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ORDER PAPER

ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

Date: Thursday, 26 September 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
Cr Paul Sharland

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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 Thursday, 26 September 2024 at 1.00pm.

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AGENDA

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 29 August 2024 are attached.

Attachments

1. Ordinary Council Meeting - 29 August 2024

Recommendation

That the minutes of Ordinary Council Meeting held on 29 August 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



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UNCONFIRMED: ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

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Present

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 Cr Dave Wilson
 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
 Cr Paul Sharland

In attendance

Mr Kevin Ross, Chief Executive
 Mr Arno Benadie, Chief Operating Officer
 Mr Dave Tombs, Group Manager - Corporate Services
 Ms Katrina Gray, Manager- Strategy and Development
 Ms Christin Ritchie, Senior People and Performance Advisor
 Mrs Janna Harris, Corporate Planner
 Mr Eswar Ganapathi, Senior Project Manager
 Mr Graeme Pointon, Strategic Property Advisor
 Mr Michael Hart, Facilities Compliance Officer
 Ms Kezia Spence, Governance Advisor
 Mr Mike Hart, Facilities Compliance Officer
 Mr Jarrod Calkin, Economic Wellbeing Lead
 Mr Greg Smith, Public Forum

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1 Welcome / Prayer

His Worship the Mayor opened the meeting at 1.00pm.

2 Apologies

No apologies were received. Cr Hiroa will be leaving the meeting at 4.15pm.

3 Public Forum

Public Forum - Greg Smith

Mr Smith spoke about the Māori ward decision, raising concerns about public misinformation. He said he considered there had been a lack of consultation with the community, such as the community committees and community boards. He stated he believes there are a number of ways Māori have to interact with Council. He recommended that Council should resolve 2a for the Māori ward decision.

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/235

That the minutes of Ordinary Council Meeting held on 25 July 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 G Duncan/Cr P Hiroa. Carried

7 Follow-up Action Items from Previous Meetings

7.1 Follow-up Action Items from Council Meetings

Item 4 - Waste Levy

Submission to the Ministry of Environment has happened and this can now come off the actions list.

Resolved minute number 24/RDC/236

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

Cr B Carter/Cr P Sharland. Carried

8 Mayor's Report

8.1 Mayor's Report - 29 August 2024

His Worship the Mayor thanked those councillors who attended the recent LGNZ conference and commented on the delivery of the Prime Minister's comments.

Resolved minute number 24/RDC/237

That the Mayor's Report - 29 August 2024 be received.

HWTM/Cr G Duncan. Carried

9 Chief Executive's Report

9.1 Chief Executive's Report - August 2024

Staff Movements

It was highlighted that staff from Manawatū District Council have come across into Council's water team and that there have been some roles filled in the roading team.

Update on Marton Pool

Officers noted that they are assessing all laminated beams at the Marton pool to understand why there was a failure to one of the beams. Officers are currently working on making the pool safe for the pool to open for the season, as well as more comprehensive repair and maintenance options.

Refrigeration Trucks Outside BP in Taihape

Mr Ross updated Council this is in relation to the overnight parking in Taihape and refrigeration units that can be disruptive for those in residential zones. Officers are currently looking at any potential enforcement mechanisms.

Old Mangaweka Bridge

The Mangaweka Bridge Society do not have the capability or the funding to support the maintenance for the bridge. The maintenance for the bridge is currently budgeted for by both Manawatū and Rangitikei district councils. Any further decisions will come back to Council.

Johnson Street Bulls - Relocated Buildings in Flood Plain

This is situated in an area that has previously flooded and an abatement notice has been issued.

Four Wellbeings

His Worship the Mayor responded to a question that Council supports the four wellbeings regardless of being in legislation such as by providing swimming pools, libraries, and advocacy.

Resolved minute number 24/RDC/238

That the Chief Executive's Report - August 2024 be received.

Cr F Dalgety/Cr G Maughan. Carried

10 Reports for Decision

10.1 Consideration of Māori Wards and Response to the Legislation Change

His Worship the Mayor ruled that, in relation to this item, Standing Orders (Section 22) relating to the number of speakers for and against would be set aside to allow all Councillors an opportunity to express their views.

Councillors asked if the wards were to be disestablished this year when can they be reestablished. His Worship the Mayor responded that there would be two terms before they can be reestablished.

His Worship the Mayor has received several emails regarding this item and has received an email in support of retaining the wards from Te Rūnanga o Ngā Wairiki Ngāti Apa.

Councillors spoke positively for retention of Council's Māori wards highlighting the importance for decision-making, representation of the district and the significance for the community. It was highlighted that Te Roopuu Ahi Kaa also made a recommendation to Council to retain Māori wards.

Councillors noted that there was confusion and misinformation in emails they received, such as cost of the poll and that the Māori ward representatives increase the cost to council. This is not true, as remuneration is set independently for the Council as a whole.

Resolved minute number 24/RDC/239

That the 'Consideration of Māori Wards and Response to the Legislation Change' report be received.

Cr G Duncan/Cr C Raukawa. Carried

Resolved minute number 24/RDC/240

That Council agrees to retain the two Māori Wards (Tiikeitia ki Tai (Coastal) Ward and Tiikeitia ki Uta (Inland) Ward) and acknowledges a binding poll must be held with the October 2025 local election.

Cr P Hiroa/Cr C Raukawa. Carried Unanimous.

10.2 Adoption of the Smokefree and Vapefree Policy, Community Housing Policy and Signs and Public Places Bylaw

Meeting adjourned at 2.12pm and returned at 2.26pm.

Councillors noted that the Smokefree and Vapefree Policy, Community Housing Policy, and Signs and Public Places Bylaw have all been considered by the Policy/Planning Committee.

Resolved minute number 24/RDC/241

That the report 'Adoption of the Smokefree and Vapefree Policy, Community Housing Policy and Signs and Public Places Bylaw' be received.

Cr B Carter/Cr P Hiroa. Carried

Resolved minute number 24/RDC/242

That the Smokefree and Vapefree Policy be adopted.

Cr R Lambert/Cr G Maughan. Carried

Resolved minute number 24/RDC/243

That the Community Housing Policy be adopted.

Cr D Wilson/Cr C Raukawa. Carried

Resolved minute number 24/RDC/244

That the Signs and Public Places Bylaw be adopted and:

- i) Is the most appropriate way to address nuisances and health and safety in public places, trading in public places, and controlling advertising signage, and
- ii) Is the most appropriate form of bylaw, and
- iii) Does not give rise to any implications under, and is not inconsistent with, the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990.

Cr G Duncan/Cr P Sharland. Carried

10.3 Updated Procurement and Contract Management Policy

It was requested that the 'Thinking Local' be a primary principal of the policy and therefore should be moved higher into the document to recognise its significance. Further discussion noted that this element is already included higher in the document.

Resolved minute number 24/RDC/245

That the Report 'Updated Procurement and Contract Management Policy' be received.

Cr D Wilson/Cr S Loudon. Carried

Resolved minute number 24/RDC/246

That the Updated Procurement and Contract Management Policy be approved.

Cr D Wilson/Cr R Lambert. Carried

11 Reports for Information

11.1 Project Management Office Report - August 2024

Papakai Wastewater Pump Station

This will be removed from the reporting as a completed project following a final report that includes the final budget.

Marton Swimming Pool

His Worship the Mayor requested this project is added to the PMO report for future reporting. Any significant decisions relating to this project will come back to Council.

Marton New Offices and Library

Mr Ganapathi advised that there has been an increase in footprint size for the build from 1500 to 2200. This is under the assumption that the Horizons Regional Council will move to the same site, however this decision hasn't been finalised.

Taihape Town Hall and Library Redevelopment

Maycroft have visited the Taihape Town Hall site and have looked at the specifications and seismic strengthening options which should be available to councillors in November.

Resolved minute number 24/RDC/247

That the report 'Project Management Office Report – August 2024' be received.

Cr D Wilson/Cr P Sharland. Carried

Resolved minute number 24/RDC/248

That the Marton Swimming Pool be added to the Project Management Office report.

HWTM/Cr D Wilson. Carried

12 Minutes from Committees

12.1 Minutes from Committees

The report was taken as read.

Resolved minute number 24/RDC/249

That the following minutes are received:

- Policy/Planning Hearings - 25 July 24

- Hunterville Rural Water Scheme - 05 August 24
- Hunterville Community Committee - 05 August 24
- Turakina Community Committee - 08 August 24
- Te Roopuu Ahi Kaa - 13 August 24
- Taihape Community Board - 14 August 24
- Policy/ Planning - 15 August 24

Cr G Maughan/Cr F Dalgety. Carried

13 Public Excluded

The meeting went into public excluded session 3.17pm

Resolution to Exclude the Public

Resolved minute number **24/RDC/250**

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

- 1 Public Excluded Council Meeting - 25 July 2024
- 2 Follow-up Action Items from Council (Public Excluded) Meetings
- 3 Recruitment of Chief Executive

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 - 25 July 2024	To consider the minutes relating to matters that were the subject of discussion at the 25 July 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)
13.3 - Recruitment of Chief Executive	To enable discussion on sensitive information relating to staff. To enable commercially	s48(1)(a)(i)

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	29-Aug-24	Add Marton Pool to the PMO report	Arno	This will be done in future reports, for this meeting a separate report is provided in the agenda.	Completed
2	29-Aug-24	Report to Council on the final budget for the Papakai Pump station	Arno	The final Fulton Hogan claim is estimated to be \$520k The total forecast spend at project completion is \$5,168,307.13 The budget was \$6,358,184.18, leaving an underspend of \$1,189,877.05	Completed
3	24-Apr-24	RDC please look at traffic calming options on Criterion St and Taumaihi St. from Bulls Community Committee	Arno	Higgins and the Roading team are considering potential solutions for Taumaihi Street. This speed calming structure will include the pedestrian crossing adjacent to the school. This location receives a high number of SH bypass traffic. Unfortunately Criterion street is not currently being considered for any traffic calming interventions.	In progress
4	24-Apr-24	Putorino project - is there still some soil that has not been disposed of? What's the status of this project?	CE	Work is ongoing to understand whether there is still soil that needs to be disposed of. Likely that the project will not be able to be finally signed off until summer, when water levels are lower.	In progress
5	24-Apr-24	Ratana Wastewater discharge to land - more regular updates to the stakeholder group	Arno	follow-up meeting, middle to end of October. No date has been selected at this stage.	In progress
6	24-May-23	Otara bridge - ongoing comms during the duration of the project	Comms / 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
7	24-May-23	Progress putting the macron above the second I in Rangitikei	Carol G	Consultation has closed. The LINZ Board is due to meet on 15 October 2024 and will issue their decision following that meeting.	In progress
8	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.	Arno / Carol / Karin	Staff have engaged a supplier to conduct a review of council CCTV operation whereafter a recommendation report will be completed with a roadmap to identify priorities and programme of work.	In progress
9	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	Arno has made contact with Horizons staff and have discussed this issue. Staff have notified of withdrawal of the MOU and waiting for finalisation with Horizons on this.	In progress

8 Mayor's Report

8.1 Mayor's Report- 26 September 2024

Author: Andy Watson, His Worship the Mayor

Reason for Report

- 1.1 His Worship the Mayor will provide a report before the Council meeting.

Recommendation

That the Mayor's Report - 26 September 2024 be received.

9 Chief Executive's Report

9.1 Chief Executive's Report - September 2024

Author: Carol Gordon, Deputy Chief Executive

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.

2. Events Held Across the District at Council's Facilities – August 2024

- 03 August 2024 – Market Stalls – Village Green, Bulls – Green space
- 23 August 2024 – Rangitikei School Clusters – Centennial Park – Green space and Netball courts
- 30 August 2024 – TAS (Taihape Area School) Annual cross country – Taihape Memorial Park – All fields, Bush areas, Nga Awa Building and Grandstand
- 31 August 2024 – Bulls Junior Rugby Tournament – Bulls Domain – Whole grounds

3. Staff Movements

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

- Sophia Sykes, Communications Manager

3.2 In August, we farewelled the following employees to RDC:

- Sharn Grant, Manager Customer Experience
- Bevan Whale, Business Analyst
- Pieter Haasbroek, Senior Project Manager
- Marcelle Williams, People and Performance Officer
- Stephanie Courtney, Building Compliance Officer

4. Health Safety and Wellbeing Dashboard

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

5. Submissions

5.1 The updated list of current and future opportunities to submit on consultations run by external agencies is attached (refer to Attachment 2).

5.2 Consultations submitted on:

5.2.1 In the past month Officers have not submitted on any external consultations. Officers will continue to consider each consultation as Officers become aware of them.

5.3 Consultations proposed for submission:

5.3.1 Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment (MBIE) are seeking advice on the Work Health and Safety Regulatory System to inform future improvements.

Officers will be contributing to the MWLASS submission which will be submitted on behalf of all MWLASS Councils.

5.3.2 A submission may be drafted to support Tararua's submission on the Te Ahu a Turanga tolling consultation.

5.4 Upcoming consultations

5.4.1 In the past month Central Government have indicated that the Local Government Act will be amended to remove reference to the four wellbeings.

5.4.2 Cabinet has agreed to slow the progression of the Land Transport Time of Use Charging Amendment Bill. It is now expected to proceed to the Select Committee by 2024.

5.4.3 Officers have also become aware of the Building Overseas Building Products, Standards, and Certification Schemes Amendment Bill. The purpose of this bill is to respond to competition issues by removing barriers for overseas building products to be used in New Zealand. No timeframe has been indicated.

6. Financial Implications

6.1 There are no specific financial implications associated with the update. Any financial implications associated with items in this report will be provided when decisions are required on those matters.

7. Impact on Strategic Risks

7.1 Legal and political environment requires excessive resources / changes to governmental legislation are transformational:

- Tracking external submissions ensures Council is aware of upcoming legislative changes which may require resources.

7.2 Regulatory effectiveness is questioned:

- Officers are dealing with the regulatory matters in a fair and consistent manner in alignment with what can be achieved via regulatory mechanisms.

7.3 Obligations with health, safety and wellbeing are not met:

- The Health, Safety and Wellbeing dashboard is attached. There is a strong focus within the organisation on Health, Safety and Wellbeing.

