

**TE RŌPŪ AHI KĀ  
KOMITI HUI**

# ORDER PAPER

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Councillor Waru Panapa.  
His Worship the Mayor, Andy Watson.

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

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DISTRICT COUNCIL



# Rangitikei District Council

## Te Roopu Ahi Kaa Komiti Meeting

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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 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.

## **5 Confirmation of Order of Business and Late Items**

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

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

The Minutes from the extraordinary meeting held on 18 August 2020 are attached.

File ref: 3-CT-8-2

### **Recommendation:**

That the Minutes of the Te Rōpu Ahi Kā Komiti extraordinary meeting held on 18 August 2020 {as amended/without amendment} be taken as read and verified as an accurate and correct record of the meeting.

## **7 Chair's Report**

A verbal report will be provided at the meeting.

### **Recommendation:**

That the verbal 'Chair's Report' to the 8 September 2020 Te Rōpu Ahi Kā Komiti be received.

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

Discussion item.



## 9 Council Decisions on Recommendations from the Komiti

Following the extraordinary meeting for Te Rōpu Ahi Kā on 18 August 2020, Council signed the Memorandum of Understanding for tranche 1 of the Three Waters reform programme, and agreed to:

That having regard to the recommendation from Te Rōpu Ahi Kā (at its extraordinary meeting on 18 August 2020) and from the Audit/Risk Committee (at its extraordinary meeting on 20 August 2020), Council resolves to

- a. advocate that future decisions on water reform include adequate time for Te Rōpu Ahi Kā members to engage with their people/whanau;
- b. note Te Roopu Ahi Kaa's concern for the long term implications of iwi relationship with a future large entity that is unknown at this stage;
- c. consider that some of the \$4.82m offered to Council by signing the Memorandum of Understanding be assigned for the investigation and assessment of District marae drinking water and wastewater; and
- d. consider supporting an application for funding from the Government's \$30m marae and papakainga sub fund.

## 10 Council Responses to Queries Raised at Previous Hui

There were no queries raised at the previous hui.

## 11 Policy on development of Māori capacity to contribute to Council decision-making

This policy is an integral part of the Long-Term Plan. The current text (as in the 2018-28 Long Term Plan is attached). The Komiti is asked to consider what revisions should be made and how it wishes to consider those. In a workshop on 27 August 2020, Council suggested that the revised policy might include the concept of co-relationship (i.e. more of 'us' and 'us') and Council's capacity to understand and work with Māori.

File: 3-PY-1-23

### Recommendations:

- 1 That the Policy on development of Māori capacity to contribute to Council decision-making as included in the 2018-28 Long Term Plan be received.
- 2 That, to achieve a Policy on development of Māori capacity to contribute to Council decision-making for inclusion in the 2021-31 Long Term Plan, Te Rōpu Ahi Kā nominates ..... to work with Council staff noting, in particular, the following.....

## **12 Long Term Plan 2021-31 Update**

A memorandum is attached. A presentation will be made to the meeting.

File ref: 3-CT-8-1

### **Recommendation:**

That the memorandum 'Long Term Plan 2021-31 Update' to the 8 September 2020 Te Roopu Ahi Kaa Komiti be received.

## **13 Te Tiriti o Waitangi**

In November 2019 Michael Andrews, from Taihape, displayed his lino print copies of Te Tiriti o Waitangi (the Treaty of Waitangi) and He Whakaputanga o te Rangatiratanga o Nu Tireni (Declaration of Independence 1835) in Marton Council Chambers. Mr Andrews has since allowed Council to copy and frame the Declaration, along with the first sheet and the 8th sheet of Te Tiriti, the 8th sheet being of significance due the signing by Ngā Wairiki Ngāti Apa tupuna (ancestors). The display of these two framed documents in Marton Council Chambers has been suggested as a discussion item at the meeting.

## **14 Value of Livestreaming Komiti Meetings**

A memorandum is attached.

File ref: 3-OR-3

### **Recommendations:**

- 1 That the memorandum 'Value of Livestreaming Komiti Meetings' to the 8 September Te Roopu Ahi Kaa meeting be received.
- 2 Te Roopu Ahi Kaa {accept/decline} Councils offer to livestream and record Te Roopu Ahi Kaa meetings to Council's Facebook page.

## **15 Values**

Discussion item.

## **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 Update on discussions with Ngati Waewae**

Mr Meihana will provide a verbal update.

## **20 Rangitikei.com branding and website design**

A memorandum is attached.

File ref: 4-ED-5-5

### **Recommendation:**

That the memorandum 'Rangitikei.com branding and website design' to the 8 September 2020 Te Rōpu Ahi Kā Komiti meeting be received.

## **21 Review of the Māori Responsiveness Framework**

At the Te Roopu Ahi Kaa workshop held on 13 July, Komiti members, along with staff, reviewed the Māori Responsiveness Framework. While it was agreed that the overall framework was effective more emphasise was requested on explaining why the outcomes are important to both Council and Iwi/Hapu and further putting in place clearer measures for delivery. The Māori Responsiveness Framework with tracked changes are attached. This document has been circulated to Komiti members via email.

### **Recommendations:**

- 1 That the 'Māori Responsiveness Framework showing tracked changes' to the 8 September 2020 Te Rōpu Ahi Kā Komiti meeting be received.
- 2 That Te Rōpu Ahi Kā Komiti recommend to Council that Council adopt the tracked changes to the Māori Responsiveness Framework {with / without amendment}.

## **22 Summary of Activities - Māori Responsiveness Framework July - August 2020**

A report is attached.

File ref: 4-EN-8-2

### **Recommendation:**

That the report 'Summary of Activities – Māori Responsiveness Framework July – August 2020 to the 8 September meeting of Te Rōpu Ahi Kā Komiti be received.

## **23 Update on path to Well-being Initiative**

A report will be tabled at the meeting.

### **Recommendation:**

That the tabled report 'Update on path to Well-being Initiative' to the 8 September 2020 Te Rōpu Ahi Kā Komiti be received.

## **24 Update from Council's meetings July – August 2020**

A memorandum is attached.

File ref: 3-CT-8-1

### **Recommendation:**

That the report 'Update from Council's meetings July – August 2020' to the 8 September 2020 Te Roopu Ahi Kaa Komiti be received.

## **25 Infrastructure Update – August 2020**

A memorandum is attached.

File ref: 5-EX-3-2

### **Recommendation:**

That the memorandum 'Infrastructure Update – August 2020' to the 8 September 2020 Te Rōpu Ahi Kā Komiti be received.

## **26 Rangitīkei Youth Development Update August 2020**

A memorandum is attached.

File ref: 4-EN-12-1

### **Recommendation:**

That the memorandum 'Rangitīkei Youth Development Update August 2020' to the 8 September 2020 Te Rōpu Ahi Kā Komiti be received.

## **27 Community Grants**

The Events Sponsorship Scheme closed on 21 August 2020, with a total of 12 applications received, the deliberation meeting will be held 22 September 2020.

The following funding schemes are due to open as follows:

- The Creative Communities Scheme will be open from 29 August – 18 September 2020.
- Community Initiatives will be open from 3 October – 23 October 2020.

Applications are being received and processed through the online portal SmartyGrants.

<https://rangitikei.smartygrants.com.au/>

## **28 Pānui/Announcements**

## **29 Late Items**

As accepted in item 5.

## **30 Future Items for the Agenda**

## **31 Next Meeting**

Tuesday 10 November 2020, 11.00 am

## **32 Meeting closed/Karakia**

# Attachment 1



# Rangitikei District Council

## Te Roopu Ahi Kaa Komiti Meeting

Minutes – Tuesday 18 August 2020 – 2:00 pm

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**Present:** Mr Pahia Turia (Chair) – *via zoom*  
Mr Thomas Curtis – *via zoom*  
Mr James Allen – *via zoom*  
Ms Marj Heeney – *via zoom*  
Ms Tracey Hiroa – *via zoom*  
Ms Soraya Peke-Mason – *in person*  
Ms Coral Raukawa-Manuel – *via zoom*  
Ms Kim Savage – *via zoom*  
Mr Chris Shenton – *in person*  
Mr Terry Steedman – *in person*  
Cr Waru Panapa – *via zoom*  
His Worship the Mayor, Andy Watson – *in person*

**Also present:** Cr Dave Wilson – *in person*

**In attendance:** Mr Peter Beggs, Chief Executive – *in person*  
Mr Michael Hodder, Community & Regulatory Services Group Manager – *via zoom*  
Mr Lequan Meihana, Strategic Advisor – Mana Whenua – *via zoom*  
Ms Bonnie Clayton, Governance Administrator – *in person*



## 1 Karakia/Welcome

Mr Turia welcomed everyone to the meeting at 2.00pm.

Ms Peke-Mason arrived 2.01pm.

Mr Meihana joined at 2.02pm.

Ms Raukawa-Manuel joined at 2.03pm.

## 2 Apologies

That the apology of absence of Ms Hari Benevides be received.

## 3 Extraordinary meeting

Mr Turia noted the extraordinary meeting was called to consider the Government's three waters reform programme and to advise Council on whether to sign the Memorandum of Understanding and (if it does) to recommend projects for inclusion in the programme of works.

Ms Raukawa-Manuel left 2.14pm.

## 4 Whakatau Nga Tuhinga Kōrero / Confirmation of Minutes

**Resolved minute number**

**20/IWI/016**

**File Ref**

**3-CT-8-2**

That the Minutes of the Te Rōpu Ahi Kā Komiti meeting held on 7 July 2020 without amendment be taken as read and verified as an accurate and correct record of the meeting.

Mr Steedman/Cr Hiroa. Carried

## 5 Outline of the Three waters service delivery reforms

The Komiti noted the outline provided in the agenda, the documents included in the Order Paper (which included legal advice to the sector from Simpson Grierson) supplemented by comment from the Community & Regulatory Services Group Manager, the Chief Executive and His Worship the Mayor.

The Government has a clear preference for a multi-regional approach, based on an understanding of what had been achieved in Scotland and Tasmania. However, the first tranche of reform was concerned to foster discussion by councils about such an approach and also to stimulate local economies by making grants available for projects on any of the three waters outside those which were already funded through the Annual Plan. The projects could extend to systems outside those managed by Council.

Initial funding from the stimulus package will be made available to those councils that agree to participate in the first stage of the reform programme, through a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU), Funding Agreement, and approved Delivery Plan. The MoU must be signed by the end of August 2020, with the Funding Agreement and Delivery Plan submitted and approved by the end of September 2020.

The Summary Proposal and the Simpson Grierson legal advice are attached.

**Resolved minute number**                      **20/IWI/017**                      **File Ref**

That the Outline of the Three waters service delivery reforms be received.

Mr Steedman/Cr Hiroa. Carried

## **6 Memorandum of Understanding**

The Komiti discussed the advantages and disadvantages about signing the Memorandum of Understanding. There was a concern about the timeline, which meant there was no opportunity for Komiti members to go back to their people. Longer timeframes should be sought for the next stages of the reform programme.

While an aggregated model for delivering the three waters could provide an opportunity for District iwi to engage more widely, Mr Turia expressed concern about the long term implications with the relationship between iwi and Council.

**Resolved minute number**                      **20/IWI/018**                      **File Ref**

That the Memorandum of Understanding for the first stage of the Government's reform programme for the three waters be received.

Mr Steedman/Cr Hiroa. Carried

**Resolved minute number**                      **20/IWI/019**                      **File Ref**

That Te Rōpu Ahi Kā recommends that the Council signs the Memorandum of Understanding for the first stage of the Government's reform programme for the three waters.

Mr Steedman/Cr Hiroa. Carried

## **7 Projects proposed by Te Rōpu Ahi Kā for inclusion in the Council's funding agreement and delivery plan under the stimulus funding for the three waters reform programme**

The Komiti was keen to see one of Council's projects being an assessment of drinking water and waste water of marae throughout the District. This might cost up to \$100,000. It would facilitate an application to the special sub-fund for specific upgrades.

**Resolved minute number**                      **20/IWI/020**                      **File Ref**

That the 18 August 2020 meeting of Te Roopu Ahi Kaa Komiti:

- a. recommends to the Audit/Risk Committee that future decisions on water reform include adequate time for Te Roopu Ahi Kaa members to engage with their people/whanau;
- b. asks the Audit/Risk committee to note Te Roopu Ahi Kaa's concern for the long term implications of iwi relationship with a future large entity that is unknown at this stage;
- c. seeks some of the \$4.82m offered to Council by signing the Memorandum of Understanding be assigned for the investigation and assessment of District marae drinking water and wastewater;
- d. seeks support from Council for an application for funding from the Government's \$30 million marae and papakainga sub fund.

Mr Turia/Mr Allen. Carried

Ms Savage left 3.15pm.  
Mr Turia left 3.17pm-3.19pm.

## **8 Next Meeting**

Tuesday 8 September 2020, 11.00 am

## **9 Meeting closed/Karakia**

3.29pm.

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

**Date:**

# Attachment 2

## DEVELOPMENT OF MĀORI CAPACITY TO CONTRIBUTE TO COUNCIL DECISION-MAKING POLICY

<b>Policy Title:</b> <b>DEVELOPMENT OF MĀORI CAPACITY TO CONTRIBUTE TO COUNCIL DECISION-MAKING</b>	
<b>Date of Adoption: 9 March 2009</b>	<b>Resolution for LTCCP: 09/RDC/233</b>
<b>Review Date: none</b>	
<b>Statutory reference for adoption: Local Government Act 2002 schedule 10</b>	
<b>Statutory reference for review: none</b>	
<b>Included in the LTP: yes</b>	
<b>Date Amended or Reviewed</b>	<b>Resolution</b>
<b>Included in the LTCCP draft 2009:</b> 9 March 2009	09/RDC/098
<b>Adopted in the LTCCP 2009:</b> 25 June 2009	09/RDC/233
<b>Reviewed at Te Roopu Ahi Kaa</b> 14 February 2012	12/IWI/006 12/RDC/029
<b>Adopted in the LTP 2012:</b> 28 June 2012	12/RDC/104
<b>Reviewed at Te Roopu Ahi Kaa</b> October 2014	14/IWI/045
<b>Reviewed at Te Roopu Ahi Kaa</b> December 2017, February 2018	18/IWI/004
<b>Adopted in the LTP 2018:</b> 28 June 2018	18/RDC/258

### Introduction

Council is committed to working with Maori and Tangata Whenua to build internal capacity and capability, not least to support the requirements given effect to by the Treaty Settlements. While required to have this policy under the Local Government Act, Council is committed to having working relationships with Maori which go above and beyond what is required under the legislative framework.

Clause 8 of Schedule 10 of the Local Government Act 2002 requires that the Council outline any steps it might take to foster the development of Māori capacity building to contribute to its decision-making processes, over the period covered by this plan.

The key provision in the Local Government Act 2002 regarding the Council's relationship with Māori is section 81, which requires all councils to fulfil three primary tasks:

- a) Establish and maintain processes to provide opportunities for Māori to contribute to the decision-making processes of the local authority; and
- b) Consider ways in which it may foster the development of Māori capacity to contribute to the decision-making processes of the local authority; and
- c) Provide relevant documentation to Māori for the purposes of the above two paragraphs.

