

our unforget-a-bull year

The Bulls and District Community Trust 2016/2017

The Rangitikei River
and Bulls Bridge

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Our People Our Stories: Jan Harris Community Development Manager

a snapshot of our shared stories

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The Bulls and District Community Trust

Chair Report - Helen Scully

This is my first report as Chairman of the Bulls and District Community Trust and it is only appropriate to commence it with a tribute to my predecessor Jo Rangooni who stepped down as Chair and Trustee in December 2016. Jo established the Trust in 2003 to assist the development of Bulls and provide activities and programmes that strengthen our community. She wanted to make a difference for today and tomorrow by getting in behind the community and make a change for good where it was most needed. During her time as Chair, the Bulls and Community Trust raised over \$1 million in funds which went into various projects which were so successful they have now become annual events. This success would not have been achieved without the dedication and leadership of Jo Rangooni and the amazing people of Bulls whose hard work made our achievements possible.

I know I speak on behalf of the Trustees and Community Development Manager, in thanking Jo for her outstanding contribution and service, and in wishing her all the very best for the future.

In my first few months of my role as Chairman, I have been consistently impressed with the commitment and contribution that our Community Development Manager has made to the Bulls Community. As a born and bred Bullsonian, she is constantly innovating and enhancing our community events and programmes, as well as promoting tourism and business. I also owe an enormous debt of gratitude to our dynamic network of volunteers for their support. The level of generosity and care that the individuals and groups commit to the various projects, continues to overwhelm me. They are the lifeblood of our Trust and I am immensely proud of the hours they work for us. Their spirit of public service is one of our greatest strengths.

The Trust has a clear and powerful strategy to set visions and goals for the future and to develop plans for how to get there. We will focus on various groups within our Community to set their own direction and priorities, analyse their problems and make plans with systems that will address the real needs of that group.

The Trust also works with the Rangitikei District Council to develop events for the

benefit of all the Community, to provide a website that is the gateway to the District, and to facilitate programmes that address our aging population and the youth in our district. Finally, to undertake Community Development. We are also excited about a new Community Centre soon to be built in Bulls where we hope that many community led programmes can be based. We have already identified the strengths, skills and resources available in our community and are gearing up to identifying and then achieving solutions to those issues that the community want to address. Ohakea personnel, migrant workers and the dairy sector give Bulls a constant stream of talent coming into the area, and many of these people want a vibrant community to be involved in. Young people in the rural areas need activities to keep them engaged, new young mothers need groups for help and advice, while our elderly living in remote areas need to keep linked to the wider community. We must ensure that we are responsive to the needs of the most vulnerable in our community. The Trust wants to look at training some of our amazing and talented people to produce and maintain quality services which we hope to expand through our network of partnerships. Through this infrastructure, we hope to achieve shared community goals and the Trust will then find the resources to get "the job done".

But we won't stop there, as it is just as important to reflect on how things are going, and how we can improve our services as the community and its needs change. We will always ask are we doing it right, and what else can we do. As I look forward to next year, I am excited by what all that is to come. I would like to thank the continuing loyalty of my fellow Trustees for their ongoing dedication in supporting our efforts to deliver a strong, connected community. We are working together in challenging times but I truly believe that The Trust along with our dedicated Community Development Manager will build diverse and local leadership that will harness their potential.

Community service has taught me all kinds of skills and increased my confidence. You go out there and think on your feet, work with others and create something from nothing. That's what life's all about.

Andrew Shue

Building – Uniting – Linking - Listening - Supporting

Vision

Harnessing potential from within.

Mission

To create a Connected Community, Supporting the People, Harnessing their Strengths, Hearing their Stories, Celebrating our Diversity.

By drawing from past lessons, we build connections for future generations.

Strategic Plan

- ◆ To co-produce, develop and deliver a Community Profile with key stakeholders.
 - ◆ Develop stronger networks with community groups and partnering agencies that stimulates community led development.
- ◆ Develop a model around Social, Health, Wellbeing, Cultural, Economic and Environment, clearly identifying areas of need with an Action Plan that drives change.
- ◆ Proudly work with the Bulls community to promote Bulls as a great place to live, work, play, raise a family and own a business in.
- ◆ Foster greater connections with agencies that assist the delivery of our co-produced workplan.
- ◆ We acknowledge the Treaty of Waitangi and its principles and the importance of Māori as Tangatawhenua.

