



RANGITIKEI
DISTRICT COUNCIL

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Youth Council Meeting Order Paper

Sunday 30 April 2019, 5.00pm
Council Chambers, Marton

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Hunter van der Jagt, , Makayla Faalogo Ifo Vaa,
Paige Thompson, Reihania Hemi, Samantha Bradley

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Rangitikei District Council

Youth Council Meeting

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The quorum for the Council is 5.

Council's Standing Orders (adopted 3 November 2016) 10.2 provide: The quorum for Council committees and sub-committees is as for Council, i.e. half the number of members if the number of members (including vacancies) is even or a majority if the number of members is odd.

1 Welcome

2 Youth Council Prayer

3 Public Forum

4 Apologies/Leave of Absence

5 Members' conflict of interest

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

6 Confirmation of order of business

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

7 Confirmation of Minutes

The minutes from the Rangitikei Youth Council meeting held 17 March 2019 are attached.

Recommendation:

That the minutes of the Rangitikei Youth Council meeting 17 March 2019 [as amended/without amendment] be taken as read and verified as an accurate and correct record of the meeting.

8 Chairs Report

A report will be tabled at the meeting.

Recommendation:

That the 'Chairs Report' to the 30 April 2019 Rangitikei Youth Council meeting be received

9 District Updated March – April 2019

The District Update for the months March – April 2019 is attached.

Recommendation:

That the memorandum 'District Update March - April 2019' to the 30 April 2019 Rangitikei Youth Council meeting be received.

10 Work-plan for 2019

The draft work-plan is attached for discussion, development and amendment.

Recommendation:

That the Rangitikei Youth Council adopt with or without amendment the Work-plan for 2019 at its 30 April meeting 2019.

11 Rangitikei District Council Annual Plan 2019

The Rangitikei District Council Annual Plan 2019 Consultation Document and Submission Form are attached. The closing date for submission is Wednesday, midday 1 May 2019. For. Council members are requested to attend the meeting with views on the submission questions for group discussion along with consideration for submitting a submission as a committee.

Recommendation:

That the Rangitikei Youth Council agree or do not agree to submit 9, as discussed, a Rangitikei District Council Annual Plan 2019 submission form as a committee.

12 Rangitikei District Council Annual Residence Survey

The Rangitikei District Council Annual Residence Survey 2019 link is www.surveymonkey.com/r/howwevedone. The submission age has previously been for Rangitikei residents 18 and over, however this year the merits for lowering the age to 14 years was discussed and agreed to by elected members. A marketing plan for informing the districts youth of the opportunity to give feedback to council will be tabled at the meeting. It is requested that the Rangitikei Youth Council assist in the sharing this information.

13 John Turkington Forestry Rangitikei Youth Awards 2019

Ms Gower will provide a verbal update. A workshop style session is organised for the planning of the Youth Awards Evening.

14 Next Meeting

11 June 2019 5.00 pm, Rangitikei District Council Chambers, 46 High St, Marton

15 Meeting Closed

Attachment 1



Rangitikei District Council

Youth Council Meeting

Minutes – Sunday 17 March 2019 – 9:30 AM

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Present: His Worship the Mayor Andy Watson
Bradley Wirihana-Tawake
Caryse Clark
Charly Skey Ward-Berry
Erika Charleigh Elers
Hunter van der Jagt
Kathryn Ellajoy Atkinson Fleming
Makayla Faalogo Ifo Vaa
Paige Thompson
Reihania Hemi
Samantha Bradley

In Attendance: Cr Cath Ash
Ms Nardia Gower

1 Youth Council Prayer

The Mayor acting as Chair started the meeting at 9.50am.

Kathryn Fleming read the Youth Council Prayer. It was discussed and agreed that reciting the prayer at the beginning of each meeting was a positive and calming way to start, reconfirming for the members the reasons they sit at the table.

Resolved minute number

19/RYC/001

File Ref

That the Rangitikei Youth Council agree to adopt without amendment the Youth Council Prayer

Erika Elers / Samantha Bradley. Carried

2 Welcome and introduction from Mayor Andy Watson

His Worship the Mayor welcomed everyone to the meeting, paying acknowledgement to Cr Cash Ash for her attendance. The Mayor congratulated the youth on not only applying but being successful in selection. He made special note of the history making event they were participating in and that their work will set the platform for all that follows.

3 Apologies/Leave of Absence

That the apology for the leave of absence from MacKenzie Morgan be received.

Bradley Wirihana-Tawake / Caryse Clark. Carried

4 Declaration by members

All attending members read allowed their verbal declaration as Rangitikei Youth Council members.

5 Election of Chair

His Worship the Mayor explained the process of nominations and elections as set in the agenda. The Youth Council discussed open voting or secret ballot vote options.

The names of those nominated for Chair were:

Erika Elers	nominated by Samantha Bradley
Kathryn Fleming	nominated by Hunter van der Jagt
Hunter van der Jagt	nominated by Paige Thompson
Caryse Clark	nominated by Charly Ward-Berry

All named accepted their nominations.

The secret ballot vote was a majority in favour of Erika Elers for Chair.

Resolved minute number **19/RYC/002** **File Ref**

That the Rangitikei Youth Council agree to hold elections by secret ballot vote for the position of Chair

Samantha Bradley / Kathryn Fleming. Carried

Resolved minute number **19/RYC/003** **File Ref**

That Erika Elers be appointed Chair of the Rangitikei Youth Council.

Samantha Bradley / Hunter van der Jagt. Carried

6 Declaration by Chair

Erika Elers read allowed her verbal declaration as Chair of the Rangitikei Youth Council.

His Worship the Mayor vacated position of Chair and Erika Elers took lead as Madam Chair.

7 Election of Deputy Chair

The process for electing the Deputy Chair was the same as for electing the Chair.

The names of those nominated for Deputy Chair were:

Hunter van der Jagt	nominated by Reihania Hemi
Caryse Clark	nominated by Charly Ward-Berry
Kathryn Fleming	nominated by Hunter van der Jagt
Samantha Bradley	nominated by Samantha Bradley

All named accepted their nominations.

The secret ballot vote was majority split equally in favour of Hunter van der Jagt and Kathryn Fleming. The tie was resolved by toss of coin, with the winning heads to Kathryn Fleming.

Resolved minute number **19/RYC/004** **File Ref**

That the Rangitikei Youth Council agree to hold elections by secret ballot vote for the position of Deputy Chair

Hunter van der Jagt / Kathryn Fleming. Carried

Resolved minute number**19/RYV/005****File Ref**

That Kathryn Fleming be appointed Deputy Chair of the Rangitikei Youth Council.

Hunter van der Jagt / Bradley Wirihana-Tawake. Carried

8 Terms of Reference explanation and adoption

Ms Gower spoke to the item, noting the highlighted reference to youth council members being 'residents of the Rangitikei district' with a proposed change being 'associated with the Rangitikei district'.

