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Te Roopu Ahi Kaa Meeting

**Tuesday 13 October 2015,
10.00 am**

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Ms B Ball (Ngāti Whitikaupeka)

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Councillor Cath Ash

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

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Rangitikei District Council

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**

Recommendations

That the minutes of the Te Roopu Ahi Kaa Komiti meeting held on 11 August 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 12 October 2015 be received.

- 6 Council decisions on recommendations from the Komiti**

There were no decisions on recommendations from the Komiti.

- 7 Update from Council (August-September 2015)**

An update of Council's decisions at its August-September 2015 meetings is attached for the Komiti's information.

File ref: 3-CT-8-1

Recommendation

That the report 'Update from Council (August-September 2015)' be received.

- 8 Update on landlocked land**

A verbal update will be provided at the meeting.

- 9 Heritage Strategy**

The Committee Members may wish to provide feedback from their discussion with iwi/hapu. The foreword may be tabled for consideration. The Strategy as currently drafted is attached.

10 Allocation of Māori Community Development Programme 2015/16

A report is attached.

File ref: 3-GF-10

Recommendation

- 1.1 That the report "Allocation of Māori community development programme 2015/16" be received.
- 1.2 That the Komiti agrees to provide \$xx,xxx to Te Maru o Ruahine Trust and requests that Council staff work with the Trust to develop a programme of work with measurable outputs relating to:
 - Web based database [delete if not applicable]
 - Website development [delete if not applicable]
 - Registration commitment [delete if not applicable]
 - Cultural programmes [delete if not applicable]
- 1.3 That the Komiti agrees to provide \$xx,xxx to fund a programme to build capacity of local iwi/hapu and Māori to engage in the Manawatu-Whanganui Growth Strategy and requests that staff work with _____ to develop a programme of work with measurable outputs.

11 Update on Path to Well-being initiative – October 2015

A memorandum is attached.

File ref: 3-CT-8-1

Recommendation

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

12 Late items

13 Date of next meeting

Tuesday, 8 December 2015, 10.00am

14 Karakia

Attachment 1

Rangitikei District Council

Te Roopu Ahi Kaa Komiti Meeting

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Present:	Mr Pahia Turia (Chair)	
	Ms Barbara Ball	
	Mr Hone Albert	
	Ms Hari Benevides	
	Mr Jim Cunningham	
	Mr Thomas Curtis	
	Ms Katerina Hina	
	Mr Jim Puki	
	Mr Chris Shenton	
	Mr Peter Steedman	
	Mr Richard Steedman	
	Cr Cath Ash	
	His Worship the Mayor, Andy Watson	
Also present	Councillor Soraya Peke-Mason	
In attendance:	Mr Michael Hodder, Community & Regulatory Services Group Manager	
	Ms Denise Servante, Senior Policy Analyst	
	Mrs Janette O'Leary, Governance Administrator	
Tabled items	Item 9	Te Karere a Hauiti (Volume 15.1, June 2015)
	Item 11	Extract from Regional Growth Study: Enabler – Productivity of Maori land

1 Karakia/Welcome

Mr Turia performed the opening Karakia

2 Public forum

Nil.

3 Apologies/leave of absence

Resolved minute number

That apologies from Mr Richardson, Councillor McNeil and His Worship the Mayor, Andy Watson (for lateness) be received.

4 Whakatau Nga Tuhinga Korero/Confirmation of Minutes

Resolved minute number

15/IWI/017

File Ref

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.

Ms Ball / Mr Benevides. Carried

5 Chair's report

The Chair gave a verbal report at the meeting.

Since the flooding of 20/21 June 2015, communities affected by floods have been in contact with the Council. The Mayor has been the face of the Council and has been liaising with communities to see what Council can do for them. A big mihi to the Mayor and Council for the work that has been done and the response so far. The Council and iwi and hapu have been busy in the aftermath of this natural disaster. This is the fourth time communities have been flooded and Council's response this time has been the best so far. There is a \$4 million roading bill that Council may have to fund for the road reinstatement.

