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ORDER PAPER

ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

Date: Wednesday, 26 February 2025

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 Wednesday, 26 February 2025 at 1.00pm.

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1 Welcome / Prayer

2 Apologies

3 Public Forum

Nyssa Nepe will speak regarding her experience with the TUIA programme for 2024.

4 Conflict of Interest Declarations

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

5 Confirmation of Order of Business

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

6 Confirmation of Minutes

6.1 Confirmation of Minutes

Author: Kezia Spence, Governance Advisor

1. Reason for Report

1.1 The minutes from Ordinary Council Meeting held on 19 December 2024 are attached.

Attachments

1. **Ordinary Council Meeting - 19 December 2024**

Recommendation

That the minutes of Ordinary Council Meeting held on 19 December 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, 19 December 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 Coral Raukawa (Zoom)
- Cr Jeff Wong
- Cr Simon Loudon (Zoom)
- Cr Greg Maughan
- Cr Fi Dalgety
- Cr Paul Sharland

In attendance

- Mr Kevin Ross, Chief Executive
- Mr Arno Benadie, Chief Operating Officer
- Ms Leanne Macdonald, Group Manager- Corporate Services
- Ms Katrina Gray, Manager Strategy and Development
- Ms Joanne Manuel, Manager Mana Whenua and Community Hubs
- Mr Darryn Black, Roothing Transport Manager
- Mr Eswar Ganapathi, Senior Project Manager
- Ms Gaylene Prince, Northern Area and Property Manager
- Ms Clare Wooding, Senior Strategy Advisor
- Ms Sophia Sykes, Communications Manager
- Ms Johanna Verhoek, Manager Planning
- Ms Kezia Spence, Governance Advisor

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1 Welcome / Prayer

His Worship the Mayor opened the meeting at 1.00pm and Cr Duncan read the Council prayer.

2 Apologies

Resolved minute number 24/RDC/375

That the apologies be received from Cr Hiroa and Cr Lambert.

Cr D Wilson/Cr B Carter. Carried

3 Public Forum

There was no public forum

4 Conflict of Interest Declarations

Cr Duncan declared a conflict of interest with item 12.1 Recommendation from the Erewhon Rural Water Supply Management Committee.

5 Confirmation of Order of Business

There was no change to the order of business.

Mr Ross and councillors acknowledged the length of time Ms Prince has worked at the Rangitikei District Council.

6 Confirmation of Minutes

Resolved minute number 24/RDC/376

That the minutes of Ordinary Council Meeting held on 12 December 2024 **without amendment** be taken as read and verified as an accurate and correct record of the meeting, and that the electronic signature of the Chair of this Committee be added to the official minutes document as a formal record.

Cr P Sharland/Cr B Carter. Carried

7 Follow-up Action Items from Previous Meetings

7.1 Follow-up Action Items from Council Meetings

Item 2- Progress on the macron in Rangitikei

Ms Gray updated councillors that the Minister has the last say on the decision to use the macron in the name Rangitīkei and that this has been declined. Council resolved to continue to use the macron in Rangitīkei.

Resolved minute number 24/RDC/377

That Rangitīkei District Council reconfirm the continued use of the macron on Rangitīkei.

Cr G Duncan/Cr D Wilson. Carried

Resolved minute number 24/RDC/378

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

Cr F Dalgety/Cr D Wilson. Carried

8 Chief Executive's Report

8.1 Chief Executive's Report - 19 December 2024

Item 2- Submissions

Ms Gray updated councillors that the dates are now available for the Resource Management Amendment Bill due on the 10 February noting that there is no indication from staff to submit. The Local Government (Water Services) Bill will close on the 23 February and that Council will submit on this.

Ms Gray updated that there was a media release this week on the Local Government Back to Basics and it indicates that the amendment to this will be coming out mid-2025.

Treaty Principles Bill Council Submission

Councillors discussed whether this was a space Council should be submitting on, it was noted that Council has relationships in this space such as MOUs and Māori wards and Te Rōpū Ahi Kā as a standing committee of Council.

Councillors discussed that there was a submission circulated by Cr Duncan with edits and His Worship the Mayor moved into recess to consider the edits to the submission.

Moved into recess at 1.25pm and reconvened at 1.30pm during this item.

His Worship the Mayor ruled that the motion stand as is, rather than with the amendments of the submission.

Item 4- Fees and Charges- updates to Te Matapihi booking fees

Ms Gray updated that this would come back to councillors in the new year.

Resolved minute number 24/RDC/379

That the Chief Executive's Report – 19 December 2024 be received.

Cr G Maughan/Cr G Duncan. Carried

Resolved minute number 24/RDC/380

That Council approves the submission on the Treaty Principles Bill without amendment.

HWTM/Cr D Wilson. Carried Cr Loudon abstained.

Resolved minute number 24/RDC/381

That Council endorse the submission on the Treaty Principles Bill being made by Te Roopuu Ahi Kaa.

Cr G Duncan/Cr D Wilson. Carried Unanimous

Resolved minute number 24/RDC/382

That Council appoints Rob van Voorthuysen as an independent commissioner for the resource consent at 214 Otaihape Valley Road, Taihape.

AND

That Rob van Voorthuysen be delegated all powers, duties and functions under the Resource Management Act 1991 to consider, hear and decide the resource consent application for the resource consent at 214 Otaihape Valley Road, Taihape.

Cr D Wilson/Cr P Sharland. Carried

9 Reports for Decision

9.1 Calico Line Pathway

Councillors discussed the benefits of a shared pathway round the town and that this is important for growth, highlighting that in the future the cost will increase.

Some councillors noted that there is a risk for Council subject to safety process. Mr Ross responded there are people now walking on the road which could be considered a more significant risk.

It was noted that NZTA should be further engaged with the funding of footpaths within the District. Councillors supported the opportunity to engage with NZTA as part of the Nga Tawa loop.

Resolved minute number 24/RDC/383

That the report 'Calico Line Pathway' be received.

Cr D Wilson/Cr G Maughan. Carried

Resolved minute number 24/RDC/384

That Council proceeds with the construction of the shared pathway along Calico Line from Nga Tawa Road to Bredins Line in the 2024/25 financial year.

Cr D Wilson/Cr B Carter. Carried

10 Reports for Information

10.1 Project Updates Report - December 2024

Mr Benadie advised that there would be further information on the Marton Water Treatment Plant and the Marton Pool as part of the report to Council in February.

Marton to Bulls Wastewater Centralisation

Mr Benadie responded to questions that there are testing of the flow of water and there will be standardised processes in this space.

Resolved minute number 24/RDC/385

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

Cr F Dalgety/Cr P Sharland. Carried

11 Minutes from Committees

11.1 Minutes from Committees

The report was taken as read.

Resolved minute number 24/RDC/386

That the following minutes are received:

- Erehon Rural Water Scheme Committee- 03 Dec 24

Cr G Maughan/Cr F Dalgety. Carried

12 Recommendations from Committees

12.1 Recommendation from the Erehon Rural Water Supply Management Committee

Cr Duncan declared a conflict of interest.

Erehon Rural Water Scheme need substantial money spent on their CAPEX programme and consenting process. The consent is for the extraction of water from the bore.

Resolved minute number 24/RDC/387

That the Recommendation from the Erehon Rural Water Supply Management Committee be received.

HWTM/Cr G Maughan. Carried

Resolved minute number 24/RDC/388

That Council-

1. Approves and accepts the Letter of Engagement from the AgFirst organisation dated 28 November 2024 including the approval of the schedule of charges for the consent consultation.
2. In doing so ERWS acknowledges that the consent will be between Rangitikei District Council, owner of the ERWS, and Horizons Regional Council as the regulator.
3. Council approves the grant assistance of up to \$50,000 for 50% of the costs associated with developing an Asset Replacement Programme for the scheme given to ERWS by Rangitikei District Council Ref 22/RDC/348, is able to be used by the Committee as assistance to fund the asset replacement programme which includes the resource consenting process.

HWTM/Cr G Maughan. Carried

Resolved minute number 24/RDC/389

That the submission from the Erewhon Rural Water Scheme on Local Water Done Well be received.

Cr G Maughan/Cr F Dalgety. Carried

13 Public Excluded

The meeting went into public excluded session 2.21pm.

Resolution to Exclude the Public

Resolved minute number 24/RDC/390

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

- 1 Public Excluded Council Meeting - 12 December 2024
2. Follow-up Action Items from Council (Public Excluded) Meetings
3. Options for Taihape Town Hall & Library Redevelopment
4. Expressions of Interest for Marton Office & Community Hub Project – Next Stage

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 - 12 December 2024	To consider the minutes relating to matters that were the subject of discussion at the 12 December meeting.	S48(1)(a)

<p>13.2 - Follow-up Action Items from Council (Public Excluded) Meetings</p>	<p>To consider the matters arising from previous public excluded meetings.</p> <p>s7(2)(a) - Privacy</p> <p>s7(2)(b)(ii) - Commercial Position</p> <p>s7(2)(h) - Commercial Activities</p> <p>s7(2)(i) - Negotiations</p>	<p>s48(1)(a)(i)</p>
<p>13.3 - Options for Taihape Town Hall & Library Redevelopment</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>13.4 - Expressions of Interest for Marton Office & Community Hub Project – Next Stage</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>

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 F Dalgety. Carried

14 Open Meeting

The meeting went into open session 3.30pm.

Resolved minute number 24/RDC/391

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

24/RDC/380 - 24/RDC/384

Cr B Carter/Cr P Sharland. Carried

The meeting closed at 3.30pm.

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 26 February 2025.

.....
Chairperson

Unconfirmed

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	24-Apr-24	RDC please look at traffic calming options on Criterion St and Taumaihi St. from Bulls Community Committee	Arno	Higgins and the Roding team are considering potential solutions for Taumaihi Street, Bulls. A speed calming structure will include the pedestrian crossing adjacent to the school. This location receives a high number of State Highway bypass traffic. Unfortunately Criterion street is not currently being considered for any traffic calming interventions. This item was not included in the annual works program and budgets and will stay on the radar to see if there is any funding available at the end of the financial year.	In progress
2	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	Update will be provided in the Projects Update report.	In progress

8 Mayor's Report

8.1 Mayor's Report - February 2025

Author: Andy Watson, His Worship the Mayor

1. Reason for Report

Good Morning,

Our present Chief Executive Kevin Ross's resignation takes effect from 28 February. I take this opportunity to thank Kevin for the skill, knowledge and compassionate style he has brought to the position. Kevin, staff, councillors and myself have appreciated working with and for you. There have been a number of complex carry-over situations that you have had to deal with, most of which are now resolved. Kevin, enjoy your retirement again and I know that there are some issues that staff will call on you for assistance with from time to time.

The new year was touched with sadness for our district when Dame Tariana Turia passed away after a short illness at her beloved Whangaehu Marae, a marae that Tariana and her husband George helped rebuild. Our district and New Zealand lost a remarkable statesperson/politician who had the courage to follow her beliefs even if it meant crossing the floor in Wellington resulting in her setting up the Maori Party. This tangihanga was probably the largest gathering of remembrance that we will ever see in the Rangitikei with thousands of people attending each day across many political divides. My thanks also go to Ratana and their kitchens for the ability to provide food for this scale. Tragically it was only weeks later that we were back on the marae to receive Pakaitore Turia, Pahia's son and Dame Tariana's mokopuna – our thoughts are with the Turia whanau.

In between these two tragic events there was the annual gathering at Ratana to recognise the birthday of Tahupōtiki Wiremu (TW) Ratana founder of the Ratana Faith. This event always heralds the start of the political year with all political parties including the Prime Minister visiting. This year also saw the first official visit of the new Maori Kuini, Ngā Wai Hono i te Pō, to Ratana. With the Maori Queen's visit the stressed relationship between Iwi, Government and the large number of attendees was always going to be a challenge. As expected the Prime Minister immediately said that the Government did not support the Act Party's Treaty Principles Bill and quickly acknowledged support for the existing Treaty settlement process. He also acknowledged the \$10m that Government has granted to the building upgrades. Maoridom, in particular Ratana, Tainui and the Maori Queen speakers stated that the relationship between themselves and Government needs to improve and that the build is only part of that process.

On a more positive note the Rangitikei continues to be the event centre of the wider region. The Marton Country Music Festival this year saw over 700 motor homes over the 4 days, an increase of nearly 200 on the previous best to my knowledge. The music festival is high on a national perspective but augmented this year by the first public appearance of the Topp Twins in, I think, three years.

As always the Gumboot Day in Taihape, the district shearing sports, Turakina Highland Games, Kiwiburn and the Bulls Fest-a-Bull all attracted strong support. I would like in particular to congratulate Councillor Piki Te Ora Hiroa and Mokai Patea Services for hosting the Waitangi Big Day Out event on 6 February in Taihape. This day highlighted the support services available in Taihape and gave the chance for an interactive Q&A session with the Mayor and Councillors to the

community. I also appreciated that Deputy Mayor Dave Wilson and Councillor Simon Loudon travelled up to support our Northern Ward Councillors Gill Duncan, Piki Te Ora Hiroa and Jeff Wong at this event.

At the start of this council meeting Nyssa Nepe the young rangatahi I mentor through the TUIA programme gave a reflection of her experience during 2024 and I have attached her report. I am also introducing to council this year's TUIA rangatahi, Faenza Hiroti.

