

ORDER PAPER

ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

Date: Wednesday, 24 April 2024

Time: 1.00pm

Venue: Council Chamber
Rangitikei District Council
46 High Street
Marton

Chair: HWTM Andy Watson

Deputy Chair: Cr Dave Wilson

Membership: Cr Brian Carter
Cr Gill Duncan
Cr Richard Lambert
Cr Piki Te Ora Hiroa
Cr Coral Raukawa
Cr Jeff Wong
Cr Simon Loudon
Cr Greg Maughan
Cr Fi Dalgety

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Notice is hereby given that an Ordinary Meeting of Council of the Rangitikei District Council will be held in the Council Chamber, Rangitikei District Council, 46 High Street, Marton on Wednesday, 24 April 2024 at 1.00pm.

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1 Welcome / Prayer

2 Apologies

3 Public Forum

No Public Forum

4 Conflict of Interest Declarations

Members are reminded of their obligation to declare any conflicts of interest they might have in respect of items on this agenda.

5 Confirmation of Order of Business

That, taking into account the explanation provided why the item is not on the meeting agenda and why the discussion of the item cannot be delayed until a subsequent meeting, [enter item number](#) be dealt with as a late item at this meeting.

6 Confirmation of Minutes

6.1 Confirmation of Minutes

Author: Kezia Spence, Governance Advisor

1. Reason for Report

1.1 The minutes from Ordinary Council Meeting held on 28 March 2024 are attached.

Attachments

1. Ordinary Council Meeting - 28 March 2024

Recommendation

That the minutes of Ordinary Council Meeting held on 28 March 2024 **[as amended/without amendment]** be taken as read and verified as an accurate and correct record of the meeting, and that the electronic signature of the Chair of this Committee be added to the official minutes document as a formal record.

MINUTES



UNCONFIRMED: ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

Date: Thursday, 28 March 2024
Time: 1.00pm
Venue: Council Chamber
 Rangitikei District Council
 46 High Street
 Marton

Present

HWTM Andy Watson
 Cr Dave Wilson
 Cr Brian Carter
 Cr Richard Lambert
 Cr Piki Te Ora Hiroa
 Cr Coral Raukawa
 Cr Jeff Wong
 Cr Simon Loudon
 Cr Fi Dalgety

In attendance

Mr Kevin Ross, Chief Executive
 Mr Arno Benadie, Chief Operating Officer
 Mrs Carol Gordon, Group Manager - Democracy and Planning
 Ms Gaylene Prince, Group Manager - Community
 Mr Dave Tombs, Group Manager - Corporate Services
 Mrs Sharon Grant, Group Manager - People and Performance
 Mrs Adina Foley, Group Manager- Capital Projects
 Ms Janna Isles, Corporate Planner
 Ms Katrina Gray, Manager Strategy and Development
 Mr Graeme Pointon, Strategic Property Advisor
 Ms Kezia Spence, Governance Advisor

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1 Welcome / Prayer

His Worship the Mayor opened the meeting at 1.00pm.

2 Apologies

Resolved minute number 24/RDC/060

Apologies were received from Cr Maughan and Cr Duncan.

Cr B Carter/Cr J F Wong. Carried

3 Public Forum

There was no public forum.

4 Conflict of Interest Declarations

There were no conflicts of interest declared.

5 Confirmation of Order of Business

There was no change to the order of business.

6 Confirmation of Minutes

Resolved minute number 24/RDC/061

That the minutes of Ordinary Council Meeting held on 29 February 2024 **without amendment** be taken as read and verified as an accurate and correct record of the meeting, and that the electronic signature of the Chair of this Committee be added to the official minutes document as a formal record.

Cr D Wilson/Cr S Loudon. Carried

7 Follow-up Action Items from Previous Meetings

7.1 Follow-up Action Items from Council Meetings

Item 12 - Bulls Bus Lane

His Worship the Mayor noted he continues to ring companies when he sees any incidents of trucks using the bus lanes. He emphasised that this is a priority for Council. Council requested signage be installed specifically stating no trucks were to use the bus lane to try to improve this issue.

Item 4 - Marton Water Strategy

Mrs Foley confirmed that the results from the pump testing has been received and will be circulated to Council.

Resolved minute number 24/RDC/062

That the report 'Follow-up Action Items from Council Meetings' be received.

Cr D Wilson/Cr C Raukawa. Carried

8 Mayor's Report

8.1 Mayor's Report - March 2024

His Worship the Mayor noted that the recipient of the Rural Games award was Bronwyn Troon, not Barbara True.

The Mayor discussed the recent Zone 3 meeting, noting that reports from the councillors that attended will be provided at the next Council meeting. He congratulated Cr Raukawa for speaking on the remit on Māori wards, which will be discussed further in the meeting.

The Mayor noted there were a few events that were missed off the list of his report, such as the meet the candidate's night in Bulls. He also acknowledged the passing of Andre Mason and noted his attendance at the unveiling of Mr Mark Gray.

Resolved minute number 24/RDC/063

That the Mayor's Report – 28 March 2024 be received.

HWTM/Cr B Carter. Carried

Resolved minute number 24/RDC/064

That Councillor Wilson be appointed to take over the vacancy of representative on the Sport New Zealand Rural Travel Fund.

HWTM/Cr Hiroa. Carried

9 Chief Executive's Report

9.1 Chief Executive's Report - March 2024

External Submissions

Mr Benadie advised he is drafting a submission for the 'Draft Government Policy Statement on Land Transport 2024.'

Fast-track Approval Bills

Council was reminded they had been sent a draft submission for their input and if they had any comments to send them through to Mrs Gower. They noted that fast tracking means that Council would not be the decision maker for projects of regional or national significance, such as solar or wind farms.

Mangaweka Cantilever Bridge

His Worship the Mayor voiced concerns regarding the old Mangaweka bridge and that any maintenance needs to be split between RDC and Manawatu District Council. The reason this has been heritage listed is due to the communities on both sides not wanting the bridge removed. A charitable trust had been set up to support funding the maintenance of the bridge but there are concerns that this will fall on Council as an unbudgeted expense.

Mangapapa Road, Taihape- Proposed Road Stopping

Mr Pointon advised that this issue arose due to a survey on the boundary. Council asked that staff confirm there is no impact on mana whenua before proceeding.

Resolved minute number 24/RDC/065

That the Chief Executive's Report – March 2024 be received.

Cr F Dalgety/Cr D Wilson. Carried

Resolved minute number 24/RDC/066

That Council:

- a. approves the stopping of the portions of the unformed legal road (ULR) named Mangapapa Road shown on the aerial overlay plan in the report; and
- b. instructs the Chief Executive to progress the matter, subject to all costs of road stopping being paid by the applicants as non-refundable deposit; and
- c. authorises the Chief Executive to take all necessary actions and sign all documents to give effect to this Resolution.
- d. that no mana whenua implications be confirmed by the Chief Executive.

Cr D Wilson/Cr R Lambert. Carried

10 Reports for Decision

10.1 Adoption of Draft Signs and Public Places Bylaw and Draft Smokefree and Vapefree Policy for Consultation

Ms Isles introduced the report noting that this has previously been received by the Policy and Planning committee. In response to a question it was advised that the benefit of this being a bylaw rather than a policy is that Council has opportunities to enforce. Ms Isles confirmed there are opportunities for mana whenua to provide feedback through the consultation process.

Resolved minute number 24/RDC/067

That the report 'Adoption of Draft Signs and Public Places Bylaw and Smokefree and Vapefree Policy for Consultation' is received.

Cr Hiroa/Cr R Lambert. Carried

Resolved minute number 24/RDC/068

That Council adopts without amendment the draft Signs and Public Places Bylaw for consultation.

Cr D Wilson/Cr Hiroa. Carried

Resolved minute number 24/RDC/069

That Council considers that, in accordance with section 155 of the Local Government Act, a bylaw is the most appropriate way of dealing with the management of nuisances created from signs in public places, trading in public places, and other uses of public places, and that the draft Rangitikei District Council Signs and Public Places Bylaw 2024 is the most appropriate form of a bylaw, and there are no implications under the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990.

Cr Hiroa/HWTM Carried

Resolved minute number 24/RDC/070

That Council adopts without amendment the draft Smokefree and Vapefree Policy for consultation.

Cr D Wilson/Cr C Raukawa. Carried

Resolved minute number 24/RDC/071

That Council delegates to the Policy/Planning Committee the hearing of submissions and deliberation of the written and oral submissions for the draft Signs and Public Places Bylaw and the draft Smokefree and Vapefree Policy.

Cr C Raukawa/Cr D Wilson. Carried

10.2 Next steps for the Council owned Buildings on the Corner of High Street / Broadway, Marton

Mr Calkin introduced the report noting that, as required under the Public Works Act, the property had been offered back to the previous owner who do not have any interest in buying the building back.

Council noted there would be a small number of buyers who would want to purchase the buildings and therefore there is a need to make this as attractive as possible for potential buyers.

During discussion there was consideration of the weightings for financial and non-financial considerations. There was agreement the buildings would now go out using the expressions of interest method.

The meeting adjourned during this item at 2.40pm and returned at 3.00pm.

Resolved minute number 24/RDC/072

That the report “Next steps for the Council owned Buildings on the Corner of High Street / Broadway, Marton” be received.

Cr D Wilson/Cr Hiroa. Carried

Recommendation

With regard to the disposal of the buildings at 304, 312 and 314-318 Broadway, Marton, Council confirms it will consider the non-financial attributes of:

- Use of the site
- Sustainability of investment
- Financial viability
- Track record
- Stability of investment

in assessing the non-financial considerations.

And

Council determines a 50% weighting for financial and 50% non-financial considerations.

HWTM/Cr Wong.

An Amendment was moved by Cr Dalgety and seconded by Cr Hiroa and when put was LOST:

With regard to the disposal of the buildings at 304, 312 and 314-318 Broadway, Marton, Council confirms it will consider the non-financial attributes of:

- Use of the site
- Sustainability of investment
- Financial viability
- Track record
- Stability of investment

in assessing the non-financial considerations.

And

Council determines a **75%** weighting for financial and **25%** non-financial considerations.

Cr F Dalgety/Cr Hiroa. LOST.

A further Amendment was moved by Cr Loudon and seconded by Cr Lambert and when put was CARRIED:

With regard to the disposal of the buildings at 304, 312 and 314-318 Broadway, Marton, Council confirms it will consider the non-financial attributes of:

- Use of the site
- Sustainability of investment
- Financial viability
- Track record
- Stability of investment

in assessing the non-financial considerations.

And

Council determines a 20% weighting for financial and 80% non-financial considerations.

Cr S Loudon/Cr R Lambert. Carried

As the amendment was **CARRIED** it became the substantive motion:

Resolved minute number 24/RDC/073

With regard to the disposal of the buildings at 304, 312 and 314-318 Broadway, Marton, Council confirms it will consider the non-financial attributes of:

- Use of the site
- Sustainability of investment
- Financial viability
- Track record
- Stability of investment

in assessing the non-financial considerations.

And

Council determines a 20% weighting for financial and 80% non-financial considerations.

HWTM/Cr J F Wong. Carried

Resolved minute number 24/RDC/074

That Councils chosen method of sale is 'Expressions of Interest' and acknowledges this is outside of the Policy on Disposal of Surplus Lands and Buildings and that Council staff are instructed to review the Policy on Disposal of Surplus Lands and Buildings and provide a report of its suitability to Policy/Planning Committee in 2024.

Cr D Wilson/Cr R Lambert. Carried

Resolved minute number 24/RDC/075

That Councils preference is to sell the buildings collectively and the buildings will be listed for sale in this way.

Cr D Wilson/Cr B Carter. Carried

Resolved minute number 24/RDC/076

That Council staff are instructed to investigate and appoint a Real Estate Agent to the sale of the buildings.

Cr D Wilson/Cr Hiroa. Carried

Recommendation

That Council staff are instructed to spend no more than \$25,000 to prepare the buildings for sale which will include costs for Real Estate Agent fees, any remedial work and other costs associated to the disposal of the buildings. The proceeds from sale are to be used to offset these costs with any shortfall to be treated as unbudgeted expense and any net proceeds are to be allocated to the beautification of Marton Town Centre.

Cr Wilson/Cr Raukawa.

An Amendment was moved by His Worship the Mayor and seconded by Cr Dalgety and when put was CARRIED:

That Council staff are instructed to spend no more than \$25,000 to prepare the buildings for sale which will include costs for Real Estate Agent fees, any remedial work and other costs associated to the disposal of the buildings. The proceeds from sale are to be used to offset these costs with any shortfall to be treated as unbudgeted expense and any net proceeds are to be allocated to the costs of the replacement of the 46 High Street building.

HWTM/Cr Dalgety. Carried.

As the amendment was **CARRIED** it became the substantive motion:

Resolved minute number 24/RDC/077

That Council staff are instructed to spend no more than \$25,000 to prepare the buildings for sale which will include costs for Real Estate Agent fees, any remedial work and other costs associated to the disposal of the buildings. The proceeds from sale are to be used to offset these costs with any shortfall to be treated as unbudgeted expense and any net proceeds are to be allocated to the costs of the replacement of the 46 High Street building.