The flood protection wall worked well for the Whangaehu Marae and now Kauangaroa Marae and papakainga is looking at flood protection measures.

Other Komiti members also commented on the response from Council, noting in particular the speed with which a bailey bridge was installed over the damaged Te Hou Hou Bridge.

The Chair noted he had attended the launch of the Regional Growth Study. This gave an opportunity for Central Government to be involved in promoting growth in the region. Iwi and Hapu can come together to get an idea of what their economic asset base is.

The Chair is going to China as an Iwi partnership representative with Wanganui District Council Mayor and Chief Executive at the start of September to look at potential sister city economic benefits/ drivers for both communities. This should be seen as an opportunity (as long as Iwi remain in control) to engage with an international market.

He attended Iwi Chair Forum last week, met with Minister Nick Smith and the Deputy Prime Minister. Iwi have told the Government they want full disclosure of the TPPA deal before Iwi will support it.

Discussion by Komiti members emphasised the view that it was important to see benefits for both Iwi and Chinese. There were instances in Australia where Chinese ownership of land had not resulted *in* economic benefits to local communities.

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

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

Mr Steedman / Mr Curtis. Carried

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 was attached for the Komiti's information. Mr Hodder spoke to the report. Copies of the adopted 2015/25 Long Term Plan were available in the Chamber of all Komiti members to take, if they wished.

Ms Ball noted that the Taihape Community Board had not communicated with Iwi regarding the town centre plan process. From previous discussion at the Komiti, she had assumed that this would happen. Mr Hodder undertook to address this. .

After the flood there was a shortfall for roading funding as the Funding Assistance Rate (FAR) for emergency work was lower than previous years. This could have a large impact on the district. Mt Curl Road needed design work done on it; Onepuhi Road should be opening soon. A District-wide assessment of the damage (and cost to rectify) is being done for the New Zealand Transport Agency.

His Worship the Mayor entered the meeting at 10.50am

Post-flood public meetings had been held in Koitiata, Marton, Hunterville and Pohonui.

Clarification was sought on the Taihape Youth Club's operation. The Komiti asked to be kept informed of developments

Further information was provided to the Komiti on the interim report issued by the Local Government and Environment Committee on the Buildings (Earthquake-prone buildings) Amendment Bill. Rangitikei has been placed in the high risk category (like Wellington and Christchurch) and, as a consequence, the risk assessment and remediation needs to be done more quickly. Council has put in a submission to the Committee suggesting this be qualified: even though Marton is high risk like Wellington, the scale of loss of life after an earthquake there would be much different to one in the capital.

Most of parks and town maintenance work was being done by Council staff rather than by contractors. However, private contractors doing urban berm mowing, CBD cleaning and sexton duties.

Resolved minute number 15/IWI/019 **File Ref** 3-CT-8-1

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

Mr Steedman / Mr Curtis. Carried.

8 Draft Heritage Strategy

Ms Gray spoke to the report.

Mr Shenton had volunteered to write the foreword/perspective at the start of this document, an example from Waikato had been tabled at the Komiti meeting.

Discussion by the Komiti focussed on the difficulty of determining which stories and sites should be shared with others. There was a consensus that the strategy (and these issues) needed further discussion by members with their runanga and hapu.

Resolved minute number 15/IWI/020 **File Ref** 3-GF-10

That the draft heritage strategy be received and further developed for consideration at a subsequent meeting of the Komiti.

Mr Steedman / Mr Benevides. Carried

9 Maori Community Development Programme – update

Ms Servante spoke to the report. Mr Curtis noted the latest Ngati Hauiti newsletter (tabled)

Resolved minute number 15/IWI/021 **File Ref** 3-GF-10

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

Ms Ball / Mr Steedman. Carried

Resolved minute number **15/IWI/022** **File Ref** **3-GF-10**

That Expressions of Interest be invited from iwi, hapu and Maori organisations for a Māori community development project to be initiated in 2015/16, to be received by 25 September 2015.

