

ORDER PAPER

ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

Date: Thursday, 31 October 2024

Time: 1.00pm

Venue: Council Chamber
Rangitikei District Council
46 High Street
Marton

Chair: HWTM Andy Watson

Deputy Chair: Cr Dave Wilson

Membership: Cr Brian Carter
Cr Gill Duncan
Cr Richard Lambert
Cr Piki Te Ora Hiroa
Cr Coral Raukawa
Cr Jeff Wong
Cr Simon Loudon
Cr Greg Maughan
Cr Fi Dalgety
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Notice is hereby given that an Ordinary Meeting of Council of the Rangitikei District Council will be held in the Council Chamber, Rangitikei District Council, 46 High Street, Marton on Thursday, 31 October 2024 at 1.00pm.

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1 Welcome / Prayer

2 Apologies

3 Public Forum

Ruth Rainey and Paul Eames, Mangaweka Heritage, will speak regarding the old Mangaweka Bridge.

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 26 September 2024 are attached.

Attachments

1. Ordinary Council Meeting - 26 September 2024

Recommendation

That the minutes of Ordinary Council Meeting held on 26 September 2024 [**as amended/without amendment**] be taken as read and verified as an accurate and correct record of the meeting, and that the electronic signature of the Chair of this Committee be added to the official minutes document as a formal record.

MINUTES

UNCONFIRMED: ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

Date: Thursday, 26 September 2024

Time: 1.00pm

Venue: Council Chamber
Rangitikei District Council
46 High Street
Marton

Present

HWTM Andy Watson
Cr Dave Wilson
Cr Brian Carter
Cr Gill Duncan
Cr Richard Lambert
Cr Piki Te Ora Hiroa
Cr Jeff Wong
Cr Simon Loudon
Cr Greg Maughan
Cr Fi Dalgety
Cr Paul Sharland

In attendance

Mr Kevin Ross, Chief Executive
Mrs Carol Gordon, Deputy Chief Executive
Mr Arno Benadie, Chief Operating Officer
Mr Doug Law, Group Manager- Corporate Services
Ms Gaylene Prince, Northern Area and Property Manager
Mr Darryn Black, Roding Transport Manager
Mr Eswar Ganapathi, Senior Project Manager
Ms Joanne Manuel, Manager Mana Whenua and Community Hubs
Ms Kezia Spence, Governance Advisor
Ms Zanta Jones, Sport New Zealand
Ms Tania King, Sport Whanganui
Ms Whitney Cox, Sport Whanganui
Mr Lynden Noakes, CLM
Ms Reyna Bradcock Uribe, CLM

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1 Welcome / Prayer

His Worship the Mayor opened the meeting at 1.00pm.

2 Apologies

Resolved minute number 24/RDC/257

Apologies received for Cr Lambert for leaving the meeting early.

Cr B Carter/Cr G Duncan. Carried

Resolved minute number 24/RDC/258

Apologies were received from Cr Raukawa.

HWTM/Cr G Duncan. Carried

3 Public Forum

There was no public forum.

4 Conflict of Interest Declarations

Cr Dalgety declared a conflict of interest during item 13.4 - Corner of High Street and Broadway, Marton Buildings - Assessment of Expressions of Interest.

5 Confirmation of Order of Business

Item 10.1 - Marton Pool Repairs and item 10.2 - He rā ki tua plan – Horizons Region Spaces and Places Plan for Sport and Recreation were moved to be discussed prior to item 9.1 – Chief Executive's Report.

6 Confirmation of Minutes

Resolved minute number 24/RDC/259

That the minutes of Ordinary Council Meeting held on 29 August 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 P Sharland/Cr R Lambert. Carried

7 Follow-up Action Items from Previous Meetings

7.1 Follow-up Action Items from Council Meetings

Item 6 - Otara Bridge

Mr Benadie will confirm if the hangers still need to be replaced on the bridge.

Item 2 - Papakai Pump Station

The underspend of the Papakai pump station will be form part of the discussions around the review of the Capex programme.

Resolved minute number 24/RDC/260

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

Cr B Carter/Cr P Hiroa. Carried

8 Mayor's Report

8.1 Mayor's Report - 26 September 2024

Regional Growth Summit

Councillors noted that some members had not received an invitation to this event. It was clarified that initially this was an invitation only event, due to numbers having to be capped, however this was now an open event for all councillors and members of the public.

Marton OP Shop / Marton Christian Welfare

In speaking to this part of his report the Mayor noted the Marton Christian Welfare (the Op Shop) do good work in the community and due to the increasing costs of dumping goods that are unable to be sold, that Council could consider providing some funding to cover this cost.

It was noted that this could have been referred to the grants funding round held earlier that day.

His Worship the Mayor responded to questions that the reason for suggesting \$5,000 was due to the \$4,800 dumping fees in the past year for the organisation. Staff undertook to provide a further update, with options, for the next meeting.

Capex Programme

His Worship the Mayor introduced the recommendations within his report stating that a review of Council's Capex programme should be undertaken.

Resolved minute number 24/RDC/261

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

HWTM/Cr D Wilson. Carried

Resolved minute number 24/RDC/262

That Cr Loudon and Cr Dalgety LGNZ reports be received.

Cr F Dalgety/Cr S Loudon. Carried

Resolved minute number 24/RDC/263

That staff provide a report back to Council on the possibility of paying for dumping costs for the Marton Op Shop.

Cr D Wilson/Cr S Loudon. Carried

Resolved minute number 24/RDC/264

That Council reviews its Capex Budget for this year's Annual Plan and Long-Term Plan as soon as possible.

HWTM/Cr G Duncan. Carried

Resolved minute number 24/RDC/265

That staff provide updates on the likely 2024-25 Capex spend based on best estimates available now.

HWTM/Cr D Wilson. Carried

Resolved minute number 24/RDC/266

That staff indicate areas of possible Capex savings for the 2024-25 year.

HWTM/Cr F Dalgety. Carried

Resolved minute number 24/RDC/267

That staff provide a report on the process required for an amendment to the Long-Term Plan 2024-34.

HWTM/Cr D Wilson. Carried

9 Chief Executive's Report

9.1 Chief Executive's Report - September 2024

This item was moved to after Item 10.2 He rā ki tua plan – Horizons Region Spaces and Places Plan for Sport and Recreation.

The meeting adjourned at 2.54pm and returned at 3.05pm at the beginning of this item.

Events held across the district

Council suggested that highlighting future events might be beneficial in this report. Mrs Gordon responded that this may come from the Comms team in the future as part of their report, as the current information is provided by the Parks and Reserves team and is based on application forms to use Council's facilities.

Submissions

Councillors discussed the Tararua tolling submission noting the high cost of the toll charge, that the highway is replacing the gorge and that there are no alternative options to alleviate costs that central government is proposing such as differentiating between locals and tourists.

Councillors discussed the Horowhenua tolling submission noting the difference of cost from the Tararua situation and that if you were travelling both Horowhenua and Tararua drivers would be paying twice.

The discussion highlighted that the cost of roading is increasing and that tolls may be more equitable as a user pays system in some instances.

Resolved minute number 24/RDC/268

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

Cr D Wilson/Cr S Loudon. Carried

Resolved minute number 24/RDC/269

That Council drafts and submits a submission on supporting the Tararua submission on no tolling.

HWTM/Cr F Dalgety. Carried

Resolved minute number 24/RDC/270

That Council drafts and submits a submission on supporting the Horowhenua submission on no tolling O2NL.

HWTM/Cr S Loudon. Carried

10 Reports for Decision

10.1 Marton Pool Repairs

This item was moved to after 8.1 Mayors Report.

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.

Contractors from CLM, Mr Lynden Noakes and Ms Reyna Bradcock Uribe, were in attendance for this item.

Councillors discussed in depth the impact of a temporary fix, noting this could be in place early next year with the open season ending in April. The temporary fix could be in place for a long period of time if required.

There were concerns raised about the impact of the temporary fixture and that this might be a health and safety hazard due to children playing on the structure. Some councillors wanted the risk to be eliminated, others noted that there is a risk with all Council assets and that Council provide best standards and take the best advice.

Councillors noted that feedback from the community during the Long Term Plan consultation showed the public were highly in favour of the pool to be opened all year round and that closing the pool is the opposite approach. Staff explained that the opportunity to take a holistic approach to the pool would enable looking at all options for the pool.

Some councillors highlighted that the temporary fix is an extra cost to Council and that if the pool was closed the work could be completed properly. It was noted that the costs of the repair will come back to Council as a subsequent decision.

Resolved minute number 24/RDC/271

That the report 'Marton Pool Repairs' be received.

Cr F Dalgety/Cr P Hiroa. Carried

Resolved minute number 24/RDC/272

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.

Cr G Duncan/Cr B Carter. Lost

Amendment

That Council agrees to design and construct all the proposed repairs and upgrades as noted in the structural assessment report and alongside investigate more holistic long term future options without reopening the pool for this summer season.

Cr S Loudon/Cr R Lambert. Lost.

Resolved minute number 24/RDC/273

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.

Cr D Wilson/Cr G Maughan. Lost

Resolved minute number 24/RDC/274

That Council does not allow for a temporary fix to open the Marton pool for the summer season.

HWTM/Cr R Lambert. Carried
Against Cr Wilson, Cr Maughan, Cr Hiroa, Cr Dalgety.

Resolved minute number 24/RDC/275

That staff bring back options with costs for a more holistic discussion about the long-term future options of all the assets and equipment in the facility.

Cr G Duncan/Cr P Sharland. Carried

10.2 He rā ki tua plan – Horizons Region Spaces and Places Plan for Sport and Recreation

Cr Lambert left the meeting at 2.32pm.

The meeting adjourned at 2.32pm and then returned at 2.35pm.

Ms Zanta Jones, Sport New Zealand, Ms Tania King and Ms Whitney Cox from Sport Whanganui were in attendance to present this report.

Ms Jones noted that the plan advocated for facilities that are aged and that these facilities were getting harder to fund and more expensive. This document shows that there is a commitment to collaborate with neighbouring councils and network for the provision of facilities.

There is no cost to being part of the Regional Plan as the recommendation is just to endorse the Plan. Ms King responded to questions, that this is a living document, and changes can be made at any time.

Resolved minute number 24/RDC/276

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

Cr G Maughan/Cr P Sharland. Carried

Resolved minute number 24/RDC/277

That Council endorses the He rā ki tua plan – Horizons Region Spaces and Places Plan for Sport and Recreation

Cr F Dalgety/Cr G Duncan. Carried

10.3 Roothing Funding and Contract Updates

Deputy Mayor, Cr Wilson noted that this item had been discussed in depth at the last Assets/Infrastructure workshop.

Mr Black noted that this report is in reference to notification of reduced funding from NZTA.

Council discussed the roading network highlighting the changes within the district that are having large impacts. This includes an increase of logging trucks in Moawhango and the possibility of two wind farms in the district which will require significant roading input.

Mr Black and Mr Benadie advised that in relation to the recommendation about the extension of the contract term, this was no longer required after feedback from NZTA.

Resolved minute number 24/RDC/278

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

Cr D Wilson/Cr P Sharland. Carried

Resolved minute number 24/RDC/279

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.

Cr D Wilson/Cr B Carter. Carried

11 Reports for Information

11.1 Project Updates Report - September 2024

Marton to Bulls Wastewater

Staff have been working through a long list of options and will now begin looking at the suitability of the land.

Ratana Wastewater Discharge

Staff are organising a meeting to update the interest group and to keep them informed of progress.

Marton Water Strategy

The new membranes are working well alongside the new bore. Staff are currently exploring discharge options to farms nearby or the possibility to put the water back into the system.

Taihape Wastewater

A new consent is being applied for which will follow a similar process to the Marton to Bulls Centralisation. At this stage there have been two workshops with iwi.

Resolved minute number 24/RDC/280

That the 'Project Updates Report – September 2024' be received.

Cr G Duncan/Cr P Hiroa. Carried

12 Minutes from Committees

12.1 Minutes from Committees

The report was taken as read.

Resolved minute number 24/RDC/281

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

Cr D Wilson/Cr P Sharland. Carried

13 Public Excluded

The meeting went into public excluded session 4.10pm

Resolution to Exclude the Public

Resolved minute number 24/RDC/282

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)

<p>13.3 - Cooks Wall-options</p>	<p>To enable commercially sensitive information to be discussed without impacting any negotiations.</p> <p>s7(2)(a) - Privacy s7(2)(b)(ii) - Commercial Position</p>	<p>s48(1)(a)(i)</p>
<p>13.4 - Corner of High Street and Broadway, Marton Buildings - Assessment of Expressions of Interest</p>	<p>To enable commercially sensitive information to be discussed without impacting any negotiations.</p> <p>s7(2)(a) - Privacy s7(2)(h) - Commercial Activities s7(2)(i) – Negotiations</p>	<p>s48(1)(a)(i)</p>

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

Cr D Wilson/Cr F Dalgety. Carried

14 Open Meeting

The meeting went into open session 5.20pm.

Resolved minute number 24/RDC/290

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

24/RDC/283 – 24/RDC/289

Cr B Carter/Cr J Wong. Carried

The meeting closed at 5.20pm.

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 31 October 2024.

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Chairperson

ITEM 7.1
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	26-Sep	ELT to review capex budgets for Annual Plan / LTP	ELT	Underway, an initial workshop was held on 17 October, ongoing work will take place.	In progress
2	26-Sep	Report on disposal of rubbish from Marton Christian Welfare	Arno / Carol	A section is included in the CE Report for 31 October Council meeting.	In progress
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 Roding team are considering potential solutions for Taumaihi Street, Bulls. A speed calming structure will include the pedestrian crossing adjacent to the school. This location receives a high number of State Highway bypass traffic. Unfortunately Criterion street is not currently being considered for any traffic calming interventions. This item was not included in the annual works program and budgets and will stay on the radar to see if there is any funding available at the end of the financial year.	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	An update on the soil investigations has been included in the CE Report (no contamination was found). 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	The next meeting will be on 30 October 2024.	In progress
6	24-May-23	Otara bridge - ongoing comms during the duration of the project. 26 September - Clarification was sought on when and if, the hangars still need to be replaced.	Comms / Arno / Darryn B	This project is completed and will now be removed from the action list	Completed.
7	24-May-23	Progress putting the macron above the second I in Rangitikei	Carol G	The LINZ Board met on 15 October 2024, at the time of writing this update, no advice has yet been received on their decision.	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	Options are being investigated. Staff will update Council once any new options has been identified	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.	Arno B / Raj K	Arno met with Horizons re MOU and withdrawing from the MOU.	In progress

8 Mayor's Report

8.1 Mayor's Report - October 2024

Author: Andy Watson, His Worship the Mayor

Good afternoon

1. There are a number of events both nationally and locally that I want to comment on and I will try for brevity.
2. Recently I attended the AGM of the Marton Christian Welfare (Op Shop). This is a fantastic committee made up of the membership of each church, service clubs such as Lions and Rotary and supporters. Financially it is an outstanding business with a \$400,000 income and a profit of \$310,000. What it does with that profit is exceptional - this last year it returned \$260,000 by way of grants to the community. It also provided welfare support and essential food to many families in need. The shop is essentially staffed by volunteers and they deserve support from the community and welcome donations of clean clothing etc.
3. On 2 October I attended a dinner with 20 people in Wellington organised by the National Party Chair. It was billed as a unique opportunity to question the Prime Minister and we were asked to provide subjects that we wanted to speak to him on in advance so that his staff could have the opportunity to research these. The reality was that the Prime Minister was there for a relatively short time and little research had been done. He took the opportunity to vent his frustration on the performance of Local Government, the performance of Rail and why we shouldn't be supporting them.
4. On Saturday 2 November Hunterville needs to be everyone's destination. The Hunterville Shemozzle is such a unique, iconic event where the country comes to town. The junior, intermediate and team races run from 10am to 12pm with the shepherd's races starting at 3pm followed by the speed shear at 5pm. The adult party runs from 7pm until late-late. Shops and stalls will be there to tempt you, there is much to see, watch and buy. An event of this nature and scale does not happen by chance. The organisation of the next Shemozzle starts the day after the event. I have added in a Committee photo to my report to recognise this effort.
5. On 2 October myself and several Councillors attended a walk-through at the Taihape Community Health Centre. The provision of health services for our district is an issue that I have raised within the Long Term Plan process, really wanting to be able to provide financial support for these services. With the withdrawal of the four well-beings by Government, this will be incredibly challenging and may have to be paused at the moment. I applaud the work that is being done in Taihape within the community and in particular the amount of effort that Cr Piki Te Ora is involved with under Mokai Patea Services. Where we are able, we should be supporting these initiatives. I will ask Cr Piki Te Ora if there is an update that she can provide for in the next Mayoral Report.
6. The Mayor's Taskforce for Jobs (MTFJ), funded by the Ministry of Social Development, has been incredibly successful for Government and Local Government. In the times of Government cutbacks we continue to receive \$9-10m a year to find jobs for people. The success of our team headed by James Towers and Louise McCoard is always at the top of the results nationally. On 4 October Mayor Max Baxter from Otorohanga stepped down as Chair. Max has been the driver for the success and his farewell was attended by Minister Upston,

LGNZ staff and many of the mayors. Thankyou Max for a job well done. I am one of four mayors who form the Governance Committee and I declined nomination for Chair instead suggesting that Alex Walker Mayor of Central Hawkes Bay should be elected, which duly occurred. Alex is already on the LGNZ Board and is deeply involved in the Mayor's Taskforce and will lobby for continued support. To illustrate the success of MTFJ for the Rangitikei I have included a Job Outcomes Report.

