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# Te Roopu Ahi Kaa Meeting

**Tuesday 13 June 2017,  
11.00 am**

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### Chair

Mr P Turia (Whangaehu)

### Deputy Chair

Ms T Hiroa (Ngāti Whitikaupeka)

Mr B Gray (Ngāti Rangituhia), Ms K Savage (Ngāti Parewahawaha),  
Mr T Curtis (Te Runanga o Ngāti Hauiti), Ms C Raukawa-Manuel  
(Ngā Ariki Turakina), Ms G Nepia (Rātana Community),  
Mr C Shenton (Ngāti Kauae/Tauira), Mr T Steedman  
(Ngāti Hinemanu/Ngāti Paki), Ms H Benevides (Ngāti Tamakopiri),  
Ms N Wipaki (Ngai te Ohuake), Ms K Hina (Ngā Wairiki Ki Uta),  
Councillor Cath Ash, and His Worship the Mayor, Andy Watson, (ex officio)

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Council's Standing Orders (adopted 3 November 2016), 10.2 provide: The quorum for Council committees and sub-committees is as for Council, i.e. half the number of members if the number of members (including vacancies) is even or a majority if the number of members is odd.

## **1 Karakia/Welcome**

## **2 Apologies**

## **3 Members' conflict of interest**

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

## **4 Confirmation of order of business and late items**

That, taking into account the explanation provided why the item is not on the meeting agenda and why the discussion of the item cannot be delayed until a subsequent meeting, ..... be dealt with as a late item at this meeting. Such matters will be dealt with at the end of this agenda.

## **5 Whakatau Nga Tuhinga Korero / Confirmation of minutes**

The Minutes from the meeting held on 14 February 2017 are attached. (The meeting scheduled for 11 April 2017 was cancelled.)

File ref: 3-CT-8-2

### **Recommendation**

That the Minutes of the Te Roopu Ahi Kaa Komiti meeting held on 14 February 2017 be taken as read and verified as an accurate and correct record of the meeting.

## **6 Chair's report**

A verbal report will be provided at the meeting.

## **7 Council decisions on recommendations from the Komiti**

There were no recommendations from the Komiti presented to the Council meeting on 23 February 2017.

## **8 Council responses to queries raised at previous hui**

There were no queries for Council staff raised at the previous hui on 14 February 2017.

## **9 Managaweka Bridge replacement**

A report is attached. Mr Jim Mestyanek will be in attendance and will speak to it.

File ref: 6-RT-1 (69)

**Recommendation**

That the memorandum 'Mangaweka Bridge Update' be received.

**10 Tuia Mentoring Programme presentation**

Mr Haimona Waititi will be speaking about the Mentoring Programme run by TUIA Charitable Trust. Mr Waititi was the Vodafone NZ Foundation Inspiring Leader Award recipient for 2017, and is the Mentoring Support leader for the TUIA programme in the North Island.

**11 Feedback from Komiti's workshop**

This is a discussion item.

**12 Update from Council's meetings from February to May 2017**

A memorandum is attached.

File ref: 3-CT-8-1

**Recommendation**

1. That the memorandum 'Update from Council's meetings in February to May 2017' be received.
2. That Te Roopu Ahi Kaa endorses the grant of \$2,200 for three years from 1 July 2017 from the Waste Minimisation Levy to Para Kore for its zero waste programmes to marae within the Rangitikei District, subject to 80% funding from the Ministry for the Environment.

**13 Update from the representative to Council's Assets/Infrastructure Committee**

Ms Hiroa will provide a verbal update on the Assets/Infrastructure Committee meetings held on 9 March, 13 April, and 11 May 2017.

**14 Guidance on the appropriate kaumātua and kuia to call upon**

Discussion item: at the previous meeting an undertaking was made by the Komiti to provide a list of appropriate kaumātua and kuia for the Mayor and Council to call upon throughout the different areas of the District to provide tautawhi (support).

**15 Geographical review of Census spatial units**

A memorandum is attached. This was circulated previously with the order paper for the Komiti meeting on 11 April 2017 which was cancelled. An email was circulated to Komiti members and iwi organisations on 27 April seeking feedback on the proposals for the new names for the new proposed spatial units. Feedback has been received from one iwi organisation, although other agencies/individuals may have submitted directly to Statistics New Zealand.



The suggestions received are:

- Instead of Parewanui – Raumai was suggested
- Instead of Moawhango-Ngamatea - Mokai Patea was suggested
- Instead of Otiwhiti – Otairi was suggested

If the Komiti is in agreement, then Council will forward these suggestions to Statistics New Zealand and, in any event, will notify those people who made these suggestions of Council action.

### **Recommendations**

1. That the memorandum “Geographical review of Census spatial units” be received.
2. That the Komiti requests that the Chief Executive suggests to Statistics New Zealand the following changes to the proposed names for the new Census spatial units:

- Instead of Parewanui – Raumai was suggested
- Instead of Moawhango-Ngamatea - Mokai Patea was suggested
- Instead of Otiwhiti – Otairi was suggested

## **16 Māori Community Development programme 2016/17**

A report is attached.

File ref: 3-GF-10

### **Recommendation**

1. That the report “Māori community development programme 2016/17” be received.
2. That the Komiti agrees to provide \$xx,xxx to Ngati Hauiti (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:
  - Provide an opportunity to connect/reconnect whānau to their Turangawaewae (place of belonging through kinship)
  - Learn whakapapa, waiata, moteatea, whenua korero pertaining to specific Hapu Tupuna
  - Reconnect the next generation through Whānaungatanga, Whakapapa and korero. This gives them the strength to know who they are and where they come from when they go out into the world.
  - Create a purpose for our whānau whanui to return home to their Marae and Whenua
  - Grow, develop and expand whanau knowledge of Hauititanga
3. The Komiti recommends that Council invite iwi to express their interest in taking part in the Māori community development programme from 2017/18 onwards, including an indicative work programme and an indicative amount of funding that may be required to complete the work programme

## 17 Update on landlocked land

A verbal update will be provided at the meeting.

## 18 Update on Te Pae Tawhiti

Te Pae Tawhiti is the Manawatu-Whanganui Economic Development Strategy, 2016-40

A verbal update will be provided by the Chair.

## 19 Consideration of separate Māori Wards for the 2018 Representation Review

A report is attached.

File ref: 3-OR-3-8

### Recommendation

1. That the report 'Consideration of Separate Māori Wards for the 2019 Elections' to the 13 June 2017 Te Roopu Ahi Kaa meeting be received.
2. That Te Roopu Ahi Kaa recommends to Council:

EITHER:

That the Council consider establishing a separate Māori ward(s) as part of the 2018 Representation Review on the basis of

**Either** a two-ward structure

**Or** an at-large basis.

OR:

That the Council does not implement a separate Māori ward(s) as part of the 2018 Representation Review.

OR:

Postpones a decision on whether to recommend the establishment of a separate Māori ward(s) until its 8 August 2017 meeting, and requests the follow information is provided:

- .....
- .....

## 20 Update on the 'Path to Well-Being' initiative – June 2017

A memorandum is attached.

File ref: 3-CT-8-1

### **Recommendation**

That the memorandum 'Update on the Path to Well-Being initiative – June 2017' be received.

## **21 Ngati Rangi update**

On 15 March 2017 the Ministry for Treaty of Waitangi negotiations announced that the Crown had signed an agreement in principle with Ngati Rangi for its historical treaty claims. This agreement in principle outlines a broad settlement package, which includes provisional Crown acknowledgments of Treaty breaches as well as cultural, financial and commercial redress.

## **22 Ngaruroro and Clive Rivers - Water Conservation Order Application**

An application has been lodged with the Minister for the Environment for a new water conservation order for the Ngaruroro and Clive Rivers. The application was lodged by New Zealand Fish and Game Council, Hawkes Bay Fish and Game Council, Ngati Hori Ki Kohupatiki, Royal Forest and Bird Protection Society of NZ and Whitewater NZ and Jet Boating NZ.

Water conservation orders provide recognition of the outstanding amenity or intrinsic values of water bodies. A water conservation order may provide for any of the following:

- the preservation as far as possible of the water body's natural state
- the protection of characteristics which the water body has or contributes to:
  - as a habitat for terrestrial or aquatic organisms
  - as a fishery
  - for its wild, scenic, or other natural characteristics:
  - for scientific and ecological values:
  - for recreational, historical, spiritual, or cultural purposes:
- the protection of characteristics which any water body has or contributes to, and which are considered to be of outstanding significance in accordance with tikanga Māori.

The application was referred to a special tribunal by the Minister for the Environment on 21 February 2017. The next step will be for the special tribunal to notify the application and call for submissions.

The application is similar to the Rangitīkei River water conservation order 1993 which protects waters of the Upper River and Middle River. It specifies restrictions for quantity and rate of flow of natural water, restricts the damming of the River and sets specific requirements for discharges into the River. This water conservation order process began in 1984 when the application was lodged, and it was not until 1993 when the water conservation order was formally put in place.

## **23 Proposed revocation of the Fire Prevention Bylaw**

A memorandum is attached.

File ref: 1-DB-1-12

**Recommendation**

That the memorandum 'Proposed Revocation of Fire Prevention Bylaw and section 6.3 of the Public Places Bylaw 2013' be received.

## **24 Rangitikei Youth Awards Scheme 2017**

A report is attached.

File ref: 4-EN-12-7

**Recommendation**

1. That the report 'Youth Awards Scheme 2017' be received.
2. That ..... be the representative of Te Roopu Ahi Kaa on the judging panel of the 2017 Youth Awards.

## **25 Funding rounds open**

The funding rounds for the Community Initiative Fund and Event Sponsorship Scheme have opened and will close on Friday 30th June. Please let people in your community know about the schemes and encourage them to apply. Further information can be found on the Council's website: <https://www.rangitikei.govt.nz/district/community/grants-funding>

## **26 Panui/Announcements**

## **27 Late items**

As accepted in item 5.

## **28 Future Items for the Agenda**

## **29 Next meeting**

Tuesday 8 August 2017, 11am

## **30 Upcoming meetings for 2017**

- 10 October
- 12 December

## **31 Meeting closed/Karakia**

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# Rangitikei District Council

## Te Roopu Ahi Kaa Komiti Meeting

Minutes – Tuesday 14 February 2017 – 11:00 a.m.

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**Present:**

- Ms Tracey Hiroa (acting Chair)
- Mr Thomas Curtis
- Ms Coral Raukawa-Manuel
- Mr Terry Steedman
- Mr Richard Steedman
- Ms Gaylene Nepia (left at 12:44pm)
- Ms Kim Savage
- Ms Katarina Hina
- Ms Hari Benevides
- Mr Chris Shenton
- Ms Naumai Wipaki
- Cr Cath Ash
- His Worship the Mayor, Andy Watson (left at 11:42am)

**Also present:**

- Cr Soraya Peke-Mason

**In attendance:**

- Mr Ross McNeil, Chief Executive
- Mr Michael Hodder, Community & Regulatory Services Group Manager
- Ms Denise Servante, Strategy & Community Planning Manager
- Ms Linda Holman, Governance Administrator

**Tabled:**

- Tabled 1 – Strategic Intentions (extract)
- Tabled 2 – Tuia Te Here Tangata
- Tabled 3 – Strategic Plan (Updated 2016-2021)
- Tabled 4 – Naumai Wipaki Representative for Te Runanga o Ngai Te Ohuake

## **1 Karakia/Welcome**

Mr R Steedman said the karakia.

A minute's silence was held in recognition of the passing of Pai Maraku – a past delegate from Ratana.

## **2 Public Forum**

No members of the public attended.

## **3 Apologies**

### **Resolved**

That the apologies from Mr Turia and (for lateness) from Ms Savage be accepted.

Ms Benevides / Mr T Steedman. Carried

## **4 Members' conflict of interest**

Members are reminded by Mr McNeil of their obligation to declare any conflicts of interest they might have in respect of items on this agenda. No conflicts of interest were declared.

## **5 Confirmation of order of business and late items**

That, taking into account the explanation provided why the item is not on the meeting agenda and why the discussion of the item cannot be delayed until a subsequent meeting, the Chair accepted the following as items for consideration at the end of the agenda: Council's strategic intentions, Mr R Steedman's letter, and local water schemes.

## **6 Whakatau Nga Tuhinga Korero / Confirmation of minutes**

### **Resolved minute number**

**17/TRAK/001**

### **File Ref**

**3-CT-8-2**

That the Minutes of the Te Roopu Ahi Kaa Komiti meeting held on 13 December 2016 be taken as read and verified as an accurate and correct record of the meeting.

Mr Curtis / Ms Raukawa-Manuel. Carried

## **7 Chair's report**

The acting Chair did not provide a verbal report.



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

There were no recommendations from the Komiti presented to the Council meeting on 26 January 2017.

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

There were no queries raised at the previous meeting.

## **10 Appointment of Deputy Chair**

Resolved minute number	17/TRAK/002	File Ref
1	That for the appointment of a new Deputy Chair at its 14 February 2017 meeting, Te Roopu Ahi Kaa elects to use System B.	
2	That Tracey Hiroa be appointed Deputy Chair of Te Roopu Ahi Kaa	
Mr T Steedman / Ms Hina. Carried		

## **11 Feedback from Komiti's workshop**

The Komiti has decided to have a Komiti member take minutes during the workshop session.

Feedback was given to the newly appointed members regarding the reasons for the Komiti, namely relationship building, process improvement, supporting the autonomous groups to work more effectively. Also, issues such as landlocked land, rating and writing of policies.

The Komiti recognises there is a lot of work to do and the point is to have positive actions in future meetings. The Chair acknowledged the contributions of past Komiti members.

Representation on Rangitikei District Council and Maori liaison within the Council's operational team to provide input and advice are key future priorities. The Mayor noted that a Komiti representative has been appointed to the Assets/Infrastructure Committee with full voting rights.

The Mayor requested guidance on the appropriate kaumātua and kuia to call upon throughout the different areas of the District. The Chair responded to this and the Komiti committed to providing this information at the next meeting.

Discussion was held around what an appropriate welcome for new migrants would be. Ms Benevides expressed how enjoyable the ceremonies are, and the Mayor emphasised the importance of tangata whenua in welcoming new migrants but also that it was not his place to say who should be doing the welcome – he invited further discussion on this topic.

Cr Peke-Mason acknowledged the Mayor in his capacity-building for Māori in various roles to support Council and in building relationships with tangata whenua. Cr Peke-Mason is interested in the activities of the Komiti, will speak for Māori in her portfolio position at Council, and will help to welcome Council members onto marae.

Other Komiti members expressed their support of the idea. The Chair thanked Cr Peke-Mason for her contribution over the years.

## **12 Update from the representative to Council's Assets / Infrastructure Committee**

The Chair attended her first meeting on 9 February 2017. She appreciated the succinctness of the meeting, the style of reporting, and said that it gave her an appreciation of the scope of the Committee's remit. She said she can see where Komiti members can be involved, and noted that some of the issues that come to the Komiti can actually go straight to the Assets/Infrastructure Committee. The Chair will send out a report about the meeting to the Komiti members. The Chair said it is also very important to let people know that there are mechanisms for logging issues already in place, and she thanked the Mayor for the opportunity.

**Resolved minute number**                      **17/TRAK/003**                      **File Ref**

That the verbal update from Ms Hiroa on the meeting of the Assets/Infrastructure Committee on 9 February 2017 be received.

Ms Hiroa / Mr Shenton. Carried

## **13 Update on Te Pae Tawhiti**

As Mr Turia is unable to attend this meeting, this item was deferred until the April 2017 meeting.

## **14 Update from Council – December 2016 to January 2017**

Mr McNeil spoke to the report. The Marton Wastewater Treatment Plant Advisory Group members are still being appointed, but this won't hold up the progress of the meetings. The iwi representative is Mr Chris Shenton. After the members are up to speed their first priority will be the Bonny Glen leachate issue.

The former Taihape College site in Rauma Road is currently being used by various local groups. The Crown is happy for this to continue but costs must be covered and maintenance attended to. This is currently in discussion. Discussion was held on the settlement process and how land is banked.

District Licensing Committee - the term expires on 27 February 2017. Members need relevant experience but not a conflict of interest.

Subsidised neutering of dogs – animal control is a shared service with Manawatu District Council, and the service has successfully applied for funding for neutering of menacing dogs.

Mangaweka Bridge will cost as much to upgrade as it will to replace. There is a preference to replace (because it will be capable of taking heavier loads), and NZTA will provide 63% of

our share of cost (the bridge is shared with Manawatu District Council) if we get through the business case process.

Wellington Conservation Management Strategy – feedback is invited.

**Resolved minute number**                      **17/TRAK/004**                      **File Ref**                      **3-CT-8-1**

That the memorandum “Update from Council (to TRAK February 2017) meeting” be accepted.

Mr R Steedman / Ms Hiroa. Carried

## **15 Update on landlocked land**

The Mayor discussed progress that has been made building relationships with landowners who may be able to provide access to some areas of landlocked land, and detailed some changes that have been made within Local Government New Zealand (LGNZ) that may also provide the opportunity to further this cause.

Gaylene Nepia left the meeting at 12:44pm and noted her name had been incorrectly put as Tahi Nepia in earlier documentation.

Mr R Steedman talked about a presentation that was made to the National Party, and noted that Mokai Patea had a big part in that presentation. He said that awareness is being raised at high levels.

## **16 Grants and Funding information and opening dates**

The memorandum “Grants and Funding overview 2017” was noted.

## **17 Update on the ‘Path to Well-Being’ initiative and other community development programmes – December 2016 to January 2017**

Ms Denise Servante spoke to the memorandum, taking the report as read and offering to take questions.

Ms Hina raised concerns about transport – particularly for disabled people – and noted that this was one of the issues to come out of the Path to Wellbeing conference. The Chair gave feedback that some people in the community weren’t aware of what’s happening in the community, and suggested that communication could be improved.

Mr Shenton said that he particularly enjoyed the workshop with Professor James Liu and the presentation by Erena Mikaere-Most. He noted that data-based research could be of benefit in the Rangitikei area too. He stressed the need to focus on the needs of the community and to launch initiatives.

Cr Peke-Mason asked whether the role of the Marton Youth Development Coordinator has been re-advertised, Ms Servante said that it has been. Cr Peke-Mason further enquired about whether there would be a report on the Path to Wellbeing conference, which Ms Servante confirmed there would be. Ms Servante also noted that direct results can take some time to come to fruition. Ms Hina noted the strength of the Samoan community and suggested it was a good opportunity to look at the support role the Komiti and iwi can play in future events.

**Resolved minute number**

**17/TRAK/005**

**File Ref**

**1-CO-4**

That the memorandum "Update on the Path to Well-Being initiative and other community development programmes – December 2016 to January 2017" be received.

Ms Hiroa / Ms Hina. Carried

## **18 Panui / announcements**

Mr R Steedman: 6-10 March 2017 is the first week of the substantive Waitangi Tribunal hearing for Taihape at Rata Marae.

The Mayor: drew attention to the tabled document for the Tuia programme. He noted the large number of people involved in the programme and invited the Komiti members to consider this for a future hui. Ms Hina said this needs to start now and suggested a sub-committee.

Ms Savage: 15 April 2017 is the 50<sup>th</sup> birthday of Parewahawaha Marae.

Ms Hina: Iwi festival at Fordell School 18-19 March 2017 - Ngā Wairiki Ngāti Apa.

## **19 Late items**

As accepted in item 4, Mr McNeil spoke to the tabled item 'Council's strategic intentions for the 2016-19 triennium'. This is an overview of a much larger document, and the full framework will be provided to the Komiti later. The Chair agrees the relevant projects are important. The Mayor said he spoke with Andrew Little (Labour Party leader) about infrastructural needs, including the Ratana centennial event.

Planning – the Annual Plan has items about toilets in the district and whether there is a potential opportunity for toilets in Mangaweka and reserves – Mr McNeil asked the Komiti to note this. At the last Erewhon Rural Water Supply Sub-committee meeting the members looked at the deeds and asked Council to look more closely in terms of surplus water that could go to Moawhango.

Ms Peke-Mason thanked the Council for preparing and sharing the document. She noted in particular the bilingual signage, wanting to focus on inclusiveness to ensure the plans come to the Komiti to ensure te reo Māori is correct and inclusive.

The Mayor spoke to the letter from the Chairman of Te Runanga o Ngai Te Ohuake notifying the Komiti of Mr Richard Steedman stepping down as representative, and Ms Naumai Wipaki becoming the new representative and thanked Mr Steedman for his service to the Komiti.

The water schemes were discussed next. Mr Shenton asked Mr McNeil about the Tutaenui water scheme and Mr McNeil said that the project is underway to investigate the potential for a Tutaenui water scheme and also a change to the Hunterville Rural Water Scheme. Funding is available for increased agricultural and horticultural productivity for various activities – not just dairy farming. Council wants to ensure the capacity is there to provide stock water reticulation scheme across a wide area between Marton and the dams. Additionally a small amount of irrigation capacity may be available.

Council is currently going through an intensive survey process for a pre-feasibility study, which is due to finish in June 2017. The next phase would be a feasibility study for a particular scheme.

Mr McNeil said that there is discussion around decoupling the Hunterville township from the Hunterville Rural Water Scheme to make the additional water available for farming, but there are questions around sustainability. Mr Shenton raised the issue of the health of the Tutaenui stream, and questioned whether more efficient use of water and using other sources for farming could mean more water could be allocated back to the stream.

## **20 Future Items for the Agenda**

- Tuia programme
- List of kaumātua and kuia

## **21 Next meeting**

Tuesday 11 April 2017, 11.00am (workshop session for Komiti members from 10.00 am)

## **22 Meeting closed at 1:04pm/Karakia**

The Chair thanked and acknowledged Cr Peke-Mason, the Mayo , Cr Ash, Mr McNeil , Mr Hodder, Ms Servante, and Mr Richard Steedman and extended welcome to the new member Ms Wipaki. No further issues were raised.

Mr R Steedman said the karakia and the Chair closed the meeting.

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

Date:

# Attachment 2



**Rangitikei**  
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# REPORT

SUBJECT: **Mangaweka Bridge Update**

TO: Te Rōpu Ahi Kā

FROM: Jim Mestyanek

DATE: 13 June 2017

FILE: 6-RT-1 (69)

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## Purpose

To inform the Committee of the considerations for replacing the Mangaweka Bridge over the Rangitikei River.

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## 1 Background

- 1.1 The Mangaweka Bridge was constructed in 1904 and is located 1 km east of SH1 near the Mangaweka township. The bridge, which spans the upper Rangitikei River, is a boundary bridge shared by Manawatu and Rangitikei District Councils.
- 1.2 In 2016 a detailed inspection of the bridge revealed that the timber structure on the two end bays at each end of the bridge were rotten and required urgent repair. The bridge was closed, and the critical timbers at each end were replaced.
- 1.3 During the closure further inspections were carried out which revealed more rotten timber along the bridge.
- 1.4 The bridge was reopened on 20 October 2016 with the following limits: 3T axles, 6T gross, a 10kph speed limit and no stopping signs.
- 1.5 An analysis of the structure was carried out to ascertain the likely cost and viability of replacing the timber deck. Strengthening would cost in the range of \$6 to \$9million. If strengthened the bridge would only be capable of supporting truck loadings of between 26 and 30 tonnes.
- 1.6 A draft Indicative Business Case has been completed, and the preferred option is to construct a new bridge alongside of the existing bridge, retaining the existing bridge for pedestrian and cycle use only. The final report is expected to be

completed by 30th June 2017. The Indicative Business Case will then be submitted to the Transport Agency for its consideration.

## **2 Discussion and Options considered**

- 2.1 There is a strong enough indication to progress to the next phase: the Detailed Business Case. This will aim to narrow down a short list of three options to one preferred option. It will include a detailed financial, economic, and social assessment of this option to identify the precise functional requirements of the new bridge. It will also include hydrological and geotechnical investigations in preparation for design.

## **3 Operational Implications**

- 3.1 If approved, the Detailed Business Case will be carried out within normal operating procedures in the year 2017-18.