Ms Ball / Mr Steedman Carried

Resolved minute number **15/IWI/023** **File Ref** **3-GF-10**

That Te Roopu Ahi Kaa 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.

Ms Ball / Mr Steedman Carried

Resolved minute number **15/IWI/024** **File Ref** **3-GF-10**

That Te Roopu Ahi Kaa congratulates Te Maru o Ruahine Trust on the achievements demonstrated in the interim report attached as appendix 2.

Ms Ball / Mr Steedman Carried

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

His Worship the Mayor spoke to the tabled report adding that there was potential for landlocked land in the forthcoming Chinese talks.

There was some discussion around reasonable access and interpretation in the Act as to what this means to the Regional Growth Study

11 Regional Growth Strategy

Ms Servante gave a power point presentation on the Regional Growth Strategy. A section of the Strategy 'Enabler: Productivity of Maori land' was distributed to Komiti members

Main points in discussion were:

- environmental protection and sustainability were incorporated into (if not viewed as a driver for) this growth strategy, can be a driver with this strategy.
- uncertainty of central government commitment and funding

- need for Komiti members to discuss with their hapu/whanau and feed that back into a Komiti hui;

His Worship the Mayor clarified that ultimately commercial interests would drive the programme. However, the study could be used as leverage to get funding for programmes from Te Puni Kokiri or the Office of Treaty Settlements.

The Chair suggested that the Komiti itself might wish to apply to the Māori Community Development as a way of ensuring some capacity to engage with the process. Such an application would need to be considered alongside others.

Resolved minute number **15/IWI/025** **File Ref**

That Te Roopu Ahi Kaa applies to the Māori Community Development Fund to enable engagement with the implementation of the Regional Growth Study.

Mr Turia / Ms Ball. Carried.

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

Ms Servante outlined recent work.

Resolved minute number **15/IWI/026** **File Ref** **3-CT-8-1**

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

Mr Turia / Ms Ball. Carried

13 Late items

Nil.

14 Date of next meeting

Tuesday 13 October 2015, 10.00 am

15 Karakia

Mr Curtis performed the closing karakia. Meeting closed at 1.05pm

Confirmed/Chair: _____

Date:

Attachment 2



Rangitikei
UNREPORT...

MEMORANDUM

TO: Te Roopu Ahi Kaa Komiti

FROM: Priscilla Jeffrey, Governance Administrator

DATE: 1 October 2015

SUBJECT: **Update from Council's meetings on 27 August and 1 October 2015**

FILE: 1-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 Hunterville Town Water Supply

- 2.1 In the final round of grants in the Ministry of Health's drinking-water subsidy scheme, \$393,511 has been approved for a separate water supply to Hunterville. The Council's share for this project is just under \$70,000. The Ministry anticipates that contracts are in place within two months and works completed in two years.

3 Improved capability in emergencies

- 3.1 One inadequacy highlighted as a result of the June rainfall event was the shortcomings of radio coverage in the District. An application has been submitted (and supported by the Co-ordinating Executive Group for Civil Defence in the Horizons Region) for \$15,000, being half the cost of ten new radios and an additional repeater on Mount Curl. The balance is being funded from the Council's Civil Defence budget.

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

- 4.1 This Member's Bill (Stuart Nash, Napier) introduced to Parliament on 25 June 2015 sought to (i) make a poll mandatory on a final reorganisation proposal for local government was drawn in the ballot on 25 June 2015 and (ii) require the poll to succeed in each district or region of an affected area to enable a reorganisation proposal to proceed to implementation. Council was in agreement with these proposals. However, the Bill was voted down (on party lines) at its First Reading, on 12 August 2015.

