

## **From the Mayor – December 2020**

### **Mineral Spa Requirements explored with Regulator**

The Mineral Spa project—a cornerstone piece of infrastructure in our Masterplan—was the topic of discussion with regulatory authorities earlier this month.

Council's executive leadership and I met with representatives of the Natural Resources Access Regulator to discuss the latest regulatory requirements.

The project will deliver construction and job opportunities and has the potential of being a fantastic tourist attraction, encouraging people to spend more time and money in the area.

### **Building regional resilience**

I had the opportunity in the past month of attending the Orana Opportunity Network Industry Forum, 'Tomorrow Starts Today', along with our General Manager, Hein Basson, and fellow councillor, Pat Cullen.

The network's aims are to support the growth and development of businesses across the region into exports, to improve sustainability and to increase investment and connectivity for business.

Several thought-provoking presentations tackled the issues of boosting resilience and mitigating risk in our region, moving towards zero emissions, developing a renewable energy zone and establishing partnerships for the region in the energy and resources sectors.

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