## **4 Financial implications**

- 4.1 There are no financial implications for Te Rōpu Ahi Kā.
- 4.2 All costs shall be shared 50:50 between Manawatu and Rangitikei District Councils.

## **5 Statutory Requirements**

- 5.1 There are no statutory requirements at this stage.

## **6 Delegations**

- 6.1 Nil required

## **7 Consultation**

- 7.1 Approximately 300 people were invited to a Public Meeting on 30 March 2017 at Awastone Camp located at the eastern approach to the bridge. Eighty-Five people were present at the meeting, including Hon Ian McKelvie MP, both mayors, both deputy mayors, other Councillors, Council staff, local residents, and industry personnel representing sectors such as stock transport, forestry, heavy haulage, and emergency services. Ngati Hauiti were invited but were unavailable due to heavy workloads in connection with their current Waitangi Tribunal hui.
- 7.2 At the Public meeting, participants voiced a strong and united desire to have the bridge replaced. They cited a wide variety of the social, economic, and land use reasons why a bridge replacement is needed. We also discussed the possible options for retaining or strengthening or demolishing the existing bridge.



- 7.3 On 6 Apr and 5 May, Council held two workshops to assist in developing the Indicative Business Case (IBC). Twenty key stakeholders participated in these workshops.
- 7.4 On 22 May 2017 Council issued a media release updating the general public on progress of the IBC. On 24 May, Council sent the same update via email to all those invited to the Public Meeting.

## **8 Cultural Considerations**

- 8.1 For a project of this nature and size, the Local Government Act 2002 requires Council to include in the planning all possible iwi who may have interests in the project.
- 8.2 To identify the relevant iwi, we consulted both Te Puna Kokiri and Jerald Twomey, Senior Policy Planner Iwi at Horizons Regional Council.
- 8.3 Te Puna Kokiri identifies the primary mandated iwi holding *mana whenua* over this particular location as Ngāti Hauiti. Robert Martin is the delegated contact person. We took contact with him via email and face-to-face korero and invited him to have the iwi's voice heard in the planning process. He circulated our invitation to the members of the runanga. Their response was that they would be content for the Councils to proceed without their input. They do not expect to raise any objections to the planned replacement.
- 8.4 We also asked Robert to circulate our invitation to the following related iwi/hapu in the Taihape/Moawhango regions.
- Ngāti Whitikaupeka
  - Ngāti Tamakōpiri
  - Ngai Te Ohuake

The initial indication is that these hapu are content for Ngati Hauiti to represent their interests in respect to this project.

- 8.5 Te Puna Kokiri also lists the following mandated iwi, with recognised rohe slightly further afield from the bridge location. We have made initial contact with them requesting korero.
- Ngāti Apa
  - Ngāti Raukawa
  - Rangitane o Manawatu
- 8.6 Finally, Jerald Twomey has identified three others which might have interests in the location. We have made initial contact with them via email.

- Ngāti Hinemanu
- Ngāti Paki
- Ngāti Tūwharetoa

## **9 Recommendation**

9.1 That the Committee receives this report.

## **10 Attachments**

10.1 None

# Attachment 3



# MEMORANDUM

TO: Te Roopu Ahi Kaa Komiti

FROM: Denise Servante, Strategy and Community Planning Manager

DATE: 29 May 2017

SUBJECT: **Update from Council's meetings in February - May 2017**

FILE: 3-CT-8-1

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## **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 four months.
- 1.2 The main business of Council has been to manage the consultation process for the 2017/18 Annual Plan. A copy of the Response to Submitters is attached as Appendix 1 which details Council's decisions following consultation.
- 1.3 An update on progress with Council's Top Ten projects is attached as Appendix 2.

## **2 Submissions**

- 2.1 Council has prepared the following submissions over this period:
- 2.2 Horizons Annual Plan for 2017/18: A submission was made to Horizons on the due date, 13 April 2017. The submission as sent is attached as Appendix 3.
- 2.3 Wellington Conservation Management Strategy: At its meeting on 30 March 2017, Council considered a draft submission to the Department of Conservations Wellington Conservation Management Strategy. The submission was made to meet the deadline and is attached as Appendix 4.
- 2.4 Proposed Urban Development Authorities – submission on MBIE discussion document: The submission is attached as Appendix 5. It does not review the mechanism proposed to identify and implement Urban Development Authorities; rather it suggests that there is merit in the government looking at the capacity of rural New Zealand to meet growth demands for e.g. housing, and cites the Marton-Bulls area as a particular instance of such an opportunity.

## **3 Edale Home Trust Board**

- 3.1 Since the Board requested an interest-free loan from Council during submissions to the Consultation Document for the 2017/18 Annual Plan. Following several meetings with Board representatives, Council has approved in principle to provide a loan, on the basis

of there being no impact on rates. There is still some critical documentation to come, including the 2016/17 financial reports/statements.

#### **4 State of Emergency**

- 4.1 At 5.30 pm on 4 April 2017, the Mayor declared a State of Emergency for the Rangitikei District in response to projected flooding in Marton, Whangaehu and Turakina. During the evening of 6 April 2017, businesses in Marton's CBD areas were sand-bagged and houses which lie in flood-prone areas of the town were visited alerting residents of the risk. A welfare centre was established at Marton Memorial Hall but almost all who chose to self-evacuate found accommodation with family or friends.
- 4.2 The rain over the ensuing 48 hours was less than forecast which meant that no flooding occurred in houses in the District. The State of Emergency was lifted at 8.30 am on 6 April 2017.

#### **5 Local Authority Protection Programme (LAPP)**

- 5.1 At its meeting in May, Council accepted the Audit and Risk Committee's recommendation to withdraw from the LAPP Fund from 1 July 2017 and makes arrangements for alternative insurance cover through the Aon/MW LASS option.
- 5.2 The confirmed price for remaining in LAPP in 2017/18 is \$81,000. This is substantially more than the offer from Aon (through the arrangement negotiated with MW LASS Councils) of \$46,000. Despite this substantial price difference, there is no reduced cover under the Aon proposal and potentially greater security in a large event because of the limited funding capacity in LAPP. Longer term, with other councils leaving, there are risks of greater costs from spreading overheads among fewer members.

#### **6 Update on former Taihape College site, 55 Rauma Road**

- 6.1 Conversations have been ongoing about the use of the old Taihape Area School buildings and site at Rauma Road. A meeting with the facility users was held on 23 March 2017 with the objective previously noted, i.e. to reach a consensus on how the ongoing costs (electricity and water) and maintenance are to be managed.
- 6.2 A Heads of Agreement has now been agreed between Council and the facility users with responsibility for operational costs such as electricity, water, and building compliance, and for continuing sharing the internal maintenance and cleaning of the buildings among all users. Council will take responsibility for any needed exterior building maintenance, the lawns and gardens beside the buildings and the leasing of that part of the grounds not used for soccer. Taihape Area School has given an undertaking that it will mow the soccer field.
- 6.3 It is now appropriate for Council to accept the licence to occupy proposed by the Ministry of Education. The initial term is for twelve months and on a month-by-month basis after that. If the licence is not entered into, the groups now using the site may no longer be permitted to do so.

## **7 Taihape Pool upgrade (Contract C1057)**

7.1 The above contract was awarded to Ian Coombes Ltd. on 11 May at the Assets/Infrastructure Committee. The work involves:

- Install separate water treatment and filtration systems for Learners and Toddlers pools to meet NZS4441 requirements, including constructing a separate plant room,
- Rationalising the disinfectant regime for all three pools including automatic residual control,
- Replacing the water heating system for all three pools to meet the individual temperature requirements for each pool,
- Replace the pool lighting system with LED lights, install additional lights and move lighting control to the office,
- Provide discharge from the new (learners and toddlers pool) filtration plant to the abandoned wastewater pump station located to the rear of the existing plant room,
- Replace the cobblestones around the learner/toddlers pool area with concrete slab, and
- Supply and install an industrial quality ventilation fan to the existing and new plant rooms.

## **8 Joint application with Manawatu District Council for subsidised neutering of dogs**

8.1 Manawatu and Rangitikei District Councils have obtained government funding for a programme offering free de-sexing to new or unregistered dogs in the district that would normally fall under the classification of “menacing or dangerous” breeds or type listed in the 4th Schedule of the Dog Control Act 1996. These include breeds of dog such as Brazilian Fila, Dogo Argentino, Japanese Tosa and the Perro de Presa Canario and types of dog such as the American Pit Bull Terrier.

8.2 This programme will also include a reduced cost towards microchipping of new dogs to the district register.

8.3 Funding has been provided in part by central government as part of the national strategy to reduce the risk and harm of dog attacks. The Department of Internal Affairs’ contribution is designed to reduce the number of menacing or dangerous dogs by restricting unwanted breeding and decreasing aggressive behaviour.

8.4 MDC and RDC will be working in partnership with SRVS Vet Services and Totally Vets on the project.

## **9 Makino Scenic Reserve**

9.1 The Department of Conservation has advised that it is closing the third section of the walking track in Makino Scenic Reserve near Taihape – i.e. the section which goes down to the Rangitikei reserve. The track was developed by the Department in conjunction with Mokai Gravity Canyon.

9.2 This section of the track has been closed since heavy storms in late 2013, but there are still signs of the track (handrails and signs) which are being removed. However, the anchored retaining walls will remain. It is possible that this section of the track would be restored if the development of a potential holiday park in the area of the current camping site did occur.

9.3 The toilet at the top of the reserve in the campground will remain, but the toilet near the river bed is being removed as it will not be required and it cannot be serviced.

## **10 Additional funding round for the Mid-sized Tourism Infrastructure Fund**

10.1 On 15 March 2017, the Minister for Tourism announced that a further \$5.5 million would be available to help regional communities respond to tourism growth and invited applications from local authorities to an additional funding round for the Regional Mid-sized Tourism Grant Fund. The closing date for applications was 12 April 2017.

10.2 Council is eligible to apply, as it has signalled its view in the Consultation Document for the 2017/18 Annual Plan that toilets are needed in increasingly popular places where such facilities are lacking. This has been confirmed through the deliberations and Annual Plan adoption process.

10.3 An application was submitted for costs towards new toilets in Taihape (Papakai Park), Mangaweka, Hunterville (Mount Bruce Reserve) and Bulls (River walkway).

## **11 Rangitikei Tourism**

11.1 Following an inability to convene a Committee at Rangitikei Tourism's AGM in December, the meeting appointed an interim Chair to wind up the organisation and it has now been removed from the register of incorporated societies. A process has taken place to produce final accounts and hand back any residual assets to the Council. The Information Centres will undertake maintenance of the [www.rangitikei.com](http://www.rangitikei.com) website.

## **12 Para Kore – use of waste minimisation levy**

12.1 Pare Kore Marae Limited delivers free zero waste programmes to marae where it can demonstrate external partner support to the Ministry for the Environment's Waste Minimisation Levy (which will fund up to 80% of the costs). The programme is operating successfully in the Waikato region, Hawkes Bay and Wellington.

12.2 Information on the programme is available from [www.parakore.maori.nz](http://www.parakore.maori.nz).

12.3 Para Kore has approached Rangitikei, Manawatu and Palmerston North for \$11,000 – of which Rangitikei's contribution would be \$2,200. Council could fund it from the waste minimisation levy in 2017/18. If the Ministry approved the funding bid, the programme would start in April 2018.

12.4 At its meeting on 30 March 2017, Council asked for a more formal proposal from Pare Kore, including a list of Marae in the District that will be targeted as part of the

programme. The matter has not previously been discussed by Te Roopu Ahi Kaa as its meeting scheduled for 11 April 2017 was cancelled.

- 12.5 At its meeting in April, Council agreed that, subject to 80% funding from the Ministry for the Environment and endorsement from Te Roopu Ahi Kaa at its next meeting, Council agrees to provide a grant of \$2,200 annually for three years from 1 July 2017 from the Waste Minimisation Levy to Para Kore for its zero waste programmes to marae within the Rangitikei District.
- 12.6 A recommendation is included.

### **13 Update on management plan for Marton B and C Dam**

- 13.1 As part of the assessment of the feasibility of providing a public walkway around Marton B Dam, a guided public walk was held on Saturday 4 March 2017, to start at 10.30 am. 40 people participated in the guided walk. All expressed support for Council considering permanent public access, although two wondered about the costs for implementing and maintaining this.
- 13.2 At its meeting in April, Council approved in principle to open up the B/C Dams to recreational (public) access, and requested further work around costing and access implementation for further consideration once the pine trees have been harvested.
- 13.3 Harvesting is currently on hold because of the wet weather. Following harvesting, a replanting programme will be required.

### **14 Recommendation**

- 14.1 That the memorandum 'Update from Council's meetings in February - May 2017' be received.
- 14.2 That Te Roopu Ahi Kaa endorses the grant of \$2,200 for three years from 1 July 2017 from the Waste Minimisation Levy to Para Kore for its zero waste programmes to marae within the Rangitikei District, subject to 80% funding from the Ministry for the Environment.

Denise Servante  
Strategy and Community Planning Manager



# *Appendix 1*

## Results of deliberations on submissions to the Consultation Document

### “What’s changed, what’s the plan for 2017/18...?”

✓ Bulls community centre and associated sale of properties in Bulls

✓ Marton Civic Centre and options for developing the heritage site on Broadway/High Street

? Retention or otherwise of the grandstand in Taihape Memorial Park and location of a new amenity block

This issue is being referred back to the Taihape Community for further consultation

✓ Taihape Pool Upgrade to be carried out using Council funds rather than waiting to receive external funding

✓ New toilets in Mangaweka and other visitor/tourist hotspots

## Introduction

This report provides an analysis of the written and oral submissions received by Council to its Consultation Document, “What’s changed, what’s the plan for 2017/18...?” with respect to the draft 2017-18 Annual Plan, having followed the due process of the special consultative procedure outlined in the Local Government Act 2002.

The five key issues identified in the consultation document are considered separately. Council also raised several issues that were new i.e. not included in the 2015-25 Long Term Plan and other issues that had changed from previously described in the 2015-25 LTP. Submitters raised a number of other issues – these are discussed in paragraphs relating to Council’s relevant group of activities.

## Overall summary of submissions

### Number, origin and location of submissions

325 submissions were received in total, of which 17 were submitted online i.e. 5%. This compares to 47 submissions to the 2013/14 Annual Plan, 39 submissions to the 2014/15 Annual Plan, 127 to the 2015-25 Long Term Plan and 233 to the 2016/17 Annual Plan. In other words, this consultation elicited a much higher number of submissions than in previous years. However, last year, 92 submissions, or 39%, were made online.

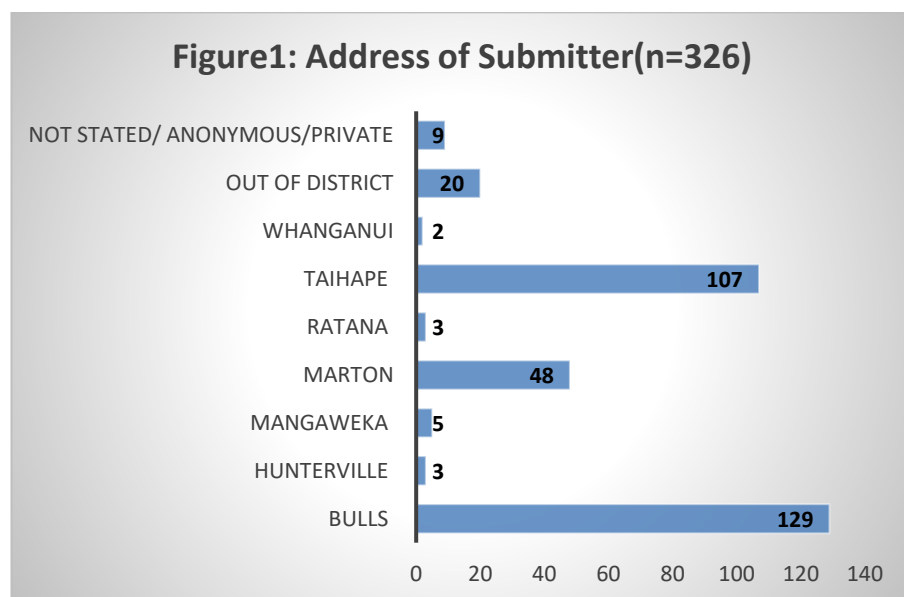
## Responding to submissions

### Submissions received on the Council submission form

Submissions that were concerned with issues raised in the consultation document or where actions have been agreed by Council that have an impact on the annual work programme for 2017/18, or that could be considered as part of the 2018-28 Long Term Plan are addressed below.

All other issues were considered by Council as part of its deliberations and, whilst an explanation may have been needed, no further action is required by Council. In these instances, the individual submitter has been contacted directly and their particular query responded to directly.

An analysis of the origin of submitters follows in Figure 1 and 2.



20 submissions were from organisations

Bulls and District Community Trust

Bulls Girl Guides

Edale Trust Board

Federated Farmers of New Zealand

Follett Street Kindergarten

Heritage Mangaweka

Heritage New Zealand

Horizons Regional Council

Marton Community Committee

Rangitikei College Board of Trustees

Rangitikei Netball Centre

Rangitikei Toy Library and Marton Plunket

Ratana Communal Board of Trustees

Ratana Community Board

Saint Joseph's School

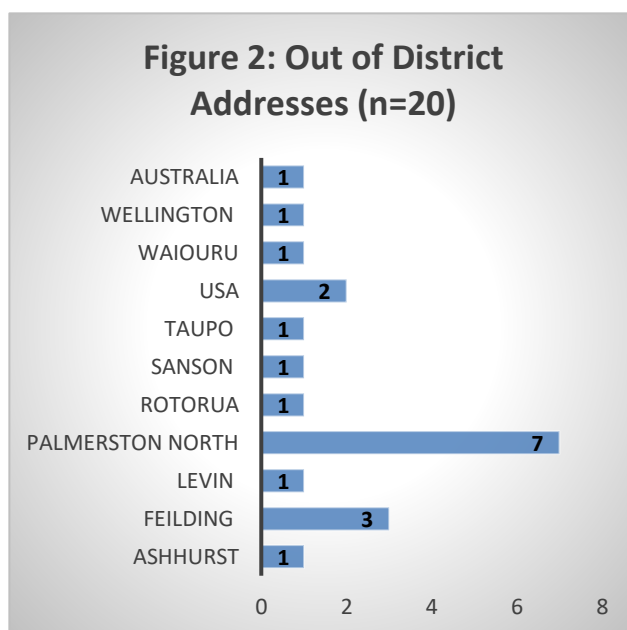
Taihape Community Board

Taihape Rugby & Sports Club

Tutaenui Stream Restoration Society

Wanganui Regional Heritage Trust

Whanau Sports



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### Issue addressed by submissions

The submission form in the consultation document provided opportunity to specifically submit on five key issues identified by Council. These were:

1. Bulls community centre and associated sale of properties in Bulls
2. Marton Civic Centre and options for developing the heritage site on Broadway/High Street
3. Retention or otherwise of the grandstand in Taihape Memorial Park and location of a new amenity block
4. Taihape Pool Upgrade to be carried out using Council funds rather than waiting to receive external funding
5. New toilets in Mangaweka and other visitor/tourist hotspots

Figure 3 outlines the spread of responses to these issues amongst the various settlements of the District.

The spread of submissions across the District illustrates that the key issues relate primarily to Bulls and Taihape (and to a lesser extent Marton).

80/129 submitters (62%) from Bulls only commented on the Bulls Community Centre and sales of Bulls' properties. 47/107 submitters (44%) from Taihape only commented on the two issues in Taihape (Memorial Park and Taihape Pool). In contrast, 4/48 submitters (8%) from Marton only commented on the Marton Civic Centre.

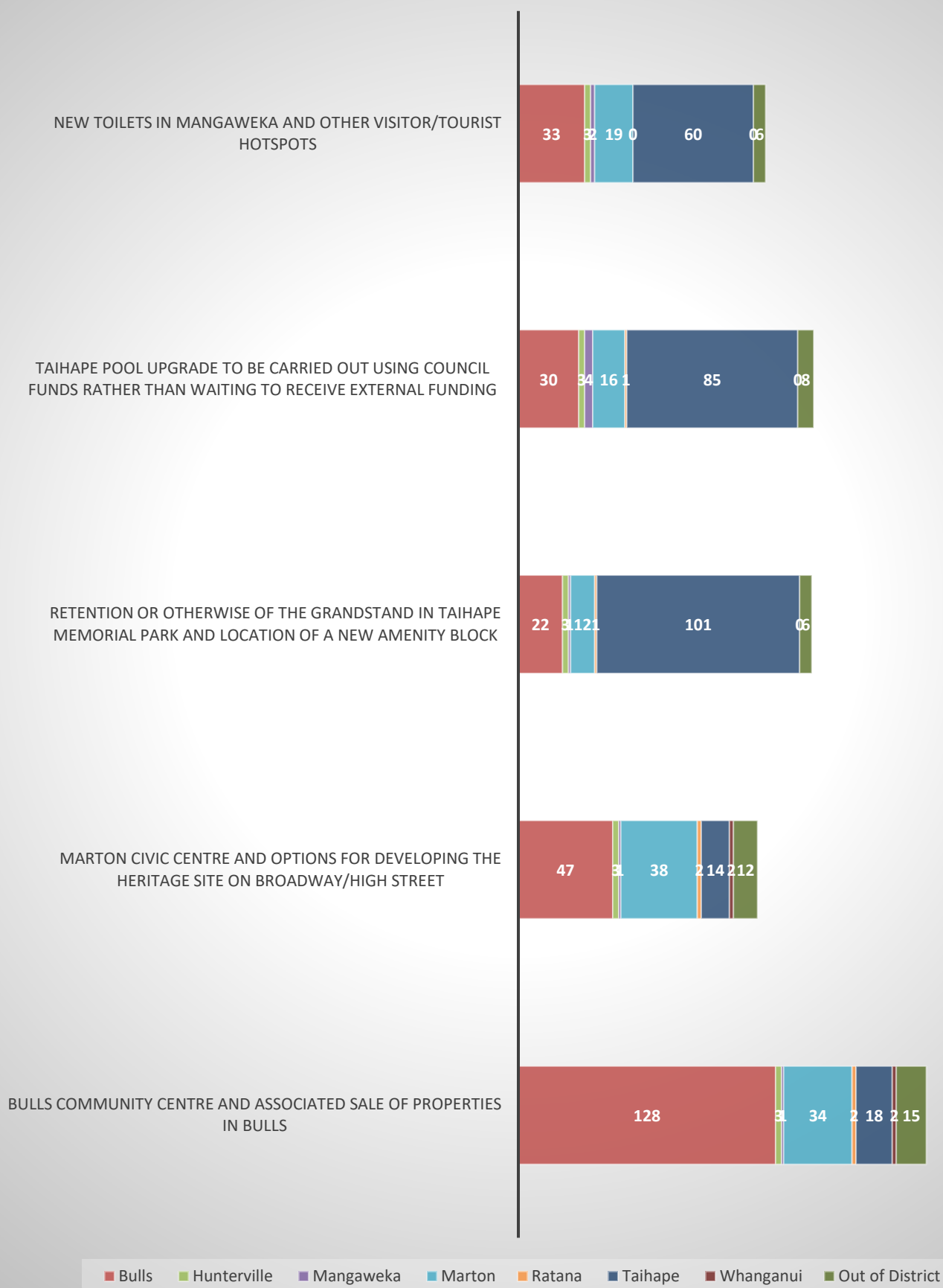
This indicates that people mostly had views on issues that directly affected their local area and tended not to be so willing to express an opinion about what should happen in other areas. Comments tended to be along the lines of "Do what the local people want"<sup>1</sup>.

Inevitably, given the nature of these issues, there was some evidence of "block" voting. The arguments presented in the submissions and at oral hearings were carefully considered by Council as well as a straight numbers analysis.

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<sup>1</sup> An exception to this was the 6/48 submitters (12.5%) from Marton who completed an exactly similar proforma submission form commenting across the range of District-wide issues.

