

ORDER PAPER

TE ROOPUU AHI KAA MEETING

Date: Tuesday, 14 June 2022
Time: 11.00 am
Venue: Council Chamber
Rangitikei 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), 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 Ngāti Te Ohuake), Ms Kim Savage (Ngāti Parewahawaha), Ms Tracey Hiroa (Ngāti Whitikaupeka), Ms Coral Raukawa (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, 14 June 2022 at 11.00 am.

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1 Karakia / Prayer

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

Mr Hamish Lowe (Lowe Environmental Impact) will speak to the Komiti at 11.15 am, with regards to item 11.1 (Marton to Bulls Centralisation Project – Update).

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 08 February 2022 are attached.

Attachments

1. Te Roopuu Ahi Kaa Meeting - 08 February 2022 [↓](#)

Recommendation

That the minutes of Te Roopuu Ahi Kaa Komiti meeting held on 08 February 2022, [**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



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Date: Tuesday, 8 February 2022

Time: 11.00 am

Venue: Council Chamber
Rangitikei District Council
46 High Street
Marton

Tumuaki: Ms Tracey Hiroa (Ngāti Whitikaupeka)

Tumuaki Tuarua: Mr Thomas Curtis (Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Hauiti) *[via Zoom]*

Nga mema: Ms Hari Benevides (Ngāti Tamakopiri), Ms Soraya Peke-Mason (Rātana Pā), Mr James Allen (Ngā Wairiki Ki Uta) *[via Zoom]*, 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 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 *[via Zoom]*
Ms Gaylene Prince, Group Manager – Community Services *[via Zoom]*
Mrs Sharon Grant, Group Manager – People and Culture *[via Zoom]*
Mr Lequan Meihana, Strategic Advisor – Mana Whenua | Kairaranga
Ms Katrina Gray, Senior Strategic Planner
Mrs Jess Mcilroy, Operations Manager
Ms Anne McLeod, Acting Manager – Community Development
Mr Jaime Reibel, Strategic Advisor – Economic Development
Ms Melanie Bovey, Team Leader – Library Services
Mr Ash Garstang, Governance Advisor

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1 Karakia / Prayer

The meeting opened at 11.09 am.

2 Apologies

Resolved minute number 22/IWI/001

That the apology for Cr Gill Duncan, Mr Pahia Turia, Mr Robert Gray and Ms Shanelle Cane be received.

Ms C Raukawa/Ms K Savage. Carried

3 Public Forum

No public forum.

4 Conflict of Interest Declarations

No conflicts of interest were declared.

5 Confirmation of Order of Business

No changes to the Order of Business.

6 Confirmation of Minutes

Resolved minute number 22/IWI/002

That the minutes of Te Roopuu Ahi Kaa Komiti meeting held on 14 December 2021, 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.

Ms H Benevides/Mr T Steedman. Carried

7 Follow-up Action Items from Previous Meetings

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

Regarding Ngāti Waewae's request to join the Komiti, the Mayor advised them that he believed that establishing a river accord would be the best option moving forwards.

Mrs Mcilroy advised the Komiti that the new Procurements Policy has gone to the Assets/Infrastructure Committee and Council for review. Staff are happy to receive feedback from the Komiti as well. In response to a query, Mrs Mcilroy confirmed that the policy will include central governments objective of having a baseline of 5% of procurements going to Māori businesses. The Komiti advised that they would like to be engaged in the early stages of this policy review.

Resolved minute number 22/IWI/003

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

Ms S Peke-Mason/Mr C Shenton. Carried

8 Chair's Report

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

Ms Hiroa advised that the Komiti would like some clarity around when to submit attendance and travel claims. Staff will distribute advice to the Komiti.

Resolved minute number 22/IWI/004

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

Ms T Hiroa/Ms S Peke-Mason. Carried

8.2 Mayoral Update (verbal)

The Mayor advised the below:

- The Mangaweka bridge opening ceremony is on hold.
- Central Government is committed to enforcing the Three Waters Reform – there are a substantial number of councils actively opposing it.
- No applications have been received for the TUIA programme. Ms Hiroa encouraged Komiti members to consider if they know of any individuals who might benefit from this.

Resolved minute number 22/IWI/005

That the Mayoral Update (verbal) be received.

Ms T Hiroa/Mr T Steedman. Carried

9 Reports for Decision

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

Ms Gray advised the Komiti that she was looking for their guidance and input with regards to the materials for discussion. Additionally, she requested feedback from the Komiti about whether they would like any extra support or information around this reform moving forwards.

Mr Shenton advised that the Komiti would appreciate more staff support around this reform, as it could be difficult to keep up to date with central government's changes. Mr Shenton also noted that there were concerns that a national entity could be too broad of an approach for iwi in the district, and that the terminology used by central government can have different meanings to iwi.

Ms Peke-Mason advised that she would prefer that central government funded was used to support increased Māori and iwi engagement, rather than expecting councils to fund it.

Ms Gray thanked the Komiti for the feedback and advised that she will arrange a hui to discuss these issues further.

Resolved minute number 22/IWI/006

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

Ms T Hiroa/Ms K Savage. Carried

Resolved minute number 22/IWI/007

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

Mr C Shenton/Mr T Steedman. Carried

Resolved minute number 22/IWI/008

That Te Roopuu Ahi Kaa nominates Mr Chris Shenton and Ms Soraya Peke-Mason 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.

Mr T Curtis/Ms H Benevides. Carried

10 Reports for Information

10.1 Pae Tawhiti Rangitikei Beyond: Project Update

Ms Gray advised that staff are heading towards the community engagement period of this project.

Resolved minute number 22/IWI/009

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

Ms T Hiroa/Mr T Steedman. Carried

10.2 Whakamahere Haepapa Māori - Māori Responsiveness Framework

Taken as read.

Resolved minute number 22/IWI/010

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

Mr C Shenton/Ms K Savage. Carried

10.3 Project Management Office Report - January 2022Mangaweka Bridge Replacement

Mrs Mcilroy advised that the Manawatu District Council (MDC) have very recently postponed the opening ceremony.

Mr Meihana advised that Ngāti Hauiti have expressed their disappointment in the lack of communication to them regarding the opening ceremony. Ngāti Hauiti believed that the bridge was going to open in June 2022 and had plans and aspirations to erect a carving next to it. They are not willing to support an opening in February 2022. Furthermore, Ngāti Hauiti are unhappy that the new bridge was used by traffic as they do not believe that this should occur prior to an official opening ceremony. Mr Meihana explained that when Māori are giving a blessing and have been invited to a ceremony, there is an implicit expectation that no one uses the structure/venue until it has been officially opened.

Mr Curtis noted that this has been a very disappointing experience for Ngāti Hauiti and that the iwi felt that it was hard to be taken seriously when events like this occur.

Mr Beggs apologised to Mr Curtis and Ngāti Hauiti, advising that it appeared that Council had played a role in not communicating as well as it should have. He advised that this issue will be raised with the executive leadership team and that steps will be taken to communicate with Ngāti Hauiti about the plan of action moving forwards.

Lake Waipu Improvements and Rātana Wastewater Treatment Project

Ms Peke-Mason advised that the community had expectations around this project being completed in a timely fashion. Mrs Mcilroy advised that staff are currently working through the resource consent and plant design – once this is completed, staff will have a better picture of when construction will begin.

Bulls Bus Lane and Town Square

Mrs Mcilroy advised that Ngāti Parewahawaha are preparing artwork for the bus lane and town square, and that a completion date for this is unknown. Staff would like to organise an opening

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ceremony for the Bus Lane, as there is a need for buses to begin using it. Once the artwork is completed, a larger celebration for the town square can be organised.

Ms Savage advised that Ngāti Parewahawaha are having their marae meeting tonight and that she will raise the topic of the artwork completion date at this meeting and hopefully receive an update.

In response to a query, Mrs Mcilroy advised that the Electric Vehicle charging stations will be positioned on the side of Te Matapihi that is closest to Criterion Street. The trenches that are currently in the greenspace are being used to install power and other underground services. Mr Beggs noted that the greenspace is not entirely Council's space, and that the town square area will look a little smaller when completed.

Taihape Memorial Park Upgrade

Mrs Mcilroy advised that staff have had discussions with iwi around the opening ceremony for the Amenities Building, but that Ngāti Tamakopiri does not wish to participate. Ms Benevides explained that there is not yet a firm decision on this, and that this message had come from a couple of individuals within the runanga. The decision around Ngāti Tamakopiri's involvement will be made this coming Saturday. Mr Beggs advised that staff believed they had got their communication right for this project, but they were open to feedback if this view was not shared by the iwi involved.

The Mayor advised that he was always happy to visit with iwi and other community groups if there were concerns about communication. He believed that a face-to-face meeting was often the best way to understand any communication issues and to begin to make amends. Furthermore, there was some confusion within the community between the Amenities Building and Taihape Grandstand – these are two distinct projects. Ms Hiroa suggested that the Mayor include this in his next Mayoral Report (in the newspaper).

Water Fountain in Taihape

Mr Steedman advised that there should be a public water fountain in Taihape, for the purpose of filling water containers. He noted that a drinking water fountain had been set-up in Marton and that it would be good if Taihape could have something similar.

There were mixed views from Komiti members, with some noting that this issue was reflective of a larger concern from some Taihape residents that Taihape was treated unfavourably by Council, compared to Bulls and Marton. Additionally, it was noted that present COVID-19 circumstances would need to be taken into account (e.g., drinking fountains are not being used in schools due to potential health risks).

Regarding the perception of Taihape's unfavourable treatment, the Mayor advised that he disagreed with this viewpoint and that in 2021 Taihape received more capital investment than Marton.

It was agreed that the issue of a water fountain would be raised through the Taihape Community Board.

Bulls Water Treatment Plant

Ms Hiroa asked who the request for engagement had been sent to at Ngāti Raukawa. Mrs Mcilroy was unsure and advised that she will follow-up on this.

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Papakai Pump Station

Regarding the increase of the budget from \$1.5 m to \$5 m, Mr Steedman asked where the extra \$3.5 m was going to come from, noting that there was concern about this increase. Mr Benadie advised that this is an engineer's estimate of the cost and that as staff move through the detailed design process this figure will become more firm. The confirmed budget will then go back to Council for review. Mr Beggs further advised that there are likely to be varying options for the quality and cost of this project, which will be presented to Council for a decision.

Resolved minute number 22/IWI/011

That the Project Management Office Report – January 2021 be **received**.

Mr T Steedman/Ms K Savage. Carried

10.4 Community Development Update - December 2021 and January 2022

Taken as read.

Resolved minute number 22/IWI/012

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

Ms S Peke-Mason/Ms K Savage. Carried

10.5 Economic Development Update - December 2021 and January 2022

Taken as read.

Resolved minute number 22/IWI/013

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

Mr C Shenton/Mr T Steedman. Carried

10.6 Horizons Update

Taken as read.

Resolved minute number 22/IWI/014

That the report 'Horizons Update' be received.

Ms S Peke-Mason/Mr J Allen. Carried

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11 Discussion Items

11.1 Three Waters

Mr Beggs advised that the testing of marae water was ongoing. A recommendation regarding this will be brought back to a future Komiti meeting.

11.2 COVID-19 Vaccination Rates

Ms Hiroa advised that the region vaccination rate is tracking quite well compared to neighbouring regions.

11.3 Climate Change Action Committee

Not discussed.

The meeting closed at 1.28 pm.

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Te Roopuu Ahi Kaa Komiti held on 12 April 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 decision-making 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

Item	From Meeting Date	Details	Person Assigned	Status Comments	Status
1	8-Feb-22	Regarding the Bulls Water Treatment Plant - staff will find out who the request for engagement was sent to (at Ngati Raukawa) and let Ms Kim Savage know.	Adina Foley (formerly Jess Mcilroy)	Staff advised Ms Raukawa who the request was sent to, and she confirmed that was the correct person.	Closed
2	8-Feb-22	As per Ms Hiroa's request - staff indicated that they would add a 'start date' and 'estimated end date' for each project in the PMO report.	Jess Mcilroy	This is now included in PMO reports.	Closed
3	8-Feb-22	Regarding the 'Resource Management Reform - Materials for Discussion from the Ministry for the Environment': Staff to arrange a hui to meet with Mr Chris Shenton and Ms Soraya Peke-Mason to address the questions relating to Māori engagement.	Katrina Gray	Complete. A meeting was held with Mr Shenton and Ms Peke-Mason and the discussion was incorporated into Council's feedback.	Closed
4	8-Feb-22	Staff to distribute advice to Komiti members around the process for attendance and travel claims.	Carol Gordon / Ash Garstang	Advice has been distributed to Komiti members 24 May 22.	Closed
5	14-Dec-21	As per resolution 21/IWI/049 , staff to arrange for the following TRAK members to sign the Welcoming Communities Statement of Commitment for Rangitikei: Ms Tracey Hiroa, Ms Coral Raukawa, Mr Chris Shenton and Mr Pahia Turia.	Aly Thompson	The Statement of Commitment has now been signed by everyone.	Closed
6	14-Dec-21	Ms Thompson will add citizenship ceremonies (specifically the role of tangata whenua in them) as an action point to the welcoming plan for investigating.	Aly Thompson	This is noted in the work plan, and will be raised for consideration internally with relevant parties during the process of developing the Welcoming Plan, which is due to take place from June.	Closed

7	10-Aug-21	Relook at Ngāti Waewae's request to have a representative join the Komiti. Report back to next meeting.	Carol Gordon	A letter has been sent to Ngati Waewae requesting them to be part of a Rangitikei River Accord, a follow-up phonecall has also been made. Update - June - we are still waiting for a response.	In progress
8	10-Aug-21	Staff to add 'Procurement Policies' as a discussion to the next meeting, and attach Council's procurement policy. Discussion to include providing a weighting towards Maori ownership.	Arno Benadie	This was due to go to the April TRAK meeting, but the meeting was cancelled. The Policy went to the Policy/Planning Committee in April and was adopted.	Closed

8 Chair's Report

8.1 Chair's Report - June 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 – June 2022 and Feedback on the Komiti's Workshop' be received.

9 Mayoral Update

9.1 Mayoral Update - May 2022

Author: Andy Watson, His Worship the Mayor

Last week and over the weekend I attended the tangi at Ratana for Harerangi Meihana, known as Harry Mason. Harry was the Tumuaki, or leader, of the Ratana faith and his passing was always going to be reflected in huge numbers of people arriving from throughout the country and Australia to celebrate his life and to think about the future. It was an honour for me to sit on the paepae and to be treated as “mana whenua” or accepted as one of the Ratana community.

This week Council sits to hear the submissions on our Annual Plan. These cover a wide range of subjects including housing, forestry differentials etc. Thank you to all those people who have submitted either in person or by way of written submission. Council tries incredibly hard to arrange public meetings to engage and sometimes the number of people attending is disappointing. Recently, as part of that engagement process, I held public meetings in Bulls, Marton and Taihape around the Three Waters. These meetings were to update people around the Government process and how it is being viewed by a number of different groups. The Marton meeting was difficult with activist groups trying to dominate the meeting with their own agenda, which was that Government has no mandate to rule NZ. These people are entitled to their own view but it was disappointing that others turned up to listen and ask questions only to leave feeling as though they were intimidated.

Onto more cheerful news, on Friday 20 May we will open the new Mangaweka Bridge, a month ahead of schedule. My thanks to Manawatu District Council as project lead, the builders, Iwi and all of the staff involved. There have been sensitivities around the opening process which were resolved by respectful discussion involving all parties.

The Dudding Trust applications are now open and I invite people to make applications now before the closing date of 8 July. The Trust gives out literally hundreds of thousands of dollars annually and every year we get late application requests that we have to decline.

Recently Councillors went to Taihape to look at the progress of the new Amenity Block build on Memorial Park. In spite of covid, it is on track and already looks amazing. Memorial Park will become ‘fit for use’ as visiting sports teams and equestrians have questioned coming because of the inadequate facilities. I have also had the chance to catch up with Darryl and Tyson around where the Squash Club expansion is at. Their leadership is outstanding and with a club membership of, I believe, over 150 members their future is incredibly bright. I have purchased a new squash racquet and shoes this year and I intend to get back on court, even if only at the level to give my granddaughters a hit.

