

Portfolio Updates - Heritage and Tourism - Cr Richard Aslett

1) Update on the Rangitikei Heritage Group Recent Activity –

Most Recent Meeting - Tuesday 7th February 2017 at Hunters café Hunterville.
8 People in Attendance (with 3 apologies)

Discussed WWI DVD project

Only five copies left. Denise to check minimum order number for current pricing. If feasible, it was agreed to order 50 more copies.

Heritage Trails Brochure

These brochures now completely out of date. Decided this was probably more of a Rangitikei Tourism product to cover the whole of the Rangitikei. Local brochures still available at a town level. Denise will suggest to Rangitikei Tourism/District Promotions that the promotion of the District heritage is considered.

Heritage Weekend Date: 13 - 14 May 2017

Theme for 2017: Aeroplanes in the Rangitikei.

Mangaweka - Write up provided by John Eames of the café plane. Lots of photographs and hopefully arrange for the plane to be open on the weekend also. Maybe get a power point presentation to cover it.

Bulls has a comprehensive display of planes in Bulls. Ohakea contributed photographs and stories. Model kits are available for purchase **Marion** – in 1972, two articles in consecutive editions of the Rangitikei Mail: a dig behind the squash court/Gallagher's factory, two wagon-loads of plane bits. It was noted that Brendon Deere from Marion has published many books about military planes and has a collection of old planes. **Tairāhema** – nothing as yet but plans being developed. **All Museums/Groups** to send aeroplane photos to Richard for poster for the weekend event and the prize draw canvas.

Discussed Local Issues and other topics

Next meeting To be confirmed – Most likely late March – at Hunterville – Hunters Café

2) UPDATE on Tourism and Rangitikei.com (formerly Rangitikei Tourism).

Following the R.com (R.T) AGM meeting held at Awastone River Haven, Mangaweka on 15/11/2016 and the **failure to create a full new committee**, suggestions to fold the organisation and possibly bring it 'in-house' to RDC were discussed. A further **suggestion to put out to the membership one final prompter to see if there was a willing committee out there** was facilitated by stand in chairperson **Tricia Eames**, yet **this also received a relatively small response in terms of numbers. Following this another meeting was set.**

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Tabled at *Council*

On *23 February 2017*

Follow-up Meeting Held : Monday, 13th February 2017 at 7.35 pm

Awastone, Mangaweka.

10 People in Attendance (with 12 apologies).

Tricia provided the history of Rangitikei Tourism as an incorporated society, advising that the AGM had been poorly attended, and no Committee had been elected. Subsequently members were emailed asking for their comment on the future of Rangitikei Tourism (RT). This meeting had been called to make a decision as to where to go from here.

Much discussion followed. While some members expressed an interest in assisting with promotional events etc, there was no expression of interest in being the Chairperson and the problem of establishing a committed working committee continued to dominate. Mayor Andy advised that Rangitikei District Council was the principal funder of RT and that Council would be prepared to take over the website administration functions, at least ensuring information was accurate and current, and that web enquiries would be answered.

Though one attendee was keen to see the current organisation structure continue, yet **again the problem of establishing a committed working committee continued to dominate**, and the feeling was that some resolution had to be made at this meeting. Further discussion evolved around the Council taking over the administration of RT and what this might look like; It was agreed that if there were interested parties willing to become involved with promotion, events, etc, that an advisory group could be established to allow participation and representation from the various interest groups.

Ultimately these resolutions were put to the meeting.

All were carried unanimously (excepting resolution 1, which had 1 against).

1: That Rangitikei Tourism Inc be wound up (Carried - 1 against)

2: That authority be given to Rangitikei District Council to seek legal and financial advice on winding up Rangitikei Tourism Inc. (Carried).

3: That authority be given to Rangitikei District Council to take over the administrative functions of Rangitikei Tourism Inc., including the website function. (Carried).

4: That an advisory group be set up to liaise with Rangitikei District Council if the opportunity arises in the future. (Carried).

Expressions of gratitude were shared by the attendees for all Chairs, committee members, Administrators, and all other helpers who had served the organisation over the years.

The Meeting closed at 9.03 pm.