

From: [Allie Dunn](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Response to request for information re District Signs.
Date: Thursday, 24 April 2025 2:40:00 pm
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Kia ora

I refer to your official information request dated 25 March 2025 for information on district town signage.

Part of the information you have requested is enclosed.

The information provided includes:

- Correspondence related to the town signage;
- Relevant pages from the Council's Annual Reports for years 2022-23 and 2023-24 (includes commentary on district signs and also actual expenditure against budget)
- Extracts from agendas of Infrastructure, Climate Change and Emergency Management Committee meetings held 16 April 2025, 19 March 2025 and 11 December 2024 where district town signage was discussed
- Report to the 1 August 2023 meeting of the Community Development and Wellbeing Committee that provided an update on Town signage

Note that the Annual Reports and the meeting agendas (along with minutes and video recordings of the meetings) are all publicly available on Council's website.

<https://www.tararua.govt.nz/publications/plans-and-reports/annual-report>
<https://www.tararua.govt.nz/publications/agendas-and-minutes> (note this page also includes video recordings of meetings)

We have withheld commercially sensitive correspondence related to the supply of the signs, under section 7(2)(b)(ii) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987, which relates to withholding information where the making available of that information would be likely unreasonably prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied or is the subject of the information. In deciding to withhold this information, we considered whether the level of any public interest in this information would outweigh the relevant harm that may arise from its release, and believe that the balance lies with protecting the information.

We have also not supplied correspondence received from NZ Transport Agency Waka Kotahi as we would first need to consult with that entity for their agreement to release their correspondence. If you wish us to undertake this work, please let us know.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this decision. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or freephone 0800 802 602.

Ngā mihi



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From: Simone Anthony

Sent: Tuesday, 25 March 2025 1:22 pm

To: [REDACTED]

Subject: RE: Re: District Signs.

Kia ora [REDACTED]

This email is to acknowledge receipt of your request for information, regarding District Signs. Thank you for providing further clarification.

We will endeavour to respond to your request as soon as possible and in any event no later than 24/04/2025, being 20 working days after the day your request was received. If we are unable to respond to your request by then, we will notify you of an extension of that timeframe.

As part of our commitment to openness and accountability, we are now proactively publishing copies of requests for information and the responses provided to these requests, on our website. In doing so, we will ensure we comply with the provisions of the Privacy Act 2020 and redact any personal / identifying information from any response published.

If you have any questions about this, please don't hesitate to get in contact with me. Ngā mihi,



Simone Anthony | Democracy Support Officer

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, 25 March 2025 11:47 am
To: Simone Anthony <Simone.Anthony@Tararuadc.govt.nz>
Subject: CM: Re: District Signs.

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Hey Simone.

34 Signs, for 13 Towns in Tararua. Planning started 2020-2021, Installation began 2022. Thanks.

[REDACTED]

On Thu, Mar 20, 2025 at 5:01 PM Simone Anthony
<Simone.Anthony@tararuadc.govt.nz> wrote:

Kia ora [REDACTED]

I refer to your official information request dated 20 March 2025 for information regarding District Signs.

You requested Total Cost of Consultations, Planning, Construction, and Installation, as well as the Name of the Company which was Contracted to Supply the Signs for 34 signs purchased by Tararua District Council. However, could you further define the signs you are referring to as it is not clear precisely which signs you are seeking the information on, and please specify the time period you are referring to e.g. the past year, or past 3 years, etc.

Please don't hesitate to get in contact me if you have any further questions.

Ngā mihi,

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From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Thursday, 20 March 2025 2:04 pm

To: Info - Tararua District Council <Info@TararuaDC.Govt.NZ>

Subject: District Signs.

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Please Provide all Information regarding the 34 Signs Purchased by TDC, and Installed around the Tararua District. This should Include the Total Cost of Consultations, Planning, Construction, and Installation, as well as the Name of the Company which was Contracted to Supply the Signs. Thanks.

[REDACTED]

Media Release from Tararua District Council

24 January 2022

Town signs being finalised

These are some examples of the 30+ new town signs which will be installed across the district early this year. Council has been consulting with communities to get input into the sign images and colours for each town. We continue to work with some towns to finalise their signs.

We want people to know when they enter and leave our places and district with great memories. We would like visitors to tell their friends and family where they have been. The new signs will help them to become more aware of where they have been, and more people will visit us.” - Tararua District Mayor Tracey Collis





ENDS

MORE INFORMATION:

For more information about the above media release, please contact Tararua District Council using the contact information below.

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MEDIA CONTACT:

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] [REDACTED]

Allie Dunn

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, 8 April 2022 9:23 am
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Spelling on new district signs.
Attachments: te-aura-whiri-i-te-reo-maori guidelines.pdf

Mōrena

I searched and have attached the guidelines referred to in the post to council.

In section three – proper names, there is reference to using hyphen (3.3.2)

3.2 Proper names containing seven or more syllables are broken into their constituent parts, with the hyphen used to link the parts:

Hine-tūā-hōanga

Mere-tū-ahiahi

Tamatea-pōkai-whenua

Kōkōmuka-taranga

Whakamaikuku-tea-kautia-iho

Ngā mihi

[REDACTED] | Kaiwhakahaere

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, 7 April 2022 9:56 pm
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Spelling on new district signs.
Importance: High

Kia Ora [REDACTED]

I will get [REDACTED] to forward onto our iwi language experts to check and give you an answer. Can you confirm that this source of information is indeed from 'Te Taura Whiri'?

Nga Mihi

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, 7 April 2022 12:02 pm
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Spelling on new district signs.

Tēnā kōrua

We have received the below feedback on the new Tararua District signs. Council is happy to have them fixed, but want to ensure both Iwi partners agree 😊

Tamaki nui-a-rua or Tamaki-nui-a-rua



Just a small orthographic error that I need to point out.

