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TKoW Treaty settlement a step closer

The three tribes of Uenuku, Tamahaki and Tamakana are another step closer to initialling a Deed of Settlement as they continue the long journey of finalising their Te Korowai o Wainuiārua (TKoW) Treaty of Waitangi claim.

Following a number of Covid enforced delays and the resolution of overlapping claims with others, the latest offer from the Crown has across the board increases in all areas of the proposed Settlement package.

A \$2-million increase in cultural funds brings the total financial redress package of TKoW to \$26.45 million, while an extra 28 vestings totalling over 350-hectares significantly boosts the total value of the Settlement to the iwi.

With over half their rohe confiscated and lying in conservation lands, environmental redress has also been increased to include a seat on the Tongariro Taupo Conservation Board along with a 50/50 joint partnership agreement to provide strategic oversight and develop a Reserves Management Plan over 11,000ha of culturally significant land and provision for the placement of pouwhenua on public conservation sites.

These additions are on top of a number of initiatives now also included that directly support the iwi development of an ecosanctuary and tourism venture at Pōkākā near Erua including securing access.

Final package

Having started formal negotiations in 2014, TKoW chair Aiden Gilbert said the team are delighted to nearing closer to the Deed of Settlement milestone.

“Other than a few 12th hour negotiations with the Crown, we have finally reached the position of being able to share our final package with uri ahead of initialling a Deed of Settlement and then, launching into the Ratification process.

“Part of the package includes an increase in our quantum figure, which is several million more than we shared at the last roadshow.

“There have been more properties included in our package. However, we are still waiting on a couple of Ministerial decisions to be made on a couple of these.

“There are also a number of formal relationship agreements with Crown agencies and local Government.”

Mr Gilbert hopes to have the Ministerial decisions finalised ahead of their last information Roadshow in this phase of the Crown process.

“Ahead of the roadshows we have uploaded the offer to our website and I would encourage all uri to have a read.

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Celebrating 70 years' wed



Celebrating their 70th anniversary Keith and Wai-o-Turi (nee Perkins) Kui show their great, great grand-daughter three-year-old Stasia-Indy Taura-Ponga a portrait from their wedding. Photo: Liz Brooker.

By Liz Brooker

Raetihi couple Keith and Wai-o-Turi (nee Perkins) Kui celebrated a very special and rare milestone with whānau on Saturday.

A chance meeting at mahi saw the love-struck 18-year-olds married in Auckland on 15 March in 1952.

This week they are celebrating their

70th wedding anniversary with five generations of their family.

“He was working in the market gardens with my Aunty and Uncle,” Wai-o-Turi said.

“I moved up there from Hamilton and that’s where we met, in the gardens in Point England.”

Newly married, as part New Zealand’s

response after the Second World War, Keith was called up for compulsory military training prompting a move to Raetihi for his bride.

“We were living in Auckland, Piha was a baby and rather than leave Wai-o-tiri in Auckland on her own with no parental support, we came down here,”

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Fund announced to help combat the housing crisis includes Waimarino

Whanganui Community Foundation Chair, Dr Mike Paki, this week announced the creation of a new Special Purposes Housing fund to assist organisations which help to provide suitable, safe and healthy housing for people in the WCF rohe.

In the first year, \$400,000 will be available to fund housing-related projects that will aid those most in need due to remoteness, deprivation, lack of infrastructure, or are underserved by other providers. Applications will open on 21 March 2022 and will be accepted throughout the year.

“Our 2021 survey asked community organisations and

local authorities to identify the most important social issue their community was facing. The resounding consensus was ‘Housing’”, notes Foundation manager Stephen Brandon.

“The Foundation welcomes the opportunity to respond directly to the expressed needs of communities across the rohe,” adds WCF chair Dr Mike Paki.

“We can offer flexibility to fund solutions where other funders may struggle.”

According to the new fund’s policy, applications may be made for projects and purposes related to housing, such as, but not limited to: provision of emergency housing and support for people experiencing homelessness; supply, repair and maintenance of infrastructure such as electricity, water and sewage; house maintenance; and organisations providing legal support or access to financial services. This can include operational, capacity-building, project and/or capital costs.

Special consideration will be given to organisations that show evidence of strong commitment to the community, community consultation and cultural awareness, as well as to projects that are able to leverage the grant to raise further funding from government or other funders. Applications for any size of project up to \$250,000 will be considered. Potential applicants are encouraged to contact the foundation manager on 022-595-8700 before submitting an expression of interest. Subject to review, the fund is expected to be repeated annually.

Whanganui Community Foundation’s role is to help community organisations to carry out charitable, educational, cultural, philanthropic and recreational activities in the wider Whanganui area. They do this by making grants, providing professional development opportunities for community organisations and providing advisory services and other community development activities.

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Keith said.

“I left her with her stepfather, Chung Moon, who was a market gardener here and also owned the old Thistle Food Market in Raetihi.