Cr D Wilson/Cr C Raukawa. Carried

10.3 Proposed Remit Relating to Maori Wards

Cr Hiroa spoke to this item noting that Cr Raukawa spoke to this proposed remit at the recent Zone 3 meeting. Cr Hiroa advised it received full support from all councils in attendance, except for one Council that abstained, due to not having previously circulated the remit with their councillors.

Resolved minute number 24/RDC/078

That the Proposed Remit Relating to Maori Wards report be received.

Cr Hiroa/Cr C Raukawa. Carried

Resolved minute number 24/RDC/079

That Council supports the Remit Relating to Maori Wards.

Cr Hiroa/Cr C Raukawa. Carried

11 Reports for Information

11.1 Project Management Office Report - March 2024

Ratana Wastewater Discharge to Land

Mrs Foley advised that Horizons Regional Council is determining whether the consent will be publicly notified or limited notification.

Marton Industrial Park and Rail Hub

In response to a question the Mayor advised that the due diligence process has been delayed by about three months.

Resolved minute number 24/RDC/080

That the report 'Project Management Office Report - March 2024' be received.

Cr B Carter/Cr F Dalgety. Carried

12 Minutes from Committees

12.1 Minutes from Committees

The report was taken as read.

Resolved minute number 24/RDC/081

That the following minutes are received:

- Finance and Performance- 30 Nov 23
- Santoft Domain Management Scheme Committee- 14 Dec 23
- Marton Community Committee- 14 Feb 24
- Policy and Planning-15 Feb 24
- Taihape Community Board- 21 Feb 24
- Finance and Performance- 29 Feb 24
- Erehon Rural Water Scheme-05 Mar 24
- Bulls Community Committee- 13 Mar 24

Cr C Raukawa/Cr D Wilson. Carried

13 Public Excluded

The meeting went into public excluded session 3.42pm.

Resolution to Exclude the Public

Resolved minute number 24/RDC/082

That the public be excluded from the following parts of the proceedings of this meeting.

1. Public Excluded Council Meeting - 29 February 2024
2. Follow-up Action Items from Council (Public Excluded) Meetings
3. Marton to Bulls Centralisation - Engagement of expert consultants services

The general subject matter of each matter to be considered while the public is excluded, the reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter, and the specific grounds under section 48 of the *Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987* for the passing of this resolution are as follows:

General subject of each matter to be considered	Reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter	Ground(s) under section 48 for the passing of this resolution
13.1 - Public Excluded Council Meeting - 29 February 2024	To consider the minutes relating to matters that were the subject of discussion at the 29 February meeting.	S48(1)(a)

<p>13.2 - Follow-up Action Items from Council (Public Excluded) Meetings</p>	<p>To consider the matters arising from previous public excluded meetings.</p> <p>s7(2)(a) - Privacy</p> <p>s7(2)(b)(ii) - Commercial Position</p> <p>s7(2)(h) - Commercial Activities</p> <p>s7(2)(i) – Negotiations</p>	<p>s48(1)(a)(i)</p>
<p>13.3 - Marton to Bulls Centralisation - Engagement of expert consultants services</p>	<p>To enable commercially sensitive information to be discussed without impacting any negotiations for this work.</p> <p>s7(2)(b)(ii) - Commercial Position</p> <p>s7(2)(h) - Commercial Activities</p>	<p>s48(1)(a)(i)</p>

This resolution is made in reliance on Section 48(1) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 and the particular interests protected by Section 6 or Section 7 of the Act which would be prejudiced by the holding or the whole or the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting in public as specified above.

Cr D Wilson/Cr S Loudon. Carried

14 Open Meeting

The meeting went into open session 4.32pm

Resolved minute number 24/RDC/091

That the public excluded meeting move into an open meeting, and the below recommendations be confirmed in the open meeting:

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Cr C Raukawa/Cr D Wilson. Carried

The meeting closed at 4.32pm.

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 24 April 2024.

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Chairperson

7 Follow-up Action Items from Previous Meetings

7.1 Follow-up Action Items from Council Meetings

Author: Kezia Spence, Governance Advisor

1. Reason for Report

- 1.1 On the list attached are items raised at previous Council meetings. Items indicate who is responsible for each follow up, and a brief status comment.

2. Decision Making Process

- 2.1 Staff have assessed the requirements of the Local Government Act 2002 in relation to this item and have concluded that, as this report is for information only, the decision-making provisions do not apply.

Attachments:

1. **Follow-up Actions Register** [↓](#)

Recommendation

That the report 'Follow-up Action Items from Council Meetings' be received.

Current Follow-up Actions

Item	From Meeting Date	Details	Person Assigned	Status Comments	Status
1	28-Mar-24	Re the old Mangaweka bridge, confirmation on whether there is budget etc for checking the old bridge	Arno / Gaylene	Budget is included in the roading rogramme	Completed
2	28-Mar-24	Install signs saying No Trucks at Te Matapihi - look at this option (check whether these were there and were removed)	Adina	4 signs have been ordered and will be installed in the next few weeks saying "Buses only, This lane is not for trucks, cars and motorcycles. CAMERAS OPERATING	Completed
3	1-Feb-24	Council's Broadway / High Street buildings	Jarrod C	Regular updates will be provided to Council.	In progress
4	1-Feb-24	Can staff look at events that are held across the district on the same day and how to avoid this?	Gaylene P	Staff are presently looking at how council supports events.	In progress
5	31-Aug-23	Investigate next steps with the Gorges to See cycle trail concept	Gaylene P / Kym S	One funding application for the feasibility study was denied. Brian Megaw is presently working on establishing a Trust to enable eligibility for funding opportunities. Feedback from Funding HQ has been that often Council's will pay for the feasibility study for projects such as this and then grant funders are more likely to come on board if a project has Council support. The larger funders we plan to approach next are: Four Regions Trust (Closes Feb 28th 2024) Whanganui Community Trust (Closes Jan 29th 2024) J B S Dudding Trust (Closes June 2024)	In progress
6	25-Jul-23	Council approves that a final submission is made to the Ministry for the Environment to recover \$200,000 of Waste Levy fees (re Putorino Landfill)	Adina F / Mark B	Submission will be sent by the end of April 2024 due to staff having to reprioritise tasks	In progress
7	29-Jun-23	Look at a template to cover Council funded assets and whether ongoing maintenance etc should be identified as part of any agreement	Graeme P / Arno B	No progress to report.	In progress
8	24-May-23	Otara bridge - ongoing comms during the duration of the project	Rhonda M / Carol G	Manawatu District Council lead this project. Updates on progress are made to RDC's website when they are received from the contractor. This item will remain on this list until the project has been completed.	In progress
9	24-May-23	Progress putting the macron above the second I in Rangitikei	Leah J / Bonnie B	An update is included in the CE Report for the April Council meeting.	In progress
10	26-Apr-23	Re rental on Bulls museum - what other properties are rented and what is the rental amounts	Gaylene P / Graeme P	Huntermville Town Hall also has a minimal lease rental of \$1 (if required). In both instances, the lessees are responsible for the costs for a number of tenant obligations and outgoings, including minor maintenance etc. A number of other properties are owned by the lessee, therefore they have different responsibilities ie the Taihape Kindergarten, Squash and Rugby Clubs.	Completed
11	25-Aug-22	As per resolution 22/RDC/305 : That, should "better off" funding be received for the Hautapu River Parks Project, Council enters into a formal agreement with the Friends of Taihape for them to conduct ongoing maintenance of the bridges.	Adina F	The agreement has been signed by both parties	Completed
12	30-Jun-22	Adoption of the Procurement Policy; this was left to lie at Council's 30 June 2022 meeting, in order to allow the PMO to review the policy and make changes. Once these changes are complete, the policy will go back to the Audit and Risk Committee for review/feedback, before being presented to full Council for adoption. Carbon reduction to be included in this review, and potentially the Policy.	Dave T	Draft currently being finalised/considered by ELT (current Policy is still fit-for-purpose).	In progress
13	26-May-22	As per resolution 22/RDC/165 : That due to safety concerns around vehicles other than buses using the Bulls Bus Lane, Council staff be asked to investigate possible options around discouragement and enforcement practices.	Adina F	Staff are presently investigating software compatibility with our suppliers. Until the IT review is completed no further activity will be scheduled.	In progress
14	28-Oct-21	With regards to the recommendation from the Bulls Community Committee for rubbish bin/s at the picnic area at the Bulls river: A recommendation by Council to approve this request was lost, and past Cr Gordon instead requested that staff contact Horizons Regional Council and request that they investigate this further as this area of land lies under their responsibility. From 3 Nov meeting - Cr Carter raised the issue of fly tipping - CE undertook to speak to him more about this.	CE / Arno B / Raj K	A revised Memorandum Of Understanding has been submitted by Horizons for review. RDC is considering the suitability of the proposed MOU before agreeing to a new term for this activity. No further updates available at this time.	In progress

8 Mayor's Report

8.1 Mayor's Report - April 2024

Author: Andy Watson, His Worship the Mayor

As part of our Long Term Plan (LTP) process we held a huge number of community meetings throughout the district to gain feedback and submissions on the plan. We now have over 450 submissions which I believe is easily the record. I would say however that the number of people engaging in the process in our main towns continues to be disappointing. The turnouts in the rural meetings have been fantastic with meetings held at Scotts Ferry, Koitiata, Omatane and Papanui being particularly successful. These meetings have been well supported by Councillors and I give particular credit to Councillor Duncan for personally calling community members to encourage the turnout. The social media team approach at Council has been great and has encouraged conversations and engagement. I think in hindsight, which is always a great thing, that we should not have relied on the community committee meetings in Taihape, Marton and Bulls just being open to the public for the LTP process. We should have advertised at least two separate public meetings. Yes, they bring challenges but our communities are quite conservative and expect Council to front them by way of "old school meetings".

I would have to say that the mood of many of the public meetings was respectful but extremely concerned about the ability to pay significant rate increases. Many of our people and employment sectors are struggling. Already we are seeing our businesses saying non-critical expenditure should be foregone at the moment.

The recent weather could not have been better for the Rangitīkei, first the Harvest Festival was a stunner of a day, attracting huge crowds and either side of that time we had the very much needed autumn rain. The rural community has, and is, facing challenging times with production, prices and costs and while the rain does not provide protection against these things it brings optimism, relief and hope.

The Harvest Festival was such a huge success, free entry, free attraction rides and huge crowds. Thanks Kym for the organising and thanks to the host of volunteers who made the festival the success that it was. For those fit and healthy people who on festival day rode in the Marton Rotary "Pedal for Pleasure" bike ride, congratulations and thanks to Tony Ward the principal sponsor. I guess that the prize of a La-Z-boy chair is a great reward after what may have been an 80 km ride.

The results are in, Council welcomes Paul Sharland as the new Southern Ward Councillor. Paul comprehensively won the election and is due our congratulations, but I would also like to acknowledge Mark Anderson, Gail Reid and Dave Christison for standing. The challenge will now be for Paul to get up to speed ahead of the Council Long Term Plan deliberations that have to be made.

The rate of change by Government is still challenging both for councils and the community. Several of these changes are signalled for future years such as 2025 through to 2027. These include policies on Three Waters, Freshwater Management, Resource Management Reform (RMA), Fast Tracking Legislation and how differing land classes are managed. We as Council have to act under existing laws and policies so the end result is that farms and business owners are caught up in compliance processes that will be changed. It is a pity that properties and businesses could potentially fail because of these issues. Council will of course continue to submit with regard to these issues.

On 6 April I attended the Scotts Ferry Beach and Forest Cleanup organised by Matt Hynes from Scotts Ferry. There was very little rubbish to be found on the beach which was incredibly pleasing,

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however when we moved into the forest access roads, of which there are several, it was incredibly disappointing to find it has become a communal rubbish dump for people who can't be bothered or refuse to use a Transfer Station. My hat goes off to the community who attended in large numbers and collected an enormous load of rubbish – they made a point of thanking Council for providing the facilities to make this happen.

On 13 April I attended the Ordination and Installation of Anashuya “Ana” Fletcher as Assistant Bishop of the Anglican Church at the Cathedral in Wellington. Ana is from Whanganui, small in stature but of very firm voice and was received well by the huge church community. This is a significant appointment and it is important that as communities we support these processes.

On 11 April I was scheduled to attend what is called the Rural and Provincial meeting of Local Government in Wellington. This includes all of the rural councils and provincial towns and makes up the bulk of the Local Government membership. Unfortunately I had a funeral that I needed to attend on the first day so I was always going to arrive late. On the second day I was asked to be one of two presenters on the Local Government Focus Group for Roading which encompasses how we work with NZTA Waka Kotahi and Government. I am privileged to be able to provide the rural voice in these forums which I think is incredibly important. Carol Gordon, as Acting Chief Executive, on those days also travelled to Wellington as part of this process and I thank her for her attendance. Carol and I have had insufficient time at the moment to provide a full report – I have reached out to Helen Worboys, Mayor of Manawatu District Council for her briefing notes so that I can report back in detail at a later date. I will forward those notes to Councillors as they come in and I will look to include them in a future Mayoral Report.