**Figure 3: Spread of responses across the five key issues in the consultation document**



# 1 Key Issue 1: Bulls community centre and associated sale of properties in Bulls.

	Total	Bulls	Huntermville	Mangaweka	Marton	Ratana	Tairāhapa	Whanganui	Not stated/ anonymous/private	Out of District
Yes I support retaining the updated budget of \$4.36 million for the revised and expanded new Bulls Community Centre, incorporating adjustment for inflation from when the initial estimates were made.	159	99	3	1	23	1	14	2	3	14
I want Council to abandon the proposed new Bulls Community Centre, and review the available options, including strengthening the existing Town Hall or demolishing it and replacing with a new building.	47	29			11	1	4		1	1
Should Council proceed with the sale of the following three parcels of land?										
The area known as the Walton Street subdivision.										
Yes	164	102	3	4	22	1	15	2	2	14
No	27	16			9		1		1	0
The portion of Haylock Park currently leased for grazing.										
Yes	156	94	3	1	27	1	13	2	3	13
No	34	25			4	1	2		1	1
The two car parks fronting Criterion Street										
Yes	104	54	3	1	20	1	12	1	2	11
No	80	61			11		3	1	1	3

The majority view in response to this key question was for Council to continue with the current proposal for the Community Centre in Bulls. Of the 80 submitters who only submitted on this question, 59 (74%) were in favour of Option 1.

Council agreed to go to the community with a final opportunity to stop the project proceeding as planned because of a loudly expressed view that the project was not supported by the Bulls community. The outcome of this consultation process appears to have countered that view.

Generally, there was also support for selling the identified properties (in addition to the sale of the Information Centre, the Town Hall and the High Street toilets/Plunket sites) except for a slight majority locally to retain the car park sites in Criterion Street. The main reason for this appeared to be concern over traffic flows and car parking for when an event is on at the new Town Hall and it is during shop opening hours. Further information could be useful to better understand the peak parking needs. In addition, Council may consider that the process and criteria applied to the sale of these properties include a weighting towards their retention as car parks.

Several submitters commented that gifted land had been gifted for community use and should be retained for that purpose<sup>2</sup>. This is understood by Council. However, community needs change and it is Council's intention to reinvest the proceeds from the sale of existing assets in new assets that it believes will better meet the future needs of the community. In addition, external funding will increase the value of assets held by Council on behalf of the

<sup>2</sup> There were some comments from submitters about the legality of selling the Plunket/High Street site and the Town Hall site. Council has sought legal advice on this and a specific process must be followed in order to facilitate their sale.

community. Several submitters commented that Council needs to approach this project with a sound business case: reviewing and reshaping the portfolio of assets that Council owns is entirely in keeping with developing the business case.

Several submitters noted that part of the site on Walton Street, a section known as the Willis Redoubt<sup>3</sup> appears in the Heritage New Zealand record as a Category 2 Historic Place. It exists on a separate title as the smallest of the lots signalled as potentially surplus and crosses the adjacent property boundary onto 19 High St (privately owned).



There is no automatic impediment to selling any property which is subject to a heritage listing. However, the use and development of any such property will be subject to the Rangitikei District Plan (which includes provisions aimed at protecting/preserving heritage sites) and the statutory protection afforded by the

Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga Act 2014. This applies whether the land is in public or private ownership.

However, Council may consider that retaining that parcel in Council ownership (on behalf of the community) provides the greatest assurance around the continued preservation of that part of the Redoubt, and won't significantly impact on the overall value of the remaining land holding nor prevent its sale.

Secondly, submitters commented on the original intention of the gifted land known as Haylock Park to link Walker Crescent, Johnson Street and Gorton Street – a formed walkway now exists- and make provision for recreational land in that part of town. If the outcome of the consultation is to progress the sale of some or all of the properties (because the Community Centre project is progressing), then Council will, as part of that decision-making process, consider the relevant implications inherent in the sale process.

#### Council decision:

Council will proceed with the current proposal for the Bulls Community Centre and (in accordance with legal advice) with additional property sales, bearing in mind the issues raised by the community (particularly on the Willis Redoubt and Haylock Park) as the process proceeds.

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<sup>3</sup> A Redoubt is a fort or fort system usually consisting of an enclosed defensive emplacement outside a larger fort, usually relying on earthworks



## 2 Key Issue 2: Marton Civic Centre and options for developing the heritage site on Broadway/High Street

	Total	Bulls	Huntermville	Mangaweka	Marton	Ratana	Tainape	Whanganui	Not stated/ anonymous/private	Out of District
Yes I support the continuing work on redeveloping the Cobbler/Davenport/Abraham and Williams buildings as the new Marton Civic Centre	103	46	3	1	25	2	11	2	3	11
I want Council to abandon the proposed redevelopment of the Cobbler/Davenport/Abraham and Williams buildings, sell the site and undertake the necessary strengthening of the present Marton Administration Building and library buildings	19	1	0		13		3		1	1
Where a preference was indicated										
1. Retaining and refurbishing all three buildings	6	5					1			
2. Demolishing all 3 buildings and constructing a new facility on the site	45	22	1		12	1	5		1	3
3. Retaining part of the facades and building a new facility behind them	45	14	2	1	13		4	2	1	8
Option 1 and 3	2	2				1				

Overall, the submissions are strongly in favour of continuing to develop the Cobbler/Davenport/Abraham and Williams buildings as the new Marton Civic Centre. However, there is a fairly even split between those wanting the buildings retained and those preferring starting afresh. The response from Marton residents was not extensive – with 1 in 5 submitters from Marton not entering a view on the Civic Centre proposal.

Generally responders recognised the potential of the site. However, more work (and discussion with the community) is needed to address the polarisation between those who see the benefits of retaining heritage values (and potentially the costs and limitations that may bring) and those whose preference is for a new building.

Five submitters in favour of Option 4 (selling the site and looking at alternative options) commented in supporting notes that Council could look “over the road” for a site where a new development could take place and look to find a buyer to retain and refurbish the heritage site to maintain full heritage values for accommodation/retail/offices.

### Council decision:

Council will undertake further work to clarify the costs between heritage preservation and a new build for the proposed Marton Civic Centre, including the potential opportunities for grants to assist the former and a concept design for the latter, for consideration to the 2018-28 Long Term Plan.



### 3 Key Issue 3: Retention or otherwise of the grandstand in Taihape Memorial Park and location of a new amenity block

	Total	Bulls	Hunterville	Mangaweka	Marton	Ratana	Taihape	Whanganui	Not stated/ anonymous/private	Out of District
I support retaining the grandstand and building the new amenity blocks in one of the other viable locations	88	10	3		9	1	59		2	5
I support demolishing the grandstand and locating the new amenity block on that site	50	8		1	2		38			1
I support demolishing the grandstand and locating the new amenity block in one of the other viable locations	9	4			1		4			

Of the five key issues, the issue of amenity and community facilities on the Memorial Park in Taihape remains less than clear cut. Of the 40 submitters from Taihape who submitted only on this issue, 20 voted for Option 1 and 20 voted for either Option 2 or 3. This division was evident at oral hearings also.

Those in favour of retaining the existing grandstand in Memorial Park cited the heritage values of the building. Those in favour of demolishing it to make way for the proposed amenities block commented that a new grandstand would be needed and several submitters were aware of the potential to combine the new amenities block with elements of the proposal from Clubs Taihape. More than one submitter commented that “The ‘Hub’ could put their money into putting seats on top of the new amenity block” and another submitter suggested “using material salvaged from old grandstand to build a viewing stand (covered) on top of new amenity block”.

There was no consensus as to where the new amenity block should be built. Half of those submitting on this topic did not express a preference. The single most popular option - to replace the existing grandstand with the new amenities block – went against the majority view NOT to demolish the grandstand and the next most popular option - on the site currently used as toilets – was preferred by only 16 submitters or about 11%.

There is strong support for a grandstand on the Park at the current location. The cost for retaining and strengthening the current one has already been established (\$362,000) but the cost of constructing a new (smaller) grandstand on top of the new amenity block is not known. Doing this may preclude having a recreational facility on top of that block, as indicated in the consultation document. Therefore, it could be desirable to gauge interest in including (and funding) the second storey facility and grandstand since it would be more cost-effective to include these elements as part of the construction.

Despite the support for the new amenity block in last year’s consultation, some submitters want that process set aside. That was not part of this year’s consultation, so the only way this could be done is through a new consultation process. Further work would be needed in terms of design and costings of alternatives before proceeding with such a process.



Council decision:

Council will set aside the outcome of last year's Annual Plan regarding a new amenity block on Taihape Memorial Park and conduct an intensive consultation process focussed on Taihape residents; this process to encompass a range of design and location options for amenity/grandstand/recreational facilities on the Taihape Memorial Park

**4 Key Issue 4: Taihape Pool Upgrade to be carried out using Council funds rather than waiting to receive external funding**

	Total	Bulls	Hunterville	Mangaweka	Marton	Ratana	Taihape	Whanganui	Not stated/ anonymous/private	Out of District
Yes, I support funding the upgrade of the Taihape Pool during 2017 after the swimming season has ended using reserves to cover any shortfall from external funding applications (up to \$200,000	118	22	1	4	10	1	77		1	3
I think the upgrade of the Taihape Pool should be deferred until the funding gap is covered by sources other than Council	30	8	2		6		8		1	5

A clear majority across all areas within the District are in favour of Council undertaking the upgrade of the pool for the 2017/18 season. Many submitters commented on the value of the pool and the associated benefits to health and well-being.

One submitter underlined the importance of swimming lessons for water safety, especially for children. She also underlined the health benefits, including for mental health<sup>4</sup>.

Council decision:

Council will make provision in its Annual Plan for 2017/18 to complete the upgrade of the Taihape pool with an additional budget \$200,000 (reserve funded).<sup>5</sup>

<sup>4</sup> Council has continued to fundraise to support Swim-4-All to enable every school child in the District to get pool side no matter where they attend school. This fundraising will continue and funds raised allocated to ensuring that as many children as possible have access to affordable swimming lessons.

<sup>5</sup> Under delegated authority from Council, the Assets/Infrastructure Committee, at its meeting on 11 May 2017, resolved to award the contract for the upgrade to Ian Coombes Limited., with a targeted completion date of 30 September 2017.

## 5 Key Issue 5: New toilets in Mangaweka and other visitor/tourist hotspots

	Total	Bulls	Hunterville	Mangaweka	Marton	Ratana	Taihape	Whanganui	Not stated/ anonymous/private	Out of District
Yes, I support the provision of new toilets in Mangaweka village and Council setting aside \$25,000 to support an application to the Government's Mid-Sized Tourism infrastructure Fund for toilets in other locations	104	29	1	2	13		55		2	2
I do not support the provision of additional public toilets in the District at this time	21	4	2		6		5			4

There was clear support for option 1 – to provide toilets for Mangaweka village and to apply for external funding to build toilets in four other visitor/tourist hotspots.

Other suggested spots were

- Opposite Kawhatau Outdoor Education Centre
- Near the water pumping station at the entrance to Bulls (in the small riverside park)
- Clifton Cemetery, Bulls
- Walker Park, Bulls
- North entrance to Bulls and replace toilets in High Street Bulls
- Santoft end of Brandon Hall Road between 1 November and 1 March each year (portaloos) for Te Araroa Trail walkers

Council had agreed that an application would be made to the Mid-Sized Tourism Infrastructure Fund to support the toilets in the four suggested sites. This application was due in early April and was submitted to contribute to the toilets in Mangaweka village, Papakai Park (Taihape), River Bank at Bulls and Bruce Reserve in Hunterville. The application required evidence of permission from the landowners and this was not secured for the swimming spot on Toe Toe Road in time for the application. The application is based on Permalooos – an innovative, pre-cast concrete kitset that can be bespoke to suit individual situations.

If successful, further Government funding may be available at which point Council can decide to apply for funding for other visitor/tourist hotspots as suggested by submitters.

Generally 24 hour toilets are available to cater to the needs of visitors/passing traffic and are situated in Bulls and Taihape. The need for 24 hour toilets in Marton will need to be reviewed.

### Council decision:

Council will make provision in the 2017/18 Annual Plan to install public toilets in Mangaweka village and, if there is sufficient funding, investigate additional options which includes toilets in Papakai Park (Taihape), Toe Toe Road, River Bank at Bulls, Bruce Reserve in Hunterville, Ratana, and Simson's Bush north of Hunterville, provided that sufficient matched funding can be secured from external sources, with a budget of \$110,000..

## **7 Other matters raised in the consultation document**

### **Whangaehu Flood Resilience Project**

The Whangaehu Valley has experienced four major flood events since 2004. Council alerted the community to an externally funded investigative project (through the Ministry of Civil Defence and Emergency Management) that is assessing options and actions for managing the impacts of extreme weather events in the Valley. It signalled that there would be no impact on rates for 2017/18 but there may be an issue to consider as part of the 2018-28 Long Term Plan. Three submitters commented on this.

During its deliberations, Council confirmed that this issue would be addressed as part of the 2018-28 Long Term Plan.

### **Earthquake Prone Building investigation**

Council signalled its intention to initiate the process required by the Building (Earthquake-prone Buildings) Amendment Act to identify buildings that will be required by the legislation to strengthen buildings or redevelop sites to meet the standards outlined in the National Building Codes. Council has offered to coordinate efforts in each town in an attempt to reduce the cost incurred by individual building owners. Two submitters commented on this.

During its deliberations, Council confirmed its intention to complete its identification of earthquake-prone buildings during 2017/18 and develop, for owners of earthquake-prone buildings, a proposal to co-ordinate obtaining engineering assessments.

### **Marton heritage precinct – promotion, advocacy, funding case**

Council canvassed opinions for its intention to support local building owners in the Marton CBD to address the retention of significant heritage values within the town centre. One submitter questioned the value of this if there was no plan to generate more jobs as part of a town centre development plan. Council anticipates that its own plans to develop the heritage site for the civic centre will add value to efforts by other building owners in the Marton CBD to develop their properties sustainably. It will be important to also include potential for job creation in these plans.

On a related issue, one submitter requested financial support for other heritage projects (e.g. Scotts Ferry maintenance and Willis Redoubt) and clear signage for historical sites for tourism potential (e.g. Mangaweka hydro plant and Colenso trail to Hawkes Bay).

In terms of wider support for heritage projects, Council supports a working group of heritage interests in the District through Rangitikei Heritage. Some funding is available to Rangitikei Heritage through Council and Council staff support external funding applications as appropriate. These projects will be signalled to that group to investigate feasibility and implementation, with potential implications for funding to be considered as part of the 2018-28 Long Term Plan.

During its deliberations, Council confirmed its intention to continue to discuss the concepts around the Marton Heritage Precinct and to work with business/property owners and local residents to find a value solution for the future development of the town centre.

### **Mangaweka bridge**

Council informed the community that, following an assessment of the Mangaweka bridge that substantial repairs and/or replacement of the structure is needed, its preferred option was to build a new bridge (with new approaches), and to evaluate the benefits/costs of retaining the

present structure for walking and cycling. This was supported by submitters, including Taihape Community Board, Heritage New Zealand and Horizons.

During its deliberations, Council agreed, that assuming the business case for a replacement Mangaweka bridge is accepted by the New Zealand Transport Agency, its preferred option is to keep the old Mangaweka Bridge as a pedestrian/cycling route and to seek protection from Heritage New Zealand subject to obtaining a similar view from Manawatu District Council. The detailed business case is expected to be undertaken during 2017/17, with a local share component of \$37,000.<sup>6</sup>

The Taihape Community Board suggested that a safety review is carried out on the access road to Mangaweka Bridge (Toe Toe Road) even before any decisions are made about the bridge.

Council has agreed that a safety review be undertaken of that section of Toe Toe Road being used while the Mangaweka Bridge is limited to 6 tonnes and reported to the Assets/Infrastructure Committee's meeting on 10 August 2017.

### **District promotion – taking up the legacy of Rangitikei Tourism**

Council informed the community that Rangitikei Tourism's role has changed over the past ten years from being an operator-membership organisation to promoting the District more widely to visitors and locals, primarily through web-based portal, [www.rangitikei.com](http://www.rangitikei.com) with Council funding.

Council's offer to take over [www.rangitikei.com](http://www.rangitikei.com) and continue its development using the funding previously provided to Rangitikei Tourism has been taken up. During the past two months, Rangitikei Tourism has been dissolved and residual assets passed back to Council as per the organisation's rules.

Five submitters commented on this issue. Federated Farmers requested that any funding for District Promotion/Information Centres was levied as a targeted rate on tourism businesses. One submitter felt that the Council should be providing more funding to Rangitikei Tourism and one submitter hoped to see promotion of the District at Palmerston North airport. One submitter congratulated Council on undertaking promotion of the District externally. One submitter suggested that building on the Bulls precinct development as an example of a community strategy to see the Rangitikei as a tourist destination. This submitter also suggested that strategies to welcome newcomers to the district and make the district appealing as an immigration/relocation proposition (inclusion as opposed to exclusion) are needed.

Two submitters commented on associated issues relating to District Promotion and economic development. Two submitters suggested that Council employ a full-time role to increase retail and other businesses in the towns.

During the coming year, Council will develop its District Promotion strategy to include the development of the web portal [www.rangitikei.com](http://www.rangitikei.com). Other issues raised in submissions will be considered as part of developing the District Promotion Strategy and the Revenue and Finance Policy as part of the preparation for the 2018-28 Long Term Plan.

Council currently provides support to three town coordinators in Bulls, Marton and Taihape. Part of their role is to support local businesses and to welcome new residents and businesses to the District. This provision will be reviewed as part of the 2018-28 Long Term Plan.

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<sup>6</sup> The total estimated cost is \$200,000 shared evenly between Manawatu and Rangitikei District Councils. The NZTA co-investment would be \$63,000.

One submitter requested details of what had been spent from the \$205,000 additional funding for economic development allocated through the 2015-25 LTP. Information relating to the addition budget of \$205,000 allocated to economic development in the 2015-25 LTP is given below:

Project area:	Annual Budget	Actual 2015/16	Actual 1 July 2016 - 31 March 2017
Projects to support the regional growth study	\$100,000	\$0	\$29,720
Place-making/ implementation of town centre plans	\$60,000	\$52,373	\$19,597
District Promotion and Events	\$20,000	\$2,500	\$5,086
Events Sponsorship Scheme	\$25,000	\$24,509	\$21,412

Three submitters commented on associated issues relating to place-making in the towns. One submitter outlined a potential process for a place-making project in Bulls. One submitter requested that place-making in Taihape commence again. Two submitters suggested that some place-making take place on the sites of the Elim Church and the Criterion Hotel which are currently “an eyesore”.

Protocols for place making are already established, and have been communicated to the Community Committees (and the Taihape Community Boards). Discussions have taken place with the Elim Church and there will be discussions with the owners of the Criterion site. These may be place- making projects if the local community wish to actively engage in creating great public spaces.

There was one submission on the associated issue of support for events where it was requested that Council ensure all participants in the Christmas Parades are aware of health and safety requirements. Council sponsors events but it does not organise them directly. It is the responsibility of event organisers to ensure that health and safety has been covered. There is a template available for this from the Town Coordinators. However, as all Christmas Parades entail temporary road closures, it is feasible for Council staff to check with organisers that they have the health and safety requirements in place.

During its deliberations, Council confirmed that, as part of the development of the 2018-28 Long Term Plan, it will consider further its role in promoting the District and the way in which it is to be funded.

### **Getting greater value from recreational facilities**

Council signalled in the consultation document that it intended to look at this as part of the 2018-28 Long Term Plan. Potential projects that have already been brought to its attention are a new skate park in Centennial Park, upgrading the velodrome in Wilson Park and returning at least part of Santoft Domain for recreational use.

A substantial submission was received in favour of an upgrade of the skate park at Centennial Park. In addition, two other submitters supported an extension to the skate park. The submitters also spoke at oral hearings.

Councillors have signalled their support for a project to extend the skate park at Centennial Park but would like to see more evidence of the community support through development of a committee to proceed. There is opportunity to incorporate these plans into the redevelopment of that area of Centennial Park currently being investigated by the Centennial Park Users Group. Linking these two groups together to develop a proposal that would meet the criteria for support through a Park Upgrade Partnership Fund application (i.e. a 2 for 1 contribution from the community) would demonstrate the community demand for this skate park extension.

During its deliberations, Council agreed to make provision in its 2017/18 Annual Plan for up to \$50,000 during 2017/18 to support a community-led project to extend the skate park at Centennial Park on the basis of at least a 2:1 contribution from external funds and/or in kind contributions.

Two submitters supported specifically upgrading the velodrome. One submitter referred specifically to Santoft Domain. One submitter also suggested that Council develop amenities for the increased use of the Te Araroa Trail,<sup>7</sup> particularly by looking at developing facilities at Bulls Domain and/or Santoft Domain.

Such projects will need to be considered as part of the 2018-28 Long Term Plan. However, the skate park at Centennial Park may provide a blueprint for these more ambitious projects that meet the needs of specific user groups. A report on Santoft Domain will be prepared for consideration at Assets/infrastructure Committee. The report will provide options including developing an area of the Domain for community use, fencing water ways, developing a fence replacement and weed eradication programme, and leasing the remaining land. Toilets on Santoft Domain could contribute to resolving the issue presented by walkers on Te Araroa Trail.

The Rangitikei College Board of Trustees requested that Council participate in discussions around sharing maintenance and renewal costs for assets that both the school and general community may use, for example, the swimming pools and turf management.

During its deliberations, Council confirmed its support for a meeting with the Rangitikei College Board of Trustees to discuss sharing of assets. The aim would be to reach agreement by 30 September 2017 so that budgetary and operational implications form part of the 2018-28 Long Term Plan.

### **Options for community groups using former Taihape College**

Council alerted the community to the potential for a longer-term solution for community use of the old College site on Rauma Road in Taihape following an agreement with the Ministry of Education for interim use on a licence to occupy basis. Council signalled its intent to consider this as part of the 2018-28 Long Term Plan. There were no submissions on this item.

### **Purchasing land at 7 King Street, Marton**

Council outlined its plan to exercise the option to purchase land currently leased on King Street and used for the Marton Waste Transfer Station and (in a separate building) to house the Parks and Reserves Team. The site may be used to house other services if the proposed new Civic Centre goes ahead. One submitter asked what was the value of the building on this site and whether it would be worth renewing on land Council already own, and commented

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<sup>7</sup> Te Araroa Trail is a walking trail the length of New Zealand.



that the Council has not revealed the actual costs (including internal staff costs, fit out, new computer systems, etc.) of shifting staff to King Street.

The improvements value of the site at King Street is \$305,000. The rationale for Council's approach is that costs will be minimised in the long term if the site is owned rather than leased. Costs to develop a waste transfer station elsewhere have not been estimated. The Parks and Reserves team are currently on the site and, if proposals for new premises for Council's administration and library services in Marton proceed, there will be an option to re-house some staff teams (particularly those using vehicles and equipment) more cost effectively at a works site rather than a central CBD location. If the proposal does not go ahead, then the Parks and Reserves team remain secure in the premises that they currently occupy. Developing a full costings for the possibility of a future move is premature.

Council has confirmed its intention to exercise the option to purchase land currently leased on King Street and used for the Marton Waste Transfer Station and to house the Parks and Reserves Team.

### **Postponement of major wastewater, water and stormwater upgrades into 2017/18**

The Council signalled that there were significant carry forwards in planned infrastructure works in water, wastewater and stormwater activities and the reasons for this. Three submitters commented on these proposals.

Two of these urged Council to be proactive in seeking to resolve consenting issues with Horizons and to get on with the work. The asset managers confirm that no critical projects have been deferred but that securing the consent conditions is a critical precursor to the prior to physical works commencing. The Council is working closely doing what it can to advance consent applications to Horizons once they've been submitted.

The submission from Horizons pledged to continue to work closely with Council to secure the best and most cost effective solutions for the District. Council confirmed its intention to work closely with Horizons in planned upgrades to water, wastewater and stormwater facilities.

