 At its meeting on 25 June 2015, the Council confirmed its intention to submit a Registration of Interest for the District and to provide support for deployment of the Ultra-Fast Broadband 2, Rural Broadband Initiative 2 and Mobile Black Sport programme setting aside \$75,000 for associated costs. It also endorsed a regional

statement confirming joint support for individual Registrations of Interest and a joint commitment to collaborate, recognising that working together to get the region fully connected would assist in bringing associated benefits to communities.

10 Future Funding for Youth Development in the Rangitikei

- 10.1 The Council, at its 25 June 2015 meeting, agreed to the contract put forward by HYPE Academy to run youth services at the current level in Marton and Taihape until 31 January 2016 and requested the young people aim to fundraise \$2,500 to contribute towards these services. The Council would work with MSD, HYPE Academy, other services providers and young people in Marton and the southern Rangitikei to undertake a full evaluation of the existing service and feasibility of the development of a youth one stop shop in Marton.

11 Claim for reimbursement of costs for Santoft fire, 5 February 2015

- 11.1 The National Rural Fire Authority has accepted the Council's claim for reimbursement of \$98,696 of fire-fighting costs. The Authority has yet to determine whether it will pursue any legal action against anyone deemed to have caused the fire.

12 Building (Earthquake-prone Buildings) Amendment Bill

- 12.1 This Bill was introduced into Parliament in December 2013 and had its first reading in March 2014, when it was referred to the Local Government and Environment Select Committee. Submissions on the Bill were invited. Council made a submission and His Worship the Mayor had an opportunity to speak with the Committee. The date for the Committee to report back to Parliament has been extended, and is now 3 September 2015.

13 Local Government Act 2002 (Greater Local Democracy) Amendment Bill

- 13.1 This Member's Bill (Stuart Nash, Napier) was drawn in the ballot on 25 June 2015 and introduced into Parliament. It has yet to have its first reading. The Mayor of Napier City has circulated the Bill to other mayors asking them to convey support for the Bill to local MPs.
- 13.2 The Bill proposes two changes – (i) to make a poll on a final reorganisation proposal mandatory and (ii) to require the poll to succeed in each district or region of an affected area to enable a reorganisation proposal to proceed to implementation.
- 13.3 When considering the proposed 2012 amendments during the last triennium, the former Council indicated a firm belief that a poll is essential before any reorganisation can take place. However, it had less concern over whether the poll should succeed in each affected area or over the entirety (the spectre of the "hostile takeover" of a small territorial authority by a big territorial authority is as potentially damaging as a small territorial authority having an effective veto over a larger territorial authority) but believes that the process to develop a reorganisation proposal must be robustly able to demonstrate the benefits to all affected areas.

14. Arrangements for parks and town maintenance services

- 14.1 From 1 August 2015, the Council has assumed direct responsibility for providing these services. Mowing of parks and gardening will be undertaken by a small Council team, led by Athol Sanson. Separate contracts will be in place for sexton duties, CBD cleaning and urban berm mowing.

15. National Environmental Standard for Plantation Forestry

- 15.1 The Ministry for Primary Industries have released a proposed National Environmental Standard for Plantation Forestry. The proposed regulations will provide a standard set of provisions under which plantation forestry is managed throughout New Zealand. Rangitikei District Council prepared a submission which is available to view on our website.

16. Recommendation

- 16.1 That the report 'Update from Council's meetings in June and July 2015' be received.

Priscilla Jeffrey
Governance Administrator

Attachment 3

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 What is heritage?

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

3 Statutory context

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

- *Resource Management Act 1991* – as a matter of national importance¹ to ensure heritage is recognised, provided for and protected from inappropriate subdivision, use and development.
- *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.
- *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.

3.2 There is no specific mention of heritage in the Local Government Act 2002. However, when ‘well-being’ of the community formed part of the purpose of local government, this was generally viewed as including a heritage dimension.⁶

4 Purpose

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

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

Goal 1: Document cultural and local histories.

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

Goal 3: Support tangata whenua to discover and document their physical, natural and intangible heritage.

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.