I have spent a couple of days this month representing the Horizons region listening to submissions on the Regional Land Transport Plan. This is quite a mouthful. What it means is that NZTA tries to allocate the money that Government has put into roading and looks at what major expenditure is required throughout the country. The Horizons region does not have any new roads of national significance. An example of a new road of national significance would be the road over the Brynderwyns linking Northland to Auckland. We have decided as part of this process that the first two priorities for regional funding in our area will be a joint Number One priority for an alternative to the Utiku road slumping which potentially could have a budget at the moment of \$108m and the Rail Hub Ring Road Complex in Palmerston North City. There were many submissions on where money should be spent and potential cost savings. There are a number of people that raised submissions around the cost of road maintenance, the safety provisions and for example the wire-rope division on the road between Bulls and Whanganui. Ultimately of course NZTA could continue to assign the priorities as they see fit but this is our feedback into that process.

It seems when a new (in this case coalition) Government is formed that their immediate priority is to engage with the major metros such as Auckland, Wellington and Christchurch and this is totally appropriate as the Government tries to work its way through its immediate program and assigning ministers. There are many new ministers who then need to be brought up to date about how their portfolios will work. What I am now seeing is a number of ministers who are looking to engage with our district, for example we have Minister Jones who has reached out to me and wants to be in our district and have a conversation and this week we had Minister Lee who has a focus on media, communications and especially economic development in Marton. I have also just heard that the Prime Minister wishes to come here for a dinner to engage with some of our leading businesses and industries.

What is concerning to me, and I speak from my personal perspective, is that the Coalition Government has gone down the path of reviewing the status of Maori Wards. As I understand it our Council has two Maori Wards, an inland (Tiikeitia ki Uta) and coastal (Tiikeitia ki Tai), that Council had decided on. We now have to go out, as part of our 2025 electoral cycle, with a binding referendum on whether they should continue to exist. The alternative to that poll is they could be abolished by way of Council vote which would mean they would stop in 2025. If the binding referendum suggested that they should stop they would cease in 2028. What concerns me about this is the disharmony that this sort of process brings.

I have received a request from Whare Kura Morehu o Ratana School Board (Attachment 1) seeking financial assistance for the School's 100 Year Centennial Celebration taking place 31 May - 2 June 2024. Refer to Recommendation 2 below.

With regard to Ratana, I have just received the resignation from Lequan Meihana as a community board member which will require another by-election within our district. I know that Lequan would not have made this decision lightly and I would like to take the chance to wish him well and thank him for his service on the community board and also acknowledge his previous role as a Council employee in terms of Iwi Liaison matters. I respect the knowledge and connections that Lequan has.

And "lest we forget" I would like to recognise the importance of ANZAC Day and acknowledge the numbers of people who continue to turn out for services, especially for those young people who get a chance to understand the sacrifice that was made by our very young country in respect to the two world wars especially. I am attending dawn service in Marton, a morning service in Turakina and an afternoon service at Marton Park tomorrow and I know that most of our Councillors are also attending services throughout their particular wards.

Attachments:

1. **Letter from Whare Kura Morehu o Ratana** [↓](#)
2. **Elected Member Attendance** [↓](#)

Recommendation 1:

That the Mayor's Report – 24 April 2024 be received.

Recommendation 2:

That Council agrees/does not agree to provide sponsorship for Whare Kura Morehu o Ratana's 100 Year Centennial Celebrations to the value of \$ _____

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Mayors Engagement

April 2024

2	<p>Attended Connection Meeting with MSD Staff</p> <p>Attended meeting with Chief Executive</p> <p>Attended weekly meeting with Deputy Mayor</p> <p>Attended Koitiata LTP community meeting</p>
3	<p>Attended Governors Q&A meeting with Executive Leadership Team</p> <p>Attended fortnightly economic development meeting with staff</p>
4	<p>Attended meeting with Chief Executive</p> <p>Attended Regional Transport Committee RLTP Hearings</p> <p>Attended Turakina LTP community meeting</p>
5	<p>Attended Regional Transport Committee RLTP Hearings</p>
6	<p>Attended Scotts Ferry Beach & Forest Cleanup Day</p>
7	<p>Attended Marton Harvest Festival</p>
8	<p>Attended meeting with Chief Executive</p> <p>Attended LTP update meeting with staff</p> <p>Attended Hunterville Rural Water Scheme Meeting</p>
9	<p>Attended Regional Transport Matters Regional Chief’s Fortnightly Meeting</p> <p>Attended Te Roopuu Ahi Kaa Komiti Meeting</p> <p>Attended Defence Meeting</p>
10	<p>Attended meeting with Chief Executive</p> <p>Attended meeting with ratepayer</p> <p>Attended Taihape Community Board Meeting</p>
12	<p>Attended LGNZ Rural & Provincial Meeting Wellington</p>
13	<p>Attended Ordination and Installation of Anashuya Fletcher as Assnt Bishop of Diocese of Wellington</p>
15	<p>Attended MTFJ Governance Group Online Meeting</p>
16	<p>Attended Regional Transport Committee RLTP Deliberations</p> <p>Attended weekly meeting with Deputy Mayor</p>
18	<p>Attended LTP Verbal Hearings in Taihape & Marton</p> <p>Attended LGNZ Roundtable Zoom – Online Harassment & Safety</p> <p>Attended BA5 Marton</p>
19	<p>Attended fortnightly economic development meeting with staff</p> <p>Attended MTFJ meeting with staff and youth in work at Taihape</p> <p>Attended webinar on Maori Wards</p>
22	<p>Attended catchup with newly elected Southern Ward Councillor Paul Sharland</p>

	<p>Attended Lunch Meeting with Minister Melissa Lee, MP Suze Redmayne and Elected Members</p> <p>Attended meeting with Minister Melissa Lee, Suze Redmayne and staff at Council Offices</p> <p>Attended weekly LTP meeting with staff</p>
23	<p>Attended Regional Transport Matters Regional Chief’s Fortnightly Meeting</p> <p>Attended Road Controlling Authorities Forum Wellington</p> <p>Attended weekly meeting with Deputy Mayor</p>
24	<p>Attended Sport NZ Rural Travel Fund Meeting</p> <p>Attended Finance/Performance Committee Meeting</p> <p>Attended Council Meeting</p>
25	<p>Attended ANZAC Day Services in Marton and Turakina</p>
28	<p>Attended Suzuki Extreme 4x4 Challenge Event in Turakina</p>
29	<p>Attended weekly LTP meeting with staff</p>
30	<p>Attended workshop with Veolia</p> <p>Attended weekly meeting with Deputy Mayor</p>



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10/04/2024 March 2024

Tēnā koutou,

Re: Te Kura O Ratana School 100 Year Centennial Celebration, 31 May – 2 June, 2024.

On behalf of our school Board and the Centennial Committee, we are pleased to invite your organisation to be a sponsor of our upcoming event to celebrate the 100 Year Centennial of Whare Kura Morehu O Ratana previously known as Te Kura O Ratana.

We envisage to host a large audience of current and past students, staff, board members and whanau of our kura to celebrate this memorable occasion. The Centennial programme is an exciting opportunity for participants to rejoice and reconnect in this nostalgic event, reliving a walk down memory lane!

Your sponsorship comes with advertising and promotional opportunities of your organisation's brand in all event material including social media platforms, the official sponsors list in the Centennial programme and multi media platforms.

We look forward to your response and hope that you may join us in making the celebration a success. Please feel free to make contact should you require more information or wish to discuss the sponsorship further.

Ngā manaakitanga nui,

Kind regards,

Whare Kura Morehu o Ratana

School Board

centenary@ratana.school.nz

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	Date	Meeting	HWTM	Wilson	Calkin	Carter	Dalgety	Duncan	Hiroa	Lambert	Loudon	Maughan	Raukawa	Wong	Notes
146	15-Feb-24	Turakina CC	PR			PR									
147	21-Feb-24	Taihape CB						PR						PR	
148	29-Feb-24	Finance/Performance	CB	PR		PR	PR				PR	AP		PR	
149	29-Feb-24	Council	PR	PR		PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	AP	PR	
150	5-Mar-24	ERWS	PR									AP		PR	
151	6-Mar-24	SDMC	PR			PR									
152	13-Mar-24	Bulls CC	PR			PR							PR		
153	14-Mar-24	AIN Workshop	PR	PR		PR	PR	PR		PR	PR	PR		PR	
154	20-Mar-24	RA Meeting	PR	PR			PR		PR		PR				
155	28-Mar-24	Finance/Performance	PR	AP		PR	PR				PR	AP		PR	
156	28-Mar-24	Council Meeting	PR	PR		PR	PR	AP	PR	PR	PR	AP	PR	PR	
157	4-Apr-24	Turakina CC	PR			PR									
158	8-Apr-24	HRWS	PR				PR			PR		AT			
159	9-Apr-24	TRAK Meeting	PR					AP							
160	9-Apr-24	Ratana CB	CB						PR						
161	10-Apr-24	Taihape CB													Minutes not yet received
162	10-Apr-24	Marton CC	CB	PR								PR			
163	11-Apr-24	PPL Meeting	CB	PR			AT	PR	PR	PR		PR		AT	
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Present (and is a member of the committee) PR
 Apology AP
 Absent - no apology received AB
 Not a member of the committee
 Not a member of the committee (but still attended) AT
 Not present as on Council business CB
 Attended via Zoom [this indicator is no longer used] ZM

9 Chief Executive's Report

9.1 Chief Executive's Report - April 2024

Author: Carol Gordon, Group Manager - Democracy & Planning

Authoriser: Kevin Ross, Chief Executive

1. Reason for Report

1.1 This report provides Elected Members with an update on key activities across the organisation. Any items requiring a specific decision are towards the end of this report.

2. Context

2.1 1 March 2024 - Taihape Area School Athletics Carnival – Taihape Memorial Park – All fields, Nga Awa and grandstand buildings

2.2 28 March - 2 April 2024 – Utiku Old Boys Rugby Club 75th Jubilee – Taihape Memorial Park – Field 1, Nga Awa Building

2.3 Hunterville Rugby Touch Tournament (over seven weeks from 26 January - 8 March 2024) – Hunterville Domain

3. Discussion and Options Considered

3.1 In March, we welcomed one new employee to RDC:

- Chrissie Pompey, Cleaner

3.2 We also farewelled the following employees in March:

- Scarlett Nisbett, Cleaner
- Shane Russell, Parks Assistant

4. Health, Safety and Wellbeing Dashboard

4.1 Dashboard for March 2024 is attached (Attachment 1).

5. Rangitikei Name Alteration

5.1 The next stage of correcting the name Rangitikei, (to include the macron above the second "i"), was to write to neighbouring Councils advising, and seeking their support, to correct the spelling. Letters have been sent to Horizons Regional Council, Manawatu District Council, Ruapehu District Council, Whanganui District Council and Hastings District Council.

5.2 The letter to the councils notes the name of the Rangitikei River was changed to include the macron on 16 July 2020.

6. Update on Local Water Done Well

6.1 Following an update from the Minister of Local Government, Hon Simeon Brown, an email was received from the Deputy Chief Executive for Internal Affairs, providing information to councils about the next stage of Local Water Done Well.

- 6.2 The information also clarifies that councils retain their existing allocation of Better Off funding, advising the Department will work with councils to identify opportunities for councils to redirect unspent Better Off funding to increase investment in water infrastructure or to help establish new water services delivery organisations.
- 6.3 It also advised that current Council Transition Support funding will be retained. Remaining funding can be used by councils for work relating to Local Water Done Well. This information is attached (Attachment 2).

7. Update on Shared Services Between Manawatu District Council (MDC) and Rangitikei District Council (RDC)

- 7.1 Since around 2008, Rangitikei District Council (RDC) has been working with Manawatu District Council (MDC) in a shared services arrangement. Currently MDC provides RDC with Roothing, Water Services and Environmental Health functions. RDC provides MDC with Animal Control services.
- 7.2 RDC have advised MDC that RDC now intends to move the remainder of the Shared Services back in-house (land management and refuse / recycling was moved back in house in the last few years), therefore the Shared Services Agreement will be terminated, effective from 30 June 2024. This means that RDC will deliver more of its Roothing and Water Services in house, with some aspects still being contracted out. There are no changes to the other shared service arrangements - RDC will continue to provide Animal Control Services to MDC and MDC will continue to supply Environmental Health services to RDC.
- 7.3 The change to the shared service delivery has been communicated with MDC and RDC staff, who are working closely to ensure a smooth change management and transfer process for staff.

8. NZTA Waka Kotahi Letter

- 8.1 A letter has been received from NZTA Waka Kotahi confirming, that following review of Council’s Roothing “Network Procurement Strategy” (March 2024), it meets the requirements of the Waka Kotahi Procurement Manual, and formally endorse Council’s Strategy, effect from 4 April 2024. A copy of the letter is attached (Attachment 3).

9. External Submissions

- 9.1 Current and closed consultations:
 - 9.1.1 Submission on the “**draft Government Policy Statement on land transport 2024**” – a submission was made to the Ministry of Transport by the due date – a copy of this submission is attached (Attachment 4).

