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DISTRICT COUNCIL
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ORDER PAPER

ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

Date: Thursday, 28 November 2024

Time: 1.00pm

Venue: Council Chamber
Rangitikei District Council
46 High Street
Marton

Chair: HWTM Andy Watson

Deputy Chair: Cr Dave Wilson

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

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Notice is hereby given that an Ordinary Meeting of Council of the Rangitikei District Council will be held in the Council Chamber, Rangitikei District Council, 46 High Street, Marton on Thursday, 28 November 2024 at 1.00pm.

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AGENDA

1 Welcome / Prayer

2 Apologies

3 Public Forum

No Public Forum

4 Conflict of Interest Declarations

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

5 Confirmation of Order of Business

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

6 Confirmation of Minutes

6.1 Confirmation of Minutes

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1. Reason for Report

- 1.1 The minutes from Ordinary Council Meeting held on 31 October 2024 are attached.

Attachments

1. Ordinary Council Meeting - 31 October 2024

Recommendation

That the minutes of Ordinary Council Meeting held on 31 October 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, 31 October 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 Jeff Wong
Cr Simon Loudon
Cr Greg Maughan
Cr Paul Sharland

In attendance

Mr Kevin Ross, Chief Executive
Mr Arno Benadie, Chief Operating Officer
Mrs Carol Gordon, Deputy Chief Executive
Mr Doug Law, Group Manager- Corporate Services
Ms Sharon Bennett, Group Manager - People and Performance
Ms Gaylene Prince, Northern Area and Property Manager
Ms Katrina Gray, Manager Strategy and Development
Mr Warren Pedley, Management and Systems Accountant
Mr Jarrod Calkin, Economic Wellbeing Lead
Ms Tiffany Gower, Senior Policy Planner
Ms Kezia Spence, Governance Advisor
Ms Fiona Elkington, Audit New Zealand (Zoom)
Mr Brent Manning, Local Water Done Well

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Unconfirmed

1 Welcome / Prayer

His Worship the Mayor opened the meeting at 1.00pm.

2 Apologies

Resolved minute number 24/RDC/290

Apologies were received from Cr Dalgety, Cr Hiroa and Cr Raukawa.

His Worship the Mayor advised he would be stepping out of the meeting at 2.00pm.

Cr B Carter/Cr R Lambert. Carried

3 Public Forum

Mangaweka Heritage

Mrs Ruth Rainey, Mr Paul Eames, and Ms Alison Dorrian from Mangaweka Heritage were in attendance to speak about the old Mangaweka bridge.

There was a meeting between council staff and the Mangaweka bridge society regarding the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) and members were advised that they should leave the MOU due to the bridge being funded by the Long-Term Plan. Members spoke that Mangaweka Heritage is still committed to preservation and promotion of the bridge.

Mr Eames advised that Mangaweka Heritage is now looking at a heritage trail and a concept brochure was provided to elected members. The trail is open, but the group is looking at making small improvements to make the trail more accessible.

The group was asked if they had specific requests for Council or if the presentation was for Council information. Mr Eames explained that there is no specific request and that the reason for speaking to Council today was due to the confusion with the groups withdrawal from the MOU and this was the opportunity to update what Mangaweka Heritage are now doing.

His Worship the Mayor asked about the costs of the bridge and the level of priorities from the group in terms of completing this work. Mrs Rainey responded that the flood protection had been completed. Mr Benadie noted that the maintenance is a 30 year plan with the most expensive item budgeted in the last year of the plan for painting the bridge. The group commented that they would be willingly to support with fundraising for the costs of the bridge.

4 Conflict of Interest Declarations

Cr Carter declared a conflict of interest with the late item 14.6 Tender Recommendation Report - Mataroa Road, Taihape Water Main Renewal.

5 Confirmation of Order of Business

A late item was added to the public excluded section of the agenda - Tender Recommendation Report - Mataroa Road, Taihape Water Main Renewal.

Item 10.1 Adoption of the 2023/24 Annual Report and 10.2 Recommendation from Finance / Performance Committee re Carry Forwards were moved to be discussed prior to item 9.1 Deputy Chief Executive's Report.

6 Confirmation of Minutes

Resolved minute number 24/RDC/291

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

Cr G Duncan/Cr P Sharland. Carried

7 Follow-up Action Items from Previous Meetings

7.1 Follow-up Action Items from Council Meetings

Item 9 – Memorandum (MOU) with Horizons Regional Council

Mr Benadie clarified that Rangitikei District Council left the MOU arrangement with Horizons Regional Council due to Council completing the work on Horizons properties and not having the capacity to complete this work.

Council noted that the Bulls and Marton Community Committees have been discussing this issue and may have other ideas to bring forward.

Resolved minute number 24/RDC/292

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

Cr B Carter/Cr P Sharland. Carried

8 Mayor's Report

8.1 Mayor's Report - October 2024

Grants Committee

The tabled document of Terms of Reference for the Community Grants Committee was received.

Resolved minute number 24/RDC/293

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

HWTM/Cr R Lambert. Carried

Resolved minute number 24/RDC/294

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

Cr G Duncan/Cr G Maughan. Carried

Resolved minute number 24/RDC/295

That Council agrees to establish a Community Grants Committee and adopts the Terms of Reference, without amendment.

HWTM/Cr D Wilson. Carried

9 Chief Executive's Report

9.1 Deputy Chief Executive's Report - October 2024

The meeting adjourned at 1.45pm and returned at 1.46pm with Deputy Mayor, Cr Wilson assuming the Chair in the Mayors absence.

This item was moved to after 10.2 Recommendation from Finance / Performance Committee re Carry Forwards.

Submissions

Mrs Gordon noted that many submissions are now only done via an online survey meaning it is difficult to upload a copy onto Council's website.

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

In discussing this request Council noted it should come through the Community Initiatives Fund for consideration.

Resolved minute number 24/RDC/296

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

Cr D Wilson/Cr G Maughan. Carried

Resolved minute number 24/RDC/297

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

Cr B Carter/Cr S Loudon. Carried

Resolved minute number 24/RDC/298

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

Council suggests Marton Christian Welfare look at alternative funding options.

Cr G Maughan/Cr G Duncan. Carried

10 Reports for Decision

10.1 Adoption of the 2023/24 Annual Report

This item was moved to after 8.1 Mayor's Report - October 2024.

Ms Elkington from Audit New Zealand joined via zoom.

Ms Elkington was pleased to give an unmodified audit opinion and thanked the council team. There will be a debrief and a process in place for next year. Mr Law thanked the Audit NZ team for all their work and the hours spent completing the Annual Report for 2023/24.

Resolved minute number 24/RDC/299

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

Cr P Sharland/Cr B Carter. Carried

Resolved minute number 24/RDC/300

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.

Cr D Wilson/Cr B Carter. Carried

Resolved minute number 24/RDC/301

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

Cr B Carter/Cr P Sharland. Carried

Resolved minute number 24/RDC/302

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.

Cr R Lambert/Cr G Duncan. Carried

10.2 Recommendation from Finance / Performance Committee re Carry Forwards

The tabled document for carry forwards is included at the end of the minutes.

Councillors noted that there was further information to come on items discussed during a workshop earlier in the day, such as the Calico Line pathway.

Mr Law responded to questions that the weighbridge has been completed and the carry forward is to offset the expenditure.

At the end of this item the Chair was passed from His Worship the Mayor to Deputy Mayor Cr Wilson. His Worship the Mayor left the meeting at 1.45pm.

Resolved minute number 24/RDC/303

That Council considers the recommendation from the Finance / Performance Committee and approves and the proposed carry over projects from the 2023/24 year (as attached) to the current 2024/25, year 1 of the LTP, increasing the Capital and operational projects by \$16.4m.

Cr D Wilson/Cr J Wong. Carried

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

The item moved to after item 9.1 Deputy Chief Executive's Report - October 2024.

Mrs Gower introduced this report noting there was a Council workshop on this item. The decision will support the direction Council will take regarding the assessments and the growth areas. Mrs Gower noted there is high growth pressure in Marton and Bulls, and that the current assessments are showing Mangaweka as relatively easy to proceed with.

Mrs Gower responded to questions relating to de-zoning and that this is a process for Council to consider, noting that this is a challenging process if the landowner is not onboard.

Mrs Gower responded to questions that the recommendation relates to not looking at growth areas such as Taihape but there are other options for Taihape, such as intensification or reconsidering at the next plan change for the rural zone.

Resolved minute number 24/RDC/304

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

Cr J Wong/Cr G Duncan. Carried

Resolved minute number 24/RDC/305

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.

Cr J Wong/Cr S Loudon. Carried

10.4 Adoption of Meeting Schedule 2025

Mrs Gordon highlighted that there is an additional meeting for the Omatane Rural Water Scheme and the community grant meetings are yet to be included.

Resolved minute number 24/RDC/306

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

Cr D Wilson/Cr G Duncan. Carried

Resolved minute number 24/RDC/307

That Council adopts the schedule of meetings for 2025 with amendment.

Cr D Wilson/Cr B Carter. Carried

11 Reports for Information

11.1 Verbal Update on Local Water Done Well

His Worship the Mayor returned to the meeting during this item at 2.21pm.

Mr Manning provided a presentation to Council about Local Water Done Well (LWDW) and the current situation for RDC.

Mr Manning confirmed that stormwater is not automatically included in the transition, and it is for Council to decide whether this will transition to the new entity.

Mr Manning highlighted the financial benefits are marginal as part of a regional grouping, however, there are other benefits of working across the region such as mutual support. There are future costs for all councils, including the regulation cost of wastewater from Taumata Arowai, a greater cost for benchmarking and the ongoing increase in insurance. Mr Manning advised the Commerce Commission will be the economic regulator in this space.

Staff have put together a draft service delivery plan and have sought input from the Department of Internal Affairs (DIA), and further information has been requested for the mixed-use rural water schemes. At this stage Council has passed all the sufficiency tests for all models being considered, including stand alone.

Council noted that the issue of price harmonization has not been addressed and therefore the costs to ratepayers in districts and townships may vary.

There will be a decision at the 12 December Council meeting regarding the preferred option to go out for consultation to the public, with at least one other option needing to be considered for consultation. Council will also need to submit a draft service delivery plan with the DIA before going out for consultation.

Mr Manning confirmed that he will send out weekly LWDW updates to Council.

Resolved minute number 24/RDC/308

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

Cr G Duncan/Cr S Loudon. Carried

11.2 Project Updates Report - October 2024

The meeting adjourned at 3.07pm and returned at 3.21pm. Deputy Mayor Cr Wilson vacated the Chair and His Worship the Mayor returned to the Chair.

Rātana Wastewater Discharge to Land

A meeting was held on 30 October 2024 to update interested parties on this project.

Marton Water Strategy

Mr Benadie responded to questions and advised the supplier of the plant is going to hold the price. The issue is with the other inputs such as the electricity upgrades that will impact the cost of this project. Mr Ross advised that six-monthly updates on this, and each project, will be provided to Council.

Taihape Hautapu Bridges

Cr Duncan provided an update noting the second bridge came in at a higher cost than expected, due to a ramp being built. Currently, the group have the capacity to finish two bridges with some funds remaining for a third. The group continue to fundraise for the remainder.

Resolved minute number 24/RDC/309

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

Cr J Wong/Cr S Loudon. Carried

12 Minutes from Committees

12.1 Minutes from Committees

The report was taken as read.

Resolved minute number 24/RDC/310

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

Cr D Wilson/Cr G Maughan. Carried

13 Recommendations from Committees

13.1 Recommendation from the Rātana Community Board: Road Naming

Ms Gray updated the committee that the issue is the numbering of the Rātana Road. This is to ensure there is no duplicating of the numbers.

There is no direct cost to Council other than staff time and a new street sign. There are approximately 15-20 impacted landowners.

Staff advised that the name was suggested by the Rātana Church Committee.

Resolved minute number 24/RDC/311

That the recommendation from the Ratana Community Board to Council be received

Cr D Wilson/Cr B Carter. Carried

Resolved minute number 24/RDC/312

That Council accepts the Rātana Community Board recommendation for the renaming of the rural section of Ratana Road and undertakes consultation with directly impacted landowners for the renaming of this section of road to Papa Kōura.

Cr D Wilson/Cr B Carter. Carried

13.2 Recommendations from the Bulls Community Committee

Cr Wilson highlighted the discussion at the Bulls Community Committee meeting. He noted the plaque is to thank volunteers as a body and not individuals.

Resolved minute number 24/RDC/313

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

Cr P Sharland/Cr B Carter. Carried

Resolved minute number 24/RDC/314

That Council does not 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.

Cr D Wilson/Cr P Sharland. Carried

Resolved minute number 24/RDC/315

That Council does 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.

Cr D Wilson/Cr B Carter. Carried

Resolved minute number 24/RDC/316

That Council does not move the current display in the foyer of Te Matapihi to the hall.

Cr B Carter/Cr P Sharland. Carried

14 Public Excluded

The meeting went into public excluded session 3.46pm.

Resolution to Exclude the Public

Resolved minute number 24/RDC/317

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)
6. Tender Recommendation Report - Mataroa Road, Taihape Water Main Renewal

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	s48(1)(a)(i)

	<p>s7(2)(b)(ii) - Commercial Position</p> <p>s7(2)(h) - Commercial Activities</p> <p>s7(2)(i) - Negotiations</p>	
<p>14.3 - Council Buildings - Corner of High Street and Broadway, Marton - Decision on Expressions of Interest</p>	<p>To enable commercially sensitive information to be discussed without impacting any negotiations.</p> <p>s7(2)(h) - Commercial Activities</p> <p>s7(2)(i) - Negotiations</p>	<p>s48(1)(a)(i)</p>
<p>14.4 - Marton Pool Condition and Compliance Assessment</p>	<p>To enable commercially sensitive information to be discussed without impacting any negotiations.</p> <p>s7(2)(b)(ii) - Commercial Position</p>	<p>s48(1)(a)(i)</p>
<p>14.5 - Minutes from Committees (Public Excluded)</p>	<p>To receive the minutes relating to matters that were the subject of discussion at other committee meetings.</p> <p>s48(1)(b)(i) - Contrary to the provisions of a specified enactment</p>	<p>s48(1)(b)(i)</p>
<p>14.6 - Tender Recommendation Report - Mataroa Road, Taihape Water Main Renewal</p>	<p>To enable commercially sensitive information to be discussed without impacting any negotiations.</p> <p>s7(2)(b)(ii) - Commercial Position</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 B Carter/Cr J Wong. Carried

15 Open Meeting

The meeting went into open session 5.20pm.

