

**TE RŌPU AHI KĀ  
KOMITI MEETING**

# ORDER PAPER

**TUESDAY, 13 AUGUST 2019, 11AM**

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**Tumuaki** - Mr P Turia (Whangaehu)

**Tumuaki Tuarua** - Ms T Hiroa (Ngāti Whitikaupeka)

**Ngā mema:** Mr B Gray (Ngāti Rangituhia), Ms K Savage (Ngāti Parewahawaha), Mr T Curtis (Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Hauiti), Ms C Raukawa-Manuel (Ngā Ariki Turakina), Mr C Mete (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), Mr M Pirikahu (Ngā Wairiki Ki Uta), Cr A Gordon, and His Worship the Mayor, Andy Watson, (ex officio)

**Manuhiri:** Mr J Twomey (Horizons Regional Council - Iwi Liaison)

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# Rangitikei District Council

## Te Roopu Ahi Kaa Komiti Meeting

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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 Kōrero / Confirmation of Minutes**

The Minutes from the meeting held on 11 June 2019 are attached.

File ref: 3-CT-8-2

### **Recommendation:**

That the Minutes of the Te Rōpu Ahi Kā Komiti meeting held on 11 June 2019 {as amended/without amendment} 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 Feedback on the Komiti's Workshop**

Discussion item.

## **8 Council Decisions on Recommendations from the Komiti**

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

## **9 Council Responses to Queries Raised at Previous Hui**

### **Creative Communities Initiative membership**

Ms Hari Benevides is eligible to be part of the Creative Communities Initiative Committee again.

### **Ratana wastewater plant update**

A verbal update will be provided.

## **10 Update from Council's meetings June – July 2019**

A memorandum is attached. A summary of current Infrastructure resource consent issues will be tabled at the meeting.

File ref: 3-CT-8-1

### **Recommendation:**

That the report 'Update from Council's meetings June - July 2019' to the 13 August 2019 Te Rōpu Ahi Kā Komiti be received.

## **11 Values**

Discussion item.

## **12 Review of Memorandum –Tūtohunga**

A memorandum will be tabled at the meeting.

An email will be sent out in the week prior to the Komiti meeting with the memorandum.

### **Recommendation:**

That the memorandum 'Review of the Memorandum of Understanding: Tūtohunga' to the 13 August 2019 Te Rōpu Ahi Kā Komiti be received.

## **13 Update on Discussions with Ngāti Waewae**

A verbal update will be provided at the meeting.

## **14 Horizons Update**

Mr Twomey to lead a discussion on the function and recent undertakings of Horizons within the Rangitikei District.

## **15 Update on Landlocked Land**

A verbal update will be provided at the meeting.

## **16 Update on Te Pae Tawhiti**

Te Pae Tawhiti is the Māori Manawatū-Whanganui Economic Development Strategy, 2016-40.

A verbal update will be provided by the Chair.

## **17 Policy and Community Planning Project and Activity Report – June 2019**

A report is attached.

### **Recommendation:**

That the report 'Policy and Community Planning Project and Activity Report – June 2019' to the 13 August 2019 Te Rōpu Ahi Kā Komiti be received.

## **18 Economic Development Project and Activity Report – July 2019**

A report is attached.

### **Recommendation:**

That the report 'Economic Development Project and Activity Report – July 2019' to the 13 August 2019 Te Rōpu Ahi Kā Komiti be received.

## **19 2019 Māori Legal, Business and Governance Forum**

The forum is on 23-24 September 2019 at Te Wharewaka Tapere, Wellington.

<https://www.conferenz.co.nz/events/2019-m%C4%81ori-legal-business-and-governance-forum>

The Komiti may wish to nominate and pay for a member to attend.

## **20 Pānui/Announcements**

## **21 Late Items**

As accepted in item 4.

## **22 Future Items for the Agenda**

## **23 Next Meeting**

8 October 2019 11.00 am (Komiti only hui from 10.00 - 11.00 am)

## **24 Meeting closed/Karakia**

# Attachment 1



# Rangitikei District Council

## Te Rōpu Ahi Kā Komiti Meeting

Minutes – Tuesday 11 June 2019 – 11:00 a.m.

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**Present:**

- Mr Pahia Turia (Chair)
- Ms Tracey Hiroa
- Mr Robert Gray
- Ms Kim Savage
- Mr Thomas Curtis
- Ms Coral Raukawa-Manuel
- Mr Charlie Mete
- Mr Chris Shenton
- Mr Terry Steedman
- Ms Hari Benevides
- Ms Naumai Wipaki

**In attendance:**

- Mr Michael Hodder, Community & Regulatory Services Group Manager
- Mr Blair Jamieson, Strategy & Community Planning Manager
- Mr George Forster, Policy Advisor
- Mr Arno Benadie, Principal Advisor - Infrastructure
- Ms Bonnie Clayton, Governance Administrator
- Ms Nardia Gower, Strategic Advisor – Youth / Rangatahi

**Tabled Documents:** Item 10 – Mangaweka Bridge Replacement report

## 1 Karakia/Welcome

The meeting started at 11.07am. The Chair welcomed everyone to the hui.

## 2 Apologies

That the apologies of His Worship the Mayor Andy Watson, Cr Angus Gordon, Mr Mark Pirikahu and Mr Lequan Meihana be received.

Mr T Curtis / Ms K Savage. Carried

## 3 Members' Conflict of Interest

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

There were no declared conflicts of interest.

## 4 Confirmation of Order of Business and Late Items

There were no late items or scheduled change to the order of business.

## 5 Whakatau Nga Tuhinga Kōrero / Confirmation of Minutes

Ms Hiroa advised the Komiti that, although reported in the minutes of the previous hui, she will not be standing down from Te Rōpu Ahi Kā.

<b>Resolved minute number</b>	<b>19/IWI/014</b>	<b>File Ref</b>	<b>3-CT-8-2</b>
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That the Minutes of the Te Rōpu Ahi Kā Komiti meeting held on 9 April 2019 without amendment be taken as read and verified as an accurate and correct record of the meeting.

Ms T Hiroa / Mr T Curtis. Carried

## 6 Chair's Report

The Chair gave his verbal report, the following highlights were noted:

- The Chair attended the Chamber of Commerce Breakfast of Champions network event Tuesday 11 June 2019 where His Worship the Mayor spoke in regards to economic development in Rangitikei, collaboration between the districts, strategies for encouraging businesses to relocate to the area and support growth of existing businesses.

- Mr Turia noted the recent opening of the world-class skate park in Marton, advising that the kaimahi of Angus McMillian Concrete Ltd were housed at Te Poho o Tuariki as Nga Wairiki Ngati Apa contribution to the project.

## 7 Feedback from the Komiti's Workshop

The Komiti discussed the following key areas:

- Previously noted oversights by Council in engaging with iwi and hapū could be mitigated by the creation of a process map and communication strategy to ensure clear direction on how Council should approach issues and which issues require iwi/hapū engagement. The Komiti recognised that the commitment by Rangitikei District Council to engage with tangata whenua appropriately and that the creation of a process map would aid that commitment.
- In relation to determining the membership of the Komiti, the Komiti *noted that its Council's responsibility to determine what iwi make up its membership but should recognise tangata whenua of the district. If requests for membership are made to Council, the requirement for membership must rely on formal recognition of that iwi/hapū (such as from the Office of Treaty Settlements), however if a request for membership comes from a hapū (without formal recognition) then the respective iwi will advise Council if that hapū has a legitimate grounds for membership.*
- Direct discussion with local hapū regarding the Lake Waipu sewerage system is requested.

## 8 Council Decisions on Recommendations from the Komiti

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

## 9 Council Responses to Queries Raised at Previous Hui

There were no queries raised at the previous hui.

### Undertaking

### Subject

Mr Jamieson is to report back to the Komiti on the status of the Creative Communities membership.