What does the Trust do?

We are a non-profit organisation that was proudly formed to support and nurture existing opportunities for the residents of Bulls and surrounding District to connect. The opportunities have been many over the years and the Trust is proud of its framework that has increased opportunities to connect and promote social cohesion. The more connected residents feel to the community they live in, the greater the sense of belonging. Civic pride is abundant and can be seen all over Bulls in placemaking projects.

Our programmes target a wide variety of community groups and are accessible to Bulls and the wider district residents. By working collectively on projects that capture the imaginations and harness the energy of others, we celebrate our diversity, build on our existing strengths, impact the Health and Wellbeing of volunteers and participants. We learn more when working with others and revel in the success of our projects.

With our focus on co-designing projects with those that need it, or those that want to be involved, we can develop and deliver events and programmes that are tailored to the needs of community. The impact of future developments will be led by community ensuring their success. By building on existing relationships we can identify leaders within our own community, and harness their strengths for the greater benefit of Bulls.

Bulls is the new destination town, centrally located it's a fantastic place to take a break or spend the day. Visitor numbers have increased due to the fantastic array of high end stores we currently boast. Our A-Bull themes and Bulls in Bulls continue to capture the imaginations of tourists and passing traffic. Social Media posts about the new Bulls in Bulls have spread very quickly. The Bulls and Bulls project combined with the A-Bull themes is a winning combination and can be sold as a unique and marketable experience. That one of a kind experience that sets you apart from other destination towns.

By basing our future development on the key principles of Asset Based Community Development we will clearly be able to identify the impact that our work and the work of our volunteer army is having on the Bulls and surrounding community. Further developing a path for future community led development ensures the continued growth and development of Bulls and its residents.



April 2017

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Trust Board Members

The Board consists of Helen Scully-Chairperson Tim Scotland-Treasurer, Annabel Sidey-Secretary, Clifford Brown, Annabel Whisker and Mike O'Byrne. Each Trustee brings with them a skill set that complements others and together they diligently have roles within the group. This group prides itself on work that has been achieved by past Trustees and employees but look brightly to a future around the principles of Asset Based Community Development and the delivery of this model. The power of positive role modelling by all members of the Board mirrors the sentiments and the benefits of volunteering as a positive and rewarding pastime.

Helen Scully - Chairperson. This role is a challenging one and Helen loves nothing more than getting her teeth into a project. Married to John, they farm on Brandon Hall Road and she still actively helps out on the farm. Life after dairy farming has given Helen more time to get involved in local events and she's enjoying her involvement with the Trust to date. Part of her new role is supporting the Community Development Manager, something she does with enthusiasm.

Tim Scotland -Treasurer. His role speaks for itself. The job of looking after the Trust finances rests solely on Tim's shoulders. He is a partner at Southern Rangitikei Vet Services, member of the Marton Pipe Band, Treasurer for Pipe Band and also sits on a National Veterinary Board. Married to Lisa, all 3 of their children attended Bulls School where Tim also was on the Board of Trustees. If you get the chance Tim is a master on the Bagpipes and can be seen at the Christmas Parade and Highland games playing with the Marton Pipe Band where they captivate audiences. Tim an active member of the Bulls Community, has enormous pride in the achievements of the Trust and is also a founding member.

Annabel Sidey -Secretary. Annabel is also a member of the Bulls Community Committee, an active member of the Bulls to Scotts Ferry Branch Rural Women and is currently on the fundraising committee for the new Community Centre Development. Married to David they farm and grow Nerines for the New Zealand market. Growing up on Parewanui Rd she has settled not far from her family's original farm. Her commitment to Bulls and the wider district has seen her on many different committees. She brings good understanding of Community and areas of potential need to the group. Annabel is also part of the foundation group that formed the Trust.

Annabel Whisker-Trustee. Her commitment to Community is all about putting Bulls on the map. Married to Nick, they have 4 children who attend Bulls School. Annabel is passionate about the Bulls Community and is involved with Bulls Kindergarten, Bulls School, Parewanui Playgroup and Bulls Junior Rugby. Her background includes Marketing and PR for Teleco and Agriculture and Tourism businesses. As well as being a Bulls and District Community Trustee she works part time looking after Membership Services for CQ, based in Fielding, assisting her husband with their farming and forestry business and marketing for their accommodation business.