### **The Memorandum of Understanding: Tutohinga**

The Memorandum of Understanding, initially signed in 1998, recognises the fundamental role of Iwi in the District and the essential partnership between Iwi and the Rangitikei District Council. The key mechanism for delivering on the partnership intent of the Memorandum is Te Roopu Ahi Kaa, a standing advisory committee of the Council. Tangata Whēnua of the District are represented on the Komiti, as is the Ratana Community. Komiti members are regularly briefed on Council matters and specifically offered a lead role in reviews of policies/statements of particular relevance to Māori. Members of the Komiti are also provided with a training budget in order to build capacity and capability among the group.

To give effect to the intent of the Memorandum of Understanding: Tutohinga, the Council and Te Roopu Ahi Kaa are committed to looking for more effective ways to ensure that Māori are well informed, have an ability to have input into processes and, when they do so, understand the reasons for the Council's response.

A Māori community development programme was undertaken during 2011-2014, and provided for facilitated Hui of iwi/Hapu from the northern rohe to pre-caucus before Komiti meetings. A budget is allocated for the Māori Community Development Programme and is to be distributed by the Komiti in accordance with its own processes. This programme is designed to increase the capacity of Māori to contribute to local decision-making, and strengthen relationships between iwi organisations/marae and Council (including through the development of individual MOU). As a result, Council developed a policy for unlocking Māori landlocked land and a policy to recognise iwi/hapu interests in Council-owned land that is declared surplus.

The Memorandum of Understanding: Tutohinga is subject to review at the same time as each Representation Review. The last review was in 2012 and the next will begin in 2018<sup>1</sup>.

### **Strategic Planning**

Te Roopu Ahi Kaa has adopted a strategic plan which is subject to regular review. This plan identifies a number of actions to achieve three goals – building stronger relationships between Council and Te Roopu Ahi Kaa, building stronger relationships between Council and Iwi, hapu, whanau and Māori communities, and building cultural awareness.

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<sup>1</sup> In between these times of comprehensive review, the Komiti may recommend changes to its membership to reflect the needs and views of Iwi/hapu of the District.

Every three years, Council adopts the Long Term Plan, supplemented annually with an Annual Plan. Council will ensure that there is an annual opportunity for iwi to engage with Council's strategic planning process, including the schedule of capital and renewal works, major programmes, policy review development etc.

Council will also ensure that other tributary strategies – for example, arts, heritage, and economic development – receive particular input from iwi/hapu and from Te Roopu Ahi Kaa

Council will welcome the opportunity to receive the strategic and other management plans from iwi/hapu in order to ensure alignment of its own strategies and plans where possible and appropriate, and with particular reference to the requirements of the Resource Management Act 1991.

### **Iwi Liaison Officer**

Te Roopu Ahi Kaa suggested that this new role would facilitate effective communication with Tangata Whenua and manage relationships in order to assist with the development and analysis of Council policy. Implementing and potentially reviewing Te Roopu Ahi Kaa's strategic plan forms part of this role. Details are currently being worked out.

### **Representation**

One of the early components of the Representation Review is consideration whether one or more Māori wards should be established in the District. Assuming the current statutory provisions remain in force, Council will continue to refer this matter to the Komiti for its consideration at each Representation Review. At the most recent review in 2017, the Komiti did not make a recommendation on this proposal. Instead it resolved that the future of Te Roopu Ahi Kaa as an advisor group be considered against the value of direct relationships between Iwi and Council.

This is not an 'either-or' question but one of establishing complementary relationships, understanding both the potential advantages and disadvantages of both. The Komiti advocates that Te Roopu Ahi Kaa achieves a sense of tribal accountability, which is important for a district with multiple iwi. The Komiti is therefore in agreement that Maori Wards would not negate the need for Te Roopu Ahi Kaa. Council expects this discussion to be ongoing and to develop as the relationship between Council and iwi organisations in the district matures.

In 2017, Council decided to invite Te Roopu Ahi Kaa to nominate one of its members to be a member of the Assets/Infrastructure Committee with full voting rights. This arrangement will be extended in 2018 to include representation on the Policy/Planning and Finance/Performance Committees. This is viewed by the Komiti as being a form of meaningful participation in Council business.

### **The Post Treaty Settlement Environment**

Finalisation of Treaty claims is a significant development in the Rangitikei. The Council is aware that in a post-settlement phase, iwi with Mana Whēnua have obligations to all people in the rohe.

Ngati Apa's claim is the first claim to be settled in the District and so is of particular significance to the District. It has resulted in addressing a number of longstanding grievances that some Iwi and Hapu in our District have had with the Crown. The settlement will also result in commercial and cultural redress that is likely to change the business, and cultural landscape within the region. Council will seek to establish a Memorandum of Understanding with Ngati Apa which supports the realisation of these benefits and Ngati Apa have also expressed interest in seeking closer working relationships with Council.

Ngati Rangi settled their claim on 10 March 2018 and the Taihape claims are anticipated in the near future. Once these settlements are complete, they are likely to promote stronger working relationships with Council, particularly in the economic and industry space. The impacts of the Settlements/Acts on Council's business, resourcing levels and processes are not fully known at this stage.

The Iwi Advisory Komiti is an opportunity for Iwi/hapu without the capacity to engage independently to engage in a relationship with Council. However, the iwi Advisory Komiti does not pre-empt the opportunity for individual Iwi/hapu to have a direct relationship with Council.



# Attachment 3

# Memorandum

To: Te Roopu Ahi Kaa

From: Carol Gordon – Project Manager

Date: 28 August 2020

Subject: **Long Term Plan 2021-31 Update**

File: 3-CT-8-1

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## 1 Executive Summary

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to provide Te Roopu Ahi Kaa an update on the development of the 2021-31 Long Term Plan.

## 2 Context

- 2.1 Every Local Authority must at all times have a Long Term Plan (LTP) which covers a period of not less than 10 consecutive years and is formally consulted on using the special consultative process outlined in the Local government Act.
- 2.2 The purpose of the LTP is set out in section 93(6) of the Local Government Act and includes:
- Describes the activities of the Local Authority (LA)
  - Describes the community outcomes of the District
  - Provides integrated decision-making and co-ordination of the resources of the LA
  - Provides a long-term focus for the decisions and activities of the LA
  - Provides a basis for accountability of the LA to the community.

It also provides Elected Members the chance to make a major difference during their three year term.

- 2.3 Council has begun its process to develop and produce its Long Term Plan. A Project Team has been established, **Appendix 1** shows the makeup of the project team and their responsibilities.
- 2.4 So far Council has held three Workshops specifically on the development of the Long Term Plan, these were held on 23 July, 20 and 27 August.
- 2.5 An invitation has been made to the Chairs of each Community Committee, Community Board and Te Roopu Ahi Kaa to participate in subsequent LTP workshops, to provide input from their respective community.

### 2.5.1 Outcomes from Workshop 1 – 23 July

This workshop provided a full explanation of what an LTP was, its purpose, what information must be included, and the need to strike the right balance between “the

community needs and aspirations; services provided by Council and the willingness / ability to pay” of our community.

At this workshop Council agreed to engage early, on a more informal basis, with all sectors of our community to find out what’s important to them, and do this by going out to where our people are. This precedes formal engagement that needs to be done next year, using a formal Consultation Document (CD) and submission process.

Councillors also identified a list of “significant issues” that our communities could be facing and this list will be further developed to be included in the early engagement to generate discussion and opinions on where Council’s focus should be for the next 10 years.

Roading was also a focus for this workshop. The basis for the Asset Management Plan was presented to Councillors - this will be used for the initial application to the New Zealand Transport Agency for continuing co-investment.

### **2.5.2 Outcomes from Workshop 2 – 20 August**

A large part of this Workshop focussed on the ‘forecasting assumptions’. These assumptions are produced using a risk and level of uncertainty approach. Councillors reviewed the previous assumptions (from the 2018-28 LTP) and suggested changes to these. These, along with demographic and population changes, will also inform the Financial and Infrastructure Strategy. The Government’s three waters reform programme announced by the Government presents a substantial uncertainty.

Councillors also started the review of the Revenue and Financing Policy – this Policy specifies how operating and capital expenditure will be funded from the sources available (i.e. general rates, uniform annual general charge, targeted rates, fees and charges, borrowing etc.). Work will now be done to review the current funding splits across some of the activities that Council carries out.

Early engagement was discussed and it was agreed this would be done using the phrase “Framing Our Future” with the objective being “To achieve greater input from all sectors of community to influence the Long Term Plan consultation to ensure the Rangitikei District Council has an LTP that incorporates the aspirations and needs of our various communities.” [Appendix 2](#) shows some of the colours and concepts which will be used as part of this engagement.

### **2.5.3 Workshop 3 – 27 August**

This workshop expanded on a suggested outline for the early engagement process, based on the “Framing Our Future” concept that was presented in July. A presentation on early engagement will be made to TRAK as part of this report.

The Council’s Performance Framework was also discussed, presenting the framework used for the 2018-28 LTP and an explanation of the mandatory measures and whether other measures would be included or altered for the 2021-31 LTP.

As part of the development of the LTP Council must consider whether Policies need to be updated, two policies were discussed at this workshop – these were, the Policy on development of Maori capacity to contribute to Council decision-making (also included as an item on this agenda) and the Significance and Engagement policy. The Development Contributions policy will be discussed at a future workshop.

### **3 Recommendation**

- 3.1 That the memorandum 'Long Term Plan 2021-31 Update' to the 8 September 2020 Te Roopu Ahi Kaa Komiti be received.

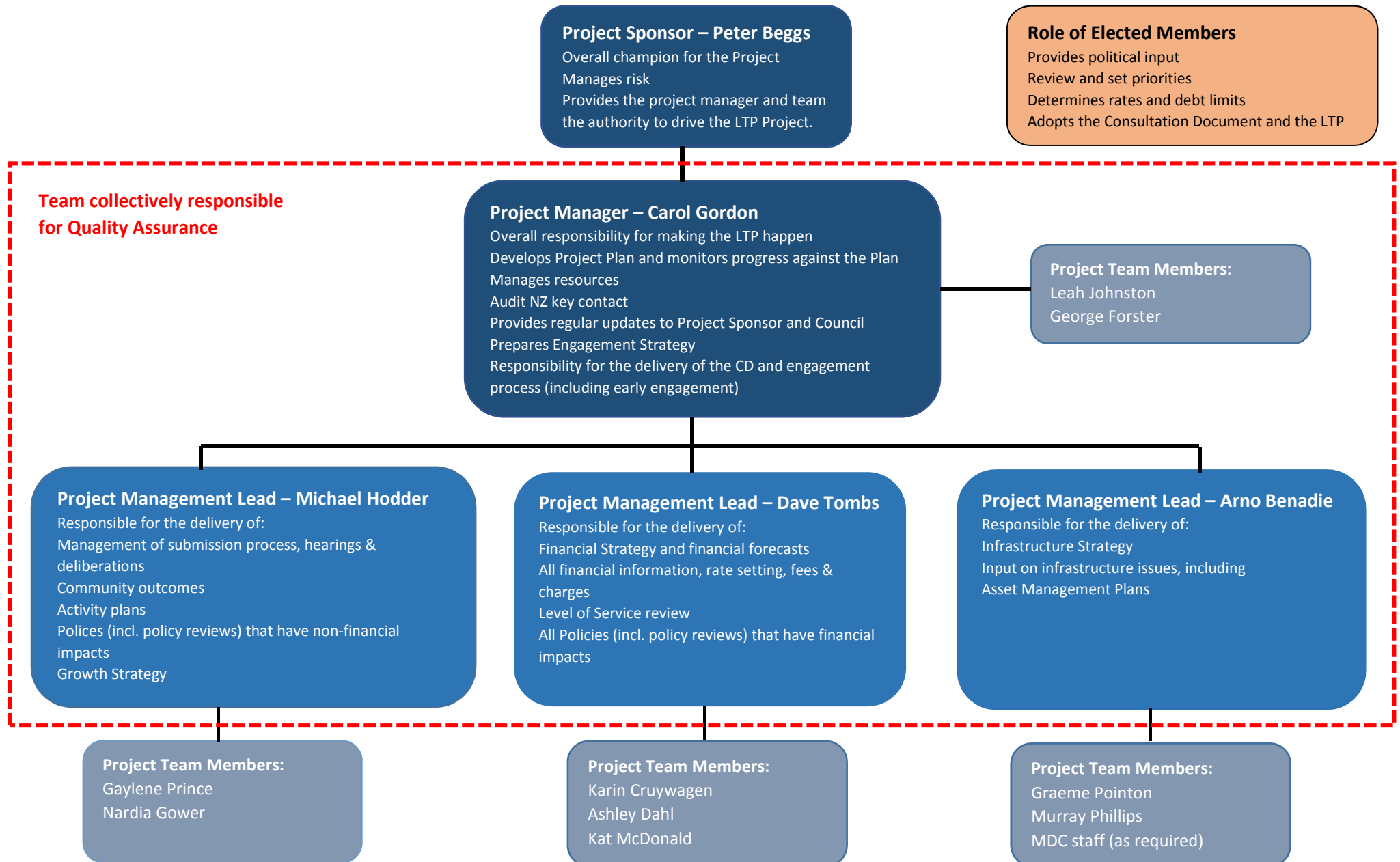
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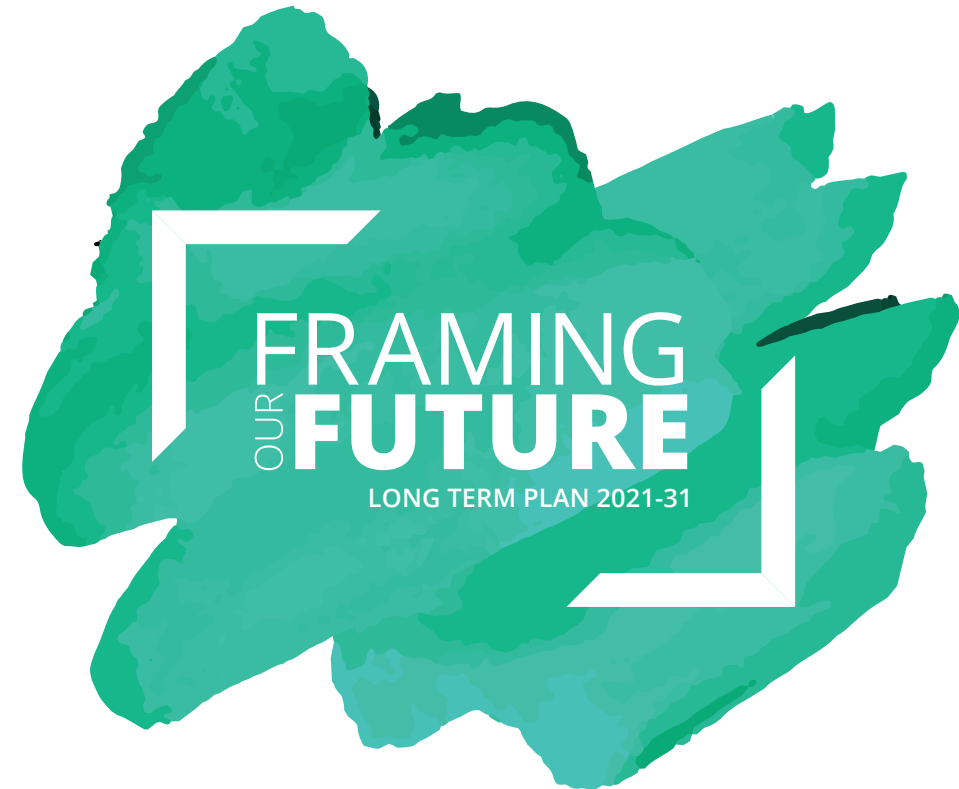
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## Long Term Plan 2021-31

