

ORDER PAPER

TE ROOPUU AHI KAA MEETING

Date: Tuesday, 8 February 2022

Time: 11.00 am

Venue: Council Chamber

Rangitīkei District Council

46 High Street

Marton

Tumuaki: Mr Pahia Turia (Whangaehu)

Tumuaki Tuarua: Mr Thomas Curtis (Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Hauiti)

Nga mema: Ms Hari Benevides (Ngāti Tamakopiri), Mr Robert Gray (Ngāti Rangituhia), Ms Soraya Peke-Mason (Rātana Pā), Mr James Allen (Ngā Wairiki Ki Uta), Mr Chris Shenton (Ngāti Kauae/Tauira), Mr Terry Steedman (Ngāti Hinemanu/Ngāti Paki), Ms Marj Heeney (Te Runanga o Ngati Te Ohuake), Ms Kim Savage (Ngāti Parewahawaha), Ms Tracey Hiroa (Ngāti Whitikaupeka), Ms Shanelle Cane (Ngā Ariki Turakina), Cr Gill Duncan, HWTM Andy Watson

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Notice is hereby given that a Te Roopuu Ahi Kaa Meeting of the Rangitīkei District Council will be held in the Council Chamber, Rangitīkei District Council, 46 High Street, Marton on Tuesday, 8 February 2022 at 11.00 am.

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- 2 Apologies
- 3 Public Forum

No public forum.

4 Conflict of Interest Declarations

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

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, enter item number be dealt with as a late item at this meeting.

6 Confirmation of Minutes

6.1 Confirmation of Minutes

Author: Ash Garstang, Governance Advisor

1. Reason for Report

1.1 The minutes from the Te Roopuu Ahi Kaa Komiti meeting on 14 December 2021 are attached.

Attachments

1. Te Roopuu Ahi Kaa Meeting - 14 December 2021

Recommendation

That the minutes of Te Roopuu Ahi Kaa Komiti meeting held on 14 December 2021, [as amended/without amendment], be taken as read and verified as an accurate and correct record of the meeting, and that the electronic signature of the Chair be added to the official minutes document as a formal record.

MINUTES



UNCONFIRMED: TE ROOPUU AHI KAA MEETING

Date: Tuesday, 14 December 2021

Time: 11.00 am

Venue: Te Poho o Tuariki

85 Hendersons Line

Marton

Tumuaki: Mr Pahia Turia (Whangaehu)

Nga mema: Ms Hari Benevides (Ngāti Tamakopiri), Ms Soraya Peke-Mason (Rātana Pā), Mr James Allen (Ngā Wairiki Ki Uta), Mr Chris Shenton (Ngāti Kauae/Tauira), Mr Terry Steedman (Ngāti Hinemanu/Ngāti Paki), Ms Marj Heeney (Te Runanga o Ngati Te Ohuake), Ms Kim Savage (Ngāti Parewahawaha), Ms Tracey Hiroa (Ngāti Whitikaupeka), Ms Coral Raukawa (Ngā Ariki Turakina), HWTM Andy Watson

Manuhiri: Mr Peter Beggs, Chief Executive

Mr Arno Benadie, Chief Operating Officer

Mrs Carol Gordon, Group Manager – Democracy and Planning Ms Gaylene Prince, Group Manager – Community Services Mrs Sharon Grant, Group Manager – People and Culture

Mr Lequan Meihana, Strategic Advisor – Mana Whenua | Kairaranga

Mr George Forster, Policy Advisor Mrs Jess Mcilroy, Operations Manager

Ms Nardia Gower, Manager – Community Development Mr Jaime Reibel, Strategic Advisor – Economic Development Ms Aly Thompson, Welcoming Communities Coordinator Ms Jen Britton, Strategic Advisor – District Promotions

Mr Michael Fryer, Policy Advisor Iwi and Hapu Relationships (Horizons Regional Council)

Ms Shanelle Cane (Ngā Ariki Turakina)

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1 Karakia / Welcome

The meeting opened at 10.58 am and Mr Turia read the Karakia.

2 Apologies

Resolved minute number 21/IWI/043

That the apology for Cr Panapa, Mr Gray and Mr Curtis be received.

Ms C Raukawa/Mr T Steedman. Carried

3 Public Forum

No public forum.

4 Conflict of Interest Declarations

No conflicts of interest declared.

5 Confirmation of Order of Business

Item 10.1 (Horizons Update) took place after item 6 (Confirmation of Minutes).

6 Confirmation of Minutes

Resolved minute number 21/IWI/044

That the minutes of Te Roopuu Ahi Kaa Komiti meeting held on 12 October 2021, as amended, be taken as read and verified as an accurate and correct record of the meeting, and that the electronic signature of the Chair be added to the official minutes document as a formal record.

Amendments: pg 12, "After considerable robust discussion the motion was put.". Just before resolution 21/IWI/038.

Ms S Peke-Mason/Ms C Raukawa. Carried

7 Follow-up Action Items from Previous Meetings

7.1 Follow-up Action Items from Te Roopuu Ahi Kaa Meetings

Taken as read.

Resolved minute number 21/IWI/045

That the report 'Follow-up Action Items from Te Roopuu Ahi Kaa Meetings' be received.

Ms T Hiroa/Ms K Savage. Carried

Chair's Report 8

8.1 Chair's Report - December 2021 and Feedback on the Komiti's Workshop

Mr Turia noted that 2021 has been a challenging year with COVID-19 and he thanked iwi, hapu and Council for their response.

Resolved minute number 21/IWI/046

That the Chair's Report – December 2021 and Feedback on the Komiti's Workshop be received.

Mr C Shenton/Ms K Savage. Carried

9 **Mayoral Update**

9.1 **Mayoral Update - November 2021**

The Mayor updated the Komiti on central governments progress with the Three Waters and RMA reforms. He also thanked the Komiti members for their assistance in the COVID-19 response.

The Mayor advised the Komiti that the Taihape Town Hall has been closed for seismic assessment, although this does not mean that the buildings will be demolished.

Mr Beggs advised that Council staff in Taihape are hopefully going to be relocated prior to Christmas. His priority was assessing the safety of people (both staff and the public) inside Council facilities. This meant that he would consider both the likelihood of building damage in the event of an earthquake.

The Mayor advised that the district is in the red setting under the new traffic light system. The Whanganui DHB has identified the Turakina area as a hotspot, due to the low vaccination rate. The Mayor also expressed concern about vaccination rates among the Samoan community.

In response to a query about climate change actions for Council, Mrs Gordon advised that this will be a topic of consideration for the Annual Plan 2022/23.

Mr Beggs advised that staff are looking to bring a document to both Elected Members and the Komiti on the RMA's current status, its history and what the challenges are now for the legislation.

The Mayor thanked Ms Gower for her work, particularly with the Mahi Tahi programme which has seen a lot of success with its partnership between Council and Ngāti Apa.

Resolved minute number 21/IWI/047

That the Mayoral Update - November 2021 be received.

Ms S Peke-Mason/Ms C Raukawa. Carried

10 Reports for Decision

10.1 Welcoming Communities Update - November 2021

Ms Thompson advised that an additional grant of \$10,000 has been received from Immigration NZ.

Komiti members raised concern with the lack of reference to Te Tiriti o Waitangi in the Welcoming Communities document from Immigration NZ. Ms Thompson undertook to pass this feedback onto Immigration NZ.

There was discussion around the inclusion of tangata whenua in future citizenship ceremonies. The Mayor noted that the citizenship process is very formal and dictated by the Department of Internal Affairs, which limits the degree to which Council can influence the ceremony. In response to feedback, the Mayor noted that Council could look at having the karanga occur earlier in the ceremony.

Ms Thompson undertook to investigate citizenship ceremonies and whether there is any scope for this within the Welcoming Communities plan.

Resolved minute number 21/IWI/048

That the report 'Welcoming Communities Update - November 2021' be received.

Ms S Peke-Mason/Ms C Raukawa. Carried

Resolved minute number 21/IWI/049

That the Te Roopuu Ahi Kaa Komiti recommend:

That the following delegated members of the Komiti sign the Welcoming Communities Statement of Commitment for Rangitīkei.

- Ms Tracey Hiroa
- Ms Coral Raukawa
- Mr Chris Shenton
- Mr Pahia Turia

Ms M Heeney/Mr J Allen. Carried

Ms Savage left the meeting at 12.03 pm.

10.2 Rates Remission Policy for Maori Freehold Land

In response to a query, Mr Forster advised that the provision regarding the maximum cap of two hectares has been removed from the policy.

Resolved minute number 21/IWI/050

That the report 'Rates Remission Policy for Māori Freehold Land' be received

Ms T Hiroa/Mr C Shenton. Carried

Resolved minute number 21/IWI/051

That Te Roopuu Ahi Kaa recommend the amended Rates Remission Policy for Māori Freehold Land be presented to the Policy/Planning Committee without further amendment.

Ms C Raukawa/Mr T Steedman. Carried

10.3 District Promotions and Destination Management Plan Update - October and November 2021

Ms Britton and Mr Lequan undertook to update the document to include the meaning behind the Māori symbology used in the document.

Mr Turia advised that Komiti members have been asked to consider Māori names for the Destination Management Plan.

Mr Turia advised that Ms Shanelle Cane (Ngā Ariki Turakina) will be replacing Ms Coral Raukawa (Ngā Ariki Turakina) from the February 2022 meeting onwards.

Ms Heeney and Ms Cane were earmarked as the TRAK representatives for the Destination Rangitīkei Implementation Group.

Resolved minute number 21/IWI/052

That the 'District Promotions and Destination Management Plan Update - October and November 2021' be received.

Ms M Heeney/Mr T Steedman. Carried

11 Reports for Information

11.1 Horizons Update

Mr Michael Fryer introduced himself to the Komiti and advised that he had three topics to discuss.

Māori Wards for Horizons Regional Council

Mr Fryer advised that Horizons have approved two Māori Wards, with the northern ward including the Manawatu District Council (MDC) and everything north, and the southern ward covering the area south of Manawatu District. Mr Fryer will bring a more substantial update on this to the next Komiti meeting.

COVID-19 Response

Mr Fryer advised that Horizons have been requested by several iwi and hapu to only provide vaccinated staff in their interactions with them.

In response to a query, Mr Fryer advised that Horizons is a facilitator/coordinator and are trying to use their existing networks between the Ministry of Social Development, District Health Boards and councils to form a response plan.

Te Mana o Te Wai

Mr Fryer advised that this policy is due to be drafted by December 2024. Horizons are undertaking consultation and workshops with iwi and hapu.

Mr Turia advised that the Komiti has been engaged in this process with Horizons and are advocating for the rights of tangata whenua.

In response to a query about providing workshops on the RMA to iwi and hapu, Mr Fryer advised that Horizons have been more focused on Te Mana o Te Wai recently, but can certainly start looking into this for the RMA.

Ms Peke-Mason left the meeting at 12.39 pm and returned at 12.41 pm.

Resolved minute number 21/IWI/053

That the Horizons Update be received.

Mr C Shenton/Mr J Allen. Carried

11.2 Māori Responsiveness Framework - Revised

The Komiti noted that the revised framework was a good improvement.

Resolved minute number 21/IWI/054

That the report 'Māori Responsiveness Framework – Revised' be received.

Mr T Steedman/Ms T Hiroa. Carried

11.3 Economic Development Update October and November 2021

Ms Peke-Mason noted that kaumātua should also be considered in this work.

Resolved minute number 21/IWI/055

That the 'Economic Development Update October and November 2021' to Te Roopuu Ahi Kaa of 14 December be received.

Ms S Peke-Mason/Ms C Raukawa. Carried

11.4 Community Development Update for October - November 2021

Taken as read.

Resolved minute number 21/IWI/056

That the report 'Community Development Update for October – November 2021' be received.

Ms T Hiroa/Mr C Shenton. Carried

11.5 Youth Development Update October - November 2021

Taken as read. The Komiti thanked Ms Gower for her work in this space and with the Youth Council.

Resolved minute number 21/IWI/057

That the report 'Youth Development Update October - November 2021' be received.

Ms M Heeney/Mr J Allen. Carried

11.6 Project Management Office Report - November 2021

In response to a query, Mrs Mcilroy advised that 'tender tags' are a condition or exclusion contained within a tender.

In response to a query about the cost of delays, Mrs Mcilroy advised that these were due to large increases in construction and material costs.

Mr Meihana advised that he had spoken with Mr Hamish Waugh (Manawatu District Council) regarding the opening ceremony for the Mangaweka bridge, and that he would also be meeting with Horizons to discuss concerns around this.

