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Shearing famous five set new world record

Five King Country shearers have “blown all our expectations out of the water” when they established a five-stands World strong wool lamb shearing record of 3740 in nine hours.

The words came from Te Kuiti gun Jack Fagan, who topped the day’s tallies with 811 – the “fastest Fagan on earth”, according to dad Sir David Fagan, who 29 years ago to the day shore 810 to set a solo record in Southland.

Also along to watch was uncle John Fagan, who shore 804 in the early 1980s, and among the crew for the day was cousin James Fagan, who shore 740 in a still-intact four-stand record in 2007.

Shearing at Aitahu-Whanganui Incorporation’s Te Pa Station on the Parapara on Wednesday 22 December, all five in the latest record hammered their previous best – the 29-year-old Jack Fagan’s effort being complemented by 18-year-old Taihape shearer Reuben Alabaster’s 774, Welsh shearers Delwyn Jones and Llion Jones, with 729 and 725 respectively, and “amazed-to-even-be-here” Kelly Brill, with 701.

Delwyn Jones, who shore a three-stand record in 2017, is from Corwen and Llion Jones from Llanwrst, maybe distant cousins from way-back but both now settled in New Zealand.

Llion Jones’ wife Grace was his rousie, Loretta Brill likewise for son Kelly, and Alabaster having sister Lilly as his rousie and dad and shearer Riki in his pen. Delwyn Jones’s rousie was 2020-2021 No 1-ranked Junior competition woolhandler Rahera Kerr, while Kelly Perawiti was rousie for Jack Fagan.

There was no previous record for the 9hrs 5-stands strongwool lambs classification, but watched by seven World Sheep Shearing Records Society judges – one via AVL from his home in Wales - the shearers showed they meant big business from the start.

Starting at 5am, they shore 810 in the first two hours to breakfast, and separated by morning and afternoon tea breaks and lunch they then shore successive 1hr 45min runs of 724, 737, 730 and 739 to the finish at 5pm.

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Record-setting shearers (from left) Delwyn Jones, Jack Fagan, Llion Jones, Kelly Brill and Reuben Alabaster. Photo / SSNZ

Got my bike – ‘where are we going?’



Kobe Learmonth from National Park School gets air on one of the many mountain bike rides the school took on in Term 4 of 2021. The school took the classroom outside on wheels, for fun and physics – as well as several other learning disciplines. See inside for more. Photo: NPS.

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Got my bike – ‘where are we going?’

“I’ve got a bike, where are we going! He Paihikara tāku! Ka Haere ki hea?” was the learning theme at National Park School to close off 2021.

“Way back in the wintery Term 3, when the teachers, children and business community from National Park were locked down at home, someone had a crazy idea to try mountain biking during the summer instead,” says principal Jane Welburn.

“They all laughed, and then thought about it some more, and hence the adventure came to life.

“Skiing in winter, biking in summer – these sports are loved and we live in the perfect place,” agreed Jay, age 12.

Teachers, children and biking experts weaved science and literacy together to create the engaging local curriculum opportunity.

“School has key aspects that we know makes learning exciting here – gifting, authentic action, doing things that are big not little, complex and social.

“When we plan specifically for these, we know we are going to have a great time together and our learning takes a life of its own,” said Miss Welburn.

“At the start of the opportunity I was excited because there was always an activity to be done and we were planning stuff – it stayed like that the whole way through,” recalls Kobe age 11.

Through borrowing, hiring and purchasing, the school made sure every child had access to a bike before getting started. Some had training wheels,

but these soon came off.

Children took part in a range of activities over a 5-6 week period, including a trip to Crater’s Taupō, pump tracks in Ohakune and a whole school ride on the Tūrangi river loop.

“Everything was managed and organised in a really good way ... when we went away we made a plan so everyone was on the same page,” said Hannah age 13.

“Mountain biking is great, but from a teacher’s point of view it’s also good because children could do some work on forces – from calculating acceleration or thinking about friction to descriptive writing,” explained James age 11.

Even during the last week of term, the local police helped the children out with their speed guns so they could explore Newton’s second law around acceleration and measure the forces which could be created.

Families and locals supported the opportunity by transporting children (and bikes), and building ramps and trick equipment designed by the children.

“This links brilliantly into a school development planned soon to tarmac an area for a bike, scooter and skateboard zone on the school site,” said Miss Welburn.

“I felt free and it felt nice instead of doing the same thing every day!” “We were able to influence our learning by keeping positive and focusing on



Pupils at National Park School took the classroom out on wheels at the end of their 2021 year, taking in some of the area’s great mountain bike rides. Photo: NPS.

our work, listening, looking and asking questions about how to do things,” Bekah age 12 and Cody age 11 concluded as they took part in evaluating the impact of the opportunity.