### **Altered arrangement for delivering infrastructure services**

Council updated the community on plans to develop a Council Controlled Organisation (CCO) to deliver a shared service infrastructure arrangement with Manawatu District Council. Although this had been found to not be feasible, Council confirmed its intention to confirm an alternative approach by 1 July 2017 but did not foresee any impact on budgets. This process has now been completed and the Chief Executive has confirmed that a new staff position will be created to act as a "smart buyer" to provide strategic advice on Infrastructure issues.

### **Funding for Youth Services**

Council updated the community on the appointment of youth development coordinators in Marton and Taihape. This issue had been consulted upon as part of the 2016/17 Annual Plan, following which Council agreed to invest \$60,000 per annum on youth services. No submitters commented on this.

### **Rangatira cemetery at Hunterville**

Council informed the community that Council had assumed ownership of Rangatira cemetery at the request of the appointed trustees.

Several submitters requested that Council undertake additional maintenance work at the Anglican cemetery at Mt View and the Presbyterian cemetery on Parewanui Road. No

resources currently exist within the Parks and Reserves team to undertake additional work so this would need to be considered following a formal approach from the relevant trustees/current caretakers. In the meantime, use of Corrections probation workers may be of assistance. Council can supply contact details.

### **Fire and Emergency New Zealand**

Council informed the community of changes in the delivery and funding of urban and rural fire services with both services replaced by one integrated service. Council's management of a standalone rural fire service is closely linked with District civil defence and emergency management and managed through a contract for service with Horizons Regional Council. In its submission, Horizons confirmed its intent to continue to work with territorial authorities to meet our obligations under the Civil Defence and Emergency Management Act 2002 and Council confirmed its support for this approach.

## **8 Other matters raised by submitters**

A number of additional matters on a wide range of topics were raised by individual submitters. Many of these do not relate to the development of or amendments to the Annual Plan and Council staff will respond directly to the individuals concerned. These matters were listed in the appendices to the report, **Analysis of submissions to the Consultation Document, "What's changed, what's the plan for 2017/18..." with respect to the draft 2017/18 Annual Plan**, that was considered at the Council meeting on 25 April 2017 and are available to view on the Council website at [www.rangitikei.govt.nz](http://www.rangitikei.govt.nz) as part of the Order Paper for that meeting.

The following response to submissions were agreed by Council either to be implemented through the 2017/18 Annual Plan or to be considered as part of the 2018-28 Long Term Plan.

### **Community Leadership**

Several submitters commented on rates affordability and fairness. A review of rating structures is typically part of developing the 2018/28 Long Term Plan. As part of that, Council will review its revenue and finance policy, which determines the extent of user pays, the rating structure, and how different types of properties contribute to funding different Council facilities and services.

Several submitters were critical of Council's approach to consultation processes. One submitter thought that there was an over-reliance on the website and that getting printed flyers onto rural delivery routes would be effective. It was noted that the closure of the local Central District Times had made it more difficult to communicate in Taihape Ward. Another submitter thought that the number of submitters and profile of submitters could be improved by more postal information.

Council is constantly looking to improve its communication and will continue to review and update its communication strategy. Feedback is particularly sought through the annual Residents' and Stakeholders' surveys and an improvement plan actioned as a result.

One submitter requested that Council review the signage to implement the Speed Limit Bylaw down Parewanui Road in Bulls. A report will be prepared on this for consideration during August 2017.

The Edale Home Trust Board requested that Council support the only remaining rest home in the District through the provision of an interest free loan to get the business over a cash flow

crisis. Council has yet to determine its position on this but, if agreed to, there will be no impact on rates.

### **Roading and footpaths**

Several submitters made suggestions on issues affecting state highways. The state highway system is the responsibility of New Zealand Transport Agency (NZTA).

In response to relevant submissions, Council has agreed:

- That a report on installing a pedestrian crossing on Wellington Road (Marton) between Hereford Street and Morris Street be provided to the Assets/Infrastructure Committee's meeting on 10 August 2017.
- That further discussion with the New Zealand Transport Agency on relocating the pedestrian crossing at Hautapu/Huia Streets (Taihape), and a new pedestrian crossing on Bridge Street (Bulls) between the Burger bar and the Information Centre and reported to the Assets/Infrastructure Committee's meeting on 10 August 2017.
- That the costs of hotmix on the remainder of the Bulls Domain be investigated and reported to the Assets/Infrastructure Committee's meeting on 10 August 2017.

### **Three Waters (drinking water, wastewater and stormwater)**

In response to a submission from the Follett Street Kindergarten in Marton, Council has agreed that a report be prepared for the Assets/Infrastructure Committee's meeting on 10 August 2017 on fencing the open drain at Marton Park.

### **Community and Leisure Assets**

In response to submissions, Council has agreed that a report be provided to the Assets/Infrastructure Committee's meeting on 10 August 2017 on the following issues:

- installing fencing on the perimeter of Centennial Park (Marton) and security cameras over the pavilion,
- the requested demolition of the shed next to the Old Boys Rugby Club (Taihape Memorial Park),
- options around temporary heating solutions in the Taihape Town Hall, and
- provision of an additional seat on Kaka Road, Taihape.

In addition it was agreed that in developing the 2018-28 Long term Plan, consideration will be given to:

- upgrading the playground at Marton Plunket,
- upgrading the playground at the Taihape Outback,
- the feasibility of a bike trail at Taihape Memorial Park,
- the need for 24/7 toilets in Marton,
- costs of getting tracks to Department of Conservation standards on Mt Stewart, Taihape,
- upgrading road access into the Ratana cemetery and co-management of both parts of the cemetery, and
- upgrading the Ratana playground.

However, Council will not proceed with:

- fencing the dog exercise area on the land at Robin Street (for which Council has a licence to occupy from the Office of Treaty Settlements)

- installing permanent heating in the Taihape Town Hall (because of projected redevelopment of this site),
- re-opening the public toilets on High Street, Bulls, and
- consideration at this time of public toilet provision in Marton Park or Centennial Park, Marton.

### **Environmental and regulatory services**

The Marton Community Committee and one submitter from Marton requested that Council consider the feasibility of micro-chipping all cats and dogs to help deal with the issue of feral and nuisance cats in the District. The Council has decided not to pursue such a scheme for the time being.

## *Appendix 2*

# Memorandum

**To:** Council

**From:** Ross McNeil

**Date:** 18 May 2018

**Subject:** Top Ten Projects – status, May 2017

**File:** 5-EX-4

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This memorandum is an update from the statements provided to the Council's meeting on 28 July 2016 and subsequent months.

## **1. Reinstatement of the roading network after the June 2015 floods**

The main part of the programme for 2016/17 has been implemented, continuing to use the bundling approach for engaging contractors. Work on the Mount Curl Road dropout is now complete. The work at Majuba Bluff is expected to be complete by the end of May 2017. The New Zealand Transport Agency has approved carrying over \$500,000 into 2017/18 for the James Road project, which has encountered delays because of the proposed method of construction, unfavourable weather and the need to maintain access for a property owner.

This position is unchanged since the last update.

## **2. Upgrade of the Bulls wastewater treatment plant to meet new consent conditions**

The consent application remains under consideration by Horizons, which effectively puts the project on hold. Riverlands had expressed interest in a collaborative approach to the upgrade of the Bulls wastewater treatment plant but, on further consideration, seems unlikely to make such a commitment. Although Horizons is keen to see the merging of the two discharges, it would be entirely a Council decision to do that. It would mean withdrawing the current consent application and submitting a new one. The same applies to discussions being held with Horizons about piping Marton's wastewater to be treated at Bulls, thus ending any discharge to the Tutaenui Stream.

This position is unchanged from the last update.

## **3. Upgrade of the Marton wastewater treatment plant to meet new consent conditions**

The initial focus until December 2017 is on acceptable management of the leachate from the Bonny Glen landfill. The Heads of Agreement has been signed between Midwest Disposal and Council; the management plan to define the arrangements for transporting the leachate to Marton, storing it, and releasing it into the waste water treatment plant has been

finalised. The document was presented to the Assets/Infrastructure Committee at its meeting on 11 August 2016. The storage tanks and pumping system for pre-treated leachate is now in place at the Marton wastewater treatment plant (WWTP). This means that there is now a managed entry of pre-treated leachate into the treatment plant.

Midwest has yet to see a commercially running plant that can demonstrate the efficiency of their preferred option of on-site treatment of leachate. Midwest aims to have its pre-treatment plant operating by April 2017. However, it seems that the leachate will require further treatment before it can be discharged into a waterway. Council has been specific that the application for the new consent for the Marton wastewater treatment plant will not allow leachate to be accepted.

The Advisory group membership has been reviewed, with a combination of re-appointments and new appointments. The Group met on 3 March 2017.

In conjunction with Horizons and local Iwi, an application has been made to the Ministry for the Environment Freshwater Improvement Fund to seek financial support for the piping of effluent from the Marton WWTP to the Bulls WWTP. The outcome of that funding application will be known in July.

This position is unchanged since the last update.

#### **4. Upgrade of the Ratana wastewater treatment plant to meet the demands from the anticipated housing development**

Planning and legal formalities are under way for the 60 lot subdivision at Ratana. This subdivision has been approved as a 'partition' through the Maori Land Court, rather than a subdivision consent under the Resource Management Act. As the land is under multiple ownership, the partition process allows for specific areas (parcels) to be defined and assigned to owners. This is similar to a cross-lease arrangement.

External funding support for the wastewater treatment plant capacity upgrade has yet to be confirmed. However, Te Puni Kokiri, as the social housing funder for this development, is aware of the funding shortfall and discussions are being held with staff from that organisation. Council budgets do include funding to upgrade the plant to meet future treatment standards.

An update on the subdivision project was included in the Administrative matters report to Council's meeting on 29 September 2016. The Waipu Trust, which is advancing the development, will be seeking an agreement with Council for management and maintenance of the core infrastructure and open space areas associated with the development. Council's legal advisers have prepared a draft agreement.

Planning continues for the wastewater plant upgrade/renewal to meet new conditions of consent. To this end an application has been made to the Ministry for the Environment Freshwater Improvement Fund to seek financial support for a land-based treatment option for the Ratana WWTP. The outcome of the funding application will be known in July.

This position is unchanged since the last update.

**5. Sustainable provision of stock and irrigation water within the area now serviced by the Hunterville Rural Water Scheme, extended south to Marton, and provision of a safe, potable and affordable supply to Hunterville town**

The Ministry for Primary Industries (MPI) approved the Tutaenui pre-feasibility study, and officials visited on 1 August 2016 to view the area and discuss their views on what a pre-feasibility study should achieve and how it would be best done. This included engaging a specialist consultancy, and Brian Kouvelis and David Voss were engaged in this regard. Their first task has been to complete concept designs for the reconfiguration of the Hunterville rural scheme and for supply through the proposed Tutaenui scheme. This work is supported by water network modelling. Draft demand profiles have been produced, and these have informed the concept designs. The engineering report is nearing completion.

Horizons Regional Council is completing a GIS resource for the project, i.e. an online viewer that will enable all spatial data (such as climate and soil conditions) to be easily viewed, with layers that can be turned on and off to suit.

450 surveys were sent to properties within the project area, and 73 responses have been received. They show a high preference for additional horticultural production if irrigation water is available. Murray Robinson has been engaged to carry out face to face interviews. 25 interviewees have been selected, 10 interviews have been conducted.

The project is due for completion by 31 October-2017. Depending on the outcome, a feasibility study may follow, again with funding support from MPI.

**6. Future management of community housing**

Council has committed to examine other options for managing its community housing stock, using one or more specialist organisations with the ability to tap into government financial assistance. The Manawatu Community Trust is the only organisation which has continued to express interest in taking over the ownership and management of all 72 units. However, Council has indicated that the four units at Ratana are to be excluded.

Over the past twelve months the level of occupancy has risen considerably. A further report to Council's meeting on 15 December 2016 showed that, at this level of occupancy, there is a small comparative financial benefit for Council in retaining ownership and managing the housing directly. Forming a Rangitikei-trust is an option to direct management

The Manawatu Community Trust made a presentation to Council at its meeting on 23 February 2017 and is meeting with its legal advisers to discuss some options in an attempt to clarify the issue of ownership. Investigations are in progress on the feasibility of establishing a similar Rangitikei-specific trust or having a committee structure within the Manawatu Community Trust, and a ten-year plan for the housing (if remaining under direct Council control) is being prepared for the Assets/Infrastructure Committee's meeting on 15 June 2017.

This position is unchanged since the last update.



## **7. Upgrade of Taihape Pool**

Major work is required in filtration and heating to get this pool to a satisfactory standard. An expert assessment was obtained and peer reviewed. Initially, there was an assessment that the existing electricity supply to the pool would need upgrading, but on further examination will not be necessary. The costs for the full extent of work were estimated at \$430,000 which took the project beyond the funds committed by Council and the Trust.

There has been a meeting with the Taihape Community Development Trust (which has a service contract to manage the Pool) and a commitment secured to work on a joint funding strategy to secure the funding gap of \$200,000 to enable the work to be done during 2017. A contingency budget to fund this upgrade has been included in the draft 2017/18 Annual Plan, and is an element for community consultation. No application for external funding as yet been submitted.

The tender was issued on 13 April 2017. Under delegated authority, at its meeting on 11 May 2017, the Assets/Infrastructure Committee awarded the contract to Ian Coombes Limited for \$374,900 (including contingencies). The contractor's target completion date is 30 September 2017, well before the intended the start of the 2017/18 swimming season.

## **8. Bulls multi-purpose community centre**

Community feedback was sought at the public launch of the project on 8 August 2016, and as a consequence the design has been modified to provide a larger auditorium, a wider stage, and additional toilets. The funding implications from these changes were considered by Council at its meeting on 29 September 2016. The total cost of the facility is likely to be \$4.36 million but the rate-funded loan (for \$1.6 million) will not increase. The required additional funding will come from corporate sponsorship, a higher target for local community funding and sale of further surplus Council property in Bulls or use of financial reserves. The architects suggested a mesh-style exterior cladding to lighten the look: subject to confirming the price, this change in the building appearance has got strong support. However, this brings the estimated cost very close to the budget. Before proceeding to the detailed design and specification, a value management workshop was held on 31 January 2017 to review what savings are available from alternative products and systems. The objective was to lower the design estimates by at least 10%. The actual savings outcomes achieved were 18.7%. As the detailed design and specification will cost between \$100,000 and \$150,000, it is critical to avoid substantial revision of that further in the process.

Agreement has now been reached with the Joint venture (JV) partners (who own the whole former Criterion Hotel site) in regard to the area to be purchased by Council – including the retention by the JV partners of the civic square area (so Council does not need to purchase it) which will be subject to enduring control by the Council. A geotech assessment and the site survey have both been completed.

The application to Lotteries' Community Facilities Fund was submitted by the due date, 31 August 2016. In December the Fund decided to grant \$500,000 although it will not be paid before 23 November 2017 and the Fund administrator will require evidence that the balance of remaining funds has been raised for the project, a copy of the final construction contract,

a copy of the building consent, confirmation of the project start date, estimated completion date and that the project is as submitted in the grant request.

A funding application was lodged with the Dudding Trust; it will be discussed further in the coming funding round. Additional funding applications have been submitted to Lotteries Significant Projects Fund and the Four Regions (PowerCo) Trust. The outcome of these applications is unlikely to be known until at least mid-2017.

During the Annual Plan consultation, work on investigating the legal saleability of surplus properties was paused. The information centre/bus stop at 113 Bridge Street has no impediment to sale and it will be offered for sale through an open tender process in accordance with Council policy on the sale of surplus property. Such a sale will be conditional on allowing Council to continue using the site as now until the new facility is available. (The sale is being managed by Property Brokers). Properties proposed for sale, but not flagged for disposal in the initial discussions with the community, were an item in the Consultation Document for the 2017/18 Annual Plan

Preparations for the local fund-raising campaign are well advanced. A newsletter was distributed to every property in Bulls outlining the background to the project, its current status, and the next stages of the development. The Give-a-little page has been launched. The potentially significant source of funding from selling (on commission) the FM radios (providing information about the aircraft and Base facilities) during the Ohakea Air Show was declined because Council would have had to purchase the radios. The Mayor has had a number of discussions with likely corporate sponsors. Local and corporate funding and pledges now exceed \$74,000, with the target being \$350,000.

At its meeting on 29 September 2016 Council resolved to proceed with the preparation of detailed plans and tender documents, and, subject to budget, invite tenders for the construction of the new facility when at least 70% (\$1.19 million, including at least \$105,000 in local community funding from the Bulls community) of the external funding is secured by way of grants from external agencies, local community funding and corporate sponsorship. This does not commit Council to continuing the project. Detailed design is not essential for other funding bids but it must be complete before the Lotteries grant will be paid. It will take about three months to complete.

The design, costings and proposed property sales associated with the proposed Centre were the focus of an Annual Plan consultation meeting held in Bulls on 8 March 2017. The preparation of detailed plans and specifications to support a tender process for the Centre's construction were put on hold pending the close of the submission period for the draft 2017/18 Annual Plan. The majority of those submitting on this matter favoured continuation, and Council has resolved accordingly.

The funding application to the Lotteries Significant Projects Fund has been completed and submitted to the Department of Internal Affairs. The application presents the proposed Bulls Community Centre project as part of a District-wide town centre development programme, and references the proposed Marton City Centre and Taihape town hall/service centre development projects. The Department has confirmed that the application will proceed

through to assessment and then to the Committee for a funding determination. The decision will be known by mid June 2017.

The preparation of detailed plans and tender documents will cost around \$125,000. Despite Council's earlier decision to apply the 70% threshold before authorising construction, there may be a preference to see fundraising achieve another \$500,000 before this work is authorised. Currently, \$624,020 has been raised of the \$1.7 million needed from external sources.

## **9. Development of Cobbler/Davenport/Abraham & Williams site in Marton for Council's administration centre and the town library**

Possession was gained on 31 August 2016. A meeting has been held with building owners and businesses in this area and an opportunity provided for them to see inside the buildings.

Following a call for Expressions of Interest, Opus was engaged to assist in preparing a heritage assessment and concept development, not just for the Council's site, but more generally within the Broadway precinct between High Street and Follett Street. The Opus team visited Marton on 23 November 2016 to undertake preliminary site investigations and discuss their initial thinking. The project was completed just before Christmas and 'rough-order' cost estimates provided for four options –

- retain, strengthen and refurbish;
- retain all facades, with new facility behind;
- retain, strengthen and refurbish Davenport; retain facades of Cobbler B and Abraham and Williams, with new facility behind, demolish Cobbler B and replace with new one storey build;
- demolish all and construct new facility.

In all cases, a structure at IL4<sup>1</sup> rating for the Civil Defence function is envisaged on the Cobbler A site.

The costs have now been peer-reviewed. Given the high community interest, the three main options were included within the Consultation Document for the 2017/18 Annual Plan to inform the community and invite their views.

The Marton heritage precinct concept was shared before Christmas with building owners who showed interest in progressing it. The objective in this part of the project is to develop a heritage precinct plan which could be submitted for funding in the Government's Heritage Earthquake Upgrade Incentive Programme (EQUIP). Draft terms of reference for a Marton

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<sup>1</sup> i.e. Importance Level 4, which denotes buildings that must be operational immediately after an earthquake or other disastrous event, such as emergency shelters and hospital operating theatres, triage centres and other critical post-disaster infrastructure. Clause A3 of the Building Code defines the significance of a building by its importance level (IL), which is related to the consequences of failure. There are five levels of importance, considered by the importance of the building to society:

Heritage Panel have been prepared. The Ministry has expressed interest in a precinct application.

In some places collaboration to regenerate urban centres has been formalised through an approach known as the 'Precinct Model'. This will be explored with property owners. A preliminary action is to gather information about spending by Marton residents in Marton and in nearby centres. It is intended that this work is completed by the end of May.

A meeting for Marton business/commercial property owners was held on 1 March to provide an overview of the information to be presented in the draft 2017/18 Annual Plan. The public meeting on 13 March for the draft Annual Plan provided a focus for presenting the concepts associated with the proposed Marton Civic Centre and heritage precinct. Attendees were encouraged to submit their views on the ideas presented in the consultation document.

The majority of submitters on this topic wanted Council to continue investigating options for the site, but views were evenly split between those who wanted the heritage character of the corner retained and those who favoured demolition and a completely new building. The logic of this is for Council to focus on two specific options – retaining all street facades and building new behind these and demolishing all three buildings and erecting a new one. Understanding the different costs (including the potential for lotteries support for the heritage approach) is a critical part of this next stage.

## **10. Taihape civic and community centre**

As noted in previous commentaries, this is the least conceptualised town centre complex – but its location, on the Town Hall site, has previously found strong support.

Council has previously anticipated that, early in 2017, the Taihape community would be asked to say where their preferred site is for the new amenity block on Memorial Park (approved following the consultation process for the 2016/17 Annual Plan). That facility will have provision for a second storey, which may be part of finding a long-term solution for those organisations currently using the former Taihape College buildings on Rauma Road. That discussion will provide an opportunity to think in more detail the nature of the facility on the town hall site and the extent to which the current building can be an integral part of that. Both these issues were explored at a joint meeting between Council and the Taihape Community Board on 3 November 2016 and with the users of the Rauma Road facilities on 14 November 2016.

The Annual Plan consultation meeting for Taihape (22 March) focused on the need to identify the preferred site for the proposed amenity block and encourage community views on the future of the Memorial Park grandstand. The Council resolved that a rethink as to identifying and assessing the viable options for amenity/grandstand/recreational facilities on Memorial Park was required given the lack of consensus evident from those submitting to the 2017/18 Annual Plan. A draft project brief will be prepared to scope and guide this process. The project will engage Park users and those groups with recreational interests in order to ensure the options identified optimise the opportunities to meet the long-term needs of these groups and the wider community. The process will involve recommendations

to the Taihape Community Board and subsequently to Council, with the objective that there is a well-defined proposal for inclusion in the 2018-28 Long Term Plan. There needs to be agreement on this development before the question of the future of the Taihape Town Hall site is revisited.

### **Recommendations**

1. That the memorandum 'Top ten projects – status, May 2017' be received.

2. That, regarding the new Bulls community centre, Council

EITHER

confirms its previous decision for the Chief Executive to commission detailed drawings and specifications and proceed to tender

OR

requires confirmation that \$XXXXX has been raised from external sources before the Chief Executive commissions detailed drawings and specifications and proceeds to tender

3. That, having regard for community views during the 2017/18 Annual Plan process about Council's future use of the Cobbler/Davenport/Abraham & Adams Buildings, High Street/Broadway, Marton, a concept design with costings be undertaken on

- a) retaining all facades and building new behind them, and
- b) demolishing all buildings and erecting an entirely new building

with regard to the impact on the Broadway streetscape and opportunities for external funding support.

4. That, regarding Taihape Memorial Park

- a. A project brief and timeline be prepared to guide the identification and assessment of viable options for amenities/grandstand/recreational facilities on the Park, and that the process engage user groups and the wider community, taking a long-term view of needs, opportunities and funding;
- b. Options on the future development of the Park are presented to the Taihape Community Board, who will make recommendations to Council with the expectation that a well-defined proposal is included in the 2018-28 Long Term Plan;
- c. The three Taihape Ward Councillors (with His Worship the Mayor as ex-Officio) form a steering group to guide and support the process; and,
- d. No further consideration be given to any redevelopment of the Taihape Town Hall site until b. has been achieved.

Ross McNeil  
Chief Executive

## *Appendix 3*



13 April 2017

File No: 3-OR-3-12

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Dear Bruce

## **Key Issues for the 2017/18 Annual Plan**

Council appreciated you and Michael coming to our meeting on 30 March 2017 to talk about your 2017/18 Annual Plan.

We are pleased to know that Horizons intends to maintain the commitment in the Long Term Plan to support the Accelerate25 programme for regional growth. Individual councils, iwi and businesses all have a part to play in realising opportunities for greater prosperity but Horizons has a critical role in co-ordination and liaising with Ministers and central government agencies. We hope Horizons, in developing its 2018-28 Long Term Plan, will provide an early opportunity for all councils in the region to discuss how they see this programme being advanced. There is one particular aspect about Accelerate25, raised by Tararua, which we like you to consider. This is to redirect some of the existing road safety operational budget into supporting young people into driver training programmes in partnership with secondary schools. More support for young people to gain quality driver training through schools will also support employment and other goals that are part of the Regional Growth Study and the Accelerate25 action plans.