Resolved minute number 21/IWI/058

That the Project Management Office Report – November 2021 be received.

Mr C Shenton/Ms S Peke-Mason. Carried

The meeting was adjourned at 1.07 pm.

Ms Peke-Mason left the meeting at 1.24 pm.

The meeting was re-convened at 1.27 pm.

12 Discussion Items

12.1 Te Tau Hou Māori - Maori New Year

Ms Britton advised that she was bringing this to the Komiti in order to see if they would like to take part in organising an event to celebrate the Te Tau Hou Māori. Mr Turia advised that he would be happy to receive a report from Ms Britton and Mr Meihana outlining a proposal around this for the Komiti's consideration.

Resolved minute number 21/IWI/059

That the Te Roopuu Ahi Kaa Komiti supports a submission/proposal to respective central government agencies seeking support to hold a Matariki event for the Rangitikei community.

Mr P Turia/Ms C Raukawa. Carried

12.2 Three Waters

No discussion at the meeting.

12.3 COVID-19 Vaccination Rates

Mr Beggs advised that executive management team are in the process of consulting with staff on this issue. A risk assessment has been completed on specific roles that are likely to come into contact with the public and the proposal is that staff in these roles will be required to be fully vaccinated. Currently around 7% of staff are either not vaccinated or have not declared their status. Council workplaces will also be split between those that are 'staff-only' and those that are open to the public.

Mr Beggs sought the feedback of Komiti members on this proposal. There was a variety of opinions and Mr Beggs thanked members for their comments. Mr Turia advised that the Komiti will support the Chief Executive's decision and adapt to the new requirements as and when required.

12.4 Climate Change Action Committee

Not discussed.

12.5 Miscellaneous

Ms Heeney advised that the iwi chair's of Mōkai Pātea had signed a deed of negotiation, to work towards treaty settlements.

The Mayor thanked Mr Turia for the very positive welcomes that he has received at the marae. He further advised that the CouncilMark process had highlighted the good relationship that iwi and Council have.

The meeting closed at 2.10 pm.

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Te Roopuu Ahi Kaa Komiti held on 8 February 2022.

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Chairperson

7 Follow-up Action Items from Previous Meetings

7.1 Follow-up Action Items from Te Roopuu Ahi Kaa Meetings

Author: Ash Garstang, Governance Advisor

1. Reason for Report

1.1 On the list attached are items raised at previous Te Roopuu Ahi Kaa meetings. Items indicate who is responsible for follow up, and a brief status comment.

2. Decision Making Process

2.1 Staff have assessed the requirements of the Local Government Act 2002 in relation to this item and have concluded that, as this report is for information only, the decisionmaking provisions do not apply.

Attachments

1. Follow-up Actions Register

Recommendation

That the report 'Follow-up Action Items from Te Roopuu Ahi Kaa Meetings' be received.

Current Follow-up Actions

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te	Details	Person Assigned	Status Comments	Status
	Ms Peke-Mason requested that " and the community of			
	Ratana" be included within the first sentence of the '3. Lake			
	Waipu Improvement and Ratana Wastewater Treatment			
14 Dos 2	Project' section of the PMO report (p. 126 of the Order	Loss Mailroy	This has been completed	Closed
14-Dec-2	raper).	Jess Mcilroy	This has been completed.	Ciosea
	As per Ms Tracey Hiroa's request, staff to include the			
	meaning behind the Maori symbology used in the	Jen Britton /		
14-Dec-2	1 Destination Management Plan document.	Leguan Meihana	This has been completed.	Closed
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			A report is being presented to the Policy/Planning	
			Committee on 10 February 2022. The report	
	As per resolution 21/IWI/051 , staff to present the Rates		recommends that the Policy/Planning Committee	
	Remission Policy for Maori Freehold Land to the		recommend to Council that the Policy be publicly	
14-Dec-2	1 Policy/Planning Committee.	George Forster	consulted on.	Closed
	As a second of the second of t			
	As per resolution 21/IWI/049 , staff to arrange for the			
	following TRAK members to sign the Welcoming			
	Communities Statement of Commitment for Rangitikei:			
14 Doc 2	Ms Tracey Hiroa, Ms Coral Raukawa, Mr Chris Shenton and 1 Mr Pahia Turia.	Aly Thompson	Noted for action.	Open
14-Dec-2	I WII Pallia Turia.	Aly Thompson	Noted for action.	Open
	Ms Thompson will add citizenship ceremonies (specifically			
	the role of tangata whenua in them) as an action point to the			
14-Dec-2	welcoming plan for investigating.	Aly Thompson	Noted for action.	Open
	The Mayor requested that staff forward the membership list			
	of people (LG and iwi points of contact) who are engaged in			
	the RMA reform process with Central Government to Ms	HWTM /	Email sent to Ms Peke-Mason on 1 February 2022	
14-Dec-2	1 Peke-Mason.	Karen Cowper	with information requested.	Closed

		Feedback has been passed on and Alesano Shuster-	
		Nakid, Senior Advisor – Welcoming Communities,	
		Immigration New Zealand responded, drawing	
		attention to the nine principles that the Welcoming	
		Communities Standard was developed upon, the first	
		two of which state "1. We acknowledge Aotearoa	
		New Zealand's history and the Treaty of	
		Waitangi/Tiriti o Waitangi as New Zealand's founding	
		document upon which peoples of all cultures and	
		communities come together as a nation." And "2. We	
		acknowledge the important role of tangata whenua as	
		respected leaders and key collaborators in the	
		development and delivery of Welcoming Communitie	s
		activities in Aotearoa New Zealand. Two key Māori	
		cultural values underpin the programme. They are	
		Whanaungatanga, the importance of relationships,	
Regarding Welcoming Communities: staff to pass on	the	and Manaakitanga, the value of extending hospitality	
feedback from Soraya Peke-Mason regarding the lac		and caring for other people." Alesano thanked the	
mention of Te Tiriti o Waitangi in the eight outcome		Komiti for the feedback, and said they will be sure to	
the Welcoming Communities Standard, and the imp		include it when a review of the Standard happens, and	d
for newcomers to our community to understand the		wholeheartedly welcome Te Roopu Ahi Kaa's direct	
14-Dec-21 meaning, significance, and history of Te Tiriti	Aly Thompson	involvement in a future review.	Closed
		A letter has been sent to Ngati Waewae requesting	
		them to be part of a Rangitikei River Accord, a follow-	
Relook at Ngāti Waewae's request to have a represe	entative	up phonecall has also been made, we are still waiting	
10-Aug-21 join the Komiti. Report back to next meeting.	Carol Gordon	for a response.	In progress
Staff to add 'Procurement Policies' as a discussion to	the next	When the policy is under-review input from TRAK will	
meeting, and attach Council's procurement policy. D	Piscussion	be included as part of this review and also	
10-Aug-21 to include providing a weighting towards Maori own	ership. Arno Benadie	comparisons with neighbouring councils.	In progress

8 Chair's Report

8.1 Chair's Report - February 2022 and Feedback on the Komiti's Workshop

Author: Pahia Turia, Tumuaki / Chair

1. Reason for Report

1.1 The Chair may provide an update during the meeting.

Recommendation

That the 'Chair's Report – February 2022 and Feedback on the Komiti's Workshop' be received.

9 Reports for Decision

9.1 Resource Management Reform - Materials for Discussion from the Ministry for the Environment

Authors: Michael Hodder, Advisor to the Chief Executive

Katrina Gray, Senior Strategic Planner

Authoriser: Carol Gordon, Group Manager - Democracy & Planning

1. Reason for Report

1.1 To provide the Komiti with an overview of the resource management reform – Materials for discussion from the Ministry for the Environment and seek input into a submission being prepared by Council.

2. Executive Summary

- 1.1 Following an independent review on the Resource Management Act 1991 (the Randerson review panel report¹) the Government has committed to repealing that Act and replacing it with three separate pieces of legislation, two of which are planned to be introduced into Parliament by 30 September 2022. One of the key changes will be a greater involvement by Māori at the strategic end of a new resource management system.
- 1.2 The Ministry for the Environment is currently consulting on how the new system would function, as input into developing the new legislation. Council is preparing a submission, responding to the Ministry's questions. A number of these questions look for suggestions on how best to involve Māori.
- 1.3 This memorandum outlines the reform programme, explains the proposed more meaningful Māori engagement in resource management governance, notes Council's approach to making a submission to the Ministry and asks the Komiti to nominate one or more representatives to work with Council staff so that the Council submission includes responses to those questions of direct relevance to Māori.

3. The reform programme

- 3.1 <u>Attachment 1</u> is a briefing 'Resource Management Reform' which provides context for the current reforms and the timeline. Three new Acts will replace the current Resource Management Act
 - Natural and Built Environments Act (NBA)
 - Strategic Planning Act (SPA)
 - Climate Adaptation Act (CAA)
- 3.2 In March 2021 the Government invited submissions to the exposure draft of some intended provision of the NBA. While the Parliamentary Environment Committee has made its report, the Government's response is not yet known. The current programme

¹ https://environment.govt.nz/assets/Publications/Files/rm-panel-review-report-web.pdf

- envisages that full drafts of the NBA and the SPA will be introduced into Parliament by 30 September 2022.
- 3.3 To assist in developing the detailed provisions in these two Acts, in November 2021 the Ministry for the Environment issued 'Our future resource management system Materials for discussion / Te pūnaha whakahaere rauemi o anamata Kaupapa kōrero', inviting responses to 33 specific questions.²

4. More meaningful engagement with Māori in resource management governance

- 4.1 The terms of reference for the Randerson review panel included ensuring Māori have an effective role in the resource management system consistent with the principles of Te Tiriti. The panel noted that Māori involvement in the resource management system tended to be at the later stages of resource management processes; the panel saw an opportunity for a greater role for Māori at the strategic end of a new system.
- 4.2 One key mechanism for this would be 'a national entity which would be established to enable Māori as Treaty partners to participate in decision-making at a national level'. The Ministry sees possible roles for the entity including;
 - input into the development of the National Planning Framework,
 - appointing Māori members to any board of inquiry process, and
 - system oversight and monitoring (including Te Tiriti performance).
- 4.3 However, the Randerson panel suggested additional roles for such an entity:
 - participating with the Crown in the development of the Te Tiriti national policy statement,
 - advising central government agencies with resource management functions or responsibilities and local government on policies, regulations, processes and methods that will best give effect to the principles of Te Tiriti,
 - considering ways to address resource management Tiriti issues of national importance and/or issues that are common to multiple regions, and
 - maintaining records of mana whenua groups in the areas of local authorities, and a
 duty to assist local authorities and mana whenua to identify who to engage with on
 resource management issues.
- 4.4 A second key mechanism to ensure a greater role for Māori at the strategic end of a new resource management system is to have representation on the joint committees to develop and make decisions on Regional Spatial Strategies [RSS] and regional Natural and Built Environments [NBA] plans. That is included in the Ministry's discussion material, but 50/50 governance is specifically 'not proposed'.
- 4.5 Randerson review panel considered that a lack of adequate funding and support was one of the main reasons why resource management outcomes for Māori had not been delivered. However, the panel did not recommend a set of principles to improve financial and other resourcing support for Māori involvement; instead the panel recommended that funding should be provided by central government and/or local authorities on a case-by-case basis depending on the function.

https://environment.govt.nz/assets/publications/Our-future-resource-management-system-materials-fordiscussion.pdf

4.6 The questions in the Ministry's discussion materials directly relevant to Māori are:

National Māori entity

- 1. What functions should a national Māori entity have?
- 2. What should the membership and appointments process be for the entity?

Joint committee composition

- 3. Should [Māori] parties in a region be able to determine their committee composition?
- 4. What should be the selection and appointments processes for [Māori] joint committee members?
- 5. How do we best provide for existing arrangements (e.g., Treaty settlement or other resource management arrangements)?

Enhanced Mana Whakahono ā Rohe arrangements, integrated with transfers of powers and joint management agreements

- 6. How could an enhanced Mana Whakahono ā Rohe process be enabled that is integrated with transfers of powers and joint management agreements?
- 7. What should be covered in the scope of an enhanced Mana Whakahono ā Rohe and what should be mandatory matters?
- 8. What are the barriers that need to be removed, or incentives added, to better enable transfers of powers and joint management agreements?