Transport and the deterioration of our roading network continues to keep me awake at night and there are several things I need to comment on here -

- With the closure of the forestry mills at Tangiwai nearly 1000 tonnes of logs a day were being carted over the Gentle Annie Road to the Port of Napier. We successfully brought all interested parties together - being NZTA, KiwiRail, road haulage contractors, forestry owners, the Ports of Napier and the respective Councils – to send a clear and simple message, that these logs needed to go via rail as the road could not sustain the damage over a period of time associated with this cartage. I want to thank all of the parties for reaching a resolution especially KiwiRail who significantly lowered their pricing with other parties also contributing. The deal is only for one year and hopefully in that time the mills are sold, people re-employed and the logs further processed in New Zealand.
- The benefit of this discussion has also been an increased willingness from NZTA to enter into discussions around further support for the maintenance of the Gentle Annie Road.
- Forestry will continue to use the road in spite of the success of the log train and we need to continue with this fight.

This Council meeting will see a decision paper on MTFJ (Mayors Taskforce for Jobs). This programme is one of the huge successes for our district. Our team headed by James Towers and Louise McCoard is the most successful in the country for finding employment for people. There are 37 councils that have the MTFJ programme, the top two councils lead by us account for 25% of the national job placements. The contract MTFJ has with MSD (Ministry of Social Development) is \$18m over 2 years, something that we need to lobby Government for its continuation.

As a Council we need to continue engaging with Government, especially where our assets are most at risk. The classic example of this is in roading. Everyone within the Local Government and NZTA sectors now accept that under current policies and funding from Government our roads will continue to deteriorate or fall into disrepair. I am one of a small group of Mayors that sit on a Transport Forum engaging directly with NZTA. Recently there has been a change of senior Government ministers with Minister Chris Bishop taking over Transport and the Hon. Winston Peters taking over Rail. Both appointments are helpful for us I believe. Through the Transport Forum group we can talk with them and the Board of NZTA around our roading concerns. We believe that it is essential that at least both leading political parties, Labour and National, can come to a cross-party supported position on transport priorities spanning many years rather than the repeated changes with the three year electoral cycle. Progress is, I think, being made here and if we can help as a forum facilitate this then the gains are enormous.

Late last year Zone 3 (all councils from Gisborne to Tararua, New Plymouth to Horowhenua and all those in between) met in Napier. My previous reports provided the agendas and discussion summaries of that meeting. The next Zone meeting, which I co-Chair with the Wairoa Mayor, will be held in the South Taranaki in April and I attach the agenda as it stands now, subject to change. I encourage councillors to attend a Zone meeting at some time to understand the pressure we are all under and to hear the Government's positions explained. Similarly the Rural & Provincial councils across New Zealand will meet on the 27th and 28th of this month in Wellington. As our council

meeting is the day before, my report on this meeting will be in next month's Mayor's Report but I enclose the agenda for those interested.

Local Water Done Well (aka Three Waters)

LWDW continues to dominate council and staff time. We as council have decided that our preferred option is to form a Regional CCO (Council Controlled Organisation) with Ruapehu and Whanganui. The work ahead this year to look at this is huge and I refer to some of the actions required below –

- The three full councils will have a series of meetings, the next one to be held on 20 February to discuss the way forward.
- Staff and council will need to understand the setup and operation costs of the new CCO compared to how we currently deliver water, waste-water and stormwater (three waters services).
- We will then consult with our community on those costs and the benefits/disadvantages of working together.
- That consultation, which is happening soon, is similar to our Long Term Plan consultation processes and will involve meetings in our leading communities.
- If any community, or Iwi/hapu wish to have a visit as part of this consultation I will make it happen but it would be useful to advise council and/or myself at the earliest possible time.
- Any CCO set up across New Zealand will be owned by the councils by way of shareholding. That shareholding will need to be worked out and explained to communities.
- Any CCO will also have a governance board that appoints the operational arm and sets the strategy. This still needs to be set up.
- Our council will still be responsible for delivering the three waters until at least 2027/28 at which time the CCO, if put in place, comes into effect.
- Government still has the power to over-ride local consultation and council decisions to force CCOs into place.

There is clearly so much to do over the next couple of years.

I want to finish this report with a very good news story. On 11 December myself and a small group of staff and councillors travelled to the Springvale Bridge on the Gentle Annie Road to formally open a new dry vault toilet. Springvale is such a beautiful spot in our district, nearly halfway between Hastings/Napier and Taihape. Years ago the Plimmer and Williams families, who own stations in the area, put in and serviced at their own expense a long drop toilet to meet the needs of the travelling public. Their generous support over many years, and their ongoing commitment, along with support from the Rangitikei District Council, MBIE Tourism Infrastructure Fund, and the Upper Rangitikei River Catchment Group, provided an opportunity to enhance the visitor experience, as well as provide an amenity that protects the environment and ensures long-term sustainability of the location. I also wish to acknowledge local artist, Timoti Pekamu, whose artwork features on the facility.

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Mayor’s Engagements

January 2025

3 - 7	Attended Dame Tariana Turia’s tangi at Whangaehu Marae
6	Attended meeting with Elected Members re CE appointment
13	Attended meeting with Comms Team
14	Attended site visit meeting at Mokai Station Taihape Attended weekly meeting with Deputy Mayor
15	Attended catchup with Northern Councillors in Taihape
16	Attended meeting with Deputy Chief Executive Attended meeting with Rural Water Scheme members and Tim Cadogan Attended welcome to Country Music Festival organisers
18	Attended Country Music Festival Showcase
21	Attended meeting with Alan Piper KiwiRail Attended monthly meetings with Comms Teams Attended weekly meeting with Deputy Mayor
22	Attended Ratana Pa for formal welcome of Rangitikei & Whanganui District Councils
23	Attended Ratana Pa for 25 th celebrations
24	Attended Ratana Pa for 25 th celebrations Attended Lament at Turakina Cemetery/Official Welcome BBQ for Turakina Caledonian Games Attended Ratana Talent Contest
25	Attended Ratana Pa for 25 th celebrations Attended Turakina Caledonian Games
27	Attended meeting with Deputy Chief Executive Attended online MTFJ Meeting
28	Attended Regional Transport Matters Regional Chiefs Fortnightly Zoom Catchup Attended NZTHA Local Planning Policy online Meeting Attended regional relationship meeting with NZTA Attended weekly meeting with Deputy Mayor
29	Attended meeting and tour with Todd Dawson at Napier Port
30	Attended Marton Office & Library Governance Group Meeting Attended Council Annual Plan Workshop Attended BA5 Event Marton Attended Tangi at Whangaehu Marae
31	Attended MTFJ Online Q&A with Mayors and CEs

	Attended Tangi at Whangaehu Marae
February 2025	
1	Attended Shearing Sports Attended Tangi at Whangaehu Marae
2	Attended Tangi at Whangaehu Marae
3	Attended meeting with Chief Executive Attended MTFJ Governance Group Online Meeting Attended meetings with ratepayers Attended Taihape Town Hall User Group Meeting
4	Attended Fortnightly Update on Economic Development with staff Attended meeting with Comms Team Attended meeting with Strategic Pay regarding Job Sizing of CE Position Attended weekly meeting with Deputy Mayor
5	Attended meeting with Chief Executive Attended monthly Governor’s Q&A at Executive Leadership Team meeting Attended Taihape Networking Group meeting Attended National Park to view Civil Defence Building
6	Attended Mokai Patea Services Waitangi Day Big Day Out in Taihape
7	Attended meeting in Tauranga regarding Industrial Hub land
10	Attended LGNZ Transport Forum in person meeting Wellington Attended meeting with Far North Solar Farms Attended Hunterville Rural Water Scheme Meeting Attended Hunterville Community Committee Meeting
11	Attended meeting with Chief Executive Attended Regional Transport Matters Regional Chiefs Fortnightly Zoom Catchup Attended Te Roopuu Ahi Kaa Komiti Hui Attended MTFJ Online Meeting Attended weekly meeting with Deputy Mayor Attended Ratana Community Board Meeting
12	Attended meeting with Deputy Chief Executive Attended Taihape Community Board Meeting
13	Attended meeting with Chief Executive Attended Marton Office & Library Governance Group Meeting Attended Assets/Infrastructure Committee Workshop Attended Policy/Planning Workshop Attended Policy/Planning Committee Meeting

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	Attended Turakina Community Committee Meeting
14	Attended weekly meeting with Mana Whenua Strategic Advisor Attended Hunterville School reopening of Library
15	Attended Fest-a-Bull
17	Attended Breakfast Meeting with Mayor Helen Worboys Attended meeting with Chief Executive Attended MTFJ catchup with Louise and James
18	Attended meeting with TUIA Rangatahi Attended Council agenda meeting with staff Attended weekly meeting with Deputy Mayor
19	Attended Bulls Business Breakfast Attended Tux Purina 70 Year Function
20	Attended Combined Councils LWDW Workshop Ohakune Attended Taihape Business Event
21	Attended weekly meeting with Mana Whenua Strategic Advisor Attended Fortnightly Economic Development meeting with staff Attended A35 Lead Team Meeting Palmerston North Attended Friendship Club meeting
24	Attended offsite meeting with Comms Team at Tutaenui Reservoir Attended Triannual Relationship Meeting with Kainga Ora
25	Attended Regional Transport Matters Regional Chiefs Fortnightly Zoom Catchup Attended NZTHA Local Planning online meeting Attended (Dog) Hearings Committee Meeting Attended monthly meeting with Comms Team Attended Manawatu Defence Hub Meeting in Palmerston North
26	Attended meeting with Chief Executive Attended Marton Office & Library Project Governance Team meeting Attended Finance & Performance Committee Meeting Attended Council Meeting
27	To attend LGNZ All of Government Meeting in Wellington
28	To attend LGNZ Rural & Provincial Meeting in Wellington To attend MTFJ Meeting in Wellington

Attachments:

1. **TUIA Overview 2024 - Nyssa Nepe** [↓](#)
2. **Rural & Provincial Sector Meeting Agenda - February 2025** [↓](#)

3. **All of Government Meeting Agenda - February 2025** [↓](#)
4. **Zone 3 Meeting - Draft Agenda - April 2025** [↓](#)
5. **Councillor Attendance** [↓](#)

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Recommendation

That the Mayor's Report – 26 February 2025 be accepted.

Kia ora

E rere Kau mai

Te Awanui mai

Te Kahui maunga

Ki Tangaroa

Ko au te awa, ko te awa ko au

He uri au Nga Wairiki, Ngati Apa, Ngati Hauti, Ngati Kahungunu, Tuwharetoa me Uenuku

Ko Parewanui toku Kainga

Ko Nyssa Nepe ahau

This year 2024, I was prilledged to be apart of Tuia. The Tuia Kaupapa is a leadership development Kaupapa for rangatahi Maori. This Kaupapa runs through communities all over the motu and is run under the Mayors Task force initiative. I was selected by Mayor Andy Watson who is the Mayor of Rangitikei District Council. Tuia helps us a rangatahi maori become Rangatira through our culture. Tuia is split up into 4 different Wananga over the year. Tuia i Runga, Tuia i Raro, Tuia i Roto, Tuia i Waho and Tuia te Here Tangata.

Tuia i Runga (Weave from above)

Tuia I Runga was our first Wananga of the year run at Te Kotahitanga Marae in Otorohanga from Friday 1st – Sunday 3rd March.

This wananga was definitely my hardest. I didn't know anyone, no one knew me, I felt like I wasn't maori enough and I didn't think I was good enough to participate in the Tuia Kaupapa. This is where we talking about our past, who we were. I remember a korero from Matua Marcus which has stuck with me today. 'We are like fleas in container, continuously trying to get out and not realizing the lid'. This was a metaphor for life, we are the fleas and our lids are our barriers we don't realise are there until they are gone. This year has been a huge year of barriers and obstacles I have needed to overcome. Tuia I Runga taught me how to self-wananga with myself and to take a step back, breathe and carry on.

Tuia I Raro (Weave from below)

Tuia I Raro was our second wananga of the year run at Opatia (Taheke) Marae in Okere Falls from Friday 10th May- Sunday 12th May.

This wananga was about connecting to our environment. We were all able to choose which engagement we wanted to take part in. I chose Maramataka and Waka ama. Our roopu was known as the 'waka fluckers'. Maramataka was at the marae when we taught by Hana Maipi-Rawhiti Clarke on how we can implement maramataka into our daily routines. We also did Waka ama on the Rotorua Lake, which was beautiful it reminded me of when I was younger and did Waka ama on our Whanganui awa. We were also blessed on our last night with a beautiful red sky. This is where I started building different relationships with the different tauira from Tuia.

Tuia I Roto (Weave from Within)

Tuia I Roto was our third wananga of the year that was run at Waikawa Marae in Blenheim from Friday 5th July- Monday 8th July.

This wananga was for us as tauira to share our stories. We were able to present in any way we were comfortable. Our tuakana did an amazing job at making sure we were safe within the walls of our whare tupuna. This wananga was full of laughter, tears, doubt, singing and love. This was the wananga that brought us altogether. The way we were able to connect with one another, through storytelling. I spoke about my journey from 2021-2024 and how I overcame my obstacles and how Tuia came just at the right time for me and to be honest saved me.

Tuia I Waho (Weaving outside of our own selves)

Tuia I Waho was our fourth wananga of the year that was run at Wharerangi Marae in Napier from Friday 13th September – Sunday 15th September.

This Wananga was about service and contribution to our communication and highlighting on people within our communities doing amazing mahi for our people. Our roopu went to Auntys Gardens where we helped Aunty Hanui plant seeds in all over her garden for her. Seeing the mahi she continuously does and not expecting anything in return shows that Aunty Hanui is the embodiment of a Rangatira and a mana wahine. I aspire to be atleast half the woman she is.