At the time of writing this report Government has not released the budget, which will have impacts on our priorities within this Annual Plan as I am sure there will be further demands of Councils to provide information or associated funding in support of such things as climate change and Three Waters legislation. These processes are incredibly demanding on staff time and resources for a rural council.

Remit – NZTA Funding Review

Following Mayor Holdom’s (New Plymouth District Council) email on 4 May seeking support from Councils, I advised that I would support the remit for consideration at the LGNZ AGM (copy attached). I am seeking Council support on this.

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Recently I attended the Horizons Regional Council Public Forum meeting where I took the concerns that our Council has over the process that we have had to go through for consenting for the Historic Landfill on Putorino Rd. I also used the opportunity to once again voice the concerns of the Koitiata community around the lagoon. The Turakina Beach Community feel very strongly that the recent land reforming by farming companies has resulted in significant run-off issues impacting on the community. Horizons acknowledged my concerns and said they will provide a report for their Councillors' consideration. I await their determination on these matters and attach the letters that I presented at that meeting.

It is important that we also acknowledge the very fine work that Horizons have done at Taihape. They have worked with locals to take all of the willows out of the Hautapu River between the two bridges and treat the stumps with hormone to stop regrowth. This has been a considerable project and will result in an enhanced walkway for the large number of users. A copy of the letter of thanks to Horizons is attached.

Mayors Engagement

May 2022

2	Attended Federated Farmers AGM Attended Hunterville Community Committee Meeting
3	Attended Regional Transport Matters/Regional Chiefs fortnightly Zoom meeting Attended Executive Leadership Team monthly meeting for Governance Q&A Attended Three Waters Mayoral Meeting in Taihape
4	Attended Live Call from Waka Kotahi Attended weekly catchup with Chief Executive
5	Attended DIA Planning Technical Working Group Hui Attended CouncilMARK debrief with assessors
6	Attended fortnightly discussion on Economic Development Attended fortnightly discussion on Spatial Plan Attended Regional Leadership Group fortnightly meeting
8	Met with new Chair of Youth Committee
9	Attended DIA Planning Technical Advisory Group Hui #3 Attended Te Kotahitanga o Rangitikei Whanau Trust Zoom Meeting
10	Attended Omatane Rural Water Scheme Meeting
11	Attended weekly meeting with Chief Executive Attended Three Waters Zoom Update with Minister Mahuta
12	Attended Ratana Marae for whakaeke for Tumuaki Harerangi Meihana
13	Attended Ratana Marae for whakaeke for Tumuaki Harerangi Meihana
15	Attended Ratana Marae for service and burial for Tumuaki Harerangi Meihana

16	Attended breakfast meeting with Mayor Helen Worboys
17	Attended Regional Transport Matters/Regional Chiefs fortnightly Zoom meeting Attended DIA online workshop re Water Services Entity appointment of CEs Attended weekly meeting with Deputy Mayor Attended Welcoming Communities BA5 Event in Marton
18	Met with Kerry from Whanganui Cancer Society to discuss Rangitikei services Met with Pania Winiata – Taihape Community Development Trust
19	Attended Annual Plan – Oral Hearings Attended MDG Meeting in Marton
20	Attended Mangaweka Bridge Opening Ceremony
23	Attended site visit to Ratana wastewater land in Whangaehu
24	Attended Pae Tawhiti Rangitikei Beyond Advisory Group Meeting #7 Attended weekly meeting with Deputy Mayor
25	Attended monthly RDC/Policy update meeting Attended Welcoming Communities BA5 Meeting in Taihape
26	Attended Finance/Performance Committee Meeting Attended Council Meeting Attended Reforms Zoom Update – Mayors, Chairs and CEs
27	To attend Accessing Central NZ Governance Group Zoom Meeting To attend weekly meeting with Chief Executive
29	To attend Suzuki Extreme 4x4 Challenge Event at Turakina
30	To attend weekly meeting with Chief Executive To attend Hunterville Rural Water Supply Sub-Committee Meeting
31	To attend Regional Transport Matters/Regional Chiefs Fortnightly Zoom Meeting To attend meeting with Powerco re new development in Marton To attend DIA Planning Technical Advisory Group Hui #4 To attend weekly meeting with Deputy Mayor To attend Bulls Community Committee Meeting

Attachments

1. Remit - NZTA Funding Review [↓](#)
2. Letter to Horizons Regional Council - Historic Landfill at Putorino [↓](#)
3. Letter to Horizons Regional Council - Koitiata Lagoon [↓](#)
4. Letter to Horizons Regional Council - Hautapu River Work [↓](#)

ITEM 9.1

Recommendation

That the Mayoral Update – May 2022 be received.

**We are.
LGNZ.**

Annual General Meeting 2022

Remit application

Council Proposing Remit:	New Plymouth District Council
Contact Name:	Mayor Neil Holdom
Phone:	
Email:	
Fax:	
Remit passed by: (Zone/Sector meeting and/or list five councils as per policy)	
Remit: That LGNZ call for an independent review into the way in which government, through Waka Kotahi, fund transport investments in Aotearoa. This includes funding of new developments and maintenance programmes.	

Background information and research:

Nature of the issue

A key part of the advocacy role of LGNZ includes being involved in discussions with central government on significant issues affecting local government. This is a critical role that is at the core of the work and purpose of LGNZ.

This remit asks that LGNZ work with government to ensure that an independent review into the funding model of Waka Kotahi is undertaken. The current funding model does not fully recognise the costs of maintenance of roads and related infrastructure and does not provide certainty to councils in setting their own budgets. This appears to be related to funding being heavily reliant on the annual budget of the government of the day and income that varies depending on many factors.

Such a review should consider how long-term projects such as roading should not be so reliant on annual fluctuations and more should be funded through long-term debt such as with local government major infrastructure.

Background to its being raised

The Government Policy Statement on land transport (GPS) states that “transport investments have long lead times, high costs and leave long legacies. Therefore transport planning and investments need to be guided by a long-term strategic approach, with a clear understanding of the outcomes that government is seeking to achieve”.

Over \$4 billion of New Zealanders' money is spent through the national land transport fund each year, which is supplemented by co-investment from local government and additional funding and financing.

The GPS recognises that as the largest co-funder of National Land Transport Programme (NLTP) projects, local government has an important role in building strong, evidence-based projects and programmes for investment. This shows the appropriateness of LGNZ requesting a review is undertaken.

The Ministry of Transport and Waka Kotahi already look to other financing tools for larger intergenerational projects over \$100 million, the review should consider if this goes far enough and options for fixing the massive hole in existing budgets – such as the \$400 million one recently highlighted in Auckland for road maintenance and public transport projects.

The review should also consider the consistency of government actions across various infrastructure. The 3 Waters Reform programme creates new entities to gain “a greater ability to borrow to fund long-term infrastructure” and aims “to protect consumer interests and drive efficient investment and performance”. Government recognises that 3 waters requires long-term investment, but this review is needed to consider that view in relation to transport infrastructure.

New or confirming existing policy

This remit meets the existing aims of LGNZ to represent the national interest of councils in Aotearoa, to ‘decode policy’ and to “help local government run better through development, support and advocacy”. By working with government to ensure an independent review of transport funding is undertaken, LGNZ would help fulfil their Whakamana/Advocate role.

How the issue relates to the LGNZ Strategy and work programmes on critical issues

Transport is, and always has been, a very critical issue for local government. There is a heavy reliance on uncertain Waka Kotahi funding and the need to advocate for investment in our regions. One of the LGNZ priorities is “Ensuring local voice is heard on the important issues – three waters, resource management, housing, transport, climate change and the future for local government”.

What work or action on the issue has been done, and the outcome

Councils around the country have showed dismay at the challenges related to Waka Kotahi and national transport funding. LGNZ have been involved in previous work around this and will be able to provide more information.

Any existing relevant legislation, policy or practice

The Land Transport Management Act 2003, Government Policy Statement on land transport and the National Land Transport Programme outline governments position. The LGNZ strategy highlights the importance of transport issues for local government.

Outcome of any prior discussion at a Zone or Sector meeting

Evidence of support from Zone/Sector meeting or five council

Suggested course of action envisaged

It is suggested that LGNZ work with government to ensure an independent review of land transport funding in New Zealand is undertaken. This should include the funding of new transport infrastructure and maintenance and how best to fund these in a realistic, efficient and equitable manner alongside local government.

FROM THE
OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

27 April 2022

Horizons Regional Council
Attention Dr Rachel Keedwell**Landfill Remediation, Putorino Road**

Tēnā koe Rachel,

In response to your letter dated 15 February 2022.

The resource consent for the remediation of the historic landfill on Putorino Road was granted in March 2021 and physical works began on 1 April 2021.

The consent application included a certified erosion and sediment control plan, and the relevant consent condition stated "Ms Whale has stated that the sheet piles are to remain in place until the material is excavated and removed from the site. The application states that the cleanfill will be put in place above the bund level and dirty water from the site will be directed around the earth bund. Ms Whale acknowledges that the sheet piles will be removed from the river bed after this process has been carried out."

We acknowledge that it was a condition of the consent that Horizons written approval was required before any erosion and sediment control measure (being the sheet piling) could be removed.

On 1 July 2021 at a site visit, Horizons personnel indicated they were not willing to allow removal of all of the sheet piling at completion as the flow of the river would wash away existing alluvial deposits and any clean fill replaced at the site. Willow planting was discussed as a means to stabilise the bank, with willows to be provided by Horizons and Horizons to provide methodology for willow stabilisation planting.

Our concern about the sheet piling removal was elevated to Nic Peet. Email from Nic Peet on 5 July 2021:

"... I have spoken to our river management team and our compliance and consents teams. My advice basically remains the same i.e. once the consent for Putorino has been satisfied then the piling can be removed. I understand that there is still rubbish being removed so you may want to check that. Clearly if there is still rubbish being cleared then none of us want that to end up in the river. The piling is attached to the consent to remediate the landfill rather than being a long term erosion control mechanism. I further understand that our river management team think that backfilling as required by the consent may simply end up with the fill being eroded and adding another slug of

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sediment to the river. If that is the case then it would seem pointless to do it. If RDC could confirm this than that would be great. Our river management team have indicated that they do not see value in back filling but do see value in the planned planting. ...”

Physical works were complete on 16 July 2021, and we intended to remove the sheet piles on 26 July 2021.

Horizons consent compliance and river engineer personnel visited the site on 21 July 2021 and were not satisfied that the site was stabilised to allow the removal of the sheet piles – we had not backfilled with clean material as we understood we were in agreement with Dr Peet, that any clean fill would be washed away and wasn’t required. Horizons compliance personnel would not agree to the sheet piling being removed without another form of bank stabilisation.

Our consultants went back and forward with Horizons, and struggled to reach an agreement with them. Willow planting was put forward by our consultants based on previous discussions with Horizons but this was no longer agreed to as a sufficient means of stabilisation.

Eventually the only proposal our consultants could get agreement on was installing rock rip rap on the bed of the river against the bank. A stabilisation plan was put forward to Horizons on 29 July 2021 showing this.

On 4 August Horizons compliance staff stated that they didn’t agree with the timing of the sheet pile removal again. They were referred back to the stabilisation plan from 29 July 2021.

Approval was finally received on 6 August, and required the willows to be planted at the same time as sheet piling would be removed.

Horizons advised on 6 September that the willows were ready to be planted. The rock rip rap was then installed, and then sheet piling was removed in the week ending 24 September 2021. The willows were planted shortly after.

Our view is that Horizons deviated from the consent by refusing to allow the removal of the sheet piling, and providing inconsistent advice for more than a month between July and August.

The willow planting, rock rip rap and other stabilisation methods were required by Horizons when the excavation work was complete, and were not included in the plans that Horizons approved when they issued the consent. This extra work has cost more than \$300,000, not including the costs arising from the delay. As the cost of remediation is an operational expense, it has a negative impact on our debt levels which is challenging for a rural council with a small ratepayer base to manage. We look forward to arriving at a suitable agreement with you.

Yours faithfully



Andy Watson
Mayor

FROM THE
OFFICE OF THE MAYOR



27 April 2022

Horizons Regional Council
Attention Dr Rachel Keedwell

Koitiata Lagoon Presentation

Tēnā koe Rachel,

I wish also to raise formally my concerns around the Koitiata Lagoon. "The Lagoon" has been on the table for discussion from the residents for several years. They and our Council believe that the land reforming and development work to the south-east of Turakina Beach has contributed significantly to water run-off to the lagoon.

For years the sand dunes were breached without consent to alleviate that situation. Like Horizons, we accept that the proper approach would be by way of a resource consent. When I have discussed this with Horizons the answer given was that there was no scheme funding mechanism to support this process. On the advice from Horizons I submitted on behalf of Council the need for Horizons to review their funding principles. Nothing has happened. I am frustrated that continual requests to the Chair, Chief Executive and Councillors to visit the community have by and largely been ignored. The effects on the community are high with the water tables resulting in the campground and playground not being used and the road and surrounding properties being adversely affected.

Surface run-off is an environmental effect and is rightly the function of Horizons who should take responsibility. We and the community believe that Horizons was deficient in allowing the large scale reforming of land without understanding the effects. We ask that Horizons fund a resource consent and work with the community.

Yours faithfully

Andy Watson
Mayor

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10 May 2022

Chief Executive, Chair and Councillors
Horizons Regional Council
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PALMERSTON NORTH

We would like to congratulate Horizons Regional Council on the significant work that has been undertaken around the Hautapu Walkways in Taihape in conjunction with the Hautapu River Volunteer Group. The willows have recently been cleared from the river which involved an extensive amount of work and has transformed the area.

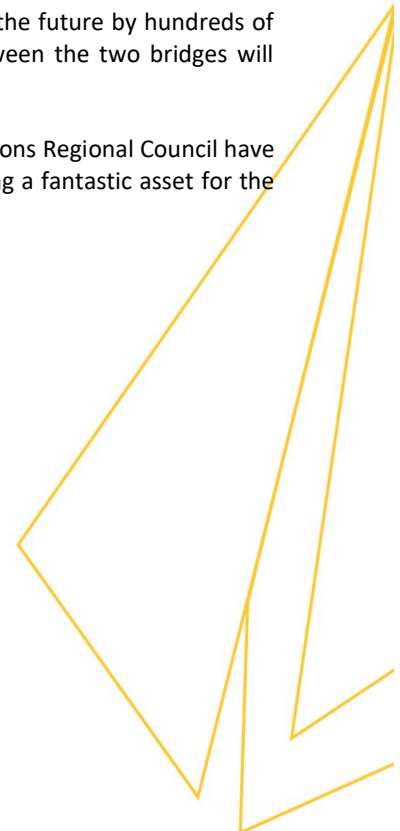
This is a popular recreational reserve currently used extensively and in the future by hundreds of people. The plans that include swing bridges across the Hautapu between the two bridges will further enhance the area.

This project has been one where the Rangitikei District Council and Horizons Regional Council have demonstrated they can work collaboratively to achieve what is becoming a fantastic asset for the region.

Yours sincerely

Peter Beggs
Chief Executive

Andy Watson
Mayor



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10 Reports for Decision

10.1 Appointment of Deputy Chair

Author: Ash Garstang, Governance Advisor

Authoriser: Carol Gordon, Group Manager - Democracy & Planning

1. Reason for Report

- 1.1 Mr Curtis advised via email on 07 April 2022 that he is stepping down as Deputy Chair of the Te Roopuu Ahi Kaa Komiti. The Chair of the Komiti has requested that a new Deputy Chair be appointed. This report provides the process for the appointment of the Deputy Chair.