Mica age 12, who was gutted to be breaking

up for the holiday, summed things up by saying, “the opportunity was exciting because we had fun, it was active, involved adventure and was outside. I wish that it could carry on, but good things never last!”

Mobile Covid-19 units cop anti-vaccination flak

By Moana Ellis, Local Democracy Reporter

An iwi collective’s mobile Covid-19 clinics have had to deal with negative reactions from anti-vaxers but it says those who decide not to be vaccinated still need support.

The Ranga Tupua iwi collective has been funded by the Government to deliver the vaccine to hard-to-reach communities in the least-vaccinated areas of Whanganui, South Taranaki, Rangitikei and the Waimarino. Its four rapid response mobile clinics are funded until mid-March in the 15-week rollout.

Te Ranga Tupua rapid response co-lead Elijah Pue says the mobile units have been approached by anti-vaxers, but for the most part they have walked away after having their say.

“We’ve seen people who turn up and ask why are you here, I still don’t want to get the vaccine, I still think it’s a load of rubbish, things like that. But for the most part they walk away.

“We might share with them some factual information and let them know they’re free to take it if they want. Some of them aren’t so open to receiving that information but we have had a few saying I trust the person that I see vaccinating, or I trust the nurse that I see, I trust these people,



Te Ranga Tupua iwi collective mobile clinics have attracted the attention of anti-vaxers. Photo: Ruapehu Bulletin.

and so, yep, I’ll receive my vaccination today.”

Elijah Pue says the iwi collective is continuing to encourage those who are against receiving the vaccination to visit the mobile clinics.

“If you still decide not to receive the vaccination, then come and see us so we can understand how we can still support you, because you’ll still have various challenges that you’ll face because of the choices you make. But we still have a responsibility and an obligation to support all our people regardless of what side of the fence they sit on.”

The mobile units are visiting marae, shopping centre and supermarket carparks, sports venues, beaches and town centres, as well as working street by street and carrying out pre-booked home visits in some areas.

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Crews had the day before drafted 4000 lambs ready for the record, but even before the record day was halfway through shearing contractor Neil Fagan, who with wife Stacie managed the challenge, was

disbelieving.

With the remote station still in the Covid-19 red zone at the time, general public were unable to be present, but the shearing was live-streamed, attracting a global audience.



Behind every good shearer is a good rousie – (from left) Lilly Alabaster, Loretta Brill, Grace Jones, Kelly Perawiti and Rahera Kerr. Photo / SSNZ

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Recent summit earthquakes – ‘unrest remains low’

A recent cluster of earthquakes has occurred beneath Ruapehu’s summit. All monitoring data at Ruapehu indicates that volcanic unrest remains at minor levels. The Volcanic Alert Level at Mt Ruapehu stays at Level 1, reports GNS.

“Earthquakes regularly occur in the Tongariro National Park and towards the southern portion around Ruapehu, we often record them near Waiouru and National Park Village,” says Geoff Kilgour, duty volcanologist.

He explains that there are two broad styles of earthquakes at volcanoes: volcanic earthquakes (which includes tremor) that are directly related to the movement of fluids (magma and/or the hydrothermal system), and tectonic earthquakes which

result from rocks fracturing (movement on small faults).

“From 30 December 2021, we have recorded a sequence of tectonic earthquakes located beneath Ruapehu’s summit area.

Unusual

“So far, there have been at least 30 distinct earthquakes in this sequence. When compared to historical records, the number of earthquakes with epicentres closely confined to the summit area, is unusual.”

He said that, while these earthquake clusters are uncommon, none of their monitoring data suggests that the volcano is exhibiting increased levels of activity.

There has been no observable response from other continuous monitoring data such as Crater Lake (Te Wai ā-moe) tem-

perature, lake level, or volcanic tremor.

“Therefore, our current assessment is that a relatively deep stress release has occurred below the volcano, but this has not affected the volcano’s hydrothermal system.”

