

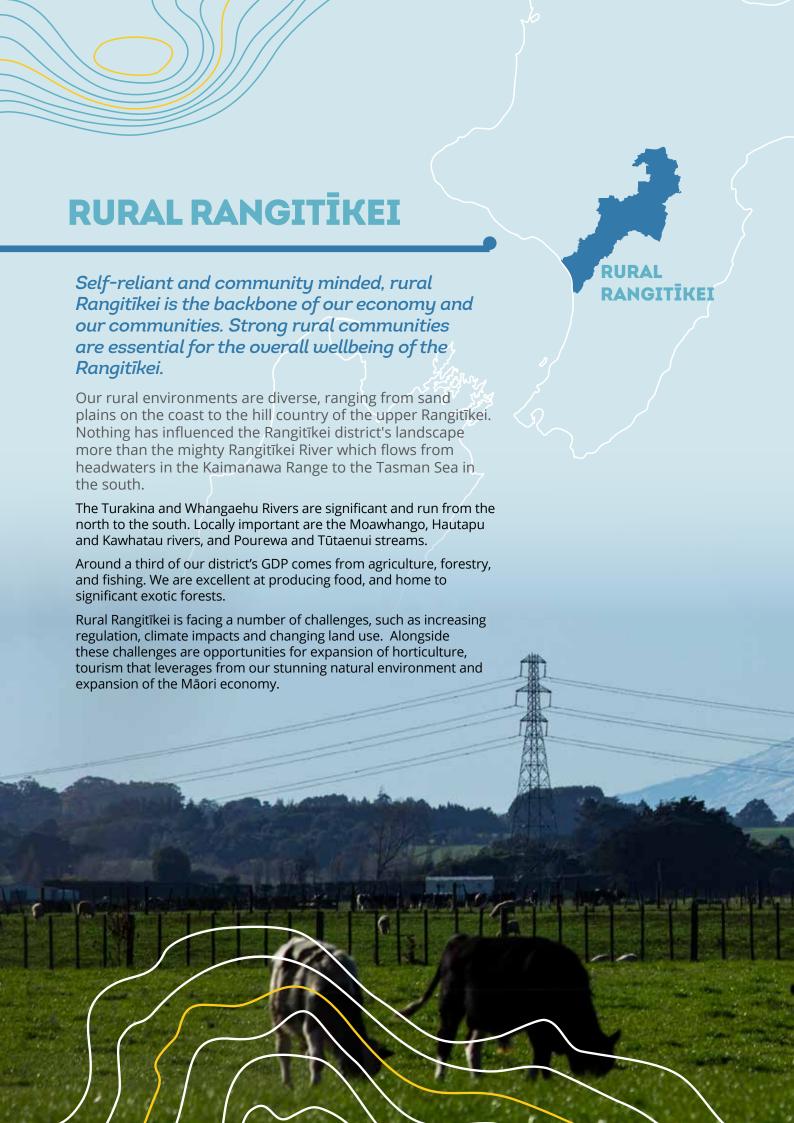


Pae Tawhiti RANGITĪKEI BEYOND

DRAFT COMMUNITY SPATIAL PLAN

Proud of our places and spaces

Rural Rangitīkei





Rural Rangitīkei is thriving – strong and connected communities, prosperous businesses, and leaders in environmental enhancement.

Key community priorities

- Better phone and internet connectivity.
- Diversification.
- Improved infrastructure.
- Right tree in the right place.

Rural Rangitīkei at a glance

The GDP of the Rangitīkei is

\$729M == (2021)

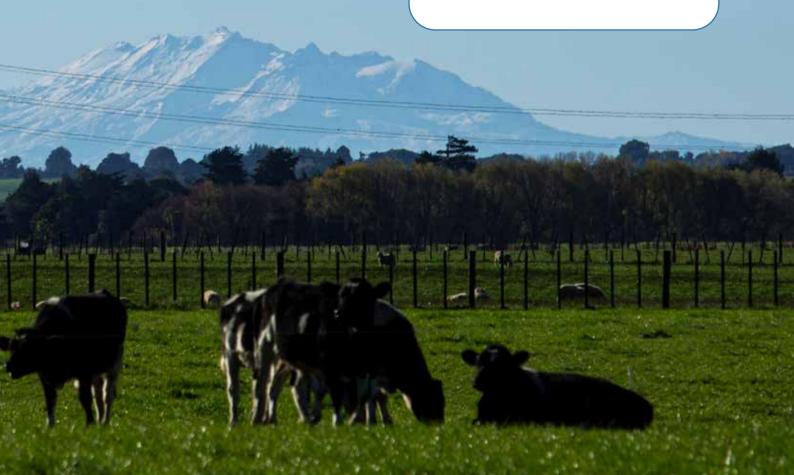
31.4% of Rangitīkei's GDP is from agriculture, forestry and fishing (2021).