As the 'nui-a-Rua' is a part of the 'Tamaki', and not separate, a 'hyphen' must connect the 'Tamaki' to the 'nui-a-Rua' as prescribed by Te Taura Whiri i Te Reo Māori - the Māori Language Commission.

Section 3.3.4 of 'Te Taura Whiri i te Reo Māori Guidelines for Māori Language Orthography':

'Where any of the particles 'a', 'o', or 'ā' occur within a name, the name is hyphenated to show its constituent parts:

Taupō-nui-a-Tia
Tōrere-nui-a-Rua
Te Tokanga-nui-a-Noho
Tahu-nui-a-rangi
Te Moana-o-Toitehuatahi
Te Kahu-o-te-rangi
Tikitiki-o-rangi -ā-rangi
Te Moana-nui-a-Kiwa...'

Therefore, it should be Tamaki-nui-a-Rua ✅

Ngā mihi

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Project Concept on a Page – District Entry Signs Refresh

Submitted By		Date Created	01/6/2023
Project Type	Development/Growth/Renewal/LOS	Included in Plan	None/AP/LTP/AMP
Work Order		Budget	\$25K
		Funding Source:	Depreciation Reserve

Concept Background / Description

Currently, if a vehicle hits the signs because of how they have been constructed, they are not frangible. We are working with the engineers at Tararua Alliance to remedy this, and the renewal budget will be used to fix this issue.

NZTA is concerned with the signs on State Highways.

Project Drivers - Problem/Opportunity Statements

Driver	Problem or Opportunity?
High risk to the public	Problem

Concept Benefits

The following benefits will be achieved by completing this project.

1. By relocating the district signs, drivers will gain a clearer view of the road
2. Minimising distraction so the driver can focus more on the road and their surrounding



Key Risks

Risk	Treatment	Likelihood	Severity	Owner
Potential disruption to road and vehicles when the sign is moved	Have detours in place via traffic management	Low	Low	Adele Small
The budget may not be sufficient	Ensure the finance team are aware and see if another budget line can be used	High	High	Adele Small

Concept Estimates (highlight relevant options)

Impact Change across business units	Within one business unit	Across multiple business units	Includes external
Resource Staff resource for project	Within the one internal business unit	From multiple internal business units	Includes external contractors
Cost Level of estimated costs for whole of project	\$10,000 or less \$100,00 - \$250,000	\$10,000 > \$50,000 \$250,000 - \$500,000	\$50,000 > \$100,000 More than \$500,000
Feasibility Stage Is funding required for the feasibility stage?	n/a \$50,000 > \$100,000	\$10,000 or less More than \$100,000	\$10,000 > \$50,000
Time Estimated length of project	Less than 2 months 12 > 18 months	2 > 6 months More than 18 months	6 > 12 months
Risk Level of risk of doing the project	None to Very Low risk	Low to Medium risk	Medium to High risk

Attachment: Additional background and/or detail:
(copy file link here)

Approved to feasibility stage and development of the Project Brief

On behalf of PMO

Name

Signature

Date

(Town and District welcome/farewell signs)

Change Request Form



Requested by: [REDACTED]

Date: 25/10/2023

Requested Change:

Note: Will key deliverables/milestones/baseline in the PMP be affected or is the additional cost outside the budget

[REDACTED] has requested the transfer of the town signs project and future district signs project on Te Ahu A Turanga: Manawatū Tararua Highway to the PMO office.

Town signs have been constructed with most now in place across the district. The remaining signs for one location in Eketāhuna, Mangatainoka, all Woodville, Dannevirke and Norsewood have yet to be placed. Upon approaching Waka Kotahi around signs to go in above 50kmh zones the question of frangible was raised. The Council have been working with Tararua Alliance to secure a resolution that meets the needs of Waka Kotahi with the latest raising additional questions. A solution for the frangible signs needs to be secured so the remaining signs can be placed in the ground with the solution then being rolled out across the district for the signs already in the ground.

The district sign in Eketāhuna has yet to be de-installed due to continuous wet ground and put in storage in Oringi until required on the Te Ahu A Turanga: Manawatū Tararua Highway. This action will likely be completed in January/ February 2024.

A LTP future budget has been set aside for the creation of a second new district sign so there is one on each side of the Eastern and Western road corridor of the Te Ahu A Turanga: Manawatū Tararua Highway.

Review: Cost/Budget and Programme Implications

No active budget associated with the town sign project or deinstallation project is presently in place though Bryan is aware of the need to meet Waka Kotahi requests and that there will be budget implications. Discussions are ongoing around possible identification of a signage budget between [REDACTED] and the Finance Manager.

LTP budget is set aside for the creation of a second new district sign to be placed on the Te Ahu A Turanga: Manawatū Tararua Highway.

A budget needs to be agreed for future maintenance/repairs

Approved/Not Approved by Governance: _____ Date: _____

Finance Supported/Not Support

Date: _____

Group Manager Reviewed

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Date: _____

SRO Reviewed

☐

Date: _____

Town and District signs handover documentation

Town signs:

Town signs have been installed by Tararua Alliance in all rural locations and some main towns in 50km an hour zones. The main towns with signs to be installed on our state highway network are still needing signage installation completed. These signs have been delayed due to Waka Kotahi questions around if the signs are frangible. A frangible resolution and sign alteration needs to be found that is also a cost effective solution. None of the outstanding signs for Eketāhuna, Mangatainoka, all Woodville, Dannevirke and Norsewood can be installed until a solution is approved. The solution is recommended to be rolled out across all the town signs installed in a second phase of the work programme.

Waka Kotahi engagement has been lead by Tararua Alliance. From viewed email conversations it appears Waka Kotahi are looking to see that the Council has met its requirements of frangibility and can demonstrate that it has adequately assessed the health and safety and risk requirements associated with signs needing to be frangible.