Name of Initiative	Agency engaging	Timing	Description
Fast-track Approvals Bill	Parliament Environment Committee	April	The Bill would enable a fast-track decision-making process for infrastructure and development projects that are considered to have significant regional or national benefits. A draft submission has been sent to Elected Members and the Te

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			Roopuu Ahi committee, this is due for submission on 19 April.
Consultation on Horizons long-term plan 2024-34	Horizons	April	A draft submission has been sent to Elected Members and the Te Roopuu Ahi committee, this is due for submission on 22 April.
Review of the dangerous dams, earthquake-prone dams and flood-prone dams policy	Horizons	April	A draft submission has been sent to Elected Members and the Te Roopuu Ahi committee, this is due for submission on 22 April.

9.2 Upcoming Consultations:

Name of Initiative	Agency engaging	Likely timing	Description
Local Government (Electoral Legislation and Māori Wards and Constituencies) Amendment Bill	Department of Internal Affairs	May	<p>This Bill repeals the Māori wards legislation of the previous Government and reinstates the poll provisions for establishing Māori wards. The changes will bring back the 5% threshold for petitions calling for a binding poll.</p> <p>Councils that have established Māori wards/constituencies in 2023 for the 2025 local elections will be required to either hold a poll on the establishment of their Māori wards in their 2025 election or if councils do not wish to hold a poll, those councils will be given the opportunity to reverse or rescind their decision to disestablish those wards later this year. If Councils do hold a poll its outcome will be binding for the 2028 and 2031 local elections.</p> <p><i>[Council staff intend to bring a paper to the May Council meeting on this topic]</i></p>
New National Policy Statement for Freshwater Management	Ministry for the Environment (MfE) / Board of Inquiry	TBC	Cabinet has agreed to replace the National Policy Statement for Freshwater Management 2020 (NPS-FM) 'to better reflect the interests of all water users.'
Resource Management Act Amendment Bill	MfE	This Year	Bill to change the hierarchy of obligations created by Te Mana o Te Wai in the NPS Freshwater.
Repeal of Good Friday and Easter Sunday as Restricted	Private Members Bill	TBC	The Bill allows more or less unfettered shop trading and sale of alcohol on Good Friday and Easter Sunday. It is a

<p>Trading Days (Shop Trading and Sale of Alcohol) Amendment Bill</p>			<p>matter for shop owner discretion. Among other things, the provisions empowering you to set a local policy on shop trading would be removed. The default restriction on the sale and supply of alcohol on these days would be repealed.</p>
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10. Update on the buildings on the Corner of High Street and Broadway, Marton

10.1 Council officers have begun the process of engaging with Real Estate agents. This has included sending a brief overview of the buildings, Council expectations from the sale (financial and non-financial considerations) and proposed timelines. So far, three Real Estate agents have been sent the information and Council has received an initial response from one. The remaining two agents have been followed up this week and we are aiming to appoint an Agent by early May.

11. Financial Implications

11.1 There are no financial implications for this operational report.

12. Impact on Strategic Risks

12.1 There are no strategic risk implications for this operational report.

13. Mana Whenua Implications

13.1 In assessing any mana whenua implications for this report; it is noted that iwi in the Rangitikei District have been directly consulted on the correcting the name Rangitikei, to include the macron; and members of Te Roopuu Ahi Kaa have been sent copies of any draft submissions for iwi / hapu, Marae input.

13.2 There are no other mana whenua implications for this operational report.

14. Statutory Implications

14.1 There are no statutory implications for this operational report.

15. Decision Making Process

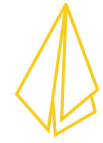
15.1 This item is not considered to be a significant decision according to the Council’s Policy on Significance and Engagement.

Attachments:

1. **Health Safety and Wellbeing Dashboard March 2024** [↓](#)
2. **Local Water Done Well - Information for councils (April 2024)** [↓](#)
3. **NZTA - Endorsement Letter** [↓](#)
4. **Submission to Ministry of Transport re new GPS** [↓](#)

Recommendation

That the Chief Executive’s Report – April 2024 be received.

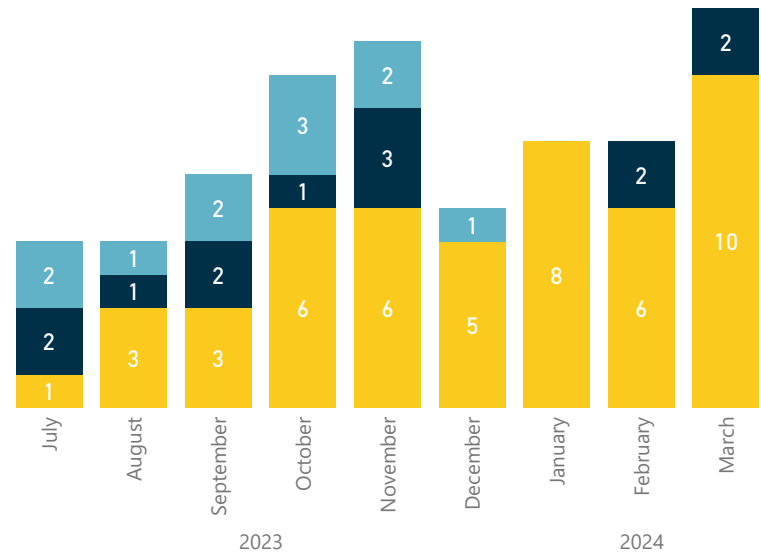


RDC Health and Safety Dashboard March 2024

Events, Hazards and Near Misses

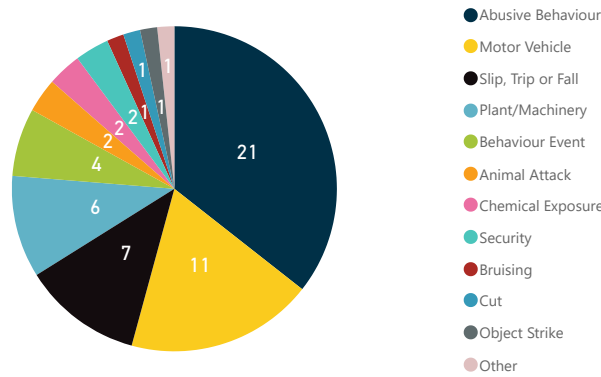
01 July 2023 to date

● Event ● Hazard ● Near Miss



Event/Near Miss Category

01 July 2023 to date



Wellbeing News

Protect yourself (and others) from seasonal illness.

On Friday 12th April, Stewart Street Medical will be at High Street offices between 12pm and 2pm to administer Flu Shots and Covid Boosters. To book for either (or both) please contact Matt Gordon asap. If you can't make it on the 12th, you are welcome to visit your own provider and claim the cost back through our Wellbeing Programme. Buccaline Tablets are now available from pharmacies in Taihape, Marton and Bulls. These are funded through our Wellbeing Programme, so if you would like a dose, please pop into one of the pharmacies and show your RDC ID card. Please remember all the usual health and hygiene protocols and stay home if you're sick.

Abusive Behaviour

Unfortunately, we are noticing an increase in abusive behaviour from some members of the public aimed at RDC employees. No one should have to put up with this unacceptable behaviour and if you have been the target of abuse from members of the public, please talk to your manager and report these events via the Accident, Incident, Hazard and Near Miss reporting form on Kapua.

The RDC Wellbeing Programme provides RDC staff access to wellbeing support from Vitae Services either as an individual or as a team through their Professional Supervision support options. Please contact the People and Performance Team for more information.

Summary of Month

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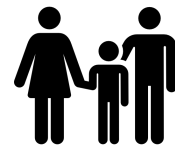
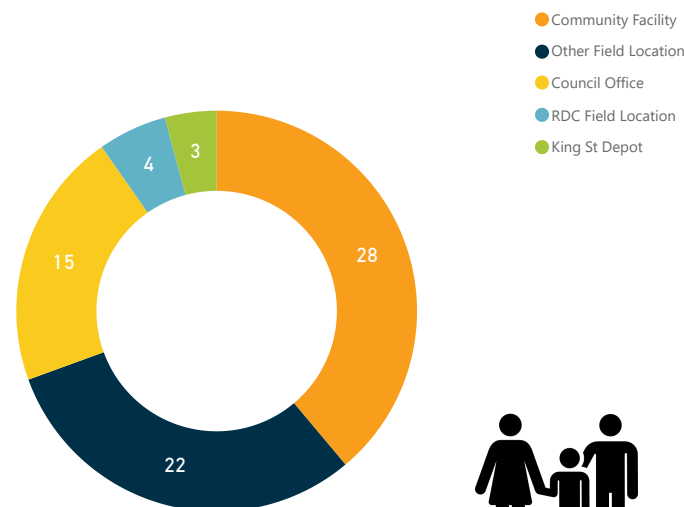
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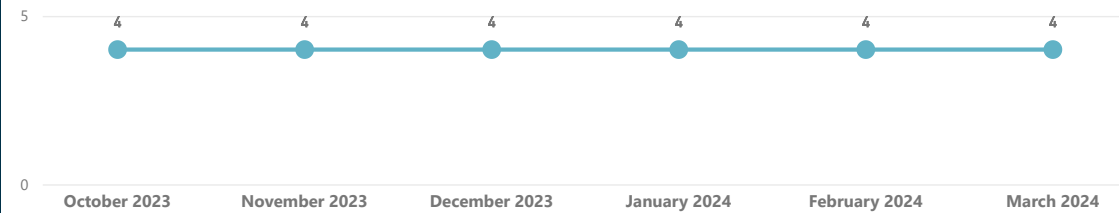
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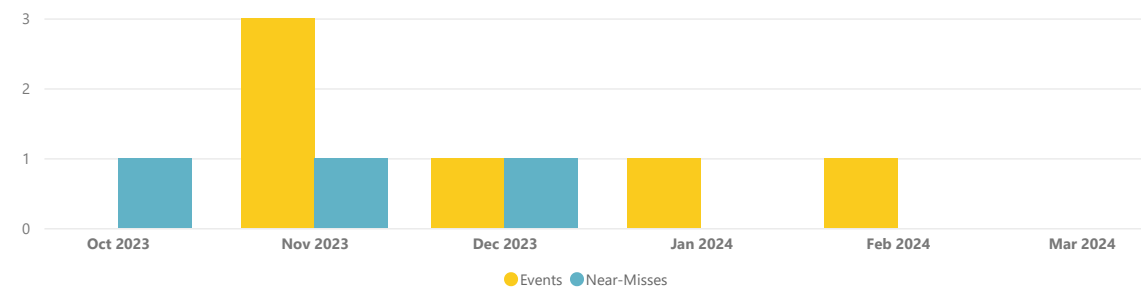
Average Driver Ratings

Ratings from E-Road Dashboard (Overspeed / Harsh Braking & Harsh Acceleration Events)

52% Completed Driver Safety Training



Vehicle Incidents





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Local Water Done Well: Information for councils

This document provides an overview of policy decisions that will be reflected in the proposed Local Government Water Services (Transitional Provisions) Bill, which will soon be considered for introduction to Parliament. It also contains information on other transitional matters that may be of interest to councils.

It is based on Cabinet decisions announced by the Minister of Local Government in April 2024.

Introduction

Measures to be introduced through new legislation in mid-2024 will establish the Local Water Done Well framework and the transitional arrangements for the new water services system.

The measures include requirements for councils to develop Water Services Delivery Plans, steps towards future economic regulation, and streamlined processes for setting up water services council-controlled organisations (water services CCOs).

Water Services Delivery Plans

What are they?

The overarching purpose of the Plans is for councils – individually or jointly – to publicly demonstrate their intention and commitment to deliver water services in ways that are financially sustainable, meet regulatory quality standards for water network infrastructure and water quality, and unlock housing growth.

What do they mean for councils?

Through the development of these Plans, councils will provide an assessment of their water infrastructure, how much they need to invest, and how they plan to finance and deliver it through their preferred service delivery model.

Ringfencing of water services and revenue from other council activities is a key feature of the Plans.

The Plans will be a way for councils to provide transparency to their communities about the costs and financing of water services, and empower them to make decisions about managing and delivering high-quality water services that reflect their local needs and circumstances.

The Plans can also be prepared jointly, and so provide an opportunity for councils to have conversations with other councils about joint arrangements for water services delivery.

Local Water Done Well: Information for councils (April 2024)

What information do they need to cover?

The Plans cover information across three key areas:

1. Financial and asset information	Information about each council’s financial and asset information and performance measures, pricing and other related policies, methodologies, and assumptions
2. Investment required	Planned levels of investment, approach to operations, and whether these are sufficient to deliver proposed level of service, meet infrastructure standards and meet regulatory standards
3. Service delivery arrangements	Councils’ proposed service delivery arrangements – including proposals for joint arrangements, across more than one council

To demonstrate financial sustainability, councils will have to show what needs to be invested to deliver water services to regulated standards and to provide for growth. They will also have to show how they will fund and finance long-term investment in water infrastructure, including renewals and operating costs.

What is the process and timeline for producing a Plan?

Activity	Indicative timing / milestone
DIA releases Plan guidance Councils formally begin development of Plans	Mid-2024 Local Government Water Services (Transitional Provisions) Bill enacted
DIA/council check-in Councils identify contact point(s), whether they will be submitting an individual or joint Plan, whether they need technical support	+ 3 months (following Bill enactment)
DIA/council check-in(s) to monitor progress	+ 6-9 months (following Bill enactment)
Councils submit final Plan to DIA	Within 12 months (of Bill enactment)
DIA accepts the Plan meets statutory requirements or refers back to council for further work	Following submission of Plan
Council publishes Plan on council website	Once Plan is accepted by DIA

What happens if council(s) don’t submit a Plan?







