

**TE RŌPŪ AHI KĀ  
KOMITI HUI**

# ORDER PAPER

**TUESDAY, 17 DECEMBER 2019, 11AM**

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**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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The quorum for the Te Rōpu Ahi Kā is 7 including 1 elected member.

Council's Standing Orders (adopted 31 October 2019) 11.2 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 Public Forum

## 3 Apologies

## 4 Appointment of Deputy Chair

Clause 25, Schedule 7 of the Local Government Act 2002, which relates to voting systems for certain appointments (including the election or appointment of the deputy mayor, the election or appointment of the chairperson and deputy chairperson of a committee, and the election or appointment of a representative of the local authority), states that:

(2) ... a local authority or a committee (if the local authority has so directed) must determine by resolution that a person be elected or appointed by using one of the following systems of voting:—

- (a) the voting system in subclause (3) ("system A");
- (b) the voting system in subclause (4) ("system B").

(3) System A—

(a) requires that a person is elected or appointed if he or she receives the votes of a majority of the members of the local authority or committee present and voting; and

(b) has the following characteristics:—

- (i) there is a first round of voting for all candidates; and
- (ii) if no candidate is successful in that round there is a second round of voting from which the candidate with the fewest votes in the first round is excluded; and
- (iii) if no candidate is successful in the second round there is a third, and if necessary subsequent, round of voting from which, each time, the candidate with the fewest votes in the previous round is excluded; and
- (iv) in any round of voting, if 2 or more candidates tie for the lowest number of votes, the person excluded from the next round is resolved by lot.

(4) System B—

(a) requires that a person is elected or appointed if he or she receives more votes than any other candidate; and

(b) has the following characteristics:

- (i) there is only 1 round of voting; and

(ii) if 2 or more candidates tie for the most votes, the tie is resolved by lot.

**Recommendations:**

- 1 That EITHER System A OR System B be used to elect the Deputy Chair of Te Rōpu Ahi Kā Komiti.
- 2 That .....be appointed Deputy Chair of Te Rōpu Ahi Kā Komiti.

## **5 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.

## **6 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.

## **7 Whakatau Nga Tuhinga Kōrero / Confirmation of Minutes**

The Minutes from the meeting held on 8 October 2019 are attached.

File ref: 3-CT-8-2

**Recommendation:**

That the Minutes of the Te Rōpu Ahi Kā Komiti meeting held on 8 October 2019 {as amended/without amendment} be taken as read and verified as an accurate and correct record of the meeting.

## **8 Chair's Report**

A verbal report will be provided at the meeting.

## **9 Feedback on the Komiti's Workshop**

Discussion item.

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

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

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

There were no queries raised at the previous hui.

## **12 Appointment of representatives to Council's standing Committees**

At its meeting on 1 December 2016, Council agreed to invite Te Rōpu Ahi Kā to have a representative on the Assets/Infrastructure, Finance/Performance and Policy/Planning Committees with full voting rights. The remuneration would be on the same basis as attending a meeting of Te Rōpu Ahi Kā.

Meetings are held every month, from February to December. The terms of reference are attached.

### **Recommendation:**

- 1 That Te Rōpu Ahi Kā nominates ..... to be its representative on Council's Assets/Infrastructure Committee for the 2019-22 triennium.
- 2 That Te Rōpu Ahi Kā nominates ..... to be its representative on Council's Finance/Performance Committee for the 2019-22 triennium.
- 3 That Te Rōpu Ahi Kā nominates ..... to be its representative on Council's Policy/Planning Committee for the 2019-22 triennium.

## **13 Update from Council's meetings October-November 2019**

A memorandum is attached.

File ref: 3-CT-8-1

### **Recommendation:**

That the report 'Update from Council's meetings October-November 2019' to the 17 December 2019 Te Rōpu Ahi Kā Komiti be received.

## **14 Values**

Discussion item.

## **15 Review of Memorandum of Understanding: Tūtohunga**

The final draft is attached.

File ref: 4-EN-8-2

### **Recommendation:**

That the 'Review of the Memorandum of Understanding: Tūtohunga' to the 17 December 2019 Te Rōpu Ahi Kā Komiti be received.

## **16 Horizons Update**

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

## **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 Māori Manawatū-Whanganui Economic Development Strategy, 2016-40.

A verbal update will be provided by the Chair.

## **19 Kaumātua Free Rubbish Collection**

A report is attached.

### **Recommendation:**

That the report 'Kaumātua Free Rubbish Collection' to Te Rōpu Ahi Kā meeting on 17 December 2019 be received.

## **20 Update on Path to Well-being initiative**

Mr Meihana, Strategic Advisor – Mana Whenua, will provide a verbal update.

## **21 Process for nominating Komiti members for the 2019-22 triennium**

Members are reminded that your confirmation letters from your nominating bodies are due at the 17 December 2019 meeting. If you are unable to supply the confirmation letter by this date, then please indicate when you may be able to produce the letter.

## **22 Pānui/Announcements**

## **23 Late Items**

As accepted in item 6.

## **24 Future Items for the Agenda**

## **25 Next Meeting**

Tuesday 11 February 2020, 11.00am

**26 Meeting closed/Karakia**

# Attachment 1





# Rangitikei District Council

## Te Roopu Ahi Kaa Komiti Meeting

Minutes – Tuesday 8 October 2019 – 11:00 a.m.

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**Present:** Ms Kim Savage  
Mr Thomas Curtis  
Ms Coral Raukawa-Manuel  
Mr Terry Steedman  
Ms Hari Benevides  
Mr James Allen  
His Worship the Mayor, Andy Watson

**In attendance:** Mr Lequan Meihana, Strategic Advisor – Mana Whenua  
Ms George Forster, Policy Advisor  
Mr Jerald Twomey, Kaitatari Kaupapa (Iwi) (Horizons Regional Council)  
Ms Nardia Gower, Youth Development Officer

## 1 Karakia/Welcome

The meeting opened at 11.05. The acting Chair, Thomas Curtis, welcomed everyone to the meeting.

## 2 Apologies

That the apology for absence from Mr P Turia, Mr B Gray, Mr C Shenton and Ms T Hiroa be received

T. Steedman / H. Benevides. 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. No conflicts of interest were declared.

## 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,

- Infrastructure Update

be dealt with as a late item at this meeting. Such matters will be dealt with at the end of this agenda.

The order of business was confirmed.

## 5 Whakatau Nga Tuhinga Kōrero / Confirmation of Minutes

His Worship the Mayor noted that a meeting had taken place with Ngati Wae Wae where a mutual agreement was reached that they would not have a representative on Te Roopu Ahi Kaa. A river accord between Council and Ngati Wae Wae is being investigated, which will involve discussion with Manawatū District Council.

<b>Resolved minute number</b>	<b>19/IWI/023</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 13 August 2019 without amendment be taken as read and verified as an accurate and correct record of the meeting.

Ms K Savage / Mr T Steedman Carried

## 6 Chair's Report

Nil

## **7 Feedback on the Komiti's Workshop**

### Departure of Ross Mc Neil, Chief Executive and Blair Jamieson

The Komiti expressed their preference for being given the opportunity to have given Mr McNeil, and Mr Jamieson a farewell. It was acknowledged that in the departure of Mr McNeil, a staff-only farewell was held, which meant the exclusion of elected members and all committee members. It was agreed that if the Komiti wished to undertake farewells with staff they are welcome to do so.