8. Strategic Alignment

8.1 There are no matters that impact on Council's Strategic Framework associated with this report.

9. Mana whenua implications

9.1 Members of the Te Roopuu Ahi Kaa komiti receive the submission list and, if time allows, asked for input into specific draft submissions.

9.2 There are no other known mana whenua implications associated with this report.

10. Climate Change Impacts and Consideration

10.1 There are no other climate change impacts associated with this report.

ITEM 9.1**11. Statutory Implications**

11.1 There are no statutory implications associated with the written updates in this report.

12. Decision Making Process

12.1 There are no sections of this report that are considered to be a significant decision according to the Council's Policy on Significance and Engagement.

Attachments:

1. **Health, Safety and Wellbeing Dashboard August 2024** [↓](#)
2. **Current and Upcoming External Submissions August 2024** [↓](#)

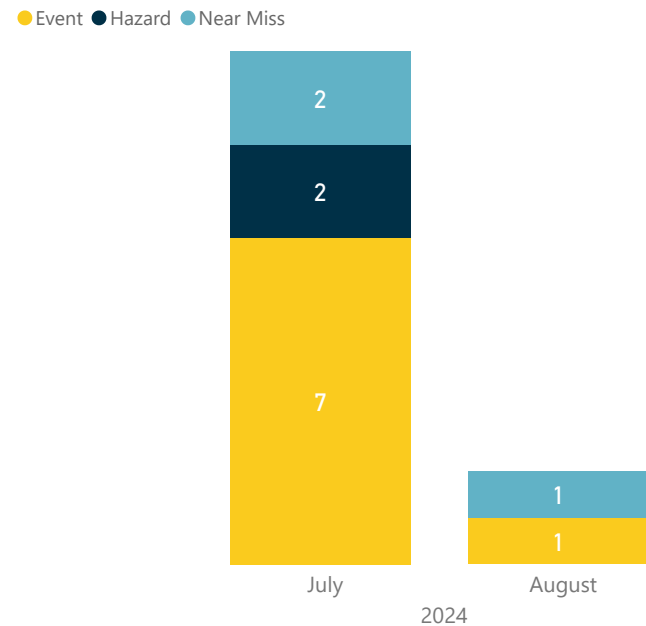
Recommendation

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

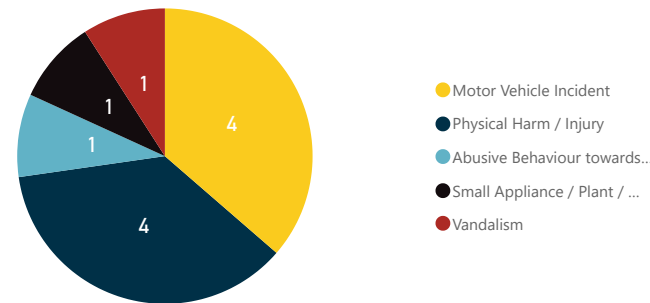


RDC Health and Safety Dashboard August 2024

Events, Hazards and Near Misses 01 July 2024 to date



Event/Near Miss Category 01 July 2024 to date



Wellbeing News

Mole Maps

We are booking two days in October / November and December for staff to have a Mole Map or recheck as part of our Wellbeing Programme - Hauora Ake. Thank you to those staff members who have confirmed interest, we will be contacting you soon to talk about days and locations for these checks, for those that haven't replied please contact Matt Gordon by email or phone to reserve a spot.

Daylight Savings 29th September 2024

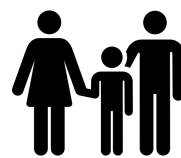
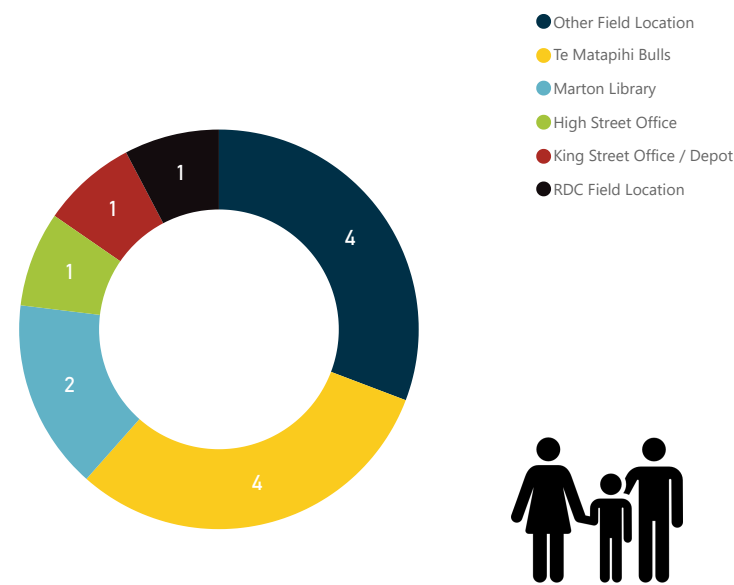
Daylight savings starts on Sunday 29th September, this is the recommended time to test and replace batteries in your home smoke detectors. Fire and Emergency NZ recommends the placement of smoke detectors in all bedrooms, hallways and living areas. Having working smoke detectors makes you 4 x more likely to survive a house fire.

Summary of Month

1 Events
0 Notifiable Incidents
0 Notifiable Illness/Injuries

1 Near Misses
0 Hazards

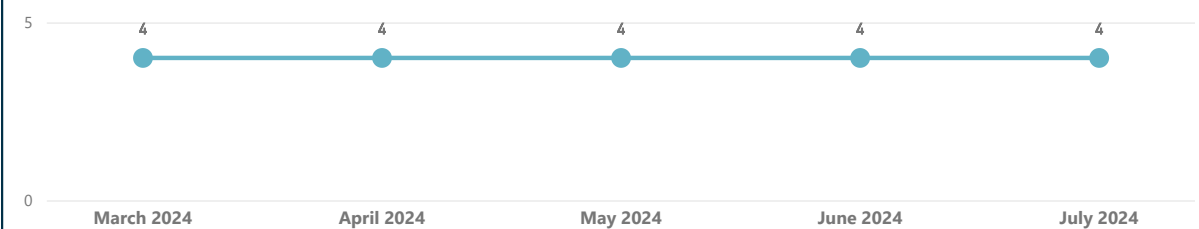
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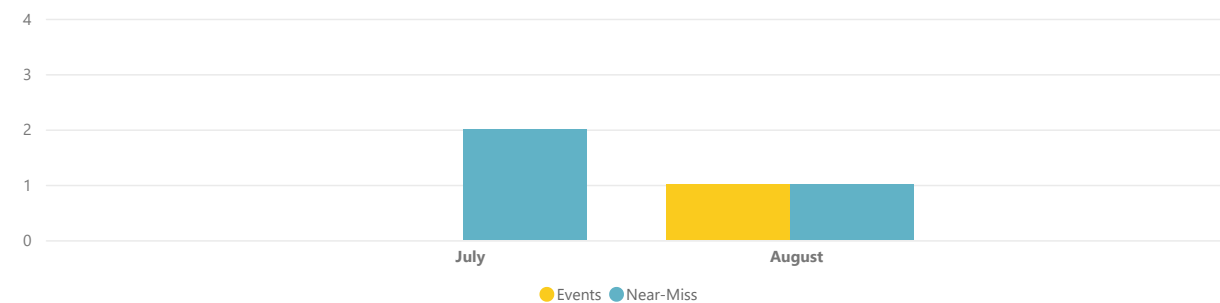
Average Driver Ratings

56% Completed Driver Safety Training

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



Vehicle Incidents



Current and Upcoming Consultations

Name of Initiative	Agency Engaging	Due Date	Description	RDC Action
Currently Open for Submissions				
Gambling Venues Policy Review	Manawatu District Council	23 September	Three options proposed: the Council favours the status quo (a cap of 90 machines). The other options are to increase the cap or adopt a sinking lid policy.	Not proposed to submit on
Revision of medical aspects of fitness to drive	New Zealand Transport Agency	27 September	The main objectives of the revision are to update medical guidelines and standards with the latest medical research, to improve clarity around roles and responsibilities of health practitioners, and to improve accessibility to hold a license for some with medical conditions.	Not proposed to submit on
Proposed changes to web standards	Department of Internal Affairs	30 September	While limited to public sector agencies, comparisons with local government may be considered useful since public expectations will be that the standards are similar.	Not proposed to submit on
Long term insights briefing: the future of economics, integrating environmental and economic measurement in Aotearoa New Zealand	Stats NZ	4 October	Stats NZ is seeking feedback on the proposed topic and scope of its Long-term Insights Briefing (LTIB) for 2026 which is 'The Future of Economics: Integrating Environmental and Economic Measurement in Aotearoa New Zealand. The Public Service Act 2020 requires government departments to create a long-term insights briefing at least once every three years. Departments choose the topics for these briefings, and consult with the public on the proposed topic, as well as the draft version of their briefing.	Officers considering benefit of submitting
Draft Strategy to prevent and Minimise Gambling Harm 2025/26 to 2027/28	Ministry of Health	6 October	Every three years the Ministry of Health is required by the Gambling Act 2003 to set out a proposed strategy to prevent and minimise the harm caused by gambling. As part of this, public consultation on a draft strategy is required. The proposal also includes draft levy rates: the Crown recovers the cost of developing and implementing the strategy, though a 'problem gambling levy' set by regulation at a different rate for each of the four main gambling sectors. The result is presented to the Gambling Commission which undertakes its own consultation before making recommendations to the Government.	Not proposed to submit on
Te Ahu a Turanga - tolling consultation	New Zealand Transport Agency	7 October	The proposal is to toll 24/7 the new 11.5km Manawatū Tararua Highway to support the costs of constructing and maintaining the road. Light vehicles would pay \$4.30; heavy vehicles \$8.60.	Mayor to ask Tararua whether they want us to support their approach

Ōtaki to North of Levin - tolling consultation	New Zealand Transport Agency	7 October	The proposal is to toll 24/7 the southern 15km of Ōtaki to north of Levin (Ō2NL), from the on/off ramps at Taylors Road (southern half interchange) to the Tararua Road interchange. The northern 9km of the new highway would not be tolled. Light vehicles would pay \$2.70, heavy vehicles \$5.40.	Not proposed to submit on
Health and Safety	MBIE	31 October	Seeking advice on your experiences with New Zealand’s work health and safety regulatory system – how you think it’s working now, what you think works well, and what you think should change. Feedback will inform MBIE’s advice to Ministers on improvements we could make to the work health and safety system.	MWLASS is doing a submission on behalf of MWLASS Councils which RDC will contribute to
Shift from static survey plans to visualised survey plans on Landonline	Land Information New Zealand	31 October	LINZ is looking for feedback to better understand the benefits, costs and challenges associated with using digitally visualised survey plans. A prototype is provided to enable people to see what is proposed.	Not proposed to submit on
Upcoming Consultations				
Smokefree Environments and Regulated Products Amendment Bill (No 2)	Parliament Health Committee	tbc	tbc	Tbc
LIMS regulations	Department of Internal Affairs	tbc	The draft regulations are likely to address how councils can meet the new requirements to better communicate natural hazard information; additional information to make natural hazard information more understandable; and how that information is summarised and presented.	Tbc
Land Transport (Time of Use Charging) Amendment Bill	Ministry of Transport, then Parliament	December 2024	Bill will Sets out the legal framework for time of use charging. While initially a category 3 bill, to be passed by December 2024, Cabinet agreed in July that the Bill be progressed on a slower track and given a category 5 priority on the 2024 Legislation Programme (to proceed to select committee by the end of 2024). See Cabinet paper: https://www.transport.govt.nz/assets/Uploads/Time-of-Use-Charging-Cabinet-Material-Proactive-Release.pdf	Tbc
Making it easier to build granny flats - amendments to Building Act and Resource Management Act	MBIE, then Parliament	December 2024	Making it possible to build 60m2 secondary dwellings without building consent. Officials will assess the feedback on the consultation (closed 12 August 2024) and provide advice to the Government on ways to amend the Building Act and resource management systems to enable easier building of granny flats. The aim is to give effect to these changes by mid-2025.	Tbc
Amendments to Local Government Act 2002	DIA, then Parliament	Late 2024	Removing references to the four wellbeings. See Minister's release 21 August 2024: https://www.beehive.govt.nz/release/back-basics-local-government	Tbc

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Gambling (Definition of Remote Interactive Gambling) Amendment Bill	tbc	tbc	Amends the Gambling Act 2003 to make permanent the temporary provision currently in section 4A that exempts class 3 gambling in the form of a lottery from the prohibition on remote interactive gambling in section 9. https://bills.parliament.nz/v/6/62e8eff1-52a6-4087-0606-08dccd28b5ec	Tbc
Building (Overseas Building Products, Standards, and Certification Schemes) Amendment Bill	tbc	tbc	Bill responds to competition issues in the sector by amending the Building Act 2004 to remove barriers to overseas building products entering New Zealand's building product market and being used in New Zealand buildings. https://bills.parliament.nz/v/6/b4d9bbc3-c823-4130-0608-08dccd28b5ec	Tbc

10 Reports for Decision

10.1 Marton Pool Repairs

Author: Arno Benadie, Chief Operating Officer

Authoriser: Kevin Ross, Chief Executive

1. Reason for Report

- 1.1. During a post swim-season inspection of the Marton pool facility in May, cracks were noticed on one of the laminated roof support beams. RDC engaged a structural engineer early in May to inspect the cracks and to advise suitable actions to stabilise the beam while long term solution could be identified. The structural engineer suggested making use of propping to stabilise the roof structure before the new swim season open to the public in October.
- 1.2. During the first week of August the RDC pool operations contractor (CLM) notified council that the cracks on that identified laminated beam became more visible and appeared to be much wider than previously noticed. RDC organised a follow-up visit from the previously engaged structural engineer to revisit the site and update council on the stability of the beam with the larger cracks. This site visit was completed on the morning of 9 August, and unfortunately the beam experienced a partial failure in the afternoon of 9 August.
- 1.3. The structural engineer visited the site to inspect the failed beam and advise next steps. RDC received an updated plan for propping of the beams to stabilise the roof and make the site safe. This propping-up the roof has now been completed and will reduce the immediate risk of further failure of that beam and the roof. This will stabilise the building to a high enough standard to allow for possible repair works to be considered. The Marton pool is closed to the public at this time of the year and will not be opened at the normal opening dates at the start of the September school holiday.
- 1.4. Council staff notified our Insurance provider of the damage and working with them to determine if any claims might be possible.
- 1.5. RDC engaged the services of a structural engineer specialising in the use of laminated beams to complete a site visit followed by a desktop review of the structural capacity of the beams and the roof. This review includes identifying the most likely causes of the failure and to propose upgrades and repairs to resolve all identified problems.