Resolved minute number **24/RDC/318**

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

24/RDC/318 - 24/RDC/326

Cr D Wilson/Cr S Loudon. Carried

The meeting closed at 5.20pm.

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 28 November 2024.

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Chairperson

Unconfirmed

**Capital Programme
For the Period Ended 30 June 2024
Carry forwards to 2024/25**

Account	2023/24 YTD Actuals June	2023/24 YTD Budgets June	2023/24 YTD Variance June	Carry Forward Request	
District Plan review				533,000	
Community Wellbeing	0	0	0	41,100	
District Promotions	0	0	0	41,100	
4020036311. St Johns Ambulance Hunterville				37,800	
40200551.Special Projects CCTV				3,300	
Information Services	125,682	266,885	141,203	141,000	
9260076110. ISSP: Cloud ERP	125,682	266,885	141,203	141,000	
Community and Leisure Assets	1,016,586	3,638,019	2,820,983	3,262,900	
Community Housing	141,338	256,418	115,080	115,000	
4040170601. Housing Renovations and Compliance	141,338	256,418	115,080	115,000	
Domains	565,102	970,782	605,230	1,475,300	
4410170630. Taihape Grandstand	170,768	112,665	(58,103)	750,000	
4410170632. Taihape Playground	0	50,000	50,000	50,000	
4410170633. Tennis Club	0	86,106	86,106	86,000	
4410170701. Hautapu River Parks Project	375,690	389,761	14,071	95,000	
4410170703. Northern Rugby Wanganui Sub Union	0	8,000	8,000	8,000	Further info coming back
4410170704. Bulls Domain Pavilion Repairs (shower, deck, roof)	0	50,000	50,000	50,000	Further info coming back
4410170708. Taihape Domain Power Upgrade	0	30,000	30,000	0	workshop discussion - to remove
4410170710. Security Gate at King Street	18,195	60,000	41,805	41,800	
4410170711. Town Centre Regeneration	450	(199,550)	(450)	199,500	
4410170712. Flood Protection Marton CBD	0	120,000	120,000	70,000	
4410170713. Koitiata Development	0	50,000	50,000	50,000	Further info coming back - annual plan request
4410174501. Taihape Amenities Detailed Design & Construction	0	213,800	213,800	75,000	
Halls	259,895	2,102,971	1,843,076	1,415,300	
4090170201. Kokako Street Hall	0	48,300	48,300	48,300	further info coming back

40901706. Bulls Community Centre-LTPid62	4,158	221,070	216,912	100,000	To complete traffic control for the bus lane. (\$116k savings)
4090170604. Taihape Town Hall	0	285,331	285,331		
4090170607. Marton Memorial Hall upgrade	20,914	30,500	9,586	0	Bring back to council
4090170609. -111 Furniture Bulls Civic Centre	2,872	12,246	9,374	0	Bring back to council - need more info
4090174501. Additional Funding for Capital on Bulls Centre	0	6,500	6,500	0	
4090174503. Bulls Town Square	1,097	266,227	265,130	265,000	weigh bridge
4090174504. Taihape Town Hall and Library Redevelopment	150,663	385,750	235,087	235,000	
4090174505. Marton Building Design & Construction	80,191	847,047	766,856	767,000	
Swim Centres	50,251	307,848	257,597	257,300	
4000170611. -78 Boilers MSC	0	27,471	27,471	27,500	
4000170613. -103 New Roof and insulation for MSC	0	208,277	208,277	208,000	
4000170616. Upgrades and Replacements	50,251	72,100	21,849	21,800	
Roading and Footpaths	207,296	1,209,861	1,002,565	1,002,000	
Non-Subsidised Roding	23,125	825,000	801,876	802,000	
7030076102. Makirikiri Rail Hub Access Road	0	200,000	200,000	200,000	
7030076108. Rail Hub Land for Access & Rail Siding	0	325,000	325,000	325,000	
7030076109. Calico Line Footpath	23,125	300,000	276,876	277,000	council needs to decide whether to reconsult as part of the annual plan
Subsidised Roding	184,172	384,861	200,689	200,000	
70100745. Marton Rail Hub	184,172	384,861	200,689	200,000	
Water, Sewerage & Stormwater	5,828,329	19,685,760	13,857,431	11,462,423	
Stormwater	194,650	1,471,285	1,276,635	1,275,800	
6050177202. George Street Stormwater Renewal	0	295,800	295,800	295,800	
6050177203. Bredin's Line New Outfall	0	109,229	109,229	109,000	
6050177204. Bulls Stormwater Upgrades	111,704	784,832	673,128	673,000	
6050177365. Scots Ferry Pump	82,946	281,424	198,478	198,000	
Waste Water - Sewerage	4,707,778	16,089,111	11,381,333	8,920,623	
6070176203. 50: Wastewater Reticulation - New Works	0	81,322	81,322	80,000	
6070176204. Wastewater Reticulation	209,014	989,796	780,782	200,000	
6070176206. Marton to Bulls Centralisation Project	948,211	2,028,366	1,080,155	1,000,000	
6070176207. Land Purchase - Marton to Bulls Centralisation Project		4,000,000	4,000,000	4,000,000	
6070176208. 51: Wastewater Reticulation - O & M	0	42,848	42,848	40,000	

6070177105. WWTP Minor Upgrades	0	63,492	63,492	60,000
6070177106. -119 RDC Wastewater Asset MT Strategy	80,305	255,776	175,471	175,000
6070177108. Taihape Wastewater Treatment Plant Consent	902,977	2,180,747	1,277,770	1,000,000
6070177109. Taihape / Papakai Wastewater Pump Station	2,297,764	4,011,634	1,713,870	200,000
6070177111. Ratana Complete Upgrade	269,507	2,435,130	2,165,623	2,165,623
Water - District	925,901	2,125,364	1,199,463	1,266,000
6060174501. 117.1: New Plant	10,380	497,169	486,789	450,000
6060176311. Ren Water District-LTPid40	49,481	64,272	14,791	60,000
6060176312. Ren Tent O & M - LTPid39	46,413	53,560	7,147	50,000
6060176313. Ren WTP Crit Assets-LTPid40.1	41,205	53,560	12,355	50,000
6060176315. LOS Tent Minor Works Urban WTP-LTPid38	26,910	52,839	25,929	50,000
6060176316. Bulls Water Pump Station / Rising Main	550,134	700,000	149,866	114,000
6060176317. -116 RDC Water Asset Management Strategy	34,911	175,791	140,880	140,000
6060176324. 37.1: Taihape falling main replacement	11,497	134,410	122,913	122,000
6060176401. Water Supply Renewals	154,969	393,763	238,794	230,000
Grand Total	7,177,894	24,800,525	17,822,181	16,442,423

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	31-Oct-24	Staff to advise the Ratana Community Board of the decision to accept their recommendation for roading naming	Kezia	This will be part of the next Ratana Community Board agenda.	Closed
2	31-Oct-24	Recommendations from Bulls Community Committee (not supported the dog park at Haylock Park; not supported moving the current display to the hall; Leah to be asked to design a plaque to thank volunteers and place this in the hall	Kezia	The response to the Bulls Community Committee was provided at the last meeting.	Closed.
3	31-Oct-24	The Mayor to advise Marton Christian Welfare of Council's decision - that they look at alternative funding options.	Mayor / Karen	They will be advised.	Closed
4	24-Apr-24	RDC please look at traffic calming options on Criterion St and Taumaihi St. from Bulls Community Committee	Arno	Higgins and the Roothing 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
5	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
6	24-Apr-24	Ratana Wastewater discharge to land - more regular updates to the stakeholder group	Arno	A meeting was held on 30 October to share and discuss progress with all stakeholders.	Closed
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 have 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. RDC proposed the end of November as the withdrawal date.	Closed.

8 Mayor's Report

8.1 Mayor's Report - 28 November 2024

Author: Andy Watson, His Worship the Mayor

Abuse Under Care

On 12 November I attended the apology from the Crown in Wellington for the "Abuse Under Care following the Royal Commission of Enquiry". The Enquiry had previously found that many young people were abused, sexually assaulted and tortured while under state care. Many of these actions had occurred at hospitals, children's homes and faith based institutions and in private homes where children were based with state carers. The Enquiry found that many young people had raised questions to authorities that were not listened to, or were punished further for reporting or questioning. There are many reports documenting the Enquiry and their findings are online. However I wish to make a few points –

- The survivors carry the effects and trauma suffered for their lifetime.
- For the huge number of survivors and supporters that listened to the apology and the stories from survivors at Parliament or at several centres around New Zealand it was emotional and raw.
- The lead coordinator Minister Erica Stanford apologised to a silently listening and grieving audience. Minister Stanford is acknowledged by all for genuinely caring and doing all that she can to support.
- There were a series of apologies from the various public sector leaders including MSD, Police, Oranga Tamariki, Education and Public Service. The Solicitor General Una Jagose KC gave an apology that was received with anger and hostility because on many occasions she was thought to have been unhelpful and criticised the honesty of the survivors' stories.
- These apologies were followed by the apologies from Prime Minister Luxon and the Leader of the Labour Government which were accepted by most as genuine.
- With the apologies came the Crown responses. There will be compensation to the survivors although the mechanism and cost still has yet to be worked through. There will be a series of reforms for each Government Department and money will be allocated to search for the "missing people" i.e. the unidentified graves, and on 12 November next year there will be a public holiday to reflect and report on progress made.
- Apparently there are a number of street names in public recognition places relating to perpetrators of this abuse and these will be removed.
- So what does it mean for the Rangitikei? Lake Alice, which sits in our district, was named and regarded as the foremost centre of the abuse. There will be some sort of memorial here which is yet to be finalised. Our district will probably feature in the search for unidentified graves much like the search by our RSA Vet Barry Rankin for the unidentified graves of RSA veterans buried at our cemetery on State Highway 1.

Yes, abuse did occur at Lake Alice Hospital along with many other places throughout New Zealand and we must acknowledge that history. However there were many staff there at Lake Alice with the highest standards of behaviour who were genuinely caring for people and who were unaware of the

abuse that was occurring. A huge number of young people were placed into adoption with people that loved them, cared for them and recognised them as family. Let us not forget these people who made sacrifices to support others.

Gentle Annie Road

With the closure of the Tangiwai Forestry Mills, cutting of the Ernslaw Forests has to continue. These logs unprocessed are now sent for export resulting in 1000 tonnes per day being trucked over the Gentle Annie Road that links Taihape and the Hawkes Bay. This is not a state highway - it is a demanding road not suitable for this volume of traffic and this may continue for many decades. Quite simply the road will deteriorate markedly and there will be accidents as there are many lined narrowed corners where large trucks cannot pass each other. The cost of upgrading and maintaining this road will be beyond the finances of our Council. These logs could go by rail but currently because of the extra distance it is cheaper to transport by road. I have asked for a meeting on 25 November with the key members being the forestry owners, KiwiRail, Ports of Napier, NZTA, Road Transport Contractors and representatives from both our Council and Hastings District Council to discuss this. That meeting will take place in Bulls.

There needs to be a solution and if one is unable to be attained at that meeting I will ask for a meeting with Minister Simeon Brown to discuss the possibilities of extra funding or the possibility of a toll levied on the forestry sector.

Te Whare o Rehua Sarjeant Gallery Whanganui

On the weekend of 8/9 November I was invited to a series of events in Whanganui to celebrate the reopening of the Sarjeant Art Gallery. It started with a powhiri on the Friday afternoon at Putiki Marae, followed with a 4.30am dawn ceremony on the Saturday morning to bless the building and a "Shimmer & Shine" social event on the Saturday evening. The Sarjeant Gallery is a nationally recognised taonga for New Zealand and was closed 10 years ago due to earthquake concerns. The plan for strengthening, restoration and the construction of a new wing dedicated to Tā Te Atawhai Archie John Taiaroa KNZM, who was a loved and respected kaumātua and inspirational leader of the Whanganui people, took 10 years and came at a cost of \$70m. Finding that funding was a challenge and was a partnership between Whanganui, the Crown with the Provincial Growth Fund and many investors.

Spring Fling Taihape

The Spring Fling this year was on the same day as the opening of the Sarjeant Gallery in Whanganui where I had attended the dawn blessing and evening function. Unfortunately that meant it was difficult to spend the whole day in Taihape so Beth and I were there for only a couple of hours. The highlight of the day was receiving the Historic Places plaque in recognition of the Grandstand. Andrew Coleman the CE of Heritage New Zealand made the trip to present the plaque and speak. He congratulated the district and included congratulations for the Mangaweka Cantilever Bridge and the Taihape Picture Theatre. Andrew is an Old Boy of Taihape and he used the occasion to meet up with his family and friends and have a class reunion attended by many of his classmates. Heritage is incredibly important to us all and the registration of the Grandstand as an Historic Place has been

made possible by the Heritage Group from Taihape headed by Community Board Chair Peter Kipling-Arthur. Being honest, I thought the Spring Fling missed a few opportunities this year. There was no signage on the main street and attendance seemed to be down. I congratulate Pania for doing the hard work but I wonder if I, our staff and community needed to get alongside her to provide support for the Trust.

Armistice Day

I celebrated Armistice Day on the 11th day of the 11th month at the 11th hour with the RSA Service at Marton Park. This year was especially poignant as it came with the recent announcement of the death of Sir Robert “Bom” Gillies, the last survivor of the famed Māori Battalion. The volunteers of the Māori Battalion, who numbered 3600 men, fought in the Second World War in places such as Cassino and followed the Māori contingent that left New Zealand to serve in WWI in 1915. The Armistice Day Memorial speech was written and read by Luci Downes a senior Rangitīkei College pupil and with her permission, I attach that speech for you to read - it was very moving and thought provoking. Lest we forget.

Local Water Done Well

Local Water Done Well is the new National Party solution to the (“three waters) delivery options for waste-water (sewerage), drinking water and stormwater services provided by Councils. Please refer to our Council website to see the regular updates and information. The changes to Local Government are the most significant changes in decades if not for all time.

Over the last week I organised a series of drop-in meetings during the day followed by evening meetings in Bulls, Marton and Taihape which had very little interest. I am prepared to speak to any group or anyone in the district if you missed these chances.