2. Process for Appointing a Deputy Chair

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

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

- (a) the voting system in subclause (3) (**system A**)
- (b) the voting system in subclause (4) (**system B**)

(3) **System A–**

- (a) requires that a person is elected or appointed if he or she receives the votes of a majority of the members of the local authority or committee present and voting; and
- (b) has the following characteristics:
 - (i) there is a first round of voting for all candidates; and
 - (ii) if no candidate is successful in that round there is a second round of voting from which the candidate with the fewest votes in the first round is excluded; and
 - (iii) if no candidate is successful in the second round there is a third, and if necessary subsequent, round of voting from which, each time, the candidate with the fewest votes in the previous round is excluded; and
 - (iv) in any round of voting, if 2 or more candidates tie for the lowest number of votes, the person excluded from the next round is resolved by lot.

(4) **System B–**

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

(b) has the following characteristics:

- (i) there is only 1 round of voting; and
- (ii) if 2 or more candidates tie for the most votes, the tie is resolved by lot.

Recommendation 1

That the report 'Appointment of Deputy Chair' be received.

Recommendation 2

That System A be used to elect the Deputy Chair of the Te Roopuu Ahi Kaa Komiti.

OR

That System B be used to elect the Deputy Chair of the Te Roopuu Ahi Kaa Komiti.

Recommendation 3

That _____ be appointed as Deputy Chair of the Te Roopuu Ahi Kaa Komiti.

11 Reports for Information

11.1 Marton to Bulls Centralisation Project – Update *(Hamish Lowe to speak at 11.15 am)*

Author: Clare John, Project Manager

Authoriser: Arno Benadie, Chief Operating Officer

1. Reason for Report

- 1.1 Hamish Lowe from Lowe Environmental Impact, will attend the Komiti meeting and provide an update on the Marton to Bulls Centralisation Project at 11.15 am.

2. Context

- 2.1 In March 2022 a report was presented to Council to seek approval to engage Lowe Environmental in a staged manner to undertake the project management and consenting for the Marton to Bulls Wastewater Centralisation Project.
- 2.2 The Marton to Bulls wastewater centralisation scope includes four 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.
- 2.3 Council approved engagement with Lowe Environmental Impact, who have been working with the PMO since that time.

Recommendation

That the report 'Marton to Bulls Centralisation Project – Update' be received.

11.2 Project Management Office Report - May 2022**Author:** Arno Benadie, Chief Operating Officer**Authoriser:** Arno Benadie, Chief Operating Officer**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 Amenities Building
6. Taihape Grandstand
7. Marton Rail Hub
8. Marton Water Strategy
9. 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 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

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Project Status				
<p>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.</p> <p>The project is funding by Waka Kotahi, Rangitikei District Council and Manawatu District Council, and project managed by Manawatu District Council.</p> <p>The bridge is opening on Friday 20 May 2022, a month earlier than scheduled, with a blessing and unveiling of the pou by Ngāti Hauiti. The approach road on the Manawatu side will be constructed when the bridge is open, with an overall completion forecast for June 2022.</p> <p><i>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.</i></p>				
Project Budget		\$4,953,345	Spend to Date	\$4,024,827
Estimated Costs to Complete		\$928,518	Forecast Cost at Completion	\$4,953,345
% Spent of Forecast Cost		81%	Variance: Forecast Cost / Budget	0%
Project Start Date (MM-YY)		01-18	Project Completion Date (MM-YY)	06-22
Metric	Trend	Comment		
Health and Safety		No near misses or lost time injuries to report.		
Programme		Construction due to be completed July 2022 and is currently on programme.		
Cost		The project is currently within budget.		
Quality		No concerns to date.		
Risk		Working at heights and over the water, in proximity to the public, is inherently risky; this risk has been downgraded as the construction of the bridge is complete, with only the approach road and guardrails to go.		
Tasks completed last month	Prepare bridge for opening.			
Tasks forecast this month	Blessing and opening of the bridge Progression of the approach road on the Manawatu side. Currently awaiting the Maintenance Management Plan for the old bridge from WSP. We are working with the Mangaweka Heritage Incorporation to agree and finalise a date to hand over the management of the use of the old bridge.			

2. Marton to Bulls Wastewater Centralisation Project

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

Project Status			
<p>The Marton to Bulls wastewater centralisation scope includes 4 subprojects:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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 <p>Three independent members have been appointed to the Project Advisory Board, with the first meeting being organised for Q2 2022.</p> <p>Project signboards were erected in December advising of the works and acknowledging co-funding from Crown Infrastructure Partners. Construction is progressing.</p> <p>Our Resource Consent application for the open-trenching component of the works has been accepted by Horizons (noting that consent has not been granted), and mitigation and impacts were discussed with Iwi during December.</p> <p>Lowe Environmental (LEI) have been contracted to project manage the wider project, with the Group Manager Assets and Infrastructure holding the design authority for the solution. The Group Manager Assets and Infrastructure will commission peer review of the solution should this be required.</p> <p>RDC is engaging with MDC regarding lessons they've learned from their own wastewater centralisation project.</p>			
Sub-project A Budget	\$10,000,000	Sub-project A Spend to Date	\$4,029,350
Sub-project B Budget	\$7,400,000	Sub-project B Spend to Date	\$0
Sub-project C Budget	\$250,000	Sub-project C Spend to Date	\$0
Sub-project D Budget	\$7,350,000	Sub-project D Spend to Date	\$0
Project Budget	\$25,000,000	Project Spend	\$4,029,350
Estimated Costs to Complete	\$20,970,650	Forecast Cost at Completion	\$25,000,000
% Spent of Forecast Cost	16%	Variance Forecast Cost / Budget	0%
Project Start Date (MM-YY)	06-20	Project Completion Date (MM-YY)	06-25
Metric	Trend	Comment	
Health and Safety		No near misses or lost time injuries to report.	

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Programme		<p>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.</p> <p>The part of the pipeline that was funded by the 3-water stimulus funding was complete on 30 April 2022 – the deadline for spending this funding was 30 June 2022.</p>
Cost		<p>The budgets for all sub-projects will be assessed when land has been sourced.</p> <p>\$3,880,000 of the pipeline cost has been agreed to be funded by DIA through the 3-waters stimulus funding.</p>
Quality		<p>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 have engaged Kingston Infrastructure Ltd to be the on-site project liaison and Engineers Representative, to support delivery and verify construction milestones.</p>
Risk		<p>The risk of not finding suitable disposal land (sub-project B), and of difficulties with feasibility of construction remains.</p> <p>There is a risk of the granting of the resource consent for open trenching being delayed due to the workload of Iwi at the moment and challenges with their capacity.</p>
Tasks completed last month		<p>Iwi consultation continued</p> <p>Fourth payment claim received</p> <p>Design of pipe bridge continuing</p> <p>Contracting of Lowe Environmental.</p> <p>Initial meeting held with LEI. Outlined details such as scope of work, team involved, org chart, programme. Weekly meetings with PMO office have commenced.</p>
Tasks forecast this month		<p>Horizons consent to be progressed (awaiting iwi sign off)</p> <p>First advisory board meeting to be scheduled.</p> <p>Construction of wastewater pipeline to progress</p> <p>Monthly updates to Horizons regarding consent will begin.</p> <p>Update TRAK on iwi engagement for the project.</p>

3. Lake Waipu Improvement and Ratana Wastewater Treatment Project

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Project Status			
<p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Further information is contained in Section 9 of this report.</p>			
Project Budget	\$2,425,000	Spend to Date	\$182,234
Estimated Costs to Complete	\$2,242,766	Forecast Cost at Completion	\$2,425,000
% Spent of Forecast Cost	7.5%	Variance: Forecast Cost / Budget	0%
Project Start Date (MM-YY)	07-18	Project Completion Date (MM-YY)	06-23
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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wetland Delineation Report confirmed two natural wetlands • Tight timeframe to get work completed by June 2023, for MfE funding for the project. Council is working with consultants to assist with planning the forward works programme. • Land constraints to be worked through as part of design. • Proximity to Whangaeahu River, degree of interconnection between groundwater and the river to be worked through as part of the Assessment of Environmental Effects (AEE) work as could 	

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		have implications for degree of nutrient removal from effluent that may be required
Tasks Completed Last Month		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Further preparation of the ecological assessment and restoration plan (awaiting on iwi feedback following hui on 22nd April where draft planting lists were discussed and circulated) • Organised meeting the Horizons Regional Council staff for 17 May to discuss initial findings of the groundwater assessments and to run through the technical reporting proposed to support the consent application. • Consideration of set-back distances, nutrient options, pipe design, recommended management areas • Finalising of the onsite groundwater investigation reports • Organised drillers to install the monitoring bores June to help get clarification on the existing environmental conditions and help with on-going monitoring • Drafting of the preliminary irrigation design including sizing of storage. • Pipeline initial design and progress the wastewater design • Meeting with asset management team to work through logistics and cost implications
Tasks Forecast This Month		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting with Horizons Regional Council on 17 May to discuss the technical reports that are being prepared and overview of what is to be sought in the application • Further preparation of the Ecological Impact Assessment, Restoration Plan, and Irrigation Design. • Drafting of the resource consent application/ AEE






4. Bulls Bus Lane and Town Square

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Project Status				
The scope of this project is 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 begun on 26 October 2021. The bus lane was completed on 16 March 2022, and the town square was complete on 1 April 2022.				
The final items to complete this project are the operationalisation of the bus lane, and installation of artwork.				
Project Budget (Bus Lane and Town Square)		\$1,025,603	Spend to Date	\$910,900
Estimated Costs to Complete		\$114,703	Forecast Cost at Completion	\$1,025,603
% Spent of Forecast Cost		88%	Variance: Forecast Cost / Budget	0%
Project Start Date (MM-YY)		10-21	Project Completion Date (MM-YY)	07-22
Metric	Trend	Comment		
Health and Safety		No near misses or lost time injuries to report.		
Programme		Construction is well underway. The start date was 26 October 2021 and completion date of the bus lane was 16 March 2022, and the town square is 1 April 2022. The completion date for the bus lane accounted for 20 days extension of time.		
Cost		69% (\$97,247) of the \$140,000 contingency for the project’s construction phase has been committed. The PMO does not expect exceeding the project contingency, and overall expects to finish within budget.		
Quality		Finalisation of the Town Square, with artwork, seating, and rubbish bins, is underway.		
Risk		Bus operators identified operational improvements to the Bulls bus lane after a one-month trial period. The proposed improvements have been completed to the satisfaction of the bus operators and they are now happy to start using the bus lane		
Tasks completed last month	Continue working with Ngāti Parewahawaha on finalised plan with artwork. Implementing improvements to the bus lane (line markings and signage) as a result of user feedback.			
Tasks forecast this month	Install artwork by Ngāti Parewahawaha.			

5. Taihape Amenities Building

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Projects Status				
The scope of this project is the construction of a new Taihape Amenities Building. Construction began in March 2022.				
Project Budget		\$4,648,757	Spend to Date	\$1,112,480
Estimated Costs to Complete		\$3,536,277	Forecast Cost at Completion	\$4,648,757
% Spent of Forecast Cost		23.9%	Variance: Forecast Cost / Budget	0%
Project Start Date (MM-YY)		11-2020	Project Completion Date (MM-YY)	10-2022
Metric	Trend	Comment		
Health and Safety		No near misses or lost time injuries to report.		
Programme		Programme for Amenities Building on track. Construction started March 2022. There is a high risk of delay caused by supply challenges and COVID – this is being monitored closely by the contractor and the PMO.		
Cost		Any scope changes will impact on the amenities budget – the PMO would require Council endorsement before approving any other work.		
Quality		New building construction work only started when all design completed, and scope confirmed (lessons learned from Bulls Te Matapihi).		
Risk		There is a high risk of delay caused by supply challenges and COVID – this is being monitored closely by the contractor and the PMO.		
Tasks completed last month	Construction commenced Communications update on various channels All piles and floor slabs have now been installed			
Tasks forecast this month	Construction to continue. Communication to continue.			



6. Taihape Grandstand






Projects Status

The scope of this project is the detailed design of the endorsed strengthening concept design for the Taihape Grandstand (consulted on during LTP period, with a final resolution to be made in June or July 2022).

Design is underway to provide costings of the strengthening of the Grandstand.

\$1m was allowed for the Grandstand in the 2021 LTP. Current projections of projects costs are estimated to be well above committed budget. Therefore, additional funding will have to be secured.






A separate paper was presented to Council in March 2022 to resolve next steps and future Council staff involvement – the resolutions were for staff to support the Taihape Heritage Trust with their fundraising for improvements to the Grandstand, and that no building work would be undertaken on the Grandstand until the Heritage status was confirmed and financing for construction in place.

Project Budget		\$1,000,000	Spend to Date	\$197,514
Estimated Costs to Complete		Unknown	Forecast Cost at Completion	Unknown
% Spent of Forecast Cost		Unknown	Variance: Forecast Cost / Budget	0%
Project Start Date (MM-YY)		11/2020	Project Completion Date (MM-YY)	Unknown
Metric	Trend	Comment		
Health and Safety		No near misses or lost time injuries to report.		
Programme		There is a high risk of delay caused by supply challenges and COVID – this is being monitored closely by the contractor and the PMO.		
Cost		The \$1m budget for the Grandstand includes investigation, staff time, design, consenting, and some construction works. Once detailed design has been completed the PMO will ask the QS to review the pricing and amend the estimate. This will then be presented back to council in a report in August 2022.		
Quality		Construction work to be planned once detailed design is completed and presented to Council for decision.		
Risk		No concerns to date. There is a risk of poor public perception of the grandstand strengthening. public consultation has been undertaken to reduce the risk. There is a high risk of delay caused by supply challenges and COVID – this is being monitored closely by the contractor and the PMO.		
Tasks completed last month	Detailed design work continuing, including a possible staged approach for construction. These were expected back early April, but consultant has requested an extension of time. Should be received by end of June 2022.			

	Received the Fire Design Plan.
Tasks forecast this month	Detailed design expected back within the next three months. PMO to continue engagement with the Taihape heritage group, possibly meeting at the next committee meeting. Continue to work on communication with the public, to ensure the public are being given accurate information on programme.

7. Marton Industrial Park and Rail Hub

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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%
Project Start Date (MM-YY)		11-20	Project Completion Date (MM-YY)	01-24
Metric	Trend	Comment		
Health and Safety		No near misses or lost time injuries to report.		
Programme		An Environment Court hearing date has now been set for the week commencing 12 September 2022, in Levin. Programming can now be undertaken based on a resolution to the district plan change in September 2022.		
Cost		The cost estimate for the rail siding construction exceeds the current budget. The project team is looking at funding and investment options.		
Quality		Quality issues arose with the initial preliminary design of the rail siding. Design revisions are complete, and the quality risk was resolved by the end of May 2021.		
Risk		The programme is dictated by the plan change process. The cost estimate for the rail siding exceeds the current budget.		
Tasks completed last month	Limited consultation on the CDP closed. Environment Court has a pre-hearing conference on 10 May 2022. Engagement of experts for evidence exchange ahead of the hearing			
Tasks forecast this month	Briefs of evidence to be prepared by experts ahead of the hearing. Conferencing between Council’s experts and other party’s experts			

8. Marton Water Strategy – Sub-project A (New Bore)**ITEM 11.2****Project Status**

A new bore is required to replace existing infrastructure to supply potable water to Marton. The Marton Water Strategy comprises of three sub-projects:

Sub-project A: Construction of new raw water bore (this report)

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


Sub-project C: Construction of new treatment plant

Sub-project A will deliver a new bore that will, when sub-projects B and C are also completed, provide potable water to Marton that meets the NZ Drinking Water Standards. The scope of sub-project A includes:





- 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 currently in the tendering phase for the drilling contractor.

Sub-projects B and C will commence when sub-project A is near completion. At this stage, staff will look at options for the use of the dams once we are drawing Marton water from a bore. This will include looking at restoring flow to the Tutaenui Stream. All work is expected to be completed by 1 July 2024.






Sub-Project A Budget		\$1,000,000	Spend to Date	\$95,591
Estimated Costs to Complete		\$904,409	Forecast Cost at Completion	\$1,000,000
% Spent of Forecast Cost		9.6%	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.		