2. Discussion and Options Considered

- 2.1. The site visit and desktop review has now been completed and documented in a Structural Assessment for the Main Pool Hall report. The report included a high-level assessment of the primary structural elements within the main pool hall only. The ancillary areas such as the entrance lobby, change rooms, plantroom and the learn to swim pool are not part of this initial assessment.
- 2.2. Please note the following performance criteria is only an indication on the seismic rating (as percentage of new building standard %NBS) and would need further justification through a formal DSA, supported by non-destructive but invasive testing of some of the key elements.

The following key structural elements were reviewed to establish the demands on these elements and their potential capacities:

- 2.2.1. Primary timber glulam roof beams.
- 2.2.2. Discrete steel strap brace which forms the roof diaphragm.
- 2.2.3. The precast concrete columns on either side of the pool hall that support the roof.
- 2.2.4. The concrete foundations.
- 2.2.5. Infill block work shear walls on either side of the building.

2.3. The report noted the following findings for each of these items.

2.4. Primary timber glulam roof beams

- 2.4.1. The drawings for the original facility shows beams that are straight at the bottom and follows the roof profile at the top to a centre at 4.8m wide. Each beam spans 24m and is simply supported either side on vertical precast columns. On site what has been installed, is a curved cambered beam rather than what is described in the drawings. The beam is constant depth along its length with a curved central zone at the mid span.
- 2.4.2. The findings are that the current roof beams, if straight as per the drawings, would be satisfactory to transfer the design loads, however with the curve central zone it reduces the capacity considerably. In fact, even under deadload the theoretical capacity is exceeded. This would then indicate why the sections have split over time under their own self weight.
- 2.4.3. Strengthening of all of the existing roof beams is possible through the introduction of large full depth screws at regular spacing, that can be retrospectively fixed through the underside of the timber beams.
- 2.4.4. To remediate the delaminated rafter beam that failed would require the beam to be fully replaced. This would require the cladding and purlins on either side of the beam to be removed, the defective beam lifted off and a new replacement beam introduced and the purlins and cladding reinstated.

2.5. Discrete steel strap brace which forms the roof diaphragm

- 2.5.1. The drawings indicate, there are 6 brace bays along the length of the building. The current strap brace provides circa 40 to 50% NBS in the event of an earthquake. Corrosion of the strap brace is evident in some locations and the integrity of the remaining strap bracing is therefore under question.
- 2.5.2. It is the expert's opinion that full remediation would be required for the roof diaphragm. This would mean that the 6 brace bays within the roof would need to be reinstated with new discrete steel diaphragms, set below the existing purlins, to provide a new dependable load path.

2.6. The precast concrete columns on either side of the pool hall that support the roof.

- 2.6.1. The precast columns along each side of the pool hall cantilever from a base connection up to support the roof. It is their finding that the seismic performance of these columns could feasibly be as low as 40 to 50% NBS of the required capacity under present day.
- 2.6.2. Strengthening and remediation of these columns may be possible, through the introduction of an eaves corner brace between the concrete column and the timber rafter. Further consideration is required to establish alternate load paths and that capacities are sufficient.

2.7. The concrete foundations

- 2.7.1. Initial indications are that the existing footings have sufficient capacity to present day requirements under seismic loads. To be formally confirmed under a subsequent DSA and would require a recent geotechnical report.

2.8. Infill block work shear walls on either side of the building.

- 2.8.1. It is not possible to confirm from the drawings whether the block walls are solid filled or partial filled. Assuming the walls are only partial filled then the block work has around 80% NBS in plane shear and 50% NBS out for plane flexure. To be able to confirm the capacities of these infill walls, further confirmation is required from site as to whether the existing block walls are solid filled or partial.
- 2.9. In addition to the structural review of the main hall, the engineer also noticed obvious issues with the roof over the learn to swim pool. It was evident from the site visit that the additional roof area has been added at some point and was not part of the original building design.
- 2.10. There are three items of concern in relation to this area that need further additional review:
- 2.10.1. The lack of apparent wall bracing of the external glazed elevation.
 - 2.10.2. The primary connection to the pool hall columns shows extremely limited edge distance on bolts in the timber beams in the event of an earthquake.
 - 2.10.3. No apparent justification for the added seismic mass of this lean-to roof on the pre-cast columns of the main pool hall. As mentioned above, early indications are that these main pool hall columns are already likely to have insufficient seismic performance in the event of the earthquake in the lateral direction, without the added seismic roof mass from the lean-to roof.
- 2.11. These items should be remedied before opening the learn to swim pool to the public can be considered.

3. Conclusions

- 3.1. The high-level structural assessment of the Marton Pool Hall identified a range of structural elements that needs remediation before the pool can be opened to public use. The high-level structural assessment suggested suitable repairs and strengthening upgrades that will bring the building to a high enough standard to be able open to the public. The engineers estimate for these repairs and upgrades are between \$1 Mil and \$2 Mil.
- 3.2. The pool normally opens to the public at the start of the September school holiday. This year the Marton pool will not be opening on that date due to the failure of the beam. Council staff notified our pool operating contractor CLM of this and have been discussing how this might impact on their business. CLM are concerned about the number of casual staff that they employ during the open season that rely on the income and are concerned about not being able to supply Learn to Swim facilities. CLM also expressed concern that the public may not want to use the pool while the roof is propped up by temporary strengthening solutions to stabilise the roof.
- 3.3. CLM are considering alternative solutions such as making use of school pools for Learn to Swim activities or for RDC to supply a temporary small above ground heated pool covered by a marquee at an estimated cost of \$6,000. CLM offered to create a summer programme of alternative leisure activities in parks and sporting facilities in Marton to compensate for not being able to make use of the pool. CLM will support Council in whatever decision is made regarding the opening of the pool and will work with us to deliver the best possible outcome for the Marton community.
- 3.4. CLM will be in attendance at the meeting.
- 3.5. It is possible to install temporary supports and props to stabilise the roof to a sufficient standard to allow the facility to be open to the public. This will include the installation of temporary roof bracing scaffolding, propping of the main hall roof, propping of the Learn to Swim building roof and temporary bracing scaffolding of the Learn to Swim building. It is difficult to estimate the cost of the temporary measures but is expected to be between \$250,000 and \$350,00.
- 3.6. The repairs noted in the structural assessment report is limited to the building and the roof and does not address any of the assets or current equipment. During the 2024- 2023 LTP council consulted the community regarding the option of opening the pool all year round and received strong support for this. It was agreed that the option will only be considered after the completion of a detailed asset condition assessment of the pool and equipment to determine if any efficiency gains could contribute to the cost of being open for 12 months. Although the suggested repairs of the beam, the roof and the building will allow the use of the facility by the public, it will not resolve any of the other existing asset condition uncertainties.
- 3.7. There is currently a range of options available that will determine how to move forward with the repair of the Marton pool. These options are:
 - 3.7.1. Do nothing and leave the pool closed for an undetermined period.
 - 3.7.2. Design a temporary fix that will allow the pool to be reopened during this summer period.
 - 3.7.3. Design and complete all the proposed repairs and upgrades as noted in the structural assessment report including one of the following strategies:

3.7.3.1. Install a temporary fix to open for this summer season and start construction during the 2025 closed period.

3.7.3.2. Leave the pool closed and start construction as soon as possible.

3.7.4. Install a temporary fix that would allow the pool to be opened and then have a more holistic discussion about the long-term future of all the assets and equipment in the facility.

3.8. Planning of next steps is dependent on deciding which option above would be the most preferred option.

4. Financial Implications

4.1. The financial implication is uncertain at this stage.

5. Impact on Strategic Risks

5.1. There is no impact on strategic risks.

6. Strategic Alignment

6.1. The failure of the beam does not affect strategic alignment.

7. Mana Whenua Implications

7.1. There are no Mana Whenua implications.

8. Climate Change Impacts and Consideration

8.1. There are no climate change impacts.

9. Statutory Implications

1.1 There are no Statutory implications at this stage. There might be some statutory implications in the future depending on the decisions for the long term future of the facility.

Recommendation 1

That the report ‘Marton Pool Repairs’ be received.

One or a combination of the following:

Recommendation 2

That Council agrees to do nothing and leave the pool closed for an undetermined period of time.

Recommendation 3

That Council agrees to complete the design of a temporary fix that will allow the pool to be reopened during this summer period.

ITEM 10.1**Recommendation 4**

That Council agrees to install a temporary fix to open the pool for this summer season and start the design and construction of all the proposed repairs and upgrades as noted in the structural assessment report during the 2025 closed period.

Recommendation 5

That Council agrees to design and construct all the proposed repairs and upgrades as noted in the structural assessment report without reopening the pool for this summer season.

Recommendation 6

Install a temporary fix that would allow the pool to be opened as soon as possible and have staff investigate more holistic long-term future options of all the assets and equipment in the facility to report back to Council at a future Council meeting.

10.2 He rā ki tua plan – Horizons Region Spaces and Places Plan for Sport and Recreation**Author: Jo Manuel, Manager Mana Whenua and Community Hubs****Authoriser: Carol Gordon, Deputy Chief Executive****1. Reason for Report**

- 1.1 Tania King CE of Sport Whanganui will attend the Council meeting to speak to the He rā ki tua plan – Horizons Region Spaces and Places Plan for Sport and Recreation Summary Document.
- 1.2 He rā ki tua is a plan for the provision of spaces and places for sport, active recreation and play throughout the Rangitikei District and Horizons Region. Led by Sport Manawatū with support from Sport Whanganui and Sport Manawatu, it has been co-developed in collaboration with several key partners and stakeholders across the region.
- 1.3 He rā ki tua has been developed to guide decision-making around the provision of recreation across the entire region, promoting a collaborative approach between providers (asset owners and funders) and ensuring that all parties are better informed of community needs and a shared vision of best practice provision.

2. Context

2.1 He rā ki tua is a plan to guide decision-making for the provision of spaces and places for sport, active recreation and play throughout the Whanganui and Manawatū regions. Led by Sport Manawatū with support from Sport Whanganui, it has been co-developed in collaboration with regional partners and informed by community voice. The project was guided by a Project Steering Group with representatives from key stakeholders, including:

- Eastern and Central Community Trust
- Horizons Regional Council
- Horowhenua District Council
- Manawatū District Council
- Palmerston North City Council
- Rangitikei District Council
- Ruapehu District Council
- Sport New Zealand
- Tararua District Council
- Whanganui District Council

3. Discussion and Options Considered

- 3.1 He rā ki tua provides guidance for the provision of recreation across the entire Horizons Region, promoting a collaborative approach between providers (asset owners and funders) and ensuring that all parties are better informed of community needs and a shared vision of best practice provision.

3.2 This document builds upon the previous iteration – The Manawatū-Whanganui Regional Sport Facility Plan (2018). He rā ki tua incorporates refinements of several elements of spaces and places thinking including:

- Key planning principles.
- Best practice planning approaches.
- Regional recommendations.
- Recognition of the importance of play.

4. Financial Implications

4.1 There are no direct financial implications.

5. Impact on Strategic Risks

5.1 There are no impacts on Council's strategic risks.

6. Strategic Alignment

6.1 The plan supports working collaboratively within the region and supporting social wellbeing in the district.

7. Mana Whenua Implications

7.1 Ngāti Apa were engaged with directly and all iwi in the district were invited to be part of consultation in the development of the plan.

8. Climate Change Impacts and Consideration

8.1 There are no climate change impacts or considerations as part of this decision, however, it is anticipated that this will be considered in the next steps.

9. Statutory Implications

9.1 There are no statutory implications.

10. Decision Making Process

10.1 This decision is considered to have low significance. The decision for Council is whether to endorse the He rā ki tua plan – Horizons Region Spaces and Places Plan for Sport and Recreation

10.2 If endorsed, the mechanism for ongoing Council involvement in He rā ki tua will be through:

10.2.1 Incorporating the He rā ki tua principles and processes into internal Council decision-making processes where appropriate.

10.2.2 Participation in a regional steering group led by Sport Manawatū and Sport Whanganui. This group will provide strategic oversight and includes key stakeholders from across the region.

Attachments:

1. **He rā ki tua plan – Horizons Region Spaces and Places Plan for Sport and Recreation Summary Document** [↓](#)

Recommendation

That the report He rā ki tua plan – Horizons Region Spaces and Places Plan for Sport and Recreation be received.

Recommendation

That Council endorses / does not endorse [delete one] the He rā ki tua plan – Horizons Region Spaces and Places Plan for Sport and Recreation

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He rā ki tua

Horizons Region Spaces and Places Plan
for Sport and Recreation

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He Rā Ki Tua Horizons Region Spaces & Places Plan for Sport & Recreation – Foreword

He Rā Ki Tua, the refreshed Horizons Region Spaces and Places Plan for Sport and Recreation, represents a significant step forward in how partners lead, collaborate on, and advocate for the quality planning and provision of spaces and places across the Horizons region.

This Plan has been developed with key partners and presents an updated and agreed high-level approach to spaces and places provision for physical activity that is pragmatic, simplified, and based on evidence. The Plan comes at a time when councils, funders, the sport and recreation sector, and ultimately the participant are facing a challenging economic situation. Good fiscal decision-making and collaborative solutions to facility challenges are therefore more important than ever.

This iteration of the Plan considers spaces and places that support active recreation and play alongside a balanced approach to sport. It also seeks to explore mana-enhancing relationships with mana whenua and the environment. The Plan highlights that together, partners can respond to changing participant needs through a network approach to provision. This involves exploring opportunities to improve equity and optimisation through provision that is complimentary, connected, accessible, flexible, multi-use, and plays to regional strengths. It also recognises that quality spaces and places provision sit hand-in-hand with a sustainable delivery system, ensuring participants can enjoy quality experiences in spaces that are well-activated and maintained.