Government timelines for decisions are challenging and the key points are –

- Council decides on a preferred option to deliver water services on 12 December.
 - The options are –
 - i) Maintain sole control as our Council either by current in-house management or by forming our own CCO (Council Controlled Organisation);
 - ii) Have a joined up approach with other Councils in our region (preferably by way of a CCO);
 - iii) Adopt a consumer trust model.

If you want to know more about the relative merits of these or who we could partner with please reach out.

- Council will consult early next year (February/March) on our preferred solution and other options.
- By September we provide Government our plan for approval. Government can say that they don't approve and make decisions for us!
- Council continues to provide these services as happens now until 2027/28 and then the new water entity takes over.

- It has been a frustrating process with further Government legislation due in December.
- Most Councils in New Zealand, I suspect, will form regional CCO's with other Councils. This will give access to long term funding through LGFA (Local Government Funding Agency). The Councils will then appoint one member to a Governance Board with probably both an independent chair and an iwi voice. This Board would then appoint directors of the new water entity based purely on expertise. However, none of this is yet set, but is in my opinion a likely outcome.

A couple of updates

- As you will all know we have closed the Marton Swimming Pool because of the failure of the principal laminated beam. Council has decided that we will focus on the long term solution and hopefully have the pool reopened for next season. To make that possible we have already contracted a company to look at the structural integrity of the building, the repair of the roof and to provide us information on the future of not only the main pool but the roof surrounding the children's pool. I am hoping that we get reports back from that before Christmas to be able to present a way forward early next year. Myself and Council regard the Marton Pool as a key part of our community and I want us to move as quickly as we can. I know staff are looking at possible alternative arrangements for swim lessons and I hope to be able to update the community on this early in the new year.
- The Dudding Trust met recently and made decisions around who will receive money in this financial year. At the moment those results haven't been announced and successful organisations will be contacted in the very near future by the Trustee. What I can say is that we are distributing around \$900,000 to the wider Rangitikei community. The Rangitikei district is not eligible for a number of other funds and in this regard we absolutely rely on the foresight of Mr Dudding and I hope to be in the position to be able to congratulate successful recipients in the near future.
- In the last Mayor's report I made comment that we are going through a recruitment process to select a new Chief Executive. Council have now reduced what was a very long list because we had a significant number of people interested in the position and we are hoping to be able to appoint late this year for someone to take up the role early next year. We owe a huge debt of gratitude to Kevin Ross who took on the role of what was an interim Chief Executive position last August. Staff have loved working with him and he has been able to successfully deal with a number of long standing issues.
- Mayor's Taskforce for Jobs TUIA – I am looking to continue with the TUIA programme in 2025 and will be interviewing prospectful candidates shortly for nomination. It has been a pleasure to work with this year's TUIA Nyssa Nepe and watch her grow as a future leader. Nyssa will present a report to Council on her experience in the programme in December.
- There have been recent announcements by Government that they will put approximately \$10m of funding (as cash funding) into Ratana to deal with infrastructure and needed building issues. The announcements were made from the Offices of Minister Potaka and Minister Jones. To my mind this helps addresses the number of times politicians from both sides of the House have made promises to Ratana during January celebrations and delivery of those promises has been a long time coming.
- Ratana will again celebrate the birthday of TW Ratana on 25 January 2025 and this will be an enormous occasion. The numbers could swell to 30,000 plus people who will want to accompany the new Māori Kuini Ngā Wai hone i te pō onto Ratana for her first official visit.

We will be inviting our Elected Members to be part of that process and I will be spending 2-3 days at Ratana in support. I thank staff for the amount of time that they need to spend planning support in terms of water, wastewater, rubbish collection etc for the event.

- There has been a recent meeting of the Users of the Taihape Memorial Park Group and I just want to highlight the patience that Charity Davis and Charlotte Oswald have taken waiting for Council to develop their long term plans for the Park. The playground group have now been given approval that they can start with a known location, essentially where the old toilet block is on Memorial Park. This toilet block will need to be demolished and replaced with something that is fit for purpose. I know they are looking at taking a couple of options to the community and I know they will be seeking interest from any party who can help them with the funding. If you think that you can help please get in touch with Charity directly or approach myself or one of the Councillors.
- I am looking to attach to this report, but may not have completed in time, my report from the recent Zone 3 meeting held in Napier. To do justice to this report I want to take some time and comment on the relevant speakers and am hoping to get it attached in time.
- Similar to the Zone meeting in Napier I will be attending the Combined Sector Rural & Provincial Meeting in Wellington on 21/22 November and I hope to also be able to table a report on that meeting. These meetings are incredibly important as they are our direct interaction with Crown and the speed and complexity of decisions we are being faced with by Government at the moment and how they significantly affect Local Government is unprecedented.

Schools

- Last weekend I attended the celebration at Huntley School marking 10 years of girls attending the school.
- We are still waiting on the notification from the Ministry of Education around the rebuild of the Taihape Area School but I am hopeful we should receive this reasonably soon.
- I am currently attending prizegivings where my diary allows on requests from schools and at the end of year prizegivings for Rangitikei College and Taihape Area School there will be announcements around 4 successful scholarships that Council makes available to Year 13 students.

Mayor’s Engagements

November 2024

1	Attended meeting with Chief Executive Attended Fortnightly Economic Development Meeting with staff Attended monthly catchup meeting with Police
2	Attended Hunterville Shemozzle to help set up Attended Mayors Taskforce for Jobs TUIA end of year celebration in Lower Hutt
4	Attended MTFJ Governance Group Online Meeting Attended JBS Dudding Trust 2024 Trustee & Advisory Board Annual Meeting
5	Attended Regional Transport Matters Regional Chiefs Fortnightly Online Meeting

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	<p>Attended meeting of Councillors and Nga Wairiki Ngati Apa Management Team re LWDW</p> <p>Attended MTFJ 6 Monthly Review Online Meeting</p> <p>Attended GHD function in Palmerston North</p> <p>Attended weekly meeting with Deputy Mayor</p>
6	<p>Attended meeting with Chief Executive</p> <p>Attended monthly Governor’s Q&A session with Executive Leadership Team</p> <p>Attended drop-in LWDW meeting at Taihape</p> <p>Attended Zoom with Minister Potaka regarding Ratana Infrastructure</p> <p>Attended public evening LWDW meeting at Taihape</p>
7	<p>Attended Marton Office & Library Project meeting with Elected Members and Staff</p> <p>Attended Ngati Rangī Hui Te Waiū-o-te-ika (Whangaehu Awa) in Ohakune</p> <p>Attended BA5 meeting in Marton</p>
8	<p>Attended meeting with Chief Executive</p> <p>Attended CE Recruitment meeting with subcommittee</p> <p>Attended Powhiri at Putiki Marae for Opening of Te Whare o Rehua Sarjeant Gallery</p>
9	<p>Attended 4.30am dawn ceremony for Opening of Te Whare o Rehua Sarjeant Gallery</p> <p>Attended Taihape Spring Fling</p> <p>Attended Heritage New Zealand plaque presentation for Taihape Grandstand</p> <p>Attended Shimmer & Shine evening function for Opening of Te Whare o Rehua Sarjeant Gallery</p>
10	<p>Attended Powhiri NZSF Surgical Exercise VIP Opening at Whanganui Hospital</p>
11	<p>Attended meeting with Chief Executive</p> <p>Attended Armistice Day Memorial Service at Marton Park</p> <p>Attended Sub-regional Briefing #2 LWDW with Elected Members</p>
12	<p>Attended Public Apology to Survivors of Abuse in Care in Wellington</p> <p>Attended weekly meeting with Deputy Mayor</p>
13	<p>Attended meeting with Chief Executive</p> <p>Attended drop-in LWDW meeting in Bulls</p> <p>Attended Creative Communities Scheme Meeting</p> <p>Attended public evening LWDW meeting in Bulls</p> <p>Attended Bulls Community Committee meeting</p>
14	<p>Attended Zone 3 Meeting in Napier</p>
15	<p>Attended Zone 3 Meeting in Napier</p>
16	<p>Attended Huntley School event celebrating 10 Years of Girls</p>

17	Attended Regional Garden Tour Taihape
18	Attended Breakfast Meeting with Mayor Helen Worboys Attended meeting with Chief Executive Attended drop-in LWDW meeting in Marton Attended quarterly regional relationship meeting with NZTA Attended public evening LWDW meeting in Marton
19	Attended Taihape Area School Scholarship Interviews Attended Memorial Park User Group Meeting Attended Historical Society Meeting Attended weekly meeting with Deputy Mayor
20	Attended Assets & Infrastructure Committee Meeting Attended Moawhango Wind Farm Community Drop In Session
21	Attended LGNZ Combined Sector Meeting in Wellington
22	Attended LGNZ Rural & Provincial Meeting in Wellington
23	Attended Bulls Rose & Flower Show
25	Attended meeting with Chief Executive Attended Hui regarding Taihape Napier Road Attended online meeting with Crown Response Unit regarding Unmarked Graves Project
26	Attended MPs site visit to Whangaehu Bridge – Te Araroa Trail Attended LGNZ Roundtable Zoom – Electoral Reform Attended weekly meeting with Deputy Mayor
27	Attended CE Recruitment Shortlist Review meeting
28	Attended Finance/Performance Committee Meeting Attended Council Meeting
29	To attend meeting with Chief Executive To attend Earle Creativity & Development Trust Awards Ceremony To attend Federated Farmers End of Year Event

Attachments:

1. **LGNZ Four Monthly Reporting** [↓](#)
2. **Armistice Day Speech - Luci Downes** [↓](#)
3. **Heritage NZ Plaque - Taihape Grandstand** [↓](#)
4. **Elected Member Attendance** [↓](#)

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Recommendation

That the Mayor's Report – 28 November 2024 be accepted.



LGNZ four-monthly report for member councils

// July-October 2024





Ko Tātou LGNZ.

This report summarises LGNZ’s work on behalf of member councils and is produced three times a year. It’s structured around LGNZ’s purpose: to serve local government by **championing**, **connecting** and **supporting** members.

Many councils have found it useful to put this report on the agenda for their next council meeting so that all councillors can review it and provide feedback. Sam and Susan are also happy to join council meetings online to discuss the report or any aspect of it, on request.

This report complements our regular communication channels, including *Keeping it Local* (our fortnightly e-newsletter), providing a more in-depth look at what we do.

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Introduction

This busy four months included our SuperLocal conference in Wellington, which attracted more than 700 people and dominated the news agenda all week. This was partly thanks to headline-grabbing comments from the Prime Minister and Local Government Minister, but also because of the LGNZ team’s proactive generation of many other topics in the media spotlight at our conference, from four-year terms and tourism levies to localism and regional deals.

Alongside preparing for and delivering SuperLocal, our small team managed a huge range of other work, which is covered in this report. Highlights include:

- Launching our third rates rise toolkit in July, including NZIER’s research uncovering the costs of unfunded mandates for councils. Unfunded mandates are costs that local government ends up carrying as a result of central government legislation.
- In October, launching our Electoral Reform Working Group’s issues paper exploring the current state of participation in local election and asking for feedback.
- Local Government Minister Simeon Brown announcing a framework for Regional Deals that aligns with many of the elements LGNZ called for in our May proposal.

As you’ll see below, we’ve had many meetings with Ministers, the Prime Minister and other politicians across a wide range of topics. And we’ve engaged in a range of policy issues, with our work driven by the high-level advocacy priorities that members and National Council agreed earlier this year:

- Funding and financing
- Water
- Resource management reform
- Transport
- Climate change

Right now, we’re preparing for the 21 November Combined Sector meeting, focused on the Government’s local government reform programme. It features a strong range of speakers including the Local Government Minister, Regional Development Minister, Opposition Finance Spokesperson, Australian local government speakers on their rates capping experience, and a briefing from the Treasury on New Zealand’s fiscal situation.

During the meeting, we’ll also be launching a funding and financing toolkit, showcasing a range of tools that could be used (alongside rates) to boost local government’s financial position and help councils deliver for ratepayers. Watch out for an email direct to your inbox on 21 November with all the details. We’ll be advocating strongly for these tools – and sharing resources so you can too.

Ngā mihi
Sam and Susan



Champion

Local government funding and financing

Rates rise toolkit 3: Unfunded mandates

In July we released work we had commissioned from NZIER on the impacts of unfunded mandates on local government. NZIER’s research highlighted:

- that many central government reforms have resulted in increased costs for ratepayers;
- that central government does not adequately estimate or address what its reforms cost councils;
- that constant policy changes lead to high sunk costs for councils with no tangible outcomes; and
- the true costs of government reform are hidden because councils absorb them by reducing other service delivery.

Our third rates rise toolkit packaged this research with slides and key messages that members could use. The release generated significant media interest and engagement from members.

Tourism and cost recovery

From 1 October, the Government raised the International Visitor Conservation and Tourism Levy (IVL) from \$35 to \$100 to ensure visitors contribute to the upkeep of the facilities, services and natural environment they use and enjoy during their stay. LGNZ is advocating for councils to have a greater say in how the additional funding is spent on tourism-related initiatives. We are also continuing to advocate for the Government to enable cost recovery tools (such as a local tourism bed night charge).

Revenue capping and other measures

At SuperLocal, the Government announced that they would investigate performance metrics, benchmarking, and revenue capping for councils modelled on New South Wales and Victoria. The policy team has been engaging with local government experts from New South Wales and Victoria to understand how these policies have worked for them and what the impact has been. We will provide insights from these discussions and research on these policies with members soon, including at the November Combined Sector meeting.

Forthcoming funding and financing toolkit

We are working on a toolkit for release at the November Combined Sector meeting that details a range of 24 funding and financing tools that would benefit councils (but potentially require enabling legislation). This toolkit will include:

- Basic information about each tool, how it can be used and what it might deliver
- Data to support our approach and inform members’ conversations
- Messages local government can use



- A draft opened and draft letter to an MP that can be customised

The toolkit launch will be supported by media and advocacy activity, in the same way that the rates rise toolkits were.

Regional deals

We were pleased that the Government made announcements around its Regional Deals framework at SuperLocal, and that our advocacy has been taken on board with the framework largely reflecting our position. This framework includes partnership, new funding tools and a commitment to long-term planning, and is modelled on LGNZ’s proposal released earlier this year.

We know funding tools and regulatory relief will be made available in the regions that secure deals. We have been advocating for those benefits to be available for all of local government (where that makes sense).

Our focus now is on ensuring that the regional deals model has room to evolve and deepen – as it’s become clearer that the first iteration will be limited in scope.

