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## FROM THE Mayor's Desk

I'd like to thank everyone who contributed to the Child Cancer Foundation fundraiser that I took part in on Saturday, 16 March. Collectively we've raised over \$700, which is very much appreciated by myself and those at the Child Cancer Foundation. Although the fundraiser that Mayors contributed to is over, you can still donate to the foundation if you would like. Please visit their website to see how you can contribute.



As you will see in today's District Monitor, we have an insert flyer summarising our Local Water Done Well consultation, which has dominated much of the conversation at Council in recent months. This is the most significant change to local government in over 30 years, and so it's important that you take time to read up on what it is that we're proposing, and provide us with your feedback. It will have an impact on you, whatever we decide.

It is complicated, I'll be at the Marton Friendship Club tonight (Thursday, 6-7pm 20 March) if you'd like to come and hear more about the proposals. I'm always happy to meet with people and groups to discuss things like Local Water Done Well provided my timetable permits.

Finally, it's nearly time for the Marton Harvest Festival, which is one of the biggest events in the Rangitikei. This year's festival is looking like it will be huge, and I look forward to enjoying the day and celebrating our primary industries and the impact they have on the whole district.

**Ngā mihi, Andy Watson, Mayor of Rangitikei.**



Mayor Andy collecting as part of the Child Cancer Foundation's street appeal.

## Powerco gifts storage shed to Rangitikei District Council

With Powerco building a new switchroom at the Arahina substation in Marton, they have donated a storage shed to Council that was surplus to their requirements. The donated shed from Powerco will provide a valuable asset for supporting district events and promotions by offering a dedicated space for storage at Council's King Street depot.

Having a single, accessible location for essential equipment such as signage, tables, gazebos and other equipment, will be a huge benefit and means event organisers can operate more efficiently by reducing logistical challenges.

The Arahina substation project is part of work to increase the reliability and resilience of electricity for Powerco's Marton customers and caters for growth in the area. Powerco Delivery Planning and Project Manager Mike Carson says supporting local communities is important to Powerco. "We're pleased to be able to donate this shed to the Rangitikei community and we thank customers in the area for their patience as work takes place to upgrade the electricity network in Marton."

Council has several assets that can be utilised by event organisers in the district. If you'd like to enquire about using what we have available, please email [events@rangitikei.govt.nz](mailto:events@rangitikei.govt.nz).



## Rangitikei Grant Finder launches for Rangitikei District residents

Council has joined forces with New Zealand and Australia's most powerful grant search engine, GrantGuru, to deliver a free Rangitikei Grant Finder.

Community groups and businesses in the Rangitikei District will be able to find and apply for grants easier with our new Rangitikei Grant Finder.

Through keyword searches, the Rangitikei Grant Finder hand-picks grants and funding opportunities specific to local businesses and community groups, featuring all government and private sector grants available, including those managed and administered by council.

People can use the search engine to find available grants and filter them by the industry and type of project.

The Rangitikei Grant Finder also assists with advice and top tips for applying for grants to maximise the chances of receiving funding.

Users can register to receive alerts about funding programs relevant to them as they become available, giving businesses and community groups the ability to develop well-rounded funding applications for submission.

Visit [www.rangitikei.govt.nz/rangitikei-grant-finder](http://www.rangitikei.govt.nz/rangitikei-grant-finder) to start your grants journey.

## Discover RANGITĪKEI

FREE EVENT

ART EXHIBITION: Showcasing breathtaking landscapes, heritage and astrophotography throughout Rangitikei District.

15-23 March 2025 | Te Matapihi - Bulls Community Centre



## WHERE'S WATER @ RANGITĪKEI?

Rangitikei residents are asked to provide feedback about who should manage the district's water services in future.

**Kōrero mai - Have your say by 5pm on Wednesday, 2 April 2025!**

[www.rangitikei.govt.nz/consultations](http://www.rangitikei.govt.nz/consultations)



**Marton Harvest Festival**  
FOOD DRINK STALLS MUSIC

**Sir James Wilson Park, Marton**  
**10am-3pm | Sunday 6th April 2025**

**JOHN TURKINGTON FORESTRY**  
RANGITĪKEI DISTRICT COUNCIL

**YOUTH AWARDS 2025**

**NOMINATIONS OPEN**

**RANGITĪKEI YOUTH COUNCIL**

Do you know a young person or a group of youth aged between 12 and 24 that are exceptional... Of course you do. Make a nomination now!