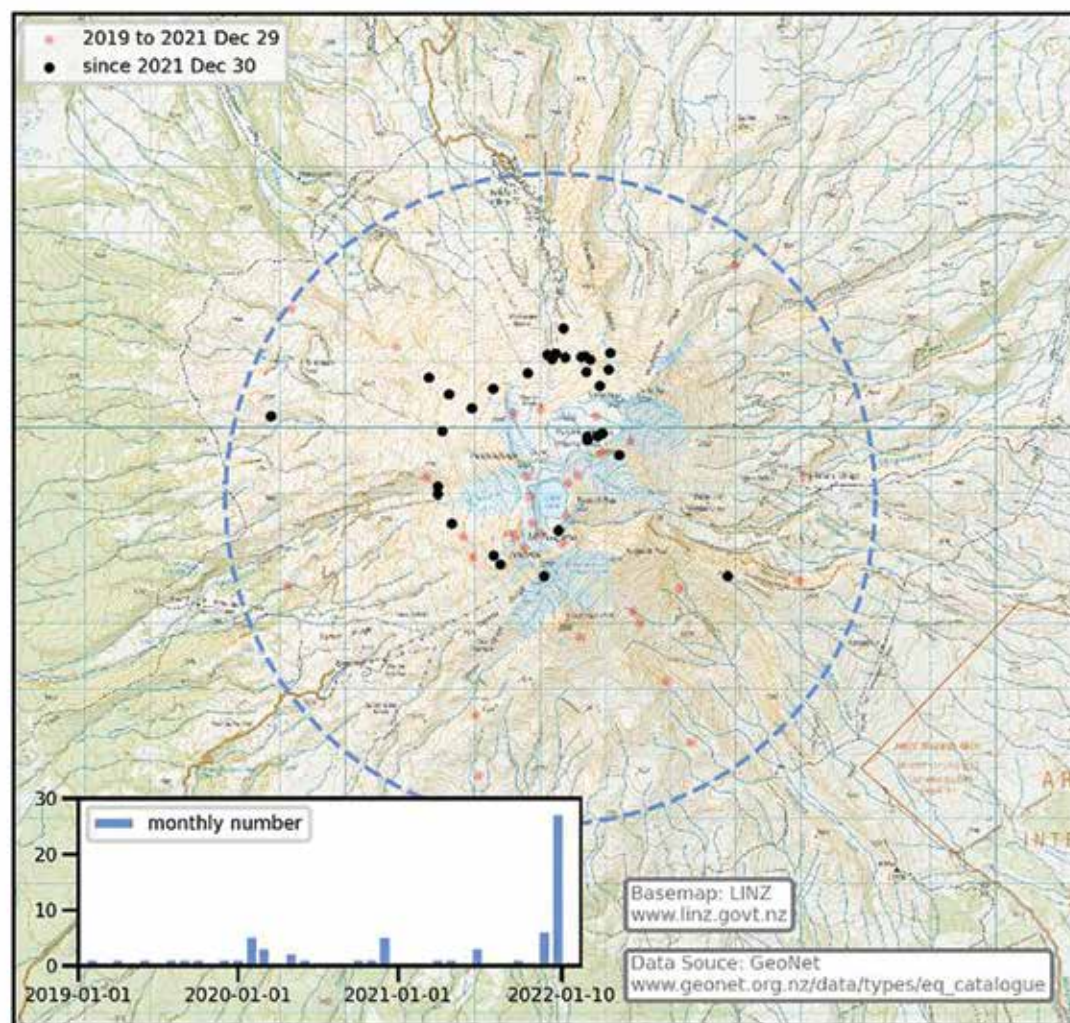
The GNS team planned to conduct a scheduled gas

flight and sample Ruapehu’s Crater Lake (Te Wai ā-moe) in the following days.

The Volcanic Alert Level stays at Level 1 which reflects the current level of volcanic unrest. The Volcanic Alert Level should not be used to forecast future activity.

Recent earthquakes cluster near Ruapehu's crater lake

Earthquakes since 2019 within 5 km of crater and less than 10 km deep



Plot of the location and number of earthquakes beneath the summit area at Ruapehu since 2019, with earthquakes since 30 December 2021 highlighted.



The Taupo-based Greenlea Rescue Helicopter is poised to airlift a patient from the Waihohonu Track area earlier in December.

December was a busy month for the Greenlea Rescue Helicopter crew, with a total of 31 missions flown, including 9 inter-hospital transfers, 10 medical events, 8 rural/farm rescues and three motor vehicle accidents.

The missions included visits to Tongariro National Park.

“From mountain biking accidents to quad bike roll overs, your rescue crew remained operational 24/7 throughout the holiday period, so that they could be there for patients when they need,” says Alexandra Paley, marketing co-ordinator.

The helicopter crew assisted an injured hiker on 10 December who had fallen on the Waihohonu Walking Track, sustaining a leg injury. The woman in her 20’s was flown to Rotorua Hospital for further treatment. The next day, the Helicopter was dispatched to a farm near State Highway 4, south of Raetihi. The patient, a man in his 40’s had injuries that required urgent medical attention, so he was transported to Whanganui Hospital.

“The greatest gift you could give is time, time for patients to spend with their loved ones this summer. Help keep these life-saving missions available to your family and friends all summer. Donate today at rescue.org.nz,” asks Ms Paley.

Waimarino holiday Lotto wins

There have been two Lotto winning tickets sold in the Waimarino over the break – one in Waiouru and one in Ohakune.

A ticket sold at the Waiouru Four Square won an all-electric Mercedes-Benz EQC’s vehicle worth more than \$145,000. It was one of five of the cars given away on Christmas Day.