Clifford Brown - Iwi Representative. Cliff is a local lad. The Brown family have a long association with Bulls and the Parewahawaha Marae. Cliff currently chairs the Parewahawaha Marae Committee and sits on a number of other boards. He brings a wealth of knowledge and expertise to the trust. Cliff is always looking forward to projects that nurture our community. The Marae holds a very special place in Clifford's life, his ancestral land and a place where many of his family still frequent today. The Marae proudly takes its place as one of our special icons in Bulls and is a place of significant meaning for many Bulls people.

Events - Notes

Term 1 ends 13th April

Friday 14th, Good Friday

Monday 17th, Easter Monday

Tuesday 25th Anzac Day

Bulls RSA Dawn Service 6.00am Cenotaph, cnr Daniell & High Street, Bulls.

9.00am Bess Service, Forrest Rd, Bulls



Mike O'Byrne - Trustee. Owner of Central House Movers. Mike has a fantastic common sense approach. Any task that requires expertise, Mike is our man. Business takes Mike away from Bulls regularly but when around he is an active member of the Community and has assisted many community groups with support. Nothing is a problem to Mike and he is always available and willing to help out. With a great head for business and strong team at Central House Movers, Mike is a great asset for Bulls.

The Trust Employee

Community Development Manager - Jan Harris. Wow, how amazing to be working in the community I grew up in. The role is challenging, but rewarding all at the same time. The learning's vast and empowering. I feel extremely honoured to have been given the opportunity to work in this community, among friends and family who have been extremely supportive. Married to Grant, we farm just on the outskirts of Sanson. I am hugely passionate about life, love a good cause and love nothing more than a good afternoon in the garden and flit to Melbourne regularly. I have 2 children who still keep me rather busy but enjoy having them close.

I consider myself extremely lucky to be able work with such enthusiastic volunteers, chatting and a good giggle. After all that's what life's about.



The Parewahawaha Marae 50th Jubilee Celebration

Easter 2017 sees the Marae celebrate their 50th year. The Marae holds a very special place in the hearts of many Bulls residents. I, along with many other Bulls families fondly remember some very special times at the Marae. We look back to past members as custodians of this sacred meeting house where whanau/iwi have come together over the last 50 years. With special visits from American President Jimmy Carter and his wife, Sir Paul and Lady Reeves to name a few. I have vivid memories of Aunty Rachel Clamp riding her bike around Bulls, she would always stop for a chat along the way. Bulls' families such as the Clamp, Brown, Richardson, Hill, Blackmore and Bartholomew have woven a rich history full of local knowledge. They tell the stories of our people complementing the rich layering of our community.





Events - Notes

Monday 1st Term 2 begins

6th May Mother's Day

Friday 19th Community Pink Ribbon Breakfast

May 30th Lisa O'Neill Decode your Diva.

May 2017

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Community Development Managers Report

With planning for a busy year ahead now done, it's a fantastic time to reflect on our past year. The most fascinating thing for me is, that for every event/programme we assist community with, either planning or delivery there is a whole lot of volunteers joining in along the way. My role is to facilitate opportunities for residents inclusiveness of ethnic backgrounds, age, gender, level of need, rural or town promoting community engagement and participation. Having a platform Events/Programmes that impacts the Health and Well-being of Bulls and the wider district residents. Information sharing between community groups supports residents new to the area and helps build greater social connections. Our learnings are ongoing and with every new project there is an endless amount of planning. It's during this process working with others, that we get to the good stuff. The skills and expertise that volunteers bring to the events/programmes/Bull-it-inn are enormous. There are some very talented people who are only too happy to share their expertise with others. Being able to watch the growth of volunteers and recognise the empowering effect it has on community as a whole is very powerful. Working with like minded individuals and groups to co-produce,

in abundance. Recognising and harnessing the potential from community members is key to the future development of Bulls and the wider district. A major highlight for me was working with Council/Drummond Street Services CEO Karen Field and Youth Development Team Leader Chantelle Higgs and a group of youth from the Bulls and Marton area. Our Youth Group worked hard to develop an event where young people could express their hopes, dreams and aspirations for good Youth Development in the Rangitikei. The end results were spectacular and Youth spoke generously, sharing their thoughts, brainstorming ideas and even coming up with Action Plans that could be used to carry the momentum and ideas forward. Jermaine and Leilani Moke, Nyah Toomey, Laura Williams, sisters Maddie and Olivia Brown and lastly Hannah Lawson all made me extremely proud of their accomplishments and the commitment shown to our Level Up Project. It was my great privilege to work alongside our young people and I thank them for the opportunity.