## 10 Update from Council's meetings April - May 2019

Mr Hodder briefly explained items in the attached memorandum, with special note on:

- Council's upcoming deliberation on the Annual Plan submissions, with adoption of the plan at the end of the month.
- Onepuhi Reserve development work in conjunction with Rangitikei Aggregates

Mr Benadie spoke to the tabled report on the Mangaweka Bridge replacement with the following highlights:

- The tabled report by John Jones highlights recent studies have resulted in the retention of the bridge as a walk and bicycle way as a preferred financial option. Council is to consider that recommendation at their upcoming meeting.
- The Mangaweka Bridge replacement falls under both the Rangitīkei District Council and the Manawātū District Council. Both parties are equally responsible for the decision of the future and any ongoing running costs of the bridge.
- Maintenance costs for the next 50 years will be approximately \$20,000 annually for each council.

Mr Benadie further updated the Komiti on the following waste water treatment schemes:

- **Bulls / Marton:**  
Funding has been granted to purchase land required for land dispersal of treated waste from planned Bulls/ Marton wastewater treatment plant. There have been long and complex land negotiations delaying the consenting process. Horizons have agreed to Council working on other aspects of the project while ground while negotiations continue. – **(Progression so we can see how things are moving)**
- **Rātana**  
Land has not yet been obtained for land disposal of treated waste, however there is an alternative plan which is being explored before further information can be provided. The effluent is to be removed from the lake.
- **Hunternville**  
Council met with Horizons last week to discuss the wastewater consent for Hunternville. The current consent uses an incorrect flow meter leaving council in apposition of continual non-compliance. It has been agreed by Horizons that there is no environmental impact. test results had incorrect flow and volume information, Re-engagement with iwi and other affected parties has seen an variation to the consent being granted.
- **Taihape**  
Wastewater consent for Taihape is more complex as the results have returned as inconclusive on several occasions due to illegal discharges with unknown effects on the environment. Council are to discuss with Horizons and local iwi for a strategy moving forward and whether a new consent should be applied for.

Following the updates the following was noted through Komiti discussion:

- Engaging central government to reconsider the grant based on purchase of land for treated effluent disposal as land owners have indicated a potential interest in leasing land to council for this purpose.
- It was discussed that treated waste could be a resource for land owners.

**Resolved minute number**

**19/IWI/015**

**File Ref**

**3-CT-8-1**

That the report 'Update from Council's meetings April - May 2019' to the 11 June 2019 Te Rōpu Ahi Kā Komiti be received.

Mr R Gray / Mr T Steedman. Carried

## 11 Values

### Undertaking

### Subject

Mr Jamieson to discuss this item further with Mr G Huwyler

## 12 Review of Memorandum –Tūtohunga

Mr B Gray confirmed the appropriate use of the name 'Ngāti Rangituhia' within the MOU, is to omit 'Ngāti' to be stand alone as 'Rangituhia'.

### Resolved minute number

19/IWI/016

### File Ref

That the memorandum 'Review of the Memorandum of Understanding: Tūtohunga' to the 11 June 2019 Te Rōpu Ahi Kā Komiti be received.

Ms H Benevides / Mr T Curtis. Carried

## 13 Update on Discussions with Ngāti Waewae

This was discussed in item 7.

## 14 Horizons Update

Mr Twomey did not attend the hui.

## 15 Update on Landlocked Land

The Chair noted that the issue of Landlocked Land is under review by Minister Nanaia Mahuta.

## 16 Update on Te Pae Tawhiti

The Chair provided a verbal update with following highlights:

## 17 Policy and Community Planning Project and Activity Report – April 2019

The Komiti raised the social media conversions regarding the new signage erected in Rātana. It was noted that all appropriate and extensive consultation was conducted by Council and the Rātana Community Board.

Mr Jamieson paid special mention and thank you to Nga Wairiki Ngati Apa for their \$500 sponsorship towards the Youth in Apprenticeship category of the John Turkington Forestry Rangitikei Youth Awards 2019.

**Resolved minute number**                      **19/IWI/017**                      **File Ref**

That the report 'Policy and Community Planning Project and Activity Report – April 2019' to the 11 June 2019 Te Rōpu Ahi Kā Komiti be received.

Ms T Hiroa / Ms C Raukawa-Manuel. Carried

**Undertaking**                      **Subject**                      **Kahurauponga stream**

Mr Jamieson is to investigate the correction of the spelling of the signage of the Kahurauponga stream in Turakina.

## 18 Pānui/Announcements

Mokai Patea mandate hui which will include voting details below:

- Saturday 15 June 2019 10 am, Taihape hospital, Taihape
- Saturday 15 June 2019 5 pm, Kingsgate Hotel, Whanganui
- Sunday 16 June 2019 1 pm, Porirua Club, Porirua
- Friday 21 June 2019 5.30 pm, Tokaanu Hotel, Turangi
- Saturday 22 June 2019 11 am, Taradale Town Hall, Hastings
- Sunday 23 June 2019 11 am, Holiday Inn Auckland Airport, Auckland

Mr Turia announced that the second Māori Business awards celebrating Māori Business will be held Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> July 2019 at the Whanganui memorial hall.

Ms Raukawa-Manuel thanked to Council in particularly Athol Sanson for the support during the opening of their new building at Tiniwaitara Marae.

## 19 Late Items

Nil.

## 20 Future Items for the Agenda

Mr Benadie to provide an update on the Rātana wastewater treatment plant.

## 21 Next Meeting

13 August 2019 11.00 am (Komiti only hui from 10.00 - 11.00 am)

## 22 Meeting closed/Karakia

Mr Turia provided the karakia and thanked everyone for their attendance. The meeting closed at 12.27 pm.

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

Date:

Unconfirmed

# Attachment 2

# Memorandum

To: Te Roopu Ahi Kaa

From: Bonnie Clayton, Governance Administrator

Date: 30 July 2019

Subject: **Update from Council's meetings June-July 2019**

File: 3-CT-8-1

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

An update on progress with Council's Top Ten Projects is attached as **Appendix 1**.

## **1 Adoption of the 2019/20 Annual Plan**

- 1.1 At its meeting on 27 June 2019, Council adopted the 2019/20 Annual Plan and the rates resolution for the year. The average increase in rates from 2018/19 is 3.94%, very close to what was projected in the Consultation Document (3.96%).

## **2 Pre-election report**

- 2.1 The Chief Executive has prepared the Pre-election Report as required by section 99A of the Local Government Act 2002. It contains the information prescribed in Schedule 10, part 4 of the Act and has been uploaded to the Council website. By outlining the issues Council faces and its financial situation, the report is intended to help voters and those standing for election make informed decisions

## **3 Manatu Whakaaetanga – Memorandum of Understanding between Te Rūnanga o Ngā Wairiki – Ngāti Apa and Rangitikei District Council**

- 3.1 Following discussions with His Worship the Mayor a draft Memorandum of Understanding was provided regarding the development of education, training and employment programmes at Te Poho o Tuariki. There has been discussion between staff of both organisations and consideration at Council workshop. It was presented formally for Council to ratify (which it did), to allow formal signing by representatives of the Rūnanga and the Council.
- 3.2 The draft Manatu Whakaaetanga – Memorandum of Understanding is attached as **Appendix 2**.

## **4 Proposed Memorandum of Understanding with Ratana Communal Board of Trustees**

- 4.1 The Ratana Communal Board of Trustees is keen to see a formal understanding with Council about development proposals focussing on community needs and aspirations, particularly when they relate to assets such as the playground, community housing, the rugby field and

the community gym (the former Ratana fire station) which Council owns, administers or provides ongoing assistance.

- 4.2 It is intended to progress this with representatives from the Board and Council with satisfaction by both in due course.