On 8 January, a player who bought a ticket at the Take Note Ohakune shop won \$23,178, one of 10 Second Division winners.

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Ohakune entrepreneur using manuka by-product for mask spray

Ohakune entrepreneur Greg Hickman has launched a purifying face mask spray – Mask Mānuka – that utilises a natural by-product of mānuka oil production – mānuka hydrosol.

Produced from the steam distillation process of extracting mānuka oil, the water-based product shares the antibacterial, anti-fungal and anti-inflammatory properties of mānuka.

“This really is an extraordinary resource, but most of it simply goes to waste,” says Greg Hickman.

He says the product will divert only a relatively small amount of this waste product, “but it is a step towards honouring this natural New Zealand resource”.

“The refreshing face mask spray, unlike anything else currently on the market, will help freshen up your mask while reducing bacteria in between washes.”

Greg says it was anecdotes from friends here and overseas that sparked the idea for the product.

“Fashion masks have exploded both here and back in Hong Kong [where we lived previously] and we were hearing that people wanted a way to keep their masks fresh, clean, and more pleasant to wear – especially now they have become the norm for us all.”

“Just two sprays gives two hours of freshness with all of the antibacterial, anti-fungal, and anti-inflammatory properties of mānuka, plus the fresh forest fragrance,”

says Hickman.

Harvested in the central plateau and bottled in Ohakune, Hickman says there could be more applications of this product.

“Mānuka hydrosol has a lot of potential, but we want to test this product on the market before we consider anything else just yet. Of course, we won’t rule anything out,” says Hickman.

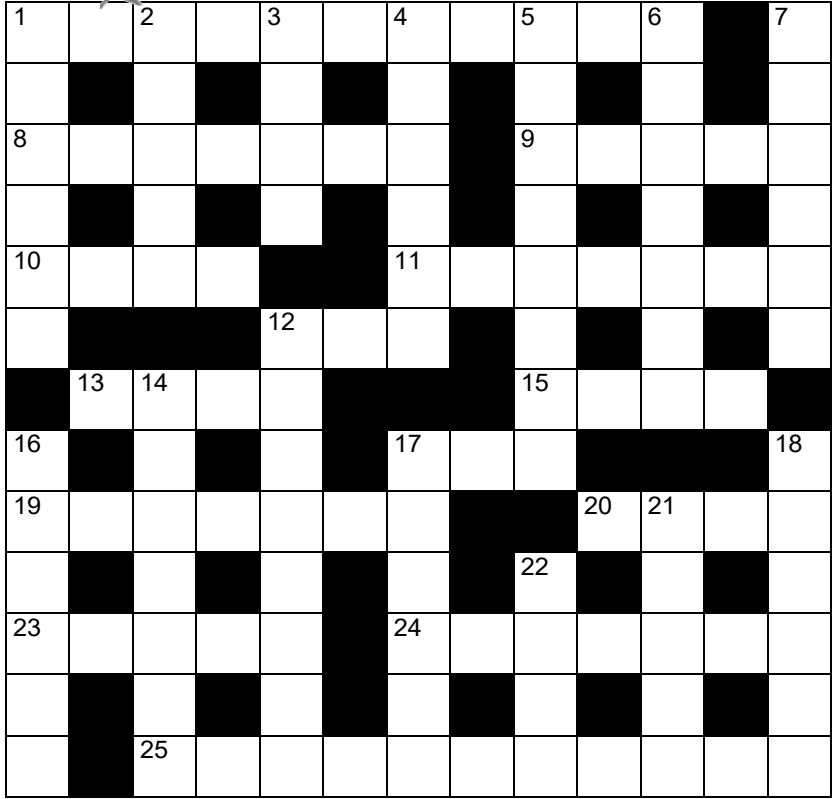
If nothing else, Greg hopes launching Mask Mānuka may encourage other manufacturers to consider Mānuka hydrosol as an ingredient.

“This has potential for both the domestic and export markets. And ultimately, it could have a positive impact on the mānuka industry in New Zealand,” says Hickman.



A new spray has been developed to help freshen up face masks.