“We then came down here permanently in 1952 and have never thought of leaving.

“It was a move from electricity in Auckland to no power and using candles, there were other houses with power but, not ours.”

On the Parapara Road property the couple raised seven children; Keith, Des, Ray and Charlie in the family home they built and still live in today along with Piha, Raewyn and Tina who have since passed.

Now they have 19 moko, 40 great grand-children and 28 great, great grand-children, of which there are four sets of twins.

A self-confessed workaholic and still

working at 88, Keith has always been the primary income earner while his wife cared for the family.

“I went to school till I was 14 and the schools were closed with the infantile-paralysis [polio] epidemic that was here.

“Paying rugby was banned and the swimming baths were closed so, I – unofficially – drove a bread delivery van around Māngere while the driver ran out to each house delivering his basket of bread.

“When I was 15 I said to dad, ‘I’ve finished with school’ and that was it.”

Despite her diminutive stature and quiet nature, a wry smile slowly appears on the face of Wai-o-Turi when sharing her thoughts on the success of their marriage.

“The main thing was for me to be stronger than he was, I had a fiery temper back then,” laughs Wai-o-Turi.

“We have had lots of arguments over the years but no fights – always debate, don’t fight.”

TKoW Treaty settlement a step closer



UCT chair Aiden Gilbert speaks to the latest Treaty Settlement package agreed to with the Crown. Photo: Liz Brooker.

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“Over the last five years we have been using road-show hui as an opportunity to update uri with where we are at with Settlement and are excited to be coming out one final time ahead of signing the Deed and entering the ratification process.”

More information about the TKoW settlement journey including the latest Crown offer and provisional Crown apology and Historical Account summary can be found on the iwi website: Uenuku.iwi.nz/governance/

Te Korowai o Wainuiārua represents the descendants of three tūpuna - Uenuku, Tamakana, and Tamahaki - whose ancestral lands encompass Mount Ruapehu and the middle and upper reaches of the Whanganui River in the central North Island. The rohe of Uenuku, Tamakana, and Tamahaki is extensive and includes the Waimarino block, one of the largest blocks ever alienated in Aotearoa. The rohe includes more than 1,500,000 acres of land.

Jess Hotter top of Freeride points

Ohakune skier Jess Hotter is top of the points table in the Freeride World Tour after a winning run at Fieberbrunn in Austria on Monday.

She is on 30,500 points after her 12,500-point win and is around 7000 points of the next-highest women skier, despite crashing on her second run on the Wildseeloder slope.

The two-run format required a very early start and the snow was a challenging mix of sugar and ice during the early hours of the day.

Didn't hold back

But that didn't cause category winner Jess Hotter to hold back, as she delivered an incredible first run with huge drops and technical skiing.

Hedvig Wessel (Norway) improved on her first run with an aggressive second run that earned her 2nd place. In 3rd was 2021 World Champion Elisabeth Gerritzen of Switzerland.

"I took a really heavy crash on my second run, but luckily my first run was good enough to win the event. I'm stoked for the win, but I still have unfinished business on the Wildseeloder and am already looking forward to coming back next year," said Jess.

The event was stop number four of the 2022 Freeride World Tour and was the second-to-last event of the season. The two-run format was a first for the tour.

"Combined with challenging conditions on the intimidating Wildseeloder venue, the stage was set for an intense day of competition that featured huge crashes and unforgettable podium runs," said the organisers.

Riders now have a nearly two-week break to rest and prepare before the final event of FWT 2022 — the legendary Xtreme Verbier (26 March to 3 April). More information is at www.freeride-worldtour.com.



Jess Hotter, at centre, extended her lead in the Freeride World Tour on Monday. At left is Hedvig Wessel from Norway and Elisabeth Gerritzen from Switzerland. Photo supplied.

Look after your mates this Roar, asks GAC

The Game Animal Council (GAC) is encouraging hunters to take all the necessary safety precautions to look after their mates during the upcoming Roar.

"The Roar is the highlight of the hunting calendar and for some people it's bigger than Christmas," says GAC general manager Tim Gale.

"While we really encourage hunters to get out and enjoy it, we also want to remind them of the simple things they can do to stay safe and look after their mates."

"Hunting parties need to make sure they are adequately prepared before they

head away. This means making suitable plans based on a reliable weather forecast, leaving accurate intentions, carrying a distress beacon or other emergency communication device and ensuring everyone in the party has the right food, clothing and equipment for New Zealand's changeable conditions."

"Looking after your mates also means taking into account the level of experience and fitness of those in your party, and making sure everyone is involved in trip decision-making and is comfortable

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More seniors in the future should be celebrated: McKelvie

Ian McKelvie column

Member of Parliament for Rangitikei, which includes the Ruapehu District, Ian McKelvie writes about seniors in the future:

• My role as National’s spokesperson for Seniors is particularly rewarding. I have enjoyed spending time visiting a number of retirement villages throughout the country over recent months, including Avonlea in Taumarunui and Riverstone in Palmerston North.