Government relations

We appeared before select committees in support of our submissions on the water services preliminary arrangements and fast-track bills.

We’ve also had productive meetings with Hon Chris Bishop and Hon Casey Costello.

The meeting with Minister Bishop included Hastings District Council Mayor Sandra Hazlehurst and chief executive Nigel Bickle. They were able to provide the Minister with their reflections on the recent Kāinga Ora review and some examples of what they were doing locally to promote better housing outcomes, as part of our effort to position local government as a key partner in resolving the housing crisis.

The meeting with Minister Costello was about what role councils may play in reform of vaping regulations, and resulted in an agreement that LGNZ would further engage with health officials on what a system in which councils have greater control over where vape retailers are located could look like.

In early July we hosted MPs who were former local government elected members or staff for a casual evening function at parliament. Six MPs joined Sam and the LGNZ team for some good conversations and bridge-building across party lines.

We have reached out to ACT leader and Minister of Regulation David Seymour to work with him and his party on streamlining the regulatory burden on councils, and on the ACT commitment in its coalition agreement with National to look at improving housing incentives on councils through GST sharing.

At our July meeting with Minister Brown, we raised concerns regarding NZTA’s proposed changes to emergency works funding. We also discussed the Ratepayers’ Assistance Scheme (RAS), which is an



innovative financing scheme that LGNZ has been developing with a group of Metro councils, the Local Government Funding Agency and Cameron Partners. The purpose of the RAS is to make local government policies and charges more affordable for ratepayers. RAS would provide ratepayers with:

- Flexibility to decide when to pay local government charges; and/or
- Very competitive finance terms (below standard mortgage rates).

The recess period gave us the opportunity to connect with staff in the Beehive. These conversations have provided insights into the Government’s perception of local government and help myth-bust staffers’ perceptions (where that’s been required).

In late September, we met with the Prime Minister and Local Government Minister together, as part our series of regular quarterly meetings. Talks took a practical approach to tackle the challenges facing local government. Before the meeting, we asked mayors and chairs for practical cost-cutting ideas to relieve pressure for ratepayers and help councils operate more efficiently. Here’s a selection of the ideas you shared:

- Simplify audits with a tiered, risk-based system
- Review Long Term Plans less often
- Let councils set their own fees for things like parking and animal control
- Review District Plans and conduct Representation Reviews less frequently
- Encourage shared services between councils
- Better align local and central government decisions
- Create a "Fast Track" process for land rezoning
- Address the contributors to civil construction price increases.

The Prime Minister and Local Government Minister were interested to hear about possible changes.

In early October, we again met with the Minister for Local Government. The Minister was open to receiving further advice from us on how to cut costs for councils, including a proposal to change Schedule 10 of the Local Government Act to make it less cumbersome and more accessible for the community. The Minister was open to coming to our sector meetings in February and May next year.

The Government announced a raft of proposed changes to the building consents system in late October and we are meeting with Hon Chris Penk in early November.

Media

The June Infrastructure Symposium, including Infrastructure Minister Chris Bishop’s speech at our networking function the night before, received very strong media coverage, with stories in The Post, BusinessDesk, NBR and RNZ focused on our support for more funding tools to pay for infrastructure. We also used the opportunity of the Infrastructure Symposium to further our advocacy against proposed changes by NZTA to emergency works, which was a lead story on 1News. Other media interactions in July focused on elected members’ behaviour and Christchurch City Council’s exit from LGNZ.



SuperLocal24 generated widespread national coverage, making it one of the top stories of the week. The Prime Minister’s politically charged speech, rate increases, and large media attendance contributed to the event being so widely covered. The overall media result was the result of significant planning by LGNZ. We developed a range of proactive stories and pre-briefed media on issues important to members, which ensured balance in stories and coverage of our proactive angles.

Feedback from media about the conference experience was very positive.



6 press conferences



33 accredited media



400+ media items



9 proactive story topics

Earlier in August, LGNZ led out positively on the Government’s Local Water Done Well announcement. LGNZ Vice President Campbell Barry spoke to [1News](#) and said while it was a welcome step, we need to temper expectations about the effect on rates short-term. LGNZ National Council members Tim Cadogan and Neil Holdom spoke to [Stuff and Three News](#) about the need for certainty from all sides so councils can get on with business. Concerns still playing out in the media centre around [credit ratings](#) of the LGFA and the new CCOs, which S&P put a statement out about. LGNZ engaged with S&P at the end of last week and will share updates in the coming months.

Confirmation of time-of-use or congestion charging was also announced in August, with LGNZ Transport Forum Chair Neil Holdom putting LGNZ’s support [on the record](#) saying, “it’s a prudent and pragmatic step that LGNZ has long advocated for”.

Coverage of our unfunded mandates research launch included LGNZ Vice President Campbell Barry speaking to [The Post](#), [RNZ](#) and [Newsroom](#) about the report and joining [ZB’s Early Edition](#) to highlight the cost of flip-flops on policies when the government changes. Then in [The Post](#), Ex-Chief Press Secretary for the National Party Janet Wilson reflected on our research, reiterating the impossible situation for councils as “rates as a share of GDP have hovered around 2% for 20 years” and “central government ... have all the power, with local councils forced to carry out its wishes.”

Also in August, rates invoices began to hit letterboxes. LGNZ has consistently raised this as a national issue in the media and ensured there is good data to support these conversations with communities. Infometrics CE and economist Brad Olsen commented in [The Post](#), giving this perspective on rates rises – “if you look at the amount of money that people pay in their rates versus what they pay to central government, you’re talking chalk and cheese.”

In mid-July, in response to the Government’s announcement it would not progress the Future for Local Government report, we issued a media statement saying “LGNZ developed our own response to the FFLG review, in collaboration with members, and that underpins all our advocacy. We won’t give up advocating for these key changes.”



Earlier in July, a disturbing story was front page in the [Herald on Sunday](#) with former Mayor of Nelson Rachel Reese telling her story after an intruder entered her home back in February. This targeting of former and current elected members is rising, and a poll at LGNZ's Combined Sector meeting in April showed 53% of elected members say it's worse than a year ago. LGNZ CE Susan Freeman-Greene spoke to NZ Herald about members' concerns and highlighted the work LGNZ has been doing to support members – including previously championing a removal of candidate addresses from election advertising, and our roundtable zooms with the likes of NZ Police and Netsafe.

Also in July, LGNZ President Sam Broughton joined the [On The Tiles](#) podcast to discuss our city and regional deals framework and what we could learn from the likes of Australia and the UK.

The Government's building consents reform was welcomed by LGNZ: Sam was interviewed on RNZ and Newstalk ZB. A few days later, when the International Visitor Levy went up, we proactively called for the Government to share the increase with councils to support tourism costs. This advocacy was picked up by the radio stations.

In October, LGNZ was in the media spotlight as we advocated for central government funding of emergency responses. This was part of [our response](#) to the Government's announcement following the North Island Severe Weather Events report. Our President Mayor Sam Broughton and National Council member Mayor Rehette Stoltz shared the workload, with Sam speaking to outlets like [Newsroom](#) and Radio NZ, while Rehette had interviews with TVNZ's Breakfast news and Newstalk ZB.

We marked one year until local body elections by [calling](#) for candidates to start thinking about getting prepared. LGNZ Deputy CE Scott Necklen chatted with Newstalk ZB and RNZ on the subject. During our YEM Hui in Christchurch last month we shone the [spotlight](#) on young leaders in local government, pointing to YEM numbers doubling over the past three elections. We used speakers at the YEM hui to tell a breadth of stories about the importance of this network.

With the Electoral Reform issues paper being released this week, we set up an interview with the Electoral Reform Working Group's Chair Mayor Nick Smith and Jack Tame on [Q & A](#). Securing an interview with one of the only longform political news programmes was a crucial part of our work to raise these issues in the political sphere – and to ensure the work helps inform the Government's decisions. Following our Electoral Reform [article](#) on Sunday, we also organised interviews with Mayor Rehette Stoltz (who is also part of the Working Group) on [Hosking Breakfast](#) and Radio NZ to discuss some of the issues.

LGNZ also [spoke out](#) about the Government's proposal for self-certification for building professionals, speaking to [Three News](#) and Newstalk ZB about the issue of long-term security over the indemnity insurance – to ensure that neither councils nor affected homeowners are saddled with costs if an issue occurs.

Amid public calls for tougher booze rules, Sam Broughton also spoke with both [The Press](#) and [Stuff](#) about how Local Alcohol Policies work.



Electoral Reform Working Group

The Electoral Reform Working Group, chaired by Mayor Nick Smith, developed an issues paper that was launched in late October. It sets out the current state of participation in elections. It explores:

- Understanding of local government and why it is important
- How easy it is to vote, especially with the decline of post
- Knowing candidates and what they stand for
- Administration and promotion of elections
- Four-year terms including their implementation and transition

From mid-October to 5 January, we will seek feedback on the paper from members, key stakeholders, and the wider public. This will include presentations at all zone meetings.

Engagement on the issues paper will inform a draft position paper, which will be engaged on from March-May, before a final paper is drafted. National Council will be asked to adopt that final position paper, which will be launched at SuperLocal25.

Remits

This year, to better prioritise resource allocation to remits, National Council adopted a two-step process for remits agreed at LGNZ's AGM. As part of this process, the AGM ranked remits in order of priority, with the following results:

1. Appropriate funding models for central government initiatives
2. GST revenue sharing with local government
3. Local government Māori wards and constituencies should not be subject to a referendum
4. Proactive lever to mitigate the deterioration of unoccupied buildings
5. Representation Reviews
6. Community Services Card
7. Graduated Licensing System

At its September meeting, National Council decided to take the maximum approach for the first four remits. This means commissioning advice or research, or in-depth policy or advocacy work. National Council decided to take a less resource-intensive approach to the remaining remits, which could involve writing a letter to the relevant minister or agency. However, remits may get additional resource if they align with other existing work programmes.

LGNZ's policy team will shortly be in touch with all councils who proposed successful remits to agree on next steps.



Māori wards

Forty-five councils established or resolved to establish Māori wards since the law change in 2021. The Coalition Government enacted legislation that required those 45 councils to make decisions to retain or disestablish their Māori wards by Friday 6 September. If councils chose to keep the wards, they have to fund a poll at next year’s local elections.

Two councils decided to disestablish their Māori wards: Upper Hutt City Council and Kaipara District Council. The other 43 decided to retain their wards and a number of these decisions were unanimous, including: Far North, Porirua, South Taranaki, South Wairarapa, Hauraki, Stratford, Marlborough, Whakatāne, Rangitikei, and Ruapehu.

Some councils indicated they would investigate the implications of refusing to hold a binding referendum. Palmerston North City Council will present a report at an upcoming council meeting; Whakatāne District Council has sought legal advice; and Far North District Council has asked the chief executive “to investigate options of not conducting a binding poll at the next local body election in 2025”.

LGNZ is supporting councillors affected by this legislation. Connected to this is our work around supporting Iwi Māori to stand for (re)election in 2025 and promoting voter participation.

Water services reform

The passing of the Local Government (Water Services Preliminary Arrangements) Act in August marked the second stage of the Government’s *Local Water Done Well* reforms. This Act provides the framework and preliminary arrangements for the new water services system. There is a requirement for councils to develop and adopt Water Services Delivery Plans (WSDPs) by 3 September 2025. Successful elements of [our submission](#) include the expansion of streamlining provisions for water service entity creation, the scope and timeframe for WSDPs, and the Secretary for Local Government’s role in making regulations. However, we were unsuccessful in securing a longer timeframe for WDSP development or greater support for councils in implementing this legislation, including funding.

The Government has announced the third stage of these reforms, which will shape the final bill, due to be introduced by the end of 2024. We released an [explainer](#) covering the key elements of this reform in *Keeping it Local*.

We’re engaging with the Commerce Commission on how transitional and permanent economic regulation would work under Local Water Done Well. The Commission will be presenting at the November Metro and Rural & Provincial sector meetings to support members to develop a greater understanding of what economic regulation is and how it operates in other sectors.



Resource management reform

RMA Reform Minister Chris Bishop outlined the Government's plans for stage two of its resource management reform at SuperLocal. These will be progressed via a package on national direction and a second piece of legislation amending the RMA. There will be new national direction issued for infrastructure, housing, and natural hazards, as well as amendments to a wide range of existing national direction, with seven new national direction instruments and amendments to fourteen existing ones in total.

The changes cover four areas:

- infrastructure and energy,
- housing,
- farming and the primary sector, and
- emergencies and natural hazards.

Also included are measures to put into effect the Government's Going for Housing Growth and Electrify New Zealand reforms.

The expansion in national direction must be undertaken in close consultation with local government to be workable, and we will raise this with the Minister and officials. We have met with Simon Court to discuss the NPS-Infrastructure, which he is taking responsibility for developing. This was a positive meeting and further engagement with officials is likely to follow.

The Government has announced that two pieces of legislation would be passed to replace the Resource Management Act as part of stage three of their three-stage approach to resource management reform. One piece of legislation will deal with managing "environmental effects arising from activities", while the other one will "enable urban development and infrastructure".

Cabinet has agreed to 10 core design features for the new resource management system. These will guide the work of an Expert Advisory Group (EAG), which was also announced by the Minister. This group will report back to the Minister before the end of the year with a "blueprint" for new legislation.

Resource management lawyer and former Environmental Defence Society director Janette Campbell will chair the EAG, which also features local government experience in Christine Jones (General Manager – Strategy Growth & Governance at Tauranga City Council) and Gillian Crowcroft (former Auckland Council and Auckland Regional Council staffer).

We will be keeping a close eye on how development of the new RM "blueprint" unfolds between now and the end of the year, ahead of our final catch-up of the year with Minister Bishop in December.

Transport

In August, the Government announced that legislation to enable congestion charging schemes would be introduced by the end of the year. This is a significant and long-awaited announcement,



particularly for metro councils. We will submit on the legislation when it makes its way to Select Committee.

We submitted on the Commerce Commission’s review of Auckland Airport’s pricing decisions for the 2022-2027 period. We expressed concern about the flow-on effects that Auckland Airport’s proposed increased charges to airlines could have for ticket prices, regional connectivity, and the competitiveness of New Zealand’s aeronautical sector.

In August, Sam and Transport Forum chair Neil Holdom met with the NZTA board just ahead of an in-person meeting of the Transport Forum.