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Across

- 1. High profile, flamboyant woman MP in the first Labour Government (5,6)
- 8. Not done properly (colloq) (4,3)
- 9. Popular takeaway (5)
- 10. Smooch (4)
- 11. Large corrugated iron sculpture in Taihape (7)
- 12. Golfing peg (3)
- 13. Informal name for NZ currency (4)
- 15. Vegetable (4)
- 17. The day before (3)
- 19. Large house (7)
- 20. War canoe (4)
- 23. Language (colloq) (5)
- 24. Bland (7)
- 25. South Island town that once sported an enormous doughnut to celebrate *The Simpsons* movie (11)

Down

- 1. North Island river that begins in the Kaimanawa Range and empties into the Pacific in Hawke’s Bay (6)
- 2. Town full of bovine signage (5)
- 3. Walk with long strides (4)
- 4. Nervous (2,4)
- 5. Gather (8)
- 6. Undress (7)
- 7. Māori for song, chant or psalm (6)
- 12. An unplanned, wandering journey (colloq) (4,4)
- 14. Cricket session (7)
- 16. Stinking (6)
- 17. Ship’s flag (6)
- 18. Forthright (6)
- 21. Plenty (5)
- 22. Not likely (colloq) (2,2)

Previous solution

Across: 6. Rarely, 7. Merino, 10. Waikato, 11. Nerve, 12. Easy, 13. Unite, 16. Beady, 17. Long, 20. Urupa, 21. Windrow, 22. Eke out, 23. Huddle.
Down: 1. Crowded House, 2. Traipse, 3. Algae, 4. Bennett, 5. Kiore, 8. Onehunga weed, 9. Countdown, 14. Devalue, 15. Hot rods, 18. Buyer, 19. Snout.



Paddlers on the Whanganui River. Photo/Moana Ellis.

By Moana Ellis, Local Democracy Reporter
Whanganui River iwi concerned about the risk of collision between canoeists and jetboaters are to put a team of monitors on the water to ensure the safety of river users.

Upper Whanganui River iwi Ngāti Hāua says there has been at least one complaint raised with Maritime New Zealand by canoeists over incidents involving jet boats, and further complaints are expected.

Ngāti Hāua Iwi Trust chair Graham Bell said last summer a canoeist was seriously injured in a collision with a Department of Conservation jetboat.

“The iwi is determined to do as much as possible to avoid similar incidents occurring again,” he said.

Ngāti Hāua Iwi Trust is working with river tribes entity Ngā Tāngata Tiaki o Whanganui on a plan for improved communications with operators and proactive monitoring of behaviour on the river.

Bell said the monitoring plan is focused on operators using the river from Taumarunui south. He said Ngāti Hāua’s mana over these reaches means the iwi has a duty to actively care for the safety of people using the river within their rohe.

“As the iwi at place, we are showing leadership through a proactive plan to build relationships with operators in our rohe. We expect all operators to respect the rules in place to ensure the safety of all people.”

Ngāti Hāua Iwi Trust was established in 2001 to manage iwi affairs and progress settlement of Treaty of Waitangi claims.

The iwi will call an online meeting with operators to assess numbers of people and incidents on the river and promote understanding of navigation rules and Covid risk guidelines.

The plan will see a small team of Ngāti Hāua monitors on the upper reaches as they build relationships with operators.

Ngā Tāngata Tiaki o Whanganui chair Sheena Maru said all users have a responsibility both to themselves and those they share the river with. The plan would promote Covid safety as well as navigational safety.

“There have been concerns around some of the activities

on the river. We are pleased to be working with Ngāti Hāua because they have a responsibility to take care of their tribal rohe. As we always do when we welcome manuhiri

to our rohe, we want to ensure that they have a positive experience, that they go away well but they also come back to us.”

She said operators need to work more closely together to ensure Covid-19 mitigation measures are being met.

“We’re always thinking about those of us who are staying here at home, that we’re all safe, we’re all well. We want people to holiday closer to home this summer to reduce the potential for Covid transmission through our communities. Hopefully, more locals will utilise the outstanding natural assets of the Whanganui River,” Maru said.

Nga Tāngata Tiaki o Whanganui is the post settlement entity responsible for implementing the Te Awa Tupua framework for the Whanganui River, legislated in 2017.

Maru said Ngāti Hāua and Ngā Tāngata Tiaki are looking to partner with other hapū and iwi on river safety as the summer progresses.

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Pressure going on runaway Central North Island pines

Nearly half a million dollars is going into removing wilding pines from Central North Island conservation areas that were previously being over-run by the pest trees.

The Department of Conservation has been targeting wilding pines for many decades alongside Horizons Regional Council and volunteer groups, including the Wanganui and Hutt Valley Tramping clubs.

These years of hard work have meant the unique features of the landscape have not been completely blanketed by wilding pines.

However, Erua Conservation Area, Tongariro Conservation Area, Rangataua, and Tongariro National Park still have many wilding pines that DOC says need to be removed – and a \$467,000 investment from the National Wilding Conifer Control Programme, through Biosecurity New Zealand (BNZ), a business unit of the Ministry for Primary Industries (MPI).

Jobs for nature

Danial van der Lubbe, site project manager for DOC Tongariro, said the work is being undertaken by local contractors and DOC staff, with potential for other existing ‘Jobs for Nature’ projects to also be involved.

“If left unchecked, wilding pines would infest the sensitive landscape of the Tongariro region and crowd out the fragile plant life in the area,” explains Mr Lubbe.