A couple of weeks ago I spent the day with John Collyns who is an executive director of the Retirement Villages Association (RVA). Together we went to Edale in Marton, as well as Jane Winstone, Abingdon

and Kowhainui in Whanganui. All of them were impressive facilities, with great staff providing a range of excellent care and services to meet the needs of their residents.

One thing is for sure – being over 65 is certainly not what it used to be.

We are living longer than previous generations; more seniors are in good health, have valuable skills and experience and continue to make a contribution to our economy and society. The fact we are living longer is something we should celebrate because our aging society is actually one of our greatest achievements.

It’s worth noting that in the next 20 years, one in four New Zealanders will be aged over 65 years, compared with one in

seven today. In 50 years it could be as high as one in three. A significant number of our senior population will be living in rural and provincial New Zealand. It’s clear that all around New Zealand our regions need to plan now for a future where there is a significantly larger older population and fewer young people.

By 2061 it is predicted that almost a third of over 65s will still be working either full or part time. This means older people will contribute over \$25 billion in taxes compared to \$5.5 billion in 2016. Their spending power will go up too, from \$20 billion in 2016 to \$94 billion by

2061. In addition their contribution in unpaid and voluntary work is expected to rise from around \$8.5 billion in 2016 to \$47.5 billion in 2061.

Our seniors make our communities and our families stronger. They are leaders, volunteers, mentors and caregivers, parents, grandparents, friends and colleagues. They deserve to be happy, healthy and secure as they age. National is committed to providing high-quality public services to meet their needs. Achieving age-friendly communities and working towards the vision of an age-friendly New Zealand results in a better quality of life for us all.

Look after your mates this Roar, asks GAC

From Page 3 with the plans being made.”

Firearm safety is always important and is absolutely essential during the Roar when there are likely to be more people around.

“Even if you are hunting alone, you must assume that other hunters will be in the area so identify your target beyond all doubt,” says Gale.

“If you and your mates are bush hunting, it is a good idea to wear blaze. Deer can’t see the colour so it won’t impact your chances of landing that mature trophy stag.

“Finally, if you are sharing a firearm

make sure the person carrying it maintains responsibility for checking it is in the appropriate state of load.”

The Look After Your Mates This Roar campaign video that also includes game animal management advice is available at <https://nzgameanimalcouncil.org.nz/look-after-your-mates-this-roar/>, as well as through the GAC’s Facebook and Instagram.

The NZ Game Animal Council is a statutory organisation responsible for the sustainable management of game animals and hunting for recreation, commerce and conservation.



This new Clyde Street house has a fan.

Ohakune’s black plague ending?

• I would like to congratulate the designer and builder of the new house between Ohakune’s carrot park and chocolate eclair shop.

It is the most intelligently designed new home I have seen here for some time. Its living area faces north and it has big windows to catch all the warmth of the low winter sun, its thick curtains will hold the heat in at night, and the 8ft high living room ceiling of this compact single-story home will minimise winter heating costs.

The eaves of the roof extend out over those big windows to shade them from the summer sun, thus minimising air cooling costs in summer.

The roof slopes to the north to provide the most efficient platform for solar panels that will be needed to powering tomorrow’s electric cars and, most importantly, its walls are white to retain heat on winter nights, to reflect heat in summer and to bounce light into neighbours’ windows on the shaded side of their homes.

It is an attractive-looking house and with power prices about to skyrocket, a very energy-efficient one.

Too many of the houses built in Ohakune over the past decade have ignored these architectural basics. Most of them are clad in monotone (and monotonous) black or dark grey corrugated iron.