## **5 State of the Environment Report**

- 5.1 Following earlier consideration by the Policy/Planning Committee and Te Roopu Ahi Kaa, Council has adopted the State of the Environment Report – a review of the efficiency and effectiveness of the District Plan. The focus of the review (required by the Resource Management Act 1991) was subdivision, dwelling intensity, dwelling proximity, the residential zone, natural hazards, noise rules, regional environmental issues and any matters under consideration for the next District Plan Review. The report is available on the Council's website.
- 5.2 As Council is currently undertaking a District Plan Change, some of the recommendations in the report will be considered for inclusion in the second stage of that work. The remainder will be progressed through the next review of the District Plan.

## **6 District Licensing Committee**

- 6.1 Council has approved the annual report prepared by the Committee for the Alcohol and Regulatory Licensing Authority.

## **7 Economic Development Strategy**

- 7.1 The 2018-28 Long Term Plan noted that Council's intended involvement in economic development. Over the past few months, an economic development strategy has evolved and was adopted on 25 July 2019, following further discussions with Council, Iwi and business groups. There are four strategic themes – business development, district promotion, training and education and housing development – with actions identified for each.
- 7.2 The strategy is attached as **Appendix 3**.

## **8 Road safety strategy consultation**

- 8.1 On 17 July 2019, the Ministry of Transport released its new road safety strategy 'Road to Zero', inviting submissions by 14 August 2019: [www.transport.govt.nz/zero](http://www.transport.govt.nz/zero)
- 8.2 This timing allows for consideration of a submission at the next meeting of the Assets/Infrastructure Committee meeting.

## **9 Hunterville Ambulance Station**

- 9.1 The St Johns Central Region Property Manager has asked whether Council would consider allowing the new Ambulance Station proposed for Hunterville to be on the old Scout Hall site on the Hunterville Domain rather than the former fire station site immediately beside the Hunterville Town Hall. They consider this would be a better location for their activities.

- 9.2 That location would not intrude on other uses of the Domain and, while a recreation reserve, Council will be able to lease the site to St Johns. The Scout Hall building has been formally relinquished back to Council. Council approved the proposal in principle; the next step is to work through the lease details and options for the Scout Hall building, and consult with the Hunterville Community Committee at its next meeting, on 12 August 2019. The matter will be brought back to Council's meeting on 29 August 2019 for further consideration and potentially approval.

**10 Recommendation:**

- 10.1 That the report 'Update from Council's meetings June-July 2019' to the 13 August 2019 Te Roopu Ahi Kaa Komiti be received.

Bonnie Clayton  
Governance Administrator

# *Appendix 1*

# Memorandum

**To:** Council

**From:** Ross McNeil

**Date:** 18 July 2019

**Subject:** **Top Ten Projects – status, July 2019**

**File:** 5-EX-4

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This memorandum updates the information presented to the March 2019 Council meeting. New text is *italicised*. Currently the Finance team is working on a more analytical and shorter monthly presentation of key financial information, including budgeted, actual and projected revenue and expenditure (including borrowing). It will show results for each group of activities, for the identified top ten projects and for other projects and programmes of interest to Council. This is expected to be ready for the reports provided to Council and the Finance/Performance Committee for the new financial year.

## **1. Mangaweka Bridge replacement**

Following consideration of the detailed business case for a replacement bridge, the New Zealand Transport Agency has given approval to fund the pre-implementation phase. This is for the construction of a new single-lane 132m long steel plate girder bridge, 30 metres downstream of the existing bridge, and include detailed design, property acquisition, and consenting. Desktop assessments of liquefaction, slope stability and settlement have been completed. Geotechnical investigations have been completed.

The business case for the replacement bridge included consideration of the existing bridge. That showed the most economic option is to demolish it but deciding on that will be managed during the consultation and consenting process that runs in parallel with the pre-implementation phase. The two councils will have the final say. An economic analysis about keeping or demolishing the existing bridge was provided to both councils (13 June for Rangitikei, 20 June for Manawatu). *A public meeting has been arranged (at Awastone) for 5 August 2019 to discuss the future of the current bridge.*

Heritage NZ has advised an application has been made for the existing bridge to have a heritage classification and that it will not be considered for inclusion on the heritage list before 2020/21.

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

As noted in the March 2018 report, the application for a new resource consent lodged with Horizons was placed ‘on-hold’ pending the outcome of the business case process for the upgrade of the Marton wastewater plant. A meeting involving Infrastructure staff, Council’s consent advisors and Horizons compliance staff was held to progress the consenting strategy

for Bulls/Marton. However, Horizons needs clear commitment from the Council about the proposed upgrade to be confident that any interim (short term) consent is a genuine stepping stone to new long-term consent with associated plant upgrades. A full briefing was provided for the Assets/Infrastructure Committee's meeting on 9 August 2018, together with a District-wide strategy towards consenting. Prior to that a meeting of the Advisory Group was convened to allow a full update to be provided and discussed with them.

Subsequent to that a briefing for members of Ngati Parewahawaha was undertaken, and a similar briefing/hui offered to Ngati Apa as a pre-cursor to the preparation of the resource consent application.

The Committee recommended to Council that it confirms as its preferred option establishing a land-based disposal system for the combined Marton and Bulls wastewater flows. A renewal application for Marton was submitted on 28 September 2018 and an updated consent application for the proposed Bulls and Marton centralisation with discharge to land is due to be submitted in May 2019.

Before then, the Committee recommended that Council agrees to commence the process to procure land, to continue advancing the design and other elements and undertake further consultation with iwi and the Bulls/Marton communities, with progress being reported to the Assets/Infrastructure Committee. Council accepted that recommendation at its meeting on 30 August 2018. Investigations and discussions are progressing regarding the procurement of land. In addition, Council staff are considering the merits of advancing the design and construction of the Marton to Bulls wastewater pipeline. Such an approach would have the benefit of removing the discharge of treated wastewater from the Tutaenui Stream sooner than might otherwise be possible, but would rely on discharge to the Rangitikei River at Bulls. Estimated costs for the pipelines are being reviewed. Discussions to secure the necessary land for effluent disposal are continuing. *A Heads of Agreement has been signed with Ngā Wairiki – Ngāti Apa regarding access to suitable land south of Bulls for the disposal of wastewater. A more detailed agreement will now be developed that sets out the terms and conditions of access and use.* Once those are concluded, tenders will be called for the construction of the pipeline from Marton to Bulls. *Horizons requires a consent application setting out the phased approach for the proposed wastewater from the two towns by November 2019.*

The NZ Defence Force has confirmed its interest in being a trade waste customer in the upgraded Bulls/Marton wastewater land disposal arrangement.

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

The trade waste agreement with MidWest Disposal for acceptance of treated leachate at the Marton wastewater treatment plant is now in place. MidWest Disposal sought an amendment to the agreement, which was considered by Council at its July meeting and approved. Subsequently, both MidWest and Council agreed to explore further changes acknowledging that no leachate would be accepted during the summer months of minimal flow in the Tutaenui Stream.

Horizons has made it clear that lodgement of a new consent application by October 2018 will allow the current consent arrangements to apply until a new consent is issued. That consent application was lodged at the end of September 2018.

#### **4. Upgrade of the Ratana wastewater treatment plant**

The proposed programme to enable the installation of a land-based disposal of treated effluent (i.e. removal of discharge to Lake Waipu) starts from 1 July 2018 (as per the agreement with the Ministry for the Environment - MfE). Consideration is now being given to identifying the most suitable land for this disposal, following which purchase will be negotiated with the owner. Discussions with landowners are now underway. *Confirmation is being sought from MfE (through Horizons Regional Council) that the delayed timing of this project won't affect funding availability and that the use of wetlands as part of a land-based disposal regime was acceptable.*

As noted in previous reports, an application for a new consent was lodged by 30 April 2018 (the extended timeframe agreed to by Horizons), which means the existing consent continues to apply until a new consent is issued.

#### **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**

As previously noted, a site has been identified in the Hunterville Domain for a test bore for a new water source for the Hunterville township. There is cost efficiency to expand the scope of the work to include drilling the test bore and getting that bore to production status. A yield of between 200 and 400 cubic metres per day would be needed for a production bore to be viable. A new request for tender was issued to allow for the progression with a production bore should the test bore process verify good water (volume and quality).