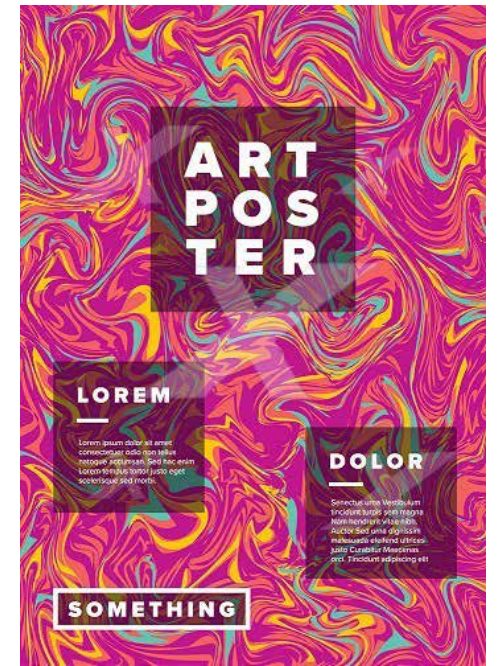
### Project Team Structure, Roles and Responsibilities



# *Appendix 2*





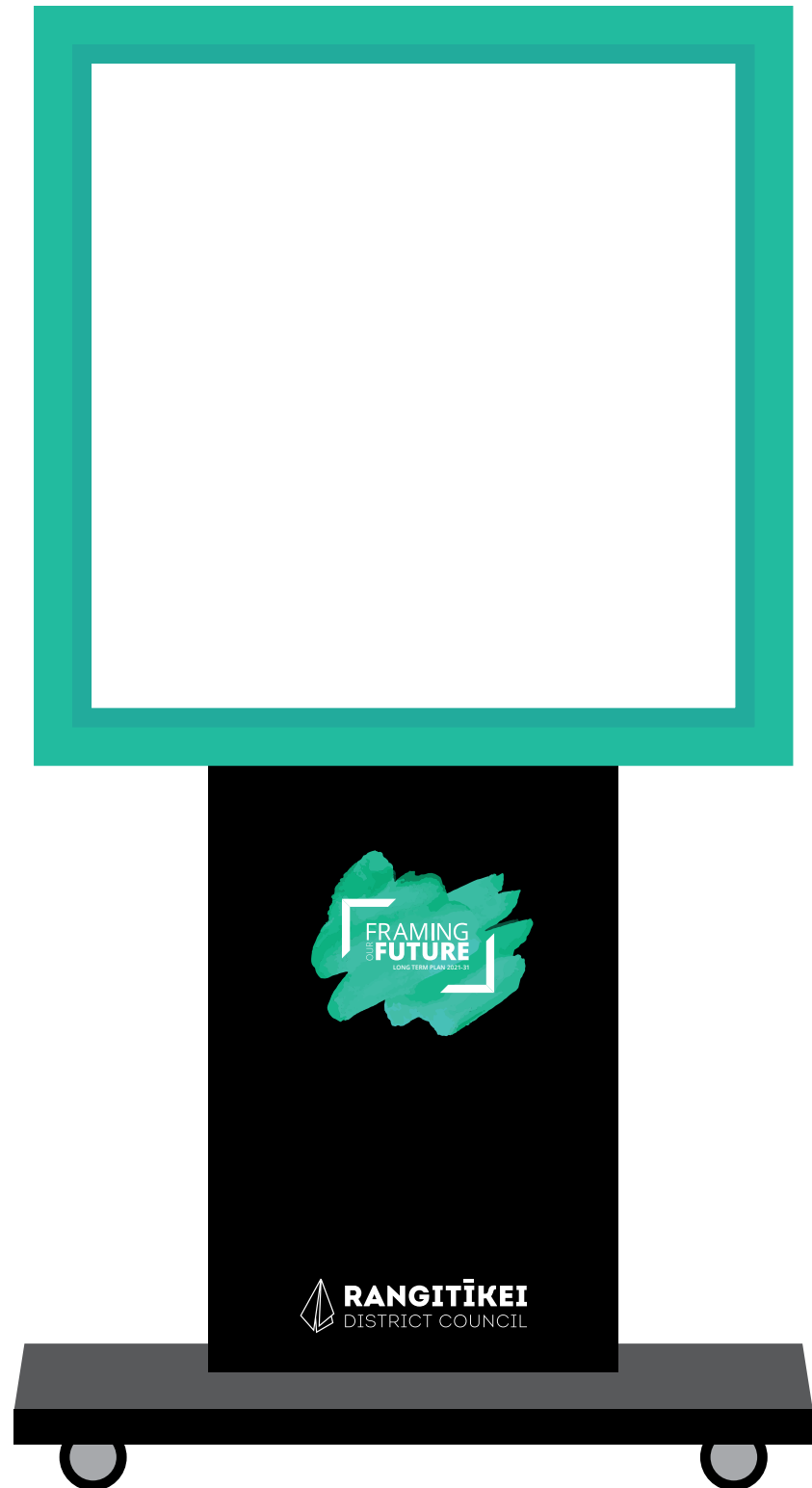












# Attachment 4

# Memorandum

To: Te Roopu Ahu Kaa

From: Nardia Gower

Date: 26 August 2020

Subject: **Value of Livestreaming Komiti Meetings**

File: 3-OR-3

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## Background

At its meeting on 7 July 2020 Te Roopu Ahi Kaa requested information on which to base a decision as to whether or not the Komiti meetings should be livestreamed to Facebook and recorded. This memorandum highlights considerations of the proposal for Komiti deliberation.

## Considerations for Livestreaming

Livestreaming meetings could be seen as a valuable tool to increase engagement in local government and decision making. It is another avenue in which to communicate information and outcomes of meetings to the community and is thought to demonstrate transparency and accountability. Livestreaming further provides real-time and accurate information to interested parties quickly and efficiently, without having to wait for meeting minutes to be made public and confirmed.

It is worth noting the live-streaming remains accessible on Council's Facebook page after the meeting, so it is accessible for individuals to view in their own time. This should make it easier for Komiti members to talk with their iwi/hapu about what has been discussed at the meetings.

Consideration should also be given to the possibility that livestreaming may increase komiti hesitancy to have free and frank discussions that contribute to sound decision making, or that words said in the meeting may be taken out of context.

## Council Meetings

Council is currently the only meeting of Rangitikei District Council that is livestreamed with consideration for Council Committee meetings, such as Policy/Planning, Finance/Performance, and Assets/Infrastructure to be livestreamed when the new video system is installed. This is expected in the next two months.

At this stage the system does not allow for Komiti members to participate by zoom.

## **Recommendations**

- 1        That the memorandum 'Value of Livestreaming Komiti Meetings' to the 8 September Te Roopu Ahi Kaa meeting be received.
- 2        Te Roopu Ahi Kaa {accept/decline} Councils offer to livestream and record Te Roopu Ahi Kaa meetings to Council's Facebook page.

Nardia Gower  
Strategy and Community Planning Manager

# Attachment 5



# Memorandum

To: Te Roopu Ahi Kaa

From: Nardia Gower – Strategy and Community Planning Manager

Date: 31 August 2020

Subject: **Rangitikei.com branding and website design**

File: 4-ED-5-5

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## Background

In late 2019 Council undertook to rebrand and redevelop the rangitikei.com website to be more visitor focused than what is currently offered. The then Strategic Advisor for Economic Development, Gioia Damosso, presented to the pre-hui of Te Roopu Ahi the initial logo proposal by BlackSheep designers where the word Rangitikei was separated and stacked. Feedback received in the pre-hui was to not separate 'Rangitikei' and a request was made to incorporate Māori design elements, with artwork being provided by Ngā Wairiki Ngāti Apa. During the same period a district promotional video was created awaiting the new branding.

Blacksheep reworked the logo but were unable to incorporate the Māori design elements. The new design was scheduled for presentation to Council and Te Roopu Ahi when New Zealand entered COVID-19 lockdown.

## Current Status

In light of COVID-19, reprioritisation of budget and the push for domestic tourism marketing council's current economic development and marketing team have reconsidered the website and branding.

The visitor website is currently being designed and rebuilt by staff and will have a new domain name, visitrangitikei.co.nz. The branding will remain in line with Council's font however, replacing the kowhai icon will be an icon incorporating artwork supplied by Ngā Wairiki Ngāti Apa.

While the website is due to be completed by end of October 2020 a soft launch of visitrangitikei and the district promotions video will be made via social media. The video is featuring a short term campaign 'Just up the Road' and will be presented to the Komiti during the meeting.

Te Roopu Ahi Kaa will be continue to be updated on District promotion progress.

## Recommendation

That the memorandum 'Rangitikei.com branding and website design' to the 8 September 2020 Te Roopu Ahi meeting be received.

Nardia Gower  
Strategy and Community Planning Manager

# Attachment 6

GUIDELINES AND STANDARDS

# MĀORI RESPONSIVENESS FRAMEWORK

## STEPPING UP MĀORI RESPONSIVENESS

- GOVERNANCE AND RELATIONSHIPS
- CULTURE AND IDENTITY
- PROSPERITY AND WELLBEING
- RESOURCES AND INFRASTRUCTURE



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## AREAS OF COUNCIL INFLUENCE

<b>GOVERNANCE &amp; RELATIONSHIPS</b>	<b>CULTURE &amp; IDENTITY</b>	<b>PROSPERITY &amp; WELLBEING</b>	<b>RESOURCES &amp; INFRASTRUCTURE</b>
<b>COUNCIL CONTRIBUTIONS</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• TE ROOPU AHI KAA KOMITI</li> <li>• COUNCIL COMMITTEES (TRAK Representation)</li> <li>• STRATEGIC ADVISOR: IWI/HAPŪ</li> <li>• LONG TERM/ANNUAL PLAN DEVELOPMENT</li> <li>• DISTRICT PLAN DEVELOPMENT</li> <li>• STRATEGIC RELATIONSHIPS</li> <li>• IWI PARTNERSHIPS</li> </ul>	<b>COUNCIL CONTRIBUTIONS</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• DISTRICT PLAN PROTECTION PROGRAMMES (wāhi tapu &amp; culture)</li> <li>• EVENT SUPPORT &amp; FUNDING</li> <li>• ART IN PUBLIC PLACES</li> <li>• IWI NARRATIVES</li> <li>• TE AO MĀORI (event relevance)</li> <li>• NATIVE PLANTINGS &amp; REVEGETATION</li> <li>• BULLS COMMUNITY CENTRE</li> <li>• EDUCATION &amp; TRAINING (Community &amp; Staff)</li> </ul>	<b>COUNCIL CONTRIBUTIONS</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• POLICY &amp; STRATEGY</li> <li>• EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS &amp; RESPONSE</li> <li>• YOUTH/RANGATAHI DEVELOPMENT</li> <li>• ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT</li> <li>• MAYORS TASKFORCE FOR JOBS</li> <li>• LIBRARY/EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES</li> </ul>	<b>COUNCIL CONTRIBUTIONS</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• LAND &amp; WATER DECISIONS</li> <li>• MARAE DEVELOPMENT</li> <li>• INFRASTRUCTURE PLANS</li> <li>• ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION</li> <li>• MARTON DESTINATION PLAYSPACE AND PLAY TRAIL</li> </ul>
<b>AND WHERE APPROPRIATE COUNCIL WORKING WITH OTHERS AS A CONTRIBUTOR TO MEETING THE NEEDS/ASPIRATIONS OF MĀORI</b>			



## PERFORMANCE INDICATORS / FRAMEWORK

Outcome Area	Performance Measure	Baseline <del>Performance Measure</del> <del>2017/2018</del> 2019/2020	Year 1 Target	Year 2 Target	Year 3 Target	Funding / Resource Allocation
<b>GOVERNANCE AND RELATIONSHIPS</b>  Council will engage with Iwi/hapū in the spirit of kotahitanga (togetherness) and establish strong relationships for mutual benefit.	<b>1: Number of hui held/attended</b>  Measures engagement opportunities with Māori – measured by the number of significant hui and other hui held.  <u>Identify the purpose and outcomes from hui attended.</u>	Facilitation of six hui annually with Te Roopu Ahi Kaa at Council Offices.  Attendance of events or activities as appropriate.	Continuation of at least six Council hui annually with Te Roopu Ahi Kaa.  Attendance of significant hui with Iwi/hapū on request of Te Roopu Ahi Kaa or Council.  At least one hui annually with every hapū in the District.	No Change.	No Change.	Funding: • Governance Budget.  Staff Time: • Strategic Advisor: Iwi/Hapū.
	<b>2: Number of Hapū Action/Activity Plans in progress per annum</b>  Measures the success of capturing the future aspirations of hapū and the Council's planned contribution.	New Measure.	<del>1-Engaging with each Hapū plan at least once per annum capture 12-24 month</del> <u>Action/Activity Plans identifying potential Council contributions.</u>  <u>Monitor progress of action plans</u>	<del>2-Hapū plans per annum.No Change</del>	No Change.	Staff Time: • Strategic Advisor: Iwi/Hapū.
	<b>3: Number of formal relationships established with Māori entities</b>  Measures progress in securing relationships (that relate to this	New Measure.	Establish relationships as appropriate.  <u>Is this referring to MoU agreements with Māori/Iwi entities?</u>	No Change.	No Change.	Staff Time: • Community Services Group Staff.