There will be a series of check-ins by the Department of Internal Affairs throughout the Plan development process to ensure councils are on track in preparing and submitting an acceptable plan. There will be guidance and some ‘light touch’ technical support provided by DIA.

During the Plan preparation process, councils may request, and the Minister of Local Government will be able to appoint, a Crown Facilitator who could provide additional assistance (at councils’ expense). For example, the Crown Facilitator could assist and advise a council on how to prepare a Plan, or work across a group of councils to facilitate or negotiate a joint Plan (including providing an arbitration role if requested and agreed by councils).

Local Water Done Well: Information for councils (April 2024)

If a council fails to submit a plan by the statutory deadline, the Minister of Local Government will be able to appoint someone to prepare a Plan on that council’s behalf, and (if necessary) to direct the council to adopt and submit this Plan (a ‘regulatory backstop’ power). Again, any expenses associated with this appointee and the preparation of the Plan would be covered by the council.

Key information

-  Plans are one-off, transitional documents, to set a pathway forward to sustainability.
-  Plans can be developed by individual councils, or jointly where groups of councils are planning to jointly establish a water organisation.
-  Plans must include drinking water, wastewater and stormwater – but councils have flexibility about transferring stormwater in proposed new service delivery arrangements.
-  It will be up to councils to determine how best to engage with their communities as part of the Plan development process.
-  Plans have no regulatory function – LTPs continue to be councils’ primary planning and accountability document.
-  Plans cover a 10-year timeframe, with detailed information provided on the first three years.

Steps towards future economic regulation

Economic regulation is a key feature of Local Water Done Well. It is intended to ensure consumers pay efficient, cost-reflective prices for water services, that those services are delivered to an acceptable quality, and that water services providers are investing sufficiently in their infrastructure.

Development of an economic regulation system for water services will be led by the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment. Relevant provisions would be included in the third Local Water Done Well Bill (to be passed in mid-2025), and implemented by the Commerce Commission after that point.

Through the Water Service Delivery Plans, councils will be asked to provide baseline information about their water services operations, assets, revenue, expenditure, pricing, and projected capital expenditure, as well as necessary financing arrangements.

This is not a regulatory information gathering exercise, but is a useful first step to build the capability of councils and prepare the Commerce Commission ahead of the full economic regulation regime being introduced from the middle of next year.

All councils that have water service delivery responsibilities (either directly or through existing council-controlled organisations) will be subject to these requirements. As well as the Plans being published, information collected through them will be shared with the Commerce Commission, to help them with the development of the future regulatory regime.

The Bill will also provide for some councils to be subject to an early form of information disclosure by the Commerce Commission, prior to the full economic regulation regime.

Local Water Done Well: Information for councils (April 2024)

This will build on the information collected through the Plans, and is intended to be for councils that have more advanced asset/financial management practices, or those that moved quickly to establish new organisations and are ready for a faster track toward more detailed oversight.

Streamlined processes for establishing council-controlled organisations

Under Local Water Done Well, a range of structural and financing tools will be available to councils to use for water services including a new class of financially independent council-owned organisations.

These options will be included in the third Local Water Done Well Bill, with policy decisions expected to be announced in mid-2024. This Bill is expected to be introduced in December 2024, and passed in mid-2025.

However, it is recognised that some councils may want to move quickly to start shifting the delivery of water services into more financially sustainable models. The Local Government Water Services (Transitional Provisions) Bill will include provisions that help streamline the process for establishing water services CCOs, as currently provided for under the Local Government Act 2002.

The Bill will contain a bespoke set of consultation and decision-making arrangements that will enable councils to streamline this process, while continuing to provide the opportunity for community input. These streamlined arrangements are voluntary for councils to choose to use, as an alternative to some of the standard requirements in the Local Government Act.

The arrangements include provisions that:

- Clarify that councils can set up joint committees that can consult on a proposal across multiple districts (instead of each council carrying out separate consultation), and to make recommendations to participating councils
- Set minimum consultation and information requirements – so one round of consultation is required, and information only needs to be provided on the analysis of two options (status quo + preferred option)
- Enable councils to consider the collective benefits/impacts of a proposal (across multiple districts), in addition to the interests of their individual districts – and to factor in the view of other participating councils.

Current Better Off and Transition Support funding arrangements will be retained

Cabinet has agreed to retain existing funding arrangements under the previous Government’s water reform programme, and has asked the Department of Internal Affairs to work with councils and Iwi Collectives to align these to Local Water Done Well.

This includes:

Local Water Done Well: Information for councils (April 2024)

- Retaining current Better Off funding for all councils, but for the Department of Internal Affairs to work with councils to identify opportunities to redirect unspent Better Off funding to increase investment in water infrastructure or to help establish new water services delivery organisations.
- Retaining current Council Transition Support funding to enable councils to use this funding for work relating to Local Water Done Well, including supporting the establishment of new water services delivery organisations, or other planning work to support the transition to Local Water Done Well.

The Department of Internal Affairs will work with councils on any changes to current contractual arrangements to reflect decisions in relation to aligning funding to LWDW.

The Department of Internal Affairs will follow up with individual councils to provide further details.

Next steps

The Government will provide details in mid-2024 on the broader range of structural and financing tools, including through the New Zealand Local Government Funding Agency (LGFA), which will be available to councils to ensure they can access the long-term debt required for investment in water services infrastructure. These tools will be implemented through further legislation that will establish the enduring settings for the new system.

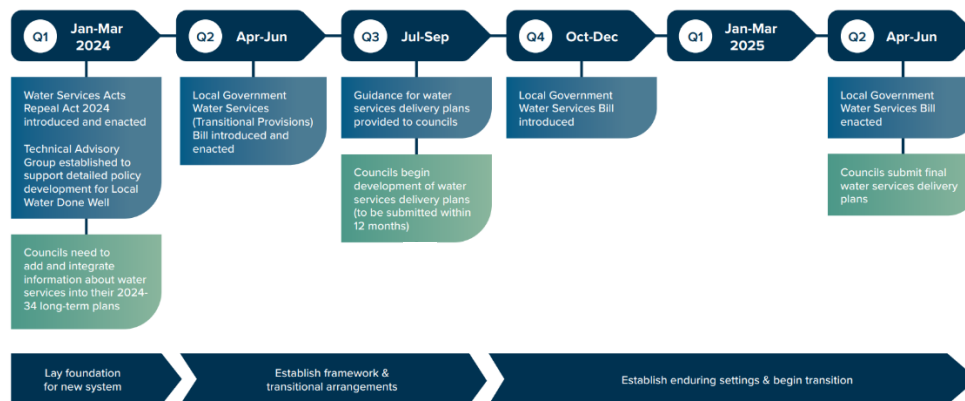
Policy areas to be included in further legislation include:

- Setting long-term requirements for financial sustainability
- Providing for a range of structural and financing tools, including a new class of financially independent council organisations
- Planning, accountability and reporting frameworks for water services
- Considering the empowering legislation for Taumata Arowai to ensure the regulatory regime is efficient, effective, and fit-for-purpose, and standards are proportionate for different types of drinking water suppliers
- Providing for a complete economic regulation regime
- Considering additional Ministerial powers of assistance and intervention in relation to water services, and regulatory powers to ensure effective delivery of financially sustainable water services.

Indicative timeline

The below timeline provides an indicative outline of policy, legislation and related council activity. It is subject to parliamentary processes and timetables.

Local Water Done Well: Information for councils (April 2024)



Further information

Once the proposed Local Government Water Services (Transitional Provisions) Bill has been introduced to Parliament, it will be available at www.legislation.govt.nz.

For further information about Local Water Done Well, visit www.dia.govt.nz/Water-Services-Policy-and-Legislation

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5 April 2024

Arno Benadie
Chief Operating Officer
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Dear Arno,

Transport Activity Procurement Strategy Endorsement

Thank you for your request seeking endorsement from the NZ Transport Agency Waka Kotahi for the Transport Procurement Strategy dated 8 March 2024.

I am pleased to confirm that the NZ Transport Agency Waka Kotahi has reviewed the Rooding Network Procurement Strategy dated March 2024. This document forms Rangitikei District Council's Transport Procurement Strategy, the requirements of which are outlined in the Waka Kotahi Procurement Manual.

We are satisfied that it meets the requirements of the NZTA Procurement Manual and formally endorse the Transport Procurement Strategy effective 4 April 2024.

We would like to draw your attention to the following matters. NZ Transport Agency Waka Kotahi:

1. approves the continued use of in-house professional services by Rangitikei District Council, in accordance with s26 of the Land Transport Management Act.
2. approves a variation to the Rules in the Procurement manual, section 10.21 *Maximum term of a term service contract for infrastructure or planning and advice* allowing Rangitikei District Council to vary the term arrangements of a term service contract after it has been let for the road maintenance and renewals term service contract from a current expiry date of the 30 June 2024, and a maximum term of nine years, to a latest expiry date of 30 June 2025, and a maximum term of ten years.
3. approves the continued use of a variation to the Rules in the Procurement manual, section 10.21 *Maximum term of a term service contract for infrastructure or planning and advice* allowing Rangitikei District Council to use a maximum term of nine years (3+3+3 years) for the road marking term service contract.
4. notes that Rangitikei District Council has entered into a streetlight maintenance term service contract with a maximum contract term of nine years (3+3+3 years). The NZTA Procurement manual stipulates that the maximum term of a term service contract shall be five years, unless approved under s25(1) of the Land Transport Management Act.

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Our endorsement of the Transport Procurement Strategy is therefore subject to the following conditions:

1. Rangitikei District Council noting that any further variations to the Rules in Procurement manual, section 10.21 *Maximum term of a term service contract for infrastructure or planning and advice* allowing Rangitikei District Council to vary the term arrangements of the road maintenance and renewals term service contract will not be considered by NZ Transport Agency Waka Kotahi. Rangitikei District Council must ensure that the term service contract is competitively tendered promptly.
2. Rangitikei District Council noting that a variation to the Rules in Procurement manual, section 10.21 *Maximum term of a term service contract for infrastructure or planning and advice* allowing Rangitikei District Council to use a maximum term of nine years for the streetlight maintenance term service contract has not been considered at this time.
3. Rangitikei District Council is expected to seek approval from Waka Kotahi in Year-4 of the contract term prior to extending the streetlight maintenance term service contract beyond the maximum of five years stipulated in the Procurement manual.

The NZTA Procurement Manual requires approved organisations to review their Procurement Strategy at a minimum once every three years and ensure that they always remain fit for purpose. The Procurement Strategy's endorsement will expire on the 4 April 2027, and you are encouraged to seek endorsement of a new or revised Procurement Strategy in advance of this date.

If you would like to discuss this matter further, please do not hesitate to contact Philip Walker, Approved Organisations Senior Procurement Advisor, directly on 021 633986.

Yours sincerely

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Alison Murray
Head of Procurement



26 March 2024

Ministry of Transport
GPS Team

By email: gps@transport.govt.nz

Tena Koe

Submission from the Rangitikei District Council to the Ministry of Transport's Draft Government Policy Statement (GPS) on Land Transport 2024-34.

Rangitikei District Council (RDC) thanks the Ministry of Transport for the opportunity to provide feedback on the draft GPS on Land Transport.

1. Background

The Rangitikei District neighbours the Manawatū, Whanganui, Ruapehu, and Hawkes Bay Districts. This District is large, diverse and central in the wider Manawatū-Whanganui region. It covers road and rail networks that connect the lower and central North Island to the upper North Island. These connections are a key economic lifeline, enabling the movement of people and freight between key centres of production, consumer markets and freight distribution hubs.

Transport is an enabler of wider social, economic and environmental outcomes. Local authorities are a partner in the delivery of land transport infrastructure and services. In the Rangitikei District, the current population is approximately 16,200, and most of the district's population utilise their personal vehicles to transport themselves within and outside the region. Residents are generally reliant on personal vehicles or air transport for interregional travel due to the lack of available public transport options.

Rangitikei's road network is approximately 1,300km and comprises three main ORNC road classifications, including Low Volume (46%), Access (30%), Secondary Collector (14%). Approximately 93% of these roads are rural and 7% are urban, with 66% of the network sealed. State Highways 1 and 3 go through the towns of Bulls, Hunterville, Mangaweka, and Taihape. The intersection of State Highways 1 and 3 through Bulls in particular sees a relatively high flow of traffic, both vehicle and pedestrian, and includes the main intersection with a history of accidents and near misses.

The district's total traffic volume has increased by 9% between 2018 and 2022. Furthermore, traffic demand associated with forestry activities across the network is predicted to increase, peaking between 2024 and 2029. In order to respond to future traffic demand, it is important to maintain the condition of the network. Parewanui Road, Santoft Road, Kie Kie Road, Murimotu Road, Watershed Road, West Road, Turakina Valley Road 3 and Ongo Road are particularly at risk of requiring heavy maintenance.