The Komiti further noted unease at being called in for duties, such as karanga, on some occasions but not for all. The question was raised around processes that Council plan to install in order to clarify the relationship and involvement of Te Rōpu Ahi Kā Komiti and its members and associates in Council matters such as powhiri, whakatau and farewells.

### Rubbish Collection for Kaumatua

Discussed was the concept of having free rubbish days or free rubbish bags for kaumatua, Grey Power or Gold Card holders was discussed. The following comments were noted:

Rubbish Collection would exclude those living rurally

A set number of rubbish bags for gold card holders could held by council and be collected once a year

Awareness of administration ease needs to be considered.

The Gold Card is a government assistance card, in this instance it could be used as identifying those eligible. There could be an increase in rates as a result.

Staff to do preliminary investigations and report back to next meeting

## **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.

## **10 Update from Council's meetings August-September 2019**

His Worship the Mayor spoke to the report with the following highlights.

- Climate Change within the district is not only sea rise issues but also flooding and weather events.
- Marton B and C Dams are currently undergoing investigation into the foundation, water has been lowered in order to complete.
- Hautapu River Parks Project involves community groups building walking tracks and bridges.

- Nomination process for Community Committees and Reserve Management Groups opens 24 October 2019.
- Peter Beggs, the incoming Chief executive for Council, spent 4 days having a brief tour of the lower end of the district with his Worship the Mayor.
- RNZAF Base Ohakea have indicated they would like use the proposed combined Marton-Bulls Wastewater Treatment Plant. Land suitable for treated waste discharge dispersal is still being sought.
- The exploration bore in Hunterville, recently increased its equipment to a commercial size. Testing the viability of using this bore is still being undertaken. This work has been funded by Central Government.
- The Bulls Walton Street house, refurbished in large by the community, is set for auction on 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2019.
- The current administration buildings in High Street, Marton and the Library are earthquake prone. Consultation with the community on options for the new civic centre is expected to take place in the first quarter of 2020. Factors include retention of historical buildings as a whole or partially. The new facility will hold council's main administration offices and the Library.
- Current elected members are continuing to engage with the community and funding partners on the design and details of the Taihape Memorial Park amenities building.
- A formal workshop was recently attended by His Worship the Mayor in Hawkes Bay regarding the Taihape - Napier Rd, known as Gentle Annie, becoming an NZTA road and responsibility. A business case is being produced to support this.

The Ratana wastewater treatment plant was raised by the Komiti mentioning the Waha tapu at the back of stream, being an urupa. Staff noted that treated waste dispersal to wetlands is off the table and that Council are in early conversation with land owners on the coast. Updates will come to the Komiti when available.

His Worship the Mayor sought feedback from the Komiti with regard to their preference on which elected members are to be Council representatives on Te Rōpu Ahi Kā Komiti. Bearing in mind elected members may include those already sitting on the Komiti. He saw value for both the Komiti and Council in having non-Maori elected members involved in the hui. His Worship the Mayor suggested that a decision is made following the outcome of the elections.

To be an item on next agenda.

<b>Resolved minute number</b>	<b>19/IWI/024</b>	<b>File Ref</b>	<b>3-CT-8-1</b>
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That the report 'Update from Council's meetings August 2019' to the 8 October 2019 Te Rōpu Ahi Kā Komiti be received.

Ms H Benevides/ Mr C Mete. Carried

## 11 Powhiri for newly elected Council and new Chief Executive

The powhiri for the newly elected Council will be held in the Shelton Pavillion in Centennial Park on Thursday 24 October 2019, 6.30 pm, ahead of the first formal meeting of the Council as required by the Local Government Act.

The powhiri for the new Council Chief Executive, Peter Beggs, will be held at Rangitikei College on Tuesday 22 October 2019, from 1.00 pm.

Komiti members are invited to attend both events which Lequan Meihana is co-ordinating.

## 12 Values

Discussed previously in hui in item 7.

## 13 Review of Memorandum of Understanding: Tūtohunga

Noted was the incorrect spelling in the MoU of Terence Steedman, and Jordan Haines Winiata.

**Resolved minute number**                      **19/IWI/025**                      **File Ref**                      **4-EN-8-2**

That the 'Review of the Memorandum of Understanding: Tūtohunga' to the 8 October 2019 Te Rōpu Ahi Kā Komiti be received and discussion on the document will take place at the next meeting.

Ms C Raukawa-Manuel / Mr T Steedman. Carried

## 14 Update on Discussions with Ngāti Waewae

The Komiti noted the commentary in the agenda.

River access at Onepuhi was discussed noting that a community group approached council to seek assistance in opening up Onepuni reserve including track access. His Worship the Mayor informed the Komiti that the river at the site has split causing a swift flowing channel and that the main river channel is now some way away from this area.

**Resolved minute number**                      **19/IWI/026**                      **File Ref**                      **4-EN-8-3**

That the draft discussion 'Establishing an effective relationship between Ngāti Waewae and Rangitikei District Council' to the 8 October 2019 Te Rōpu Ahi Kā Komiti be received.

Mr T Steedman / Ms K Savage. Carried

## 15 Horizons Update

Mr Twomey gave a verbal update with the following highlights:

- One Plan change submissions close on Monday 21 October at 5pm. The change is to clarify and amend the nutrient management framework so it effectively works towards achieving the strategies for surface water quality set out in the One Plan.
- New policy changes, which are out for consultation now, raised concerns that the time frame in not allowing proper governance set ups for iwi.

- The nitrogen levels that are being proposed suggested under the governments Fresh Water Plan match with One plan fairly closely, however timeline for getting down to the levels is compressed.

## 16 Update on Landlocked Land

His Worship the Mayor had nothing to report, and is awaiting direction from courts.

## 17 Update on Te Pae Tawhiti

A verbal update will be provided by the Chair, when he returns to the next meeting.

## 18 TAB Venue Policy and Gambling Venue Policy

Mr Forster spoke to the report and explained deprivation levels and the factors used to assess them. It was noted that Marton has a high deprivation level.

**Resolved minute number**                      **19/IWI/027**                      **File Ref**                      **3-PY-1-5**

That the report 'TAB Venue Policy and Gambling Venue Policy' to the 8 October 2019 Te Rōpu Ahi Kā Komiti be received.

Ms H Benevides / Ms K Savage. Carried  
Mr T Steedman against

## 19 Policy & Community Planning Project and Activity Report – September 2019

**Resolved minute number**                      **19/IWI/028**                      **File Ref**                      **1-CO-4-8**

That the report 'Policy & Community Planning Project and Activity Report – September 2019' to the 8 October 2019 Te Rōpu Ahi Kā Komiti be received.

Mr T Steedman / Mr J Allen. Carried

Ms K Savage left at 12.49pm – 12.51pm

## 20 Economic Development Project and Activity Report – September 2019

**Resolved minute number**                      **19/IWI/029**                      **File Ref**                      **4-ED-1-NGH**

That the report 'Economic Development Project and Activity Report – September 2019' to the 8 October 2019 Te Rōpu Ahi Kā Komiti be received.

Ms K Savage / Ms C Raukawa-Manuel. Carried

## **21 Treaty of Waitangi commemoration 2020**

A letter attached from the Prime Minister was acknowledged.