Tuia te Here Tangata (Weaving altogether)

Tuia te Here Tangata was our last wananga of the year that was run at Orongomai Marae in Upper Hutt from Thursday 31st October - Sunday 3rd November.

This wananga was to celebrate us tauira for the mahi we have done over the year and as we step into our new roles as tuakana. This wananga was very sad as we all parted our own ways but exciting as we enter the new year 2025 as Tuia Tuakana. We were able to share with our whanau, friends and our mentors how Tuia impacted us this year.

I would like to thank Mayor Andy for selecting me to be apart of Tuia 2024.

Mayor Andy has been amazing in the sense of always listening to me whether I would be rambling on about politics, different Kaupapa I was interested in going to and how we can keep Tuia thriving in our rohe. Its been an honour being mentored by you. To Karen aswell thank you for being patient with me and organizing all the logistics to make sure I was always ok pre and post wananga.

The growth I have made this year through the knowledge and skills I have gained through Tuia has been mind-blowing to myself and my whanau. The opportunities I was given tis year through Tuia; Travelling to Montreal, Canada to represent Aotearoa in an Indigenous leadership summit, learning governance and politics through a maori lense, Learning the impacts of service and contribution within communities, mentoring from Rangatira all over the motu and to gaining more whanau from around the motu. This year has been a highlight. I encourage more rangatahi maori to take part in this Kaupapa. It is life changing. We are not just the leaders of tomorrow, we are the leaders now. I have found my voice again and Tuia has helped me gain the confidence to stand proud in who I am as maori and shown me how powerful my voice can be. Rangatahi maori are Aotearoas unique gift to the world.

I look forward to doing more mahi alongside our council to ensure that our rangatahi voices are being heard and listened to.

Tena koutou

Tena Koutou

Tena Tatou Katoa



RURAL AND PROVINCIAL SECTOR MEETING

FRIDAY 28
FEBRUARY 2025

9.00am–2.00pm

ST JAMES
THEATRE,
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KARAKIA TĪMATANGA		
9.00am	Welcome	Mayor Alex Walker / Rural Sector Chair Mayor Neil Holdom / Provincial Chair
9.10am	Roundtable discussion: What’s top of mind in rural and provincial communities and what can we as a sector do to overcome those challenges?	Mayor Alex Walker / Rural Sector Chair Mayor Neil Holdom / Provincial Chair
9.30am	New wastewater standards: The Water Services Authority CEO Allan Prangnell will provide an update on the draft national wastewater standards being prepared for consultation in early 2025. There will also be time for members to ask questions.	Allan Prangnell / CEO, Taumata Arowai
9:50am	Local Water Done Well: The successful implementation of LWDW in our communities is one of the Government’s priorities. Hear from DIA on how the policy is progressing on the ground and they’re keen to hear from councils on what they can do to support local government.	Michael Lovett / Deputy Secretary for Policy and Te Tiriti, DIA
PARAMANAWA // BREAK // 10.10am		
10.30am	Rural health: How can we tackle the growing challenge of access to primary health care in rural and provincial communities, together? This session will explore the trends and what councils can do to support their communities to get better access to healthcare.	Dr Grant Davidson (PhD) / Chief Executive, Hauora Taiwhenua Rural Health Network Bill Eschenbach / CEO, Waitaha Primary Health Mark Eager / CEO, Mobile Health
11.00am	Transport kōrero: In response to the GPS 2024, Road Efficiency Group (REG) has developed new performance measures and enhanced the Transport Insights tool so councils can monitor and benchmark their performance. The REG team will share insights and case studies of enhanced sector performance because of this	Scott Necklen / Deputy Chief Executive, LGNZ Andrew McKillop / Programme Director, Road Efficiency Group Te Ringa Maimoa Dawn Inglis / General Manager, Waipā District Council

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	reporting.	
11.30am	Cyclone recovery: Significant natural hazard events and recovery settings – consultation.	Katrina Casey / Chief Executive, Cyclone Recovery Unit, DPMC
PARAMANAWA // BREAK // 12.00pm		
12.15pm	Minister’s address: Minister Bishop will address both R&P and Metro sectors. He will talk to the three pillars of Going for Housing Growth programme and provide an insight into his approach to the transport portfolio.	Hon Chris Bishop / Minister for Infrastructure, Housing and Urban Development and Transport
12.45pm	Funding infrastructure: Value of debt and role of PPPs in funding infrastructure in NZ.	Karen Mitchell / Principal, Deal Advisory, KPMG
1:15pm	Wrap up	Mayor Alex Walker / Rural Sector Chair Mayor Neil Holdom / Provincial Chair
KARAKIA WHAKAMUTUNGA // LUNCH // 1.25pm		



ALL-OF-LOCAL-GOVERNMENT MEETING

Accountability and demonstrating value

THURSDAY 27 FEBRUARY 2025
 9.30AM – 5.00PM
 ST JAMES THEATRE, WELLINGTON

KARAKIA TĪMATANGA

9.30am	Opening Karakia and mihi	
9.45am	Welcome	Sarah Baddeley / Partner, MartinJenkins, MC
9.50am	Political address As work on reforming the resource management system ramps up this year, the Under Secretary gives us his insights into how the reforms are shaping up.	Simon Court / Parliamentary Under-Secretary to the Minister for Infrastructure and to the Minister Responsible for RMA Reform
10.30am	Overview of the Government’s reform programme Local government law specialist, Mike Wakefield will outline the year ahead with the Government’s reform programme and its impacts on councils.	Mike Wakefield / Partner Simpson Grierson

PARAMANAWA // BREAK // 11.00am

11.15am	Address from the Minister for Local Government The Minister will lay out his priorities for local government, how he’d like to work with the sector, and opportunities to strengthen the partnership between local and central government.	Simon Watts / Minister for Local Government
11.45am	Address from the Opposition The Opposition’s spokesperson for Transport will offer his reflection on how we ensure greater accountability to local communities around transport infrastructure decisions and discuss the role he can play to foster cross party collaboration.	Tangi Utikere / Transport Spokesperson, Labour
12.15pm	Improving how councils demonstrate value A view from OAG on good practice in being transparent and accountable to communities. OAG will provide insights from their audits of Annual Reports and LTPs. How effective are current performance measures and how are they being	Laura Cannon / Acting Assistant Auditor-General, Local Government, Office of the Auditor-General

	used?	
12.45pm	Accountability through media What role does the media play in holding councils accountable? How can councils better tell their stories and build trust with communities?	Sinead Boucher / CEO and Joanna Norris / Managing Director Stuff Masthead Publishing, Stuff
KAI O TE RĀNUI // LUNCH // 1.15pm		
2.00pm	Panel discussion: Views from other sides of the council table Hear fresh perspectives from other sectors and our partners on council performance. Explore what is most important for businesses and other partners when working with local government.	Nick Leggett / Chief Executive, Infrastructure New Zealand Peter Matcham / Grey Power Iwi/Māori panellist TBC Catherine Beard / Director of Advocacy, Business NZ
2.45pm	LGNZ update LGNZ has been looking into local government revenue statistics, comparing them to other measures of change within the economy and within central government’s accounts. This data will be released at this session alongside an update on other key policy and advocacy areas.	Mayor Sam Broughton / President, LGNZ Susan Freeman-Greene / Chief Executive, LGNZ
3.15pm	Case study: The power of partnerships See how one council created real value through a collaboration with the private sector. Learn what works and how to replicate it.	Philippa Fourie / Manager Local Government & External Affairs Global External Affairs, Fonterra Mayor Grant Smith / Palmerston North City Council
4.00pm	Lessons from across the ditch South Australia avoided rates capping through successfully navigating the political environment and by putting in supporting measures that increased council financial transparency. Hear about how they achieved this and built a stronger relationship with government in the process.	Clinton Jury / Chief Executive Officer, Local Government South Australia

4:30pm	Room discussion: Practical ways to demonstrate value Share your thoughts and hear from others about practical ways to measure and engage with communities on council performance and benchmarking. What can we learn from overseas, like the insights we heard from South Australia today, and your own experiences, to shape a benchmarking system that demonstrates the real value of councils to communities here?	Facilitated session led by Sarah Baddeley / MartinJenkins, MC and supported by Harriet Shelton / Director Advocacy & Strategic Partnerships, LGNZ
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5.00pm	Closing comments	Mayor Sam Broughton / President, LGNZ
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KARAKIA WHAKAMUTUNGA

At the conclusion of the All-of-local-government meeting, please join us for networking for 90 minutes (complimentary drink on arrival followed by a cash bar).

This programme was last updated on 14 February 2025 and is subject to change.

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ZONE THREE MEETING APRIL 2025

Date: Thursday 03 and Friday 04 April, 2025
Host: South Taranaki District Council
Venue: TSB Hub, 17 Camberwell Road, Hāwera 4610

Thursday 03 April

Te Wā // Time	Ngā Take mō te Rārangi Take // Agenda Items	Te Nama o te Take // Item No.	Kaikōrero // Speaker
12.00 – 12.20pm	Mihi Whakatau	1.	Host/Mana Whenua – TBC
12.20 – 12.40pm	Welcome to the Zone Three Meeting Mayoral welcome to the District	2.	Zone Three Chairs Andy Watson and Craig Little South Taranaki District Council Mayor, Phil Nixon
Lunch // 12:40 – 1:00PM			
1.00 – 1.10pm	Confirmation of Agenda: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Apologies. - Confirmation of previous meeting minutes. - Securing location for the next meeting. 	3.	Zone Three Chairs Andy Watson and Craig Little
1.10 – 2:50pm	Around the Regions – Theme is: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Environmental Initiative - Each Council will be strictly given 5 minutes to present on an environmental initiative your Council is doing. E.g. – Waste minimisation, environmental protection, climate resilience, etc. 	4.	All Mayors and representatives <i>(*Please note that we may have to alter the programme on the day to ensure each Council has the time to present their around the regions presentation)</i>
Afternoon Tea // 2:50 – 3:10PM			

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3:10 – 3:40pm	National Party MP – Penny Simmonds or Morgan Harrison, Chairperson WasteMINZ Territorial Authorities’ Officers (TAO) Forum (Whanganui District Council) on waste minimisation levy.	5.	
3:30 – 4:00pm	Minister for Local Government – Simon Watts (joining online via Zoom).	6.	
4:00 – 4:45pm	Check-in to accommodation and freshen-up. South Taranaki Council will pick you up for the evening and return you to your accommodation options, before and after dinner. Please register your accommodation and travel details with sarayde@wairoadc.govt.nz if you haven’t already.	7.	
Pick up and travel to Te Ramanui o Ruapūtahanga // 4:45 – 5:00pm			
5.00 – 6.00pm	Te Ramanui o Ruapūtahanga – Library tours. Drinks and Nibbles will be available. At 6pm the group will then walk around the corner to Tika Restaurant for dinner.	8.	Te Ramanui o Ruapūtahanga – 121 High Street, Hāwera 4610
6.00 – 9.0pm	Dinner – Tika Restaurant Hāwera.	9.	Tika Restaurant – 30 Nelson Street, Hāwera 4610
9.00 – 9.30pm	Pick-up from dinner and drop off to accommodation.	10.	Host, South Taranaki District Council

Friday 04 April

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Te Wā // Time	Ngā Take mō te Rārangi Take // Agenda Items	Te Nama o te Take // Item No.	Kaikōrero // Speaker
8.30 – 9.00am	LGNZ Electoral Reform Working Group	11.	Electoral Reform Working Group Member and Gisborne District Council Mayor – Rehette Stoltz
9.00 – 9.30am	DIA	12.	TBC
9.30 – 10.00am	NZTA	13.	TBC
Morning Tea // 10:00 – 10:20am			
10.20 – 10.50am	Regional Council – Maunga Settlement Bill Passing.	14.	TBC
10.50 – 11.20am	Open timeslot.	15.	TBC
11.20 – 12.00pm	Penny Simmonds or Morgan Harrison....	16.	TBC
12:00 – 12:15pm	Closing comments – Close of meeting. Grab and go lunches will be available for attendees to take following the closing of the meeting.	17.	

