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Summary Annual Report 2018/19

Introduction

The Annual Report explains the Council's performance in 2018/19 against the first year of the Long Term Plan for 2018-28, and against the various legislative and accounting requirements under which the Council is required to operate.

The year's major achievements are:

- Contract let for the construction of the new Community Centre on Criterion Street, Bulls
- Concept plans developed for options for a new Civic Centre in Marton
- Concept design for a community facility on Taihape Memorial Park (in conjunction with Clubs Taihape)
- Investigations into the merits of retaining (as distinct from demolishing) the century old Mangaweka Bridge once the new bridge is built and operational.
- Completion of a new water supply (bore and treatment plant at Ratana
- Investigation into an alternative water supply source for Hunterville
- Continued reaccreditation of the Council as a Building Consent Authority
- Completed review of the efficiency and effectiveness of the District Plan
- Completion of the Representation Review process – resulting (after a hearing by the Local Government Commission) in the reduction of five wards (Turakina, Bulls, Marton, Hunterville, Taihape) to three wards (Northern, Central, Southern) for the October 2019 elections.

For those interested in the full Annual Report, copies are available at:

- the Council Offices, 46 High Street, Marton
- the District Libraries or
- our website www.rangitikei.govt.nz



Andy Watson
Mayor



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29 November 2019

Council's Role

The Rangitikei District Council undertakes services for the residents and ratepayers of the Rangitikei.

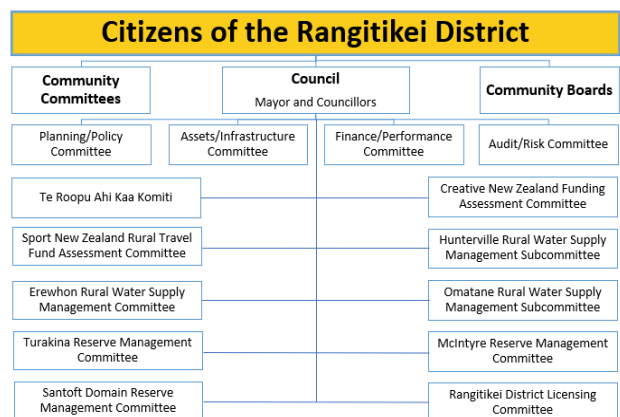
The Local Government Act 2002 defines the purpose of Local Government as to:

"... enable democratic local decision-making and action by, and on behalf of communities, and

...meet the current and future needs of communities for good quality infrastructure, local public services, and performance of regulatory functions in a way that is most cost-effective for households and businesses."

Council Operations

The Council appoints a Chief Executive to be in charge of the Council operations and delegates certain powers of Management to him as required under Section 42 of the Local Government Act 2002. The Chief Executive appoints staff to carry out all of the Council's significant activities. The chart below shows the Council's governance structure.



Highlights for 2018/19

Achievements and issues

Community Leadership

- **Annual Plan 2019/20** Council adopted the final Annual Plan 2019/20 on 30 June 2019 with no significant changes to the Long Term Plan 2018-28. Two points to note were Council increased its Community Led Projects funding by \$50,000. St Johns Taihape will receive \$50,000 from Council as the final donator to go towards their new facility.
- **Annual Report 2018/19** - The 2018/19 Annual Report was adopted by Council on 31 October 2019.
- **Bylaw and policy development/review** - Council has also undertaken policy/bylaw work. This includes the review of the Speed Limit Bylaw to reduce the speed limit along Hendersons Line, review of the Animal Control Bylaw and the review of the Rates Remission Policy to incentivise residential development and subdivision. This is associated with development agreements for specific subdivisions.
- **Representation Review** - The representation review for the 2019 elections has been completed. Rangitikei District is now made up of three wards, Northern, Central and Southern. The Taihape and Ratana Community Boards have remained (but the boundaries of the former coincide with the Northern Ward).
- **Iwi Liaison** - Te Rōpu Ahi Kā has a plan for this and the values based framework moving forward. Currently ongoing
- **Preparation of Order Papers** – Order Papers for Council, Committees, Boards, Community Committees and other meetings were delivered to ensure that decision-making was compliant and useful.