## **22 Process for nominating Komiti members for the 2019-22 triennium**

**Resolved minute number**                      **19/IWI/030**                      **File Ref**                      **3-OR-3-1**

That the report 'Process for nomination of Te Rōpu Ahi Kā members following the October 2019 elections' to the 8 October 2019 Te Rōpu Ahi Kā Komiti meeting be received.

Ms H Benevides / Mr C Mete. Carried

**Resolved minute number**                      **19/IWI/031**                      **File Ref**

That Te Rōpu Ahi Kā agrees that the preferred processes for selecting the Iwi members of the Komiti is via a letter to the Chair of the respective Marae Komiti or appropriate governance body to seek nominations for representation.

Ms H Benevides / Mr C Mete. Carried

**Resolved minute number**                      **19/IWI/032**                      **File Ref**

That Te Rōpu Ahi Kā accepts the practice of electing the Rātana member of the Komiti from the community at large during the inaugural meeting of the elected members of the Rātana Community Board.

Ms H Benevides / Mr C Mete. Carried

**Undertaking**                      **Subject**

Staff to email Komiti clarifying if a Council Elected Member can also sit as a iwi/hapu representative on Te Rōpu Ahi Kā.



## 23 Programme for briefing the newly elect Council

The Komiti was instructed to discuss with Chair Pahia Turia, any iwi/hapu interest in hosting the newly elected Council.

### Undertaking

### Subject

Council staff to indicate to Komiti members, via email, the proposed date and time for this briefing.

## 24 Pānui/Announcements

Mr Mete informed the Komiti that civil works have begun on Ratana papakaianga with the infrastructure work to be completed by July 2020. House constructions are planned begin in August 2020.

His Worship the Mayor expressed his apology for not being able to attend the 'ground breaking' ceremony for this project.

Mr T Steedman left at 1.05pm

## 25 Late Items

Infrastructure Update

Mr Benadie addressed the Komiti and spoke of upcoming capital works projects as listed below. He anticipates that moving forward that the Komiti will be updated at each meeting on the scheduled capital works projects for that period. This will give members the opportunity to contact staff if something of particular interest is noted.

Mr Benadie stated that he would provide the upcoming meeting with a list of works for members' consideration.

## 26 Future Items for the Agenda

Elected Member representation on Te Rōpu Ahi Kā Komiti.

Infrastructure Update as a standing agenda item.

His Worship the Mayor provided information to the Komiti regarding funding with the following noted:

Funding grants for events, community initiatives, creative projects are administered through council. Information is available on councils website [www.rangitikei.govt.nz/district/community/grants-funding](http://www.rangitikei.govt.nz/district/community/grants-funding)

Council also administers funding through the Park Partnership Upgrade fund, in which Council provides up to 33% in cash of the value – in cash or in kind - of the contribution from the community. This tends to have a maximum allowance of \$25,000 for small scale projects, with

council considering more investment for larger projects. The Ratana Playground development has been a recipient of this funding. Information is available on councils website [www.rangitikei.govt.nz/district/community/grants-funding/parks-upgrades-partnership-fund](http://www.rangitikei.govt.nz/district/community/grants-funding/parks-upgrades-partnership-fund)

Te Rōpu Ahi Kā previously had a contestable fund of \$15k, available to any iwi for capability building. That has since been amalgamated into the framework of the Strategic Advisor for Iwi/Hapu with Marae development projects.

With regard to major funding for new projects, early each year Council look at what they want to spend money on and this forms part of the annual plan budget. Through the annual plan decision making process Te Rōpu Ahi Kā have the option to approach or recommend to Council funding a certain project. It was noted that the Annual Plan can consider minor financial requests but the large cost projects need to be signalled through the Long Term Plan process.

Individual organisations can put in their own applications to the governments' Provincial Growth Fund and may seek endorsement from council, iwi and other orgs. Council have made their own applications to this fund on a variety of projects.

Dudding Trust as a private trust can be applied to for eligible projects, on an annual basis. More information can be found on the following website <https://www.publictrust.co.nz/grants/how-do-i-find-one/grants/the-jbs-dudding-trust>

## 27 Next Meeting

This is the final meeting of the 2016-19 triennium. To be advised.

## 28 Meeting closed/Karakia

1.27pm Karakia Jim Allen

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

Confirmed/Chief Executive: \_\_\_\_\_

Date:

# Attachment 2



# Memorandum

To: Te Roopu Ahi Kaa

From: Bonnie Clayton, Governance Administrator

Date: 3 December 2019

Subject: **Update from Council's meetings October-November 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**. A separate report on infrastructure will be tabled at the meeting.

## **1 Memorandum of Understanding between Council, Ngā Wairiki Ngāti Apa and Marton Development Group**

2 This Memorandum of Understanding is being drafted to formalise the purpose and relationship of incorporating the cultural presence and narratives of Ngā Wairiki Ngāti Apa into the Marton Memorial Hall Playground and Tutaeporoporo Trail.

2.1 This agreement will cover the following main points:

- outcomes,
- consideration of iwi tikanga and intellectual property rights,
- the responsibility and roles of each party,
- the purpose of the working party (made up of iwi experts and designers)

## **3 Amendment to rates remission policy – incentivising residential development**

3.1 Feedback from the public enquiring about this policy has shown that some rewording is desirable. These are minor amendments and there is no requirement for Council to consult on them.

## **4 Marton Council Chambers Art Project**

4.1 The Strategic Advisors for both Iwi/Hapu and Youth are proposing to work with the District's three colleges to create a collaborative art piece to fill the spaces above the top moulding on the western and northern walls of the Council Chambers in Marton.

4.2 It is envisioned that the project will be youth led, supported by teachers, with all students participating in a design workshop sessions at the beginning of the school year 2020.

4.3 The final piece is intended to be cohesive and incorporate cultural elements relevant to the whole District. Students would present their draft design to Elected Members for endorsement.

4.4 The work would be on MDF, or something similar, to allow each school to work individually and allowing for relocation at a later stage if the planned Civic Centre on Broadway/High Street proceeds.

4.5 Staff from both Council and the colleges would meet this year to plan student workshops and timeframes with students starting the project at the beginning of 2020.

## **5 Vulnerable landfills**

5.1 Tonkin & Taylor has been engaged to develop a nationally applicable screening tool to identify landfills that may be vulnerable to natural hazards associated with climate change. All territorial authorities and regional councils are asked to participate in an online survey to show what type of data is held. It is due for completion by 1 November 2019.

## **6 Future administration of grants**

6.1 There was more proactive engagement with assessors than in the initial round, although there was an unexpected problem because the email addresses for two assessors were not being loaded correctly into SmartyGrants. A training session was offered and used by several assessors, recognising that some time had elapsed since they last used the system. This led to the question whether it would be an improvement to adopt the process used in assessing the Creative Communities grants – i.e. a designated grants (sub) committee where members could test their ideas with others before finalising their view. That is a consideration for the new triennium.

6.2 At its meeting on 30 May 2019, the Finance/Performance Committee resolved that a report be provided to the Committee before the end of 2019 on using the Council's website to receive grant applications (and facilitating their administration) as an alternative to renewing the contract with Smartygrants. Such a report has not proved feasible: since then, has been a focus on developing an information services strategic plan, from which priorities for e-business will be determined. In addition, before committing to an in-house development, the use of SmartyGrants by other councils (for example, Palmerston North and Hamilton) warrants closer attention.