Date	Meeting	HWTM	Wilson	Carter	Dalgety	Duncan	Hiroa	Lambert	Loudon	Maughan	Sharland	Raukawa	Wong	Notes
17-Oct-24	Council Workshop	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	AP	PR	
29-Oct-24	ORWS	PR				PR								
31-Oct-24	Finance/Performance	PR	PR	PR	AP	AT		AT	PR	PR	PR	AP	PR	
31-Oct-24	Council Meeting	PR	PR	PR	AP	PR	AP	PR	PR	PR	PR	AP	PR	
13-Nov-24	Creative NZ Committee	PR				PR								
13-Nov-24	Bulls CC	PR		PR							AT	PR		
20-Nov-24	PPL Meeting	AP	PR			PR	AP	PR		PR			PR	
20-Nov-24	AIN Meeting	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR		PR	PR	PR	AP		PR	
28-Nov-24	Finance/Performance	PR	PR	PR	PR			AT	PR	PR	PR		PR	
28-Nov-24	Council Meeting	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	
3-Dec-24	ERWS Meeting	PR				PR				PR			PR	
5-Dec-24	Risk and Assurance	CB	PR		PR		PR		PR					
5-Dec-24	Turakina CC	PR		AP										
9-Dec-24	HRWS	PR			PR			PR		AT				
9-Dec-24	Huntermville CC	PR			PR			PR						
10-Dec-24	TRAK Hui	PR					AP					PR		
11-Dec-24	Taihape CB	PR				AP							PR	
11-Dec-24	Marton CC	AP	PR											
12-Dec-24	Council Workshop	PR	PR	PR	PR	AP	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	
12-Dec-24	Council Meeting	PR	PR	PR	PR	AP	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	
19-Dec-24	Council Meeting	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	AP	AP	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	
22-Jan-25	Bulls CC	CB		PR							AT	CB		
10-Feb-25	HRWS	PR			PR			AP						
10-Feb-25	Huntermville CC	PR			PR			AP						
11-Feb-25	TRAK Hui	PR				AP	PR					PR		
11-Feb-25	Ratana CB	PR					AP							
12-Feb-25	Taihape CB	PR				PR							PR	
12-Feb-25	Marton CC													Minutes not recieved
13-Feb-25	AIN Workshop	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR		PR	PR	AP	PR		PR	
13-Feb-25	Policy / Planning	PR	PR			PR	PR	PR	PR	AP	PR		AP	
13-Feb-25	Turakina CC													Minutes not recieved

Present (and is a member of the committee)	PR
Apology	AP
Absent - no apology received	AB
Not a member of the committee	
Not a member of the committee (but still attended)	AT
Not present as on Council business	CB
Attended via Zoom [this indicator is no longer used]	ZM

9 Chief Executive's Report

9.1 Deputy Chief Executive's Report

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

- 6 – 7 December 2024 – Marton Market Day – Marton Park & Village Green Space – All Fields and Green Space
- 13 – 15 December 2024 – Taihape Dressage – Memorial Park Taihape- All Fields
- 14 – 20 January 2025 – Marton Country Music Festival – Wilson Park – Velodrome, all fields, Velodrome toilets and power sites
- 16, 23, 30 January 6, 13 & 20 February 2025 – Social touch rugby competition – Hunterville Domain – all fields
- 22 - 27 January 2025 – Turakina Highland Games – Turakina Domain – whole grounds
- 25 January 2025 – Taihape Gumboot Day - Taihape Memorial Park – Fields 3

3. Staff Movements

3.1 In December / January, we welcomed the following employees to RDC:

- Ronni Tuka, Reticulation Technician
- Amy Rakus, Consent / Compliance Officer
- Steve McIntosh, Manager Information Services
- Andrew Van Bussel, Water Supply Specialist
- Aleisha Rasmussen, Customer Experience Officer
- Rose Lane, Cleaner

3.2 Council also farewelled the following team member in December / January:

- Kristy Harris, Youth Assistant
- Grace Donaldson, Animal Control Officer
- Clare Wooding, Senior Strategy Advisor

4. Health Safety and Wellbeing Dashboard

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

4.2 The dashboard for January 2025 is attached (Attachment 2).

5. Consultation Tracker Dashboard

- 5.1 Attached is the latest Consultation Tracker dashboard, refer to Attachment 3. This dashboard highlights the topic, staff lead and expected consultation period. This is provided to Council and our Community Boards and Community Committees.

6. McHardies Road

- 6.1 Officers have become aware that the naming of McHardies Road, Bulls is not consistent across all sources (noting that the Land Information New Zealand (LINZ) dataset has the name identified as McHardie Road). To rectify this error, Officers recommend Council reconfirm the road name so that the LINZ dataset can be corrected.

7. Te-Waiu-o-Te-Ika Framework Governance Representative

- 7.1 In 2019 the Te Waiū-o-Te-Ika Framework came into place under Rukutia Te Mana, the Ngāti Rangi Claims Settlement Act. A governance group, Ngā Wai Tōtā o Te Waiū, is part of the Te Waiū-o-Te-Ika framework.
- 7.2 Members of Ngā Wai Tōtā (governance group) will include iwi representatives from Ngā Wairiki, Ngāti Rangi, Ngāti Uenuku and the Whanganui Land Settlement Trust, Rangitīkei District Council, Ruapehu District Council, Whanganui District Council and Horizons Regional Council. Horizons Regional Council will provide secretariat support.
- 7.3 Rangitīkei District Council has been asked to select a representative for the governance group. The appointed person is expected to have the appropriate mana, skills, knowledge, and experience to participate effectively in Ngā Wai Tōtā; and to contribute to the purpose of Ngā Wai Tōtā. The term for each member for Ngā Wai Tōtā o Te Waiū is 3 years.
- 7.4 An information sheet regarding appointment to Ngā Wai Tōtā is attached (Attachment 4).
- 7.5 Feedback from Te Rōpū Ahi Kā Komiti has been sought, an update on their position will be provided by the Chair of the Komiti at the Council meeting.

8. Submissions

- 8.1 The updated list of current and future opportunities to submit on consultation run by external agencies is attached (Attachment 5).

Consultations submitted on

- 8.2 Since the last update provided to Council in December, Council has submitted on the following consultations:

- Electoral Reform Issues Feedback
- Treaty Principles Bill
- Taumata Arowai Levy for Councils and CCOs

These submissions can be found on Council's website: [Submissions made to other Organisations](#)

Te Rōpū Ahi Kā also submitted on the Treaty Principles Bill.

Current opportunities to submit

- 8.3 Officers intend to draft a submission on one of the currently open consultations, Local Government Water Services Amendment Bill prior to it closing on 23 February 2025. Once it is submitted it will also be available on Council's website.

Upcoming Consultations

- 8.4 There have been few changes to the list of upcoming opportunities to submit as Parliament was not sitting for the majority of January.

On January 10th 2025 the Government proactively released the [Cabinet Paper](#) taken to Cabinet in December regarding the 'Local Government Forward Work Programme' known as Back to Basics. The new purpose of local government is currently proposed to be 'to meet the current and future needs of communities for good-quality local infrastructure, public services and performance of regulatory functions in a way that is most cost-effective for households and businesses, therefore supporting local economic growth and development.' The underlined words were not in the previous version of the purpose of local government and appear to make the purpose less restrictive. The cabinet paper is largely silent on rate-pegging. The paper also suggests that a code of conduct for elected members will be drafted. No further information is provided. Staff are not currently expecting significantly more information on this Bill until the Bill is introduced.

9. Financial Implications

- 9.1 There are no financial impacts associated with this report.

10. Impact on Strategic Risks

- 10.1 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.

- 10.2 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.

11. Strategic Alignment

- 11.1 Involvement with Ngā Wai Tōtā supports Council's community outcomes '*a trusted partner with iwi*' and '*environmental wellbeing*', as well as the strategic priority '*working together to improve community wellbeing*'.

12. Mana Whenua Implications

- 12.1 Appointing a representative to Ngā Wai Tōtā supports Council in partnership with iwi in accordance with Rukutia Te Mana, the Ngāti Rangi Claims Settlement Act.

13. Climate Change Impacts and Consideration

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

14. Statutory Implications

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

15. Decision Making Process

15.1 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 - December 2024** [↓](#)
2. **Health Safety and Wellbeing Dashboard - January 2025** [↓](#)
3. **Consultation Tracker - February 2025** [↓](#)
4. **Key information on the appointment for Ngā Wai Tōtā o Te Waiū members** [↓](#)
5. **Submissions - February 2025** [↓](#)

Recommendation 1

That the Deputy Chief Executive's Report be received.

Recommendation 2

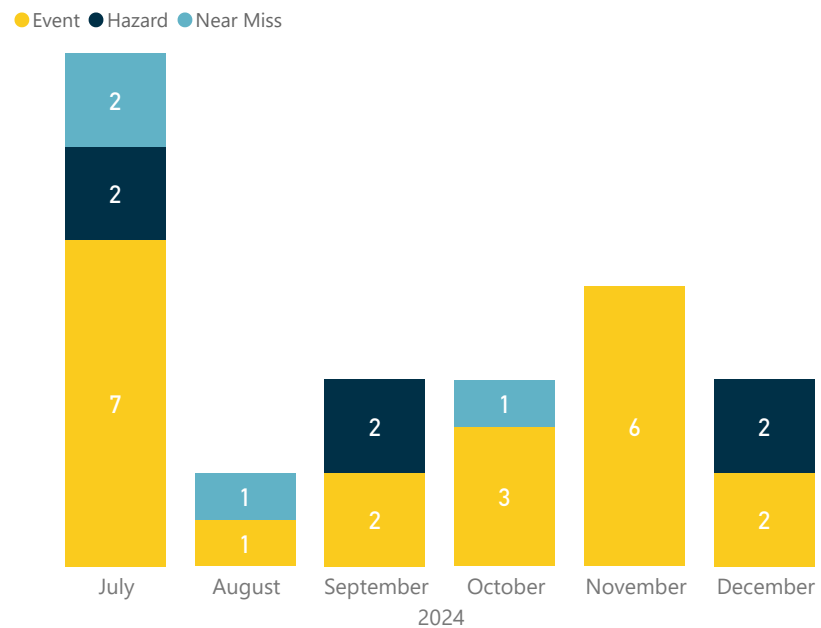
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Recommendation 3

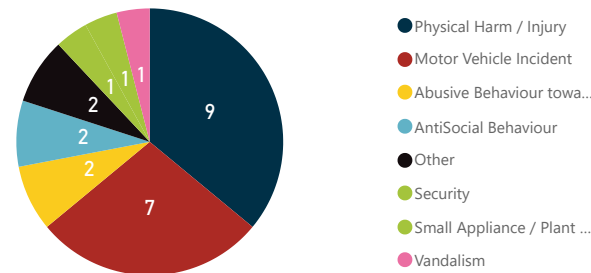
That Council appoints *[add role]* as the Rangitīkei District Council representative on Ngā Wai Tōtā, the governance group associated with the Te Waiū-o-Te-Ika Framework.

RDC Health and Safety Dashboard December 2024

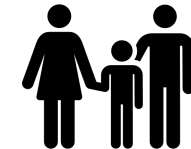
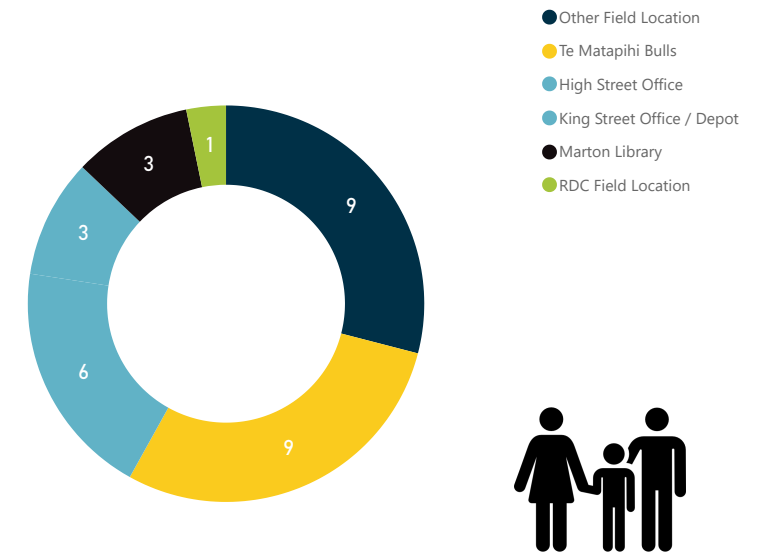
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Event/Near Miss Category 01 July 2024 to date



Location Events, Hazards and Near Misses



Summary of Month

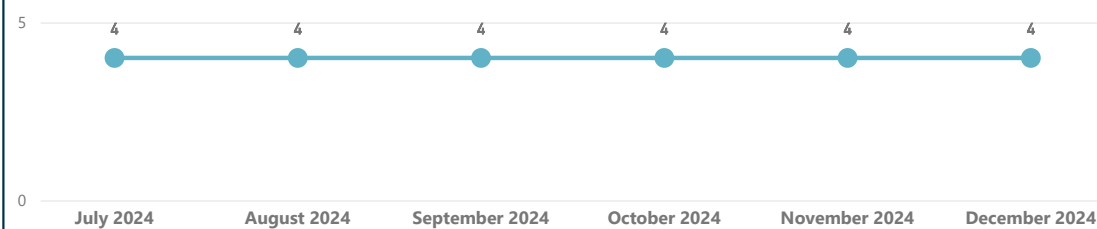
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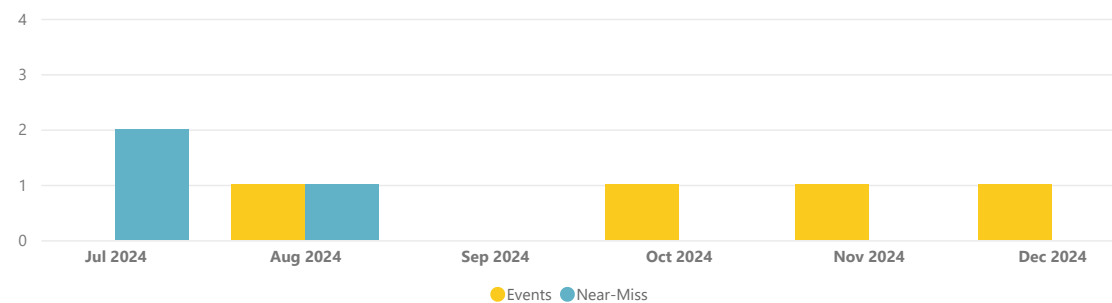
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December Wellbeing News

Hauora Ake – Wellbeing Programme

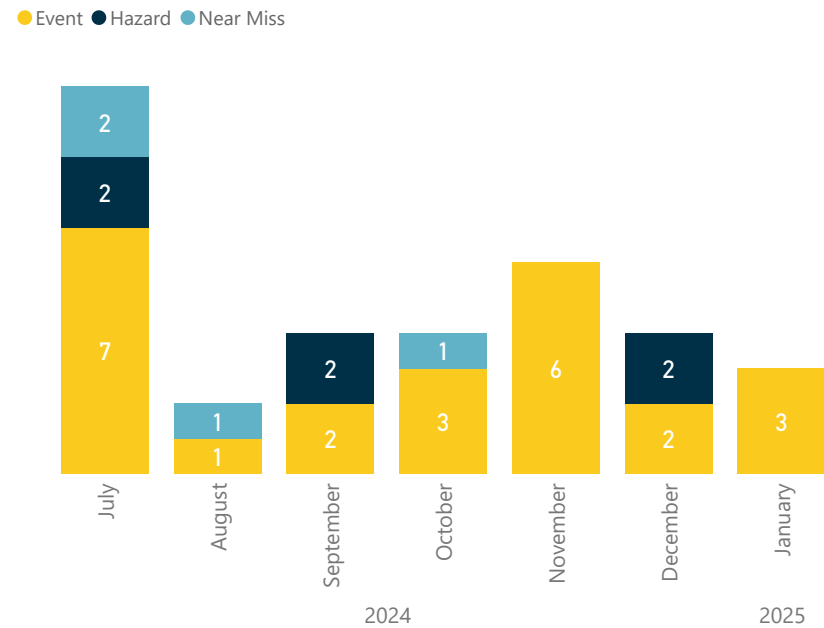
Have you looked at our Wellbeing Programme lately? It provides a wide range of options to help staff support their personal wellbeing. You can find our Wellbeing Programme in the Health, Safety and Wellbeing section of Kapua. If you have any questions or feedback please talk Sharon, Matt, Christin or Chelsea.