Roading and Footpaths

- **Resealing** - a total of 50.7km of road was resealed this year the target was 51km.
- **Pavements** – Resilience improvements for Mangahoe Road and Parewanui Road/Ferry Road have been completed. Seal widening at the Mangatipona/Kauangaroa/Okirae Road Intersection has been completed.
- **Bridges** – The upper strengthening of Otara Bridge has completed, a subsequent inspection has identified some work needs to be done underneath the bridge. The merits of retaining the current century-old Mangaweka Bridge (alongside the planned new bridge) compared with demolition were investigated.
- **Emergency works** 2018/19 saw a number of slips, particularly in the north of the district causing road closures. Repairs on the network have continued with restoration of drop outs and rock protection.

Water Supply

- **Ratana Water Treatment Plant** - A key project has been the design and construction of the Ratana Water Treatment Plant. The building is constructed, with commissions works undertaken. The project is now complete.
- **Marton Water Treatment Plant** - Improvements have also been made at the Marton Water Treatment Plant to improve water quality.
- **Bulls Water Strategy** - The Bulls Water Strategy seeks to provide a plan for the route and size of the rising main and fire main on the State Highway between Holland Crescent and High Street. The planning phase of this project is almost complete.
- **Seismic Strengthening** - Seismic strengthening at both the Marton and Taihape Water Treatment Plants has started. In Marton the water clarifier requires strengthening and in Taihape the reservoir requires strengthening. Both projects have had design works completed.
- **Watermain renewals** - watermain renewals included the Taihape Falling Main, Takahe Street watermain in Taihape, Raumaewa Road watermain in Taihape and the rising main at Holland Crescent between Bridge Street and High Street in Bulls.
- **Huntermville Exploratory Bore** - investigations are underway for the Huntermville exploratory bore which seeks to investigate the potential use of groundwater as a drinking water supply for the Huntermville community. The tender process is currently underway.

Sewerage and the Treatment and Disposal of Sewage

- **Ratana Wastewater Treatment Plant** - Funding has been secured through the Freshwater Improvement Fund to enable the disposal of treated wastewater to go to land. However, this is dependent on suitable land being identified. Negotiations for this are proceeding.
- **Bulls and Marton Wastewater Treatment Plants** - The current consent application for the Bulls Wastewater Treatment Plant lodged with Horizons Regional Council in 2015 was put on hold pending the outcome of a business case process for a combined wastewater discharge for Marton and Bulls. Council agreed to this recommendation in August 2018. Work is proceeding on the pipeline (initially from Marton to Bulls); discussions to secure the necessary land for effluent disposal have progressed – a Heads of Agreement has been signed with Nga Wairiki Ngati Apa regarding access to suitable land south of Bulls for the disposal of wastewater. Horizons requires a consent application setting out the phased approach for the proposed wastewater arrangements for the two towns by November 2019. Associated with this, a draft Memorandum of Understanding prepared by New Zealand Defence Force for Ohakea’s wastewater is under consideration.
- **Marton Wastewater Treatment Plant** - Council entered into a trade waste agreement with MidWest Disposals for acceptance of treated leachate.
- **Sewer re-lining** – Sewer relining program for 2018/19 completed

Stormwater Drainage

- **Marton stormwater hotspots** – works planned to address ongoing flooding issues in the Marton township. Work has been completed at Hammond Street and Skerman Street.
- **Taihape stormwater hotspots** – works planned to address ongoing flooding issues in the Taihape township. Work has been completed for Goldfinch Street.
- **Broadway, Marton** – replacement of stormwater has been completed as part of this wider project.
- **Management of open drains in urban areas** – Council decision that it would take responsibility for open drains in urban areas.

