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ORDER PAPER

TE ROOPUU AHI KAA MEETING

Date: Tuesday, 9 August 2022
Time: 11.00 am
Venue: Council Chamber
Rangitikei District Council
46 High Street
Marton

Tumuaki: Mr Pahia Turia (Whangaehu)

Tumuaki Tuarua: Mr Thomas Curtis (Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Hauti)

Nga mema: Ms Hari Benevides (Ngāti Tamakopiri), Ms Soraya Peke-Mason (Rātana Pā), Mr James Allen (Ngā Wairiki Ki Uta), Mr Chris Shenton (Ngāti Kauae/Tauira), Mr Terry Steedman (Ngāti Hinemanu/Ngāti Paki), Ms Marj Heeney (Ngāi Te Ohuake), Ms Kim Savage (Ngāti Parewahawaha), Ms Tracey Hiroa (Ngāti Whitikaupeka), Ms Coral Raukawa (Ngā Ariki Turakina), Cr Gill Duncan, HWTM Andy Watson

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Notice is hereby given that a Te Roopuu Ahi Kaa Meeting of the Rangitīkei District Council will be held in the Council Chamber, Rangitīkei District Council, 46 High Street, Marton on Tuesday, 9 August 2022 at 11.00 am.

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1 Karakia / Prayer

2 Apologies

3 Public Forum

No public forum.

4 Conflict of Interest Declarations

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

5 Confirmation of Order of Business

At the start of the meeting, Gareth Moore-Jones and Leanne Stewart from Thrive Spaces and Places will present to the Komiti on item 11.2 (Council's Parks, Open-Space and Sporting Facilities Strategy).

6 Confirmation of Minutes

6.1 Confirmation of Minutes

Author: Ash Garstang, Governance Advisor

1. Reason for Report

1.1 The minutes from the Te Roopuu Ahi Kaa Meeting held on 14 June 2022 are attached.

Attachments

1. Te Roopuu Ahi Kaa Meeting - 14 June 2022

Recommendation

That the minutes of Te Roopuu Ahi Kaa Meeting held on 14 June 2022 **[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: TE ROOPUU AHI KAA MEETING

Date: Tuesday, 14 June 2022

Time: 11.00 am

Venue: Council Chamber
Rangitikei District Council
46 High Street
Marton

Tumuaki: Mr Pahia Turia (Whangaehu)

Nga mema: Ms Hari Benevides (Ngāti Tamakopiri) [via Zoom]
Ms Soraya Peke-Mason (Rātana Pā)
Mr James Allen (Ngā Wairiki Ki Uta) [via Zoom]
Mr Chris Shenton (Ngāti Kauae/Tauira)
Mr Terry Steedman (Ngāti Hinemanu/Ngāti Paki) [via Zoom]
Ms Marj Heeney (Te Runanga o Ngāti Te Ohuake)
Ms Kim Savage (Ngāti Parewahawaha)
Ms Tracey Hiroa (Ngāti Whitikaupeka)
Ms Coral Raukawa (Ngā Ariki Turakina)
Cr Gill Duncan
HWTM Andy Watson

Manuhiri: Mr Peter Beggs, Chief Executive
Mr Arno Benadie, Chief Operating Officer
Mrs Carol Gordon, Group Manager – Democracy and Planning
Ms Gaylene Prince, Group Manager – Community Services
Mr Lequan Meihana, Strategic Advisor – Mana Whenua
Ms Katrina Gray, Senior Strategic Planner
Ms Georgia Etheridge, Corporate Planning Advisor
Ms Joanne Manuel, Manager – Community Development
Ms Jen Britton, Strategic Advisor – District Promotions
Mr Jaime Reibel, Strategic Advisor – Economic Development
Ms Rhianna Flaherty, Welcoming Communities Officer
Mr Ash Garstang, Governance Advisor

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1 Karakia / Prayer

The meeting opened at 11.02 am.

2 Apologies

No apologies.

3 Public Forum

No public forum.

4 Conflict of Interest Declarations

No conflicts of interest were declared.

5 Confirmation of Order of Business

Item 11.1 (Marton to Bulls Centralisation Project – Update) took place after item 7.1 and before item 8.1.

6 Confirmation of Minutes

6.1 Confirmation of Minutes

Resolved minute number 22/IWI/015

That the minutes of Te Roopuu Ahi Kaa Komiti meeting held on 08 February 2022, 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 be added to the official minutes document as a formal record.

Ms C Raukawa/Ms T Hiroa. Carried

7 Follow-up Action Items from Previous Meetings

7.1 Follow-up Action Items from Te Roopuu Ahi Kaa Meetings

Taken as read.

8 Chair's Report

8.1 Chair's Report - June 2022 and Feedback on the Komiti's Workshop

Taken as read.

Resolved minute number 22/IWI/016

That the 'Chair's Report – June 2022 and Feedback on the Komiti's Workshop' be received.

Mr P Turia/Mr C Shenton. Carried

Resolved minute number 22/IWI/017

That the \$5,000 from Horizons goes to the Marae Development Fund.

Mr P Turia/Ms T Hiroa. Carried

9 Mayoral Update

9.1 Mayoral Update - May 2022

The Mayor congratulated those involved in the Mangaweka Bridge project, and the Ratana Playground Group for their progress.

The Mayor advised that a technical working group has made several recommendations to central government around the role of rural water entities. The recommendations suggested that small private rural schemes will not be transferred, although they will still be subject to new drinking water standards.

Cr Duncan left the meeting at 12.29 pm.

The Komiti discussed the ongoing issues with the Koitiata lagoon. It was suggested that Mr Shenton and Ms Raukawa provide a letter to support the Mayor in his dealings with the Horizons Regional Council.

Ms Benevides left the meeting at 12.32 pm.

Resolved minute number 22/IWI/018

That the Mayoral Update – May 2022 be received.

Ms S Peke-Mason/Ms M Heeney. Carried

10 Reports for Decision

10.1 Appointment of Deputy Chair

The Komiti appointed Ms Hiroa as the deputy chair.

Cr Duncan returned to the meeting at 12.34 pm.

Resolved minute number 22/IWI/019

That Ms Hiroa be appointed as Deputy Chair of the Te Roopuu Ahi Kaa Komiti.

Ms S Peke-Mason/Ms C Raukawa. Carried

11 Reports for Information

11.1 Marton to Bulls Centralisation Project - Update

This item took place after item 7.1.

Hamish Lowe from Lowe Environmental Limited tabled a presentation, and spoke to the Komiti about their overview of the project, and in particular their communication with iwi.

In response to a query, Mr Lowe advised that they intend to understand the tangata whenua values that are important to local iwi, record them, and then ensure throughout the project that these values are met.

In response to a query, Mr Lowe confirmed that the wastewater treatment plant at Bulls will continue to process waste, and there will be no discharge of raw sewerage.

The Mayor noted that iwi's ability to engage on three waters under the new water entity will likely be lower than it is now, and it would be beneficial to get iwi involvement into this project as soon as possible while the opportunity for this still remained.

Mr Steedman left the meeting at 11.50 am.

Mr Beggs explained that Council received \$4.8m in funding from central government that needed to be spent by the end of June. This project has not been fully designed yet, but staff knew that pipes would be required regardless of the design, and so the remaining funding from central government was used to install pipes.

In response to a query about flooding and discharge into water ways, Mr Lowe advised that they are still to design the final solutions. Storage will be a part of it, and a relief valve (to discharge to water) may be required as it is impossible to predict all future storm events.

Ms Raukawa left the meeting at 12.01 pm and returned to the meeting at 12.04 pm.

Mr Turia advised that he believes that the closest iwi and hapu should be the ones primarily engaged with on this project (e.g., be a part of the Project Control Group).

Ms Raukawa left the meeting at 12.14 pm.

Resolved minute number 22/IWI/020

That the report 'Marton to Bulls Centralisation Project – Update' be received.

Ms T Hiroa/Ms K Savage. Carried

11.2 Project Management Office Report - May 2022

Lake Waipu Improvement

In response to a query, Mr Benadie confirmed that the completion date is still set for 2023.

Mr Turia left the meeting at 12.38 pm.

Bulls Bus Lane

In response to a query, Mr Meihana advised that staff are meeting the week of 27 June to discuss the installation of the artwork, and its subsequent unveiling.

Taihape Amenities Building

Mr Benadie advised that staff are expecting some delays, due to a shortage of construction materials.

Mr Turia returned to the meeting at 12.40 pm.

Mr Allen left the meeting at 12.43 pm.

Water Assessments at Marae

Mr Benadie advised that all site visits have been completed. There is \$85k left in the fund and staff need to discuss with marae how those funds should be prioritised.

In response to a query, Mr Beggs advised that there are no time restrictions on when the money can be allocated and spent, and staff will take their time to ensure it is done properly.

Resolved minute number 22/IWI/021

That the Project Management Office Report – May 2022 be received.

Ms T Hiroa/Mr C Shenton. Carried

11.3 Whakamahere Haepapa Māori - Māori Responsiveness Framework

In response to a query, Mr Meihana advised that he has not felt any staff resistance to cultural competencies.

Mr Turia advised that there is emergency money for civil defence that can be applied for (up to \$5k), and that some marae had taken up this opportunity. Mr Meihana will identify the specific fund and email it out to Komiti members.

Resolved minute number 22/IWI/022

That the report 'Whakamahere Haepapa Māori - Māori Responsiveness Framework' be received.

Mr C Shenton/Ms K Savage. Carried

11.4 Pae Tawhiti Rangitīkei Beyond: Project Update

Ms Gray advised that over 200 responses were received during community engagement. The next phase is to write the draft plan. She Gray reminded the Komiti that she was happy to include any aspirations that iwi or hapu might have.

Resolved minute number 22/IWI/023

That the report 'Pae Tawhiti Rangitīkei Beyond: Project Update' be received.

Ms T Hiroa/Ms C Raukawa. Carried

11.5 Community Development Team Update - February - May 2022

The Mayor advised that the Ministry of Social Development has cut a lot of the funding for the Mahi Tahī programme.

Ms Peke-Mason advised that from 01 July the Health Sector reforms take effect and there will no longer be district health boards.

Ms Raukawa left the meeting at 1.08 pm.

Resolved minute number 22/IWI/024

That the report 'Community Development Update – April and May 2022' be received.

Ms S Peke-Mason/Ms C Raukawa. Carried

11.6 Destination Rangitīkei - Destination Management Plan

Mr Turia asked if economic development is an issue or priority at Council. The Mayor responded and advised that Council puts a significant amount of money into economic development (e.g., the Marton Rail Hub, housing and growth development).

Mr Allen returned to the meeting at 1.12 pm.

Resolved minute number 22/IWI/025

That the report 'Destination Rangitikei – Destination Management Plan' be received.

. Ms T Hiroa/Ms S Peke-Mason. Carried

11.7 Remuneration

Ms Peke-Mason advised that the mileage rate will increase to \$0.83 per km. Mrs Gordon confirmed that this will take effect 01 July.

Resolved minute number 22/IWI/026

That the report 'Remuneration' be received.

Ms T Hiroa/Ms K Savage. Carried

11.8 Horizons Update

Taken as read.

Resolved minute number 22/IWI/027

That the 'Horizons Update', including the attached report, be received.

Mr C Shenton/Ms S Peke-Mason. Carried

12 Discussion Items

12.1 Three Waters

Not discussed.

12.2 COVID-19 Vaccination Rates

The Komiti agreed that this can now be removed as a standing item.

12.3 Climate Change Action Committee

Mr Shenton advised that this group is still active. Mrs Gordon advised that as part of the Annual Plan process, staff will draft a Climate Impact Strategy and they hope to apply for 'better-off' funding for this.

The meeting closed at 1.25 pm.

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Te Roopuu Ahi Kaa Komiti held on 9 August 2022.

ITEM 6.1

ATTACHMENT 1

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Chairperson

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7 Follow-up Action Items from Previous Meetings

7.1 Follow-up Action Items from Te Roopuu Ahi Kaa Meetings

Author: Ash Garstang, Governance Advisor

1. Reason for Report

1.1 On the list attached are items raised at previous Te Roopuu Ahi Kaa meetings. Items indicate who is responsible for 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 Te Roopuu Ahi Kaa Meetings' be received.

Current Follow-up Actions

Item	From Meeting Date	Details	Person Assigned	Status Comments	Status
1	14-Jun-22	Mr Turia advised that there is emergency money for civil defence that can be applied for (up to \$5k), and that some marae had taken up this opportunity. Mr Meihana will identify the specific fund and email it out to Komiti members.	Lequan Meihana	The specific framework/fund is the Civil Defence Marae Emergency Preparedness Plan 2017. The funding aspect requires further correspondence with Te Puni Kōrero. However, the toolkit aspect is available and designed to help marae be as prepared as possible in the event of a natural disaster or emergency. It encourages whānau, hapū and iwi to think about the possible impacts of a number of natural disasters, and to recognise who are the key people and skilled people that could be called upon in the event of an emergency. I will come back with a follow up for the next meeting with further information on the funding aspect.	In progress
2	14-Jun-22	The Komiti requested that a copy of Hamish Lowe's presentation on the Bulls to Marton Wastewater Centralisation Project be distributed to them.	Ash Garstang	Emailed the presentation to Komiti members 14 June.	Closed
3	10-Aug-21	Relook at Ngāti Waewae's request to have a representative join the Komiti. Report back to next meeting.	Carol Gordon	A letter has been sent to Ngati Waewae requesting them to be part of a Rangitikei River Accord, follow-ups have been made. Update - August - we are still waiting for a response.	In progress

8 Chair's Report

8.1 Chair's Report - August 2022 and Feedback on the Komiti's Workshop

Author: Pahia Turia, Tumuaki / Chair

1. Reason for Report

- 1.1 The Chair may provide an update during the meeting.

Recommendation

That the 'Chair's Report – August 2022 and Feedback on the Komiti's Workshop' be received.

9 Mayoral Update

9.1 Mayoral Update - July 2022

Author: Andy Watson, His Worship the Mayor

Good afternoon,

I am able, for a change, to bring to the table some really neat things that have happened in our district - it's lovely to be able to celebrate our wins.

The first is not a Council win but rather an acknowledgement to two different groups -

I attended the Horizons Ballance Farm Environment Awards on 7 July and Rangitīkei cleaned up. There is a new award that was given to the Upper Moawhango Catchment Group (under the umbrella of Rangitīkei Rivers Catchment Collective) presented to Mark Chrystall and Roger Dalrymple who are the architects of not only the Moawhango Catchment but also the Rangitīkei-wide river improvement groups. The major award of the night, the Regional Supreme Award went to Richard and Suze Redmayne for their farm, Tunnel Hill out in the sand country at Turakina. They rightly deserved the award having a very fine understanding of their farm, the plantings for the environment and nutrient studies etc. Richard and Suze's entrepreneurship in Coastal Spring Lamb is widely known and respected.

The Mayoral Taskforce for Jobs has recently been given an increased budget for what is called the Mahi Tahī Employment Programme. This was an initiative started by four rural Councils including the Rangitīkei where over a year ago we were given \$500,000 per annum to find jobs for people. With that funding we were able to employ James Towers and start a collaborative relationship with Ngā Wairiki Ngāti Apa, MSD (through Louise McCoard - workplace broker) and Mōkai Pātea. The Government have looked to reduce that annual funding down to \$30,000 and we have argued strongly around the success of the programme. The end result is that we have been granted the right to apply for up to \$450,000 of funding for the next year and 29 rural Councils will be part of the programme – as I said we should celebrate our wins when we get them.

On 13 July I attended a presentation given by Minister Nash in Levin where he announced two pools of funding for our district. The first one was \$2m awarded to Plentyful for the co-funding of a coatings machine in Kensington Road. This is the next stage of our journey to take waste streams from forestry and milk processing to create bio-degradable plastics. Finally we will start to see construction. The second amount of funding went to Ngā Wairiki Ngāti Apa for the Harakeke Farm at Kaitoke where they received \$1.6m for their new strawberry hydroponic operation. Technically this is not in our district but we will be employing a huge number of our people so congratulations are also due there.

Finally we have been able to gain some wins around my concerns regarding road maintenance budgets which are set by Waka Kotahi. As earlier reported we have had \$10m over 3 years stripped from our road maintenance budgets and I, together with other Councils, have long argued that the withdrawal or lowering of maintenance budgets will inevitably see significant reductions in our road performance. Recently there's been a ministerial announcement that they will review the funding for roading maintenance and we need to be in there, boots and all, in progressing these conversations.

I have a further couple of acknowledgements to make. I recently attended the Vocational Expo held at Ngā Wairiki Ngāti Apa on Hendersons Line. This was a chance for secondary students at our

combined schools to look at what vocational careers are available to them. I was particularly taken by the construction and building programme with a near completed building and the chance to be shown around it by young people who were incredibly proud of what they had achieved. There were a huge number of other trades and occupations also being highlighted, ranging from cooking through to hairdressing/beauty.

I would also like to acknowledge the work that Francie Elgar has done at Mt View Cemetery. I was able to spend time recently with Francie where she showed me how she has undertaken the cleaning of graves and the installation of little poppies on headstones for all of those who have served in our armed forces. This is a classic case of someone seeing a need and just getting on and doing it. We are indebted to Francie for the work she has undertaken over a number of years.

Three Waters – I would ask people to please refer to the Council website which gives our Council’s response to the Three Waters legislation.