5 Town centre plan update

Seven-day makeovers

- 5.1 At its meeting on 30 July 2015, in considering the town centre plan updates, Council requested that each of the town centre plan steering groups and respective Community Committees and Community Boards be asked about their view on the proposed seven-day make-over and training sessions proposed in Bulls, Marton and Taihape to be delivered by Creative Communities. Bulls and Taihape have confirmed dates with Creative Communities for early 2016.
- 5.2 In addition, one-day workshops run by Creative Communities have been offered to Ratana, Turakina and Mangaweka to develop town plans, in line with the workshop used to develop the Hunterville Town Centre Plan in 2014.

Taihape

- 5.3 An impressive Landscape Mural painted by local Taihape youth has been completed and installed on the fence alongside of the library.

Hunterville

- 5.4 The Hunterville TCP group are committed to continue with their place-making projects in the town once weather and time allows.

Marton

- 5.5 The Marton TCP Steering have completed the Pathway Project in Marton Park and arrangements have been made to have extra lighting directed onto the pathway from the existing light stand at Maunder Street.

Bulls

- 5.6 Council has handed back the Creative Cube project to the new Community Development Manager in Bulls.

6 Audit/Risk Committee

- 6.1 The Committee had its initial meeting on Tuesday 1 September 2015.

7 Ratana water supply upgrade – request for additional funding

- 7.1 The Council approved additional funding of up to \$200,000 to be made available for the Ratana Water Treatment Plan for water softening.

8 Water mains investigation for Dixon Way/Mangaone Valley Road, Taihape – funding mechanism

- 8.1 The Council agreed that its preferred option for the supply of potable water to Dixon Way and Mangaone Valley Road, is renewal of the existing scheme to be funded on a District-wide basis, with any upgrade funded equally by owners of affected properties.
- 8.2 Consultation with connected (and potentially connected) properties in Dixon Way/Mangaone Valley Road will be arranged and a report back to Council is expected by 30 November 2015.

9 Proposed amendment to the triennial agreement

- 9.1 The Regional Growth Study places emphasis on local authorities within the Horizons region working collaboratively. To formalise that it is proposed to amend the Triennial Agreement between all councils within the Horizons region.
- 9.2 The proposed amendments highlight collaboration and co-operation, and define, at a high level, the intended work programme for the councils. The amendments do not propose economic development as a new activity for Horizons.

10 Proposed remission of rates for land affected by natural calamity – 20-21 June 2015 extreme rainfall event

- 10.1 At its meeting on 30 July 2015, the Finance/Performance Committee resolved that the June 2015 rainfall event be deemed to fall within the scope of the Council's rates remission policy for land affected by natural calamity. At its subsequent meeting, on 27 August 2015, the Committee adopted criteria for applying the policy for land affected by this incident.
- 10.2 Rate remission applications were invited from potentially affected ratepayers, with 45 applications received (covering 95 properties). The total rates payable for these properties in 2015/16 is just under \$514,000.
- 10.3 After the call for rates remissions applications was made, the Government announced a further funding package the Regional Disaster Relief Trust, which includes funding specifically targeting the farming sector impacted by the June weather event. In light of this, Council has deferred its consideration of rate remissions until the Trust has completed its funding allocations.
- 10.4 It is intended to include information on rating impacts and likely rates in remissions in the application to the New Zealand Transport Agency for additional funding assistance with the costs of repairing the roads. The rationale for this is that, if there is a shortfall beyond the current level of roading reserve, the additional rates burden will fall heaviest on rural properties, including those most affected by the June event.

11 Safety audit of Council's playgrounds

- 11.1 Over the next three months, checks and maintenance will be undertaken at all Council's playgrounds. Thereafter, a six-monthly check will form part of the routine of the Parks and Reserves team. In addition, all play structures will be thoroughly cleaned to remove mould and lichen build up and re-mulching of playgrounds will be undertaken.
- 11.2 Advance warning will be provided about which playground is being worked on through the Council website, Council's Facebook page and the media. In some cases swings may need to be removed for repair.