Community and Leisure Assets

- **Bulls Community Centre** – An agreement in principle was reached with a joint venture¹ to increase the total site foot print to 3595m². Construction commenced in January 2019. Construction of the centre is set to be complete by the end of February 2020.
- **Community Housing** – Community housing inspections have been completed with heat pumps installed in all units along with thermal curtains for those tenants who did not wish to keep their own ones.
- **Community-led Projects** – There have been a range of on-going projects occurring throughout the District which have been led by the local community including, planting, playgrounds, halls and other initiatives.
- **Dudding Lake** – Fencing and planting of the effluent field at Dudding Lake has been completed. This work has ensured compliance with Council’s resource consent conditions for the wastewater system at the site.
- **Hautapu River Parks** – A concept plan has been created and finalised for the future development of the site for a range of recreation purposes.
- **Taihape Memorial Park Facilities**– A site for the new facility building has been finalised. Council confirmed in June its preference for a single (2-storey) building.
- **Marton B & C Dams** – Work is ongoing at the Dams with the management plan being implemented, weed control being undertaken across the site and number of planting has been completed.
- **Public toilets** – The toilets at Mangaweka Village have now been installed.
- **Marton Skatepark**– The Marton Skatepark at Centennial Park is complete and has been a huge success for the community with the opening weekend attracting people from across the region.
- **Swimming Pools** – The re-painting projects at the Taihape pool has been completed and additional covers installed with the re-painting of Marton Pool almost complete.
- **Asbestos Management** – The removal of the old Hunterville Fire Station has been completed.
- **Dudding Lake** – The driveway at Dudding Lake has been sealed.

Rubbish and Recycling

- **Green Waste Acceptance** – Green waste is now being accepted at Ratana and Hunterville.
- **Waste Transfer Stations** - Council continued to operate its waste transfer stations in Ratana, Bulls, Marton, Hunterville, Mangaweka, and Taihape

¹ This was for the purchase of the site only. The construction of the Centre has been done solely by the Council.

Environmental and Regulatory

- **Reaccreditation as a Building Consent Authority until February 2021.**
- **Review of Efficiency and Effectiveness of the Rangitikei District plan** - A review of the efficiency and effectiveness of the District Plan has been carried out.
- **Implementation of the Building (earthquake-prone buildings) Amendment Act-** Officers have made a start on issuing notices for potentially earthquake-prone buildings. So far 104 inspections have been carried out. (65 were assessed during 2018/19.)
- **Swimming pool fencing** - the Building (Pools) Amendment Act requires Council to inspect swimming pools every three years. Council deliberated that its 2018/19 fees and charges would allow property owners with a pool to have the required inspection fee waived but if a subsequent inspection was required there would be a fee.
- **Animal Control** - Council continued to provide animal control services for both Rangitikei and Manawatu districts under a shared services arrangement.

Community Well-being

- **Community Organisations, MoU** - Council has developed MoU's with local organisations to partner with and provide them information on events and activities.
- **Youth Development** – The Youth Committee has been formed with meetings taking place at Taihape Area School and Rangitikei College on a monthly basis. Officers have continued with the ongoing facilitation of the youth zones in Taihape and Marton.
- **Support for environment and heritage** – continued administrative support for the Rangitikei Heritage Group and the Treasured Natural Environment Group. Ongoing production of a quarterly 'Rangitikei Environment' newsletter.
- **Town Signage** – New signage with icons to reflect towns identity are being erected throughout the District with Taihape, Hunterville, Turakina and Ratana Pa signage already installed.
- **Rangitikei.com** – Council has continued to manage Rangitikei.com and has carried out a survey on how the site is operating.
- **Economic Development** – Economic Development Summary Plan containing the actions, activities and programmes has been prepared for endorsement. Along with this an Economic Development Strategy is in the process of being developed.
- **Emergency management** - A contract remains in place with Horizons Regional Council to deliver Council's emergency management function.