6.3 The cost of renewing the SmartyGrants licence for the next two funding rounds (i.e. until December 2020) is \$7,250 (GST inclusive).

6.4 It is suggested that, whether or not Council decides to continue with SmartyGrants or revert to a paper-based system, representatives from the community committees and community boards remain involved in the assessment process.

## **7 Staffing**

7.1 Murray Phillips started as Team Leader, Parks and Reserves, on 7 October 2019.

7.2 Grace Donaldson started as Animal Control Officer on 14 October 2019.

7.3 Advertising closed on 23 October 2019 for the Strategy and Community Planning Manager, the Management & Systems Accountant (replacing a contract position vacant for some months), the Communications & Graphics Designer (replacing a contract position) and a 12-month Human Resources Advisor. Interviews were held during November 2019.

7.4 The King Street Depot (currently the base for the Parks team) is being refurbished so that its space is fully utilised in the way envisaged with the relocation of administrative and library functions to the Marton CBD, as foreshadowed in the 2019/20 Annual Plan (and the 2018-28 Long Term Plan). Even if that relocation was deferred, the more effective use of the space at King Street and improved workflow at 46 High Street makes this a worthwhile project.

**8 Recommendation:**

8.1 That the report 'Update from Council's meetings October-November 2019 ' to the 17 December 2019 Te Roopu Ahi Kaa Komiti be received.

Bonnie Clayton  
Governance Administrator

# *Appendix 1*



# Memorandum

**To:** Council

**From:** Peter Beggs

**Date:** 24 October 2019

**Subject:** **Top 10 Projects – status, October 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). *That is planned to be in place for the February 2020 report.*

## 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 project is in the pre-implementation phase. A Notice of Desire to Acquire Land (s.18(1)(b) Public Works Act 1981) was issued on 13 September 2019. There is a three-month period for good faith negotiations to acquire the necessary land. One property owner is involved. Five of the seven contractors who registered interest in this project meet the New Zealand Transport Agency's pre-qualification standard. The estimated completion date is 30 June 2021.*

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 was arranged (at Awastone) for 5 August 2019 to discuss the future of the current bridge. At its meeting on 29 August 2019, following consideration of a report, Council agreed (as has the Manawatu District Council) to retaining the existing bridge as a walking and cycling facility, and supported the setting up of a trust to raise funds to contribute to the ongoing maintenance and promotion of the existing bridge for these purposes.



Heritage NZ has advised an application was made for the existing bridge to have a heritage classification but 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 New Zealand Defence Force has confirmed its interest in being a trade waste customer in the upgraded Bulls/Marton wastewater land disposal arrangement. A draft Memorandum of Understanding prepared by the New Zealand Defence Force is under consideration.

*The provision in the 2019/20 Annual Plan for this project is \$2.7 million, for the Marton-Bulls pipeline and land purchase. The expected completion date is 2027/28, a year longer than in the 2018-28 Long Term Plan, as suitable land has yet to be identified.*

### **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 a new group of 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. Feedback indicates that a flexible approach could be taken.

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.](#) The

full diameter bore was drilled to approximately 320m deep and the permanent casing installed, after which the casing was grouted into place. This allowed drilling through into the strata identified for production and attempt bore development. *Bore development is under way and it has been confirmed that there is sufficient water supply from the bore. Currently the water has a high sand content, but this is expected to reduce as the development of the bore continues. Once we reach 0.1% sand, water samples will be taken and analysed to check the water quality.*

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 was held on 14 August 2019 with representatives of the Provincial Development Unit (PGF administrators) to secure final Government funding approval. A decision on that funding is now awaited.

## **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. The presence of asbestos means that relocation of the Queen Carnival Building is not feasible. Quotes are being sourced for demolition of both buildings and clearing the site.

## **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 is February 2020.

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. Council received title on 13 September 2019; Lotteries paid the \$500,000 (plus GST) approved for the project on 19 September 2019.

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. Construction work has progressed steadily.

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 has been provided to the Audit Director and management comment requested. 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. Discussions are in hand with other organisations to see what external funding could be secured.

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 on 2 November 2019 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). At its meeting on 29 August 2019, Council reviewed the extent of the latter area to be retained for recreation.

*The project was paused on 23 October 2019 to allow a brief review and to ensure all parties continue to be aligned to the project deliverables. .*

## **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. That also gave consideration to the communications strategy to be used in the consultation with the community about the options considered.

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.

A workshop with WSP Opus to review these costed designs was scheduled for 29 August 2019, ahead of the Council meeting that day. Council considered more work was needed before proceeding with consulting with the community about the options considered, its preferred option and the business case supporting that. A specific project under way is exploring sources of funding for the project, especially for heritage preservation elements.

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 was prepared and discussed with Clubs Taihape has been held. It indicated 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 had 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. Three expressions of interest were received for the design. Copeland Associates Architects were appointed to undertake the design work.

Barry Copeland (Copeland Associates Architects) subsequently 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 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 \$300,000 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. Meetings were held with Clubs Taihape on 22 July 2019 and 19 August 2019 to progress the Memorandum of Understanding with the Council for funding and managing the facility. The agreed text was tabled at the meeting for ratification. *Since then there have been several meetings with Park users to review the design.*

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 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 *during 2020 (as part of the input for the 2021-31 Long Term Plan)*. This

engagement will be better informed following a final decision on the nature and scope of the development of community facilities on Memorial Park.

**Recommendation**

That the memorandum 'Top 10 Projects – status, October 2019' to the 31 October 2019 Council meeting be received.

Peter Beggs  
Chief Executive



# *Appendix 2*

# Memorandum

To: Te Roopu Ahi Kaa Komiti

From: Arno Benadie - Principal Advisor Infrastructure

Date: 28 November 2019

Subject: **Te Roopu Ahi Kaa Infrastructure Update December 2019**

File: 5-EX-3-2

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The Rangitikei District Council, in seeking process improvement for iwi engagement, will include The Infrastructure Update as a reoccurring agenda item at each Te Roopu Ahi Kaa meeting. Its purpose is to alert the Komiti to Council's upcoming infrastructure projects and to provide progress updates on current works.

Council is aware that previously, lack of early consultation with iwi has resulted in iwi become involved in a project of interest at a stage when engineering and design work has been completed and a preferred engineering solution presented. If any cultural or historic issues are identified at this late stage it is often difficult and expensive to incorporate mitigating solutions into the final design.

Rangitikei District Council want to change this practice by involving iwi in infrastructure projects from the onset of the project, all the way through to the final solution. In this way our iwi partners will be part of the journey to the solution and it allows us, as a team, to make changes to the project as issues are identified. Meaning, that by the time a project arrives at the consenting and regulatory end of the process, iwi will have detailed knowledge of the project and the proposed solution. Along with honouring our partnership this removes the risk of late surprises and expensive solutions to finalise a project.

The Infrastructure Update will sit alongside the Iwi Consultation Process Map (attached as an appendix to Tūtohunga) developed by Lequan Meihana to help Council staff identify projects and decisions that may require iwi engagement.