7. Over the last few Mayoral Reports there have been a number of references to the Three Waters space. Most of this work has been done by Mayors and Chief Executives in understanding the Government direction, which is always subject to change, and looking at options for our Councils. We are now at the stage where we can talk to the community and Iwi around the process and our options. I have asked staff to schedule a series of drop-in and public meetings in Marton, Taihape and Bulls and I am also happy to talk to any individual or group provided I can timetable it. These meetings will be about explaining the process and timeframes. Early next year there will be a chance to more fully consult with the community.
8. The Three Waters is significant, but what is sliding under the radar is the reform of the RMA (Resource Management Act) and Fast Track Legislation. Minister Bishop has written to Mayors with what is a very good description of why the legislation is being changed and why the fast track process has been put in place, along with which New Zealand industries are being targeted. His letter is concise so I have added it to my report. A fast track process is needed in my opinion - we are seeing factories such as the Tangiwai Mill close and we desperately need the power resources to keep them open. However, fast track comes at a risk environmentally and socially. Yes, it provides much needed infrastructure and jobs but communities now have very little say in what happens around them and to them.
9. Cr Piki Te Ora also attended the recent Local Government Conference in Wellington and I attach her report to Council on this. I will ask Cr Piki Te Ora if she wishes to explain anything further as part of her report.

Attachments:

1. **Super Local Conference 2024 LGNZ- Cr Piki Te Ora Hiroa** [↓](#)
2. **National Dinner with Christopher Luxon - 2 October 2024** [↓](#)
3. **Letter from Minister Chris Bishop** [↓](#)
4. **Shemozzle 2024 Committee Members** [↓](#)
5. **Mayor's Taskforce for Jobs - September 2024 Report** [↓](#)
6. **Elected Member Attendance** [↓](#)

Recommendation 1:

That the Mayor's Report-October 2024 be received.

Recommendation 2:

That the Super Local Conference 2024 LGNZ report from Cr Piki Te Ora Hiroa be received.

Super Local Conference 2024 LGNZ

20 August
Te Maruata
- Wharewaka, Ponēke

21 August
Powhiri, AGM
- TAKINA, Ponēke

22-23 August
Conference
- TAKINA, Ponēke

Piki Te Ora Hiroa
Tiikeitia Ki Uta Maori Ward Councillor

Kaupapa korero

*He mihi mahana ki te Kaunihera o Rangitikei mo tou tautoko ki ahau mo tenei kaupapa whakahirahira!
He whakaaro rangatira!*

Firstly, an acknowledgement and thanks to our Council and Andy for your support in allowing me to attend Te Maruata and Super Local Conference 2024. I was fortunate to attend the Te Maruata Hui that was held on Tuesday 20 August at Wharewaka on the Taranaki Wharf just two minutes' walk from TAKINA.

TE MARUATA

The Te Maruata "Roopu Whakahaere" (Listed below) for this triennium, did a fantastic job of hosting our Hui. I was impressed with the caliber of the presenters, the content of their korero, and felt that manaakitanga and kotahitanga was displayed by all.

- **Metro Sector:** Moko Tauariki, Hamilton City Council
- **Regional Sector:** Toi Kai Rākau Iti, Bay of Plenty Regional Council
- **Young Elected Member:** Bridget Bell, Manawatū District Council
- **Māori Wards Tāne:** Karam Fletcher, Taupō District Council
- **Māori Wards Wāhine:** Toni Boynton, Whakatāne District Council
- **Members elected at large:** Bonita Bigham (co-chair) Taranaki Regional Council, Iaeen Cranwell (co-chair), Environment Canterbury, and Dinnie Moeahu, New Plymouth District Council

New Plymouth District Councillor, Dinnie Moeahu was our MC for the day, and his wit and humor just added to his ability to keep our hui moving, where people felt comfortable, included and engaged. Our hui participants were made up of Maori elected members from across the motu, Mayors, Deputy Mayors, CEO's and LGNZ support staff. The day was well planned out, relaxed and inclusive where we worked through a number of different activities that included a panel review, guest speakers from political parties representing the Greens and Labour, a session that encouraged people to share their thoughts on the three items listed below.

- Nawe, what are your awangawanga or issues?
- Rawe, what do think is working well
- Kawe, what is your self-reflection on the future

This exercise was done as a group activity and I was fortunate to share my table with long standing Rotorua District Councillor, Trevor Maxwell, Taranaki Iwi Representative, Pita Moehau and our very own Coral Raukawa. We had an excellent day sitting with these two Koroua who have both been around the block many times and faced many challenges. Trevor is the longest standing councillor having been elected in for the first time in 1977. He is softly spoken, has a mind as sharp as a tack, is definitely up with the play but sees the benefit of bringing a younger cohort of knowledgeable and hardworking people around the council table. Pita is the father of Dinnie and after only a very small

amount of time in his presence you could see where his son got his “ihi me wehi” from. Pita is no stranger to politics at any level and has been a staunch advocate for his Taranaki Iwi for many years. I felt very privileged to be in their presence.

The other thing I’d like to acknowledge, was the space that was afforded to Coral at the Hui to lay a kaupapa on the table. Coral had an existing Hui booked on the day with National Party President, Sylvia Wood to garner her support around the retention of Maori Wards. Other people within the Te Maruata Hui learned what Coral intended doing that day and encouraged her to get up. After her impassioned speech a tono was put to the Hui that Coral take a recommendation from the Te Maruata Hui to support the retention of Maori Wards. The biggest learnings I take away from this Hui was the whakawhanaungatanga opportunities, being able to support Coral and meeting those two wise old Koro.

Some of the recommendations that came out of the Te Maruata Hui included

- Youth and how we engage with them
- Strengthening partnerships
- Cultural training for councilors

Ultimately, despite the many “nawe” issues that were brought up during the hui, I feel that we all had a sense of hope that with determination and hard work we will get through our issues, come out the other side hopefully stronger as a people that have something to contribute for Te Iwi Maori but also all of those people we represent in our many communities across the motu.

“Ma whero ma pango ka oti te mahi”!

Super Local Conference

Our two days at the Conference were jam packed with keynote speakers on a myriad of subjects, political parties touting their current solutions to the woes that are sitting in the Local government landscape, thought provoking and at times pointed verbal barbs thrown at speakers by MC Kim Hill and the very funky and gay performances by our “wake up and move crew”!

The TAKINA event center housed us, fed us and looked after us all from “powhiri to poroporoake”

There were a number of key issues or themes that were talked about throughout the conference that included

- Community Engagement
- Financial sustainability
- Water management
 - o Examples given by speakers around this kaupapa, and systems being used overseas
- IT

- The importance technology will play in the future
- Environment
 - The impacts of policies on our environment
 - Just to name a few!

The themes that I was interested in and resonated with me included

- Models of engagement
 - We had presentations that were able to give living, working examples of how councils were engaging with their communities. An overseas example spoke about the creation of a community committee whose make up was determined by the community itself. This process involved analyzing the many cohorts of people or groups that made up their community i.e.
 - % of Youth, % of elderly, % of Business owners, % of ethnic peoples etc...
 - The overall group was made up of 100 people who were the voice of the people
 - This was of real interest to me and showed that if people had the inclination to do something differently that things could work
- Partnerships with Iwi Maori
 - This was talked about by a number of speakers but came through loud and clear from Ngai Tahu CEO, Justin Tipa and Ngati Kahungunu Chair, Baydon Barber (former Hastings District Councillor) Both Justin and Baydon talked about Iwi willingness to work alongside their councils for the betterment of all people. They talked about Iwi being cashed up and ready to invest in areas such as housing which is a big issue across the country.
- Solutions
 - I was impressed with many of the speakers being solution focused despite the feedback that had been forthcoming from central government
 - I don't think it was lost on anyone at the conference that the fiscal responsibility that all councils are currently facing is front and center of everything we do. In many cases the decisions that are being made by councils are being driven by our communities and the "nice to have things" are absolutely what ratepayers are asking for. This of course is a two-way street, and we acknowledge the long-term impacts of our decision making.
 - The feeling of "hope" was portrayed and acknowledged by speakers but also in the conversations I had with Councillors from other areas. Without that positive light the local government platform would be a very sad and unhealthy place for anyone to be part of!

Having had the benefit of reading Mayor Andy, Councillor Loudon and Councillor Dalgety's excellent reports, I don't need to regurgitate or cover what they have, but would like to acknowledge and thank Councillor Fi Dalgety for accommodating me for 3 nights (saving our council money) and also mihi out

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to the Wellington District Council for the huge amount of work that was put into the coordination and planning for the Super Local Conference 2024 and despite kick back around the building of TAKINA feel that it is an excellent venue and was a decision that would have been contemplated over I'm sure with all angles covered.

I'd also like to finish my report by saying, that the attacks being made on many fronts towards elected local body members has become a normal day to day occurrence and this can be a thankless mahi, despite that it was a pleasure and a privilege to be part of the Local government whanau during the conference and I again mihi to our council, staff and individual Councillors for being the staunch advocates you are for the Rangitikei!

“Ma whero ma pango
Ka oti te mahi”

With the front and the back working together, the work will be done!



ITEM 8.1 ATTACHMENT 2

Hon Chris Bishop

Minister of Housing
 Minister for Infrastructure
 Minister Responsible for RMA Reform
 Minister for Sport and Recreation
 Leader of the House
 Associate Minister of Finance



CB-COR0836

14 October 2024

Tēnā koe,

I am writing to inform you of the progress we have made to improve the resource management system and meet the Coalition Government’s objective for a faster growing, more productive economy.

It is widely accepted that the resource management system is not fit for purpose. Consensus on that point was reached almost a decade ago. We need a resource management system that protects the environment not by resisting growth but by setting clear rules, so growth occurs within limits.

Progress to date

I would like to update you on the progress we have made over the last year.

We have divided our reform into three phases.

The first phase, repealing the Natural and Built Environment Act and Spatial Planning Act, was completed in December 2023. We did not take the decision to repeal those Acts lightly, but they would not have achieved the objectives needed for New Zealand to grow and thrive.

The goal of Phase Two is to improve the performance of the Resource Management Act 1991 (RMA) by removing unnecessary regulations for primary industries and barriers to investment in development and infrastructure while maintaining environmental protections.

Phase Two includes:

- The *Fast-track Approvals Bill* to create a one-stop shop for approvals, consents and permissions to speed up the delivery of regionally and nationally significant projects. This Bill is currently in front of the select committee and we expect it to be passed into law by the end of 2024. You can find more information about this process here - [Fast-track Approvals Bill | Ministry for the Environment](#)
- Targeted amendments to the RMA will relieve the most significant issues in the Act through the:
 - *Resource Management (Extended Duration of Coastal Permits for Marine Farms) Amendment Bill*
 - *Resource Management (Freshwater and other Matters) Amendment Bill* which includes changes to freshwater management, stock exclusion and winter grazing rules, marine farming consents, and Significant Natural Areas. This Bill also streamlines the process for changes to national direction. It is currently before select committee, and we also expect it to pass by the end of this year.
 - *Resource Management Act Amendment Bill* (RMA Amendment Bill Two) is currently in development. We expect to introduce it before the end of 2024 and passed into law by mid-2025.

- A package of National Direction – including amendments to 14 current National Policy Statements (NPS) and National Environmental Standards (NES), as well as seven new national direction instruments. We will consult on these in early 2025 and along with the second Bill they are expected to be passed into law in mid-2025.

We have focused our changes to the RMA on the things that will have the largest impact in the short term and contribute to the Coalition Government's priority programmes: Electrify NZ, Infrastructure for the Future, Going for Housing Growth and the Primary Sector Growth Plan.

The second RMA amendment bill and the new national direction package gives effect to these coalition commitments and changes to the RMA will unlock development and drive a more efficient and effective resource management system. These changes will transition into the new system once it is in place.

The changes can be grouped in four distinctive packages. These are:

- Infrastructure and Energy
- Housing
- Farming and primary sector
- Emergency response and natural hazards

Infrastructure and Energy

This package will develop further national direction to enable a range of productivity-boosting energy and infrastructure projects, including a new NPS-Infrastructure. It will also provide a consistent approach to quarrying and extend the duration of port coastal permits by a further 20 years. Changes to the NES-Telecommunications Facilities will keep up to date with technological developments and give telcos greater certainty and reduced consenting costs as they upgrade their infrastructure. The Government's Electrify NZ reforms will make it easier to consent and re-consent renewable energy.

More information on our Electrify work programme is available here - [Next steps on Electrifying New Zealand | Beehive.govt.nz](#).

Housing

The housing package will contain reforms needed to enable the first pillar of the Government's Going for Housing Growth policies. These changes will require councils to provide for 30-years' worth of housing growth while providing flexibility for councils to opt out of the Medium Density Residential Standards. Changes are also being made to the National Policy Statement on Urban Development and the National Policy Statement for Highly Productive Land, along with guidance for effective heritage management and developing new national direction to enable granny flats and papakāinga housing.

More information on our Going for Housing Growth work programme is available here - [Going for Housing Growth speech | Beehive.govt.nz](#)

Farming and the Primary Sector

The primary industries package will contain changes to drive primary sector productivity. This package will mainly give effect to National Party Manifesto promises and coalition agreements. We are amending the National Policy Statement for Highly Productive Land to make it clear that indoor primary production and greenhouses are permitted on highly productive land, as well as specifying that farmers are also allowed to build new specified infrastructure such as solar farms on that land.

More information on our Farming and the Primary sector work programme is available here - [Government confirms RMA reforms to drive primary sector efficiency | Beehive.govt.nz](https://www.beehive.govt.nz/news/government-confirms-rma-reforms-to-drive-primary-sector-efficiency)

Emergency Response and Natural Hazards

This package provides a comprehensive, nationally consistent framework for addressing the risks posed by natural hazards, including risks from climate change. Rather than a two-step process as previously intended, we have decided to progress this work as a single instrument. This will provide direction to councils on how to identify natural hazards, assess the risk they pose, and how to respond to that risk through planning controls. The RMA Amendment Bill Two will include improved emergency provisions to better enable rapid responses to disasters.