Mayors Engagement

July 2022

1	Attended Regional Transport Matters/Regional Chiefs fortnightly Zoom meeting
2	Attended Planting Day B&C Dams
5	Attended weekly meeting with Chief Executive Attended weekly meeting with Deputy Mayor
6	Attended Q&A at monthly ELT meeting Worked from Taihape for day Attended Taihape Network Meeting
7	Attended Reforms Zoom Update for Mayors, Chairs & CEs Attended Horizons Ballance Farm Environment Awards
8	Attended Manawatu-Whanganui Regional Workforce Plan Launch
11	Met with Francie Elgar at Mt View Cemetery re veterans’ graves Attended pre-workshop Co-Chairs Briefing – DIA Planning Technical Working Group
12	Attended DIA Planning Technical Working Group Workshop
13	Attended event in Levin where Minister announced co-funding for Plentyful Kensington Rd Attended opening of Harakeke Strawberry Farm (Ngati Apa venture) in Whanganui Attended weekly meeting with Chief Executive
14	Attended Council Workshop Attended MTFJ Rural Community Resilience Programme Contract Zoom for Mayors Attended Special Reforms update for Mayors, Chairs & CE’s Attended Property Brokers Function in Marton
15	Attended Fortnightly discussion on Economic Development with CE & Staff Attended Fortnightly discussion on Pae Tawhiti Rangitikei Beyond with CE & Staff

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17	Attended Aunty Rona's tangi at Moawhango Marae
18	Attended Aunty Rona's tangi at Moawhango Marae Attended weekly meeting with Chief Executive Attended Exploring FFLG Zoom
19	Attended Aunty Rona's tangi at Moawhango Marae Attended Fuso NZ Seminar
20	Attended LGNZ Conference in Palmerston North Attended Joint Forestry Meeting
21	Attended LGNZ Conference in Palmerston North
22	Attended LGNZ Conference in Palmerston North
25	Attended Update on Housing Progress Meeting with CE & Staff Attended Hunterville Rural Water Supply Sub-Committee Meeting
26	Attended Pae Tawhiti Rangitikei Beyond Advisory Group Meeting – Draft Spatial Plan Attended weekly meeting with Chief Executive Attended weekly meeting with Deputy Mayor Attended Bulls Community Committee Meeting
27	Attended BA5 in Bulls Attended Santoft Domain Management Committee Meeting
28	Attended LGNZ 2022 Zoom AGM Attended Council Meeting
30	To attend Bulls Volunteer Fire Brigade Annual Honours Night

Recommendation

That the Mayoral Update – July 2022 be received.

10 Reports for Decision

10.1 Better Off Funding

Author: Gaylene Prince, Group Manager - Community Services

Authoriser: Peter Beggs, Chief Executive

1. Background

- 1.1 The “Better Off” funding package is one of the financial packages provided to Local Authorities under the Three Waters Reform to support local government in the well-being of their communities.
- 1.2 The \$2-billion package has been pre-allocated to Councils on a funding allocation framework based on:
 - 75% Population
 - 20% Deprivation index, and
 - 5% land area (excluding National Parks).
- 1.3 This funding is available in two tranches; Tranche 1 is available for drawdown from 1 July 2022, and Tranche 2 drawdown from 1 July 2024.
- 1.4 Rangitikei’s total allocation is \$13,317,834, with \$3.3 million available in Tranche 1.
- 1.5 If Council does not apply for some/all of Tranche 1 this funding would then be available as part of Tranche 2. Council can only make one submission for Tranche 1 funding, but that one submission may include multiple projects. Submissions for Tranche 1 funding close on 30 September 2022.
- 1.6 Councils are also expected to consider how the first tranche funding could support funding proposals for the second tranche.
- 1.7 Councils have been assigned a Relationship Manager (Rangitikei’s is Ian Garside) to provide support in developing funding proposals; assisting Councils to identify and prioritise initiatives, prepare funding proposals, and submit the proposal to Department of Internal Affairs.
- 1.8 The turn-around for submission of tranche 1 funding is tight; there is limited time and resources to consider wider well-being change for the community (as well as what the on-going costs of any new projects may be), and the resource ability to implement any projects also needs to be considered.
- 1.9 More information on this package can be found here: [three waters reform programme reform support package - dia.govt.nz](https://www.dia.govt.nz/three-waters-reform-programme-reform-support-package)

2. Funding Criteria/Key Principles

- 2.1 Funding must support one or more of the “Better Off” package criteria:
 - 2.1.1 Supporting communities to transition to a sustainable and low emissions economy, including by building resilience to climate change and natural hazards

2.1.2 Delivery of infrastructure/services that:

- enable housing development and growth with a focus on brownfield and infill where those are available, and
- support local place-making and improvements in community well-being

2.1.3 Recognise the role that Iwi/Māori will play in the delivery system as partners

2.1.4 Funding proposals must be for:

- New initiatives/projects, and/or
- To accelerate, scale-up, and/or enhance the quality of planned investment

2.1.5 The completion date for the duration of the programme of expenditure is on, or before, 30 June 2027.

3. Purpose of this paper

3.1 The timeframe for Rangitikei District Council to make an application is short, however Council wish to ensure Te Roopuu Ahi Kaa Komiti are consulted and endorse/accept/reject the tranche 1 proposals outlined below, or offer alternatives for Council consideration.

3.2 Council acknowledge the short timeframe of consideration by the Komiti of tranche 1 funding is inconsistent with our mutual aspirations of meaningful engagement. We expect to include full engagement as part of tranche 2 funding application in 2024.

4. Annual Plan Projects

4.1 Council considered some community submissions to the 2022/23 Annual Plan against the Better Off funding criteria. Council agreed for the following projects to apply as part of Tranche 1 funding:

4.1.1 Business cases for housing – \$50,000

Submissions to Council's 2022/23 Annual Plan requested that Council provide funding to purchase land for the purpose of:

- housing
- subdivision of land for residential housing
- funding for social housing.

Earlier feedback from the Taihape community requested Council investigate developing its vacant site at 22 Tui Street, Taihape, for housing.

Council resolved that it supported in principle a study to present options to inform decision(s) concerning the potential development of land to provide residential sections where needed to build owner-occupied, rental and social housing throughout the district and to determine options for Council to decide whether it wishes to indirectly

enable the provision of or to directly provide land to facilitate the building of residential owner-occupied and rental housing to satisfy demand throughout the district.

A housing business case will also identify housing options for Council's vacant land at 22 Tui Street.

4.1.2 Acceleration of District Plan Review – Housing - \$227,000

Pae Tawhiti Rangitikei Beyond, the spatial plan for the Rangitikei is currently being developed to guide future growth and development through to 2050 and beyond. Pae Tawhiti Rangitikei Beyond will guide the District Plan review that will follow. Phase 1 of the District Plan review will focus on residential growth. The proposed project requests additional resources (staff and technical input) to fast-track the residential growth phase of the District Plan review. This will include increasing the ability for brownfield development (e.g., intensification) and the establishment of future residential and lifestyle growth areas (greenfield growth).

4.1.3 Development of Climate Impact Strategy and Action Plan - \$75,000

This project is to engage an external consultant, for one year, to work alongside Council in the development of a Climate Impact Strategy and Action Plan.

Council has been working collaboratively within the region through the Climate Action Joint Committee and the development of a regional Climate Action Plan. At a District level, Council incorporates climate change impacts through a range of projects across the organisation on a case-by-case basis (e.g., infrastructure planning and spatial planning). The proposed Strategy and Action Plan would build from the work being completed regionally and already undertaken by Council, to set the direction and key actions that Council and its partners will take for climate change mitigation and adaptation for the Rangitikei District.

4.2 Council also received an Annual Plan submission from Friends of Taihape:

4.2.1 Hautapu River Parks Project, Taihape - \$375,000

Friends of Taihape (FoT) are currently working on many projects, as part of the Hautapu River Parks project, that are in a native reserve forest which the Hautapu River runs through in Taihape township. FoT are working to restore a large area of mature kahikatea, totara, matai forest (classed as CL4 ecosystem type). This forest type is critically endangered, and the area also includes some highly threatened grass species. This site has very high ecological values. FoT are working alongside Iwi, Horizons, Council, Department of Conservation and the community and one of their current projects is to construct four public access bridges across the Hautapu River. The group have funds to complete one bridge and are seeking funding from Council for the other three.

4.3 Council have agreed in principle to support the work of FoT, subject to further consideration and information about the materials to be used for the bridge

construction, and on-going costs of maintenance and depreciation, to be supplied to the next Council workshop, 18th August.

5. Other projects

- 5.1 Council identified three other potential projects that they felt should be considered further as potential projects to form part of Tranche 1 funding proposal. The first step of this further consideration is to seek guidance from the Komiti.

These are:

5.1.1 Town Centre Investment study - \$200,000

One of the key priority areas raised consistently by communities through community engagement associated with Pae Tawhiti Rangitīkei Beyond the Rangitīkei Spatial Plan is the revitalisation and redevelopment of our town centres. The scoping of this project is in the early stages but would seek to implement several town centre related projects that are likely to be identified in the draft spatial plan. This could include a mix of streetscape and urban design, wayfinding/signage, contestable funding (e.g. heritage, painting), and greening.

5.1.2 Investigation & Design – Flood Protection Marton CBD - \$120,000

During periods of high rainfall, the Marton CBD and some residential areas along the Tutaenui stream is vulnerable to flooding caused by the Tutaenui Stream exceeding its flow capacity. This investigation work will consider the causes of the flooding and identify what engineering solutions are available to create mitigating structures to protect some or all of these areas against future flooding.

5.1.3 Investigation & Design – Taihape Civic Centre - \$200,000

A business case for a Taihape Civic Centre is presently being prepared. This was accelerated from Years 3-5 of the 2021-31 Long Term Plan due to the unexpected closure of the Taihape Town Hall/Library/Information Centre/Council Service Centre and offices in December 2021 because of high risk to life in the event of severe earthquake. Some of the services previously provided at the Town Hall (e.g., library) have been relocated (on a smaller scale) to a leased premises. Investigation and Design would be the next step in the process for a Taihape Civic Centre following the completion of the Business Case.

- 5.2 Two further projects were considered but rejected by Council. Both projects were shared pathways, one in Bulls and one in Marton. Investigation and design were not required for these projects, and Council considered that Tranche 1 funding would be better utilised for larger projects whereby business cases or investigation and design were required, or to reduce costs to ratepayers by accelerating larger-costing projects if they meet the criteria).
- 5.3 **Total value of potential Tranche 1 projects detailed in Sections 3 and 4 above: \$1,247,000.** Council has also suggested that any remaining funds of Tranche 1, totalling approximately \$2,053,000 at this time, could contribute towards the Taihape Civic Centre business case outcome.

6. Conclusion

- 6.1 Council is seeking the thoughts of Te Roopuu Ahi Kaa on the projects identified to date. It would welcome other project suggestions (before 15 August 2022) that the Komiti considers consistent with the objectives of the “Better Off” (Tranche 1 or Tranche 2) funding . Council will be considering the “Better Off” funding further at a workshop on 18 August. Council would welcome participation from Komiti members at the workshop.

Recommendation 1

That the report ‘Better Off Funding’ be received.

Recommendation 2

That Te Roopuu Ahi Kaa Komiti endorses / accepts / rejects the following projects being submitted for Tranche 1 – Better off funding: **[delete those not applicable]**

- Business cases for housing
- Acceleration of District Plan Review – Housing
- Development of Climate Impact Strategy and Action Plan
- Hautapu River Parks Project, Taihape
- Town Centre Investment
- Investigation & Design – Flood Protection Marton CBD
- Investigation & Design – Taihape Civic Centre

Recommendation 3

That Te Roopuu Ahi Kaa Komiti recommends the following projects, that are consistent with the funding criteria in section 2 of this report, be considered by Council for “Better Off” funding (Tranche 1 or Tranche 2):

- *Project A (insert recommended project here)*
- *Project B (insert recommended project here)*

11 Reports for Information

11.1 Whakamahere Haepapa Māori - Māori Responsiveness Framework

Author: Lequan Meihana, Strategic Advisor - Mana Whenua | Kairaranga

Authoriser: Katrina Gray, Senior Strategic Planner

1. Reason for Report

1.1 This report summarises the progress made in the programmes, activities and outcomes sought through the Whakamahere Haepapa Māori – Māori Responsiveness Framework over the two-month period from 1 June 2022 to 31 July 2022. This update is produced for each Te Roopuu Ahi Kaa meeting.

2. Whakamahere Haepapa Māori – Māori Responsiveness Framework

2.1 The following is a summary of the outcomes sought, performance measures and annual progress made as part of Council’s commitment to mana whenua, by way of the Māori Responsiveness Framework.

Attachments:






1. **Whakamahere Haepapa Māori – Māori Responsiveness Framework** [↓](#)

Recommendation







That the report ‘Whakamahere Haepapa Māori - Māori Responsiveness Framework’ be received.





Whakamahere Haepapa Māori - Māori Responsiveness Framework

Update for Reporting Period: June to July 2022





Area of work	Content of work	Measure / Target / Outcome	Update / Progress	Trend
Organisation Wide	Cultural Strategy <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop Terms of Reference with nominated TRAK representatives and ELT members Ensure budget is included in 2022/23 Annual Plan 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cultural Strategy to be in place by the end of 2022 	<p><i>Further discussions to be had with key staff and Senior Leadership to discuss next steps for the Cultural Strategy.</i></p> <p><i>There is now a need to find an alternative option for funding for this project.</i></p>	
	Mayors Taskforce For Jobs (MTFJ) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Uptake of Rangatahi in key MTFJ projects/activities in the Rangitikei District Participant in the process to choose a rangatahi 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 Māori rangatahi elected to represent the Rangitikei District Council on the TUIA programme. 	<p><i>A new selection process has been discussed and will be used moving forward.</i></p>	
	Cultural Experience / Cultural Identity <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rangitikei District Council Tipi Haere (Staff District Tour) Increase the visibility of Māori culture in our district via artwork and design 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 100% of new staff attend the district tour as part of their induction Use of Te Reo Māori is embedded into all aspects of Council Bilingual signages are widely used across all Council sites 	<p><i>New dates to be set by ELT for 'tipi haere' for 2022.</i></p> <p><i>Te Reo Māori is now being embedded into all aspects of Council ie. translations, policy, planning, communications, project management office, reception etc.</i></p> <p><i>Bilingual signage is used across all Council sites, spaces and places.</i></p>	  







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	Cultural competency and awareness	– 80% of staff engaged in cultural awareness activities	<i>The goal is to increase the awareness and engagement of staff and elected members in 2022/2023. Some improvement is needed here.</i>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increase the Council capacity to demonstrate appropriate cultural competence Te Reo Māori Lessons for Beginners (external tutor) 	– 80% of staff engaged in Te Reo Māori Lessons for Beginners	<i>The goal is to increase the awareness and participation of staff in 2022/2023. Further options are being explored.</i>	
	Iwi Narratives (Telling the iwi story)	– Facilitate a process around telling each iwi story. Seek funding through our Annual Plan	<i>All marae, through their TRAK membership, have been engaged with regarding regular meetings to be held on each marae. Engagement and plans have also been made with several marae chairs and/or whānau over the past two months. Dates will be confirmed over the next two months.</i>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Engage with hapū and iwi 	– Updates following Te Roopuu Ahi Kaa meeting.	<i>Our Te Ao Māori newsletter 'Te Hononga' is distributed every two months using our iwi database. Last issue was sent out in June. Next issue will be published and distributed in August.</i>	
	To assist and support with other ethnic communities	– Engage with the Pacifica community / other ethnic communities when necessary	<i>Engagement is made where and when required. Assistance and support with other ethnic communities is vital. Some improvement is needed here.</i>	
Democracy & Planning	Governance	– Cultural advice provided to all members when appropriate	<i>Continue to provide cultural advice to the Executive Leadership Team, Senior Leadership Team, the Mayor's office</i>	






(Carol Gordon)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide cultural advice to ELT, SLT, Mayor, Elected members on significant issues 		<p><i>and Councils elected members on significant issues that impact our district and communities.</i></p>	
	<p>Te Roopuu Ahi Kaa</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Report to each Te Roopuu Ahi Kaa meeting 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Attend 100% of Te Roopuu Ahi Kaa meetings or hui (when required) 	<p><i>As Strategic Advisor for Mana Whenua I attend 100% of Te Roopuu Ahi Kaa meetings and provide a report each meeting.</i></p>	
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Organise 1 Te Roopuu Ahi Kaa meeting to be held off-site, in agreement with TRAK 	<p><i>All Te Roopuu Ahi Kaa members support the idea of meetings being held off-site on the marae or at Te Poho o Tūariki. Look to hold the final meeting for the year off-site.</i></p>	
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Attendance of significant hui with hapū/iwi on request of Te Roopuu Ahi Kaa or Council 	<p><i>All marae, through their TRAK membership, have been engaged with regarding regular meetings to be held on each marae. Engagement and plans have also been made with several marae chairs and/or whānau over the past two months. Dates will be confirmed over the next two months.</i></p>	
	<p>Marae Development</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Provide opportunities for Marae Development 	<p><i>All marae assessments have been successfully completed and moved to the next stage. Council staff are engaging directly with local Plumbers on behalf of each marae. This project is led by the PM office with assistance of Councils Strategic Advisor for Mana Whenua.</i></p>	
	<p>Marae Development Fund</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – 1 Marae Development Fund recipient each year 	<p><i>All TRAK members, following the meeting in June, received a full breakdown of previous recipients to this</i></p>	





