

## FROM THE Mayor's Desk



Kia ora koutou, The delivery of three waters services and roading contracts is performed by a shared service provided by Manawatu District Council in a relationship that has existed for many years. There has been a decision made by both councils to bring that relationship to an end. As of 1 July, Rangitikei will be responsible for three waters and roading and the operators of our wastewater and water plants will transfer to being our staff. We absolutely welcome them as part of our team and their wonderful service will continue. Rangitikei will inevitably need some assistance at senior levels or by way of outside assistance to transition this process. We believe that we need to be responsible for our own destiny and efficiencies which may come at a cost neutral or cost saving.

Last week I had reported to Council the King's Service Medal gained by Councillor Brian Carter. This report was picked up as part of the Connect report. I now take the opportunity to report on our second KSM. I would like to congratulate Robert (Rob) Webb for receiving the King's Service Medal (KSM) for services to the fire brigade and community. Rob first joined the fire brigade in April 1970 and therefore has the rare distinction of a double gold star, representing 50 years of service. Rob is also patron of the Taihape RSA and bugle player and has served as a councillor on the Borough Council. Rob is also a Justice of the Peace and Marriage Celebrant. An incredible community record and absolutely deserving of this award.

Ngā mihi, Andy Watson, Mayor of Rangitikei.

## RDC take part in Exercise Rū Whenua

Councils from around the country are taking part in Exercise Rū Whenua, which is about testing the official response to a magnitude 8+ Alpine Fault earthquake.

Rangitikei District Council staff who are trained in Civil Defence Emergency Management (CDEM) functions took part in day one of the exercise, simulating scenarios that could impact the district when a large Alpine Fault earthquake happens. Research suggests that there's a 75 percent chance of an Alpine Fault earthquake of magnitude 7 or greater in the next 50 years.

This gave staff the chance to familiarise themselves with some of the mobile and pop-up equipment that may need to be used, and practice the processes that have been put in place to respond to an earthquake of that size.

A large earthquake on the Alpine Fault means that resources and people will be stretched across New Zealand, and locally we may not have everything or everyone that we need straight away. That's why it's so important that people are prepared to look after themselves for up to seven days.

Find out more about how to prepare for Civil Defence emergencies at [www.getready.govt.nz](http://www.getready.govt.nz)



## Name change consultations open for Rangitikei District

Ngā Pou Taunaha o Aotearoa New Zealand Geographic Board has opened consultation on place name proposal for the Rangitikei District. Rangitikei District Council made the proposal to correct the spelling of its district name by adding the macron.

Board Secretary Wendy Shaw says the Rangitikei District is named after Rangitikei River. "The kōrero being that an ancestor, Haunui-a-Nanaia, in pursuit of his wife, crossed and named several rivers landmarks.

"It is at this river that his day (rangi) of striding (tikei) came to an end. The river's official name includes the macron."

If successful, the macron would be officially added to the second "i" in the district's name to make it Rangitikei District.

It is expected that signs and printed materials would be updated as they age and need replacing. Digital changes can happen more quickly without significant costs.

The Ngā Pou Taunaha o Aotearoa New Zealand Geographic Board would now like to hear from the wider community before any final decisions are made.

Submissions on the proposals can be made in the following ways:

- Online by visiting Toitū Te Whenua - Land Information New Zealand [www.linz.govt.nz/consultations/rangitikei-district](http://www.linz.govt.nz/consultations/rangitikei-district)
- By emailing [nzgbsubmissions@linz.govt.nz](mailto:nzgbsubmissions@linz.govt.nz).
- In writing by posting a letter to:  
Secretary of Ngā Pou Taunaha o Aotearoa New Zealand Geographic Board  
PO Box 5501, Wellington 6145.

Consultation closes 11 July 2024.

**Kōrero Mai**  
**Have YOUR**  
**say!**

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

### Draft Smokefree and Vapefree Policy 2024

Council is proposing to introduce a Smokefree and Vapefree Policy. This policy identifies locations and activities that are proposed to be smokefree and vapefree.

Have your say by 5pm on 1 July 2024



### Draft Signs and Public Places Bylaw 2024

Council is proposing a new bylaw to control signs on public places, trading in public places, and other activities in public places to prevent nuisances and maintain public safety.

Have your say by 5pm on 1 July 2024



### Do you qualify for a rates rebate?

Rates Rebate Scheme applications are due Sunday, 30 June 2024

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