A list of specific items under these four areas is available in Appendix One. You can find out more about Phase Two in my recent [Speech to the Local Government New Zealand Conference | Beehive.govt.nz](https://www.beehive.govt.nz/news/speech-to-the-local-government-new-zealand-conference).

Replacing the RMA

The reforms of Phase Two will carry over into the long-term replacement for the RMA which is the focus of Phase Three of the RM Reform programme. This phase advances the Coalition Government’s commitment to replace the RMA by a new system that will be rules-based and embed respect for property rights and the rule of law.

Cabinet has agreed the new resource management system will have three core tasks:

- unlocking development capacity for housing and business growth
- enabling delivery of high-quality infrastructure for the future, including doubling renewable energy
- enabling primary sector growth and development (including aquaculture, forestry, pastoral, horticulture, and mining)

It must achieve these objectives while also:

- safeguarding the environment and human health
- adapting to the effects of climate change and reducing the risks from natural hazards
- improving regulatory quality in the resource management system
- upholding Treaty of Waitangi settlements and other related arrangements

There are ten principles that underpin the new system. These will be tested and refined by a Resource Management Expert Advisory Group (EAG). The EAG will develop a blueprint of the new system over the next three months – a workable and practical plan that officials can quickly turn into new legislation. This blueprint is due back to me before Christmas.

The EAG will bring fresh thinking, expertise and practical knowledge, working closely with officials from across government to make sure Ministers can make the decisions needed to draft the new legislation as quickly as possible. It will be chaired by Janette Campbell and comprises experts with relevant technical knowledge ranging from resource management law to planning and te ao Māori. Members are Christine Jones, Paul Melville, Rukumoana Schaafhausen, Kevin Counsell, Gillian Crowcroft and Mark Chrisp.

Public consultation on the proposals will occur primarily through the select committee process.

Key aspects of the resource management system

Principles guiding the development of the new system are the following:

- narrow the scope of the resource management system and the effects it controls
- establish two Acts with clear and distinct purposes – one to manage environmental effects arising from activities, and another to enable urban development and infrastructure
- strengthen and clarify the role of environmental limits and their development
- provide for greater use of national standards to reduce the need for resource consents and to simplify council plans, such that standard-complying activity cannot be subjected to a consent requirement
- shift the system focus from consenting which happens before the event to strengthening compliance, monitoring and enforcement
- use spatial planning and a simplified designation process to lower the cost of future infrastructure
- realise efficiencies by requiring councils to jointly prepare one regulatory plan for their region
- provide for rapid, low-cost resolution of disputes between neighbours and between property owners and councils
- uphold Treaty of Waitangi settlements and the Crown's obligations
- provide faster, cheaper and less litigious processes within shorter, less complex and more accessible legislation.

I have instructed my officials to test these principles with key partners and stakeholders in parallel with the EAG and I will report back to Cabinet on this feedback too.

Key aspects of the new resource management system will go to Cabinet for agreement at the beginning of 2025, and legislation will be introduced and passed before the next election.

You can find out more about these principles in the [Speech on replacing the Resource Management Act](#) and [Replacement for the Resource Management Act takes shape | Beehive.govt.nz](#).

Looking forward

I know our timeline is ambitious, but we have critical issues to solve if we are to turn New Zealand's economy around, increase productivity and make things easier to do. I am acutely aware of the need to reset the resource management system in a way that is pragmatic and targets the most significant issues first.

The instruments from Phase Two, and other important elements of the existing system such as plans will transfer over, with a “switching off” of any elements incompatible with the new system.

This is critical to accelerate and smooth the transition, lightening the load on councils and those who use the resource management system, and avoiding long implementation times. Some RMA settings will be retained for this work to be carried forward with minimal disruption, and to uphold Treaty settlements.

The proposed Phase Three changes will be designed to be implemented as quickly as possible and to minimise disruption on those who use the system. By limiting scope and targeting council effort to more complex issues, the replacement system will deliver reduced costs to both councils and ratepayers.

Our goal is to replace unnecessary regulation with clear rules to unlock the double dividend of higher growth and better environmental outcomes.

By redirecting only a fraction of the resources consumed by RMA processes, we can protect the environment and provide clear pathways for investment and growth within environmental limits.

We look forward to your working with you as we do this.

Yours sincerely



Hon Chris Bishop
Minister Responsible for RMA Reform

Appendix One: Detailed items under RMA Amendment Bill 2 and the National Direction Package

The national direction policy proposals described below are still in development. We have provided this content to support engagement and to seek your initial thoughts on the direction of travel. We expect to formally consult on more detailed policy proposals in early 2025.

RMA Amendment Bill 2
Fisheries Act and RMA
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reduce regulatory overlap between the RMA and the Fisheries Act 1996 to provide certainty for fishers
Port permits
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Extension of port permits duration – section 384A of the RMA
Consenting
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Amend the RMA to require renewable energy generation consents (excluding hydro and geothermal) to be decided within one year of application. Establish a one-year limit to re-consent existing renewable electricity generation assets Require resource consents for wood processing facilities to be decided within one year Improve flexibility and encourage innovation for existing marine farms by providing more certainty for change of consent conditions Enable Councils to recover cost for reviewing consent conditions when the review is a result of national direction Amendments to provide greater clarity on the scope of further information requests and requirements for consents Progress default 35-year consent durations for renewable energy and long-lived infrastructure Increase the lapse period for designations from 5 to 10 years to provide more time to progress infrastructure projects Increase the default lapse period so the time to give effect to a renewable energy consent is 10 years or longer Provide certainty for discharge rules under section 70
Housing Growth
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ratification vote and allowing relevant councils to opt-out of the Medium Density Residential Standards (MDRS), provided they demonstrate 30 years' worth of housing growth Intervention powers to ensure compliance with National Direction

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Planning change processes for opting out of the MDRS and for councils still undertaking intensification streamlined planning processes (including Auckland Council)
<p>Heritage management</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Heritage management (focusing on approaches to listing and de-listing heritage buildings)
<p>System improvements</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Amend part 9A of the RMA to provide more flexibility for farm plan regulations • Improvements to compliance regime, including increased penalties and limiting access to insurance • Technical improvements to DOC functions to manage discharges, compliance and enforcement
<p>Natural Hazards and Emergency Response</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improvement to emergency provisions, including a new regulation-making power for emergency responses and clarification of notification of entry requirements • Ability to decline land-use consents, or attach conditions, where there are significant risks of natural hazards
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New plan rules relating to natural hazards have immediate legal effect from notification
<p style="text-align: center;">Integrated National Direction Package</p>
<p>Infrastructure and Energy</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NES Telco Facilities • Update the maximum pole heights in residential areas to reflect requirement for Medium Density Residential Development through the NPS-UD • Update cabinet sizes in residential areas to support infrastructure resilience and the roll out of 5G technology • Update antenna dimensions (eg, size and height) to reflect 5G technological developments and to avoid larger radio frequency fields from entering the public domain • Consider the expansion or amendment of some permitted activities under the NES-TF, in particular to accommodate temporary facilities or emergency activities
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NPS Infrastructure (new) • NPS to provide consistent consenting pathways for enabling the development, operation, maintenance and upgrade of infrastructure while managing its effects across a range of natural environments • The interface between infrastructure activities and other activities and people, including in the built environment.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NPS Renewable Electricity Generation • NPS Electricity Transmission

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New content for National Policy Statement for Renewable Electricity Generation (NPS-REG) • New content for National Policy Statement for Electricity Transmission (NPS-ET) • These amendments will create more directive and enabling national direction for renewable electricity generation, transmission and distribution. • Work on national environmental standards for renewable electricity generation, electricity transmission and distribution will follow the national policy statements. The national environmental standards will include nationally consistent rules for these activities, such as specifying activities that can be undertaken without consent, provided the standards are met. • The standards will replace the rules in Regional and District Council, meaning that consent processes will be more certain, and due to the enabling nature of the standards, be more likely to gain approval.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NES Electricity Transmission Activities • Amendments to NES-ETA
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NZ Coastal Policy Statement • Targeted review of policies 6, 8, 11, 13 and 15
<p>Housing and Urban Development</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NPS Highly Productive Land • Amend the NPS to free up land for urban development and remove unnecessary planning barriers, while managing HPL. This includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reviewing the definition of HPL as part of the Going for Housing Growth work programme. • Ease the urban rezoning tests. • Other changes to the NPS-HPL are being considered as part of the wider national direction amendment package (definition of Specified Māori Land, and consistency in mineral extraction and quarrying pathways).
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NPS Urban Development • Set requirements for housing growth targets • Enable better spatial planning by aligning Future Development Strategy requirements with housing growth objectives • Change the responsiveness policy to better enable developers to bring forward areas of growth • Strengthen the intensification provisions • Better enable mixed use development • Better manage outcomes for heritage buildings
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enabling granny flats

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Direction on enabling 'granny flats' (up to 60m²)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enabling Papakainga • New national direction for Papakāinga
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • National Direction on Heritage • Better manage outcomes for heritage buildings
<p>Farming and the Primary Sector</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NPS NES Freshwater • Scope of amendments to National Policy Statement for Freshwater Management (NPS-FM) and National Environmental Standards for Freshwater (NES-F) to be confirmed. Expect targeted amendments to be completed through this combined national direction package and further work may follow • Enable on-farm water storage (ie, as a permitted activity under the RMA, or otherwise)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stock exclusion regulations • Tie stock exclusion rules to local conditions to limit unintended consequences • Replace nationwide low-slope maps with catchment-level rules that are more consistent with local conditions
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NES Drinking Water • Amending clauses 7, 8 and 10 and two new rules for mapping requirements and targeted activity controls
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NPS Indigenous Biodiversity • Applying consistent and defined tests for extractive activities across the NPS-FM, NPS-HPL and NPS-IB • Amendments to significant natural areas (SNA) provisions in the NPS-IB
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NES – Commercial Forestry • Reverse changes that increased council discretion for afforestation • Repeal National Environmental Standards for Commercial Forestry (NES-CF) clauses (6)(1)(a) and (6)(4)(a) • Review of slash settings
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NES Marine Aquaculture • Amend to increase flexibility to innovate, improve management of existing marine farms and make minor and technical amendments
<p>Natural Hazards and Emergency Response</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Natural Hazards National Direction • Develop new direction for natural hazards that applies to all natural hazards. It may consist of National Policy Statement and National Environmental Standards.

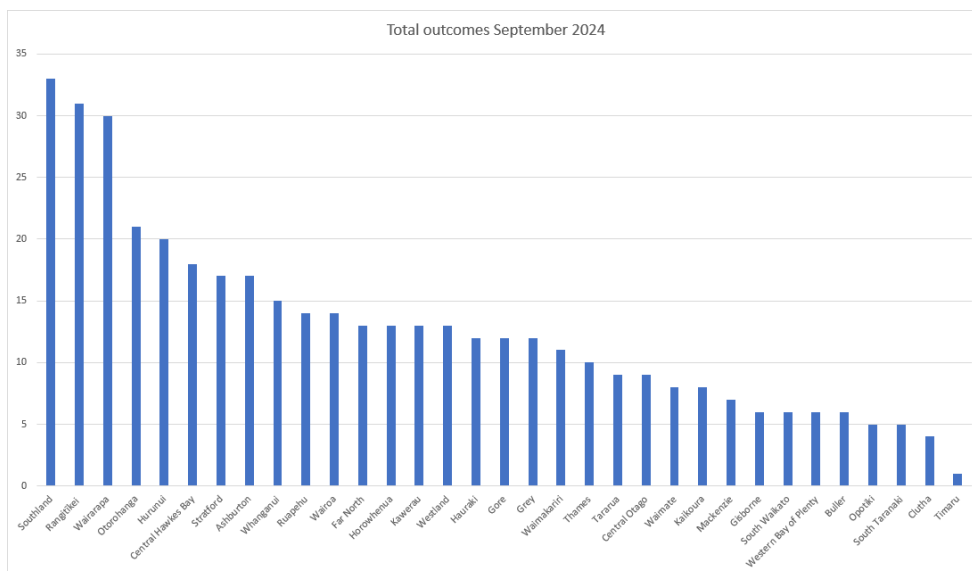
- The objective is to reduce the risk from natural hazards to people, property and infrastructure by providing direction on: identifying natural hazards, and assessing and responding to the risks they pose in a consistent way.

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MTFJ Rangitikei September 2024 Report



Great work from the team having achieved 31 outcomes to date. Now we need to ensure as many as possible meet our 31-day sustainable target of 30 by year end.

Please tell us how you have worked in partnership with MSD during the last month: This can be local engagement as part of Council discussions, or specific to supporting individual employers or people to gain employment. There is an expectation that engagement will occur fortnightly as a minimum.

Louise continues to foster our solid relationship with MSD, this brings in regular referrals to MTFJ. Phone calls and emails are daily with the case managers.

On the employment front, the Taihape Pool Manager once again came to Louise for staff for the 24/25 season. She has taken on 2 of our referrals and re-employed a person that was originally placed there a few years ago and returns annually.

The 2 placements are grateful for the help from MTFJ.

Also, Rangitikei Environmental Group needed 1 more young person to fill their complement of staff. Protégé was referred and settled in well.

Update on Winstone Mills:

James, Louise and Pauline Welch from Ruapehu District Council recently met Kathy Pyatt, WPI HR.

Kathy has worked tirelessly bringing in support for the staff over the last weeks/months. MSD redundancy support team have regularly been on site for a group presentation and followed this with one-on-one meetings that staff booked into. IRD have also been on site. Kathy promotes jobs advertised countrywide, and businesses have approached WPI seeking staff to apply.

We asked about numbers, but Kathy couldn't be specific. Some of the 200 staff made redundant worked remotely around the country and were contractors. Kathy estimated 150 lived in the local area, many were heading overseas for work, moving out of the area or had already secured local work. There were also some that were of retirement age or close to it that were not seeking further employment. Kathy's best guess was that we were looking at about a third of the 150 would potentially be needing help from MSD or help to find work.

Kathy puts out a weekly email to the staff and will include MTFJ's contact details and to call if they are needing assistance.

Louise will talk with the MSD team to offer our services to the WPI staff that approach them for financial help.

Please note any programme developments, engagements and emerging opportunities: This can include current work plans, engagements with employers and progress on outcomes. This can include additional community engagement activities and stakeholder engagement.

James was invited to attend a meeting in Bulls on the 27th September hosted by the Mayor, where the Honourable Shane Jones, Minister of Regional Development held a Q&A session on what are the regions needs and asks? Minister Jones stated that he was happy to take any well-reasoned and costed initiatives to Cabinet. Mayors were present from across the Rohe and other MP's also attended.



Are you having any issues that you need support on from Maree, Tammie or Nicola from Ministry of Social Development? Please give us a bit of detail if yes.

N/A

What good news stories do you have to share? Please describe below and include any stories that have run in media locally.

Josh originally came to MTFJ in September 2023 when Louise helped him into forestry work. He later went on to work at the local meat works. In September Josh took a leap of faith and started his own business offering house and property cleaning and maintenance. He has always been appreciative of the support of MTFJ and regularly calls in to update us on his journey.



Rangitikei Environmental Group Taihape

Clifton started in August and Protege started in September. Both boys left school early and have no qualifications. They are thriving under the mentorship of the Groups supervisor and staff and are doing well.