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			<p><i>fund. All members decided that the next funding will go to a marae in the south Rangitikei. At least 2 marae have registered their interest to be considered for the next funding and have been given the appropriate information.</i></p>	
	<p>Relationships</p>	<p>– Establish and maintain relationships with hapū, iwi and marae</p>	<p><i>All marae, through their TRAK membership, have been engaged with regarding regular meetings to be held on each marae. Engagement and plans have also been made with several marae chairs and/or whānau over the past two months. Dates will be confirmed over the next two months.</i></p> <p><i>Council staff continue to work with iwi authorities on current projects and workloads. Some engagement with certain authorities is more frequent than others.</i></p>	
		<p>– Establish a number of formal relationships established with Māori entities</p>	<p><i>Council staff continue to discuss formal relationships with iwi entities for various reasons and situations.</i></p> <p><i>Council continues to wait for a formal response from Te Kotahitanga o Ngāti Tūwharetoa on behalf of Ngāti Waewae regarding the proposed Rangitikei River Accord. The most recent dialogue with TKoNT was on 21 July 2022.</i></p>	
	<p>Communications</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide advice and assistance to the Communications Team on cultural 	<p>– Cultural advice and assistance provided when appropriate</p>	<p><i>Continue to provide advice and assistance to the Communications Team on cultural awareness, cultural matters,</i></p>	

	awareness, cultural matters and Te Reo Māori expertise, when necessary		<i>and Te Reo Māori expertise, when required.</i>	
	Input into Policies, Plans, Bylaws, Strategies <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Advocate and present plans to relevant iwi and Maori entities Pae Tawhiti Rangitikei Beyond (Spatial Plan) 	– Hapū/iwi/Māori are consulted within the spirit of Tikanga in the development of any Policies, Plans, Bylaws, Strategies	<i>Specific workshops and meetings are organised and held when required.</i>	
		– Papakāinga provisions in the District Plan consider the aspirations of hapū / iwi	<i>Discussions with hapū and iwi members through various avenues are held to help Council identify their aspirations to build papakāinga in the district for their people ie. Ngāti Hauiti</i>	
People & Culture (Sharon Grant)	Emergency Management / Civil Defence <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ensure all Marae have emergency preparedness plans, Report to TRAK on the status of these plans RDC Welfare and Covid Team (Red Team) 	– At least one marae plan developed each year	<i>A request to assist each marae with the development of a Marae Emergency Preparedness Plan has gone out through various avenues.</i> <i>Templates, ideas and funding is available through Te Puni Kōkiri. Council staff will continue to liaise with TPK staff regarding assistance they can provide each marae.</i>	
	Assist with the development of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Matariki Awards (Staff Awards) Ngā Pou (Values) Ara Poutama (Pathway to Excellence – Career and Performance Development Plan) Kete Mātauranga (Basket of Knowledge) Mahere Ako (Learning Plan) Staff whakatau (New staff welcoming orientation) Cultural Staff Induction (Council and Tāngata Whenua Induction) 	– 100% of new staff attend the cultural staff induction	<i>All new staff have attended and participated in their respective staff cultural inductions for 2022. This process continues to be very well received by the new staff.</i>	
		– 80% of staff engaged in cultural tikanga training and awareness ie. Cultural Pop-Ups, Ngā Pou Workshops etc	<i>The goal is to increase the awareness and engagement of staff in 2022/2023. Some improvement is needed here.</i>	
		– A staff whakatau held every 3 months – 100% attendance from staff	<i>New staff continue to participate and attend their staff whakatau/welcome.</i>	

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			<i>This process continues to be very well received by the new staff.</i>	
Assets & Infrastructure (Arno Benadie)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provide assistance to the Project Management Office (PMO) on cultural matters relating to projects 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cultural advice and assistance provided when appropriate 	<i>Continue to meet with Councils PM office on a fortnightly basis. Many projects and workloads are currently being worked through.</i>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provide advice and assistance to the MDC Shared Services staff on infrastructure projects when projects impact iwi (roading, bridges etc) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cultural advice and assistance provided when appropriate 	<i>Continue to provide advice and assistance to the MDC Shared Services staff on infrastructure projects when projects impact whānau, hapū and iwi. Some improvement is needed here.</i>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provide assistance to the Parks and Reserves Team on cultural matters relating to projects 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cultural advice and assistance provided when appropriate 	<i>Continue to provide assistance to the Parks and Reserves Team on cultural matters relating to current and future projects and plans.</i>	
Community Services (Gaylene Prince)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provide expert input into areas that involve hapū/iwi for the community services function of Council 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Welcoming Communities Economic Development 	<p><i>Currently providing expert input to Councils Welcoming Communities Coordinator.</i></p> <p><i>Continue to work with the Strategic Advisor for Economic Development regarding the Earthquake Strengthening Event led by Council.</i></p>	
	<p>Input into Policies, Plans, Strategies:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Destination Management Plan (Destination Rangitīkei) Economic Development Plan Housing Strategy 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hapū/iwi/Māori are consulted with in the spirit of Tikanga in the development of an Economic Strategy, Housing Strategy & the Destination Management Plan 	<i>Specific workshops and meetings are organised and held when required.</i>	
	Rangatahi (Youth) Development & Engagement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rangatahi engagement in Council facilitated youth activities and programmes 	<i>Continue to work with the Youth Advisors on appropriate projects, programmes, and plans.</i>	

Corporate Services (David Tombs)	Information Services / IT • Translations	– Provide expertise to Council staff	<i>Continue to provide expert advice to Council staff ie. translations and appropriate GIS mapping information</i>	
	Financial Services • Provide advice and assistance ie. Koha Policy amendments	– Provide expertise to Council staff	<i>Continue to provide expert advice to Council staff ie. invoicing, rates information, policy</i>	
	Geographic Information System • Provide advice and assistance	– Provide expertise to Council staff	<i>Continue to provide expert advice to Council staff ie. appropriate GIS mapping information</i>	
Regulatory (Johan Cullis)	• Provide advice and assistance to the Regulatory Team on cultural awareness and matters, when necessary	– Provide expertise to Council staff	<i>Continue to provide advice and assistance to the Regulatory Team on cultural awareness and matters when projects impact whānau, hapū and iwi. Some improvement is needed here.</i>	

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11.2 Council's Parks, Open-Space and Sporting Facilities Strategy

Author: Lequan Meihana, Strategic Advisor - Mana Whenua | Kairaranga

1. Reason for Report

- 1.1 Gareth Moore-Jones and Leanne Stewart from Thrive Spaces and Places will attend the meeting and provide a presentation to the Komiti.

Recommendation

That the report 'Council's Parks, Open-Space and Sporting Facilities Strategy' be received.

11.3 Community Development Update - June and July 2022

Author: Jo Manuel, Manager Community Development

Authoriser: Gaylene Prince, Group Manager - Community Services

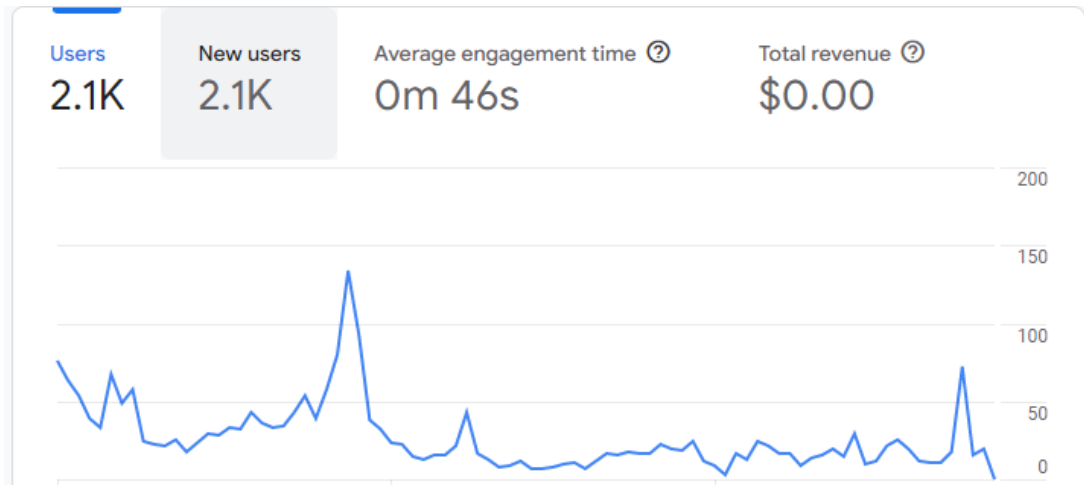
1. Reason for Report

1.1 This report covers the operational areas of economic, social, and cultural community well-being activities undertaken by the Community Development team during the months of June and July 2022, inclusive of the MOU – Partner Organisation Overview/Update.

2. District Promotion

2.1 Visit Rangitikei Website

2.1.1 Users over 60 days.



2.1.2 Users by Country

Users ▾ by Country



2.2 Business After 5

- 2.2.1 A regular calendar of Business after 5 events is being established, these will be council facilitated and business hosted with one a month over a 3-month period in each main town.
- 2.2.2 The first took place on the 27th of July in Bulls hosted at La Bull with 26 people in attendance with positive feedback being received.

3. Youth / Rangatahi Development

3.1 Rangitikei Youth Council

- 3.1.1 Youth Council have continued to meet monthly with the June meeting being held in the new Fire Station in Taihape.
- 3.1.2 During the months of June and July, Youth Council heard presentations from, Sports Whanganui and Welcoming Communities, and through these introductions, informal advisory group connections have been established to feed into each sector from a Youth perspective. Further connections from these presentations also include the Tauranga District Council and the Global Ambassadors programme, of which two of our councillors are particularly interested in.
- 3.1.3 Within the last meeting, a discussion developed on the Rangitikei Rail-hub progress, in response to a highlighted letter in the Mayor's June report. This sparked interest from Youth Councillors in why Central Government is now not in support of the initiative, despite the numerous sustainability goals it meets, the benefit it would be for many of the communities it would pass through, including ours, and the jobs it would create going forward.
- 3.1.4 Youth Council were also particularly interested in seeing that several Councils from around New Zealand had all joined together in signing the letter petitioned to Central Government. In response to this, Youth Council decided to put forward an invitation to other Youth Council's around New Zealand to meet, discuss matters such as the Rail-Hub, sustainability goals and mental health, creating a forum where a larger collective youth voice could be heard, moving through the process of making joint submissions to Central Government from a youth perspective, as leaders of the future. This initiative is supported by the Strategic Advisors for Youth and Councillor Gill Duncan.
- 3.1.5 A Te Tiriti O Waitangi workshop with the Iwi Liaison, Visit Rangitikei presentation and personal development workshops are set for future meetings.
- 3.1.6 Over the months of June and July, Youth Councillors attended both the Taihape Area School Careers Expo, and the Vocational Roadtrip expo in Marton, gathering valuable data and youth voice from a huge number of youth from both areas, to feed back into the Strategic Youth Framework, Council's Annual Planning and supporting Youth Council's existing workplan. Youth Council led their own activities with their peers moving through each event.



3.1.7 Youth Council will roll up their sleeves to assist with planting, in support of the Hautapu River Parks Planting day, and Tutaenui Stream Restoration Planting Project over the months of August and September.

3.1.8 Youth Council will lead a 'Meet the Candidates' event for local body elections. An informal meet and greet with Q&A, favourites and 'what would you do' round. The aim of this event is to have formal questions from a political view, as well as a fun, get to know each candidate, followed by a joint supper. This event will be lead by Youth Council, supported by Strategic Advisors for Youth.

3.2 Vocational Road Trip

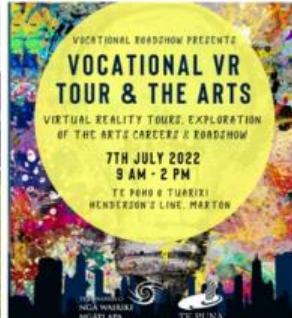
3.2.1 Council received funding from Whanganui Partners to deliver a vocational road trip for Rangatahi in the Rangitikei. The idea behind this initiative is giving our youth a close up tour of various workplaces within our district. Last year various businesses were visited in Marton.

3.2.2 During June and July, Strategic Advisors led and facilitated two road trips (One in Taihape, one in Marton) to coincide with the Taihape Careers expo and a KiwiCanDo virtual Tour experience. This resulted in a bigger and better experience for our youth, in two different areas, working collaboratively with other organisations.

3.2.3 Taihape Area School Careers Expo showcased fabulous local careers and hosted many different education providers. Waiouru Army Camp, NZ Defence force, Fire and public services were a big interactive hit. The Strategic Advisor for Youth facilitated road-trips to Hautapu Pine and McDonalds, highlighting career paths and opportunities locally.

3.2.4 The Vocational Roadtrip Expo held in Marton had a special focus on the Arts, seeing the likes of the Hairdressing Academy, local Barbers, Lash and Nail Technicians, Audio Science and Podcast, Musicians, Artists, the Design School, AGChallenge, UCOL, Land Based Training, Ambo, Police, Civil Defence, Carpentry, Mahi Tahī, Virtual Workplace Tours, Property Brokers. The day also included four bus trip visits to local Hair Salons, Massage Therapy and Interior Design Stores.

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3.3 Bulls Youth Network

- 3.3.1 A one day per week Sports holiday programme kicked off on the 13th of July. This was facilitated by Sports Whanganui, delivered by Rangitikei Active and supported by Strategic Advisors for Youth, Bulls Development Trust and Nga Wairiki O Ngāti Apa, as a direct result of the Bulls Youth Network Hui held in the previous months.
- 3.3.2 The Sports Holiday Programme ran from 10am-12pm on the 13th of July and the 20th of July, with around 20 young Rangatahi attending each day. The programme had very positive feedback from rangatahi and the community as a great starting point going forward.



3.4 Taihape Lobby

- 3.4.1 Community agencies and service network collaborations with the local Iwi and Governmental Services are taking place for different services to be available through the Lobby space.
- 3.4.2 Hobby activities, skill classes, and life skills activities are being put together with the support of the Taihape community and schools.
- 3.4.3 A van has been sourced for youth interested in attending Forge Boxing in Marton. Based on interest, this could run each Thursday evening, from Taihape to Marton return. The Strategic Advisor for Youth is facilitating a co-pilot with the New Zealand Police to drive these vans, subsequently building networks and relationships with the Rangatahi attending Forge sessions and enhancing community perception of police.

4. Welcoming Communities

- 4.1 Welcoming Communities Rangitikei has now received formal accredited as a Stage 1- Committed Welcoming Community.
- 4.2 A stocktake report for the Rangitikei has been completed and attached for reference. This will also be sent to MBIE as part of the evidence of Rangitikei working towards accreditation as a Stage 2 – Established Welcoming Community.
- 4.3 An overview of the past 6 months activity for Welcoming Communities can be found in the attached copy of the mandatory six-monthly report submitted to MBIE on August 1.
- 4.4 The Multicultural Council for Rangitikei/Whanganui is hosting a Multicultural Feast & Festival will be held at Te Matapihi in Bulls on August 27.
- 4.5 Next Steps

What	When
Benchmark Stocktake findings against Welcoming Standards	August
Coordinate a hui/workshop with key stakeholders to identify and prioritise actions, set timelines for those actions, identify lead organisations who can commit to carrying out those actions.	Sept/Oct
Draft the Welcome Plan based on workshop outcomes	Oct/Nov
Seek feedback on draft Welcome Plan	Nov
Finalise Welcome Plan	December

5. Economic Development

5.1 Meeting/Events Attended

- Taihape Housing Steering Group (THSG) - board meetings.
- Door of Hope Rangitikei Charitable Trust (DOHR) – board meetings.
- Whanganui Community Foundation (WCF) – follow-up to DOHR grant application.
- DOHR, THSG and Habitat for Humanity NZ (HFH) – Heads of Agreement discussions.
- DOHR, HFH, WCF and RDC – informational meeting.
- Taihape Rural Health Centre Integrated Redevelopment – coordination meeting.
- District-wide Real Estate Agents – discussion concerning market developments.
- Regional Economic Development Coordination Group – ED coordination meeting.
- Abbeyfield House Palmerston North – informational visit and meeting with trustees/residents.

- Ngā Wairiki o Ngāti Apa – housing coordination meeting.
- Latitude Homes – social housing construction meeting.

5.2 Visit to Abbeyfield House

5.2.1 In June, the Taihape Community Development Trust sponsored a visit to Abbeyfield House in Palmerston North for interested Elected Members, Council staff and social housing organisation representatives to consider whether the development of an Abbeyfield House in Taihape would meet some of the housing needs of local seniors and the elderly.

5.2.2 Attendees toured the facility and met with several trustees, the office manager and two residents, who talked about the convenience, comfort, and safety that Abbeyfield House offers at an affordable price (linked to superannuation) for independent and mobile seniors who range in age from 60 into their 90s.

5.3 Affiliation Between Rangitikei Social Housing Organisations and Habitat for Humanity NZ

5.3.1 Heads of Agreement

Door of Hope Rangitikei Charitable Trust (DoHR)¹ and Habitat for Humanity NZ (HFH) have agreed to enter into a Heads of Agreement to collaborate in the provision of social housing and rent-to-buy and shared equity home ownership throughout the Rangitikei. The two parties intend to sign the agreement over the next few weeks.

5.3.2 DoHR/HFH Meeting

DOHR and HFH met at the end of the reporting period to begin discussions concerning the number and type of new houses that will be built and where, to identify land and develop the client profile of residents in Marton and Taihape who will occupy pilot housing developments and to structure the funding for the projects.

5.4 Housing Update with Council

5.4.1 In late July, His Worship the Mayor Andy Watson and Chief Executive Peter Beggs met with DOHR, Whanganui Community Foundation and HFH to receive an update from them concerning their developing collaboration in the provision of social housing and the promotion of alternative pathways to home ownership for low-income earners in the district.

5.5 Taihape Housing Open Day

5.5.1 The Taihape Housing Steering Group has announced plans to hold a housing “open day” meeting with the Taihape community on 30th August to talk about the progress it’s making toward the supply of social housing and rent-to-buy and shared equity home ownership, and to invite new members to join the organisation.

¹ Also representing the Taihape Housing Steering Group (THSG), which is a member of DoHR.