We understand the importance of your science programme. Monitoring of ground water and swimming spots in the region are vital to ensure that economic growth is sustainable and not detracting from the quality of life of people in the region. We support the increased expenditure proposed for this activity.

We are also pleased to see that the flood protection work for the Rangitikei Scheme, disrupted by the June 2015 floods, will continue in 2017/18. We note the intention to make some improvements to manage the safety of detention dams in the region, particularly those around Marton and Hunterville. However, we wonder what had prompted this initiative and what its relative priority is against the other flood protection measures for the region.

You propose an additional investment in biosecurity and biodiversity management, partly to increase biological control and partly to enhance surveillance of plant pests, to encourage landowners, and to increase public awareness. We believe this investment is needed and timely, particularly given the phased withdrawal of OSPRI from possum control in the Horizons region and the additional expectations from central government. The SLUI programme has been of immense significance for the Rangitikei and other parts of the region but we accept that it is demand driven and a reduced expenditure in 2017/18 is appropriate.

We have valued the partnership approach you have provided Rangitikei in civil defence and rural fire, and expect that will continue in some form after 1 July 2017, when the rural fire fighting forces merge with urban brigades under Fire and Emergency New Zealand.

We agree with the proposed \$30,000 contribution from the regional transport general rate to the Philips Search and Rescue Trust for the helicopter servicing the Horizons region. This is the fairest way to ensure that this vital service continues.

We support the efforts made by Horizons to maintain the Capital Connection. We hope that you can use this to promote greater utilisation of the rail network. In talking with us you mentioned the declining patronage on the Marton to Palmerston North bus. This coincides with issues raised in local community meetings (particularly in the Southern Rangitikei Youth Advisory Group). We know that some of our residents rely on the Palmerston North commuter service, and at present it is impossible for residents in Marton to attend UCOL in Whanganui unless they can find private transport. So, we ask you to investigate other methods of providing public transport options, perhaps through utilising existing capacity of commercial services or community resources – for example tapping into school buses, or using spare capacity on long distance services for short trips - to meet this need. We would not support further reduction in services in small towns; there is a need to provide innovative and creative transport alternatives to allow residents to live in these towns but access employment, health, education and shopping facilities in other centres; we would be happy to contribute to further thinking about this.

I would like the opportunity to speak with your Council on these issues.

Yours sincerely

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Andy Watson  
**Mayor of Rangitikei**



## *Appendix 4*



3 April 2017

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Dear Lou

Rangitikei District Council would like to thank the Department for the opportunity to comment on the draft Wellington Conservation Management Strategy (CMS). The issues commented on include:

- Pest (Plant and Animal) control
- UNESCO Global Geopark concept
- Landlocked land
- Recreation
- Priority areas

## 1 Pest (Plant and Animal) Control

Council is supportive of the Department's policy to manage the issue of pests (both plant and animal). We are reassured to see recognition that the invasive vine Old Man's Beard is a problem in the Rangitikei District. However, Council is concerned that there are some DoC reserves in the District that could be contributing to the further establishment of Old Man's Beard due to lack of maintenance and upkeep. One particular example is the Omatane Scenic Reserve (shown below).





The draft CMS identifies that control will occur at ‘priority sites’; however, Council recommends that the Department manage Old Man’s Beard in all of its reserves or consider alternative management options for these areas. Council would also like to highlight the increasing popularity of manuka farming in the Rangitikei district as an alternative to grazing livestock. This is a concern because the reduction in grazing pressure is an additional factor that could contribute to further spread of this Old Man’s Beard from contaminated DoC reserves. This increases the importance of the Department managing Old Man’s Beard within its reserves.

Due to the scale of the problem, Council is of the view that effective control of Old Man’s Beard requires collaboration with a range of stakeholders, including Horizons Regional Council and supports the parts of the CMS which propose to do so.

While Council recognises that Old Man’s Beard is the primary major pest plant in the Rangitikei District, we request that the Department includes consideration in the CMS of the increasing problem of crack willow in the region’s waterways, specifically in the Turakina, Moawhango and Hautapu rivers and whether there are any DoC sites or initiatives that could work collaboratively to address this issue. Crack willow poses a threat because it replaces native species in riparian sites and forms vast dense stands along channels. Potential implications of this plant becoming an entrenched pest include blockages, flooding and structural changes in our waterways.

Council would also like to recommend that stakeholders such as New Zealand Forest and Bird, New Zealand Fish and Game and local active environmental groups be identified and acknowledged in relevant parts of the CMS. Council is supportive of these groups working in a collaborative way as they are all involved in the public conservation space.

## **2 UNESCO Global Geopark**

Council is interested in the Geopark concept proposed for the Rangitikei River Valley. However we need more information about how this would operate before we could indicate that we support

such an application, specifically the specific area being considered for the application, and detail on the implications, effects and responsibilities involved should the application be successful.

### **3 Landlocked Land**

Firstly, Council is supportive of the Department's policy surrounding access to land locked DoC land. There are sites of significance in the Ruahine Ranges up the Kawhatau Valley that have limited access due to being land locked, and Council would encourage negotiations and arrangements with private land owners, to enable access for the Department, as well as members of the public such as hunters and trampers who wish to use these reserves for recreational purposes.

Secondly, there is land locked land in northern Rangitikei that poses an issue for Council. Most of this land belongs to local iwi. This land has farming potential, especially for growing manuka for apiculture. In some cases there are DoC land parcels which adjoin these land locked parcels. Council requests that the Department is actively involved in discussions to assist these land owners gaining access, and that the Department is open to discussing potential access options through its land parcels and working with other entities such, as Te Puni Kokiri.

### **4 Recreation**

Council is supportive of Department initiatives to promote recreation in the Rangitikei District and agrees that State Highway One is an advertising opportunity that ought to be utilised. Council recommends that, if the Department is promoting activities such as freedom camping, the Department ensure facilities (such as toilets) at the sites (such as Simpson Reserve) are adequate and can cope with visitor numbers. Council would also welcome the opportunity to work collaboratively with the Department to try work towards addressing these issues, for example in bidding for funding from the Mid-sized Tourism Infrastructure Fund. Now that we have an expert parks team, we may be a useful resource for managing such reserves.

### **5 Priority Areas**

Council is aware of the limited funding the Department has, so recommends that initiatives centred on pest (plant and animal control) are prioritised over those focussed on recreation and heritage in terms of resource allocation.

### **6 Summary**

In summary, the Rangitikei District Council:

- supports the Department's policy to manage the issue of pests (both plant and animal);
- recommends that the Department address Old Man's Beard in all Department reserves;
- requests that the Department consider addressing the problem of crack willow in the region's waterways, specifically in the Moawhango and Hautapu rivers;

- Requests that the Department share further information on the sites which would be affected by the proposed application to establish a UNESCO Global Geopark in the Rangitikei River Valley;
- recommends that the Department is involved with reaching solutions with private land locked land owners where DoC land adjoins the property; and working with other government agencies such as Te Puni Kokiri; and
- recommends the Department consider a partnership with the Rangitikei District Council in managing DoC reserves within the Rangitikei District.

Yours sincerely

Andy Watson  
Mayor

# *Appendix 5*



12 May 2017

File No: 3-OR-3-5

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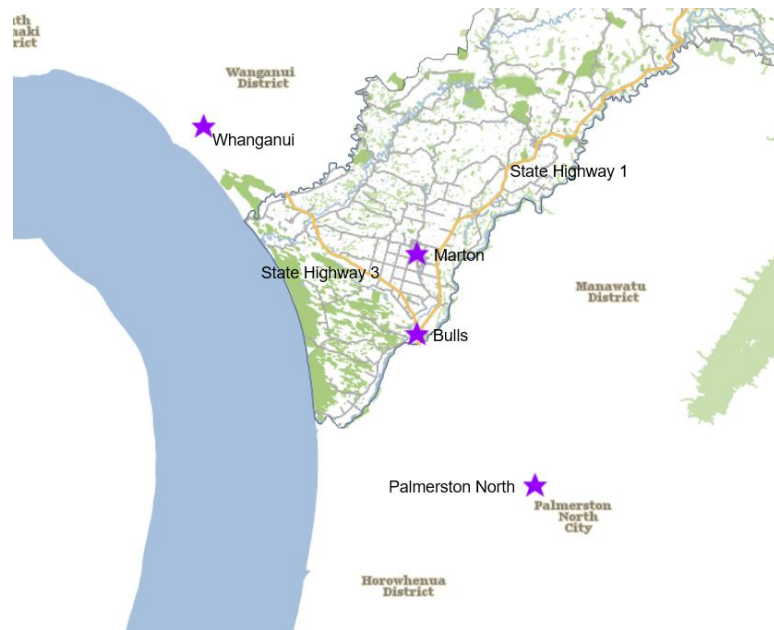
Dear David

## **Urban Development Authorities Consultation**

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the proposal to establish Urban Development Authorities. The Rangitikei District is keen to participate in this arrangement.

While the District is not experiencing the sustained population growth at this time which the proposed reforms are seeking to address, Council would like to use this opportunity to suggest that the Government consider opportunities that regional New Zealand can provide in addressing issues associated with fast-paced growth in the country's urban areas – i.e. affordable housing with ready access to employment, educational and recreational facilities.

In particular, the Rangitikei District has opportunities to accommodate growth, both in Marton and Bulls (see Figure 1). These towns are located in close proximity to larger centres, being only 30 minutes from Palmerston North and Whanganui. They provide a satellite location, with distances that make Marton and Bulls a suitable option for people to live in, while they might work in the larger urban areas. A key attraction of these towns is the rural outlook and small town feel they provide, while being located so close to larger urban centres. A detailed analysis of the benefits and capacity for these areas to cope with further residential development is provided below.



*Figure 1. Location of Marton and Bulls*

## **Marton**

Marton is located only 5 minutes from State Highway 1, and 30 minutes from Palmerston North and Whanganui. It is also on the North Island Main Trunk Line, although there is currently no passenger pick-up service at the Marton Junction station. The town currently has a population of 4,548<sup>1</sup> residents and has previously had a population of up 5,059<sup>2</sup> residents.

Marton has a range of local amenities including cafés and restaurants, two major supermarkets, petrol stations, Mitre 10 and range of other retail shops. The town has access to a range of outdoor spaces and associated activities including - three main parks, a number of playgrounds, a skate park, rugby club, cricket club and netball club. Marton has a range of health services including a pharmacy, health centre, doctors, dentist and optician. The town contains options for families with early childhood centres, local primary schools and two high schools. In particular, Marton contains two well-known private schools, one primary and one secondary school.

Marton has fantastic heritage character presence in the main shopping centre. There are 17 heritage listed buildings within a small radius, as well as other unlisted historic buildings which create a heritage precinct. While a number of these buildings will require work to comply with the earthquake-prone buildings legislation, Council is involved with a number of initiatives to support the redevelopment.

Council acknowledges the collective importance of the heritage buildings in the main street and implemented a heritage precinct and 'heritage offsets' through a District Plan Change. To stimulate thinking about this Council funded a heritage assessment of the Marton CBD which considered strategies for the retention or enhancement of the overall heritage 'look and feel' of central Marton. Council is working to co-ordinate an application, on behalf of private heritage

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<sup>1</sup> 2013 Census

<sup>2</sup> 1986 Census



building owners, to put a case forward for funding through the Heritage Earthquake Upgrade Incentive Programme.

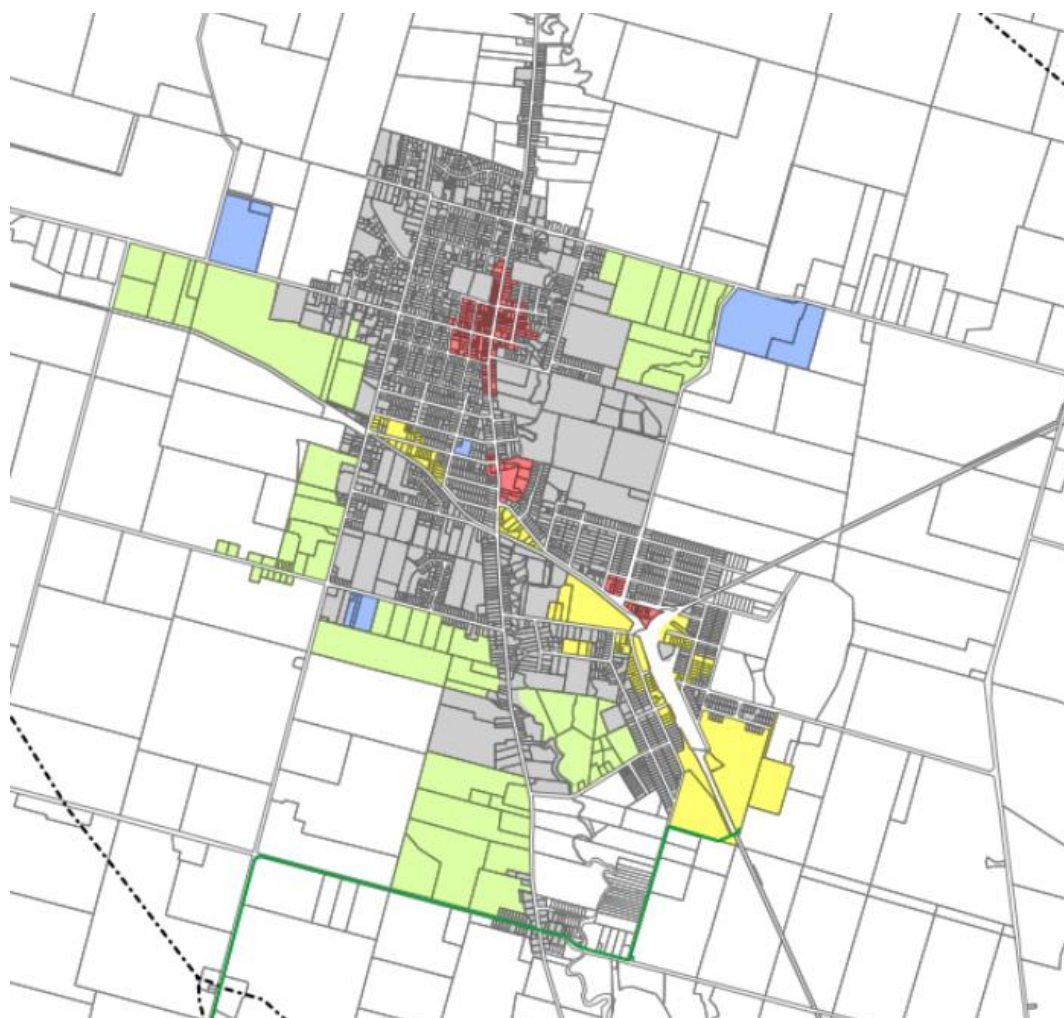
Additionally, Council is the owner of three heritage buildings in the town centre and is in the early stages of a project to redevelop them to include the Council offices, learning centre, information centre for local businesses to create the civic centre for the town.

### **Zoning**

Marton has land which is readily available for a range of development, both residential (grey) and rural lifestyle (light green) (see Figure 2). Subdivision down to 400m<sup>2</sup> in the residential zone and two hectares in the rural living zone is provided for as a restricted discretionary activity.

Marton has a significant amount of residential zoned land which could provide up to 1,700 new residential lots. Additionally, there is significant scope for brownfield development, in the subdivision and intensification of existing lots. Many lots in Marton remain large – at approximately 800 m<sup>2</sup> – 1000m<sup>2</sup>.

Marton also has rural living zoned land which could be developed to provide up to 77 additional lifestyle blocks.



*Figure 2. Zoning of Marton*

## **Infrastructure**

Marton currently has the infrastructure to cope with additional development, as the infrastructure was developed for a population exceeding 5,000 residents. Council's reticulated water, wastewater and stormwater network already extends to the fringes of the town. While the network does have sections which are nearing the end of their life, there is an active programme of renewals which could readily be adapted to meet increased demand. The Marton Waste Water Treatment Plant consent expires in 2019, and Council has been engaged in developing solutions for a renewal application.

## **Bulls**

Bulls is located at the intersection of both State Highway 1 and 3 and in close proximity to the Ohakea Air Base. The town currently has a population of 1,524<sup>3</sup> residents and has previously had a population of up to 1,965<sup>4</sup> residents. Bulls has a range of local amenities including local boutique retail shops, cafés, a pharmacy, petrol stations and outdoor spaces (including local parks, playgrounds, sports grounds and a skate park). Bulls is located adjacent to the Rangitikei River, where there is access to a river walk. Additionally, the town hosts a number of events throughout the year including 'Rhythm in Bulls', 'Wear-a-Bull Arts', annual Christmas parade and a Matariki celebration.

Council is currently in the process of developing a multi-purpose facility to service the town which will contain the learning hub, information centre, town hall and will have space for local organisations. Bulls also has great primary schools and easy transportation to local high schools. Its proximity (20 minutes to Palmerston North) and affordability make it a great option for people looking to relocate to the suburbs or a lifestyle block.

## **Zoning**

Bulls has land which is readily available for a range of development, both residential (grey) and rural lifestyle (light green) (see [Figure 3](#)). Subdivision down to 400m<sup>2</sup> in the residential zone and 2 hectares in the rural living zone is provided for as a restricted discretionary activity.

Specifically, Council has two sites it currently owns that it is in the process of being sold which are prime residential sites – Johnson Street and Walton Street (see [Figure 4](#)).

- The Johnson Street site is 18,864 m<sup>2</sup> in size. This site has the ability to accommodate approximately 37 sections<sup>5</sup>.
- The Walton Street site is 22,808 m<sup>2</sup> in size. The site has the ability to accommodate approximately 5 sections.

There is additional land zoned for residential use which could provide for up to approximately 696 new residential lots.

There is currently 41.3 hectares of land zoned for rural lifestyle purposes which could provide for up to 20 rural lifestyle lots.

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<sup>3</sup> 2013 Census

<sup>4</sup> 1976 Census

<sup>5</sup> 400m<sup>2</sup> in size.

Overall, Bulls has the ability, under current zoning, to provide for an additional 803 residential and rural living lots. Council would also consider undertaking a plan change to open up further rural land for residential purposes, if there was demand to support the development.

Additionally, there is significant scope for brownfield development, in the subdivision and intensification of existing lots. Many lots in Bulls remain large – at approximately 800 m<sup>2</sup> – 1000m<sup>2</sup>.

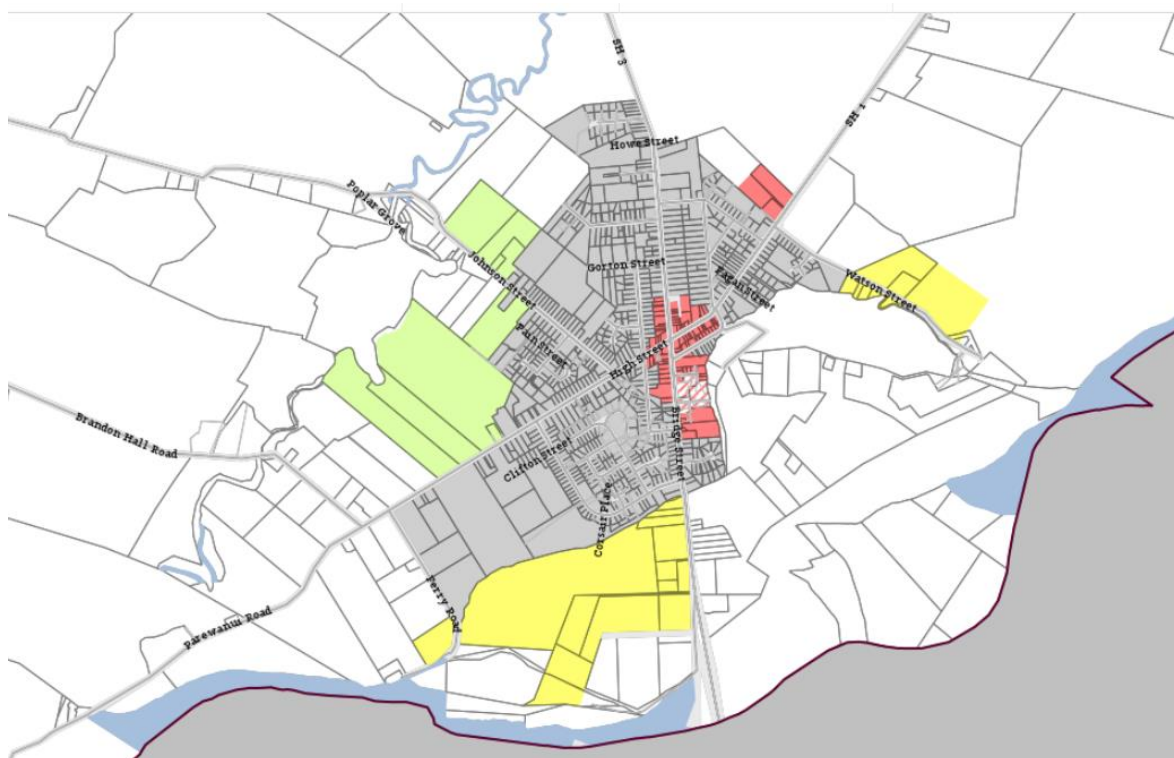


Figure 3. Zoning at Bulls



Figure 4. Council land available for residential development

## **Infrastructure**

Bulls currently has the infrastructure to cope with additional development, as the infrastructure was developed for a population exceeding 2,000 residents. Council's water, wastewater, and stormwater network already extends to the fringes of the town and, as in Marton, there is an active programme of renewals which could readily be adapted to meet increased demand. Consent processes are underway to renew the Bulls Waste Water Treatment Plant.

## **Property prices**

A key attraction for people relocating to the regions is the price of housing. From October 2016 to March 2017 there were 52 dwelling sales in Marton with a median sale price of \$187,500. In Bulls there were 18 dwelling sales with a median sale price of \$167,500.

These low prices provide the opportunity for people to relocate from higher priced areas and live either mortgage free, or with a much lower mortgage than they would be able to achieve living in a larger urban centre.

## **Commercial/industrial development capacity**

In addition to the residential development opportunities, both Marton and Bulls provide opportunities for commercial and industrial development. Marton's heritage feel provides significant opportunities for further commercial development as a boutique town, while Bulls' location on the State Highway has significant scope for further commercial development.

Both Marton and Bulls have vacant land available for industrial development. Bulls' strategic location at the intersection of State Highway 1 and State Highway 3, makes it a particularly attractive location for new industries to develop, while Marton's proximity to the North Island Main Trunk will have value for industries looking to capitalise on the country's rail network.

## **Consenting**

Issues have arisen in larger centres about the timeliness of processing both building consents and resource consents as a result of increasing demand. If the Rangitikei District was to be considered as a solution for growth, we would ensure that there was adequate staff to cope with the additional processing requirements

## **Summary**

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the proposal to establish Urban Development Authorities. Council would like the Government to consider Rangitikei for this arrangement, the District has opportunities to accommodate growth, both in Marton and Bulls as follows:

- Marton – 1,700 residential lots and 77 rural lifestyle lots
- Bulls – 696 residential lots and 20 rural lifestyle lots.

There are likely to be other towns throughout New Zealand in a similar position which could provide residential development to help assist with the strong growth of nearby urban areas. We think the Marton-Bulls area in the Rangitikei District provides a particularly attractive development opportunity and a superb example of what we would like central Government to consider.

I would welcome an opportunity to discuss our thinking further with you.