Lead contact at Tararua Alliance: [REDACTED],
[REDACTED]

Waka Kotahi frangible signs contact being engaged by [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Damaged sign: The Akitio sign was damaged in recent high winds with one side slightly removed and the other side now in storage with Tararua Alliance. The sign sides have yet to be reattached and repaired/replaced. It is noted that ideally this work would have been completed over the past weeks. An email around maintenance and if this should be handled by Tararua Alliance between [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] has been noted about future maintenance being with Tararua Alliance as the signs are in the roading corridor. Complete handover was noted as not actioned in this email trail and will likely need further unravelling to finalise.

Cost to print a single replacement sign noted in file copy "Quote for welcome sign reprint and install". Install could be completed by Tararua Alliance in the future to reduce cost.

Sign printing firm and installer of replaced or repaired sign faces if required (not frame structures):

Signbiz, [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Akitio sign face in storage at Tararua Alliance could be straightened and reattached to save reprint costs. Other side still in place and needs some reattachment work.



District signs:

District signs were designed and built to be frangible.

An original district sign is still needing removing from a field South of Pukaha. The expected time when this will be possible is January or February 2024. The field is in a valley and has high water catchment. The field has recently been planted by the new owner with pine trees. Permission to enter as we wish is enclosed in the file and details of Hiab firm to work with to remove the sign safely so it can be transported and stored at Oringi. Depending on removal some additional works may be required to the sign to prepare it for install on the Te Ahu A Turanga: Manawatū Tararua Highway. A second sign is budgeted for in the LTP so both east and west carriageways have welcome and farewell signs on them. Exact placement has yet to be agreed with the highway team. Last conversation they were not ready to commence discussions. The highway team should now be reengaged to raise awareness of the need of the signs. The aim is to place the signs at a point just before an iconic view of Tararua open up in front of the driver. A drive of the highway may be required with the team to identify exact placement.

Te Ahu A Turanga: Manawatū Tararua Highway contact for sign placement discussions:



Details requested as part of the handover:

Change request form	Redefined copy included. File number 1
Handover document	This document file 2 forms the cover note of the hand over material and links to all file items.
Town signs location map	Two links .kml files included to show community sign location wishes. Final locations may have been slightly adjusted by Tararua Alliance due to safety requirements. File number 3 and 4.
Town sign storage location	All yet to be installed signs are being stored at Oringi by Tararua Alliance. [REDACTED] will be able to provide next to car park location
District sign storage location	None in storage at present but Eketāhuna sign to be de installed and stored at Oringi until required by Te Ahu A Turanga: Manawatū Tararua Highway team. Second sign yet to be created for highway.
Contractor, NZTA, Tararua Alliance and supplier list	All details noted above. Quote for sign reprint file 5 Eketāhuna sign removal contact file 9
Previous contractor	Artwork designer [REDACTED] [REDACTED]
Community leads and feedback	File number 6 Town signs is a rolling agenda item on the Positively Woodville agenda.
Images of signs	Image file number 7. Additional separate folder included of town sign master image files 8.
Project leads	The original project leads were [REDACTED] [REDACTED] and [REDACTED].

	<p>██████████ took on the town signage install project when ██████████ moved on.</p> <p>██████████ continued the day to day conversations with community when ██████████ moved on. ██████████ took over liaison with Tararua Alliance around them progressing frangible discussion and designing a solution for Waka Kotahi approval.</p> <p>██████████ seconded to recovery. All frangible discussions with Tararua Alliance, repair works and infrequent community updates and Well-Being committee questions held by ██████████.</p>
CRMs	Past CRMs have been raised around graffiti and vandalism. An active CRM is still in place for the need to reinstate sign faces to frame at Akitio. Details above.
Past dollars spent on project	Would need to be worked through with Finance team. The project has been in existence for many years with covid delays impacting progress as well as long decision process by community on sign images to be used.
Rough order costing (ROC)	The frangible design needs to be simplified and reworked to identify new ROC. Latest frangible guidance information from Waka Kotahi in folder 10. Also includes latest designs by Tararua Alliance.
Maintenance	No budget was factored in at the original stages of this project. A maintenance budget for cleaning of signs, graffiti removal, repairs, mowing needs to be developed
Handover entity	Future sign maintenance would logically site with the roading corridor manager Tararua Alliance as noted above by ██████████ with ██████████

Town Signage Community Leads and Feedback

Town	Contact	Has the signs been installed:
Dannevirke	<p>Dannevirke Community Board</p> <p>Contact person: [REDACTED]</p> <p>Feedback: First draft of signs were originally seen as very colonial, so new photos were suggested by [REDACTED] with more landscape type photos.</p>	No
Woodville	<p>Was Woodville Districts Vision now Positively Woodville</p> <p>Contact Person: [REDACTED] [REDACTED]</p> <p>Feedback: Original Photos that had been selected were not up to the groups satisfaction. The Group at the time got a photographer to take professional photos of exactly what they wanted and provided them to us.</p>	No
Norsewood	<p>Norsewood Community Board</p> <p>Contact Person: [REDACTED]</p> <p>Feedback: Community wanted to promote their scandinavian heritage. 2 photos provided from the committee of the viking festival and the trolls. Then wanted one showing the Manawatu headwaters which was taken by council.</p>	No
Pahiatua	<p>Explore Pahiatua</p> <p>Contact: [REDACTED]</p>	Yes