Resolved minute number**19/RYC/006****File Ref**

That the Rangitikei Youth Council adopt the Terms of Reference as amended at its meeting on 17 March 2019.

Hunter van der Jagt / Kathryn Fleming. Carried

9 Members' conflict of interest

Madam Chair asked His Worship the Mayor to explain the meaning and examples of Member's conflict of interest. The Mayor reiterated the concise explanation found in the terms of reference.

There was no declared conflicts of interest from Youth Council members in relation to the meeting.

10 Confirmation of order of business

There was no change to the order of business.

11 Meeting dates for 2019

The members discussed the late meeting times should they held in Taihape due to out of district students returning via bus to Marton then travelling to Taihape. It was agreed that all meetings would be held in Marton at 5pm on the dates noted in the attached meeting schedule. These may be subject to change through the year if agreed to by the Rangitikei Youth Council.

Resolved minute number **19/RYC/007** **File Ref**

That the Rangitikei Youth Council adopt the meeting schedule for 2019 with amendment at its meeting on 17 March 2019.

Caryse Clark / Reihania Hemi. Carried

Meeting adjourned at 10.40 am - reconvened at 11.04 am.

12 Work-plan for 2019

Ms Gower facilitated a workshop style session to set a draft long term vision and a 2019 work plan.

The Youth Council further discussed:

- that tidy attire was to be worn at all Youth Council meetings.
- various roles to be taken on by Youth Council members

Resolved minute number **19/RYC/008** **File Ref**

That the Rangitikei Youth Council agree to circulate the workplan and formally adopt it at the next meeting on 30 April 2019.

Samantha Bradley / Kathryn Fleming. Carried

Resolved minute number **19/RYC/009** **File Ref**

That the Rangitikei Youth Council agree that Samantha Bradley will be the Social Media Liaison Officer.

Erika Elers / Caryse Clark. Carried

Resolved minute number **19/RYC/010** **File Ref**

That the Rangitikei Youth Council agree that Caryse Clark will be the Administration Officer.

Erika Elers / Samantha Bradley. Carried

The following undertakings were agreed to by Youth Council

Undertaking	Subject
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Logo design – Erika, Charly, Hunter and Kat draft <i>due end of March 2019 for group feedback</i>• Nardia to set up Rangitikei Youth Council Gmail account for document sharing <i>due 22 March 2019</i>• Samantha to set up Facebook and Instagram accounts for RYC <i>due 22 March 2019</i>• Harvest Fair – need names as to who is attending. Nardia to confirm Stall with Project Marton <i>due 22 March 2019</i>• Marton Lobby – Hunter and Kat leading - to work with Nardia – <i>To meet by 29 March at the Lobby Marton</i>• Taihape Lobby – Nardia to follow up with Erika and Caryse regarding youth involvement <i>by 29 March at the Lobby Marton</i>• Nardia to inform Community Boards/Committees of establishment of Youth Council and recommend that an invitation to Youth Council members be extended <i>by 29 March at the Lobby Marton</i>• Makayla to type up Group Contract <i>due 25 March 2019</i>• Samantha to confirm the youth councils attendance at Marton RSA Vera Lynn concert	

13 Late Items

Nil

14 Next Meeting

30 April 2019 5.00 pm, Rangitikei District Council Chambers, 46 High St, Marton (TBC)

15 Meeting Closed

12.44 pm

Confirmed/Chair: _____

Date:

Attachment 2

Memorandum

To: Rangitikei Youth Council
From: Nardia Gower
Date: 27 April 2019
Subject: District Update March - April 2019
File: 4-EN-12-9

This memorandum updates the Rangitikei Youth Council on topics of interest.

1. Rangitikei Ward Structure

Prior to this year's local body elections in October Rangitikei has reviewed its ward structure and made changes to the number of wards and boundaries. Rangitikei will now be comprised of the Northern, Central, and Southern Wards.

Here are the key changes:

- The ward structure will reduce from 5 to 3. Taihape (slightly expanded becomes the Northern Ward), Hunterville and Marton combine to be the Central Ward Bulls, and Turakina combine to be the Southern Ward
- The number of elected councillors remains the same at 11 - with 3 councillors elected by the electors of the Northern ward; 5 councillors elected by the electors of Central Ward; and 3 councillors elected by the electors of the Southern Ward
- The Rātana and Taihape Community Boards will continue as now: each have four elected members together with (for Rātana) one member appointed from the Southern Ward and with (for Taihape) two members from the Northern Ward.

Background

All local authorities are required by the Local Electoral Act 2001 to review representation arrangements at least every six years. These reviews look at the number of councillors to be elected, the basis of election for councillors, and if this includes wards, the boundaries and names of those wards.

Reviews also include whether there are to be community boards, and if so, membership arrangements for those boards.

The boundaries of the wards and communities must align with the current statistical boundaries as determined by Statistics New Zealand.

Process

The process to change current ward structure must be approved by the Local Government Commission (LGC). There were 4 appeals to the LGC against the Council's final proposal, but after hearing the appeals LGC upheld Rangitikei District Council's proposal. The appeals centred around ensuring that smaller communities were adequately and fairly represented in the new ward structure.

However, it was determined by LGC that the new ward structure would be unlikely to disadvantage smaller rural communities, particularly given that the community board at Rātana and the community committees at Turakina and Hunterville would continue.

Maps of the previous ward structure and new ward structure are attached as *Appendix 1*

2. Upgrade of the Marton and Bulls wastewater treatment system

A previous application for a new resource consent lodged with Horizons Regional Council was placed 'on-hold' pending the outcome of the business case process for the upgrade of the Marton wastewater plant. A meeting involving Infrastructure staff, Council's consent advisors and Horizons compliance staff was held to progress the consenting strategy for a combined wastewater system for both Bulls and Marton. However, Horizons needs clear commitment from the Council about the proposed upgrade to be confident that any interim (short term) consent is a genuine stepping stone to new long-term consent with associated plant upgrades.

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

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

Council has further agreed to commence the process to procure land, to continue advancing the design and other elements and undertake further consultation with iwi and the Bulls/Marton communities, the progress on this is being reported to the Assets/Infrastructure Committee.

Such an approach would have the benefit of removing the discharge of treated wastewater from the Tutaenui Stream sooner than might otherwise be possible, but would rely on discharge to the Rangitikei River at Bulls. Estimated costs for the pipelines are being reviewed. Discussions to secure the necessary land for effluent disposal are continuing.

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

3. Upgrade of the Rātana wastewater treatment plant

The proposed programme to enable the installation of a land-based disposal of treated effluent (i.e. removal of discharge to Lake Waipu) started from 1 July 2018 (as per the agreement with the Ministry for the Environment). Consideration is now being given to identifying the most suitable land for this disposal, following which purchase will be negotiated with the owner. Discussions with landowners are now underway.