Sport New Zealand Ihi Aotearoa (Sport NZ) aims to inspire New Zealanders to develop a lifelong love of play, active recreation, and sport. Above all, we want to see 'Every Body Active'. Sport NZ has long been an advocate for locally-led development of spaces and places that provide quality experiences for communities. Working alongside Regional Sport Trusts and national sport and recreation partners, we are committed to supporting everyone involved in the planning, funding, development, and provision of spaces and places to ensure they are more affordable, well-utilised, and sustainable. Because we know quality spaces and places are critical enablers of physical activity and community wellbeing.

We also know that while levels of physical activity are declining due to a range of factors, affecting some communities more than others, people do want to be more active. While some of these factors are beyond our control, providing quality experiences for communities is something we can influence together.

The ultimate goal of this Plan is to ensure all parties are better informed of community needs, have a shared vision of best practice provision, and understand how they can work together for the greater good. Through a collaborative approach, both strategically and operationally, along with a shared understanding of the evidence and system pressures, we can prioritise limited resources in a way that is consistent and transparent to help ensure the greatest impact for current and future generations.

Sport NZ acknowledges and thanks Sport Manawatū, Sport Whanganui, the councils, and other key community partners for their continued leadership and commitment with respect to this Plan. In particular, we are buoyed by the strengthened focus on understanding current provision and utilisation alongside enhancing and activating the existing network to improve access and equity. We look forward to continuing to support you all in the execution of this.



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November 2023

He rā ki tua - Horizons Region Spaces and Places Plan for Sport and Recreation 2023 - 2043

This Plan has been developed to provide direction and determine priority areas of focus for the spaces and places that enable play, active recreation and sport.

1.1 Introduction

It is intended that this Plan builds on the foundations and learning from the Manawatū-Whanganui Regional Sports Facility Plan that was developed in 2018 (RSFP 2018) and provides a platform for:

- Greater collaboration across the Horizons region, particularly between the project partners
- A collaborative view of the priorities for play, active recreation and sport spaces and places (facilities) across the Horizons region
- Informing the planning for future spaces and places, including providing mechanisms to support greater consistency in the planning and decision-making process used by key organisations
- Informing council LTP processes as to the identified initiatives for future consideration
- Ensuring investment decisions are evidenced-based.

1.2 How to use this document

This Plan is outlined in several areas and can be used to gain an understanding on the priorities for spaces and places for active recreation and sport in the Horizons region (the Manawatū – Whanganui Regional Council area). The plan is broken down as follows:

- What stakeholders have told us
- Opportunities that exist in the region
- A Vision and Principles of the region’s spaces and places for recreation and sport
- The Decision Making process
- Roles and Responsibilities
- Regional Recommendations
- Council area summaries

This Plan should not be seen as a replacement for detailed local planning on a project-by-project basis. Rather it should complement, support and inform detailed planning at the local community network level.

A user-friendly guide will be created to support proponents.

A full Reference Document detailing background, stakeholder feedback information, informetric data and inventory stocktake is available here: [Reference Document](#)



1.3 What stakeholders have told us

The following feedback was received from stakeholders during the development of this strategy.

The need for better maintenance and activation of existing facilities.

Untapped opportunities for sharing of spaces and places.

The need for improved ancillary facilities such as lighting, parking, and storage.

Insufficient number of change/shower/toilet facilities and lack of gender-neutral options.

Lack of disability access to aging facilities.

Inability of clubs to meet the costs associated with maintenance/development of club owned facilities.

Desire for covered outdoor space to protect participants from the elements by the likes of netball, tennis, bowls, croquet, playgrounds.

Field issues – available capacity of lit training fields.

Existing facilities often at capacity at peak hours which makes it difficult to grow the activity.

Lack of indoor space for both sport and recreation organisations.

Lack of indoor/heated/deep water for aquatic activities other than swimming.

Demand for localised/small scale play solutions close integrated with natural elements.

Care givers seeking permission from Councils around where tamariki and rangatahi can play and on what.

Significant non-facility challenges – securing/maintaining volunteers, funding, and participation retention.

Lack of planning to address the needs of an aging population.

Little regard for the approach taken by Māori to sport and recreation and the need to connect tangata to whenua.

The need for greater consideration of equity not just accessibility.

1.4 Opportunities that exist across the network

Based on available data and stakeholder feedback the He Rā Ki Tua Plan recognises six key opportunities which exist across the network:

1.4.1 Ensure Facilities are Fit for Purpose

- Prioritise the activation and maintenance of existing spaces where possible.
- Provide assistance to codes for the upgrade of existing facilities, where a need can be evidenced.
- Increase awareness of recreation facilities that are available for hire for groups to utilise.
- The current supply of facilities is generally ageing. Upgrading or renewing facilities is an important step in future-proofing facility provision.
- Look to develop spaces and places that provide a progression of opportunities to enable skill acquisition (such as a range of cycle or mountain bike trails, from beginner areas to advanced trails).

1.4.2 Encourage Sharing/Hubs

- Encourage and enable more shared facility use. Encourage hubs (for example racket sports or bowls/croquet/pétanque).
- Encourage and assist more schools to make facilities available for community use.
- Proposed projects should consider what other users could be involved as partners or key user groups.

1.4.3 Provision of better ancillary facilities

- Consider re-developing and providing more changing rooms/showers/toilets that are appropriate for use by female/gender-neutral users and people with disabilities.
- Consider providing more public toilets for use by spectators at public parks/ playground users/ public pathway/cycleway users.
- Review storage needs of clubs and organisations. Evaluate possible shared storage solutions.

1.4.4 Assess and improve the condition of playing fields (better meet training needs) through:

- Improved drainage and irrigation of existing fields to increase capacity if demand warrants.
- More high-capacity dedicated training fields with floodlights.
- Provision of dedicated space for traditional Māori activities, such as ki o rahi.
- Investigating whether Councils could take greater responsibility for the maintenance of floodlighting in return for greater control of field allocations.

1.4.5 Improve Accessibility

- Ensure facilities are accessible from use/cost/ transport perspective. Review/evaluate better urban planning and car parking provision.
- Investigate the provision of more covered outdoor facilities such as courts/playgrounds/skate parks/ basketball hoops to protect users from sun/wind/ rain.

1.4.6 Assess equity/inclusivity of sport and recreation venues and opportunities such as:

- Affordable hire space for recreation activities
- Consider recreation needs for Māori - including gathering of kai, awa restoration. Consider marae as facility providers.
- Investigate the need for more indoor (possibly dedicated) community courts to support traditional indoor court users/winter codes seeking indoor training space.
- Offer free or low-cost opportunities for people to participate in play, active recreation and sport (such as walking trails, ½ court basketball courts, outdoor fitness trails, safe access points to the natural environment).



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Spaces and places in the Horizons region enable and inspire people to participate in play, active recreation, and sport, their way.

1.5 Key Planning Principles

The key planning principles that need to be considered for planned and emerging projects are outlined below:

1.5.1 Honour Te Tiriti o Waitangi

We recognise the mana of Te Tiriti o Waitangi. We will apply a framework that reflects Te Tiriti o Waitangi articles and principles and considers the cultural narrative of the area, when planning future play, active recreation and sport facility outcomes for our community.

1.5.2 A people-centred approach

It is acknowledged that the spaces and places developed for play, active recreation and sport are enablers to activity. Without people, these places are irrelevant.

There are significant benefits from linking people to their environment (Oranga Taiao, Oranga Tāngata). The benefits from being in the natural environment provides motivation for many to remain active and connected.

Any development should consider how it will further support people to have positive experiences in their communities. Many facilities also rely on volunteers to operate. These volunteers need to be appropriately supported.

1.5.3 A network approach to future planning

A network approach involves considering a needs-based approach to projects as they arise. The current and future supply and demand for spaces and places is considered. It involves ensuring there is a strategic fit based on the existing network and any strategies or plans outlining the future network. It ensures that projects do not duplicate existing spaces and places, rather they complement and enhance the network. An important aspect is that existing facilities are maximised and/or enhanced before new spaces are considered.

1.5.4 Shared use of spaces and places

Where possible, spaces and places need to be shared by a range of users. While this may require some compromise, shared use provides greater efficiency. Shared use creates dynamic spaces and encourages more inter-generational opportunities.

A focus should be on the development of multi-use facilities or hubs where a range of sport, recreation, play, education, social and other community infrastructure needs can be met. Over provision or unnecessary duplication of facilities should be avoided.

Partnering with others within and outside of the sector e.g., education, health, Iwi, and the private sector increases the likelihood that facilities will be used to their full potential, maximising the return on investment.

1.5.5 Ensuring Equitable spaces and places

Spaces and places are accessible to all. This is enabled through universal design principles and operationalised through facility operations ensuring equitable access. They are developed, maintained and operated in a way that encourages and supports inclusivity and diversity. Many older facilities were not designed to accommodate a range of user groups or genders. This creates barriers to participation for some groups.

1.5.6 Factoring in the sustainability of spaces and places

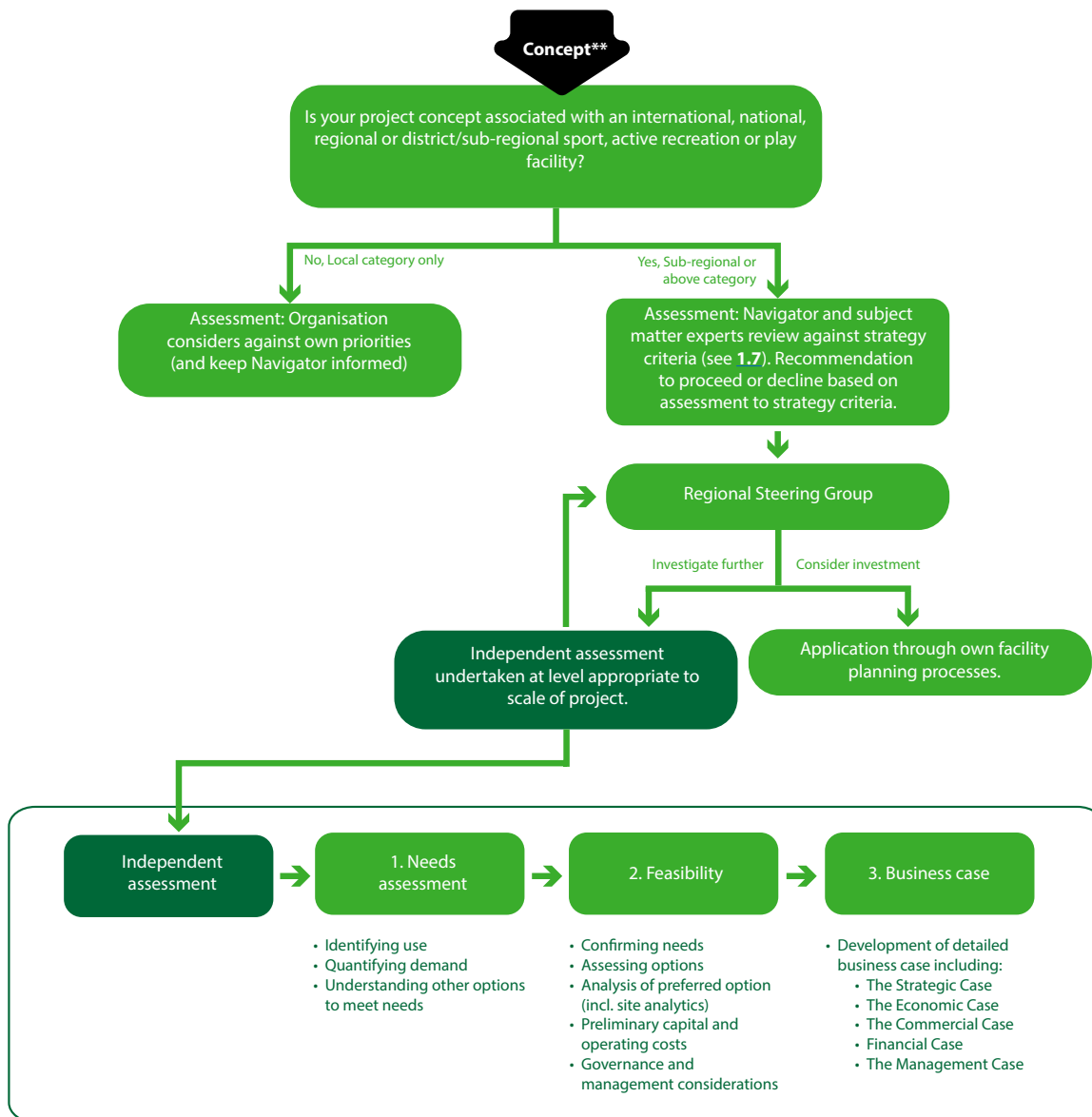
With finite resources, decisions need to be made that are based on ensuring social and economic sustainability and value for money for asset owners and funders. To do this it is important to understand the whole of life costs related to decisions. This means not only being able to build a facility, but also affording to operate and maintain it for the whole of its life.

Environmental impacts and climate change need to be considered when investing in upgrades or new facilities. There is also a need to apply sustainable design and construction methods to ensure the future facility network minimises impact on the environment and is itself, protected from environmental changes.



1.6 The Proposed Facility Planning Approach

The following facility planning process is to help guide proponents/Champions with project concepts. Any concept will be presented to the Spaces and Places Navigator for assessment. The Navigator's role is to support the process, answer questions, and help identify the correct path to take in process flow below.



For more information on the facilities hierarchy, please refer to the [Reference Document](#).

** Endorsement of your project by the navigator or local authority may be required by funders considering applications for grants supporting your spaces and places project (captured using the Facility Concept Template). This process is designed to ensure your project has the best outcome for your organisation and the wider community and to provide clarity on:

1. the expectations of funders,
2. how to engage with decision makers to obtain endorsement, and
3. how to access expert support.

The navigator will review your submission and provide advice on the next steps. There is expert support available depending on the scale of your proposal.

Do I need to engage with the navigator:

- Is your project associated with an international, national, or regional sport, active recreation or play facility?
- Does your activity have declining participation numbers?
- Is there potential for collaborating with other clubs or groups in your project?
- Do the navigator and proponent agree that this project is estimated to be greater than \$100,000?

If you answered NO to all questions, proceed directly with planning, design, and funding of your project. (Note that funders may share details of your application with the Regional Sports Trust.)

If you answered YES to one or more question, you need to engage with the navigator or respective authority to progress your project with funders and enablers.