The Infrastructure projects for the 2019/20 financial year are the following:

<b>Storm Water</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Update</b>
Wellington Rd construction	\$400 000	Phase one – construction of the new sumps, pipes and combining manhole will start in January 2020. Phase two is the construction of the stream outfall and will start after consultation and consenting has been completed

Scots Ferry Pump Station	\$350 000	In design phase. Consultation started
	<b>\$750 000</b>	
<b>Potable Water</b>		
Marton Water Strategy	\$250 000	Work on possible treatment solutions started
Compliance improvement plan	\$250 000	We are preparing a list of items that will improve our compliance performance. We started with Drinking Water compliance
Taihape Paradise Tce	\$340 000	Water main upgrade completed. Storm water main replacement to start shortly
Taihape falling main	\$600 000	The contract has been let, construction will start in January 2020
Marton Dam repairs	\$1 440 866	Have identified a temporary repair for the summer months. Procurement process started to select an appropriate contractor.
Bulls Reservoir	\$1 325 000	Geotech study of a preferred site in Bulls has been completed. Report due to Council to confirm next steps
Huntermville bore	\$400 000	Bore installation completed. Now doing flow testing and water quality testing. Results should be available shortly
Erewhon rural – Water reticulation renewals	\$240 000	Project is in the design phase. Hoping to go out to tender shortly
	<b>\$4 845 866</b>	
<b>Wastewater</b>		
Pipeline Marton to Bulls	\$1 500 000	We have identified a preferred route, and are now working on pipe and pump station sizes
Marton Bulls land purchase	\$1 192 000	Search for appropriate land continues. Negotiations with Nga

		Wairiki-Ngati Apa to start in the near future
Ratana Wastewater	\$200 000	We have identified a potential parcel of land for disposal. The property owners are positive, but needs to a vote from the other members of the trust at their AGM to be held in December
	<b>\$2 892 000</b>	
<b>Other</b>		
Putorino landfill	\$500 000	4 possible solutions has been identified. Discussions with Iwi and Horizons Regional Council will be held in December to agree on the best suited solution.
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$8 487 866</b>	

Arno Benadie  
Principal Advisor Infrastructure

# Attachment 3

**DRAFT v2.0**

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING:**

# TŪTOHINGA

Between: Rangitīkei District Council

And: Te Tangata Whenua o Rangitīkei

Kauangaroa / Ngā Wairiki Ki Uta

Ngā Ariki Turakina

Ngāi Te Ohuake

Ngāti Hauiti

Ngāti Hinemanu / Ngāti Paki

Ngāti Kauae / Ngāti Tauira

Ngāti Parewahawaha

Ngāti Tamakōpiri

Ngāti Whitikaupeka

Rangituhia

Rātana Pā Community

Whangaehu / Rangiwahakaturia / Taitapu

Represented on Council by: Te Rōpū Ahi Kā

## Version Control

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- 3 Draft v2

*Making this place home.*

# Introduction – Kupu Whakataki

This Memorandum of Understanding has been put together on the basis of:

- Both parties have entered into the Memorandum of Understanding – Tūtohunga in good faith and with a view to making the partnership work.
- Both parties recognise that there may be constraints from time to time in respect of resources.
- Both parties can see mutual benefits being derived from the establishment of the Memorandum of Understanding – Tūtohunga.
- Both parties express the wish that their partnership will develop and become stronger over time.

## Tūtohunga

### Memorandum of Understanding

#### 1. Introduction

- 1.1 The Rangitikei District Council and Iwi of the District wish to enter into a number of protocols, which are intended to reflect the basis on which they will conduct their affairs of common interest.
- 1.2 For the purposes of this Memorandum, the Iwi of the District are the Tangata Whenua that hold Mana Whenua in relation to a particular area of the District. The Tangata Whenua of the District comprise the hapū and iwi, which are represented on Te Rōpū Ahi Kā, a present standing committee of Council.
- 1.3 Hapū and iwi acknowledge each other's tino rangatiratanga, arising from their Mana Whenua, when speaking for their area.
- 1.4 Hapū and iwi put forward delegates to Te Rōpū Ahi Kā to represent issues and consider Council policy, making resolutions and representations to Council. This clause does not preclude direct Iwi, Hapū or individual interaction with Council on issues that concern them directly.
- 1.5 For hapū and iwi, *Te Tiriti o Waitangi* is the starting point for determining their relationship with the Crown, its agencies and the Rangitikei District Council.
- 1.6 Within the Rangitikei District, the Māori community of Rātana Pā is recognised as being integral to decision-making on Māori issues and therefore, the Rātana Pā Community, through their nominated representative, have membership on Te Rōpū Ahi Kā.
- 1.7 The Council's procedures are governed by statute, and in particular in the context of the protocols set out in Section 2 below, the provisions of the Local Government Act 2002 and Resource Management Act 1991.
- 1.8 Section 10 of the Local Government Act sets out the purposes of Local Government in New Zealand. Those stated purposes are:
  - (a) *to enable democratic decision-making and action by, and on behalf of, communities; and*
  - (b) *to promote the social, economic, environmental, and cultural well-being of communities, in the present and for the future.*

One of the emphases of the Local Government Act 2002 is to place greater decision-making abilities in the hands of communities. This is particularly relevant for Māori as all the areas of well-being directly impact upon them.

1.9 Section 8 of the Resource Management Act provides as follows:

**“Treaty of Waitangi** - In achieving the purpose of this Act, all persons exercising functions and power under it, in relation to managing the use, development, and protection of natural and physical resources, shall take into account the articles of the Treaty of Waitangi (Te Tiriti o Waitangi).”

Section 4 of the Local Government Act further provides that as part of the Crown’s responsibility to take appropriate account of the principles of the Treaty of Waitangi, the local authority is charged with facilitating opportunities for Māori to contribute to decision-making.

1.10 Given the provisions of the Local Government Act and Section 8 of the Resource Management Act, the Rangitikei District Council positively recognises that to carry out its functions appropriately, it must make appropriate provision for the specific interests of Māori in its community with particular emphasis on consultation and capacity building.

1.11 To enable it to make such provision, the Rangitikei District Council must take into account the principles of the Treaty of Waitangi, subject to the provisions of clause 1.14 below.

1.12 The Rangitikei District Council and Iwi of the District acknowledge that the principles of the Treaty of Waitangi are continuing to evolve.

1.13 However, in a document published in 1989 by the then Labour Government, several principles were identified. They were:

- (i) *The Kawanatanga Principle:* The Government has the right to govern and make laws.
- (ii) *The Rangatiratanga Principle:* The Iwi have the right to organise as Iwi, and, under the law, to control their resources as their own.
- (iii) *The Principle of Equality:* All New Zealanders are equal before the law.
- (iv) *The Principle of Reasonable Co-operation:* Both the Government and the Iwi are obliged to accord each other reasonable co-operation on major issues of common concern.
- (v) *The Principle of Redress:* The Government is responsible for providing effective processes for the resolution of grievances in the expectation that reconciliation can occur.

1.14 Both the Rangitikei District Council and Iwi of the District acknowledge these principles and accept that they apply to the Crown. However, they further accept that they can only apply to the Rangitikei District Council to the extent that any empowering legislation applicable to the Rangitikei District Council contemplates.

1.15 The Rangitikei District Council and Iwi of the District agree that the extent to which the application of the articles of the Treaty of Waitangi to the Rangitikei District Council is so contemplated by the empowering legislation, is reflected in the protocols that are set out below.