“National Programme funding through MPI has allowed us to work in areas that previously we were not able to work on. It’s great to see both Horizons and DOC, with the endorsement of the iwi, working together to achieve important conservation outcomes.

“Working together we can prevent the spread of wilding pines and knock these invasive weeds off

our maunga.”

One of the first jobs is to aerially-survey conservation areas to locate wilding conifers for follow-up control activities. Control will then be either ground based (‘drill and fill’, ‘cut and paste’ or felling operations) or by aerial spraying.

Malinda Matthewson from Horizons Regional Council is the lead for the MPI Management unit “Tongariro”, which includes both conservation and private land.

Achievable

“Controlling wilding pines is achievable, but we still need to work consistently to manage them.

“Now that we have the National Programme this has really helped, as we have a better handle on where the trees are, and where the work needs to be done on a national scale.

“The relationships between DOC, Horizons and public groups have been very important in supporting the wilding pines work.

“This work could not be done without public support as well, and people now realise the importance of protecting our iconic landscapes.”

Wilding conifers or wilding pines are introduced trees that are spreading across the landscape through natural regeneration. They already cover more than 1.8 million hectares of New Zealand and, prior to the National Programme, were spreading at an estimated 90,000 hectares a year.

The National Wilding Conifer Control Programme was set up in 2016, taking a co-ordinated, collaborative approach to preventing the spread of wilding conifers.

Without the large-scale control undertaken by the Programme, 20% of New Zealand would be impacted by wilding pines within 20 years, resulting in the loss of native species and natural landscapes.

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Are all our ships anchored somewhere? Go check. We are the rabbit hole.

John Riding



Many central North Island landscapes would be changed completely if wilding pines were left to take over.

Letters

Tiny rabbit hole

• I have just completed my third month in a four-year-old small house I am renaming DisconTENT.

The agent’s reverential reference to “Fully Council Approved” begs the next conundrum; how to remediate such a mistaken notion of insulation without actually starting again? 25mm of polystyrene, (don’t try its flammability: it’s a joke, even in optimal use).

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Spotlight on Horizons science over summer

This summer, Horizons Regional Council is highlighting some of the environmental science and monitoring programmes that underpin Council's policies and decision making. Wherever possible, this information is made publicly available, with Horizons swim spot monitoring results providing just one such example this summer.

Horizons chair Rachel Keedwell says Council's vision for the region is Tō tātou rohe – taiao ora, tangata ora, mauri ora / Our place – a healthy environment where people are thriving.

"Horizons' science and monitoring programmes help us to report on the state of our environment and informs our decisions, including refining our approach, to ensure that we target the right issues with the right actions," says Cr Keedwell.

Spotlight on environmental science

"A summer science series, running now until the end of March, will be placing a spotlight on just some of Council's environmental science programmes with a particular emphasis on freshwater, biodiversity, and climate change.

"The health of freshwater is one of our priority areas, with our research and monitoring activities helping to determine how water is allocated, how quality can be maintained and improved, and how use is changing over time.

"This work involves measuring river flows, groundwater levels, rainfall levels and water quality, and using this information to report, analyse and support policy and programme decisions that are made about this valuable resource.

"Recognising Te Mana o te Wai and ensuring

that we are leaving our environment in a good state for future generations, drives many of Horizons' freshwater activities.

"We also want to ensure that when our communities use our rivers, lakes and beaches for recreation that they have access to the latest water quality results.

Swim spots

"That is why each year between November and April, our science team monitors the health of 80 swim spots for potentially toxic algae (Cyanobacteria) and E.coli at freshwater sites, and Enterococci at coastal sites."

Horizons science manager Lizzie Daly says E.coli and Enterococci are indicators of faecal contamination that at high levels indicate a potential risk to human health.

"Weekly samples collected from each of the region's monitored swim spots are sent to an independent accredited lab for testing," says Dr Daly.

"Results for these two indicators are received within 48 hours."

Cyanobacteria appears as black mats on rocks in rivers and as green scum in and above water in lakes. These mats eventually peel off the rocks and wash up on river banks. Cyanobacteria can produce toxins that are harmful to humans and dogs.

Horizons' research assistants have been trained to identify Cyanobacteria at swim spot sites and update the results on the LAWA website as soon as practically possible.

"All results are updated on the Land Air Water Aotearoa (LAWA) website, www.lawa.org.nz,



Monitoring the health of 80 swim spots around the Manawatu-Whanganui Region is part of Horizons' summer science. Photo: HMW.

where interactive maps show each of the swim spots tagged by a red, amber or green location maker to indicate whether it is safe to swim that week."