Funding

How should Māori participation be supported at different levels in the [resource management] system

5. Council's approach

- 5.1 At its meeting on 16 December 2021, Council delegated to His Worship the Mayor, Cr Angus Gordon and Cr Dave Wilson to review and signoff the final submission on the resource management reforms.³ While there will an opportunity to make a further submission after the bills for the Natural and Built Environments Act and the Strategic Planning Act are introduced into Parliament and referred to Select Committee consideration, Council sees the current submission invitation from the Ministry as an important opportunity to influence the drafting of those bills.
- 5.2 Given the enhanced role for Māori envisaged in the new resource management system, Council would prefer that its submission addresses the questions noted above in section3. However, to do this Council staff need guidance from Te Roopuu Ahi Kaa or those whom the Komiti delegates to provide that advice.
- 5.3 Council considers that assistance from the Komiti would not be in conflict with any work being done by individual members, or with Māori collective leadership groups that the Ministry for the Environment has been undertaking engagement with over the past year.

³ RDC 21/RDC/448.

5.4 The Ministry's deadline for submissions to its discussion paper is 28 February 2022.

Attachments

1. Resource Management Reform Overview

Recommendation 1

That the memorandum 'Resource Management Reform – Materials for Discussion from the Ministry for the Environment' be received.

Recommendation 2

That Te Roopuu Ahi Kaa endorses the Government's intention to have more meaningful engagement with Māori in resource management governance

Recommendation 3

That Te Roopuu Ahi Kaa nominates to work with Council staff to address the questions relating to Māori engagement in the Materials for discussion from the Ministry for the Environment so that the Komiti's perspectives are included in the Council's submission and thus made known to the Ministry as it prepares the Parliamentary draft bills for the Natural and Built Environments Act and the Strategic Planning Act.

Resource Management reform

1. The reforms made 30 years ago

The Resource Management Act, enacted by Parliament in October 1991 to achieve a more coordinated, streamlined, and comprehensive approach to environmental management —

- replaced or amended more than 50 existing laws relating to town planning and resource management;
- set out the purpose of the Act as sustainable management, with identified matters of
 national importance, other matters and Treaty obligations allowed communities to make
 decisions on how their own environment is managed through regional and district plans
- allowed local government to make most decisions on resource consents as these are made
 - a. having regard for these plans, along with national direction and objectives in the RMA,
 - b. reflecting local government's wider planning role in transport, infrastructure and economic development, and
 - c. recognising the Treaty of Waitangi

The diagram below shows the main components of the system giving effect to the RMA.



2. How do Council's functions and activities relate to the RMA?

Three aspects;

- a) The District Plan
 - is a requirement of the RMA (i.e. every local authority must have one (itself, or jointly with neighbours);
 - must be developed (and reviewed) following the process and timings specified in the RMA, including calling for submissions, further submissions, hearings and right of appeal to the Environment Court;
 - must address the following matters:

- sufficient development capacity for business land and housing.
- the effects of land use
- the control of land use for the purposes of:
 - avoiding or mitigating natural hazards
 - o management of contaminated land
 - maintenance of indigenous biological diversity
- control of noise
- activities on the surfaces of rivers and lakes.
- control of subdivision
- must give effect to national policy statements and regional policy statements and
- must not be inconsistent with regional plans and any applicable water conservation orders
- must state objectives for the district, policies to implement the objectives, and rules to implement the policies
- specifies what activities are permitted (i.e. no resource consent is required), controlled, restricted discretionary, discretionary, non-complying or prohibited.
- is subject to effectiveness and efficiency monitoring
- must be reviewed every ten years
 - is funded by all ratepayers through the general rate

b) Consenting, monitoring and enforcement

- Anyone may apply to the Council for a resource consent to undertake an activity which is not
 permitted (except where an activity is specifically prohibited the Rangitikei District Plan
 does not identify any prohibited activities).¹ Sometimes it is also necessary to apply to
 Horizons for a separate resource consent because of requirements in the regional plan ('the
 One Plan') over use of land, air and water.
- The nature of resource consents varies greatly from a two-lot subdivision, to the extension
 of the Bonny Glen landfill near Marton (which was a combined consenting process involving
 Rangitikei District Council and Horizons Regional Council.)
- In processing resource consent applications, Council follows the process and timings specified in the RMA including requesting further information, making a decision on notification, receiving public submissions, holding pre-hearing meetings, holding a public hearing and issuing a decision.
- Consents for land use and subdivision consents issued by Rangitikei District Council last
 indefinitely unless otherwise specified in the conditions in the granted consent. However, if
 not used, the consent lapses after five years. Water and wastewater consents granted by
 Horizons are for a specified period, but are not considered lapsed if before the expiry date
 an application has been submitted for a new consent
- Council must monitor implementation of those resource consents which have an effect on their region or district and to take appropriate action where necessary.
- Applicants pay the cost of processing applications; the balance is funded by ratepayers (through the general rate) primarily for general enquiries, monitoring and reporting to Government.

¹ A boundary activity is treated as a permitted activity even if consent is required if the person undertaking the activity provides written approval (including signing the plan of the site) from all owner of land with an infringed boundary.

c) Council as an applicant of resource consents

- All water takes and wastewater disposals by Council require consents from Horizons (which monitors compliance with the consent conditions)
- Council sometimes needs to apply to itself, e.g. to extend the area to be used as a cemetery.

3. How has the RMA evolved over the past 30 years?

Complexity and cost have increased...

- Parliament has passed 17 amendment acts to the RMA since 1993.
- In 2019/20, there were nearly 35,000 applications for resource consents across New Zealand, incurring fees of \$125.5 million.² 96.4% of these were processed as non-notified.
- Assessment of environment effects for resource consent applications has become more technical and specialised to better understand and be able to manage potential effects, particularly for activities which are likely to create the most significant effects
- Applicants for resource consents sometimes required to apply to both a regional council and a territorial authority, which generally consider the matter separately

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- Intervention by central government through national policy statements requiring amendment to regional and district plans
- Increased use of independent commissioners rather than using local government elected officials as commissioners because of
 - Increased knowledge requirements formally assessed
 - o Increased concern about impartiality in local settings
- Increased requirement from the Ministry for the Environment for monitoring and reporting

...and the RMA was also viewed as increasingly ineffective

- national direction delayed and contradictory
- enforcement and prosecutions an insufficient deterrent against environmental pollution;
- insufficient regard for cumulative effects meaning many New Zealand waterways have been degraded by land use consent approvals (especially for dairying);
- lack of national consistency a barrier to addressing issues raised by Māori;
- urban areas struggling to keep pace with population growth planning considered a barrier to housing supply
- an urgent need to reduce carbon emissions and adapt to climate change
- spatial plans developed (or being developed) by many councils as potential inputs into their regional/district plans (but, with exception of Auckland Council) lack any statutory basis.

This was the prompt for an independent stocktake and reconsideration of the RMA

Cabinet agreed to undertake a comprehensive review of the resource management system in July 2019. The review was conducted by the independent Resource Management Review Panel chaired by retired Court of Appeal Judge, Hon Tony Randerson, QC. The panel released its report on 29 July 2020.

² In 2019/20 in the Rangitikei there were 68 resource consent applications with fees of \$158,174.

The current resource management system is characterised by complex interactions between statutes and policies, and institutions with stewardship and implementation roles. The panel considered that RMA had established numerous decision-makers found a lack of clarity about their roles and insufficient capacity and capability to fulfil the roles expected of them.

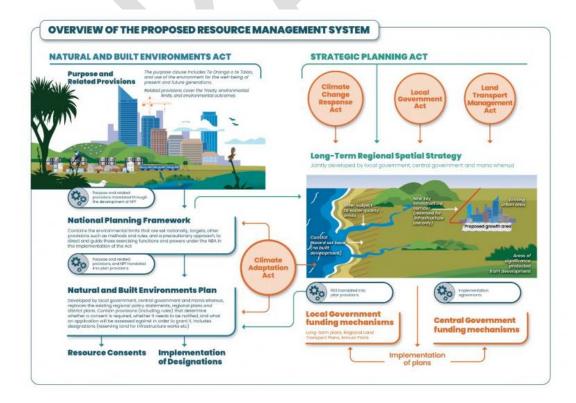
The overarching recommendation of the Report was that the RMA should be repealed. The report recommends replacing the RMA with three new pieces of legislation, namely:

- the Natural and Built Environments Act
- the Strategic Planning Act; and
- the Managed Retreat and Climate Change Adaptation Ac

The Government is proceeding to implement this recommendation.

4. Objectives of the current reforms

- protect and, where necessary, restore the natural environment,
- better enable development within environmental biophysical limits, including a significant improvement in housing supply, affordability and choice, and timely provision of appropriate infrastructure, including social infrastructure
- give effect to the principles of Te Tiriti o Waitangi to provide greater recognition of te ao Māori, including mātauranga Māori
- better prepare for adapting to climate change and risks from natural hazards as well as mitigating the emissions that contribute to climate change
- improve system efficiency and effectiveness, reduce number of consents, and reduce complexity, while retaining appropriate local democratic input.



5. Timeline for the reform process

February 2021	Government announces Government announced it would repeal the RMA and – based on the recommendations of the Randerson Panel – replace it with three new Acts: • Natural and Built Environments Act (NBA), to protect and restore the environment while better enabling development, as the primary replacement for the RMA: • National Planning Framework • Regional Natural and Built Environmental Plans ('NBA Plans') • Developed by Joint committees ((representatives from CG, LG and Iwi), supported by a Secretariat (drawn from planning staff and expert Māori advisors within each region) • To enhance Mana Whakahono a Rohe process³ • Basis for consenting: • permitted – 'yes' • controlled - 'probably' • discretionary – 'maybe' • prohibited – 'no' • Emphasis on compliance monitoring⁴ • Independent hearings panels • Strategic Planning Act (SPA), to help coordinate and integrate decisions made under relevant legislation • long-term regional spatial strategies (RSSs) • Developed by Joint committees ((representatives from CG, LG and Iwi) supported by a Secretariat • To enhance Mana Whakahono a Rohe process • Climate Adaptation Act (CAA), to address complex issues associated with managed retreat and funding and financing adaptation.
March 2021	Engagement started with Post Treaty Settlement Governance Entities (PSGEs) to discuss how their settlement arrangements will be carried over into the future system.
July 2021	Submissions invited (to Parliamentary Environment Committee) on exposure draft of NBA
September 2021	Establishment of Local Government Steering Group to advise the Government on RM reform
October 2021	Introduction of Resource Management (Enabling Housing Supply and Other Matters) Amendment Bill ⁵

³ The process by which tangata whenua and local authorities discuss, agree and record how they will work together under the RMA

⁴. To include Matauranga Māori and science perspectives. Broadened cost-recovery provisions, substantial uplift in financial penalties, insurance prohibition.

⁵ This Bill, fast tracked through Parliament and given royal assent on 20 December 2021) is a collaboration between the Government and the National Party to address housing shortage in the main urban centres – with the implication that the RM reform process would not move fast enough. The Bill requires 'medium density residential standards' to be incorporated into the District Plan of the 14 tier 1 local authorities – i.e. 3 dwellings up to 3 storeys – by August 2022, and those tier 2 local authorities with acute housing needs. So, this legislation has no effect in the Rangitikei District. Local

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The	next	stens	are:

(Ongoing)	 Deliberation of Local Government Advisory Steering Group Policy for the three RM bills (Natural and Built Environments, Strategic Planning and Climate Adaptation) Interaction with other Government reforms (3 waters, FFLG, climate change) Primary legislation – NPF and other regulations Transitional arrangements and implementation sequencing, testing, support and rollout. Note: MfE Secretariat will lead agreed communications to the LG sector.
Ongoing	Regional hui with takutai moana groups ⁶
When?	Prototype testing with selected region
(Between 1 July and 30 September 2022)	Introduction of NBA and SPA by September 2022 into Parliament, with expectation that they will be enacted in 2023 before the General Election. There will be a select committee submission process Note: MFE considers that the transition to the new system will take between five and ten years to completely embed.
(By 30 June 2023)	Introduction of CAA

6. Reaction from the local government sector to the proposed reforms

None of the proposed Acts has been introduced into Parliament as a Bill and referred to Select Committee. However, Local Government New Zealand responded to the exposure draft of the NBA, expressing three major concerns:

- Exclusion of local voice: The NBA aggregates decision-making to regional bodies without a clear indication of how these bodies are steered by sub-regional perspectives since district plans are being eliminated.⁷
- Underweighting of urban areas, the built environment and infrastructure: Despite containing the word "built" in the title, the NBA underweights urban development, the built environment and infrastructure compared to the natural environment.
- Flexibility innovation and adaptation: The NBA risks being over-prescriptive and narrow in its approach.