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RDC has identified the following key roading network issues in its Roothing Asset Management Plan 2024-27:

- **The legacy network:** Maintaining pavement performance in the face of ongoing forestry harvest, increasing traffic volumes as a result of population growth and growing freight movements. Deteriorating condition and changing demands on Access, Low Volume and Secondary Collector roads are resulting in decreased Levels of Service and increasing reactive interventions.
- **Network resilience:** The Rangitikei District is susceptible to increasingly severe climatic events resulting in significant reactive maintenance expenditure at a relatively limited number of locations, disruption to the network and increased road safety risks. Investment is required for the purpose of maintenance and renewal activities to improve network resilience and reduce the risk and duration of road closures due to landslides or storm events.
- **Safety:** Investing in safety-related activities to improve the safety of the network, minimise the risk and consequence of crashes, as well as enabling growth. Analysis showed Collective Risk on Arterials has been notably higher than other rural districts, but comparable on other road types. Personal Risk however has consistently been higher in Rangitikei compared to its peers, the wider region, and the country. This is especially true for Low Volume roads and could be linked to the large volume of this type of road on the network. Investment in arterial roads on the network will improve safety for users in the district and will lead to RDC achieving better alignment with Road to Zero.

In addition to the three main issues RDC has identified the following key challenges for the provision of infrastructure in our district:

- affordability
- resilience and increased severity and intensity of extreme weather events
- managing growth and demand
- changing regulatory environment
- impact of central government direction on land-use change

RDC is supportive of the general direction of this draft GPS. However, our transport system is in desperate need of increased investment, and we need to put significant effort into increasing maintenance and resilience activities to sustain asset condition and prevent a slow decline of the assets over time.

RDC supports:

- The four strategic priorities identified in the draft GPS
- Taking a longer-term focus on the system.

RDC notes that there is broad alignment between some of the key objectives of the GPS and some of the issues as identified for the Rangitikei, notably alignment in relation to safety for all users and resilience of state highways, local and rural roads. We also find that the GPS and RDC's Roothing AMP's emphasis on maintenance and network quality respectively are well aligned. We particularly welcome the intent to reduce expenditure on temporary traffic management.





2. Timeline and timeframe of National Land Transport Plans

RDC agrees that expanding the timeframe of National Land Transport Plans to 10 years bodes well for alignment with the general timeframe of LTPs. However, there continues to be misalignment in terms of the timelines where the timeline of releasing draft GPS significantly deviates from the timelines of producing LTPs. This is problematic and has implications for devising LTPs that take into account possible changes of direction as proposed by a GPS. We therefore support calls to consider that the release of any future draft GPS is better harmonised with the timelines of preparing draft LTPs.

While we endorse expanding the timeframe to 10 years to make the duration National Transport Plans consistent with LTPs, we note that Councils create Infrastructure Strategies that cover 30 years. Given the role that infrastructure provision plays as enabler of economic growth, social prosperity and ecological sustainability in our district, RDC encourages the Ministry to develop transport plans and equivalent funding plans that mirror those of District Councils' Infrastructure Strategies.

3. We support greater investment in increased maintenance and resilience

We are pleased to see that increased maintenance and resilience is a strategic priority, and that it is matched with increased investment in road maintenance across state highways and local roads. Historically, successive governments have underinvested in renewals and maintenance which has had a detrimental effect on the usability of our transport system.

We would like to see this approach, and the funding that supports it, to be deployed in a way which supports best practice, and which builds resilience of the overall system. This is in line with the GPS' stated desire for a proactive approach to road maintenance. While there are current impacts from historic underinvestment in maintenance, a balance will need to be achieved between responsiveness to potholes and a return to appropriate planned maintenance such as rehabilitation/resurfacing of the network at the appropriate time required to address the historic deficit in roading maintenance which is causing such high rates of potholes.

4. Freight

We would like an integrated freight system introduced as a strategic priority. We need a freight network that enables transportation of goods across road, rail, and coastal shipping to support our regional economies. Diversifying our freight network will improve the resilience of the system and reduce the cost of maintenance and renewals, as the use of heavy vehicles has a significant impact on the condition of our roads. With almost 93% of all freight transported by truck, New Zealand's roading network provides a crucial service in supporting our economy at both national and local levels.

There is significant public and private infrastructure investment in and around our district that will see the creation of integrated freight systems to leverage the strategic position of the district to reduce the transport of freight by road and create freight transport efficiencies. In particular, the construction of the Marton Rail Hub, a freight and distribution hub, is expected to increase the use of existing rail and air networks and remove trucks from our national road networks.





5. Conclusion

We have stressed that the maintenance of our networks is of paramount importance to us and with the need for funding it becomes a wider issue of how roading should be funded throughout New Zealand. Unless there is a change in the funding structure for roading our networks will continue to deteriorate. We understand that LGNZ has on many occasions asked for some of the income derived from these regions to be returned to the regions and we would urge you to have this discussion with Government.

In closing, RDC thanks you again for the opportunity to submit to the draft GPS.

Kind regards,

Arno Benadie
Chief Operating Officer/Group Manager Assets & Infrastructure



10 Reports for Decision

10.1 1pm - Declaration - New Southern Ward Councillor

Author: Carol Gordon, Group Manager - Democracy & Planning

Authoriser: Kevin Ross, Chief Executive

1. Reason for Report

- 1.1 A by-election for a replacement Councillor for the Southern Ward has been finalised. Mr Paul Sharland was declared the successful candidate.
- 1.2 Mr Sharland now needs to make his declaration and be sworn into office as a Councillor for the Rangitikei District.

2. Declaration

I, Paul Sharland, declare that I will faithfully and impartially, and according to the best of my skill and judgement, execute and perform, in the best interests of the Rangitikei District, the powers, authorities, and duties vested or imposed upon me as a Member of the Rangitikei District Council by virtue of the Local Government Act 2002, the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987, or any other Act.

Made in Marton on 24 April 2024.

11 Reports for Information

11.1 Councillor Reports from LGNZ Zone 3 Meeting

Author: Kezia Spence, Governance Advisor

1. Reason for Report

- 1.1 Cr Raukawa and Cr Dalgety attended the LGNZ Zone 3 meeting in March 2024. Their reports are attached.

Attachments:

1. Cr Raukawa- LGNZ Zone 3 Report [↓](#)
2. Cr Dalgety- LGNZ Zone 3 Report [↓](#)

Recommendation

That the LGNZ Zone 3 Meeting reports from Cr Raukawa and Cr Dalgety be received.



MARCH 2024

**Tikeitia ki Tai – Southern Maori Ward
Cr Raukawa**



LGNZ UPDATE

Sam Broughton/Susan Greene

Rates rise conversation

You’ll have seen the rates rise work shared last week – LGNZ is generating a national conversation about the pressure all councils are under.

Thanks to the economic data we shared last week, at least 20 pieces of media coverage have been generated since last Thursday.

We’re continually talking to government about the broken funding system and potential ways forward.

Political engagement

Earlier this month we met with the PM:

- Four-year terms for local government, city/regional deals, funding and financing tools, and transport policy (following the release of the GPS earlier that week).
- On funding and financing, the Prime Minister was open to innovative approaches, while noting the importance of councils making sure they set themselves up to take full advantage of any new tools that may be introduced.

LGNZ staff have weekly meetings with DPMC which gives us direct links to the Prime Minister’s office.

We had a good range of Ministers at the sector meetings two weeks ago –when one Minister pulled out at the last minute we were able to get Building and Construction Minister Chris Penk in front of Metro at very short notice. And have Ministers Doocey, Hoggard and Brown lined up to be at April yy1dd

We’ve got regular meetings with the Regional Development Minister. Our approach to that meeting is that we raise specific regional issues of priority.

And meeting shortly after Easter with Minister Brown.

LGNZ strategy/direction

National Council agreed LGNZ’s work on three key roles: serve members by championing, connecting and supporting local government:

- **Champion:** advocate for local government on critical issues, build relationships with ministers and officials, use media to amplify member voices, and tell local government stories through media and social media.
- **Connect:** bring members together at zone, sector and conference events or via networks like Te Maruata and YEM, create strong feedback loops between members and LGNZ’s work.
- **Support:** provide professional development uniquely tailored to local government, support councils and elected members in stuck situations, support elected members to deal with pressure and harassment.

Fees

LGNZ is faced with increased costs.

- LGNZ has cut costs yet significantly increased services and support available to members. This cost-cutting has included changing premises and making tough calls about not replacing staff members or covering parental leave.



- Like many councils, LGNZ is paying the price for years of minimal fee increases (below CPI), including two years of no increase.

National Council made the decision that if we are serious about our strategy, we want every elected member to have access to professional development. So Ākōna will be available to everyone and its cost rolled into our subscription, as a number of members have suggested.

We have been able to both include Ākōna and get us back on track to sustainability, and keep the fee increase to 15%. The actual charge will look different for each council: for a small council already signed up to Ākōna, there's little change from this year's charges; to a maximum 15% lift at the other end.

LGNZ is also running a commercial lens over all our work – as well as maximising commercial opportunities this means being very clear on the dollars value delivered for members.

Ākōna

Every elected member gets access to Ākōna – it's included in the membership fee. (Previously councils were charged an additional \$8500 for Ākōna). That means every elected member will have access to tailored professional development, at a cheaper cost to councils.

Ākōna's range of courses and resources has grown exponentially since it launched, thanks to councils' input.

If you have ideas for topics you'd like to see Ākōna modules on, please contact the LGNZ Team.

Advocacy priorities

National Council also agreed on some broad and targeted advocacy priorities –

- **Broad areas:**
 - Water
 - Funding/financing
 - Climate
 - RM Reform
 - Transport
- **Specific advocacy priorities:**
 - Toolbox approach to funding/financing for councils
 - Four-year term for local government
 - Regulatory Impact Statements reflecting impact on local government
 - City/Regional deals framework
 - Māori wards

We're going to engage members on these priorities at the April sector meetings in Wellington – specifically which you see as the most immediate priorities and some of the work you'd like us to do to address the broad areas.

We also taking a strongly data-driven approach to our advocacy – which means having the right information about local government. Bringing together information in LTPs is a logical step. We're proposing we develop a disclosure template (Neil's idea): a simple spreadsheet capturing 10 year capex and opex lines for transport, three waters, parks and waste management along with other critical financial data including revenue, debt and asset valuations. We plan to refine this draft template over the next few months.

SITE VISIT

KIWA POOLS GISBORNE - \$40M project (PGF-CIP funding)



- Shovel ready programme
- GDC input: \$6.5
- Over next 5 years will be concentrating on fixing up and refurb the outside.
- Derek Laddelli: Artist involved in the the design work in the pool complex
- The Pool Areas
 - Waiwhiti: Entrance
 - Waikahu: Toddlers Pool
 - Waimanawa: The Plant room
 - Waihotu: Learners pool
 - Waitaki: Lane pool
 - Waiora: Therapy pool
 - Waiwhanau: Changing rooms

AROUND THE REGIONS

Western: Ruapehu District Council

Hosted Cyclone Gabrielle Heroes.

Economic Development for Ruapehu

- Dependant on Primary Industry (Blue duck lodge)
- Winter Ski still large part of economy

John: Southern Taranaki District Council

Economic and Project Development for South Taranaki

- Nukumaru Road – Official opening soon
- Sth Taranaki Business Park

Caroline: Partnership Director Local Government Branch

RMA:

Phase 1:

- Fast track consenting
- Reduce consenting barriers

Phase 2

- amendments (panelbeating)
- Focus on national direction statements and Freshwater mgt/highly productive land

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- Indigenous biodiversity areas
- Phase 3:**
- new legislation - Involves creating 2 bills

Shane Jones: Government Message

- \$1.2b focussed on infrastructure
- Ensuring that there is a robust budget
- Flood Resilience:
- Better water resilience. Slightly refocussing.
- Shane, not same fiscal strength but Min. Bishop blending private and public capital.