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	framework) for future prosperity.					
Outcome Area	Performance Measure	Baseline Measure 2019/2020 Performance 2017/2018	Year 1 Target	Year 2 Target	Year 3 Target	Funding / Resource Allocation
<b>CULTURE AND IDENTITY</b>  Council <u>will promote the culture and identify of mana whenua</u> <del>recognises-recognising the importance of the unique identity of our district is the</del> heritage and whakapapa <del>of mana whenua</del>	<b>1: Number of Events/Programmes Supported</b>  Measures the visibility of Māori culture and participation in our district via events and programmes.	New Measure.	Record Data: Measured as an annual assessment of the number of Māori based funding applications <u>to Council administered grants both</u> received and supported.  <u>Measure Council's communication specifically informing Māori/Iwi entities of available grants.</u>  <u>Number/Level of Māori (iwi or entity) participation in key community events throughout the District</u>	No Change.	No Change.	Funding: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Event Sponsorship Fund.</li> <li>• Creative Communities.</li> <li>• Community Initiatives.</li> </ul>
	<b>2. Number of employees <u>and</u> <u>councillors</u> taking Tikanga Māori cultural training</b>  Measures the Council capacity to demonstrate appropriate cultural competence.	New Measure.	All <u>existing and</u> new staff and incoming Councillors at RDC to receive Māori culture training as part of induction. Additionally, regular opportunities for existing staff are provided.	No Change.	No Change.	Funding: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Governance Budget.</li> <li>• Staff Training Budget</li> </ul>
	<b>3. Number of Māori Art Placements</b>	New Measure.	<del>1</del> <u>One</u> Placement Project (every two years).	Nil.	<del>1</del> <u>One</u> Placement Project.	Funding: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• External Funding</li> <li>• Path to Wellbeing</li> </ul>

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	Measures the increase in visibility of Māori culture in our district via art.		<u>Number of grant applications by Council/Maori/Iwi Entity specific to Maori art Placements.</u>  <u>Measure engagement and outcomes with tangata whenua with regard to Art Placements.</u>			Staff Time: • Strategic Advisor: Iwi/Hapū.
	<b>4. Iwi Narratives</b>  Measures the increase in visibility of Māori heritage and history in our district.	New Measure.	<del>1</del> -One Annual Physical Signage Project.  <del>2</del> -One Annual publication of Iwi Narrative both online and physical <del>Online Inclusions-Published.</del>	No Change.	No Change.	Funding: • External Funding • Path to Wellbeing  Staff Time: • Strategic Advisor: Iwi/Hapū.
	<b>5: Collaborative Planting Local Hapū</b>  Measures the opportunities captured to reflect Māori values/inclusion in planting.	Consulted on a case by case basis.	Local Iwi/hapū advised of all planting projects with non-financial offer of inclusion.  <u>Council participation in iwi/hapū planting projects.</u>	No Change.	No Change.	Funding & Staff Time: • <del>Parks &amp; Reserves.</del> • <u>Council Staff</u>
Outcome Area	Performance Measure	Baseline Measure 2019/2020 Performance 2017/2018	Year 1 Target	Year 2 Target	Year 3 Target	Funding / Resource Allocation
<b>PROSPERITY AND WELLBEING</b>  <u>In the spirit of hōkura (prosperity) Council will</u>	<b>1: Support the Rates Remission Policy for Māori Freehold Land</b>  Measures engagement vs outcomes of Council in Remission of Māori	Continued Measure.	Determining and assisting parties who may qualify for remission.	No Change.	No Change.	Remission: • Maori Land Rates Remission Sub-Committee  Staff Time:

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<p>work with <u>mana whenua</u> and others to enhance the capacity for Māori participation in the economy <u>and further</u>.</p> <p><del>Council will work with others</del> to enhance overall Māori wellbeing</p>	Freehold Land Policy.					<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Strategic Advisor: Iwi/Hapū.</li> </ul>
	<b>2. Economic Development Partnership Linkages</b>  Measures the effectiveness of how many Iwi/hapū are partnered with and included in Economic Development plans or activities.	New Measure.	Ensuring <u>and reporting on activities where</u> Iwi/hapū are included in economic plans and programmes.	No Change.	No Change.	Staff Time: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Strategy &amp; Community Planning Manager.</li> <li>Strategic Advisor: Iwi/Hapū.</li> </ul>
	<b>3. Māori Economic Strategy</b>  Measures the effectiveness of how Iwi/Māori are engaged as part of the overall RDC Economic Development Strategy.	New Measure.	Iwi/hapū/ <del>māori</del> <u>Māori</u> are consulted with in the spirit of Tikanga in the development of an Economic Strategy.  <u>Iwi/hapū/Māori are updated on Economic Strategy &amp; Programme Outcomes.</u>	Iwi/hapū/ <del>māori</del> <u>Māori</u> are updated on Economic Strategy & Programme Outcomes.	No Change.	Staff Time: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Strategy &amp; Community Planning Manager.</li> <li>Strategic Advisor: Iwi/Hapū.</li> </ul>
	<b>4. Māori Business Database</b>  Measures the accuracy of the databased number of Māori Businesses in the District in order to assist in partner linkages.	New Measure.	<del>Ensuring</del> Māori businesses are categorized within their own subset of the Districts Business Database.  <u>Measure the increase or decrease of Māori businesses in the District.</u>	No Change.	No Change.	Staff Time: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Strategy &amp; Community Planning Manager.</li> <li><del>Strategic</del> Advisor: Iwi/Hapū.</li> </ul> <u>External Agency Support:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><u>Te Mana Atatu</u></li> </ul>
	<b>5. Marae Emergency Response Plan</b>	New Measure.	<u>1-Assess the level of preparedness for each</u>	<u>2-Marae Plans Developed Annually.</u>	No Change.	Staff Time:

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	Measures Marae preparedness for an emergency.		<u>Marae and how Council can assist if needed.</u>  <u>At a minimum one Marae Emergency Response Plan</u> Developed Annually.  <u>Report on progress of Marae preparedness activities.</u>	<u>At a minimum one Marae Emergency Response Plan</u> Developed Annually.  <u>Report on progress of Marae preparedness activities.</u>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Strategic Advisor: Iwi/Hapū.</li> </ul> <u>External Agency Support:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><u>Te Puni Kokiri</u></li> </ul>
	<b>6. Mayors Taskforce For Jobs (MTFJ)</b>  <b>DRAFT:</b> Measures the uptake of Rangatahi in key MTFJ projects/activities in the Rangitikei District.  <u>TUIA</u>  <u>Outward Bound</u>  <u>Mahi Tahī</u>	New Measure.	<b>DRAFT:</b> Recorded Data: Measured <del>as the number and percentage of</del> <u>Māori participation</u> in MTFJ projects and activities.  <u>Report on who is attending TUIA and their learning outcomes.</u>  <u>Measure number of Māori applying to MTFJ Outward Bound scholarship and number of successful applicants</u>  <u>Measure number of Māori jobseekers and employers participating in Mahi Tahī</u>	No Change.	No Change.	His Worship the Mayor.  Staff Time: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Strategic Advisor: Youth/Rangatahi.</li> <li>Strategic Advisor: Iwi/Hapū.</li> </ul>
	<b>7. Rangatahi (Youth) Development &amp; Engagement</b>  Measures Rangatahi engagement in Council facilitated youth activities and programmes.	New Measure.	Recorded Data: Measured as the number and percentage of Māori attendance in Youth Zones.  <u>Measures the number of Māori on Youth Council.</u>	No Change.	No Change.	Staff Time: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Strategic Advisor: Youth/Rangatahi.</li> <li>Strategic Advisor: Iwi/Hapū.</li> </ul>

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			Measures the number of Māori at Council Youth Events.  <i>Data maybe indicative.</i>			
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Outcome Area	Performance Measure	Baseline Measure 2019/2020 Performance 2017/2018	Year 1 Target	Year 2 Target	Year 3 Target	Funding / Resource Allocation
<b>RESOURCES AND INFRASTRUCTURE</b>  <u>Understanding the importance in caring and maintaining resources for future generations</u> Council will work with hapū and others to ensure:  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>On-going support is delivered by Council to assist hapū and marae to achieve their aspirations.</li> <li>Appropriate infrastructure is in place for service delivery at Marae and rural Māori</li> </ul>	<b>1: District Plan Papakāinga Provisions</b>  Measures the effectiveness of Council's District Plan provisions and the facilitation of Papakāinga housing	New Measure.	Papakāinga provisions in the District Plan consider the aspirations of Iwi/hapū.  All Papakāinga are supported in planning and consenting.	No Change.	No Change.	Staff Time: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Community Services Group Staff.</li> </ul>
	<b>2: Oranga Marae</b>  Measures the success of the projects funded under the Marae Development Policy to meet the needs and aspirations of Iwi/hapū	New Measure.	95% of Marae Development Projects meet the timeframes and quality expected by Iwi/hapū and Council.	No Change.	No Change.	Funding: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Māori Capacity Fund.</li> </ul> Staff Time: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Strategic Advisor: Iwi/Hapū.</li> </ul>
	<b>3. Inventory of Significant Sites</b>  Development of a district wide inventory that includes wāhi tapu, sites or areas of significance, taonga, historic heritage, and cultural heritage.	New Measure.	Development <u>and/or updating</u> of a significant sites inventory for one Iwi per annum.	<u>No change Development and/or updating the significant sites inventory for</u>	No Change.	Staff Time: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Strategic Advisor: Iwi/Hapū.</li> <li>GIS Officer</li> </ul>

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communities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Resources are taken care of for future generations</li> </ul>				one-lwi-per annum.		
	<b>4. State of the Environment</b> An assessment of environmental outcomes as it pertains to Tangata Whenua, particularly in respect of Māori customary environmental values.	New Measure.	Annual Assessment Report from TRAK.	No Change.	No Change.	Resource: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Te Roopu Ahi Kaa</li> </ul> Staff Time: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Strategic Advisor: Iwi/Hapū.</li> </ul>

# Attachment 7



# Report

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TO: Te Roopu Ahi Kaa Komiti

FROM: Lequan Meihana, Strategic Advisor – Mana Whenua | Kairāanga Mana Whenua

DATE: 8 September 2020

SUBJECT: Summary of Activities – Māori Responsiveness Framework July – August 2020

FILE: 4-EN-8-2

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## **1 Background**

- 1.1 This report summarises the progress made in the programmes, activities and outcomes sought through the Māori Responsiveness Framework over the two month period from 1 July 2020 to 31 August 2020. This update against the Māori Responsiveness Framework will be produced at each TRAK meeting.

## **2 Māori Responsiveness Framework Outcomes**

- 2.1 The following is a summary of the sought outcomes, performance measures and annual progress made as part of Council's commitment to mana whenua, by way of the Māori Responsiveness Framework.

### **2.1.1 Governance and relationships:**

Council will engage with iwi/hapū in the spirit of kotahitanga (togetherness) and establish strong relationships for mutual benefit.

Performance Measure	Summary of Progress
<p><b>1: Number of hui held/attended</b></p> <p>Measures engagement opportunities with Māori – measured by the number of significant hui and other hui held.</p>	<p>A discussion with Ratana Communal Board (RCB) Chair Marty Davis in regards to an update on the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Council. The RCB have given feedback and made proposed alterations to that MoU. The Board will send a copy to Council in due course.</p> <p>Attended the Networking - Welfare Response/Recovery meeting at Te Poho o Tuariki. The Covid-19 Integrated Recovery Team needed to inform everyone of planning for the social, economic and health/wellness recovery of our region. It's seen as an opportunity to build more resilient and thriving communities.</p>
<p><b>Annual Target:</b></p> <p><i>Attendance of the six annual hui with Te Roopu Ahi Kaa at Council Offices.</i></p> <p><i>Attendance of significant hui with Iwi/hapū on request of Te Roopu Ahi Kaa or Council.</i></p> <p><i>At least one hui annually with every hapū in the District.</i></p> <p><i>Attend all Te Huinga a ngā kanohi kitea o ngā kaunihera hui</i></p>	<p>Met with the Strategic Property Advisor Graeme Pointon with regards to Bulls Surplus Property (Lands For Disposal in Bulls). Councils 2015 Policy on Disposal of Surplus Land and Buildings requires consideration of "cultural significance to Hapū and Iwi". Iwi have been informed and we are now awaiting some feedback.</p> <p>A meeting took place with Sue Bligh, Chair of the Rātana Community Board Charlie Mete and Southern Councillor Waru Panapa to discuss the possibility of how Sue can assist with the needed extension the cemetery at Rātana Pā. Sue is a shareowner of a piece of land that is of interest to the Council and the Rātana Community Board. We are also looking to have dialogue with the Duncan Family on the same matter.</p> <p>Consultation with Roding Advisor Reuben Pokiha and Parks and Reserves Team Leader Murray Phillips in regards to the new and current thresholds at Rātana Pā. A discussion also took place around the upkeep and maintenance of the Cemetery and Playground. The Rātana Parks and Town Maintenance Contract is being reviewed.</p> <p>Branding meeting with Strategy and Community Planning Manager Nardia Gower, Executive Officer Carol Gordon, Communications and Graphic Designer Leah Johnston and Community Project Officer Jen Britton. It was determined that Council pull away from Black Sheep and use Web Developer Jack McKenzie instead to create Council Website.</p> <p><b>Projects involving greater engagement:</b></p> <p><b>Marton Memorial Hall Playground and Play Trail:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Council have worked with the Marton Development Group and Ngā Wairiki Ngāti Apa around the MoU for the visual presence of Tutaeporoporo in the Marton Memorial Hall Playground and the Tutaeporoporo Action Trail. This is an ongoing project. Council are involved when and if necessary.</li> </ul> <p><b>Council Policy Development for:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>In many circumstances Council finds themselves relying on the knowledge and input of Iwi to carry out projects. Requests have been made for some form of reimbursement when Iwi provide their time and knowledge. A Policy is currently underway for how Iwi are reimbursed for their time in helping Council progress projects.</li> </ul> <p>When Council is making an important decision involving land or a body of water, it must take into account the relationship of Māori and their culture and</p>

	<p>traditions with their ancestral land, water, sites, wāhi tapu, valued flora and fauna, and other taonga.</p> <p>This Policy will include the current reimbursement given to TRAK members for attending meetings, both TRAK and Council committees. The last review for this was in 2003.</p> <p><b>Ngā Puna Rau o Rangitīkei:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• NPRoR Strategic Planning Day coming up 3 Sept.</li> </ul> <p><b>Mangaweka Bridge Project:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Discussions with stakeholders including Robert Martin and OPUS. Talks around proposed walk bridge, appropriate planting and art placement.</li> <li>• A ground breaking ceremony is to take place 11 Sept</li> </ul> <p><b>Bulls Community Centre:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Engaged with Space Works and Iwi regarding the culture and heritage works for the Bulls Community Centre. To review activities to the delivery of the Culture and Heritage elements.</li> <li>• Part of a group to help organise and coordinate the Official Opening.</li> <li>• Confirmation from Iwi regarding the Māori name of the building and their involvement with the opening.</li> <li>• Further engagement was needed with Ngā Wairiki Ngāti Apa in regards to iwi consultation around the Bulls Community Centre.</li> </ul> <p><b>Te Roopuu Ahi Kaa:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Attended the TRAK Workshop at Te Poho o Tuariki. The purpose was to review the Māori Responsiveness Framework. Alterations and changes have been made to the document and a draft sent to TRAK for their approval. It will need to go to Council also.</li> </ul>
<p><b>2: Number of Hapū Action/Activity Plans in progress per annum</b></p> <p>Measures the success of capturing the future aspirations of hapū and the Council's planned contribution.</p>	<p>Continue the on-going support, commitment and dialogue with marae and hapū. Engagement with each marae has been done requesting a meeting with their respective hapū members. A marae and hapū Action and Activity Plan template has been created. The template will be used at each meeting to help Council further identify how they may assist marae with their future aspirations.</p> <p>Action and Activity Planning with Ngāti Hinemanu / Ngāti Paki took place at Winiata Pā on Tuesday 25 August. The purpose was to identify, where possible, the aspirations of the whānau and hapū in terms of Marae Grounds, Infrastructure, Emergency Preparedness, General maintenance and Landlocked Land.</p>
<p><b>Annual Target:</b></p>	
<p><i>1 Hapū plan per annum.</i></p>	



<p><b>3: Number of formal relationships established with Māori entities</b></p> <p>Measures progress in securing relationships (that relate to this framework) for future prosperity.</p>	<p>Staff continue to communicate and create relationships with the following organisations/entities thus far:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Te Kōtahitangi o Ngāti Tuwharetoa</li> <li>• Ngā Puna Rau o Rangitikei</li> <li>• Mōkai Pātea Services</li> <li>• Te Rūnanga o Ngā Wairiki Ngāti Apa</li> <li>• Te Kōtuku Hauora</li> <li>• Bulls Governance Group</li> <li>• BCC Advisory Group</li> <li>• Te Oranganui</li> <li>• Te Huinga a Ngā Kanohi Kitea o Ngā Kaunihera</li> <li>• Marton Development Group</li> </ul>
<p><b>Annual Target:</b></p>	
<p><i>Establish relationships as appropriate.</i></p>	

### 2.1.2

#### Culture and identity:

Council recognises the unique identity of our district is the heritage and whakapapa of mana whenua.

