

# PROGRESS REPORT FROM RUAPEHU DISTRICT COUNCIL ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE MANAWATŪ-WHANGANUI CLIMATE CHANGE ACTION PLAN

**Reporting Period:** September 2023 to August 2024

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	<b>Activities undertaken in previous 6 months</b>	<b>Activities planned for next 6 months</b>
<b>Empowering communities</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>RDC’s Community Relationships and Wellbeing Manager has been working with some of our communities to develop Community Plans, which may, depending on the wishes of the relevant communities, contain local adaptation plans (including community-led initiatives).</li> <li>Review of our Community Grants and Pride of Place Grant, and proposal (yet to be endorsed by the Council at the date of this report) to implement a Community Development and Wellbeing Grant to focus on funding community initiatives, including environmental projects.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Our Community Relationships and Wellbeing Manager will continue to work with some of our communities to develop community plans, which may, depending on the wishes of the relevant communities, contain local adaptation plans (including community-led initiatives).</li> <li>If approved by the Council, the implementation of the new Community Development and Wellbeing Grant.</li> </ul>
<b>Working with nature</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Preparation of Business Cases for nature-based climate change and sustainability projects for consideration in the 2024-2034 Long Term Plan process.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Successful LTP nature-based climate change and sustainability projects that are budgeted in the 2024/25 financial year will begin.</li> </ul>
<b>Addressing known issues</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Continuation of the replacement of RDC’s internal combustion engine vehicles</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Continuation of the replacement of RDC’s internal combustion engine vehicles with hybrid and</li> </ul>

	<p>with hybrid and full Electric Vehicle (EV) alternatives.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Projects included in the draft 2024-2034 Long Term Plan to measure Council's greenhouse gas emissions and complete an energy audit on Council's buildings and infrastructure</li> <li>• Work underway to develop RDC's new Waste Management and Minimisation Plan.</li> <li>• Review of RDC's Procurement Policy commenced.</li> </ul>	<p>full Electric Vehicle (EV) alternatives.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Continuation of the review of Council's Procurement Policy.</li> </ul>
<b>Supporting good decisions</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Preparation of Business Cases for climate change and sustainability projects for consideration in the 2024-2034 Long Term Plan process.</li> <li>• Responded to Central Government climate related consultation opportunities.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Review of RDC's Council Reporting template with the aim of including specific climate change related area for decision making reports.</li> <li>• Respond to Central Government climate related consultation opportunities.</li> </ul>
<b>Other Comments</b>		