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FROM THE Mayor's Desk

Kia ora koutou, the numbers of people who turned up for ANZAC services in our districts just seems to grow year by year. I attended two services in Marton - the Dawn parade and Memorial Park and the 10am service at Turakina. Dawn parades and ANZAC services for me, like so many others is part of being a New Zealander. The chance to remember what we owe to those who served and to reflect on the world-wide turmoil and risk of war we now face.

On a happy note, on Sunday I was part of the support crew for the Cowper's Suzuki Extreme 4x4 Challenge event. Our district is known for events, whether it be the Shemozzle, Gumboot Day or festivals. The numbers attending on Sunday were incredible, the organisation behind traffic management and the pure entertainment of a well run event, was superb. My congratulations to Dan and Karen.

Recently, we have had a spate of burglaries in Marton, Bulls and Sanson. I meet often with local police and am pleased to say there are two different persons of interest, with one of them already before the courts in Christchurch. The police are confident that these offenders are unrelated and guilty parties will be charged.

Finally to all those hundreds of people who made submissions and those who attended meetings for our Long Term Plan. Thank you. **Ngā mihi, Andy Watson, Mayor of Rangitikei.**



Southern Ward By-Election

Congratulations to Paul Sharland the successful candidate in the Southern Ward By-Election. Cr Sharland was declared elected to the Rangitikei District Council at the Council meeting held on Wednesday, 24 April 2024.

Cr Sharland reading his Councillor Declaration with Mayor Andy Watson.



Poppy Places comes to Rangitikei

The Poppy Places Project aims to provide a "place" where the stories of soldiers can be captured and not lost from our collective consciousness. Streets and roads that are named after people who have served for the New Zealand Defence Force are eligible for recognition, with each approved place marked with the placement of the official poppy flower of the Royal New Zealand Returned and Servicemen's Association (RNZRSA) thanks to the Poppy Places trust.

Cobber Cain Avenue is the first street in the Rangitikei to be added to the Poppy Place project. Named after Edgar "Cobber" Kain of Hastings, who served in the Royal Airforce in World War II, and had shot down a confirmed 17 German aircraft during his service.

Marton RSA President Alan Buckendahl and Vice-President Kevin Jensen placed a temporary poppy sticker on the Cobber Kain Avenue sign to recognise its addition to the Poppy Places project. A new sign that includes a permanent poppy will be installed at a later date.

Do you know of somewhere in the Rangitikei that could become a Poppy Place? Find out how you can make an initial request at www.poppyplaces.nz/create-a-poppy-place

Rātana Community Board By-Election 2024

A by-election is required to fill an extraordinary vacancy on the Rātana Community Board. The vacancy has arisen from the recent resignation of Mr Lequan Meihana.

Nominations

Nominations for the above position are now open and must be made on the official nomination form.

Completed nomination documents must be received by the electoral officer no later than noon on

Wednesday 22 May 2024.

To download a nomination form or for more information see www.rangitikei.govt.nz/by-election-ratana-2024



RANGITIKEI HERITAGE WEEKEND 2024

Past *AND* Present
Heritage photos of our regions
18th - 19th May 2024

MUSEUMS OPEN 10 AM TO 3PM EACH DAY | ENTRY FEE: ADULTS \$2 / KIDS FREE

TAIHAPE · MANGAWEKA · HUNTERVILLE · MARTON · BULLS

For further information contact: Mel Bovey 06 327 0099 | melanie.bovey@rangitikei.govt.nz

SPOT PRIZE
One visitor (randomly selected) will win a Rangitikei themed prize pack!

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COMMUNITY MOVIES
EACH WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH

May	Go Karts
June	The Volcano – Rescue from Whakaari
July	Rams
August	The dish
September	True spirit
October	Lift
November	Lady driver

FREE EVENTS

START 2PM

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