At its meeting on 11 October 2018 (reconvened from 27 September 2018), Council awarded Contract C1096 for construction of the Hunterville Bore to Interdrill Ltd for a total of \$423,205.75 excluding GST and inclusive of 15% contingency. At 340 metres depth water was found; investigation is now under way to determine its quality and quantity. The bore is currently being developed, and payment of the subsidy from the Ministry of Health is not contingent on a successful outcome. The indicative date for completion is the end of July. We currently have the full diameter bore drilled to approximately 320m deep and the permanent casing will be installed before the end of this month, after which the casing will be grouted into place. Then we will be able to drill through into the strata identified for production and attempt bore development.

Part of the capability grant recently received from the Provincial Growth Fund (PGF) is being used to prepare the case for a feasibility study for a Tutaenui rural water scheme. A draft application is being finalised and was discussed with Government officials prior to the formal application being lodged. The formal application was submitted on 3 May 2019. *The Ministry for Primary Industries (MPI) has confirmed its support for the project, and a meeting with representatives of the Provincial Development Unit (PGF administrators) is currently being arranged to secure final Government funding approval.*

#### **6. Future management of community housing**

The future options and opportunities, including funding, for Council's continued management of community housing has been informed by the Government's policy position on community housing. At its meeting on 14 June 2018, the Policy/Planning Committee considered the

question of moving to market rentals and its recommendations were approved at Council's meeting on 28 June 2018. All tenants have been advised (in writing) of the change, to take effect from 1 November 2018, and meetings were arranged in Taihape, Marton and Bulls at which a Work & Income representative was invited to attend (and did so). At its meeting on 13 December 2018, Council agreed to engage with Solarcity for the provision of solar power and access to the wholesale energy market for the tenants at Wellington Road and Cobber Kain Avenue community housing complexes. *However, the contract arrangements could not be finalised.*

The proposed upgrade programme was presented to the Assets/Infrastructure Committee's meeting in August. At its August meeting, the Policy/Planning Committee adopted a slightly amended community housing policy.

Consideration is currently being given to options/opportunities for the further development/enhancement of Council's community housing portfolio. Staff attended a Local Government New Zealand workshop on 24 October 2018 which considered policy options to propose to central government to enable councils to both maintain their current investment in social housing and expand that investment should they choose to do so. Council's decision to terminate the lease of the Queen Carnival Building at 22 Tui Street opens up this site to alternative use once that building and the Conference Hall are removed.

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

The detailed design has been finished and an application for a building consent has been submitted. The closing date for tenders was extended to 10 August 2018. Council considered the evaluation undertaken of the tenders at its meeting on 30 August 2018 and identified a preferred contractor, W & W Construction 2010 Ltd, for subsequent negotiation by the Mayor and the Chief Executive.

There were discussions with Heritage New Zealand to gain an archaeological authority before the tender is awarded and estimates of costs were provided: these could affect the price of the tendered work. This authority is needed because the site was in human occupation before 1900. The archaeological authority was issued on 16 October 2018, but required a 15 working day + 3 day stand-down period (for appeals) before it can be actioned. Following further discussions with the preferred contractor and the JV partners regarding the final development area, Council confirmed (at its meeting on 15 November 2018) the award of the contract to W & W Construction 2010 Ltd and accepted a revised (and larger) footprint area. The target completion time remains December 2019. Progress to date is in line with that timing. Negotiations to secure title have been concluded apart from finalising shared costs. LINZ questioned one easement which, while now resolved, caused further delay. Turnaround (and issue of title) is typically one month. Once Council receives title, Lotteries can be asked to release the \$500,000 approved for the project. That should be early in July.

Following a blessing and sod turning ceremony, W & W Construction took possession of the site on 10 December 2018. An archaeologist was on site during the excavation for the slab: no items of significance were found.

*Work on the Bulls Community Centre has steadily progressed. Progress during the past month by on site trades is:*

- *Second floor steel beam installation complete*
- *Second floor precast beam installation complete*

- *Second floor precast beam installation complete*
- *Second floor reinforcing steel installation complete*
- *Second floor concrete pour complete*
- *Fill columns with self-compacting concrete complete*
- *Basement drainage install complete*
- *Drainage for remainder of hall in progress*
- *Topographical survey in progress*
- *Framing for ground floor in progress*
- *North and South Pavilion structural roof steel install in progress*
- *Domestic water supply and power ducting are being installed across Criterion street in progress*

*The project team, architect, and engineers are working to finalising the decorative elements of the building and continuing to work out design details of the bus stop, car park, and town square.* Ngā Wairiki-Ngāti Apa and Ngāti Parewahawaha are involved in this process.

*The Council's Audit Director arranged for the Director, Specialist Audit and Assurance Services in Audit New Zealand to review the Bulls Community Centre project in terms of its current status and the approach taken by the Council to planning and delivery of the project. This was done because of the significance of the project not through any particular concerns. The review has entailed scrutiny of a range of documentation and a face-to-face discussion (on 18 July 2019) involving the Project Manager, Community and Regulatory Services Group Manager and the Chief Executive. A report will be provided to the Audit Director. From the informal debrief, there will be useful pointers for the comparable projects in Marton and Taihape.*

Work continues on sourcing further external funding for the project. In July, the Whanganui Community Foundation approved a grant of \$300,000 for the project. His Worship the Mayor has met with representatives of Te Puni Kokiri concerning funding to highlight Ngāti Parewahawaha and Ngā Wairiki-Ngāti Apa within the development. Arrangements were finalised to relocate the house made available by Central House Movers – the makeover will be a significant community project and will be a substantial contribution to external funding. *It is expected to be complete by early August* and it is planned to auction it in *late August/early September* with support from Bayleys. The additional resource contribution to this project by Central House Movers has been substantial. *Expressions of Interest have been called from* potential developers of the two vacant pieces of land in Bulls owned by Council – at Walton Street and off Johnson Street/Walker Crescent (known as Haylock Park).

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

The Lottery Heritage Fund Committee declined the Council's application for a grant for a heritage feasibility precinct study for Marton's CBD. An application will shortly be made for this study to be accepted as a project to the Provincial Growth Fund: in October a capability grant of \$25,000 was approved part of which will be used to complete the detailed application required.

A business case is being prepared on the principal options for the redevelopment of the proposed civic centre site. These are the status quo (i.e. not moving from the current Administration and Library sites), demolition of all buildings on the Cobbler/Davenport/Abraham & Williams site and erecting an entirely new facility; retaining

all structures on the Cobbler/Davenport/Abraham & Williams site and refurbishing; retaining facades only on the Cobbler/Davenport/Abraham & Williams site and building behind. A workshop on the progress with the business case for this project was held with Elected Members on 13 June 2019, *with an update on 18 July 2019*.

WSP-Opus submitted a draft proposal for developing the concepts designs to support the next phase of this project, which will involve community engagement. This will be the basis of an application to the Provincial Growth Fund, linking the Civic Centre project to the Heritage Precinct proposal. Council considered this on 13 December 2018 and decided to accept the proposal for WSP Opus and requested a project plan be finalised, incorporating a community engagement phase and completion of business case to final draft status by September 2019. The work to be undertaken is, in part, a feasibility study regarding the conversation/preservation of built heritage. Lotteries will fund projects started but not completed, which is the case for this project. On that basis the project would meet the criteria for funding from Lotteries' Environment and Heritage Fund. Lotteries will fully fund a feasibility and an application to that effect was submitted by the mid-March 2019 deadline. However, the Lottery Environment and Heritage Committee approved a grant of \$50,000 as a contribution to the project, not seeing the project (or at least the application for it) as a full feasibility study.