These are photos from our Level Up Youth Event. Photo credits for this event go to Prue Harris. Two selfie sticks were handed around during the event. They captured our young people relaxed and Service Providers all enjoying the experience.

Student Participation
5
Secondary Schools



develop and deliver opportunities that further strengthen and empower community leaders that promotes volunteerism as a healthy pastime. Our volunteers are fantastic role models for all age groups within the Bulls and the wider community. Co-producing events and programmes gives our residents greater opportunities to engage with others, it promotes the benefits of being connected to where we live and the shared learnings from working co-operatively is extremely valuable in terms of increased personal connections but increases levels of competency. Community leading projects uses the skills and resources that we have

Young people are resources to be developed not problems to be solved.
Paula Pitman

Youth, Council, Trust, MYD collaboration



A Snapshot of our Events/Programme and Work Plan

Trust Management Plan

- Co-produce a Community Profile with Agency and Community shared knowledge.
- Developed new Vision, Mission, Strategic Plan and Purpose.
- Comprehensive Policies supporting Digital Presence.
- Comprehensive Health and Safety Model for Trust events/programme.
- Million Dollar Celebration.
- Implement Asset Based Community Development Model.
- Support Town Co-ordinators in Marton and Taihape.
- Deliver MOU with Rangitikei District Council.
- Attend various meetings that support Bulls/wider District/Rangitikei.
- Source Funding for the Trust Programme.

Partnering Agencies and Community Groups

- Continue to develop a sustainable Work programmes MOU Agencies.
- Support Community Groups with their endeavours.
- Bulls and Clifton School-development of shared ideas.
- Promotion of Volunteering.
- Skills Bank.
- Homework Club-reformatted Reading Group to Support time poor families.
- Co-produce 140th Rose Show.
- Cure Kids \$10.00 Challenge.
- Bulls in Bulls.
- Asset Based Community Developed Model.
- Bulls River Users Group.
- Support Anzac Day Celebration including Friends of Bess.
- A-Bull Branding.
- Co-produce and develop Bulls Recipe Book.
- Produce monthly Bull-it-inn.
- Co-development Community Garden Model.
- Co-produce and deliver Christmas Parade with Bulls Volunteer

- Fire Brigade.
- Support The Parewahawaha Marae.
- Support our Samoan Community.

Business Development

- Business Breakfast -IT Support for Businesses and Community Groups.
- Source financial support from Business Sector for Events/Programmes.
- Encourage Business Development in Bulls.
- Continued Placemaking Partnerships BCC/TRUST/Volunteer Army.
- Bulls Map.
- Raise the profile of Bulls through various media outlets.

Youth Development Initiatives

- Continue to work with Level Up students.
- Partner with U-Col to co-deliver free learning opportunities.
- Peer Reference Group.

Annual Events

- Wear-a-bull Arts.
- For Arts Sake.
- Matariki Concert.
- Rhythm in Bulls - Family Free Concert.
- Bulls Christmas Parade.
- Pink Breakfast.
- Annual Health Initiative.
- Volunteers Afternoon Tea.

Digital Platform

- Manage Facebook and Instagram accounts.
- Website combining Bulls NZ and unforget-a-bull traffic to one point.
- Manage new Bulls Website.
- Portal to Rangitikei.com

Skills Bank

If you have any spare time and would like to assist or just put your name down on our Skills Bank, we would love to hear from you. Volunteers are the life blood of every community.

Events - Notes

1st June Samoan Independence Day
Thursday 5th Queens Birthday Weekend

June 2017

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These are the lessons I have learned from the many Volunteers who bring life to all our activities, it is I who have learned more from you. I am nothing without your support and our work plan would not be delivered without the generous amounts of time you dedicate to community projects.