Finance

Financial Statements

Explanation of major variations against budget

Explanations for major variances from the Council's budget figures for 2018/19 in the 2018-28 Long Term Plan are noted below: .More detailed analysis of variances may be found in note 31 of the financial statements (including the revaluation of property plant and equipment being on 30 June 2019 rather than 1 July 2019) and in the commentary on the various groups of activities in the full Annual Report.

Note 34 in the full annual report explains in detail a prior period error resulting from not performing a road valuation in the 2017 and 2018 years. This would likely have reduced expenditure in the 2017 and 2018 years and reversed the \$17.495 million of road asset impairment losses previously expensed. As it was impractical to determine the amount of the error each year at a sufficiently detailed level, the prior period error was not corrected in 2017 and 2018. Instead the reversal of the cumulative impairment losses of \$17.495million has occurred as part of the revaluation of roading assets in the 2019 year.

Statement of comprehensive revenue and expense

The statement of comprehensive revenue and expense shows operating expenditure was \$228,000 less than budget while operating revenue exceeded budget by \$1,093,000, resulting in an operating surplus before gains & losses on PPE and investments of \$2,909,000, against a budget of \$1,588,000. The surplus after tax was \$20,404,000.

Statement of financial position

Council had net assets of \$600 million, largely represented by property, plant and equipment. This is a significant increase on last year's figure of \$492 million, a consequence of revaluation.

Because of a significant underspend in capital work of \$14.1 million there has been much less need to borrow externally during the year. The main causes of the underspend are delays in finding suitable land for wastewater disposal from Ratana, Marton and Bulls and the slower start of construction for the new Community Centre in Bulls.

The full Annual Report has further detail on variances for each group of activities. For example, in Water Supply, some of the planned upgrades did not proceed or have been delayed, so actual capital expenditure was less than forecast. This includes the Bulls reservoir replacement

(being reassessed as part of the Bulls Water Strategy, with \$1.325 million carried forward to 2019/20), repairs to the Marton Water treatment plant and dams (\$1.441 million

carried forward to 2019/20) and completion of the new bore for Hunterville town \$400,000 carried forward to 2019/20).

Summary Financial Results

Summary Financial Statements			
	2018	2019	2019
	Actual	Budget	Actual
	(\$000)	(\$000)	(\$000)
Summary Statement of Comprehensive Revenue and Expense for year ending 30 June 2019			
Total operating revenue	33,104	33,627	34,720
Less finance costs	1	8	49
Less other operating expenditure	32,199	32,031	31,762
Net surplus (deficit) before tax	904	1,588	2,909
Income tax expense	0	0	0
Net surplus (deficit) before revaluation losses	904	1,588	2,909
Loss on revaluation of property, plant and equipment	0	0	0
Reversal of previous losses on roading assets	0	0	17,495
	904	1,588	20,404
Financial assets at fair value through other comprehensive income and expense	(178)	0	12
Gain on revaluation of property, plant and equipment	0	0	86,193
Comprehensive revenue and expense for the year	726	1,588	106,609
Summary Statement of Changes in Net Assets/Equity for year ending 30 June 2019			
Balance as at 1 July	492,235	500,341	492,961
Total comprehensive revenue and expense for the year	726	1,588	106,609
Balance as at 30 June	492,961	501,929	599,570
Summary Statement of Financial Position as at 30 June 2019			
Current assets	11,288	7,636	13,051
Non-current assets	486,881	510,650	594,052
Total assets	498,169	518,286	607,103
Current liabilities	4,798	5,688	4,124
Non-current liabilities	410	10,669	3,409
Total liabilities	5,208	16,357	7,533
Net assets	492,961	501,929	599,570
Represented by equity:			
Accumulated funds	443,615	445,915	463,839
Special reserves	4,322	46,643	4,293
Other reserves	45,024	9,371	131,438
Total equity	492,961	501,929	599,570
Summary Statement of Cash Flows for year ending 30 June 2019			
Net cash inflows(outflows) from operating activities	10,562	12,266	11,464
Net cash inflows(outflows) from investing activities	(11,626)	(27,481)	(10,837)
Net cash inflows(outflows) from financing activities	(16)	10,215	3,000
Net cash inflows(outflows) for the year	(1,080)	(5,000)	3,627
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year	6,957	9,503	5,877
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year	5,877	4,503	9,504
	2018	2019	2019
	Actual	Budget	Actual
	(\$000)	(\$000)	(\$000)
Summary Capital Expenditure			
Community Leadership	0	0	0
Roading and Footpaths	6,524	7,222	6,712
Stormwater Drainage	316	1,258	264
Sewerage and Treatment and Disposal of Sewage	784	7,450	507
Water	3,538	6,678	2,640
Community and Leisure Assets	1,287	4,526	3,518
Rubbish and Recycling	7	658	48
Environmental and Regulatory	0	0	0
Community Well-being	0	0	0
Total Capital Expenditure	12,456	27,792	13,689