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Programme		RFT was advertised by RDC 04 May and closes 2 June 2022. A report to Council recommending the tender award is scheduled for 30 June 2022, subject to the tender evaluation process. The project programme will be updated following the tender evaluation.
Cost		The project currently remains within budget. The tender processes for bore construction and site preparation will give greater clarity to project budget requirements.
Quality		No concerns to date.
Risk		Iwi engagement is fundamental at this stage of the project to ensure the approach, location and design are acceptable to local Iwi. As per the project plan, RDC hold responsibility for this engagement. A risk has arisen through staff movements at RDC. The project management team will need to ensure continuity should there be personnel changes in the RDC project team
Tasks completed last month		RFT was advertised 4 May. Bore construction site has been confirmed.
Tasks forecast this month		Receive tenders for the bore drilling.

9. Regional Treatment Plant Consenting Programme

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Programme Status			
<p>A consultant (WSP) has been engaged to deliver a programme of treatment plant consents for Rangitikei District Council. The contract is for four years.</p> <p>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:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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	\$494,920	Spend to Date	\$174,295
Estimated Costs to Complete	\$320,625	Forecast Cost at Completion	\$494,920
% Spent of Forecast Cost	35%	Variance: Forecast Cost / Budget	0%
Project Start Date (MM-YY)	04-21	Project Completion Date (MM-YY)	12-23
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, various variations prepared. Technical assessments price for Ratana WWTP were greater than provisional sum estimates but agreed with client.	
Quality		No concerns to date.	
Risk		<p>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.</p> <p>Risk 2: Scope creep – nothing identified at this stage, early variations identified by RDC.</p> <p>Risk 3: Cost of upgrades. Not known at this stage, needs to be balanced against stakeholder expectations. Watching brief to be kept</p> <p>Risk 4: Delivery of Cultural Impact Assessment (CIA). Continue to work with RDC and iwi to understand information requirements and implications as they come to hand. Ongoing consultation is allowed for.</p>	

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		<p>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.</p> <p>Risk 6: Preferred site for Ratana may face consent challenges due to dunes having been identified as rare habitat (under Schedule F of the Horizons One Plan), Natural wetlands present which are being considered in the Ecological Impact Assessment.</p>
Tasks completed last month	<p><u>Ratana</u> Further drafting of the ecological assessment and restoration plan Trying to organise meeting the Horizons Regional Council staff to discuss initial findings of the groundwater assessments and to run through the technical reporting proposed to support the consent application Consideration of set-back distances, nutrient options, pipe design Completion of the onsite groundwater investigation reports Organised drillers to install the monitoring bores next months to help get clarification on the existing environmental conditions and help with on-going monitoring Drafting of the irrigation design, Organised an in-person hui / site visit for Friday 22nd of April.</p> <p><u>Taihape WWTP</u> Completion of Short-Term Improvements Report (this outlined principals' approach to what the best options are for improving performance with current system). RDC are currently working through the technical reports provided by WSP and to confirm what recommendations will be taking forward. WSP awaiting on RDC before this can progress Hui 26 April 2022</p> <p><u>Taihape WTP</u> Sent the Taihape Water Intake flow control options Final report to Sarah Sandilands at Horizons</p> <p><u>Bulls WTP</u> Follow up email sent to Ngāti Apa requesting another meeting, if required, to obtain feedback on cultural effects. Follow up email sent to Ngāti Raukawa ki te Tonga Responses from hydrologists collated into section 92 response letter</p>	
Tasks forecast this month	<p><u>Ratana</u> Meeting with Horizons Regional Council to discuss the technical reports that are being prepared and overview of what is to be sought in the application Meeting with asset management team to work through logistics and cost implications Hui / site visit to further consult on restoration plan. Further preparation of the Ecological Impact Assessment, Restoration Plan, and Irrigation Design. Drafting of the resource consent application/ Assessment of Environmental Effects (AEE) Pipeline initial design and progress the wastewater design</p>	

	<p><u>Taihape WWTP</u> Technical task briefs once short-term preferences are confirmed Planning assessment</p> <p><u>Taihape WTP</u> Receive an amended scope from consultants with focus on preliminary investigations re storage options from hydrology perspective as well as high level overview of what else could be done in study to assess alternative sources for the water supply</p> <p><u>Bulls WTP</u> A follow-up meeting will be organised to prepare responses with regards to reasonable use once we receive feedback from MDC and Iwi. RDC staff will continue to follow up on progress with this</p>
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Miscellaneous**1. Marton Memorial Hall**

Upgrade of the bathroom works has started and is estimated to take 6 weeks. This includes the installation of an additional fire exit door in the main hall.

Stage Two also includes the installation of a heating/cooling system, after tendering out to 3 suppliers we have awarded the contract for this work. There is a six-to-eight-month delay on supply of the product, but this has now been ordered. Delivery and installation dates are unknown at this stage and dependant on the delay mentioned above.

2. Papakai Pump Station



















The detailed design of the new Papakai Pump Station was received in the middle of May 2022. This is now with the contractor for pricing. The revised cost is expected to be presented to the June 2022 Council meeting for Elected Member consideration.

3. Bulls Water Rising Main

The delivery of this new watermain is delayed as the contractor, who is currently installing the Marton to Bulls pipeline, has been impacted by Covid-19 and is prioritising the completion of Marton to Bulls pipeline before commencing the Bulls water rising main. More communications will be made public closer to the start of the water rising main.

4. Detailed Seismic Assessments

Staff are waiting on two further seismic assessments, Hunterville Town Hall, and Marton Swim Centre.

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 – May 2022 be received.

11.3 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 March 2022 to 31 May 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	Cultural Strategy <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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	<i>Plenty research and brainstorming done with plans to get back together with key staff to discuss next steps.</i> <i>There is a need to find an alternative option for funding for this to go ahead.</i>	
		- 1 Māori rangatahi elected to represent the Rangitikei District Council on the TUIA programme.	<i>Discussions with the Mayor have taken place. A new selection process will be discussed and used in the future.</i>	
		- 100% of new staff attend the district tour as part of their induction	<i>No dates set at this stage for any future 'tipi haere' for 2022.</i>	
	Cultural Experience / Cultural Identity <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rangitikei District Council Tipi Haere (Staff District Tour) Increase the visibility of Māori culture in our district via artwork and design 	- Use of Te Reo Māori is embedded into all aspects of Council	<i>Te Reo Māori translations are now being used at an operational level ie. policy, planning, communications, project management office, reception etc.</i>	
		- Bilingual signs or signage are widely used across all Council sites	<i>Internal and external signage have been created in both English and Te Reo Māori.</i> <i>Marton to Bulls Wastewater Centralisation Project signs are up along Wellington Road and State Highway 3. These signs include a Te Reo Māori aspect referring to Councils 'kaupapa matua' (top projects).</i>	






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	Cultural competency and awareness <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increase the Council capacity to demonstrate appropriate cultural competence Te Reo Māori Lessons for Beginners (external tutor) 	- 100% of staff engaged in cultural awareness activities	<i>This has been hard to achieve due to the impacts of Covid. We currently have roughly 20% of the organisation engaged in cultural awareness activities. The goal is to increase the awareness and engagement in 2022/2023.</i>	
		- 50% of staff engaged in Te Reo Māori Lessons for Beginners	<i>Te Reo Māori lessons for Council staff have resumed for 2022. These lessons are being held between Te Matapihi and Council Chambers.</i>	
	Iwi Narratives (Telling the iwi story) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Engage with hapū and iwi 	- Facilitate a process around telling each iwi story. Seek funding through our Annual Plan.	<i>Visit each marae over a 12-month period. Dates to be confirmed.</i>	
		- Updates following Te Roopuu Ahi Kaa meeting.	<i>Our Te Ao Māori newsletter 'Te Hononga' is distributed every two months using our iwi database. The database keeps growing. No issue was sent out in April due to the cancellation of TRAK. Next issue will be published and distributed in June.</i>	
	To assist and support with other ethnic communities	- Engage with the Pacifica community / other ethnic communities when necessary	<i>Despite the engagement with the churches regarding Councils Spatial Plan, more is needed.</i>	
Democracy & Planning (Carol Gordon)	Governance <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provide cultural advice to ELT, Mayor, Elected members on significant issues 	- Cultural advice provided to all members when appropriate	<i>Continue to work closely with members of ELT and the Mayor on certain projects or workloads.</i>	
	Te Roopuu Ahi Kaa	- Attend 100% of Te Roopuu Ahi Kaa meetings or hui (when required)	<i>Attend 100% of Te Roopuu Ahi Kaa meetings in 2022.</i>	





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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Report to each Te Roopuu Ahi Kaa meeting 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Organise 1 Te Roopuu Ahi Kaa meeting to be held off-site, in agreement with TRAK 	<i>All Te Roopuu Ahi Kaa members support the idea of meetings being held off-site and on marae or at Te Poho o Tuariki.</i>	
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Attendance of significant hui with hapū/iwi on request of Te Roopuu Ahi Kaa or Council 	<i>Significant hui to be organised and held at each marae in the district regarding matters impacting their marae.</i>	
	Marae Development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provide opportunities for Marae Development 	<i>Council staff have been engaged with marae in the district regarding Marae Water Assessments, which have gone very well. All marae assessments have been successfully completed. RDC have gone back to each marae with the findings and recommendations from those assessments. We are working through the next stages.</i>	
	Marae Development Fund	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 Marae Development Fund recipient each year 		
	Relationships	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Establish and maintain relationships with hapū, iwi and marae 	<i>Regular meetings and engagements have continued with marae in the district regarding marae water assessments. These visits add value to the long-standing relationships we have with whānau, hapū and iwi.</i>	
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Establish a number of formal relationships established with Māori entities 	<i>The working relationship between the Rātana Communal Board and Council is still to be discussed. Peter is leading these conversations. A request was sent to Ngāti Waewae via Te Kotahitanga o Ngāti Tūwharetoa to establish a working relationship through a Rangitīkei River Accord. We are awaiting a progress update. We</i>	







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			<i>can't move this forward until we have an official response from Ngāti Waewae. No update since.</i>	
	Communications <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provide advice and assistance to the Communications Team on cultural awareness, cultural matters and Te Reo Māori expertise, when necessary 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cultural advice and assistance provided when appropriate 	<i>Translations and advice provided i.e. internal and external signage, Council building signs, Library resources, Council documents etc</i>	
	Input into Policies, Plans, Bylaws, Strategies <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Advocate and present plans to relevant iwi and Maori entities Pae Tawhiti Rangitikei Beyond (Spatial Plan) Destination Rangitikei (Destination Management Plan) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hapū/iwi/Māori are consulted within the spirit of Tikanga in the development of any Policies, Plans, Bylaws, Strategies 	<i>Workshops to be organised and held with hapū/iwi/Māori when required.</i>	
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Papakāinga provisions in the District Plan consider the aspirations of hapū / iwi 	<i>Discussions with whānau / hapū / iwi / marae through various avenues to continue to help Council identify their aspirations to build papakāinga in the district.</i>	
People & Culture (Sharon Grant)	Emergency Management / Civil Defence <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ensure all Marae have emergency preparedness plans, Report to TRAK on the status of these plans RDC Welfare and Covid Team (Red Team) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> At least one marae plan developed each year 	<i>Arrangements are needed to meet with marae in the district to assist them with the development of a Marae Emergency Preparedness Plan. Some marae already have a plan in place.</i>	





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	Assist with the development of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Matariki Awards (Staff Awards) • Ngā Pou (Values) • Ara Poutama (Pathway to Excellence – Career and Performance Development Plan) • Kete Mātauranga (Basket of Knowledge) • Mahere Ako (Learning Plan) • Staff whakatau (New staff welcoming orientation) • Cultural Staff Induction (Council and Tāngata Whenua Induction) 	- 100% of new staff attend the cultural staff induction	<i>All new staff have attended and participated in their respective staff cultural inductions for 2022. Continue to be successful in 2022.</i>	
		- 100% of staff engaged in cultural tikanga training and awareness ie. Cultural Pop-Ups, Ngā Pou Workshops etc	<i>This has been hard to achieve due to the impacts of Covid. We currently have roughly 20% of the organisation engaged in cultural awareness activities. The goal is to increase the awareness and engagement in 2022/2023.</i>	
		- A staff whakatau held every 3 months – 100% attendance from staff	<i>New staff to participate and attend their staff whakatau in 2022. Staff whakatau held on 24 May at Te Matapihi was another successful one.</i>	
		- 100% of staff attend cultural Induction	<i>All staff have attended and participated in their respective cultural inductions. Very successful for 2022.</i>	
Assets & Infrastructure (Arno Benadie)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide assistance to the Project Management Office (PMO) on cultural matters relating to projects 	- Cultural advice and assistance provided when appropriate	<i>Continue to meet with Councils PMO Team on a fortnightly basis. We talk about their projects and how we can avoid any mishaps which in turn has a negative impact on our hapū and iwi relationships.</i>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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	<i>The Mangaweka Bridge Project Opening was successful.</i>	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provide assistance to the Parks and Reserves Team on cultural matters relating to projects 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cultural advice and assistance provided when appropriate 	Assistance and expertise have been provided towards the review of the Cemetery and Burial Guidebook.	
Community Services (Gaylene Prince)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provide expert input into areas that involve hapū/iwi for the community services function of Council 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Welcoming Communities Economic Development 	<p>Currently working closely with the Welcoming Communities Coordinator Aly Thompson and Rhianna Flaherty on how iwi can be involved in shaping how we welcome people to our district. Meetings have been planned.</p> <p>Work with the Strategic Advisor for Economic Development Jaime Reibel, when necessary.</p>	
	Input into Policies, Plans, Strategies: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Destination Management Plan (Destination Rangitikei) Economic Development Plan Housing Strategy 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hapū/iwi/Māori are consulted with in the spirit of Tikanga in the development of an Economic Strategy, Housing Strategy & the Destination Management Plan 	Workshops / hui to be organised and held with hapū/iwi/Māori when required.	
	Rangatahi (Youth) Development & Engagement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rangatahi engagement in Council facilitated youth activities and programmes 	The Youth Lobby in Marton has unfortunately closed down. New initiatives are being created in Marton for rangatahi ie. Boxing Gym	
Corporate Services (David Tombs)	Information Services / IT <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Translations 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provide expertise to Council staff 	No updates for this reporting period.	
	Financial Services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provide expertise to Council staff 	No updates for this reporting period.	




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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provide advice and assistance on Koha Policy amendments 			
	Geographic Information System <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provide advice and assistance 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provide expertise to Council staff 	<i>Council staff recently worked with a northern iwi member regarding Councils GIS mapping in terms of iwi boundaries. They provided some very valuable information.</i>	➡
Regulatory (Johan Cullis)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provide advice and assistance to the Regulatory Team on cultural awareness and matters, when necessary 	Provide expertise to Council staff	<i>No updates for this reporting period.</i>	
Resource Management Planning Office (Tiffany Gower)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provide advice and assistance to the Regulatory Team on cultural awareness and matters, when necessary 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provide expertise to Council staff 	<i>The project at Kotukutuku Road, Hunterville seems to be back under control. Recently I was requested to assist Resonant (Glenn Young and other staff) to gain information from iwi. Iwi have provided their written consent for this particular project.</i>	➡

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Legend Table	
	Developing
	Achieving
	Improvement

11.4 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.

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 – July 2022
Community Consultation	July 2022
Adoption	September 2022

4. Project Updates

Metric	Trend	Comment
Schedule		Increasing possibility of project delays.
Risk		No significant risks identified.
Update from Advisory Group meetings		<p>One Advisory Group meeting was held during this reporting period:</p> <p>Advisory Group Meeting #7</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Community engagement results and strategic directions. <p>Advisory Group meetings held during the <i>previous</i> reporting periods included:</p> <p>Advisory Group Meeting #1</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Purpose. Project naming. The Advisory Group agreed with 'Pae Tawhiti Rangitikei Beyond' as the project name. <p>Advisory Group Meeting #2</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identification of issues and opportunities facing our communities. Developing project vision and values. Rural environment outcomes. <p>Advisory Group Meeting #3A and #3B</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Residential / Rural Living environment. <p>Advisory Group Meeting #4</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nature Networks Transport Networks <p>Advisory Group Meeting #5</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Business Environments – retail, commercial, industrial. <p>Advisory Group Meeting #6</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discussion document and community engagement.
Tasks completed March – May 2022		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop and finalise discussion document and materials for engagement. Community engagement – 6 weeks. Business survey complete. Analysis of community engagement. A summary of key themes raised through community engagement will be provided at a future Council meeting. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 373 ideas on the interactive map Just over 200 township survey responses.
Tasks forecast June / July		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop draft spatial plan document. Planning for community consultation.