This project featured in media stories last year fronted by the Mayor on the likely impacts of the provisions of the Building (Earthquake-prone buildings) Amendment Act on rural towns like Marton. Following the meeting of Council representatives with Minister Salesa, a profile of Rangitikei's commercial building stock, including the likely extent of earthquake-prone buildings, was provided to MBIE staff, who have been evaluating the policy/regulatory impacts on rural/provincial communities of the recently enacted earthquake-prone building provisions of the Building Act. *This led to a higher threshold being announced on 14 July 2019 for alterations before the mandatory earthquake strengthening requirements applied.*

WSP-Opus have started work on the concept designs, with the first stage being the detailed engineering assessments. This phase also includes a detailed survey of the exterior of the buildings, which was undertaken using a drone and completed at the end of February 2019. A detailed interior survey of all four buildings has also been completed. A 50% progress update as a workshop was provided to Council on 9 May 2019 on the two different options for the site (retention of as much heritage as possible and demolition and new build), at which it was agreed to hold a further workshop (on 23 May) to provide comment back to WSP Opus. That led to a decision to have design work on an option which retained the street facades and Davenport interior (being highly significant heritage) and suspend further work on the demolition-new build option. WSP Opus has confirmed that it will be able to have completed costed designs for a workshop with Elected Members on 8 August 2019.

Changes to Heritage EQUIP (the national earthquake upgrade incentive programme) announced on 11 February 2019 will benefit heritage-listed properties – up to 50% of the cost of detailed seismic assessments, conservation reports or architectural and structural engineering plans, allowing multiple applications for up to 67% of the cost of professional advice. However, historic buildings which aren't heritage-listed in the District Plan are not eligible. The Government has acknowledged this is a gap and are working on proposals in this regard.

## **9. Taihape Memorial Park development**

While Council set out its position on the initial stage of development on Memorial Park in the draft Long Term Plan consultation document, subsequent deliberations and discussions led to a request for a further report outlining various options and their costs. That was provided to the Assets/Infrastructure Committee's meeting on 12 July 2018. Further information was requested for consideration at the Committee's August meeting, before which a public meeting (including the Park User Group) will be held to gain clearer insights into community views and preferences.

That meeting was held on 3 August 2018 and the outcome considered by the Assets/Infrastructure Committee at its meeting on 10 August 2018. The proposed new amenities building project is on hold pending an estimate to renovate both the facilities under the Taihape grandstand as well as the grandstand itself. Colspec was engaged to undertake an initial scoping assessment; they provided a rough order cost of \$2.4 million for renovating/upgrading the grandstand.

A meeting with representatives of Clubs Taihape was arranged to clarify their proposed project on Memorial Park. The outcome was the suggestion of erecting co-located (and complementary) facilities at the end of the netball courts and leaving the grandstand as it is, apart from minor repairs. At its meeting on 30 November 2018, Council confirmed its intention to build a new amenities block at Memorial Park on the site beside the No. 3 field and incorporating a portion of the last tennis/netball court, and investigate the need for a new court in the vicinity of the ex-croquet green. Council representatives have since met with Clubs Taihape to agree a process for finalising the design for a project that would fulfil the facility requirements of both organisations.

A design brief has been prepared and a further meeting with Clubs Taihape has been held. The design brief is close to being finalised, and once that is done a targeted RFP/EOI process will be undertaken to engage an architect for the design process. The design brief indicates two potential build options:

1. A 2-storey building, with the amenity facilities at ground level and the Clubs Taihape/Community facilities on the upper level
2. Two single level buildings connected by a covered walkway (or similar).

Clubs Taihape has a preference for option1, and to undertake the project as a single build. That would mean Council is the owner of the building and it would require all of the funding to be secured prior to the build. There are pros and cons with both design options. Ultimately, Council will need to decide which option it supports have regard to the design process outcomes and feedback from groups likely to use the facilities.

Three expressions of interest were received for the design. Copeland Associates Architects have been appointed to undertake the design work.

Barry Copeland (Copeland Associates Architects) has met with Council and Clubs Taihape representatives. His view was that one two-storey building was the better option; more economical, better solar orientation, view would be restrained from the former croquet site, etc.

A budget provision of \$1.2 million for the amenities facility is included in the draft 2019/20 Annual Plan (with \$200,000 to be raised externally). Clubs Taihape has \$500,000 to commit to the project.

Mr Copeland has suggested a ground floor of approximately 25m x 12m, overhung at one end for a control room and tuck shop. He has suggested construction costings of \$1.1m for a 300m<sup>2</sup> amenities block, \$1.1m for a 350m<sup>2</sup> community facility, plus another \$300K for foundation. He presented a concept design for spaces and how they could all gel together, together with cost estimates from BQH Quantity Surveyors at a meeting with representative from Council and Clubs Taihape on 7 June 2019. *Council considered these at its meeting on 27 June 2019, opted for a fully completed two-storey building, at an estimated cost of \$2.935 million, and requested the Chief Executive to negotiate (by 20 August 2019) a Memorandum of Understanding with Clubs Taihape on progressing the development of that facility. A meeting has been arranged with Clubs Taihape on 22 July 2019.*

A further development on the Park has occurred. At its meeting on 13 December 2018, Council agreed to the transfer of the Taihape Bowling Club's building (as the club was winding up) and at its 28 February 2019 meeting agreed to offer current users of the Taihape Women's Club in Tui Street the use of the Bowling Club building and that Council staff would manage the bookings for the facility. Since April 2019 there have been meetings with staff and elected members to determine the work to be done in the Bowling Club building.

At a meeting with the Mayor, Councillor Rainey and the Community & Leisure Services Team Leader, the majority of users requested that the bar area at 2 Kokako Street (former Bowling Club) be turned into a kitchen. However, the estimated cost for this is \$25,000. *The Women's Club does not wish to underwrite this cost*, so an internal access *will be* created into the present kitchen area and use the bar area for storage.

#### **10. Taihape civic centre.**

As previously noted, further engagement with the Taihape community to determine a preferred option for the development of the Taihape Civic Centre was planned for 2018/19, but is now likely to be later in 2019. This engagement will be better informed following a final decision on the nature and scope of the development of community facilities on Memorial Park, and that looks likely to be two or three months away.

#### **Recommendation**

That the memorandum 'Top Ten Projects – status, July 2019' to the 25 July 2019 Council meeting be received.

Ross McNeil  
Chief Executive

# *Appendix 2*

**Manatu Whakaaetanga**  
**Memorandum of Understanding**

Between

Te Rūnanga o Ngā Wairiki – Ngāti Apa

And

Rangitīkei District Council

Date:

**Ka tiehutia te wai, ko Whangaehu  
Ka hinga te rakau, ko Turakina  
Ka tikeitia te waewae, ko Rangitikei  
Ko ngā awa nei ka tauherengia i ona ake piringa  
E ngā mana, e ngā reo o ngā piringa ka tauherengia nei  
Ka whakapuputia te kakaho kia kore e whati  
Ko te whakaaro pai tēnei o ngā tupuna, ko te whakaaro whakatupu mo ngā lwi  
Ko ngā whakaaro ēnei ka whakakotahi tātou  
Kāore taku toa takitahi, taku toa takitini  
Tihei Mauri Ora!**

Behold the misty waters, this is Whangaehu  
A tree is felled, this is Turakina  
Through long strides the journey is made to Rangitikei  
These are the rivers that bind us as otherwise diverse people and communities  
Let us unite as the leaders of these people, let us bring our people together  
To collaborate on a foundation of strength  
On which basis we will act in good will and in the interest of advancement for all  
So that our successes may be shared  
Tis the breath of life!

## **Timatanga -Introduction**

Te Rūnanga o Ngā Wairiki – Ngāti Apa and the Rangitīkei District Council wish to establish a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) as a basis for an ongoing collaborative, respectful and dynamic relationship for the benefit of both organisations and the people they serve.