Slip, Slop, Slap & Wrap

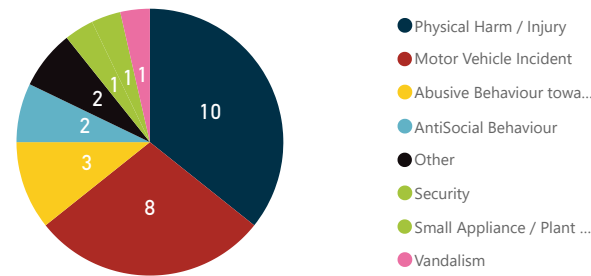
Yes it is summer, and even on these cold and windy summer days its important to remember that the sun can still damage your skin. In less than 15 minutes on sunny days, or within an hour on cloudy days you can get sunburnt, so if you working in the sun or just taking a lunch time walk please remember to Slip, Slop, Slap and Wrap.

RDC Health and Safety Dashboard January 2025

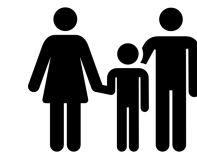
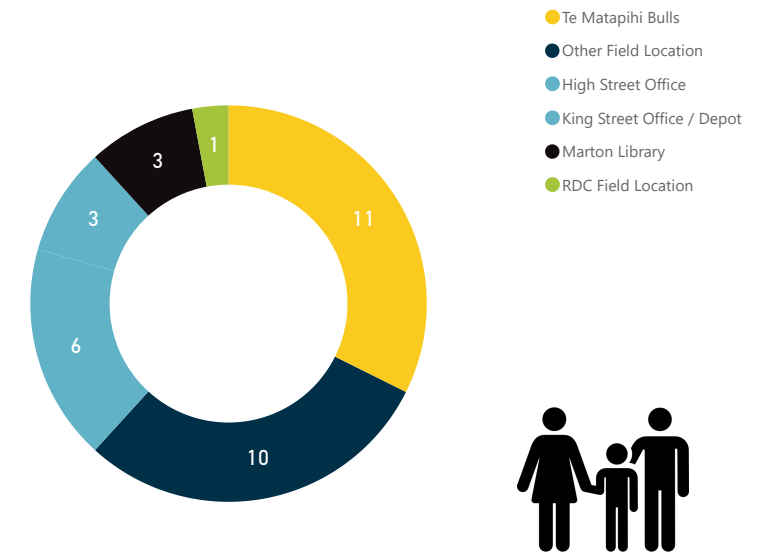
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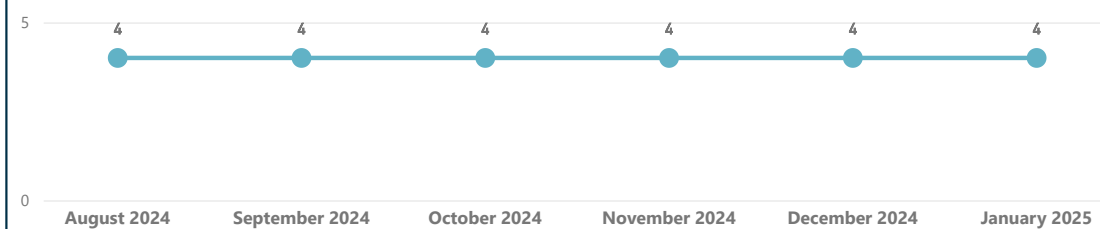
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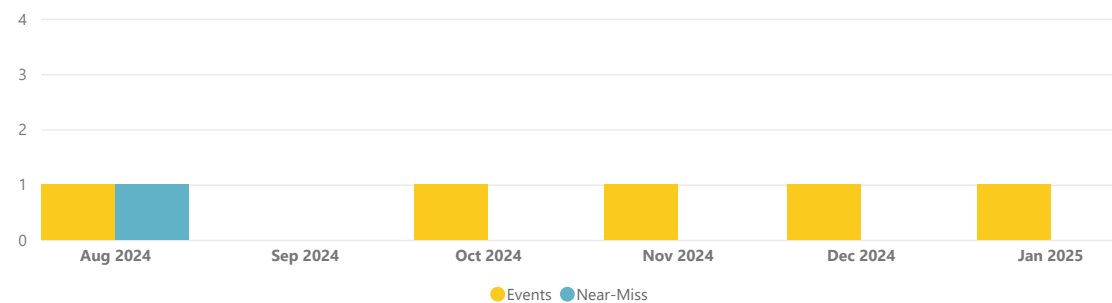
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January Wellbeing News

Welcome RDC's New Health Safety & Wellbeing Representatives

We're excited to welcome our new and continuing staff HSW Representatives.

Corporate Services – Julie Perkins

Strategy, Community & Democracy – Jarrod Calkin & Rebecca Wilkinson

Assets, Infrastructure & Projects – Damien Trethewey / Marlene Sleep & Regan Laing

Regulatory & Emergency Management – Kim Troughton & Paul Chaffe

Please connect with your HSW Rep if you would like any concerns or ideas raised at the next HSW Committee Meeting. We'll also be seeking Team HSW Champions to assist communication flows between work teams and Group HSW Reps – more information coming soon. If you're interested in how HSW communication works across Council, check out our HSW Representation Framework on Kapua, or have a chat to Matt Gordon or Sharon Bennett.

ITEM 9.1 ATTACHMENT 3

Project	Staff Lead	Jan-25	Feb-25	Mar-25	Apr-25	May-25	Jun-25	Jul-25	Aug-25	Sep-25	Oct-25	Nov-25	Dec-25
Gambling Policy / TAB Venues	Janna	Consultation 27th Jan - 21 Feb	Hearing - 13 Mar										
Local Water Done Well	Arno	Adoption of Consultation doc - 26th Feb		Consultation 5th March - 2nd April	Deliberations - 22 May								
District Plan Review Urban Growth Plan Change	Tiffany			Engagement Mar - Apr					Notification				
Annual Plan Fees & Charges	Janna Janna		Adoption of CD & draft annual plan - 27 Mar	Consultation 4 April - 5 May	Hearing - 15 May	Deliberations - 5 June							
Dangerous and Insanitary Buildings Policy	Janna/Bryan		Adopt of draft consultation - 27 Mar	Consultation as part of Annual Plan	Hearing - 15 May	Deliberations - 5 June							
Waste Minimisation Plan	Arno/Raj		Adoption of draft WMMP - 27 Mar	Consultation as part of Annual Plan	Hearing - 15 May	Deliberations - 5 June							
Marton-Bulls Wastewater Strategy	Arno				Adoption	Consultation							
Local Body Elections	Katrina					National, regional, local campaign			Pre-election period - no campaign comms		Election		
Māori Wards Referendum	Katrina					National, regional, local campaign					Election		
Rātana Road Naming (landowners only)	Katrina	Consultation											
Bulls Recreation Master Plan	Katrina		Engagement										



Key information on the appointments for Ngā Wai Tōtā o Te Waiū members

Ngā Wai Tōtā members

Ngā Wai Tōtā is made up of one representative from each of the following: Ngā Wairiki, Ngāti Rangī, Ngāti Uenuku and the Whanganui Land Settlement Negotiation Trust, the three district councils in the catchment (Ruapehu, Rangitīkei and Whanganui), and the regional council.

Ngā Wai Tōtā purpose

The purpose of Ngā Wai Tōtā is to:

- promote Te Mana Tupua and Ngā Toka Tupua
- advance the health and well-being of the awa
- advance the integrated management of the awa
- be a voice for the relationship of ngā iwi o te awa (incl our kawa, tikanga, and ritenga) *with* the awa.

Ngā Wai Tōtā’s specific tasks

The specific tasks for Ngā Wai Tōtā are to:

- Develop Te Tāhoratanga
- Update Te Tāhoratanga over time
- Hold hui and put out info on health and wellbeing of the awa
- Advise local government and the Crown on decisions about the awa
- Monitor

- effectiveness of Te Tāhoratanga implementation and
- How well Te Mana Tupua and Ngā Toka Tupua being achieved
- Maintain the Te Waiū catchment register

Key information

- The term for each member for Ngā Wai Tōtā o Te Waiū is **3 years**.
- Members may be reappointed at the end of their term
- Members must act in a way that supports the functions of Ngā Wai Tōtā
- The appointed person must have the appropriate mana, skills, knowledge, and experience to participate effectively in Ngā Wai Tōtā; and to contribute to the purpose of Ngā Wai Tōtā
- The legislation states that Ngā Wai Tōtā members will not be paid unless Ngā Wai Tōtā agrees otherwise. This will need to be discussed at the first Ngā Wai Tōtā meeting. The implementation team recommend that iwi representatives are paid. Council members are likely to be paid as part of their official roles in local government. Paying iwi representatives is a matter of equity and also allows iwi representatives to dedicate their time to the required tasks to the level required.



Settlement text

The direct wording from the Settlement, should you wish to include it in any document is:

Subpart 3—Ngā Wai Tōtā o Te Waiū

114 Establishment of Ngā Wai Tōtā o Te Waiū

- (1) This section establishes Ngā Wai Tōtā.
- (2) Despite the membership of Ngā Wai Tōtā, as provided for by [section 118](#), Ngā Wai Tōtā is a joint committee of the Manawatu-Wanganui Regional Council, Ruapehu District Council, Rangitikei District Council, and Whanganui District Council.
- (3) Despite [Schedule 7](#) of the Local Government Act 2002, Ngā Wai Tōtā—
 - (a) is a permanent joint committee; and
 - (b) must not be discharged unless all of the appointing organisations agree to the discharge.
- (4) In this subpart, **joint committee** means a joint committee within the meaning of clause 30(1)(b) of [Schedule 7](#) of the Local Government Act 2002.

115 Purposes of Ngā Wai Tōtā

The purposes of Ngā Wai Tōtā are to—

- (a) provide strategic leadership—
 - (i) to promote Te Mana Tupua and Ngā Toka Tupua; and
 - (ii) to advance the health and well-being of the Te Waiū-o-Te-Ika catchment; and
 - (iii) to advance the integrated management of the Te Waiū-o-Te-Ika catchment, including through the co-ordination of the agencies with responsibilities under this Act or any other enactment; and
- (b) give expression to the relationship of Ngā Iwi o Te Waiū-o-Te-Ika and their kawa, tikanga, and ritenga with the Te Waiū-o-Te-Ika catchment.

116 Functions of Ngā Wai Tōtā

- (1) The principal function of Ngā Wai Tōtā is to achieve its purpose.
- (2) In seeking to achieve its purpose, the other functions of Ngā Wai Tōtā are—
 - (a) to prepare and approve Te Tāhoratanga in accordance with [subpart 4](#);
 - (b) to promote and support the integrated management of the Te Waiū-o-Te-Ika catchment, including through the co-ordination of the agencies with responsibilities under this Act or any other enactment;
 - (c) to enter into discussion with, and advise—

- (i) local authorities on any decisions or matters that affect the Te Waiū-o-Te-Ika catchment; and
 - (ii) Crown agencies that perform functions in relation to the Te Waiū-o-Te-Ika catchment; and
 - (iii) any other entities or persons with an interest in the Whangaehu River:
 - (d) to monitor the implementation and effectiveness of Te Tāhoratanga:
 - (e) to monitor the extent to which Te Mana Tupua and Ngā Toka Tupua, and the purpose of Ngā Wai Tōtā, are being achieved:
 - (f) to report on the implementation and effectiveness of Te Tāhoratanga to each of the organisations that appoints members under [section 118](#) or that may send representatives in accordance with [section 121](#):
 - (g) to gather and disseminate information, and hold meetings on matters related to the health and well-being of the Te Waiū-o-Te-Ika catchment:
 - (h) to maintain the Te Waiū-o-Te-Ika catchment register:
 - (i) to perform any functions that may be delegated to it, including by a local authority:
 - (j) to take any other action reasonably necessary to achieve its purpose or perform its functions.
- (3) In performing its functions, Ngā Wai Tōtā must—
- (a) give expression to Te Mana Tupua and Ngā Toka Tupua; and
 - (b) operate in a collaborative manner as an authority and with other parties.
- (4) Other than in relation to the function under subsection (2)(a), Ngā Wai Tōtā has discretion to determine, in any particular circumstances,—
- (a) whether to perform any function specified in subsection (2); and
 - (b) how, and to what extent, any function specified in subsection (2) is performed.