Yours sincerely

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Andy Watson  
**Mayor of Rangitikei**

# Attachment 4



# Memorandum

**To:** Te Roopu Ahi Kaa  
Bulls Community Committee  
Hunterville Community Committee

**From:** Denise Servante

**Date:** 29 March 2017

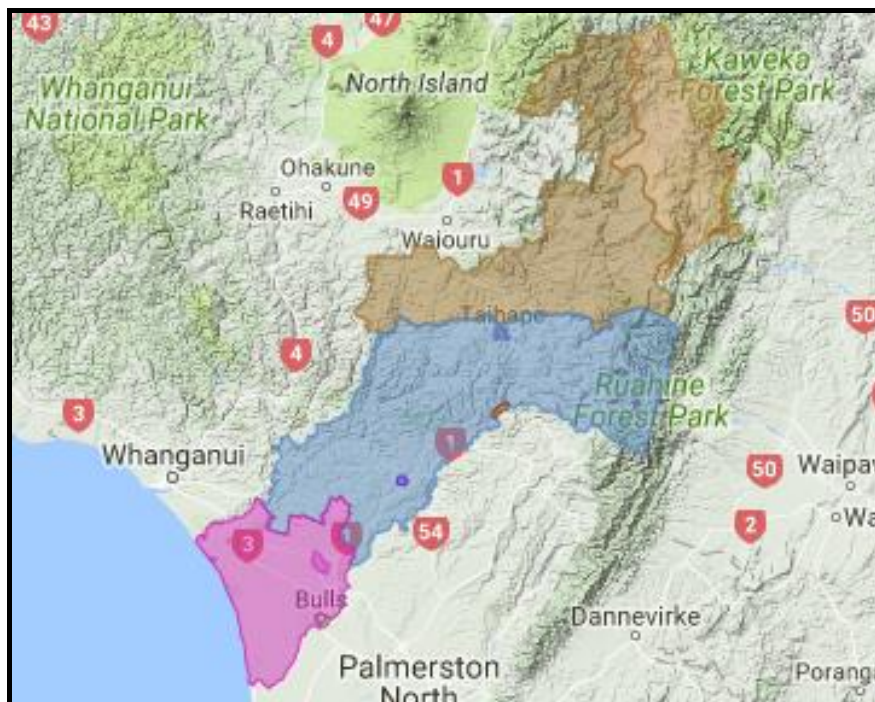
**Subject:** **Geographical review of Census spatial units**

**File:** 1-LTP-4-2

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## 1 Background

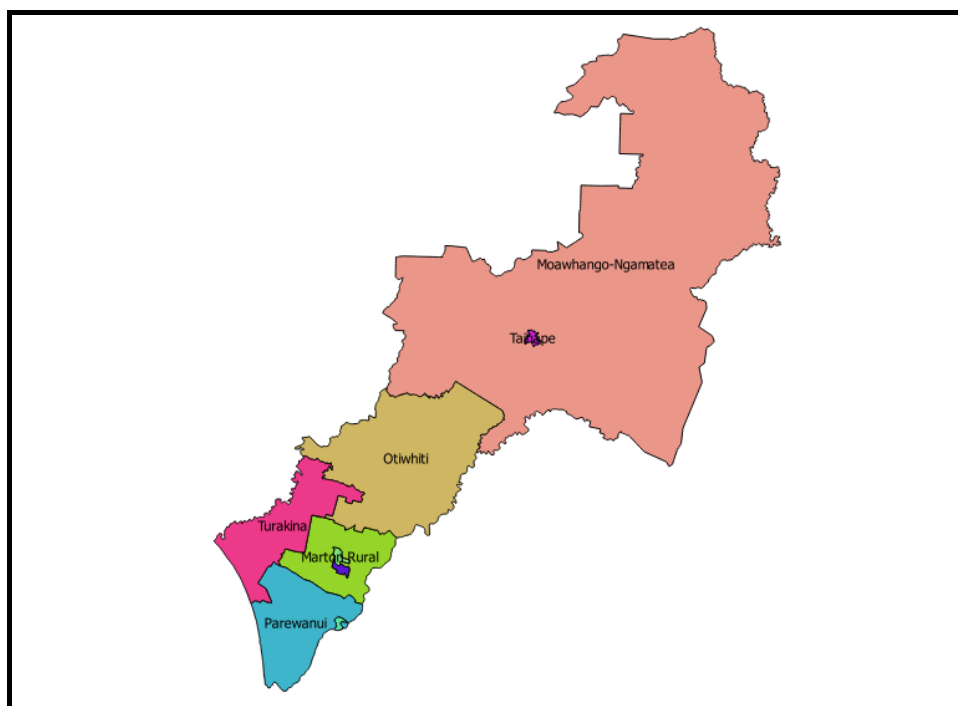
- 1.1 In preparation for the 2018 Census, Statistics New Zealand have been undertaking a geographical review to ensure that their data is captured at a spatial level that is useful to key users, including territorial authorities. As part of this, a meeting and discussion has taken place between staff from Statistics New Zealand and Rangitikei District Council.
- 1.2 Previously, data was available at an area unit level as shown below.



1.3 From north to south of the District they are:

- Ngamatea
- Moawhango
- Taihape
- Mangaweka
- Pohonui-Porewa
- Hunterville
- Marton
- Lake Alice
- Ratana Community
- Koitiata
- Bulls

1.4 It is proposed that the spatial unit used for aggregating data is changed to cover populations of at least 1,000. This is shown in the figure below:



1.5 From north to south the proposed new areas are:

- Moawhango-Ngamatea
- Taihape
- Otiwhiti
- Turakina
- Marton North
- Marton South
- Marton Rural
- Parewanui
- Bulls



- 1.6 Statistics New Zealand have requested local input into the naming of the two “new” spatial units. For now they have been named according to an area/locality within them (Parewanui and Otiwhiti).
- 1.7 In addition, new definitions for localities have been generated with the criteria of 200 – 1000 population and/or > 60 dwellings. The list of localities (towns and settlements is as follows):
- Marton
  - Bulls
  - Taihape
  - Hunterville
  - Ratana
  - Koitiata
  - Mangaweka
  - Scott’s Ferry<sup>1</sup>

## **2 Recommendations**

- 2.1 That the memorandum “Geographical review of Census spatial units” be received.
- 2.2 That the Komiti/Committee provides the following feedback on naming of the redefined spatial units for aggregation of Census data from 2018 onwards
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Denise Servante  
Strategy & Community Planning Manager

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<sup>1</sup> Statistics New Zealand staff have agreed to include Scott’s Ferry as a locality although it doesn’t quite meet the criteria but is currently a meshblock in its own right.

# Attachment 5



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# Report

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TO: Te Roopu Ahi Kaa

FROM: Denise Servante, Strategy and Community Planning Manager

DATE: 29 May 2017

**SUBJECT: Māori community development programme 2016/17**

FILE: 3-GF-10

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## 1 Background

- 1.1 Te Roopu Ahi Kaa instigated a Māori community development programme as part of the 2009-19 Long Term Council Community Plan and provision of \$15,000 per year has been included in annual budgets since 2011/12.
- 1.2 The programme was piloted with Otaihape Māori Komiti (later Mokai Patea Services) for three years, taking the form of a Memorandum of Understanding and an agreed work programme. In 2014/15 and 2015/16, a similar arrangement was entered into with Ngati Hauiti via Te Maru o Ruahine Trust.
- 1.3 At its meeting in October 2015, Te Roopu Ahi Kaa requested that “Council considers how it may support iwi/hapu/Māori engagement in the implementation of the regional growth study”. This resolution from Te Roopu Ahi Kaa was made in the context of discussions on:
  - The capacity of Rangitikei-based iwi to engage with the regional growth study opportunities and deliver to the expectations of all parties. This goes beyond the enabler of increasing the productivity of Māori land but, as implied by the identified interventions, needs to be assured in all eight identified opportunities.
  - The allocation of the Māori community development funding that Council has set aside annually since 2011 to increase the capacity of Māori to contribute to local decision-making, and to strengthen relationships between iwi and hapu organisations/marae and Council.
- 1.4 Further considerations at Komiti meetings in December 2015 and February 2016 led to the Komiti believing that a review of their Strategic Plan would provide a framework for the discussions on the specifics of the regional growth study and Rangitikei’s Māori Community Development process. A strategic planning day was held at Rata Marae in April 2016. As a result of this meeting, the Komiti agreed in June 2016 to continue discussing the review of the Strategic Plan in the workshops that would be instigated at the start of each regular Komiti Hui from August 2016.

- 1.5 This process is still ongoing and in parallel, the Lead Team at Accelerate 25 (the regional growth strategy) commissioned a report on Māori economic development in the region. The outcome, Te Pae Tawhiti, was launched in early November 2016.
- 1.6 However, in the meantime, no funding has been allocated against the Māori Community Development Programme budget for 2016/17. An unsolicited Expression of Interest was received from Ngati Hauiti for \$15,000 on 23 May 2017.

## **2 Comment**

- 2.1 Previously, the agreed objectives of the Māori Community Development programme were to:
- Increase the capacity of Māori to contribute to local decision-making, and
  - Strengthen relationships between iwi organisations/marae and Council
- 2.2 In addition, the Komiti has also felt that the process of the programme (an MOU and a funded work programme) is a good model, specifically where the work programme focuses on areas which are priorities for both Council and the iwi concerned.
- 2.3 The Expression of Interest from Ngati Hauiti (Te Maru o Ruahine Trust) builds on work undertaken through the Māori community development programme in 2014/15 and 2015/16. The Komiti acknowledged the success of this work in supporting the iwi to progress its communication and cultural affirmation programmes. The Expression of Interest received for 2016/17 continues this work expanding whānau knowledge of Hauititanga.

## **3 Next Steps**

- 3.1 Should the Komiti agree to fund this Expression of Interest (in full or in part), Council staff will work with the Te Maru o Ruahine Trust to develop a programme of work with measurable outputs.
- 3.2 The Komiti should be mindful that the funding cannot be carried forward so if it is not allocated before 30 June, then it will be lost.
- 3.3 A further \$15,000 will be available during 2017/18 and the Komiti may like to call for expressions of interest for this funding, bearing in mind that all programmes will be subject to review for the 2018-28 Long Term Plan.
- 3.4 Pending the outcome of the review of the Te Roopu Ahi Kaa Strategic Plan, the Komiti may be inclined in the interim to confirm 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

#### **4 Recommendations**

4.1 That the report “Māori community development programme 2016/17” be received.

4.2 That the Komiti agrees to provide \$xx,xxx to Ngati Hauiti (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:

- Provide an opportunity to connect/reconnect whānau to their Turangawaewae (place of belonging through kinship)
- Learn whakapapa, waiata, moteatea, whenua korero pertaining to specific Hapu Tupuna
- Reconnect the next generation through Whānaungatanga, Whakapapa and korero. This gives them the strength to know who they are and where they come from when they go out into the world.
- Create a purpose for our whānau whanui to return home to their Marae and Whenua
- Grow, develop and expand whanau knowledge of ‘Hauititanga

4.3 The Komiti recommends that Council invite iwi to express their interest in taking part in the Māori community development programme from 2017/18 onwards, including an indicative work programme and an indicative amount of funding that may be required to complete the work programme

Denise Servante  
Strategy and Community Planning Manager.

# *Appendix 1*



## Ngāti Hauiti 2017 (Te Maru o Ruahine Trust) Maori Community Development Fund Application

Over the past few years Te Maru o Ruahine Trust with the support of Rangitikei District Council Maori Community Development Fund. Has supported Ngāti Hauiti communications strategy and developed strong communication lines with Ngāti Hauiti whānau and the surrounding communities. As we move forward we have identified that our whānau now want to reconnect and return to their Marae to learn, strengthen and build their hapu connections.

Te Maru o Ruahine Trust is seeking funding to support the following goals and objectives aligned to the strategic plan of Ngāti Hauiti.

- Provide an opportunity to **connect/reconnect** whānau to their Turangawaewae (place of belonging through kinship)
- Learn whakapapa, waiata, moteatea, whenua korero pertaining to specific **Hapu Tupuna**
- **Reconnect** the next generation through Whānaungatanga, Whakapapa and korero. This gives them the **strength** to know who they are and where they come from when they go out into the world.
- Create a **purpose** for our whānau whanui to return home to their Marae and Whenua
- Grow, develop and expand whanau **knowledge** of 'Hauititanga

### Short term vision:

Hold four of the nine hapu noho from July 2017 – June 2018, to assist whānau in building relationships that reconnect themselves to Ngāti whānau whanui. Provide facilitators who know Ngāti Hauiti whakapapa, whenua korero, waiata, moteatea

**Long Term vision:** Whānau will uphold and maintain the mana of Ngati Hauiti through knowing who they are and where they come from as Ngāti Hauiti.

### Participants:

- Descendants from four of the nine hapu of Ngāti Hauiti

### Outcomes:

- Have strong connected whānau who know there whakapapa connections as Ngāti Hauiti Iwi and Hapu members.
- Strengthen, educate and lead our people towards understanding Hauititanga
- Provide four noho to deliver and develop moteatea, waiata and haka
- Develop and create Hapu pages within our website that enables our whānau to access information significant to their hapu
- Register all new Ngati Hauiti members

### Budget:

	Budget	Total
4 x Hapu noho	\$3,500 x 4	\$14,000
Additional website pages	\$1,000	\$ 1,000
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$15,000</b>

# Attachment 6



# Report

**Subject:** Consideration of Separate Māori Wards for the 2018 Representation Review

**To:** Te Roopu Ahi Kaa

**From:** Katrina Gray

**Date:** 31 May 2017

**File:** 3-OR-3-8

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## 1 Background

- 1.1 Council is required to undertake a representation review every six years to determine arrangements for local body elections via:
- The number of electoral subdivisions
  - The boundaries, names and number of members
  - The basis of the election (at large, wards, or a mix)
  - The establishment of community boards.
- 1.2 Council completed its last representation review in 2012, therefore, must complete the next review by 2018. As part of this process Council is able to consider the establishment of Māori wards. They can be established by:
- Local authority resolution
  - The favourable outcome of a poll of electors<sup>1</sup>.
- 1.3 Māori wards establish areas within the District where only those on the Māori electoral roll vote for those people standing as Councillors in those Wards. Māori voters, therefore, would not be able to vote for candidates in the non-Māori wards – e.g. a Māori voter living in Bulls would not be able to vote for a Bulls Ward candidate in addition to a candidate for the Māori ward. The right to elect the Mayor (done on a District-wide basis) is not affected.
- 1.4 During the 2012 representation review Council decided to not establish Māori wards. Te Roopu Ahi Kaa engaged in discussions around whether they would support the establishment of a Māori ward and decided, instead of establishing Māori wards, to review their role with Council with the objective of strengthening relationships between Iwi and the Council.

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<sup>1</sup> The poll may be demanded by electors (5%) or the result of a local authority resolution.

- 1.5 If Council decides to establish Māori wards it must resolve to do so by 23 November 2017 for the wards to apply at the next local body election in 2019.

## **2 Number of Māori Wards**

- 2.1 The Local Electoral Act specifies a formula for the number of Māori wards which could be created. Staff have requested updated information from Statistics New Zealand to inform this calculation. Further information will be provided to the Komiti if this information is received by the meeting date.
- 2.2 Based on the last review, it is likely that there would be availability for either one or two Māori wards. If only one Māori ward could be created the member would need to be elected district-wide. If two Māori wards could be created, Council could decide whether both candidates would be elected district-wide, or if the district was split into two separate Māori wards.
- 2.3 Given the population imbalances between the northern and southern portion of the District, to provide an equal number of voters in each ward, the southern ward would be much smaller than the northern ward. Nevertheless, there is some scope to alter the requirements for Māori wards based on communities of interest/tribal affiliations.
- 2.4 Two maps that were provided as ward boundary options to Te Roopu Ahi Kaa in 2011 are attached as Appendix 1. Option 1 indicates a boundary based on population figures and presents ward populations that are of a similar size. Option 2 has indicative ward boundaries based on communities of interest and tribal boundaries.

## **3 Comment**

- 3.1 A key feature of the current structure is that, while a Komiti member may be appointed to a Council Committee (such as has been done with the Assets/Infrastructure Committee), a Komiti member may not be appointed as a participating member to full Council meetings. This is because the full Council meetings can only include those people elected by the community during the triennial elections. If a Māori ward(s) was established, the successful candidate(s) would be a member of Council. Just as with present Ward councillors, members elected by a Māori ward(s) would be required to take the statutory oath to “faithfully and impartially, and according to the best of my skill and judgment, execute and perform, in the best interests of the Rangitikei District...”<sup>2</sup>
- 3.2 One of the consequences for Council, if it proposed to establish separate Māori wards, is to review the present ward structure and/or the number of Councillors. If the size of Council were unchanged, the number of non-Māori ward Councillors would be 9 rather than the present 11, which would require a reconfiguration of the

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<sup>2</sup> Local Government Act 2002, Schedule 5, clause 14(3).

existing ward structure. To maintain the present ward structure alongside separate Māori wards, there would need to be 14 Councillors (of whom 3 would be Māori representing one, two or three Māori wards).

- 3.3 Council is not required to make a resolution to establish or not to establish separate Māori wards. In that case, there is no opportunity for the public to demand a poll on the matter, unless they initiate it. However, if Council makes a resolution on the matter (whether it is to establish or not to establish Māori wards), it must be publicly advertised along with the right of 5% of voters to demand a poll to revoke the resolution. The results of that poll, if to establish separate Māori wards, would be binding for the 2019 and 2022 elections.<sup>3</sup>
- 3.4 Te Roopu Ahi Kaa was established as a standing committee of Council to provide a forum for Iwi of the District and the Ratana community which could advise Council on matters of concern to them (and comment on Council plans and proposals). Its continuation lies outside the scope of a decision about establishing separate Māori Wards.
- 3.5 To guide discussion, the Komiti is suggested to consider the following questions:
- What would the benefits of a Māori ward(s) be for the District?
  - What would the establishment of a Māori ward(s) mean for the role of Te Roopu Ahi Kaa?
  - If there is the ability for two Māori wards to be established, should they be elected district-wide or separated into two separate wards?
- 3.6 Given the statutory timeframes, the Komiti may wish to postpone a decision until its next meeting (in August) and also request specific additional information to be provided for that.

## **4 Recommendations**

- 4.1 That the report 'Consideration of Separate Māori Wards for the 2019 Elections' to the 13 June 2017 Te Roopu Ahi Kaa meeting be received.

- 4.2 That Te Roopu Ahi Kaa recommends to Council:

EITHER:

That the Council consider establishing a separate Māori ward(s) as part of the 2018 Representation Review on the basis of

**Either** a two-ward structure

**Or** an at-large basis.

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<sup>3</sup> If Council made this resolution after 23 November 2017, the result would not affect the 2019 election, but would impact on the next two triennial elections (i.e. 2022 and 2015).

OR:

That the Council does not implement a separate Māori ward(s) as part of the 2018 Representation Review.

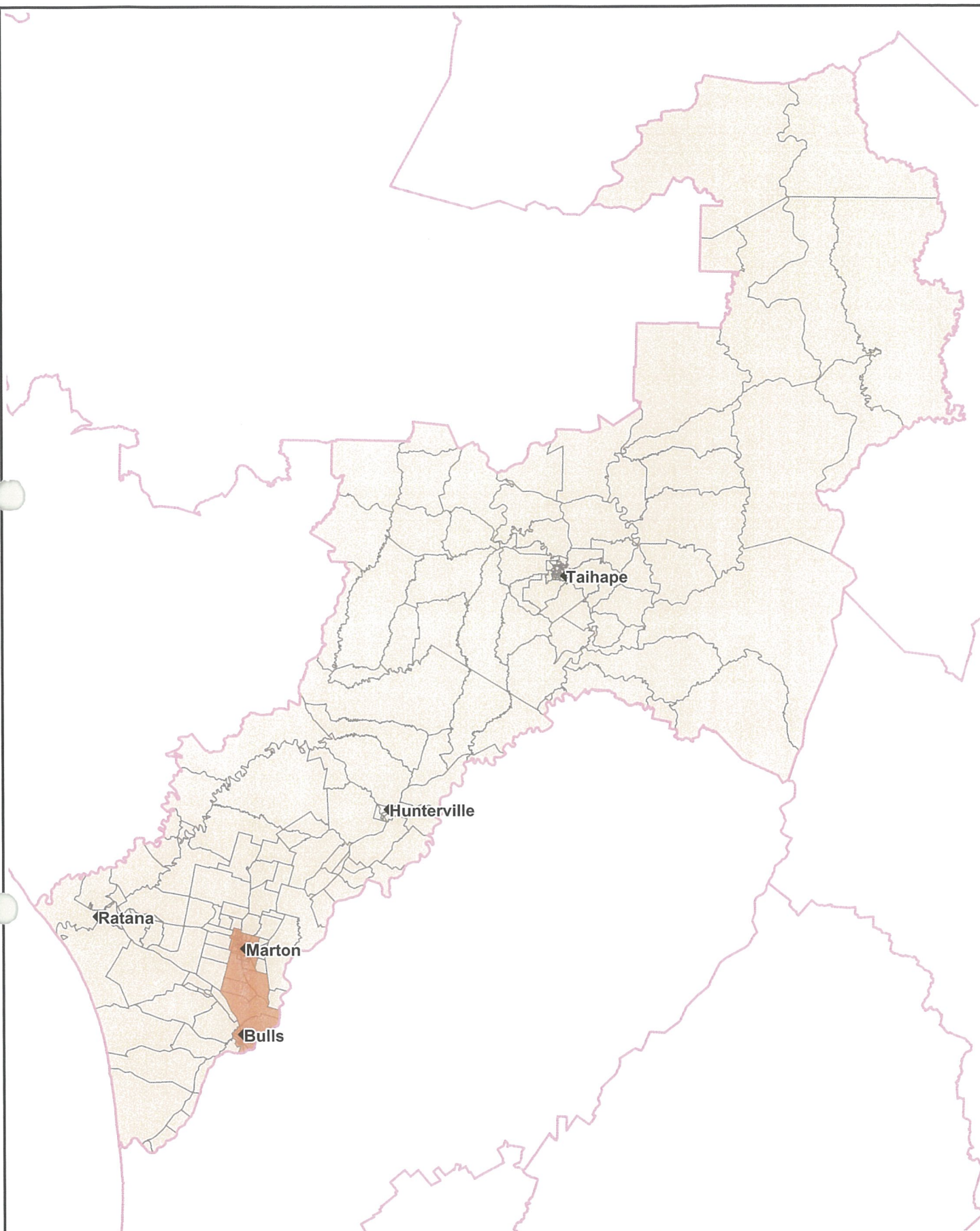
OR:

Postpones a decision on whether to recommend the establishment of a separate Māori ward(s) until its 8 August 2017 meeting, and requests the follow information is provided:

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Katrina Gray  
Senior Policy Analyst/Planner

# *Appendix 1*



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**Option 1**  
**2 Ward Split**  
**Population of 1473 in Marton/Bulls**  
**Area**  
**(+/- 10%)**

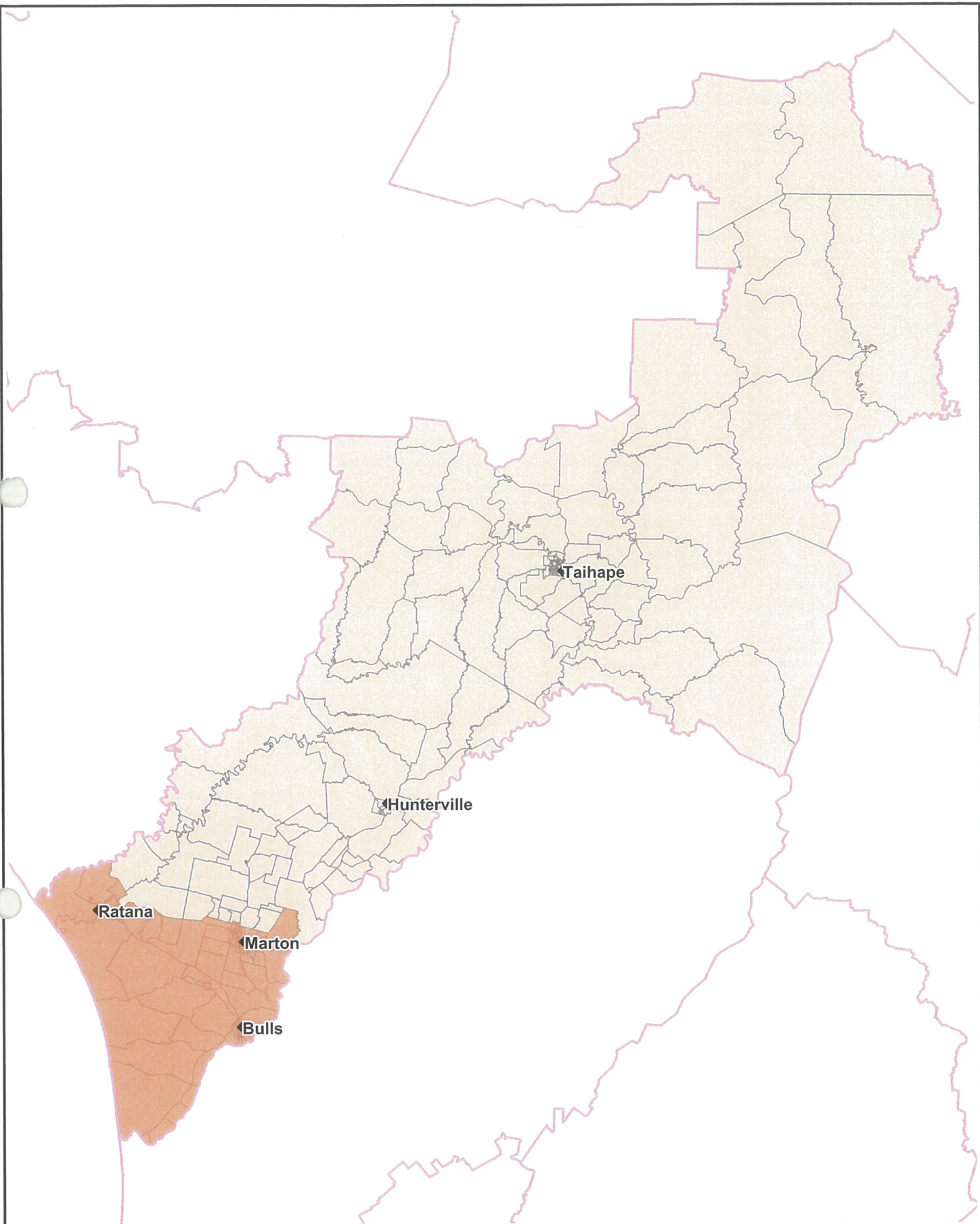
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**Option 2  
2 Ward Split  
Population of 2007 in Southern Ward  
(Communities of Interest)**

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# MEMORANDUM

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TO: Te Roopu Ahi Kaa Komiti

FROM: Denise Servante, Strategy and Community Planning Manager

DATE: 1 June 2017

SUBJECT: **Update on the Path to Well-Being initiative – June 2017**

FILE: 3-CT-8-1

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## **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. It includes some information from the previous update from the April 2017 Komiti order Paper for the meeting that was cancelled.