In September, the Government released its 2024-27 National Land Transport Programme, which is largely in line with the Government Policy Statement on Land Transport 2024. It includes significant funding increases for major roading projects and road maintenance, balanced by a decrease in funding for active and public transport initiatives.

Following the release of the National Land Transport Programme 24-27, we have been building a picture of the impact on members, including through a discussion at the in-person meeting of the Transport Forum. While funding decisions were largely as anticipated (based on the signals from the GPS Transport earlier this year), some members were surprised about the extent of funding cuts for safety improvements and public/active transport. The lack of alignment between the NLTP and LTP planning cycles has also created instances in which projects in LTPs no longer have expected co-funding from central government, meaning councils need to find alternative funding sources or scale the project back.

The impact of the reversal of speed limit reductions will be a focus over the coming month, particularly the fiscal impact given the need for new signage around schools. The new Government’s speed limit rule includes:

- Reversing Labour’s blanket speed limit reductions on local streets, arterial roads, and state highways by 1 July 2025.
- Requiring reduced variable speed limits outside schools during pick up and drop off times by 1 July 2026.
- Enable speed limits up to 120km/h on Roads of National Significance where it is safe.

We will be engaging with councils to get a picture of the overall fiscal impact of these changes.

Climate change

We submitted supporting the intent of the Government’s draft Second Emissions Reduction Plan (2026–30). We also highlighted that most of the actions would require direct or indirect contributions from councils.

We sponsored the Aotearoa Climate Adaptation Network’s (ACAN) annual hui again this year, which was held in the Bay of Plenty in October. ACAN is a network of council staff working in climate adaptation focused roles. We engage closely with ACAN on all our climate adaptation work.



The Finance and Expenditure Committee has completed its [inquiry into climate adaptation](#). The high-level objectives and principles it set out will inform the development of New Zealand's climate change adaptation policy framework. The report acknowledges the leading role councils will play in climate adaptation, and adopted much of what was proposed in [LGNZ's submission](#). The report does not resolve crucial questions relating to roles and responsibilities or how to decide who pays for adaptation and retreat.

The Department of Internal Affairs is consulting on an exposure draft of regulations for natural hazard information in Land Information Memoranda (LIMs). The regulations have been drafted to support local authorities in implementing changes to the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act that are due to come into effect on 1 July 2025. LGNZ submitted on the amendment Bill in February 2023. We supported the Bill but said we would like to see a few changes, many of which have now been incorporated into the updated Bill and proposed regulations. These regulations, in conjunction with the legislative changes that are due to come into effect next year, will provide certainty for councils about sharing natural hazard information in LIMs and reduce their risk of legal liability.

Localism

At SuperLocal, Susan launched our Choose Localism guide and research showing public attitudes to councils and localism.

To produce this research, we worked with Curia to poll members of the public. [The data](#) looks at perceptions around the effectiveness of councils, how councils could improve their effectiveness, and who should deliver services.

[Localism: A Practical Guide](#) sets out a wide range of tools and approaches councils can use to make a localist future a reality and apply a localism lens across their day-to-day work. This is a high-quality, comprehensive piece of work featuring many council cases studies. When we launched the guide to members during SuperLocal, this email had a 65% open rate (which is incredibly high by direct-email standards). We will be posting a physical copy of this guide to all Mayors and Chairs later in November.

Other policy issues

Earthquake prone buildings

In August we submitted on the Building (Earthquake-prone Building Deadlines and Other Matters) Amendment Bill, which delivers on the Government's commitment to extend remediation deadlines for earthquake-prone buildings. We expressed strong support for the legislation and outlined local government's expectations for the upcoming wider review of earthquake prone buildings.

We have also engaged with MBIE to make sure there is suitable local government representation in the wider review's steering group, particularly individuals from the South Island and/or medium risk councils.



We understand that decisions on the MBIE steering group for the review of the earthquake strengthening regime are imminent. We put forward a number of names to represent local government on this group, and are following up with MBIE to determine if any of them were ultimately chosen.

Emergency management system improvement

We engaged on the Government’s response to the North Island Severe Weather Event Inquiry’s report and wider emergency management system improvement as a member of the steering group. We facilitated engagement between the project group and a group of Mayors, Chairs and CEs, to test the group’s current proposals. A Cabinet paper will set out a new Emergency Management Bill (to be introduced next year) along with budget bids and other system changes.

The Government’s response to the North Island Severe Weather Event Inquiry’s report, and wider emergency management system improvement, has been released. We have been contributing to this work as a member of the Steering Group. This response will form the basis for the development of a new Emergency Management Bill to be introduced next year, along with budget bids and other system changes. The key recommendation is to retain the locally led, regionally coordinated approach – but with NEMA taking on a standard setting and assurance role. This could require increased investment by councils, but at this stage there are no additional funding mechanisms proposed.



Connect

Member visits

In June, Susan and Sam visited 14 councils. These visits are vital for connecting with members, helping them understand what LGNZ delivers, and hearing their feedback and ideas. Visits resumed in early September with visits to a range of Zone 2 councils. Susan visited the Chatham Islands in late September, with Susan and Sam’s other member visits scheduled for October and November.

NC members and LT members have also appeared at several member council meetings via zoom to support their consideration of the LGNZ four-monthly report.

SuperLocal24

This year’s conference was the “place to be” for local government, with the PM, many Ministers and the Leader of Opposition all speaking alongside impressive international and New Zealand keynote speakers. SuperLocal dominated media and public discourse that week.

We had nearly 800 people attend – and generated 394 media mentions across a huge range of topics (bed tax, PM speech, regional deals, localism, women in local government, four-year term, SuperLocal award winners, and much more).

We asked attendees to complete a feedback survey. While feedback was again positive, there were slightly more negative/neutral comments this year, partially driven by the political polarisation prompted by the PM’s speech.

We are incorporating feedback into our planning for SuperLocal25, which will be held in Christchurch (supported by the councils in the region). In response to comments about this year’s conference length and timing, we will be starting SuperLocal25 on the Wednesday morning (with the AGM prior) and wrapping up the conference by the end of Thursday, with the awards dinner on the Thursday night.

Combined Sector meetings

We received a huge amount of positive feedback on the programme and organisation of the Infrastructure Symposium on 14 June. Nearly 200 people attended, with Peter Nunns of the New Zealand Infrastructure Commission/Te Waihanganga and Sir Bill English particularly popular speakers.

Our November Combined Sector meeting will take a deep dive into the Government’s local government reform, including benchmarking, efficiencies and rates capping. Confirmed speakers include Local Government Minister Simeon Brown, Regional Development and Assoc Finance Minister Shane Jones, Labour Finance spokesperson Barbara Edmonds, Auckland Mayor Wayne



Brown (via zoom), and New South Wales and Victorian speakers on their experience of rates capping.

We are planning for the 2025 Combined Sector meetings, with the theme for February to be around accountability and demonstrating value, and May to be around delivering infrastructure for growth.

2025 calendar

We released our [calendar of events for 2025](#) in October. This will be updated with Zone 5/6 events shortly.

Te Maruata

Te Maruata Rōpū Whakahaere have met regularly, and also initiated a regular Teams drop-in session Piki te Ora that enables members to come in and kōrero, share thoughts and ideas on their mahi and what is happening in their rohe.

Te Maruata's pre-conference hui was attended by approximately 100 people. The hui is the annual face-to-face event for the wider membership but also welcomes non-members who have a strong connection to LG and Kaupapa Māori. The Rōpū welcomed Green MP Hūhana Lyndon, and MP Willie Jackson and MP Shanan Halbert were also in attendance. The programme included a workshop on sharing issues, ideas and solutions given the current climate, and a panel on "how to move the waka forward" with a particular focus on action on the ground, rangatahi participation and civics education.

YEM

Our Young Elected Members held a successful pre-SuperLocal hui in Wellington attended by around 40 YEM. It included a presentation from Dr Jess Berentson-Shaw on how to communicate effectively to achieve change, and a workshop on how to increase young people's participation in local government.

The annual YEM Hui took place in Christchurch regardless of Christchurch City Council's decision to withdraw from LGNZ. This is because the YEM Committee decided earlier this year to shift away from having a host council, with the Committee taking on full responsibility for hosting. We worked closely with Cr Deon Swiggs (Environment Canterbury and member of the YEM Committee) on planning for the event. Former Christchurch Mayor Lianne Dalziel delivered the keynote address, with the theme of the hui being "mā mua kite a muri, mā muri ka ora a mua" – driving change through community leadership. The programme was about councils empowering community leaders to make real change and equipping YEM with the key skills needed to make good decisions around council tables. Tikanga sessions were organised to support members to prepare for the whakatau at the commencement of their hui.



Women’s lunch

Before SuperLocal, we hosted a lunch for women that was attended by more than 100 elected members including nearly every woman Mayor. Finance Minister Nicola Willis was a very effective speaker and the event was well covered by media, with [this local democracy reporter story](#) carried prominently by every major outlet. The lunch also included a workshop. We are now considering next steps for this work.

CBEC

Christchurch City Council’s decision to withdraw from LGNZ means that Co-Chair of CBEC Simon Britten stepped down in July, with Sarah Lucas becoming the sole Chair.

CBEC has been focused on the Community Boards Conference which, for the first time, was held in conjunction with the LGNZ SuperLocal Conference. While organising the two conferences at the same time was challenging, the Community Boards Conference went well. At their September meeting CBEC resolved not to hold a community board conference in 2025. Instead, they are investigating the possibility of having a dedicated session at the 2025 Super/Local conference that would attract community board members. They are also looking at facilitating smaller zone or regional-based seminars for community boards.

CBEC is continuing to develop a work plan to implement recommendations around community board members’ satisfaction and their relationships with their councils. A key part of the work plan is developing a guide to assist councils and community boards to build effective relationships. This will include a model agreement to enable councils and boards to set out mutual expectations.

Sarah Lucas has been actively assisting community boards going through representation reviews.

Work is progressing on the development of an approach to enable the Remuneration Authority to fairly recognise and compensate those community boards with additional responsibilities.

Metro Sector

The Metro Sector held a workshop in September to discuss metro-specific priorities and agree on actions that will complement and support LGNZ’s broader advocacy work programme over the next year. Members agreed that the key priorities for metros are centred around enabling growth and economic prosperity, and achieving these priorities requires removing obstacles and improving things that currently slow us down. This is reflected in the following agreed areas of focus:

1. Improve alignment of central and local government investment cycles to reduce inefficiencies and encourage more bipartisan agreement on key infrastructure decisions.
2. A strategic approach to supporting economic development and growth.
3. Lift governance and accountability in order to improve LGNZ’s impact in the Metro space.



Te Uru Kahika/Regional Sector

The online meeting of the Regional Sector in June covered a number of key issues for the sector, including emergency management system improvement, Taumata Arowai's work on wastewater performance standards, and work on the climate adaptation framework. Their October online meeting focused on the Finance and Expenditure Committee's Inquiry on Climate Adaptation, the Regional Sector's views on how Core Services should be defined in upcoming legislative changes, and NZTA's Public Transport programme's priorities.

The Regional Sector's ever-popular Regional Tour prior to SuperLocal explored a range of flood protection, recovery, and biosecurity and biodiversity initiatives across the Hawke's Bay and Wellington regions.



Support

Ākona

Ākona users continue to grow, with another 138 people logging in for the first time since July. We have started a monthly email that highlights new Ākona courses and content. Please let us know if you're not receiving it.

In July we launched a new course on the CE Relationship – featuring the insight of Mayor Sandra Hazelhurst, Nigel Bickle, Nigel Corry and Chair Daran Ponter. This course was developed after receiving multiple requests from members. In August we launched a course on Leading Complex Communities, which will eventually include at least two Ako hours with expert host Jo Cribb.

The Climate Change course (released two months ago) caught the attention of the Aotearoa Council Climate Network, who were impressed with the content and keen to encourage elected members to engage with the learning. To support that mahi, a cloned copy of the Climate Change course was made available to sustainability staff from all member councils two weeks ago.

Five Ako hours were run from June-August, including a session that was arranged in response to the change in Māori ward legislation. Another three Ako hours were scheduled during September/October. These sessions are becoming increasingly popular, whether through attending the live sessions or viewing the recordings later.

We are working to confirm logistics and continue development of materials for Induction 2025 before the end of 2024. A draft design was produced and tested with members across October along with a prototype for an upgraded Ākona platform and programme that delivers a more personalised learning experience. The response from testers was very positive and the tīma have now begun development, starting with the production of pre-elected materials ready for release in March 2025. Existing courses have been reviewed in preparation for the shift in format with their redevelopment due to begin in November.

Roundtable zooms

Our second zoom in this series on sovereign citizens was popular and provoked a lot of conversation and positive feedback. We then held a well-attended zoom for elected members on physical security in early August. Our next zoom on 24 September featured the Security Intelligence Service speaking about the new threat assessment for New Zealand, which contained specific commentary on the vulnerability of local government. The presentation provoked a lot of member questions.

These recordings and all other security-related resources can be found in a [special section of Ākona](#).

Hūtia te Rito – LGNZ Māori Strategy

Work continues on the development of this strategy. Related kaupapa include:

LGNZ four-monthly report for member councils: July-October 2024 // 20



- **Toitū te Reo** – This annual symposium launched in Hastings at the start of August and is a partnership between Heretaunga District Council and Ngāti Kahungunu, with the support of many others. Three LGNZ team members attended.
- **Tangihanga of Kiingi Tuuheitia Pootatau te Wherowhero VII** – The Māori King passed away on 30 August and his tangi was held from 31 August-5 September at Tūrangawaewae. LGNZ acknowledged the King’s passing on social media and issued a media release acknowledging the ascension of the King’s daughter to the throne, to become Te Arikinui Kūiini Ngā wai hono i te po Pootatau te Wherowhero VIII. The team will firm up a plan to connect with the Kiingitanga in the coming months, in support of the Kōtahitanga vision.

Governance guides/support

LGNZ has worked with the Taituarā Democracy and Participation Working Party to update the LGNZ standing orders template. The update will ensure legislative consistency and introduce plain English. A draft has been circulated for member feedback and the final draft is now being legally reviewed. The changes made to the template involve updating it to include legislative amendment from the past three years and introducing plain English where possible. The templates, which include a territorial/unitary council version, a regional council version, and a community board version, are expected to be ready in early 2025.

MTFJ

MTFJ members and networks gathered for the Annual Breakfast meeting at the SuperLocal conference. At this event, Social Development and Employment Minister Louise Upston confirmed \$9 million in funding for the next financial year. Justin Lester of Dot Loves Data launched a revamped youth employment data dashboard, which sets out a council’s local landscape in terms of youth and NEETs.