5.6 Bi-annual Real Estate Agents Meeting

5.6.1 In late June, 17 real estate agents from 6 agencies working in the Rangitikei attended a Council-sponsored meeting to discuss the changes they see in the local housing market

5.6.2 They observed that:

- a) Residential sale prices are holding up well, with minor falls in the Rangitikei compared with our neighbours (Palmerston North -10% and Feilding -6%), and the prices in Bulls and Marton are now comparable. However, sales volume has reduced substantially. Houses are taking longer to sell, averaging 39 days vs. 24 days at the end of 2021, and offers are now mostly conditional, with buyers needing to sell their existing home first before being able to go unconditional.
- b) Lifestyle property prices remain stronger than any other sales category. However, rental prices are now static and beginning to drop due to the rising cost of commuting, making it increasingly attractive for renters who work out of the district to rent in Palmerston North, Feilding or Whanganui. Bucking this trend is a major shortage of rental accommodation in Taihape, with a high demand from locally based employees.
- c) There is a need for more diversity in the homes being built in developments in Marton and Bulls. Agents said increased diversity in housing developments creates more interesting, attractive, and sustainable communities. They made four key points:
 - (i) Different sized homes are needed, particularly two bedrooms for retirees and young couples just getting into the housing market.
 - (ii) Homes should be offered for sale at differing price points to create a mix of low, medium, and high-cost dwellings and residents.
 - (iii) Developments should not offer houses built exclusively on concrete slabs, but also include those that are piled, which will allow for relocatable and tiny homes.
 - (iv) More diversity can be achieved through covenants put in place by the developer and supported by Council development agreements.

5.7 Earthquake Strengthening of Masonry Buildings in the District

5.7.1 On 19th August, the Economic Development team will sponsor a presentation from 9:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. at Te Matapihi Hall in Bulls by the director of a leading national seismic engineering firm that strengthens earthquake-prone masonry buildings and a property investor/developer who is earthquake strengthening a historic church in Dunedin, while converting it to apartments. The public is invited to the event, which was originally planned for last year and had to be postponed due to Covid-19.

5.7.2 Keynote speakers Rd. Dmytro Dizhur, Director of Dizhur Consulting and Mr. Roger Wilkinson will be joined by Johan Cullis, Group Manager, Regulatory Department, RDC, and Bryan Jacobsen, Senior Building Inspector, RDC, in a panel discussion of Council's role to regulate earthquake strengthening and innovative techniques that can be used by building owners to lower the cost of doing so.

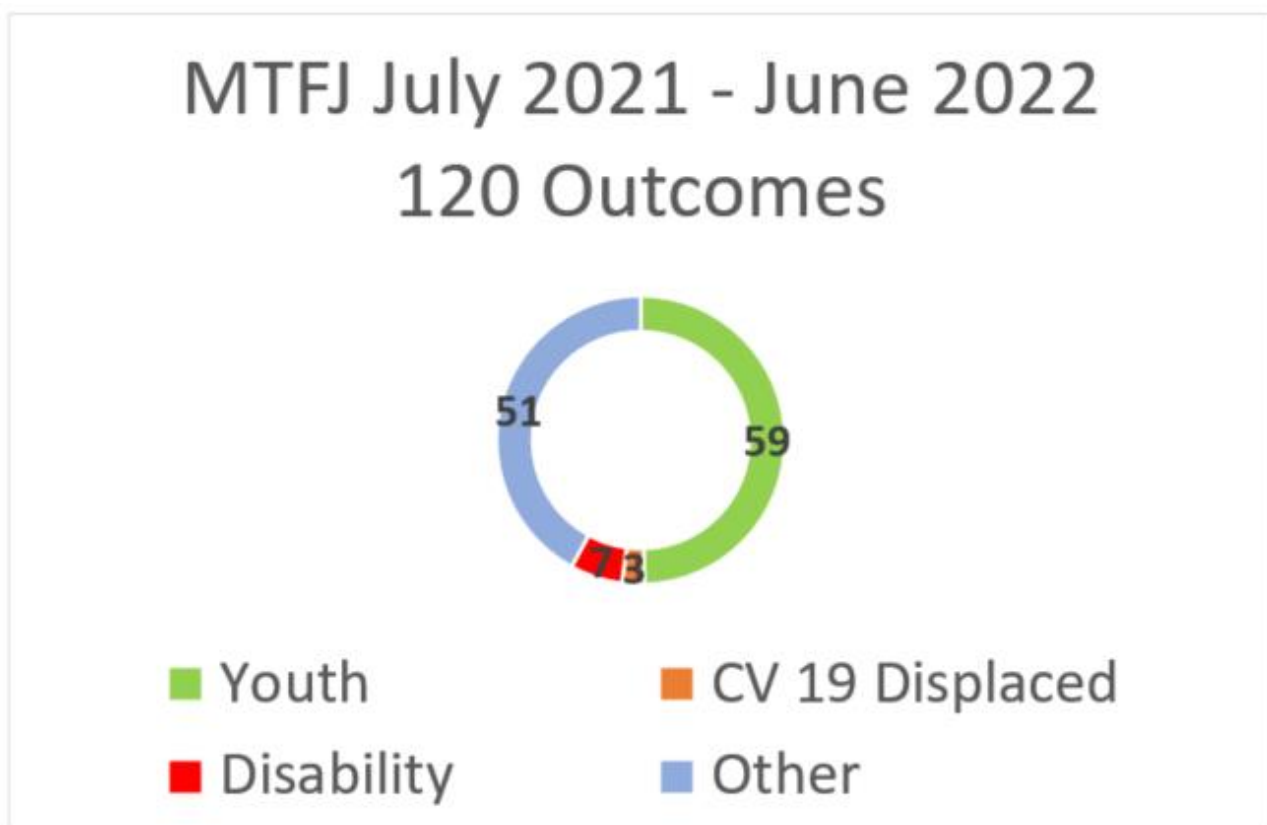
6. Mahi Tahī – Employment Programme

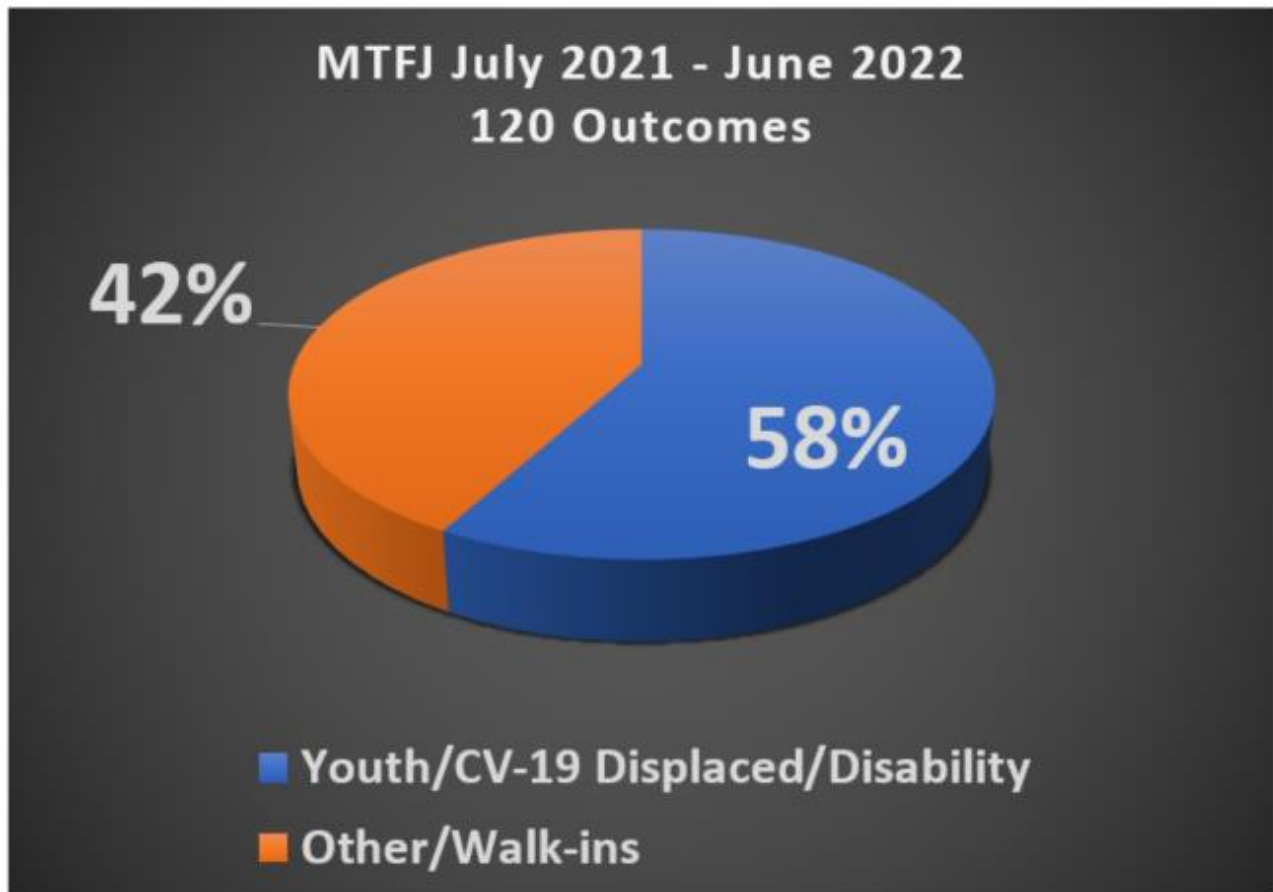
6.1 2021/22 Results

6.1.1 During the last year (July 2021 – 30 June 2022) Mahi Tahī filled a total of 120 jobs, 59 of which were youth, 7 were disabled, 3 were Covid-19 displaced and 51 were older persons.

6.1.2 This was 240% of the 2021/2022 annual target of 50 sustainable jobs (defined as 30 days of employment, working 30 hours/week).

6.1.3 It is particularly notable that of the 59 youth who were placed into part-time and full-time work more than 70% are still working - some on their 3rd job and one is on his 4th.





6.2 Change in Mahi Tahī's Scope

6.2.1 In 2022/2023, the Ministry of Social Development (MSD) has changed the scope of Mahi Tahī² to sustainable employment for:

- NEETs (not in employment, education, or training)
- Those clearly identified as at risk of becoming a NEET
- Disabled youth
- Other youth aged 16–24
- People of any age who are disadvantaged in the labour market who are not able to readily access MSD products and services.

6.2.2 A Sustainable Employment Outcome now means that a person is placed into full-time (30+ hours a week) paid work because of a Council (Mayors Task Force for Jobs) action or initiative under the Mahi Tahī Programme.

6.3 June & July Results

6.3.1 The Mahi Tahī Programme placed 16 youth and older persons in employment in June and 11 NEETs (10 youth and 1 older person) in sustainable employment in July.

² In 2021/2022 Mahi Tahī targeted youth, Covid-19 displaced workers, the disabled and others.

6.3.2 The 11 clients placed into jobs in July represents 92% of the 2022/2023 first milestone target of 12 Sustainable Employment Outcomes.

6.3.3 During the reporting period job placements were made in the following sectors: services (beauty salon, handyman repairs, automotive repairs, tyres, photography, cleaning, health, traffic control), retail (clothing store, petrol filling station), agriculture, administration, and hospitality (café, restaurant).

Attachments:

1. **Welcoming Communities - Six Monthly (Jan - Jun 22) Reporting** [↓](#)
2. **Welcoming Communities - Stocktake** [↓](#)

Recommendation

That the report 'Community Development Update – June and July 2022' be received.

Welcoming Communities Six-monthly Reporting Template Report January to June 2022

Note: please provide your completed six-monthly report by **Monday 1 August 2022**

As you know Allen + Clarke are conducting a national evaluation, the information in your report will offer useful insight into some of the welcoming activities in your region. Are you happy with us sharing this report with Allen +Clarke?

X Yes No

Region:	Manawatū-Whanganui (Horizons Regional Council)
Council:	Rangitikei District Council
Name:	Rhianna Flaherty
Role:	Welcoming Communities Officer
Date:	1 August 2022
Period covered:	Six months from January to June 2022
(1) Planning and implementing activities	
<p>Briefly describe any activities you did to support newcomers or implement your Welcoming Communities Plan. This could include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Implementing other Welcoming Plan activities • Establishment of relevant groups • Activities that support other Welcoming Community stakeholders 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hired and brought on-board a new Welcoming Communities Officer. Rhianna Flaherty has taken the role over from Aly Thompson. She started at the beginning of April 2022. • Establishment of a Welcoming Communities Advisory Board. First meeting was in March, and meetings with the Advisory Board were held monthly. • Completion of Stage 1 accreditation in May, work now beginning on Stage 2. • Completed the stocktake report. This is being received by the relevant council committees at the beginning of August. • Working closely with the Youth team at RDC to develop a Youth programme/advisory group associated with Welcoming Communities. Have been discussing the possibility of a Global Ambassadors youth program. • Working with Visit Rangitikei to co-lead upcoming initiatives/events (currently planning a photo competition to be launched during Welcome Week in September) • Working closely with the Multicultural Council for Rangitikei/Whanganui to support new events in the Rangitikei district. They will be hosting a multicultural festival in Bulls at the end of August, and plan to attend other events throughout the year. 	
(2) Stakeholder engagement	
<p>Briefly describe any engagement you had with Welcoming Communities stakeholders. This could include:</p>	

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Involvement and engagement with tangata whenua</i> • <i>Welcoming Communities networking and attendance at stakeholder events</i> • <i>Meeting with stakeholders to progress your Welcoming Communities Plan.</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A newcomer's survey was made available from Jan-July 2022. There were 61 respondents, of which 49 were newcomers or former newcomers to the district. • A school survey regarding newcomer students was conducted, both online and in person. This included 8 schools in the Rangitikei, focusing on High schools. • Public events: Hosted throughout May across several towns (Marton, Bulls, Hunterville, Taihape). These included workshops, drop-in sessions, and business-after-5 events. These were advertised to the receiving community and turn-out was low. • Youth: An informational presentation was given to the Rangitikei Youth Council, as well as a workshop held with Pasifika students at Rangitikei District College. Planned workshops with other newcomer students had to be postponed due to Covid-related student absences. • Efforts to connect with tangata whenua have been made and will continue, guided by the RDC Strategic Advisor – Mana Whenua / Iwi / Māori. Rangitikei Welcoming Communities reports directly to Te Roopuu Ahi Kaa at Council but aspires to more direct communication with local iwi. • In-person interviews & presentations have been done with representatives from the following groups/areas: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Community Law (Whanganui based, but visit Marton & Taihape monthly) * Multicultural Council of Rangitikei/Whanganui * River City Filipino Club (Whanganui based, but have connections with workers in Rangitikei) * Community Trusts * Local Rotary & RSA clubs * Libraries * Employers with significant numbers of newcomer employees * Schools (surveys and student workshop) * Real Estate agents * Church leaders * Police * Ministry of Pacific Peoples, Ministry of Education * Rangitikei District Council * Rangitikei Youth Council
<p>(3) Understanding community needs</p> <p><i>Briefly describe any work you have done to understand newcomers' needs, including learning from successful or unsuccessful activities. This could include:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Stocktakes</i> • <i>Formal needs assessments</i> • <i>Post-activity reflections or debriefs about how the programme is meeting newcomer needs</i> • <i>Other activities that seek perspectives from newcomers</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Completion of the initial stocktake report for Rangitikei has been the priority over the past 6 months. A copy of the draft stocktake report (yet to be formally received by Council's Policy & Planning Committee and Te Roopuu Ahi Kaa until early August) has been included with this report.

<p>(4) Knowledge sharing activities</p> <p><i>Briefly describe any ways in which you have shared your experiences, knowledge, good practice or lessons learned regarding Welcoming Communities . This could include:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Knowledge sharing with other Welcoming Communities sites • Knowledge sharing with your council elected members or other staff • Changes you have made as a result of learning from others
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meet regularly with the Welcoming Communities Coordinator from Whanganui to exchange ideas and learning. • Discussed Global Ambassadors program with Welcoming Communities Coordinator from Tauranga • Working closely with the Youth and Destination Management teams within Council on future joint initiatives. Currently this includes preliminary work on a Youth advisory group for Whanganui, and a photo competition to launch during Welcome Week
<p>(5) Outcomes</p> <p><i>Briefly describe what happened as a result of any completed or significant activities and engagement. These could be expected and unexpected outcomes. If possible, include evidence to support these outcomes. Outcomes could include:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Significant milestones/achievements • Lessons learnt from Welcoming Communities implementation activity • Any outcomes that appear in your pathway to change • Any impact observed or reported by newcomers or stakeholders • Any media coverage or photos of Welcoming Communities in your region or comments from participants
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Completed Stage 1 Accreditation in May. • Stocktake report completed in July.
<p>(more on the next page)</p>

Summary of expenditure under the Funding Agreement 2021/22	
<i>Please fill in the table below:</i>	
Seed Funding – \$50,000 plus GST	
Itemise what it was spent on	Amount \$
Wages 1 (Aly)	\$32,463.75
Kiwisaver 1 (Aly)	\$796.84
Holiday Pay 1 (Aly)	\$2,124.90
Wages 2 (Rhianna)	\$7,377.50
Kiwisaver 2 (Rhianna)	\$221.33
Holiday Pay 2 (Rhianna)	\$590.20
Catering budget	\$3,600.00
Advertising budget	\$1,500.00
Venue hire (Te Poho o Tuariki)	\$480.00
Koha	\$1,500.00
Cultural consultant fees	\$900.00
Total expenditure to date 2021/22:	\$51,554.51
	INZ Funding \$50,000.00
	RDC Funding \$1,554.51
Balance remaining (if relevant):	-
<i>Note: if this money has not been spent in full please provide information on how you intend to spend it in the next six months.</i>	
Activity for the next six months	
<i>Under this heading, provide a high-level list of key deliverables or milestones and their approximate dates over the next six months. Bullet point notes can be used. This could include implementing specific Welcoming Plan activities and any other programme-related activities.</i>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stocktake report to be received by Council's Policy & Planning Committee and Te Roopuu Ahi Kaa in early August • Benchmark the stocktake findings against the Welcoming Standard. (August) • Coordinate a hui/workshop with key stakeholders to identify and prioritise actions, set timelines for those actions, identify lead organisations who can commit to carrying out those actions. (Sept/Oct) • Draft the Welcome Plan based on workshop outcomes (Oct/Nov) • Seek feedback on draft Welcome Plan (Nov) • Finalise Welcome Plan (end of December) 	

Issues, risks and challenges

Under this heading note any issues, risks or challenges arising or expected to arise and how you have or intend to manage them.