Performance Measure	Summary of Progress
<p><b>1. Number of employees taking Tikanga Māori cultural training</b></p> <p>Measures the Council capacity to demonstrate appropriate cultural competence.</p>	<p>Council have recognised the growing need to require Iwi participation in the decision-making processes regarding natural resources and community outcomes. A standard for engagement document and workshops has been produced so staff are aware of their obligations for Māori engagement and have an understanding of Tikanga (the Māori way of doing things), while exploring the best practices to include Iwi/hapū into the overall decision-making process.</p>
<p><b>Annual Target:</b></p>	<p>Several new staff have begun working for Rangitikei District Council since the last report. Quarterly whakatau (welcome) will be organised for these staff members and others moving forward. This has been supported by the Executive Leadership Team. Our next staff whakatau will be held on Wednesday 21 Oct.</p>
<p><i>Whakatau for all staff being inducted.</i></p>	<p>A Māori Cultural Capacity Development Framework has been developed which will guide staff and elected members to engage confidently and effectively with iwi representatives, Māori clients, Māori communities, Māori stakeholders and Māori colleagues. This will help deliver positive outcomes for all. The framework was proposed and presented to the Executive Leadership Team on Wednesday 12 August. ELT have given their full support towards the framework. CEO Peter Beggs has asked to meet in the near future to discuss a Council Vision that would complement the Framework.</p>
<p><i>Undertaking a Tikanga training session with new and existing staff.</i></p>	
<p><i>Participating in a Tiriti o Waitangi Workshop</i></p>	
<p><i>Celebrating Māori Language Week within the workplace</i></p>	<p>Michael Andrews of Taihape has delivered the Framed Te Tiriti o Waitangi and Declaration of Independence which he has gifted to Council. These are being planned to be fitted into Council Chambers. Further discussions are still being had with TRAK and Iwi in regards to these pieces being displayed in Council building.</p>

	There is still no policy in place for Māori culture training as part of new staff and incoming Councillors induction. The new Cultural Capacity Development Framework will assist and guide us in this space. In 2019 new staff and incoming Councillors were given the opportunity to attend regular Te Reo Māori classes and one-on-one cultural advice.
<b>2. Number of Māori Art Placements</b>  Measures the increase in visibility of Māori culture in our district via art.	Council is currently working closely with Iwi and others regarding the visibility of art and Maori culture which is to be incorporated into the new playground and play trail as well as the new Bulls Community Centre.
<b>Annual Target:</b>	
<i>1 Placement Project</i>	
<b>3. Iwi Narratives</b>  Measures the increase in visibility of Māori heritage and history in our district.	Township signage is still being consulted on and approved, and is expected to be completed by the end of September 2020.  The remaining towns are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Whangaehu</li> <li>• Mangaweka</li> <li>• Marton</li> <li>• Bulls</li> </ul>
<b>Annual Target:</b>	
<i>1 Annual Physical Signage Project.</i>  <i>2 Annual Online Inclusions Published.</i>	
<b>4: Collaborative Planting Local Hapū</b>  Measures the opportunities captured to reflect Māori values/inclusion in planting.	Nothing to report for this period.
<b>Annual Target:</b>	
<i>Local Iwi/hapū advised of all planting projects with non-financial offer of inclusion.</i>	

### 2.1.3 Prosperity and wellbeing:

Council will work with others to enhance the capacity for Māori participation in the economy and enhance overall Māori wellbeing.

Performance Measure	Summary of Progress
<b>1: Support the Rates Remission Policy for Māori Freehold Land</b>  Measures engagement vs outcomes of Council in Remission of Māori Freehold Land Policy.	As part of our monthly visits with Marae, Council is creating discussions around how we can assist with Rates Remission.
<b>Annual Target:</b>	
<i>Determining and assisting parties who may qualify for remission.</i>	
<b>2. Economic Development Partnership Linkages</b>  Measures the effectiveness of how many Iwi/hapū are partnered with and included in Economic Development plans or activities.	Nothing to report for this period
<b>Annual Target:</b>	
<i>Ensuring Iwi/hapū are included in economic plans and programmes.</i>	
<b>3. Māori Economic Strategy</b>  Measures the effectiveness of how Iwi/Māori are engaged as part of the overall RDC Economic Development Strategy.	Nothing to report for this period
<b>Annual Target:</b>	
<i>Iwi/hapū/māori are consulted with in the spirit</i>	

<p><i>of Tikanga in the development of an Economic Strategy, and any programme outcomes.</i></p>	<p><i>it is important for iwi/hapū/māori are consulted with in the spirit of Tikanga. Iwi/hapū are informed of Councils intentions and progress in ED and are given an opportunity to influence them.</i></p>
<p><b>4. Māori Business Database</b></p> <p>Measures the accuracy of the databased number of Māori Businesses in the District in order to assist in partner linkages.</p> <p><b>Annual Target:</b></p> <p><i>Ensuring Māori businesses are categorized within their own subset of the Districts Business Database.</i></p>	<p>Community Project Officer Jen Britton has been employed part time as part of the recovery team to work on the Economic Development Strategy.</p> <p>Kat Wade of Te Mana Atatu has been contracted by the Central Economic Develop Agency to deliver the Regional Business Programme to Maori owned business in the region including Rangitikei. Council's Economic Development team are working closely with her and continue to expand the Rangitikei Maori Business database.</p>
<p><b>5. Marae Emergency Response Plan</b></p> <p>Measures Marae preparedness for an emergency.</p> <p><b>Annual Target:</b></p> <p><i>1 Marae Plan Developed Annually.</i></p>	<p>As part of our monthly visits with Marae, Council is creating discussions around how well or not our Marae preparedness is in case of a Civil Defence Emergency.</p>
<p><b>6. Mayors Taskforce For Jobs (MTFJ)</b></p> <p>Measures the uptake of Rangatahi in key MTFJ projects &amp; activities in the Rangitikei District.</p> <p><b>Annual Target:</b></p> <p><i>Undertake MTFJ projects and activities when required.</i></p>	<p><b>Mahi Tahi – Rangitikei Employment Programme</b></p> <p>In May 2020 Rangitikei District Council was successful in securing funding for the Mayor's Task Force for Jobs (MTJF) Community Recovery Pilot supported by the Ministry of Social Development (MSD). The programme has a focus on getting NEETS (Youth not in Employment Education or Training) and those displaced by COVID-19 into employment primarily with Small to Medium Enterprises (SME's).</p> <p>On the back of the success of the pilot, 23 rural Councils have been offered the programme for 2020/21 financial year, of which Rangitikei is one. This comes with funding of \$250,000 in tranche one with a further \$250,000 possible in tranche two. Rangitikei Employment Programme is being delivered in partnership with Te Rūnanga o Ngā Wairiki Ngāti Apa and their Te Puna - Education, Training and Employability branch, Mayor's Taskforce for Jobs and the Ministry of Social Development (MSD), with potential for further relationships to develop with other organisations</p> <p>The following Mahi Tahi placements have been made to date</p>

	<table><tr><th>Youth</th><th>CV 19 Displaced</th><th>Other</th><th>Into work</th><th>Current Clients</th></tr><tr><td>14</td><td>29</td><td>10</td><td>53</td><td>14</td></tr></table> <p>Ethnicity of clients is not recorded.</p> <p>Our current rangatahi rep for Tuia 2020 is Jasmine Sampson of Tiniwaitara Marae. Due to Covid Tuia has been forced to be delivered online. Next wānanga is in September.</p>	Youth	CV 19 Displaced	Other	Into work	Current Clients	14	29	10	53	14
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<p><b>7. Rangatahi (Youth) Development &amp; Engagement</b></p> <p>Measures Rangatahi engagement in Council facilitated youth activities and programmes.</p> <p><b>Annual Target:</b></p> <p><i>Measured as the number and percentage of Māori attendance in Youth Zones.</i></p> <p><i>Undertake Rangatahi programmes and activities when required.</i></p>	<p>The John Turkington Rangitikei Youth Awards 2020 evening celebration event was cancelled due to COVID-19 Level 2 restrictions. To celebrate the nominees, the winners and the runner ups, the Rangitikei Youth Council are planning to travel around to the schools to present to smaller groups.</p> <p>Festival of the Future was forced to go digital and was held during the July school holidays at Rangitikei College. The digital option opened up some really exciting new opportunities for connection and collaboration.</p> <p>This event allows young people to be exposed to some amazing and incredible inspirational speakers from New Zealand and over 20 countries around the world.</p>										

#### 2.1.4 Resources and infrastructure:

Council will work with hapū and others to ensure: Appropriate infrastructure is in place for service delivery at Marae and rural Māori communities, and resources are taken care of for future generations.

Performance Measure	Summary of Progress
<p><b>1: District Plan Papakāinga Provisions</b></p> <p>Measures the effectiveness of Council's District Plan provisions and the facilitation of Papakāinga housing.</p> <p><b>Annual Target:</b></p> <p><i>Papakāinga provisions in the District Plan consider the aspirations of Iwi/hapū.</i></p> <p><i>All Papakāinga are supported in planning and consenting.</i></p>	<p>Making sure Iwi are fully aware of the requirements needed. Council need to know as early as possible of their intentions. Winiata Marae, Rātā Marae, Tiniwaitara and Parewānui have all indicated that they want to build a papakāinga in the near future.</p> <p>Ratana Paa is currently building their Papakainga.</p>
<p><b>2: Oranga Marae O Rangitikei</b></p> <p>Measures the success of the projects funded under the Marae Development Policy to meet the needs and aspirations of Iwi/hapū.</p> <p><b>Annual Target:</b></p> <p><i>95% of Marae Development Projects meet the timeframes and quality expected by Iwi/hapū and Council.</i></p>	<p>To continue the on-going support, commitment and dialogue with marae and hapū. Engagement with each marae are being organised to book in with their respective hapū members. This is an opportunity for each marae and hapū to share their further aspirations for the marae and hapū. Oranga Marae gives marae the chance to have a Feasibility Study conducted for their marae.</p> <p>Nothing to report for this period</p>

<p><b>3. Inventory of Significant Sites</b></p> <p>Development of a district wide inventory that includes wāhi tapu, sites or areas of Significance, taonga, historic heritage, and cultural heritage.</p> <p><b>Annual Target:</b></p> <p><i>Development of a significant sites inventory for one lwi per annum.</i></p>	<p>Nothing to report for this period</p>
<p><b>4. State of the Environment</b></p> <p>Engagement for the considerations of environmental outcomes is supported, particularly in respect to supporting Māori customary environmental values.</p> <p><b>Annual Target:</b></p> <p><i>Annual Assessment Report that is put together with the parties from TRAK.</i></p>	<p>Nothing to report for this period</p>

### 3 Recommendation

- 3.1 That the report 'Summary of Activities – Māori Responsiveness Framework July – August 2020 to the 8 September meeting of Te Rōpu Ahi Kā Komiti be received.

Lequan Meihana  
Strategic Advisor – Mana Whenua | Kairāranga

# Attachment 8



# Memorandum

To: Te Roopu Ahi Kaa

From: Bonnie Clayton, Governance Administrator

Date: 31 August 2020

Subject: **Update from Council's meetings July - August 2020**

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 Government's three waters reform programme**

- 1.1 At its extraordinary meeting on 18 August 2020, the Komiti considered the proposal from the Government for the first stages of the Three Waters Reform.
- 1.2 The recommendations from Te Rōpu Ahi Kā were considered by the Audit/Risk Committee at its extraordinary meeting on 20 August 2020, together with further consideration whether or not Council should sign the Memorandum of Understanding.
- 1.3 At that extraordinary meeting, following discussion and consideration of the documentation supplied (including the legal advice to the sector from Simpson Grierson), the Audit/Risk Committee resolved that Council sign the Memorandum of Understanding. The Committee also resolved to recommend that Council approve the recommendations from Te Rōpu Ahi Kā, with a further recommendation to seek collaboration from the other territorial authorities in the Horizons region to hold back some of the stimulus funding allocated regionally for a regional assessment of drinking water and wastewater for marae and papakainga across the whole Horizons region and a regional allocation to the \$30 million sub-fund.
- 1.4 Signing the Memorandum allows Council to access the allocated grant funding - \$2.41 million, together with an additional \$2.41 million from the pool allocated to the region as a whole (but which the mayors of territorial authorities in the Horizons region have agreed should be reallocated back to the territorial authorities). So, potentially, Rangitikei would have access to grant funding totalling \$4.82 million. This is 'stimulus funding' – i.e. part of the Government's post COVID recovery and is intended to supplement work already in councils' work programmes. This means that commitments already made in the 2020/21 Annual Plan would not normally be eligible for this funding.
- 1.5 At its 27 August 2020 meeting, Council approved the recommendations from Te Rōpu Ahi Kā (as noted earlier in the Order Paper) and the Audit/Risk Committee and approved the projects to be submitted. These are attached as **Appendix 2**.

- 1.6 As with the first tranche, it will be a Council decision whether to participate or not in the second tranche. The Government wishes to see publicly-owned multi-regional models for water service delivery, with a preference for local authority ownership, but final decisions on a service delivery model will be an outcome of further discussion with the local government sector and the Joint Three Water Steering Committee (which includes local government representation).
- 2 District Plan Change - proposed rezoning of 217 ha at 1165, 1151 and 1091 State Highway 1 from rural to industrial**
- 2.1 On 21 August 2020 the appointed Independent Hearing Commissioner, Robert Schofield, issued his decision report. It is available at <https://www.rangitikei.govt.nz/files/general/Marton-Rural-to-Industrial-Plan-Change/Rangitikei-District-Plan-Change-Decision-Report-19-August-2020.pdf>
- 2.2 The Commissioner's decisions on the proposed Plan Change are to rezone approximately 40 ha from Rural to Industrial, with an overlay entitled Industrial Development Area which is subject to additional objectives, policies and rules being added into the Rangitikei District Plan.
- 2.3 The initial proposal was to rezone 207 ha. However, the envisaged initial development of the site requires 40 ha, which would be located in proximity to the Main Trunk Railway and Makirikiri Road, where the local sensitivities are lower.
- 2.4 Any person who made a submission or further submission to the Plan Change has the right to appeal the Commissioner's decisions, in respect to their submission or further submission, to the Environment Court. Any appeal must be made on within 30 working days of 21 August 2020.
- 3 Provincial Growth Fund applications**
- 3.1 The application for the Marton rail hub has been approved.
- 3.2 The facility, to be built at the key freight hub of Marton, will receive \$9.1 million from the \$3 billion set aside in the Government's COVID-19 Response and Recovery Fund. Council estimated that this build, which will include a debarker facility, will create up to 83 jobs. When it's up and running it will enable more efficient log transportation in the lower North Island, as well as creating 22 fulltime jobs.
- 3.3 As noted in my earlier reports, on 3 June 2020, the Government announced that \$600 million of the Fund would be reprioritised to assist with recovery from COVID-19 in the regions, particularly over the next two to six months. Last month's report noted that Council staff were preparing a number of applications for qualifying projects. To date no formal decisions have been released, although there has been further discussion with the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment about them.