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

4. Putorino Landfill

In the latter half of 2018 members of the public have been notifying Rangitīkei District Council (RDC) of landfill debris being swept down the Rangitīkei River and identified the source of the rubbish to be the old Putorino Landfill site. The Rangitīkei River has altered its course and have now exposed the old landfill and rubbish is drifting down the river. On inspection of the site it was found that the site is no longer in use, but that there was clear signs of clean fill still being deposited on the site.

Rangitīkei District Council immediately notified Horizons Regional Council (HRC) of the situation and proposed an urgent site meeting to discuss possible short term mitigating actions as well as possible long term final solutions to remedy the situation. HRC made it clear during the discussions that they do not have any funding available to commit to any substantial engineering works at that time. The site visit has now been completed and the immediate plan is to divert the river away from the landfill, and then to look at what can be done as a permanent solution. The following actions has been agreed with Horizons Regional Council:

1. HRC will organise a new cut on the Manawatū side of the Rangitīkei River to divert the flow away from the landfill. This will be done under their current stone and gravel harvesting scheme and could potentially be cost neutral.
2. This contract will be managed by HRC and the consenting requirements for this work will be handled by HRC.
3. The old landfill site will be fenced off to prevent any further use of the site for the dumping of clean fill. 23
4. Once the river flow has been diverted, RDC, Manawatū District Council and HRC will collectively look at a permanent solution for the landfill. All possible solutions will be considered to allow us to select the most cost effective solution to protect the Rangitīkei River from further pollution.
5. HRC also committed to sampling the Rangitīkei River upstream and downstream of the site to determine if there are any unknown leachate or other harmful chemicals seeping into the River.

Research has concluded that historic ownership of the old landfill is that of RDC's. This now allow us to make informed decisions about our level of contribution towards the interim and final solutions.

5. Macron on Rangitīkei

At its meeting on 28 March 2019, Council resolved, subject to endorsement from Te Roopu Ahi Kaa, that Council adopt the use of the macron in Rangitīkei. This was endorsed by the Komiti at its meeting on 9 April 2019.

This change aligns with the Māori Language Commission's orthography. Council is currently seeking a change to the legal name of the Council (through the New Zealand Geographic Board) which currently lacks the macron. Wide consultation is required.

6. Manawatū-Whanganui Civil Defence Emergency Management Survey

Manawatū-Whanganui Civil Defence Emergency Management (CDEM) is running this survey to measure the regional communities' preparedness for, and resilience to, emergency events. This research is very important as the results will assist Manawatū-Whanganui CDEM in its regional planning, communication and coordination of resources. Please take this opportunity to let us know how prepared and resilient you and your family would be in the event of an emergency.

Your responses will be treated anonymously and are collected and collated by SIL Research an independent market research company. As a member of the Research Association of New Zealand (RANZ) SIL Research abides by the RANZ code of practice which protects your privacy.

The survey is open to residents aged 15 and over

The link to the survey: <https://www.research.net/r/sil-cdem-Rangitīkei>

7. Marton Skatepark

After more than 12 months of successful fundraising by the Skatepark committee, Rotary Club of Marton and Council the Marton Skatepark build commenced in February 2019. Construction has been gifted with the fine weather, however with the public holidays and subcontractor issues the build is slightly behind of schedule and the currently on track for an early May completion. The build will be slowed at the end of April due to a number of public holidays falling within this period. The skatepark committee visited the site to view construction work, everyone was impressed by the standard of workmanship being achieved with this project. Richard Smith (Rich Landscapes) completed one of three planned site visits to ensure compliance with the design and also to ensure quality control is being achieved. Richard's feedback has resulted in some minor modifications to the design and confirmed the project was being completed to a very high standard. Fundraising is continuing within the community. A donation from Turkington's and their business partner was received for \$15,000. This generous donation will ensure the additional unscheduled work for repairs to the existing skatepark can be completed. An opening day is being planned for the 25 May

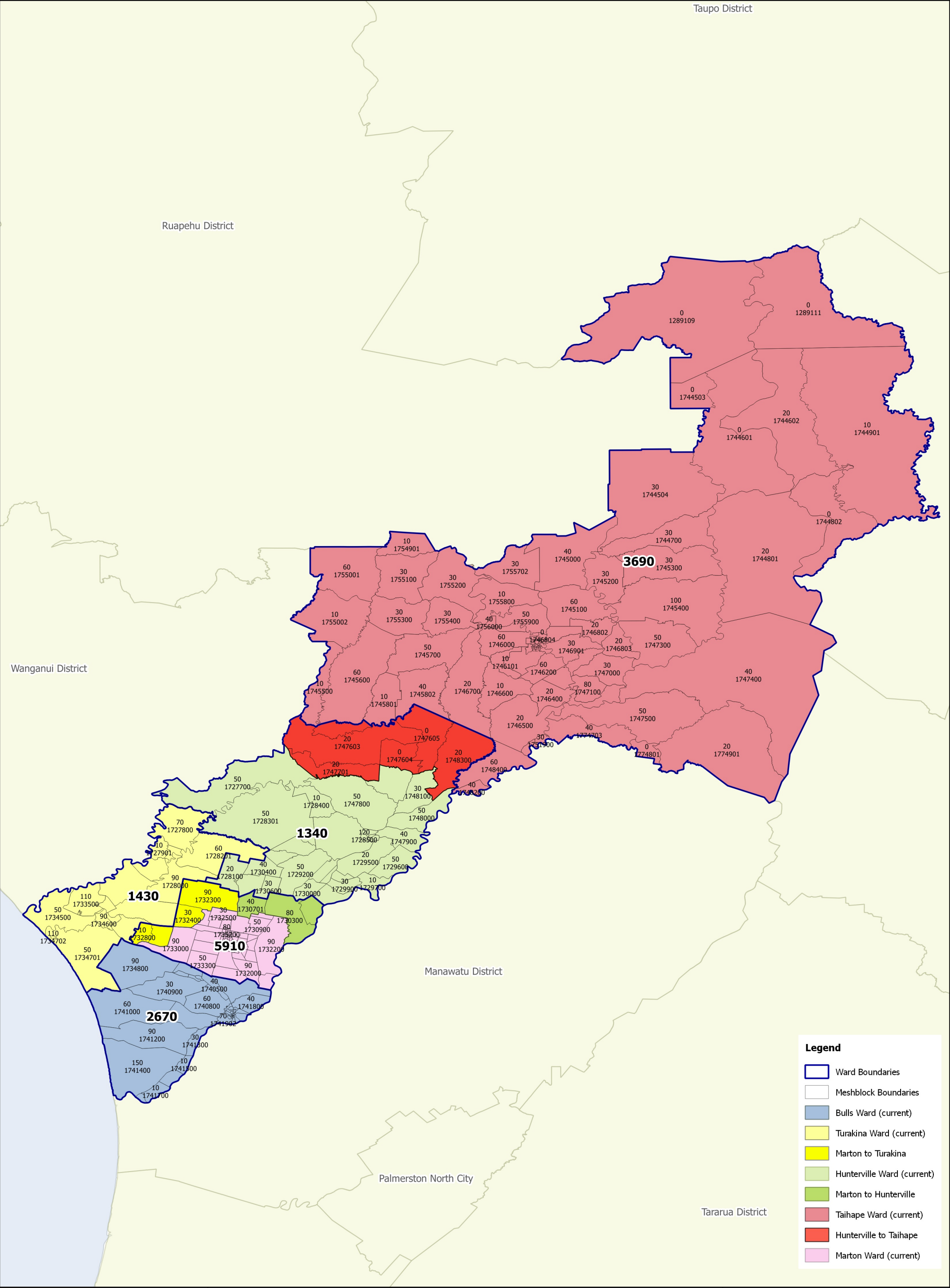
2019 with a national sponsor for the day confirmed. The new skatepark is continuing to generate interest in the community from all ages with only positive feedback being received.