- Lack of engagement/capacity from tangata whenua > continue to connect with the RDC Strategic advisor-Iwi, particularly on specific activities requested by newcomers (marae visits, education sessions).
- Lack of response/engagement from outreach communication to key stakeholders > follow up with phone calls and offer 1-to-1 meetings; paid advertising to increase visibility of public information. Publicise newcomer events and use them as an engagement opportunity.
- Lack of capacity/engagement from advisory group members (attendance at meetings has declined, two members have resigned due to other commitments) > Begin recruiting more members, reduce the frequency of meetings from monthly to quarterly. Consider refocusing as a “working group” rather than an “advisory group” to ensure the focus is on actionable initiatives.
- Cultural etiquette and customs > seeking guidance from cultural leaders to gain knowledge and understanding

Appendix

As an appendix, you have the option to attach evaluation plans, case studies, media and images. The development of these items will support accreditation.

ITEM 11.3 ATTACHMENT 1

Welcoming Communities Rangitīkei

Stocktake report July 2022



29 July 2022

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Executive summary

The purpose of this stocktake process was to identify what supports and challenges exist for newcomers to the Rangitikei at present. It was also an opportunity to identify avenues for actions to be taken to improve outcomes for newcomer populations and the community overall. As of 2018, roughly 12% of the population of Rangitikei was born outside of NZ. This is a significant number of people who have been newcomers at some stage in their life.

The Welcoming Communities programme is coordinated by Immigration New Zealand, as is aimed at supporting positive outcomes for recent migrants, former refugees and international students. In Rangitikei we have also considered the experiences of New Zealand residents who have moved to the Rangitikei in the past 5 years.

The stocktake process involved newcomer & school surveys, public engagement events, and most critically, direct conversations with newcomers, their employers, community organisations & leaders, and service providers. While individual experiences vary widely, common trends have emerged. Newcomers often found support through informal networks of neighbours, employers, family members, and existing cultural communities. Most have come to the district for work and enjoy the rural lifestyle and community. Many are challenged by difficulties finding appropriate, clear, and up-to-date information about essential services and recreational opportunities, particularly regarding housing and health care.

The information gathered during the stocktake process will be used to benchmark the community and council against the Welcoming Communities Standard and to inform the goals and actions of the Welcoming Plan. This plan will be drafted with further consultation with newcomers, community organisations, and tangata whenua. It is expected to be completed in December 2022.

1. Introduction

This report compiles information gathered by Rangitikei District Council's Welcoming Communities Officers from January through July 2022.

The purpose of this information gathering exercise, the "stocktake", was to gain an understanding of newcomer experiences in Rangitikei District, with specific reference to the eight elements of the Welcoming Communities Standard. From these insights we can assess what is currently working well for newcomers and identify opportunities for growth.

The information presented in this report is treated as indicative of the situation in our communities, however it is acknowledged that individual experiences are diverse and that the information may not be consistent with every individual experience. While this information will guide the development of a Welcoming Plan for Rangitikei, should new information come to light at any stage it will be included for consideration.

The Welcoming Plan will be developed by the Welcoming Communities Officer, with input from the Welcoming Communities Rangitikei advisory group, Mana Whenua, and other stakeholders.

This report has been prepared, in part, by the previous Welcoming Communities Officer Aly Thompson. Any questions or discussion for this report can be directed to the current Welcoming Communities Officer, Rhianna Flaherty.

2. About Welcoming Communities

Welcoming Communities is a programme coordinated by Immigration New Zealand that “puts the welcome mat out to newcomers: recent migrants, former refugees and international students.” Rangitikei District Council was successful in applying to join the Welcoming Communities programme in July 2021.

The programme is based on the recognition that communities that make newcomers feel welcome are likely to enjoy better social outcomes, and stronger economic growth. A Welcoming Communities Standard was developed which identifies eight outcome areas for Councils participating in the programme. These are:

1. Inclusive Leadership
2. Welcoming Communications
3. Equitable Access
4. Connected and Inclusive Communities
5. Economic Development, Business and Employment
6. Civic Engagement and Participation
7. Welcoming Public Spaces
8. Culture and Identity

Definitions of each outcome area are included in *Appendix A*. Each Council prepares a Welcoming Plan that sets out the community’s planned activities, that seek to deliver on the eight outcomes.

Councils can also apply for formal accreditation as a Welcoming Community. Accreditation has the following four stages:

- Stage 1 — a Committed Welcoming Community
- Stage 2 — an Established Welcoming Community
- Stage 3 — an Advanced Welcoming Community
- Stage 4 — an Excelling Welcoming Community

Rangitikei Welcoming Communities achieved Stage 1 accreditation in May 2022.

More information about Welcoming Communities, the Welcoming Communities Standard, and accreditation can be found on Immigration New Zealand’s website.

<https://www.immigration.govt.nz/about-us/what-we-do/welcoming-communities>

3. Rangitikei newcomer population statistics

Newcomers is used in the Welcoming Communities programme to describe migrants, refugees or former refugees, and international students who have lived in New Zealand for less than five years. In Rangitikei, we often include in people who have moved to Rangitikei from other parts of New Zealand as well as from other countries when we talk about newcomers. When we talk about former newcomers, we mean anyone who has moved to Rangitikei from somewhere else in New Zealand or outside New Zealand at any point in their life.

2018 Census data

The total population in Rangitikei District in 2018 was 15,027. Of that population, ethnicities were recorded as follows: 79.20% European, 26.20% Māori, 5.60% Pasifika, 2.10% Asian, 0.30% Middle

Eastern, Latin American or African, 1.50% Other (respondents could choose more than one ethnicity).

3,501 people in Rangitikei had lived in New Zealand for less than five years. 2,299 people lived elsewhere in New Zealand one year prior to the Census, and 195 people lived overseas.

The languages spoken in Rangitikei, in addition to English, and the number of speakers were recorded as follows: Samoan 451, Northern Chinese, Yue or Sinitic not further defined 45, Hindi 30, French 120, Tagalog 45, German 75, Spanish 60, Afrikaans 45, Tongan 15, Other 255.

The following table shows countries of birth for those born outside New Zealand, and where those people live in the Rangitikei District, as of 2018.

Category	Bulls (%)	Marton North	Marton Rural	Marton South	Mokai Patea	Otairi	Parewanui	Taihape	Turakina	Rangitikei
Australia	1.3	1.6	1.5	1.6	0.5	1.2	1.8	1.9	1.7	1.5%
Pacific Islands	4.5	5.1	0.9	7.2	1.1	0.2	0.4	0.4	0	2.9%
UK & IE	4.5	6.1	4.3	3.7	3.4	4.8	3.5	3	2.4	4.2%
Europe ex. UK & IE	0.9	1.2	0.9	0.7	1.1	0.7	1.1	0.7	0.5	0.9%
N.America	0.5	0.4	0.3	0.7	0.4	0.5	0	0.7	0.5	0.5%
Asia	1.9	1.6	0.6	1.5	0.5	1.7	0.7	3.2	1	1.5%
MEA	1.3	0.8	0.9	0.3	0.5	0.5	1.8	0.4	0.2	0.7%
Other	0.2	0	0	0	0	0.7	0.4	0	0	0.1%
Total	15.1	16.8	9.4	15.7	7.5	10.3	9.7	10.3	6.3	12.3%

Anecdotal information

The following information is a compilation of shared knowledge within Rangitikei District Council's community development team and anecdotal information we have learned by engaging with the community throughout the stocktake process.

Most of the Pasifika population in Rangitikei are from Samoa, and a smaller number are from Tonga and the Cook Islands.

Our Asian communities include a significant number of Filipino, along with people of Chinese, Korean and Indian origin or descent. There are a handful of people of Asian ethnicities from other countries.

There are a significant number of people from South Africa in Rangitikei, particularly in Marton. The Latin American population is mostly people from Argentina and Chile.

Prior to Covid-19, a handful of Ni-Vanuatu people came to Rangitikei each year as seasonal workers based in Mangaweka.

4. Welcoming Communities stakeholder groups

A stakeholder engagement exercise was undertaken to identify key stakeholders according to their anticipated interest in the Welcoming Communities programme and its outcomes, whether they would be impacted by the programme and its outcomes, and the degree to which they may be expected to influence the outcomes of the programme.

The following matrix was compiled:

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This matrix was used to guide the prioritisation of stakeholder groups for the stocktake process.

5. Stocktake methods

Information gathering was undertaken in a variety of ways for different stakeholder groups, including:

- Interviews with employers of newcomers
- Interviews with newcomer community leaders & service providers
- Surveys of newcomers or former newcomers, and schools
- Community engagement events both in person and online
- Independent research
- Workshops with high school students

A full list of community engagement events is provided in *Appendix B*.

The questions included in the surveys for newcomers or former newcomers, and schools are included in *Appendix C*.

The questions included in surveys and interviews with schools are included in *Appendix D*.

6. Snapshot of Rangitikei

Covid-19 has impacted the number of newcomers over the past two-three years, with borders closed and employers unable to bring in new migrant workers. For migrant workers already in New Zealand prior to changes at our border, some have been separated from their families for extended periods of time. This is applicable across New Zealand and not just Rangitikei District. Employers of migrant workers report the significant emotional burden this has placed on their employees.

A number of migrant workers in Rangitikei District will become eligible for permanent residency within the next year. Once they have permanent residency, some of these individuals plan to apply for their spouses and families to join them in New Zealand. This could result in an increase in newcomers in Rangitikei from outside New Zealand over the next two-three years, particularly in the townships of Taihape and Marton, and on a smaller scale Hunterville.

The arrival of international newcomers could create further demand on housing in the district, as migrant workers who have thus far been housed by employers in shared accommodation seek housing suitable for their whole family. This could also increase ethnic diversity within our schools and require a period of adjustment and learning within our school communities.

In addition to a potential increase in international newcomers, a number of NZDF personnel and families are being relocated to RNZAF Base Ohakea following operational developments. This could further increase housing demand.

There were no identified active ethnic or cultural groups for newcomers in the Rangitikei, with the exception of several Samoan churches. Ethnic and cultural groups serving newcomers exist in Whanganui and Palmerston North, and many residents of Rangitikei travel to those towns to connect with people of their ethnicity or culture. Rangitikei is served by the Multicultural Council of Rangitikei and Whanganui, but this organisation has had limited engagement in Rangitikei in the past few years and are therefore in a stage of regenerating their network within Rangitikei.

Rangitikei is well served by sports, hobbies and special interest groups and clubs. There are more than 200 such organisations according to Council's internal records, in addition to more than 30 spiritual or religious organisations. However, many of these organisations are arguably more relevant to our older residents and there are fewer local opportunities for young people outside of their school environment.

Supporting Organisations

There are organisations providing support to newcomers, either directly or incidentally through education or other services. Some of these organisations are based in the district, while others travel to the Rangitikei periodically from larger urban centres. These organisations include (in no particular order):

- Ruapehu REAP
- Community Law (Whanganui based, but visit Marton & Taihape monthly)
- Multicultural Council of Rangitikei/Whanganui
- River City Filipino Club (Whanganui based, but have connections with workers in Rangitikei)
- UCOL
- Community Trusts
- Libraries
- Schools
- Real Estate agents
- Churches
- Ministry of Pacific Peoples, Ministry of Education
- Rangitikei District Council

7. Stocktake findings

The following is a summary of findings from our combined research. All information is anecdotal, unless otherwise stated.

Reasons for moving to Rangitikei

Results from the survey of newcomers and former newcomers supports anecdotal indications that most newcomers come to Rangitikei for employment opportunities or to accompany their family or spouse who has come for employment. Other reasons for moving to Rangitikei included cheaper housing and more affordability in general, a change of lifestyle or to escape the city, the location in proximity to other major towns, or to be closer to family.

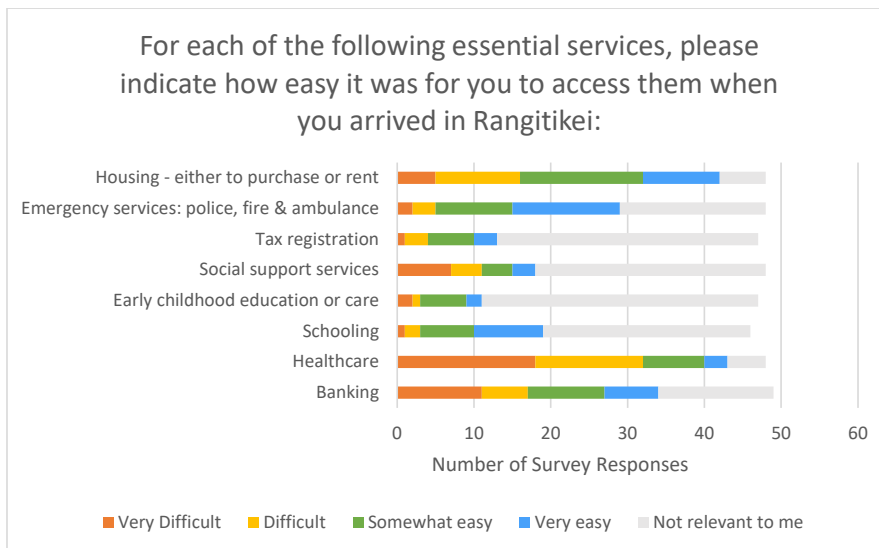
This is supported by information passed on from employers, that their migrant workers moved here specifically for a job opportunity. Most people already have a job before they move here, and many are actively recruited from outside New Zealand.

Of the people who responded to our survey, most stated that they plan to stay in Rangitikei long term, either because they are bound by their work or because they have settled here and like it. Those who stated that they didn't intend to stay cited reasons that indicated negative individual experiences.

Access to information and essential services

In the Welcoming Communities survey, we asked respondents whether they felt well-informed about the area when they arrived in Rangitikei. 35% respondents answered no, 48% answered somewhat, and 8% answered yes. We also asked survey respondents what services they continue to have difficulty accessing in their daily life. Of the most common free-text answers, 18 mentioned healthcare, doctors or GPs, 10 mentioned banking, 10 mentioned rubbish, recycling or water quality¹.

The following graph shows responses to how easy it was for newcomers to access specific services.



¹ 49 respondents were included in these statistics. See Appendix E for information on survey data analysis.

Arriving in Rangitikei: common challenges

In conversations with employers, newcomers and through our survey responses, a prominent challenge facing newcomers is housing. This isn't exclusive to newcomers and indeed is a challenge for our whole Rangitikei population. Newcomers face high rents, with some reports of feelings of landlords exploiting them. For some the responsibility of sending significant portions of their income back to their origin country leaves them unable to save for a mortgage deposit, and therefore they are dependent on rental accommodation which is in low supply.

Additionally, newcomers may not know what maintenance concerns to be aware of with New Zealand housing (including preventing dampness, mould, and the possible presence of asbestos) when purchasing or renting homes.

Another key challenge, also not unique to newcomers, is accessing healthcare. GP clinics in Rangitikei townships are few and extremely limited in their capacity to take new patients. In Bulls and Marton a number of residents report being forced to travel to Whanganui or Palmerston North for primary healthcare.

Other challenges that were stated in our survey results included finding information about Council services such as rubbish collection, familiarising with the area and meeting people. Several people commented on the lack of banks, shopping and restaurants or takeaways. Lack of public transport within the district was mentioned by a number of survey respondents, as well as the limited services connecting Rangitikei to other towns.

Respondents also mentioned homesickness, culture shock, and adjusting to their new environment as challenges when they arrived.

Arriving in Rangitikei: what has helped newcomers settle in

In the Welcoming Communities survey, we asked respondents what helped them to settle into life here. The most common answers included family, friends, neighbours and joining local community groups. Several commented that local Facebook groups were also useful. It should be noted that many of these respondents came to Rangitikei from other parts of New Zealand or other English-speaking countries.

Employers also contribute significantly to helping many newcomers settle in, whether through formal pastoral care programs or through support with social gatherings and accessing services. For Samoan newcomers there is a well-established Samoan community that supports new arrivals.

In the past, Marton Rotary have run bus tours of the district for newcomers. These were mentioned in several interviews as a helpful service when settling in.

Daily life in Rangitikei

Survey responses and interviews supported the view that most individuals in local communities are generally open to and friendly towards newcomers. Survey respondents and interviewees listed a wide range of activities that newcomers are interested in. These included sports & fitness, arts & crafts, church, family-friendly activities, and outdoor pursuits.

However, survey respondents overwhelmingly felt that finding information on activities and clubs was difficult. Many suggested that a central website or list of activities and clubs would make it easier to engage with community life.

There are not many newcomer-specific cultural events regularly happening in the district. One that is held regularly is Samoan Independence Day celebration, which is open to the whole community.

Additionally, this year the Multicultural Council is organising a multicultural event to take place in Bulls at the end of August 2022.

As a rural district, having a valid driver's license is important for daily activities. Most newcomers with foreign licenses have to go to Palmerston North in order to have them converted to a New Zealand license.

Regarding civic engagement, some Samoan representatives have expressed a desire for a more structured body to represent their community to Council and the wider community. Survey respondents mostly felt that they had either a very good, or at least some understanding of New Zealand systems of government, but that it was a challenge to find local Council information.

Employment and employer support

Work was the most cited reason in the Welcoming Communities survey for moving to the Rangitikei. Industries that employ a significant number of newcomers to the Rangitikei include farming, meat processing, commercial beekeeping, and food growers. There are also migrants who are self-employed or working in the retail and hospitality sectors, as is the case in many other parts of New Zealand.

The employers we spoke to are those who employ migrant or RSE workers, and/or actively recruit employees from offshore. Some work with third party organisations to recruit their staff. Many farmers work with company The Regions to recruit staff, in particular from the Philippines.

ANZCO has recruited workers from Samoa for a number of years, although this has stopped due to the Covid-19 pandemic. In this time, they are instead recruiting workers from the Cook Islands.