1.7 Initial Assessment of Concept - Principles

The following checklist is recommended for new concepts that are being put forward; regardless of where the concept originates.

- It is recommended that the Spaces and Places Navigator works alongside those with the concept to ensure a partnership approach.
- Concepts should be assessed as to how well they align to each planning principle (high/medium/low).

Level 1 - Principles which all projects must meet

Planning Principle	Criteria	Explanation
Acknowledges Te Tiriti o Waitangi	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supports principles of Partnership, Protection, Participation. 	Supports principles of Partnership, Protection, and Participation and considers the cultural narrative of the area. Māori participation will be positively impacted.
A people-centred approach	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Empowers communities to be active their way (achieving the vision of the Plan). • Increases opportunities. • Community wellbeing will be positively impacted. • Supported by the community. • Enables newer activities to prosper 	<p>The degree to which the project will empower the relevant communities within the Horizons Region to be active in ways that suit them.</p> <p>The degree to which a project focuses on how it will provide increased opportunities for citizens to be engaged in play, active recreation and sport experiences.</p> <p>The degree to which community well-being and participation will be positively impacted if the proposal progresses.</p> <p>Clear evidence of involvement and support from the community and/or key stakeholders.</p> <p>Supports future growth potential. This would not exclude existing activities that that are doing well but would enable newer activities that have potential to receive support.</p>
A network approach to provision	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alignment with strategic drivers, locally, regionally and nationally. • Clear evidence of what is trying to be solved. Identification of a range of options. • Divestment of not-fit-for-purpose spaces and places is an option. • How the concept considers future-proofing. 	<p>Degree of alignment a facility or proposed facility has with strategic drivers such as national and regional facility strategies and local Council strategies (where relevant).</p> <p>Recognition of the balance required between local and regional provision.</p> <p>The issue or opportunity that the proposal is intended to address is clearly defined and evidenced.</p> <p>The proposed project has clearly investigated all available options to utilise existing spaces and places.</p> <p>The ability to adapt to changing demand, sporting trends and needs has been considered (future-proofing).</p>
Equitable spaces and places	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Diversity, equity and inclusion is clearly addressed. 	<p>The degree to which the proposal provides benefit to a broad spectrum of the community (young and old, disabled, gender and ethnic groups).</p> <p>The degree to which the proposal will improve equity outcomes, particularly for people or groups that are/may be disadvantaged (such as people with disabilities, low socio-economic communities, Māori, young people, older adults).</p> <p>The level in which this concept enables equitable participation by ensuring that the spaces and places are inclusive and accessible.</p>

Level 1 - Principles which all projects must meet

Sustainability of all spaces and places	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sustainability, in its broadest sense, is considered. • Capability of relevant organisation/s to implement the concept. 	<p>Sustainability is considered in terms of financial, environmental, social and cultural factors.</p> <p>The degree to which the existing or proposed facility is operationally sustainable, particularly in terms of whole-of-life costs (capital, operational and maintenance costs throughout a facility's life).</p> <p>The return on investment (financial and social¹ returns) that the facility or proposed facility can demonstrate.</p>
Shared Use	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shared use is considered. • Partnerships, collaboration and integration are addressed. 	<p>The level in which, where practical, this concept encourages shared use, partnerships, collaboration and/or integration with other groups.</p> <p>The degree to which the proposal optimises an existing facility e.g. through partnerships to increase use, enhancements to make a facility more fit-for-purpose.</p>



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2 Regional Recommendations

Opportunity	Recommendation	Responsibility	Timeframe
	Regional Enabling Recommendations	The lead organisation/s who oversee the recommendation	(Short 1-3 years, Medium 4-9 years, Long 10 years plus, Ongoing)
	Consider across-boundary opportunities for increasing awareness and promoting the use of existing space and places in the Horizons region.	Horizons North PSG Horizons South PSG	Ongoing
Increase awareness	Each RST to publicise an inventory of bookable spaces for indoor recreation opportunities.	Sport Manawatū Sport Whanganui	Short term
	Each RST is to implement an awareness campaign to increase the understanding of the facility planning framework that assists with the decision-making process within this Plan.	Sport Manawatū Sport Whanganui	Short Term
	Ensure any developments are adaptable and resilient to climate change and maximise sustainability principles.	All PSG Organisations	Ongoing
	Work with existing sports clubs to encourage the consolidation of sporting facilities, ensuring current spaces are optimised.	All PSG Organisations	Ongoing
Spaces and places development	Ensure any investment in spaces and places caters for a diverse participant base, through the application of this Plan's principles.	Sport Manawatū Sport Whanganui	Ongoing
	When developing public convenience strategies look for alignment and opportunities with play, recreation and sports developments.	All councils	Ongoing
	Allocate sports field space for traditional Māori games (such as ki o rahi)	All councils	Ongoing
	Develop a Regional Indoor Courts Network Plan using guidance from the National Indoor Sport and Active Recreation Facilities Strategy	Sport Manawatū Sport Whanganui	Short term
	Advocate that for any new or upgraded walking trails developed, they allow for accessibility where practical.	Sport Manawatū Sport Whanganui	Ongoing
Accessibility	Any investment in change rooms needs to address all genders' needs, in line with Sport NZ's guidance on gender-neutral change spaces.	Sport Manawatū Sport Whanganui	Ongoing

Opportunity	Recommendation	Responsibility	Timeframe
	Regional Enabling Recommendations	The lead organisation/s who oversee the recommendation	(Short 1-3 years, Medium 4-9 years, Long 10 years plus, Ongoing)
	Consider the development of spaces that incorporate natural elements for imaginative, self-determined age-appropriate play. This could be when developing new infrastructure or upgrading existing spaces and places.	All councils	Ongoing
Informal Play and Recreation	Place playgrounds near complementary natural elements to maximise self-initiated, imaginative environmental play.	All councils	Ongoing
	Incorporate wider recreation and play infrastructure when upgrading or developing new sporting facilities (such as walking trails, basketball ½ courts, pump tracks and fitness trails). This will broaden the appeal of these spaces and places and offer low-cost options to participate.	All councils	Ongoing
	Process Recommendations		
	Organisations endorse this plan and integrate the decision-making framework into decisions about play, active recreation and sports facilities.	All PSG Organisations	Short term
	This plan is referred to as He rā ki tua - Horizons Region Spaces & Places Plan for Sport and Recreation.	All PSG Organisations	Ongoing
	Establish Te Pae Whenua ki te Raki - Horizons North Steering Group, including iwi, councils, Sport Whanganui and community funders that oversees concepts and can look for collaborative opportunities and connections with other projects.	Sport Whanganui	Short term
	Establish Te Paewhenua ki te Tonga - Horizons South Steering Group, including iwi, councils, Sport Manawatū and community funders that oversees concepts and can look for collaborative opportunities and connections with other projects.	Sport Manawatū	Short term
	Coordination of the Steering Groups is to be overseen by Sport Manawatū and Sport Whanganui.	Sport Manawatū Sport Whanganui	Short term
	Endorse the proposed decision-making process when considering project concepts and existing planned projects that are seeking further investment. Assess currently proposed actions using the decision-making process.	All PSG Organisations	Ongoing
	Promote the services of each RST as Spaces and Places Navigators available to help community groups.	Sport Manawatū Sport Whanganui	Short term
	Each participating council updates the Sport NZ Facility Planning tool on a bi-annual basis, to ensure there is an up-to-date central facility inventory for the region.	All councils	Ongoing
	Review this Plan in 3-4 years' time, with a focus on across-boundary collaboration	Sport Manawatū Sport Whanganui	Medium term

3 Regional Roles and Responsibilities

The following section outlines the proposed roles that can enhance the support and decision-making for project initiatives. It is proposed that there is a spaces and places steering group that is formed to help guide those who table project initiatives/concepts. Each RST can also play a role in assisting project groups in navigating through the decision-making processes required.

3.1 Regional Steering Groups

Horizons North and South Spaces and Places Steering Groups are formed that would include Iwi, territorial authorities, Horizons Regional Council, Funders, Sport Whanganui, Sport Manawātū. These Steering Groups could be an adjunct to the already established regional Chief Executives forum.

Steering group support is coordinated by Sport Whanganui and Sport Manawātū. It is proposed that these groups be made up of senior officials, with subject matter expertise provided by appropriate people within each organisation, on a project-by-project basis. Each Steering Group would have a memorandum of understanding outlining the agreed responsibilities and way of working together.

It is recommended the Steering Groups are initiated to consider projects based on advice from subject matter experts from within the participating groups, utilising the principles and criteria of this plan to guide decisions on whether to proceed or not.

3.2 Spaces and Places Navigator

Each RST in the Horizons Region actively provides support to those who wish to progress spaces and places concepts. Each RST would assign a person (for the purposes of this Plan the role is called a Spaces and Places Navigator) to work alongside groups to help them understand the process and requirements.

The Spaces and Places Navigator also has a role to play in testing concepts against the principles of this Plan as well as looking for connections and opportunities that may not initially be apparent for those proposing an idea.

3.3 Subject Matter Experts

Each organisation has the opportunity to use internal (or external) subject matter experts (SMEs) to assess any concept against the principles and criteria of this plan. The RST Spaces and Places Navigator can coordinate the required SMEs.

SMEs play a critical role in providing advice and recommendations to the Steering Group.

3.4 Project Working Group

A project working group can be formed for each relevant project, facilitated by the Spaces and Places Navigator and is based on the project or concept being assessed. Relevant subject matter experts would come together to progress advice and recommendations for the Regional Steering Group to consider.

3.5 Independent Assessments

Where deemed appropriate by the Steering Group, an independent assessment of a concept may be required to determine whether to proceed or not. Spaces and Planning Assessments are undertaken to ensure that proposed concepts are well thought through and generally fall into the following categories: Needs Assessment, Feasibility Study, and Business Case.



4 Council Area Summaries and Recommendations
 4.1 Te Pae Whenua ki te Raki - Horizons North

Whanganui District



Te Pae Whenua ki te Raki
- Horizons North

Community Profile



48,954

Current population 48,954².
 8% growth or over 4000 people expected by 2034.



Increasing ethnic diversity. The populations of those identifying as Māori, Asian and Pacific People are both expected to increase in the 12 years to 2034.

Participation Snapshot³



46%

Walking for sport or leisure



23%

Jogging/ running



13%

Gardening



22%

Playing Games



15%

Individual workout

Key Participation Facts

- Activities which are undertaken individually or on a casual basis are more popular than traditional team sports.
- Most sport and active recreation activities which require high-cost facilities⁴ such as field and court sports fall outside the top 20 most popular activities.
- 31% of the population of Whanganui District is inactive.
- Tamariki (aged 5-11) are more active in 10 of their 20 expected activities than the national average for tamariki.
- Rangatahi (aged 12-17) are more active in 10 of their 20 expected activities than the national average for tamariki.

² Whanganui demographic data source: Infometrics high growth scenario.

³ Activity and participation data sourced from Sport NZ Insights Tool.

⁴ Such as sports fields, indoor/outdoor courts, greens, aquatic centres, specialist surfaces.

Whanganui District Issues and Opportunities

Based on expected population growth and participation patterns, focus on re-purposing, upgrading, and sharing of facilities rather than building new ones.

A more diverse offering of spaces and places is required. Consider the needs of female, gender diverse and older participants.

The district is well served with sport and recreation facilities for a population of its size, although some are not fit for purpose and do not justify the cost charged for them.

Te awa offers multiple cultural and recreational opportunities.

Great environment for outdoor recreation, but potentially not leveraged as well as it could be.

The level of maintenance of the sports grounds is generally poor.

There is pressure on facilities at peak times that could be alleviated by increased promotion/activation of off-peak times.

Proposed Actions

Complete the Implementation Plan to support the delivery of the Whanganui Open Spaces and Physical Activity Strategy.

Investigate the adequacy of the current field maintenance contracts to align with the national guidelines.

In partnership with Nga Tangata Tiaki o Whanganui, consider developing protocol for recreational use of Te Awa.

Investigate the network of off-road cycling trails and create better connections.

Support Whanganui District Council to investigate the community need for aquatic provisions in the district.



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Rangitikei District



Community Profile



16,182

Current population 16,182.
28% population growth (4,500 people) expected⁵.



Most population growth expected in the 0-14 and 65 plus age groups (approximately 1,600 in each group).
Increasing ethnic diversity. The populations of those identifying as Asian and Pacific are both expected to increase by 146% while the population of those identifying as Māori is expected to increase by 74%.

Participation Snapshot⁶



46%

Walking for sport or leisure



24%

Jogging/ running



18%

Gardening



16%

Playing Games



15%

Individual workout

Key Participation Facts

- Activities which are undertaken individually or on a casual basis are more popular than traditional team sports.
- Most sport and active recreation activities which require high-cost facilities⁷ such as field and court sports fall outside the top 20 most popular activities.
- 31% of the population of the Rangitikei District is inactive.
- Tamariki (aged 5-11) are more active in 9 of their 20 expected activities than the national average for tamariki, and less active in 2.
- Rangatahi (aged 12-17) are more active in 9 of their 20 expected activities compared to the national average for rangatahi, but less active in 6.

⁵ All population projections are to 2053, source Infometrics high projections, January 2023.

⁶ Activity and participation information sourced from Sport NZ Insights tool.

⁷ Such as sports fields, indoor/outdoor courts, greens, aquatic centres, specialist surfaces.

Rangitikei District Issues and Opportunities

Based on expected population growth and participation patterns, focus on re-purposing, upgrading, and sharing of facilities.

A more diverse offering of spaces and places is required. Consider the needs of female, gender diverse and older participants in any developments or upgrades.

The district is well served with sport and recreation facilities for a population of its size, although some are not fit for purpose.

The draft local spaces and places plan can drive key recommendations.

Prioritising the maintenance and activation of existing facilities will meet many of the needs of participants in the district at a reasonable cost.

Proposed Actions

RDC in partnership with Sport Whanganui to consider introducing more activation opportunities to encourage community use of existing assets.

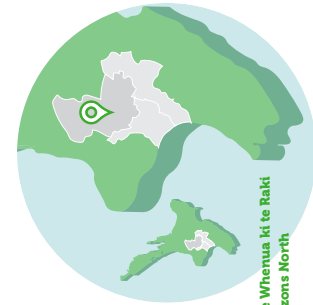
Completion of the Taihape multi-purpose amenities building (hub and playing surfaces/courts).