Post balance date events

The Council has no post balance date events.

Additional information

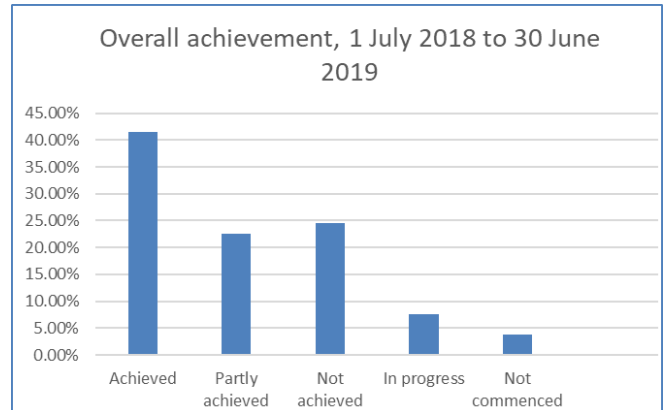
- The reporting entity is the Rangitikei District Council which is a territorial local authority governed by the Local Government Act 2002 and is domiciled in New Zealand.
- The specific disclosures in the summary financial report have been extracted from the full financial report which was adopted and authorised for issue by Council on 31 October 2019.
- The Financial Statements are for the year ended 30 June 2019 and all figures are in New Zealand dollars and rounded to the nearest thousand dollars.
- The Local Government (Financial Reporting and Prudence) Regulations 2014 specifies a benchmark disclosure statement in the Council's annual report covering the current year and the four preceding years. These cover rates affordability, debt affordability, balanced budget, essential services, debt servicing, debt control and operations control. Council met eight of the ten benchmarks in 2018/19.
- The summary financial report cannot be expected to provide as complete an understanding as the full financial report. The full financial report, which received an unmodified Audit Opinion on 31 October 2018, is available from the Council Office, Libraries and Information Centres, and on our website www.rangitikei.govt.nz.
- The Council has designated itself a Public Benefit Entity (PBE) for financial reporting purposes.
- The full financial statements were prepared in accordance with New Zealand Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (NZ GAAP), and with Tier 1 Public Benefit Entity (PBE) accounting standards. The full financial statements include a statement of compliance to this effect.
- These Summary Financial Results are in compliance with the PBE FRS 43 *Summary Financial Statements*.

Levels of Service

The full report documents results for 54 intended levels of service across the 9 activity groups.

An overall assessment of the actual levels of service compared with what was intended has a less certain basis than measuring financial performance. This is because qualitative as well as quantitative information is used. Results include the 16 mandatory measures prescribed by the Secretary for Internal Affairs.

The chart shows that 64% of the intended levels of service were fully or partly achieved, 8% were in progress, while 19% of the intended levels of service were not achieved.