Likely impact on the local government sector

- Stronger emphasis on strategic planning through the SPA
- Statutory national consistency in approach to plans (reinforcing the National Planning Standards which started to take effect from November 2019)

Government New Zealand submitted that the cost-benefit analysis supporting the Bill has not sufficiently explored the infrastructure costs that the Bill will impose on cities.

⁶ These groups have, or are seeking, recognition of customary rights under the Marine and Coastal Area (Takutai Moana) Act 2011

⁷ The Select Committee considered "it is important there is strong local democratic input in the making of NBA plans [and] that, at a localised level, local authorities have a wealth of experience with consenting and broader regulatory aspects."

- Local decision-making by elected officials on their individual district/regional plans will cease (although they will have some influence on the nature of regional plans)
- Much greater emphasis on regions as distinct from territorial authorities, yet both regional councils and territorial authorities would both potentially administer, monitor and enforce resource consents.
- Uplift on engagement of Māori, with implications for other areas of local decision-making

Implications for the Rangitikei District

- Submission to MfE 'Our future resource management system Materials for discussion (November 2021)
- Submissions to draft bills (and/or support with LGNZ/Taituarā submissions)
- Potential representation on joint committees for RSS and NBA Plans
- Potential secondment of planning staff to secretariat for the two regional joint committees
- District Plan will cease to have effect once transitioned to the new regional NBA Plan⁸
- Spatial plan will not have any direct effect, but could
 - o inform development of next LTP
 - be incorporated into the RSS
- Local (i.e. town) placemaking plans may be input into regional NBA Plans (or encouraged by it), although there is no clarity yet on the scope and content of such plans⁹
- Potentially still undertaking consenting, monitoring and enforcement
- Cost implications of the changes not yet known

⁸ Council's District Plan became operative on 3 October 2013. The COVID-19 Response (Management Measures) Legislation Act 2021 includes an amendment to the RMA (s.79AA) which allows councils which would have commenced their reviews of their ten-year plans prior to September 2024 to defer the commencement of their 10-year plan reviews until 30 September 2024.

⁹ This may turn out different from Rangitikei's placemaking plans for Bulls, Marton and Taihape

10 Reports for Information

10.1 Pae Tawhiti Rangitīkei Beyond: Project Update

Author: Katrina Gray, Senior Strategic Planner

Authoriser: Carol Gordon, Group Manager - Democracy & Planning

1. Reason for Report

1.1 To provide an update on the Pae Tawhiti Rangitīkei Beyond project.

2. Project Overview

- 2.1 The Pae Tawhiti Rangitīkei Beyond project is the development of a spatial plan for the district. It will provide a spatial roadmap for how the Rangitīkei will prosper to 2050 and beyond by:
 - Providing clear objectives/outcomes for future landuse and growth.
 - Guiding infrastructure investment decisions and enable targeted future proofing.
 - Reflecting community cultural, economic, environmental and social values and priorities.
 - Informing and shaping the District Plan Review and Council's other plans and strategies.
 - Building confidence and identifying potential for industrial, commercial, and residential development.
 - Achieving intergenerational equity and sustainable environmental development.
- 2.2 An Advisory Group has been established which consists of Elected Members and Te Roopuu Ahi Kaa members to assist with the strategic direction setting for the document. The Group's members are Chris Shenton, Cr Tracey Hiroa, His Worship the Mayor Andy Watson, Cr Fi Dalgety, Cr Angus Gordon, Cr Gill Duncan. Cr Waru Panapa has resigned from his role on the Advisory Group.

3. Project Schedule

Project Stage / Phase	Timeline
Background research / technical assessment	Now – December 2021
Develop Discussion Document	August 2021 – January 2022
Community Engagement	March – April 2022
Develop Draft Spatial Plan	April – June 2022
Community Consultation	July 2022
Adoption	August 2022

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4. Project Updates

Metric	Trend	Comment
Schedule		No major delays to project schedule. Most work has proceeded despite Covid-19 restrictions. Minor delays.
Risk		The potential for an Omicron Covid-19 outbreak risks delaying the project and impacting on the proposed community engagement scheduled for March-April 2022. The project will stay agile to changing Covid-19 guidelines.
	Two Advi	sory Group meetings were held during this reporting period:
	Advisory	Group Meeting #5
	• B	usiness Environments – retail, commercial, industrial.
	Advisory	Group Meeting #6
	• [discussion document and community engagement.
	Advisory	Group meetings held during the <i>previous</i> reporting periods included:
	Advisory	Group Meeting #1
	• P	urpose.
Update from Advisory Group		roject naming. The Advisory Group agreed with 'Pae Tawhiti angitikei Beyond' as the project name.
meetings	Advisory	Group Meeting #2
	• lo	dentification of issues and opportunities facing our communities.
	• [eveloping project vision and values.
	• R	ural environment outcomes.
	Advisory	Group Meeting #3A and #3B
	• R	esidential / Rural Living environment.
	Advisory	Group Meeting #4
	• N	lature Networks
	• T	ransport Networks
	• A	attended the Hunterville Community Committee meeting.
		lanning for community engagement – development of discussion ocument and engagement material.
Tasks completed December /		cusiness Land Assessment – initial draft complete and presented to advisory Group.
January	• 4	dvisory Group #5 (business environments).
	• 4	dvisory Group #6 (discussion document / engagement).
	• (Ipdates to / discussions with stakeholders.
		inalise community engagement planning and materials (e.g. iscussion document).
Tasks forecast	• 0	ouncil Workshop – discussion document and engagement.
February / March	• N	March – community engagement commences – community ngagement events (note dependent on Covid-19 situation). Ongoing iscussions with stakeholders.

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Legend				
Completion Date not affected. No major risks identified.	Unchanged	Risk increasing towards Amber	Risk decreasing away from Amber	
Up to three months delay to completion date. Major risk identified.	Unchanged	Risk increasing towards Red	Risk decreasing away from Red	
More than three months delay to completion date <u>or</u> critical date at risk. Critical risk identified that could impact on delivery of the project.	Unchanged	Risk increasing	Risk decreasing	

Recommendation

That the report 'Pae Tawhiti Rangitīkei Beyond: Project Update' be received.

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10.2 Whakamahere Haepapa Māori - Māori Responsiveness Framework

Author: Lequan Meihana, Strategic Advisor - Mana Whenua | Kairaranga

Authoriser: Carol Gordon, Group Manager - Democracy & Planning

1. Reason for Report

1.1 This report summarises the progress made in the programmes, activities and outcomes sought through the Whakamahere Haepapa Māori – Māori Responsiveness Framework over the two-month period from 1 January 2022 to 30 February 2022. This update is produced for each Te Roopuu Ahi Kaa meeting.

2. Whakamahere Haepapa Māori – Māori Responsiveness Framework

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

Attachments

1. Whakamahere Haepapa Māori - Māori Responsiveness Framework

Recommendation

That the report 'Whakamahere Haepapa Māori - Māori Responsiveness Framework' be received.

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Area of work	Content of work	Measure / Target / Outcome	Update / Progress	Trend
Organisation Wide	Develop Terms of Reference with nominated TRAK representatives and ELT members Ensure budget is included in 2022/23 Annual Plan	Cultural Strategy to be in place by the end of 2022	First initial discussion has taken place with key staff members. Currently looking online through other Councils to see what they have in terms of a Cultural Strategy or something similar. Have reached out to our Maori staff in other Councils through our mail list serve database. Funding to be requested through the 2022/23 Annual Plan.	
	 Mayors Taskforce For Jobs (MTFJ) Uptake of Rangatahi in key MTFJ projects/activities in the Rangitīkei District Participant in the process to choose a rangatahi 	1 Māori rangatahi elected to represent the Rangitīkei District Council on the TUIA programme.	We have been unsuccessful with finding the appropriate rangatahi to participate in the TUIA programme in 2022 on behalf of the Rangitīkei District Council. A new selection process will be discussed and used in the future.	
	 Cultural Experience / Cultural Identity Rangitīkei District Council Tipi Haere (Staff District Tour) Increase the visibility of Māori culture in our district via artwork and design 	 100% of new staff attend the district tour as part of their induction Use of Te Reo Māori is embedded into all aspects of Council 	Dates for 'tipi haere' still to be confirmed for 2022. Te Reo Māori translations are now being incorporated at an operational level i.e. policy, planning, communications etc.	→

		Bilingual signages are widely used across all Council sites	Internal and external signage has been created in both English and Te Reo Māori. Marton to Bulls Wastewater Centralisation Project signs are now up along Wellington Road. These signs include a Te Reo Māori aspect to them.	
	 Cultural competency and awareness Increase the Council capacity to demonstrate appropriate cultural competence 	 100% of staff engaged in cultural awareness activities 	We currently have roughly 25% of the organisation engaged in cultural awareness activities. Looking to increase these numbers in 2022.	
	 Te Reo Māori Lessons for Beginners (external tutor) 	 50% of staff engaged in Te Reo Māori Lessons for Beginners 	Te Reo Māori lessons for Council staff begin this month, to be tutored by Tahi Gotty.	
	Iwi Narratives (Telling the iwi story) • Engage with hapū and iwi	 Facilitate a process around telling each iwi story. Seek funding through our Annual Plan 	Visit each marae over the next 12 months. Funding to be requested through the 2022/23 Annual Plan.	
		 Updates following Te Roopuu Ahi Kaa meeting. 	Our Te Ao Māori newsletter 'Te Hononga' was launched in 2021 and is distributed every two months using our iwi database. A new issue to be sent out following TRAK meeting.	
	To assist and support with other ethnic communities	 Engage with the Pacifica community / other ethnic communities when necessary 	The Samoan community are currently being represented on the Marton Civic Centre Business case study by Pastor Nevin Kuki. More engagement is being encouraged in other areas.	—
Democracy & Planning	 Governance Provide cultural advice to ELT, Mayor, Elected members on significant issues 	Cultural advice provided to all members when appropriate	Working closely with members of ELT regarding the proposed Rangitīkei River Accord with Ngāti Waewae and all iwi	

(Carol Gordon)	Te Roopuu Ahi Kaa	- Attend 100% of Te Roopuu Ahi Kaa	who have interest in the Rangitīkei River. An update from Te Kotahitanga o Ngāti Tūwharetoa was given in December advising they are waiting for a response from Ngāti Waewae directly. Will attend 100% of Te Roopuu Ahi Kaa
	Report to each Te Roopuu Ahi Kaa meeting	meetings or hui (when required) Organise 1 Te Roopuu Ahi Kaa meeting to be held off-site, in agreement with TRAK	meetings in 2022. Te Roopuu Ahi Kaa meeting in December 2021 was held at Te Poho o Tuariki (Te Rūnanga o Ngā Wairiki Ngāti Apa). We will look to do this more often in 2022.
		 Attendance of significant hui with hapū/iwi on request of Te Roopuu Ahi Kaa or Council 	Significant hui to be organised and held at each marae in the District regarding matters impacting our marae.
	Relationships	Establish and maintain relationships with hapū, iwi and marae	Further hui to be organised with hapū and iwi regarding Pae Tawhiti Rangitīkei Beyond (Spatial Plan) and Destination Rangitīkei (Destination Management Plan).
		Establish a number of formal relationships with Māori entities	Discussions are continuing with the Rātana Communal Board regarding our working relationship. A meeting was held in January between Mr Peter Beggs and members of the Rātana Communal Board.
			A request has been sent to Ngāti Waewae via Te Kotahitanga o Ngāti Tūwharetoa to establish a working relationship through a Rangitīkei River Accord.

