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RTC 2020 – first step towards Rangiora Town Centre's future a 'significant success'

Close to 100 people attended the first RTC 2020 (Rangiora Town Centre 2020) public event on Tuesday evening at the Chervier Centre in Rangiora to discuss the way they wanted the Rangiora Town Centre to be by the year 2020.

Waimakariri Mayor, Ron Keating hailed the evening as a significant success. "The mood of this discussion was extremely positive about the town centre's future potential", he said "and it was evident that there is a real desire amongst the community to generate fresh ideas and proactive solutions to many of the Town Centre's challenges. If this is any yardstick, then the Rangiora Town Centre has a very bright future indeed".

On the night people were split into groups of about 10-15 and asked to see the future of the Rangiora Town Centre from a number of different viewpoints – the elderly, young families with children, visitors, those who rely on Rangiora as a service centre and teenagers. This format provided some robust discussion during the course of the evening .

Issues and ideas raised included access for pedestrians, heritage buildings, specialty shops in the main street, promotional activities for residents and visitors, providing 'energy' for the town centre, upgrading of arts facilities, bus services and a host of other suggestions and ideas.

The views and suggestions generated at this first RTC 2020 event are being analysed to find any common direction or desires. Following that, further workshops will be held to crystallise those directions into specific plans of action.

"This response is extremely encouraging", said Mayor Keating. "There is now a momentum that has sprung from this event and my ambition is to grow that into positive action, which will ensure a bright future for the Town Centre generated by the very people who do business in, use and live near the Town Centre".



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