	<p>Feedback:</p> <p>2 photos (farmer and people walking in the bush) were provided by the committee. Farmer to celebrate the farming history of the town and the bush to represent Carnival park a popular walk for people. 3rd photo of the polish dancer was purchased to represent the polish history of the town.</p>	
Ormondville	<p>Ormondville Community Group</p> <p>Contact: [REDACTED]</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p> <p>Feedback:</p> <p>Ormondville wanted 2 structures that represent the heart of Ormondville, therefore the Church and the train station were selected by the group.</p>	Yes
Weber	<p>Weber Hall Community Group</p> <p>Contact: [REDACTED]</p> <p>Feedback:</p> <p>The main attractions for Weber were the School (in particular the pillars in the front garden) and the Waihi falls that is one of Tararua's biggest attraction.</p>	Yes
Wimbledon	<p>Wimbledon Community</p> <p>Contact: [REDACTED]</p> <p>Feedback:</p> <p>Wimbledon wanted certain aspects of their community represented. They did start off with the Stone memorial but changed to the tennis</p>	Yes

	court at the school as well as a photo from a local showing a serene screen of morning fog on a local pond.	
Herbertville	<p>Was Herbertville Inn now Herbertville Community Hall</p> <p>Contact: [REDACTED] [REDACTED]</p> <p>Feedback: Herbertville which is well known for Cape Turnagain a prominent headland on the east coast wanted this on their sign. A photo of this was selected out of our photo library.</p>	Yes
Akitio	<p>Akitio Rate Payers Association</p> <p>Contact: [REDACTED]</p> <p>Feedback: At their annual AGM the committee decided that they would like 2 different photos of the last posts reminding of the pier to be represented in the signs.</p>	Yes
Alfredton	<p>Alfredton Domain Board</p> <p>Contact: [REDACTED] [REDACTED]</p> <p>Feedback: Alfredton wanted the rich farming community as well as an aerial type photo of the community represented. First photo the dog was purchased off local photographer ER photography and the second was taken by council when taken up for a ride on a motorbike to the one of the highest hills in the community overlooking the town.</p>	Yes

Eketahuna	<p>Eketahuna Community Board</p> <p>Contact: [REDACTED]</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p> <p>Feedback:</p> <p>Eketahuna being so close to Mt Bruce, wanted a photo of the white Kiwi to represent their village. The other photo was of a local swing bridge that is not far from the village.</p>	Yes (1 more to be installed south of Eketahuna)
Mangatainoka	<p>Mangatainoka Hall committee</p> <p>Contact: [REDACTED]</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p> <p>Feedback:</p> <p>Mangatainoka is very popular for it's river that runs through their community. This river is well known for it's excellent trout fishing and has a area right next to the road which is very popular with the motorhome tourists. The photo of the fisherman was taken by council and the motorhome area was selected from the council photo library.</p>	No



x2



x2

x3



From: [REDACTED]
Subject: FW: Eketahuna district sign removal
Date: Wednesday, 25 October 2023 6:01:43 pm
Attachments: [image001.png](#)
[image002.jpg](#)
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Ngā mihi nui

[REDACTED]

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, 11 September 2023 11:33 am
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Re: Eketahuna district sign removal

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Hi [REDACTED]

Thanks for your email.

Have just had a chat and email with truck driver who helped with the original install with Process Signs so hes familair with location and this was his feedback...

It might pay to make sure they've checked the paddock condition with the farmer as when we were putting these in he told us late January and February would be the only time it's dry enough. We need to get a large HiAb truck into that bog hole and it'll take a decent tractor to move it if it sinks.

If we can get this confirmed we should be able to remove this sign this month or Early Oct.

We will remove it and store for re use at later date, can repair no problem have artwork on file.

Could we possibly store at TDC yard in Woodville I think its in?

If not we have space at our Napier workshop (ex process signs shop)

Kind Regards

[REDACTED]

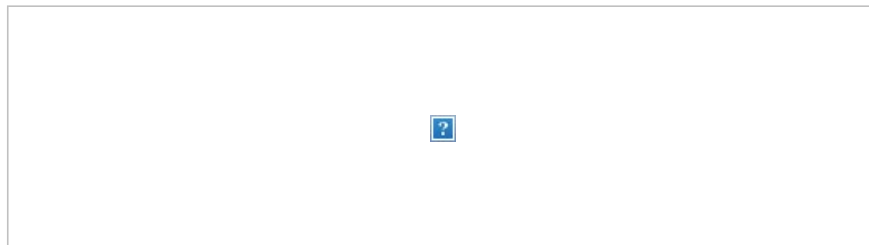
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]



From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, 7 September 2023 2:16 pm
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Eketahuna district sign removal

Hi [REDACTED]

With the land starting to dry out we are on to remove the district sign again from Eketahuna. The new owners are [REDACTED] and I've just spoken to them around sign being removed and reinstatement works.

The surrounding fields have just been planted in pines and it is the new owners understanding that the set back from the road means the sign should not have been planted around. The two requests have been that we are mindful of the new trees and avoid any damage to the trees and the bolts are cut off at the ground. No concrete needs removing etc. Access is any time but if via the house driveway a courtesy call into to them is advised as they are the old land owners (different land titles now).

Can you let me know when the job can be factored in. If you need the field checked I can ask a colleague to have a look the week the job is proposed to take place. He lives in the Wairarapa so travels past most days.

It is possible that the decal on the sign has been damaged so will need a future revisit before an install happens on the new highway in a years time.

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From: [REDACTED]
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: FW: Removal of sign in Eketahuna
Date: Wednesday, 25 October 2023 6:06:21 pm
Attachments: [image003.jpg](#)
[image004.png](#)
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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, 7 September 2023 3:19 pm
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Removal of sign in Eketahuna

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Ok, thanks for letting me know.

[REDACTED]



[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, September 7, 2023 2:56 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Removal of sign in Eketahuna

Hi

We are needing to remove it as it needs to be relocated to the new highway being built between Ashhurst and Woodville. The sign was wrongly placed in the first place so we need to remove for the community. Long story.

Ngā mihi nui

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] | Team Leader Economic and Community Development

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From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Thursday, 7 September 2023 2:51 pm

To: [REDACTED]

Subject: RE: Removal of sign in Eketahuna

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Thanks [REDACTED]

Did you want to leave it there – or is it all out of date etc?

[REDACTED]



[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Thursday, September 7, 2023 2:49 PM

To: [REDACTED]

Subject: RE: Removal of sign in Eketahuna

Hi [REDACTED]

Thank you and noted re bolts.