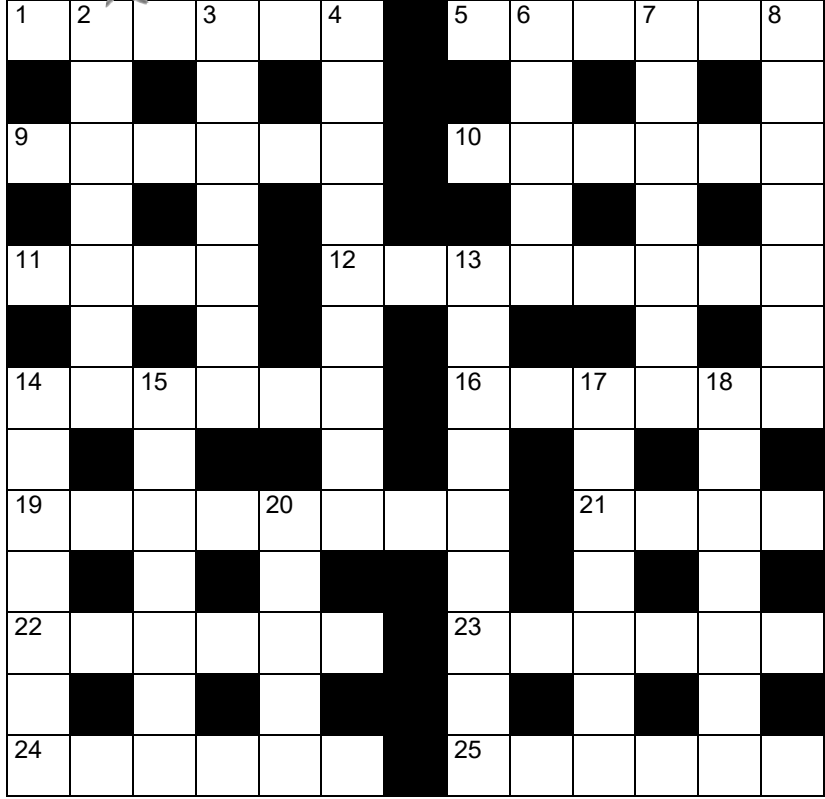
Some living area windows face south or west, while others go to the opposite extreme and have windows 15 foot high facing north, without eaves to shade them from global-warming’s increasingly hot summer sun, and with huge interiors but no curtains to hold in the heat on winter nights.

Some have mono-pitch roofs sloped to the south, while other recent erections are merely corrugated iron farm sheds with smaller doors and a few windows.

I am so pleased that this irrational and ugly fad of the twenty-teens is now on its way out.

John Archer

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Uenuku wins \$1.92m for inland island eco-sanctuary

A new 2700ha “inland island” sanctuary for native plants and animals on the North Island Central Plateau is a step closer, with support from the Government’s Mahi mō te Taiao/Jobs for Nature programme, Conservation Minister Kiri Allan says.

“The Pōkākā Eco-sanctuary is an ambitious project designed by Uenuku iwi as a way of generating sustained employment and revenue, while at the same time restoring a large tract of land, which includes the Erua Wetlands on the western side of the Tongariro National Park.

“Jobs for Nature is providing \$1.92m over three years to help progress Uenuku’s vision for revitalisation of their kaitiakitanga.

“It will see 14 people trained up to get stuck into the first phase of the eco-sanctuary development – removing as many introduced pest animals and plants as possible – with two of the first-year trainee cadets progressing to become junior pest management/monitoring workers.

“Target species include possums, rats, mustelids (stoats, ferrets and weasels), feral cats, rabbits, goats and wasps, along with weeds such as barberry, broom, gorse, lupins, wilding pines and willow.

“A baseline environmental and cultural monitoring programme will run alongside the pest control work so success can be assessed and measured.

“Over time, the ongoing pest control of this site will establish the Pōkākā Eco-sanctuary as a secure habitat for taonga species, including a number of endangered orchids, North Island brown kiwi, pekepeka (bat) and yellow-crowned kākārīki, to live and breed.

“Recovery of these species within the Pōkākā Eco-sanctuary will lay the foundations for ongoing ecosystem and species recovery across the wider central North Island region. Flocks of kererū and kākā, and breeding colonies of seabirds in particular, are all valued taonga in the historic forests and alpine habitats of Wainuiārua.

“Their re-establishment would help habitat restoration and species reintroduction, which is integral to the return of lost species including kākāpō and tītī.

“Although beyond the scope of this current funding, Uenuku ultimately see the eco-sanctuary as a perfect addition to the tourism offerings in the Central Plateau – a place to go when the ski fields are closed – which provides local jobs, sustainable revenue and most importantly a reconnection to the whenua for the wider iwi.

“This is an exciting project for the local community and I will be watching its progress with considerable interest,” Kiri Allan said.

Six years

Uenuku has been working for six years to establish the Pōkākā Eco-Sanctuary on the western side of the Tongariro National Park.

The proposed eco-sanctuary takes the name of the local area and according to the iwi is a historical reference to the darkening of skies by flocks of kākā taking flight.

Uenuku chair Aiden Gilbert said the vision for the sub-alpine eco-sanctuary – the country’s first – grew from ancestral connection with land that once supported the great native forests and wildlife of the Waimarino. The forests were decimated by logging in the early 1900s. Much of the

area is now part of the Conservation estate.

Gilbert said there was wide-spread support for the eco-sanctuary.

“Not only locally – there’s quite a big national interest as well. We have so many supporting it. People like Forest & Bird, the science fraternity, the conservation groups throughout the country ... all thought it was a great idea, mainly because of the flora and fauna that was sustained here once – kākā, kererū, hīhī, and a number of species that are now close on extinction.

“The dream was to repatriate missing species that once upon a time were here, working alongside the Department [of Conservation] in that partnership. And with the support, it’s just been overwhelming.”

Uenuku’s aim as mana whenua was to re-establish kaitiakitanga, Gilbert said.