We would like to acknowledge Mayor Max Baxter’s service and mahi for MTFJ. Max stepped down from the role in early October. MTFJ held a thank-you and farewell afternoon tea in his honour to celebrate his contribution.

Mayor Alex Walker has been elected as the new MTFJ Chair.

Moata Carbon Portal

This month we’ve extended the Moata portal subscription for Queenstown Lakes District Council for another 12 months. We’ve also provided a demo of the portal and had conversations on carbon accounting with Horowhenua District Council.



Mott MacDonald, LGNZ and the Infrastructure Sustainability Council held the 2nd Aotearoa Carbon Crunch event in Auckland on 12 September, with approximately 100 industry players and council staff attending the breakfast event.

Ko Hikurangi Tōku Maunga
 Ko Waiapu Tōku awa
 Ko Nukutaimemeha Tōku Waka
 Ko Ngati Pourou Tōku Iwi
 Ko Mangatū Marae
 Nō Whatatutu Ahau
 Kei Tūtaenui Tōku Kāinga ināianeī
 Ko Rangitikei College Tōku kura
 Ko Luci Tōku ingoa

Nō reira, tēnā koutou, tēnā koutou, tēnā tātou katoa

Morning everyone my name is Luci Downes I'm a year 12 student at Rangitikei College, and hopefully a future lawyer but most importantly I'm the descendant of young men and women who served for our beautiful country, it's due to these men and woman that I have had the fortune to of not having to grow up in a country that is ravaged by war something thousands of people my age in other countries have to experience. To me Remembrance day is a reminder that for my freedom and future many had to fight, Remembrance day to me is also a reminder of my tupuna who Gave their lives to the forces. More Closely to my heart Remembrance day is a Reminder of My Papa Warrant Officer Timoti Tihore who enlisted at the age of 17 and didn't stop serving the Army till he passed away in 2022. It's his lemon squeezer and Medals that I wear on me today. In this day and age Remembrance Day is incredibly important because it's a powerful reminder of the bravery and selflessness of those who fought for our freedom. It's a time to honour their sacrifices and express our deep gratitude. Let us never forget the heroes who gave everything for us. Remembrance Day is a global commemoration of the end of World War One, which began on July 28, 1914, with Aotearoa , Australia, Britain, France, and Russia fighting against Germany, Austria-Hungary, and the Ottoman Empire. The war lasted four years, with many soldiers dying and even more injuries. On November 11, the first two minutes of silence are observed to remember those who served their countries. Remembrance day serves as a reminder of the sacrifices made by millions of people, emphasising the importance of cherishing possessions and loved ones, and the importance of remembering the past, present, and future. To conclude my Speech today let me read you a extract from one of the most well known poems of the Anzacs.

In Flanders fields the poppies blow

Between the crosses, row on row,

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That mark our place; and in the sky

The larks, still bravely singing, fly

Scarce heard amid the guns below.

We are the Dead. Short days ago

We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,

Loved and were loved, and now we lie,

In Flanders fields.

Thank you.



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2	Date	Meeting	HWTM	Wilson	Carter	Dalgety	Duncan	Hiroa	Lambert	Loudon	Maughan	Sharland	Raukawa	Wong	Notes
212	26-Sep-24	Council Meeting	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	AP	PR	Minutes not recieved
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	Marlon 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	29-Oct-24	ORWS	PR				PR								
223	31-Oct-24	Finance/Performance	PR	PR	PR	AP	AT			PR	PR	PR	AP	PR	
224	31-Oct-24	Council Meeting	PR	PR	PR	AP	PR	AP	PR	PR	PR	PR	AP	PR	
225	13-Nov-24	Creative NZ Committee	PR				PR								
226	13-Nov-24	Bulls CC													
227	20-Nov-24	PPL Meeting	AP	PR			PR	AP	PR		PR			PR	
228	20-Nov-24	AIN Meeting	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR		PR	PR	PR	AP		PR	
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Present (and is a member of the committee)	PR
Apology	AP
Absent - no apology received	AB
Not a member of the committee	
Not a member of the committee (but still attended)	AT
Not present as on Council business	CB
Attended via Zoom [<i>this indicator is no longer used</i>]	ZM

9 Chief Executive’s Report

9.1 Deputy Chief Executive's Report - November 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 –

2.1 19 October – Festivals NZ; Spring Music festival 2024 – Village Green, Marton

2.2 25 - 28 October – National Street Racing Association – Bulls Domain – Field 1

3. Staff Movements

3.1 In October, Council welcomed the following employees to RDC:

- Neil Gallagher, Parks Officer
- Lee Minhinick, Parks Assistant (Fixed Term)
- Laurence Ingley, Parks Assistant (Fixed Term)
- Clare Wooding, Senior Strategy Advisor
- Hamish Lampp, Senior Planner Compliance
- Mark Anderson, Business Analyst

3.2 Council also farewelled the following team member in October:

- Rosemary Mead-White, Facilities Supervisor

3.3 A system error meant that reporting two new starters was unintentionally missed in August and September, and Officers would like to take the opportunity to acknowledge them here:

- Jan Connelly, Community Engagement Officer (started in August)
- Matina Sefilino, Community Engagement Officer (started in September)

4. Health Safety and Wellbeing Dashboard

4.1 The dashboard for October 2024 is attached (Attachment 1).

5. Consultation Tracker Dashboard

5.1 Officers are reintroducing the Consultation Tracker dashboard from this month, refer to Attachment 2. This dashboard highlights the topic, staff lead and expected consultation period. There is a lot planned across the local government sector and for our Council over the next 12 months so it is of benefit to provide this to not only Council but also our Community Committees on a monthly basis.

6. Noisy Trucks – Taihape

6.1 Staff have investigated the matter of noisy refrigerated trucks stopping on State Highway 1 in Taihape during night hours and disturbing nearby residents. Under the Land Transport (Offences and Penalties) Amendment Regulations 2004, NZ Police can issue an infringement fee to any person offending clause 7.4(2) of the Land Transport (Road User) Rule 2004 which states that *“a person must not create by any means within or on a vehicle any noise that, having regard to all the circumstances, is excessive”*. In summary, Officers consider this is a matter for the NZ Police to pursue and this will be discussed this with the police at the next monthly relationship meeting on 29 November 2024. A response has been provided directly to ratepayers who lodged the initial complaint.

7. Rates Remissions for Residential Development

7.1 Since 21 August 2023 (to date) a total of 30 rate remissions for residential development have been granted by the Chief Executive, for new builds/relocates in the Rangitikei. These are for \$5,000 each, at a combined total of \$150,000 and are mostly in the Marton/Bulls area of the district.

8. Increase in Solid Waste

8.1 Since July 2024 there has been a substantial increase in revenue for solid waste. The warmer weather has encouraged spring cleaning, resulting in more general waste and green waste being disposed of at transfer stations. The table below shows the revenue increase and the tonnage to landfill statistics:

Year 2024	Revenue	Tonnage to Landfill
July	\$65,048.31	509.96
August	\$85,966.88	523.26
September	\$73,373.61	498.9
October	\$102,562.69	541.42

8.2 As can be seen in the table below the introduction of “battery heaven” (disposing of batteries) has also been successful:

Battery collection			Mobile collection	
Date	Location	Kg	Location	No
19/02/2024	Marton library and WTS	50	Taihape	15
28/02/2024	Taihape library /Marton Office	50		
21/03/2024	Marton library	30		
28/03/2024	Marton library		Marton Office	12
26/04/2024	Marton library	50		
23/05/2024	Marton library	30	Marton Library	5
21/06/2024	Marton library	20	Marton/Office	25
10/07/2024	Marton library	85		
11/07/2024	Marton WTS	420		
30/08/2024	Marton library	25		
4/09/2024	Taihape library	45		
10/09/2024	Bulls Library	25		3
10/10/2024	Marton Library	85		21
Total		915		81

9. Cooks Wall

9.1 A meeting with the property owner was held on 27 November to finalise an agreement which documents the work being done and each parties roles and responsibilities. It is expected work will begin in 2025 with contractors confirmed before the end of the year.

10. ALGIM (Association of Local Government Information Manager) Awards

10.1 Officers are proud to announce that at the recent ALGIM Conference Council received two awards, these were for:

- **Project of the Year:** For Council’s SharePoint 365 project
- **Most Improved in Cybersecurity:** Which is testament to the effort everyone has put into strengthening our systems and protecting Council.

10.2 These awards are a reflection of the hard work and contribution from every member of the Information Services Team.

11. Submissions

11.1 The updated list of current and future opportunities to submit on consultations run by external agencies is attached (Attachment 3).

Consultations proposed for submission

11.2 Officers plan to develop a submission for the consultation on increasing the use of remote inspections in the building consent process.

Upcoming consultations

11.3 There are a number of consultations expected to land 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

12. Bulls and Districts Historical Society – Roof Replacement

12.1 As part of the Long Term Plan adopted earlier this year a decision was made to grant funding to the Bulls and Districts Historical Society to replace the roof on the old Museum building that is now the Bulls Commemorative Centre:

Resolved minute number 24/RDC/106

That Council does purchase materials to the amount \$21,152.09, on the condition that the work is completed by the Bulls and Districts Historical Society, to replace the roof of the Bulls Commemorative Centre.

Cr C Raukawa/Cr S Loudon. Carried

12.2 This work has now been completed under the amount allocated to the Society. At the meeting staff will advise the unspent amount. Council is asked to consider whether the surplus funds are returned to Council or whether the Society can retain the funds. *Refer to Recommendation 2.*

13. Financial Implications

13.1 Rates remissions granted are highlighted in the report as a total of \$150,00 from August 2023 – November 2024.

13.2 An increase in revenue for waste management is included in the report.

13.3 A surplus amount has been identified from the Bulls and Districts Historical Society for the replacement of the roof, this amount can either be returned to Council or retained by the Society.

14. Impact on Strategic Risks

14.1 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.

14.2 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.

14.3 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.

15. Strategic Alignment

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

16. Mana whenua implications

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

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

17. Climate Change Impacts and Consideration

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

18. Statutory Implications

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

19. Decision Making Process

19.1 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 - October 2024** [↓](#)
2. **Consultation Tracker - November 2024** [↓](#)
3. **Submissions - November 2024** [↓](#)

Recommendation 1

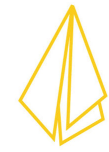
That the Deputy Chief Executive's Report – November 2024 be received.

Recommendation 2

That Council agrees the surplus funds from allocation provided to the Bulls and Districts Historical Society for the replacement of the roof, be returned to Council.

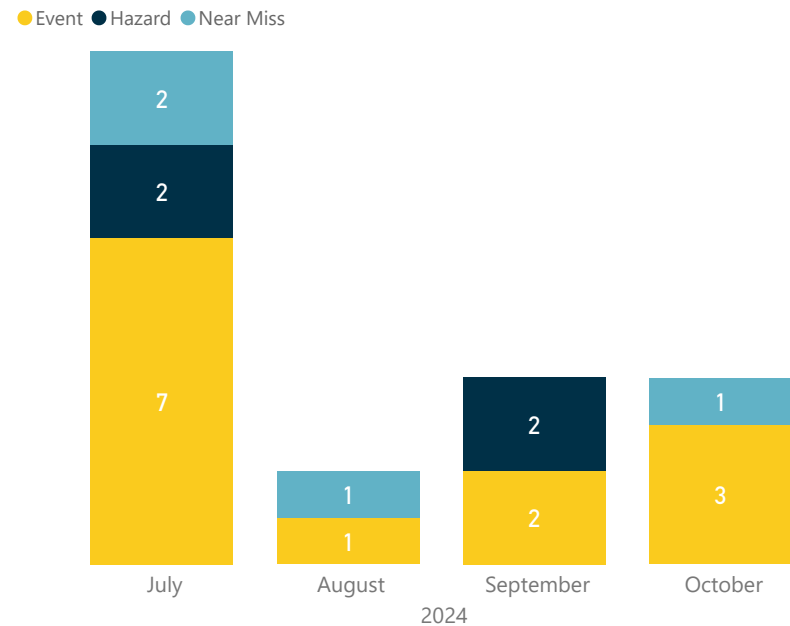
OR

That Council agrees the surplus funds from allocation provided to the Bulls and Districts Historical Society for the replacement of the roof, be retained by the Society.