117 Capacity

Ngā Wai Tōtā has full capacity to carry out its functions under this Act.

118 Members of Ngā Wai Tōtā

- (1) Ngā Wai Tōtā consists of 8 members appointed by the appointing organisations as follows:
- (a) 1 member appointed by the trustees; and
 - (b) 1 member appointed by the trustees of Te Runanga o Ngāti Apa; and
 - (c) 1 member appointed by the trustees of the Uenuku Charitable Trust or the governance entity that succeeds that Trust; and
 - (d) 1 member appointed by the trustees of the Whanganui Land Settlement Negotiation Trust or the governance entity that succeeds that Trust; and
 - (e) 1 member appointed by the Manawatu-Wanganui Regional Council; and
 - (f) 1 member appointed by the Ruapehu District Council; and
 - (g) 1 member appointed by the Whanganui District Council; and
 - (h) 1 member appointed by the Rangitikei District Council.

- (2) Each member is—
- (a) appointed for a term of 3 years, unless the member resigns or is removed by and appointing organisation during that term; and
 - (b) may be reappointed or removed at the discretion of the organisation that made the appointment.
- (3) Each member—
- (a) must act in a manner that promotes the effective performance of the functions of Ngā Wai Tōtā; and
 - (b) is not a member of a local authority by virtue of that membership.
- (4) Each appointing organisation must use its best endeavours to appoint members within 40 working days of—
- (a) the settlement date;
 - (b) the commencement of any subsequent term of Ngā Wai Tōtā.
- (5) In appointing a member to Ngā Wai Tōtā, an appointing organisation—
- (a) must be satisfied that the person has the appropriate mana, skills, knowledge, or experience—
 - (i) to participate effectively in Ngā Wai Tōtā; and
 - (ii) to contribute to the achievement of the purpose of Ngā Wai Tōtā; and
 - (b) must have regard to the skills of any members already appointed to Ngā Wai Tōtā to ensure that the membership reflects a balanced mix of skills, knowledge, and experience so that Ngā Wai Tōtā may best achieve its purpose.
- (6) If there is a vacancy on Ngā Wai Tōtā, the appointing organisation that appointed the person who has ceased to be a member must fill that vacancy as soon as is reasonably practicable.
- (7) The members of Ngā Wai Tōtā will not receive payment or reimbursement as members, unless Ngā Wai Tōtā otherwise agrees.

119 Validity of acts

Nothing done by Ngā Wai Tōtā is invalid because of—

- (a) a vacancy in the membership of Ngā Wai Tōtā at the time the thing was done; or
- (b) the subsequent discovery of a defect in the appointment of a person as a member.

120 Application of other Acts to Ngā Wai Tōtā

(1) To the extent that they are relevant to the purpose and functions of Ngā Wai Tōtā under this Act, the provisions of the following Acts apply to Ngā Wai Tōtā, with the necessary modifications, unless otherwise provided in this subpart or in [Schedule 6](#):

- (a) the [Local Authorities \(Members' Interests\) Act 1968](#);
- (b) the [Local Government Act 1974](#);

- (c) the [Local Government Act 2002](#);
 - (d) the [Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987](#).
- (2) [Schedule 7](#) of the Local Government Act 2002 applies with modifications as follows:
- (a) [clause 31\(1\)](#) applies only to the members of Ngā Wai Tōtā appointed by the local authorities;
 - (b) [clauses 23\(3\)\(b\), 24, 26\(1\), \(3\), and \(4\), 27, 30\(2\), \(3\), \(5\), and \(7\), and 31\(2\), \(4\), and \(6\)](#) do not apply to Ngā Wai Tōtā;
 - (c) [clauses 19, 20, and 22](#) apply to Ngā Wai Tōtā subject to—
 - (i) the references to a local authority being read as references to Ngā Wai Tōtā; and
 - (ii) the reference in [clause 19\(5\)](#) to the chief executive being read as a reference to the chairperson of Ngā Wai Tōtā;
 - (d) to the extent that the rest of [Schedule 7](#) is applicable, it applies to Ngā Wai Tōtā subject to all references to—
 - (i) a local authority being read as references to Ngā Wai Tōtā; and
 - (ii) a member of a committee of a local authority being read as references to the persons appointed to be members of Ngā Wai Tōtā under [section 118](#).

121 Rights extended to Te Kotahitanga o Ngāti Tūwharetoa and Mōkai Pātea

- (1) Ngā Wai Tōtā may seek advice or guidance in the performance of its functions from 1 or both of the following entities, and for that purpose may invite a representative of each of those entities to attend meetings of Ngā Wai Tōtā:
 - (a) Te Kotahitanga o Ngāti Tūwharetoa; and
 - (b) the representative entity of Mōkai Pātea (and when that entity is succeeded by a governance entity, a representative of that governance entity).
- (2) A representative of each of the entities referred to in subsection (1) may attend any meetings of Ngā Wai Tōtā.
- (3) Persons attending meetings of Ngā Wai Tōtā under subsection (1) or (2) do not have the right to vote at meetings.
- (4) The procedures of Ngā Wai Tōtā must provide for the manner in which Ngā Wai Tōtā is to conduct meetings with the representatives referred to in subsections (1) and (2).

Schedule 6 Administration of Ngā Wai Tōtā o Te Waiū

[ss 120, 122](#)

1 Chairperson and deputy chairperson

- (1) At its first meeting, Ngā Wai Tōtā must appoint 1 of its members as the chairperson.
- (2) The term of office of a chairperson is 3 years, unless the chairperson resigns or is removed by Ngā Wai Tōtā during that term.
- (3) The chairperson of Ngā Wai Tōtā may be reappointed or removed by Ngā Wai Tōtā.

- (4) At its first meeting, Ngā Wai Tōtā must appoint a deputy chairperson, and that appointment is subject to the same conditions as set out in subclauses (2) and (3).
- (5) The deputy chairperson must act as the chairperson in the absence of the chairperson from a meeting.
- (6) If the chairperson or deputy chairperson is absent from 3 consecutive meetings of Ngā Wai Tōtā, that person may be removed from that office, unless the rest of the members of Ngā Wai Tōtā decide otherwise.

2 Resignation or removal of members

- (1) A member may resign from Ngā Wai Tōtā by giving written advice to the organisation that appointed the member.
- (2) The organisation that appointed a member may remove the member from Ngā Wai Tōtā by giving written advice to the member and Ngā Wai Tōtā.

3 Procedures

- (1) Ngā Wai Tōtā must, at its first meeting, adopt a set of procedures for the operation of Ngā Wai Tōtā.
- (2) The procedures of Ngā Wai Tōtā must appropriately reflect—
 - (a) the purpose and function of Ngā Wai Tōtā; and
 - (b) the principle of consensus decision making; and
 - (c) the range of interests of Ngā Wai Tōtā; and
 - (d) how Ngā Wai Tōtā will work with the representatives invited to meetings under [section 121](#) to support the involvement of Ngāti Tūwharetoa and Mōkai Pātea in the operation of Ngā Wai Tōtā; and
 - (e) the kawa, tikanga, and ritenga of Ngā Iwi o Te Waiū-o-Te-Ika.
- (3) The procedures adopted apply from the first meeting, but may be amended from time to time by resolution.
- (4) Ngā Wai Tōtā may appoint committees to deal with particular issues in relation to the performance of its functions.
- (5) Members of Ngā Wai Tōtā must comply with the procedures of Ngā Wai Tōtā.

4 Meetings of Ngā Wai Tōtā

- (1) At the first meeting of Ngā Wai Tōtā in each year of its term, Ngā Wai Tōtā must adopt a schedule of meetings for the year that it considers will enable it to achieve its purpose and discharge its functions.
- (2) Ngā Wai Tōtā must review the schedule from time to time to ensure that Ngā Wai Tōtā meets often enough to achieve its purpose and discharge its functions.
- (3) Meetings of Ngā Wai Tōtā may be in person or by other means as determined by Ngā Wai Tōtā.
- (4) The quorum for a meeting of Ngā Wai Tōtā is not less than 50% of the members and must include—
 - (a) the chairperson or the deputy chairperson; and
 - (b) at least 2 members appointed by the iwi appointing organisations; and
- (c) at least 2 members appointed by the local authority appointing organisations.
- (5) Ngā Wai Tōtā may invite other persons and organisations, including government agencies,—
 - (a) to participate in its meetings;
 - (b) to contribute to the work of Ngā Wai Tōtā, including by providing technical support to Ngā Wai Tōtā.

5 Decision making

- (1) Ngā Wai Tōtā must make its decisions at its meetings or by other means agreed by Ngā Wai Tōtā.
- (2) The members of Ngā Wai Tōtā must approach decision making in a manner that—
 - (a) is consistent with the purpose of Ngā Wai Tōtā (*see* [section 115](#)) and the requirement that it operate in a collaborative manner (*see* [section 116\(3\)\(b\)](#)); and
 - (b) seeks to achieve consensus.
- (3) If the chairperson (or deputy chairperson) considers, after reasonable discussion, that consensus on a matter is not practicable, the decision on the matter may be made by a 75% majority of those members present and voting at the meeting, as long as there are present an equal number of members appointed by iwi and of members appointed by the local authorities.
- (4) The chairperson and deputy chairperson of Ngā Wai Tōtā may vote on any matter but do not have a casting vote.
- (5) Members of Ngā Wai Tōtā who are also members of a local authority are not—
 - (a) disqualified from participating in any decision making by the local authority by virtue of being a member of Ngā Wai Tōtā or participating in the making of a decision of Ngā Wai Tōtā; or
 - (b) bound to consult or seek direction from the local authority.
- (6) A member of Ngā Wai Tōtā is not precluded by the Local Authorities (Members' Interests) Act 1968 from discussing or voting on a matter merely because—
 - (a) the member is also a member of a local authority; or
 - (b) the member is a member of a relevant iwi or a hapū and the economic, social, cultural, and spiritual values of the iwi or hapū and their relationships with Ngā Wai Tōtā are advanced by or reflected in—
 - (i) the subject matter under consideration; or
 - (ii) any decision by or recommendation of Ngā Wai Tōtā; or
 - (iii) participation in the matter by the member.

6 Liability

The members of Ngā Wai Tōtā are not personally liable for actions taken or omissions made in their capacity as members, as long as they act in good faith.

7 Support for Ngā Wai Tōtā

Administrative support

- (1) The Manawatu-Wanganui Regional Council is responsible for providing administrative support to Ngā Wai Tōtā.
- (2) The administrative support referred to in subclause (1) includes the provision of the services necessary to enable Ngā Wai Tōtā to carry out its functions, including under this Act, the [Local Government Act 2002](#), and any other Act that applies to Ngā Wai Tōtā.
- (3) The Manawatu-Wanganui Regional Council must—
 - (a) hold, in 1 or more separate interest-bearing accounts, any funds it receives on behalf of Ngā Wai Tōtā; and
 - (b) expend those funds at the direction of Ngā Wai Tōtā.

Technical support

- (4) The members of Ngā Wai Tōtā may be supported at any meeting by technical advisers.
- (5) The Manawatu-Wanganui Regional Council must provide technical support to Ngā Wai Tōtā from existing work programmes and must endeavour to accommodate unbudgeted resource requests from Ngā Wai Tōtā where possible.

Current and Upcoming Consultations

Name of Initiative	Agency Engaging	Due Date	Description	RDC Action
Currently Open for Submissions				
Local Government Water Services Amendment Bill	Parliament - Finance and Expenditure Committee	Feb-23	Features arrangements for a new water service delivery system, the economic and consumer regulation of water services, and changes to the water quality regulatory framework.	Submit
Infrastructure Priorities Programme	Te Waihanga - NZ Infrastructure Commission	Not Stated	The Commission is calling for infrastructure proposals. They will be assessed through a standardised independent review process that they meet NZ's strategic objectives, represent value for money, and be a project or solution that can actually be delivered.	None
Proposals to Modernise the Conservation System	Department of Conservation	Feb-28	The Government has released two discussion documents that include proposals to: explore charging for access to some public conservation land, and streamline concessions and planning processes and enable more flexibility around land exchange and disposals. These proposals support delivery of the Government's priorities for the Conservation portfolio, which include generating new revenue, recalibrating costs for conservation, targeting investment into high-value conservation outcomes, strengthening relationships with Iwi/Hapū, and fixing the concessions process.	None
Regional consultation on state highway speed limit changes	New Zealand Transport Agency	Mar-13	NZTA is consulting on some sections of state highway to see if there is support in retaining current speed limits, seeking feedback from local road users and communities for a range of 'interregional and rural connectors' in several regions around the country. In the Horizons region, there are no sections of state highways within the Rangitikei District included in this consultation.	None
Draft Biometrics Privacy Code	Office of the Privacy Commissioner	Mar-14	The Code will introduce specific rules that will replace the IPPs for biometric processing activities, which the Code defines as the comparing or analysing of biometric information (such as people's fingerprints, face prints, etc.) using computer software, algorithms or other automated systems. The rules will apply to agencies using biometric information in automated	None

			processes to recognise or categorise individuals, such as facial recognition technologies	
Proposed Local Waters Combined Bylaw	Horowhenua District Council	Mar-14	The main changes from the existing three bylaws are: Combining three bylaws and added a fourth area – stormwater - into one bylaw, Changing the four existing trade waste classifications to three to make it easier, Introducing the requirement for all businesses operating at a trade premise to register with Council, and Updating the water metering section in response to the introduction of universal metering in Horowhenua.	None
Economic Regulation of Water Services – Information Disclosure	Commerce Commission	Mar-26	The Information Disclosure (ID) Discussion Paper is the Commerce Commission's first step in engaging with water sector stakeholders to understand their views on how they could develop a new performance reporting regime (ID) for water service providers.	None
Upcoming Consultations				
Back to Basics II Local Government Systems Improvements Bill	Parliament	Mid-2025	This bill will address part of the local government reform package. This bill is expected to address the purpose of local government and rate pegging amongst other matters. The bill is expected to be introduced around June 2025.	tbc

10 Reports for Decision

10.1 Adoption of the Local Water Done Well Consultation Document

Author: Sophia Sykes, Communications Manager

Authoriser: Carol Gordon, Deputy Chief Executive

1. Reason for Report

- 1.1 This report presents the Local Water Done Well Consultation Document to Council for adoption for public engagement and consultation.