The sign is a larger scale of the one attached.

Ngā mihi nui

[REDACTED]

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From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Thursday, 7 September 2023 2:44 pm

To: [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Subject: RE: Removal of sign in Eketahuna

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Hi [REDACTED]

No problems with this.

Please no grinding or gas cutting bolts off in the forest/block – don't want fire risk elevated.

Have copied in [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] – who manage this forest on our behalf.

[REDACTED] and [REDACTED] – this is the sign in the paddock near the highway.

Regards

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]



[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Thursday, September 7, 2023 2:23 [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Subject: Removal of sign in Eketahuna

Hi [REDACTED]

Good to talk earlier around the district sign in the field near Mt Bruce. As discussed we will remove the sign over this spring / summer and avoid all damage to the new pines on entry, removal of sign and leaving the field. If bolts need cutting off this will be actioned at the same time.

If you could drop me a reply to confirm that this is all good with you it would be appreciated.

Thank you again.

Ngā mihi nui

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What we achieved

Commercial Investments

Harvesting of Kaiparoro Forest commenced in 2021/22 and continued into the 2022/23 year as weather and contractor availability allowed. Council received \$57,000 of net revenue as of 30 June 2023.

No harvesting of Council's Birch North plantations was carried out this year, however, silviculture and maintenance continue to be undertaken.

District Promotion and Development

Tararua District Council's current Economic Development Plan identifies long-term growth goals that will create a stronger district economy. These goals fall under five strategic themes:

- Support and grow business
- Community sector growth
- Education and youth

Tararua District identity

District branding and signage

During the year we have commenced discussions around district signage being installed prior to the new Te Ahu a Tūrangā Manawatū Tararua Highway opening in mid-2025. Town signage installation and remedial works have continued this year with ongoing discussions with Waka Kotahi around the remaining signs for south of Eketāhuna, Woodville, Dannevirke and Norsewood. This process will be completed in the next financial year.


District marketing


Tararua isite Visitor Information Centre

isite is New Zealand's official visitor information network with over 69 centres nationwide. isite New Zealand continued its strategic review of the network during the year, which has continued to be delayed due to Covid-19. The outcome of the strategic review has been shared but not put into action yet. The Tararua isite Visitor Information Centre in Woodville, continues to chase a return to pre Covid-19 levels with limited international visitors still being seen.

IN 2022/23 WE ACHIEVED...

\$920,000 
of external funding received
2020/21: \$553,000 2021/22: \$200,000

 **366ha** of forestry blocks
2020/21: 426ha 2021/22: 374ha
valued at **\$1.3 million**
2020/21: \$2.7m 2021/22: \$1.7m

9 events involved in or supported 
2020/21: 35 2021/22: 22

Visitor Guide & Must-do Walks and Rides Guide

With the Land of Ranges branding now well integrated into all district promotion materials, the Tararua District Visitor Guide continues to be the primary discussion and distribution material at events attended by the District Marketing team. The Must-do Walks and Rides guide for the district has proven to be a popular resource for visitors and locals alike.

Welcome packs

The i-SITE team are responsible for sending new residents a welcome pack that includes a range of information about the Tararua District. A Visitor Guide is included in each pack along with local information provided by the various towns. During the year, 336 welcome packs were distributed.

Capital Expenditure

District Promotion and Economic Development

	Long Term Plan Budget \$000s	Annual Plan Budget \$000s	Carry Forwards Budget \$000s	Approved Variation Budget \$000s	Total Budget \$000s	Total Actual \$000s
Capital expenditure to improve level of service:						
District Computer Wifi Hardware	7	7	-	-	7	-
District i-SITE Hardware Development	-	20	-	-	20	-
District Fibre Ducting	10	10	10	-	20	-
District Promo Signage Renew	-	-	-	-	-	4
Electric Vehicles Electricity Ducting	21	20	-	-	20	2
Pahiatua Main St Fibre Duct	-	-	-	-	-	(319)
Tararua Connect	823	-	-	-	-	-
Wireless-Blackspot extensions	154	-	-	-	-	-
Total capital expenditure to improve level of service	1,015	57	10	-	67	(314)
Capital expenditure to replace existing assets:						
District i-SITE Hardware Development	21	-	-	-	-	-
District Village Main Street Upgrades	-	-	50	-	50	-
Total capital expenditure to replace existing assets	21	-	50	-	50	-
Total capital expenditure for the Group	1,037	57	60	-	117	(314)

Pahiatua Main Street Fibre Duct is showing as negative spend totalling \$319,000. This is a result of Council receiving funding from an external source in a contribution towards this project where Council incurred the costs in the previous financial year.

Tararua Connect as part of the 2018/2028 Long Term Plan Council committed funds to support this group as they sought funding from Crown Infrastructure to install mobile towers in the district.

This funding was carried forward into the 2021/2031 Long Term Plan and this amount was Council's support to co-fund a portion of this project.

This project has been completed by the group.

What we achieved

District Promotion and Development

Tararua District Council's current Economic Development Plan (2018) identifies long-term growth goals that will create a stronger district economy. The Economic Development work streams over the past year have celebrated these growth goals through what we have achieved.

Strengthening Partnerships

The Economic Development team has sought to increase collaboration with other parties for mutual benefit during the year. Some examples include:

Regional Business Partner Network

The Regional Business Partner Network is a nationwide network of organisations appointed by New Zealand Trade and Enterprise (NZTE) to support business growth and innovation in New Zealand. The Central Economic Development Agency (CEDA) in Palmerston North is the Regional Business Partner organisation for the Manawātū-Whanganui region. Areas of support offered include:

- Business Growth Advisors – these advisors meet with businesses that register with them to discuss options for their business.
- Capability Vouchers – subject to approval, capability vouchers can be issued to part fund recommended training or assistance recommended by Business Growth Advisors.
- Callaghan Innovation – support for innovative ideas, and research and development, including a range of potential funding support opportunities.
- Business Mentors – linking business owners with experienced business people for mentoring and advice.
- Māori business support – Working with Māori Business Growth Advisors they will support a business's journey and future opportunities.