The commercial beekeeping industry demands workers with specialised qualifications. Many workers in this industry come from the Philippines, Chile or Argentina, all of which have universities that are highly regarded in this field. Some also come from Serbia.

Filipino workers are common in Rangitikei dairy farming, many of whom have gained specialised experience working on large industrial farms in the Middle East.

Some employment opportunities are seasonal. Not all migrant workers have employment opportunities in the off-season, although some employers try to support them to find work.

Most of the employers we interviewed provide pastoral care and additional support to their migrant workers. Most provide housing and some assist with expenses associated with moving to New Zealand, such as paying for the airfare which can be paid back over the first weeks of employment. Those employees who are recruited through third-party organisations also receive support from that organisation, including employment relations and immigration advice.

Additional support includes providing transport at weekends for shopping and recreation, education about ways of life in New Zealand, tutoring to improve English language, support to access community events and activities.

Support for young people

Young people are an important cohort of our newcomer groups. We spoke to several high schools to understand what support they receive in the school community and what they wish for as newcomers. We included migrant students, international students, and students whose parents were migrants in our newcomer definition for young people. In addition, we surveyed a handful of primary schools. The questions we addressed with schools are listed in Appendix D.

High schools report between a "handful" and up to 10% of their students come from a migrant background. In some primary schools the proportion is significantly higher. Based on our conversations we estimate there are at least 40-60 newcomer high school students across Rangitikei and Palmerston North, where some students travel to. Larger schools have dedicated staff for Pasifika student groups and their families and international departments who undertake broad pastoral care for those students. Smaller schools don't have dedicated resources but by nature of their size they are able to apply a case-by-case approach and support individual students' needs accordingly. There is a focus across all schools to engage with families and involve them in the school community. Schools actively try to reduce barriers sport and extra-curricular activities. International students are encouraged to participate, some are less likely to participate in certain sports due to what is common in their home country. Support to students and their families is provided as needed, and some schools have funding available if the family has financial limitations. Most schools hold some kind of celebration during language weeks throughout the year, these often involve food, performance, cultural dress or activities organised by the students. Some schools don't yet have regular events but plan to in the future. Some schools incorporate cultural elements into other regular school events such as open days.

A workshop was held with Rangitikei College Pasifika students, where the group shared their experiences. These students identified that learning English and general challenges around being the "new kid" were common. They also identified that family obligations sometimes made participating in extracurricular activities more difficult to schedule, and that some felt passed over for opportunities to represent their school at events. They discussed that strong family values and cultural connections were assets that made them resilient, and that sports and the arts were good ways to connect with the wider community and make friends.

Covid-related absences have meant workshops with other newcomer students have had to be postponed, but we hope to complete these before the end of the year.

Participants at the Rangitikei College workshop and at a presentation to the Youth Council demonstrated enthusiasm for youth representation within the Welcoming Communities programme. The Welcoming Communities Officer is actively engaging with the Strategic Advisors for Youth within Council to create a suitable arrangement.

Related to education, the Ministry for Education offers the Talanoa Ako programme in Rangitikei. This program provides information for Pasifika parents regarding NCEA and the schooling system.

Māori engagement

Further work needs to be done to identify where the plans and goals of local iwi are aligned with those of newcomers, and what initiatives are feasible to support.

Several newcomer representatives and groups expressed a desire to engage more with tikanga Māori and to learn local history. Marae visits, newcomer powhiri, and iwi involvement in citizenship ceremonies were mentioned as opportunities to connect newcomers with Māori that had been undertaken in the past but that have been paused recently, potentially due to uncertainties from Covid. Te Reo Māori and traditional skills such as weaving were also suggested as areas where some newcomers would like to learn more.

Currently, Rarotongan workers at ANZCO are being accommodated in the hostel at Te Poho o Tu Ariki, through an agreement with Ngati Apa Nga Wairiki.

The Welcoming Communities survey identified that most newcomers felt strongly that they either knew very little or knew quite a lot about Te Tiriti o Waitangi and its importance, with very few in the middle ground and a fairly even split between the levels of understanding. This suggests that there is an opportunity for further education in this area.

8. Opportunities for our Welcoming Plan

These opportunities are derived from the information gathered in this stocktake and are organised according to the eight elements of the Welcoming Communities Standard. They are listed in no particular order and do not represent an exhaustive list of opportunities. Many opportunities could have a positive impact on more than one element but are listed under the more relevant element.

These opportunities and others will be assessed according to impact and feasibility during the process of creating the Welcoming Plan. Ideally, most Welcoming Plan initiatives will be community driven with Council acting as a facilitator and supporter where needed.

1. Inclusive Leadership

- 1.1. Work more closely with local iwi to identify opportunities for mutual benefit
- 1.2. Identify opportunities to increase cultural competencies within Council
- 1.3. Encourage more newcomer membership on Advisory Board
- 1.4. Include a Youth advisory group or position within the Welcoming Communities programme

2. Welcoming Communications

- 2.1. Welcome packs tailored to newcomer needs
- 2.2. Facilitate a structured welcoming network
- 2.3. Identify available translation services
- 2.4. Review Council communication channels to ensure newcomers are being reached

3. Equitable Access

- 3.1. Clubs & activities information and contact list
- 3.2. Organise educational outreach sessions in Rangitikei with Community Law Whanganui for newcomers and wider community.

4. Connected and Inclusive Communities

- 4.1. Connect with local clubs, sports and community groups to encourage newcomer membership
- 4.2. Collaborate with schools on supporting newcomer students

5. Economic Development, Business and Employment

- 5.1. Collaborate with businesses who already employ migrant workers to develop a set of resources that can be adopted by new businesses looking to hire migrant workers. This could also support employers to become accredited under the new Accredited Employer Work Visa scheme.

6. Civic Engagement and Participation

- 6.1. Connect newcomers with information on elections, voting, and running for office.
- 6.2. Create register of volunteer opportunities that can be shared with newcomers

7. Welcoming Public Spaces

- 7.1. Promote multicultural representation in public art
- 7.2. Support positive interactions between newcomers and police and other public officials at events
- 7.3. Provide information to newcomer groups on suitable venues for sport or cultural events

8. Culture and Identity

- 8.1. Support the Multicultural Council in public events throughout Rangitikei
- 8.2. Encourage and support local cultural groups to organise events
- 8.3. Encourage events organised by the receiving community to incorporate aspects of cultural group representation

Appendix A: Welcoming Communities Standard Outcome Areas

Under each of these outcome areas there are further, more specific, sub-outcomes. Please refer to the Welcoming Communities Standard for more information.

1. *Inclusive Leadership*

Local government, tangata whenua and other community leaders work together to create, advocate for and continue to foster a welcoming and inclusive community. They lead a shared plan to increase connections between newcomers and existing residents.

2. *Welcoming Communications*

People of all cultures and backgrounds feel included, listened to and well informed through a range of ways that take into account their different communication needs.

3. *Equitable Access*

Opportunities to access services and activities and to participate in the community are available to all, including newcomers.

4. *Connected and Inclusive Communities*

People feel safe in their identity and that they are connected with and belong in the community. There are high levels of trust and understanding between members of the receiving community and newcomers.

5. *Economic Development, Business and Employment*

Communities maximise and harness the economic development opportunities that newcomers can offer. Councils work with business associations to promote the contribution that newcomer business owners and skilled migrants make to the region's economy.

6. *Civic Engagement and Participation*

Newcomers feel welcome to fully participate in the community. Newcomers are active in all forms of civic participation.

7. *Welcoming Public Spaces*

Newcomers and receiving communities feel welcome in and comfortable using public spaces.

8. *Culture and Identity*

There is a shared sense of pride in being part of a culturally rich and vibrant community. People feel their culture is respected and valued by other members of the community. There are opportunities to learn about each other's cultures.

Appendix B: Community Engagement Events

Community workshops: Welcoming Communications, Connected & Inclusive Communities, Equitable Access

- Hunterville 28 April
- Taihape 11 May
- Mangaweka 18 May
- Marton & Bulls 31 May

Drop-in sessions: Welcoming Public Spaces

- Hunterville 7 May
- Bulls 14 May
- Marton 14 May (cancelled due to weather)
- Taihape 21 May
- Online 21 May

Business after 5: Economic Development, Business & Employment

- Bulls 10 May
- Marton 17 May
- Taihape 25 May

Online focus group: Culture & Identity 19 May

Online focus group: Civic Engagement & Participation 24 May

Appendix C: Newcomer or former newcomer survey

Unless otherwise stated, answer fields were free-text.

Welcoming Communities Survey Rangitikei

Hi there! Welcome to this survey for recent or former newcomers to the Rangitikei district.

The information collected in this survey will be used to inform a Welcoming Plan for Rangitikei: a document prepared by Council, owned by the community, that sets out intended actions as a community, over a set period, to become an accredited Welcoming Community.

The survey should take approximately 15-20 minutes to complete. All questions are entirely voluntary. You can choose to answer only questions that are relevant to you, and skip others.

If you have questions at any time about this survey you can contact the Welcoming Communities team WelcomingCommunities@rangitikei.govt.nz / 027 307 0244.

Thank you in advance for taking the time to provide your valuable insights for this important work!

Note: The data collected through this survey will only be viewed by the Welcoming Communities Officers. Key findings and results from the survey will be presented in a report which will be publicly available. No personally identified information will be included in that report.

Please return your completed survey to one of our Council offices.

Let's get started. Will you tell us a little about yourself?

What is your age group?

- Under 16
- 16-24
- 25-34
- 35-44
- 45-44
- 55-64
- 65+

What is your ethnicity?

Which nationality do you identify with?

How long have you lived in New Zealand?

How long have you lived in Rangitikei?

What was the main reason you originally moved to Rangitikei?

Which town in Rangitikei do you live in?

Do you and your family plan on staying in the Rangitikei? Why or why not?

Arriving in Rangitikei

When answering these questions in this section, think about your first few months, up to a year, of living in Rangitikei.

When you arrived in Rangitikei what challenges, if any, did you face with settling into life here?

When you arrived in Rangitikei what helped you to settle into life here?

When you arrived in Rangitikei, did you feel well-informed about the area?

- Yes
- No

Somewhat

For each of the following essential services, please indicate how easy it was for you to access them when you arrived in Rangitikei

Banking	Very difficult	Difficult	Somewhat easy	Very easy	Not relevant to me
Healthcare	Very difficult	Difficult	Somewhat easy	Very easy	Not relevant to me
Schooling	Very difficult	Difficult	Somewhat easy	Very easy	Not relevant to me
Early childhood education or care	Very difficult	Difficult	Somewhat easy	Very easy	Not relevant to me
Social support services	Very difficult	Difficult	Somewhat easy	Very easy	Not relevant to me
Tax registration	Very difficult	Difficult	Somewhat easy	Very easy	Not relevant to me
Emergency services: police, fire & ambulance	Very difficult	Difficult	Somewhat easy	Very easy	Not relevant to me
Housing – either to purchase or rent	Very difficult	Difficult	Somewhat easy	Very easy	Not relevant to me

If you answered difficult, or very difficult, for any of the options, what would have helped you access those essential services?

When you arrived in Rangitikei, how easy or difficult was it for you to find information about the services provided by Rangitikei District Council?

Very difficult Very easy
 1 2 3 4 5

If you answered 1 or 2, what would have helped you access information from Rangitikei District Council?

Daily life in Rangitikei

When answering these questions in this section, think about your daily life now in the Rangitikei

How long have you lived in Rangitikei?

Less than one year

1-2 years

3-5 years

- 6-10 years
- 11 years or more

What services, if any, do you have difficulty accessing in Rangitikei?
 Do you feel able to access and receive healthcare in a way that is culturally appropriate for you? If not, what would improve this?
 If you have children, do you feel that they receive education in a way that is culturally appropriate? If not, what would improve this?
 How easy or difficult is it for you to find out information about activities taking place in Rangitikei, such as sports, social and spiritual activities?

Very difficult					Very easy
1	2	3	4	5	

If you answered 1 or 2, what would help you find information about these things?
 What activities, such as social, sports or spiritual, do you enjoy participating in?
 Do you participate in any of those activities in your town or elsewhere in Rangitikei already?

- Yes
- No
- Somewhat
- Not relevant to me

Do you feel welcome to use public spaces in Rangitikei, such as parks, sports grounds and community facilities?

- Yes
- No
- Somewhat
- Not relevant to me

How would you like to see your culture represented in our public spaces, such as parks, sports grounds and community facilities?
 How easy or difficult do you find it to connect and interact with people from different cultural or ethnic communities?

Very difficult					Very easy
1	2	3	4	5	

What makes it easy or difficult for you to connect and interact with people from different cultural or ethnic communities?
 How can Rangitikei District Council create opportunities for different cultural or ethnic communities to interact?

Business and employment in Rangitikei

When answering these questions in this section, think about your business or employment situation

Which of the following best describes you? If relevant, you can select more than one option

- Permanent employee
- Seasonal employee
- Temporary employee

- Casual employee
- Currently seeking employment
- Business owner
- Self employed
- Other

Do you feel confident finding information about employment opportunities in Rangitikei?

- Yes
- No
- Somewhat
- Not relevant to me

If you are an employee, what support, if any, has been provided by your employer to help you settle into Rangitikei?

Do you feel you have access to leadership opportunities in your workplace?

- Yes
- No
- Somewhat
- Not relevant to me

Do you feel that cultural diversity is valued in your workplace?

- Yes
- No
- Somewhat
- Not relevant to me

How would you like to see cultural diversity recognised and celebrated in your workplace?

If you are a business owner, what challenges, if any, did you face when setting up your business?

If you are a business owner, what would have helped you in setting up your business?

Belonging in Rangitikei

When answering these questions, think about what gives you a sense of belonging where you live.

What does it mean to you to feel connected and included in your community?

Do you feel safe and supported to express and celebrate your culture in Rangitikei, outside of your ethnic community?

- Yes
- No
- Somewhat
- Not sure
- Not relevant to me

Why do you feel safe and supported, or not, to express and celebrate your culture in Rangitikei, outside of your ethnic community? What would help to improve this?

How would you like to see cultural diversity celebrated in Rangitikei? for example events, festivals, visual art

What do you think we can do, as a community, to increase everyone's understanding and appreciation of different cultures?

Civic participation in New Zealand

This section is about New Zealand's electoral system and voting in local and central government elections. There is information about this at <https://elections.nz/> and you can find out if you are eligible to vote at <https://vote.nz/>

How easy or difficult do you find it to access information about how to participate in New Zealand's election processes?

How well would you rate your understanding of the following?

New Zealand's system of government	Not at all	Very little	A little	Very well
Te Tiriti o Waitangi (The Treaty of Waitangi) and its importance in New Zealand's governance	Not at all	Very little	A little	Very well
The election process for Members of Parliament and the Prime Minister	Not at all	Very little	A little	Very well
New Zealand's local government system, and Rangitikei District Council's role	Not at all	Very little	A little	Very well
The election process for Rangitikei District Councillors and the Mayor	Not at all	Very little	A little	Very well

What would help you increase your understanding of any of those things listed above, and support you with your civic participation?

Last question! Would you share your contact details?

We might have further questions about your survey responses that will help us get ideas for our Welcoming Plan. We'll also be holding focus groups about specific topics, and we'd like to invite you to them. This is entirely voluntary.

Your name

Your email address

Your phone number

Thank you for taking the time to complete this survey! Your insights will help us make Rangitikei more welcoming for newcomers in the future. Visit our website to see our upcoming public meetings and further opportunities to be involved in the Welcoming Communities programme in Rangitikei: <https://www.Rangitikei.govt.nz/district/welcoming-communities>

Appendix D: School Survey

Questions in italics were only included for high schools. Most responses were collected during interview conversations.

What proportion of your roll are migrant students?

Where are your migrant students from? - please list the countries

What programmes or initiatives does your school have in place to support migrant students, if any?

For your culturally & linguistically diverse students, are you aware of and making use of the ESOL funding from the Ministry of Education? If so how?

Does your school you provide ESOL support for other culturally & linguistically diverse students who aren't eligible for Ministry of Education funding?

What student leadership opportunities specifically for migrants students, if any?

How do you ensure accessibility of sports, other extra curricular activities, and support services for migrant students?

Does your school take active steps to celebrate diversity among students? If so, how?

What cultural celebrations are held at your school on a regular basis, if any?

Does your school's official values reference diversity in any way? If so, how?

What elements of your school curriculum explore different cultures, if any?

Does your school have any dedicated cultural spaces, such as prayer rooms or other gathering spaces?

How does your school promote or ensure diversity in your governance and leadership teams?

How does your school communicate with parents of your student body?

Do you have any communication challenges with parents for whom English is a second language? If so, how do you approach those challenges?

Does your school uniform policy reference cultural jewellery or clothing items?

How does your school manage bullying?

Is there a separate process to manage any bullying that may be racially motivated?

Have any of these questions prompted you to consider new ideas for how to improve the experiences of your migrant students within your school?

How can we, as a Council, support you or collaborate with you to bring those ideas to fruition?

Appendix E: Welcoming Communities survey response summary

The Welcoming Communities survey was open and advertised from January to early July 2022. There were 60 respondents to the survey. For analysis the respondents were divided into 5 cohorts based on their self-identified nationality and length of time they have lived in the Rangitikei district.

Cohort	Description	Number of respondents
A	Migrant newcomers Nationality outside of New Zealand (may be dual citizens raised overseas). Residing in Rangitikei for 5 years or less.	13
B	Migrant former newcomers Nationality outside of New Zealand (may be dual citizens raised overseas). Residing in Rangitikei for 6+ years.	2
C	Kiwi newcomers Nationality identified as New Zealand. Residing in Rangitikei for 5 years or less.	34
E	Receiving Community members (includes Kiwi former newcomers) Nationality identified as New Zealand. Residing in Rangitikei for 6+ years.	9
O	Out of District respondents Do not reside in the Rangitikei district.	2

For the purposes of the Rangitikei Welcoming Communities programme, cohorts A & B are considered migrant newcomers, cohort C are considered Kiwi newcomers, cohort E are not considered newcomers but rather part of the “receiving community”, and cohort O responses are excluded as they are not Rangitikei residents.