	Provide advice and assistance to the Communications Team on cultural awareness, cultural matters and Te Reo Māori expertise, when necessary	 Cultural advice and assistance provided when appropriate 	Translations and advice provided i.e. internal and external signage, Council building signs, Library resources, Council documents, Council documents etc.	-
	Input into Policies, Plans, Bylaws, Strategies • Advocate and present plans to relevant iwi and Maori entities	 Hapū/iwi/Māori are consulted within the spirit of Tikanga in the development of any Policies, Plans, Bylaws, Strategies 	Further workshops to be organised and held with hapū/iwi/Māori when required.	
	 Pae Tawhiti Rangitīkei Beyond (Spatial Plan) Destination Rangitīkei (Destination Management Plan) 	 Papakāinga provisions in the District Plan consider the aspirations of hapū / iwi 	Discussions with whānau / hapū / iwi / marae through various avenues to continue to help Council identify their aspirations to build papakāinga in the district.	
People & Culture (Sharon Grant)	 Emergency Management / Civil Defence Ensure all Marae have emergency preparedness plans, Report to TRAK on the status of these plans RDC Welfare and Covid Team (Red Team) 	At least one marae plan developed each year	Arrangements to meet with marae in the district to assist them with the development of a Marae Emergency Preparedness Plan. Two marae have already indicated they currently have a plan and do not require this service. Paul Chaffe is also part of this process.	\
	Assist with the development of: Matariki Awards (Staff Awards) Ngā Pou (Values) Ara Poutama (Pathway to Excellence –	 100% of new staff attend the cultural staff induction 	All new staff to attend and participate in their respective staff inductions for 2022. The first session for this year will be held this month.	
	Career and Performance Development Plan) Kete Mātauranga (Basket of Knowledge) Mahere Ako (Learning Plan) Staff whakatau (New staff welcoming orientation)	 100% of staff engaged in cultural tikanga training and awareness ie. Cultural Pop-Ups, Ngā Pou Workshops etc 	We currently have roughly 25% of the organisation engaged in cultural tikanga training and awareness. Looking to increase these numbers in 2022.	\

	Cultural Staff Induction (Council and Tāngata Whenua Induction)	A staff whakatau held every 3 months – 100% attendance from staff	New staff to participate and attend their staff whakatau in 2022. An agenda will now be given to each new staff member and current staff that attends which will have a programme and words for the song.	
Assets & Infrastructure (Arno Benadie)	Provide assistance to the Project Management Office (PMO) on cultural matters relating to projects	Cultural advice and assistance provided when appropriate	Working closely with the PMO Team on their projects and how we can avoid certain situations (late engagement etc) that have a negative impact on our hapū and iwi relationships. Several meetings to be organised in conjunction with the PMO Team for 2022.	
	 Provide advice and assistance to the MDC Shared Services staff on infrastructure projects when projects impact iwi (roading, bridges etc) 	Cultural advice and assistance provided when appropriate	Advice given regarding the opening ceremony for the new Mangaweka Bridge.	
	 Provide assistance to the Parks and Reserves Team on cultural matters relating to projects 	Cultural advice and assistance provided when appropriate	Assistance provided towards the review of the Cemetery and Burial Guidebook.	
Community Services (Gaylene Prince)	Provide expert input into areas that involve hapū/iwi for the community services function of Council	 Welcoming Communities Economic Development 	Currently working closely with the Welcoming Communities Coordinator Aly Thompson on how iwi can be involved in shaping how we welcome people to our district.	-
			Currently working with the Strategic Advisor for Economic Development Jaime Reibel on the Ministry of Housing Urban Development (HUD) Māori and Iwi Housing Innovation (MAIHI) - Framework for Action.	

	 Input into Policies, Plans, Strategies: Destination Management Plan (Destination Rangitīkei) Economic Development Plan Housing Strategy 	 Hapū/iwi/Māori are consulted with in the spirit of Tikanga in the development of an Economic Strategy, Housing Strategy & the Destination Management Plan 	Further workshops / hui to be organised and held with hapū/iwi/Māori when required.	→
	Rangatahi (Youth) Development & Engagement	 Rangatahi engagement in Council facilitated youth activities and programmes 	The Youth Lobby in Marton has unfortunately closed down.	\
Corporate Services (David Tombs)	Information Services / IT Translations	Provide expertise to Council staff	No updates for this reporting period.	
	 Financial Services Provide advice and assistance on Koha Policy amendments 	Provide expertise to Council staff	No updates for this reporting period.	
	Geographic Information System Provide advice and assistance	Provide expertise to Council staff	Council staff are currently working with a northern iwi member regarding Councils GIS mapping in terms of iwi boundaries.	→
Regulatory (Johan Cullis)	Provide advice and assistance to the Regulatory Team on cultural awareness and matters, when necessary	Provide expertise to Council staff	No updates for this reporting period.	



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10.3 Project Management Office Report - January 2022

Author: Jessica McIlroy, Operations Manager

Authoriser: Peter Beggs, Chief Executive

Reason for Report

This is a monthly report on the most significant projects currently being delivered by Council's Project Management Office (PMO):

1. Mangaweka Bridge Replacement

- 2. Marton to Bulls Wastewater Centralisation Project
- 3. Lake Waipu Improvement and Ratana Wastewater Treatment Project
- **4.** Bulls Bus Lane and Town Square
- 5. Taihape Memorial Park Upgrade
- 6. Marton Rail Hub
- 7. Marton Water Strategy
- 8. Regional Treatment Plant Consenting Programme

The miscellaneous section of this report contains information or requests for decision on projects not included in the list above.

Note that we have amended our financial reporting shown in this PMO report. Finance and Performance Committee will receive full budgets and spend broken down by financial year, and this report will focus on project budgets and progress against budget.

1. Mangaweka Bridge replacement

Project Status

The scope of this project is to construct a replacement bridge at Mangaweka and preserve the existing bridge as a walking and cycling facility to be managed by a trust.

The project is funding by Waka Kotahi, Rangitikei District Council and Manawatu District Council. Following the tender process, the contract was awarded to Emmetts Civil Construction Ltd, Stringfellows Contracting Ltd, and Dempsey Wood Civil Ltd. Construction started in September 2020 and is due to complete in July 2022.

The total construction cost is \$7.9m plus \$2.1m in consenting costs and consultancy fees – RDC's component only is reported on in this report.

Project Budget		\$4,855,961	Spend to Date	\$3,741,271	
Estimated Costs to Complete		\$1,212,074	Forecast Cost at Completion	\$4,953,345	
% Spent of Forecas	st Cost	76%	Variance: Forecast Cost / Budget	+2%	
Metric	Trend		Comment		
Health and Safety		No near misses or lost time injuries to report.			
Programme		Construction du programme.	ie to be completed July 2022 and is cu	rrently on	
Cost		The project is co	urrently within budget.		
Quality		No concerns to date.			
Risk	—	Working at heights and over the water, in proximity to the public, is inherently risky. This is being managed very well by the contractor. Risk of steel supply issues impacting programme and cost.			
Tasks completed last month	Finish bridge drainage installation. Finish all deck end infills and stitch joints. Finish bridge deck guardrail installation except tension rods above piers Measure and start manufacture guard rail for roads approaching the bridge Complete the road civil work up to basecourse layer in west side Filling under road base course in the east side (80% finished) Strat manufacturing the handrail to the existing bridge				
Tasks forecast this month	Complete Civil work for road in eastern side Expansion joint drainage installation Stockyard access road Finish bridge deck guardrail installation over the piers. Finish shute drainage channel installation Scour protection around existing bridge Scour protection work around the piers Seal road and install signs Road marking				

Preparation for the opening ceremony (currently scheduled for 18 February 2022).

2. Marton to Bulls Wastewater Centralisation Project

Project Status

The Marton to Bulls wastewater centralisation scope includes 4 subprojects:

- A. Construction of a wastewater transfer pipeline from Marton Wastewater Treatment Plant to Bulls Wastewater Treatment Plant
- B. Purchase of land in the Bulls area to dispose of treated wastewater and install irrigation infrastructure
- C. Consenting for the activities
- D. Upgrades of the treatment plants at Marton and Bulls

This update covers sub-projects A and B.

Three independent members have been appointed to the Project Advisory Board, with the first meeting being organised in January 2022.

Project signboards were erected in December advising of the works, and acknowledging cofunding from Crown Infrastructure Partners. Construction has commenced.

Our Resource Consent application for the open-trenching component of the works has been accepted by Horizons, and mitigation and impacts were discussed with Iwi during December.

On 14 January 2022 staff met with Lowe Environmental, who presented their methodology for managing wastewater discharge projects through to a Best Practicable Option, which is necessary for the resource consent for the discharge. Staff are considering the option to engage Lowe Environmental to oversee the full project – comprising all four sub-projects.

Sub-project A Budg	get	\$10,000,000	Sub-project A Spend to Date	\$249,593
Sub-project B Budg	get	\$7,400,000	Sub-project B Spend to Date	\$0
Sub-project C Budg	get	\$250,000	Sub-project C Spend to Date	\$0
Sub-project D Budg	get	\$7,350,000	Sub-project D Spend to Date	\$0
Project Budget		\$25,000,000	Project Spend	\$249,593
Estimated Costs to	Complete	\$24,750,047	Forecast Cost at Completion	\$25,000,000
% Spent of Forecast Cost		1%	Variance Forecast Cost / Budget	0%
Metric	Trend	Comment		

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Health and Safety		No near misses or lost time injuries to report.	
Programme	→	The overall programme for the entire project (all four subprojects listed above) is five years starting in 2020, and the target end date is June 2025. The pipeline between Marton and Bulls (subproject A) needs to be constructed before the end of June 2022 in order to meet the timeframes set in the contract RDC has with central government for the 3-waters stimulus funding. Fulton Hogan have supplied a programme that completes the first 5km of pipeline before this deadline, meeting this milestone.	
Cost	-	The budgets for all sub-projects will be assessed when land has been sourced. \$3,880,000 of the pipeline cost has been funded by DIA through the 3-waters stimulus funding.	
Quality	-	Crown Infrastructure Partners (CIP) who are overseeing the DIA funded projects have funded Alta (construction management specialists) to support the project team with tendering of subproject A and be the Engineer to Contract. Council also in September engaged a project manager (Kingston Infrastructure Ltd) to be the on-site project liaison and Engineers Representative, to support delivery and verify construction milestones.	
Risk	>	The risk of not finding suitable disposal land (sub-project B), and of difficulties with feasibility of construction remains.	
Tasks completed last month Project signs erected Project advisory board initial meeting being organised lwi consultation continued Revised construction programme confirmed First payment claim for materials received		udvisory board initial meeting being organised ultation continued construction programme confirmed	
Tasks forecast this month	Horizons consent response to be received First advisory board meeting to be scheduled Construction to progress		

3. Lake Waipu Improvement and Ratana Wastewater Treatment Project

Project Status

This project has been a collaborative effort involving local iwi, RDC, HRC and the community of Ratana, and is partly funded (46%) by Ministry for the Environment (MfE). The project is to remove treated effluent from Lake Waipu and to dispose of it to land. The project started on 1 July 2018 with an agreement with the Ministry for the Environment (MfE) and has an estimated duration of 5 years. Construction is expected to complete in April 2023.

An application for a new consent was lodged in April 2018, and this application allows RDC to proceed under existing consent conditions with discharge of treated wastewater into lake Waipu until such time as a new consent application for land disposal can be submitted.

The scope of this project includes purchase of land for disposing of treated wastewater (instead of discharge to Lake Waipu), the installation of irrigation equipment and an upgrade of the existing Rātana Pā wastewater treatment plant.

Project Budget		\$2,425,000	Spend to Date	\$131,192	
Estimated Costs to	Complete	\$2,293,808	Forecast Cost at Completion	\$2,425,000	
% Spent of Forecas	st Cost	5.4%	Variance: Forecast Cost / Budget	0%	
Metric	Trend	Comment			
Health and Safety		No near misses	or lost time injuries to report.		
Programme	-	The purchase agreement for suitable land has been finalised and signed by the landowners and RDC. The irrigation methodology and programme are being planned now. Construction is expected to be completed by April 2023.			
Cost	-	The 2020-21 Annual Plan and the 2021-2031 Long Term Plan included \$1.55m budget spread across various line items for this project. \$875,000 is being granted to RDC by Horizons Regional Council out of the funding they will receive from the Ministry for Environment, which is included in the budget. The estimated costs shall be finalised with actual construction costs once an irrigation method has been specified or designed.			
Quality		No concerns to date.			
Risk		No concerns to	date.		
Tasks Completed Last Month Subdivision		ion works ongoing			
Tasks Forecast This Month	Schedule for Drafting of Further conditions	ue subdivision work Ile further iwi engagements g of technical reports and Assessment of Environmental Effects r consultation with findings/more design onditions for discussion with Regional Council and stakeholders consent application in second quarter of 2022			

4. Bulls Bus Lane and Town Square

Project Status

The scope of this project the creation of a Town Square and Bus Lane in Bulls around the Community Centre, Te Matapihi.

Construction of the bus lane and town square has begun on 26 October 2021. Communication was sent out to ensure public awareness via Council's Facebook page, Council's website and in the District Monitor. Laminated copies of the plans are also for public viewing at Te Matapihi.