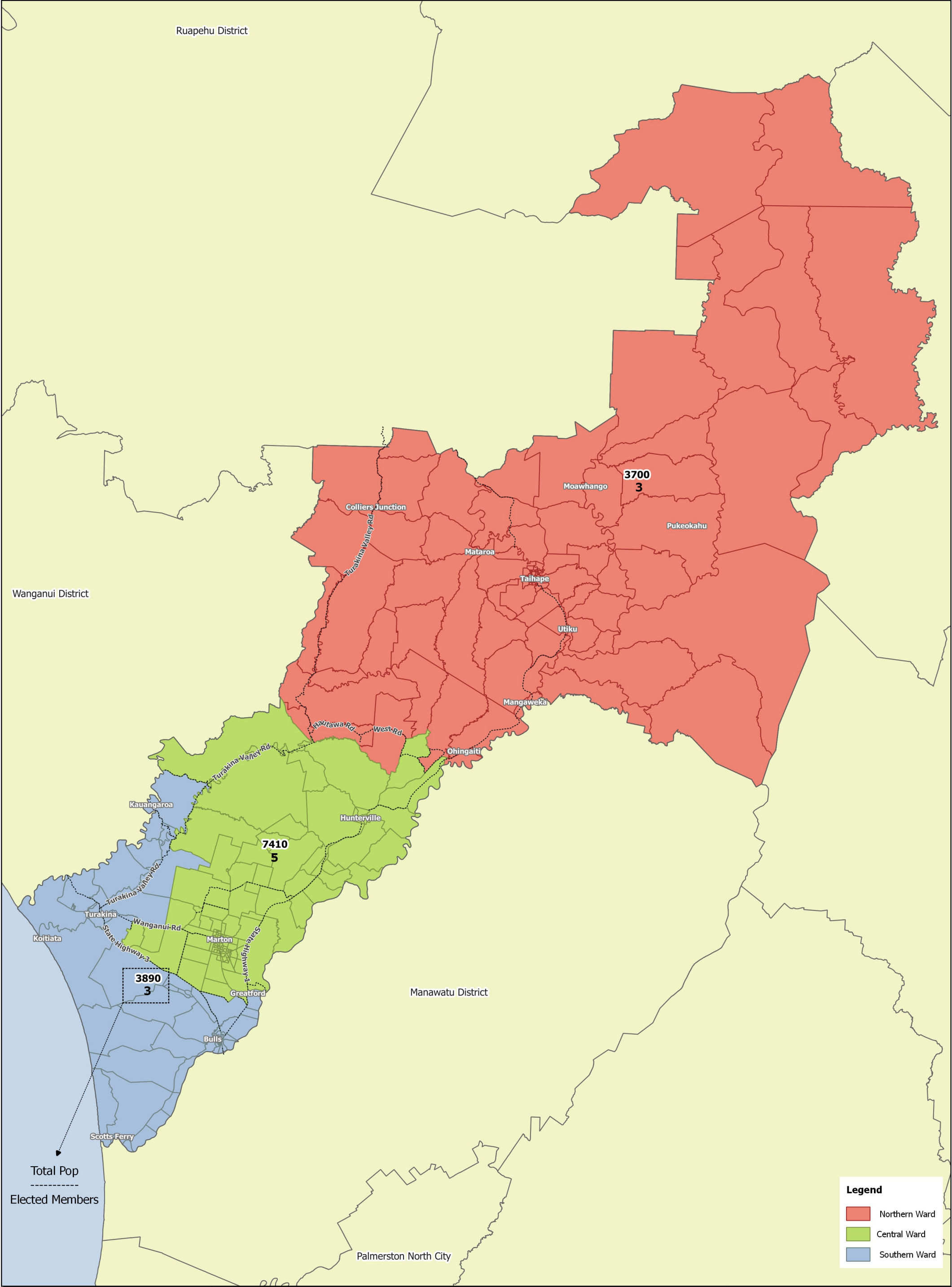
8. Recommendation

That the memorandum 'District Update March - April 2019' to the 30 April 2019 Rangitikei Youth Council meeting be received.

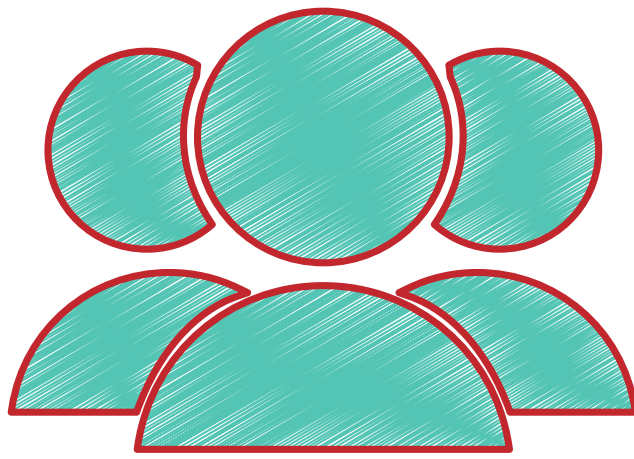
Nardia Gower
Strategic Advisor for Rangatahi/Youth

Appendix 1

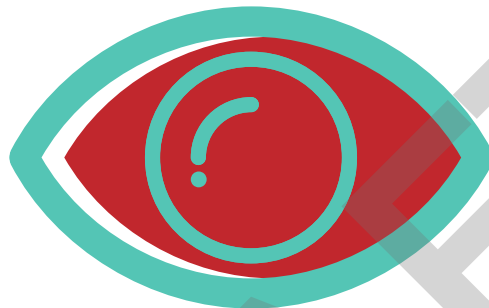




Attachment 3



Rangitikei Youth Council L.T.P Overview



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**POLITICAL
ENGAGEMENT**

**INTERDISTRICT
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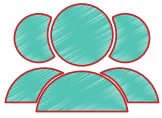
**YOUTH-LED
EVENTS**