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	Date	Meeting	HWTM	Wilson	Carter	Dalgety	Duncan	Hiroa	Lambert	Loudon	Maughan	Sharland	Raukawa	Wong	Notes
195	5-Aug-24	Hunterville CC	PR			PR			PR						
196	8-Aug-24	Council Workshop													
197	8-Aug-24	Turakina CC	PR		PR										
198	12-Aug-24	Youth Council	PR				PR							PR	
199	13-Aug-24	TRAK	CB					PR					PR		
200	14-Aug-24	Taihape CB	PR				PR							PR	
201	15-Aug-24	AIN Workshop													
202	15-Aug-24	PPL Meeting	CB	PR			PR	AP	PR	AT	PR			PR	
203	21-Aug-24	Marton CC	CB	PR							PR				
204	29-Aug-24	Finance/Performance	PR	PR	PR	PR	AT			PR	PR	PR		PR	
205	29-Aug-24	Council Meeting	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	
206	3-Sep-24	ERWS	AP								PR			PR	
207	11-Sep-24	Bulls CC	AP	PR						AT				PR	
208	18-Sep-24	RA meeting	PR	PR		PR		PR		PR					
209	25-Sep-24	TRAK Workshop	PR				AP	PR						PR	
210	25-Sep-24	Youth Council	PR				PR							PR	
211	26-Sep-24	Finance/Performance	PR	PR	PR	PR	AT		AT	PR	PR	PR		PR	
212	26-Sep-24	Council Meeting	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	AP	PR	
213	3-Oct-24	TCC Meeting	PR		AP										
214	7-Oct-24	HRWS Meeting	PR			PR			PR						
215	7-Oct-24	HCC Meeting	AP			PR			PR						
216	8-Oct-24	TRAK Hui	PR				PR	PR						PR	
217	8-Oct-24	Ratana CB	CB					PR							
218	9-Oct-24	Taihape CB	CB				PR							PR	
219	9-Oct-24	Marton CC	PR	AP							PR				
220	10-Oct-24	AIN Workshop	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR		PR	PR	PR	PR		AP	
221	17-Oct-24	Council Workshop	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	AP	PR	
222										Present (and is a member of the committee)				PR	
223										Apology				AP	
224										Absent - no apology received				AB	
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227										Not a member of the committee					
228										Not a member of the committee (but still attended)				AT	
229										Not present as on Council business				CB	
230										Attended via Zoom [this indicator is no longer used]				ZM	
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9 Chief Executive's Report

9.1 Deputy Chief Executive's Report - October 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 – September 2024

- 6 September 2024 – Rangitikei Schools Sports Cluster – Centennial Park – Grass area
- 13 September 2024 – Rangitikei Schools Sports Cluster – Centennial Park - Grass area
- 14 September 2024 – Daybreaker Rally – Memorial Park, Taihape – Field 3
- 20 September 2024 – St Joseph School Fun Run – Taihape Memorial Park – All fields
- 28 September 2024 – Utiku Old Boys Rugby Club – Wairarapa U20 vs King Country U20 - Taihape Memorial Park – Field 1

3. Staff Movements

3.1 In September, we welcomed the following new employees to RDC:

- Doug Law, Interim Group Manager Corporate Services (Finance)
- Aaron Kereama, Water Treatment Operator
- Graham Kingsford, Cleaner (Casual)
- Ben Dyason, Parks Assistant (Fixed Term)
- Charissa Lawlor, Funding Specialist

3.2 In September, we farewelled one employee from RDC:

- Dave Tombs, Group Manager Corporate Services

4. Health Safety and Wellbeing Dashboard

4.1 The dashboard for September 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 Feedback was provided on both the Te Ahu a Turanga and Ōtaki to North of Levin tolling consultations.

5.2.2 Officer feedback was provided on the Taumata Arowai online survey regarding the proposed changes to New Zealand's Drinking Water Quality Assurance Rules for supplies that serve 500 or fewer people.

5.3 Consultations proposed for submission:

5.3.1 Officers considering on whether to submit on the consultation on increasing the use of remote inspections in the building consent process.

5.4 Upcoming consultations

5.4.1 The Treaty Principles Bill is scheduled for release in November 2024.

5.4.2 There are a range of major consultations proposed for release in December 2024, including:

- Remote Building Inspections Bill
- Resource Management Act Amendment Bill #2
- Making it easier to build granny flats amendments
- Local Water Done Well Bill #3
- Land Transport (Time of Use Charging) Amendment Bill
- Amendments to the Local Government Act 2002

6. District Plan Update - National Planning Standards / E-Plan

6.1 The transition of the operative Rangitikei District Plan to implement the mandatory National Planning Standards is almost complete. This project included the updating the format, spatial layers, mapping, zone framework, structure, designations, noise and vibration metrics, and definitions to align with the required national standards. This means that the Operative Rangitikei District Plan will now be structured in a way that is consistent with all other plans that have implemented the standards.

6.2 As part of the transition process, an e-plan was also developed. While the implementation of an e-plan was not required until 2029, Officers fast-tracked this process within existing budgets to ensure the transitioned plan would be customer friendly and easy to use. The implementation of the e-plan provides a significantly improved user interface.

6.3 These changes do not need to be consulted on as Council is implementing mandatory directions and no changes to the policy intent of the provisions have occurred. The Chief Executive has delegation to approve the updates and public notice of the changes is required no later than 5 working days after the amendments are made. Public launch of the amended District Plan and e-plan is scheduled to occur in late November 2024.

7. Rangitikei District Council (RDC) Crown Resilience Programme 2024-2027

7.1 Council was advised that the Transport Minister has been considering approval of Resilience Improvement projects separately from other Low Cost Low Risk improvements. For RDC this is - a retreat on Taihape - Napier Rd, bridge scour protection at Brandon Hall Road, Bulls and drainage improvements at Waka Road and Toe Toe Road. The value of these three projects is \$600,000.

7.2 On 7 October Council received approval for funding of these projects and two further drainage improvement projects at Watershed Road and Turakina Valley 3 Rd and a smaller retreat on Taihape Napier Rd. The approved total is \$840,000.

7.3 NZTA's online system showed the Financial Assistance Rate (FAR) for this budget was 100% (no local share) and on 10 October this was communicated to the Assets and Infrastructure Committee. Later on 10 October NZTA advised that this was a system error and our FAR for this work is actually 83%.

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Local Share 17%	\$142,800
NZTA Share 83%	\$697,200
Total	\$840,000

8. Update on Marton Pool

8.1 In August 2024 one of the laminated beams at the Marton Pool facility failed. Council staff engaged a specialist structural engineer to investigate the cause of the failure and to suggest possible repairs to restore the facility to a standard that would be suitable to reopen for the swim season. At the September Council meeting staff were asked to have a holistic look at the facility, which includes all the buildings and equipment. This detailed work is now underway and Council will be kept updated on progress.

9. Annual Dog Control Report 2023/24

9.1 Under section 10A(3) of the Dog Control Act 1996, Council is required to give public notice of its annual report on dog control policy and practice. The report is attached (Attachment 3) and covers the 2023/24 financial year; once Council has adopted the report it will be publicly advertised, as required. Refer to Recommendation 2 below.

10. Non-payment Annual Registration – Mr Mark Esdot – Esbighs Eatery, Bulls

10.1 Mr Esdot has not paid his annual registration again this year, which is a requirement under the Food Act 2014. Staff will continue to progress the matter with Mr Esdot, which may include legal action. Due to a change by the Ministry of Primary Industries (MPI) there is now an additional levy that Council must collect on behalf of MPI, this adds an additional payment of \$58 starting 1 July 2025 and increased yearly thereafter up to \$115 by 1 July 2027.

11. Additional Office Space Leased in Marton

11.1 Officers have entered into a lease for additional office space in central Marton. A floor became available at the offices owned by John Turkington Forestry Ltd. More office space was required for additional staff in Marton due to an increase in staff numbers from the disestablishment of the shared services, allowing for additional staff requirements, for example to work on Local Water Done Well; and other organisational changes. A number of hot desks will be available both on the High Street site and at the additional office space. This space will also be used for staff to occupy while the new Marton Office and Community Hub is being built. It is expected staff will be on the site in November 2024.

11.2 The signed lease is for three years with an option for three + three, with a termination period of six months.

12. Update on the Old Landfill at Putorino

12.1 On 10 October 2024 staff received the results from the soil samples from the remaining stockpile of fill at the old landfill at Putorino, which showed no levels of heavy metals or PAH above predicted background levels, so the fill is classified as cleanfill.

12.2 Therefore, soils from the stockpile could be used on agricultural land without any further requirements under the New Zealand contaminated land guidelines.

12.3 Horizons have been notified of this result. The final stage for this project is for Horizons to do a final signoff check, Horizons staff advised this will be done in the summer months once the river level has lowered. RDC staff will arrange for the removal of signage, debris and some silt sheet fencing. Some fencing along the road will remain at the site to discourage people from illegally disposing of rubbish and waste.

13. A Growing Trend of Building Without Consent

13.1 Building Consenting Authorities (BCA) have identified a growing trend of building work being undertaken without the required consents. Those doing this seem to prefer to deal with any consequences when, and if, the Council pursues the matter.

13.2 One BCA recently fought a two-year court battle, where the defendants were found guilty of two offences under the Building Act. The relevant Council requested fines of up to \$40,000 for the two offences per defendant, but the outcome was the Court awarded \$15,000 in total, split equally between the two defendants of which Council was awarded 90%.

13.3 The cost of prosecution seems to far outweigh the punitive consequences, which may increase the current perception that undertaking building work without the required consents being obtained, is the way to deal with building projects, as the consequences are not an adequate deterrent.

14. Noisy Refrigerated Trucks parking in Taihape

14.1 Complaints have been received from Taihape residents, via the Taihape Community Board, regarding refrigerated trucks parking on the main State Highway outside the BP Service Station in Taihape, during the night and early hours of the morning. The units continue to run while drivers take breaks, which results in a significant amount of noise to nearby residents living close-by. Complainants have approached trucking companies and NZTA but there has been no resolution. Council intends passing this matter onto the newly appointed Senior Regulatory Compliance Officer to investigate further as to what action might be able to be taken. The Chair of the Taihape Community Board has been advised of this approach.

15. Request from Marton Christian Welfare for Financial Assistance to Dispose of Rubbish

15.1 In September 2024 a request was made to the Mayor from the Marton Christian Welfare at their AGM, about whether Council would contribute to the cost of disposing of items that are not able to be sold and must be taken to the Waste Transfer Station.

15.2 At the September Council meeting staff were asked to look at this request and come back to this meeting with options.

15.3 Council is reminded that a formal request was received in November 2023 asking Council to consider a reduction or exemption of dump fees for disposing of donations from within the community not deemed fit for salvage and resale. This request was declined.

15.4 Options to Council:

15.4.1 Council employs a Solid Waste Officer who has responsibility for reducing waste, working on a waste minimisation plan, and educating the public about recycling and reducing waste. One option could be that this staff member be asked to liaise with the Marton Christian Welfare to look at ways to reduce their waste and looking at ways to educate those disposing of goods;

- 15.4.2 Council could reconsider a reduction or exemption of waste transfer fees, to a set amount (for example \$3,500 – noting this would be lost revenue to Council);
- 15.4.3 Council could suggest that Marton Christian Welfare look at alternative funding options – for example applying to the Community Initiatives Fund, so that their request could be considered under the criteria for that fund.

16. Financial Implications

- 16.1 Mr Mark Esdot – Esbighs Eatery, Bulls – the impact of undertaking legal action to recover the annual fee, and any penalties may initially be a cost to Council.
- 16.2 Marton Christian Welfare – if Council choses to grant a reduction or exemption revenue to Council would be lost.

17. Impact on Strategic Risks

- 17.1 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.
- 17.2 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.
 - An item in this report highlights non-compliance with the Building Act, which staff will actively monitor for any negative implications in the District.
- 17.3 Obligations with health, safety and wellbeing are not met:
 - The Health, Safety and Wellbeing dashboard is attached. There is a strong focus on Health, Safety and Wellbeing within the organisation.

18. Strategic Alignment

- 18.1 There are no significant matters that impact on Council’s Strategic Framework associated with this report.

19. Mana whenua implications

- 19.1 Members of the Te Roopuu Ahi Kaa Komiti receive the submission list and, if time allows, asked for input into specific draft submissions.
- 19.2 There are no other known mana whenua implications associated with this report.

20. Climate Change Impacts and Consideration

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

21. Statutory Implications

- 21.1 An item in this report highlights non-compliance with the Building Act, which staff will monitor. The annual report on dog control policy and practice is included in this report, as required by the Dog Control Act 1996.

22. Decision Making Process

22.1 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 - September 2024** [↓](#)
2. **Current and Upcoming Submissions October 2024** [↓](#)
3. **Annual Dog Control Report 2023-24** [↓](#)

Recommendation 1:

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

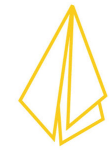
Recommendation 2:

That the Annual Report on Dog Control Policy and Practices, required under Section 10A of the Dog Control Act 1996, be adopted.

Recommendation 3:

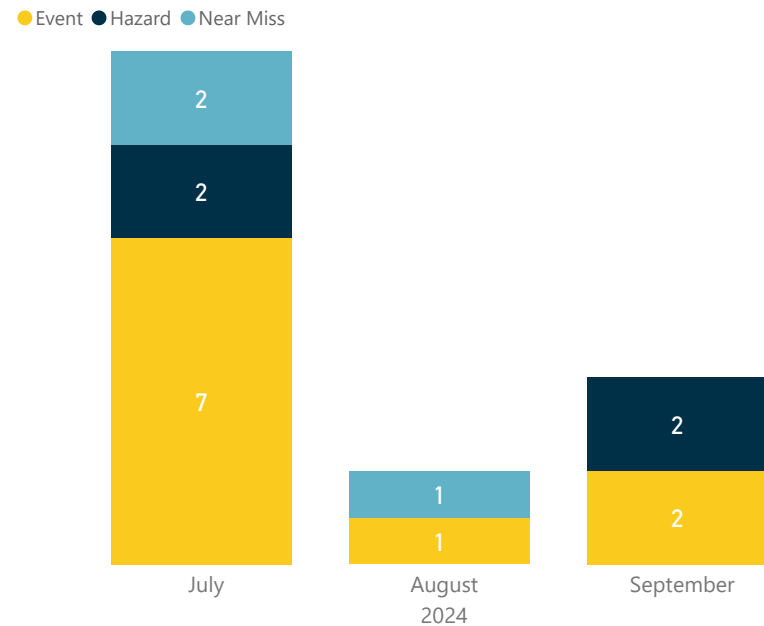
That in relation to the request from Marton Christian Welfare Council (Inc):

- a. Council's Solid Waste Officer be asked to liaise with the Marton Christian Welfare to look at ways to reduce their waste and looking at ways to educate those disposing of goods; and/or
- b. Council agrees to a reduction or exemption of \$_____ for waste transfer fees, noting this would be lost revenue to Council; and/or
- c. Council suggests Marton Christian Welfare look at alternative funding options.

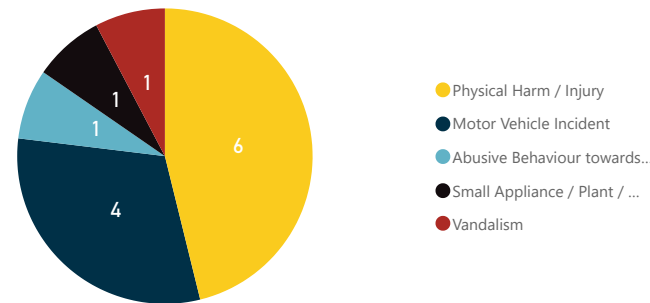


RDC Health and Safety Dashboard September 2024

Events, Hazards and Near Misses 01 July 2024 to date



Event/Near Miss Category 01 July 2024 to date



Wellbeing News

September Wellbeing News

Mole Maps

Our annual Mole Map checks are happening on site over the next three months. Thanks to those of you who have already booked. Mole Maps are a great way to proactively monitor your skin health related to the harmful effects of the NZ sun. For more information on Mole Maps, or to book, please contact Matt or Chelsea.