Commentary on each group of activities

Activity	What we did	Elaboration
Community Leadership	<p>47% of actions planned for 2018/19 substantially undertaken or completed by 30 June 2019</p> <p>Of the 81 actions identified in the Long 2018-28 Term Plan, 35 were fully complete and a further 3 were mostly complete. 26 actions had been started and 17 deferred or considered no longer necessary.</p> <p>Total capital expenditure for the year was \$16.788 million from a total budget of \$23.195 million (i.e. 72.3%).</p> <p>New measures were introduced on satisfaction, value for money, effectiveness of communication, the Maori responsiveness framework and engagement with sector excellence programmes – all described in the full Report.</p>	<p>The year’s target for completing actions was 90%, with all groups of activities to achieve at least 83% of their planned actions. No group achieved at least 83% of the actions identified in the Long Term Plan 2018-28</p> <p>The year’s target for capital expenditure was 85%, with all network utilities achieving at least 70%. None of the network utilities groups achieved the target. This result reflects the projects that have been carried deferred/carried forward</p>
Roading	<p>50.7 km of resealing was done, together with pavement rehabilitation on 2.57 km.</p> <p>16,748m³ metal was placed on the District’s unsealed roads (compared with 11,462m³ last year)</p> <p>There were 501 footpath and road callout requests received during the year. This is 121 fewer than last year.</p> <p>74% of all callouts were resolved within a month of receipt (70% last year). Of 35 requests for service regarding potholes, 95% were responded to in the specified time (55% last year).</p> <p>In the twelve months to 31 March 2019, there were 3 fatalities from road crashes and 10 people having serious injuries.</p> <p>Footpaths exceeded the required level of service – with 93% being assessed as grade 3 (‘fair’) or higher.</p>	<p>The target was 55 km resealing and 8.8 km of road rehabilitation. Reduced funding from the New Zealand Transport Agency resulted in less resealing and rehabilitation than planned. The remetalling target was 12,000m³.</p> <p>The objective is for 95% callouts within working hours to be responded to within six hours, 95% of after-hours callouts to be responded to within 12 hours, and for 85% of all callouts to be resolved (i.e. completed) within one month of the request.</p> <p>The footpath condition analysis included all footpaths.</p> <p>The annual residents’ survey sought view on the adequacy of provision and maintenance of footpaths, street-lighting and local roads. Overall, Council’s provision and maintenance of roading networks, footpaths and street-lighting was rated less highly than last year (5.7% thought it better compared with 16% last year; 28.3% thought it worse compared with 20% last year).</p>
Water supply	<p>No E. coli was detected in any of the urban reticulated supplies. However, bacterial compliance was not achieved at Mangaweka because the monitoring of samples and frequency of monitoring these was less than provided in the standard.</p> <p>Protozoa compliance was 98 or 99% at all assessed plants except Marton, which was 93%, due to one of the six filters regularly failing to meet the compliance criteria.</p> <p>The percentage of real water loss from Council’s networked urban reticulation systems averaged 32.2%</p> <p>Bulls.....21.5% (35.4% last year) Hunterville Urban.....54.7% (16.1% last year) Mangaweka.....36.3% (29.0% last year) Marton.....28.6% (35.0% last year) Rātana.....10.1% (33.3% last year) Taihape.....43.7% (38.3% last year)</p>	<p>Horizons Regional Council has not completed its assessment so their view of the recorded non-compliances over two days at both Mangaweka and Ratana is not known.</p> <p>Variances between schemes could be expected because each scheme is different. The reticulation within each town is of varying ages, and of varying pipe materials. Most of these towns were managed by separate local authorities in the past, and so there are legacy issues around such things as installation methods and materials.</p> <p>In addition to this, ground conditions can vary. In the case of asbestos cement pipes in particular, soil pH is a strong determinant of expected useful life. Land form is also an issue, most prominently in Taihape, where slips can generate partial failures which contribute to leakage.</p>