12 Adoption of interim guideline for flying drones in Council parks

- 12.1 On 1 August 2015 the Civil Aviation Authority issued Rule Part 101 which regulates the flying of drones. Guidance from the Authority is that local authorities may give consent to flying drones in Council parks, but this must be within the requirements of Part 101. The base requirement is that drones must not fly above 120 metres and must at all times be within the light of sight of the operator.
- 12.2 However, Marton and Bulls and out to the coast are within the controlled airspace of Ohakea. Initial contact with the Base indicates that there will be a requirement for drone operators to contact Ohakea Air Traffic Control for clearance before flying drones in Council parks in these parts of the District.
- 12.3 Council adopted guidelines to enable drones to be flown legally in Council parks within the limits of part 101 and the Ohakea restrictions. A formal policy will be developed in due course.

13 Award of secondary school scholarships

- 13.1 Council set aside provision to make secondary school scholarships available locally. It agreed to continue the Rangitikei College scholarships (whose original purpose was to support the Board of Trustees to promote the College as the school of first choice for the southern Rangitikei) and extend the scholarships to the Taihape Area School. A provision of \$4,000 was agreed, allowing four scholarships of \$1,000 each.
- 13.2 In addition Council has requested a report outlining further options to reward excellence from the District's young people.

14 Proposed policy on remitting fees for exclusive use of community facilities and for building consents

- 14.1 Council has adopted a policy giving delegated authority to the Chief Executive to waive fees for exclusive use of Council facilities. All instances falling outside this policy will continue to be considered by Council.

- 14.2 Similarly, Council has adopted a policy giving delegated authority to the Chief Executive to waive internal consenting costs. All instances falling outside this policy will continue to be considered by Council.

15 Annual Report for year ended 30 June 2015

- 15.1 On 1 October 2015, Council adopted the audited Annual Report (and Summary Annual Report). The Audit Manager attended the meeting to present the opinions from the Audit Director. The audit was without qualification (technically 'unmodified'),
- 15.2 The full report and the summary report are on the Council's website. A copy of the Summary Annual Report has been included in the mail-out of this meeting's Order Paper.

16 Recommendation

- 16.1 That the report 'Update from Council's meetings on 27 August and 1 October 2015' be received.

Priscilla Jeffrey
Governance Administrator

Attachment 3



Rangitikei
UNREPORT...

Report

TO: Te Roopu Ahi Kaa

FROM: Denise Servante, Strategy and Community Planning Manager

DATE: 30 September 2015

SUBJECT: **Allocation of 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 At its meeting in August 2015, the Komiti confirmed the scope of the Māori community development programme as:
- Increasing the capacity of Māori to contribute to local decision-making, and
 - Strengthening relationships between iwi and hapu organisations/marae and Council.
- 1.3 It also agreed to follow the same process to allocate this funding as it had in 2014/15 i.e. to invite Expressions of Interest from iwi, hapu and Māori organisations within the Rangitikei District rohe to deliver one or more Māori community development programmes during 2015/16. The amount available for allocation is \$15,000.
- 1.4 At that meeting, the Komiti also discussed the implementation of the Manawatu-Whanganui Growth Study which identified Māori economic development as one of the key opportunities available to achieve the identified growth targets. The Komiti acknowledged that capacity to engage in this process was extremely limited and agreed to submit an Expression of Interest to the Māori community development programme¹.
- 1.5 A public notice was placed in local printed media and letters sent to all marae contacts publicising the deadlines for receipt of Expressions of Interest. An Expression of Interest has been received from Ngati Hauiti via Te Maru o Ruahine Trust (appendix 1).

¹ 15/IWI/025

1.6 The Komiti has previously acknowledged that the full benefits of a capacity building process are accrued over time and may not be fully realised in the short-term. It has also recognised that the funding available was not substantial and should be used to build capacity to boost existing projects/programmes rather than attempt to establish new projects/programmes which may drain capacity rather than add value.