- 1.16 The Rangitikei District Council and Iwi of the District further agree that these protocols will need to be reviewed from time to time as the application of the principles of the Treaty of Waitangi continue to evolve and other principles emerge.
- 1.17 The Rangitikei District Council and Iwi of the District therefore wish to agree the protocols set out in Section 2 below.
- 1.18 These protocols are intended to reflect a partnership between the Rangitikei District Council and Iwi of the District, which is to be exercised in the utmost good faith to ensure that the needs of both Māori and the wider community will be met.

## 2. Protocols

- 2.1 These protocols constitute policy of the Rangitikei District Council and can be reviewed from time to time.
- 2.2 When these protocols are reviewed they must be reviewed by the Council in consultation with Te Tangata Whenua o Rangitikei.
- 2.3 If at the conclusion of any such consultation, agreement cannot be reached concerning the form of protocols to apply thereafter, to the extent that agreement cannot be reached, the Memorandum of Understanding shall lapse, (i.e., the Memorandum shall only lapse in relation to those matters on which agreement cannot be reached).
- 2.4 Further, if following that consultation, further protocol(s) are agreed, they can be added to the Memorandum of Understanding by way of amendment and without otherwise affecting the protocols earlier entered into unless any earlier protocol(s) also need to be amended due to the further protocols agreed.
- 2.5 Te Rōpū Ahi Kā, as a Standing Committee of the Rangitikei District Council, may recommend to the Rangitikei District Council, any changes to the representation of hapū and/or iwi on Te Rōpū Ahi Kā from time to time.
- 2.6 Te Rōpū Ahi Kā, as a Standing Committee of the Rangitikei District Council, must recommend to the Rangitikei District Council, who will represent each hapū and/or iwi on Te Rōpū Ahi Kā within three months of each triennial election.
- 2.7 The Council's total financial liability pursuant to these protocols shall be determined by the Rangitikei District Council following consultation with Te Rōpū Ahi Kā annually as part of the Council's annual planning process.
  - (i) In undertaking any consultation, both parties will ensure that the timeframes otherwise specified in any relevant legislation are complied with.
  - (ii) Where the Council requires Te Rōpū Ahi Kā to undertake any work, which is not otherwise identified in the Memorandum of Understanding, that work will be specified in a separate consultancy agreement.

2.8 Te Rōpū Ahi Kā will be responsible for the provision, and satisfactory delivery, of the work specified below for, and on behalf of, the Tangata Whenua of the Rangitikei District.

- (i) To review the relevant processes of Council and make recommendations on steps to be taken to assist Council in carrying out its functions and responsibilities in a bicultural manner taking into account the principles of the Treaty of Waitangi.
- (ii) To develop draft proposals which recognise the Tangata Whenua of the Rangitikei District's Kaitiakitanga (the exercise of Guardianship) and Rangatiratanga in a manner consistent with the provisions of the Resource Management Act 1991 and the Local Government Act, 2002.
- (iii) To provide advice and assistance with the Council's Policies, Bylaws, Long Term Plan, Annual Plan and other activity plans (ie, assets, resource management, spatial).
- (iv) To support and assist the Council to discharge its obligations to the Tangata Whenua in relation to procedures and issues that arise under the Resource Management Act 1991 and the Local Government Act 2002.
- (v) To respond on appropriate issues including, but not limited to, notified resource consent applications where the Council is required to determine issues relating to the management, use, development and protection of the District's physical resources.
- (vi) To ensure appropriate persons are consulted or available to provide such information as may be required from time to time on items of interest to Te Rōpū Ahi Kā and/or the Rangitikei District Council.
- (vii) To support and assist the Council in establishing the steps necessary to build Māori capacity to contribute to its decision-making processes.
- (viii) In carrying out (i) to (vi) above, **Te Rōpū Ahi Kā members** will ensure that **their respective** Tangata Whenua groups are consulted, including the arranging of hui when agreed and to keep the Council advised of outcomes or decisions reached.

2.9 The Council will otherwise be responsible as follows:

- (i) To ensure that consultation takes place in instances where Council is the applicant for a resource consent and as otherwise required pursuant to the provisions of the Resource Management Act 1991.
- (ii) To ensure that consultation takes place prior to and during the preparation of Council's Policies, Bylaws, Long Term Plan, Annual Plan and other activity plans. This will normally mean prior to the adoption by the Council of the draft documents and before the documents are put out for initial public consultation. The Council will ensure that sufficient information and time is made available to Te Rōpū Ahi Kā to determine what issues, if any, require further investigation and/or consultation.
- (iii) To define any issues of concern to Iwi of the District, to identify any reports that may be required to address such issues and to otherwise determine the methodology and resources (financial or otherwise) necessary to properly achieve Protocols 2.9 (i) and (ii), and such

consultation will otherwise be conducted in a manner defined by the 'Consultation Process Plan', see *Appendix 1*.

- (iv) To develop in consultation with Te Rōpū Ahi Kā, steps to build Māori capacity for contributing to its decision-making processes including representation of the komiti on Council – standing committees, working parties and reference groups.
- (v) To ensure that Te Rōpū Ahi Kā is kept informed of all progress in relation to the preparation of the District Plan and any reviews or variation thereto after that plan becomes operative.
- (vi) To provide information and advice to Te Rōpū Ahi Kā to enable the Rangitikei District Council to meet its obligations outlined in Protocols 2.9 (i) and 2.9 (ii) of the Memorandum of Understanding.
- (vii) To ensure, like hapū/iwi, that the following values are considered in all operational undertakings with the operational focuses and outcomes detailed in the 'Māori Responsiveness Framework':
  - a. *Manaakitanga*: Council will at all times endeavour to listen with an open mind, act with fairness and equity, engage in a transparent manner and be accountable to the people of the Rangitikei for its behaviours, choices and outcomes.
  - b. *Rangatiratanga*: As steward of the district, Council takes its responsibilities seriously, understanding that it operates in the best interests of all people, acknowledging the diversity of wants and needs within iwi/hapū throughout the rohe. Council acknowledges its role in building capability and capacity within whānau/hapū/iwi focusing on self-determination, increasing access to economic opportunities and sustainability. Council's behaviours will reflect this rangatiratanga at all times. Everyone who works for the Council will conduct themselves in a manner that enhances the reputation of hapū/iwi. Everyone who works for Council is committed to collaborating, maximising productivity and creating maximum value in this partnership.
  - c. *Ūkaipōtanga*: Council acknowledges this value for hapū/iwi in revitalising their kōrero tuku iho – the transferring of knowledge within whānau and hapū. Council will show recognition and acknowledgement to hapū and iwi to their whenua. Council to support opportunities for hapū and iwi members to live on tupuna lands (ie. Papakainga). It is a value/outcome that will continue to be set within the 'Māori Responsiveness Framework'.
  - d. *Whanaungatanga*: Council will at all times endeavour to support whanau, hapū and iwi in the development of collective approaches for education and wellbeing. Council will act and behave in a manner that reflects tika and pono (in good faith), and demonstrates partnership with iwi/hapū and their kaupapa; creating positive relationships internally and externally.
  - e. *Kaitiakitanga*: Council is not only responsible for the infrastructure vital to our district's economy but is also responsible for the environmental and cultural wealth of the district. Council will work

with other organisations and sectors of our community to work together to create a sustainable environment within which whānau and hapū and communities in general can flourish. Council will demonstrate responsible and sustainable development in its projects.