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**INTERGENERATIONAL
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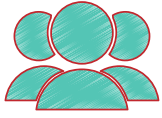
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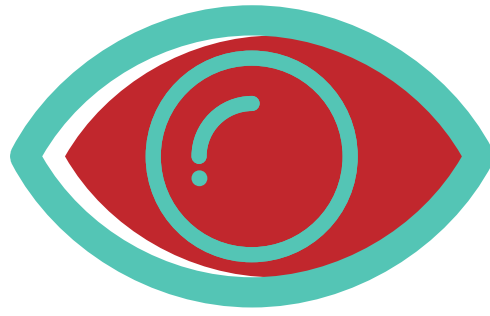
To be part of the long term
plan, starting 2020

Still in development

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BE A **KNOWN** **ORGANISATION**

Create an identity - Logo

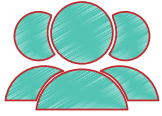
- Hoodies
- Caps
- TShirts
- Pens
- Use on all promotional material

Promote and continual presence

- Billboards
- Updates in school Newsletters
- School Assemblys
- Radio
- Social media FB and Insta
- TRYB website
- Poster - Schools, town, MacDonalds, Lobby
- Be Present at community events either with stall or volunteering
- Use an Insta Photo Frame
- Present to community groups

Community Engagement and Volunteering

- RSA Events and ANZAC
- Christmas Parade - Float
- Community Working Bees
- Placemaking
- Gumboot Day / Harvest / Market Day etc



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YOUTH-LED EVENTS

Life Skills

- To be held in Term Two
- Youth Led
- Working with Community
- Offer workshops on different life skills
- Still in brainstorm phase
- Create template for following years
- Could be annual or every two years

Rangitikei Youth Awards Evening

- To be held 23 May 2019
- Youth Led
- Working with Community
- Create template for following years

Te Reo Festival

- Perhaps held in Te wiki o te reo Maori
- Still in development

Meet the Candidate Events

- Local Government Election

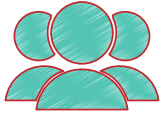
- In each different ward

RYC Working Bees

Cultural Diversity Celebration

Rainbow Community / Pride (LTP)

Careers / Opportunitites



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POLITICAL ENGAGEMENT

Local Government Election

- Meet the Candidates events in each ward
- Work with other orgs that run these events
- Promote
- Tech support - ie live streaming

Annual Residents Survey

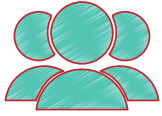
- Promote
- Youth Voice

Submissions and Consultation

- As and when issues of interest to youth arise
- Promote
- Youth Voice 'voicebox'

Education

- Share knowledge of Council and its processes with other youth - posters, website, social media
- Incorporate into events and stalls



Be present at Community Events

- Suggestions boxes for youth on whats good and could be better
- Board with suggestions or topics for youth to feedback on
- Use Survey Monkey - to be a consideration once main youth ideas/topics are formed

Social media & Online Engagement

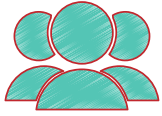
- Facebook - polls/questions/feedback
- Instagram - polls/questions/feedback
- E - newsletters

On-Site engagement

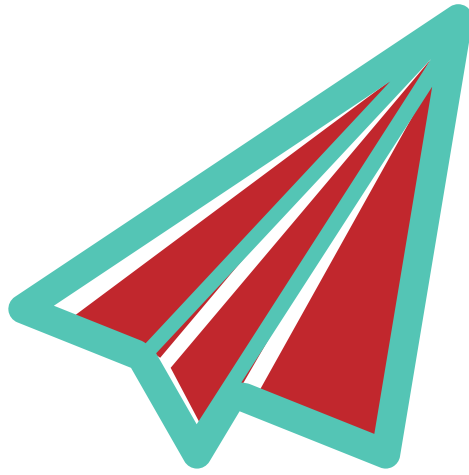
- Youth 'voicebox' at schools
- Idea tree at Lobbys
- Posters school, towns, Lobbys

Advocate for Youth

- Use youth feedback to lobby for change
- Interact with policy makers



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INTERDISTRICT CONNECTIVITY

Events - Working Bees - Calls to action

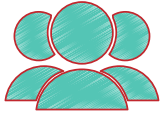
- Youth members to support events across district
- Invite and inform the wider youth community on all district events and information - use social media and billboards

Social Media and Online Presence

- use all social media avenues
- Promote and use TRYB website and SM

Transport

- transport for youth for out of town events needs further discussion and brainstorming



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INTERGENERATIONAL CONNECTION

Events

- Seeking help from adult community ie Life Skills Event

Reaching out

- Working with RSA
- Engaging Rotary
- Being present at Community Committees/Boards
- Connecting with Council and Elected Members

Attachment 4



UNFOLDING 19/20

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**The Annual Plan
for 2019/20**



RANGITIKEI
DISTRICT COUNCIL
Making this place home.

Our Councillors



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THE YEAR AHEAD

Message from Mayor Andy Watson

Welcome to the discussion around the Annual Plan. The District is in an exciting place, we have lots of new residents moving here, many businesses are looking to expand or operate in our patch and there is considerable interest in commercial subdivisions. We need to continue to be proactive in facilitating those relationships. Your views are important to us, please try to take part in one of the community consultations planned or give me a call and have a conversation.

This is the second year of the Long Term Plan. As such, the Annual Plan is a refresh of what the Long Term Plan anticipated would be on Council's agenda during 2019/20, and the financial implications. Much of what was planned will be done.

We are continuing to progress the major projects. Right now there is obvious work being done on the Criterion Street site for the new Bulls Community Centre – and the community house in Walton Street, the product of so much community effort and generosity which, when sold in May, will make a significant contribution to the Bulls Centre project budget. In Marton there is a business case study and design process under way on how to make best use of the heritage buildings on the Cobbler/Davenport and Abraham & Williams sites as an option to replace our current earthquake prone administration centre. In Taihape we are progressing design work for the construction of new amenity facilities on Taihape Memorial Park. Less obvious, but equally important, is the work towards getting Marton's treated wastewater out of the Tutaenui Stream and onto land south-west of Bulls, and getting Ratana's treated wastewater out of Lake Waipu onto land.