ARK FLOOD BARRIERS

Beni Hafoka & Klint Brittain-Freemantle

- Flood disaster management
- Ark Flood barriers are a substitute for sandbags. Cheaper than sandbags with a much lower labour requirement
- Quickly and easily deployed
- One Bladder takes 4.5minutes to fill and is equivalent to 160 sandbags
- Usages include, shopfronts, agricultural stock feed places, Maraes, Malls, Rail, Roads, Bridges, Residential

NZTA UPDATE – CURRENT DRAFT GPS & STATE NETWORK

Simeon Brown & Waka Kotahi Chris & Paul

- Long term strategic look. Made a commitment to change the law allo nzta board to put in a 10 year land transport plan. NLTP. Allow longer term decisions around projects and det up better relationships. Intent
- Acknowledge not every community a road of national significane are clear. We will recommend and support tolling f the roads. Helps to support and maintain the infrastructure.
- RUC – Need to move all vehicles to all user charge. Rather than excise. Based on weight and how many kms we use.
- Traffic Calming measures – Raised platforms. Don’t support on State Highway Network.
- Is out for consultation – feedback open until 2 April 2024
- Final publication is JUNE 2024
- This document provides strategic direction/revenue allocated/guidance on how to invest the NLTP

ZONE THREE MEETING MARCH 2024 Date: Thursday 21 and Friday 22 March 2024

Host: Gisborne District Council Venue: Midway Surf Rescue Community Hub, Gisborne 4010

“Stand distinct”

Ears Open Mouth Shut – to grow & learn

Battered & bashed 16 weather events since 2017

CIP Funding – on budget, on time – Shovel ready

Pool – community loving it : Play, learn to swim, elderly aqua

Healing Our Region: Nedine Thatcher Swann, CE Gisborne

Gisborne 52000 population plus 10000 rural ratepayers, large geographical spread

53% pop Māori, 71 marae, high # Youth

1900km roads many unsealed

600mm over 3 days (equivalent to 80% lake Taupo)

6000 households without power, restrict fuel, 10 breaks water pipes = 2000+ properties effected

Cost \$1.1 bn to recover & rebuild stronger

9 sig weather event since June 21, 3 states of emergency in 2023

Priorities: Reconnect of roads, water reinstatement, silt removal

Investment to date: \$403 M (\$1 bn short)

200t of removal woody debris + 300t carried out by forestry, still short

Focus on Healing our region: Recovery vs BAU

11.4 % rates incr

UPROOTING OUR WOODY PREDICAMENT

28% Maori Freehold land – predominantly marginal land

47 consents in process

189 forestry consents are a permitted activity – no controls

Slash management the challenge

5 prosecutions – takes vey long time – 4 yrs to get an outcome – fines not a deterrent

Still 19 Abatement notices outstanding

50-80% forest planted in pine

New Forestry taskforce to identify woody debris – where is it coming from

Looking at how can do in a sustainable way
 Note land is vulnerable for at least 9 years after harvest
 Use of management plans a good tool.
 Retiring more areas of land
 Big question – significant # jobs in primary production
 Climate Emergency – can’t surrender, need to take action. Right tree, right place

Logging boom/bust industry – huge interdependency within the Community
 Bio char opportunity or are we just creating a different type of problem

LTP Embodied Carbon

Change way design and procure infrastructure in nz
 Transport/water/energy/buildings
 Impact of infrastructure on our communities – done poorly how it impacts community
 How done well has such an positive effect
 How infrastructure is built is important
 Systems – standards, design/Materials/Methology
 Why important
 Net Zero plans by 2050
 Well thought out infrastructure
 Embodied carbon – capital carbon becoming more of a problem
 What is a carbon baseline/prioritise carbon reduction effoorts/set carbon reduction targets/compare future carbon reductions solutions in design prior to construction

Importance of Moata (to be early, readiness)

LGNZ President, Sam Broughton

Rates Rises:

Selwyn 16%
 Surveyed Councils: 6-25% Rate Increase Range (from 48 councils) previous years range 4-6% - medium 15.3%. Similar high increases likely over next 10 years
 Bridges alone are 38% more expensive than 3 years ago. Roads are 27% more expensive.
 Noted: Birmingham, UK one of UK biggest Councils went bankrupt 2 weeks ago

Councils have taken on huge debt

Problem of Unfunded Mandates

Central Govt Focus- Transport & Water, Framework for Regional Deals in second half of this year.

Compare with around the world.

PM supports 4 year term

Concern re efficiency of LG eg procure library books, collect data – needs some centralisation

Purpose of LGNZ: 1. Champions- everyone performing 2. Key Connectors -for cross pollination of ideas 3. Supported EM, training, learning. Akona incl in fee (considered core to what LGNZ delivers)
No option to opt out. Over \$300k spent on it. Can Pick & mix.

LGNZ Chief Executive, Susan Freeman Greene

Raise the profile of funding for LG. Raise profile in media. Rship with MP’s from both sides of the house. Good governance & delivery vital.

Look after yourself

Consider ‘What do we have to give up for Regional Deals/ have to have trust each other’

Surf Lifesaving on National Coastal Safety and supporting Councils in implementing coastal risk assessments and the instalment of beach safety signs and public rescue equipment in line with National Standards.

National Coastal Safety Manager, Mick Kearney / National Public Rescue Equipment Officer, Pat Millar

Operation Flootation Charitable Trust –“Not another Life lost”

Flootation devices with instructions on it

Signage saying what hazards are at the beach

454 designated bathing beaches NZ wide – only 92 life guarded, people dying outside flags or outside hours

1 template for signs for the whole country – Emergency Marker for when call 111 – know where you are

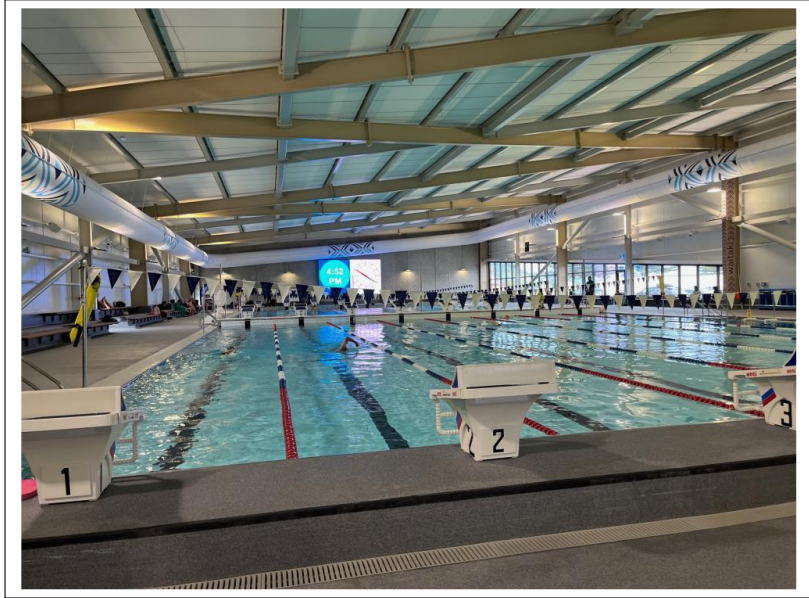
14% of people have rescued someone – need a floating device (in Australia 98% have floating device)

Need to work with Surf Lifesaving to do Coastal Assessments

Don’t wait – save lives. Act Now to save lives. Get ready for next summer.

Flootation device \$175 & approx. \$1000 for signage.

Kiva Pools Gisborne



Palmerston North –

Aging community facilities - LTP Civic & cultural facilities – Co-funded with Iwi

Arena Masterplan – purchased additional neighbouring property

Awapuni/Highbury Library upgrade

Focus on multi cultural community

EQ prone buildings – co – funding

Regional Freight Hub/Ring road – Kiwi Rail secured designation – a lot of activity already

Airport terminal development (\$40mill build EQ Prone no longer fit for purpose – upgrade security requirements) In next couple of months

Te Apiti Manawatu Gorge

Regional Events – Speedway 15000 attendees, NZ Rural Games, Festival of Cultures

Wanganui

Sargent Galley conceived 12 years ago – open towards end of 2024

Te Puwaha – Whanganui Port Revitalization Port – foresees a marine precinct \$50mil

Te Awa Tupua – whole world wants to know this is about – give personhood to a river – opportunity to showcase innovation, wellbeing of river & its people

UNESCO city of Design – looking to leverage it and optimize

17% of NZ Heritage buildings outside Auckland

High deprivation, low GDP / capita

Ruapehu

Eco Dev: Challenged by forestry, ski field @ Turoa safe 100mill to Eco,

Know have to diversify, eg cycleways - 70k people through \$25mill associated cycleways

Mountain to sea M2C

Timber Trail

Manawatu

EQ Prone Buildings trying to extend timeline

Wastewater save 5-15 mill in RC costs – all villages to a central point

Horizons – issues of highly productive land

40% land 1,2,3 – maps are not consistent.

River Management – 3m clearance 50 years ago now @ 1.5m at Feilding Bridge

1700 new houses over 100ha set aside

Turners Rd Industrial Park

Resouce Recovery Park – plastic posts

Manfield booked for every weekend of year.

Hawkes Bay

Regional Development

Food producing region, port vital. Tourism. Work together 2012/14 was forced amalgamation, solid foundation keen to work together

14 Feb 23 from adversity – pulled everyone together

Genuine partnership, focus on being Equitable & inclusive, Collaborative, Identified where need to work together.

Regional support with locally led focus.

Emphasis on building people capability. Focus on resilience, sustainability & longevity.

CHB Mayor Alex – not always have the structures to work together – importance of relationships.

Talked to a 2-speed economy- haves & have nots.

Driving Licence – Since 2016 all 16 years olds have a licence

Housing growth through partnership –

It is hard – 5 egos, 7 other Rangatira

Hastings – Māori 23% a lot of inequities

A place where everyone has the chance to thrive

PGF ensure rangatahi chance to get jobs

Employment is strong – unemployment 3.7% RSC workers back, first shipment of apple out

Hawkes Bay Regional Council

Recovery take a long time: Doing a 3 year long time plan.

\$66mill spent on silt removal 60% done – cost still \$100mill needs doing

Water security – where abundant, where need help need 25mill cubic meters of water by 2050

Regional Spatial planning & future development strategy – struggle with highly productive land surrounding cities

\$50mill Hastings \$5mill Napier \$50 mill C Govt voluntary buy out – complete by Christmas

Wairoa

What keeps us all focused is the people we are doing this for

Flood protection – 3 way iwi, WDC, HBRC collaboration. Need resilient roads. Still want to work together around 3 Waters

Regional project: film studio @ Hauamoana (\$40mill project)

Horowhenua

LTP – rates 17.4% earmarked for development initiatives, service enhancement

Conscious 25-30% pop over 65 (fixed income) – talk in \$/week increases not %

Consultation has included Face book live

Recycling costs – closed landfill & trucking to Bonny Glen.

Waitare Beach Surf Club – had accretion had to move 60m closer to sea

Foxton Pool Upgrade – refurbished started \$2mill finished \$5.8 – more users than main pool some days

Issues: Beach Access at Waikawa. Problems with notable trees along main st

Roads of Nat Significance – O2L

Looking to purchase some significant properties for development

Horizons

Pop 240,000

Regional Transport – connect our communities

Palmerston North new bus network electric (first in country) – runs every 15 mins

Integrated catchment Management – room for the river, replacement costs, insurance costs, community expectations, climate change,

Te Puwaha – Whanganui Port – Mauri Tangata abundance for the people

Sth Taranaki

Nukumara Station Rd – Silver Fern Meat Processing Plant – new road taken 4 years to open (7mill from shovel ready – 12 mill project)

Sth Taranaki Business park going very well- 38 commercial sections plus 72 residential sections, walkways etc. Sustainable growth into future.

Green Energy @ Kapuni – green hydrogen, solar farm, off shore renewable wind forum (4 investors looking at that) – bringing a lot of jobs into district

Subdivisions – 64 lots + 62 lots sold & another 200 coming on stream

Rangitikei

11.5% rate increase

Centralization – disposal to land (Marton & Bulls)

Needed 3-400ha short term rotation hardwoods convert to bioplastics – carbon credits cover interest

Convert waste material to plastic replacement

5 years in the Environment Ct

DIA and Three Waters Update : Local water done well

Caroline Dumas, Partnership Director Local Govt Branch

Getting the basics done right. Councils to self-determine. DIA asked to reduce numbers 6.5% (400 people to 90). National Transition Unit finishes up 28 March 24. Bill soon re new transition regime

City & Regional Deals

Developing a draft strategic framework for city & regional deals

See observations from overseas – nz needs to draw from each of these models

RMA Reforms

First phase: Fast Track Consenting; Second: Amendments to the RMA – recalibrating the RMA

Third: new legislation to replace RMA

Hon Shane Jones

\$1.2 bill fund focused on infrastructure -Stop banks, water storage

Remit discussion – widen use of Community Services Card to include Local Government ability to use the card eg bus etc.

Vision and opportunities to partner with Local Government: MP Simeon Brown (online)

Acknowledged challenged LTP, regional deals, 3 waters

Water – set direction how want councils to put fwd their plans over next 12-18 months.

Want local communities decide how they manage water. Bill by middle of 2024 & another end 2024.

Intend to publish intent shortly: what’s needed in a plan & what’s required. Public consultation process.

Streamlining CCO formation process.

Considering additional time if need be esp if facing difficulties – financially. CG not looking to underwrite or guarantee CCO so can consider different debt caps.

HWTM AW NZTA 10 year NLTP from the NZTA Board beyond existing 3 years. Roads of National Significance likely to be tolled. Could RUC be returned to the District. RUC to be changed on usage & weight not the type of vehicle. Get richer data so can get money back to District eg lots of forestry trucks more money.

NPS HP Land – Chris Bishop (speech this morning on beehive website) re fast track

EQ Prone – Chris Penk’s responsibility

NZTA

GPS 10 strategy with focus on 3 years – out for consultation currently

Tighter focus on delivery, roads are a priority, maintenance is a priority, less funding for safety, & public transport.

\$20bill funding challenges RUC incr 2027

Adoption of National LT programme to be adopted by 1 Sept 24 (RLTP by 1 Aug 24)

Condition of the network 90% meets min asset condition – 10% in catch up mode

Over last 12 years 16% incr of vehicles expect to keep incr significantly eg Gisborne heavy vehicles up 50% - a lot of overweight vehicles

Looking at process/machinery SCRIM (vehicle that can measure road assessments across NZ, from Australia, now buying own which LG could use.)

“Can’t confirm when common sense left the room.”