#### **4 Nomination of Taihape Memorial Park Grandstand for inclusion on the Heritage New Zealand list**

- 4.1 Heritage New Zealand has advised that it has received a nomination to consider entering the Taihape Memorial Park Grandstand on the New Zealand Heritage List/Rārangi Kōrero. The evaluation (along with other applications) is due to be undertaken in July-August 2020.
- 4.2 The Grandstand was completed in 1924. The nomination record (without attachments, as these were not provided) is included as **Appendix 3**.

#### **5 Mahi Tahi**

- 5.1 In May 2020 Rangitikei District Council was successful in securing funding for the Mayor's Task Force for Jobs (MTJF) Community Recovery Pilot supported by the Ministry of Social Development (MSD). On the back of the success of the pilot, 23 Councils have been offered the programme for 2020/21 financial year, of which Rangitikei is one. This comes with funding of \$250,000 in tranche one with a further \$250,000 possible in tranche two. Rangitikei Employment Programme is being delivered in partnership with Te Rūnanga o Ngā Wairiki Ngāti Apa and their Te Puna - Education, Training and Employability branch, Mayor's Taskforce for Jobs and the Ministry of Social Development (MSD), with potential for further relationships to develop with other organisations.

#### **6 Future arrangements for the current Mangaweka Bridge**

- 6.1 A draft Memorandum of Understanding between Manawatu and Rangitikei District Councils and Mangaweka Heritage is currently being finalised for consideration by all parties.

#### **7 COVID-19 recovery**

- 7.1 Several layers of COVID-19 Recovery are being undertaken in collaboration with various partners.
- 7.2 From a social and health perspective Council is working with the Integrated Recovery Team that comprises of The Whanganui District Health Board, Internal Affairs, Police, Ministry of Social Development, Ruapehu District Council, and Te Ranga Tupua. The current focus of the team is to collect and evaluate information gathered from and by people and organisations throughout our region, while also addressing immediate needs and opportunities.
- 7.3 The Integrated Recovery Team will compile reports about what learnings have come from the community engagements through a process of thematic analysis. These learnings will feed into the work that the Thriving Together Team will undertake in the future. Such plans will be open for further community consultations and feedback.
- 7.4 The Integrated Recovery team have meet with the following groups in Rangitikei since undertaking community focus group meetings.
- Bulls and Marton community welfare group (which included Police, Rangitikei DC, Ngati Apa, Marton churches food pantry and other group representatives)
  - Marton Budget Service

- Project Marton
- Rangitikei Youth Council
- Bulls and District Community Trust with Bulls RSA members
- Taihape Older and Bolder
- Taihape community response group (which included Older and Bolder, Anglican Church, Foodbank, Taihape health, RDC, Emergency Management officer, Neighbourhood support, Heartlands Work and Income, Voluntary Fire and other group representatives)

7.5 The last Integrated Recovery Advisory update dated 31 July, is attached as **Appendix 4**.

7.6 The Regional Economic Recovery Taskforce, which covers the Rangitikei District, is headed by Horizons and is tasked to deliver a Regional Economic Recovery Plan, acting as a key channel for interaction with central government, identifying and pursuing opportunities to strengthen, and build our region's economy. While the plan has yet to be developed, the Regional Economic Recovery Taskforce have created and launched a new website, Manawatū-Whanganui Regional Indicators (MWRI) <https://www.mwri.co.nz/> to reflect the region's councils' collaboration and initiatives that are currently underway to help with recovery from the impacts of COVID-19. The MWRI website includes a Regional Economic Impact Assessment Report, regional economic dashboards, shovel ready projects submitted to central government for funding consideration, and news items.

## **8 Staffing**

8.1 Dave Tombs has been appointed Group Manager, Finance & Business Support. He was previously Finance and Commercial General Manager at Dunedin City Council. He starts on 25 August 2020, so there is an opportunity for a handover by Jo Devine before she leaves for Porirua City Council.

8.2 Kelly Widdowson was the successful applicant for Strategic Advisor – Youth.

8.3 Bronwyn Meads has joined the Council team as Venue and Events Coordinator, on a 3 month fixed-term contract. Her primary role is to coordinate the Bulls Community Centre opening.

8.4 Lovey Collins has joined the Community & Leisure team working as a cleaner.

8.5 Te Arawa Ratana has started working as a Youth Development Assistant at the Marton Lobby.

## **9 Recommendation:**

9.1 That the report 'Update from Council's meetings July - August 2020 ' to the 8 September 2020 Te Roopu Ahi Kaa Komiti be received.

Bonnie Clayton  
Governance Administrator

# *Appendix 1*

# Memorandum

**To:** Council

**From:** Arno Benadie

**Date:** 20 August 2020

**Subject:** **Top Ten Projects – status, August 2020**

**File:** 5-EX-4

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This memorandum updates the information presented to the August 2020 Council meeting. The update consists of a short synopsis of the history of the project and how we arrived at the current position in each of the projects. This is followed by a summary update of project activities completed during the previous month.

## **1. Mangaweka Bridge replacement**

- A detailed business case for the replacement of the Mangaweka Bridge was approved by the New Zealand Transport Agency (NZTA).
- The future of the existing bridge was considered, and in August 2019 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 manage the future use of the bridge.
- The project is now in the pre-implementation phase. This phase includes land purchase negotiations, planning requirements such as designations and early contractor involvement.
- Tenders for the construction of the bridge has been completed

### **Monthly update:**

On 4th May 2020 four contractors were invited to submit tenders. The tender period for the new bridge closed and a preferred contractor has been identified. The Tender Award Report will be presented to Council on 27 August for a decision going forwards. The cost of construction will be shared equally between the Manawatu and Rangitikei District Councils. Construction of the new bridge is expected to be completed by 30th June 2022.

## **2. Marton to Bulls Wastewater centralisation project**

- March 2018 an application for a new resource consent was lodged with Horizons regional Council and placed “on hold” pending an outcome on the future of the Marton and Bulls Wastewater treatment plants.
- A full briefing was provided for the Assets/Infrastructure Committee’s meeting on 9 August 2018, together with a District-wide strategy towards consenting.

- The preferred option was to establish a land-based disposal system for the combined Marton and Bulls wastewater flows.
- A renewal application for the Marton WWTP was submitted on 28 September 2018 and an updated consent application for the proposed Bulls and Marton centralisation scheme with discharge to land was due to be submitted in May 2019.
- Due to challenges in finding and purchasing the necessary land for disposal, the consenting strategy was altered in consultation with Horizons Regional Council in July 2019
- The current consent strategy proposes a staged approach with clearly defined milestones to ensure constant progression of the project. A final submission date has not been agreed with HRC.
- The New Zealand Defence Force (NZDF) considered the option of becoming a trade waste customer in the upgraded Bulls/Marton wastewater land disposal arrangement. During June 2020 NZDF signalled a change in their design direction and are now considering a permanent solution with Sanson and the Manawatu District Council.

#### **Monthly update:**

Work on determining the wastewater characterisation and total loads and flows to the Marton and Bulls WWTPs is ongoing. The search for suitable land is continuing, with no new parcels of land becoming available during August. After discussing the waste water consenting process with Horizons Regional Council (HRC) in July, we are working on producing a detailed process plan with clear milestones and deliverables to submit to HRC by early September. We are considering the option of proposing the Marton to Bulls pipeline as one of the projects to be funded by the three waters MOU funding grant.

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

- An application for a new consent was lodged in April 2018, which means the existing consent continues to apply until a new consent is issued.
- The proposed programme to remove treated effluent from Lake Waipu and to dispose of it to land started on 1 July 2018 with an agreement with the Ministry for the Environment (MfE).
- This project is a collaboration between local Iwi, RDC and HRC and is partly funded (46%) by MfE
- The proposed duration of the project is 5 years starting in July 2018.
- The project plan includes the purchase of land, the installation of irrigation equipment and an upgrade of the existing Ratana wastewater treatment plant.
- The main focus to date has been the identification of suitable land in the area and negotiating with the land owners to secure a purchase.

#### **Monthly update:**

Negotiations with the Ministry for the Environment (MfE) regarding our request to change the deed of funding to accommodate a long term lease agreement rather than the current land purchase requirements continues. An alternative parcel of land might be available for the discharge of treated wastewater, and experts in soil conditions and disposal to land has been

engaged to consider the benefits and limitations of the lease land and this new parcel of land. The results of this comparison is expected by the end of September 2020. We will continue with regular communications with Horizons Regional Council and Iwi while we progress this work.

**4. 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**

- A site was identified in the Hunterville Domain for a test bore to investigate the production of a new water source for the Hunterville township
- At its meeting on 11 October 2018, Council awarded the Contract for construction of the Hunterville Bore to Interdrill Ltd
- At 340 metres depth water was found; investigation is now under way to determine its quality and quantity.
- Part of the capability grant received from the Provincial Growth Fund (PGF) was used to prepare the case for a feasibility study for a Tutaenui rural water scheme.
- The formal application for funding for a detailed business plan for the Tutaenui rural water scheme was submitted on 3 May 2019
- In November 2019, the Minister for Regional Economic Development announced a grant of \$120,000 from the Provincial Growth Fund for the preparation of a detailed Business Plan for a Tutaenui Community Agricultural Water Scheme. RDC will contribute a further \$65 000 to the project and Horizons Regional Council will contribute \$10 000 for a total project cost of \$195 000
- February 2020, the funding agreement signed by RDC and Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment.

**Monthly Update:**

The funding agreement between the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment (MBIE) and RDC has been signed. According to this agreement we have the following project timelines:

- February 2020 – Funding agreement executed by both parties
- April 2020 – Evidence of appointment of suitable consultants
- Nov 2020 – Draft report
- Dec 2020 – Final Report

This project has been delayed by the Covid 19 lockdown period earlier in 2020. We are in the process of negotiating a delay of the expected timelines, and expect to be able to agree the necessary changes to contract timeframes in order to make the contract achievable. The new amended contract is expected to be agreed and completed by September 2020. RDC met with MBIE and MDC mid-August to explore further collaboration and knowledge sharing. It was established that the MDC and RDC projects are in different phases of progression, and further collaboration will be limited.



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

- A detailed design was completed for the new Bulls Community Centre and an application for a building consent was submitted early in 2018.
- The tender for the construction of the new building closed in August 2018 and W&W Construction 2010 Ltd was identified as the preferred contractor.
- A period of contractor negotiations followed and the final contract was signed in November 2018.
- The archaeological authority was issued on 16 October 2018.
- The target completion date at the time of signing the contract was February 2020.
- W & W Construction took possession of the site on 10 December 2018
- Negotiations to secure title have been concluded, and Council received title on 13 September 2019
- The project was temporarily paused on 23 October 2019 to allow a brief review and to ensure all parties continue to be aligned to the project deliverables.
- Construction work on the new building resumed in November 2019, with a revised finish date of July 2020.

### **Monthly Update:**

The practical completion date for the building construction was end of July 2020. The building has now been completed with the exception of the following exterior items:

- The building carapace (the decorative aluminium frame on the outside of the building)
- The carpark
- The town square

Final inspections and commissioning of all the building systems and equipment will occur on 26 August and the final completion date for all the external items noted above is 28 August. The official opening date for the building is planned for 25 September, but will be dependent on the Covid 19 alert level status at that time. An advisory group has been created to solicit feedback on the opening ceremony.

The furniture and equipment fit-out of the building is progressing. The delivery of the equipment might be affected by the Covid 19 level 3 status in Auckland. An Audio and Visual proposal has been received and progressed to allow the installation and commissioning before the opening date. The cultural elements around the stage has been completed and installed. The remainder of the cultural elements as been completed, although not delivered to site yet. The exterior cultural elements will be installed once the carapace has been completed.

The parking area extension, the bus lane and the town square has gone out to tender. The results from the tender and the costs of the additional works will be presented to Council before any further actions will be taken. The updated Project Status Report has been included as appendix 1.

## **6. Establishment of the new Council administration centre and the town library in Marton**

- The Building Amendment Act 2017 sets Marton as an area of high seismic activity. This requires earthquake-prone buildings to be assessed within 5 years and remediated within 15 years. This means that over the next 20 years all earthquake-prone buildings in the Marton Town Centre will need to be remediated. This includes Council-owned sites.
- The Town Centre Plan was developed by Creative Communities for Council in 2014 in partnership with the local community.
- The Town Centre Plan identifies that Council should develop a new civic centre (for the library, information centre, Council front desk, meeting rooms, storage for community groups) in the heart of the Town Centre to act as a catalyst for revitalisation of the Main Street.
- During 2016, Council was presented with an offer to purchase the Cobbler, Davenport and Abraham and Williams buildings.
- During the development of the 2016-17 Annual Plan, Council consulted with the community regarding whether Council should purchase the site for the Marton Civic Centre. A total of 128 responses were received, with the majority of submitters in favour of purchasing the site
- Following the purchase of the site, during the development of the 2017-18 Annual Plan, Council consulted with the community about the options for developing the site. Overall, the submissions were strongly in favour of Council continuing to develop the Town Centre site as the new Marton Civic Centre.
- Of those people who supported continued work on the Town Centre site, they were asked whether Council should.
  1. Retain and refurbish the buildings
  2. Demolish the buildings and construct a new facility on the site.
  3. Retain part of the facades and build a new facility behind them.
- There was mixed views on what Council should do with the buildings - split between those wishing to retain the facades and those who thought Council should demolish and start new. However, the responses received were low, particularly from Marton, where only 38 responses were received. This shows further engagement with the community is required. As a response to the submissions Council decided to undertake more work to understand the costs between heritage preservation and a new build, including the potential opportunities for external grants to assist the funding of the project.
- WSP-Opus started work on the concept designs of the new building and completed at the end of February 2019.
- A 50% progress update as a workshop was provided to Council in May 2019 on two different options for the site (retention of as much heritage as possible and demolition and new build)
- A workshop with WSP Opus to review these costed designs was scheduled for August 2019. Council considered more work was needed before proceeding with consulting with the community about the options considered.

### **Monthly Update:**

We are currently working on finalising a pre-engagement strategy to consult with the community on the options available to us. Consultation with the community will start as part of the pre-engagement consultation for the Long Term Plan.

## **7. 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.
- A public meeting (including the Park User Group) was held in August 2018 to gain clearer insights into community views and preferences.
- An estimate to renovate both the facilities under the Taihape grandstand as well as the grandstand itself was obtained. Colspec was engaged to undertake an initial scoping assessment; they provided a rough order of cost of \$2.4 million for renovating/upgrading the grandstand.
- The outcome of discussions with Clubs Taihape and other stakeholders was the suggestion of erecting co-located (and complementary) facilities at the end of the netball courts and leaving the grandstand as it is
- 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
- A design brief was prepared and 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
- A budget provision of \$1.2 million for the amenities facility is included in the 2019/20 Annual Plan (with \$200,000 to be raised externally). Clubs Taihape has \$500,000 to commit to the project.
- Mr Copeland 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 opted for a fully completed two-storey building, at an estimated cost of \$2.935 million
- 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
- Discussions were held with all sporting codes individually to get their inputs and comments on the concept design. These discussions were concluded in December 2019.