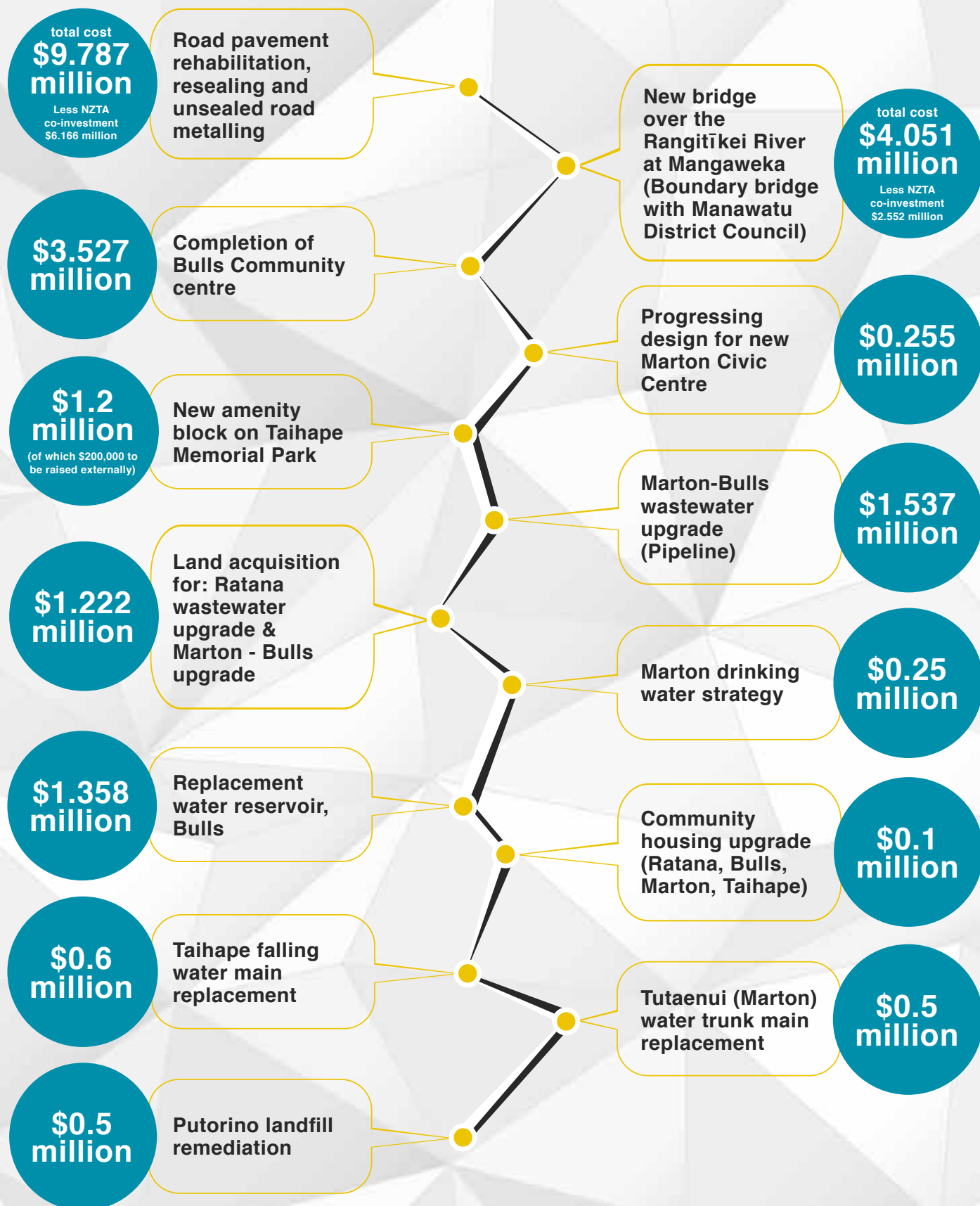
Many of you will be aware that the Government is currently giving consideration to how the three waters activities (i.e. drinking water, wastewater and stormwater) are best managed and how to best address the funding needs of local government. This work could result in far-reaching changes in how local councils function, with decision expected later in the year. This draft Annual Plan has been prepared assuming no changes to current arrangements.

Council's preference is to continue to work with our communities to help shape the District's destiny as far as we can. This is why the Long Term Plan placed emphasis on promoting economic development. This is the year when strategies will start to materialise into actions. Council has already taken steps to incentivise development in the District, through a range of policies. Complementing this is a much invigorated programme for youth, including the recent formation of a Youth Council, and a stronger partnership with Iwi.

Ultimately, Council depends on the willingness of the community to engage – not only by telling us what you think, through our various consultations and survey, but also through leadership and initiative. The skate park in Marton's Centennial Park and the Hautapu River Parks project in Taihape Memorial Park (one of New Zealand's earliest scenic reserves) are wonderful examples of this. But so too is the interest shown in various events and festivals held during the year, and providing volunteer support with planting and in the libraries. We are fortunate to live in a community that is compassionate about others and passionate about what the Rangitikei can provide.

We rely on each of you to help make this an even better place to live. So the most important question in the submission form is the last one: it is deliberately open-ended – for you to raise any matter which you want Council to consider as it plans for the year ahead.

MAJOR PROJECTS PLANNED FOR 2019/20



1

Rubbish and recycling

In the 2018-28 Long Term Plan Council proposed introducing a fortnightly kerbside recycling and weekly rubbish collection service in Bulls, Marton, Hunterville, Mangaweka and Taihape. However, the results from consultation were inconclusive and a survey of households in these towns (and Scotts Ferry and Koitiata) was undertaken in October 2018. As a result, Council decided to seek Expressions of Interest (Eoi) to assess the interest in the market and to get an indicative price for providing this service.

It was planned to have this Eoi ready by the end of January, but Council decided to defer doing this. There is considerable uncertainty about recycling opportunities, largely the result of the

policies introduced by China in 2017 which banned or restricted the import of a number of different products including low-quality plastics. These policies became effective in January 2018 and have been followed by others. Prices for recyclables in international markets have dropped dramatically. Lower sale prices mean that exporters of recyclables are facing significant financial pressure, so it is not an opportune time to seek prices for the proposed new service.

At this stage, it is intended to review it in the future.

Recycling facilities at Council's waste transfer stations will continue to be available.

2

The new Bulls Community Centre

Construction started in December 2018 with a completion date of December 2019. This is as projected in the 2018-28 Long Term Plan. The new centre should be fully functional in early 2020. At that time, Council's use of the current Town Hall and Information centre buildings will end and these sites sold. Council will also vacate the Library building. A group will be formed to look at options for the Library site.

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The proposed Marton civic centre

Following consultation in the 2016/17 Annual Plan, Council purchased three heritage-listed buildings (Cobbler/Davenport/Abraham & Williams) on the corner of High Street and Broadway, Marton, to become the new site for Council's administrative headquarters and Marton Library.

A feasibility study/concept design is being done on the two principal options – retaining all the street facades and key elements of these buildings (the main reason for the heritage listing) and upgrading or demolishing all three structures and constructing an entirely new building. There will be a separate consultation with the community, probably in July-August 2019, on these options. There has already been a preliminary assessment of the indicative cost of the status quo option (i.e. remain on current sites and upgrade/develop as required to provide future-fit facilities); this will be further refined to enable a direct comparison with the options to develop the Broadway/High Street site.

A Council decision based on a business case currently being prepared is planned for September 2019.

New amenity block on Taihape Memorial Park

Last year, as part of the 2018-28 Long Term Plan consultation, Council signalled its decision to build a new changing, shower and toilet facility in the Park. This will be done on the site beside the No. 3 field and incorporating a portion of the last tennis/netball court.