Prioritise the maintenance of existing facilities.



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Ruapehu District



Te Pee Whenua ki te Rakitī
- Horizons North

Community Profile



13,123

Current population 13,123⁸. Moderate (12%) population growth (1,500 people) expected⁹.



Most population growth (44%, 1,100 people) expected in the 65 plus age group. The younger age groups (0-14 years and 15-39 years) are expected to experience very low growth or declines in population.

Increasing ethnic diversity. The population of those identifying as Asian, Pacific People and Māori are expected to increase by 68%, 83% and 30% respectively.

Participation Snapshot



46%

Walking for sport or leisure



25%

Jogging/ running



18%

Gardening



17%

Playing Games



15%

Individual workout

Key Participation Facts

- Activities which are undertaken individually or on a casual basis are more popular than traditional team sports.
- Most sport and active recreation activities which require high-cost facilities¹⁰ such as field and court sports fall outside the top 20 most popular activities.
- 30% of the population of the Ruapehu District is inactive.
- Tamariki (aged 5-11) are more active in 13 of their 20 expected activities than the national average for tamariki.
- Rangatahi (aged 12-17) are more active in 12 of their 20 expected activities compared to the national average for rangatahi, but less active in 5.

⁸ Demographic data sourced from Infometrics high projections January 2023.

⁹ All population projections are to 2053.

¹⁰ Such as sports fields, indoor/outdoor courts, greens, aquatic centres, specialist surfaces.

Ruapehu District Issues and Opportunities

Based on expected population growth and participation patterns, focus on re-purposing, upgrading, and sharing of facilities rather than building new ones.

A more diverse offering of spaces and places is required. Consider the needs of female, gender diverse and older participants.

The district is well served with sport and recreation facilities for a population of its size, although some are not fit-for-purpose.

Enhancing existing facilities through maintenance and activation is key to meet the needs of the population of the Ruapehu District.

Proposed Actions

Undertake business case for the redevelopment of the Raetihi Pool.

Engage with Ohakune community to progress the redevelopment of Ohakune Pool.

Investigate potential infrastructure developments at Taumarunui Domain.

- o Address the indoor recreational centre requirements in Taumarunui.
- o Address issues with Taumarunui grandstand.
- o Maintain Taumarunui pools to meet needs of local community.

Investigate the development of cycleways connecting towns and strategic places.

Investigate extension of the Timber Trail from Ōngārue through to Taumarunui.

Finalise development of Waiouru playground.

Consider development of simple pocket playgrounds with natural elements.



4.2 Te Paewhenua ki te Tonga - Horizons South

Horowhenua District

Community Profile



Te Paewhenua ki te Tonga - Horizons South



38,431

Current population 38,431. Significant (63%) population growth (over 24,000 people) is expected by 2040¹¹.



Population growth is expected in all age groups. By 2040/41 the population of the Horowhenua district is projected to be fairly evenly spread across age groups.

Participation Snapshot¹²



47%

Walking for sport or leisure



24%

Jogging/ running



17%

Gardening



17%

Playing Games



17%

Individual workout

Key Participation Facts

- Activities which are undertaken individually or on a casual basis are more popular than traditional team sports.
- Most sport and active recreation activities which require high-cost facilities¹³ such as field and court sports fall outside the top 20 most popular activities.
- 33% of the population of the Horowhenua District is inactive.
- Tamariki (aged 5-11) are more active in 6 of their 20 expected activities than the national average for tamariki.
- Rangatahi (aged 12-17) are more active in 5 of their 20 expected activities compared to the national average for rangatahi.

¹¹ Population projections for Horowhenua are to 2040/41. Data sourced from Sense Partner Projections, 95 percentile.

¹² Activity and participation information sourced from Sport NZ Insights Tool.

¹³ Such as sports fields, indoor/outdoor courts, greens, aquatic centres, specialist surfaces.

Horowhenua District Issues and Opportunities

Based on expected population growth and participation patterns, focus on re-purposing, upgrading, and sharing of facilities rather than building new ones.

A more diverse offering of spaces and places is required. Consider the needs of female, gender diverse and older participants.

The impact projected population increases will have on existing resources was identified as both an issue and an opportunity.

The willingness of clubs to work together and share resources was seen as a key opportunity in the district.

Proposed Actions

Investigate the demand for indoor court space to retain and grow participation.

Consideration of long-term development options for Levin Aquatic Centre given population growth and the pressures on this facility (hub concepts).

Investigate the recreational potential at the Foxton River Loop.

Consider the participation trends of sporting codes in Foxton and whether a network delivery approach for sporting delivery will meet the needs of the community.

Commence initial stage 1 upgrade at Manakau Domain and work with the community around future delivery, utilising "Better off" funding.

Consider the concept plan for Donnelly Park to address cross code pressures. Define and implement in a staged approach.

Progress the implementation of the Shared Pathway Strategy.

Consider approaches to address pressure being placed on local grounds by out-of-town teams being forced north and south.

Consider development of neighbourhood pocket parks incorporating natural elements, simple skate ramps and basketball hoops.



Manawatū District



Community Profile



34,345

Current population 34,345. Moderate (39%) population growth (nearly 13,500 people) expected¹⁴.



33% of population growth (4,500 people) expected in those aged 65 years or over. Increasing ethnic diversity. The populations of those identifying as Asian, Pacific People and Māori are expected to increase by 151%, 149% and 96% respectively.

Participation Snapshot¹⁵



48%

Walking for sport or leisure



27%

Jogging/ running



18%

Gardening



20%

Playing Games



19%

Individual workout

Key Participation Facts

- Activities which are undertaken individually or on a casual basis are more popular than traditional team sports.
- Most sport and active recreation activities which require high-cost facilities¹⁶ such as field and court sports fall outside the top 20 most popular activities.
- 31% of the population of the Manawatū District is inactive.
- Tamariki (aged 5-11) are more active in 5 of their 20 expected activities than the national average for tamariki and less active in 3.
- Rangatahi (aged 12-17) are more active in 6 of their 20 expected activities compared to the national average for rangatahi, and less active in 1.

¹⁴All population projections are to 2033. Demographic data sourced from Infometrics High Projections, January 2023.

¹⁵ Activity and participation information sourced from Sport NZ Insights tool.

¹⁶ Such as sports fields, indoor/outdoor courts, greens, aquatic centres, specialist surfaces.

Manawatū District Issues and Opportunities

Based on expected population growth and participation patterns, focus on re-purposing, upgrading, and sharing of facilities rather than building new ones.

A more diverse offering of spaces and places is required. Consider the needs of female, gender diverse and older participants.

The Manawatū District is reasonably well catered for with sport and recreation facilities although there are a number of ageing facilities.

Inaccessibility to Manfeild as a local resource is an identified issue.

Declining membership in some key team sports needs to be considered in any requests for investment.

Drawing on the strengths of Council and School Partnerships to address network facility gaps across the district.

Proposed Actions

Consider the development of a dedicated youth space.

Complete investigations for additional indoor court space for local use.

Consider provision of a larger/affordable/fit for purpose facility for Feilding Gymnastics.

Optimise use of Manfield as a site for sport and active recreation for both local and regional use.

Investigate need for additional lighting to increase training capacity.

Investigate development of trails/pathways, including a loop around Feilding.

Consider need of hydrotherapy pool to meet the needs of the ageing population.

Enhance village play spaces by providing guidance to increase investment.

Allow for provision of unstructured play when developing playgrounds.



Palmerston North City

Community Profile



94,400

Current population 94,400. Moderate (24%) population growth (over 22,000 people) expected¹⁷.



30% of population growth in the 40–64-year age group. Lower growth in younger age groups. 52% of population growth (over 11,500 people) expected in those aged 65 years or over. Increasing ethnic diversity. The populations of those identifying as Asian, Pacific People and Māori are expected to increase by 97%, 69% and 65% respectively.



Participation Snapshot¹⁸



48%

Walking for sport or leisure



29%

Jogging/ running



16%

Gardening



19%

Playing Games



20%

Individual workout

Key Participation Facts

- Activities which are undertaken individually or on a casual basis are more popular than traditional team sports.
- Most sport and active recreation activities which require high-cost facilities¹⁹ such as field and court sports fall outside the top 20 most popular activities.
- 30% of the population of the population of Palmerston North City is inactive.
- Tamariki (aged 5-11) are more active in 9 of their 20 expected activities than the national average for tamariki and less active in 1.
- Rangatahi (aged 12-17) are more active in 5 of their 20 expected activities compared to the national average for rangatahi, and less active in 1.

¹⁷All population projections are to 2053. Demographic data sourced from Palmerston North City final population and household projections May 2023.

¹⁸ Activity and Participation information sourced from Sport NZ insights tool.

¹⁹ Such as sports fields, indoor/outdoor courts, greens, aquatic centres, specialist surfaces.

Palmerston North City Issues and Opportunities

- Based on expected population growth and participation patterns, focus on re-purposing, upgrading, and sharing of facilities rather than building new ones.
- A more diverse offering of spaces and places is required. Consider the needs of female, gender diverse and older participants.
- Lack of consistently available and affordable indoor space reported by many indoor court sports.
- High demand pressures on indoor aquatics space. No deep-water pool for activities such as water polo.
- Lack of consistent participation data to help inform decisions.
- Opportunities to promote partnerships and optimise existing relationships.
- Willingness of schools to make facilities available for community use.
- Attractive natural environments close to the city and existing parks.
- The facilities at Massey University compliment the network of community facilities in Palmerston North.

Proposed Actions

- Complete review of CET Arena Masterplan.
- Implement the recommendations of the Palmerston North City Aquatic Facilities and Water-based Recreation Needs Assessment.
- Proceed with community indoor sports facility study, including investigation of covered outdoor courts.
- Implement recommendations from the covered bowls facility feasibility study.
- Support Gymsports with planning for a gymnastics facility.
- Support the provision of an additional artificial turf.
- Consider enhancement of existing sports field network.
- Continue development of walkways/shared pathways.
- Continue development of cycle trails and supporting amenities like toilets and parking.
- Ensure recreational needs are considered in urban growth areas.
- Support provision of dedicated space for traditional Māori activities e.g. Ki o rahi.
- Proceed with Te Motu o Poutoa development to enhance recreational/cultural experiences.
- Consider further development of small pocket parks incorporating natural elements as well as simple skate ramps and basketball hoops.



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Tararua District



Community Profile



19,153

Current population 19,153. Moderate (17%) population growth (3,000 people) expected²⁰.



Declining population expected in the 15-39 age group and a small increase in 0-14-year age group. 76% of population growth (over 2,000 people) expected in those aged 65 years or over. Increasing ethnic diversity. The populations of those identifying as Asian, Pacific People and Māori are expected to increase by 91%, 75% and 67% respectively.

Participation Snapshot²¹



47%
Walking for sport or leisure



27%
Jogging/ running



17%
Gardening



20%
Playing Games



19%
Individual workout

Key Participation Facts

- Activities which are undertaken individually or on a casual basis are more popular than traditional team sports.
- Most sport and active recreation activities which require high-cost facilities²² such as field and court sports fall outside the top 20 most popular activities.
- 32% of the population of the Tararua District is inactive.
- Tamariki (aged 5-11) are more active in 5 of their 20 expected activities than the national average for tamariki and less active in 2.
- Rangatahi (aged 12-17) are more active in 6 of their 20 expected activities compared to the national average for rangatahi, and less active in 1.

²⁰ All population projections are to 2053. Demographic data sourced from Infometrics high projections, January 2023.

²¹ Activity and participation information sourced from Sport NZ Insights tool.

²² Such as sports fields, indoor/outdoor courts, greens, aquatic centres, specialist surfaces.

Tararua District Issues and Opportunities

Based on expected population growth and participation patterns, focus on re-purposing, upgrading, and sharing of facilities rather than building new ones.

A more diverse offering of spaces and places is required. Consider the needs of female, gender diverse, older participants and people with disabilities.

Optimisation of existing facilities will keep costs down, ensure greater use of existing facilities, and reduce need for new facilities.

Some facilities are no longer fit-for-purpose as participation trends have changed over time.

School community partnerships are an opportunity to address duplication.

Declining numbers of volunteers.

Proposed Actions

Implement the recommendations from the Tararua Play, Active Recreation, and Sport Strategy.

Continue to support the philosophy of hubbing for community sport facilities.

Continue to support community pools to meet local needs.

Consider development of pocket parks incorporating natural elements to ensure equity and accessibility for all.

Identify opportunities for track/walkways/cycleways development.



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10.3 Roading Funding and Contract Updates

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Authoriser: Kevin Ross, Chief Executive

1. Low-Cost Low Risk (LCLR) Funding

- 1.1 LCLR funding is project specific funding for road improvements. Funding is allocated by NZTA based on Government funding priorities as set out in the Government Position Statement (GPS).
- 1.2 There was misalignment between the timing of funding submissions and the release of the 2024 GPS, so the projects we submitted had high level of alignment with the previous government’s GPS and were mainly safety related improvement projects.
- 1.3 On 3 September NZTA confirmed our 2024-27 National Land Transport Funding (NLTP) allocation which included our LCLR budget allocation.

Low Cost Low Risk (LCLR)	2024-27 Request	2024-27 Allocation at Adoption	Funding at NLTP
Local Road Improvements	\$12,857,707	\$300,000	

- 1.4 The approved amount is only enough to cover costs to complete the Turakina Valley Rd 3 Road Improvement Project. We are in discussion with NZTA regarding approval of 24/27 funds for several other projects that were committed but not completed at the time of the approval process, the value of these other projects is \$280,000.
- 1.5 We have been advised that the Transport Minister is considering approval of Resilience Improvement projects separately. For us this is a retreat on Taihape Napier Rd, bridge scour protection at Brandon Hall Rd and drainage improvements at Waka Rd and Toe Toe Rd. The value of these three projects is \$600,000.
- 1.6 If our other committed projects and the three Resilience projects still being assessed are approved, our allocation could rise to \$1,180,000.
- 1.7 All other projects submitted were not approved.
- 1.8 This is in line with the other 10 councils in our (NZTA) region. RDC and NPDC were the only councils to receive any funding for 2024-27 LCLR work, and this was only for projects that were committed during the previous funding cycle.
- 1.9 In the September 3 memo NZTA also advised that there will be a \$100M fund available for further resilience type projects during the 2024-27 NLTP period. At this stage we have not been advised on how to apply for this funding.
- 1.10 Staff will prioritise all declined projects and recommend any that should proceed ahead of future NLTP funding. If agreed by Council the cost of this work would need to be 100% funded by RDC, unless NZTA reviews their decision not to approve these projects they will not be subject to our Funding Assistance Rate (FAR) of 66%.