- For every event that I have co-ordinated there has been volunteers standing beside me willing and able to turn their hand to anything with style and good humour.
- For every bright idea and there hasn't been that many, there has been a business standing beside me willing to jump on board and offer their support either financially or with product.
- For every moment when I have felt somewhat overwhelmed there is a volunteer who picks up my spirit and dusts off my worries.
- For every mistake, I have made there has been a volunteer who sets me straight. Mistakes will be made but after all if you're not making mistakes you're not trying hard enough.
- For every dream I have, you guessed there is always a group of volunteers ready to come on board and turn that dream into a reality.
- For every glitch, comes panic then laughter, I thank you for those moments.
- For all the good in my job there is a whole lot of volunteers to thank, respect them for their diverse talents and honour them for their dedication to this community.

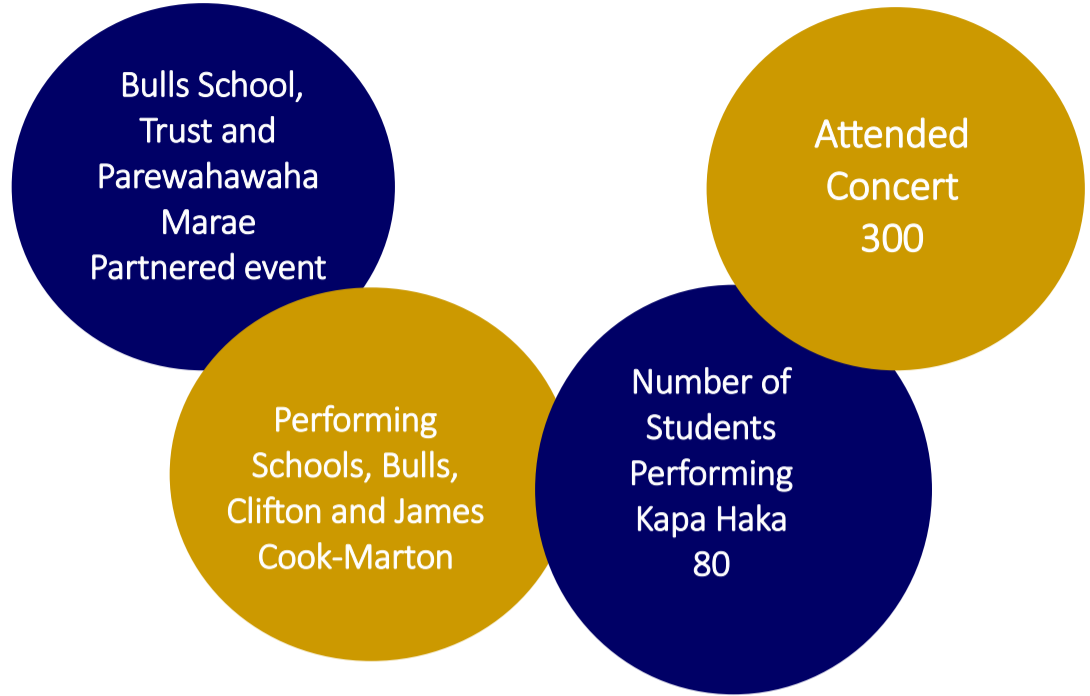
So, who has helped who?

So quite frankly without these fabulous residents beavering away in their chosen activities, not a lot would be achieved. For this I am very grateful for your support and hard work but more importantly I recognise the commitment and drive you continually show to your community.



Matariki Concert

Co-produced event with Bulls School and The Parewahawaha Mārae



“Taking the time to build community, to get to know your people will have long-lasting benefits.”
 — CLIFTON TAULBERT —



Community Partnerships

The Trust acknowledges that without partnering with community groups and business support for projects and its relationship with Funders little would be achieved.

Events - Notes
 Matariki Concert, Date to be confirmed

Whakatauki

“E hara taku toa I te toa takitahi,
 Engari he toa takitini”

Success is not the work of one
 but the work of many.



July 2017

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Bulls River Users Group

The group meets quarterly and discusses Management issues at the River. This group is always looking for new members who have a passion for the outdoors. Bulls School Enviro Group is a fantastic addition to this group. Thanks Leigh it's great to have you guys on board. We look after the Picnic Area utilized by many residents and visitors to the District. We are extremely lucky to have this right in our own back yard. Managing our environment protects it for future generations to enjoy. The area under the Bulls Bridge has been approved for use by Freedom Campers who are self contained.