⁵ Section 40

⁶ Original purpose statement in section 10.

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.

5 Challenges

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

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

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

Cost of earthquake strengthening built heritage

- 5.3 The majority of heritage buildings are earthquake prone and require strengthening. 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

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

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

Capacity of Tangata Whenua

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

Capacity of Council

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

Capacity of local museums

- 5.7 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.

Present heritage can obscure past heritage

- 5.8 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.

6 METHODS

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

- Rangitikei District Plan
- Rates Remission Policy
- Heritage Inventories
- Waiving of internal consenting fees
- Information education and support
- Advocacy for external sponsorship/funding

7 Rangitikei District Plan

- 7.1 A key method for the management of heritage resources throughout the District is the Rangitikei District Plan. The District Plan provides for protection of natural, cultural and physical heritage through identification of valuable heritage resources and controls surrounding their use and development.

⁸ Bulls, Marton, Hunterville, Mangaweka and Taihape.

7.2 The District Plan provides the strategic direction for the management of heritage resources - to provide for the reuse of heritage in a manner which is appropriate for the particular context. It also seeks to ensure that the considerations surrounding the destruction of heritage resources involves how the replacement activities will provide for social, cultural and economic well-being of the affected community.

7.3 The relevant provisions from the District Plan are provided as Appendix 1.

8 Rates Remission Policy

8.1 Rangitikei District has a Rates Remission Policy which provides remissions for owners of earthquake prone buildings. As most heritage buildings are highly likely to be earthquake prone, this policy is highly relevant to the District's physical heritage resources.

8.2 The Rates Remission Policy provides remissions for up to six months during strengthening/construction works, as well as up to three years upon completion of the building work. These provisions seek to encourage property owners to develop the building so that they can be better used.

9 Heritage Inventories

9.1 The District's museums already have inventories of their own collections, increasingly available online. The inventory process, however, is not limited to what is collected but rather what should be known: the development of a comprehensive heritage inventory increases the documentation and understanding about heritage resources throughout the District. Creating an inventory ensures that heritage resources are remembered, without necessarily requiring the physical resource to remain in perpetuity. It will be a continually evolving document, with new sites and items added as they are recognised and new information added when discovered.

9.2 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.

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

10 Waiving of Internal Consenting Fees

10.1 The waiving of internal consenting fees for work on heritage buildings will be determined on a case by case basis by 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.

11 Information Education and Support

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

Support for the Rangitikei Heritage Group¹¹

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

Information about heritage resources

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

Support for the Treasured Natural Environment Group

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

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.

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).

Use of the District libraries

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

Archives Central

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

12 Advocacy for external sponsorship/funding

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

13 Action Plan

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

14 Review

The strategy will be due for review 1 December 2018.

Discussion draft

Appendix 1 – Relevant provisions from the Rangitikei District Plan 2013

NOTABLE TREES AND CULTURALLY SIGNIFICANT FLORA

Objective

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

Policies

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

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

Encourage public awareness and recognition of notable trees.

TANGATA WHENUA

Objective

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

Policies

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

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

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

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

HERITAGE PROTECTION

Objective

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

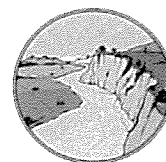
Policies

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

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

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

Attachment 4



Rangitikei
UNAPOLOGETIC...

Report

TO: Te Roopu Ahi Kaa

FROM: Denise Servante, Strategy and Community Planning Manager

DATE: 31 July 2015

SUBJECT: **Māori community development programme 2015/16**

FILE: 3-GF-10

1 Background

- 1.1 Te Roopu Ahi Kaa has instigated a Māori community development programme that has been included for a fifth year in the Council's 2015-25 Long Term Plan.
- 1.2 In 2014/15, following a review of the first three years of the programme, the Komiti concluded that a programme which takes the form of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) and a part-funded work programme between Council and an Iwi, hapu or Māori organisation provides a good model.
- 1.3 Expressions of Interest were invited from Iwi, hapu and Māori organisations within the Rangitikei District rohe to deliver one or more Māori community development programmes during 2014/15. As a result, an MOU and associated work programme were agreed between Council and Te Maru o Ruahine Trust. The work programme is attached as Appendix 1 and the interim report on progress received from the Trust is attached as Appendix 2.
- 1.4 It is suggested that the Komiti instigate a similar process to identify and resource appropriate community development projects for 2015/16. The amount available for allocation is \$15,000.