## **Ngā Rōpū – The Parties**

The Parties to this agreement are:

### **Te Rūnanga o Ngā Wairiki – Ngāti Apa**

Te Rūnanga o Ngā Wairiki – Ngāti Apa (The Rūnanga, Rūnanga) is the Iwi development organisation for the Ngā Wairiki and Ngāti Apa people whose combined rohe extends across the entirety of the Southern Rangitīkei District, and covering parts of the Whanganui and Manawātū districts. The Iwi groups represented by the Rūnanga have occupied this area for around 1,000 years, being the descendants of Polynesian voyagers who traversed Te Moananui a Kiwa (Pacific Ocean) and made Aotearoa their home.

The role of the Rūnanga is to manage collectively held assets which include in excess of 6,500 hectares of land, predominantly under forestry license. Eight years on from receipt of Treaty settlement assets, interests now include farming, forestry, fisheries, businesses and property. The Rūnanga has a values based approach to business and a strategic framework that focuses on achieving a range of whānau ora outcomes. As a long term presence, past and future, the Rūnanga sees itself as a natural partner for groups and organisations who share a similar interest in intergenerational growth and development in Southern Rangitīkei.

### **The Rangitīkei District Council**

Rangitīkei District Council (The Council, Council) is the local government body that provides services to the Rangitīkei District. The Council is a key regional partner in local economic development, and future employment opportunities in the local community.

The Council is committed to sharing knowledge and building collaborative relationships that support business, training, environmental and educational initiatives in support of sustainable economic development within the region. The Council acknowledges;

- the Local Government Act 2002 emphasizing the importance of Councils' relationship with Iwi. The Act requires Councils to be more active in facilitating Iwi involvement in local authority decision-making.
- Since 1991, the Resource Management Act has been central to Council/Iwi relations. The Act recognizes the special status of Mana Whenua as separate and distinct from other interest groups and requires that Councils take into account Iwi concerns.

## **Background**

In 2018 Te Rūnanga o Ngā Wairiki – Ngāti Apa purchased the 5.16 hectare former Turakina Māori Girls College property, located at 85 Hendersons Line, Marton. The Rūnanga relocated its administration headquarters and Te Kotuku Hauora, their health service unit to this site. This site is now named Te Poho o Tuariki. The purchase of the property has presented the Rūnanga with a unique opportunity to work with its strategic partners to establish a base for regional economic, education/training, social, cultural and environmental development initiatives.

The Rūnanga has identified the Council as a strategic partner, as both organisations are focused on initiatives and objectives that benefit people and communities within the Rangitikei District. There is an established and trusted relationship between the two organisations and this MoU describes the terms and dimensions of this relationship moving forward.

### **Ko te Take – Purpose**

The purpose of this MOU is to describe how the parties shall work in partnership to establish collaborative initiatives including training, education and/or employment services and programmes at Te Poho o Tuariki.

### **Tikanga – Guiding Principles**

The Parties agree that the relationship shall be built on a foundation of mana, tikanga me whakaaro pai. These terms encapsulate principles including good faith, honesty and integrity, open communication, and a genuine spirit of friendship and co-operation. Within this, the Parties share;

- the responsibility to influence and effect positive change towards an equitable and sustainable future for all people in our region.
- an active approach to facilitating and creating new growth and development opportunities across educational, economic, cultural, social and environmental domains within the Rangitikei District.
- an understanding that the values, beliefs and practices of both Parties be considered and respected when working together.

### **Whakaaetanga – Points of Agreement**

- The Parties will work together with a view to leading, planning and establishing collaborative initiatives including training and employment related programmes and services delivered from Te Poho o Tuariki.
- The Parties will work together on this initiative in a partnership that may include other interested parties or partners who can add needed support and input.
- The Rūnanga intends for programmes and services delivered from Te Poho o Tuariki to be integrated with one another and to align with the Rūnanga value base called Paiaka Matua.
- Programmes and Services will be designed in response to identified needs, with a view to providing opportunities for people living in southern Rangitikei for self improvement and development leading to employment, knowledge, self-determination and greater access to economic opportunities.
- The Council will consider ways and means of influencing central government, local employers and other stakeholders to support efforts, and will otherwise directly support the process for developing education, training and/or employment programmes and services delivered from Te Poho o Tuariki.
- Both Parties will dedicate a Councillor or Manager to attend monthly meetings to guide the delivery of the aims embodied in the MoU.
- Beyond establishment, Parties will review this MOU on an annual basis, from the date of signing.
- Consideration will be given to the longer term governance opportunities to keep both Parties engaged in the delivery of the programmes and services that are established.

- Should it become apparent at any time that the partnership confirmed within this MOU is no longer active or working, then one or the other party may terminate this MOU by writing to the other party.

We, who have signed below on behalf of the parties to this Memorandum of Understanding, will support and develop the MoU according to agreed principles, for the benefit of current and future generations of the Rangitīkei District.

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

For Te Rūnanga o Ngā Wairiki - Ngāti Apa

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

For Rangitīkei District Council

**Dated:** \_\_\_\_\_

# *Appendix 3*

# A Thriving District – Our Plan for Growing the Rangitikei - DRAFT

RETAIN      GROW      ATTRACT

Strategic Themes	Outcome Sought	Opportunities	Objectives	Actions	Enablers	Dependencies
Business Development	Business Sector Growth (District-Wide)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>An abundance of low cost urban and rural land.</li> <li>Provincial Growth Fund (PGF) investment in regional economic development.</li> <li>Trade &amp; Enterprise funded/co-funded business support and mentoring programmes.</li> <li>PGF approved research projects for horticultural/floricultural diversification of primary sector land (PGF).</li> </ul>	<p>A. To ensure there are suitably<sup>1</sup> zoned commercial and industrial areas for future business development.</p> <p>B. To collaborate &amp; support networking/workshop opportunities, including Māori networks, that support business growth, diversification &amp; collaboration.</p> <p>C. To capture &amp; support infrastructure opportunities that supports business growth &amp; investment.</p> <p>D. To create awareness, facilitate and connect local businesses, including Māori businesses with the appropriate resource provider.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>By July 2020, commence a review of the District Plan to ensure sufficient commercial and industrial zoned land is available to meet present and future demand.</li> <li>Create a centralised business/māori business/digital/ learning centre with the necessary resources for facilitatory (support &amp; networking) purposes.</li> <li>To support township/ward based business networks, including district wide Māori Business network.</li> <li>Work with CEDA &amp; Whanganui and Partners through Regional Business Partnership.</li> <li>To work with the collaborators and stakeholders of the horticultural/floricultural diversification project to ensure the outcomes support the needs of the end-users.</li> </ol>	<p>Government Funding</p> <p>CEDA &amp; Whanganui and Partners</p> <p>Annual Plan/ Long Term Plan commitment.</p>	Government Funding
District Promotion	Improved district profile	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Present 'neutral' district reputation.</li> <li>Strong township identity.</li> <li>Existing township based annual events.</li> <li>Diverse range of existing attractions.</li> <li>Diversity of geography and recreation amenities.</li> <li>Strong cultural identity and diversity of communities.</li> </ul>	<p>A. To increase the number of visitors and total spend within the district.</p> <p>B. To create a district profile that primarily attracts those considered as 'young families'; with secondary target market being considered as 'empty nesters'.</p> <p>C. To increase the quality and frequency of promotional media.</p> <p>D. To increase the appeal of our township centres and open spaces.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Improved digital platform/s and business offerings to attract target visitors.</li> <li>Improve the promotional support of existing township events, and draw-card businesses.</li> <li>Identification &amp; attendance at national events to promote the Rangitikei District to target visitors.</li> <li>To work with the collaborators and stakeholders for inclusion on the NZ Coastal Arts Trail.</li> <li>To complete the district wide/town signage programme by 31 December 2019.</li> <li>To facilitate placemaking planning and public art activities.<sup>2</sup></li> <li>To collaborate with Iwi and various communities to ensure input into promotional material, placemaking and public art activities.</li> </ol>	<p>Annual Plan/ Long Term Plan commitment.</p> <p>Community Partnerships</p>	Annual Plan/Long Term Plan commitment.
Training & Education	Increased opportunities for Rangitikei based Training and Education.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The development and mandate of Te Poho o Tuariki, for the provision of training within the district.</li> <li>The existing Rangitikei-Whanganui Skills and Talent Working Group.</li> <li>The existing network and collaboration with 100% SWEET*.</li> </ul>	<p>A. To ensure training providers provide courses that meet the future business and industry demands.</p> <p>B. Residents, including Māori, have access to a wider range of job opportunities within the District.</p> <p>C. More school leavers enrol in training opportunities within the district.</p> <p>D. More school leavers moving in to employment opportunities within the district.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To commit and support the expected actions set in the 'Manatu Whakaetanga' MOU agreement with Te Rūnanga o Ngā Wairiki - Ngāti Apa.</li> <li>To collaborate and support the Rangitikei-Whanganui Skills and Talent Working Group.</li> <li>To collaborate .... Work Demand Study</li> <li>To facilitate and support 100% SWEET*, education providers and employers in employment pathways.</li> </ol>	<p>Partnerships with Iwi/hapū.</p> <p>Partnerships with training providers</p>	
Housing Development	Growth in house numbers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>An abundance of low-cost land suitable for residential development</li> <li>Spare infrastructure capacity in most towns</li> <li>Government priority for more housing</li> </ul>	<p>A. Ensure there are suitable areas in Bulls, Marton, Hunterville, Mangaweka and Taihape available for future residential development</p> <p>B. Maintain appropriate policies to enable development</p> <p>C. Ensure a community/papakāinga housing strategy in place and is well communicated</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>By December 2019 Identify projected housing/papakāinga demand to 2030</li> <li>By July 2020 commence a review of the District Plan to ensure sufficient residential zoned land is available to meet demand and policies/rules effectively enable the development of papakāinga housing.</li> <li>By July 2020 review the effectiveness and efficiency of development policies</li> <li>By December 2019 engage with Central Government to explore, and if possible, secure a partnership to develop community housing/papakāinga.</li> </ol>	<p>Partnerships with developers and Iwi/hapū.</p> <p>Annual Plan/ Long Term Plan commitment</p> <p>Government funding</p>	Infrastructure programmes align with growth areas