Activity	What we did	Elaboration
	<p>The high value for Hunterville was caused by the groundwater well driller using unmetered town water supply. Taihape has had a large leak located and repaired during the trunk main upgrade. Leakage was also identified in Mangaweka during the financial year.</p> <p>The average consumption of drinking water was 357 litres per resident in the District – lower than the 557 litres per resident calculated for last year. However, this includes all agricultural and commercial users connected to the Council’s urban schemes: deducting these gives 299 litres per person per day. The target was to be less than 600 litres.</p>	<p>There were no unplanned water interruptions during the year.</p> <p>The median time to respond to urgent callouts was 15 minutes, and the median time to resolve the matter was 10 minutes. The target is to attend within 30 minutes and to resolve within 24 hours.</p> <p>The 126 dirty water complaints received in January 2019 from Marton residents were all recorded as responded to and resolved within ten minutes.</p> <p>There were 58 complaints per 1,000 connections – the majority being drinking water clarity from Marton addresses. Last year there were 38 complaints per 1,000 connections.</p>
Sewerage and the Treatment and Disposal of Sewage	<p>No abatement or infringement notices, no enforcement orders and no convictions were received during the year.</p> <p>Only two plants (Koitiata and Mangaweka) were considered compliant during routine monitoring of discharge consents. Taihape and Ratana complied with respect to quality but both exceeded the daily volume limits in the consents; Hunterville exceeded its aluminium level; Marton was non-compliant for ammonia discharge,</p> <p>The median time to respond to callouts for sewerage overflows resulting from a blockage or other fault in the Council’s sewerage system was 37 minutes, and the median time to resolve the matter was 6 hours 54 minutes.</p>	<p>Excess discharge in Taihape and Hunterville is caused by inflow and infiltration from stormwater, and this has been a focus of discussion with Horizons.</p> <p>There were seven dry water overflows, in Taihape (3), Hunterville (1) and Bulls (3). Baby wipes caused three of these.</p> <p>The target is to attend urgent callouts is within 30 minutes and to resolve within 24 hours, for non-urgent it is 24 and 96 hours respectively.</p> <p>There were 5.73 complaints per 1,000 connections compared with 4.03 last year.</p>
Stormwater Drainage	<p>There were 3.60 callouts per 1,000 connections (1.70 last year).</p>	<p>The mandatory measures of system adequacy, discharge compliance and response times did not apply to the Council this year because there was no flooding from Council’s stormwater system into a habitable floor.</p>
Community and Leisure Assets	<p>Overall, from the 281 responses received in the survey conducted in 2019, all of Council’s community facilities were perceived as performing better than last year.</p> <p>There were 21,749 separate uses of the Marton Pool (including schools, swim school and lane hire) and 10,403 separate uses at the Taihape Pool. These are higher figures than last year:</p> <p>New measures were introduced for measuring how public toilets complied with relevant standards and how the Council’s parks aligned with the New Zealand Recreation Association guideline for parks. Details are provided in the full Report.</p> <p>Occupancy of community housing was 97% at 30 June 2019 with 74% of tenants being superannuitants.</p>	<p>Public libraries: 36% believed it was better than last year (11% last year).</p> <p>Public swimming pools: 31% believed it was better than last year (17% last year).</p> <p>Sports fields and parks: 19% believed it was better than last year (18% last year).</p> <p>Public toilets: 9% believed it was better than last year (9% last year).</p> <p>Community buildings: 19% believed it was better than last year (5% last year)</p> <p>Campgrounds – 7% believed it was better than last year (a new measure for 2018/19).</p> <p>.</p>
Rubbish and recycling	<p>Refuse tonnage to the Bonny Glen landfill was 4,720 tonnes compared with 4,650 tonnes last year.</p> <p>1,419 tonnes (or 23.1%) were diverted from being disposed in landfill. 368 tonnes of this was glass and 547 tonnes was green waste. Last year 1,375 tonnes (22.8%) were diverted.</p>	<p>Council’s targets were that is less tonnage going to landfill than last year and that at least 19% of waste would be diverted from being disposed of there.</p> <p>A planned Council-managed kerbside recycling service has been postponed.</p>
Environmental and Regulatory	<p>79% of building consents and 75% resource consent applications were issued within the 20-day statutory period.</p> <p>Council received 1,227 (1,612 last year) requests for service for animal control and environmental services during the reporting period. Of these, 1,095 were responded to in time and 991 were completed in time.</p> <p>Council retained its accreditation as a building consent authority and the functions of a registration authority and a recognised agency under the Food Act.</p>	<p>There were 373 building consents and 63 resource consents processed during the year (21% and 100% respectively more than last year).</p> <p>For animal control, priority 1 (urgent) callouts (dog attack, threatening dog or stock on road) require response within 30 minutes and resolution within 24 hours; for others, 24 hours and 96 hours respectively.</p>
Community Well-being	<p>During May 2010, Council undertook a survey of stakeholder groups to find out how useful they thought Council’s support and initiatives had been.</p> <p>The District’s GDP grew at a faster rate (1.6%) compared to the mean of similar district economies (1.6% compared with 1.145%), but earnings growth was lower (3.38% compared with 4.02%).</p>	<p>40% thought Council’s support services was getting better, 60% thought it was about the same.</p> <p>The number of young people attending to local schools was 606, which is 95% of the number last year.</p> <p>Progress has been made in ensuring competency in discharging Civil Defence requirements.</p>