2 Expressions of interest

- 2.1 In the first instance, letters inviting expressions of interest from Iwi and marae contacts will be sent to those on Council's database. In addition, an advert will be placed in the District Monitor and the Central District times advising the community of this opportunity for Iwi, hapu or Māori organisations to express an interest in undertaking a community development project.
- 2.2 Expressions of interest will need to show how they contributes to the agreed objectives of the Māori Community Development programme to:
 - Increase the capacity of Māori to contribute to local decision-making, and
 - Strengthen relationships between iwi organisations/marae and Council.

- 2.3 It is suggested that the closing date for expressions of interest would be 25 September 2015.

3 Process to assess the Expressions of Interest

- 3.1 It is important for accountability and transparency that the assessment process is put in place before expressions of interest are called for.
- 3.2 Last year the Komiti agreed to consider Expressions of Interest at a meeting of the full Komiti with a decision made by the whole Komiti. The Komiti agreed that it is not appropriate to allocate the decision-making to representatives of the Komiti. This is because it is not possible to identify in advance those members of the Komiti that would not have a conflict of interest. Indeed it is to be hoped that most, if not all, Komiti members would have an interest in one or more of the Expressions of Interest that are received.

4 Interim report from Te Maru o Ruahine Trust

- 4.1 The appendices provide details of progress against the work programme that Te Maru o Ruahine Trust have achieved to date. In addition, copies of the newsletter, Te Karere, will be available at the meeting.
- 4.2 The report demonstrates that the programme is achieving to its objective to increase capability and capacity within iwi organisations. It is a credit to the Trust governance and staff that this progress has been achieved in such a short time.

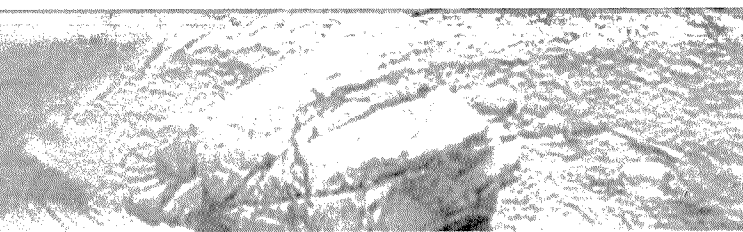
5 Recommendations

- 5.1 That the report "Māori community development programme 2015/16" be received.
- 5.2 That Expressions of Interest be invited from iwi, hapu and Māori organisations for a Māori community development project to be initiated in 2015/16 to be received by 25 September 2015.
- 5.3 That the Komiti considers Expressions of Interest to the Māori Community Development Fund at its meeting on 13 October 2015 with a view to allocating the \$15,000 budgeted to Māori community development to one or more eligible projects.
- 5.4 That the Komiti congratulates Te Maru o Ruahine Trust on the achievements demonstrated in the interim report attached as Appendix 2.

Denise Servante
Strategy and Community Planning Manager.



NGĀTI HAUITI

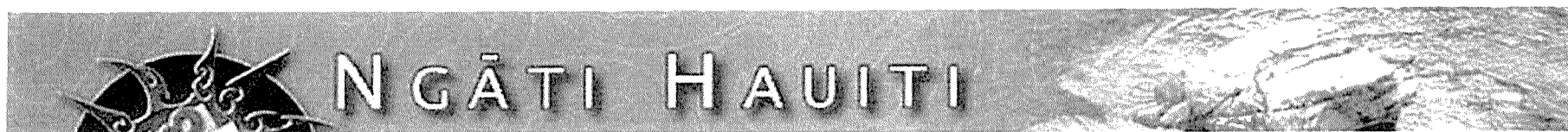


Aim 1: Increase broader engagement and awareness with whānau of Ngāti Hauiti identity through communication and cultural affirmation strategies