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.

11.5 Community Development Team Update - February - May 2022**Author: Jo Manuel, Manager Community Development****Authoriser: Gaylene Prince, Group Manager - Community Services****Reason for Report**

- 1.1** This report covers the operational areas of economic, social, and cultural community well-being activities undertaken by the Community Development team during the months of February, March, April and May 2022, inclusive of the MOU – Partner Organisation Overview/Update.

Staff changes

- 2.1** Aly Thompson, Welcoming Communities Officer, has indicated that she will be leaving at the end of the 2021/22 financial year. Rhianna Flaherty has been engaged to replace her. Funding for this work continues to be provided for via the Immigration New Zealand grant for the programme.
- 2.2** Joanne (Jo) Manuel started as Manager - Community Development at the beginning of March 2022. Other staff additions/changes in the Community Development Team include Kelly Widdowson, Council's Strategic Advisor – Youth, temporarily moving to part-time with Kayla Hyland being engaged as Youth Advisor part time for a fixed term period.

Community Development – Overview

- 3.1** Community Development team have been active during the months of February, March, April and May with the introduction of new staff to the local community groups/providers/organisations and activating conversations on collaborative working relationships.
- 3.2** Joanne (Jo) Manuel commenced work as Manager - Community Development at the beginning of March 2022. Other staff additions/changes in the Community Development Team include Kelly Widdowson, Council's Strategic Advisor – Youth, temporarily moving to part-time with Kayla Hyland being engaged as Youth Advisor part time for a fixed term period.
- 3.3** A significant milestone has been reached in terms of destination management and district promotion with the drafting of the Destination Management Plan presented in a separate report.
- 3.4** Sports Whanganui representatives and Council's Community Development Manager have met and are currently working towards a RDC Sport, active play, recreation network connecting local communities to come together.
- 2.2.1** Regular monthly meetings have now been established with Sports Wanganui and Council staff to discuss local services and services provided to the Rangitikei District.
- 2.2.2** Work is in progress in connecting with local sports, active play and recreation communities, local volunteers within the community and enabling connection of

working relationships across both the southern and northern areas of the district with the goal of tri-monthly meetings with the whole of district network.

- 2.2.3 A collective collaboration will provide overall direction for the district with northern and southern networks assisting in local community active, play, recreation and sports activities.

District Promotion

3.5 Visit Rangitikei website

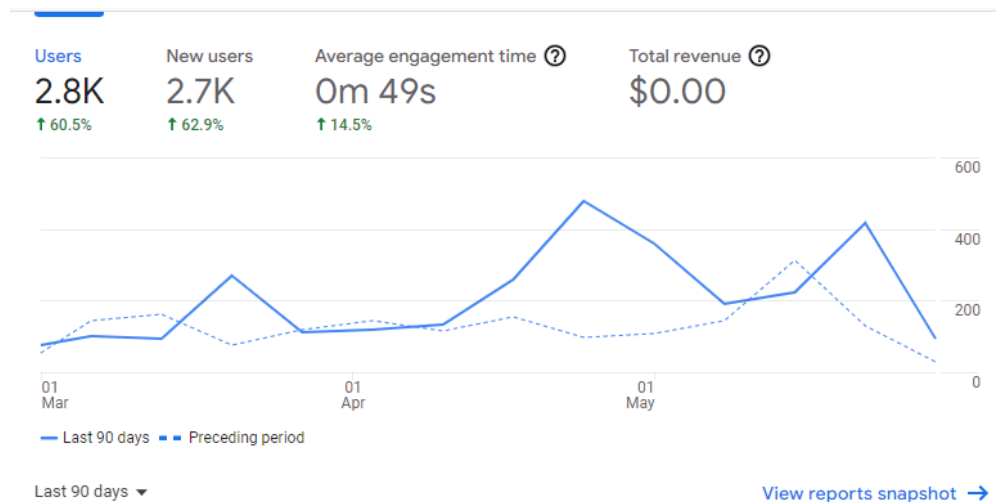
3.5.1 Number of websites visit during April – May



3.5.2 User by country.



3.5.3 90-day snapshot repot



3.6 Shop Local Rangitikei

3.6.1 Business continues to be promoted and utilise the Shop Local Rangitikei Facebook group

Economic Development

4.1 Council Housing

4.1.1 Conversations and networking with local community housing groups, and social services and MSD, and Habitat for Humanity are currently continuing. These conversations with Habitat for Humanity look very promising with two of our local community groups taking on their support and resources.

4.2 Senior and Elderly Shared Accommodation/Group Home (Taihape)

4.2.1 The Taihape group home survey, conducted from February – April, received 18 responses, 17 of which expressed interest in becoming residents of a home: eight within 24 months and six at some point in the future.

4.2.2 Between 12 – 14 residents are needed to make a group home financially viable so more potential residents will be needed to ensure the project's feasibility.

4.2.3 As a result, the survey will be extended to the central and northern parts of the district (Ohingaiti, Mangaweka, Utiku, Mataroa and Moawhango) and the farming community to see if there is enough interest from additional potential residents to move forward with additional planning.

4.2.4 Articles to inform the community of the survey's progress were written and published in the April, and May issues of Talk Up Taihape.

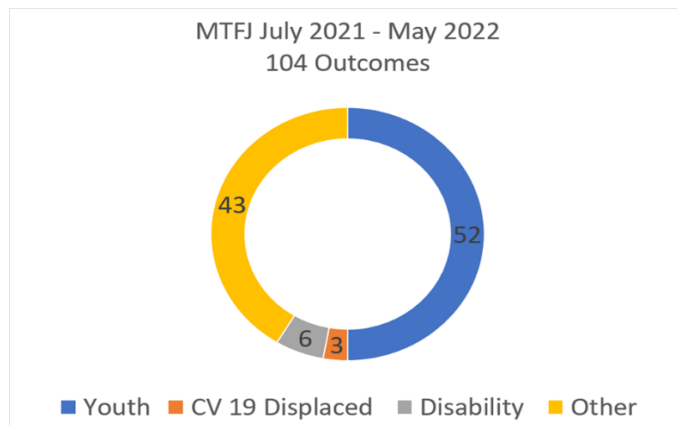
4.3 Kainga Ora

4.3.1 In April the Strategic Advisor, Economic Development participated in a tour of a Kāinga Ora social housing pilot project in Ohakune and then met with His Worship Don Cameron, the Mayor of Ruapehu, to discuss the build.

- 4.3.2** Also in April, the Strategic Advisor, Economic Development met with the Kāinga Ora Regional Director and Relationship and Planning and Investment Managers to talk about the intensification of public housing in Marton and Bulls. Kāinga Ora has offered to investigate increasing housing on its existing properties in the short-term.

4.6 Mahi Tahi – Employment Programme

- 4.6.1** The Mahi Tahi Programme placed thirty-eight youth and older persons in employment during the period February - May. This positive outcome was achieved by more job seekers as Covid 19 restrictions reduced or were removed.
- 4.6.2** Mahi Tahi has filled 104 jobs from July 2021 – 30 May 2022, which is 208% of the annual target of 50 sustainable jobs (defined as 30 hours/day x 30 days).
- 4.6.3** During the period placements were made in the services (civil and residential construction, early childhood education and training, automotive, retail - building materials, petrol filling station, supermarket), science (R&D), primary production (food processing, shearing and horticulture), transport and hospitality sectors.



Youth / Rangatahi Development

5.1 Rangitikei Youth Council

- 5.1.1** A total of seven young people applied for the 2022 Rangitikei Youth Council (RYC), and all have been appointed. They will join the four existing members who are carrying on from 2021.
- 5.1.2** Youth Council have held two formal meetings and one informal meeting to finalise their 2022 workplan, to present at their next formal meeting.
- 5.1.3** Many learning opportunities took place at their meetings including Council processes, standing orders, raising motions and healthy debates, all guided by His Worship the Mayor, other Elected Members and Strategic Youth Advisors.
- 5.1.4** During their May meeting, Youth Council heard presentations from, and gave valuable feedback into Pae Tawhiti Rangitikei Beyond (Spatial Plan) and Community Engagement through Libraries.
- 5.1.5** Sports Whanganui, Welcoming Communities, Te Tiriti O Waitangi workshop with the Iwi Liason, and personal development workshops are set for future meetings.

5.1.6 Youth Council will be attending Vocational Road Trips, gathering data and youth voice from this forum to feed back into Council's Annual Planning and other projects.

Three members of Youth Council assisted in judging the local Scarecrow competition alongside the Mayor.

5.2 Bulls Youth Network

5.2.1 A collective community hui was held regarding vandalism and poor behaviour problems arising with youth over the last holiday period at Te Matapihi. Local Schools and Community organisations attended, as well as staff from Te Matapihi. This is set to be a monthly hui with Strategic Advisors facilitating and supporting community decisions and outcomes where possible.

5.3 Taihape Lobby

5.3.1 Covid-19 restrictions had continued to be challenging for consistent availability of the Taihape Lobby. With the changes in the traffic light system and the appointment of the additional Youth Advisor Taihape lobby has fully re opened for use.

5.3.2 Youth Advisors hosted valuable conversations with youth at the Taihape Lobby. Information was collected as to what youth think their space should be moving forward, what they feel is lacking, and how they would best feel supported.

5.3.2 Connections were also built between interested youth and a possible Forge Boxing attendance.

5.3.3 Community agencies and service network collaborations are taking place for different services to be available through the Lobby space.

5.3.4 Hobby activities, skill classes, and life skills activities are being put together with the support of the Taihape community and schools.

5.3.5 The value of having a Youth Adviser from Taihape is seeing networks and community connections thrive and working relationships coming together to support the community.

Welcoming Communities

6.1 Engagement activities with the wider local community have been undertaken throughout May. While turnout to events was low, community awareness of the program seems to have increased through various communication channel, as seen through online and in-person conversations.

6.2 Stage 1 Accreditation Statement of Commitment has been completed and signed. The application for Stage 1 Accreditation was submitted on 13th May 2022 and is being processed. When complete, Rangitikei will be formally accredited as a Committed Welcoming Community. We will now be working towards Stage 2 Accreditation to become an Established Welcoming Community by creating a Welcoming Plan and beginning to implement activities in that Plan. Timeline for completing the Welcoming Plan is currently the end of 2022.

Recommendation

That the report 'Community Development Update – April and May 2022' be received.

11.6 Destination Rangitikei - Destination Management Plan**Author:** Jen Britton, Strategic Advisor - District Promotions**Authoriser:** Gaylene Prince, Group Manager - Community Services**1. Reason for Report**

- 1.1 To provide the komiti with the finalised Destination Rangitikei – Destination Management Plan.

2. Background

- 2.1 As a part of Council's Long-Term Plan (LTP) it was agreed to develop a Destination Management Plan (DMP) in the 2021/22 year. In July 2021, Kylie Ruwhiu–Karawana from TRC Tourism was contracted to work alongside staff to engage with the community and stakeholders to prepare a draft document now adopted by council.
- 2.2 Over a 3-month period (October to December 2021), engagement was undertaken with the public alongside different community sectors including iwi/hapu/marae as well as internal and external stakeholders. A cross sector advisory group was also established made up of Council staff, business and community representatives, Te Roopuu Ahi Kaa Komiti members and elected representatives.
- 2.3 An initial draft document was released for review, firstly by members of the advisory group, internal staff, iwi/hapu/marae and key external stakeholders through focus group sessions in early March 2022.
- 2.4 Overall, there was strong support for the flavour and direction of the then *draft* Destination Rangitikei document from all community sectors and external stakeholders. Internal stakeholders were also supportive and noted the importance of alignment between this plan and other Council strategies, plans and policies.

3. Destination Rangitikei

- 3.1 Completion of Destination Rangitikei document is an important milestone for Council and the wider community.
- 3.2 Having identified key principles to guide action plans for reaching the shared vision, the plan builds on the local strengths of Rangitikei's people and its landscape to cement the district's position as an integral part of the premier destination that is the Central North Island.
- 3.3 Our guiding principle of Manaaki Tangata, Manaaki Whenua – Care of our People Care for our Land underpins the work we do in this space and

4. Next Steps

- 4.1 The Destination Rangitikei plan is a strategic document, designed to give both Council and stakeholders an agreed direction and a broad pathway for the Rangitikei within a central New Zealand context. Effective delivery will require:
 - 4.1.1 A more detailed implementation plan setting out the priorities and timing as well as assigning roles and responsibilities

- 4.1.2 Ongoing oversight from industry and community partners to drive the agreed actions and champion the district
- 4.2 The implementation plan will be a living document to help inform Long Term Planning (LTP) and Annual Planning.
- 4.3 Implementation is heading into year 2, we have laid the foundations now we work towards strengthening relationships and the advisory group to help ensure we continue to deliver on our actions as intended.



- 4.4 The implementation plan with more details will be circulated next reporting period

5. Conclusion

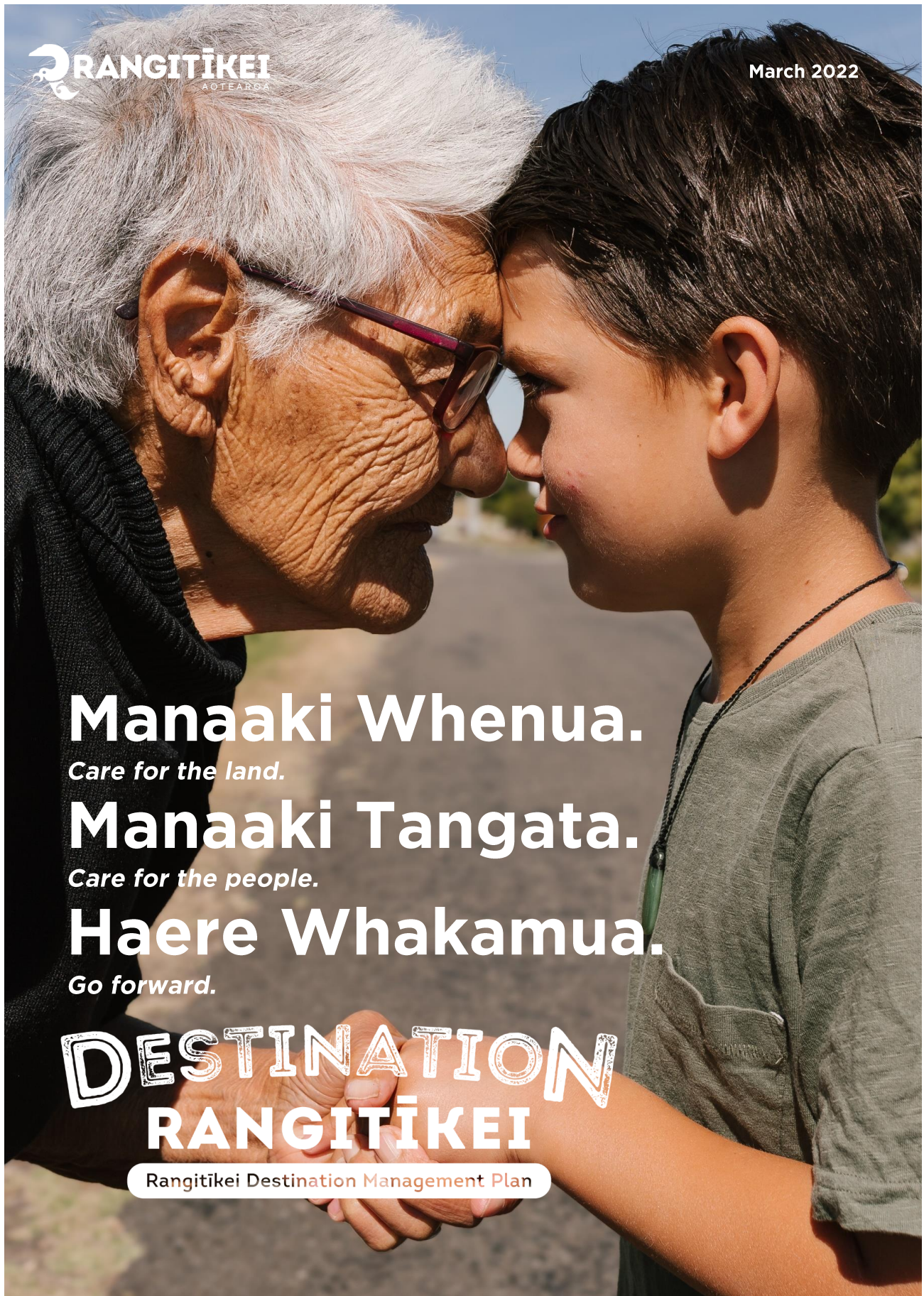
- 5.1 Together with TRC Tourism, staff have undertaken a robust engagement process with community sectors, iwi/hapu/marae and internal and external stakeholders to produce a quality document that reflects the personality of the district.
- 5.2 The Destination Rangitikei – destination management plan gives direction for the industry, community and council and is tool for all stakeholders to lever opportunities for additional resources.
- 5.3 Staff encourage community members wanting to be involved or kept up to date, to reach out and have a chat.