<sup>1</sup> 'Suitably' definition: in a way that is right or appropriate for business, with equal consideration to the surrounding environment | *Whakatipu i ngā pakihī, ēngari me tiaki i te whenua, te awa me te taiao*

<sup>2</sup> The 'Economic Development Strategy' consultation process has highlighted the need for the development of a 'Community Wellbeing Strategy', which would include considerations such as public art; known to support the economic appeal of a township.

# Attachment 3

# REPORT

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TO: Te Roopu Ahi Kaa Komiti

FROM: Blair Jamieson, Strategy & Community Planning Manager

DATE: 4 July 2019

SUBJECT: Policy & Community Planning Project and Activity Report – June 2019

FILE: 1-CO-4-8

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## 1 Background

- 1.1 This report summarises the programmes, activities and focus areas of staff within the Policy & Community Planning Team. Added commentary is provided where necessary.
- 1.2 This report also covers applications for external funding made by Council.
- 1.3 This report covers the month of June 2019.


## 2 Economic Development

- 2.1 The review of Economic Development activities and outcomes rests with the Finance/Performance Committee.

## 3 Community Engagement & Development

- 3.1 The following highlights the key programmes, activities and progress of staff in this area.

Programme/Activity	Progress For This Period
Township Signage	<u>Taihape</u> Completed.  <u>Mangaweka</u> Staff await the Heritage Committee to provide their chosen icon/symbol for Mangaweka.  <u>Hunternville</u> Completed.  <u>Marton</u> The icon/symbol for the Marton township signage is another item on the agenda.

Programme/Activity	Progress For This Period
	<p><u>Bulls</u> No progress by staff during this period. Cr. Dunne has a proposal from UCOL and has discussed this item with the Bulls Community Committee.</p> <p><u>Turakina</u> The signs are set for install between the dates of 8-15 July.</p> <p><u>Koitiata</u> The signs are set for install between the dates of 15-22 July.</p> <p><u>Rātana</u> The sign has currently been removed due to it being defaced. Staff await the proposed tag-line from the Rātana Community Board</p> <p><u>Whangaehu</u> A letter has been sent advising the kōmiti marae and residents/hall committee of Whangaehu of the icon/symbol process, once direction has been determined a meeting will be organised with the residents and respective elected member.</p> <p><u>Scott's Ferry</u> The icon symbol has been agreed to by the residents, with the sign going into production. A sample of the agreed signage is below:</p> 
<p>Healthy Families Strategic Leadership Team</p> <p>Facilitator: Te Oranganui</p>	<p>No update during this period. A meeting is set to occur in July.</p>

## 4 Youth/Rangatahi Development

4.1 The following highlights the key programmes, activities and progress of staff in this area.

Programme/Activity	Progress For This Period
Youth Space - Taihape	The Lobby Taihape is continuing to be popular and well run by Mokai Patea Services.
Youth Space - Marton	The Lobby Taihape is continuing to be popular being run by staff and volunteers.
Youth Council	<p>The scheduled Youth Council meeting for 27 June was unable to meet quorum to a number of illnesses. Chair Erika Elers, and prospective member, Anaru Hawira attended the Council meeting held 27 June. Both had attended a day trip to parliament in Wellington the week before where LGNZ remits were one topic of conversation. They found it interesting seeing our Council discuss the remits from at local government level, helping to fill in the 'big picture' of our country's governance structure.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A makeup meeting for the Youth Council will not take place as due to school holidays. The July meeting is scheduled for Tuesday 23 July.</li> </ul>
Youth/TRYB Website	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The development of the TRYB website is complete. Staff have had training in updating and amending the backend of the website. A demonstration will be provided to the meeting.</li> </ul>
Networking Meetings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Taihape Youth Council members received meeting training.</li> <li>Project Marton Network meeting was attended.</li> <li>Whanganui-Rangitikei Regional Skills and Talent working group was attended</li> <li>Marton Emergency Accommodation meeting was attended</li> <li>Skate Ministry –possible future events and activities being considered.</li> </ul>
Youth Opportunities and Support	<p>Rangitikei College students were facilitated in order to access sponsorship from Rotary Marton to attend Brave Thinkers; being a weeklong event in Palmerston North for years 12 and 13 who have an interest in business.</p> <p>Staff supported Rangitikei College with creating floral centre pieces, and lending Youth Award decorations and plants.</p> <p>Staff supported the Rātana Playground Committee with their funding applications.</p>

## 5 Iwi/Hapū Engagement & Development

5.1 The following highlights the key programmes, activities and progress of staff in this area.

Programme/Activity	Progress For This Period
Marae Engagement	Mr Jamieson and Mr Meihana met with a delegation from Taahuhu Marae (Ngāti Hauiti) to discuss their recent Building Warrant of Fitness assessment by Council staff.
Te Poho o Tuariki	Mr Meihana and Ms Gower met with Ngā Wairiki Ngāti Apa and local businesses to discuss the skills and talent shortages in the district.
Consenting Support	Mr Meihana attended and supported the Wellington Rd, Marton infrastructure meeting between staff, shared services and Ngā Wairiki Ngāti Apa.  Mr Meihana attended the Taihape and Hunterville waste water treatment plant consent variation meeting between staff, shared services and the iwi of Mokai Patea.

## 6 Policy Engagement

6.1 The following highlights the external activities of staff in this area.

Programme/Activity	Progress For This Period
Regional Collaboration of the 2019 Local Government Elections	Mr Jamieson and Mr Forster attended two meetings in relation to the local government elections. The first was facilitated by Horizons Regional Council, with a subsequent meeting held between staff and Mr Warwick Lampp, the Electoral Officer for Council.