Cr Keedwell says from swim spot monitoring and freshwater management, to enhancing biodiversity and planning for climate change, Horizons 300 staff members can be found in the wider Manawatu-Whanganui Region throughout the year collecting environmental data, fixing bar-

riers to native fish passage, managing pest plants and animals, and planting to prevent nutrients and sediment entering waterways.

"Over the next few months we look to highlight some of our key science programmes and those that we work with which includes tangata whenua, iwi, central government and Crown Research Institutes, our regional council counterparts, the region's city and district councils, and catchment care and community groups.



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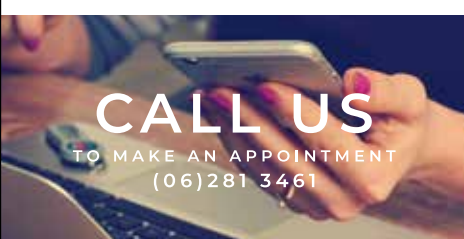
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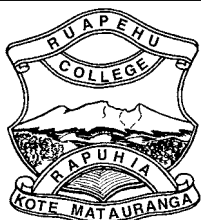
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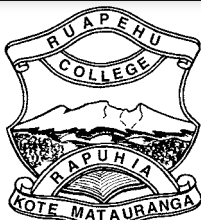
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Iwi collective targets hesitancy over children's vaccinations

By Moana Ellis, Local Democracy Reporter
An iwi collective's Covid-19 campaign to lift Māori vaccination is out on the front foot with an online information blitz to tackle hesitancy about vaccinating children.

Children aged 5 to 11 years are eligible for Covid-19 vaccinations from Monday 17 January.

Te Ranga Tupua iwi collective's rapid response efforts have focused for the past month on sending its four mobile clinics into the least vaccinated areas of Whanganui, South Taranaki, Rangitikei and the Waimarino.

But rapid response co-lead Elijah Pue says from Monday an intensive online initiative provides information, answer questions and respond to concerns about children's vaccinations.

"We're going to be over the next two weeks hosting some hui online and some webinars and zooms so that our people can have access to the right information," Pue said.

"We know already anecdotally that hesitation for paediatric vaccination is much higher than what we've experienced before and it's legitimate.

"Parents are genuinely concerned about vaccinating their children and that's okay. We just need to ensure that our people have the right information and are talking to the right people so they can answer all those questions that those people might have."

Pue says the iwi collective will continue to target under-vaccinated hotspots and places where families congregate.



"We're going to continue our mobile rollout which goes to the hard-to-reach communities, goes to the rural areas, goes to the middle of townships. We're encouraging whānau vaccinations, which is what we've done from the start, going down next to the swimming pool We're going to places where families will go."

Te Ranga Tupua has been funded by the government for a 15-week drive to improve the uptake of Covid-19 vaccination among Māori in its area. The campaign runs until mid-March.

Rapid response Covid teams grapple with shortage of nurses

By Moana Ellis, Local Democracy Reporter
A leader of an intensive effort to boost Māori Covid-19 vaccinations says nurses are in short supply and it's time to look at training more Māori.

Ngāti Rangi iwi entity Ngā Waihua o Paerangi Trust sets up its rapid response mobile clinic in Ohakune. Ngāti Rangi iwi entity Ngā Waihua o Paerangi Trust sets up its rapid response mobile clinic in Ohakune. Photo: Supplied / Te Ranga Tupua

Four Māori health providers are sending out mobile clinics in the Waimarino, Rangitikei, Whanganui and South Taranaki regions as part of the Ranga Tupua iwi collective's rapid response vaccination rollout.

But Te Ranga Tupua operations co-lead Elijah Pue says recruiting the number of registered nurses needed as vaccinators for the 15-week mobile clinic initiative and beyond is proving tough.

The Ngāti Rangi iwi entity Ngā Waihua o Paerangi Trust is advertising for registered nurses to deliver vaccinations from the mobile clinic in the Waimarino area, which includes some of the least vaccinated communities in the country. The iwi trust has permanent and fixed-term, fulltime and casual roles available, starting immediately, and is offering \$45 an hour.

"Across the motu and here at home in the wider Whanganui rohe we're having real issues trying to recruit clinicians," Pue said.

"Everyone – the DHB, Māori health providers and others – are all looking for nurses to support the Covid vaccination rollout. It is proving to be challenging at the moment.

"It's time for us to think seriously about how we're upskilling our people and supporting them to do that, and also supporting them to come home and share their skills, experience and qualifications with our people."

Pue said targeted iwi nursing scholarships



could help build the numbers of qualified clinicians needed in the regions and rural areas.

But he said any investment should be teamed with alumni programmes that encourage graduates to bring their skills home to give back to their marae, hapū and iwi.

"A lot of people are struggling with connecting with their iwi. The challenge for us is that reconnection and what's that point for them to start coming home?" Pue said.