The Economic Development team supports local business owners through referrals to CEDA for these services.

During the year we have commenced discussions around district signage being installed prior to the new Te Ahu a Tūrangā Manawātū Tararua Highway opening in mid-2025


IN 2023/24 WE ACHIEVED...

\$423,000 
of external funding received

2021/22: \$200,000	2022/23: \$920,000
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 **337ha** of forestry blocks
valued at **\$962,000**

2021/22: 374ha	2022/23: 366ha
2021/22: \$1.7m	2022/23: \$1.33m

19 events involved in or supported 

2021/22: 22	2022/23: 9
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Chambers of Commerce and Pahiatua Districts Business Group

The Economic Development team maintains a strong relationship with the Chambers of Commerce in Dannevirke and the Manawatu Chamber of Commerce. The Economic Development team are supporting the Pahiatua District's Business Group under Explore Pahiatua and assisting them with event speakers and advise around next steps. This relationship is primarily maintained by the Team Leader Economic and Community Development maintaining working relationships with the Dannevirke Chamber of Commerce and through usual working relationships with Explore Pahiatua.

Multi Chamber event

To support the Dannevirke Chamber and Pahiatua District's Business Group members collaborate more widely, the Team Leader Economic and Community Development worked with Chambers of Commerce from Wairarapa and Manawatu to hold a "region wide" Chamber event. The 2024 event

Capital Expenditure

District Promotion and Economic Development

	Long Term Plan Budget \$000s	Annual Plan Budget \$000s	Carry Forwards Budget \$000s	Approved Variation Budget \$000s	Total Budget \$000s	Total Actual \$000s
Capital expenditure to allow for growth:						
Total capital expenditure to allow for growth	-	-	-	-	-	-
Capital expenditure to improve level of service:						
Digi Trailer	-	-	-	-	-	157
District Computer Wifi Hardware	7	8	-	-	8	-
District Fibre Ducting	11	11	-	-	11	13
Electric Vehicles Electricity Ducting	21	22	20	-	42	-
Village Main Street Upgrades	53	55	50	-	105	-
Wireless-Blackspot extensions	158	-	-	-	-	-
Total capital expenditure to improve level of service	250	96	70	-	166	170
Capital expenditure to replace existing assets:						
District Entry Signs	26	28	-	-	28	33
District Village Main Street Upgrades	-	-	-	-	-	-
District iSite Computer Hardware*	21	-	-	-	-	-
Total capital expenditure to replace existing assets	47	28	-	-	28	33
Total capital expenditure for the Group	297	124	70	-	194	203

Wireless-Blackspot extensions - As part of the last Annual Plan, we needed to review these projects in light of our strategic outcome for the AP 2023/24 and the 2024 LTP. It was noted we need to conduct GAP analysis of which Chorus has done extensive work in the rural connectivity space with assessments to be conducted on likely zones to address.

*Note this project was moved to the support activity of Council during the Annual Plan to align with similar projects within the support activity. It was previously reported as part of the District Promotions activities during the Long Term Plan.

Project	Managed by	Comments	Status
		There is extensive stretching apparent around the primary whale, this is indicated by the extent of the creasing of the liner around the whale following the reduction in the gas trapped.	
Dannevirke Impounded supply Programme	Mike Dunn	<p>Alignment, scheduling, and scoping finished. Permanent markings and patch repairs completed. Patch repair completed.</p> <p>Monitoring Programme – Underwater drone equipment handed over. Capability deployed. Routine schedule to be established.</p> <p>Submersible pumps – scope identification and review of background data completed. Stakeholder meeting conducted. Work scoping underway.</p> <p>Land purchase – Ongoing negotiations.</p>	
Dannevirke Impound – Pretreatment Plant	Mike Dunn	Reviewing technical specification to go to market for a clarifier. One page report to be generated.	
Dannevirke alternate water source investigations	Dave Watson	As part of the overall Dannevirke Water Programme, we must investigate the current infiltration gallery and start engagement regarding our water take consent. This means that we can concurrently undertake an assessment on both the current intake and the assessed alternate area to determine feasibility of water take method and feasibility. Alternate site investigation will determine if worth progressing with bore testing and/or site establishment.	
Dannevirke Water – Generator	Sue Lawrence	Working through delivery and installation timeframe.	
District Town Signs	Ray Cannon	NZTA gave previous approval. Frangible bases – looking at best price for this work. Planning to start installing some next month starting with Woodville.	
Norsewood Water Treatment Plant Upgrade	Eugene Priest	Flushing programme planned in detail. Contractor delivery schedule being organised. Comms delivered. Norsewood results have been fine-tuned and are producing intended project deliverables.	
Dannevirke Fluoridation	Eugene Priest	Final stages of commissioning and financial close out. In coordination with the Dannevirke Water Programme the turnaround area is being reviewed for final project closure.	