## 7 Funding

7.1 An update on all funding applications is summarised in [Appendix 1](#).

7.2 The MBIE Tourism Infrastructure Fund declined Council's application for toilet facilities in Centennial Park and outside Marton Memorial Hall on the basis that the facilities were largely catering for the local community rather than in response to visitor growth. The 18 July 2019 elected members workshop will discuss this outcome.

## 8 Recommendations

8.1 That the report 'Policy & Community Planning Project and Activity Report – June 2019' to the Te Roopu Ahi Kaa Komiti on 13 August 2019 be received.

Blair Jamieson

Strategy & Community Planning Manager | Kaiwhakahaere Rautaki me te Hāpori

# *Appendix 1*

Fund	Project description	How much	Desired outcomes and milestones	Lead Agency	Council role	Policy Team Role	Status	Final report due
Community Facilities Fund, Lottery	Capital contribution to the Bulls multi-purpose community centre (\$700,000 applied for)	\$500,000	To develop the centre in Bulls	RDC	Lead agency, fundholder	Prepared application, holds funds, manages project, reports back to funder	Successful - Reporting Required. Grant paid once evidence of Council having land title.	Following project completion
Mid-Sized Tourism Facilities Fund	Public toilets in visitor hotspots	\$140,000	Toilets in Mangaweka, Bulls River, Papakai Park and Bruce's Reserve	RDC	Lead agency, fundholder	Prepared application, holds funds, manages project, reports back to funder	Successful - Reporting Required	Dec 2017 - extension sought
JBS Dudding Trust	Capital contribution to the Bulls multi-purpose community centre	\$200,000	To develop the centre in Bulls + ongoing support to libraries	RDC	Lead agency, fundholder	Prepared application, holds funds, manages project, reports back to funder	Successful - Reporting Required	To be advised
Health Promotion Agency Community Partnership Fund	Support for the Swim for All Programme. Free swimming lessons for Taihape	\$5,000.00	Children up to 4 years of age will have access to free swimming lessons in Taihape (as is already the case with sponsorship in Marton)	RDC	Lead agency, fundholder	Prepared application, holds funds, manages project, reports back to funder	Successful - To be carried forward 2018/19	To be advised
Freshwater Improvement Fund	Contribution to the Upgrade of the Ratana Wastewater treatment	\$875,000	To dispose of treated effluent to land rather than Lake Waipu	Horizons	Support Agency	None	Successful - Pending Works	To be advised
Tourism Infrastructure Fund	Ablution and toilet facilities at Santoft Domain	tbc	To contribute to community-led upgrade: facilities for users of the Domain, both locals and people from Te Araroa Walkway	RDC	Fundholder	Prepared application, holds funds, manages project, reports back to funder	Lodged	To be advised
Wanganui Community Foundation (Quick Response Grant)	Swim 4 All	\$5000 (\$7051 requested)	To run the Swim 4 All programme.	RDC	Lead agency, fundholder	Contributed to application, holds funds, manages project, reports back to funder.	Successful - Reporting Required	Nov-19

Lottery Heritage	Proposed new Marton Civic Centre - contribution to heritage assessment in preparing concept designs	\$ 50,000.00	Design options for Cobbler/Davenport/Abraham & Williams include assessment of heritage (external and internal)	RDC	Lead agency, fundholder	None	Successful (but a lesser amount than requested)	Following project completion
Tourism Infrastructure Fund	Two Public Toilets for Martons two park developments	\$ 270,000.00	2x 24/7 Dual Bay Kitset Public Toilets in Marton	RDC	Lead agency, fundholder	Prepared application, holds funds, manages project, reports back to funder	Declined	
Te Uru Rākau	Marton B&C Dam Development	\$ 73,000.00	Contribution for a native planting restoration programme	RDC	Lead agency, fundholder	None	Successful - Pending Works	To be advised
Upcoming		\$1,720,000						

# Attachment 4

# Report

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TO: Te Roopu Ahi Kaa Komiti

FROM: Gioia Damosso, Strategic Advisor – Economic Development | Kaihautū Ōhanga

DATE: 18 July 2019

SUBJECT: Economic Development Project and Activity Report – July 2019

FILE: 4-ED-1-NGHS

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## 1 Background

- 1.1 This report summarises the programmes, activities and focus areas of staff in the Economic Development within the Policy & Community Planning Team. Added commentary is provided where necessary.
- 1.2 This report covers the month of July, 2019.

## 2 Programme and Activity Overview

- 2.1 The following highlights the key programmes, activities and progress of staff in this area.

Programme/Activity	Progress For This Period
Tourism Focus Group	The first Tourism Focus Group meeting was held on 10 July 2019, being attended by local business owners and event organisers. The purpose of the meeting was to critique the first edit of the promotional video and to discuss the possibilities for an improved digital tourism platform and the associated user requirements. Examples from other councils in this space are: <a href="https://www.visitruapehu.com">https://www.visitruapehu.com</a> and <a href="https://www.visitwhanganui.nz/">https://www.visitwhanganui.nz/</a> . The feedback from the digital survey and focus group was that a platform similar to the Visit Ruapehu and Whanganui websites could be more useful in promoting Rangitikei as a visitor destination with a specific tourism and events focus than the current Rangitikei.com website provides. The purpose of this platform – something like – Explore Rangitikei – would aim to showcase and promote activities and experiences in the Rangitikei to potential visitors. It would ideally be the platform for district business collaboration, with such offerings as district business package deals. An internal workshop has been planned to discuss the options for how this could look and fit in with Council's current and future Information service platforms.
Business	The Proposal to the Provincial Growth Fund (PGF) for the Regional Digital Hub was declined as Tararua, Ruapehu and Horowhenua were identified as preferred locations. A meeting with Te Puni Kokiri to discuss other funding options for this project will occur, as well as engaging in further discussions

Programme/Activity	Progress For This Period
	with Ngā Wairiki Ngāti Apa to explore collaboration and funding opportunities.
Hemp Info Day	Details for the Hemp Info Day have been confirmed. The info session will be held at Te Poho o Tuariki on 30 July 2019, from 2pm to 5pm, around 50 people have already RSVP'd. Staff attended and were broadcast on Awa FM to promote the event. Interviews occurred with NZ Herald with approaches made to the Whanganui Chronicle and District Monitor
Arts and Placemaking	Meeting on the 11 <sup>th</sup> of July with Riah King Wall, Strategic Lead: Creative Industries and Arts from Whanganui and Partners and Ellen Young: Town Centre Regeneration Project Manager from Whanganui District Council, Nardia Gower Strategic Advisor - Youth, Ali Tilley and Belinda Howard to discuss the opportunities for public art and placemaking in the Rangitikei. The meeting addressed how we could fit in to a bigger picture in terms of regional tourism and opportunities such as the NZ Coastal Arts Trail, Artist Open Studios and the Whanganui Walls events amongst others. Additional discussion occurred on the possibility of forming an arts/placemaking steering group to coordinate and provide oversight to community art and placemaking activities.
Regional Skills and Talent Meeting	Held in Whanganui on 19 July 2019, with Economic Development officers from the region, Mayors and government officials to discuss central government priorities in the skills and training space and to pass on local priorities.
Rural Enterprise Scheme	Staff met with Mark Maxwell from Tararua District Council and Mark Ward from Whanganui and Partners to discuss Rural Enterprise project. Tararua are undertaking a similar project also with PGF funding. A new company has been contracted and the project is once again up and running.
Promotion	1 <sup>st</sup> edit of promotional video has been received. In response to feedback additional filming will occur to include more agri tourism – mustering and shearing demonstration at Rangitikei Farmstay on the 22 July 2019, which will be the last piece of filming for this project. A call to action will need to be settled upon for the end of the video, i.e. the explore Rangitikei website and a tourism appropriate tagline eg. Rangitikei: Yours to Explore.

### 3 Recommendations

- 3.1 That the report 'Economic Development Project and Activity Report - July 2019' to the 13 August Te Roopu Ahi Kaa Komiti meeting be received.

Gioia Damosso

Strategic Advisor – Economic Development | Kaihautū Ōhanga