Council representatives have since met with Clubs Taihape to agree a process for finalising the design for a project that would fulfil the facility requirements of both organisations. A design brief is close to being finalised. It indicates two potential build options:

1. A two-storey building, with the amenity facilities at ground level and the Clubs Taihape/Community facilities on the upper level.

2. Two single level buildings connected by a covered walkway (or similar).

Clubs Taihape has a preference for option 1, and to undertake the project as a single build. That would mean Council is the owner of the building and it would require all of the funding to be secured prior to the build. Council has yet to decide which option it supports.

A budget provision of \$1.2 million for the amenities facility is included in the draft 2019/20 Annual Plan, with \$200,000 to be raised externally.

At this stage, the grandstand and toilets near the Memorial gates will be left as they are, apart from basic maintenance.

The exposed historic Putorino landfill

During 2018, following substantial rainfall, the Rangitikei River changed its course in the river bed, scouring out land on the right bank near Te Hou Hou Road. This exposed a landfill, established by the Rangitikei County Council, which had not been used since the early 1990s.

Horizons Regional Council has issued a consent allowing the Rangitikei River to be diverted to its earlier channel, thus allowing an opportunity to examine the dump more closely. The likely approach is to erect a barrier on the river bank to prevent further erosion by the river, should it change its course again. That will cost an estimated \$500,000.

PFAS

PFAS – per and poly-fluorinated alkyl substances - refers to a group of around 3,000 chemical compounds that have been extensively manufactured and used worldwide since the 1950s as furniture protectants, floor wax, treated fabrics, paper products, non-stick cookware, food packaging, insecticides and specialised fire-fighting foams. These foams have been (but are no longer) used for flammable liquid fires at airports and other fire training sites across New Zealand.

In late 2016 the presence of PFAS was detected in groundwater around the Ohakea Air Force Base. Low levels of PFAS were also found in four of the five bores that are the source of the Bulls water supply. The Ministry of Health has advised that these low levels present no public health risk. However, Council has decided to send samples of Bulls water overseas for Total Oxidisable Precursor (TOP) Assay testing to determine the levels of PFAS contamination. This test is not currently available in New Zealand. Cost will be dependent on the number of tests and the laboratory selected, but is unlikely to exceed \$5,000.

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Replacement water reservoir, Bulls

An outcome of the recent scrutiny of the supply of water to Bulls is the planned construction of a new reservoir in Bulls. The present storage is only 15% of fire-fighting requirements; the reservoirs have a poor seismic rating; and pressure does not meet fire-fighting requirements (50 litres per second).

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Marton water

The discolouration, odour and taste problems in Marton's water during January 2019 have occurred periodically over the years. They are the consequence of the water source - B and C Dams - which has seasonal algal blooms and high concentration of manganese. The treatment plant is not always able to ensure no variability in the quality of drinking water put into the reticulation network, but the supply has been consistently compliant with the drinking water standards.

Council is currently undertaking a "Marton Water Supply Strategy" to consider the raw water source, treatment, storage and the reticulation network. It is intended to have that work completed by September 2019 with the expectation that it will be implemented through the 2020/21 Annual Plan and/or the 2021-31 Long Term Plan processes.

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Marton/ Bulls wastewater

The 2018-28 Long Term Plan was explicit that the discharge of Marton's wastewater into the Tutaenui Stream would be ending. The indicative business case accepted by Council was that piping the wastewater to discharge onto land south-west of Bulls was the most cost-effective solution. The project will be associated with a similar shift from the Bulls wastewater plant discharging into the Rangitikei River, so one resource consent from Horizons Regional Council would cover the two discharges.

This is the largest and most complex infrastructure project undertaken in the District. During 2019/20, the necessary area of land south of Bulls will be purchased and design work carried out for the pipeline between Marton and Bulls.

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Improving recreational facilities

The major upgrade to the skatepark at Centennial Park, Marton, included in the 2018-28 Long Term Plan, started in February 2019 and will be finished in April 2019. It is expected to be a drawcard for a large number of visitors as well as being attractive to locals. The planned extensive upgrade of the playground beside Marton Memorial Hall (again with substantial external funding) will have a similar effect. These projects – the Hautapu River Parks project in Taihape is another – are significant upgrades to Council parks; Council proposes to increase the Parks Upgrade Partnership scheme by \$50,000 (making a total of \$100,000) so that it is able to make an appropriate financial contribution to such initiatives.

One important facility currently lacking at Centennial Park and the Marton Memorial Hall playground is public toilets, similar to those being developed in Follett Street alongside Marton Park. The toilets inside the Centennial Park pavilion and the Marton Memorial Hall are not able to be converted to use from outside these buildings.

An application is being made to the third round of the Government's Tourism Infrastructure Fund for \$270,000, which (if successful, and combined with Council's contribution of \$30,000) would provide similar facilities as that planned for Follett Street.

Supporting the new St John Ambulance station in Taihape

Although an integral part of responding to emergencies, ambulance services do not receive funding from central government (as the Police and Fire and Emergency New Zealand do). St John Taihape needs to build a new station, partly to satisfy requirements for having double-crewing, partly to satisfy regulations around the strength of buildings used for responding to emergencies (i.e. the IL4 building standard).

The maximum price of the new facility is estimated at \$837,043 (including a 9% contingency). The objective is to have it opened and operating by the end of 2020. The trigger for letting the construction contract will be securing 80% of the total cost.

Council proposes to include a \$50,000 provision in 2019/20 for this project.

Improving the District's resilience to climate change

The disruptive effect of climate change was noted as one of the significant forecasting assumptions in the 2018-28 Long Term Plan. For Council the biggest impact is on the District's roads, where substantial rainfall requires larger culverts to be installed to minimize damage, disruption to travellers and cost. This is reflected in the roading programme which has been reprioritized accordingly. There are areas of the District which are likely to be flooded when severe rainfall events occur. This means larger investment in stormwater systems (especially in Marton) and continued advocacy to central government about long-term solutions for communities like Whangaehu and Kauangaroa.

Council also looks for ways in which it can reduce its carbon footprint. One example is the new Bulls Community Centre which has been designed to have a low energy use requirement. Another example is bringing in hybrid vehicles into the fleet.

The cat problem

The submissions which Council received late last year on the revised Animal Control Bylaw all supported financial assistance from Council for de-sexing of cats, and a proposal to include a \$5,000 provision in the draft 2019/20 Annual Plan to assist owners with the costs. This will be funded through the Uniform Annual General Charge.

In reviewing the proposed procedures for this trial, a one-year programme, Council considered that a 50% subsidy was appropriate (i.e. \$65 on a total fee of \$130) and that micro-chipping should

be included – a view strongly supported by the Companion Animal Council. Over time, de-sexing and microchipping will lead to a reduction in the number of unwanted cats.