Thank you very much for the opportunity to attend this meeting: a resilient region, stunning new conference/surf lifesaving venue, outstanding views and an incredibly charismatic Mayor made for a fantastic few days. It does fill my cup! I find the opportunity to talk to other Mayors and Councillors who are often facing similar issues to us is very rewarding which in turn also sparks a lot of thinking and questions and hopefully positive outcomes– very valuable, thank you.

Gill, Coral and I split the agenda and please see the attached full links to the presentations.

[Zone 3 March 2024 Meeting Presentations](#)

We are happy to answer any questions.



11.2 Project Management Office Report – April 2024

Author: Adina Foley, Group Manager-Capital Projects

Authoriser: Kevin Ross, Chief Executive

1. Reason for Report

1.1 This is a monthly report on the most significant projects (based on budget) currently being delivered by Council's Project Management Office (PMO).

2. Notes for the Report

2.1 The colours in the report follow a traffic light system of **red**, **orange** and **green** to indicate health of the *overall project* as well as health in the categories: *H&S, Programme, Cost, Quality* and *Top 5 Risks*.

2.1.1 **Green – no / low concerns**

2.1.2 **Orange – some concerns**

2.1.3 **Red – significant concerns**

2.2 The top 5 risks are included in the report; further risks and their mitigations can be found in the work plan for each project. The risks are identified and are all actively managed by the PMO office, and the Project Manager assigned to the project. The risks get updated and new ones added when they have been identified. Any new risks that raise concerns will be brought back to Council as an update in the PMO report.

3. Projects Overview

Wastewater Projects

- 3.1 Marton to Bulls Wastewater Centralisation
- 3.2 Rātana Wastewater discharge to land
- 3.3 Taihape Papakai Wastewater Pump Station
- 3.4 Taihape Wastewater Treatment Plant Membrane Upgrade

Water Projects

- 3.5 Marton Water Strategy

Community Facilities

- 3.6 Marton Offices and Library
- 3.7 Taihape Town Hall and Library Redevelopment

4. Miscellaneous

4.1 Scotts Ferry

- A verbal update will be given during the Council meeting

4.2 Taihape Hautapu Bridges

4.2.1 All required resource consents have been granted before the work started.

4.2.2 The construction will be completed in stages due to the consent conditions from Horizons Regional Council around working near the river. This restriction means that no work can be carried out over the winter months from 1 May until November within 10m of the river.

4.2.3 The first two concrete pours have been completed by the 17/04/2024.



Attachments:

1. PMO report 2024 April - three waters and community facility projects [↓](#)

Recommendation 1

That the report 'Project Management Office Report - April 2024' be received.

Project Name	Project Summary	Project Lead	Est Start Date	Est Finish Date	Health/ Safety	Programme	Cost	Quality	Top 5 Risks	Project Budget	Actual Spend to date	Iwi Consultation	Key Tasks Completed	Next Steps (April Update)
Wastewater														
Wastewater Centralisation	The purpose of the project is to improve the current Marton and Bulls wastewater network to become efficient, effective, and reliable wastewater collection, treatment and disposal services in a culturally sensitive and environmentally responsible manner that meets evolving regulatory requirements and ongoing sustainable compliance. The Marton to Bulls wastewater centralisation scope includes the construction of a wastewater pipeline from Marton Wastewater Treatment Plant to Bulls Wastewater Treatment Plant, development of best practical option for the discharge, consenting, upgrades of the treatment plants at Marton and Bulls if required.	Pieter Haasbroek	Oct-20	Jun-28	No concerns to date	There is urgency around the delivery of the project. This project will span over numerous years due to its complexity.	The budget is \$25m, however it is not possible yet to put confident costs against all the components of the project. There is a general expectation that the project will cost more than the current budget. Further budget is included in the current Long Term Plan preparations.	No concerns to date.	1. Infringement notices, fines or Court Order by Horizons until project is completed due to slow progress 2. Unrealistic Expectations of what can be delivered 3. Budget not sufficient for scope 4. Land not available (if land discharge) 5. Long consenting periods & unrealistic consent conditions	\$ 25,000,000	\$ 8,708,295	Ongoing meetings set up with iwi. Iwi is a partner in this project.	Pipeline construction is mostly completed, except for three crossing which need to be designed, consented and implemented. Project Management delivered by PMO. Planner has been engaged. Consenting pathway and timeline endorsed by RDC and Horizons.	The project group, which is a collaboration between RDC, IWI, planner and specialists, is meeting regularly. Work is being continued on design for remaining three stream crossing for the pipeline. Foundations to be confirmed following major delays from the Geotech investigation and build cost to be determined in the next 3-4 months. Further specialists for the consenting pathway have been engaged. A workshop looking at the long list of options will be held in May which is an essential next steps for the consenting process.
Rātana Wastewater discharge to land	This project is a collaborative effort involving local iwi, RDC, HRC and the community of Ratana, and is partly funded (13.4%) by Ministry for the Environment (MfE). The project is to remove treated effluent from Lake Waipu and to dispose of it to land. The project started on 1 July 2018 with an agreement with the Ministry for the Environment (MfE) and has an estimated duration of 5 years. Construction will need to be completed by December 2024. The scope of this project includes purchase of land for disposing of treated wastewater (instead of discharge to Lake Waipu), the installation of irrigation equipment and an upgrade of the existing Rātana Pā wastewater treatment plant.	Blair King	Jul-18	Dec-24	No concerns to date	Construction will need to be completed by December 2024 which is not likely to be achievable since the consent is now awaiting Horizon's assessment.	The budget has been increased in September 2023. However the longer the consent approval takes the more likely are cost increases due to inflation.	No concerns to date.	1. Tight timeframe to complete project by December 2024. 2. Unknown if consent will be public or limited notification. 3. Unforeseen requirements/ consent conditions for RDC. 4. The approved budgets might not be sufficient to cover the full cost. 5. Funding by MfE is linked to milestones, if the project is delayed there is a chance of funding loss.	\$ 6,532,000	\$ 1,232,618	Regular meetings and updates via email / through hui. Iwi is on board with the project and its approach and supports the irrigation to land option.	Land has been found and purchased (an extra 4ha is in the process of being purchased). Resource consent has been lodged.	Onsite groundwater sample collection to be continued throughout the consenting period. Staff are awaiting the assessment of the consent application now by Horizons. Purchase process of extra section has started. Easement negotiations continued. Pump station, pond, pipeline and irrigation design to be finalised.
Taihape/ Papakai wastewater pump station	Design and construction of a new wastewater pump station and rising main. Includes upgrade to power supply.	MDC	Jan-23	May-24	No concerns to date.	No concerns to date.	No concerns to date. Well within approved budget and a lot of the contingency is not spend or committed to date.	No concerns to date.	1. Delays due to bad weather or supply chain challenges. 2. Poor communication to residents affected by road closures.	\$ 6,358,184	\$ 4,476,457	Updates via email and irregular meetings.	Construction works have been completed	Planned cutover and commissioning was scheduled for 16 April and has been completed. It is anticipated that all other site work and landscaping will be completed by the middle of May.
Taihape Wastewater Treatment Plant Membrane Replacement	The resource consent for the Taihape Wastewater Treatment Plant is still valid until 2027, but due to significant non-compliance on volume and quality, staff have started a small project to replace the existing membranes. There is a separate project ongoing determining the best consenting pathway.	Blair King / Pieter Haasbroek	Dec-23	May-24	No concerns to date.	No concerns to date.	No concerns to date.	No concerns to date.	No concerns to date. The work is mostly completed.	\$ 1,139,337	\$ 969,996	Irregular meetings and email updates with iwi.	Most of the work required for the Membrane replacement has been completed.	Minor tweaks to the process to be completed by May 2024.
Water (Drinking)														
Water Strategy	The Marton Water Strategy has been developed with a new bore as its foundation to replace the current source for potable water for Marton. It includes: - Construction of new raw water bore - Design of treatment plant refurbishment and consenting - Upgrades to existing treatment plant Once all the project is completed, Marton will be provided with pleasant tasting and smelling potable water that meets the NZ Drinking Water Standards. Staff will look at options for the use of the dams once Marton is drawing water from a bore. This will include looking at restoring flow to the Tutaenui Stream. All work is expected to be completed by the end of 2024.	Eswar Ganapathi	Jun-22	Dec-24	No concerns to date.	Completion is expected in December 2024.	Further scope components need to be specified before a final total project budget can be confirmed.	No concerns to date.	1. Long consenting periods & unrealistic consent conditions 2. Challenges in the engineering consulting market making it difficult to secure contract for design in a timely manner 3. Cost overrun due to market escalations 4. Water take restrictions imposed by consent 5. Complexities of the treatment process pushing out budget	\$ 11,000,000	\$ 2,056,740	Initial discussion held with iwi, who are supportive of this alternative water source.	The production bore has been constructed and tested.	For the Bore component of the project MDC will issue a close out report by June 2024. Stantec are finalising the flow report for staff to share with Councillors once received. Staff are in the process of completing the formal engagement of the main contractor for the design and build upgrades to the water treatment plant following the March Council meeting. Staff are working with a consultant for the resource consenting process. Staff are working with an electrical vendor to work out the additional power requirements and scope of electrical work required.
Community Facilities														
Marton Offices and Library	The current Council civic buildings in Marton are earthquake prone and are required to be strengthened to meet government legislation. In December 2023, Council has made the decision to start the design process to build a new structure at 46 High Street for the RDC main offices and Marton library. This also will include a new Civil Defence Shed next door to the offices. Key requirement for this structure is to be fitting into the existing budget.	Eswar Ganapathi	TBC	TBC						\$ 19,000,000	\$ 514,411	Staff have and will continue to engage with iwi.	Decision to move forward with a new Marton Office and Library at 46 High Street was made by Council in December 2023.	Peer review on the cost estimate provided by architect is now complete. Staff have completed the procurement process for a QS for the project. Staff are evaluating ways to identify and agree on the high level objectives, deliverables and scope for the project. Staff have started the process for resource consent requirements. Planner has been engaged. Land surveyor, archaeologist, traffic study, independent urban review and a land contamination expert are being evaluated now.
Taihape Town Hall and Library Redevelopment	Council included costs for the refurbishment of the Taihape Town Hall within the 2021-31 LTP. Since the LTP was adopted, the Town Hall and Library has been closed due to the earthquake risk posed to staff and the public. Council approved the new budget for the Taihape town hall/civic centre, broadly outlined as option 1 in the key choices section of the annual plan 2023/24 consultation document, of up to \$14 million. Council will receive \$1,883,000 from better off funding towards the project as an offset to this budget.	Eswar Ganapathi	Feb-22	Dec-27	No concerns to date.	No concerns to date.	No concerns to date.	No concerns to date.	1. Long design process 2. Cost overruns 3. Challenging construction as typical with renovations 4. Finding a suitable main contractor 5. Managing stakeholder expectations	\$ 14,000,000	\$ 240,274	Iwi were an active part of workshop panel. Staff will continue to engage.	Public feedback workshop was held in Taihape in October 2023. The user group has been formed by RDC staff and will be updated throughout the process. The ROI received good interest with 12 submissions.	The evaluation team interviewed all 4 parties to go through their RFP submissions on 10 Apr 2024 and have identified one preferred supplier. Staff met with the User Group on 6 Mar 2024 to update them on the progress. The high level concept sketches from the architect are now complete and shall be used for starting discussions with the final selected vendor. A separate report is included for the tender award recommendation.

12 Minutes from Committees

12.1 Minutes from Committees

Author: Kezia Spence, Governance Advisor

1. Reason for Report

- 1.1 Committee and Board minutes are attached for Council's receipt. These are under separate cover due to size.

Attachments:

1. TCB-21 Feb 24 (under separate cover)
2. F/P-28 March 24 (under separate cover)
3. TCC-04 Apr 24 (under separate cover)
4. HRWS-08 Apr 24 (under separate cover)

Recommendation

That the following minutes are received:

- Taihape Community Board- 21 Feb 24
- Finance and Performance- 28 Mar 24
- Turakina Community Committee- 04 Apr 24
- Hunterville Rural Water Scheme-08 Apr 24

13 Public Excluded

Resolution to Exclude the Public

The meeting went into public excluded session [enter time](#)

Recommendation

That the public be excluded from the following parts of the proceedings of this meeting.

- 1 Public Excluded Council Meeting - 28 March 2024
2. Follow-up Action Items from Council (Public Excluded) Meetings

The general subject matter of each matter to be considered while the public is excluded, the reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter, and the specific grounds under section 48 of the *Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987* for the passing of this resolution are as follows:

General subject of each matter to be considered	Reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter	Ground(s) under section 48 for the passing of this resolution
13.1 - Public Excluded Council Meeting - 28 March 2024	To consider the minutes relating to matters that were the subject of discussion at the 28 March meeting.	S48(1)(a)
13.2 - Follow-up Action Items from Council (Public Excluded) Meetings	To consider the matters arising from previous public excluded meetings. s7(2)(a) - Privacy s7(2)(b)(ii) - Commercial Position s7(2)(h) - Commercial Activities s7(2)(i) - Negotiations	s48(1)(a)(i)

This resolution is made in reliance on Section 48(1) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 and the particular interests protected by Section 6 or Section 7 of the Act which would be prejudiced by the holding or the whole or the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting in public as specified above.

14 Open Meeting