Project Budget (Bus Lane and Town Square)		\$1,025,603	Spend to Date	\$279,661	
Estimated Costs to	Complete	\$745,942	Forecast Cost at Completion	\$1,025,603	
% Spent of Forecas	st Cost	27.3%	Variance: Forecast Cost / Budget	0%	
Metric	Trend		Comment		
Health and Safety		No near misses or	lost time injuries to report.		
Programme	-	The contract with ID Loaders has been signed to start construction. The start date was 26 October 2021 and completion date is March 2022. The new completion date accounts for 12 date extension of time.			
Cost	-	Final construction budget for Te Matapihi to be reviewed as part of the project closure report. For the bus lane, 31% (\$44,683) of the \$140,000 contingency for the project's construction phase has been committed. At this point the PMO does not expect exceeding the project contingency			
Quality		Finalisation of the rubbish bins, is un	Town Square, with artwork, seating, derway.	, and	
Risk s		RDC has come to an agreement with the land owner of the town square and work is continuing as scheduled. No current significant risk with the Bus Lane.			
Tasks completed last month	' I (onstruction c		he bus lane.		
Tasks forecast this month	Progression of construction of bus lane and town square. Planning for the opening ceremony for the bus lane including mana whenua to commence.				

5. Taihape Memorial Park Redevelopment (Amenities Building and options investigation for the Grandstand)

Project Status

The scope of this project is the construction of a new Taihape Amenities Building and investigations of options for the Taihape Grandstand Strengthening (consulted on during LTP period, with a final resolution to be made in June or July).

Preliminary design is underway to provide costings of the strengthening of the Grandstand. A site visit was planned but had to be delayed due to COVID-19 lockdowns. This has now occurred. \$1m was allowed for the Grandstand in the LTP. Current costs for investigations and preliminary design are expected to be approximately \$150,000. This will leave approximately \$850,000 for construction works and this budget will reduce further if additional consultancy or consenting costs are required.

The tender for the Amenities Building has been awarded, the building consent issued and construction is starting in February 2022. Staff are liaising with Mokai Patea iwi around their support and involvement on the project, with a meeting occurring in late January 2022 to progress these discussions.

The contractor has been advised that no one will be allowed on the site (which will be fully fenced) without prior agreement between the PMO and the contractor.

Taihape Grandstand					
Project Budget		\$1,000,000	Spend to Date	\$126,813	
Estimated Costs to	Complete	\$873,187	Forecast Cost at Completion	\$1,000,000	
% Spent of Forecas	st Cost	12.7%	Variance: Forecast Cost / Budget	0%	
Taihape Amenities Building					
Project Budget		\$4,648,757 Spend to Date \$481,038			
Estimated Costs to	Complete	\$4,167,719	Forecast Cost at Completion	\$4,648,757	
% Spent of Forecas	st Cost	10.3%	Variance: Forecast Cost / Budget	0%	
Metric	Trend		Comment		
Health and Safety		No near misses	or lost time injuries to report.		
Programme		Programme for Amenities Building on track. Construction to start in February 2022.			
Cost	-	Any approved scope changes will impact on the amenities budget – the PMO would require Council endorsement before approving any other work. The \$1m budget for the Grandstand includes investigation, staff time, design, consenting and construction works.			

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	New building construction work only to start when all design					
Quality	completed, and scope confirmed (lessons learned from Bulls Te					
	Matapihi)					
	No concerns to date. There is a risk of poor public perception of					
Risk	the new amenities building, and public consultation has been					
	undertaken to reduce the risk.					
	Amenities Building					
	Building Consent has been granted.					
	Tender awarded.					
Tasks completed						
last month	<u>Grandstand</u>					
	Strengthening options completed					
	Costings for options completed with QS					
	Council endorsed option 1 (steel frame)					
	Amenities Building					
	Complete contract set up					
	Hold start ceremony					
	Start construction in February					
Tasks forecast	Confirm Iwi involvement					
this month						
	Grandstand					
	Detailed strengthening design for option 1 to be completed					
	PMO to engage with the Taihape heritage group to support them with					
	sourcing funding for the works.					

6. Marton Industrial Park and Rail Hub

Project Status A new rail hub to accommodate forestry operations will be constructed in Marton. This will include a double rail siding, log yard with debarking facility, and associated businesses. **Project Budget** \$9,850,000 **Spend to Date** \$1,455,885 **Estimated Costs to Complete** \$8,394,115 **Forecast Cost at Completion** \$9,850,000 % Spent of Forecast Cost 15% **Variance: Forecast Cost / Budget** 0% Metric Comment Trend Health and Safety No near misses or lost time injuries to report. The programme extension of three months has been agreed with MBIE who funded most of the project, and a contract variation Programme signed. The project is beginning to slip again as the rezoning is not finalised. The cost estimate for the rail siding construction exceeds the Cost current budget. The project team is looking at funding and investment options. Quality issues arose with the initial preliminary design of the rail Quality siding. Design revisions are complete, and the quality risk was resolved by the end of May 2021. The programme is slipping again. Risk The cost estimate for the rail siding exceeds the current budget. Meetings with Environment Court regarding next steps Tasks completed Ongoing work on the 85% rail design by KiwiRail. last month Progression of land purchase by others. Tasks forecast Ongoing design work this month

Limited consultation on the Comprehensive Development Plan

7. Marton Water Strategy – Sub-project A (New Bore)

Project Status

The Marton Water Strategy comprises of three sub-projects:

Sub-project A: New Bore

Sub-project B: Design of the plant upgrade and consenting

Sub-project C: Construction of bore and plant

Earlier work has determined that a new bore is required to replace existing infrastructure to supply potable water to Marton. There will be future sub-projects identified and scoped within the Marton Water Strategy programme of work; the new bore is sub-project A. Other sub-projects will be reported on as they become active.

Sub-project A will deliver a new bore to provide potable water to Marton that meets the NZ Drinking Water Standards, including:

- Planning and procurement of required professional services
- Location of new bore site
- Land acquisition for bore site and testing for quality and quantity
- Target volume from bore of 5000 m3 (quantity of water)
- Construction of bore
- Handover of bore to operations team.

Sub-project A is being delivered by the MDC Utilities Team. The project is currently in the initiation and planning phase.

Project Budget	\$1,000,000	Spend to Date	\$25,900
Estimated Costs to Complete	\$974,100	Forecast Cost at Completion	\$1,000,000
% Spent of Forecast Cost	2.6%	Variance: Forecast Cost / Budget	0%

Metric	Trend	Comment
Health and Safety	-	Physical works have not begun. Request for Tender (RFT) documentation for procurement of bore construction will outline Health and Safety requirements/considerations which responses will be assessed against.
Programme		The draft hydrogeology report was received from Stantec in Dec 2021. The report provides comment and hydrogeological advice on the proposal to construct a new bore at the Marton Dams site.

		A report has been provided to RDC to seek a recommendation to proceed with construction of an exploratory bore at the Marton Dams site. The report also seeks approval of a target zone approximately 400m below ground level, and commencement of the tender process for construction of the exploratory bore. Staff have gone back with questions on the report, and are waiting on a response. Once RDC's questions have been answered, approval will be given to tender for construction of the exploratory bore can commence. The construction contract is scheduled to be awarded by end of	
		March 2022, which may be optimistic.	
Cost	-	The project remains within budget. Upcoming costs are expected for use of hydrogeology services from Stantec. Stantec are also providing a proposal to give ongoing specialist support to the project during the tender and bore construction stages. The tender process for bore construction will give greater clarity to project budget requirements. Approval may need to be sought for additional funding if either the Engineer's Estimate and/or recommended tender prices indicate that the project costs are likely to exceed the approved value.	
Quality		No concerns to date.	
Risk		No new significant risks, however any unexpected delays will impact the project programme.	
Tasks completed last month	Receipt of draft hydrogeology report from Stantec. Report received by RDC seeking recommendation of approach to proceed; questions from RDC have gone back to the consultant. Request for Proposal to Stantec for ongoing specialist hydrogeology support		
Tasks forecast this month	Receive comments back from consultants on RDC queries on the report. Commence tender process for bore construction.		

8. Regional Treatment Plant Consenting Programme

Programme Status

WSP has been engaged to deliver a programme of treatment plant consents for Rangitikei District Council. The contract is for four years.

The outcome of this programme is current consents on all treatment plants, which can be regularly complied with. This will resolve non compliances with our regional council consents. Variations to date include:

- 1) Taihape Water Treatment Plant optimisation (\$32,350) approved in November 2021 under resolution 21/RDC/411.
- 2) Hunterville Wastewater Treatment Plant new consent noted under resolution 21/RDC/322 that a new consent will be sought. Costs will be presented to Council for approval once known (expected January 2022).

Project Budget		\$452,655	Spend to Date	\$76,018	
Estimated Costs to Complete		\$376,637	Forecast Cost at Completion	\$452,655	
% Spent of Forecast Cost		ost	17%	Variance: Forecast Cost / Budget	0%
Metric	Trend	Comment			
Health and Safety	→	WSP Health and Safety Plan prepared prior to site visits			
Programme	→	Ratana programme revised now that land purchase area secured, looking to lodge application early second quarter 2022. Bulls WTP lodged in time to secure s124b existing use rights. Hunterville WWTP request for assistance, programme to be established. (Waiting to establish connection with consultants for Bulls to Marton)			
Cost		Forecast completion cost is on budget			
Quality		No concerns to date.			
Risk	-	Risk 1: Programme — slight delays to start while waiting on information to be provided for some sites (flow and quality data). Ability to re-establish programme. Risk 2: Scope creep — nothing identified at this stage, early variations identified by RDC. Risk 3: Cost of upgrades. Not known at this stage, needs to be balanced against stakeholder expectations. Watching brief to be kept Risk 4: Delivery of ClAs. Continue to work with RDC and iwi to understand information requirements and implications as they come to hand. Ongoing consultation is allowed for. Risk 5: Legislative changes. Various legislation changes have occurred since most of the consents of existing sites were approved. Need to ensure that information within consent applications is fit for purpose to be able to evaluate against legislative requirements. Risk 5: Preferred site for Ratana may face consent challenges due to dunes having been identified as rare habitat (under Schedule F of the			

	Herizone One Dlan). May be a matural wetland present which will			
	Horizons One Plan), May be a natural wetland present which will require consideration.			
	Ratana			
	Continue subdivision work			
	Schedule further iwi engagements			
	Drafting of technical reports and Assessment of Environmental Effects			
	Further consultation with findings/more design			
	Draft conditions for discussion with Regional Council and stakeholders Lodge application in second quarter of 2022			
	Taihape WWTP			
	Memorandum on short term improvements to the WWTP was received, and			
	RDC is reviewing what work achieves the most benefit within the existing			
	budgets			
Tasks	Taihape WTP			
completed	RDC received the Aquanet monitoring report and forwarded to Horizons			
last month	Regional Council			
	Desktop assessment regarding groundwater as alternative water supply completed and forwarded to RDC			
	Review of intake structure provided as draft for comment to RDC, possible options for improved performance discussed			
	Bulls WTP			
	Reviewed further information request, determined who would respond to what			
	Provided additional information to Ngati Apa as requested			
	Engaged with Rangitane o Manwatu who confirmed would defer to Ngati Apa, no further engagement required			
	Sent request for engagement to representatives of Ngati Raukawa			
	<u>Ratana</u>			
Tasks	Progress subdivision consent			
forecast this	Taihape WWTP Response from RDC on short term improvements to the plant			
month				
	Taihape WTP Make a decision on optimisation of the WTP			
	mand a decision on optimisation of the train			

Miscellaneous

1. Marton Civic Centre

The Better Business Case is progressing well and is expected to be complete in February 2022. The RFT for the four short-listed architects for the concept design was released on 17 December 2021. The concept designs are due at the end of March 2022.

2. Marton Memorial Hall

Re-opening ceremony for the hall occurred 19 January 2022. CPU has been granted, and CCC is in process. Stage Two works will commence shortly, and continue to take place around public bookings. These include installation of heating/cooling systems in the main hall, upgrades to bathrooms to improve accessibility, installation of an additional fire exit door in the main hall.

3. Rangitikei Active Gym in Marton Swim Centre

The re-roof and asbestos removal is nearing completion, just a small section of the roof yet to complete over the Swim Centre. Gym operator was back into the facility a few days before Christmas. Small 'tidy-up' issues being completed in January.

4. Bulls Water Tower and Reservoir Artistic Improvements

The plan for the artistic improvements to the reservoir and water tower in Bulls, being delivered by Council officers and Bulls Community Committee, was approved at the Assets and Infrastructure Committee on 9 December 2021. Provided the plan is approved, submissions from the public will be sought in early 2022.