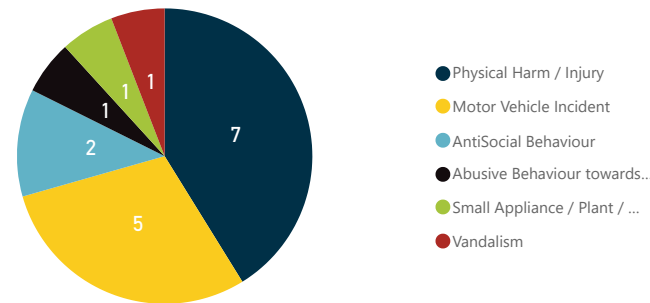


RDC Health and Safety Dashboard October 2024

Events, Hazards and Near Misses 01 July 2024 to date

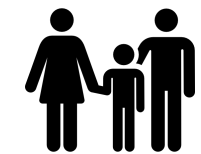
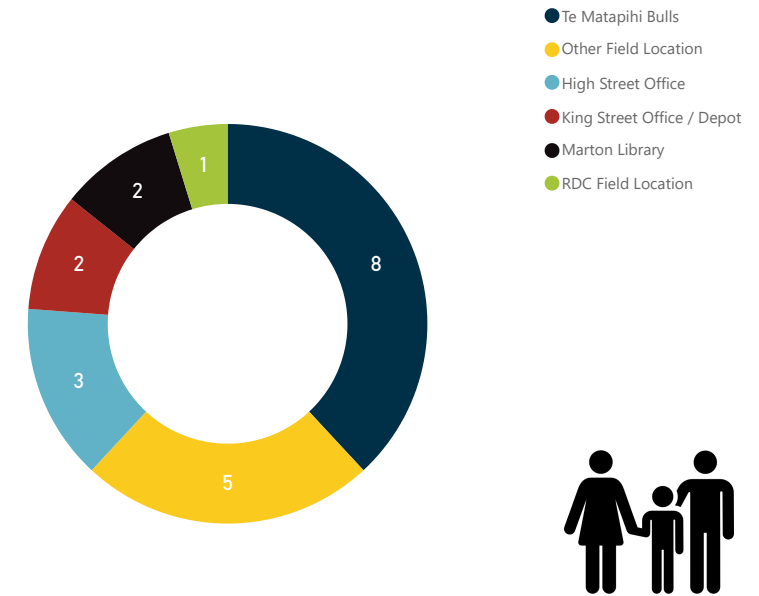


Event/Near Miss Category 01 July 2024 to date



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Events, Hazards and Near Misses



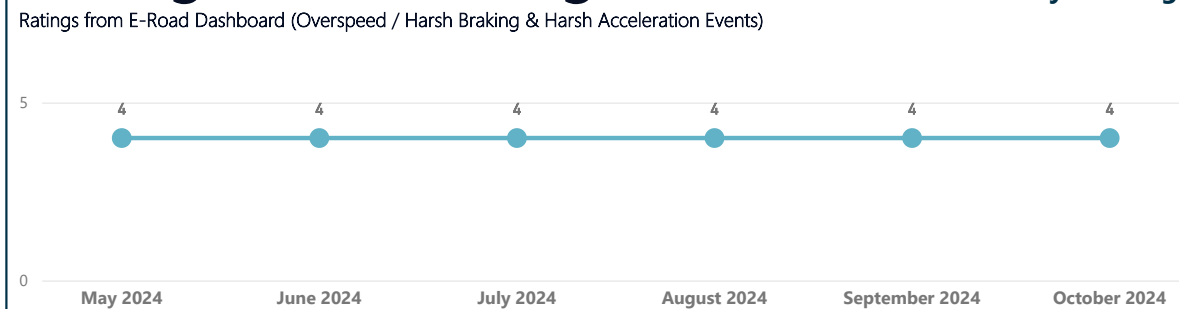
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0 Notifiable Incidents
0 Notifiable Illness/Injuries

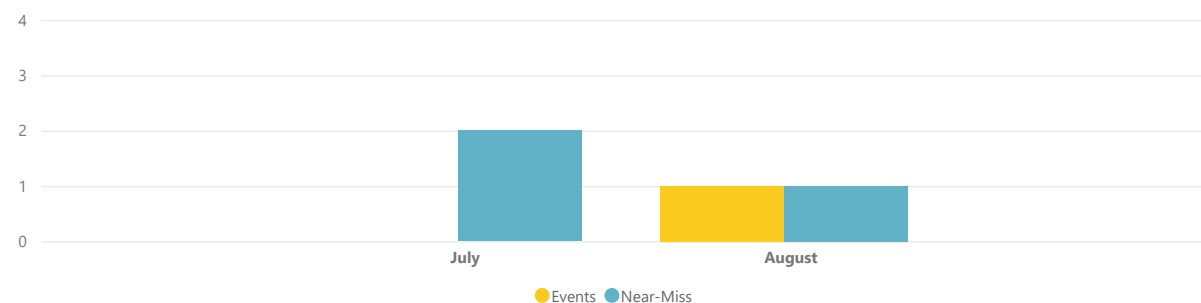
1 Near Misses
0 Hazards

Average Driver Ratings

55% Completed Driver Safety Training



Vehicle Incidents



October Wellbeing News

Mole Maps

Annual Mole Map checks will be occurring on-site during November and December. If you haven't yet booked a time, and would like to, please contact Matt or Chelsea. Alternatively you are welcome to request a voucher and organise your own appointment off site.

Summer Sun Smart Awareness

Summer has begun to make an appearance at long last. We are all aware of the damage the sun can do to our skin, so please remember if you are going outside (even for a short period) it's important to Slip, Slop, Slap & Wrap. For more information, please check out the RDC SunSmart Guidelines on Kapua.

2025 Consultation Tracker

Rangitikei District Council



Project	Staff Lead	Nov-24	Dec-24	Jan-25	Feb-25	Mar-25	Apr-25	May-25	Jun-25	Jul-25	Aug-25	Sep-25	Oct-25	Nov-25	Dec-25
Local Water Done Well	Arno	Engagement	Preferred arrangement decided 12 Dec			Consultation 24 Feb - 21 Mar									
District Plan Review					Adoption of CD										
Urban Growth Plan Change	Tiffany					Engagement 1 Mar - 1 Apr					Notification				
Annual Plan	Janna														
Gambling Policy / TAB Venues	Janna					Adoption of CD & draft annual plan 13 Mar	Consultation 21 Mar - 22 Apr								
Fees and Charges	Janna														
Waste Minimisation Plan	Arno		Adoption of draft WMMP 12 Dec				Consultation as part of Annual Plan								
Marton Streetscape Upgrade Plan	Jarrold	Engagement													
Marton-Bulls Wastewater Strategy	Arno						Adoption	Consultation							
Local Body Elections	Carol							National, regional, local campaign			Pre-election period - no campaign comms		Election		
Māori Wards Referendum	Carol							National, regional, local campaign					Election		
Rātana Road Naming (landowners only)	Katrina		Consultation		Consultation										
Economic Strategy & Action Plan	Jarrold														
Bulls Recreation Master Plan	Clare					Engagement									

Christmas closedown period - 20th December-6th January

Current and Upcoming Consultations

Name of Initiative	Agency Engaging	Due Date	Description	RDC Action
Currently Open for Submissions				
Consultation on increasing the use of remote inspections in the building consent process https://www.mbie.govt.nz/have-your-say/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.	Submit
Development and Financial Contributions Policy https://makeyourmark.manawatudc.govt.nz/development-and-financial-contributions-policy	Manawatu District Council	Nov-29	Development contribution fees for a standard property are \$26,342 in the Feilding Urban area, \$19,696 in the Feilding Intensification area (CBD), and \$7,355 in the Village and Rural areas. However, interest and construction costs have increased significantly over recent years. The Council needs to significantly increase development contribution fees to cover costs, and proposes two options on how to calculate development contribution fees.	None
Statutes Amendment Bill https://bills.parliament.nz/v/6/7c437bb2-da7f-453e-0edc-08dcdb5e62cc?Tab=historyc	Parliament Governance and Administration Committee	1-Dec	Part 5 amends the Building Act 2004: under clause 20, a territorial authority must notify the chief executive when it grants a waiver or modification relating to access to residential pools. Part 24 amends the Local Government Act 2002: under clause 100 the requirement in section 90D of the Local Government (Rating) Act (for reporting the amount of rates written off each financial year) is moved into Schedule 10 so that it contains all annual report requirements. Part 41 makes minor amendments to the Water Services Act 2021 with no effect on its provisions.	
Building Code fire safety review 2024 https://www.mbie.govt.nz/have-your-say/building-code-fire-safety-review-2024	MBIE	Dec-06	In its review, MBIE wants to: address issues regarding fire provisions in the Building Code, see how they can make it easier for people to make decisions when considering fire	None

code-fire-safety-review-2024			provisions in the Building Code, and maintain or improve the health, safety and fire safety facilities for people who use buildings.	
National Infrastructure Plan discussion document https://tewaihanga.govt.nz/news-events/testing-our-thinking-on-the-national-infrastructure-plan	Infrastructure Commission	Dec-10	The Infrastructure Commission is beginning work on developing a National Infrastructure Plan. They are asking for feedback on a discussion document that describes what they expect the Plan will cover and the problem it's trying to solve, as well as the approach the Commission is proposing to take to develop it.	None
Seeking feedback on moving towards a financially sustainable mail service https://www.mbie.govt.nz/have-your-say/seeking-feedback-on-moving-towards-a-financially-sustainable-mail-service	MBIE	Dec-10	The discussion document seeks feedback on proposed changes to the Postal Deed of Understanding: reducing minimum delivery frequency to two days a week in urban areas, three days a week in rural areas, reducing the number of postal outlets, allowing greater use of cluster and community boxes as delivery points.	None
Draft Trade Waste Bylaw https://www.tararua.govt.nz/publications/consultation/current-consultation/draft-trade-waste-bylaw	Tararua District Council	Dec-16	Amendment to the 2018 bylaw include adding considerations for Council when determining an application for consent; adding a new clause that requires anyone wishing to discharge trade waste to contact Council to determine if a trade waste discharge is permitted, conditional or prohibited, adding a clause to provide for a consent holder receiving a written notice to be given a reasonable time period to comply with any varied consent condition; and adding a clause for requiring a meter as a condition of a consent for the measurement of the rate or quantity of discharge of trade waste.	None
Draft Traffic & Road Use Bylaw https://www.tararua.govt.nz/publications/consultation/current-consultation/draft-traffic-and-road-use-bylaw	Tararua District Council	Dec-16	The proposed changes to the 2018 bylaw include prohibiting parking vehicles on footpaths and berms, parking heavy motor vehicles in residential areas (without permit) and restricting engine braking in areas with 70 km/h limits or less.	None
Draft Waste Management & Minimisation Bylaw https://www.tararua.govt.nz/publications/consultation/current-consultation/draft-waste-management-and-minimisation-bylaw	Tararua District Council	Dec-16	The proposed changes to the 2018 bylaw include extending the term 'prohibited waste' to include all batteries, asbestos, gas containers, fluorescent lights and aerosol cans	None

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ation/current-consultation/draft-waste-management-and-minimisation-bylaw			and setting out the actions Council may take where a person does not comply with the requirements of the Bylaw in relation to the waste and diverted materials collection service that applies to them.	
Principles of the Treaty of Waitangi Bill	Parliament Justice Committee	Jan-07	Bill to amend or remove references to te Tiriti principles from legislation NB – National committed to support the Bill to Select Committee, support beyond this stage (and therefore future progress of this Bill) is uncertain.	tbc
Proposed Regulatory Standards Bill https://consultation.regulation.govt.nz/rsb/have-your-say-on-regulatory-standards-bill/	Ministry for Regulation	Jan-13	The proposed Bill aims to reduce the amount of unnecessary and poor regulation, through making it transparent where regulation does, or does not, meet principles of responsible regulation.	None
Local Electoral Reform issues paper https://www.lgnz.co.nz/policy-advocacy/key-issues-for-councils/local-electoral-reform/	LGNZ	Jan-19	Discussion paper setting out five key issues affecting voter participation.	Submit
Upcoming Consultations				
Remote Building Inspections Bill	MBIE	Dec	Proposals to make virtual building inspections the 'default' option.	tbc
Resource Management Act Amendment Bill #2	MfE	Dec	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	tbc

			suggested by Councils and other key stakeholders.	
Making it easier to build granny flats amendments	MBIE, then Parliament	Dec	Making it possible to build 60m2 secondary dwellings without building consent.	tbc
Local Water Done Well Bill #3	DIA, then Parliament	Dec		tbc
Land Transport (Time of Use Charging) Amendment Bill	Ministry of Transport, then Parliament	Dec	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: https://www.transport.govt.nz/assets/Uploads/Time-of-Use-Charging-Cabinet-Material-Proactive-Release.pdf	tbc
Amendments to the Local Government Act 2002	DIA, then Parliament	Dec	Removing references to the four wellbeings: see Minister's release 21 August 2024. https://www.beehive.govt.nz/release/back-basics-local-government	tbc

10 Reports for Decision

10.1 Draft Terms of Reference and Membership - Tenders Board

Author: Arno Benadie, Chief Operating Officer

Authoriser: Carol Gordon, Deputy Chief Executive

1. Reason for Report

- 1.1 To present the draft Terms of Reference and Membership of the Tenders Board to Council for consideration.

2. Context

- 2.1 The Procurement and Contract Management Policy was adopted by Council in August 2024. In the Policy, a Tenders Board is referred to. It was agreed that a Terms of Reference for the Tenders Board would be developed and presented back to Council in November.
- 2.2 The Terms of Reference and is now presented for Council's consideration (Attachment 1).
- 2.3 Council is also asked to confirm membership.

3. Discussion and Options Considered

- 3.1 The membership is proposed to be a mix of Elected Members and members from the Executive Leadership Team, with an independent member as deemed necessary by members of the Tenders Board.
- 3.2 Council is asked to consider which Council Committee the Tenders Board is a subcommittee of. Options include the Risk and Assurance Committee, Finance/Performance Committee or the Assets/Infrastructure Committee.

4. Financial Implications

- 4.1 There are no financial implications as a result of the decisions requested in this report. The establishment of the Tenders Board supports high quality procurement processes for significant contracts.

5. Impact on Strategic Risks

- 5.1 Trust and confidence is tarnished
 - 5.1.1 The establishment of the Tenders Board supports high quality procurement processes, which builds trust and confidence with the community.
- 5.2 Capital programme falters
 - 5.2.1 The establishment of the Tenders Board will benefit the delivery of Council's capital programme through high quality procurement processes.

6. Strategic Alignment

6.1 High quality procurement supports alignment and delivery of Council’s strategic framework.

7. Mana Whenua Implications

7.1 There are no known mana whenua implications associated with this decision.

8. Climate Change Impacts and Consideration

8.1 There are no climate impacts that require consideration in the confirmation of the Terms of Reference for the Tenders Board. It is noted that specific procurement decisions will give consideration to climate impacts as outlined in the Procurement and Contract Management Policy.

9. Statutory Implications

9.1 The establishment of the Tenders Board as a subcommittee is provided for under Schedule 7, Section 30 (1) (A) Local Government Act 2002.

10. Decision Making Process

10.1 The decision to endorse the Terms of Reference and confirm membership is not significant and does not require consultation.

Attachments:

- 1. **Draft Terms of Reference - Tenders Board** [↓](#)

Recommendation 1

That the report ‘Draft Terms of Reference and Membership - Tenders Board’ be received.

Recommendation 2

That Council appoint a Tenders Board in accordance with Schedule 7, Section 30(1)(A) Local Government Act 2002 and delegates powers in accordance with Schedule 7, Section 32 of the Local Government Act 2002.

Recommendation 3

That Council endorse the Terms of Reference for the Tenders Board [without amendment / with amendment].

Recommendation 4

That the Tenders Board becomes a subcommittee of the [add here].

Tenders Board Committee – Draft Terms of Reference

Type of Committee:

Council subcommittee

Legislative basis:

Subcommittee reconstituted by Council as per Schedule 7, Section 30(1)(A) Local Government Act 2002. Subcommittee delegated by powers by the Council as per Schedule 7, Section 32 of the Local Government Act).

The Tenders Board will be a subcommittee of the [insert here] Committee.

Purpose:

When it is appropriate or required as part of the procurement process, a tender will go via the Tenders Board for review and recommendation.