Independent Auditor's Report
To the readers of Rangitikei District Council's summary of the annual report
for the year ended 30 June 2019

The summary of the annual report was derived from the annual report of the Rangitikei District Council (the District Council) for the year ended 30 June 2019.

The summary of the annual report comprises the following summary statements on pages 4 to 7:

- the summary statement of financial position as at 30 June 2019;
- the summaries of the statement of comprehensive revenue and expense, statement of changes in equity and statement of cash flows for the year ended 30 June 2019;
- the notes to the summary financial statements that include accounting policies and other explanatory information; and
- the summary statement of service provision.

Opinion

In our opinion:

- the summary of the annual report represents, fairly and consistently, the information regarding the major matters dealt with in the annual report; and
- the summary statements comply with PBE FRS-43: Summary Financial Statements.

Summary of the annual report

The summary of the annual report does not contain all the disclosures required by generally accepted accounting practice in New Zealand. Reading the summary of the annual report and the auditor's report thereon, therefore, is not a substitute for reading the full annual report and the auditor's report thereon.

The summary of the annual report does not reflect the effects of events that occurred subsequent to the date of our auditor's report on the full annual report.

The full annual report and our audit report thereon

We expressed an unmodified audit opinion on the information we audited in the full annual report for the year ended 30 June 2019 in our auditor's report dated 31 October 2019.

Council's responsibility for the summary of the annual report

The Council is responsible for preparing the summary of the annual report which includes preparing summary statements, in accordance with PBE FRS-43: Summary Financial Statements.

Auditor's responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on whether the summary of the annual report represents, fairly and consistently, the information regarding the major matters dealt with in the full annual report and whether the summary statements comply with PBE FRS 43: Summary Financial Statements.

Our opinion on the summary of the annual report is based on our procedures, which were carried out in accordance with the Auditor-General's Auditing Standards, which incorporate the Professional and Ethical Standards and the International Standards on Auditing (New Zealand) issued by the New Zealand Auditing and Assurance Standards Board.

Other than in our capacity as auditor, we have no relationship with, or interests in the District Council.



Chris Webby,
Audit New Zealand
On behalf of the Auditor-General
Palmerston North, New Zealand
30 November 2019