Output/Outcome	Task	Reporting measure
Robust database of whānau members registered with Ngāti Hauiti	Validate the database to achieve greater statistical accuracy Update the database as more whānau members register with Ngāti Hauiti	Baseline: 35% accuracy 1,000 whānau members registered
Web presence for Ngāti Hauiti re-established	Re-design and establish a website Establish FB/Twitter/Snapchat/Instagram facilities targeting rangatahi	Aim to have website in place by 15 July 2015 Develop statistics for social media use
A Bi-annual newsletter, Te Karere, is distributed to Ngāti Hauiti whānau	Quality newsletter is prepared and distributed electronically and in hard copy	Baseline: 414 newsletters distributed
Increased identification and knowledge of Ngāti Hauiti identity and tikanga	Develop Wānanga/Noho based on te Reo development	Programme of activities Number of attendees

Aim 2: Strengthen relationships between Iwi /Hapū and Council

Objective	Task	Reporting measure
Implement MOU 2014/15	Ensure open communication and two-way sharing of strategic and operational issues, as appropriate	Examples of engagement / collaboration : number of examples and brief narrative
Develop MOU arrangement for 2015/16 onwards	Review MOU arrangement for 2014/15	MOU agreed for 2015/16 onwards



AIM 1: Output/Outcome:

Te Maru o Ruahine Trust (TMORT) Communications strategy for 2014/2015 is to build a strong, accurate database that we can then use to distribute all our key information through various mediums that we have and are developing;

- ✓ To re design and consistently produce our Bi annual Ngati Hauiti newsletter (Te Karere)
- ✓ Develop a Ngāti Hauiti website ready for launch 15th July 2015
- ✓ Obtain administration access and proactively administrate the Ngāti Hauiti Whanau Facebook page
- ✓ Create a Te Maru o Ruahine Administration Facebook page so that all events, projects, noho and news can be streamlined on behalf of Ngāti Hauiti
- ✓ Develop Wānanga/Noho based on Te Reo development

- **Validate the database to achieve greater statistical accuracy - Update the database as more whānau members register with Ngāti Hauiti**

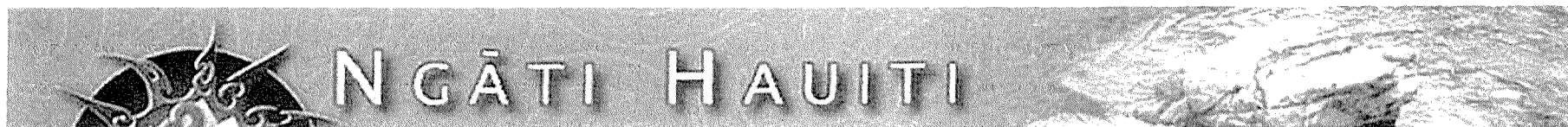
At the time that we presented in late 2014 to Te Roopu Ahi Kaa our Ngati Hauiti database was requiring substantial input and resources to bring it up to a workable state. We identified that we also required further human resource and capital to maintain this information vehicle as Ngati Hauiti head into the future. Statistically at the time the database was operating its accuracy rate was a very low 25%. Our goal obviously was to raise this percentile significantly over the next year or two alongside our journey towards our Treaty claims.

Since the employment our Part-time Communications Administrator the first three months was concentrated on updating and correcting the Ngati Hauiti database. The repetitive process of updating 478 registered members and their children with current addresses, emails, and phone/cell phone numbers, identifying children who had turned 18 in previous years since their parent had registered and sending new registration forms for the 18 year olds. This process has helped Ngati Hauiti to achieve a database that is currently at 75% accuracy. This doesn't include the newly 105 registered members that have been added with all current details. We still have a lot of work to complete to get to our 100% goal, this will hopefully be achieved in the next 12 months the biggest challenge being the correct and updated information from those whanau that are furthestest away from our base region. The registrations are also being pushed by the Mokai Patea Waitangi Claims Trust (MPWCT) and Ngati Hauiti will be working closely with the trust to support this process.