All tenders or contracts over \$250,000 in value or that are of high risk/sensitive expenditure, are referred to the Tenders Board for evaluation of the procurement process. The Tenders Board then makes their recommendation to the Chief Executive. Only the Chief Executive can give final approval to award a contract. This is usually granted at this stage, unless exceptional circumstances apply.

Any approval outside of the above rules must be approved by Council resolution.

The role of the Tenders Board is to:

- Receive tender and contract recommendations and to act as the principal advisor to the Chief Executive regarding procurement decisions.
- Ensure that RDC’s procurement policies, rules, principles, strategies, objectives and all associated procedures are complied with.
- Ensure the tender process followed for each contract achieve efficiency and effectiveness in fostering good procurement outcomes such as value for money, quality, fairness and probity.
- Be satisfied that sufficient approved Council funding is available for the proposed procurement.
- Recommend to the Chief Executive when to seek legal opinion on any matter under its consideration.
- Be satisfied that the successful tenderer achieves the best value for money for RDC and its stakeholders.
- Be satisfied that commercial confidentiality is fully maintained as required by the tender process.
- Advise of any conflicts of interest (perceived or otherwise) that may occur during the Tenders Board’s consideration of an item.
- Ensure the Tenders Board consistently remains neutral and fair.

Membership:

- Two Elected Members and the Mayor. The two Elected Members will be appointed by the Mayor.
- Three members from the Executive Leadership Team (ELT), one of which will hold the position of Chair. The selected ELT members will be appointed by the CEO. The CEO will not form part of the Tenders Board.
- As a general principle, ELT officers should be selected to cover technical, financial, legal/risk and engineering or infrastructure activities.
- The Group Manager who is relevant to the subject of the Tender, together with any other staff who have some expertise in the subject should be invited to assist the Tenders Board.

- An independent member (as deemed necessary by the members of the Tenders Board) may be invited to assist the Tenders Board when a tender is considered to be technical in nature and outside normal Council activities and expertise.

All members will be provided with training.

Quorum:

The quorum required for a Tenders Board Meeting in order to make recommendations to the Chief Executive will consist of a minimum of four voting members, one of which must be an elected member.

Frequency and Meetings:

Fortnightly, and as and when required.

Meetings may be cancelled by the Tenders Board Chair if they are not required (no later than the Monday of each week the meeting was to be held).

For urgent and routine smaller tenders an option of emailing advice on a tender could be considered, (i.e agenda and all supporting information is emailed to members who can vote via email).

Reports to the Tenders Board Members are sent by e-mail two days prior to the Tenders Board Meeting. Minutes will be taken at all meetings.

Tenders Board Meeting Voting Rules

Members that cannot be present at a face-to-face meeting (either online or in person) may submit their comments via e-mail to the Tenders Board Chair. The absent members comments will be discussed and considered at the meeting and recorded in the meeting Minutes. However, absent members cannot vote as part of a face-to face meeting.

If an item is from a members group (ELT members), the member may discuss the item but abstains from voting e.g. the Group Manager Assets, Infrastructure and Projects would abstain from voting on any Infrastructure items.

Limits to Delegations:

Tenders must be awarded within approved long term or annual plan budgets. Council's Procurement and Contract Management Policy must be adhered to. Where any tender award (or otherwise) may have legal implications or where a non-conforming tender is accepted, the reasons for decisions must be recorded.

The Tenders Board is authorised to make recommendations to the Chief Executive of their preferred tenderer, but does not itself have the authority to award the contract.

All information discussed at a Tenders Board Meeting is confidential. No tenderer must be advised of the outcome of a Tenders Board Meeting or tender by a Member.

Conflicts of Interest:

The Tenders Board must consider (and document) whether sufficient actual or perceived conflict of interest exists, or may arise, and seek to replace RDC officers and Elected Members from the Tenders Board with independent contractor(s).

11 Reports for Information

11.1 Project Updates Report - November 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.

Key Highlights from Current Projects

Wastewater Projects

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

- 2.2 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.) are now well underway with a programmed completion of these investigations in late February 2025.
- 2.3 The anticipated March 2025 publication of new Draft national Wastewater Discharge Standards by water industry quality regulator Taumata Arowai will have a significant impact on the project's direction and outcomes. Close dialogue contact with Taumata Arowai is on-going and it is anticipated Taumata Arowai will produce interim advice in mid-December for Councils such as RDC in the middle of consent renewal projects.
- 2.4 At the very recent project quarterly update meeting with Horizons Regional Council, they made it clear that in spite of the uncertainty related to the Standards as described above, they expect RDC to progress the project without delay, given the plans are operating on expired consents.
- 2.5 Council needs to balance Horizons' expectations of progress with the pragmatic approach of not doing investigative work unnecessarily due to the changes that may come through in the Standards.
- 2.6 Current investigative works that have been prioritised by the Project Team include assessing suitability of the land purchased by RDC for land disposal of effluent, investigating the feasibility of retaining some treatment capability of the existing ponds at Marton and Bulls by way of their refurbishment and better understanding the feasibility of the groundwater discharge option.
- 2.7 Dialogue with ANZCO is about to commence to determine the feasibility and appropriateness of incorporating their discharge into the Bulls plant inlet.
- 2.8 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.
- 2.9 Identification of a preferred option is programmed for mid-2025.

- 2.10 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.

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

- 3.1 An update on costs, consenting and likely impact of the nationally led water reforms was provided via a Hui on 30 October to Rātana representatives. Key topics included:
- How irrigation of the treated wastewater onto the different areas of farmland purchased at Whangaehu Beach Road will be managed, and the siting of the proposed 30,000m³ storage pond. WSP have agreed to update the maps used to illustrate the buffer and expected irrigation zones for attendees. There was some discussion on the type of planting with general agreement these details can be finalised once the main irrigation system is built.
 - The project budget approved by Council based on August 2023 estimates was \$7m. We are redoing part of the design to minimise expected inflationary cost of close to 20% due to continued delays with the consenting process. Part of this work is assessing the costs for using a 140mm pipeline rather than 160mm pipeline due to significant savings in construction time and cost but higher costs for pumping. Design work is also continuing to enable application for Building Consent for the required Large Dam.
 - The Government led review of how three waters are managed is unlikely to impact on the delivery of this project given the joint goal between Horizons, Ministry for Environment and Council was removal of the current discharge feeding into Lake Waipu.
 - Planned changes to the existing wastewater ponds are mostly on partial desludging to improve capacity and some nitrogen removal, however it was noted the total annual nitrogen from the treated wastewater is still significantly less than the usual nitrogen fertiliser application required by farms.
- 3.2 WSP met with two of the consent submitters to see if their concerns could be addressed. An example of what is sought by submitters is a wetland to be constructed, as part of the irrigation area along with other improvements at the current wastewater ponds. These requests to utilise consent conditions from other discharge approvals add complexity and cost to the design and on-going management, with little or no overall benefit to the final quality of the wastewater being irrigated. It is likely a paper will come to Council for a decision once the costs of a hearing and timing delays versus what the costs of the concessions sought are known.

Water Projects

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

- 4.1 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.

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- 4.2 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.
- 4.3 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.
- 4.4 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.
- 4.5 The pilot plant has thus far been testing only water from the older Tutaenui bore. It will soon be swapped over to test the new reservoir Bore supply.
- 4.6 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.
- 4.7 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.
- 4.8 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.
- 4.9 It is envisaged that the new source and treatment process train will not become operable until May 2025.
- 4.10 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.
- 4.11 Membrane procurement and fabrication will only commence once Council staff are fully satisfied with the results from the trial plant.
- 4.12 Electrical contractors are working closely with PowerCo on our requirement for new transformers. Main switchboard and generator have been procured.
- 4.13 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.
- 4.14 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.
- 4.15 Staff are working towards a communication strategy and holding an open day at the site for the public.

Community Facilities

5. Marton Offices and Library (Project Manager - Eswar Ganapathi)

- 5.1 Staff have engaged a contractor for demolishing the house on Grey Street during the Christmas break with little to no disruption to staff. Power to the house has already been disconnected.
- 5.2 Having studied the emergency management centres at Ruapehu and Gisborne, staff are of the opinion that a build similar to the Ruapehu centre would suit better for the needs of our district. Staff are in the process of collating the Emergency Management Centre inventory so the required building footprint can be determined.
- 5.3 Staff are working with an external consultant to oversee the design and build contractor procurement exercise. The expression of interest (EOI) was posted on Government Electronic Tender System (GETS) on 4 Nov 2024 and the submissions are due on 28 Nov 2024. Staff have also conducted a collaborative workshop with registered vendors on 12 Nov 2024 to identify and understand various project risks. It proved to be an engaging and interesting discussion and has identified few additional information the market would require in order for them to do a more concrete submission.
- 5.4 Due to conflict of interest reasons, staff have had to identify a new planner for the project.
- 5.5 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.

6. Taihape Grandstand (Project Manager - Eswar Ganapathi)

- 6.1 An update will be provided in the Public Excluded portion of this meeting.

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

- 7.1 Maycroft have completed the preliminary site investigations along with an asbestos survey.
- 7.2 Preliminary fire compliance inspection was done on 21 Oct 2024.
- 7.3 Initial seismic report, building fabric report, Fire and services reports are expected later this week. The initial brief from the fire consultant has indicated that keeping the upper-level seating in the hall would add considerable fire and accessibility requirements and in turn costs. Considering the low occupancy of the first-floor offices, retaining this space should be relatively straightforward.
- 7.4 Since the initial seismic design and cost are not expected until mid-Dec 2024, staff are working with a quantity surveyor (QS) and a structural consultant to review the information in parallel. The intention is to present a set of information for the December council meeting, that has already been reviewed by relevant specialists.
- 7.5 The costs being prepared for the December council meeting shall be purely for the seismic strengthening works. Depending on the strengthening costs, staff would then work to determine the rest of the design scope.

8. Marton Swim Centre Structural Remediation

- 8.1 RDC engaged experts to complete a full asset condition assessment of the entire Marton pool facility.

- 8.2 This condition assessment includes all the buildings, the pool, the pool pipework and all associated filter and heating equipment. The engineers already completed a two-day site investigation that covered all the items mentioned above.
- 8.3 A 3-dimensional point cloud survey of the inside of the facility, drone photographs of the roof and pressure testing of the pipework underneath the pool has also been completed.
- 8.4 All this investigation data will be used to produce a report that will document short-, medium- and long-term repairs and renewals for Council consideration.
- 8.5 Council’s pool operating contractor, CLM, is planning on running three week-long intensive Water Safety and Learn to Swim programs at the Rangitikei College pool in January. CLM has diligently been working on a proposal for this, which will be presented to RDC staff before the end of November for input and comments.

Miscellaneous

9. Scotts Ferry

- 9.1 Council staff are working on finalising the MOU that will determine the activities, responsibilities and conditions when the Council owned tractor will be used in conjunction with the pump owned by a local farmer to reduce the risk of flooding at Scotts Ferry.
- 9.2 Council staff will improve on regular communications while the MOU is being finalised to make sure everybody remains committed to the final outcomes.
- 9.3 Staff had further discussions with Horizons Regional Council regarding access options making use of the existing stop banks. Horizons Regional Council was enthusiastic about the opportunity to work with RDC on a combined solution.
- 9.4 Unfortunately, the earliest exit point from the stop bank is a considerable distance from the entrance onto the stop bank, and the work required to make use of the stop bank as a potential vehicle access route could be as much as \$500,000. Due to the costs this option will not be investigated any further.

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

- 10.1 Due to higher than anticipated costs, the budget has been affected and as a result, two out of three bridges will be built. Construction on Bridge 4 has started and anticipated to be completed by 28th November.

Next steps after constructing both bridges:

- 10.2 Designing Engineer to inspect both completed bridges on 29th November.2024
- 10.3 Designing Engineer issue required documents to RDC on 4th December 2024
- 10.4 RDC inspection booked for 5th December 2024

11. Financial Implications

- 11.1 This report does not identify and financial implications.

12. Impact on Strategic Risks

- 12.1 No impacts on strategic risks

13. Strategic Alignment

13.1 All projects are aligned with strategic goals.

14. Mana Whenua Implications

14.1 All Mana Whenua implications are managed by the individual projects.

15. Climate Change Impacts and Consideration

15.1 There is no climate change impact.

16. Statutory Implications

16.1 No statutory implications

Recommendation

That the report 'Project Updates Report - November 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. TRAK - 08 Oct 24 (under separate cover)
2. ORWS - 29 Oct 24 (under separate cover)
3. F/P - 31 Oct 24 (under separate cover)
4. CCS - 13 Nov 24 (under separate cover)

Recommendation

That the following minutes are received:

- Te Roopuu Ahi Kaa - 08 October 24
- Omatane Rural Water Scheme - 29 October 24
- Finance and Performance Meeting - 31 October 24
- Creative Communities Scheme - 13 November 24

13 Public Excluded

Resolution to Exclude the Public

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

Recommendation

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

1. Public Excluded Council Meeting - 31 October 2024
2. Follow-up Action Items from Council (Public Excluded) Meetings
3. Kensington Road - Disposal of Land
4. Mayors Taskforce for Jobs - FY2025/26 programme and procurement
5. Taihape Grandstand - Cost estimates for seismic strengthening works

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 - 31 October 2024	To consider the minutes relating to matters that were the subject of discussion at the 31 October meeting.	S48(1)(a)
13.2 - Follow-up Action Items from Council (Public Excluded) Meetings	To consider the matters arising from previous public excluded meetings. s7(2)(a) - Privacy s7(2)(b)(ii) - Commercial Position s7(2)(h) - Commercial Activities s7(2)(i) - Negotiations	s48(1)(a)(i)
13.3 - Kensington Road - Disposal of Land	To enable commercially sensitive information to be discussed without impacting any negotiations. s7(2)(h) - Commercial Activities	s48(1)(a)(i)
13.4 - Mayors Taskforce for Jobs - FY2025/26 programme and procurement	To enable commercially sensitive information to be discussed without impacting any negotiations.	s48(1)(a)(i)

	s7(2)(b)(ii) - Commercial Position s7(2)(h) - Commercial Activities	
13.5 - Taihape Grandstand - Cost estimates for seismic strengthening works	To enable commercially sensitive information to be discussed without impacting any negotiations. s7(2)(b)(ii) - Commercial Position s7(2)(h) - Commercial Activities	s48(1)(a)(i)

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

14 Open Meeting