2. Context

- 2.1 Local Water Done Well is the government's new plan for managing Aotearoa New Zealand's drinking water, wastewater, and stormwater services.
- 2.2 Under the Local Government (Water Services Preliminary Arrangements) Act 2024, Council is required to consult on its preferred model for the future delivery of water services.
- 2.3 At its 12 December 2024 meeting, Rangitikei District Council agreed on its preferred model for future water services delivery – a multi council-controlled organisation with Whanganui District Council and Ruapehu District Council.
- 2.4 Council will consult on its preferred model for future water service delivery between *Wednesday 5 March and Wednesday 2 April 2025*.

Approach to Consultation: Supporting community engagement with Local Water Done Well

- 2.5 During consultation, the full consultation document and supplementary materials will be on our website, available at all community hubs, and supported by a comprehensive social media campaign.
- 2.6 Elected members, community boards, and community committees will be offered a 'consultation pack' containing the following supporting materials:
 - Consultation document
 - Poster – 'Rangitikei water at a glance'.
 - Submission forms with Local Water Done Well summary sheet.
 - Talking points
- 2.7 The Communications team will be in touch during the first week of consultation with information for the distribution or collection of these packs.
- 2.8 In addition, an A3 folded information sheet and submission form will be inserted in the District Monitor for their Thursday 20th March publication. As some rural communities do not receive community newspapers, this information sheet and submission form will be sent directly to those properties.
- 2.9 Public meetings are scheduled for:
 - **Bulls @ Te Matapihi Hall:** 6-7pm 11th March

- **Taihape @ Kokako Street Hall:** 6-7pm 19th March
- **Marton @ Friendship Club Hall:** 6-7pm 20th March

- 2.10 To capture those unable to access public meeting times, or those not in the central urban areas of the Rangitikei, we will publish an online webinar that residents can access throughout the consultation period. The opportunity for residents to be able to ask questions in relation to Local Water Done Well will be available on the platform where this webinar is hosted (most likely on YouTube and shared across our social channels).
- 2.11 People will be able to fill out submission forms on our website and at our community hubs (there will be submission boxes available). We will encourage residents to make submissions in the format most comfortable for them. Residents are welcome to submit art, poems, drawings, videos etc. – in addition to the traditional written submission.
- 2.12 We are continuing to work as close as possible with neighbouring councils as we each approach consultation. With such a complex topic, it is particularly important our messaging is aligned and consistent. This philosophy is particularly relevant to our relationship with Whanganui District Council and Ruapehu District Council – our preferred partners for future water services delivery.
- 2.13 We have timed our consultation to ensure there is limited crossover with the Annual Plan (and simultaneous) consultation, however this does mean timelines are fairly tight.
- 2.14 Below is a table indicating the consultation timelines of Rangitikei, Ruapehu, and Whanganui District Council:

					
Consultation	5 th March – 2 nd April 2025	Consultation	10 th March – 11 th April 2025	Consultation	14 th March – 14 th April 2025
Hearing	16 th April 2025	Hearing	30 th April 2025	Hearing	1 st May 2025
Deliberations and decision	22 nd May 2025	Deliberations and decision	21 st May 2025	Deliberations and decision	20 th May 2025

3. Discussion and Options Considered

- 3.1 The Local Water Done Well Consultation Document presents the following models for community consideration:
- Our preferred model – a multi council-controlled organisation with Ruapehu District Council and Whanganui District Council
 - The ‘enhanced status quo’ model – in-house management
 - *All seven councils in the Manawatū-Whanganui region – although not currently practicable (as other councils have not chosen this as their preferred model), we have included this model for completeness and comparison.*

4. Financial Implications

4.1 The consultation document contains a financial assessment which projects the cost of Rangitīkei water services delivery under each model presented. To give residents the best sense of the financial sustainability and practicality of the preferred model, projected costs at year 10 and year 30 have been included. We have compared these costs against projected costs under the 'enhanced status quo' model (in-house management), and a full Manawatū-Whanganui model.

5. Impact on Strategic Risks

5.1 Trust and confidence may be undermined if communication and engagement efforts lead to misunderstanding about the Local Water Done Well Consultation Document and its key questions. To mitigate this risk, a robust communications and engagement plan is being implemented to ensure clarity and consistency throughout the consultation process.

6. Strategic Alignment

- 6.1 The proposed water services delivery model aligns with the strategic priority for a District that has high-quality built environments and healthy natural environments.
- 6.2 One of Council's strategic priorities is to facilitate growth. Providing three waters infrastructure is a critical foundation for that, and enabling growth through balancing cost efficiency and local voice gives the best outcome for communities and bill payers.

7. Mana Whenua Implications

- 7.1 Rangitīkei District Council believes there is a role for Iwi representation that brings a Te Ao Māori perspective to the shareholder decisions. The detail of Iwi and hapū involvement should be addressed at the design phase of any future water services delivery model, and draw on existing examples of good practice from local government and the water sector. This sentiment is shared by both councils in our preferred model (Ruapehu and Whanganui).
- 7.2 Once a model is decided by council (on 22 May 2025), this involvement will be formalised in partnership with Iwi and hapū. In the meantime, we will continue to work with Iwi and hapū to identify meaningful opportunities for mana whenua input (for example through regular hui with Te Rōpū Ahi Kā).

8. Climate Change Impacts and Consideration

8.1 There are no explicit climate impacts to be considered in making a decision on the proposed water services delivery model. However, giving effect to the proposed model will require consideration of climate impacts, especially in terms of increasing the resilience of three waters infrastructure and the communities they serve. These, may, for instance, be reflected in a Statement of Expectations for a new water organisation.

9. Statutory Implications

9.1 Under the Local Government (Water Services Preliminary Arrangements) Act 2024, Council is required to consult on its preferred model for the future delivery of Water Services.

Attachments:

- 1. Local Water Done Well Consultation Document (under separate cover)**
- 2. Local Water Done Well Submission Form (under separate cover)**

Recommendation 1

That the report 'Adoption of the Local Water Done Well Consultation Document' be received.

Recommendation 2

That Council adopts the Local Water Done Well Consultation Document (subject to minor editorial changes) for public consultation.

10.2 Sale of Kensington Road land - weightings

Author: Jarrod Calkin, Economic Wellbeing Lead

Authoriser: Carol Gordon, Deputy Chief Executive

1. Reason for Report

1.1 The purpose of this report is to set out the financial and non-financial weightings in relation to the sale of land at Kensington Road.

2. Context

2.1 In November 2024 Council resolved to dispose of a parcel of surplus land at Kensington Road, Marton as per the following resolutions:

Resolved minute number 24/RDC/343

That Council delegates the decision-making process, including assessment of tenders, to the Tenders Board.

HWTM/Cr Maughan. Carried

Resolved minute number 24/RDC/344

That Council authorises the Chief Executive to sell the land Lot 2 DP 533031 as a single parcel including executing all relevant documents relating to the sale.

HWTM/Cr Raukawa. Carried

2.2 The Policy for Disposal of Surplus Lands and Buildings is attached for reference.

2.3 The policy outlines the disposal process which requires the tenders to be scored against a combination financial and non-financial considerations.

3. Discussion and Options Considered

3.1 There are two decisions required as part of this process.

3.2 The first decision relates to how much weight will be given to the non-financial considerations.

3.2.1 A higher weighting applied to the non-financial considerations means the less likelihood the highest offer has of being the successful tender and greater influence Council could have on what happens on the site.

3.2.2 A lower weighting applied to the non-financial considerations means the greater likelihood the highest offer has of being the successful tender and less influence Council could have on what happens on the site.

3.2.3 Council Officers note the previous attempt to dispose a smaller parcel of this land in 2021 had a 30% weighting applied to the non-financial considerations which meant 70% weighting was given to the purchase value.

3.2.4 Additionally, Council may choose to include wording which would allow for potential buy-back. This would ensure the purchaser follows through on their

plans for the site or sell the land back to Council. A potential recommendation is made at the bottom of this report should Council wish to include this wording.

3.3 The second decision relates to any changes that are to be made to the non-financial considerations, attributes and significance.

3.3.1 The table of non-financial considerations and their weightings as per the Policy for Disposal of Surplus Lands and Buildings is as follows:

ATTRIBUTE	EXPLANATION	SIGNIFICANCE
Use of the site	Preference will be given to tenders that have a proposed use that will be complementary to existing activities, and/or will provide a valuable community service and/or will provide local employment opportunities and/or cultural facility.	High (25%)
Ownership structure	Preference will be given to tenders that are from local businesses, residents, groups, or Iwi within the Rangitikei	Medium (15%)
Sustainability of investment	Preference will be given to tenders that are more likely to use the asset over the long term.	Medium (15%)
Financial viability	Preference will be given to tenders which provide evidence of being able to access the financial resources required to achieve the intended use and projected benefit.	Medium (15%)
Track records	Preference will be given to tenders which provide evidence of delivering services/facilities to a specified level.	Low/Medium (10%)
Stability of investment	Preference will be given to tenders that have a stable investment and/or business structure supporting them.	Low/Medium (10%)
Historical connection with the asset	Preference will be given to tenders that show they have a historical/ cultural connection with the asset and/or a commitment to demonstrate an element of the site’s history.	Low/Medium (10%)

3.3.2 Council Officers note the above attributes are consistent with the previous attempt to dispose of the smaller parcel of land in 2021.

4. Financial Implications

4.1 There are minor financial implications relating to this report primarily centred around the weighting given to the non-financial considerations and the impact this can have on the final sale price of the land.

5. Impact on Strategic Risks

- 5.1 The decision relating to weightings for the disposal of land has no associated strategic risk.

6. Strategic Alignment

- 6.1 Council has a strategic priority for 'facilitating growth' and the decision regarding financial and non-financial weightings could have an impact on who and what is likely to be established at this site therefore careful consideration for this priority should be given when setting the weightings.

7. Mana Whenua Implications

- 7.1 There are no Mana Whenua implication relating to this item.

8. Climate Change Impacts and Consideration

- 8.1 The mapped flood hazard zone has been previously reported and relevant information will be disclosed to interested parties prior to the sale being completed.

9. Statutory Implications

- 9.1 There are no statutory implications relating to this report.

10. Decision Making Process

- 10.1 This item has been assessed as a low level of significance against Council's Significance and Engagement Policy.
- 10.2 The decision to sell the land is being made in accordance with Council's Disposal of Surplus Lands and Buildings Policy.

Recommendation 1

That the report 'Sale of Kensington Road – weightings' is received.

Recommendation 2

That Council sets the weightings for non-financial considerations at xx%

Recommendation 3

That Council will use the non-financial attributes as per the Disposal of Surplus Lands and Buildings Policy with/without (select one) amendment.

Recommendation 4 (if required)

That Council includes a buy-back clause in the Kensington Road sale agreement if development of the site does not proceed as outlined in the tender within xxx months of the land being sold.

10.3 Project Updates Report - February 2025**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 currently being delivered by Council's Project Office.

2. Key Highlights from Current Projects**Wastewater Projects****2.1 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 April 2025.
- 2.3 The anticipated March 2025 publication of new Draft National Wastewater Discharge Standards by water industry quality regulator Taumata Arowai could have a significant impact on the project's direction and outcomes. Awaiting issue of the draft to understand project implications.
- 2.4 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.
- 2.5 Dialogue with ANZCO is ongoing to determine the feasibility and appropriateness of incorporating their discharge into the Bulls plant inlet. ANZCO would become a trade waste customer of RDC under this scenario. Iwi have indicated that a single discharge at this point would be viewed more favourably by them as part of the consenting process.
- 2.6 Value engineering inputs on the shortlisted options have considered demand management scenarios involving inflow/infiltration reduction and reduction of water consumption.
- 2.7 Identification of a preferred option is programmed for mid-May 2025.
- 2.8 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.
- 2.9 Agreement from the 2 relevant iwi groups has been gained for the pipe bridges on the Marton-Bulls pipeline. This will permit finalisation of the consent and then construction of these pipe bridges by RDC.

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

- 3.1 The project is in a holding pattern awaiting approval to proceed with track pricing and hard stand construction, needed to enable the pipe materials to be delivered. Work on

designing the large dam that will store the treated wastewater, up to Building Consent status, continues with WSP and external experts.

- 3.2 Horizons Regional Council have booked in a pre-hearing in early March to consider the three submissions on the proposed land-based storage and wastewater irrigation.
- 3.3 Delays in construction mean the pricing considered by Council in late 2023 might need revision, and the expected increase in unit rates for power transformer, earthworks, dam liner material and irrigation equipment could be significant and potentially a risk to the viability of the consents being sought.