“This was our way to reconnect to the land and reconnect to the community ... testing the partnership with the Department of Conservation in terms of the Treaty and holding true to their commitment (and obviously ours) to the whenua.

“It’s quite a big financial ask. It will mean a commitment from the Crown annually.”

Editor’s note: part of this article are by Moana Ellis, Local Democracy Reporter.



Hon Kiritapu Allan.



The Government’s Jobs for Nature programme is providing \$1.92m to help progress Uenuku iwi’s vision for revitalisation of their kaitiakitanga in the central plateau. Photo/Moana Ellis

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Covid cases ‘going bush’, fears iwi vaccinators

By Moana Ellis, Local Democracy Reporter

Iwi collective Te Ranga Tupua says the reason Whanganui, Rangitikei, South Taranaki and the Waimarino regions have not seen an explosion in Covid-19 cases could be down to people “going bush”.

Te Ranga Tupua has been sending mobile clinics into the least vaccinated areas of the four regions since early December in an effort to lift Māori jab rates. But now it’s raising concerns that people are either not getting tests or failing to report rapid antigen test (RAT) results.

Mobile response co-lead Elijah Pue said the iwi collective’s Covid-19 response could shift to include addressing testing issues.

“We’ve been really lucky – we haven’t seen an explosion of cases,” Pue said.

“But I also think there is an element of non-reporting – people going bush, people not reporting, people not getting tested, people not being enrolled at a primary practice.

“Definitely I think there are more cases out there than we actually realise.

“There are people in the rural areas who just think they’ve just got the flu. If they’re boosted, then they really think they’ve just got a mild flu.”

Pue said differences in the reporting of cases by the Whanganui District Health Board and the Ministry of Health also meant it was difficult to get an accurate picture of the spread of Covid in the regions.

“The DHB report a number, the Ministry of Health report a [different] number, and the DHB and the government have said in Phase 3 of the Omicron approach they won’t be able to report detailed case numbers.

“That’s just how it is and we just have to deal with it.

“I have my own understanding of what the picture looks like here at home but I don’t think anyone’s numbers are going to be reliable from now on just because of the issues that people face in terms of testing and uploading a result.

“There are definitely more cases out there that we just don’t know about because people cannot upload their tests.”

The government seems to have an expectation that people know how to navigate online reporting systems, he said.

“Some of our people have issues in terms of wifi and smartphones and knowing how to navigate those systems. People are not reporting RAT tests just because they don’t know how to.

“The challenge for Māori health providers is, if our people are struggling, to help them navigate the system so they can report their result in and we can help them self-manage.”

Pue said the government was relying on a strategy that required people to self-manage isolation and illness but had not taken into account the variables confronting many Māori, such as lack of access to the internet, living in an inter-generational home, or, in some cases, members of the household all working for the same employer.

“All of these different variables make self-managing really difficult. The DHB and the government need to consider when they’re making these rules that sometimes a one size fits all approach just doesn’t work. It especially doesn’t work for Māori communities.”

Because the true extent of Covid-19 was unknown, it was important for people to remain vigilant with self-distancing and protection measures. This included limiting travel and where they go, wearing masks, sanitising and scanning, Pue said.



Elijah Pue: “People cannot upload their tests.” Photo/Moana Ellis.

Parapara reserve sculpture celebrates kotuku



The new kōtuku sculpture on the Makotuku Track near the Parapara Highway. “Te Kōtuku te Pō” was designed by multi-disciplinary artist and tohunga whakairo Kura Te Wanikau-Tahana-Tūroa and initiated by Raetihi Promotions. The sculpture is one of a number planned for the reserve. Photo: Liz Brooker.

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Principal and community rally to improve scientific literacy in Ruapehu

Twenty primary schools and kura across the Ruapehu District will now be able to experience a high-quality, hands-on science curriculum thanks to the dedication of a local principal and support of charitable trust, House of Science.

Catering for Year 0-8 students, House

of Science empowers teachers to increase the scientific literacy of their students and currently provides comprehensive science resource kits to over 500 schools around the country.

House of Science provide primary teachers with physical science resources, and

it covers an extensive range of scientific topics – from forensics to forces, and meteorology to microbes.

The charity doesn't usually receive Government funding, so the majority of its costs are covered by grants, sponsors and donors, and they rely heavily on volunteer input.

Last year the charity was approved for a \$150,000 grant from the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment (MBIE) to open three branches in the North Island as part of the Government's 'Unlocking Curious Minds' fund.

Ewan Starkey, tumuaki (principal) of Owango School, was instrumental in pushing for the first House of Science branch to be located in the Ruapehu District. The branch, which opened in Taumarunui last month, will deliver the House of Science programme as far south as Waiouru, covering twenty schools across the region.

Resources limited

"We're a small, rural, decile-4 school based in a remote area. As a district, we're limited in resources and money but rich in teacher enthusiasm."

Starkey first discovered House of Science when investigating a class science project using electricity circuits. It would require the school to purchase the circuits at a cost of over \$1000.