5. Hunterville Town Hall

The PMO has been requested by the Council and the Hunterville Community Committee to investigate requirements for making the hall accessible for all people. The building owner (RDC) received a 'potentially earthquake prone building' notice in 2013 and 2021. The PMO will undertake a Detailed Seismic assessment and at the same time will get the engineering company to prepare an accessibility report. Both results will then be reported back to Council.

6. Papakai Pump Station

The detailed design of the new Papakai Pump Station is due to be completed at the end of February 2022. The level of service being designed to is higher than the existing pump station, to mitigate the risk of overflows into the Hautapu River. The existing budget of \$1,500,000 was based on a pump station with the same level of service as the existing pump station. Due to the higher level of service, the cost of the pump station is expected to increase from the \$1,500,000 budget to approximately \$5,000,000. The revised cost will be presented to the March 2022 Council meeting for consideration.

A contractor is already engaged for this work. The procurement documents for the Marton to Bulls pipeline, Bulls water rising main and Taihape wastewater rising main indicated a

direct negotiation for the construction of the Papakai and Bulls water pump stations. The negotiation for this pump station will be directly negotiated with Fulton Hogan, the successful contractor for the pipelines.

7. Taihape Town Hall

Advice has been sought from the engineers on the risks posed to the public on the pavement outside the Town Hall, and in the library (which is not earthquake prone but could be at risk from the Town Hall in a seismic event).

Concept design for the strengthening has been commissioned; this will inform the scale of the strengthening work and the indicative cost. This will be presented to Council when completed – this is expected in Q2 of 2022.

8. Council Building Seismic Investigations

Most reports have been received, and the PMO are waiting on the final reports. A summary on the portfolio will be presented to Council by March 2022, summarising the results of the investigations and the risks of each building.

Legend			
		Budget	
+/- 0-5% of Budget	Unchanged	Risk increasing towards Amber	Risk decreasing away from Amber
+/- 6-15% of Budget	Unchanged	Risk increasing towards Red	Risk decreasing away from Red
+/- >15% budget variance	Unchanged	Risk increasing	Risk decreasing
		Programme	
Completion Date not Affected	Unchanged	Risk increasing towards Amber	Risk decreasing away from Amber
Up to three months delay to Completion Date	Unchanged	Risk increasing towards Red	Risk decreasing away from Red
More than three months delay to Completion Date or Critical Date at risk	Unchanged	Risk increasing	Risk decreasing

Recommendation

That the Project Management Office Report – January 2022 be **received**.

10.4 Community Development Update - December 2021 and January 2022

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1. Reason for Report

1.1 This report covers the operational areas of Social and Cultural Community Well-being activities undertaken by the Community Development team during the months of December 2021 and January 2022, with separate report updating Economic Development and District Promotions.

2. Te Matapihi – Events and Venue Activity

2.1 Booking numbers for December and January were 30 and 13 respectively. Bookings included weekly vaccination clinics hosted by the Whanganui DHB, our first wedding onsite, Council bookings, and community group bookings. Ongoing bookings are still in place for vaccination clinics for the upcoming months. Over 53% of the bookings are for Council related activities such as meetings and training sessions.

3. Libraries

- 3.1 Under COVID-19 restrictions all Library and Information sites are open, complying with Government guidelines for such facilities. The change to the Traffic Light system has reduced the distancing from 2 metres to 1 metre which has increased capacity levels.
- 3.2 Effective from Wednesday 22 December Council required vaccine passes, or a negative PCR test to be presented to enter Te Matapihi/Bulls Community Centre, Marton Library and Information Centre, and the Taihape Library and Information Centre. The administration of entry requirements will initially be undertaken by contracted security personnel located in the entrance to these premises. Security personnel will also be available to support behaviour management and compliance with other requirements such as mask wearing. The provision of security personnel will be reviewed after three months.
- 3.3 On the 10^{th of} December the Taihape Town Hall and Library was closed due to the risk it posed to staff and the public following a detailed seismic assessment (DSA) report. A new suitable space has been found and staff have moved into the new facility in the old BNZ building in Taihape. We have moved most of the library stock and furniture but are still waiting for permanent shelving and the public APNK internet and Wi-Fi to be moved. This is scheduled for installation in early February.
- 3.4 Vaccine Pass Assistance: In December when the government introduced the requirement for Vaccine Passes to be produced to enter establishments under the new Traffic Light system, we experienced a huge demand from residents to assist with obtaining and printing these passes. Across the District we assisted hundreds of residents to obtain their passes. We were very grateful to have had the assistance of our Digital Engagement Co-ordinator and our Community Engagement Librarian who spent a large amount of time assisting our customers, as did the staff at our sites.
 - 3.5 <u>Staff</u> Sara-Jane Sowden has resigned her position as Library Assistant at Marton Library after 14 years as she has accepted an offer of employment elsewhere.

- 3.6 <u>Events/Programmes/School Holidays</u> The COVID 19 restrictions continue to affect the ability to run events and programmes in our spaces. We are currently supplying takeaway activity packs for Primary School aged children during holiday periods and are looking at ideas for working within the restrictions.
- 3.7 <u>RFID (Radio Frequency Identification) Implementation at Marton and Taihape Libraries</u> Our install date on the 21^{st of} December had to be postponed due to the sudden closure of the Taihape Library and Service Centre the week beforehand. We are expecting this to be rescheduled in early February.
- 3.8 <u>Community Engagement with Libraries</u> (position funded by New Zealand Libraries Partnership Programme {NZLPP}) Lynda Hunter has commenced her role and has been visiting/connecting with schools, community libraries, and the wider community introducing herself and seeking feedback on our services.
- 3.9 <u>Digital Co-ordinator update (position funded by NZLPP)</u> The Digital Co-ordinator, Rashmi Natarajan, recommenced her classes at the end of January now that we are down to a restriction of 1 metre distancing in our facilities. The new course she is running is "Digital Essentials Get to know your Smart Phone" was designed for elderly and had been scheduled to start before the 16 Aug 2021 lockdown. Code Club will recommence in the new school term.
- 3.10 Ms Natarajan ran Digital Drop Inn sessions in Bulls, Marton, Ratana and Taihape during December/January as well as working across all sites assisting residents with obtaining their Vaccine Passes. The Vaccine Passes is still on-going as people continue to get their vaccinations.

4. Youth Development

- 4.1 The Rangitikei Youth Council of 2021 held an informal picnic in the park to wrap up their year of service, celebrating the highs of the year, talking of the challenges, and writing one piece of advice each to pass onto the selected council for 2022.
- 4.2 Positives for the year included holding a successful Youth Awards event, attending Festival for the Future, and being an integral part of community huis as the voice and representation for Youth in our district. The data collected from these meetings was valuable and helped implement positive changes for youth, through programme delivery and developing plans for the future.
- 4.3 Challenges revolved around COVID-19, lockdowns, expectations on youth and the pressure on mental health that produced.
- 4.4 The end of the year saw seven councillors move on to work or university, with four councillors going on to study or work in the field of law and politics. Youth council applications for 2022 are currently still open, with 7 spots to fill. Interviews will be held mid-February. Application forms can be found here: https://forms.gle/SPAupeLbEpZ91XGC6.









4.5 FORGE boxing wrapped up for 2021 on 14 December. As mentioned in previous reports, growth of this programme has seen the current venue become too small to accommodate the numbers attending. FORGE has signed a three-year lease to occupy the Marton wrestling club premises, backing onto Marumaru Street. The venue needed a lot of work to get it ready to open, because of this, programmes will commence for

- 2022 at the later date of 4 February 2022 from this location, running the same times and age groups.
- 4.6 FORGE is aiming to begin providing adult boxfit classes to enable the youth programme to continue at no cost to youth or their families.
- 4.7 Both the Marton and Taihape Lobbies were closed over the Christmas/New Year period. COVID-19 restrictions made opening the Marton Lobby after lockdown very difficult with space restrictions.
- 4.8 The Taihape Lobby reopened in the week beginning 10 January but closed again reopening on 1 February as staff and Council worked through appropriate protocols for the Covid Red setting. At this stage it is planned to continue to open Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays and staff will take the opportunity during this time to monitor and review the service.
- 4.9 By way of background, Committee members may recall that prior to the pandemic the Lobby was receiving intermittent use from young people. During its LTP discussions last year, Council and Community Development staff deliberated on the ongoing future of the service and whether the money earmarked could be better spent on events/activities which would support a wider group of youth. It was agreed at that time to continue with the service in the interim and to report back at a later date with options for the future.

5. Welcoming Communities

- 5.1 Execution of Phase 1 the communication plan for Welcoming Communities is underway: fact sheets have been created for different target audiences; a webpage has been added to RDC website; internal information sessions have been held for staff; external outreach to targeted organisations and the public is being undertaken via email, Facebook, and phone calls; information sessions are being arranged for Tāngata Whenua and other community organisations which are expected to be completed throughout February; media engagement has been undertaken in relation to the Statement of Commitment at the time of reporting results are not yet available.
- 5.2 Interest is being sought for the Welcoming Communities Rangitikei advisory group, and terms of reference are being drafted. It is expected that members will be finalised by end of February, with the first meeting held in early March. The first order of business will be to agree and finalise the terms of reference with the group, incorporating any feedback and personal preferences from members of the group.
- 5.3 Planning of the stocktake process is underway; stakeholder groups will be invited to workshops, surveys, and focus groups. This will take place from March through May.
- 5.4 The first six-monthly report has been submitted to MBIE, see Attachment (appendices not included).
- 5.5 The Statement of Commitment will be signed in the near future, and we will then be eligible to apply for Stage 1 Accreditation. Welcoming Communities Coordinator Aly Thompson has submitted the Accreditation application form and evidence to MBIE and is awaiting confirmation.

6. Marton Harvest Festival

- 6.1 With the announcement that all New Zealand will be in the RED setting of the traffic light system from 11.59 pm Saturday 22 January, the Community Development team have made the decision to not proceed with the Marton Harvest Festival set to be held on 27 March.
- 6.2 The annual Scarecrow Trail Competition will still go ahead and be led Lynda Hunter Community Engagement Librarian in conjunction with the Marton Library.
- 6.3 Should Covid settings permit, 'pop-up' activities may be able to be organised at short notice celebrate the Harvest with the community.

Attachments

1. Welcoming Communities Rangitikei Six-monthly Report July - December 2021

Recommendation

That the report 'Community Development Update - December 2021 and January 2022' be received.

Welcoming Communities Six-monthly Reporting Template Report July to December 2021

Note: please provide your completed six-monthly report by 31 January 2022

Region:	Manawatū-Whanganui (Horizons Regional Council)
Council:	Rangitīkei District Council
Name:	Aly Thompson
Role:	Welcoming Communities Coordinator
Date:	14 January 2022
Period covered:	Six months from July to December 2021.

(1) Planning and implementing activities

Briefly describe any activities you did to support newcomers or implement your Welcoming Communities Plan. This could include:

- Implementing other Welcoming Plan activities
- Establishment of relevant groups
- Activities that support other Welcoming Community stakeholders
- Following our acceptance into the programme in July, the Welcoming Communities Coordinator was appointed and started in November.
- A project plan has been created for the first 12 months. Key outcomes stated are to achieve Stage 1 Accreditation, create a Welcoming Communities Communication plan, establish a Welcoming Communities advisory group, Complete a stocktake of the District, and develop a Welcoming Plan for Rangitīkei.
- The communication plan has been established, and execution of Phase 1 is underway, which focuses on introducing the Welcoming Communities programme to Rangitīkei and seeking interest for the advisory group.
- Our elected members and representatives of Te Roopuu Ahi Kaa will sign the Statement of Commitment on 27 January during the Council meeting, which will be live-streamed to the Public. Media will be invited to attend; at the time of reporting, results are not available.

(2) Stakeholder engagement

Briefly describe any engagement you had with Welcoming Communities stakeholders. This could include:

- Involvement and engagement with tangata whenua
- Welcoming Communities networking and attendance at stakeholder events
- Meeting with stakeholders to progress your Welcoming Communities Plan.
- Formal reports have been submitted to Councils Policy/Planning and Te Roopuu Ahi Kaa committees in December, detailing the programme, project plan and upcoming work.
- Welcoming Communities has been introduced internally through an information session, an intranet post and a fact sheet. A second information session will be held on 25 January.
- Welcoming Communities has been introduced externally by email to Tangata Whenua and priority stakeholder groups, with information sessions being arranged throughout February for those groups.