Between 2011 and 2021 agriculture, forestry and fishing created the most jobs –

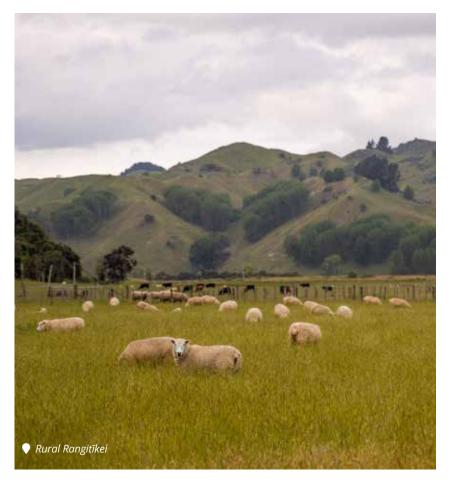
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Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing make up **40.4%** of the total number of businesses in the District (2021)

Tourism GDP is **\$23M** (2021)









"I think there is enormous potential for more trees to be planted on farms, but the right tree in the right place"

Community Voice

Diversification of the primary sector

Our primary sector is the backbone of the Rangitīkei economy. Increasing diversification into horticulture and cropping is likely as we maximise the use of our productive soils.

Transition of many farms into carbon forestry is also likely, and a concern for some of our rural communities. Carbon forestry could provide opportunities, particularly for our Māori landowners with marginal lands and in areas with significant erosion.

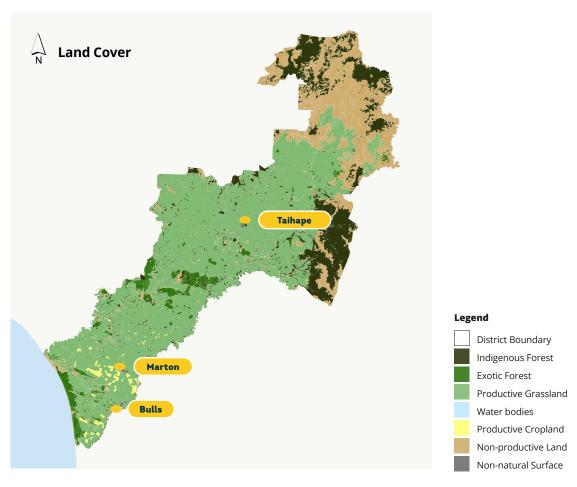
Rural service activities and industries are important to support the rural economy. We need to ensure rural service activities can establish close to where they are needed to support the diversifying rural economy.

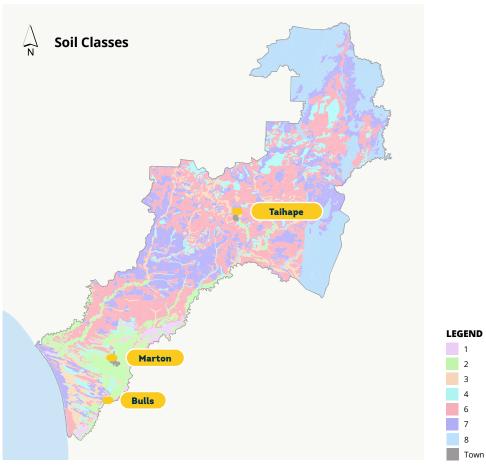
National direction requires protection of highly productive land from lifestyle development. For some of our rural communities, lifestyle development may support local schools and retaining community vibrancy.

Reviewing minimum lot sizes in the Rural and Rural Living zones is needed to respond to national direction for highly productive land.