Water Projects

4. Marton Water Strategy (Project Manager – Steve Carne)

- 4.1 The trial pilot plant is shortly going to be relocated to the reservoir Bore site. Further testing of pre-treatment and the proposed waste stream recycling regime will be a key part of this phase of the pilot testing
- 4.2 On the basis of the trial plant's results, Contractor GFS have submitted to RDC an initial commercial offer inclusive of some items related to performance guarantees and warranties.
- 4.3 Queries and clarifications submitted by Council officers and agents are providing further detail on GFS' offer and reduce RDC risk exposure due to insufficient detail around various items. Responses to these clarifications and queries have been obtained and are being considered.
- 4.4 A design consultancy has been engaged for the new inlet works and is almost complete. This is inclusive of a permanent pump for the new Reservoir Bore.
- 4.5 Details of the waste stream from the proposed plant are being evolved and are likely to involve recycling this steam through partial use of the existing clarifiers and filters infrastructure. The intent of this recycling is to reduce the overall waste discharge down to a level that is near that of the existing discharge and in doing so, reduce the amount of water taken from the bores. Additional works associated with this solution may become an extension of the GFS contract.
- 4.6 Details of the proposed warranty and guarantee of plant performance are being finalised with the contractor.
- 4.7 It is envisaged that the new source and treatment process train will not become operable until August 2025.
- 4.8 Consent application approval for the water take has been received in preliminary form.
- 4.9 Staff are working towards a communication strategy.

Community Facilities

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

- 5.1 Staff are working on identifying Emergency Operations Centre (EOC) requirements and evaluating possibilities of building it earlier as a separate project to the Marton Offices and Community Hub build.
- 5.2 Having studied the EOC buildings at both Ruapehu and Gisborne, staff suggest the Ruapehu stand-alone building design is the best suited design for RDC requirements compared. A recommendation (Recommendation 2) is included below which asks Council to formally direct staff to start preliminary work on progressing an EOC prior to the rebuild of the Marton Offices and Community Hub.
- 5.3 The meeting rooms along the building periphery could be multipurposed as future meeting rooms for Council staff and community groups. This would result in a reduction in meeting spaces originally planned for the office new build.
- 5.4 Four contractors from the EOI phase were invited to submit a proposal as part of the RFT tender process. RFT submissions close on 27 Feb 2025. A recommendation report will be presented to council during the council meeting in March 2025.
- 5.5 Staff are also working closely with three consultants on a tender submission for Geotechnical survey and Soil Contamination survey works. Staff expect to receive the submissions by 21 Feb 2025.
- 5.6 Upon evaluating the submissions, Staff are hoping to feed this information to the four contractors working on the main tender so they can consider this in their submissions for the RFT process.

6. Taihape Grandstand (Project Manager - Eswar Ganapathi)

- 6.1 Staff presented a report during November 2024 Council meeting indicating the anticipated costs for all three concept seismic designs.
- 6.2 Council requested that the community identify their requirements for the lower floor. This needs to include engaging required specialists to design these requirements and fundraising for any work that falls outside Councils remaining budget for the project. Staff are working with the users on a date to meet and discuss these requirements.

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

- 7.1 Staff presented the Concept Seismic Strengthening design along with estimated costs during December 2024 council meeting. These costs were limited to the works associated with seismic upgrade works including meeting code compliance (fire and accessibility) requirements.
- 7.2 Staff also presented an option to retain the front two-storey building along with the library but demolish and rebuild the hall for the same price. It was noted that this option does not allow for a separate stage area or the supper room but had considered a demountable stage.
- 7.3 Staff organised a meeting with the User Group on 3rd Feb 2025 to provide a project update along with discussing the options proposed by Maycroft. Staff also circulated an email recording the discussions from the meeting.
- 7.4 Progress and next steps were discussed with Maycroft on 10th February 2025. Maycroft will continue to price the remaining scope and bring back estimated costs for the scope listed in the work plan in March 2025.

- 7.5 Maycroft will also work on the alternate design option of retaining the front two storey building along with Library but demolish and rebuild the Hall, stage, supper room and changing rooms/toilets. They will bring back estimated costs for this option early in March 2025 to be distributed to Councillors.
- 7.6 Staff are hoping to present both design proposals including estimated costs at the March 2025 Council meeting for a decision on which design options to include going forwards.

8. Marton Swim Centre Structural Remediation

- 8.1 RDC engaged experts to complete a comprehensive 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 completed a two-day site investigation that covered all the items mentioned above.
- 8.3 This work has now been completed and a comprehensive asset condition report has been received early in February. The report identifies all asset renewals and upgrades that will be required to get the facility to comply with current requirements, and identified asset that will need upgrades in the short, medium and long term.
- 8.4 Work continues with phase two of the investigations to add costs to all identified upgrades and then prioritise the upgrades to clearly group them in like for like renewals, refurbishments of the facility for increased customer experience and a long term vision of what the facility could be to reduce operating costs and increase use of the asset.
- 8.5 Work on determining cost estimates for repairing the roof, heating and electrical services will happen at the same time to allow Council to consider potential short term repairs to re-open the facility for the next swim season in October 2025.
- 8.6 All information mentioned above will be presented to Council for consideration.

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 A draft has been created and will be reviewed and presented to the Scotts Ferry group in March for consideration.

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

- 10.1 Bridges #2 and #4 are built and made available to the public in Dec 24.
- 10.2 Bridge #3 will not be built due to costs.
- 10.3 Abutments are in the ground for the remaining Bridges #1, #3a, and #5 and have been signed off by the designing engineer.
- 10.4 Due to higher than anticipated costs, the community group are seeking funding to complete the remaining bridges.

11. Bulls Bus Lane

- 11.1 Unauthorised use of the Bull Bus Lane by all vehicles other than passenger busses has been a challenge. RDC considered a range of strategies to control the unauthorised use of the bus lane for some time but has been unsuccessful to date.
- 11.2 During December 2024 Council staff and southern ward councillors met with a contractor on site to discuss a new initiative that can be considered to stop the unauthorised use of the bus lane. This new initiative makes use of a boom access mechanism that can be opened by remote control.
- 11.3 The remote controls will be supplied to all registered bus companies that make use of the bus lane to allow them to open the boom gate and enter the bus lane. All traffic that does not have access to a remote control unit will not be able to open the boom gate and get access to making use of the bus lane.
- 11.4 An additional benefit is that staff at Te Matapihi will be able to make use of a local remote control unit to open the boom gate in the event where something has gone wrong or if a bus arrives without a remote control unit by simply contacting Te Matapihi by phone.
- 11.5 The cost estimate for the supply of the equipment, power supply, full installation and the supply of 50 remote control units is less than \$50,000. The installation of this initiative will resolve the unauthorised use of the bus lane in the future.

12. Financial Implications

- 12.1 This report does not identify and financial implications.

13. Impact on Strategic Risks

- 13.1 No impacts on strategic risks

14. Strategic Alignment

- 14.1 All projects are aligned with strategic goals.

15. Mana Whenua Implications

- 15.1 All Mana Whenua implications are managed by the individual projects.

16. Climate Change Impacts and Consideration

- 16.1 There is no climate change impact.

17. Statutory Implications

- 17.1 There are no statutory implications.

Recommendation 1

That the report 'Project Updates Report – February 2025' be received.

Recommendation 2

That Council authorise staff to proceed with preliminary design works for the new Emergency Operations Centre (EOC) independent of the Marton Offices and Community Hub project.

11 Reports for Information

11.1 Hearing of Submissions - Rātana Road Renaming

Author: Katrina Gray, Manager Strategy and Development

Authoriser: Carol Gordon, Deputy Chief Executive

1. Reason for Report

1.1 To provide for the oral submission to the Rātana Road renaming consultation.

2. Background

2.1 The numbering on Rātana Road south of Kiatere Street follows the urban addressing standards, starting from number 6 at Kiatere Street and increasing to 52 at the corner of Rātana and Rangatahi Roads. The numbering on Rātana Road north of Kiatere Street follows the rural distance based addressing standards (RAPID numbering), starting from the intersection of State Highway 3 and increasing towards Kiatere Street. This has resulted in duplicate addresses and potential for more duplicate addresses to be created in the future.

2.2 The Rātana Community Board considered a range of options on how to rectify this issue and following consultation with the Church Committee, recommended the renaming of the rural section of Rātana Road to Papa Kōura.

2.3 Council agreed at their 31 October 2024 meeting to consult with directly affected landowners on the proposed change. Letters were sent to all impacted landowners, with consultation open from 29 November 2024 to 21 January 2025.

3. Submission

3.1 One submission was received from Ricky Taiaroa (Attachment 1). This submitter is scheduled to speak to their submission.

4. Financial Implications

4.1 There are no financial implications associated with the oral hearing.

5. Impact on Strategic Risks

5.1 There are no impacts on strategic risks associated with the oral hearing.

6. Strategic Alignment

6.1 There is no impact on strategic alignment associated with the oral hearing.

7. Mana Whenua Implications

7.1 The consultation letter and submission form were sent to all impacted landowners.

8. Climate Change Impacts and Consideration

8.1 There are no climate change considerations associated with the oral hearing.

9. Statutory Implications

- 9.1 There were no statutory requirements associated with consultation. Consideration was given to Council's Significance and Engagement Policy when designing the consultation approach.

10. Decision Making Process

- 10.1 The submission has also been provided to the Rātana Community Board who have provided a recommendation to Council on the proposed renaming. This recommendation will be provided to Council as part of the deliberations process which is scheduled for the March Council meeting.

Attachments:

1. **Submission - Ricky Taiaroa** [↓](#)

Recommendation

That the report Hearing of Submissions - Rātana Road Renaming be received.

From: Ricky Taiaroa
Sent: Monday, 20 January 2025 10:24 am
To: Katrina Gray; Andy Watson; Graeme Pointon
Cc:
Subject: renaming " Ratana Rd " to " Papa Koura "
Follow Up Flag:
Flag Status:

tena koe katrina

i have spoken with the president of the church, major land owners affected by the proposed name change.

It is the intent of this email to enlighten you and RDC Council being New Zealanders as to the national significance that occurred 100 years ago.

“ our people were on the brink of annihilation, the maori indigenous population reduced from 140k to a mere 40k by the epidemic influenza 1918 “ TW Ratana was a faith healer used mightily of God to heal OUR and YOUR people of that time

- 1. every name of every street and road in ratana bares significance relative to the church, movement, its adherents, ratana family and land owners
- 2. renaming a road after a willow herb (weed) can only be seen as an abomination to one of only (2) indigenous aboriginal registered churches in Aotearoa
- 3. none of the 10 new residential homes block 110 would like to be named after a weed
- 4. the proposed renaming diminishes the name of ratana rd thru tokenism by suggesting its is still there but significantly reduced

may i suggest

- 1. Ratana Tiriti for residents (residential zoning) in the settlement, to include the 10 new residential homes (block 110) and no 162
- 2. Ratana Road for rural (rural zoning) after 162 to SH3 that would include the access to the urupa, our home and blocks, the new Water Treatment Plant, additional blocks owned by Ratana Orakeinui and Rana

Naku Noa Na
Ricky Taiaroa

nb your letter was addressed to Myself and Sonny Tamou

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. F/P-28 Nov 24 (under separate cover)
2. TCC- 05 Dec 24 (under separate cover)
3. HRWS-09 Dec 24 (under separate cover)
4. HCC- 09 Dec 24 (under separate cover)
5. TRAK-10 Dec 24 (under separate cover)
6. TCB-11 Dec 24 (under separate cover)
7. MCC- 11 Dec 24 (under separate cover)
8. BCC- 22 Jan 25 (under separate cover)

Recommendation

That the following minutes are received:

- Finance and Performance Committee- 28 Nov 24
- Turakina Community Committee- 05 Dec 24
- Hunterville Rural Water Scheme Committee- 09 Dec 24
- Hunterville Community Committee- 09 Dec 24
- Te Rōpū Ahi Kā Komiti - 10 Dec 24
- Taihape Community Board- 11 Dec 24
- Marton Community Committee- 11 Dec 24
- Bulls Community Committee- 22 Jan 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 - 19 December 2024
- 2 Public Excluded Council (special) Meeting - 6 January 2025
3. Follow-up Action Items from Council (Public Excluded) Meetings
4. Mayors Taskforce for Jobs - contractor appointment
5. Roading Maintenance Services Contract Approval - C1152
6. Marton Water Strategy Update
7. Chief Executive Appointment

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 - 19 December 2024	To consider the minutes relating to matters that were the subject of discussion at the 19 December meeting.	S48(1)(a)
13.2 - Public Excluded Council (special) Meeting - 6 January 2025	To consider the minutes relating to matters that were the subject of discussion at the Special Council meeting on the 06 January.	S48(1)(a)
13.3 - 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)
13.4 - Mayors Taskforce for Jobs - contractor appointment	To enable commercially sensitive information to be	s48(1)(a)(i)

	<p>discussed without impacting any negotiations.</p> <p>s7(2)(b)(ii) - Commercial Position</p> <p>s7(2)(h) - Commercial Activities</p>	
<p>13.5 - Roading Maintenance Services Contract Approval - C1152</p>	<p>To enable commercially sensitive information to be discussed without impacting any negotiations.</p> <p>s7(2)(b)(ii) - Commercial Position</p> <p>s7(2)(h) - Commercial Activities</p>	<p>s48(1)(a)(i)</p>
<p>13.6 - Marton Water Strategy Update</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>13.7 - Chief Executive Appointment</p>	<p>To enable discussion on sensitive information relating to staff.</p> <p>To enable commercially sensitive information to be discussed without impacting any negotiations.</p> <p>s7(2)(a) - Privacy</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.

14 Open Meeting