The Rangitikei River

Events - Notes

Father's Day 3rd September

A good father is one of the most unsung, unpraised, unnoticed and yet one of the most valuable assets in our society.

Billy Graham

September 2017

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Thanks for all the great photos Tania, they will look great on our new Website.



Annual Wear-a-bull Arts Awards

2016 Show

Creating works of art that adorn the body is a passion. Once the brain starts racing out of control, there's no gear lever that allows you to go from first and definitely no neutral. Ideas form in your mind like little acorns but soon resemble a game of space invaders, other parts of the brain off limits. From memory, with my daughter it went from first to fifth in the shake of an eye.

It's infectious, time consuming and all other parts of your normal daily life cease to exist. With every detail of your creation taking shape, you stop and reflect on your achievements so far. As you cast your critical eye over your design, Oh-another Light Bulb Moment-I could do that. And so it goes on for weeks, fitting after fitting. Pins in the carpet, hot glue on your ironing board, eating around the pile of fabric that mounts up on every free surface.

I thank you for your dedication and your visions of gorgeousness. You bring us out on this cold winter night to revel in your success. We thank you for the way your incredible visions bring joy to our lives and always you leave us thinking, gosh I'd love to have a go. Truly inspiring. This project is no different from any other that the Trust co-produces with others. Funding partners are Creative Communities and The Lion Foundation. This year we were proud to announce Waitatapia Station as our new Platinum Sponsor and Intrigue, new Gold Sponsor. We welcomed our new partners and to those sponsors who every year come on board without hesitation, I thank you. To the long list of Volunteers, it is my absolute pleasure to work with you all. You are the reason this show is so successful.

2017 Show Categories

A Night In Hollywood

Children's Section

Wheels in Motion

The humble wheel, up, down, forwards, backwards it's-up to you.

A Novel Idea

From the much loved pages, a star is born out of paper.

Open Section

Lights, Camera, Action!!!

Upcycle your way to the pages of Vogue by reworking, repurposing and recycling.

The Great American Dream

Red, White and Blue

A Novel Idea

From the much loved pages, a star is born out of paper

Wheels in Motion

The humble Wheel, up, down, forwards, backwards-it's up to you.

Avant Garde

Blurring the boundaries of the traditional red carpet garb, you're off the wall, unconventional and one of kind.



August 2017

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"Creativity takes courage"
- Henri Matisse



Events—Notes

For Arts Sake Exhibition Opens 14th August
Annual Wear-a-bull Arts Awards 19th August. Doors open 7.00pm

Supreme Winner 2106 Annie Whitfield



Volunteers
30
Contestants
34
11 Adults
14 Children's

Funders,
Creative Communities
and
Lion Foundation.
Business Donations
9

Attendees
130



140th Annual Bulls Rose Show November 2017

This show is the oldest Rose Show in the country and provides us with an opportunity to celebrate the longevity of our Rose Show. If you would like any information or want to help, contact Helen Scully or Michelle Brown.



Bulls School 150th Reunion

Welcome to Bulls ex pupils of Bulls School. How exciting is this weekend going to be. Make sure you register well before the event and check out the reunion Facebook page.



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Events - Notes

Bulls and Clifton School Lamb and Calf Day
Bulls School 150th Celebrations Labour Weekend
23rd Labour Day, Long Weekend

Congratulations to all those children who took an animal to school, you all did a fantastic job.



The Bulls Bull-it-inn

The Bull-it-inn is a monthly publication that shares the stories of our people. It shares Community groups, information and news plus highlights the fabulous work through photographs. The Museum, Rangitikei Golf Club, Steady As You Go-Fitness group seniors, Bulls Rugby Club, Indoor and Outdoor Bowling Clubs, Tennis and Bulls Midget Rugby Club and both Bulls and Clifton Schools provide regular articles.

It promotes local events, such as the

Wear-a-bull Arts and Christmas, to name just a few. Providing a published format of our information is important as we still have some residents without access to a digital copy.

The Community Development Manager collates this together with the assistance of many volunteers. Newly reformatted, it's readership has increased significantly over the last 18 months. It is delivered to our rural and town houses.



