

# What we're working on

## Done

- ✔ Applied to Central Government funding for 10 projects totalling \$87m - including Route 52 upgrade, native plantings, roadside trees removal, renewal of asbestos cement water reticulation pipes.
- ✔ Application for funding of \$500,000 for Roadside Tree Removal was successful. This will provide job opportunities for 27 local contractors once the contracts have been awarded.
- ✔ Council has approved that all rates penalties will be waived for the next rates invoice, due at the end of May 2020 and metered water invoices due in April and July 2020.
- ✔ Council has approved that fees for regular users of council facilities will be waived for 3-months.
- ✔ Our advocacy to central government for support for our rural community has contributed to two Feed Coordinators being appointed by the Ministry for Primary Industries for the drought recovery.
- NEW** Applied to the Provincial Growth Fund for projects totalling \$1.4m to renovate and refurbish community facilities. This was done in collaboration with community groups across the district and would create 78 job opportunities for local contractors if successful.
- NEW** Applied to the Provincial Growth Fund for \$536,000, with support from Rangitāne o Tamaki Nui-ā-Rua and Ngāti Kahungunu ki Tāmaki-nui-a-Rua for funding towards the upgrade of the Pahiatua Main Street.
- NEW** Established a panel of local contractors to carry out new connections for the 3-Waters (drinking-water, stormwater, wastewater).
- NEW** One-on-one meetings with social support agencies and community groups to gather information for social recovery decision-making and planning.
- NEW** Adopted rates relief and funding options for the various programmes, projects and activities (including any recovery opportunities), as part of the 2020/21 Annual Plan.
- NEW** Assessed council projects that could be brought forward and council activities that can be altered to create opportunities for business and employment, as part of the 2020/21 Annual Plan.
- NEW** Renewed the maintenance contracts for Parks and Reserves across the district and increased scope to include berm mowing and sexton works.
- NEW** Conducted council and community debriefs to review the response phase of both the drought and Covid-19 events.
- NEW** Refunding 3-months of health licenses to assist businesses most affected by the Covid-19 lockdown.
- NEW** Organised contract tracing QR codes for display at Council service centres and libraries.
- NEW** Created a portal on the Tararua District Library website for local businesses.

## Doing

- ✔ Preparing to recruit 2 to 3 adult apprentices for 3-Waters physical works.
- ✔ Expanding the "Entry to Infrastructure" training course run by UCOL, Tararua Alliance & local schools to include career changers and unemployed adults, with the view to run multiple courses throughout the year.
- ✔ Developing a District Recovery Strategy collaboratively with Rangitāne o Tamaki Nui-ā-Rua and Ngāti Kahungunu ki Tāmaki-nui-a-Rua - this includes working with other agencies and consulting key stakeholders.
- ✔ Working with local chambers of commerce to deliver meetings and events for business.
- ✔ Continuing to respond to the event despite the deactivation of the EOC - i.e. supporting the community and working collaboratively with other agencies.
- ✔ Approved in principle to build 6 new pensioner units in Dannevirke.
- ✔ Continuing to promote and develop the #LoveLocalTararua campaign - including a digital publication and refreshed www.tararua.com website.
- ✔ Establishing a Digital Hub in the i-SITE building in Woodville to support small-medium enterprises.
- ✔ Installing Electric Vehicle (EV) charging stations in Pahiatua as part of the Town Centre Upgrade.
- NEW** Gathering information for the review of the Tararua District Water Bylaw, to be conducted through public consultation
- NEW** Applying to the Provincial Growth Fund for a further \$500,000 for Roadside Tree Removal. If successful, this would double the project budget.
- NEW** Creating a portal on the Tararua District Library website for jobseekers, including links to how to write a CV and improve interview skills.
- NEW** Continue to provide support to Tararua Rural Support Trust and Tararua Federated Farmers in their rural recovery efforts including any assistance we can provide in following up our joint lifestyle feed survey and with rural recovery functions under the Pride in Our Land campaign.
- NEW** Continue the welfare response for non NZ nationals as required.
- NEW** Leak detection programme underway in Pahiatua, Eketahuna, Norsewood, Pongaroa & Akitio.
- NEW** Working with Work and Income to evaluate opportunities for modern apprenticeships for the Tararua Alliance.
- NEW** Installing IOT devices across the district to improve understanding of supply and demand.

## In the pipeline

- ✂ Investigating opportunities for youth development and training.
- NEW** Ensure Council is actively engaged with the Tararua Strengthening Families network and the Tararua Health and Wellbeing Committee.
- NEW** Working towards being accredited as a Safe Community by the Safe Communities Foundation of New Zealand.
- NEW** Ensure Tararua is represented in the regional Caring for Communities social recovery framework.
- NEW** Develop civil defence emergency management and resilience training programmes for groups including Rangitāne o Tamaki Nui-ā-Rua and Ngāti Kahungunu ki Tāmaki-nui-a-Rua and rural communities.

**AS AT 6 JULY 2020**