Attachments

- 1. Destination Rangitikei - Final document [↓](#)

Recommendation

That the report 'Destination Rangitikei – Destination Management Plan' be received.



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Foreword

Our district is home to unspoilt land steeped in history with panoramic views leading out to Mount Ruapehu and Taranaki, the Kaimanawa and Ruahine Range and of course our mightiest river - Rangitikei.

Those of us who are lucky enough to live here and experience what our district has to offer take great pleasure in being able to share its majesty with friends, family, and visitors.

We appreciate how special the Rangitikei is – the way life should be – and the importance of looking after our people and land.

Destination Rangitikei is the first destination management plan for the Rangitikei district and highlights ways forward for the community, Council, iwi/hapū/marae and stakeholders to nurture the growth of our visitor economy based on our vision and values as a district.

Our district is changing, and we have a very positive feeling for the future. The number of people visiting and moving here, establishing connections, and setting up business is staggering. The growth is both positive and challenging and this plan seeks to build on the positives and address the challenges.

Council is looking for new ways to work alongside our communities, iwi/hapū/marae and stakeholders,

While we have work to do to lay the foundations, this plan is designed to be owned by the district and implemented by industry, community, iwi/hapū/marae and stakeholders through the formation of an

advisory group. Ultimately Council's role will become largely one of facilitation, helping to tell our story and supporting business growth and product development/

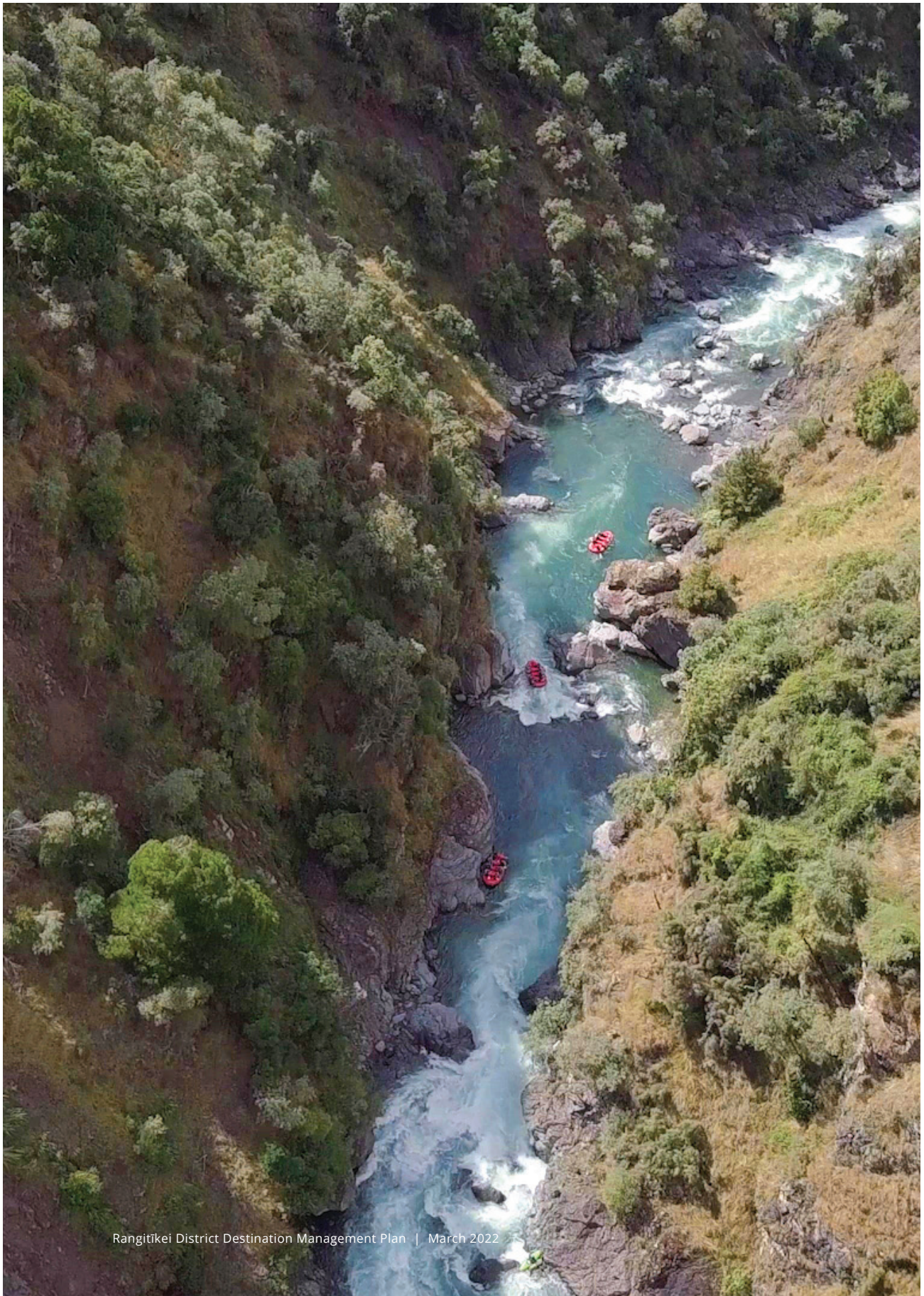
I acknowledge the work done over the many years by various groups and organisations that have supported the visitor economy or worked to promote our towns and district. You are all to be commended and I encourage anyone looking to join the journey to reach out to see how you can be involved.

I am excited to see the doors this plan can help to open that have previously been closed to us as a district. We simply could not pursue supporting the visitor economy without this plan



Mayor Andy Watson
Rangitikei District

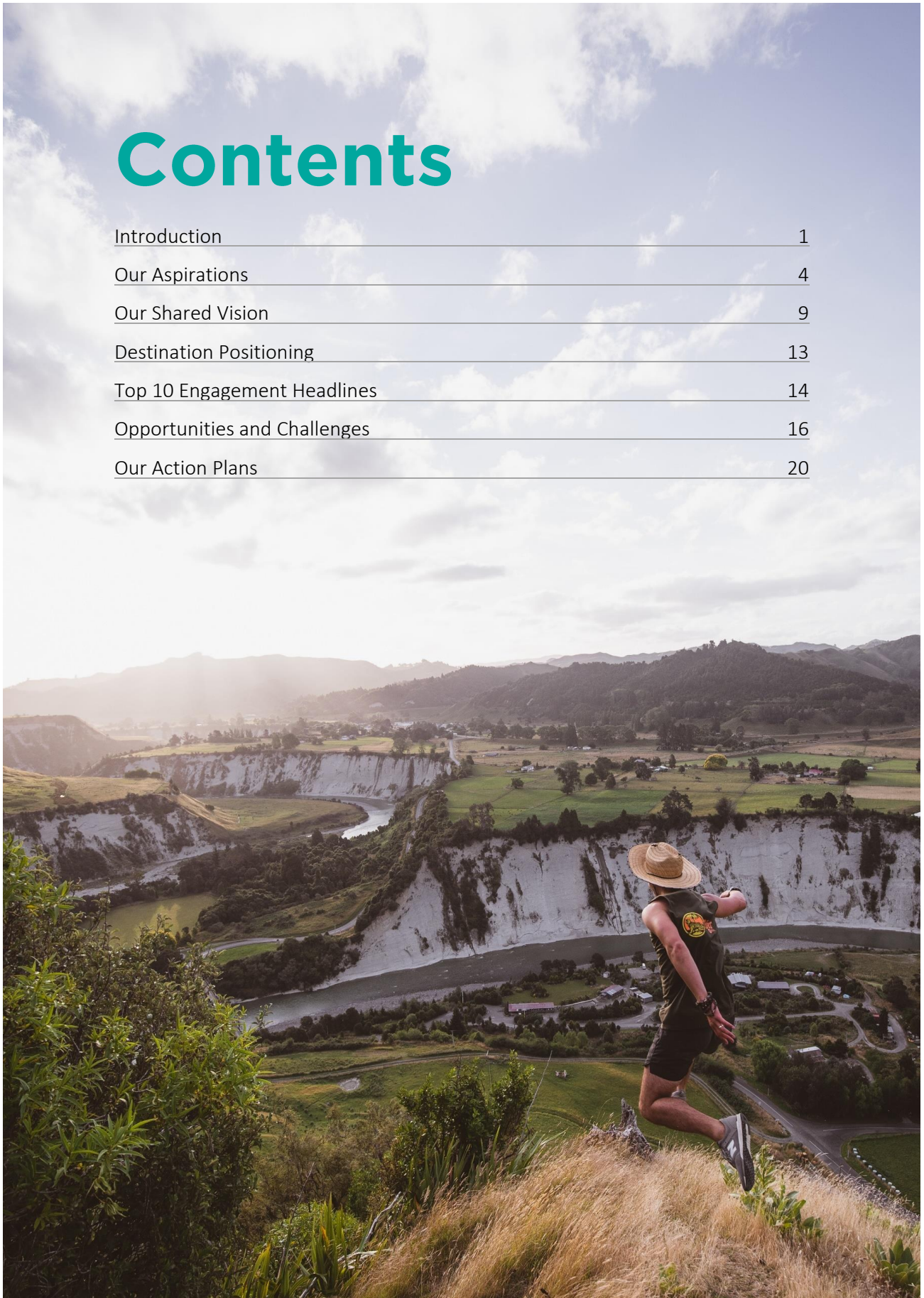




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Introduction

Manaaki whenua. Manaaki tangata. Haere whakamua.

Care for the land. Care for the people. Go forward.

This whakataukī reflects the overall ethos and guiding principle for those who call the Rangitikei District home. To be successful, caring for the land and its people must be at the heart of any plan for developing and deepening the Rangitikei visitor experience.

Nothing has influenced the Rangitikei District landscape more than the mighty Rangitikei River, which lends its name to the district itself. It has carved its way from its headwaters in the Kaimanawa Ranges to the Tasman Sea in the south, forming passages of majestic river canons, alternating with quiet stretches of sparkling trout-laden pools.

With the abundance of natural assets throughout the district, colourful villages, family-friendly activities and dramatic rural landscapes, the Rangitikei offers a lifestyle like no other, and is referred to by visitors and locals alike as ‘the way life should be’. The people of the Rangitikei are known for their welcoming nature, and it is a place where diversity is acknowledged and celebrated.

The people are looked after, the land is cared for, and the spirit is strong.



Executive Plan on a Page

Aspirations

Manaaki Tangata

- Bring Whanau Home
- Communities are connected
- A warm and welcoming Rangitikei
- Retain positive social licence
- Iwi are sharing their stories.

Manaaki Whenua

- Lead the way
- Enhancement of green spaces
- Enhance our understanding of Inland Waterways
- Manaaki Tangata, Manaaki Whenua celebrated.

Vision

A destination to live and visit with a strong identity, welcoming communities, and endless opportunities. The way life should be.

Guiding Principles

1. Our visitor-economy ecosystem
2. Collaborative advantage
3. Grow tourism's positive impact on communities and the environment
4. Encourage and support sustainable land use for tourism
5. Enhance our sense of place
6. Businesses operate responsibly and ethically.

Key Focus Areas

Manaaki Tangata	Manaaki Whenua
<p>He aha te mea nui o te ao? He tangata, he tangata, he tangata <i>What is the most important thing in the world? It is people, it is people, it is people.</i></p> <p>The people of the Rangitikei stand strong and proud of who they are, where they have come from, and the future they are developing for generations to come.</p> <p>The desire to ensure that people can return home to the Rangitikei was expressed multiple times during the consultation and development of this plan. There was an expectation that visitors and new residents in the area would feel welcomed, and a recognised the sense of connection that exists between the people of the district.</p> <p>The actions outlined in this area of focus are designed to help achieve these aspirations for the community and deliver vigorous growth from the visitor economy.</p>	<p>Ko au te taiao, ko te taiao to au <i>I am the environment, and the environment is me.</i></p> <p>The landscapes and natural environments within the Rangitikei are important taonga. There is an expectation that actions taken to manage the destination and grow the visitor economy will derive positive impacts for te taiao in the district.</p> <p>For many in the Rangitikei community, the protection and preservation of the natural environment is paramount to the success of the destination. Without focus on ensuring that these assets are protected and regenerated where necessary, there is concern that the visitor-economy will have detrimental effects on what they hold most dear, and the social licence for the sector will plummet.</p> <p>These actions work in tandem to help ensure these natural assets are there for future generations to enjoy.</p>



Our Aspirations

To determine the path toward success in achieving a shared vision for a destination, it is integral to understand what success looks like for the community, iwi partners, and stakeholders of the visitor economy within the district. An in-depth and varied community consultation process was undertaken to capture the many voices of the Rangitikei and to understand their aspirations for the future.

During the consultation process, the expectation was expressed that tourism – and the overall visitor-economy for the district – would support the communities of Rangitikei and their natural environments. Tourism as an industry has always benefited from communities and their natural assets. So, for the sector to become more sustainable and resilient into the future, there needs to be a stronger connection and relationship between all levels of the visitor-economy and local communities.

An important aspect of this destination management plan is to ensure that areas of focus and strategic imperatives provide strong positive impacts socially, culturally, environmentally, and economically for the people of the district. Where there might have been a strong economic wellbeing expectation in the past, recent disruptors have shown clearly that focus should be given to all wellbeings. If we strive to develop opportunities and programmes that will derive positive economic impacts for the district, there also need to be corresponding social, cultural and environmental impacts, to ensure these wellbeings are rising as a tide together.

For the Rangitikei, the aspirations of the destination fall beneath the key elements that make up the core strengths of the district – the people and the place. It is an imperative for all those who were consulted that the people who live, work, play and travel in the district are looked after, along with the environments that form a compelling reason for people to visit.

Manaaki Tangata Care For Our People

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What is the most important thing in the world? It is people, it is people, it is people.

For the Rangitikei, the interests and wellbeing of people sits at the heart of what the community expects for their future. This is an ethos that exists not just for those who live in the district, but also for those who visit. For the destination management plan to succeed, it must allow for the future the community envisages for their children and their children's children, and the many generations to come.

BRING WHANAU HOME

Perhaps one of the strongest shared aspirations to come out of consultation was the desire for whanau who have travelled beyond the district's borders to come home. To enable this aspiration, there needs to be an increase in quality employment available within the district. Whether that is within the tourism sector or within other economic sectors, enabling quality employment opportunities will help achieve this aspiration. Enhanced education opportunities, career development pathways within the workplace, and providing affordable housing will also enable this aspiration to be fulfilled.