*Me whakatipu i ngā pakihi, ōtira me tiaki i te whenua, ngā awa, ngā maunga me te taiao. (Grow business opportunities but always consider the health and well-being of the land, the rivers, the mountains and the environment)*

- f. *Wairuatanga*: Council acknowledges the spiritual connections of Mana Whenua and Tangata Whenua and seeks to appropriately incorporate these traditions into both the governance and operational areas of Council.
- g. *Kotahitanga*: Council as a physical place and as a community structure, aims to be a safe place to have difficult conversations. Council aims to treat everyone with respect and use the connectedness of hapū/iwi to everyone's advantage generating harmony and opportunity from any differences. Council will show a commitment to work together.
- h. *Whakapapa*: Council acknowledges the whakapapa connections of hapū/iwi, and endeavours to support the telling of these stories through traditional and contemporary communication channels.
- i. *Te Reo me ōna Tikanga*: Council acknowledges the fundamental/essential/critical importance of Te Reo Māori to all things Māori. Te Reo Māori will be encouraged through Council practices and behaviours.

### 3. Indemnity

- 3.1 At no time will the Council bear responsibility or liability in respect of any unlawful action arising out of the conduct of Te Rōpū Ahi Kā or its agents.

### 4. Dispute

- 4.1 If any disputes arise concerning the interpretation or application of these protocols, the parties will mutually agree the appointment of an independent mediator, with a view to the parties reaching agreement by way of mediation concerning that dispute.
- 4.2 If no such agreement can be reached following mediation, any disaffected party must thereafter be free to pursue any legal remedy that may otherwise be available to it, should it choose to do so.

### 5. Vires

- 5.1 The application of these protocols must at all times be subject to the provisions of the Local Government Act 2002 (and any amendments or re-enactment thereof), the Resource Management Act 1991 (and any amendments or re-enactments thereof) and/or any other legislation applicable to the process being undertaken pursuant to these protocols from time to time.

5.2 The Rangitikei District Council and Te Rōpū Ahi Kā hereby both acknowledge that the interpretation, application and operation of these protocols is at all times subject to the relevant empowering legislation.

## 6. Review

6.1 The Memorandum of Understanding: Tūtohunga will be reviewed at the same time as each Representation Review.

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## Appendix 1: Consultation Process Plan

### Consultation Process Plan

1. Iwi / Hapū in our District

Ngāti Apa – Chris Shenton, Pahia Turia, Grant Huwyler

Ngāti Kauae / Ngāti Tauria – Chris Shenton, Grant Huwyler, Walter Rurawhe

Ngā Ariki – Mike Paki, Graham Karatau, Rob Kerei, Coral Raukawa-Manuel

Ngā Wairiki ki uta – Katarina Hina, James Allen, Katarina Hiroti

Whangaehu / Rangiwahakaturia / Taitapu – Pahia Turia, Alan Turia, Albert Thompson

Rātana Pā – Charlie Mete, Rātana Communal Board, Rātana Marae

Ngāti Hauti – Robert Martin, Neville Lomax

Ngāti Parewahawaha – Cliff Brown, Kim Savage

Ngāti Hinemanu / Ngāti Paki – Jordan Haines-Winiata, Terrence Steedman

Ngāi Te Ohuake – Naumai Wipaki

Ngāti Tamakōpiri – Hari Benevides

Ngāti Whitikaupeka – Tracey Hiroa

Rangituhia – Bobby Gray

2. If Council propose to do work or make decisions on the following, Council must seek engagement from the appropriate iwi / hapū

Rivers, Streams, Creeks, Lakes, Ponds, 3 waters

Environment, Land, Sub-divisions

Significant Sites, Wāhi Tapu, Marae

Roading, Infrastructure

Community, Well-Being

3. Step by step process to effective iwi / hapū engagement

Step 1: Council staff to make contact and organise a meeting with the RDC Strategic Advisor for Mana Whenua to identify the following:

- What work or decisions that Council want to undertake and make
- Which Iwi / Hapū (could be multiple) need to be consulted with

Step 2: Strategic Advisor to organise a meeting with the appropriate iwi / hapū. Expected timeframe to have meeting confirmed is 5 – 10 working days. Note: It's at this step where we will know if consultation or engagement is needed and necessary.

Step 3: Council staff, Strategic Advisor and relevant iwi / hapū to meet for consultation and engagement process. This may involve site visits and 1 – 3 meetings. Expected timeframe to have this step completed is 10 – 15 working days.

Step 4: Council staff to supply Strategic Advisor and iwi / hapū with regular updates. This could either be monthly or on a case by case basis.

# Attachment 4

# Report

Subject: **Kaumātua Free Rubbish Collection**

To: Te Roopu Ahi Kaa

From: Lequan Meihana

Date: 27 November 2019

File: 1-CO-4-3

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## 1 Purpose

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to provide Te Roopu Ahi Kaa with preliminary information following the komiti request into the viability of Council providing free rubbish collection to those aged 65 and over (seniors).
- 1.2 The komiti gave the following suggested guidelines:
- Rubbish Collection would exclude those living rurally
  - A set number of rubbish bags for SuperGold card holders could be held by council and be collected once a year i.e. one per month.
  - Awareness of administration ease needs to be considered.

## 2 Gold Card

- 2.1 The Super Gold card is free and automatically sent in the mail when a person applies for New Zealand Superannuation (NZ Super). For those that don't get NZ Super they may still be eligible for a SuperGold card and can apply via email or form.
- 2.2 As at 21 October 2019 there were 2945 SuperGold card holders in Rangitikei. This is 19.6% of the 14,964 population count on census night 2018<sup>1</sup>

## 3 Rubbish Collection Companies

- 3.1 The following are the rubbish collection companies operating in Rangitikei, the towns they service and the associated costs:
- **Rangitikei Wheelie Bins** carry out a private kerbside refuse bag collection (red bags) and wheelie bin service in the following townships:  
Bulls, Ratana, Turakina, Santoft Rd (Fortnightly), Marton, Hunterville, Whangaehu, Bulls, Ruamai Rd (Fortnightly), Leedstown Rd, Fern Flats, Bryces Line, Tūtaenui Rd, Onepuhi Rd, Scotts Ferry (Red Bags Only), Brandon Hall Rd

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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.stats.govt.nz/information-releases/2018-census-population-and-dwelling-counts>



**Bags** \$10.95 per 5 bag bundles

**240 Litre**

12 Month Contract

Weekly Pickup      \$308.00 Annual      \$36.00 Monthly

Fortnightly Pickup      \$242.00 Annual      \$30.00 Monthly

**120 Litre**

12 Month Contract

Weekly Pickup      \$236.00 Annual      \$30.00 Monthly

Fortnightly Pickup      \$155.00 Annual      \$20.00 Monthly

- **Envirowaste wheelie bin service only** in the following towns:

Note: they already offer a subsidy to Gold card holders

Turakina Beach, Bulls, Marton, Turakina, Taihape and Hunterville

Costs

<b>80L</b>	weekly	\$25.92 per month
<b>80L</b>	fortnightly	\$12.96 per month
<b>120L</b>	weekly	\$30.46 per month
<b>120L</b>	fortnightly	\$15.23 per month
<b>240L</b>	weekly	\$46.17 per month
<b>240L</b>	fortnightly	\$21.82 per month

- **Waste Management wheelie bin service only**. They did not supply us with a list of towns they service.