Employee Assistance Programme

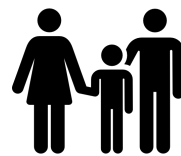
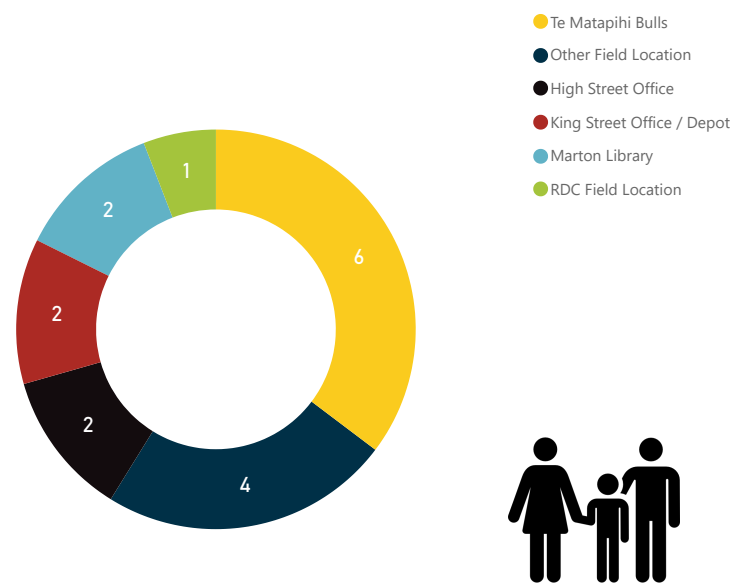
A reminder that our staff Wellbeing Programme – Hauora Ake, provides access to an Employee Assistance Programme – Vitae. Vitae is a confidential counselling and support service available to you, and your immediate family (household), at no cost to you. Details on how to connect with Vitae are available in our Wellbeing Programme, or chat to a member of the People and Performance Team.

Summary of Month

2 Events
0 Notifiable Incidents
0 Notifiable Illness/Injuries

0 Near Misses
2 Hazards

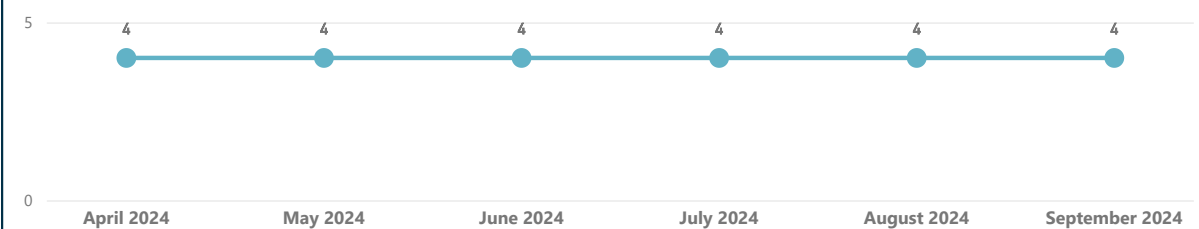
Location Events, Hazards and Near Misses



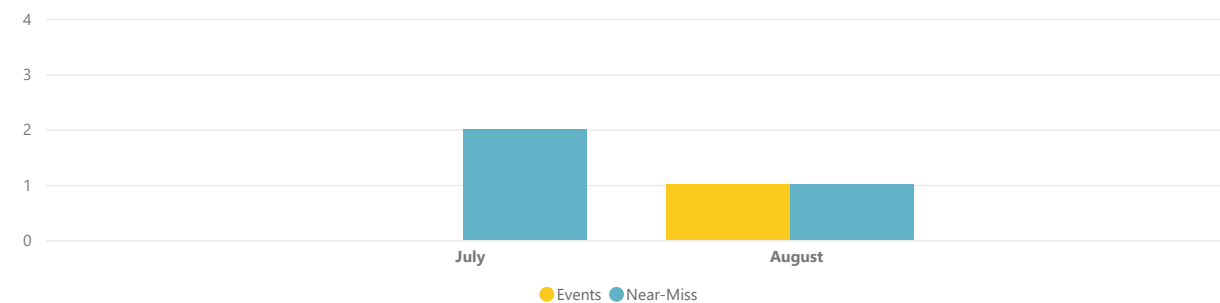
Average Driver Ratings

55% 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				
Consultation on regulations for natural hazard information in LIMs	Internal Affairs	28-Oct	The regulations have been drafted to support local authorities implement changes to the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act that are due to come into effect on 1 July 2025. The regulations give direction both for territorial authorities, when sharing natural hazard information in a LIM, and regional councils, when sharing natural hazard information with territorial authorities. The regulations set requirements for any additional information to make natural hazard information more understandable and how natural hazard information is summarised and presented.	Not proposed to submit on
Arms (Shooting Clubs, Shooting Ranges, and Other Matters) Amendment Bill	Parliament Justice Committee	29-Oct	The Bill removes the requirement for shooting ranges (both pistol ranges and non-pistol ranges) to have all necessary territorial authority and regional council consents – a requirement that was added to the Arms Act in 2022. Shooting range operators will no longer have to show they have council consents for the activity to obtain Police approval (which is restricted to safety only).	Not proposed to submit on
Health and safety	MBIE	31-Oct	Taituarā anticipate less transparency around the location and compliance status of shooting ranges and that the Bill will be enacted by March 2025. Communities may be particularly concerned about noise impact and lead contamination in soil.	MWLASS is doing a submission on behalf of MWLASS Councils which RDC has contributed to.
Seeking feedback on a proposal to shift from static survey plans to digitally visualised survey plans on Landonline	Land Information New Zealand	31-Oct	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
Freedom Camping – Review of Transitional Period for Privately Owned Vehicles	MBIE	1-Nov	In 2023, the Government passed a new law for self-contained vehicles to better manage the impacts of freedom camping on our communities and environment. The self-containment requirements for private motor vehicles certified under the old system come into effect in June 2025.c However, currently only a small number of the estimated 73,000 self-contained vehicles in New Zealand have been certified under the new system. This paper is consulting on whether the deadline for private self-contained vehicles should be extended to reduce the pressure on Certification Authorities (and their vehicle inspectors), noting that such a delay may have other implications.	Not proposed to submit on
Consultation on increasing the use of remote inspections in the building consent process	MBIE	29-Nov	MBIE is seeking feedback on options which include: requiring building consent authorities to use remote inspections as the default approach, requiring building consent authorities to have the systems and capability to conduct remote inspections, non-regulatory initiatives to lift inspection productivity, and creating a new offence to deter deceptive behaviour during a remote inspection and give building consent authorities more confidence to inspect remotely.	Officers considering benefit of submitting
Upcoming Consultations				
Local Electoral (Abolition of the Ratepayer Roll) Amendment Bill	Parliament	Yet to be referred to Select Committee	Would abolish the separate ratepayer electoral roll for local government elections.	Tbc
New Zealand Bill of Rights (Right to Sustainable Environment) Amendment Bill	Parliament	Yet to be referred to Select Committee	Would amend the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990 by adding section 18A:Everyone has the right to a clean, healthy, and sustainable environment.	Tbc
Repeal of Good Friday and Easter Sunday as Restricted Trading Days (Shop Trading and Sale of Alcohol) Amendment Bill Repeal of Good Friday and Easter Sunday as Restricted Trading Days (Shop Trading and Sale of Alcohol) Amendment Bill 38-1 (2024), Members Bill Contents – New Zealand Legislation	Private Members Bill	Introduced 11 April 2024	The Bill allows more or less unfettered shop trading and sale of alcohol on Good Friday and Easter Sunday. It is a matter for shop owner discretion. Among other things, the provisions empowering you to set a local policy on shop trading would be removed. The default restriction on the sale and supply of alcohol on these days would be repealed.	Tbc

ITEM 9.1 ATTACHMENT 2

Public Works (Prohibition of Compulsory Acquisition of Māori Land) Amendment Bill	Private Members Bill	Introduced 7 May 2024	The bill amends the Public Works Act 1981 to protect Māori freehold and Māori customary land from being acquired for public works under that Act.	Tbc
Review of the management of seismic risk in existing buildings	MBIE	Date for public input to be advised on MBIE's website.	The review will include (a) considering society's expectations and willingness to pay to mitigate the risk of injury and death in an earthquake, and for improving the resilience of buildings over time, (b) recommending regulatory responses that balance life safety risks against the costs of regulation and impact on private property owners, (c) identifying barriers to meeting regulatory requirements and the types of support or incentives that would help building owners to better manage seismic risk, and (d) considering how outcomes from seismic risk requirements align with broader Government objectives. Report due mid-2025. Legislation may follow. Remediation deadlines for earthquake prone buildings will be extended for four years while the review is underway	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
Back to basics LG reform package	Tbc	Tbc	Taituarā considers the 'Back to basics LG reform package' will include reviewing the bylaws system, including enforcement, looking into how councils recover costs from fees and charges, exploring a collective approach to reduce insurance costs, reviewing councils' transparency and accountability processes, addressing constraints in councils' consultation and decision-making processes, exploring whether there are efficiencies in the conduct of council business and considering the greater use of shared services.	Tbc
Disability Parking infringement fees regulations	Tbc	Tbc	Gives effect to the governments announcements that these fees are to be increased. This one is speculative as it any not require consultation.	Tbc
Land Transport (Time of Use Charging) Amendment Bill	Ministry of Transport, then Parliament	Dec-24	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 accorded a category 5 priority on the 2024 Legislation Programme (to proceed to select committee by the end of 2024). See Cabinet paper:	Tbc
Local Water Done Well Bill #3	DIA, then Parliament	Dec-24		Tbc
Making it easier to build granny flats - amendments to Building Act and Resource Management Act	MBIE, then Parliament	Dec-24	Making it possible to build 60m2 secondary dwellings without building consent	Tbc
Infrastructure Priorities Programme (IPP) Te Waihangā	Infrastructure Commission	Sept 2024 - no date set for submitting a proposal	The Commission is calling for infrastructure proposals. They will be assessed through a standardised independent review process that they meet NZ's strategic objectives, represent value for money, and be a project or solution that can actually be delivered. Projects on the IPP list are not automatically funded. However, being part of the IPP signals to decision-makers and the public that your proposal is a priority for New Zealand. Councils can submit proposals	Tbc
Review of the Public Works Act		Mid 2025	See Minister's media release, 18 June 2024: https://www.beehive.govt.nz/release/making-it-easier-build-infrastructure	Tbc
Replacement for the National Policy Statement for Freshwater Management 2020 (NPS-FM)	Ministry for the Environment	Probably 2025	The review is expected to take at least 18 months as it will be highly consultative. Part 4 of Schedule 2 in the Resource Management (Natural Built Environment and Spatial Planning Repeal and Interim Fast-tracking Consenting) Act amends section 80A(4)(b) in the Resource Management Act to give councils an extra three years, until 31 December 2027, to notify their freshwater plan changes, which provides time to replace and start implementation on the new NPS-FM and means that unnecessary costs in relation to the NPS-FM 2020 do not need to be incurred	Tbc

Resource Management Act Amendment Bill #2	Ministry for the Environment	Probably Dec 2024	This amendment Bill will (indicative list): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enable housing growth, including making the Medium Density Residential Standards optional for councils and secondary units – i.e. granny flats • Speed up consenting timeframes for renewable energy and wood processing • Support the government’s “Infrastructure for the Future” plan • Speed up the process for making national direction under the RMA • Amend national direction on highly productive land to allow more productive activities including housing - exclude LUC-3 • Introduce emergency response regulations to enable effective responses to emergencies and contribute to long-term recovery. Plus potentially other targeted amendments suggested by Councils and other key stakeholders.	Tbc
Local Electoral (Restoration of Polls)	Ministry of Justice (or Dept of Internal Affairs)	"in the coming months"	Would repeal the Local Electoral (Māori Wards and Māori Constituencies) Amendment Act 2021	Tbc
Consultation on proposals for inclusion in the next implementation plan for Te Mana o te Taiao – Aotearoa New Zealand Biodiversity Strategy and Aotearoa New Zealand’s response to the Global Biodiversity Framework (GBF)	Department of Conservation	Initially forecast for May/June 2024 but (in March) delayed until later in 2024	Consultation on proposals for inclusion in the next implementation plan.	Tbc
Building Act Amendment(s)	MBIE	2024/25	Chris Penk, Minister of Building and Construction, said on 15 February 2024 that the Government will reform the building consent system by streamlining the consent process, making product substitutions easier, and clarifying roles and responsibilities within the system. Removing unnecessary barriers and giving greater certainty to businesses means better productivity and less delays when building a home. https://www.beehive.govt.nz/release/government-tackling-high-construction-costs See also Minister Penk’s release on 4 April 2024 concerning the Building (Product Certification) Amendment Bill. https://www.beehive.govt.nz/release/building-products-shakeup-lower-prices	Tbc
Remote Building Inspections	MBIE	Late 2024	Proposals to make virtual building inspections the ‘default’ option.	Tbc
Treaty Principles Bill	Justice, then Parliament	Nov-18	Bill to amend or remove references to te Tiriti principles from legislation <i>NB – National committed to support the Bill to Select Committee, support beyond this stage (and therefore future progress of this Bill) is uncertain.</i>	Tbc
Integrated National Direction Package – RMA <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Amend/replace National Policy Statement on Indigenous Biodiversity • New Infrastructure National Direction • New National Policy Statement for Freshwater Management 	Ministry for the Environment	Jan-25	Single process for integrated direction – with some exception Priority content for this package would include replacing and rebalancing NPS-Freshwater Management, new infrastructure national direction – national direction on energy infrastructure could be on its own track, a series of changes to make it easier for farmers, reviewing the existing NPS-indigenous biodiversity, and other national direction priorities	Tbc
Land Transport Management Act Amendment Bill	Ministry of Transport, then Parliament	Tbc	Amending the Land Transport Management Act	Tbc
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	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.	Tbc
Strengthening NZ’s emergency management system Beehive.govt.nz	Tbc	this Parliamentary term	Will reflect Strengthening Disaster Resilience and Emergency Management which sets out the Government’s overarching vision to strengthen New Zealand’s emergency management system over the next five years.	Tbc

ANNUAL SECTION 10A Dog Control Act 1996 Report – 2023/ 2024

PART 1 – Dog Control Policy and Practices

Dog Control in the District

During the 2023-2024 year, the Council's Animal Control Team, delivered animal control services across both the Rangitikei and Manawatu Districts (through our shared service agreement), a combined area of 7050km². The team enforced the Dog Control Act 1996 and adhered to the Council's Dog Control and Owner Responsibility Policy 2016.

Comprising five Animal Control Officers supported by the Manager Animal Control, the team operated 24/7 to respond to service requests and complaints within the timeframes specified in the Council's Long Term and Annual Plans. Proactive efforts focused on identifying unregistered and wandering dogs, and addressing complaints related to aggressive dog behaviour, including attacks.

Normal hours of operation are 8am – 5pm on weekdays. Animal Control Officers work on rostered shifts to enable 24-hour response to Priority One calls after hours including weekends and public holidays. Priority One calls include dog attacks and secured dogs.

A graduated enforcement approach was employed for all unregistered dogs, progressing from property inspections to verbal or written warnings, infringement notices, and impounding as a final measure.

- Number of dog owners in District – 2384
- Number of dogs in District
 - 5080 comprising
 - 2514 working dogs
 - 1951 Good Dog Owners and
 - 615 non-working dogs

Infringements

There was a slight increase in the number of infringements issued this year compared to the previous year (46 versus 32). This increase can be attributed to a higher number of infringements issued to unregistered dog owners during the year.

Court action is initiated if infringements remain unpaid for 56 days.

Roaming Dogs

Roaming dogs account for 27.5% (261) of all service requests. While some are found during patrols, public reporting is essential. Unfortunately, many people resort to social media to report lost, found, or roaming dogs rather than contacting Council directly. This delay hinders our response and can result in dogs being returned to their owners without consequences. Additionally, there has been growing concern that in some instances where social media has been utilised to reunite dogs, dogs have been handed over to individuals who are not the rightful owners.

Barking Dogs

Barking dog complaints comprise 16% (153) of service requests. Contributing causes of nuisance barking include inadequate socialization, dogs being left outdoors during working hours, and reduced owner interaction. This issue has often been linked to increased separation anxiety due to owners returning to work post-pandemic. Our Barking Dog Policy provides a framework to assist both complainants and dog owners in resolving these issues.