"How do we help people understand what it means to receive a scholarship – what's their give-back? How can the wider iwi benefit from that level of investment?"

Whanganui River tribes axe annual tribal pilgrimage because of Covid threat

By Moana Ellis, Local Democracy Reporter

The tribal river wānanga the Tira Hoe Waka has been cancelled for only the second time in more than 30 years.

The two-week journey down the Whanganui River for the River tribes has been happening every year since 1988, but has been

axed for the second year

running because of the threat of Covid-19.

Tira Hoe Waka executive committee chair Hayden Potaka said with up to 400 people typically involved in the annual event, the committee could not risk the Tira becoming a super-spreader event.

"The main reason for this decision is the preservation of life. Delta was

significant and the numbers were high. And even with the traffic light system we were still unsure if we could remain safe on the awa during that period."

Potaka said on average the Tira has 120-140 paddlers on the water each year.

"And then we've got extended whānau that would be supporting from the marae and as roadies, and also those of the hau kāinga on our marae, the ahi kā – between 300 and 400

people in total, so we cannot take the risk of having the virus exploding within our rohe.

"We will remain cautious for the foreseeable future."

Potaka said the decision does not mean smaller groups cannot organise to paddle parts of the river, as they did in January 2021.

"Upholding our connection to the awa and to one another can be achieved via smaller-scale events in the various reaches of the awa," he said.

The Tira Hoe Waka is a mainstay of the Whanganui River tribal calendar. It is usually held every January over 15 days, with a flotilla of canoes and kayaks travelling the country's longest navigable river and visiting ancient marae sites and wāhi tapu along the way, from Taumarunui to Whanganui city.

Planning will begin in the new year to enable the Tira Hoe Waka to go ahead in 2023.

NOTICE OF IMPOUNDING and PROPOSED SALE of IMPOUNDED STOCK

Impounding Act 1955 Section 46 (2)

The under mentioned stock, having been found roaming freely and trespassing on private property on a rural property in Raetihi, they have been seized for impounding on Wednesday 12 January 2022 by Ruapehu District Council.

One Ewe and 4 Cryptorchids

Notice is hereby given that unless claimed by the owner by Wednesday 20 January 2022 on Thursday 21 January 2022 the stock will be sold by public Tender or otherwise disposed of in accordance with the Impounding Act 1955.

Tenders for the above stock are also invited from the public given the animals are not reclaimed by their owner. Tenders close at 3pm on Wednesday 2 February 2022.

Details of the Tender may be obtained from Council's office at 59-63 Huia St, Taumarunui, ph 07 895 8188, or online at www.ruapehudc.govt.nz. Highest or any Tender not necessarily accepted.



Tira Hoe Waka executive committee chair Hayden Potaka says the annual tribal pilgrimage down the Whanganui River has been cancelled for only the second time in its history. Photo/Moana Ellis



CLASS 4 (GAMBLING) VENUE POLICY REVIEW

A 'sinking lid' proposal to reduce the number of pokie machines and pokie machine venues in Ruapehu over time

Ruapehu District Council believes that the negative social impacts of pokie machines outweighs any positive contribution they make to life in Ruapehu. As such, Council is proposing to adopt a sinking lid policy on pokie machines and pokie machine venues. This would mean that:

- There will be no new Pokie machines or venues would be allowed to be established in the Ruapehu district, and,
- If a current pokie machine operator gives up their licence to operate Pokie machines the machines and the venue licence can not be transferred to a new operator or location.

The intention of the policy proposal is to see a permanent decrease in Pokie machines and Pokie machine venues in Ruapehu district over time.

Consultation is open on the 'sinking lid' proposal until Friday 4 February 2022

★ More info including a Statement of Proposal is available from Council's website ruapehudc.govt.nz or any Council office ★

Do you support Council's recommendation to place a sinking lid on the number of Electric Gaming Machines (Pokies) in the district?

Yes ☐ No ☐ Tell us why or any other option you prefer

Do you support Council's recommendation to place a no relocation policy on the number of class 4 venues in the district?

Yes ☐ No ☐ Tell us why or any other option you prefer

Having your say is easy

Making a submission can be as simple as completing the questions above indicating which option you support then 'freepost' or drop back to Council. You can also tell us what you think by any of the other easy feedback methods offered that may suit you better. If you tick 'no' we would appreciate any ideas on an alternative. **You can get your feedback to us by:**

• via the mail

Freepost 492
Ruapehu District Council, Private Bag 1001
Taumarunui 3946



• via email

consultation@ruapehudc.govt.nz



• On-line

Use our on-line submission form on our website www.ruapehudc.govt.nz or comment via our Facebook page www.facebook.com/ruapehudc



• In person

Drop your completed Feedback Form with your comments and any other supporting documentation into your local Council office.



Use the QR code for more info and an online feedback form