## **2 Annual Conference**

- 2.1 The major focus for February was on the Path to Well-being conference, The Turning Point. The report from the conference is attached as Appendix 1 and is available from the website at [www.rangitikei.govt.nz](http://www.rangitikei.govt.nz).

## **3 Youth Development Programme**

- 3.1 The Youth Development Programme has been initiated with recruitment and induction and inaugural Advisory Group meetings taking up the first couple of months of this year. Since then the Youth Zones in both Taihape and Marton have established and managed holiday activities during the Easter school break.
- 3.2 In Taihape, the Youth Development Coordinator has used a room at the Taihape Area School set up as a drop in space with various activities available. The programme has been supported by the Healthy Families coordinator in Taihape who ran several programmed activities in addition to those offered through the Council funded role. In addition, a bus trip was done to Palmerston North for a session at Flip City Trampoline Park and Bowlerama.
- 3.3 In Marton, the Youth Development Coordinator has developed a group of high school students who are meeting regularly as a fledgling youth Committee for the southern part of the District. She also secured a small grant from the Marton Christian Welfare to refresh the Youth Zone at the bowling club rooms off Humphrey Street in Centennial Park. This was the focus of activity over the school holiday programmes and the Youth Zone is now very much owned by this group.

3.4 During May, the focus has been updating the Youth Award Scheme for this year and securing Council approval (via Finance/performance) to launch this as part of Youth Week (29 May to 2 June). In addition, activities for Youth Week have been arranged as follows:

- In the Southern Rangitikei, there are plans to create a video with the Southern Youth Committee. This video aims to encourage the public to nominate youth for the upcoming Youth Awards, especially in video format. The video will be distributed to the community via social media. There are also plans to hold a Movie Night on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> June to celebrate Youth Week and the re-opening of the Marton Youth Zone.
- In the Northern Rangitikei, the Taihape Youth Zone will re-open in the Supper Rooms on Thursday 1 June with a drop-in run by YouthLine. An activity is being planned for Friday evening and a programme of after school activities will recommence in the week beginning 5 June.

#### **4 Growing Business Enabler of Accelerate 25**

4.1 The Regional Business Partnership, based at CEDA but funded through MBIE to cover the Horizons region, have developed a proposal that will be presented to Ministers for funding as part of the next stage of the regional growth strategy, Accelerate 25 through the Growing Business Enabler.

4.2 The project will be a pilot to identify 10-12 businesses from within the Horizons region which will benefit from input into their governance processes (either strengthening an existing Board or putting in place a Board structure) from a group of identified experts able to plug skills-shortages in existing/new governance teams. The businesses will also take part in training sessions around governance issues. It is expected that the Lead Team at Te Pae Tawhiti will be approached to ensure good engagement from the Māori businesses sector.

#### **5 Digital Enablement Plan**

5.1 Discussions are well underway with both Chorus and InspireNet to include fibre duct along Broadway between Follett Street and Signal Street as part of the replacement of the water main.

#### **6 Recommendation**

6.1 That the memorandum 'Update on the Path to Well-Being initiative – June 2017' be received.

Denise Servante  
Strategy and Community Planning Manager

# *Appendix 1*

# THE TURNING POINT CONFERENCE

Marton Memorial Hall 10 February 2017



"Every Community that is getting stronger has at its centre an effort to build up a wider circle of people who choose to take action for the common good"

Mike Green, Asset Based Community Development Institute,  
Canada

## OVERVIEW

The 7th Rangitikei Path to Well-being conference was held at Memorial Hall, Marton on Friday the 10 February. The Path to Well-being is Rangitikei District Council's partnership programme and the conferences aim to facilitate community conversations about key issues and provide opportunities for multi-agency collaboration.

This year, the theme was community-led development.

- To provide an opportunity to learn about Asset Based Community Development from experts in the field
- To develop a common agenda/understanding for community-led development in the District

It was attended by 81 community minded individuals, including from a range of organisations. A delegates list is attached.



The conference commenced with an outstanding cultural performance from the Samoan Methodist Church Youth Group. Another highlight of the day was having Robbie Magasiva as MC. Robbie is a Samoan New Zealand actor who has appeared on television and theatre, was the co-presenter of New Zealand's Tagata Pasifika and a member of the Naked Samoans comedy troupe. He is known for his role on Shortland Street as Dr. Maxwell Avia and as Will Jackson on the prison drama series Wentworth.

### WELCOME DEPUTY MAYOR, NIGEL BELSHAM

Councillor Belsham welcomed delegates to the conference. He acknowledged the experts who were sharing their insights to support the discussions and thanked all delegates who have taken time out of busy lives to strengthen the relationships and networks which already exist within the District.

Particularly, he welcomed the members of the newest community, from Samoa, who are making the Rangitikei their home – he looked forward to hearing their stories to nurture the District's journey from a bicultural past into a multi-cultural future.

**In every community something works. Instead of asking 'What's wrong, and how to fix it', ask, 'What's worked, and how do we get more of it?' It generates hope, energy and creativity. (Peter Kenyon)**



## KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

### ZIZI CHARIDA AND ERENA MIKAERE-MOST

Zizi Charida is the founder and director of Community Minds in Sydney Australia. Community Minds is a not for profit organisation founded in 2014, with the aim of developing community based initiatives that are sustainable and bring to life the aspirations and assets of communities.

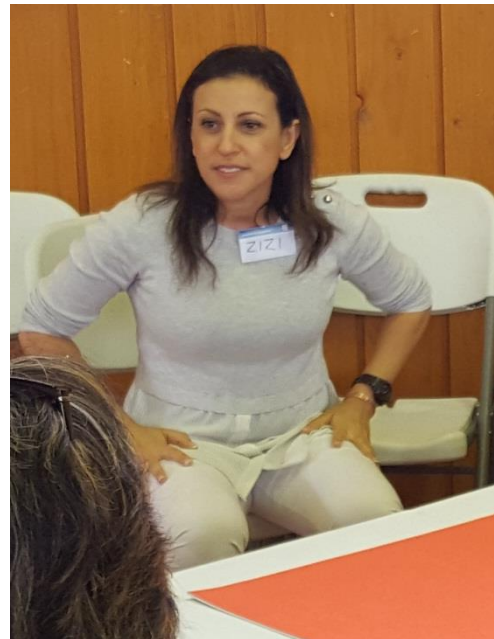
Erena is the manager for Ruapehu Whanau Transformation Project Implementation and has a background in strategy development.

Both speakers gave an overview of their experience of Asset Based Community Development.

In her keynote speech, Zizi focussed on an inherent drive to be 'community minded', with a need to feel connected to others. This sense of connectivity can be lost – the sense of 'we' being overwhelmed with the sense of 'me'. Zizi and her organisation aim to remind people that they have the power to create the communities they want.

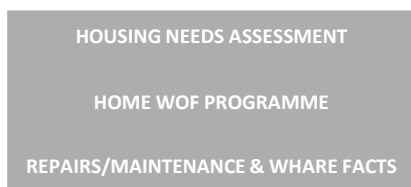
Asset Based Community Driven Efforts (ABCDE) is a guiding principle applied to the programs at Community Minds. This involves a shift in thinking from needs and deficiencies to assets and capacities and involves mapping and celebrating these assets in order to best harness them.

Zizi also highlighted the importance of community intelligence and community minded thinking in young people and children at a young age, in order to help create a 'we' society as opposed to a 'me' one, and we ought to steer young people away from promoting individualism, modelling privilege and excusing responsibility.



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In her keynote speech, Erena highlighted the key features of the project which was developed to address the realities that were facing the Ohakune/Raetihi area: low incomes, poor housing and poor employment prospects.

Overcoming and altering these confronting statistics was the centre of the Ruapehu Whanau Transformation Project, and it was tackled with a bottom up, solution focussed plan. Opportunities were identified in the focus areas of education, employment and housing, and then specific projects implemented to harness these opportunities.

## LEARNINGS

The six key assets are locked within communities

- Individuals – everyone has gifts of the head (what we know), the heart (what we feel passionate about) and the hand (what we can do) to contribute
- Power of association - who do I know who can help with that?
- Institutions - what resources can we call on from local institutions to help us?
- Land/ physical assets
- Exchange/trading/sharing - what is the local economy and how do local communities do business?
- Stories– what stories do we tell that define who we are, and can show us how we can do things?



ABCD is the process of making these assets visible and connecting them. Successful ABCD practice:

- Is sustainable and brings to life the aspirations and assets of communities
- Reminds people that they have the power to create the communities they want
- focusses on bottom up transformation rather than top down.
- shifts thinking from needs and deficiencies to assets and capacities
- involves mapping and celebrating these assets in order to best harness them

### Asset Based Community Development (ABCD) Framework

- Shifting the development mindset from-
  - needs and deficiencies to assets and capacities
  - from consumer, customer and client to co-producer, co-owner and citizen
- Discovering, mapping, connecting and celebrating the diverse range of community assets, and harnessing the connected assets for action that strengthens caring and inclusive communities.



## WORKSHOPS

### Zizi Charida- *Shared Local Visions / Goals to Drive Action and Change*

Zizi's workshop outlined Appreciative Inquiry: a way of approaching visioning to find the powerful question for the relevant phase of a project. Instead of a deficit based approach (asking questions such as "what are the problems?" Or "what needs to be fixed?"), Appreciative Inquiry instead asks open ended questions that provoke positive, imaginative thoughts to find out what is working well.

Examples of powerful questions are:

- What was great about being a kid in your community?
- What has allowed you to be part of your community?
- What do you value most?
- When do you feel most connected?

### LEARNINGS



The four phases of ABCD project planning for Appreciative Inquiry:

**Discovery:** finding out the best about what already is

**Dream:** imagining how you see the community in the future

**Design:** planning and prioritising processes that would work well and involving key stakeholders

**Destiny:** implementation or execution of the proposed design



Source: Cooperrider et.al



### **Erena Mikaere-Most - *Adaptable planning information and action informed by outcomes***

As Erena specialises in strategy development, her workshop focussed on teaching participants a simple planning tool to maximise the impact of their projects. This planning tool consisted of three key questions, asking ‘what are we doing?’, ‘why are we doing it?’ and ‘what impact do we want to achieve? For those planning community based projects, the final question is of particular importance because it gets people thinking about the effects, both immediate and lasting that they want to see as a direct result of what they are doing.

### **LEARNINGS**

*“I found this useful as in an example like this there are many hurdles to overcome and funding will be an obvious one. By including detailed ‘community impact effects’ in your initial planning it helps to justify and sell your plan. So now instead of saying to people ‘I want to build a mountain bike track’ - I can now say ‘I want to build a mountain bike track and these are the positive effects it will directly have on you and our community’”*



**“Education is the powerhouse of modern societies.**

**To prosper, grow and innovate, New Zealand needs highly-skilled people — people with increasingly sophisticated skills and digital competencies.”**

**21<sup>st</sup> Century Learning Reference Group**

**Future Focused Learning in Connected Communities Report, May 2014**

## Bronwyn Meads – Using Existing Strengths and Assets



In her workshop, Bronwyn encouraged workshop participants to take an assets based approach when reflecting on their communities.

The closure of Turakina Maori Girls School was used as an example in the asset mapping exercise – although the school has closed down, the building and property are very much still an asset to the community, and this is a space that can be used for a multitude of things. Bronwyn encouraged her workshop participants to brainstorm ideas about what the space could be used for and they came up with ideas ranging from a training space for trade to a conference venue. Bronwyn iterated that after assets are mapped and recognised, it is crucial that the community makes the most of and drive the uptake of these assets, so that they can see the benefits of their use.

### LEARNINGS

Rather than focus on what is wrong, focus on what is strong in the community, and what positive things we have within arms' reach.

Use Asset Mapping to identify all of the six asset types that are available to the community



**'We are motivated by what we don't have, to use what we do have, to get what we want'.**

**(Rev Dr Moses Coody)**

## Professor James Liu – *Building Diverse and Collaborative Leadership*



James Liu is Head of School of Psychology at Massey University, Auckland. His research is in cross-cultural, social and political psychology, specializing in social representations of history and their relationship to identity, prejudice, and international relations.

In his workshop, James focussed on the importance of finding common ground, and communicated this through a three pronged approach – knowing yourself, breaking through stereotypes and building social capital.

‘Knowing yourself’ is a process of understanding the individual and collective elements of personal identity. “Breaking through stereotypes” identified the shared knowledge embedded across society to create stereotypes that we all buy into. The final segment of the workshop had a focus on building social capital, social capital can be described as “the collective value of all social networks and the inclinations that arise from these networks to do things for each other”. Social capital can be measured and mapped and grown through conscious effort.



### LEARNINGS

*“Putting citizens at the centre of community life... and the urgent need for us to practice **RADICAL** inclusion in which we must welcome the stranger at the edge from within our communities and from outside our communities.*

- **Asset-focussed**
- **Citizen-centric**
- **Place-based**
- **Relationship-orientated**

*“Simply being nice to people who talk like us, think like us and look like us is not sufficient, in fact to do that is to live an entrenched and impoverished life.” Cormac Russell, Nurture Development, Ireland*



## Andrew Tripe – *Many People and Groups Working Together*

In his workshop, Andrew demonstrated the ‘Aspirational Alignment Model’ he developed for changing culture in workplaces – this is the focus of his consulting company Same Page Group which exists to align an organisation’s people, culture and strategy.

This model focused on the back and forth relationship between the why (purpose), who (customer), where (vision), what (strategy), how (values and behaviours) and the which (capabilities and competencies).

The workshop demonstrated the importance of having a common goal but also the importance of having a common strategy to get there.



## LEARNINGS

Andrew is implementing a regional project, Healthy Communities, which aims to better align the strategies of local agencies to develop ‘single more unified, integrated and co-ordinated approach’. Andrew asked the participants what, if this was achieved they would see in their community – to imagine what it would be like and provide some examples. Then to identify the big ‘rocks’ that they would have to be overcome. These workshops will contribute to this project - a report will be circulated in due course.

## EVALUATION

	Great	Good	OK	Poor	Very Poor	No Comment
Overall how well do you think the day went?	47%	37%	10%			7%
How would you rate the pre-conference organisation?	37%	43%	17%			3%
Overall how would you rate the venue?	17%	20%	30%	20%	13%	
How would you rate the food and refreshments?	83%	10%	7%			
Presentations	43%	18%	13%	5%	3%	17%
Workshop session 1 (morning)	67%	13%	13%			7%
Workshop session 2 (morning)	57%	20%	13%		3%	7%
Workshop session 3 (afternoon)	53%	13%	10%			23%

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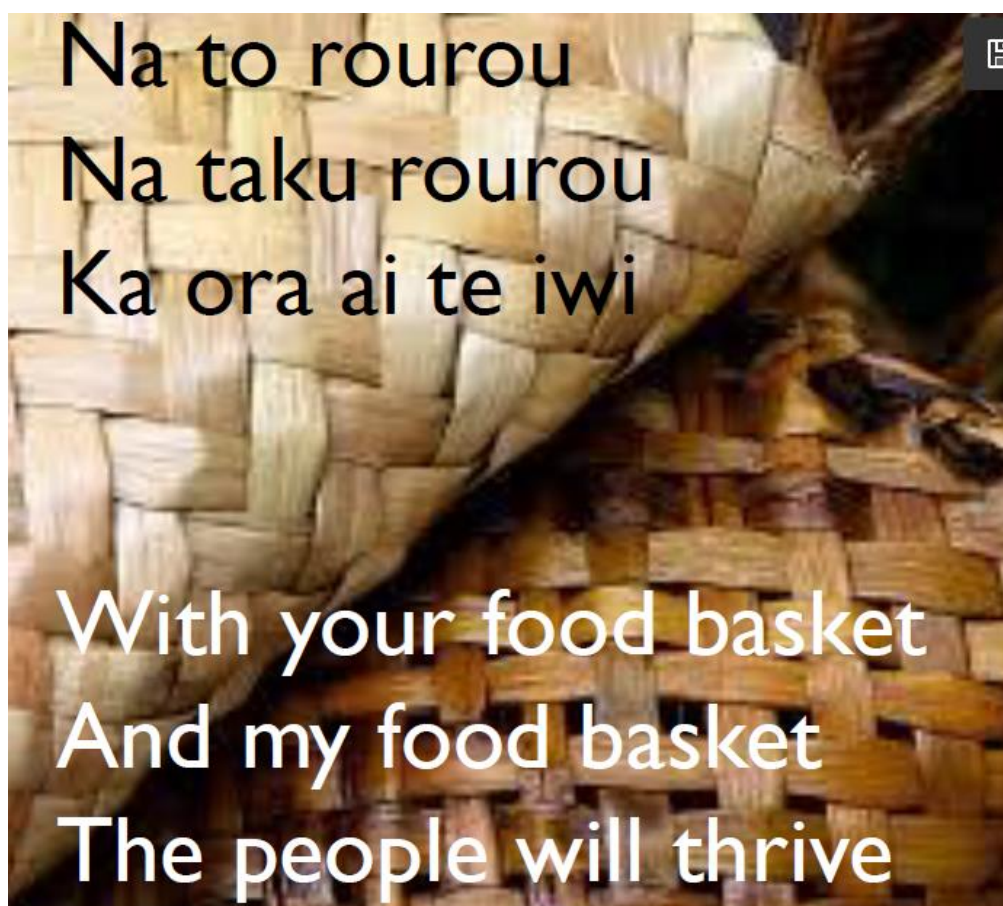
The Samoan Methodist Church in Marton for the entertainment and the catering and to Farani Vaa, Methodist Minister, for facilitating this engagement

Our fabulous MC, Robbie Magasiva – star of stage and screen

Our speakers and workshop facilitators

- Andrew Tripe
- Bronwyn Meads
- Erena Mikaere-Most
- James Liu
- Zizi Charida

**The deficit approach or 'charitable' model promotes reliance on services and keep 'clients' in a state of dependency, constantly seeking 'help'.**



And to our delegates:

Alison Rudzki	Ruahine Kindergarten Association
Amanda-Jane	
Andrew Shand	Rotary
Angela Coleman	Marton ICT Hub
Angus Gordon	Councillor, Rangitikei District Council
Annabel Sidey	Bulls & District Community Trust/Bulls Community Committee
Bruce Gordon	Horizons Regional Council
Carolyn Bates	Marton Community Committee
Cassandra Reid	Ngati Rangi
Cath Ash	Councillor, Rangitikei District Council
Chris Jurgens	
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Gayna Ryan	Jigsaw Whanganui
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Jo Rangooni	
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Judith Tanlyn	Red Cross
Judy McConachy	Counselling Centre
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Karney Herewini	Whanganui DHB
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Maria Potaka	Public Health - Whanganui DHB
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Mollie Farrand	Community Member
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Ross McNeil	Rangitikei District Council
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Sharon New Zealand	Planet Replant
Sue Stuart	ACC
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Terry Stillman	Community Images
Tony Booker	Rangitikei College
Troy Brown	Te Oranganui
Wendy	New Zealand Police

# Attachment 8





# Memorandum

**To:** Te Roopu Ahi Kaa  
Turakina Community Committee  
Marton Community Committee  
Bulls Community Committee  
Hunterville Community Committee  
Taihape Community Board  
Ratana Community Board

**From:** Ellen Webb-Moore

**Date:** 30 May 2017

**Subject:** **Proposed Revocation of Fire Prevention Bylaw and section 6.3 of the Public Places Bylaw 2013**

**File:** 1-DB-1-12

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## **1 Introduction**

- 1.1 As at 1 July 2017 Fire and Emergency New Zealand (FENZ) will be established, replacing Fire Service NZ and the National Rural Fire Authority. This means that Rangitikei District Council will cease to be a rural fire authority under the Forest and Rural Fires Act 1977.
- 1.2 Accordingly, Council will no longer have authority over fire related matters. The Fire Prevention Bylaw 2014 and section 6.3 of the Public Places Bylaw will need to be revoked, as the new legislation will render them redundant.
- 1.3 Council will (from 1 July 2017) no longer issue fire permits, declare fire seasons or control the lighting of fires in the open air. However, Council will retain control over removing fire hazards (long grass) until 1 July 2018.
- 1.4 Copies of the bylaws with the proposed changes (tracked) are attached as Appendix 1 and Appendix 2.

## **2 Comment**

- 2.1 There is provision in the FENZ Act to allow the revocation of these provisions with a publicly notified resolution of Council (without the need for consultation). However, this requires consultation with FENZ and FENZ is not established until 1 July 2017.
- 2.2 Therefore, Council has decided to deal with this matter in a timely way and to publicise the upcoming change in Council responsibilities. Council approved the proposed revocation for public consultation at its 25 May 2017 meeting.

- 2.3 The consultation period is open until **12 noon 16 June 2017**.
- 2.4 Submissions (including oral submissions) will be considered at Council's meeting on 29 June 2017.

### **3 Recommendation**

- 3.1 That the memorandum 'Proposed Revocation of Fire Prevention Bylaw and section 6.3 of the Public Places Bylaw 2013' be received.