- **Re-design Te Karere Ngati Hauiti Bi-Annual Newsletter**

A much needed re-design of Te Karere that is professional and informative for our Ngati Hauiti people was undertaken to bring in an alignment of our branding, website, social and print media. Deliberate and focused energies were placed on creating a newsletter that firstly meets the needs of our communications outputs and also to have a design that will take our iwi forward into an exciting and evolving future. We wanted to really have something that our people would be excited about and look forward to receiving. It needed to be able to inform our people of what's happening in the world for Ngati Hauiti from a holistic view. Being sure to be inclusive of all those parts that make up the cultural, economic, operational and heritage factors of our Iwi.

Another important output that we targeted was to get buy-in from our whanau and to ensure that we are providing them with the right information. This is important for our Iwi moving collectively forward as we grow stronger and wider. Our people need to get the "best information" at the "right time" for the "right reasons" and this at a time where our Rūnanga/Governing body our being very pro-active in pushing our communications to a new level.



The newsletter is also a critical tool designed to encourage Ngati Hauiti whanau to register on our database and Waitangi claims. It's a great tool to encourage those who are registered to make sure their own whanau are also registered and most importantly the reasons why they should be. We contracted BMW Creations based in Marton to complete a Ngati Hauiti branding design and also a Newsletter template that was affordable, up market and professional. In June 2015 we completed the new look edition of Te Karere. 347 hardcopies were sent out to all registered whanau who are over 18 years and don't have an email address. 161 electronic copies sent to those Ngati Hauiti members who had supplied and email addresses. 150 copies were given to the subsidiaries of Ngati Hauiti who have access to Ngati Hauiti whanau that may not be registered. The feedback from members who received Te Karere was that this edition was professional, informative and up to date and "It was a very well put together edition and it was awesome to see it in colour and with photos".

- **Re-design and establish a Ngāti Hauiti website - Establish FB/Twitter/Snapchat/Instagram facilities targeting rangatahi**

In the month of March 2015 we were able to engage and contract our new website builder NYX software Developer Nathan Satherley a local Marton designer who has developed a number of websites and worked with local businesses. We were impressed with Nathans knowledge, expertise and guidance on the website build. NYX software had never built an Iwi website and was excited to be a part of it. With a deadline to go live on the 15th July our Communications Administrator collated as much information under the guidance of our Te Runanga o Ngati Hauiti (TRoNH) Convenor Neville Lomax and Te Maru o Ruahine Trust General Manager Robert Martin. It was a process of fast learning with the support of Nathan to have the foundation content uploaded and ready for the launch. It was a privilege to have a small intimate launch at Te Maru o Ruahine Trust Office at Rata on the 15th July. All Ngāti Hauiti entities were represented, our designer Nathan and Denise Savante from Rangitikei District Council attended and were acknowledge for their support to complete what was for us an awesome achievement for Ngati Hauiti. The website address for Ngati Hauiti is www.ngatihauiti.iwi.nz. You will notice at the bottom of the website our Ngati Hauiti Whanau Facebook link and an acknowledgement of Rangitikei District Council's sponsorship for our Website. Twitter, snapchat and Instagram are the mediums that we are still progressing. Once activated and actioned we will be linking them to the Ngāti Hauiti website.

- **Develop Wānanga/Noho based on Te Reo development**

Te Reo & Raranga classes have been consistently running for the past 12 months and have been well received by our whanau members who attend regularly to our monthly classes. We have consistently 12 – 15 members who fully participate and we also have a number of children learning in the classes as well. It has been really enjoyable to come together as a group to learn in an informal situation on our marae at Rātā. It has become increasingly apparent that not only are we learning the reo and weaving but we are also learning about whakapapa and wahi tapū. This vicarious learning has come about through the conversations held amongst those whom are attending and as a result we hope to travel up to Taihape and Moawhango to visit wāhi tapū. Currently our weavers have learnt to weave simple 4 cornered baskets and are now onto weaving an everyday kete. It is pleasing to note that those attending reo can now stand and recite their Ngāti Hauiti pepeha.