1.7 These two considerations inform this report.

2 Te Maru o Ruahine Trust

2.1 The Expression of Interest from Te Maru o Ruahine Trust builds on work undertaken through the Māori community development programme in 2014/15. The Komiti acknowledged the success of this work programme over the last year in supporting the iwi to progress its communication and cultural affirmation programmes. The Expression of Interest received for 2015/16 continues this work developing the database and website, the registration process and expanding whānau knowledge of Hāuititanga.

2.2 Providing further support to the Trust during 2015/16 would meet the Komiti's intent to accrue benefits over time through an existing programme of work that may otherwise struggle to achieve its potential.

2.3 Should the Komiti agree to fund this Expression of Interest (in full or in part), Council staff will work with the Trust to develop a programme of work with measurable outputs.

3 Building capacity to participate in the Manawatu-Whanganui Growth Strategy²

3.1 The Komiti identified a lack of capacity for local iwi/hapu/Māori to engage with the opportunities identified for Māori-led economic growth in the region. The Expression of Interest does not go further in identifying a potential project or specific activities that can be undertaken to build capacity.

² The Growth Strategy recommended a number of interventions that could help increase the productivity of Maori-owned land as a key enabler for at least six of the eight identified opportunities. The interventions were for TPK/MBIE/MPI and iwi leaders to:

- Support an iwi-led initiative to provide advice to Maori landowners
- Provide for direct involvement of iwi in arrangements for implementing the study
- What can be done to build farm-based skills of Maori?
- Ensure consideration surrounding the use of Maori land flows through every work team implementing relevant Opportunities
- Take account of funds earmarked in the 2015 budget relevant to the development of Maori land

- 3.2 However, local iwi/hapu are currently working together on a phased research programme, Te Ketu Tuatea, with the current focus on economic development. The research is framed within the opportunities and enablers identified in the Manawatu-Whanganui Growth Study. The Komiti may feel that some additional funding could support the capacity of local iwi/hapu to engage in this process and to bring back to the Komiti ideas and issues for further consideration.

4 Recommendations

- 4.1 That the report "Allocation of Māori community development programme 2015/16" be received.
- 4.2 That the Komiti agrees to provide \$xx,xxx to Te Maru o Ruahine Trust and requests that Council staff work with the Trust to develop a programme of work with measurable outputs relating to:
- Web based database [delete if not applicable]
 - Website development [delete if not applicable]
 - Registration commitment [delete if not applicable]
 - Cultural programmes [delete if not applicable]
- 4.3 That the Komiti agrees to provide \$xx,xxx to fund a programme to build capacity of local iwi/hapu and Māori to engage in the Manawatu-Whanganui Growth Strategy and requests that staff work with _____ to develop a programme of work with measurable outputs.

Denise Servante
Strategy and Community Planning Manager.

Appendix 1



Proposal to Te Roopu Ahi Kaa:

Te Maru o Ruahine Trust was able to successfully build on our Ngati Hauiti communications strategy with the support of Te Roopu Ahi Kaa and the Rangitikei District Council.

To maintain continuity with our Cultural affirmation programme we are seeking further support for 2015/2016 period.

Goals and Objectives: Te Maru o Ruahine Trust needs:

- Expand its current database so that it is more relevant for our purposes
- Build and maintain our web presence as the base model requires further substantial work to ensure we meet the core objectives that this communication tool offers to our Iwi
- Develop consistent Ngati Hauiti events
- Register another 500 – 1000 Ngati Hauiti individuals and whanau
- Expand whanau knowledge of 'Hauititanga'

Short term vision: Become sustainable with our communications strategy, Expand on events that will build our own capacity and knowledge with our people. Build and maintain Hauititanga (the core/heart of Ngati Hauiti identity).

Long Term vision: Whanau that maintain the mana of Ngati Hauiti through knowing their cultural identity as Ngati Hauiti through (Whakapapa, Waiata, Tikanga, Manaakitanga, Te reo).