Dog Control Enforcement Practices

Animal Control Officers responded to 949 service requests/ complaints during the reporting period in response to the following:

- 77 Attacks (human and animal – includes rushing)
- 153 Barking dogs
- 261 Wandering/ roaming dogs
- 34 Animal Welfare/Property Investigation
- 102 Found/ Secured dogs
- 96 Lost dogs
- 170 Other (e.g. microchipping, Good Dog Owner status/ Bylaw/ General, MDP)
- 46 Infringement notices issued
- 56 Stock complaints attended

Dogs Prohibited, Leash Only and Exercise Areas

The problem of dogs in public places or otherwise prohibited areas is not one that is common within this District. When dogs are reported as wandering unaccompanied within such areas, the Animal Control Officers respond promptly.

Dog Control Registration and Other Fees

- Non-working dog registration went from \$149 to \$155
- Non-working neutered/spayed went from \$100 to \$104
- Good Dog Owner went from \$70 to \$73
- Working Dogs went from \$48 to \$50

The dog registration fees reflect the respective levels of service required by each category of dog owner. The good dog owner system aims to provide an incentive within the registration fee structure that promotes responsible dog ownership. The fee structure will reward dog owners who:

- adequately fence their section,
- de-sex their dog,
- have a good record of dog ownership,
- register their dog on time, and
- care for their dogs properly, i.e. provide them with a secure yard and a kennel that is weatherproof, of sufficient size, clean and sanitary.

The Rangitikei District Council is committed to promoting responsible dog ownership and ensuring compliance with local dog control regulations. While education remains our primary focus, the Council also takes enforcement actions to address persistent non-compliance.

In cases where dog owners have consistently failed to register their animals despite warnings and penalties, Animal Control Officers (ACOs) implement a targeted approach. These officers visit properties that were previously known to house registered dogs, conducting thorough checks to determine if the dogs are still present.

If an ACO verifies that a dog continues to be owned at the property, infringement notices are issued to the owners. In instances where non-compliance persists, dogs may be impounded under Section 42 of the Dog Control Act 1996 for failing to be registered.

Dog Education and Dog Obedience Courses

The Rangitikei District Council has contracted a qualified dog education presenter to deliver a comprehensive program aimed at teaching children about responsible dog ownership and safety. This program is specifically designed for schools within the district and has garnered positive feedback from participating schools.

The presenter utilizes her own dogs as engaging visual aids during her presentations, effectively reinforcing the key messages about dog safety and interaction.

The Council has continued its commitment to promoting dog education by supporting the presenter in purchasing her recently published book. This book is tailored for children aged 5-8 and provides valuable information on dog safety in an age-appropriate manner. The book has been enthusiastically received by the schools visited and the Council continues to sponsor copies for distribution to children following the dog safety presentations. Additionally, an Animal Control Officer (ACO) assists whenever possible to support the program's effectiveness.

Disqualified and Probationary Dog Owners

No owners were classified as disqualified or probationary during the year.

Menacing and Dangerous Dogs

The Council has not had any issues with owners of menacing dogs not complying with the requirements relating to their classification.

There are 2 dogs classified as dangerous in the district.

Multiple Dog Permits

The Council introduced a new policy under the Control of Dogs Bylaw, for multiple dog permits to be required by owners in any residential area having more than two dogs.

This has proved beneficial and has reduced barking dog complaints, roaming dogs and dogs causing general disturbance due the numbers on a property.

PART 2 – Statistical Information

Category	As at 30 June 2023	As at 30 June 2024
1) Total Registered Dogs	5065	5080
2) Total Probationary Owners	Nil	Nil
3) Total Disqualified Owners	Nil	Nil
4) Total Dangerous Dogs	5	2
Dangerous by Owner Conviction Under s31(1)(a)	Nil	Nil
Dangerous by Sworn Evidence s31(1)(b)	5	2
Dangerous by Owner Admittance in Writing s31(1)(c)	Nil	Nil
5) Total Menacing Dogs	40	40
Menacing under s33A(1)(b)(i) – i.e. by behavior	19	20
Menacing under s33A(1)(b)(ii) by Breed Characteristics	4	3
Menacing under s33C(1) by Schedule 4 Breed	17	17
6) Total Infringement Notices	32	46
7) Total Complaints Received	894	949
8) Total Prosecutions Taken	Nil	Nil
9) Infringements Sent to Court	13	16

10 Reports for Decision

10.1 Adoption of the 2023/24 Annual Report

Author: Doug Law, Group Manager Corporate Services

Authoriser: Doug Law, Group Manager Corporate Services

1. Reason for Report

- 1.1 To adopt Council's 2023/24 Annual Report.

2. Context

- 2.1 Section 98 of the Local Government Act 2002 requires every local authority to prepare and adopt in respect of each financial year an audited annual report containing in respect of that year the information required by Part 3 of Schedule 10. The specified purposes of an annual report are:

- 2.1.1 to compare the actual activities and the actual performance of the local authority in the year with the intended level of performance as set out in respect of the year in the long-term plan and the annual plan; and

- 2.1.2 to promote the local authority's accountability to the community for the decisions made throughout the year by the local authority.

The annual report is required to be completed and adopted, by resolution, within 4 months after the end of the financial year to which it relates.

- 2.2 At the time of writing this report the auditors were still finalising their fieldwork and accordingly the draft Annual Report as attached to this report may change. Any such changes will be advised at the Council meeting.
- 2.3 Once the Annual Report has been adopted Council has 1 month to make it publicly available and adopt a Summary Annual Report.

3. Financial Performance

- 3.1 Council has incurred an operating deficit of \$4.8m compared to a budgeted deficit of \$3.1m.. This variance has largely been explained in the Finance Snapshot reports to the Finance and Performance committee during the year.
- 3.2 Income levels were 3.5m above budget. This was mainly due to;
 - 3.2.1 unbudgeted grants received in relation to Emergency Roothing maintenance following the adverse weather events in 2021/22 \$1.3m
 - 3.2.2 a milestone payment for the Marton Rail Hub work which also occurred during this period of \$750k, and
 - 3.2.3 assets \$1.6m vested to Council relating to three Marton sites
 - 3.2.4 offset by Better off Funding Grants being carried forward to the current 2024/25 year, predominantly the Taihape Town Hall grant of \$1.8m
 - 3.2.5 solid waste income was below budget \$448k
- 3.3 Operating Expenditure increased by \$5m above budget. This was attributed to

- 3.3.1 an overspend in operating expenditure and underspend in capital expenditure due to unbudgeted Emergency Works in 2023/24 (relating to 2022/23)
- 3.3.2 Personal costs above budget due to staff being employed in favour of using contractors
- 3.3.3 3 Waters contractor expenditure was also above budget levels.
- 3.4 Council also has a loss of \$5m (showing below the Operating deficit) reflecting the impairment of several Council owned earthquake prone buildings.
- 3.5 Therefore, the total Comprehensive deficit for the year is \$9.8m

4. Financial Position

- 4.1 Council invested \$22.8m in assets from a budget of \$35.7m (64%).
- 4.2 Council borrowed \$13m during the year with a budgeted \$21.5m projected borrowing
- 4.3 Council know has \$44m of external debt when the Annual Plan predicted \$53m and the LTP year 3 prediction was \$62m.
- 4.4 Council has a healthy liquidity position with a 2.7:1 ratio (\$10m more in current assets that current liabilities).
- 4.5 Council has met all the LGFA Covenants for borrowing and all Interest and debt Prudential Benchmarks.
- 4.6 However, Council has not met the LTP limits on Rate Income Affordability and Rates Increase Affordability that was set in the 2021-31 LTP for year 3. It was disclosed in the 2023/24 Annual Plan that these would not be met.
- 4.7 Council has also not met the Balance Budget and Operational Control prudential benchmarks. The Balance budget was 89% (>100% meets the target) but with predicted deficits in the Annual Plan this was always the likely case.

Attachments:

- 1. Annual Report 2023/24 (under separate cover)**

Recommendation 1

That the 'Adoption of the 2023/24 Annual Report' report be received.

Recommendation 2

That His Worship the Mayor and the Chief Executive be authorised to sign the letter of representation addressed to the Council's auditor for the year ended 30 June 2024.

Recommendation 3

That the Annual Report 2023/24, with amendment, be adopted noting that the Audit Opinion and the final list of changes be incorporated.

Recommendation 4

That His Worship the Mayor and the Chief Executive be delegated to approve the Summary Annual Report 2023/24 once the final Audit opinion is received.

10.2 Recommendation from Finance / Performance Committee re Carry Forwards**Author: Doug Law, Group Manager Corporate Services****Authoriser: Doug Law, Group Manager Corporate Services****ITEM 10.2****1. Reason for Report**

- 1.1 To enable Council to consider a recommendation from the Finance / Performance Committee meeting held on 31 October 2024, to approve proposed carry over projects from the 2023/24 year to the current 2024/25, year 1 of the LTP.

Recommendation

That Council considers the recommendation from the Finance / Performance Committee and approves/declines [~~delete one~~] the proposed carry over projects from the 2023/24 year to the current 2024/25, year 1 of the LTP, increasing the Capital and operational projects by \$16.5m.

10.3 Direction on Scope for Proposed Plan Change 3 - Urban Growth

Author: Tiffany Gower, Senior Policy Planner

Authoriser: Katrina Gray, Manager Strategy and Development

1. Reason for Report

- 1.1 To give Council the opportunity to provide direction to officers on the scope of Proposed Plan Change 3 – Urban Growth before the next phase of work commences on the preparation of this plan change.

2. Context

- 2.1 Officers are in the pre-notification, development phase of Proposed Plan Change 3 – Urban Growth (PPC3). This proposed plan change is the first in Council’s sectional review of the Rangitikei District Plan.
- 2.2 The purpose of PPC3 is to provide for urban growth across the Rangitikei District for the next 30 years. PPC3 will focus on the Residential and Rural Living Zones of the District Plan. Other zones and sections of the District Plan will be reviewed in turn over time.
- 2.3 Rangitikei District Council was provided funding from the previous Government as part of the “Better off Fund” for the acceleration of the residential growth phase of the District Plan review. This funding is contributing towards the development of this plan change.
- 2.4 PPC3 will look to provide for urban growth in a variety of ways to ensure that the varying needs of the Rangitikei District are met now and, in the future, whilst also providing for the most efficient use of the District’s land resource (i.e. urban intensification, infill, and where necessary greenfield development). This plan change will revise the objectives, policies, and standards of the Residential and Rural Living (soon to be renamed Rural Lifestyle) Zones of the District Plan. Land may also be proposed to be rezoned on the urban edge of some the towns/settlements in the District.
- 2.5 Council recently prepared and adopted “Pae Tawhiti Rangitikei Beyond” which is a Spatial Strategy and Community Plan for the District. Pae Tawhiti Rangitikei Beyond looked at three different growth scenarios for the District and provided a high-level assessment of “available land capacity” for the towns/settlements across the District. Where there was an identified shortfall in “available land” (i.e. zoned and developable land) Pae Tawhiti Rangitikei Beyond assessed potential growth areas.
- 2.6 The growth areas are made up of land that is typically zoned Rural and is situated on the urban edge of one of the towns/settlements that was considered to have a shortfall in available land. The growth areas identified in Pae Tawhiti Rangitikei Beyond as most suitable for future growth are the focus of where officers are assessing land that could be rezoned as part of PPC3.

3. Discussion and Options Considered

- 3.1 Officers have completed efficiency and effective monitoring for the Residential and Rural Living Zones. This has helped to inform and update the “issues” for these zones. The revision and development of objectives, policies, and standards is underway.

- 3.2 GHD was commissioned and has completed an assessment of various aspects of Council’s Three Waters infrastructure. This is considered to be “phase one” of the Three Waters infrastructure assessment required for this plan change. The purpose of this assessment was to help Council understand the capacity and any potential constraints that our existing Three Waters infrastructure may have in relation to supporting urban growth.
- 3.3 Officers are now at a point where they are scoping and ready to commence a number of further technical assessments of the identified growth areas being considered for rezoning as part of this plan change. This includes “phase two” of the Three Waters infrastructure assessment (which will look at how growth areas could be serviced if they are rezoned and as they are developed), as well as area specific stormwater assessments, traffic impact assessments, ecological assessments, archaeological assessments (where needed), and possibly geotechnical assessments. Note: Assessment of highly productive land is not planned to be undertaken at this stage, although this may change if the Government does not remove LUC Class 3 land from being considered to be highly productive land.
- 3.4 These technical assessments will be expensive, and therefore, prior to this work commencing it is timely for officers to reconfirm how Council wants to scope PPC3 in terms of rezoning land. Officers have previously outlined in a workshop on Thursday, 26 September 2024 two (2) main options, being:

- 1. Continue to progress with assessing growth areas for all towns/settlements identified in Pae Tawhiti Rangitīkei Beyond as potentially having a shortfall of available land (i.e. Bulls, Marton, Taihape, Hunterville, Mangaweka, and Turakina).

OR

- 2. Refine the scope of technical assessments to focus on providing for growth in “less challenging” and/or higher growth areas. This would likely focus further technical assessment of growth areas to Marton, Bulls, and Mangaweka.

- 3.5 The main advantages and disadvantages of each of these options are:

Option 1 - Progress with assessing growth areas for all identified towns/settlements

- **Advantages:** Pae Tawhiti Rangitīkei Beyond has identified these towns/settlements as having a shortfall in zoned land for Residential/Rural Lifestyle development within the next 30 years. Assessing all these areas allows Council to understand across the board the viability of rezoning land for these towns/settlements.
- **Disadvantages:** The assessment of growth areas for all identified towns/settlements will be more costly and will take longer. It is possible that the assessments may find that a growth area is not feasible or that all growth areas for a town/settlement are not currently feasible.

Option 2 - Refine the plan change and focus on rezoning land in “less challenging” and/or higher growth towns/settlements

- **Advantages:** This option would focus technical assessment of growth areas to Bulls and Marton (where urban growth is currently occurring at a much high rate than elsewhere in the District) and Mangaweka (currently ranking well for serviceability and which also provides a good option for urban growth in the

northern part of the District). The assessments will be a lower cost than Option 1 and should be able to be completed faster than Option 1.

- **Disadvantages:** This option will mean that for some settlements (i.e. Hunterville, Taihape, and Turakina) Pae Tawhiti Rangitīkei Beyond identified a shortfall in available land for urban development within the next 30 years and this plan change will not address this shortfall.

3.6 Officer comments on the options:

- Efficiency and effectiveness monitoring for the Residential and Rural Living Zones was undertaken to inform this plan change. This monitoring illustrated that the majority of subdivision and construction of new dwellings in urban areas across the District is taking place in Marton and Bulls. Of the 92 residential subdivisions granted between 1 January 2019 to 31 December 2023, 83 of these were in these two towns. Over the same period 271 dwellings were consented within the Residential and Rural Lifestyle Zones, with 256 of these being in Bulls and Marton.
- If Council chooses Option 2, it should be noted that the towns/settlements with an identified shortfall of available land will still have some capacity to grow. For example, Taihape was assessed in Pae Tawhiti Rangitīkei Beyond as having 8ha of residentially zoned land available for development (noted as being sufficient for at least the next 13 years) and Hunterville as having 4ha of land available (noted as being sufficient for the next 10 years).
- Although officers would focus on assessing growth areas for higher growth towns/settlements in Option 2, alternatives to urban expansion can continue to be explored across the board (e.g. officers can look at ways to provide for greater intensification within existing Residential and Rural Lifestyle Zones).
- The sectional review of the District Plan provides opportunity for the towns/settlements which are proving more challenging and expensive to assess at this time, and which are also not experiencing the same level of growth as Marton and Bulls, to be assessed as part of a future plan change.