Project	Managed by	Comments	Status
Woodville Wastewater Pond 2 Liner	Vito Lim	Pond 2 was taken offline in order to walk out the whales releasing the gas build up. An investigation was conducted, and a business case is being developed for future remedial works. There is extensive stretching apparent around the primary whale, this is indicated by the extent of the creasing of the liner around the whale following the reduction in the gas trapped.	
Dannevirke Impounded supply Programme	Mike Dunn	Alignment, scheduling, and scoping taking place. Permanent markings and pinhole repair completed. Monitoring Programme – Finalising timeframes with hand over of ROV equipment to the 3 Waters Assets team. Monitoring programme established Submersible pumps – scope identification and review of background data completed. Stakeholder meeting to be conducted and costings to be confirmed. Land purchase – Peter Wimsett Ongoing negotiations.	
Dannevirke Impound – Pretreatment Plant	Mike Dunn	Reviewing technical specification list. Exploring options for a static installation. Sample of turbid river event has been collected to analyse. Outcome to determine if a clarifier or a membrane pretreatment option is our best course of action.	
Dannevirke alternate water source investigations	Dave Watson	Meeting to be established between TDC and Horizons to discuss avenues and options in particular around the Dannevirke proposed bore sites.	
Dannevirke Water – Generator	Sue Lawrence	Request for proposals on generator and installation.	
District Town Signs	Ray Cannon	NZTA gave previous approval. Frangible bases – looking at best price for this work. Planning to start installing some next month starting with Woodville.	
Universal Water Metering	Priscilla O’Neal-Searancke	Engagement of specialised services to undertaken water charging analysis. Delivery plan along with detailed specifications being finalised. System and platform options to be specified. This will further assist in what type of water meter is used. Organising the technical requirements and resources of how to effectively coordinate the delivery. Programme	

Project	Managed by	Comments	Status
Dannevirke Impound – Treated Reservoir	Priscilla O’Neal-Searancke	Handed over to Priscilla to manage the Reservoirs as a programme of works. Reviewing technical specification list. Exploring options for installation, ground site to be determined. RFP will be ready for start of next calendar year. Project sheet to be used.	
Dannevirke alternate water source investigations	Dave Watson	Meeting to be established between TDC and Horizons to discuss avenues and options in particular around the Dannevirke proposed bore sites.	
Dannevirke Water – Generator	Sue Lawrence	Scanpower have put a datalogger into the treatment site to understand what size generator would be needed.	
District Town Signs	Ray Cannon	Ray still working with NZTA, awaiting their agreement.	
Universal Water Metering	Priscilla O’Neal-Searancke	Consultation plan discussed. Delivery plan along with detailed specifications being finalised.	
Norsewood Water Treatment Plant Upgrade	Eugene Priest	New analysers installed. Refined regen cycle established and is producing good sample results. Flushing programme is scheduled for late January before schools go back. Handover back to operations officers to occur on close out.	
Dannevirke Fluoridation	Eugene Priest	Final stages of commissioning and close out.	

Attachments

1. 3 Waters Enhancement Project Committee Report November 2024
2. Eketahuna WWTP Upgrade Committee Report November 2024
3. Pahiatua WWTP Upgrade Committee Report November 2024
4. I & I Wastewater Strategy Committee Report November 2024
5. SCADA Upgrade Phase II Committee Report November 2024
6. Woodville Headworks Refurbishment Committee Report November 2024
7. EW Rakaiatai Bridge Committee Report November 2024
8. Huarahi Tuhono Weber to Wimbledon Committee Report November 2024



Report

Date : 26 July 2023

To : Chairperson and Committee Members
Community Development and Wellbeing Committee

From : Colin Yonge
Economic & Community Development Advisor

Subject : **Town sign update**

Item No : **7.6**

1. Recommendation

- 1.1 *That the report from the Economic & Community Development Advisor dated 21 July 2023 concerning the Town sign update be received.*

2. Reason for the Report

- 2.1 To provide the committee with an overview of the latest developments with the town signage programme and areas being worked through with Waka Kotahi around signs being frangible.

3. Background

- 3.1 The town signage installation programme has been proceeding through 2022 and 2023 with most signs now in the ground.
- 3.2 Signs located on state highways and outside 50km zones have yet to be installed in the towns of Norsewood, Dannevirke, Woodville and south of Eketāhuna.
- 3.3 Through our request for permission from Waka Kotahi to install signs on state highways, they have highlighted a frangibility requirement with the sign supports.
- 3.4 Frangible sign supports are a sign support that is designed to yield or break away when impacted by a vehicle.

- 3.5 The Tararua Alliance's assessment indicates that the town signs are not frangible, while the district signs are. This design oversight was not identified at the project's inception.
- 3.6 The Economic and Community Development Team are working with Tararua Alliance on a solution to remedy this issue with plans and costings yet to be supplied.
- 3.7 The proposed solution will need approval from Waka Kotahi.
- 3.8 While the requirement of Waka Kotahi to have frangible sign supports is specific to signs on state highways, it is proposed that all town signs be remedied for frangibility due to the proximity of many rural town signs to the roading edge.
- 3.9 Once the solution is approved by Waka Kotahi it will be rolled out across all town signs in the district, including those that are yet to be installed.

4. Conclusion

- 4.1 Following approval, the solution will be presented to the committee alongside a timeline for completion of the work.

Attachments

Nil.

From: [REDACTED]
Sent on: Wednesday, July 19, 2023 6:40:32 AM
To: [REDACTED]
CC: [REDACTED]
Subject: Town sign report for councillors

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Hi [REDACTED]

On the 1 August (1pm-4pm) we will be holding the Community Wellbeing and Development Committee. At this meeting we will be tabling a report on the Town Signs. At this stage we will be looking to take the councillors on the journey of frangible signs, Health and safety and building to that we are working on a solution for the main highway and rurally placed signs. If a solution can be in place a week prior to the meeting then we will also be looking to share the proposed solution and relevant costings.

I will make sure to share a copy of the report for your comment before it is finalised and [REDACTED] will also be reviewing as the lead from ELT for this meeting.

Questions:

- Do you feel we will have a plan B solution within this timeframe including costings?
- Would it be possible for one or both of you to attend the meeting to help answer any questions?

As we get closer to the meeting I will be in a position to share the agenda and hopefully narrow the time you would need to be available down so ideally not the full three hours.

Look forward to hearing from you and I will be in contact soon with the draft report for comment.

Ngâ mihi nui

[REDACTED] | Team Leader Economic and Community Development

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Tararua District Council
03-0614-0088406-01

Payment Reference – Flood

We'd love your feedback.

We have just two questions for you.