"This was just for one topic. For a year's supply of materials across a range of science topics, it's unaffordable. Some teaching friends suggested House of Science, who I rang. They told me that they're not in our area but would like to be if I was willing to help them."

He was willing and presented the concept to Ruapehu principals, who were also enthusiastic. As well as applying for the programme, he also gained local sponsorship.

The schools received their first kits last year to try it out and proved an instant hit with teachers and students alike.

"Everyone absolutely loved it. This is a game-changer for our small school; the kids were engaged from the start, they understood the concepts being taught through their own discovery, and most importantly they looked forward to the next day's lessons."

With limited time, planning comprehensive lessons is a constant challenge for many teachers and data shows that fewer than 30% of NZ primary schools are teaching an effective science programme.

Starkey says the kits are the key to building scientific literacy, particularly in smaller, rural areas where resources aren't always on hand.

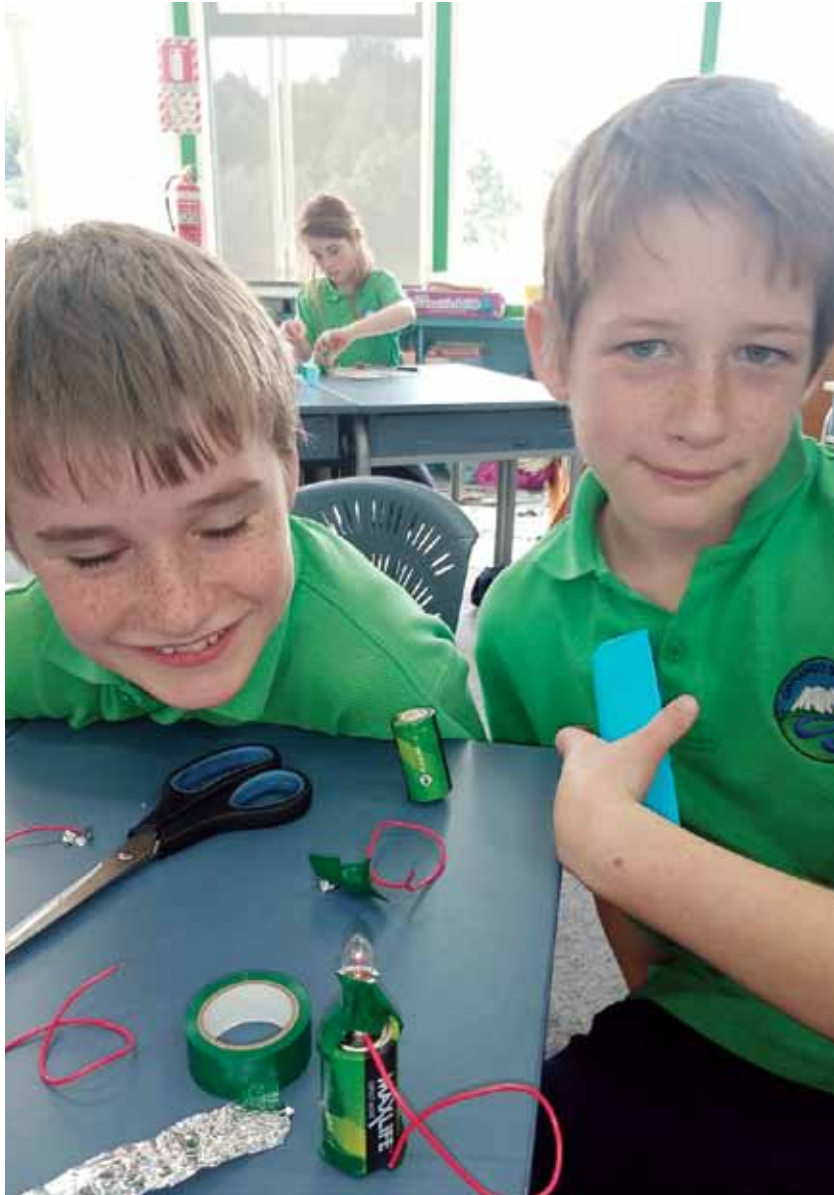
House of Science business manager Sandra Kirikiri, who successfully applied for the Curious Minds grant, says they're thankful for Starkey's determination in ensuring that students in the Ruapehu region receive an effective education in science and technology.

"We're thrilled to have such great support. And of course, we're hugely grateful for the Curious Minds grant because without that, none of this would be possible."

As a new school year begins, Starkey says the local schools are excited to have a programme designed by experts in science education with well-constructed, age-appropriate lessons. Because the kits are all bi-lingual, the programme can also be used by local kura, too.

"It's suitable for all of our age groups with easier lessons for Years 0-3 and more sophisticated lessons for Years 4-8. It also has suggestions for further study into other curriculum areas that interest our kids."