Volunteers
20
New Business Sponsor
McDonalds Bulls

Funders:
Dudding Trust
Cogs and Lotteries
Whanganui Community Foundation

Copies delivered increased from
1050
To
1300

Bulls and Clifton School Lamb and Calf Days

Proud parents and family watched eagerly to see how the future farmers of the Bulls and the wider District fared with their animals. This is a great day for town and country to come together.

Bulls Christmas Parade

Saturday 3rd December 2016, 10am

Start preparing your floats for our annual **BULLS CHRISTMAS PARADE**. Meet at Bulls Fire Station

Please register your float by emailing: bulls.community@extra.co.nz

Bulls in Bulls

As our landscape changes with the addition of our fabulous new Bulls in Bulls, we take great pleasure in sitting back and watching as the Bulls and families are placed throughout Community.

The engagement on Social Media has increased our Bulls NZ page with posts, shares and page likes. Images of people riding them, climbing on them or just having a selfie have been seen over many pages throughout New Zealand. These images are proving very popular with expats living overseas. It's great to see that people still love looking at their home town.

Thank you Paul Geurtjens, Bulls Lions and Annabel Whisker, Bulls and District Community Trust this is a fantastic project for Bulls.



November 2017

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Volunteering is the ultimate exercise in democracy. You vote in elections once a year, but when you volunteer, you vote every day about the kind of community you want to live in.
Author Unknown



Events - Notes
 Bulls and Clifton School Lamb and Calf Day
 23rd Labour Day, Long Weekend



Christmas time, mistletoe and wine....

We do not remember days, we remember moments.
Cesare Pavese



Every picture tells a story. This photo makes my heart melt, such adoration for the big red fellow from a brother and sister combo. Providing opportunities that create special memories in the lives of others is what this job is all

Co-producing the annual Bulls Christmas Parade with the Bulls Volunteer Fire Brigade has secured this event for years to come.

This group of volunteers are key drivers in all aspects of community life. No job too big or too small. The commitment from this fantastic group of Volunteers always astounds me. Supporting this group is a team of residents who bring wealth of knowledge in business administration and systems management.

Expert welder Kevin Ellery last year produced our spectacular Horse Shoe Christmas Tree. With wife Marilyn helping out we were always going to be amazed by this stunning tree. Thanks must also go to the local Vet Club and Doug Gale for providing us with the many shoes it took to make this. Christmas is the one time of year when town and country get together.

It's the perfect backdrop for many of our community groups to fill their coffers for the coming year. Floats from businesses, community groups, machinery from Waitatapia Station, Classic and Vintage Cars turned out ready for Christmas. A visit to the cave, is a must for young families and a chance to visit Santa.

This year saw the introduction of our Stocking Tree. With local businesses contributing products for our raffle with a twist. Our Volunteers who manned this at the Parade were overwhelmed with the response to this initiative.



Events—Notes
December Annual Bulls Christmas Parade

December 2017

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- Total Volunteers: 50
- Total Number Floats: 27
- Number Attended Parade: 450
- Business Sponsors: 71



Even our new Bulls in Bulls got into the spirit of Christmas!!

Bulls, the gateway to the Southern Rangitikei



January 2018

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Events-Notes

22nd Wellington Anniversary
20th to 22nd January Long weekend



The best and most beautiful things in this world cannot be seen or even heard, but must be felt with the heart.
Helen Keller

Our resident Artists Andrew Campbell, Cecelia Dalrymple and Jane Dunn provide gorgeous artwork for our Townscape.



Poster Design
By Laura Williams
and Prue Harris

Rhythm in Bulls Family Free Concert

With the weather gods smiling on us, the concert kicked off with a steady stream of concert goers coming and going throughout the night. The Hipnotics played a great range of music that we all enjoyed. The Domain is the perfect back drop for this event and is a credit to the Parks team at the Rangitikei District Council.

Children played happily in the playground while parents and friends enjoyed this very relaxed event.