3.7 Officers preferred option is Option 2.

4. Financial Implications

- 4.1 Officers are currently working to get quotes for the different technical assessments required. The quotes that have been obtained for the technical assessments cannot be disclosed at this time as they are still commercially sensitive (with multiple offers being sought for all the assessments).
- 4.2 There is budget for the District Plan Review in the Annual Plan 2024/25 and from the Better Off Funding. However, if Council decides to go with Option 1 then it is likely that additional funding will be required to undertake the necessary assessments.

5. Impact on Strategic Risks

- 5.1 The main risk would be that Trust and Confidence is Tarnished in relation to Council's Reputation. Council has indicated to the community through Pae Tawhiti Rangitīkei Beyond the desire, as well as identifying a need, to facilitate residential growth in Marton, Bulls, Hunterville, Mangaweka, Taihape, and Turakina.

- 5.2 Pae Tawhiti Rangitīkei Beyond is an aspirational and non-statutory document. This document helps to guide how the District will grow over the next 30 years. Council can decide how and when urban growth is facilitated. If Council decides to propose to rezone land on the urban edge of several, rather than all six of the towns/settlement identified then officers can explain why this approach has been taken so that interested landowners and the public understand. Furthermore, any towns/settlements not included could form part of a future plan change.

6. Strategic Alignment

- 6.1 PPC3 will have implications for Environmental, Social, Economic, and Cultural Wellbeing. The well-beings are invariably considered as part of the plan change process through technical reports (e.g. ecological assessments and archaeological assessments) and through consultation with affected landowners, key stakeholders, and the wider public.
- 6.2 A trusted partner with iwi. Officers have recently presented to Te Roopuu Ahi Kaa and regular updates will be provided, with opportunities for input and feedback during the preparation of the plan change. The plan change will follow the Schedule 1 process outlined in the Resource Management Act 1991, which stipulates special consultation with relevant iwi. Officers will work to ensure that as this plan change is developed Council will meet its commitment to being a trusted partner with iwi.
- 6.3 PPC3 strongly aligns with Council's Strategic Priority of Facilitating Growth. Option 1 may provide for urban growth across more of the towns/settlements identified in Pae Tawhiti Rangitīkei Beyond, however, this will take longer, cost more and it is possible that some of the growth areas assessed will not be suitable and therefore will not be included in the plan change. Option 2 will focus on facilitating urban growth where there is the most demand or where it is looking least challenging, allowing Council to progress in a more timely manner.

7. Mana Whenua Implications

- 7.1 Officers will work with mana whenua to ensure that they have opportunity to input into PPC3 including understanding its implications for them. This will be in accordance with Schedule 1 requirements and also in line with Council's commitment to be a trusted partner with iwi.

8. Climate Change Impacts and Consideration

- 8.1 Climate Change is factored into the consideration of how future growth areas might be serviced. Furthermore, the avoidance of known hazard prone areas (e.g. land within a flood area) is preferred when assessing land for rezoning. Where there is no alternative land available, then climate change is considered as part of assessing the impact of the natural hazard and the viability of rezoning land affected by it for residential purposes.

9. Statutory Implications

- 9.1 The plan change process will be in accordance with Schedule 1 of the Resource Management Act 1991.

10. Decision Making Process

- 10.1 Officers will proceed with the preparation of the plan change based on Council's direction. The plan change will follow the process outlined in Schedule 1 of the Resource Management Act 1991.

Recommendation 1

That the report 'Direction on Scope for Proposed Plan Change 3 – Urban Growth' be received.

Recommendation 2

That Council supports 'Option 2 - Refine the plan change and focus on rezoning land in "less challenging" and/or higher growth towns/settlements' and that officers proceed with the preparation of Proposed Plan Change 3 – Urban Growth on this basis.

10.4 Adoption of Meeting Schedule 2025**Author:** Carol Gordon, Deputy Chief Executive**Authoriser:** Carol Gordon, Deputy Chief Executive**1. Reason for Report**

1.1 The purpose of this report is to provide a draft schedule of meetings for 2025 for Council's consideration and adoption.

2. Context

2.1 A proposed schedule of meetings for 2025 is attached which includes workshops throughout the year. Workshops for the Annual Plan have been planned in the first quarter of the year.

2.2 The dates for the 2025 local body elections are included, as are the proposed dates for the induction process for the new Council.

2.3 Dates for Sector meetings (Zone 3 and Rural and Provincial) have been received from Local Government New Zealand and these have been added to the meeting schedule.

3. Financial Implications

3.1 There are no financial implications in relation to this decision.

4. Impact on Strategic Risks

4.1 This is an administrative decision and has no impact on strategic risks.

5. Strategic Alignment

5.1 This is an administrative decision and has no impact on council's strategic alignment.

6. Mana Whenua Implications

6.1 The meetings for Te Roopuu Ahi Kaa Komiti have been included.

7. Climate Change Impacts and Consideration

7.1 This is an administrative decision and has no impact on climate change.

8. Statutory Implications

8.1 This is an administrative decision and therefore no statutory implications associated with this report.

9. Decision Making Process

9.1 This item is not considered to be a significant decision according to Council's Policy on Significance and Engagement.

Attachments:

1. **2025 Meetings Calendar** [↓](#)

Recommendation 1:

That the report Adoption of Schedule of Meetings 2025 be received.

Recommendation 2:

That Council adopts the schedule of meetings for 2025 with / without [delete one] amendment.

Calendar 2025

Updated – 22 October 2024

January		
1	Wed	New Year's Day
2	Thu	Day after New Year's Day
3	Fri	
4	Sat	
5	Sun	
6	Mon	
7	Tue	
8	Wed	
9	Thu	
10	Fri	
11	Sat	
12	Sun	
13	Mon	
14	Tue	
15	Wed	
16	Thu	
17	Fri	
18	Sat	
19	Sun	
20	Mon	Wellington Anniversary
21	Tue	
22	Wed	6.00pm Bulls Community Committee
23	Thu	Ratana Celebrations (TBC)
24	Fri	Ratana Celebrations (TBC)
25	Sat	
26	Sun	
27	Mon	
28	Tue	
29	Wed	
30	Thu	9.30am Council Workshop Annual Plan
31	Fri	

February		
1	Sat	
2	Sun	
3	Mon	
4	Tue	
5	Wed	
6	Thu	Waitangi Day
7	Fri	
8	Sat	
9	Sun	
10	Mon	4.00pm Hunterville Rural Water Scheme 6.30pm Hunterville Community Committee
11	Tue	10.00-11.00 TRAK Hui / 11.00-1.30pm TRAK Meeting 6.30pm Ratana Community Board
12	Wed	5.30pm Taihape Community Board 6.00pm Marton Community Committee
13	Thu	9.30am Assets & Infrastructure Committee <i>Workshop</i> 1pm Policy / Planning Committee 7.00pm Turakina Community Committee
14	Fri	
15	Sat	
16	Sun	
17	Mon	
18	Tue	
19	Wed	
20	Thu	
21	Fri	
22	Sat	
23	Sun	
24	Mon	
25	Tue	
26	Wed	9.30am Finance and Performance Committee 1.00pm Council
27	Thu	<i>Combined Sector Meeting</i>
28	Fri	<i>Rural & Provincial Meeting</i>

March		
1	Sat	
2	Sun	
3	Mon	
4	Tue	4.00pm Erehwon Rural Water Scheme
5	Wed	
6	Thu	9.30am Council Workshop Annual Plan
7	Fri	
8	Sat	
9	Sun	
10	Mon	
11	Tue	
12	Wed	6.00pm Bulls Community Committee
13	Thu	9.30am Assets & Infrastructure Committee <i>Meeting</i> 1.00pm Council Meeting (Annual Plan adopt for consultation)
14	Fri	
15	Sat	
16	Sun	
17	Mon	
18	Tue	9.30am Risk and Assurance Committee meeting
19	Wed	
20	Thu	
21	Fri	
22	Sat	
23	Sun	
24	Mon	
25	Tue	
26	Wed	
27	Thu	
28	Fri	9.30am Finance and Performance Committee 1.00pm Council
29	Sat	
30	Sun	
31	Mon	

Calendar 2025

April		
1	Tue	
2	Wed	
3	Thu	Zone 3 Meeting 7.00pm Turakina Community Committee
4	Fri	Zone 3 Meeting
5	Sat	
6	Sun	
7	Mon	4.00pm Hunterville Rural Water Scheme 10.00-11.00 TRAK Hui / 11.00-1.30pm TRAK Meeting
8	Tue	6.30pm Ratana Community Board 5.30pm Taihape Community Board
9	Wed	6.00pm Marton Community Committee 9.30am Assets & Infrastructure Committee <i>Workshop</i>
10	Thu	1pm Policy / Planning Committee
11	Fri	
12	Sat	
13	Sun	
14	Mon	6.30pm Hunterville Community Committee
15	Tue	
16	Wed	
17	Thu	
18	Fri	Good Friday
19	Sat	
20	Sun	
21	Mon	Easter Monday
22	Tue	
23	Wed	
24	Thu	9.30am Finance and Performance Committee 1.00pm Council
25	Fri	ANZAC Day
26	Sat	
27	Sun	
28	Mon	
29	Tue	
30	Wed	

May		
1	Thu	Combined Sector Meeting
2	Fri	Rural & Provincial Meeting
3	Sat	
4	Sun	
5	Mon	
6	Tue	
7	Wed	
8	Thu	9.30am Council Meeting Annual Plan Hearing
9	Fri	
10	Sat	
11	Sun	
12	Mon	
13	Tue	
14	Wed	6.00pm Bulls Community Committee
15	Thu	9.30am Assets & Infrastructure Committee <i>Meeting</i>
16	Fri	
17	Sat	
18	Sun	
19	Mon	
20	Tue	
21	Wed	
22	Thu	9.30am Council Meeting Annual Plan Deliberations
23	Fri	
24	Sat	
25	Sun	
26	Mon	
27	Tue	
28	Wed	
29	Thu	9.30am Finance and Performance Committee 1.00pm Council
30	Fri	
31	Sat	

June		
1	Sun	
2	Mon	King's Birthday
3	Tue	4.00pm Erewhon Rural Water Scheme
4	Wed	
5	Thu	7.00pm Turakina Community Committee
6	Fri	
7	Sat	
8	Sun	
9	Mon	4.00pm Hunterville Rural Water Scheme
10	Tue	10.00-11.00 TRAK Hui / 11.00-1.30pm TRAK Meeting 6.30pm Ratana Community Board
11	Wed	5.30pm Taihape Community Board 6.00pm Marton Community Committee
12	Thu	9.30am Assets & Infrastructure Committee <i>Workshop</i> 1pm Policy / Planning Committee
13	Fri	
14	Sat	
15	Sun	
16	Mon	6.30pm Hunterville Community Committee
17	Tue	
18	Wed	9.30am Risk and Assurance Committee meeting
19	Thu	
20	Fri	Matariki
21	Sat	
22	Sun	
23	Mon	
24	Tue	
25	Wed	
26	Thu	9.30am Finance and Performance Committee 1.00pm Council
27	Fri	
28	Sat	
29	Sun	
30	Mon	

Calendar 2025

July		
1	Tue	
2	Wed	
3	Thu	
4	Fri	Nominations open
5	Sat	
6	Sun	
7	Mon	
8	Tue	
9	Wed	6.00pm Bulls Community Committee
10	Thu	9.30am Assets & Infrastructure Committee Meeting
11	Fri	
12	Sat	
13	Sun	
14	Mon	
15	Tue	
16	Wed	
17	Thu	LGNZ Conference
18	Fri	LGNZ Conference
19	Sat	
20	Sun	
21	Mon	
22	Tue	
23	Wed	
24	Thu	
25	Fri	
26	Sat	
27	Sun	
28	Mon	
29	Tue	
30	Wed	
31	Thu	9.30am Finance and Performance Committee 1.00pm Council

August		
1	Fri	Nominations close (12 noon)
2	Sat	
3	Sun	
4	Mon	
5	Tue	
6	Wed	
7	Thu	7.00pm Turakina Community Committee
8	Fri	
9	Sat	
10	Sun	
11	Mon	4.00pm Hunterville Rural Water Scheme 6.30pm Hunterville Community Committee
12	Tue	10.00-11.00 TRAK Hui / 11.00-1.30pm TRAK Meeting 6.30pm Ratana Community Board
13	Wed	5.30pm Taihape Community Board 6.00pm Marton Community Committee
14	Thu	9.30am Assets & Infrastructure Committee Workshop 1pm Policy / Planning Committee
15	Fri	
16	Sat	
17	Sun	
18	Mon	
19	Tue	
20	Wed	
21	Thu	
22	Fri	
23	Sat	
24	Sun	
25	Mon	
26	Tue	
27	Wed	
28	Thu	9.30am Finance and Performance Committee 1.00pm Council
29	Fri	
30	Sat	
31	Sun	

September		
1	Mon	
2	Tue	4.00pm Erewhon Rural Water Scheme
3	Wed	9.30am Risk and Assurance Committee Meeting
4	Thu	
5	Fri	
6	Sat	
7	Sun	
8	Mon	
9	Tue	Voting period opens
10	Wed	6.00pm Bulls Community Committee
11	Thu	9.30am Assets & Infrastructure Committee Meeting
12	Fri	
13	Sat	
14	Sun	
15	Mon	
16	Tue	
17	Wed	
18	Thu	
19	Fri	
20	Sat	
21	Sun	
22	Mon	
23	Tue	
24	Wed	
25	Thu	9.30am Finance and Performance Committee 1.00pm Council
26	Fri	
27	Sat	
28	Sun	
29	Mon	
30	Tue	

Calendar 2025

October		
1	Wed	
2	Thu	7.00pm Turakina Community Committee
3	Fri	
4	Sat	
5	Sun	
6	Mon	
7	Tue	10.00-11.00 TRAK Hui / 11.00-1.30pm TRAK Meeting 6.30pm Ratana Community Board (final for triennium) 5.30pm Taihape Community Board (final for triennium) 6.00pm Marton Community Committee
8	Wed	1pm Council (final for triennium)
9	Thu	
10	Fri	
11	Sat	Voting period closes (12 noon) Election day
12	Sun	
13	Mon	4.00pm Hunterville Rural Water Scheme 6.30pm Hunterville Community Committee
14	Tue	
15	Wed	
16	Thu	Official declaration of election result Informal Chat – New Council
17	Fri	
18	Sat	
19	Sun	
20	Mon	
21	Tue	
22	Wed	
23	Thu	Powhiri for newly elected Council, followed by Inaugural Council Meeting
24	Fri	
25	Sat	
26	Sun	
27	Mon	Labour Day
28	Tue	
29	Wed	
30	Thu	1pm First Ordinary Council Meeting
31	Fri	

November		
1	Sat	
2	Sun	
3	Mon	
4	Tue	
5	Wed	
6	Thu	Induction for new Council
7	Fri	
8	Sat	
9	Sun	
10	Mon	
11	Tue	
12	Wed	6.00pm Bulls Community Committee 9.30am Assets & Infrastructure Committee Meeting
13	Thu	1pm Policy / Planning Committee
14	Fri	
15	Sat	
16	Sun	
17	Mon	
18	Tue	10.00-11.00 TRAK Hui / 11.00-1.30pm TRAK Meeting 6.30pm Ratana Community Board (Inaugural meeting)
19	Wed	5.30pm Taihape Community Board (Inaugural meeting) Induction for new Council <i>Zone 3 Meeting</i>
20	Thu	<i>Zone 3 Meeting</i>
21	Fri	<i>Zone 3 Meeting</i>
22	Sat	
23	Sun	
24	Mon	
25	Tue	
26	Wed	
27	Thu	9.30am Finance and Performance Committee 1.00pm Council
28	Fri	
29	Sat	
30	Sun	

December		
1	Mon	
2	Tue	4.00pm Erewhon Rural Water Scheme
3	Wed	9.30am Risk and Assurance Committee Meeting Induction for new Council
4	Thu	7.00pm Turakina Community Committee
5	Fri	
6	Sat	
7	Sun	
8	Mon	4.00pm Hunterville Rural Water Scheme 6.30pm Hunterville Community Committee
9	Tue	
10	Wed	6.00pm Marton Community Committee 9.30am Finance and Performance Committee 1.00pm Council
11	Thu	
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17	Wed	
18	Thu	
19	Fri	
20	Sat	
21	Sun	
22	Mon	
23	Tue	
24	Wed	
25	Thu	Christmas Day
26	Fri	Boxing Day
27	Sat	
28	Sun	
29	Mon	
30	Tue	
31	Wed	

11 Reports for Information

11.1 Verbal Update on Local Water Done Well

Author: Arno Benadie, Chief Operating Officer

Authoriser: Kevin Ross, Chief Executive

1. Reason for Report

1.1 A verbal update will be provided regarding the Local Water Done Well (LWDW).

1.1.1 Mr Brent Manning will be in attendance for this item.

Recommendation

That the Verbal Update on Local Water Done Well be received.