"The research around the House of Science programme shows dramatic improvements in students' understanding of science. It really is a game-changer for schools in New Zealand."



Ollie Wheeler, left, and Charlie Walton are looking for more scientific literacy, thanks to a new programme introduced to Ruapehu schools.

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Netball Representatives

Te Moana Hagley has made the Under-15 Te Pihinga netball team for the Aotea Maori netball nationals and Haeley Perkins-Tamatea has made the Under-17 Te Maahuru team.

Training for these girls is in Hawera every week so this is a huge commitment for them and their families, says principal Marama Allen.

They are training for the 'Aotearoa Maori Netball Oranga Healthy Lifestyles' AMN-HOL nationals held each year over Easter.

Endorsements

Ruapehu congratulates the following students who have received endorsements in their National Certificate of Educational Achievement (NCEA) exams (M = Merit, E= Excellence):

Year 13 Students, Dylan Anderson, Subject Endorsement Math (M) Physics (M); Raynardt Botha, Overall Merit Endorsement (L2) Subject Endorsement Math (M); Aaliyah Dennison-Subject Endorsement PE (M); Una Drayton- Overall Excellence Endorsement (L3) Subject Endorsement Phy (M) L3 Bio (M) L2 Eng (E) L3 Chem (E) L2 Math(E) L3; Maina Gray, Subject Endorsement Art (M) PE (M); Marama Groot, Overall Excellence Endorsement

(L3) Subject Endorsement Art (E) L3 Eng (E) L3 Math (M) L3 Chem (M) L3 Scholarship Art; Kayla Jordon, Overall Excellence Endorsement (L2) Subject Endorsement DVC (M) Art (E) Eng (M) Math (M); Silas McNaught, Subject Endorsement Art (M); Cameron Smith, Overall Excellence Endorsement (L2) Subject Endorsement Geo (M) Math (E) PE.

Year 12 Students: Megan Botha, Subject Endorsement Math (M); George Buan, Subject Endorsement Art (M); Grace Burnard, Overall Merit Endorsement Subject Endorsement DVC (M), Sci (M) PE (M) Math (E); Sophie Collier, Overall Merit Endorsement Subject Endorsement Merit Geo (M) PE (M); Uenuku Hansen-Subject Endorsement PE (M); Veronica Hays, Subject Endorsement Art (M) PerfArts (M) PE (E); Keri Osborne, Overall Merit Endorsement Subject Endorsement Art (M) Eng (M); Josh Simons, Overall Excellence Endorsement Subject Endorsement Sci (E) Math (E) Eng (E) Geo (E) Chinese (E); Daisy Soverel, Subject Endorsement PE (M).

Covid updates on website

The College is constantly updating their website www.ruapehu.school.nz with any Covid 19 updates as they become available.

"If you aren't sure of what action needs to be taken there is a flow chart on the website to help," says Ms Allen.



Te Moana Hagley.



Haeley Perkins-Tamatea.

Kaimanawa beacon activation



A woman in her 40s suffered a medical event at Waipakihi hut in the Kaimanawa Forest Park on Sunday morning and was rescued by the Greenlea Rescue Helicopter after it was dispatched to a beacon activation. The onboard Intensive Care Paramedic was hover-loaded off to assess the patient and she was airlifted to Rotorua Hospital in a stable condition. Photo supplied.

Ohakune squash

Twelve teams took part in the first round of inter-business last Thursday. In pool A, Rock beat Under Construction 17-0, Shifty Fellas beat Survivors 15-4 and Park It Up beat Hobbled 12-7. In pool B, Barensons beat Plus One 15-4, Riley's Rockstars beat Magnum PI 15-5 and Simon Sez beat Hard Ones 13-5.

Draw for this Thursday is: At 5:30pm on New World Court – Magnum PI vs Plus One, on T.C.B./Jones Bro's Court – Simon Sez vs Riley's Rockstars, on Trust Power Court – Hard Ones vs Barensons. At 6:45pm on New World Court – Shifty Fellas vs Park It Up, on T.C.B./

Jones Bro's Court – Rock vs Survivors, on Trust Power Court – Under Construction vs Hobbled.

Entries continue to come in for the first Ohakune tournament for the year. The Ruapehu Commercial Cleaning and Property Maintenance B Grade and below tournament is scheduled for the end of this month 25-26 March.

Last weekend Grace Burnard won the women's top division at the Foxton Club. Her brother Liam won the Special Plate in his division whilst Dad Andrew won the plate in the same division.



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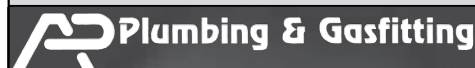
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5.30pm, Tuesday 22 March 2022
Owhango Adventures, SH4, Owhango

Ruapehu District Council
10.00am, Wednesday 30 March 2022
Council Chambers, Huia Street, Taumarunui

Audit & Risk Committee Meeting
11.00am, Monday 4 April 2022
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Waimarino-Waiouru Community Board
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You can review the Trust Deed changes and provide feedback via our website: <https://kcpowertrust.co.nz/trust-deed-review/> or alternatively visit the Ruapehu District Library in Taumarunui to view.