If adopted, the programme would run for two or three weeks during 2019 only, following extensive publicity. Based on costings previously obtained, it would cover around 120 cats. It would be limited to domestic cats (not unwanted cats) which are owned by holders of the Community Services card.

What matters most to you?

The 2018-28 Long Term Plan sets out the programme of work and the nature of services which Council intends to deliver over this period. There are many projects listed there which will be undertaken, but which haven't been mentioned in this Consultation Document, such as making the District more attractive to do business in, strengthening relationships with Iwi, maintaining

the District's swimming pools, gaining better control over stormwater, and ensuring roads and bridges are safe for travel. However, new opportunities arise, circumstances change, and central government policies and priorities can shift. Council's purpose is both to serve and lead the community, so it is important for Council to know what is top of mind for you.

References

More detail of what is contained in our draft Annual Plan, and in the following supporting documents, can be found on our website – www.rangitikei.govt.nz. Supporting information includes:

- Draft 2019/20 Annual Plan
- Adopted 2018-28 Long Term Plan
- Adopted asset management plans for Roading and 3 Waters
- Proposed Memorial Park Amenities Facility and Clubs Taihape Facilities – design brief, February 2019
- St John Taihape – New ambulance station, August 2018
- Marton Civic Centre feasibility proposal, March 2019
- Proposed extension of the Marton Memorial Hall playground – report to Assets/Infrastructure Committee, 21 March 2019
- Local Government New Zealand – Draft sector position on climate change mitigation (2018): www.lgnz.co.nz/our-work/publications/draft-sector-position-on-mitigation/
- National cat management strategy discussion paper (2017): www.nzcac.org.nz/images/downloads/nz-national-cat-management-strategy-discussion-paper.pdf

THE FINANCIALS

Rates

The proposed rate income increase for 2019/20 will be 3.96%. This is less than what we said it would be in the 2018-28 Long Term Plan for this year (5.90%).

The decrease is due primarily to the deferred implementation of kerbside rubbish and recycling in urban areas. There is also less debt servicing costs because of slower progress with several major capital projects during 2018/19. Please note that many properties will receive a lower or higher increase to their rates than the overall rate increase. The draft Annual Plan includes indicative rating impact tables for various types of properties – urban, rural, commercial and industrial.

Debt

We have budgeted Council's gross debt (i.e. borrowing) to be \$11.568 million by 30 June 2020, compared with the Long Term Plan projection of \$17.320 million. This is an outcome of slower progress with several major capital projects during 2018/19.

Summary changes in financial projections

More detailed financial information is contained in the full draft of the 2019/20 Annual Plan.

	Actual 2017/18 \$'000	Long-term Plan 2018/19 \$'000	Forecast 2018/19 \$'000	Long- term Plan 2019/20 \$'000	Draft Annual Plan, 2019/20 \$'000
Total operating revenue	33,104	33,627	33,439	34,923	38,106
Total operating expenditure	32,200	32,039	32,025	34,013	32,673
Capital expenditure	12,831	28,245	19,351	21,489	26,978

HOW TO HAVE YOUR SAY...

We invite you to provide us with feedback on any matter in this document or anything else you want to raise by:

- completing the written submission form – remove this from the document and send it to Freepost 172050;
- completing an Online submission form – found at www.rangitikei.govt.nz/annualplan19-20
- participating in the public meetings which are being held across the District (see below):

Note: We are also (separately) consulting on the Schedule of Fees and Charges for 2019/20.

KEY DATES:

1 April

- Consultation period opens. One month consultation period until 1 May

9 May (and 10 May if more time is required)

- Hearing of oral submissions (in Marton)

2 - 28 April

- Public meetings held across the District (see below)

30 May

- Council deliberates on all submissions (written and oral)

1 May

- Consultation period closes at midday

27 June

- Council adopts the 2019/20 Annual Plan

PUBLIC MEETINGS:

The Council is holding public meetings across the District. Some are in association with Community Boards and Community Committees as below; others will be separately advertised.

Bulls - Bulls Town Hall
Tuesday, 2 April - 5.30pm

Mataroa - Mataroa Community Hall
Wednesday, 3 April - 5.30pm

Turakina Community Committee - Ben Nevis
Thursday, 4 April - 7.30pm

Moawhango - Moawhango Hall
Saturday 6 April - 3pm

Mangaweka - Mangaweka Hall
Monday 8 April - 5.30pm

Ratana Community Board - Office, Ratana Paa
Tuesday 9 April - 6.30pm

Taihape Community Board - Taihape Town Hall
Wednesday, 10 April - 5.30pm

Tutaenui - Tutaenui Hall
Thursday 11 April - 5.30pm

Pukeokahu - Pukeokahu School Hall
Saturday, 13 April - 3pm

Koitiata - Koitiata Hall
Sunday, 14 April - 2pm

Scotts Ferry - Parewanui Road
Sunday 14 April - 4.30pm

Huntermville Community Committee - Huntermville Town Hall
Monday, 15 April - 6.30pm

Marton Community Committee - Council Chambers
Wednesday, 17 April - 7pm

Kauangaroa - Kauangaroa Marae
Sunday, 28 April - 3pm

Otairi School
Details to be confirmed

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SUBMISSION FORM

2019/20 ANNUAL PLAN

Submissions close at 12 noon on Wednesday 1 May 2019.

Return this form, or send your written submission to:

**Annual Plan Consultation
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Email: annualplan@rangitikei.govt.nz

Oral submissions

Oral submissions will be held at the Marton Council Chambers on Thursday 9 May 2019.

(If more time is needed, the hearing will extend to Friday 10 May 2019.)

If you wish to speak to your submission, please tick the box below.

☐ **I wish to speak to my submission.**

You are allowed ten minutes to speak, including questions from Elected Members.

If you have any special requirements, such as those related to visual or hearing impairments, please note them here.

Privacy

All submissions will be public. Please tick this box if you would like your personal details withheld (note: your name will remain public)

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Your name:

Organisation: (if applicable)

Email address:

Preferred contact phone number:

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Do you think Council should increase the annual funding to community-led projects which improve facilities on Council's parks, such as Marton Memorial Hall playground and the Hautapu River Parks by \$50,000?

☐ **Yes** ☐ **No**

What increase would you prefer Council to make?

Do you agree with Council's proposal to contribute \$50,000 to the cost of the new St John Ambulance Station in Taihape?

☐ **Yes** ☐ **No**

If no, what increase would you prefer Council to make?

What suggestions do you have for Council to take up which would increase the District's resilience to climate change?



Do you think Council should provide funding for the de-sexing and micro-chipping of cats?

☐ **Yes** ☐ **No**

If yes, should it be more than \$5,000? If so, how much? Should the programme run longer than one year?

Do you think Council should also help with the costs for euthanising unwanted cats caught in traps borrowed from the Council?

What other ideas, issues or problems would you like Council to address next year?

Attach additional information if you wish.

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