**Monthly Update:**

A meeting with all user groups was held in Taihape to unveil the new conceptual design and to discuss any comments and suggestions. All comments and suggestion has been forwarded to the Architect with a new scope of work to produce the final conceptual design for this building. The Architect will rework the plans to reflect all comments, and then overhaul the 3D computer model to present an animation of the design. Once RDC receives this design, it will be presented to Council for review.

**8. Taihape civic centre.**

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.

**9. Putorino Landfill**

- In October 2018 Rangitikei District Council was advised that a historic landfill has been exposed on the banks of the Rangitikei River at the eastern end of Putorino Road.
- During November 2018 it was agreed that Horizons Regional Council would secure the necessary consent and undertake the works required to shift the river flow path, which involved a combination of aggregate (metal) extraction and relocation.
- RDC would then undertake the site assessment and fund any agreed remediation work.
- Work on redirecting the river flow path was completed in May 2019.
- RDC engaged WSP OPUS to undertake the landfill site assessment work, and to identify and cost options for remediation/mitigation.
- This investigation work and options report was completed by the end of 2019
- Two Contractors has been engaged to consider the costs involved for a remediation option that would remove all landfill material from the site and replace the clean-fill material on the existing site.
- WSP/Opus has been engaged to start preparing the necessary consent applications for the remediation work to start as soon as possible.

WSP/Opus are in the process of preparing the full consent application, the documentation necessary for use in the event of making use of the emergency provisions in the RMA, and the Site Management Plan that will be required for emergency works or any contracted site works. The work will start once a final cost structure and start date has been agreed with either of the two contractors engaged to date. These costs will be presented to Council before any work will commence.

## **10. Rangitikei District Subdivisions:**

The following is a list of large subdivisions in the district with an update of progress to date:

**George Street, Bulls** – An equal cost share has been agreed for the upgrade of a storm water line to accommodate the increased number of lots in the final subdivision layout plan. The total cost of this storm water line is expected to be in the order of \$300 000. We are in the process of applying for Resource Consent for the disposal of the storm water into the open drain adjacent to the subdivision. One of the conclusions of the work completed for the consent application is that the current open drain that receives the storm water from this subdivision is too small for the calculated flow, and that there is a substantial risk that this will cause flooding in Bulls. The assessment of the catchment will have to be expanded to cover the open drain through the Bulls urban area to the confluence with the Tutaenui Stream. This work will determine what further upgrades to the open stream and culvers will be required.

**Hereford Heights, Marton** – RDC committed to the construction of a new intersection to allow access to the new 80 lot subdivision. The detailed design is currently underway and we expect the design to be finalised by the end of August 2020. RDC will liaise with the developer to understand their construction timelines and to align the construction of the new intersection with the developer. A temporary access to the site will be installed to allow the developer to proceed with construction of houses while we finalise the construction of the intersection

**Whanganui Rd subdivision, Marton** – this is a future subdivision that is being considered by the property owner. A district plan change will be required to allow for a zone change before this land will be subdivided. RDC have completed a residential scoping assessment to guide any future development and infrastructure requirements.

**Walton Street, Bulls** – The provision of storm water services for this subdivision uncovered a portion of land protected by a heritage reserve. Due to this parcel of protected land the original storm water design had to be altered to comply with an alternative solution. RDC is working with the developer to create a solution that will allow the subdivision to continue and will improve the RDC storm water network and service provision in this area. The new storm water solution has been constructed and completed.

**Ratana Papakainga Housing** – Phase one of the Ratana Papakainga will provide 28 new sections for housing development. The installation of services and roads was overseen by WSP/Opus and is close to completion.

**Hendersons Line, Marton** – A developer is in the process of investigating a subdivision to create 97 sections on Henderson's Line. The investigations are in the early preliminary stages.

**Bredins Line, Marton** – The developer has signalled their intention to add a further 30 sections to the existing development. The developer's design engineer is in regular contact with RDC to ensure good engineering outcomes for the provision of services to the site.

### **Recommendation:**

That the memorandum 'Top Ten Projects – status, August 2020' to the 27 August 2020 Council meeting be received.

Arno Benadie  
Principal Infrastructure Advisor

# *Appendix 2*

# Memorandum

To: Council Meeting

From: Arno Benadie – Principal Advisor Infrastructure

Date: 26 August 2020

Subject: **Three Waters stimulus funding**

File: [File Ref](#)

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In July 2020, the Government announced an initial funding package of \$761 million (Tranche 1) to support a three-year programme of reform of local government water services delivery arrangements, and to provide immediate post-COVID-19 stimulus to maintain and improve water networks infrastructure.

Tranche 1 funding will be made available to those Territorial Authorities that agree to participate in the initial stage of the reform programme, through a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU), Funding Agreement, and approved Delivery Plan. Following consultation with Te Roopu Ahi Kaa's Komiti, Council's Audit and Risk Committee resolved for Rangitikei District Council to sign the MoU.

Tranche 1 funding will be provided in two parts: a direct allocation to individual Territorial Authorities, and a regional allocation. The funding agreement required participating individual Authorities in each region to agree an approach to distributing the regional allocation. All participating Authorities in the Horizons region have agreed to distribute the regional allocation to the local Territorial Authorities in full. The total funding allocation to RDC is to the value of \$4.82 million, made up of \$2.41 million each for the Territorial Authority funding and \$2.41 million regional funding allocation.

To access the investment package, Territorial Authorities must:

1. Agree to participate in the first phase of the three waters services reform programme by signing the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) by 31 August 2020.
2. Enter into a Funding Agreement that specifies what the funding can be spent on, and the conditions attached to the funding
3. Specify the projects that funding will be applied to in a Delivery Plan, to be submitted to Crown Infrastructure Partners by 30 September for approval prior to release of funding.

The Funding Agreement guides the release and use of funding. It sets out:

- The funding amount allocated to the Council
- Funding conditions
- Public accountability requirements, including the Public Finance Act
- Reporting milestones.

The Funding Agreement will be supplemented by a Delivery Plan, which is the document that sets out how the grant funding is to be applied by the Council. This Delivery Plan must show that the

funding allocation is to be applied to operating and/or capital expenditure relating to three waters infrastructure and service delivery, and will support economic recovery through job creation and maintains, increases, and/or accelerates investment in core water infrastructure renewal and maintenance.

The Delivery Plan sets out a summary of the works to be funded, including location, estimated associated costs, and expected benefits/outcomes. It will also specify the number of people to be employed in these works and an assessment of how the works support the reform objectives in the MoU. The Delivery Plan will be supplied to Crown Infrastructure Partners for review and approval. Crown Infrastructure Partners will monitor progress against the Delivery Plan, to ensure spending has been undertaken with public sector financial management requirements.

The works proposed to be included in the RDC Delivery plan are:

<b>Description</b>	<b>Value</b>
Contribution to a future Regional investigation fund to look at non-reticulated water supplies (drinking water and waste water) in the Region, including those in Marae and Papakāinga.	\$100 000
Miscellaneous reports, investigations and legal fees	\$45,000
Marton to Bulls wastewater pipeline The full cost of this project is expected to be in the range \$27m-\$30m and is contemplated in the 2018-2028 LTP. The 2020 Annual Plan includes \$1.5m to the overall project. The scope of the overall project captured by this Delivery Plan funding can commence quickly and without the need to gain resource consent. It is also complementary to the works contemplated in the 2020 Annual Plan.	\$3 500 000
Bulls water supply rising main The full cost of this project is expected to be \$1m and is not contemplated in the 2018-2028 LTP. The 2020 Annual Plan however includes \$200k to the overall project included in the new Bulls Reservoir project.	\$800 000
Papakai Pump Station rising main	\$375 000
This is an extension to the Papakai Pump station upgrade project included in the current financial year budgets, and forms part of Council's response to improving this asset in the wake of the recent prosecution for effluent discharge into the Hautapu River.	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$4 820 000</b>

Expenditure will need to commence before 31 March 2021, and must be completed before 31 March 2022. Councils will retain flexibility in terms of how they will apply the expenditure if it meets these high-level parameters.

The works proposed in the RDC Development Plan complies with all criteria required by the Department of Internal Affairs and is achievable within the timeframe requested.



## Recommendations

That the report on the “Three Waters stimulus funding” to the 27 August Council Meeting be received.

That Council Agree on the projects proposed for the RDC Delivery Plan as detailed in this Report.

Arno Benadie  
Principal Advisor Infrastructure

# *Appendix 3*

# Nomination Record

List Number: 9843

Site Reference: P181553



HERITAGE NEW ZEALAND  
POUHERE TAONGA

## Date Nomination Received:

## List Entry Status:

## Nomination Received

## Name:

Taihape Memorial Grandstand

## Other Name(s):

## Location:

12 Kokako Street, Taihape 4720

## Heritage NZ Office:

Central Regional Office

## Legal Description:

Sec 1 Blk X TN OF Taihape RT: Unknown

## Local Authority:

Rangitikei District

## Summary:

Completed in 1924 to a design by architect Oscar Albert Jorgensen. See report by Wendy Pettigrew on file 12009-1064.

From nomination form:

From the information available it is believed that this is one of the few wooden grandstands of reasonable size left in the country. The major exception is the Claudelands Showgrounds Grandstand. This has been saved, refurbished and moved to increase its usefulness to the community. Refer <https://claudelands.co.nz/spaces/about/our-history/>.

## Proposed List Entry Type:

Historic Place Category 2

## Historic Significance:

From nomination form

Historical:

The grandstand is one of the few remaining wooden structures of its type in rural New Zealand. According to Pettigrew [2009] the grandstand is 'as large, well designed and of a vintage that matches or surpasses [most] other in the register'. The ideas for a grandstand had been in Taihape for some years, but it was the years after WW1 that provided the impetus. Discussion is recorded in local papers [See attached from Papers Past] that the construction of the grandstand was seen as a major option to provide a War Memorial. Despite the final decision to erect a memorial in the town triangle; the funds for construction were raised as donations from local farmers and others at the same time as the war memorial and with the added naming of the recreation reserve as the War Memorial Park, the grandstand is seen as a coherent part of a large memorial complex [Refer R Seymour attachment] It is also in community memory and oral history that at some time the grandstand was moved to its current position on the western side of the park by tractors and rollers. The fact that it was able to be shifted and has shown no ill effects from earthquakes from 1931 onward speaks highly of the initial design and construction. Original plans attached with Wendy Pettigrew's report [2009]

# Nomination Record

List Number: 9843

Site Reference: P181553



HERITAGE NEW ZEALAND  
POUHERE TAONGA

## Physical Significance:

From nomination form

### Aesthetic:

The grandstand has been used for sports and social gatherings over the years and there is a strong emotional tie to the building. For those who attended the Taihape District High School [closed 1962 ] and Taihape Primary [1963-2009] the memory of the grandstand is generally of affection for both the formal and informal uses. As the dominant building in the sporting centre of Taihape, those who have played rugby and cricket in particular, regard the grandstand as the home base of teams representing the town.

### Architectural :

In the late Wendy Pettigrew's paper, she details the work of the architect Mr Jorgensen. Although the grandstand of itself no intrinsic beauty, yet it is a large and well constructed example both of its use and also of the wooden buildings of the immediate post-1918 era.

## Cultural Significance:

From nomination form

### Cultural:

It has been the focus of combined schools choirs and sports. Gumboot Day which is a uniquely Taihape phenomenon plus Matariki and Waitangi Day events and a Taihape Christmas in the Park. Visually it is one of the larger buildings in Taihape and as such dominates various aspects from the residential area on the hill as well as the immediate streets.

### Social Value:

The attached comments from Facebook pages related to the heritage of Taihape and its community, speak highly of the social value both in the past and currently. To many people the loss of the grandstand would be for Taihape to lose part of the town's mana.

# *Appendix 4*

# UNITED IN RECOVERY

## He waka eke noa



## Integrated Recovery Team Advisory

Whanganui, Rangitikei and South Ruapehu

Friday, 31 July 2020

### OVERVIEW

The Integrated Recovery Team are a collective group of public service organisations across the Whanganui DHB rohe that were formed as a result of the response to the COVID 19 pandemic. The primary organisations that are represented are Whanganui DHB, Iwi, Whanganui District Council, Whanganui Civil Defence, Ruapehu District Council and Rangitikei District Council.

### Community Engagement

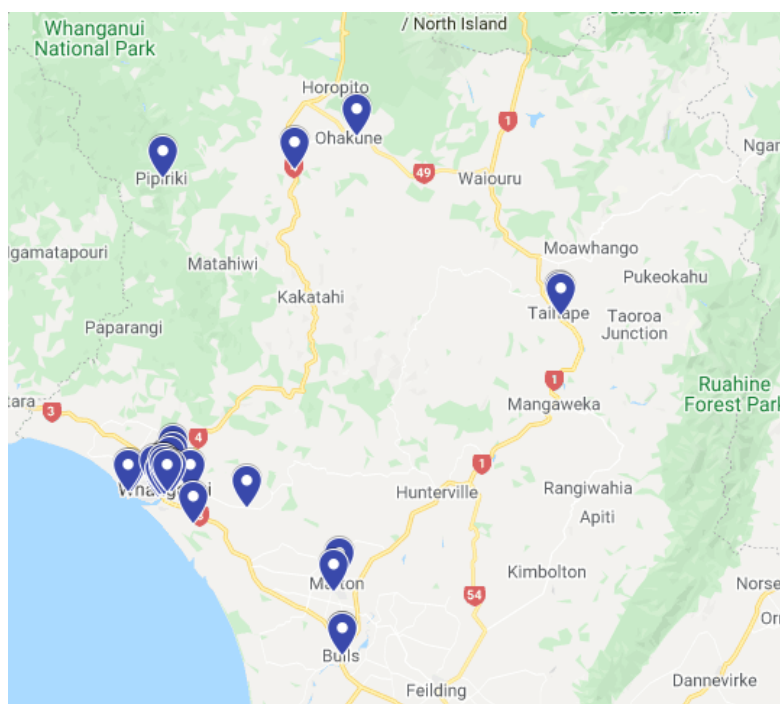
The Integrated Recovery Team is currently undertaking wide sector engagement to inform the 'next normal'. Thematic analysis of all responses and reporting will be completed at the conclusion of phase one of the recovery process.