- **Main Outcome**

Our focus throughout this entire process is to raise the level of participation, empathy and awareness that our whanau from our Ngati Hauiti Iwi can make to our local communities. It is also vital in re-connecting our people back to our Iwi and inform them through a stable and regular channel of information flow that has integrity, based fully around our cultural beliefs, values and vision for our whanau/whānui. Ngati Hauiti wants to be able to offer up sound solutions that will benefit us and our communities. We want to be part of the decision making process in our region and informing our people and actively engaging at the coal face is but the first step of our journey together with all the key stakeholders in our community.



- Budget \$15,000 2014/2015

Agreed Outcomes	Budget	Actual spend to date
Iwi Database	\$4,000	\$3,800
BMR Creations	\$1,000	\$1,200
Nyx Software Web Design & Hosting	\$5,000	\$3,400
Te Reo/Raranga - Wananga/Noho	\$3,000	\$2,400
Te Karere printing and resources	\$2,000	\$1,500
Totals	\$15,000	\$12,300

Balance of funding \$2,700

- Ongoing work will be required on our Database, Website as well as BMR who construct our newsletter on a bi-annual basis due to the software they use in their processing of our newsletter
- The Reo and Raranga classes are growing in its attendance and as such we are going to also put further resources into this area as we develop our programme
- The printing cost for the Newsletter is significant with the budget allocation being for a single distribution. It will be upwards of \$3k annually to print our bi-annual Newsletters
- We are at this moment in time seeking quotes on an updated database system to best meet our needs as we move on. NYX software are helping us to look at solutions

Cultural Project Facilitator
Kelly Thompson

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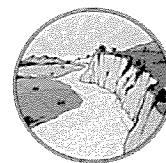
Dated 21. 07. 15

General Manager Te Maru O Ruahine Trust
Robert Martin

Signed

Dated 24/07/15

Attachment 5



Rangitikei
UNAPOLOGIZED...

MEMORANDUM

TO: Te Roopu Ahi Kaa Komiti

FROM: Denise Servante

DATE: 31 July 2015

SUBJECT: **Update on the Path to Well-Being initiative – August 2015**

FILE: 1-CO-4

1 Background

- 1.1 The aim of this memorandum is to provide the Komiti with an update on the actions and progress of the Path to Well-Being Initiative.

2 Marton Community Charter

- 2.1 The Marton Community Charter is progressing. Representatives attended the ministerial presentation by the Minister for Social development, Anne Tolley, in Palmerston North with outlined the next step of the community investment process: a line-by-line review of MSD contractual arrangements with a view to realigning contracts to local priorities. The Charter Board and Advisory Group will participate in this process in Marton. The Board has agreed to extend the remit of the Charter to 0-5 years and primary aged school-children.
- 2.2 The Charter Board has also identified the links with Health families NZ and the Whanganui Vulnerable Children's Board as important to implementing the Charter.

3 Enjoying Life in the Rangitikei Theme Group

- 3.1 The Theme Group organised an information session for event organisers and interested parties in Hunterville to promote the new Events Sponsorship Scheme. The first round of this Scheme was open for applications during July.

4 Rangitikei Growth Strategy

- 4.1 The Komiti will be mindful that the Regional Growth Study has been launched (31 July, Palmerston North). The item is addressed elsewhere on the Komiti's agenda.

5 Registration of Interest – Support for Ultrafast Broadband 2, Rural Broadband 2 and the Mobile Black Spot Fund

- 5.1 Council has submitted a registration of interest to MBIE to tempt providers of broadband infrastructure to bid into government funding to develop connectivity across the District. The document is available on the Council's website at <https://www.rangitikei.govt.nz/district/projects/improved-broadband-and-mobile-coverage-in-the-rangitikei>
- 5.2 Local, community input is sought into the Digital Enablement Plan (DEP) that is a further requirement of this process. The DEP will identify projects that the Council and local stakeholders will work on while the broadband rollout takes place. They should be projects which contribute community outcomes (such as more open access networks) or economic benefits (such as multi-media facilities for use by local businesses).

6 Recommendation

- 6.1 That the memorandum 'Update on the Path to Well-Being initiative - August 2015' be received.

Denise Servante
Strategy and Community Planning Manager