2. Road Maintenance Contract Term

- 2.1 The approved Roading Procurement Strategy prescribes a contract term for the next Road Maintenance contract of 5 years. This is made up of an initial 3 year term plus a single 2 year extension.
- 2.2 We have had several recent discussions around the contract term and we think that it would be more beneficial for RDC, NZTA, suppliers and our other stakeholders to request approval from NZTA to approve amendment of our Procurement Strategy to specify a longer contract term of 9 years. The revised term would be made up of the same initial 3 year term but with 3 x 2 year extensions.
- 2.3 The performance outcomes that we are specifying are linked to contract tenure and giving suppliers 3 x 2 year extensions is likely to encourage them to perform at a high level. A 2 year contract extension equates to substantial additional income and security of work so the incentives for the contractor are high with benefits to RDC also.
- 2.4 RDC will still have the option of not approving the extensions throughout the term and could also still terminate the contract at the original term if needed.
- 2.5 We have undertaken a Pros and Cons exercise to show our reasoning.

3+1+1 Term (5-yrs)		3+2+2+2 Term (9-yrs)	
Pros	Cons	Pros	Cons
Allows RDC to test the Contract Financial Model in shorter increments	Additional Procurement Cost	Longer term allows embedding of the model	Requires additional NZTA approval, (RDC Council has approved this in principle)
If RDC don't get the best outcomes can change earlier, although the 9 year term contract can be terminated after 3 years	RDC will be bound to re-tender in 5 years due to procurement rules regardless of how well the model operates	RDC can approve 3 x 2 year extensions based on performance. Can still terminate at the end of any period.	Could reduce competition in the area as suppliers out for longer
Can see what other LA's are doing and what good looks like	Reduced time to realise the benefits of the outcome-based model	Suppliers more likely to commit resources & innovation, feedback from suppliers is positive	
NZTA approved	Not enough time for suppliers to really commit and to invest	Less procurement costs	
Could increase competition if suppliers see opportunity		Most term maintenance contract are opting for 10 years (our current contract was 9 years)	

		Allows RDC more time to really develop in house capability and capacity	
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2.6 We have requested that NZTA endorse this change to our Procurement Strategy, if approved we will also need approval from council and will request as soon as we are able to do so.

3. Road Maintenance Contract – Procurement Time Frame

3.1 In August we submitted our Road Maintenance Contract Procurement Plan to NZTA who raised their concern regarding the exposure time that the Request for Proposal document had to the market. We had nominated a 4-week period with tenders closing on 29 November 2024. This time frame would have allowed us time to evaluate the responses and have a recommendation prepared for a council decision in December 2024.

3.2 After consideration we agreed with NZTA and extended this time frame to 6 weeks with tenders closing on 17 December 2024. The impact of this change is that the evaluation process will be delayed with the recommendation report being presented to Council on 27 February 2025.

3.3 We do not anticipate that the shortened establishment time will adversely affect the successful supplier.

3.4 Procurement Time Frames

Action	Initial Plan	Revised Plan
Registration of Interest Release	7-Oct-24	7-Oct-24
Registration of Interest Close	23-Oct-24	23-Oct-24
Registration of Interest Evaluations	25-Oct-24	25-Oct-24
Request for Proposal Calls	29-Oct-24	29-Oct-24
Request for Proposal Release	31-Oct-24	31-Oct-24
Request for Proposal Close	29-Nov-24	13-Dec-24
Request for Proposal Evaluations	3-Dec-24	17-Dec-24
Request for Proposal Workshops	5-Dec-24	12-Feb-25
Recommendation to Council	17-Dec-24	27-Feb-25
Contract Start	1-Jul-25	1-Jul-25

4. Financial Implications

4.1 The reduction of funding allocation from NZTA will reduce the revenue received during the first three years of the current LTP. The local share included in the approved LTP will still be available for roading activities without having any impact on the LTP budgets.

5. Impact on Strategic Risks

5.1 The condition of the RDC roading network will deteriorate due to the cut in funding. This could have a long-term impact on strategic risks.

6. Strategic Alignment

6.1 There is no impact on Strategic alignment

7. Mana Whenua Implications

7.1 There is no impact on Mana Whenua

8. Climate Change Impacts and Consideration

8.1 There is no impact on climate change.

9. Statutory Implications

9.1 There are no statutory impacts.

Recommendation 1

That the report 'Roading Funding and Contract Updates' be received.

Recommendation 2

That Council request staff to prioritise all work planned for the Low-Cost Low Risk activities and to present to Council what work are proposed to be completed with the local share funding still available in the current LTP budget.

Recommendation 3

That Council approves an extension of the contract term for the new Road Maintenance contract from 5 to 9 years.

11 Reports for Information

11.1 Project Updates Report - September 2024

Author: Arno Benadie, Chief Operating Officer

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1. Reason for Report

1.1 This is a monthly report on progress on 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 attachment (Attachment 1) 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. Key Highlights from Current Projects

Wastewater Projects

3.1 Marton to Bulls Wastewater Centralisation (Project Manager – Steve Carne)

3.1.1 Having started out with a list of 45 possible options and having initially reduced these to a long list of 14 treatment/effluent disposal options, these 14 options have now been assessed against the agreed criteria of Affordability, Cultural, Environmental Impacts and Futureproofing.

3.1.2 A shortlist of 5 options have been identified involving disposal scenarios related to land only, land-river combination and deep bore groundwater recharge options.

3.1.3 Different levels of treatment are required for each disposal regime.

3.1.4 These 5 shortlisted options will be refined over the next 2-3 weeks with some value engineering considerations before each undergoing detailed assessment in the following 3 -6 months.

3.1.5 Value engineering inputs will consider, amongst other things, demand management scenarios involving inflow/infiltration reduction

3.1.6 Iwi representatives sat on the assessment teams for the Affordability and Environmental Impacts criteria.

- 3.1.7 Retaining some treatment capability through the existing but refurbished oxidation ponds at each of the Bulls and Marton sites and a single new combined treatment plant located on Council-purchased land near Bulls is a key consideration for most of the short-listed options.
- 3.1.8 Identification of a preferred option is programmed for mid-2025.
- 3.1.9 A community awareness and engagement campaign is currently being formulated which will have preparatory information released pre-Christmas and advice to the community of the shortlisted options in February 2025.
- 3.1.10 The likely project impacts of proposed Central-government-driven changes to wastewater discharge standards and Te Mana O Te Wai principles are constantly being monitored for their likely impact on the key project outcomes.

3.2 Rātana Wastewater Discharge to Land (Project Manager – Blair King)

3.2.1 Public submissions on the proposed Ratana Wastewater to Land resource consent applications closed 2 September. Three submissions received with the summary below from our lead Planner. Construction of the access track and pipeline is recommended this construction season, along with detailed design and application for building consent on the proposed 30,000m3 lined storage pond. Contractors are advising there is a shortage of approved works so this should enable us to get sharper pricing than if we leave construction till after January when more work will be available in the market.

3.2.2 Submissions:

Rakautaua 9 Ahu Whenua Trust – Partial Support

- Support removal of the WWTP discharge from the Lake
- Concerned about impacts on their property and beach and whether or not would impact on future vision for the property.
- Concerned re lack of engagement.

John Bent – Oppose

- Opposes all direct and indirect discharges to water.
- Support RDC looking to discharge WW to land.
- Seeks compliance with Policy 5-11 of the One Plan if necessary
- Concerned re I&I and quality of data
- Notes some specifics about various reports, (gabion baskets, inlet screen)
- Seeks that fill for the proposed storage pond be sourced from construction of a treatment wetland swale
- Seeks year round deficit irrigation, considers that provision for offsite discharge is necessary
- Seeking more specificity re tree species
- Seeking cut and carry system, or intermittent grazing
- Conditions regarding flushing of irrigation pipes

Water Protection Society – Oppose

- Commends RDC for proposing to remove WW discharge from Lake Waipu
- Considers application lacks detail in relation to description of the land and management of the system
- Considers that nutrient load reaching GW may be under estimated
- Notes non-deficit irrigation increases risk of effects on GW
- Lack of clarity re ameliorative actions if adverse effects are picked up
- Considers information is lacking
- Doesn't meet 104D gateway tests
- No quantification of leakage from treatment ponds
- No measures to decrease WW inflow
- Opposes, but open to discussion to obtain clarification and improvement

3.2.3 It is proposed that the WSP Planning team and experts meet with these submitters to see if some or all of the concerns can be addressed without adding new conditions to what is already an expensive project for the District.

3.3 Taihape Wastewater Treatment Plant Membrane Upgrade (Project Manager – Blair King)

3.3.1 Effectively the upgrade has reached practical completion except for commissioning challenges. The most significant of these relates to significant stormwater infiltration into the wastewater system from the rainfall over the last month. Wastewater daily pond inflows are exceeding the capacity of the upgraded membrane treatment system which is resulting in some flow bypassing the plant.

3.3.2 This flow rate above design capacity is making it challenging for the contractor to finalise settings across the membrane cartridges, necessary to optimise the frequency of backwashing and duration of the backwash. A CCTV camera has been installed to monitor the chemically enhanced backwash cycle, as the foaming occurring needs resolving.

3.3.3 Training will be provided on the new system and settings to Councils operational team and the contractor is taking survey gear to site later in September to complete the as-built plans needed.

Water Projects

3.4 Marton Water Strategy (Project Manager - Eswar Ganapathi)

3.4.1 The trial pilot plant has been in operation for about 4 months now and the initial test results have been positive in the proposed process' ability to reduce hardness, the main treatment concern. Problems with recent tests that were hampered by turbidity problems caused by iron and manganese oxides in the feed pipes have been overcome.

3.4.2 Based on the results of testing thus far, some pre-treatment to reduce iron and manganese levels will be required in the new process. Technologies and options for this are now being incorporated into the pilot plant trials.

- 3.4.3 A trial with different enhanced membranes is showing very encouraging results for reduction in hardness levels and also removal of iron and manganese without a pre-treatment process. This new membrane trial is on-going.
- 3.4.4 The pilot plant has thus far been testing only water from the older Tutaenui bore. It will be soon swapped over to test for the new reservoir Bore supply.
- 3.4.5 Useful operational data to enable reliable estimates of operational costs related to power and membrane cleaning are being developed as part of the pilot trial process.
- 3.4.6 It was previously proposed that to best manage the community's perception in the change in taste of the water from the existing reservoir to the groundwater source, the changeover from one source to another be done gradually over a 6-9 month period so that the change is less noticeable. This may not be required given the indicative performance of the new membranes.
- 3.4.7 It is envisaged that the new source and treatment process train will not become operable until April- May 2025.
- 3.4.8 The proposed process generates a significant quantity of backwash and waste water, significantly more than the current treatment process. How this waste process stream should best be handled is currently a key focus for the project team. Some treatment of this waste stream using the existing clarifiers and filters before discharge may be required.
- 3.4.9 Discharge options are being considered and may involve irrigation supply for local farmers or return of the treated waste stream to the reservoir.
- 3.4.10 Membrane procurement and fabrication will only commence once Council staff are fully satisfied with the results from the trial plant.
- 3.4.11 Electrical contractors are working closely with PowerCo on our requirement for new transformers. Main switchboard and generator have been procured.
- 3.4.12 Consent application for the water take was lodged on 15 July 2024. Horizons had responded with a request for additional information on 5th Aug 2025. Staff are currently working on responding to this request.
- 3.4.13 GFS is currently preparing a project design document that will include proposed product warranties along with system performance guarantees. This will be presented to the Council before placing orders for the membranes.

Community Facilities

3.5 Marton Offices and Library (Project Manager - Eswar Ganapathi)

- 3.5.1 Staff have engaged an architectural firm to run workshops with key stakeholders (Governance reps, ELT & Staff representatives) to identify and agree upon the key deliverables for the project. These workshops have now been completed and a Project Scope Document has been prepared.
- 3.5.2 Staff are in the process of appointing an external consultant to oversee the tender process to identify a design & build contractor.
- 3.5.3 Both Archaeology and soil contamination surveys have confirmed there are no restrictions to remove or demolish the residence on 55 Grey street. Once the

house has been removed, staff will then need to undertake a detailed asbestos survey along with further investigations to determine the extent of soil contamination.

3.5.4 As for the underground tanks, a detailed investigation needs to be carried out to fully access the possibility of the tank’s existence. This will need to be done during the site excavation works for the new build.

3.5.5 Staff are scheduled to visit Ruapehu DC’s CPEMC on 9th Oct 2024.

3.6 Taihape Grandstand (Project Manager - Eswar Ganapathi)

3.6.1 Staff have received 3 seismic strengthening design options along with indicative costs. These costs, however, need to be vetted by a qualified QS.

3.6.2 Staff have forwarded the required information to the QS for preparing preliminary cost estimates for all three design options. Staff anticipate these costings to be ready sometime mid Oct 2024.

3.7 Taihape Town Hall and Library Redevelopment (Project Manager - Eswar Ganapathi)

3.7.1 Maycroft have visited the site for a preliminary inspection and have since reverted with a list of proposed intrusive investigations on site.

3.7.2 The investigations include the following:

1. Trial pit outside the main entrance to understand size and depth of existing foundations. These pits shall then be properly hoarded until such time the pit is refilled and pavers fixed back.
2. Trial pit within the building to expose the foundation to concrete piles
3. Remove wall linings to expose brickwork
4. Cut hole in the first floor to expose roof and brickwork
5. Peel back carpet and cut out floor boards to reveal joist connections to existing walls
6. Cut holes in ground floor ceiling to expose support structure to seatings.
7. Asbestos sampling of subfloor materials
8. Cut hole or remove ceiling panel to expose hall roof structure.