 Further outreach to the community is underway via email and Facebook, and through our existing networks

(3) Understanding community needs

Briefly describe any work you have done to understand newcomers' needs, including learning from successful or unsuccessful activities. This could include:

- Stocktakes
- Formal needs assessments
- Post-activity reflections or debriefs about how the programme is meeting newcomer needs
- Other activities that seek perspectives from newcomers
- Stocktake planning is in progress.
- Research has been undertaken to gather population statistics for the District. Census data
 is not granular enough to reflect the true ethnic make-up of our community, which
 creates a dependence on knowledge of Council staff and stakeholders in the community.
- Information about RSE workers in our District has been gathered from Frankie Tran, MBIE and the Recognised Seasonal Employer list on INZ's website.

(4) Knowledge sharing activities

Briefly describe any ways in which you have shared your experiences, knowledge, good practice or lessons learned regarding Welcoming Communities . This could include:

- Knowledge sharing with other Welcoming Communities sites
- Knowledge sharing with your council elected members or other staff
- Changes you have made as a result of learning from others
- Joined the workshop "Turning Ideas to Action" on 18 November
- Connected with Community Development teams from Horowhenua, Manawatū, Tararua and Whanganui at a regional forum on 3 December.
- Exchanged ideas and work processes one-to-one with Olivia from Horowhenua and Silvia from Queenstown-Lakes in December.
- Contributed ideas in Welcoming Communities Co-ordinator Teams group
- Introduced Welcoming Communities within the Community Development team at Rangitīkei on 16 December; sought feedback on project plan and advice for how to approach different aspects.
- Planning to seek cultural advice for specific ethnicities represented in our communities, as a result of advice from within my team

(5) Outcomes

Briefly describe what happened as a result of any completed or significant activities and engagement. These could be expected and unexpected outcomes. If possible, include evidence to support these outcomes. Outcomes could include:

- Significant milestones/achievements
- Lessons learnt from Welcoming Communities implementation activity
- Any outcomes that appear in your pathway to change
- Any impact observed or reported by newcomers or stakeholders
- Any media coverage or photos of Welcoming Communities in your region or comments from participants

Create a project plan:

Project plan approved internally & by Policy/Planning and Te Roopuu Ahi Kaa committees

Stage 1 Accreditation:

 Agreement on signatories for Statement of Commitment from Policy/Planning and Te Roopuu Ahi Kaa committees

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Summary of expenditure under the Funding Agreement 2020/21

Please fill in the table below:

Seed Funding - \$50,000 plus GST

Itemise what it was spent on	Amount \$
Wages – Welcoming Communities Coordinator	[redacted]
Total expenditure to date 2020/21:	[redacted]
Balance remaining (if relevant):	[redacted]

Note: if this money has not been spent in full please provide information on how you intend to spend it in the next six months.

Activity for the next six months

Under this heading, provide a high-level list of key deliverables or milestones and their approximate dates over the next six months. Bullet point notes can be used. This could include implementing specific Welcoming Plan activities and any other programme-related activities.

- Expenditure for next six months will cover wages for Welcoming Communities Coordinator
- Establishing advisory group, regular advisory group meetings
- Stocktake activities: workshops, focus groups, surveys, community engagement

Issues, risks and challenges

Under this heading note any issues, risks or challenges arising or expected to arise and how you have or intend to manage them.

- Lack of response / engagement from outreach communication to key stakeholders >
 follow up with phone calls and offer 1-to-1 meetings; paid advertising to increase visibility
 of public information
- Lack of interest to join advisory group > make explicit invitations to individuals, adjust the workload / responsibilities to suit
- Cultural etiquette and customs > seeking guidance from cultural leaders to gain knowledge and understanding

Appendices

- 1. Welcoming Communities Rangitīkei project plan
- 2. Welcoming Communities Rangitīkei communication plan

10.5 Economic Development Update - December 2021 and January 2022

Author: Jaime Reibel, Strategic Advisor - Economic Development

Authoriser: Gaylene Prince, Group Manager - Community Services

1. Reason for Report

1.1 This report summarises the programmes, activities and focus areas initiated or undertaken as part of Council's Economic Development work during the months of December 2021 and January 2022.

2. Meetings/Events Attended

- Taihape Rural Health Centre Integrated Redevelopment meeting
- Tour of the Taihape Rural Health Centre (Taihape Hospital General Services Building) and discussion with Otaihape Health Trust trustees

3. Business Support

- 3.1 Meetings/conversations were held during the reporting period to support the following businesses (excluding those that are commercially sensitive):
 - two commercial property investors (Marton)
 - an industrial manufacturer (Marton)

4. Housing

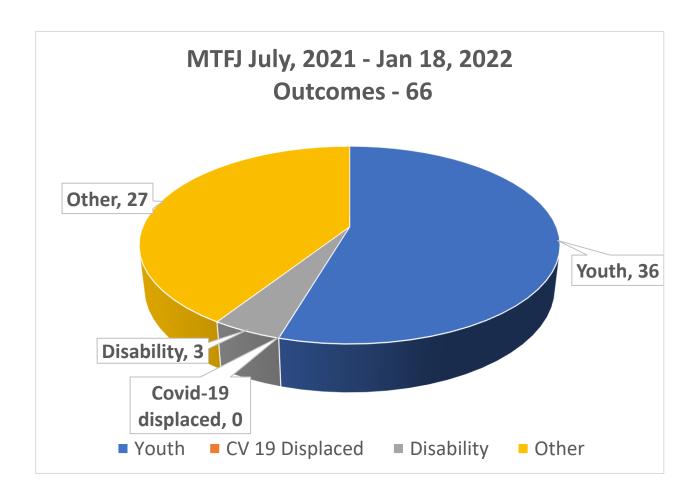
- 4.1 Senior and Elderly Shared Accommodation/Group Home (Taihape)
 - Several Otaihape Health Trust trustees have expressed their concern over the longterm financial viability of a group home at the General Services Building, given the past history of the Ruanui Rest Home. They support the idea of a group home but want to also explore converting the building into a 3-4 apartment complex.
 - It was agreed that a simple way to determine the viability of a shared accommodation/group home is to consult with independent and mobile Taihape community seniors and elderly to identify how many people are interested in becoming residents of a group home and how many of those who express interest will provide a down-payment to secure their place in a future facility. Based on the results, a determination will be made as to whether the project will continue or not.

5. Mahi Tahi – Employment Programme

5.1 The Mahi Tahi Programme placed 11 youth and older persons in employment during December and 13 in January⁴.

⁴ Through 18th January 2022.

- 5.2 This brings the total number of jobs filled from July 2021 18 January 2022 to 66, which surpasses the annual target of 50 sustainable jobs (defined as 30 hours/day x 30 days).
- 5.3 During the period placements were made in the primary (food processing and horticulture), civil construction and hospitality sectors.
- 5.4 Mahi Tahi continues to have many more jobs available than applicants to fill them.



6. District Promotion

6.1 Visit Rangitīkei website

6.1.1 Total engagement for the period November 30, 2021 - January 14, 2022 was, as follows:



6.1.1 Where our visitors came from



6.2 Shop Local Rangitikei

6.2.1 Businesses continue to be promoted via the Shop Local Rangitikei Facebook group.

6.3 Destination Rangitīkei Project Timeline

When	Who/What	How	
February (end of month)	Initial Draft		
February/March	Implementation Group review draft document	Pre-reading and in-person workshop	
	ELT review	Via e-mail at their discretion	
	Elected Members review	Via e-mail at their discretion	
March/April	Community Committees/ Boards focused session	Both in-person and online	
	Key Stakeholder group	Facilitated both in-person and online	

	Policy overview – Department of Conservation, Ministry of Business Innovation and Employment, Horizons, Whanganui Māori Regional Tourism Organisation, Te Puni Kokiri.	Facilitated both in-person and online
April	Te Roopuu Ahi Kaa	Reports via Komiti meeting
	Policy Planning	Reports via
		Committee meeting
	Council – Adoption	Reports via Council meeting

6.4 Town Signage

- 6.4.1 Whangaehu A location has been agreed in principle with a member of the town signage committee and staff are engaging with Waka Kotahi for approval.
- 6.4.2 Mangaweka The sign at the southern entrance will be erected during the next reporting period, with the northern sign location still in discovery phase.
- 6.4.3 Bulls signage is awaiting the white frames that will be made in the next reporting period, while the 3rd sign location on SH 3 is still in negotiation.

6.5 Visit Rangitikei Brading - Updated

6.5.1 Visit Rangitikei Brand document has been updated to reflect the correct spelling of Pohokura and include the story of the overall design and gifted by Iwi...



Recommendation

That the report 'Economic Development Update - December 2021 and January 2022' be received.

10.6 Horizons Update

Author: Michael Fryer, Policy Advisor Iwi and Hapu Relationships (Horizons Regional

Council)

1. Reason for Report

1.1 Mr Fryer is unable to attend the meeting in person and offers his apologies. A written report (attachment 1) has been submitted in lieu of a verbal update.

Attachments

1. Horizons Report - 31 Jan 22

Recommendation

That the report 'Horizons Update' be received.



31 January 2022

Te Roopu Ahi Kaa Komiti 45 High Street, Marton, 4700

TO: Pahia Turia (Tumuaki o Te Roopuu Ahi Kaa)

cc:ash.garstang@rangitīkei.govt.nz

Kei aku rangatira, tēnā koutou

Please accept my apologies from providing our report in-person.

Forum for engagement

- 1. As we begin to head into 2022 we are all aware of the vast of policy changes taking place that now require local authorities to reassess how we engage meaningfully with Iwi Māori. As this forum represents a vast amount of Iwi within the Rangitīkei it seems only natural for local & regional authorities to engage with this forum
- On that note, it is our intention to increase our engagement with this forum with the key benefit of
 this forum providing a key point of contact for us in regards to fulfilling our responsibilities of
 engaging with Iwi Māori on matters such as Regional Policy Plans, Regional Policy Statements and
 other areas of discussion that will arise in the near future.
- 3. As this new direction will be beneficial to us all, we have heard the request for Horizons to reassess how we support this forum and I can confirm that discussions are currently. An update on this to be provided at a later time.

Māori Wards

- 4. 2022 further brings an exciting opportunity for Horizons Regional Council to increase Māori at the governance level with the addition of two Māori Constituencies. These additions will increase the Councillors to 14. Our recent representation review has provided us with the potential boundaries for our upcoming Māori Councillors [ANNEX 1].
- 5. As a proactive measure, we are currently reviewing how engagement plan for the upcoming election to better increase participation by those on the Māori Roll as well as reviewing our protocol for the inauguration of all new Councillors. If you do have any suggestions please let us know.

COVID-19

- 6. The impacts of COVID-19 has required us to rethink how we undertake our operations in ensuring we keep our community safe. With this in mind we are beginning to adjust how we can maintain our business-as-usual functions in light of community outbreaks.
- 7. While we are in a stronger position to respond to any community outbreak, we are conscious that this game changer variant will test our preparations for response with this variants key trait being increased transmission compared to previous variants.



- 8. As a participant on the Regional Leadership Group, it's compilation of Agencies/Iwi & Pasifika allows us all to discuss our regional response and discuss any issues that should arise.
- 9. We are conscious of the already established networks within Rangitīkei and do not wish to infringe any existing arrangements. Nevertheless, we make ourselves available for any support requested.

AUTHOR: MICHAEL FRYER | Policy Advisor Iwi and Hapu Relationships



ANNEX 1: MĀORI CONSTITUENCIES POTENTIAL BOUNDERIES



11 Discussion Items

11.1 Three Waters

Author: Ash Garstang, Governance Advisor

1. Reason for Report

1.1 It was requested during the 06 April 2021 meeting that this be added as a standing discussion item for future meetings.

Recommendation

If needed:

11.2 COVID-19 Vaccination Rates

Author: Soraya Peke-Mason, TRAK representative

1. Reason for Report

1.1 It was requested during the 12 October 2021 meeting that this be added as a standing discussion item for future meetings.

Recommendation

If needed:

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11.3 Climate Change Action Committee

Author:	Chris Shenton, TRAK representative
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1. Reason for Report

1.1 It was requested during the 12 October 2021 meeting that this be added as a standing discussion item for future meetings.

Recommendation

If needed:

12 Pānui / Announcements

13 Late Items

14 Future Items for the Agenda

15 Next Meeting

The next Komiti meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, 12 April 2022 at 11.00 am.

16 Meeting Closed / Karakia