The Welcoming Communities programmes in New Zealand are designed to target cohorts A & B. However, there seems to be significant overlap in the needs and experiences of these cohorts with cohort C. In general, cohort E has been excluded from the newcomer feedback analyses, as it is difficult to justify their experiences as Kiwis moving to the district 6+ years ago as “newcomer” experiences that are relevant now. That is not to say that former Kiwi newcomers did not have meaningful feedback, simply that they should more appropriately be considered as part of the receiving community now.

Cohorts A & B (Migrant Newcomers)

Age Group	Number	Town	Number	Nationality	Number
16-24	1	Bulls	3	Australian	2
25-34	2	Huntermville	4	British	3
35-44	5	Marton	4	British & NZ	1
45-54	3	Not		Dutch & NZ	1
55-64	3	specified	1	English	1
65+	1	Taihape	3	Filipino	3
				Indian	1
				North American	2
				North American + NZ	1

Cohort C (Kiwi Newcomers)

Age group	Number	Town	Number
16-24	2	Bulls	3
25-34	6	Huntermville	1
35-44	7	Marton	23
45-54	6	Taihape	6
55-64	9	Utiku	1
65+	4		

Cohort E (Receiving Community)

Age group	Number	Town	Number
25-34	1	Huntermville	2
35-44	1	Marton	6
55-64	2	Taihape	1
65+	5		

11.4 Pae Tawhiti Rangitikei Beyond: Project Update**Author:** Katrina Gray, Senior Strategic Planner**Authoriser:****Authoriser:** Peter Beggs, Chief Executive**1. Reason for Report**

1.1 To provide an update on the Pae Tawhiti Rangitikei Beyond project.

2. Project Overview

2.1 The Pae Tawhiti Rangitikei Beyond project is the development of a spatial plan for the district. It will provide a spatial roadmap for how the Rangitikei will prosper to 2050 and beyond by:



- Providing clear objectives/outcomes for future land use and growth.
- Guiding infrastructure investment decisions and enable targeted future proofing.
- Reflecting community cultural, economic, environmental and social values and priorities.
- Informing and shaping the District Plan Review and Council's other plans and strategies.
- Building confidence and identifying potential for industrial, commercial, and residential development.
- Achieving intergenerational equity and sustainable environmental development.

2.2 An Advisory Group has been established which consists of Elected Members and Te Roopuu Ahi Kaa members to assist with the strategic direction setting for the document. The Group's members are Chris Shenton, Cr Tracey Hiroa, His Worship the Mayor Andy Watson, Cr Fi Dalgety, Cr Angus Gordon, Cr Gill Duncan.










3. Project Schedule

Project Stage / Phase	Timeline
Background research / technical assessment	Now – December 2021
Develop Discussion Document	August 2021 – January 2022
Community Engagement	March – April 2022
Develop Draft Spatial Plan	April – July 2022
Community Consultation	October 2022
Adoption	February 2023

4. Project Updates

Metric	Trend	Comment
Schedule		The timeframe of the project has been pushed out slightly to accommodate for longer than projected drafting time and the Local Government Election.
Risk		No significant risks identified.
Update from Advisory Group meetings		<p>One Advisory Group meeting was held during this reporting period:</p> <p>Advisory Group Meeting #8</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Draft spatial plan document. <p>Advisory Group meetings held during the <i>previous</i> reporting periods included:</p> <p>Advisory Group Meeting #1</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Purpose. Project naming. The Advisory Group agreed with 'Pae Tawhiti Rangitikei Beyond' as the project name. <p>Advisory Group Meeting #2</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identification of issues and opportunities facing our communities. Developing project vision and values. Rural environment outcomes. <p>Advisory Group Meeting #3A and #3B</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Residential / Rural Living environment. <p>Advisory Group Meeting #4</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nature Networks Transport Networks <p>Advisory Group Meeting #5</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Business Environments – retail, commercial, industrial. <p>Advisory Group Meeting #6</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discussion document and community engagement. <p>Advisory Group Meeting #7</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Community engagement results and strategic directions.
Tasks completed June / July 2022		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The draft Spatial Plan document was drafted during June/July 2022. Hui held with Ngāti Hauiti. The draft Spatial Plan document will be circulated to Te Roopuu Ahi Kaa Komiti members for feedback in early August 2022.
Tasks forecast August / September		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Draft Spatial Plan document adopted by Council for community consultation. Planning for community consultation, including development of consultation material.

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Legend			
Completion Date not affected. No major risks identified.	Unchanged 	Risk increasing towards Amber 	Risk decreasing away from Amber 
Up to three months delay to completion date. Major risk identified.	Unchanged 	Risk increasing towards Red 	Risk decreasing away from Red 
More than three months delay to completion date or critical date at risk. Critical risk identified that could impact on delivery of the project.	Unchanged 	Risk increasing 	Risk decreasing 

Recommendation

That the report ‘Pae Tawhiti Rangitīkei Beyond: Project Update’ be received.

11.5 Project Management Office Report - July 2022**Author: Adina Foley, Senior Project Manager****Authoriser: Arno Benadie, Chief Operating Officer****Reason for Report**

This is a monthly report on the most significant projects currently being delivered by Council's Project Management Office (PMO):






1. Mangaweka Bridge Replacement
2. Marton to Bulls Wastewater Centralisation Project
3. Lake Waipu Improvement and Ratana Wastewater Treatment Project
4. Bulls Bus Lane and Town Square
5. Taihape Amenities Building
6. Taihape Grandstand
7. Marton Rail Hub
8. Marton Water Strategy
9. Regional Treatment Plant Consenting Programme

The miscellaneous section of this report contains information or requests for decision on projects not included in the list above.

Note that Finance and Performance Committee will receive full budgets and spend broken down by financial year, and this report will focus on project budgets and progress against budget.





1. Mangaweka Bridge replacement

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Project Status			
<p>The scope of this project is to construct a replacement bridge at Mangaweka and preserve the existing bridge as a walking and cycling facility to be managed by a trust.</p> <p>The project is funded by Waka Kotahi, Rangitikei District Council and Manawatu District Council, and project managed by Manawatu District Council.</p> <p>The bridge was opened on Friday 20 May 2022, a month earlier than scheduled, with a blessing and unveiling of the pou by Ngāti Hauiti. The approach road on the Manawatu side has been completed, there are some final minor items to undertake before the project is complete.</p> <p><i>The total construction cost is \$7.9m plus \$2.1m in consenting costs and consultancy fees – RDC's component only is reported on in this report.</i></p>			
Project Budget	\$4,953,345	Spend to Date	\$4,361,779
Estimated Costs to Complete	\$591,566	Forecast Cost at Completion	\$4,953,345
% Spent of Forecast Cost	88%	Variance: Forecast Cost / Budget	0%
Project Start Date (MM-YY)	01-18	Project Completion Date (MM-YY)	09-22
Metric	Trend	Comment	
Health and Safety		No near misses or lost time injuries to report.	
Programme		Construction due to be completed early in August 2022 and is currently on programme.	
Cost		The project is currently within budget.	
Quality		No concerns to date.	
Risk		Working at heights and over the water, in proximity to the public, is inherently risky; this risk has been downgraded as the construction of the bridge is complete.	
Tasks completed last month	Approach road on the Manawatu side. Engineering maintenance plan for the old bridge.		
Tasks forecast this month	Final minor items to complete the project: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Fencing – Landscaping – Guard rail – Road marking & signage – Existing bridge cycle rail & bollards – Horizons instruments – Legal survey – Minor defects/snags 		

2. Marton to Bulls Wastewater Centralisation Project

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Project Status					
<p>The Marton to Bulls wastewater centralisation scope includes 4 subprojects:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. Construction of a wastewater transfer pipeline from Marton Wastewater Treatment Plant to Bulls Wastewater Treatment Plant B. Purchase of land in the Bulls area to dispose of treated wastewater and install irrigation infrastructure C. Consenting for the activities D. Upgrades of the treatment plants at Marton and Bulls <p>Project signboards were erected in December advising of the works and acknowledging co-funding from Crown Infrastructure Partners. Construction is progressing for subproject A.</p> <p>Our Resource Consent application for the open-trenching component of the works has been accepted by Horizons (noting that consent has not been granted), and mitigation and impacts were discussed with Iwi during December.</p> <p>Low Environmental Impact (LEI) have been contracted to project manage the wider project, with the Group Manager Assets and Infrastructure holding the design authority for the solution. The Group Manager Assets and Infrastructure will commission peer review of the solution should this be required.</p>					
Project Budget		\$25,000,000	Project Spend		\$6,097,250
Estimated Costs to Complete		\$18,902,750	Forecast Cost at Completion		\$25,000,000
% Spent of Forecast Cost		24%	Variance Forecast Cost / Budget		0%
Project Start Date (MM-YY)		06-20	Project Completion Date (MM-YY)		06-25
Metric	Trend	Comment			
Health and Safety		No near misses or lost time injuries to report.			
Programme		The overall programme for the entire project (all four subprojects) is five years starting in 2020, and the target end date is June 2025. The part of the pipeline that was funded by the 3-water stimulus funding was complete on 30 April 2022 – the deadline for spending this funding was 30 June 2022.			
Cost		The budgets for all sub-projects will be assessed when land has been sourced. \$3,880,000 of the pipeline cost has been agreed to be funded by DIA through the 3-waters stimulus funding.			
Quality		Crown Infrastructure Partners (CIP) who are overseeing the DIA funded projects have funded Alta (construction management specialists) to support the project team with tendering of subproject A and be the Engineer to Contract. Council have			

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		engaged Kingston Infrastructure Ltd to be the on-site project liaison and Engineers Representative, to support delivery and verify construction milestones.
Risk		The risk of not finding suitable disposal land (sub-project B), and of difficulties with feasibility of construction remains. There is a risk of the granting of the resource consent for open trenching being delayed due to the workload of Iwi at the moment and challenges with their capacity.
Tasks completed last month		Iwi consultation continued Fourth payment claim received Design of pipe bridge continuing Weekly meetings with LEI and RDC continue. LEI went to TRAK to improve the iwi consultation process. LEI have also engaged with RDC staff within the comms team to improve the community consultation process.
Tasks forecast this month		Horizons consent to be progressed (awaiting iwi sign off) Construction of wastewater pipeline to progress Monthly updates to Horizons regarding consent will begin. Increase public comms on Council's website relating to the project. LEI will attend July Council meeting to present project overview and progress.

3. Lake Waipu Improvement and Ratana Wastewater Treatment Project






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Project Status			
<p>This project has been a collaborative effort involving local iwi, RDC, HRC and the community of Ratana, and is partly funded (46%) by Ministry for the Environment (MfE). The project is to remove treated effluent from Lake Waipu and to dispose of it to land. The project started on 1 July 2018 with an agreement with the Ministry for the Environment (MfE) and has an estimated duration of 5 years. Construction is expected to complete in December 2023.</p> <p>An application for a new consent was lodged in April 2018, and this application allows RDC to proceed under existing use rights with the current consent conditions to discharge treated wastewater into lake Waipu until such time as a new consent application for land disposal can be submitted.</p> <p>The scope of this project includes purchase of land for disposing of treated wastewater (instead of discharge to Lake Waipu), the installation of irrigation equipment and an upgrade of the existing Rātana Pā wastewater treatment plant.</p> <p>Further information is contained in Section 9 of this report.</p>			
Project Budget	\$2,425,000	Spend to Date	\$225,100
Estimated Costs to Complete	\$2,199,900	Forecast Cost at Completion	\$2,425,000
% Spent of Forecast Cost	9.3%	Variance: Forecast Cost / Budget	0%
Project Start Date (MM-YY)	07-18	Project Completion Date (MM-YY)	12-23
Metric	Trend	Comment	
Health and Safety		No near misses or lost time injuries to report.	
Programme		The irrigation methodology and programme are being planned now. Construction is expected to be completed by December 2023	
Cost		<p>The 2020-21 Annual Plan and the 2021-2031 Long Term Plan included \$1.55m budget spread across various line items for this project. \$875,000 is being granted to RDC by Horizons Regional Council out of the funding they will receive from the Ministry for Environment, which is included in the budget.</p> <p>Actual construction costs can only be finalised once all detail has been specified or designed. The costs are expected to be more than the current estimates when looking at the development of the construction market in the last couple of years.</p>	
Quality		No concerns to date.	
Risk		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wetland Delineation Report confirmed two natural wetlands Tight timeframe to get work completed by December 2023, for MfE funding for the project. Council is working with consultants to assist with planning the forward works programme. Land constraints to be worked through as part of design. 	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proximity to Whangaehu River, degree of interconnection between groundwater and the river to be worked through as part of the Assessment of Environmental Effects (AEE) work as could have implications for degree of nutrient removal from effluent that may be required • Ongoing discharge to waterway and ultimately Lake Waipu raised by Regional Council may be grounds for public notification of the consent application • Best location for the storage reservoir, understanding implications of site selection and avoiding additional consent requirements • Horizons Regional Council have indicated that they consider the discharge to the unnamed tributary which ultimately discharges to Lake Waipu to be part of the application for Ratana WWTP. As environmental effects associated with this are considered to be more than minor raises risk of public notification of the consent application which could extend timeframes associated with receiving a decision for the application. • The approved budgets might not be sufficient to cover the full cost of the upgrade.
Tasks Completed Last Month	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Organised drillers to install the monitoring bores July to help get clarification on the existing environmental conditions and help with on-going monitoring • Drafting of the preliminary irrigation design including sizing of storage. • Pipeline initial design and progress the wastewater design, working on additional cost estimates • Drilling on monitoring bores commenced 18th July
Tasks Forecast This Month	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Finalise preparation of the Ecological Impact Assessment, Restoration Plan, and Irrigation Design. • Drafting of the resource consent application/ AEE • Onsite drilling of monitoring bores and groundwater sample collection to be completed

4. Bulls Bus Lane and Town Square






Project Status			
<p>The scope of this project is the creation of a Town Square and Bus Lane in Bulls around the Community Centre, Te Matapihi.</p> <p>Construction of the bus lane and town square begun on 26 October 2021. The bus lane was completed on 16 March 2022, and the town square was complete on 1 April 2022.</p> <p>The final items to complete this project is the installation of artwork.</p>			
Project Budget (Bus Lane and Town Square)	\$1,025,603	Spend to Date	\$932,793
Estimated Costs to Complete	\$92,810	Forecast Cost at Completion	\$1,025,603
% Spent of Forecast Cost	91%	Variance: Forecast Cost / Budget	0%
Project Start Date (MM-YY)	10-21	Project Completion Date (MM-YY)	07-22
Metric	Trend	Comment	
Health and Safety		No near misses or lost time injuries to report.	
Programme		Construction has been completed with only the installation of the artwork remaining. The start date was 26 October 2021 and completion date of the bus lane was 16 March 2022, and the town square was 1 April 2022.	
Cost		The PMO does not expect exceeding the project contingency, and overall expects to finish within budget.	
Quality		The town square and bus lane completed to the specified quality standards. The installation of the artwork will be done with the assistance of a structural engineer and qualified builders.	
Risk		Bus operators identified operational improvements to the Bulls bus lane after a one-month trial period. The proposed improvements have been completed to the satisfaction of the bus operators and they are now happy to start using the bus lane	
Tasks completed last month	Continue working with Ngāti Parewahawaha on finalised plan with artwork.		
Tasks forecast this month	Install artwork by Ngāti Parewahawaha. Unveiling of artwork planned for end of August. Continue discouragement and enforcement for vehicles other than busses using the bus lane. Staff are working on the sourcing of cameras.		

5. Taihape Amenities Building

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Projects Status			
<p>The scope of this project is the construction of a new Taihape Amenities Building. Construction began in March 2022.</p> <p>Staff were successful in applying for external funding: \$40,000 from Four Regions Trust and \$374,000 from the Lotteries Funding.</p>			
Project Budget	\$4,648,757	Spend to Date	\$1,469,973
Estimated Costs to Complete	\$3,178,784	Forecast Cost at Completion	\$4,648,757
% Spent of Forecast Cost	31.6%	Variance: Forecast Cost / Budget	0%
Project Start Date (MM-YY)	11-2020	Project Completion Date (MM-YY)	02-2023
Metric	Trend	Comment	
Health and Safety		No near misses or lost time injuries to report.	
Programme		<p>Construction started March 2022. There is a high risk of delay caused by supply challenges and COVID – this is being monitored closely by the contractor and the PMO. Programme for Amenities Building experienced a 2–3-month delay caused by the supply chain and subcontractor’s delays.</p> <p>There is a further delay due to the steel manufacturer experiencing staff shortage caused by the flu and COVID. The contractor will submit a revised programme at the end of July</p>	
Cost		Any scope changes will impact on the amenities budget – the PMO would require Council endorsement before approving any other work.	
Quality		New building construction work only started when all design was completed, and scope confirmed (lessons learned from Bulls Te Matapihi).	
Risk		There is a high risk of delay caused by supply challenges and COVID – this is being monitored closely by the contractor and the PMO.	
Tasks completed last month	<p>Construction commenced</p> <p>Communications update on various channels</p> <p>All piles and floor slabs have now been installed</p>		
Tasks forecast this month	<p>Construction to continue.</p> <p>Communication to continue.</p>		

6. Taihape Grandstand






Projects Status			
<p>The scope of this project is the detailed design of the endorsed strengthening concept design for the Taihape Grandstand (consulted on during LTP period, with a final resolution to be made in September 2022).</p> <p>Design is underway to provide costings of the strengthening of the Grandstand.</p> <p>\$1m was allowed for the Grandstand in the 2021 LTP. Current projections of project costs are estimated to be well above committed budget. Therefore, additional funding will have to be secured.</p> <p>A separate paper was presented to Council in March 2022 to resolve next steps and future Council staff involvement – the resolutions were for staff to support the Taihape Heritage Trust with their fundraising for improvements to the Grandstand, and that no building work would be undertaken on the Grandstand until the Heritage status was confirmed and financing for construction in place.</p>			
Project Budget	\$1,000,000	Spend to Date	\$203,890
Estimated Costs to Complete	Unknown	Forecast Cost at Completion	Unknown
% Spent of Forecast Cost	Unknown	Variance: Forecast Cost / Budget	0%
Project Start Date (MM-YY)	11/2020	Project Completion Date (MM-YY)	Unknown
Metric	Trend	Comment	
Health and Safety		No near misses or lost time injuries to report.	
Programme		There is a high risk of delay caused by supply challenges and COVID – this is being monitored closely by the contractor and the PMO.	
Cost		The \$1m budget for the Grandstand includes investigation, staff time, design, consenting, and some construction works. Once detailed design has been completed the PMO will ask the QS to review the pricing and amend the estimate. This will then be presented back to council in a report in September 2022.	
Quality		Construction work to be planned once detailed design is completed and presented to Council for decision.	
Risk		No concerns to date. There is a risk of poor public perception of the grandstand strengthening. Public consultation has been undertaken to reduce the risk. There is a high risk of delay caused by supply challenges and COVID – this is being monitored closely by the contractor and the PMO.	
Tasks completed last month	Cost estimates have been received. PMO is continuing to work with engineer and architect to ensure design is the best result for the development of the Grandstand.		

