

## MĀORI WARDS TO BE INTRODUCED



**COUNCIL HAS CONFIRMED its decision to introduce Māori wards for the 2022 and 2025 local body elections, voting 10-2 in favour at a council meeting on Tuesday.**

Mayor David Trewavas said this decision was an important part of ensuring Māori voices at the council table.

"As I have said previously, I am immensely proud of being part of a council that has made this decision today for the good of our community and showing leadership where it matters.

"In 2019, we established Māori representatives on council committees, and these will continue. This is yet another step

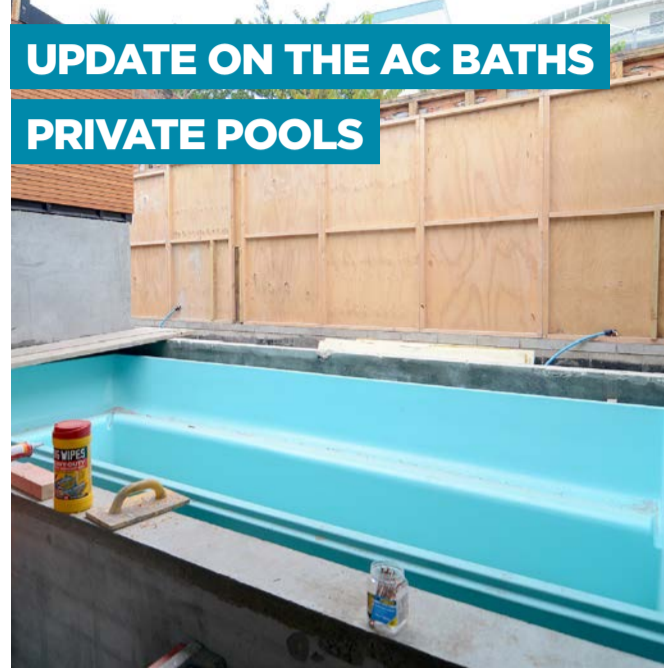
in the right direction that strengthens our relationship with iwi and shows council's commitment to partnership.

"Of course, this is a continually evolving process and there is always more work to be done to strengthen relationships and improve Māori representation and we have made a commitment to continue to do that alongside our iwi partners.

"This includes continuing with the Māori representation project where council staff are working with iwi leaders and individuals from iwi and Māori entities to identify, develop and refine further options for Māori representation in council decision-making for the benefit of the whole community."

## UPDATE ON THE AC BATHS

### PRIVATE POOLS



**UNFORTUNATELY, THE UPGRADE to the AC Bath private pools has been delayed a bit further. This is due to interruptions in accessing materials, created by Covid-19 restrictions around the world.**

Facilities manager Darren Penketh said like many companies in New Zealand, the construction company is struggling with availability of materials.

"We're working really hard to get these finished, the latest update is that all going well with the supply of materials, they will be ready at the end of May. We're looking forward to welcoming the community back to our thermal pools as soon as possible."

## WORK TO COMMENCE ON THE GREAT LAKE CENTRE

**OVER THE NEXT two months, you may see work happening on the Great Lake Centre. This is being undertaken by Goleman Group on behalf of council and involves painting the building and replacing the roof, due to its age and condition.**

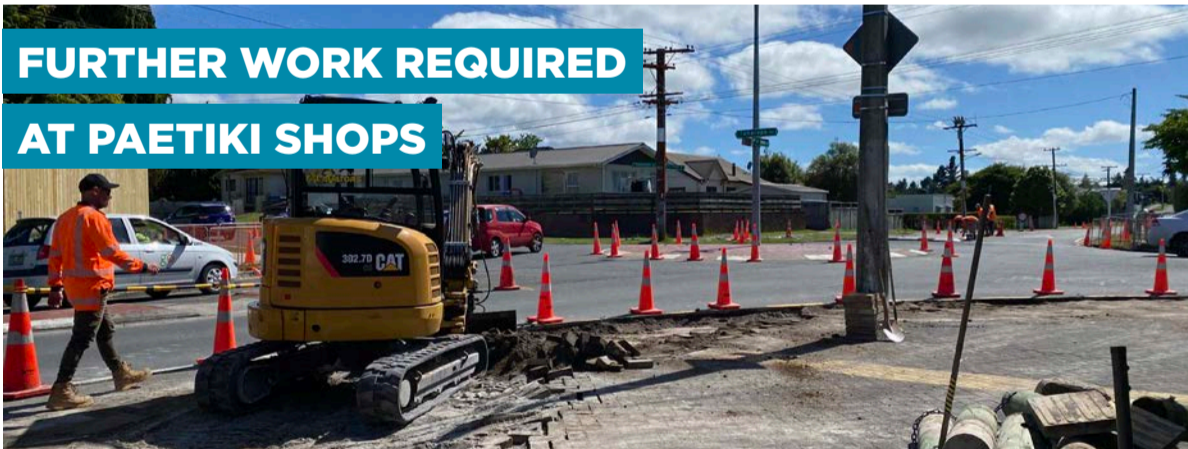
Painting of the building has now started and you will see scaffolding and edge protection which has been erected for this at the front of the Centre.

In May, the reroof work will begin, with the entire project expected to be complete by the end of June, weather permitting.

Thank you for your patience while this work is undertaken.



## FURTHER WORK REQUIRED AT PAETIKI SHOPS



**LAST YEAR, WORK was undertaken at the Paetiki shops to make it a safer, more attractive and a more user-friendly environment.**

The work included an upgraded mobility carpark, four new carparks outside Supervalu Paetiki, the concreting of the roundabout, pedestrian refuge islands on Taharepa Road, new kerbing and the redevelopment of the corner by the shops to include landscaping and seating.

Unfortunately, the footpath was installed at an incorrect level, resulting in it being too high. Our contractor is committed to rectifying this. Work will be undertaken starting May 3 and will

take approximately 10 days, weather permitting.

The work includes the removal and re-laying of the new concrete footpath. The cost will be absorbed by the contractor and will come at no expense to the ratepayer.

There will be some disruption to traffic and pedestrians while the work takes place. We will do all we can to minimise this as much as possible, particularly during peak traffic times.

Please drive carefully in this area to keep our contractors and community safe while this work gets underway. Thank you for your patience while this work gets underway.



## MANGAKINO STREET UPGRADES NEARING COMPLETION

**AN ONGOING WORKS programme to upgrade Mangakino streets with kerbing and channelling is nearing completion. The latest round of work has seen a full reconstruction of the Puriri Street roadway, as well as the installation of a footpath, stormwater improvements and a new watermain.**

Infrastructure manager Denis Lewis said only one residential street remains in Mangakino to be upgraded, with that work scheduled for the 2022/23 financial year.

"Mangakino was originally laid out as a construction town for the hydroelectric electric schemes in the 1950s. We've had an ongoing programme of works to upgrade streets and it's great to see the progress made."