Priorities

- Increasing diversification of the primary sector.
- > Enabling rural service industries.
- > Right tree in the right place to maximise benefits to our rural communities from the forestry sector.
- > Supporting the ongoing viability of rural communities.







Community-led environmental restoration

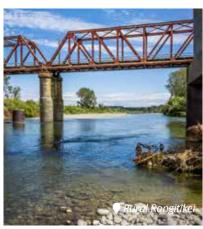
Rural Rangitīkei are leaders in environmental restoration projects.

Significant work has already been achieved by iwi and hapū, and community groups such as the Rangitīkei Rivers Catchment Collective, Rangitīkei Environment Group, and Forest and Bird.

These efforts are supported and extended by local agencies such as Horizons and Landcare Trust.

Priorities

> Improving water quality and biodiversity throughout the Rangitīkei.



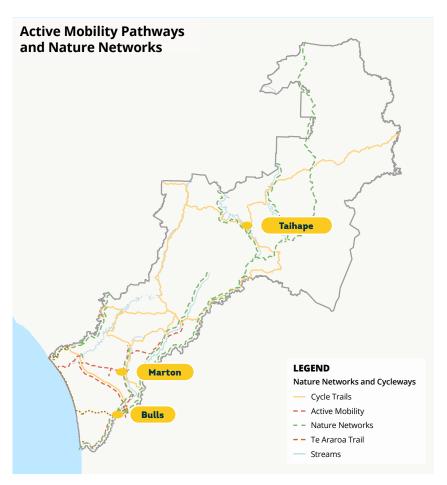
"Encourage bush blocks and riparian and wetland planting."

Community Voice

"Guests may experience our natural environment by foot, bike, horse, raft, and car."

Community Voice





Destination opportunities

Rural Rangitīkei has significant untapped potential to provide a wide range of visitor experiences.

Our stunning natural environment, its diversity, geological and landscape significance are all opportunities for visitor exploration.

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 in the Rangitīkei Destination Management Plan.

Exploring the Rangitīkei on land, water and from the sky are all opportunities for the future.

Priorities

- Celebrate the natural environment as the foundation of our visitor offering.
- > Unlock potential of the Māori visitor economy.
- > Improve the wellbeing of our communities through the visitor economy.

"I think there will be opportunities for authentic experiences. These may have a cultural element and will showcase our natural environment."

Community Voice

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Papakāinga and the Māori economy

There is significant Māori land throughout the district, from the coast through to the outstanding landscapes in the north.

Large areas of Māori land in the northern Rangitīkei are landlocked, or protected through the District Plan as outstanding landscapes.

Māori businesses are already a key part of the Rangitīkei economy. Many of our iwi are still in the process of settling Treaty claims. Once settled we will see accelerated investment in local business, health, environmental initiatives, and papakāinga development.

Ngā Wairiki Ngāti Apa and Ngāti Hauiti have plans to develop papakāinga. Our other iwi also have aspirations for papakāinga once Treaty settlement processes have been completed. Ngā Wairiki Ngāti Apa have plans for papakāinga in Parewanui, Koitiata, Kauangaroa and Whangaehu. Ngāti Hauiti have plans for papakāinga in Mangaweka, Ūtiku, and Rātā. The facilitative zoning of land for papakāinga development is important.

Priorities

- > Access to landlocked land.
- > Development of papakāinga.
- > Growing the Māori economy.



"The opportunities for all forms of agriculture are huge, so long as roading etc can keep up to speed with production."

Community Voice



Enabling infrastructure

Infrastructure, such as water, roading, bridges and internet connectivity is critical to the success of our rural communities and economy.

Keeping our rural communities connected is essential to Rangitīkei.

However, many areas throughout the Rangitīkei have no access to internet or cell phone connectivity.

There are increasing pressures on the roading network associated with tightening budgets and changing land use.

With a changing climate water storage will become more important for rural resilience.

Priorities

- > Access to reliable internet and cell phone connectivity.
- > Maintaining a fit for purpose roading network that supports the rural economy.
- > Water security.