Ellen Webb-Moore  
Policy Analyst

# *Appendix 1*

# ~~RANGITIKEI DISTRICT COUNCIL~~

## ~~FIRE PREVENTION BYLAW 2014~~

### ~~1 — TITLE~~

~~The title of this bylaw is the Rangitikei District Council Fire Prevention Bylaw 2014.~~

### ~~2 — SCOPE~~

~~This bylaw is made under the authority of section 145 of the Local Government Act 2002. The purpose of Part 1 of this bylaw is to prevent the spread of fire within Rangitikei's urban Fire Districts in support of the Forest and Rural Fires Act 1977. The purpose of Part 2 of this bylaw is to prevent nuisance and harm from fire within all parts of the Rangitikei not zoned Rural in the operative District Plan.~~

### ~~3 — COMMENCEMENT~~

~~This bylaw comes into force on 12 February 2014.~~

### ~~4 — INTERPRETATION~~

~~In this bylaw unless the context otherwise requires:~~

~~OFFICER means any Council Officer, Police Officer or Fire Officer acting under delegated authority of the Chief Fire Officer of a District.~~

~~THE COUNCIL means the Rangitikei District Council.~~

~~THIS BYLAW means the Rangitikei District Council Fire Prevention Bylaw 2014.~~

~~APPROVED means approved by the Rangitikei District Council.~~

~~BARBECUE means any fixed solid fuel equipment, or fixed or portable gas equipment, for the cooking of food.~~

~~FIRE DISTRICT means a Fire District declared or constituted under Section 26 of the Fire Service Act 1975.~~

~~FIRE BRIGADE means a fire brigade as defined in Section 2 of the Fire Service Act 1975.~~

~~FIRE OFFICER means any authorised officer of the Rangitikei District Council or the Chief Fire Officer of a District, or the Deputy Chief Fire Officer, or, in the absence of both of them, the person for the time being in charge of the fire brigade.~~

~~OCCUPIER means in relation to any premises, the owner and includes any tenant, agent, manager, foreperson or other person apparently acting in the general management or control of the premises.~~

~~OPEN AIR means, in relation to fires, any fire other than within:~~

- ~~a) A fireplace or~~
- ~~b) Any incinerator operated by or with the written approval of a Fire Officer having jurisdiction to issue permits to light fires within the district; or~~
- ~~c) Any barbecue;~~
- ~~d) d) Such other receptacle or place as may from time to time be authorised by the Fire Authority for the relevant District.~~

~~OPEN FIRE SEASON means a period of time whether of fixed or indefinite duration during which period the lighting of fires is neither prohibited nor restricted under section 22 of the Forest and Rural Fires Act 1977.~~

~~PERMIT in relation to the lighting of fires, means a fire control measure in accordance with which a person may light such fires without committing an offence against this Bylaw.~~

~~PREMISES means both land and building and any part thereof.~~

~~PROHIBITED FIRE SEASON means a period of time, whether of fixed or indefinite duration, specified pursuant to section 22 of the Forest and Rural Fires Act 1977 during which period the lighting of fires is prohibited.~~

~~RESTRICTED FIRE SEASON means a period of time, whether of fixed or indefinite duration, specified pursuant to section 22 of the Forest and Rural Fires Act 1977, during which period permits are required for the lighting of fires in the open air.~~

~~TERRITORIAL AUTHORITY means the Rangitikei District Council within the meaning of the Local Government Act 2002.~~

~~VEGETATION includes—~~

- ~~a) All plants and the produce thereof, live or dead, standing, fallen, windblown, cut, broken, pulverised, sawn, or harvested, natural or disturbed in use or as waste, rubbish, refuse or debris, stump, stubble or otherwise; and~~
- ~~b) fossil fuel exposed at or lying within 20 metres of the surface of any land; and~~
- ~~c) peat in any form;~~
- ~~d) but does not include wood forming part of a structure or otherwise in processed form.~~

## **Part 1**

### **~~5 FIRES WITHIN URBAN FIRE DISTRICTS~~**

- ~~5.1 Fires are permitted provided the provisions of Part 2 are met during an Open Fire Season.~~
- ~~5.2 During a Restricted Fire Season, specified pursuant to section 22 of the Forest and Rural Fires Act 1977, no person shall make or light or allow to remain alight any fire in the open air unless a fire permit has been obtained from the Council.~~
- ~~5.3 During a Prohibited Fire Season, specified pursuant to section 22 of the Forest and Rural Fires Act 1977, no person shall make or light or allow to remain alight any fire (excluding barbecues) unless a special fire permit has been obtained from the Council.~~
- ~~5.4 Where restricted or prohibited fire seasons (under 5.2 or 5.3 above) applies to part of the District, it will also apply to the urban areas within or adjoining the affected rural areas.~~

## **Part 2**

### **~~6 PREVENTION OF NUISANCE AND HARM FROM FIRE WITHIN AREAS ZONED OTHER THAN RURAL IN THE OPERATIVE DISTRICT PLAN~~**

- ~~6.1 No fire shall be lit unless it is kept at least 3m from any building or boundary or combustible material.~~
- ~~6.2 No fire shall be lit or allowed to burn unless it is done so in a manner that people and property are reasonably protected from fire or the effects of fire.~~
- ~~6.3 Guidance note: The burning of wet vegetation is to be avoided to prevent smoke nuisance. Rule 14-7 Horizons One Plan prohibits the burning of: painted or treated timber, plastics, rubber, plastics car parts etc. Please ensure compliance.~~
- ~~6.4 No fire shall be lit or allowed to burn unless it is done so between the hours of sunrise and sunset~~
- ~~6.5 No fire shall be lit unless there is adequate means to extinguish the fire immediately to hand e.g. fire extinguisher, hose line, etc.~~
- ~~6.6 No person shall light any fire on or near any refuse transfer station, closed landfill or recycling station.~~

## ~~7~~ **FIRE PERMITS**

~~7.1~~ Applications for a fire permit shall be made to the **Council** on the prescribed form.

~~7.2~~ **Council** may approve, not approve, or approve with conditions, any fire permit.

~~7.3~~ In considering an application the Council shall have regard to:

- ~~a)~~ The fire season.
- ~~b)~~ Weather conditions.
- ~~c)~~ The time during which a fire may be lit and its duration.
- ~~d)~~ The nature of the material intended to be burnt.
- ~~e)~~ Potential effects to neighbouring property.
- ~~f)~~ Compliance with Council's rural fire plan.

## ~~8~~ **STORAGE OF GOODS LIKELY TO CONSTITUTE A FIRE HAZARD**

~~8.1~~ Where the outdoor storage of **goods**, rubbish, waste material, or other combustible material is likely to constitute or create a fire hazard the **Council** may require the **occupier** to take such steps as the Council thinks fit to eliminate or reduce the risk of fire.

## ~~9~~ **GENERAL EXEMPTIONS**

~~9.1~~ Exemptions in this bylaw shall be the same as those permitted by Councils' Rural Fire Plan.

~~9.2~~ Lighting fires specifically for cooking purposes within an urban area is exempt provided the fire is attended at all times and Clauses 6.1 and 6.2 are met. No such fires shall be lit without Council's approval during any prohibited fire season (excluding barbecues).

## ~~10~~ **ENFORCEMENT**

~~10.1~~ The **Council** may approve, amend, or revoke a fire permit with any such conditions as it sees fit to meet the purpose of this bylaw.

~~10.2~~ Any **Council Officer** or **Chief Fire Officer** of the **New Zealand Fire Service** may at any time when this bylaw has not been complied with, or at any time when the purpose of this bylaw is not being met, take action to extinguish a fire. This action may be taken whether or not a permit was required or has been issued.

~~10.3~~ The Council may recover costs following any enforcement action to extinguish any fire contravening this bylaw.

## ~~11 — PENALTY FOR BREACH OF BYLAW~~

~~11.1 If, in the opinion of the Council, the breach of the bylaw poses or is likely to pose a significant risk to public health or safety, or has caused, is causing, or is likely to cause significant damage to public property, then the Council may seek to prosecute the person responsible for breaching the bylaw.~~

~~11.2 The maximum penalty for breaching a bylaw is \$20,000, pursuant to section 242 (4) of the Local Government Act 2002.~~

## ~~12 — DATE BYLAW MADE~~

~~12.1 This Bylaw was adopted by the Rangitikei District Council on the 30 January 2014~~



# FIRE PERMIT



## Permit Holder Details

FULL NAME \_\_\_\_\_

Physical Address \_\_\_\_\_

Postal Address \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ Mobile \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

I am authorised to light a fire in the open air pursuant to Section 23 of the Forest and Rural Fires Act 1977, to the subject to compliance with the conditions and particulars of this permit.

Location \_\_\_\_\_  
(Give road, street address, map or grid reference, etc.)

Property Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Material: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Describe material to be burnt, location on property and area)

Period valid commencing: \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ (inclusive)

Time valid commencing: \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ (inclusive)

General Details:

## PERMIT CONDITIONS: (delete as appropriate)

- ☐ Create a minimum \_\_\_\_\_ metre fire break completely around the material to be burnt to ensure adequate containment of the fire and to safeguard against the risk of the fire spreading.
- ☐ Open air fires must be a minimum of three metres from buildings, the boundary and combustible material.
- ☐ Incinerator fires must be a minimum of three metres from buildings, the boundary and combustible material.
- ☐ Do not light fires in windy conditions. Obtain a weather forecast and check conditions for the duration of the fire prior to lighting.
- ☐ Ensure you are equipped to extinguish the fire should it get out of control (e.g. water, hose, dirt, sprayer, digger, etc.)
- ☐ Maintain adequate supervision of the fire and inspect the area to ensure the fire is completely extinguished before leaving.
- ☐ Do not create a smoke nuisance for people or a visibility hazard for road, rail or air traffic.
- ☐ Contact immediate neighbours prior to lighting the fire.
- ☐ Notify the New Zealand Fire Service Communications Centre (04-801 0812) just prior to lighting the fire.
- ☐ Notify the relevant authority just prior to lighting the fire if the fire will be near gas reticulation, fuel storage facilities, telephone cables or power transmission lines.
- ☐ Burn between sunrise and sunset.
- ☐ Notify Horizons Regional Council (0508 446 749) if the material being burnt is other than vegetation.

I understand the conditions of this permit and have read the *Information Notes for Permit Holders*

Permit Holder \_\_\_\_\_ Authorising Fire Officer \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

## Information Notes for Permit Holders

# THIS PERMIT IS REVOCABLE UPON NOTICE AT ANY TIME WITHOUT PRIOR WARNING

<b><del>"Agents"</del></b>	<del>Delegation to another person to act on behalf of the permit holder at a fire does not absolve any legal liability should any damage occur during the period of their absence.</del>
<b><del>"Clean Air"</del></b>	<del>This Permit does not constitute a resource consent to discharge smoke into the atmosphere or absolve any further obligations under Section 15 of the Resource Management Act 1991, as may be required by Horizons Regional Council.</del>
<b><del>"Escape"</del></b>	<del>If the fire escapes, and if it is safe to do so, try to extinguish it. <u>Telephone 111 urgently.</u></del>
<b><del>"Extreme Fire Danger"</del></b>	<del>FIRE PERMITS ARE SUSPENDED by fire bans, or orders prohibiting all open air fires. During periods of extreme fire danger check with the Rangitikei District Council. If fire is essential for emergency purposes (e.g. destroying diseased or dead stock, or combating the likely spread of introduced organisms) seek a "special fire permit" from the Rangitikei District Council.</del>
<b><del>"Insurance"</del></b>	<del>This permit is not a legal defense against claims for damage or fire fighting costs caused by the fire. Permit holders are advised to have adequate fire insurance to cover any misadventures.</del>
<b><del>"Joint Permits"</del></b>	<del>Further fire permits may be required from the Department of Conservation, other Fire Authorities, or neighbouring Territorial Authorities if the fire is close to territory under their jurisdiction.</del>
<b><del>"Landholder"</del></b>	<del>Separate consent by the landholder may be needed.</del>
<b><del>"Offences"</del></b>	<del>It is an offence to light an open air fire (other than during an open fire season), without the appropriate permit, or to break permit conditions, or to let a fire spread to and damage a State Area, forest area, or specially protected reserve area, or any other rural area, or to leave the fire unprotected against such spread.</del>
<b><del>"Open Air"</del></b>	<del>In relation to fires, means not in a fireplace, incinerator, gas fuelled barbecue, or other place approved in each case.</del>
<b><del>"Prescribed Burning Plan"</del></b>	<del>Land clearing fires may require a written plan detailing topography hazard contingencies, firebreaks, safety equipment, ignition points, escape routes and operational procedures, etc.</del>
<b><del>"Showing Permit"</del></b>	<del>Please produce this permit if required by a member of the NZ Police, NZ Fire Service or Fire Authority or any enforcement officer of either the Rangitikei District Council or Horizons Regional Council.</del>
<b><del>"Camping etc."</del></b>	<del>If camping or cooking, or needing comfort or warmth, keep the fire at least 3 metres clear of any tree, log, stump, or dry vegetation. Remove all combustible materials within 3 metres of the fire site.</del>

## *Appendix 2*

- (a) Place, leave or permit any object or thing, including without limitation any vehicle, packing case, crate, basket, cask, barrel, package or other encumbrance which creates or is likely to create a nuisance;
- (b) Permit or cause the drippings of eaves or other projections of any building to fall in a manner likely to cause a nuisance;
- (c) Throw or in any way deposit any offensive matter including without limitation dead animals or parts thereof and animal waste, allow to remain on any public place the carcass of any animal owned him or her, or in his or her charge or keeping;
- (d) Set off any fireworks or explosive material or allow the setting off of fireworks or explosive matter in a manner which creates or is likely to create a nuisance to users of any public place;
- (e) Place or leave litter or any materials or thing or substance which are likely to be hazardous or injurious to any person, or likely to create a nuisance;
- (f) Deposit in or around a public litter receptacle any household or trade refuse;
- (g) Interfere with any refuse which is awaiting collection by an authorised collector;
- (h) Drive any vehicle except on a formed road, or drive in a manner that is dangerous or inconsiderate to pedestrians or other vehicles in a public place;
- (i) Leave any work, hole or excavation in a public place in a manner that could be a danger to anyone entering or using that public place;
- (j) Solicit any subscription, collection or donation, preach or undertake any busking;
- (k) Distribute any printed or written material advertising any product, service or entertainment;
- (l) Fly from or land any aeroplane including model aeroplanes, a hot air balloon or hang glider, parachutes or similar, except in an emergency;
- (m) Consume, inject or inhale any mind-altering substances or offer or sell such substances to any person;
- (n) Conduct any activity, including the playing of any game recklessly or in a manner which may intimidate, be dangerous or injurious or cause a nuisance to persons in the public place, or damage the public place;
- (o) Erect or place any structure on, over or under the public place except in compliance with any other Part of this bylaw.
- (p) Fail to keep in good repair any rail, gate, fence, or cover over or about any area or entrance or lighting place to any cellar, or other place opening into or upon or near any public place, or keep open for more than a reasonable time, for taking in or out any articles, any entrance to any such area, cellar, or other place, or omit to protect such entrance when open for use.

6.2 Where any fence, wall, retaining wall or land adjacent to a public place is in a condition or state of disrepair which in the opinion of an authorised officer could cause damage or injury to persons passing, the authorised officer may give notice requiring the owner or occupier to repair or remove the fence, wall or retaining wall, or make the land safe.

~~6.3 Notwithstanding the requirements of any other clause of this Part of the bylaw a person shall not in any public place:~~

~~(a) Light any fire except at fireplaces specially provided, or in an appliance designed for outdoor cooking, subject to any restriction imposed by the Council on the lighting of fires;~~

## **7. OBSTRUCTING PUBLIC PLACES**

7.1 A person shall not:

- (a) Obstruct the entrances to or exits from a public place;
- (b) Place or leave any material or thing, including signage, on a public place that could obstruct the public from right of passage, without the permission of an authorised officer and then only in accordance with such conditions as may be imposed;
- (c) Allow any gate or door on property abutting a public place, to swing over or across the public place or any part thereof;
- (d) Carry out any work on any motor vehicle in a public place, except in the case of any accident or emergency when repairs are necessary to allow the vehicle to be removed.

## **8. DAMAGE TO PUBLIC PLACES**

8.1 Except with the permission of the Council or an authorised officer a person shall not in any public place:

- (a) Damage, interfere with, destroy or remove any grass plot, flower bed, tree, shrub or plant or any inscription or label relating to it;
- (b) Pollute, damage, deface or disfigure, apply graffiti, posters or advertising devices to, or interfere with any ornament, statue, building, structure, or facilities;  
Nothing in this sub-clause shall prevent the Council from supplying or approving the installation of display boards in any public place for the purpose of allowing posters to be displayed announcing forthcoming functions or events;
- (c) Cause or permit to be done any act whatsoever by which damage is caused to any public place, or any work or thing in, on, over or under the public place;
- (d) Damage or interfere with any natural feature, animal, or plant;
- (e) Use any vehicle or be in control of any animal so that it damages any part of a public place;
- (f) Drive or park any vehicle in a public place except in an area set aside for the driving or parking of vehicles;
- (g) Remove any sand, soil or other naturally occurring material found in a public place;
- (h) Open any drain or sewer on, or disturb or remove the surface of, any public place.

8.2 Any person carrying out authorised works on a public place shall provide reinstatement of the works to a standard approved by an authorised officer

# Attachment 9

# Report

**Subject:** Rangitikei Youth Awards Scheme 2017

**To:** Te Roopu Ahi Kaa

**From:** Denise Servante, Strategy and Community Planning Manager

**Date:** 30 May 2017

**File:** 4-EN-12-7

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## 1 Background

- 1.1 Council's Economic Development and District Promotion Activity Management Plan was developed during the preparation of the 2015-25 Long-Term Plan. One of the three key indicators to increase the proportion of young people living in the District being schooled locally.
- 1.2 The activity management plan identified five Key Result Areas (KRA), particularly:  
*KRA2: Growth and development of the identified sectors, specifically primary production, education and Maori economic development*
- 1.3 Five areas of focus were identified which contributed to one or more of the KRAs. In the specific area of "Sector development focussing on the education sector", Council included its existing activity to provide scholarships to the local state high schools and suggested that two further youth scholarships be considered.
- 1.4 The original purpose of these scholarships was to support the Board of Trustees to promote Rangitikei College as the school of first choice for the southern Rangitikei. This was later extended to provide the same scholarships for the Taihape Area School. This approach was confirmed by Council in October 2015<sup>1</sup>.
- 1.5 In February 2016, the Finance Performance Committee agreed to use the additional two youth scholarships to develop a Youth Awards Scheme for rewarding excellence by the District's young people. In 2016 the Scheme closely followed the national Youth Awards criteria and processes.
- 1.6 At its meeting on 25 May 2017, the Finance/Performance Committee confirmed the criteria and process for the Rangitikei Youth Awards Scheme 2017. Changes were made in response to learnings from last year:

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<sup>1</sup> 15/RDC/273

- Nominees do not need to live in the District but the work for which they are being nominated must take place in the District
- Nominations will be accepted using interactive media as well as paper nominations
- The wording on the nomination form has been changed to clarify that supporting documentation cannot exceed 10 pages rather than must be 10 pages.

1.7 In addition, the Awards Ceremony will be youth event rather than tacked on to a Council meeting.

1.8 This report provides Te Roopu Ahi Kaa and the Community Committees and Community Boards with information about the scheme and requests that the scheme is publicised through local and iwi networks. In addition, the Komiti is asked to nominate a representative to be on the judging panel.

## 2 Youth Awards 2017

2.1 It is proposed that Rangitikei District Council again invites nominations to celebrate the achievements of the amazing young people within our district with the Rangitikei Youth Awards 2017, and that this again mirrors the National Youth Awards scheme on the theme *"Our Voices Count; Count Our Voices"*.

Categories of Award	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Change Maker Award (LGBTI, Cultural and Community Safety)</li> <li>• Leadership Award</li> <li>• Giving Back Award</li> <li>• Working for Youth Award</li> <li>• Youth with Disability Award</li> <li>• Youth Group</li> </ul>
Eligibility	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Have participated in activities within the Rangitikei that they have been nominated for within the past 12 months</li> <li>• Have participated in activities they were nominated for outside of their regular study or work commitments</li> <li>• Be aged between 12 and 24 at the beginning of Youth Week on 21st May 2016</li> </ul>
Assessment Criteria	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Significance of community contribution</li> <li>• Need in the community</li> <li>• Ability to motivate, engage and positively influence others</li> <li>• Initiative to provide solutions</li> <li>• Commitment and perseverance</li> <li>• Leadership skills</li> </ul>



- 2.2 Nomination form is attached as Appendix 1. They are also available online from [www.rangitikei.govt.nz](http://www.rangitikei.govt.nz) and through the Council a Youth Zone FB pages.
- 2.3 The nominations open on Friday 26 May (the first day of Youth Week) and close on 10 July, with the judging panel deciding on recipients that week.
- 2.4 The Awards Ceremony will take place on the week beginning 17 July 2017.

### **3 Recommendations**

- 3.1 That the report “Youth Awards Scheme 2017” be received.
- 3.2 That ..... be the representative of Te Roopu Ahi Kaa on the judging panel of the 2017 Youth Awards.

Denise Servante  
Strategy and Community Planning Manager

# *Appendix 1*



## Rangitikei District Council

# Youth Awards 2017 Nomination Form

### PLEASE NOTE

**Applications close 12.00 pm (noon), Monday, 10<sup>th</sup> July 2017.** Nominees will be informed of nomination prior to Awards Ceremony.

### PURPOSE

The purpose of the Youth Awards Scheme is to recognise the contribution of young people (12-24 years) to community life in the Rangitikei District.

The theme for the awards in 2017 is “Our Voices Count; Count Our Voices”.

### CATEGORIES OF AWARD (please select one)

Change Maker Award:	For young people who have created positive change to foster cultural understanding in their community.
Leadership Award:	For young people who've demonstrated leadership in a project or organisation.
Giving Back Award:	For young people whose actions address a current need and have had a significant impact on their community.
Youth for Youth Award:	For young people whose actions specifically support other young people in areas such as (but not limited to) the arts, culture, environment or sport.
Youth with Disability Award:	For young people with a disability who've made a significant contribution to the disability sector and/or their community.
Eco Warrior:	For young people who have created a positive change for local environmental issues.
Youth Group:	For a group of young people who've made a significant contribution to their community in areas such as (but not limited to) the arts, culture, environment or sport.

To nominate a young person, please complete this form in conjunction with the associated notes.

### SEND YOUR NOMINATION TO:

Postal address: Rangitikei Youth Awards 2017, Rangitikei District Council,  
Private Bag 1102, Marton 4741

Hand deliver to: Rangitikei Youth Awards 2017, Rangitikei District Council Office, 46 High Street, Marton; or  
Taihape Town Hall, Hautapu Street, Taihape

Email: [Oliver.sanderson@rangitikei.govt.nz](mailto:Oliver.sanderson@rangitikei.govt.nz)

## Nominee eligibility criteria:

Nominees for an Award must:

- \* Have participated in activities within the Rangitikei that they have been nominated for within the past 12 months

- \* Have participated in activities they were nominated for outside of their regular study or work commitments

- \* Be aged between 12 and 24 at the beginning of Youth Week on 26th May 2017

Nominees will be assessed against the following criteria:

- \* Contributed significantly to their community

- \* Taken action to address an identified need in their community

- \* Demonstrated the ability to motivate, engage and positively influence others

- \* Demonstrated initiative to provide solutions

- \* Demonstrated commitment and perseverance

- \* Demonstrated leadership skills

## 1. NOMINEE DETAILS

First name: \_\_\_\_\_

Last name: \_\_\_\_\_

Street address: \_\_\_\_\_

Town: \_\_\_\_\_ Post Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Gender: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

School/organisation/workplace: \_\_\_\_\_

## 2. NOMINATOR DETAILS

First name: \_\_\_\_\_

Last name: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to nominee: \_\_\_\_\_

Street address: \_\_\_\_\_

Town: \_\_\_\_\_ Post Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

## 3. REFEREE DETAILS

First name: \_\_\_\_\_

Last name: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to nominee: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

## 4. SUPPORTING INFORMATION

Please feel free to attach any material to support the nomination, for example a short film (no longer than 4 minutes), letter outlining what the youth nominee has achieved, media print, Facebook posts etc. Please do not attach more than 10 pages.