- Strong robust communications
- Maintain and practise Ngati Hauititanga
- Ngati Hauiti hold events that engage and educate whanau whānui
- Register all Ngati Hauiti people
- All whanau know they belong to Ngati Hauiti
- All Ngati Hauiti whanau are thriving in their Ngati Hauiti environment

Participants:

- Descendants from the nine hapu of Ngati Hauiti
- Rangitikei and the wider community, neighbouring iwi and external stakeholders

Outcomes:

- Building valid, relevant and clear communication channels with our people
- Strengthen, educate and lead our people towards understanding Hauititanga
- Produce events that promotes Ngati Hauititanga
- Register 500/1000 new Ngati Hauiti members

Budget:

	Budget	Total
Web based Database	\$4,000	\$4k
Web site development	\$3,000	\$3k
Registration commitment	\$4,000	\$4k
Cultural programmes	\$3,000	\$3k
Total		\$14,000

Attachment 4

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 be digitised for long-term protection and access.

10 Waiving of Internal Consenting Fees

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

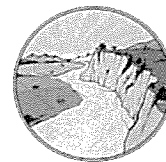
Policies

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 5



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MEMORANDUM

TO: Te Roopu Ahi Kaa Komiti

FROM: Priscilla Jeffrey

DATE: 30 September 2015

SUBJECT: **Update on the Path to Well-Being initiative – October 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 Digital Enablement Plan

- 2.1 During August and September Steering Group meetings have taken place regularly in Marton and Taihape to develop the Digital Enablement Plan '*Rapiditikei*'. It contains a number of projects intended to stimulate demand for broadband services and to promote community access and/or economic growth.

- 2.2 The *Rapiditikei* Plan contains the following projects:

Project leadership

- Project 1: Monitor, review and improve the plan
- Project 2: Collaborative engagement for delivery of fast broadband

Business Growth

- Project 3: Developing gradual urban roll-out
- Project 4: Free wifi in the CBD areas
- Project 5: Improve business presence online
- Project 6: Be Happy - Taihape

Community Enablement

- Project 7: Public education and information
- Project 8: Iwi/Māori vISP

- 2.3 The Plan was submitted to MBIE on 18 September and can be viewed in full on the website at www.rangitikei.govt.nz.

3 Treasured Natural Environment Group

- 3.1 The Treasured Natural Environment Group has been working on developing a newsletter of environmental activities through the Rangitikei District. The first issue was released on 28 August and will be prepared and distributed quarterly. The newsletter can be found on the Rangitikei District Council website and in the libraries.

4 Marton Community Charter and Community Investment programme

- 4.1 The Ministry for Social Development (MSD) and Ministry of Youth Development (MYD) has facilitated a series of consultation events targeting young people (12-25 years) in Marton to identify their expectations of local service providers. This will be input into the Action Plan for the Community Charter.
- 4.2 Some work has also been initiated with MSD to look at an Action Plan for 0-12 years age group.

5 Safe and Caring Community Theme Group

- 5.1 The Group has been focussing on the Positive Ageing Strategy resourced mainly through the District Health Board allocating a member of their Health Promotion team, Te Ora Nyman, to work in the District two days a week. Te Ora has now undertaken an internal secondment to cover a maternity leave position. Negotiations to cover this work during her absence need to be initiated.

6 Enjoying Life in the Rangitikei Theme Group

- 6.1 The group has been scoping a District Promotion strategy, bearing in mind what is currently underway in the District and the contents of the Manawatu-Whanganui growth Strategy.

7 Swim-4-All

- 7.1 Funding has been confirmed to enable all schools in the District to put their year 3—6 school students through the Swim-4-All programme during the 2015/16 swim season. This has been made possible through Council waiving of the entry fee for students taking part in school swim programmes.
- 7.2 The first schools (Bulls, Marton, St Matthews) have booked their lessons for term 4. The swim programme in Taihape still needs to be confirmed once the contractual arrangement is finalised.

8 Recommendation

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

Priscilla Jeffrey
Governance Administrator