3.7.3 These tests are scheduled to be conducted during the week starting 16 Sep 2024.

3.7.4 Key milestone dates from the preliminary program have been extracted below

Site Investigations	20 Sep 2024
Initial report on seismic condition	18 Oct 2024
Condition report – Building Fabric	
Condition report – Building services	

Accessibility and Fire safety report	
Detailed Seismic Assessment	31 Oct 2024
Prepare initial scope document for RDC review	15 Nov 2024
Budget estimate for Seismic upgrade including building and services upgrade	20 Dec 2024
RDC review of budget estimate (Hold Point)	27 Jan 2025

3.7.5 Staff have provided the User Group with an update on 12th Sep 2024, with regards to the scheduled site investigations.

3.8 Marton Swim Centre Structural Remediation

3.8.1 The Marton Pool facility experienced the failure of one of the structural laminated beams. Progress to date as well as possible options for the future of the facility has been captured in a separate detailed paper to Council at this 26 September Council meeting.

4. Miscellaneous

4.1 Scotts Ferry

4.1.1 Due to the current storm water pump available at Scotts Ferry, the only option available to power the pump is to make use of a tractor.

4.1.2 Council discussed this option with the Scotts Ferry residents and with the Scotts Ferry Fire Fighting group and was received favourably.

4.1.3 Council will purchase a tractor dedicated to this function and managed by the Scotts Ferry Fire Fighting Group.

4.1.4 Work is currently underway to create a draft MOU with all affected parties. The MOU will describe which party will be responsible for what activities and costs and how the use of the new equipment will be managed.

4.2 Taihape Hautapu Bridges (Project Manager – Pio Rowe)

4.2.1 Due to the weather conditions, construction has slowed down. For now, the construction team have been clearing the areas around the bridges and preparing the timber. Once the weather clears the construction team will resume building the bridges

Attachments:

- 1. **Project Updates - September** [↓](#)

Recommendation

That the ‘Project Updates Report – September 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 (August Update)
Wastewater Marton to Bulls 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.	Steve Carne	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	\$25,000,000.00	\$12,389,004.03	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.	Having started out with a list of 45 possible options and having initially reduced these to a long list of 14 treatment/effluent disposal options, these 14 options have now been assessed against the agreed criteria of Affordability, Cultural, Environmental Impacts and Futureproofing. A shortlist of 5 options have been identified involving disposal scenarios related to land only, land-river combination and deep bore groundwater recharge options. Different levels of treatment are required for each disposal regime. These 5 shortlisted options will be refined over the next 2-3 weeks with some value engineering considerations before each undergoing detailed assessment in the following 3-6 months. Value engineering inputs will consider, amongst other things, demand management scenarios involving inflow/infiltration reduction Iwi representatives sat on the assessment teams for the Affordability and Environmental Impacts criteria. Retaining some treatment capability through the existing but refurbished oxidation ponds at each of the Bulls and Marton sites and a single new combined treatment plant located on Council-purchased land near Bulls is a key consideration for
Rātana Wastewater discharge to land	This project is a collaborative effort involving local iwi, RDC, HRC and the community of Rātana, 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. Unknow 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.	\$6,532,000.00	\$1,283,305.47	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.	Public submissions on the proposed Rātana Wastewater to Land resource consent applications closed 2 September. Three submissions received with the summary below from our lead Planner. Construction of the access track and pipeline is recommended this construction season, along with detailed design and application for building consent on the proposed 30,000m ³ lined storage pond. Contractors are advising there is a shortage of approved works so this should enable us to get sharper pricing than if we leave construction till after January when more works will be in the market. Submissions: Rakautaua 9 Ahu Whenua Trust – Partial Support •Support removal of the WWTP discharge from the Lake •Concerned about impacts on their property and beach and whether or not would impact on future vision for the property •Concerned re lack of engagement John Bent – Oppose •Opposes all direct and indirect discharges to water •Support RDC looking to discharge WW to land •Seeks compliance with Policy 5-11 of the One Plan if necessary
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	Dec-23	Aug-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.	\$1,139,337.00	\$1,070,756.02	Irregular meetings and email updates with iwi.	Most of the work required for the Membrane replacement has been completed.	Effectively the upgrade has reached practical completion except for commissioning challenges. The most significant of these relates to significant stormwater infiltration into the wastewater system from the rainfall over the last month. Wastewater daily pond inflows are exceeding the capacity of the upgraded membrane treatment system which is resulting in some flow bypassing the plant. This flow rate above design capacity is making it challenging for the contractor to finalise settings across the membrane cartridges, necessary to optimise the frequency of backwashing and duration of the backwash. A CCTV camera has been installed to monitor the chemically enhanced backwash cycle, as the foaming occurring needs resolving. Training will be provided on the new system and settings to Councils operational team and the contractor is taking survey gear to site later in September to complete the as-built plans needed.

Water (Drinking)												
Marton Water Strategy	<p>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:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Construction of new raw water bore - Design of treatment plant refurbishment and consenting - Upgrades to existing treatment plant <p>Once all the project is completed, Marton will be provided with pleasant tasting and smelling potable water that meets the NZ Drinking Water Standards.</p> <p>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 Tutaeui Stream. All work is expected to be completed by the end of 2024.</p>	Jun-22	Dec-24	No concerns to date.	Completion is expected in late 2024 - mid 2025.	Further scope components need to be specified before a final total project budget can be confirmed.	No concerns to date.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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 	\$11,000,000.00	\$2,517,761.49	Initial discussion held with iwi, who are supportive of this alternative water source. Waiting for	<p>BORE only - Physical works complete, practical completion issued, and Assessment of Environmental Effects report received.</p> <p>247m of 406.4mm OD production bore casing currently situated at the Wanganui Well-drillers year, Wangnnui - surplus to requirements and fully paid by RDC</p> <p>The trial pilot plant has been in operation for about 4 months now and the initial test results have been positive in the proposed process' ability to reduce hardness, the main treatment concern. Problems with recent tests that were hampered by turbidity problems caused by iron and manganese oxides in the feed pipes have been overcome. Based on the results of testing thus far, some pre-treatment to reduce iron and manganese levels will be required in the new process. Technologies and options for this are now being incorporated into the pilot plant trials. A trial with different enhanced membranes is showing very encouraging results for reduction in hardness levels and also removal of iron and manganese without a pre-treatment process. This new membrane trial is on-going. The pilot plant has thus far been testing only water from the older Tutaeui bore. It will be soon swapped over to test for the new reservoir Bore supply. Useful operational data to enable reliable estimates of operational costs related to power and membrane cleaning are being developed as part of the pilot trial process. It was previously proposed that to best manage the community's perception in the change in taste of the water from the existing reservoir to the groundwater source, the changeover from one source to another be done gradually over a 6-9 month period so that the change is less noticeable. This may not be required given</p>
Storm Water												
Scotts Ferry Pump	Automation of existing stormwater pump at Amon drain, Scotts Ferry.	Nov-20	unknow	No concerns to date	Slow progress, completion expected by May 2024.	No concerns to date	No concerns to date	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Costs have been approved, there is always a risk of cost overruns. 2. Delays to the timeframes due to bad weather. 3. Ownership of pump and land 	\$298,424.11	\$105,665.59	No interest	<p>All Downs constructed the Generator building, and Generator installed onsite. Construction is currently "on hold" for RDC concerns and automation issues</p> <p>Due to the current storm water pump available at Scotts Ferry, the only option available to power the pump is to make use of a tractor. Council discussed this option with the Scotts Ferry residents and with the Scotts Ferry Fire Fighting group and was received favourably. Council will purchase a tractor dedicated to this function and managed by the Scotts Ferry Fire Fighting Group. Work is currently underway to create a draft MOU with all affected parties. The MOU will describe which party will be responsible for what activities and costs and how the use of the new equipment will be managed.</p>

Community Facilities													
<p>Taihape Grandstand Restoration</p>	<p>The scope of this project is the detailed design of the endorsed strengthening concept design for the Taihape Grandstand. Design has been completed for the strengthening of the Grandstand. \$1m was allowed for the Grandstand in the 2021 LTP. Current projections of project costs are estimated to be well above committed budget. Therefore, additional funding will have to be secured or alternative options for strengthening will need to be considered.</p>	<p>Oct-20</p>	<p>unknown</p>	<p>No concerns to date</p>	<p>Project scope has not yet been confirmed</p>	<p>\$1m budget for the Grandstand with costs estimates over \$2m.</p>	<p>Project scope has not yet been confirmed</p>	<p>Project scope has not yet been confirmed</p>	<p>\$1,000,000.00</p>	<p>\$269,123.10</p>	<p>Important to engage with Ngāti Tamakopiri.</p>	<p>Report to Council in September outlining project costings and strengthening design. Grandstand has been listed as heritage building.</p>	<p>Staff have received 3 seismic strengthening design options along with indicative costs. These costs, however, need to be vetted by a qualified QS. Staff have forwarded the required information to the QS for preparing preliminary cost estimates for all three design options. Staff anticipate these costings to be ready sometime mid Oct 2024.</p>
<p>Marton New Offices and Library</p>	<p>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.</p>	<p>TBC</p>	<p>TBC</p>						<p>\$19,000,000.00</p>	<p>\$98,473.47</p>	<p>Staff have and will continue to engage with iwi.</p>	<p>Decision to move forward with a new Marton Office and Library at 46 High Street was made by Council in December 2023.</p>	<p>Staff have engaged an architectural firm to run workshops with key stakeholders (Governance reps, ELT & Staff representatives) to identify and agree upon the key deliverables for the project. These workshops have now been completed and a Project Scope Document has been prepared. Staff are in the process of appointing an external consultant to oversee the tender process to identify a design & build contractor. Both Archaeology and soil contamination surveys have confirmed there are no restrictions to remove or demolish the residence on 55 Grey street. Once the house has been removed, staff will then need to undertake a detailed asbestos survey along with further investigations to determine the extent of soil contamination. As for the underground tanks, a detailed investigation needs to be carried out to fully access the possibility of the tank's existence. This will need to be done during the site excavation works for the new build. Staff are scheduled to visit Ruapehu DC's CPEMC on 9th Oct 2024.</p>
<p>Taihape Town Hall and Library Redevelopment</p>	<p>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.</p>	<p>2024</p>	<p>Dec-27</p>	<p>No concerns to date.</p>	<p>No concerns to date.</p>	<p>No concerns to date.</p>	<p>No concerns to date.</p>	<p>1. Long design process 2. Cost overruns 3. Challenging construction as typical with renovations 4. Finding a suitable main contractor 5. Managing stakeholder expectations</p>	<p>\$14,000,000.00</p>	<p>\$289,734.28</p>	<p>Iwi were an active part of workshop panel. Staff will continue to engage.</p>	<p>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.</p>	<p>Maycroft have visited the site for a preliminary inspection and have since reverted with a list of proposed intrusive investigations on site. The investigations include the following: 1. Trial pit outside the main entrance to understand size and depth of existing foundations. These pits shall then be properly hoarded until such time the pit is refilled and pavers fixed back. 2. Trial pit within the building to expose the foundation to concrete piles 3. Remove wall linings to expose brickwork 4. Cut hole in the first floor to expose roof and brickwork 5. Peel back carpet and cut out floor boards to reveal joist connections to existing walls 6. Cut holes in ground floor ceiling to expose support structure to seatings. 7. Asbestos sampling of subfloor materials 8. Cut hole or remove ceiling panel to expose hall roof structure. These tests are scheduled to be conducted during the week starting 16 Sep 2024.</p>
<p>Marton Swim Centre Structural Remediation</p> <p><i>Resolved minute number 24/RDC/248 That the Marton Swimming Pool be added to the Project Management Office report. HWTM/Cr D Wilson. Carried</i></p>	<p>Council we have been thrown another curve ball with the failure of the laminated beams holding up the Marton Swimming Pool roof. Expert opinions are currently being sought. It could well be partially covered by insurance but is suspected it will come at a cost beyond the allocation in our LTP for pool maintenance. Council will find a way of funding it as a priority. We will use the Council comms process to advise both the community and affected staff as early as possible.</p>	<p>2024</p>								<p>\$19,501.30</p>			<p>The Marton Pool facility experienced the failure of one of the structural laminated beams. Progress to date as well as possible options for the future of the facility has been captured in a separate detailed paper to Council at this 26 September Council meeting.</p>
<p>Community-Led Developments - Hautapu Bridges</p>	<p>Six foot bridges to be constructed around the Hautapu River, Taihape.</p>		<p>Nov-24</p>	<p>No concerns to date</p>	<p>The target completion is by the end of Nov-24</p>	<p>BOF & Community Funded</p>	<p>No concerns to date</p>	<p>#1 Managing stakeholder expectations. #2 Delays to the timeframe due to bad weather #3 Unrealistic expectations of what can delivered within timeframes</p>	<p>BOF \$375,000</p>	<p>\$375,000.00</p>	<p>FOT have contacted Iwi, email supplied</p>	<p>*Detailed design for six bridges. * Horizon & RDC resource consents. *Building Consent applications. *Agreement/Contracts between all parties involved have been signed. *Stage 1. Foundation/Groundworks for five bridge towers, anchors and wind anchors placed in concrete, completed in accordance to Horizon RC by 1 May 24.</p>	<p>Due to the weather conditions, construction has slowed down. For now, the construction team have been clearing the areas around the bridges and preparing the timber. Once the weather clears the construction team will resume building the bridges</p>

12 Minutes from Committees

12.1 Minutes from Committees

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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. AIN- 11 Jul 24- (under separate cover)
2. MCC-21 Aug 24- (under separate cover)
3. F/P- 29 Aug 24- (under separate cover)

Recommendation

That the following minutes are received:

- Assets and Infrastructure- 11 July 24
- Marton Community Committee- 21 August 24
- Finance and Performance Committee- 29 August 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 - 29 August 2024
2. Follow-up Action Items from Council (Public Excluded) Meetings
3. Cooks Wall-options
4. Corner of High Street and Broadway, Marton Buildings - Assessment of Expressions of Interest

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 August 2024	To consider the minutes relating to matters that were the subject of discussion at the 29 August 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)
13.3 - Cooks Wall-options	To enable commercially sensitive information to be discussed without impacting any negotiations. s7(2)(a) - Privacy s7(2)(b)(ii) - Commercial Position	s48(1)(a)(i)
13.4 - Corner of High Street and Broadway, Marton Buildings - Assessment of Expressions of Interest	To enable commercially sensitive information to be discussed without impacting any negotiations.	s48(1)(a)(i)

	s7(2)(a) - Privacy s7(2)(h) - Commercial Activities s7(2)(i) - Negotiations	
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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