COMMUNITIES ARE CONNECTED

The desire for stronger connections between the communities and villages throughout the district was a clearly shared aspiration. Where there is visible engagement and recognition of that connection within a destination, the interactions and experiences within them are authentic. This involves finding ways of working that will enable visitors to engage with the people of Rangitikei through a range of experiences and gateways. This would include both paid and unpaid experience activities, increased awareness of the unique strengths of the individual villages and communities in the Rangitikei, and the ability to attract public and private investment that will benefit both locals and visitors.



A WARM AND WELCOMING RANGITĪKEI

For many years, the Māori value of Manaakitanga has been embraced by the tourism sector as a principle that helps ensure that destinations host their visitors appropriately. The Rangitīkei takes this a step further: visitors will be empowered through the experiences they have with the people of the district, while the hosts are empowered through the connections made.

If this reciprocal level of association is achieved, then the Rangitīkei will be seen as a warm and welcoming destination that celebrates the diversity of those who look to live, work, play, or visit in the district.

RETAIN POSITIVE SOCIAL LICENCE

Positive social licence is imperative for the sustainable development and growth of the visitor economy. Locals and domestic New Zealanders are an important visitor base for the tourism sector, now and into the future, so positive social licence and the need for communities to view visitors and the tourism sector as positive and beneficial is even more important.

IWI ARE SHARING THEIR STORIES

Iwi in the district have a story to tell, and it is important to the communities of Rangitīkei that their story be told. Supporting iwi with experience-development opportunities to assist them in sharing these stories will add strength to the destination positioning of the district.



Manaaki Whenua Care For Our Land

Ko au te taiao, ko te taiao to au

I am the environment, and the environment is me.

There is a strong sense of pride and identity for locals throughout the district that is connected to the land. For tourism to maintain positive social licence, it will need to ensure that the sector supports the regeneration of both the environment and the individual communities. The district is home to several environments that are susceptible to impacts. While the community is supportive of the visitor economy highlighting these assets to grow the visitor economy, there must also be an associated benefit for the environment.

LEAD THE WAY

The connection between the people of Rangitikei and the land is undeniable. There are a number of environmental initiatives already operating within the district and an upswell within the community to seek opportunities to support the regeneration to ensure that the land is cared for. This includes exploring initiatives that support recycling and upcycling initiatives, highlight the innovation in the region from a rural sector and waste management perspective, and providing locals and visitors with the opportunity to actively support this ethos of caring for the natural environment. Associated with this aspiration is the potential to educate travellers on how to travel sustainably and understand the impacts of different travel styles and decisions on a destination.

ENHANCEMENT OF GREEN SPACES

The district has a range of parks, berms and reserves that are managed by the council on behalf of the community, as well as a number managed by the Department of Conservation and Forest and Bird. There are active work streams and plans for working with community groups to ensure they manage effectively and maintain these assets for future generations. The Parks, Open Spaces, and Sporting Facilities Strategy helps to articulate what the community wants for these assets, along with the vision for the entire district in the future. Community feedback was clear that there is an expectation that these community green spaces throughout the district will be kept, and there is the potential to build a sense of connection to the identity and pride-of-place for visitors within these spaces.



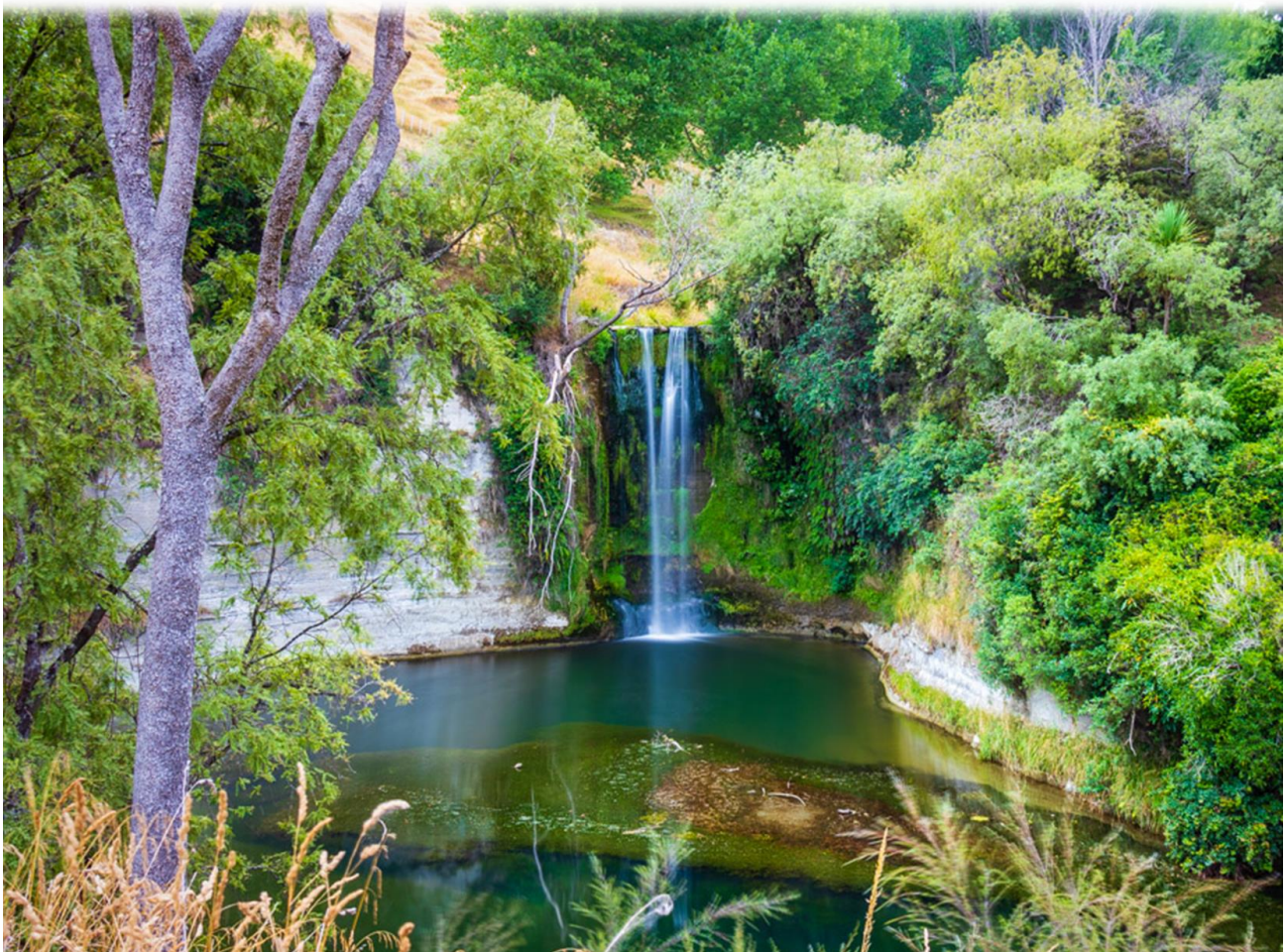
ENHANCE OUR UNDERSTANDING OF INLAND WATERWAYS

Rangitikei is home to several inland waterways. There is acceptance within the community that these make compelling reasons for people to choose the district to live, play and visit, but that these interactions should not be at the expense of the waterways themselves. These rivers are the lifeblood of the community and are integral to the pride-of-place and sense of identity visible throughout the district. They are used for traditional mahinga kai, and have clear cultural value beyond what can be seen.

Community, iwi, and stakeholders were consistent in their desire to see these waterways managed effectively and ensure users on waterways understand the community and cultural value these assets have, and the potential health and safety issues that are present in some areas of the rivers.

MANAAKI TANGATA, MANAAKI WHENUA CELEBRATED

This love of people and place that is ingrained within the local communities of the district should be celebrated. Community, iwi and stakeholders have shown a strong sense of identity and place and there are aspirations to ensure that these are acknowledged.



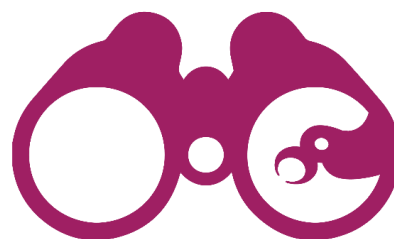
Our Shared Vision

The Rangitikei District is steeped in rich cultural history and stories that lend themselves to the development of tourism experiences that will enhance the visitor economy for the district.

During consultation it became very clear that there is a strong sense of place throughout the district. Each of the villages in the district has its own character and unique positioning. This makes them compelling stops along any journey, and can tell a broader story when connected. Locals are very proud to call the Rangitikei home, and the Rangitikei river cements that connection, carving its way from mountain to sea.

With people and place sitting at the heart of the aspirations for the district, it was not surprising to identify that there is a powerful community feel that is welcoming to new locals and visitors alike. There is an expectation that visitors will be welcomed into the district by the locals, and that this level of connection will be reciprocal – with visitors open to learning more about the people and place of the destination they have opted to spend time in.

Given the landscapes and rural nature of the district, there were multiple times throughout the consultation when stakeholders observed that life within the district was ‘as it should be’. Built on a foundation of strong family values, it was seen as a destination that is great to live in, offers fantastic opportunities for visitors to connect with people and place, and where the community is always seeking opportunities to improve the district for future generations. Therefore, the vision for Manaaki Tangata, Manaaki Whenua, a destination management plan for the Rangitikei is consistent with what was shared through consultation.





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Important Principles that will be Reflected in the Plan

When developing the action plans for the district, there are several key principles that should be considered.

OUR VISITOR-ECONOMY ECOSYSTEM

Tourism, by its nature, involves the destination as a whole. It should not be seen as a sector that benefits a few or is controlled and managed by the tourism industry alone. Both people and place are important for the delivery of the destination experience. This includes iwi partners, local governments, the district's natural resources, cultural assets and traditions, communities and their requirements, and even the buildings and infrastructure. Their roles will differ in size and scale depending on what is required to help achieve the community aspirations and visions within this plan, utilising the visitor economy as the vehicle for reaching that success.

COLLABORATIVE ADVANTAGE

There is a desire among the stakeholders, partners and communities consulted, that the plan should encourage collaboration to help ensure the success of tourism in the district. By working toward a strong sense of collaborative advantage, and not competitive advantage, the district will derive greater benefits for communities across all wellbeings. This will also enhance the visitor experience within the district and encourage repeat visitation.

GROW TOURISM'S POSITIVE IMPACT ON COMMUNITIES AND THE ENVIRONMENT

There is a strong expectation from communities that the tourism sector and the broader visitor economy will derive positive impacts for the community – environmentally, socially, culturally, and economically. It is necessary to ensure that the recommended actions can derive benefits across all four wellbeing pillars, and that these rise as a tide because of the recommended action. There is also a requirement that any adverse impacts on these wellbeings will be managed and mitigated.

ENCOURAGE AND SUPPORT SUSTAINABLE LAND USE FOR TOURISM

To maximise the potential of growth for the visitor economy, there is a need to ensure that there is a level of understanding of managing land for tourism. This would include working with Māori landowners with tourism aspirations to understand what is possible on their land, and what is not. It is also around ensuring that iwi have access to their sites of significance and customary resources, such as mahinga kai. Lack of understanding of the value of places to the whanau, hapū, and iwi of the district will need to be addressed. Spatial planning, building design, and facility management will also play a major role in improving land efficiency in the tourism sector.

ENHANCE OUR SENSE OF PLACE

A strong civic pride and sense of place was clear throughout the consultation period for this plan. People were supportive of the visitor economy and would like to see the sector grow. The social licence for tourism within the community was positive, and there seemed to be a genuine desire to see tourism become a larger sector and have economic strength for the district – but not at the expense of the lives of those who live in the district. The destination management plan should enable this sense of pride to grow, and potentially assist in building awareness of the destination.


OPERATE RESPONSIBLY AND ETHICALLY

Actions that seek to develop the industry and visitor economy through encouraging the development of additional experiences should ensure that these businesses are set up and run to operate responsibly and ethically. Actions should encourage sustainable and best business practices that enable the district to achieve its aspirations and vision and derive maximum benefit for the community.




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Destination Positioning



The natural environment, and the ability to hear the stories and histories on the landscapes within the district are key destination strengths that can develop strong positioning of the district as a destination.



Alongside the landscapes and natural assets, there is a sense of discoveries just waiting to be made, and a destination that appeals for those seeking adventure. The rural settings and vast open areas also beckon visitors to take time, engage with the people and connect with the place. It is a destination that encourages multiple visits because you cannot experience and see everything the district offers in one visit. It continually leaves you wanting more.



Top 10 Engagement Headlines

A range of consultation sessions were held in the development of this destination management plan. These sessions included 1:1 sessions with stakeholders, community open door sessions to capture as many voices throughout the district as possible, sessions with iwi, conversations with community groups and an online consultation tool¹ for those who could not make scheduled sessions.

1. There needs to be more opportunities for locals and visitors to engage with the district's Māori stories and histories
2. The natural assets and cultural identity of the Rangitikei must be protected, while regenerating areas that need it
3. The rivers and inland waterways are vital to the region. Engagement should be encouraged, but only in the right way
4. Visitors and travellers need to know why they should stop, so wayfinding and interpretation assets need to be improved
5. The visitor economy should support the community and the environment
6. The district needs to work together: collaborative advantage over competitive advantage
7. There needs to be more things to do, to give people a reason to stay in the Rangitikei longer
8. There is an opportunity to unlock the potential of natural assets through connection with people and powerful storytelling
9. There is a desire to enable people to return home by optimising the visitor economy
10. There is a need to build awareness of the district as a destination – not just a place you drive through to get to a destination.

¹ Social Pinpoint – Development of a Destination Management Plan for the Rangitikei District



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Opportunities and Challenges

Opportunities identified through consultation:

MĀORI TOURISM EXPERIENCES ALIGNED TO ASPIRATIONS

Through many of the discussions held in the district, the ability to connect with local Māori in places of significance and hear stories that bring the landscapes to life was identified as a major opportunity for compelling experience development. Fortuitously, this resonates with the aspirations iwi shared at their sessions to unlock the potential of the visitor economy to support Māori communities in Rangitikei.

Opportunities to explore included:

- **Experiences on marae**
This could range from marae run activities and experiences through to collaboration with other industry within the region. There are marae in the district that are already offering experiences, but this opportunity could be explored further to assist other marae with similar aspirations to find out their point of difference.
- **Storytelling themes**
From the beginnings of the Rātana movement to the travels of Tamatea-Pokai-Whenua through the district and beyond, there are many story themes that are unique to the Rangitikei, and would be compelling for visitors and locals alike to learn.

- **Inland Waterways**
These were the highways of the past, transporting people and freight throughout the district and the country on waka. These waterways connected and supported the settlements that appeared along the banks of the rivers, providing the ability to feed and sustain the people. Travelling these highways and hearing these stories of the past would be a great experience that would strengthen the destination's positioning.
- **Mahinga Kai**
This refers to traditional gathering of food and other natural resources and places where food could be gathered. Foraging and food production is becoming of increased interest to visitors.
- **Rongoā**
Rongoā encompasses herbal remedies, physical therapies, and spiritual healing. These indigenous practices to sustain and support the physical and mental wellbeing of individuals are increasingly sought after, given recent global disruptors and greater focus on health and wellbeing.
- **Collaborations with others**
There is a shared desire among those consulted to work with existing operators and provide a cultural element to a more developed or broader itinerary, to enhance the overall visitor experience within the district.

LOCATION, LOCATION, LOCATION

Rangitikei is centrally located, and easy to access from just about anywhere in the North Island. When travelling either north or south, the most travelled route takes in almost the entire district. This provides the opportunity to engage with those just travelling through, as well as to become a drive-market destination for a large catchment area in the North Island.

HERITAGE LED RESTORATION

There are a high number of built-heritage sites throughout the district in various stages of disrepair. There is an opportunity to derive support from the visitor economy for the restoration of these sites. A range of walking heritage tours offered in other regions are increasing in popularity, as visitors want to understand what it was like to live in a district years ago.