Action Plan

	Rangitīkei Priority Area	Key Themes	Project				
-	Thriving		1	1.1	Review the District Plan approach to rural service activities.		
	Communities			1.2	Review the District Plan approach to lifestyle subdivision, including minimum lot sizes, for the Rural and Rural Living zones.		
	Healthy Communities	ENVIRONMENTAL	2	2.1	Support and work collaboratively with agencies and community groups on environmental restoration projects.		
		NITIES		3.1	Implement Destination Rangitīkei, the Rangitīkei Destination Management Plan.		
	Thriving Communities Unique Communities	DESTINATION OPPORTUNITIES	3	3.2	Review the District Plan in relation to rural tourism activities including accommodation and visitor experiences.		
				3.3	Develop a district-wide active mobilities pathway plan which builds from the existing cycle networks and identified active mobility pathways.		
				3.4	Invest in destination marketing and promotion which develops awareness of our natural assets.		
				3.5	Work alongside mana whenua and the community to tell local stories e.g. interpretation panels along walkways.		
	Healthy Communities	PAPAKĀINGA AND THE MĀORI ECONOMY	4	4.1	Continue to advocate for access to landlocked land.		
				4.2	Review the District Plan approach for papakāinga development.		
		PAI AND EC		4.3	Work collaboratively to support the development of papakāinga housing, including the provision of infrastructure and community facilities.		
	Connected Communities Thriving Communities	ENABLING INFRASTRUCTURE	5	5.1	Advocate for increase internet and cell phone connectivity and communicate options available with rural communities.		
				5.2	Retain the quality of rural roads, by planning for and advocating for maintenance schedules that retain the quality of rural roads.		
				5.3	Facilitate approaches to improve certainty of access to water e.g. water supply schemes.		

The actions identified in the Action Plan are not guaranteed to be developed. Council will consider which actions are developed through long term planning processes and collaboration with implementation partners.

Quick win <1 year Short term 1 - 5 years Medium term 6 - 10 years Long term 10+							
Timefra	ame	Council's role(s)	Project Partners and Key Stakeholders				
\mathbf{Z}	Medium Term	Strategy / Regulation	Community				
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>>	Ongoing	Partner Supporter	Mana whenua Community Horizons Environmental Agencies				
Ö m	Short Term – Long Term	Funder Partner Facilitation / Information					
Ō	Medium Term	Strategy / Regulation	Community Mana whenua Waka Kotahi				
Ō	Short Term	Service Provider Strategy / Regulation					
>>>	Ongoing	Service Provider					
	Long Term	Partner					
>>>	Ongoing	Advocate	Mana whenua Central Government				
\blacksquare	Medium Term	Strategy / Regulation	Mana whenua Regional Council				
>>>	Ongoing	Supporter Facilitation / Information	Te Puni Kōkiri Kainga Ora				
>>>	Ongoing	Advocate Information / Facilitation	Community				
>>>	Ongoing	Service Provider	Waka Kotahi				
	Long Term	Facilitation / Information	Communities				



Our objectives

Through creating the draft Community Spatial Plan we want to achieve the following:

- 1. Articulate community aspirations for future land use and development.
- 2. Provide a blueprint of future land use and growth throughout the Rangitīkei.
- 3. Collaborate with iwi and hapū to embed cultural values into how we plan for growth and development in the Rangitīkei.
- 4. Guide infrastructure investment decisions and enable targeted future proofing.
- 5. Inform and shape the District Plan Review and Council's other plans and strategies.
- 6. Build confidence and identify potential for industrial, commercial, and residential development.

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To learn more about what this means please visit www.rangitikei.govt/nz/paetawhiti

RANGITĪKEI the way life should be



Share your thoughts on the future for Rural Rangitīkei Pā by filling out a submission form and:

- Posting to Attention:
 Pae Tawhiti Rangitīkei Beyond,
 Reply Paid:172050,
 Private Bag 1102, Marton 4741
- Emailing us at info@rangitikei.govt.nz
- **Dropping** off at one of our Offices, Libraries or Information Centres.
- **Attending** one of our community events throughout the District.
- Going online www.rangitikei.govt.nz/paetawhiti

Have your say by 5pm Tuesday 25 April 2023

Want to learn more about our plans for the future?

View the full draft Community Spatial Plan document:

- Online at www.rangitikei.govt.nz/paetawhiti (accessible at our libraries and service centres).
- In hard copy at Te Matapihi,
 Bulls, the Taihape Library, Marton
 Library or the Marton Main Office
 and Hunterville Bookshop.

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