As of the 31<sup>st</sup> of July 2020, the Integrated Recovery Team have completed:

- 28 Strategic Leader 1-1 Interviews
- 54 Focus Group Sessions

#### Ongoing focus group sessions

To date, the team have attended 54 focus group sessions across the rohe, engaging with representatives from over 70 groups and organisations, to understand communities experiences of Covid-19 and how, together, we can build 'thriving communities'. The map below shows IRT focus group locations to date



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## Whanganui & Partners Dashboard

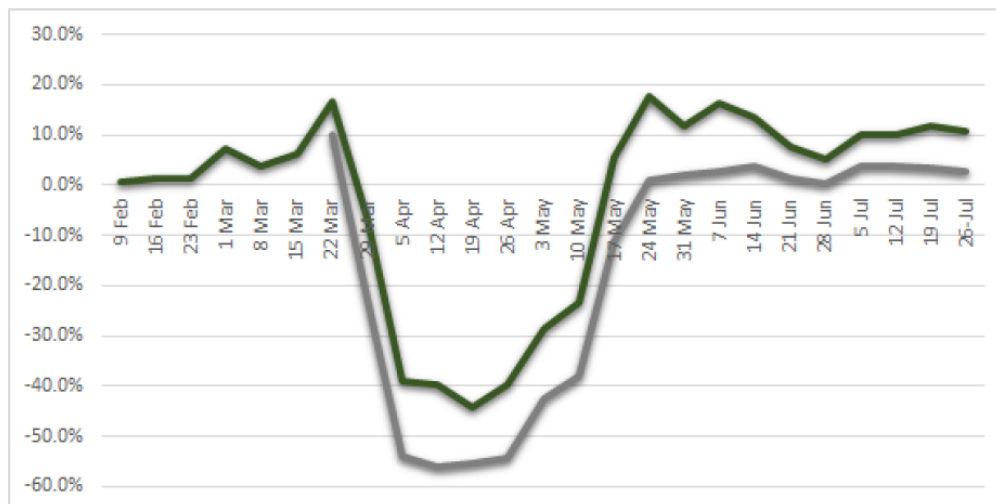
Whanganui & Partners [Economic Dashboard](#) has been updated with consumer spend for the week ending 26 July. The post-COVID spending boom is softening, but growth in Whanganui spend remains stronger than it does nation-wide.

### Weekly Consumer Spending

High consumer spending usually indicates higher levels of consumer confidence in the economy. Data reflects week ending 26 July

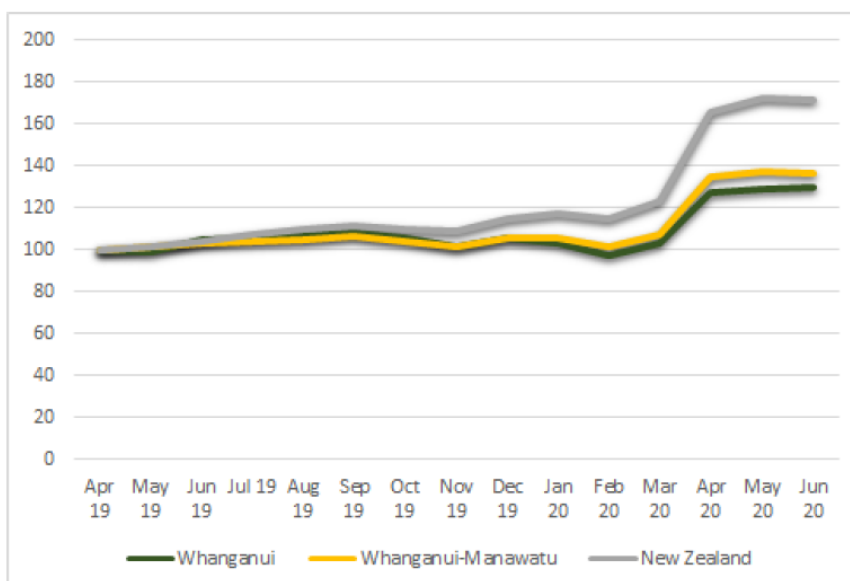
	Value of spend		Number of transactions	
	Whanganui	New Zealand	Whanganui	New Zealand
Change from same week last year	<b>+10.9%</b>	<b>+2.6%</b>	<b>+3.8%</b>	<b>-2.5%</b>
Cumulative change from period starting 3 Feb	<b>-2.6%</b>	<b>-11.6%</b>	<b>-11.8%</b>	<b>-20.7%</b>

\*Marketview



### Monthly Work Ready Jobseekers

Work Ready Jobseeker numbers have been collected monthly instead of quarterly. Chart is indexed to April 2019.



**1,894 people**

in Whanganui receiving Work Ready Jobseeker benefits in June 2020

**Change from March 2020**

Whanganui	New Zealand
<b>+25.3%</b>	<b>+39.6%</b>

Whanganui-Manawatu

**+27.0%**

## Key Messages/Communications

### Key messages

- COVID-19 is a disease that can affect your lungs and airways. Adopt simple hygiene and health practices to protect yourself and your whānau.
- On Monday 8 June at 11.59 pm New Zealand moved to Alert Level 1 and the country is now in recovery.
- As of Monday 27 July, there were twenty one (21) active cases of COVID-19 in New Zealand. New Zealand's confirmed and probable cases of COVID-19 to date is 1556 – see the [Ministry of Health's current cases page](#).
- Of these cases, the Whanganui region has had nine (9) cases of COVID-19
- Please continue to wash and dry your hands and use hand sanitiser
- Cover coughs and sneezes – do them into the crook of your elbow
- Testing for COVID-19 is still available at the Whanganui Hospital Campus CBAC, or by phoning ahead to your GP
- The CBAC at the Whanganui Hospital is open 8am to 4.30pm, Monday to Friday, and 9am to 1pm on Saturdays and Sundays. It is a drive-in / walk-in service and no appointment is needed.
- WDHB hospital and health services are back to normal with visitors allowed under Alert Level 1
- Please note Ruapehu no longer has a number for welfare – refer to Govt or MSD number

### Recent media releases

- [WDHB website](#)
- [Whanganui District Council website](#)
- [Rangitikei District Council website](#)
- [Ruapehu District Council website](#)
- [Whanganui & Partners website](#)

### Completed communications

- Social media promotion for Whanganui & Partner free event on Thursday 6 August to help employers understand the support available to them through new Central Government schemes
- Social media promotion of [Ruapehu Social and Economic Recovery Household Survey](#)
- Communications plan for IRT partners finalised
- Social media promotion of Korero Cafe/Balance consultation of WAM service

### Upcoming communications

- Media release on outcome of community engagement
- Communications plan developed for Whanganui community/recovery Open Day on 5 September
- Spotlight on WDHB's Te Ranga Hau Haumoana team and how they helped our community during tough times
- Internal communications for WDHB and Council CE's on the recovery effort and the next steps
- [Covid 19 coronavirus: Economic impact in Whanganui softer than national averages](#) - promotion on WDHB and WDC social media
- Communications planning for Recovery Open Day
- Internal (WDHB and Whanganui District Council) promotion of DHB staff doing Integrated Training Framework (ITF) intermediate course

## Quick community based actions identified

- Mental health liaison connecting with community organisations
- Supporting community groups to access Provincial Growth Fund (PGF)
- Dental and winter illness pop-ups
- Health pop-up clinics in communities

- Defibrillators in communities
- Community CPR and first aid classes and other health education
- Improving food package coordination in preparation for future emergencies
- Internet access, satellite towers, rural connectivity
- Improving access to technology for elderly and skills
- Wrap-around home and community supports e.g. post hospital discharge
- Civil Defence community notice board in Taihape (and potentially other places also)
- Suitable, ease-of-use phones for older persons and training
- Workshops for older persons – e.g. driving, phones, technology, internet banking
- Better utilisation of community spaces e.g. voting boxes, registration/bill payment kiosks, public/agency meetings, amenities
- Pets in pensioner housing
- Establishment of Kai Collective with oversight of local food systems and supporting initiatives

## Actions for the coming week

Focus Groups / interviews this week:

- Upokongaro Primary school
- Workbridge Whanganui

Other:

- Analysis of community engagement undertaken to date
- Analysis of the Community and Organisational Surveys
- Organising 'open day' for providers and opportunity for community to feed into recovery – 5<sup>th</sup> September
- Engagement with workplaces, community groups and services across the rohe
- Understanding short, medium and long term themes and actions emerging from engagement
- Developing the plan to transition from Recovery to the next normal (Thriving Communities)

# Attachment 9

# Memorandum

To: Te Rōpu Ahi Kā Komiti

From: Arno Benadie - Principal Advisor Infrastructure

Date: 1 September 2020

Subject: **Infrastructure Update – August 2020**

File: 3-CT-8-1

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The Infrastructure Update is a reoccurring Agenda item, and serves as a reminder of the Infrastructure projects we are working on, and give the Committee an update of progress to date.

The Infrastructure projects for the 2020/21 financial year are the following:

<b>Storm Water</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Update</b>
Wellington Rd construction	\$100 000	Phase two – construction of the new pipe and outfall structure into the Tutaenui Stream. Work planned to start during the summer months.
Scots Ferry Pump	\$100 000	Automation of the existing Scots Ferry flood relief pump to be completed in this financial year. This work includes the supply and installation of a diesel motor and electronic automation
Walton St Renewal	\$250 000	Substantial storm water erosion has occurred in the open drain behind Walton Street in Bulls. This work is to remediate the damage and to construct a new structure to prevent this from happening in the future
	<b>\$450 000</b>	
<b>Potable Water</b>		
Taihape Pressure Relief Valve and pipework replacement	\$400 000	This project is to replace an existing pressure relief valve and associated pipes and valves.
Taihape falling main	\$630 000	We are continuing with the replacement of the Taihape falling main pipe from the river inlet to the water treatment plant.
Bulls Reservoir	\$1 600 000	Construction of a new water reservoir for the Bulls urban area will start shortly. The new reservoir will be constructed on the site of the existing water tower

Erewhon Rural water scheme pipeline replacement	\$290 000	This project is to replace existing pipework as part of ongoing network replacements.
	<b>\$2 920 000</b>	
<b>Wastewater</b>		
Wastewater pipe replacement Hautapu Street Taihape	\$300 000	The contract has been tendered and awarded, although the work will start in the dryer summer months
Wastewater pipe replacement Wellington Road Marton	\$300 000	Investigation work has been completed. Analysis of the data will inform the final long term solution.
Marton to Bulls pipeline	\$1 500 000	More detailed investigation work will be completed to inform the final pipe and pump station sizes. It will also be used to determine the final treatment capacity and function of the Marton and Bulls treatment plants.
Ratana Wastewater treatment plant	\$1 050 000	The work planned for this financial year includes a final decision on suitable land, the pump station and pipeline, as well as the irrigation structures required.
Taihape Consent application	\$250 000	A new treated wastewater discharge consent is required for the Taihape WWTP. We are in the process of gathering the necessary information and reports for this application in 2022.
New Papakai Pump Station	\$1 500 000	The long term solution for the current Papakai Pump station discharges it to construct a new pump station in a more suitable position and at a higher level of service. All the investigation work has been completed in the last financial year and design work started
	<b>\$4 900 000</b>	
<b>Other</b>		
Putorino landfill	\$500 000	We have identified three service providers that can complete the work required to remove harmful material form the site. We have requested proposals from all three and hope to get work stated as soon as possible. We have also started work on the necessary consent applications to allow the work to start.
	<b>\$500 000</b>	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$8 770 000</b>	



**Recommendation:**

That the memorandum 'Infrastructure Update – August 2020' to the 8 September 2020 Te Rōpu Ahi Kā Komiti be received.

Arno Benadie  
Principal Advisor Infrastructure

# Attachment 10

# Memorandum

To: Te Rōpu Ahi Kā Komiti

From: Kelly Widdowson, Strategic Advisor for Youth

Date: 31 August 2020

Subject: **Rangitikei Youth Development Update August 2020**

File: 4-EN-12-1

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## **Yes Programme (Youth Employment Success)**

Youth Employment Success (YES) is an online platform that launched in 2016 partnering with a variety of industries to offer free employment-based opportunities to 16-24-year-olds. Since 2016, YES has seen 112 businesses across the country offering their time, close to 1,500 opportunity requests and nearly 20,000 unique visitors to their website across the country. The Whanganui/Rangitikei district platform was launched at the beginning of June, with 80 businesses so far on-board offering opportunities for our youth.

Council, along with 100% Sweet, are engaging with local businesses to offer the same opportunities to youth to connect to local businesses in a real world way. It involves a professional short video clip of business and their staff, talking about what the job entails and how the business and industry is a great career path option. Further the business can choose from a selection of real world help they can offer an interested youth. Such options include a coffee catch up, business walk through, CV review, desk shadow, internship and lots more. Each business decides what, from the offers, they can genuinely deliver.

100% Sweet further works with youth to help them successfully complete a work ready passport which covers a range of skills from the importance of turning up on time to begin drug free, first aid and basic health and safety.

<https://youthemployer.nz/>

## **Mahi Tahi**

Mahi Tahi is the Rangitikei Employment Programme delivered through partnership with Rangitikei District Council, Te Rūnanga o Ngā Wairiki Ngāti Apa and their Te Puna - Education, Training and Employability branch, Mayor's Taskforce for Jobs and the Ministry of Social Development (MSD). The programme is delivered district wide for both jobseekers and businesses looking for staff. The primary focus is for youth under 25 OR anyone who has lost their job due to COVID-19. Funding is used in a bespoke manner and has a focus on working with individuals to make them job ready through upskilling, training, micro credentials and holistic wellbeing. Further Mahi Tahi can support businesses with support packages, onsite buddy training options, and more. Mahi Tahi is committed to working with local employers and jobseekers to provide effective solutions and success for all.

<https://www.facebook.com/Mahi-Tahi-Rangit%26%2Bkei-Employment-Programme102880514799866/>

## **Youth Council**

Youth Council finally attend their postponed training day and inaugural meeting. This Took place the 4th of July in Marton Chambers. Youth Council elected a chairperson, deputy chair set their vision for the remainder of the year, and implemented strategy on how to deliver their vision to their community.

Members of Youth Council, along with other youth in the district, attended Festival for the Future 2020 (FFTF). This festival is usually held in Wellington over a weekend, however due to the uncertainty of COVID-19, the event was moved to a digital platform. Although attendees were encouraged by FFTF to attend in the comfort of their own environment, Youth Council agreed they would gain more benefit from attending as a group, being able to bounce ideas and concepts off each other, with the Strategic Advisor for Youth creating a mini-festival atmosphere. Therefore this was held at Rangitikei College, 13 – 17 July in conjunction with the digital event. 8 Youths attended the week-long event, enjoying the atmospheric activities and social interactions with each other, with mixed reviews of the digital content. <https://www.festivalforthefuture.co/>

## **John Turkington Forestry Youth Awards 2020**

The 2020 Youth Awards has been postponed twice, due to COVID-19, forcing us to think outside the box to ensure the awards can still take place. The event was set to take place on the 27<sup>th</sup> August. Finalists were announced via Facebook and Instagram 30<sup>th</sup> August 2020. The Youth Council made the decision to hit the road and take the Youth Awards to the community, rather than planning yet another event that may not eventuate. This will take place September 7<sup>th</sup>, moving from Taihape, Marton, Bulls and Feilding, with winners, runners up and nominees being publically recognised through social media and newspaper outlets.

## **Lobby's**

The Lobby Taihape has remained open during August and through COVID-19 Alert level 2. It is run through MOU with Mokai Patea Services, 3-5pm each day.

The Marton Lobby employed a new youth assistant to supervise the Lobby, 3-5pm each day, however was unable to be open due to social distancing space restrictions during August. Re-opening will take place once we return to level one guidelines.

## **Recommendation**

That the memorandum 'Rangitikei Youth Development Update August 2020' to the 8 September 2020 Te Rōpu Ahi Kā Komiti be received.

Kelly Widdowson

Youth Development Advisor