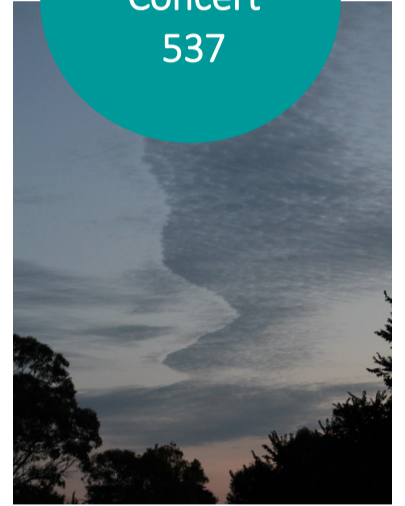
Like all community events, our Volunteers are the life blood of any community. I am extremely thankful for all they do for our events.

Bulls Rugby Club
Venue
Thank you

Funded by
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Attended
Concert
537



Rangitikei
District
Council



Volunteers
12



Events– Notes

Rhythm in Bulls, Family Free Community Concert. Date to be confirmed.
Monday 5th February long weekend.
6th Waitangi Day

Million Dollar Celebration

Funders and Representatives from Community groups and Businesses celebrated the Million Dollar Milestone. The Trust also celebrated the work of Josephine Rangooni, former Chair of the Bulls and District community Trust. Building partnerships that enable the Trust to continue working jointly co-producing, developing and delivering events and programmes with Bulls and the wider District.

February 2018

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March 2018

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Once again we hosted the challenge and this year's format was based on Dairy Farming. The end of the challenge was a selfie with one of our Bulls in Bulls. As you can imagine, all 25 teams had a great deal of fun and some were definitely more exciting than others.



Neighbours Day Resources



Events - Notes

Connect-a-bull

To create a connected Community that responds to the needs of individuals/families and groups with compassion, respect and kindness.

"It takes a village to Raise a child"

This African proverb not only refers to raising children, but how community responds to the needs of those who reside here in Bulls and the wider district. We know we have strong Educational, Faith, Sporting and Community groups who emulate this approach in the work they do.

Why Is This Needed

- Increased unsolved burglary rates.
- Aging population with limited social connections.
- To ensure that information between community and groups is shared through greater networking.
- To ensure that when earthquakes/flooding or any other major event, we know who needs support within our community and can act accordingly.
- To promote those old fashioned values of knowing your neighbour, look out for them, say hello and if you see something out of character, check-in rather than saying 'she'll be right' or it's none of my business.
- To make our new residents feel welcome in their new environment.

How can we achieve this

- By working in collaboration with members of the BCC, Bulls Councillors, Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator-Gary Stoneley, Trust, Businesses, Iwi, School and Community Groups, we value in working collectively.
- Bull-it-inn, Social Media and email all groups plus Website
- Liaise with local Principals Kim Gordon-Bulls School and Adrian Burn-Clifton School to spread the word throughout school networks.
- By using those old fashioned values the Town and wider District prides itself on, we will inspire a more thoughtful and considerate approach to taking care of each other but importantly knowing what is actually needed.

Outcome and benefits to community

- A united approach that gives wider opportunities for a stronger Neighbourhood watch group that is active within the community with an increase in membership.
- Statistics show the more connected you are to community, the greater the sense of belonging which impacts the general Health and Wellbeing of all residents.
- This will highlight areas of need within the community: Our aging population, single parent families and the vulnerable.
- A stronger more connected community that is resilient and can adapt to changes regardless of the event.
- Accurate data recording who actually lives in our community.

Whatever happens we are connected and can respond to the various needs and requests from community jointly.



Our Unique A-Bull Branding

Thanks Tania for this fantastic new Resource promoting our A-Bull Branding

 Account-a-bull	 Bank-a-bull	 Farm-a-bull	 Glaze-a-bull	 Plumb-a-bull	 Read-a-bull
 Feast-a-bull				 Warrant-a-bull	 Flexi-a-bull
 Flavour-a-bull				 Scrap-a-bull	 Wear-a-bull
 Redeem-a-bull				 Consume-a-bull	 Program-a-bull
 Adjust-a-bull				 Dream-a-bull	 Store-a-bull
 Find-a-bull				 Lick-a-bull	
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Bulls Business Support

The Trust has experienced an increase from local Bulls businesses within all events and programmes in Bulls. The 2016 Christmas Parade was completely funded by local business. To all those businesses who contribute without hesitation and confidently back all our community projects—**THANK YOU!**



Notes