**80 litre Weekly pick up**

12 month contract \$119.60

6 month contract \$62.40,

3 month \$32.50

1 month \$10.83

Weekly \$2.50

**80 litre Fortnightly collection**

12 month contract \$59.80

6 month contract \$31.20,

3 month \$16.25

1 month \$5.42

**140 litre Weekly pick up –**

12 month contract \$174.20

6 month contract \$91.00

3 month \$48.10

1 month \$16.03

Weekly \$3.70

**140 litre Fortnightly pick up**

12 month contract \$87.10

6 month contract \$45.60,

3 month \$24.05

1 month \$8

**240 litre Weekly pick up**

12 month contract \$252.20

6 month contract \$132.60,

3 month \$70.20

1 month \$23.40

Weekly – no weekly pick up for \$240 bin

**240 litre Fortnightly pick up**

12 month contract \$126.10

6 month contract \$66.30,

3 month \$35.10

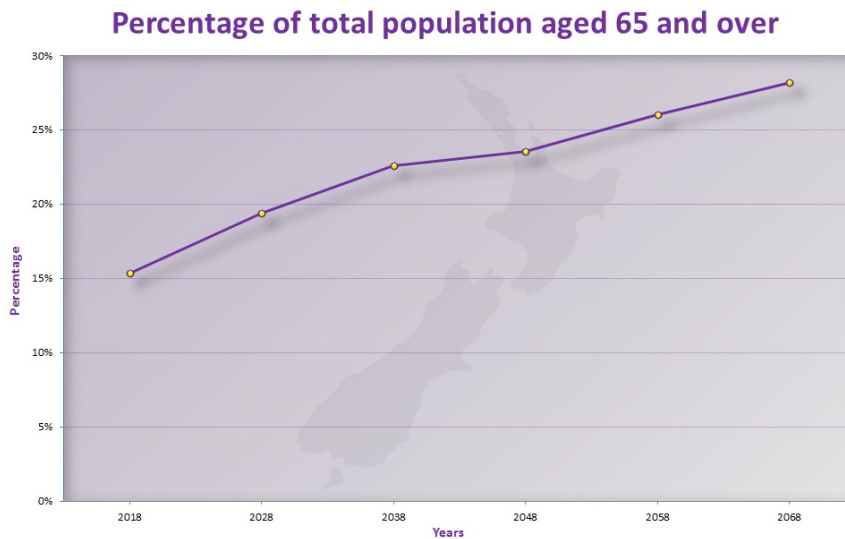
1 month \$11.70

- 3.2 Those not living in Bulls, Ratana, Turakina, Santoft, Marton or Hunterville do not have a rubbish bag collection service.

**4 Potential costs**

- 4.1 There is no way of knowing exactly how many seniors live in a rubbish bag collection area or use a wheelie bin versus rubbish bag service. However, all the service providers noted that the majority of seniors use a wheelie bin as they have difficulty carrying rubbish bags to the kerb and, for the same reason, seniors tend to choose the smaller sized wheelie bin.
- 4.2 Should Te Roopu Ahi Kaa recommend Council consider subsidising rubbish collections, three bundles of five bags could be offered to seniors (totalling 15 bags) at a cost to Council of \$32.85 per senior.
- 4.3 Based on the above calculation Council could investigate an agreement with all service providers to subsidise SuperGold card holders that have a 12 month contract an equal amount for their wheelie bin collection.
- 4.4 The potential total annual cost to supply a discounted rubbish collection service to every super card holder is calculated to be \$96,743.25 at a savings per senior of \$32.85.
- 4.5 As Council would be incurring this cost, not in the current Long Term Plan budget, a submission to the Annual Plan 2020-2021 or to the Long Term Plan 2021-2031 would be required.
- 4.6 This calculation is an estimate for the first year. Forecasts of the districts increasing population, increasing percentage of senior population and inflation have not been factored into this preliminary report.

4.7 The following graph<sup>2</sup> is Central Government's forecast on the national percentage of total population aged 65 and over in the coming years, reaching 25% by 2052, at an average 3.4% growth per year. It is worth noting that the current national percentage of seniors in New Zealand is approximately 16%, with Marton's percentage sitting higher at 19.6%.



## 5 Administration

5.1 Council customer service staff have been engaged in how a programme of collecting rubbish bag bundles could be carried out at a customer service counter. This would only be offered in the Marton office, due to no rubbish bag collection service in Taihape.

5.2 The system suggested is that similar to Martons home water filter offer. This involves a spreadsheet where staff would enter:

- seniors names (providing a SuperGold Card or other proof of age)
- addresses (to ensure they live within Rangitikei)
- date (to ensure that the offer is only accessed once a year)

5.3 Such a system is simple, easily to filter and staff are familiar with the process.

5.4 Administration of discounting a wheelie bin service would need to be developed with each of the companies.

## 6 Considerations

6.1 The Rangitīkei District Council postponed their decision on implementing urban kerbside rubbish and recycling collection in 2017. This was due to a pending decision from Central Government on supporting a Manawatū recycling centre that could result in discounted recycling fees for our district, the outcome of which is still unknown.

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<sup>2</sup> <http://www.superseniors.msd.govt.nz/age-friendly-communities/index.html>

- 6.2 Re-investigation of kerbside rubbish and recycling could be a consideration of the newly elected Council, requiring reassessment of an offer of discounted rubbish collection for seniors.
- 6.3 One possibility could be through a rates rebate. However, the administration cost in such a process would be greater than the \$32.85 gain per senior and would only apply to those that pay rates versus rent.
- 6.4 With a potential overall rate payer expenditure of \$96,743.25 per annum equating to an individual gain to seniors of \$32.85, it may be a consideration of Te Roopu Ahi Kaa as to how an investment of a similar amount could have a greater impact on senior residents.
- 6.5 Michelle Fannin (Taihape Older and Bolder Co-ordinator) offered the following suggestions:
- Free town transport on set days each week
  - Financially supporting local community organisation to run programmes for seniors that aren't already on offer.
  - Lowering the cost of housing, heating and general living costs.
- 6.6 Wider community engagement could be a consideration to garner broader feedback.
- 6.7 Council has yet to consider how the Four Well-beings, reintroduced to the Local Government Act in May 2019, is to be implemented into its framework. Support for seniors could be part of that consideration.

## **7 Conclusion**

- 7.1 The provision of subsidised rubbish collection for the districts approximately 2495 senior residents could cost as estimated \$96,743.25 per annum equating to an individual gain to seniors of \$32.85.
- 7.2 Council would need to investigate the administration of the subsidy with individual Wheelie bin service providers.
- 7.3 Should Council introduce kerbside rubbish and recycling collection, senior discounts would need reassessment.
- 7.4 The financial investment into this scheme, or another programme, would require a submission to either Councils Annual Plan 2020-2021 or Long Term Plan 2021-2031.

## **8 Recommendation**

- 8.1 That the report 'Kaumātua Free Rubbish Collection' to Te Roopu Ahi Kaa meeting on 17 December 2019 be received.