11.2 Project Updates Report - October 2024**Author: Arno Benadie, Chief Operating Officer****Authoriser: Kevin Ross, Chief Executive****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 Office.

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 Project 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 Project Updates report.

3. Key Highlights from Current Projects**Wastewater Projects****3.1 Marton to Bulls Wastewater Centralisation (Project Manager – Steve Carne)**

- 3.2 Investigative work on the 5 shortlisted options previously identified involving disposal scenarios related to land only (1 No.) , land-river combination (3No.) and deep bore groundwater recharge options. (1No.) have commenced with a programmed completion of these investigations in mid-late February 2025.
- 3.3 Different levels of treatment are required for each disposal regime. The anticipated publication of new national Wastewater Discharge Standards by water industry quality regulator Taumata Arowai will have a significant impact on the project's direction and outcomes. Close contact with Taumata Arowai is on-going to maintain project progress given their publication of the Standards is not anticipated until at least March next year.
- 3.4 It is not certain at the moment how Horizons Regional council will be handling consent applications during this period before the Wastewater Discharge Standards are published.
- 3.5 Value engineering inputs on the shortlisted will consider, amongst other things, demand management scenarios involving inflow/infiltration reduction and water metering installation as well as staged implementation.
- 3.6 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.

- 3.7 Longer timeframe and hence critical path investigations now include determining the feasibility of refurbishing the existing oxidation ponds at both locations, knowledge of groundwater behaviour in the region, possible incorporation of the Bulls ANZCO discharge into the project and the site suitability assessment of the RDC-purchased site near Bulls.
- 3.8 Identification of a preferred option is programmed for mid-2025.
- 3.9 A community awareness and engagement campaign is currently being formulated which will have preparatory information released in the 2025 calendar year but needs to be coordinated with other campaigns around Local Water Done Well reforms.

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

- 4.1 A meeting is proposed for 30 October to update residents and stakeholders at Ratana on progress with consenting and possible construction phasing.
- 4.2 Council in collaboration with the landowner has completed the purchase of the extra 4 ha needed for the large storage dam. Our consultants WSP are working on the initial design of this large dam, which will hold treated wastewater over the winter period when ground conditions or weather are unsuitable for irrigation. This design work will include the required safety assessments needed for the required Building Consent. The design will be finalised in partnership with the selected earthworks contractor.
- 4.3 Whilst the consenting side is still on-going, we are using that time to review our chosen design to see where further savings might be possible. For example we are testing whether reducing the pipe from 160mm to 140mm will have a net benefit. Savings from the smaller diameter pipe that can be supplied in 300m lengths is a significant reduction in HDPE welding time (versus joining the 18m lengths of the 160mm pipe), but the smaller pipe will require larger pump capacities and energy costs.
- 4.4 Now that Council owns the two adjoining parcels that form this Ratana Wastewater disposal to land project, we have asked our consenting team to apply for a designation over the site to align it with other wastewater treatment sites.

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

- 5.1 The Taihape Membrane Upgrade project has now been completed.

Water Projects

6. Marton Water Strategy (Project Manager - Eswar Ganapathi)

- 6.1 The trial pilot plant has been in operation for about 5 months now and the initial test results have been positive in the proposed process’ ability to reduce hardness and also iron and manganese that are evident in the source water.
- 6.2 It has been noted that silica sand is being released from the Tutaenui Bore when run for extended periods directly into the water treatment plant.

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- 6.3 Based on the results of testing thus far, some pre-treatment to reduce the silica sand levels will be required in the new process. Technologies and options for this are now being incorporated into the pilot plant trials.
- 6.4 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.
- 6.5 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.
- 6.6 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.
- 6.7 Procurement of the bore pump and associated pipework for the new Reservoir Bore is now a matter of priority for the project, as is test running this and the Tutaenui Bore at full capacity to verify design flows.
- 6.8 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 length of time may not be required now given the indicative performance of the new membranes.
- 6.9 It is envisaged that the new source and treatment process train will not become operable until May 2025.
- 6.10 The proposed process generates a significant quantity of backwash and wastewater, significantly more than the current treatment process. To reduce the extent of wastewater produced, options for utilising the existing clarifier and filters to enable recycling of this wash-water stream into the treatment process are being considered.
- 6.11 Membrane procurement and fabrication will only commence once Council staff are fully satisfied with the results from the trial plant.
- 6.12 Electrical contractors are working closely with PowerCo on our requirement for new transformers. Main switchboard and generator have been procured.
- 6.13 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.
- 6.14 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.
- 6.15 Staff are working towards a communication strategy and holding an open day at the site for the public.

Community Facilities**7. Marton Offices and Library (Project Manager - Eswar Ganapathi)**

- 7.1 Staff have obtained quotes for demolishing the house on 55 Grey Street along with an asbestos survey to be carried out before demolition. Staff are evaluating if this work can be done during the December break such that there is little to no disruption to staff.
- 7.2 Staff visited Ruapehu DC's CPEMC on 9th Oct 2024. Staff are also in the process of gathering information about Gisborne EOC build.
- 7.3 Staff are working with an external consultant to oversee the design and build contractor procurement exercise. An advance notice was posted on GETS portal on 21 Oct 2024 notifying the market of an upcoming EOI exercise and a collaborative workshop that will be scheduled during the week starting 11 Nov 2024.
- 7.4 Appointing a design and build contractor will allow us to revisit council requirements, finalise what will be in scope, and the architectural concept of the building.

8. Taihape Grandstand (Project Manager - Eswar Ganapathi)

- 8.1 Staff have received cost estimates for all three seismic design options. A teams call is scheduled with the consultants to understand these cost estimates in detail.

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

- 9.1 Maycroft have completed the preliminary site investigations along with an asbestos survey.
- 9.2 Preliminary fire compliance inspection was done on 21 Oct 2024.
- 9.3 Initial seismic report, building fabric report, Fire and services reports are expected later this week.

10. Marton Swim Centre Structural Remediation

- 10.1 The Marton Pool facility experienced the failure of one of the structural laminated beams.
- 10.2 Council passed a resolution to initiate further asset condition assessments across the pool facility to form a clear picture of all upgrades and renewals required.
- 10.3 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 31 October Council meeting.

Miscellaneous**11. Scotts Ferry**

- 11.1 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 to power the pump.
- 11.2 Council discussed this option with the Scotts Ferry residents and with the Scotts Ferry Fire Fighting group and was received favourably.
- 11.3 Council will purchase a tractor dedicated to this function and managed by the Scotts Ferry Fire Fighting Group.

- 11.4 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.
- 11.5 Staff had further discussions with Horizons Regional Council regarding access options making use of the existing stop banks. This will be investigated further.

12. Taihape Hautapu Bridges (Project Manager – Pio Rowe)

- 12.1 Construction complete for Bridge #2 (Williams Swing bridge Te Pou o Ōtūpae). Fencing is placed at each of the access points with “No Entry” signage clearly visible at each end of the bridge to stop the public from entering.

13. Financial Implications

- 13.1 This report does not identify and financial implications

14. Impact on Strategic Risks

- 14.1 No impacts on strategic risks

15. Strategic Alignment

- 15.1 All projects are aligned with strategic goals

16. Mana Whenua Implications

- 16.1 All Mana Whenua implications are managed by the individual projects

17. Climate Change Impacts and Consideration

- 17.1 There are no climate change impacts

18. Statutory Implications

- 18.1 No statutory implications

Recommendation

That the report ‘Project Updates Report - October 2024’ be received.

12 Minutes from Committees

12.1 Minutes from Committees

Author: Kezia Spence, Governance Advisor

1. Reason for Report

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

Attachments

1. ERWS-03 Sept 24 (under separate cover)
2. BCC- 11 Sept 24 (under separate cover)
3. RA- 18 Sept 24 (under separate cover)
4. F/P- 25 Sept 24 (under separate cover)
5. TCC-03 Oct 24 (under separate cover)
6. HRWS- 07 Oct 24 (under separate cover)
7. HCC-07 Oct 24 (under separate cover)
8. RCB- 08 Oct 24 (under separate cover)
9. TCB-09 Oct 24 (under separate cover)

Recommendation

That the following minutes are received:

- Erewhon Rural Water Scheme- 03 Sept 24
- Bulls Community Committee Meeting- 11 Sept 24
- Risk and Assurance Meeting- 18 Sept 24
- Finance and Performance Meeting – 25 Sept 24
- Turakina Community Committee Meeting-03 Oct 24
- Hunterville Rural Water Scheme Meeting- 07 Oct 24
- Hunterville Community Committee Meeting- 07 Oct 24
- Ratana Community Board Meeting- 08 Oct 24
- Taihape Community Board Meeting- 09 Oct 24

13 Recommendations from Committees

13.1 Recommendation from the Rātana Community Board: Road Naming

Author: Kezia Spence, Governance Advisor

Authoriser: Carol Gordon, Deputy Chief Executive

1. Reason for Report

- 1.1 To consider the recommendation from the Rātana Community Board regarding the issue with property numbering along Rātana Road.

2. Officer Comment

- 2.1 The Rātana Community Board has considered options for addressing a road numbering issue along Rātana Road and has provided recommendations for how to proceed.
- 2.2 The numbering on Rātana Road south of Kiatere Street follows the urban addressing standards, starting from number 6 at Kiatere Street and increasing to 52 at the corner of Rātana and Rangatahi Roads. The numbering on Rātana Road north of Kiatere Street follows the rural distance based addressing standards (RAPID numbering), starting from the intersection of State Highway 3 and increasing towards Kiatere Street. This has resulted in duplicate addresses and potential for more duplicate addresses to be created in the future.
- 2.3 The Rātana Community Board have considered a range of options on how to rectify this issue and have recommended the renaming of the rural section of Rātana Road to Papa Kōura. As the rural section of Rātana Road sits outside the Rātana Community Board Area, delegation for road naming sits with Council.

Resolved minute number 24/RCB/035

That the Rātana Community Board recommend to Council that the rural section of Rātana Road (north of Kiatere Street) be renamed as Papa Kōura.

Mr J Nepia/Ms G Taiaroa. Carried

Resolved minute number 24/RCB/036

That the Rātana Community Board recommend the following consultation as appropriate for meeting the requirements in Council’s Significance and Engagement Policy:

- *Consultation with directly affected landowners*

Mr C Mete/Ms G Taiaroa. Carried



- 2.4 The Board led engagement with residents along the urban section of Rātana Road, including the use of a survey, as well as with the Church Committee. After considering Officer advice on consultation in requirements in Council's Significance and Engagement Policy, the Board recommended that consultation be targeted to affected landowners.
- 2.5 Should Council agree with this approach, Officers propose a formal consultation with affected landowners, with the ability for landowners to make a submission and present their views in person via oral hearing.

Recommendation

That Council accepts / does not accept [delete one] the Rātana Community Board recommendation for the renaming of the rural section of Rātana Road and undertakes consultation with directly impacted landowners for the renaming of this section of road to Papa Kōura.

13.2 Recommendations from the Bulls Community Committee

Author: Kezia Spence, Governance Advisor

Authoriser: Carol Gordon, Deputy Chief Executive

1. Reason for Report

1.1 The Bulls Community Committee requested two items for Council to consider from their meeting on 13 September 2024. These are:

1.2 Haylock Park

1.2.1 The Bulls Community Committee request Council to investigate the possibility of an off-leash dog exercise park at Haylock Park, if this aligns with the Parks, Open Spaces and Sporting Facilities strategy.

1.2.2 Officer Comment - Council may direct staff to investigate this further and to assess whether this aligns with the Parks, Open Spaces and Sport Facilities Strategy.

Bulls Community Committee

Resolved minute number 24/BCC/001

That the question be asked to Park Open Spaces and Sport Facilities for an off-leash dog exercise area in Haylock Park

Mr G Smith/Mr B Dear. Carried

1.3 Te Matapihi Volunteer Board

1.3.1 The Bulls Community Committee request Council collate the volunteer contribution for Te Matapihi’ s construction, and that Council purchase a plaque to show this.

1.3.2 That the current display showing donations be moved to be in a better location for display.

1.3.3 Officer Comment - Council does not hold the information relating to volunteer contribution for the construction of Te Matapihi. Council may direct staff to investigate the purchase of a plaque stating that there was volunteer hours and anonymous donations received. The cost of this will be brought back to Council to approve.

1.3.4 Staff noted that moving the board to the main hall may impact the designed acoustics. The foyer is a public space whereas the hall can be booked out and therefore this can limit the public coming in.

1.3.5 Moving the plaque may come at a cost to Council due to the design of the plaque.

Bulls Community Committee

Resolved minute number 24/BCC/002

That the Council collate a value of the volunteer contribution as well as the amount anonymously donated for the Hall’s construction and that this combined amount be proportionally represented with the existing donor plaques funded by Council.

That the display be mounted in the main hall proper for greater appreciation and recognition.

Mr N Bowen/Mr D Yates. Carried

Recommendation 1:

That the recommendations from the Bulls Community Committee to Council be received.

Recommendation 2:

That Council does/does not [delete one] direct staff to investigate an off-leash dog exercise area in Haylock Park and assess whether this aligns with the Parks, Open Spaces and Sport Facilities Strategy.

Recommendation 3:

That Council does/does not [delete one] direct staff to investigate a plaque at Te Matapihi for volunteer contribution to the construction of Te Matapihi.

AND

That Council provides feedback to the Bulls Community Committee that Council considered the committees request but does not hold the information requested regarding time spent and anonymous donations for the construction of Te Matapihi.

Recommendation 4:

That Council does/does not [delete one] move the current display in the foyer of Te Matapihi to the hall.

14 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 - 26 September 2024
2. Follow-up Action Items from Council (Public Excluded) Meetings
3. Council Buildings - Corner of High Street and Broadway, Marton - Decision on Expressions of Interest
4. Marton Pool Condition and Compliance Assessment
5. Minutes from Committees (Public Excluded)

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
14.1 - Public Excluded Council Meeting - 26 September 2024	To consider the minutes relating to matters that were the subject of discussion at the 26 September meeting.	s48(1)(a)
14.2 - 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)
14.3 - Council Buildings - Corner of High Street and Broadway, Marton - Decision on Expressions of Interest	To enable commercially sensitive information to be discussed without impacting any negotiations. s7(2)(h) - Commercial Activities s7(2)(i) - Negotiations	s48(1)(a)(i)
14.4 - Marton Pool Condition and Compliance Assessment	s7(2)(b)(ii) - Commercial Position	s48(1)(a)(i)

<p>14.5 - Minutes from Committees (Public Excluded)</p>	<p>To receive the minutes relating to matters that were the subject of discussion at the Risk and Assurance meeting.</p> <p>s48(1)(b)(i) - Contrary to the provisions of a specified enactment</p>	<p>s48(1)(b)(i)</p>

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

15 Open Meeting