CONNECTING VISITORS TO THE PRODUCERS, INNOVATORS AND CREATIVE SECTOR

Rangitikei has rich rural farmlands and several quality producers, farmers, and innovators in the primary sector. An opportunity exists to provide cross-collaborative experiences that combine a tourism experience with aspects of these other successful sectors in the district. There is also the opportunity to look at working with smaller cottage industries that operate in the area. Visitors are often looking to buy something from the destinations they visit, that are unique and created by someone local.

ROLE OF INDIVIDUAL TOWNSHIPS

Each of the individual townships within the district has a look and feel that is specific to them. This creates the opportunity to develop experiences and themes that are strongly linked to each town. This could create a corridor of themed experiences that visitors could engage with while travelling north or south, and provide a reason for people to stop and spend some time.

A DISTRICT WITH THREE INFORMATION HUBS

There are currently three operational visitor centres within the district: Bulls, Marton, and Taihape. The role of i-SITES will change in the future and there is an opportunity to operate these visitor information centres to be beneficial to the district as a whole. Exploring what opportunities might exist for i-SITE staff to work with industry on packaging and alternative ways of working presents an opportunity for the Rangitikei to change how visitors interact with visitor centres, and potentially create experiences of their own.

Challenges Identified Through Consultation

LACK OF COHESION AND STRATEGY

A consistent barrier presented during consultation was the lack of cohesion between stakeholders within the district and the absence of a strategy to help ensure the success of the visitor-economy. The development of this destination management plan will assist with the lack of strategic direction and intent, but work is required to address the identified lack of cohesion. The absence of a recognised Regional Tourism Organisation for the district, and clarity around who plays what role in developing and growing the visitor-economy, were identified catalysts that add to the lack of cohesion in the Rangitikei.

RESOURCES ARE STRETCHED

Many of the industry and visitor-economy stakeholders identified a distinct lack of resources to help optimise the sector. This was especially true for iwi partners in the district who have multiple roles and responsibilities, many with a strong social-wellbeing focus. During recent years, this social focus has been all-consuming, so finding the time and resources to commit to the development of experiences or achieving individual aspirations in the tourism sector has fallen down the priority list.

COUNCIL SEEN AS A BARRIER NOT AN ENABLER

Historically, the council was seen as a barrier to success and commercial opportunities within the district. This is a perception that current and recent staff have worked hard to change. Many council staff have built strong relationships with community leaders and this barrier is becoming less of an issue, but it was mentioned on more than one occasion.

The fundamental change that needs to be made is for the council not to be seen as 'red carpet and red tape', but as interactions where the community is encouraged and supported through the council processes to deliver positive outcomes for the people and place of Rangitikei.

URBAN DRIFT

Like many districts in Aotearoa, Rangitikei suffers from urban drift. Locals, and in particular younger people, leave the district in search of better educational or employment opportunities, or to follow different life pathways that cannot be nurtured within the district. This is the main reason behind the shared aspiration among the residents of Rangitikei to bring whanau home and enable them to live, work, and play within their hometowns.

STORIES THAT CANNOT BE SHARED

The desire to hear more stories goes hand in hand with the expectation that they are correct and have the blessings of those who own them to be told. For iwi within the district, this means having a deeper understanding of what stories can be shared, and what stories are for iwi alone. This understanding can provide the assurance that experiences being developed with strong cultural and historical importance have the backing of the story owner.

LACK OF ACCOMMODATION

Accommodation was mentioned as an issue on more than one occasion for both the visitor sector and workers. There is a lack of availability in terms of rental properties in the district and many workers must commute from other townships to attend their place of work. This, of course, has an impact on the delivery of experiences within the district, as well as the number of beds available for visitors.

THE DREADED C'S

Throughout the consultation process, the following barriers were consistently offered:

- **Compliance** – There is a lack of understanding and knowledge around what it takes to start a business and what levels of compliance would be required for individuals to achieve their tourism aspirations
- **Cost** – There is always the concern and barrier of what a tourism business might cost an individual or group to start up
- **Capability and confidence** – These go hand in hand. There is a fear among those in the district with tourism aspirations that they cannot run a tourism business, or lack the confidence to ensure it is sustainable.
- **Connectivity** – Lack of physical connectivity between the townships and rural areas of the district, as well as digital connectivity throughout the entire region
- **Capacity** – Although there is most definitely the desire to develop tourism experiences within the district, there is a lack of capacity for individuals to devote time to the endeavour.



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Our Action Plans

The action plan for the Rangitikei reflects those issues and opportunities that will enable the visitor economy to make a greater contribution to the wider community.

These actions assist the district in achieving the aspirations they have for the future. These aspirations are firmly linked with empowering people and caring for the natural assets of the Rangitikei. They represent the combined view of local Māori, communities throughout the district, industry, stakeholders, and a level of desktop research, to assist in the articulation of the plans.

The key to the success of this destination management plan will be the recognition that it will take all levels of community involvement to start the journey towards the shared vision and aspirations.

VISION

A destination to live and visit with a strong identity, welcoming communities, and endless opportunities. The way life should be.

The actions outlined in the plan have been grouped into two areas of focus. These align with the aspects of the Rangitikei district the community identified as being integral to the success of the destination management plan, the people, and the place.

FOCUS AREA ONE
MANAAKI TANGATA

FOCUS AREA TWO
MANAAKI WHENUA

FOCUS AREA ONE MANAAKI TANGATA

Key Recommendations

ACTION PLAN

1.1 Establish and strengthen the Advisory Group that governs over the destination plan

1.2 Build working partnerships with iwi to achieve aspirations

1.3 Optimise current industry assets and invest in destination management

1.4 Empower personal and professional development programmes

RATIONALE

It will be of ongoing importance to ensure that there is leadership and a level of governance from within the community, key partners, and stakeholders over the delivery of the actions within this plan. This group should comprise a range of agencies, iwi, industry, sector leaders, and community leaders that can help ensure that these plans are being actioned. This group should also be available to assist with identifying potential funding and resourcing opportunities that may be offered, that can help achieve the actions outlined. The makeup of this group may change over time to reflect changes and developments to these actions, or potentially flex with the introduction of other disruptors, which may be local, environmental, natural, or global in nature.

During the consultation process, iwi identified a range of opportunities that they would like to pursue to achieve individual, hapū and whanau tourism aspirations. Focus should be given to working with these individuals, hapū and whanau, to develop implementation plans to achieve these aspirations. This will require strong iwi partnerships and will enable informed decision making, deliver positive impacts to communities, and provide opportunities for locals and visitors to better connect with tangata whenua.

Explore the future needs and requirements of the visitor economy and align existing assets and resources to meet them, while optimising the benefits. This will include having a broader understanding of the role the i-SITES can provide for the sector, looking into what amenities are required into the future, including ablutions infrastructures and sites of significance and accommodation needs. There will be a need to allocate resourcing to the management of the destination, which should feature within the annual and long-term planning completed for the Rangitīkei. This would include dedicated staff and time, as well as budget to advance actions.

To grow the visitor economy and see the positive impacts that can be derived from this sector for the community, a range of business development programmes should be offered. These should include working with those who are just starting up their businesses, through to existing operations looking to diversify their revenue streams.

There should also be a focus on assisting the development of whanau business development, with a strong Kaupapa Māori based approach critical to its success.

Key Recommendations

ACTION PLAN

1.5 Lift the capability of the visitor sector and support Qualmark Accreditation

1.6 Increase product supply through the development of engaging experiences

1.7 Develop a robust destination marketing strategy

1.8 Encourage collaboration

1.9 Develop an events strategy for the district

RATIONALE

Visitors expect a high level of customer service, visitor experience and engagement when they are paying for an experience. Ensuring that new and existing businesses are of a high enough standard to be seen as quality experiences will be integral to setting the destination apart from competitors and working with international trade markets.

There is a current lack of paid experiences within the Rangitikei. A focus of this plan will be to identify opportunities and current gaps within the industry that will support the destination's unique positioning. These experiences should include – education products and itineraries, cultural experiences that tell the unique and compelling cultural stories of the district, cycling and walking tours, the arts and creative sector, and events.

Building the awareness of Rangitikei district as a compelling visitor destination will be integral to the growth of the visitor economy and success of this destination management plan. These strategies should enable visitors to connect with the destination on an emotive level through the introduction of local people talking about the benefits of a Rangitikei holiday and how to get the authentic Rangitikei experience. This will also help build civic pride through the district.

There is a range of successful economic drivers and industries within the district, especially around the primary sector. There is the potential to develop experiences that enhance the primary production story within the region and vice versa. This would be mutually beneficial and could enable the development of cottage industries to grow. There is also a need to develop stronger relationships with regional partners to collaborate with, including neighbouring RTOs and EDAs.

Events are an economic enabler for the district. As such, they should be supported and encouraged to help the Rangitikei derive true benefit, and to provide opportunities for local communities to connect. The district would benefit from the development of an events strategy that provides guidance to council on investment and development opportunities and from working with new and existing event providers to attract, grow, retain and build sustainable events for the district.

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FOCUS AREA TWO MANAAKI WHENUA

Key Recommendations

ACTION PLAN

2.1 Visitor-economy supports the environment

2.2 Develop awareness of the destination's natural assets

2.3 Ensure visitors know where to go through increased wayfinding

2.4 Tell the stories in areas of significance

RATIONALE

There is a strong expectation from the community that the visitor-economy supports initiatives within the district to regenerate fragile environments. This is consistent with the growing need for visitors to give back to the destinations they are visiting and leave a legacy of their time in the district behind for future generations to enjoy. There are multiple avenues for what this support might look like, and this should be the short-term focus of the advisory group and stakeholders within the visitor sector. This should also include encouraging and supporting businesses to adopt the ethos underpinned by the TIA Sustainability Commitment and Tiaki promise.

The Rangitikei suffers from a lack of awareness. Visitors are unaware of what the destination offers, other than a corridor through the central North Island, north and south. Marketing campaigns that highlight the compelling natural assets within the destination, combined with the benefits defined in recommendation 1.7, and how visitors can engage with these landscapes through meeting the people and hearing the stories, should be employed to increase awareness.

The district is geographically long and covers a reasonable distance both on and adjacent to State Highway 1. Travellers on this arterial route will not know that there are stunning landscapes and rural vista areas that can be enjoyed a short distance from the main highway. Increased wayfinding that presents travellers and visitors with the opportunity to stop and experience these areas would be beneficial, and potentially increase the length of stay in the district.

There are so many areas of significance within the district that have a story to tell. Interpretation panels that might give a window into what that story might be, and encourage them to seek the rest of the story, would provide benefits for the visitor-economy in the Rangitikei. This should also include panels on cycle and walkways that will add value to the experience and provide experience-development opportunities.

Key Recommendations

ACTION PLAN

2.5 Manage environmental impacts

RATIONALE

The effects of climate change on rural areas, including access to water, quality of drinking water and potential flooding from severe weather events, will have major impacts on the visitor economy. Managing these disruptors and developing clear scenario plans to assist with managing these effects will be vital for the sector. There are also areas in the district that experience a higher level of environmental impact than others. This includes along inland waterways, the main highway, and areas that enable freedom camping. These will need to be managed and regulated in order to mitigate impacts into the future.

2.6 Explore paid and unpaid options available for existing and potential walking and cycle tracks

Rangitikei has a range of accessible walkways and cycleways throughout the district that provide great experiences for locals and visitors, and breath-taking views across the district. With the increase in people looking to access the outdoors, and connect with the natural environment, there is potential to develop experiences through the district that could provide strong benefit back to the sector and the community.

2.7 Develop a heritage restoration plan for built heritage throughout the district

There are several heritage buildings throughout the district that need repair. Despite the potential cost, there is benefit in investing in the restoration of these assets, which have the potential to provide significant benefits and returns for the community. A plan to understand what that might look like through a visitor-economy lens, as part of a wider review of the built heritage within the district, would be of benefit.



11.7 Remuneration**Author:** Ash Garstang, Governance Advisor**ITEM 11.7****1. Reason for Report**

- 1.1 At its meeting 08 Feb 22, the Komiti requested that staff distribute advice to members around the process for attendance and travel claims.

2. Remuneration Provisions

- 2.1 The remuneration provisions for Komiti members were not clearly laid out. Staff provided a report to Council 28 Apr 22 in order to clarify this.
- 2.2 Attached to this report are the confirmed remuneration provisions for Komiti members.

Attachments

1. Te Roopuu Ahi Kaa - Remuneration [↓](#)

Recommendation

That the report 'Remuneration' be received.

Provision	Rate	Effective Date	Remarks
Annual Salary	\$3,580 per annum (Chair) \$1,976 per annum (Members)	Current	
TRAK Meeting Attendance	\$150 per attendance	Current	
Attendance at <i>Other Meetings</i> (e.g., workshops / forums / external meetings)	\$150 per attendance	01 July 2022	Applies when attendance is at the request of Council or Council staff.
Mileage	0.79c per km*	Current	Applies for both TRAK meetings and Other Meetings (when attendance is at the request of Council or Council staff). *Up to 14,000 kms per year. Excess mileage beyond this is covered at a rate of 0.30c per km.
TRAK Meeting Attendance at the below Committee Meetings <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assets / Infrastructure Committee • Finance / Performance Committee • Policy / Planning Committee 	\$150 per attendance	01 July 2022	Only applies to the designated TRAK representative on each Committee.

11.8 Horizons Update

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

1. Reason for Report

1.1 Mr Fryer has provided a report, as attached.

Attachments

1. Horizons Report - 07 June 2022 [↓](#)

Recommendation

That the 'Horizons Update', including the attached report, be received.

ITEM 11.8



7 June 2022

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

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Kei aku rangatira, tēnā koutou

Please accept my apologies for not providing this report in-person. Due to a prior commitment we are on a Regional Engagement currently.

Elections 2022

1. With local elections scheduled for 08 October 2022, we, just as with every other Local Authority, are finalising our arrangements for this milestone and are set to begin our advertising for the elections shortly.
2. As mentioned previously, we welcome two new Māori Constituencies. 'Raki Māori' comprises the Whanganui, Ruapehu, Rangitikei & Manawatū Districts. 'Tonga Māori' boundaries will be comprised of the Horowhenua, Palmerston North & Tararua districts. These two new constituencies will bring our total Elected Official count to 14.
3. Given the additions of these two new constituencies, we are excited to bring these new participants to the decision making table. With these areas covering a wider range of areas compared with the general constituencies, in particular the 'Raki Māori' constituency, we are developing our internal capacity to support these new councillors.

Cultural Competency

4. As our organisation transitions to a new phase of working with Iwi Māori, we have begun to review how we can also build and improve our internal capacity to provision our staff with the right tools and traits in engaging with our Iwi partners.
5. The appointment of a Cultural Advisor has been made to assist our organisation in catching up with the requirements of today. I would appreciate whether we would be able to have a workshop session sometime in the near future to work with you and understand in particular, how you see our staff engaging within your areas of interest and to become more proficient when dealing with your respective Iwi & hapū.
6. Of further note, I must also make note that we have also appointed a further Advisor (Iwi & Hapū Relationships), Pita Savage, with Horizons.

Key topics for engaging



7. A key remark by the Chair previously was that this forum provides you all direct access with Horizons.
8. To further articulate this notion, there are a variety of areas and opportunities available where your contributions can be made. As noted previously, I would love the opportunity to outline what areas and opportunities we have where you can participate or engage with. Based on this, I will touch base with Ash to confirm appropriate dates & times to make this happen.

AUTHOR: MICHAEL FRYER | Policy Advisor Iwi and Hapu Relationships

12 Discussion Items

12.1 Three Waters

Author: Ash Garstang, Governance Advisor

1. Reason for Discussion Item

- 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:

12.2 COVID-19 Vaccination Rates

Author: Soraya Peke-Mason, TRAK representative

1. Reason for Discussion Item

- 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:

12.3 Climate Change Action Committee

Author: Chris Shenton, TRAK representative

1. Reason for Discussion Item

- 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:

13 Next Meeting

The next Komiti meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, 09 August 2022 at 11.00 am.

14 Meeting Closed