From: [REDACTED]
Sent on: Wednesday, July 31, 2024 3:11:52 AM
To: [REDACTED]@nzta.govt.nz
CC: [REDACTED]

Subject: Tararua District Towns Signage
Attachments: Tararua District-Town Signage Project.xlsx (25.08 MB)

Afternoon [REDACTED]

Ref discussion at our recent Road Safety Group meeting TDC have been undertaking a Town Signage Project promoting Towns within Tararua and would like to install signage at Northern and Southern points along the SH Network We have been engaged to assist the Project as was previously undertaken via our Community Development Team

Signs have been purchased and we have reviewed and our Design Engineer has drafted up detail regarding the mounting of these signs with a Frangible Capability. Details are enclosed

The request relates to the Following

- Norsewood -Installation Northern /Southern
- Dannevirke -Installation Northern /Southern
- Woodville -Installation Northern /Southern /Western
- Mangatainoka -Installation Northern /Southern
- Pahiatua- Northern Installed /Southern Installation
- Eketahuna- Northern Installed /Southern Installation

We would appreciate if you could review and provide feedback if this detail is suitable for Installation

Regards

[REDACTED]
Engineering Services Manager-Tararua Alliance
New Zealand



[REDACTED]
9 Oringi Road
Dannevirke 4972



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We'd love your feedback.



We have just two questions for you.

From:

Sent on: Monday, July 29, 2024 8:06:21 PM

To:

CC:

Subject: FW: Scan Data from FX-1C7D2246545F

Attachments: 29072024133947-0001.pdf (13.77 MB)

Hi All

Please find attached all signs that are installed so far.

Included in this report

1. Road Name
2. RP
3. distance from edge of seal
4. speed of the road

Regards

Urban Supervisor
New Zealand

Tararua Alliance

9 Oringi Road
Dannevirke 4972

Zero Harm
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-----Original Message-----

From: DAN02-FXAP-IV5575-01 <DAN02-FXAP-IV5575-01@tararuaalliance.co.nz>

Sent: Monday, July 29, 2024 1:40 PM

To

Subject: Scan Data from FX-1C7D2246545F

Number of Images: 21
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Device Location: Oringi Rd, Dannevirke

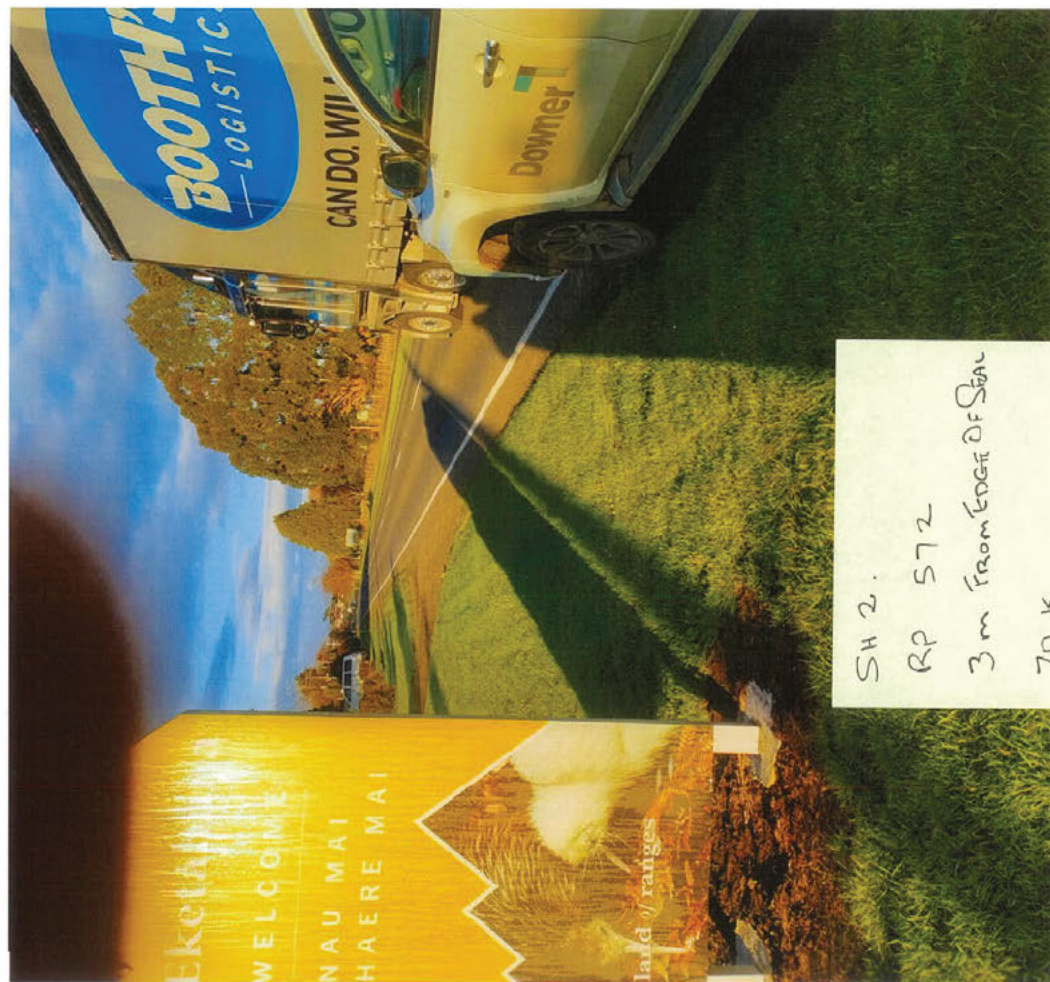


ALFREDTON ROAD

RP 797

1.5m from Edge of
SEAL.

50 K.



SH 2.
RP 572
3m from Edge of Sea
70 K







MAWEAHAD ROAD
QP 717
2m EDGE OF SEAL.
SO K.