The Trust will hear any final oral submissions at their meeting which is to be held via Zoom on Friday, 25th March 2022 at 10am. Trustees will then use that feedback to form their final decision at their Trust meeting the same day. Please access the Zoom link via our website www.kcpowertrust.co.nz.

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- Main principles in art making and appreciation of other artists' techniques

Enjoy companionship in a welcoming environment.

Venue: Volcano Vibe Collective,
43 Seddon St, Raetihi.

**Phone/text Annie Stone with your day/
night preference to 021 638 800
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Advisory Notice

Military Exercise

The Senior NCO Wing of Army Command School will be conducting EXERCISE KALAMAI in the Karioi Forest area over the period 28 March – 01 April 2022. The exercise will involve up to 32 personnel.

Training will involve soldiers conducting patrol by day and night. Soldiers will be carrying military weapons and using both civilian and military vehicles. Weapon blank firing may occur over this period in a controlled environment. No pyrotechnics will be used.

**For more information please contact:
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RUAPEHU Autumn BULLETIN

Priceless newspaper
Autumn 2019
Your guide to
Ruapehu in Autumn



Happy runners in a past T42 event on the 42 Traverse trail. The T42 offers running or mountain biking options and celebrates 10 years next month. See inside for details. Photo: Photos4sale.co.nz.

Letting our visitors know what to do in Ruapehu!

Out for Easter and the School Holidays
Book your space – call Jude 06 385 8532
or email: ads@ruapehubulletin.co.nz

New initiatives aimed to reignite destination management plan

Visit Ruapehu along with support from Waihuia Ventures Ltd are working on new initiatives to reimagine a Destination Management Plan for Ruapehu.

Designed to identify a collective vision for the region with a range of positive outcomes for the community, VR general manager Jo Kennedy says a destination management plan is a strategy that combines businesses, community, and iwi to make tourism activity safe, enjoyable, and sustainable without compromising our environment.

“Tourism needs to contribute to a thriving local community that ensures the well-being of our people and our place for generations to come,” says Kennedy.

A series of upcoming events, workshops and operator gatherings for community to have their say are already underway facilitated with the support of Troy Brown from Waihuia Ventures Ltd.

“We are excited to be part of this initiative and committed to helping ensure tourism in Ruapehu can evolve in a way that reflects the values of our people,” adds Brown.

Everyone in the community is welcome to provide feedback and participate in the following initiatives. More information is available on the Ruapehu Destination Management Facebook page.

Key dates: Community Survey 16 March-23 May; Iwi Workshops March and April; Youth Initiative 21 March; Operator Gatherings 26 and 28 April; Community Expo 20 May and 27 May.



Jo Kennedy, at centre, prepares for a filming session with Kathryn Pakai-Dews and Troy Brown, with Te Oti Mareikura behind the camera. They were preparing to film a promotion video for the community destination management plan.

Check old fires, asks Fire and Emergency

Fire and Emergency NZ are asking residents in Manawatu-Whanganui to check on historic fires within the past month and ensure these are fully extinguished.

Community Risk Manager Kerry O’Keefe shares that several large wildfires have started

recently due to strong winds reigniting old fires.

To check these historic fires, residents are asked to dig it up, pour water over it and use the back of your hand to check there is no heat left.

“Check the fire danger and weather forecast. If there is high or extreme fire danger, or it’s hot and windy - please don’t light a fire. In these conditions, it’s too risky that your fire could spread and get out of control,” Kerry says.

“Let’s all do our part to prevent a wildfire, and keep our firefighters from attending an avoidable callout.”

Before lighting any further fires in the Manawatu-Whanganui area, check the conditions by heading to www.checkitsalright.nz...

37 PRIME PIECES OF REAL ESTATE

134B Miro Street, Ohakune

Fresh to the market is Ohakune’s newest residential subdivision with 37 prime sections now available in Stage 1 ranging from 490m² to 1165m² (more or less). Stunning views of Mount Ruapehu from most sites, flat sections with services to the boundary plus protective covenants in place to protect your investment and the overall high quality expectations of the subdivision. Sitting in a sought after exclusive location of Miro Street within close proximity to schools, kindergarten, parks, town and Junction, amenities, restaurants and bars. With time on your side to design your build, this is a great opportunity to buy into the Ohakune market and set yourself up for a change of living or to be able to enjoy those family holidays for years to come. Chase your dreams and secure your Lot today before they all go. Start the journey now with a 10% deposit upon acceptance of your tender and the balance payable on title. Property report and tender documents available on request.

TENDERS CLOSING: (unless sold prior) 11am, Wednesday 27th April 2022, NZR Central Limited, 1 Goldfinch Street, Ohakune

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