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Tasks forecast this month	<p>PMO will continue to work on a report showing a cohesive overview of the costings and design development, to bring to Council in early September. This is to coincide with another related report being brought to Council that might have an influence on the Better Off Funding application to be submitted before the end of September 2022.</p> <p>Continue to work on communication with the public, to ensure the public are being given accurate information on programme.</p>
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7. Marton Industrial Park and Rail Hub





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Project Status			
<p>A new rail hub to accommodate forestry operations will be constructed in Marton. This will include a double rail siding, log yard with debarking facility, and associated businesses.</p> <p>Civil design work is proceeding to the resource consent stage and includes the regional consenting for the civil works.</p>			
Project Budget	\$9,850,000	Spend to Date	\$2,106,557
Estimated Costs to Complete	\$7,853,197	Forecast Cost at Completion	\$7,743,443
% Spent of Forecast Cost	21%	Variance: Forecast Cost / Budget	0%
Project Start Date (MM-YY)	11-20	Project Completion Date (MM-YY)	01-24
Metric	Trend	Comment	
Health and Safety		No near misses or lost time injuries to report.	
Programme		An Environment Court hearing date has now been set for the week commencing 12 September 2022, in Levin. Programming can now be undertaken based on a resolution to the district plan change in September 2022.	
Cost		The cost estimate for the rail siding construction exceeds the current budget. The project team is looking at funding and investment options.	
Quality		Quality issues arose with the initial preliminary design of the rail siding. Design revisions are complete, and the quality risk was resolved by the end of May 2021.	
Risk		The programme is dictated by the plan change process. The cost estimate for the rail siding exceeds the current budget.	
Tasks completed last month	Conferencing between Council’s experts and other party’s experts is underway Briefs of evidence are underway Variation to allow resource consent-level design has been approved		
Tasks forecast this month	Further expert conferencing Briefs of evidence to be further developed Resource consent-level design to commence		

8. Marton Water Strategy – Sub-project A (New Bore)






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Project Status				
<p>A new bore is required to replace existing infrastructure to supply potable water to Marton. The Marton Water Strategy comprises of three sub-projects:</p> <p>Sub-project A: Construction of new raw water bore (this report)</p> <p>Sub-project B: Design of the plant upgrade and consenting</p> <p>Sub-project C: Construction of new treatment plant</p> <p>Sub-project A will deliver a new bore that will, when sub-projects B and C are also completed, provide potable water to Marton that meets the NZ Drinking Water Standards. The scope of sub-project A includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Planning and procurement of required professional services – Location of new bore site – Land acquisition for bore site and testing for quality and quantity – Target volume from bore of 5000 m3 (quantity of water) – Construction of bore – Handover of bore to operations team. <p>Sub-project A is currently in the tendering phase for the drilling contractor. A tender award recommendation report is also included in the July 2022 Council papers.</p> <p>Sub-projects B and C will commence when sub-project A is near completion. At this stage, staff will look at options for the use of the dams once we are drawing Marton water from a bore. This will include looking at restoring flow to the Tutaenui Stream. All work is expected to be completed by 1 July 2024.</p>				
Total Project Budget		\$11,000,000	Spend to Date	\$112,873
Estimated Costs to Complete (sub-project A)		\$1,887,127	Forecast Cost at Completion (Sub-project A)	\$2,000,000
% Spent of Forecast Cost		11%	Variance: Forecast Cost / Budget	+100%
Metric	Trend	Comment		
Health and Safety		Physical works have not begun. Request for Tender (RFT) documentation for procurement of bore construction outlines Health and Safety requirements / considerations which responses were assessed against.		

Programme		Tender evaluation for the physical work completed, paper included in July 2022 Council meeting for consideration. Enabling work has been awarded to Bond Excavators, awaiting RDC confirmation of the site footprint.
Cost		The most significant projected cost is for the bore construction contract. The Tender recommendation price for this, including contingency, is \$1,837,492.00. The total Marton Water Strategy budget is not affected as the costs for sub-projects B and C are currently unknown.
Quality		No concerns to date.
Risk		Iwi engagement is fundamental at this stage of the project to ensure the approach, location and design are acceptable to local Iwi. As per the project plan, RDC hold responsibility for this engagement. Staff movements at RDC and MDC poses a risk to the continuity of project where the project stretches over multiple years. Both Councils will ensure all project information is recorded and stored correctly to mitigate this risk. RDC to consult with the Tutaenui Stream Restoration Society and MDC to agree on the best placed footprint for the bore construction site.
Tasks completed last month	RFT closed for bore construction. Enabling work has been awarded and will start shortly.	
Tasks forecast this month	Present the Tender Recommendation report to Council for consideration. Increase public comms on Council's website relating to the project.	

9. Regional Treatment Plant Consenting Programme

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Programme Status			
<p>A consultant (WSP) has been engaged to deliver a programme of treatment plant consents for Rangitikei District Council. The contract is for four years.</p> <p>The outcome of this programme is current consents on all treatment plants, which can be regularly complied with. This will resolve non compliances with our regional council consents. Variations to date include:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Taihape Water Treatment Plant optimisation (\$32,350) – approved in November 2021 under resolution 21/RDC/411. 2) Hunterville Wastewater Treatment Plant new consent – noted under resolution 21/RDC/322 that a new consent will be sought. Costs will be presented to Council for approval once known (expected January 2022). 			
Project Budget	\$494,920	Spend to Date	\$174,295
Estimated Costs to Complete	\$320,625	Forecast Cost at Completion	\$494,920
% Spent of Forecast Cost	35%	Variance: Forecast Cost / Budget	0%
Project Start Date (MM-YY)	04-21	Project Completion Date (MM-YY)	12-23
Metric	Trend	Comment	
Health and Safety		WSP (Contractor) Health and Safety Plan prepared prior to site visits	
Programme		Ratana programme revised now that land purchase area secured, looking to lodge application early second quarter 2022, behind desired schedule as need to do groundwater monitoring prior to lodging consent. Likely to lodge third quarter of 2022. Bulls WTP lodged in time to secure s124b existing use rights. Hunterville WWTP request for assistance, programme to be established.	
Cost		Forecast completion cost is on budget, various variations prepared. Technical assessments price for Ratana WWTP were greater than provisional sum estimates but agreed with PMO.	
Quality		No concerns to date.	
Risk		<p>Risk 1: Programme – slight delays to start while waiting on information to be provided for some sites (flow and quality data). Ability to re-establish programme.</p> <p>Risk 2: Scope creep – nothing identified at this stage, early variations identified by RDC.</p> <p>Risk 3: Cost of upgrades. Not known at this stage, needs to be balanced against stakeholder expectations. Watching brief to be kept</p> <p>Risk 4: Delivery of Cultural Impact Assessment (CIA). Continue to work with RDC and iwi to understand information requirements and implications as they come to hand. Ongoing consultation is allowed for.</p>	

	<p>Risk 5: Legislative changes. Various legislation changes have occurred since most of the consents of existing sites were approved. Need to ensure that information within consent applications is fit for purpose to be able to evaluate against legislative requirements.</p> <p>Risk 6: Horizons Regional Council have indicated that consider the discharge to the unnamed tributary which ultimately discharges to Lake Waipu to be part of the application for Ratana WWTP. As environmental effects associated with this are considered to be more than minor raises risk of public notification of the consent application which could extend timeframes associated with receiving a decision for the application.</p>
<p>Tasks completed last month</p>	<p><u>Ratana</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Organised drillers to install the monitoring bores July to help get clarification on the existing environmental conditions and help with on-going monitoring Drafting of the preliminary irrigation design including sizing of storage. Pipeline initial design and progress the wastewater design Meeting with asset management team to work through logistics and cost implications Indicative pricing for various upgrade options <p><u>Taihape WWTP</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> RDC confirmed short term improvements. Consultation hui carried out 12 May which iwi reiterated they want to see action from RDC to carry out the improvement activities as soon as possible. <p><u>Taihape WTP</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sent reports to Sarah Sandilands at Horizons <p><u>Bulls WTP</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continuing to follow up Ngāti Apa requesting another meeting, if required, to obtain feedback on cultural effects. Continuing to follow up Ngāti Raukawa ki te Tonga Responses from hydrologists collated into section 92 response letter.
<p>Tasks forecast this month</p>	<p><u>Ratana</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Finalise preparation of the Ecological Impact Assessment, Restoration Plan, and Irrigation Design. Drafting of the resource consent application/ AEE Onsite drilling of monitoring bores and groundwater sample collection <p><u>Taihape WWTP</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Technical task briefs to be prepared, will re-look at programme. WSP to finalise the policy assessment Prepare a two-page summary of upgrade options (from process review and water quality assessments already prepared) with two options for consideration. <p><u>Taihape WTP</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Receive with an amended scope with focus on preliminary investigations regarding storage options from hydrology perspective as well as high level overview of what else could be done in study to assess alternative sources for the water supply

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	<p><u>Bulls WTP</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Waiting for iwi to respond. Staff have advised they can forward WSP emails onto a contact of Te Roopuu Ahi Kaa Komiti.
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Miscellaneous

1. Papakai Pump Station

The tender cost is expected to be presented to the August 2022 Council meeting for Elected Member consideration – this has been delayed for a month due to prolonged period for subcontractors to provide their pricing and availability.

2. Bulls Water Rising Main

The delivery of this new watermain was delayed allowing the contractor to prioritise the installation of the Marton to Bulls pipeline. Work has now started and is expected to be completed by the end of August 2022.

3. Marton Memorial Hall

Bathroom upgrade is underway, flooring due to be completed this week. The additional fire exit is being installed in 2 weeks. An application for extended Certificate for Public Use (CPU) has been submitted. Heating and cooling unit has been ordered; location for concrete pad for equipment is being finalised.

4. Mangaweka Ablutions Block

Completion is expected to be achieved in August 2022. The PayWave shower operating machines are challenging to install but will provide a long-term solution for the asset.



















5. Marae Water Assessments

Assessments and reports have been completed for all 11 Marae in the district. The PMO continues to engage with all Marae to assist with progressing the recommended upgrades. 5 Marae have requested quotes for upgrades to take place, and 3 of these quotes have been accepted by RDC to be funded from the available funding.

6. Scott's Ferry Pump

Different options are being proposed to deliver more cost-effective outcomes in the long term. An electric pump solution has been proposed because the electric pump drive will result in greater efficiencies and better control of automation but is expected to cost more than the original diesel concept. A final decision is expected by the end of August 2022.

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Legend			
Budget			
+/- 0-5% of Budget	Unchanged 	Risk increasing towards Amber 	Risk decreasing away from Amber 
+/- 6-15% of Budget	Unchanged 	Risk increasing towards Red 	Risk decreasing away from Red 
+/- >15% budget variance	Unchanged 	Risk increasing 	Risk decreasing 
Programme			
Completion Date not Affected	Unchanged 	Risk increasing towards Amber 	Risk decreasing away from Amber 
Up to three months delay to Completion Date	Unchanged 	Risk increasing towards Red 	Risk decreasing away from Red 
More than three months delay to Completion Date or Critical Date at risk	Unchanged 	Risk increasing 	Risk decreasing 

Recommendation

That the Project Management Office Report – July 2022 be received.

11.6 Marae Water Assessment Update

Author: Clare John, Project Manager

Authoriser: Arno Benadie, Chief Operating Officer

1. Reason for Report

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to update Te Roopuu Ahi Kaa on the work being completed for the marae water assessment project.

2. Context

- 2.1 In 2021 Rangitīkei District Council received funding from central government (DIA) to complete water assessment of the current infrastructure at marae and papakāinga across the district.
- 2.2 The full amount of the funding was for \$142,766 to cover investigation, assessments, and reporting.
- 2.3 Any funding left after the assessments were completed, should be used for upgrades recommended in the reports.

3. Engagement and Site Visits

- 3.1 A report was presented to TRAK in August 2021, to outline the purpose and intention of this project. RDC staff reached out to all iwi and marae representatives across the district.
- 3.2 This was followed up with direct engagement with representatives from all 11 marae across the Rangitīkei district.
- 3.3 In September 2021 RDC engaged WSP to complete site visits and on-site infrastructure assessments for each marae. A report detailing the current position and potential upgrades were created for each of the 11 marae.
- 3.4 Site assessments were completed throughout October and November 2021, with the final site visit taking place April 2022.

4. Reporting back to marae

- 4.1 WSP delivered reports to RDC early 2022. They included an oversight of the current infrastructure found at each marae, for potable water, wastewater, and stormwater. They also included recommendations for upgrades to the potable water system, to assist marae achieve compliance with new water regulations coming into effect in November 2022.
- 4.2 Zoom meetings were booked with marae to present the report and recommendations. These took place with marae representatives, WSP and RDC staff.
- 4.3 Reports were sent to marae representative following the Zoom meetings.

5. Marae Upgrades

- 5.1 PMO staff were in touch with the marae representative to work with them on the suggested upgrades.

- 5.2 RDC are working with plumbers nominated by marae to receive quotes for the proposed upgrades, and then confirming as funding allows.
- 5.3 Below is an overview of the current engagement with marae.

Marae Name	Site Visit	Report Presented or Emailed	Plumbers Details Received	Quote Accepted	Works Completed
Parewānui Pā	✓	✓			
Tini Waitara	✓	✓	✓		
Kauangaroa	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Whangaehu	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Rātana Pā Community Marae	✓	✓			
Rātā	✓	✓			
Parewahawaha	✓	✓			
Winiata	✓	✓			
Opaea	✓	✓	✓		
Moawhango	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Raketapauma	✓	✓	✓	✓	

- 5.4 Staff will continue engagement with marae until recommended upgrades are completed.

6. Conclusion

- 6.1 Rangitikei District Council received funding from central government to complete investigations into current three water infrastructure (potable water, wastewater and stormwater systems) at all marae and papakāinga across the district.
- 6.2 WSP and RDC staff have completed site visits and reporting for all marae.
- 6.3 RDC staff are currently working with marae to see suggested upgrades completed.

Recommendation

That the 'Marae Water Assessment Update' report be received.

11.7 Horizons Update

Author: Michael Fryer, Policy Advisor Iwi and Hapu Relationships (Horizons Regional Council)

1. Reason for Report

1.1 Mr Fryer has provided a report, as attached.

Attachments:

1. Horizons Update - 02 August 2022 [↓](#)

Recommendation

That the 'Horizons Update', including the attached report, be received.



2 August 2022

Te Roopu Ahi Kaa Komiti
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TO: Pahia Turia (Tumuaki o Te Roopuu Ahi Kaa)

cc: ash.garstang@rangitikei.govt.nz

Kei aku rangatira, tēnā koutou

Please accept my apologies for not providing this report in-person. Due to a prior commitment, we are on a Regional Engagement currently.

1. Firstly, on behalf of Horizons, we extend our congratulations to Soraya Peke – Mason on her upcoming appointment as a Member of Parliament. With a diverse background in Local Government holding various roles, it is exciting to see another individual, possessing vast amounts of talent, begin her next chapter. Please let us know if there is any support or other areas we can offer for Soraya.

Elections 2022

2. On July 15th 2022, we opened up nominations for this year's Local Elections. We have received a number of enquiries in regards to the Māori Constituency seats and are anticipating a number of nominations coming through. Nominations are expected to close on 12 August 2022.

Taumata Arowai

3. Taumata Arowai, the new Water Services regulator, has recently established their unit adjacent to Horizons. This is an exciting opportunity for us as government agencies to see how we can work better in delivering aspirational outcomes. Given this new unit is fairly new to the Horizons region, they've asked us to see whether they might be able to meet with Tangata Whenua around the region to make initial contact with the aspiration of forming a more concrete, collaborative relationship with Tangata Whenua.
4. Please let me know if Te Roopu Ahi Kaa are interested in meeting these representatives. From there, we'll try and bring them along to the next meeting.

AUTHOR: MICHAEL FRYER | Policy Advisor Iwi and Hapu Relationships

12 Discussion Items

12.1 Three Waters

Author: Ash Garstang, Governance Advisor

1. Reason for Report

- 1.1 It was requested during the 06 April 2021 meeting that this be added as a standing discussion item for future meetings.

Recommendation

If needed:

12.2 Climate Change Action Committee

Author: Chris Shenton, TRAK representative

1. Reason for Report

- 1.1 It was requested during the 12 October 2021 meeting that this be added as a standing discussion item for future meetings.

Recommendation

If needed:

13 Next Meeting

The next Komiti meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, 04 October 2022 at 11.00 am.

14 Meeting Closed