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Māori roll switch could justify more Council equity: Pue

By Moana Ellis, Local Democracy Reporter

A Ruapehu District Councillor says allowing Māori voters to switch electoral rolls at any time would be a huge step toward removing barriers to voting.

It could also help justify more equitable representation in both central and local government, he says.

Elijah Pue, one of two Māori elected to the 12-seat Ruapehu District Council, says under the current system Māori can't achieve the level of representation they should be afforded.

"Changing rolls is really difficult and you can only do it once every five years," Pue said.

"Not being able to change whenever you want is a real disservice to our people and I think the Electoral Commission did a poor job every five years to promote the Māori Electoral Option."

Justice Minister Kris Faafoi announced last week that he would introduce the Māori Electoral Option Bill to the House in the coming weeks, saying the current



timing and frequency of the Option was unjustified, unfair and often difficult to understand.

The Māori Electoral Option is a four-month period held every five-to-six years allowing Māori voters to move between the general or Māori electoral rolls. It last took place in 2018 and, under the current rules, Māori would not have the opportunity to change rolls until after the 2023 General Election.

Pue was disappointed the changes would not be in place for the local body elections in October, but he said the most important thing was to begin to remove barriers for Māori voters, making it easier for Māori to participate in democratic processes.

Huge

"This is huge. I'm all for removing red tape and complexities that our people cannot navigate, so if this is going to make it

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Puanga Maunga karakia marks start of snow season



The annual Puanga Wānanga and Maunga Karakia was held on Monday with a difference – instead of a hiko to the base of Tūroa Ski Area, the ceremony to mark the start of the snow season was held at Maungārongo Marae. "The tohu guided us throughout our time together as we learnt more about Puanga and some of our Ngāti Rangi wāhi tapu and their relationship with ngā whetu," says Ngāti Rangi. "Whilst we were unable to head up on to Koro ... a small contingent did so on our behalf. Complete with rainbows, lightning, wind and snow, it was an absolutely stunning time".

ABOVE: waiata is an important part of the annual karakia. **LEFT:** Che Wilson explains the meaning of Puanga. **Photos:** Ngāti Rangi.

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Ohakune Mardi Gras 2022 all go

Saturday's Ohakune Mountain Mardi Gras looks set to be another maximum turnout, with almost all of the 9000 tickets sold.

Mitch Lowe, from the Audiology team, told the Bulletin on Tuesday that only a few hundred tickets remained unsold and he expected them to be snapped up.

He said the sale pattern was different this year, with a slow start as the country came out of the Covid-19 Red Alert Level. But ticket sales picked up dramatically soon after.

The line-up this year includes a host of international acts, so Mitch urges people not to hang back – get to the venue as early as possible.

He said there is no "headline act" this year – the lineup is more even and a different line-up model.

"We're super excited – there's a whole bunch of really good acts."

New this year is a fully custom-built stage to bring the "next step up in production".

He said the 3-D stage has state-of-the-art production systems to wow the audience.

"People will be impressed."

He said it's hard to describe the shape of the stage – "it's multi-geometrical".

The line-up includes Delta Heavy, Hot Dub Time Machine, Luude, 12th Planet, Chiccoreli & Tali, Bensley, Keeno, Maduk, Matrix & Futurebound, Pauline Herr, Twerl, Elipsa, Grommie, Jess Rhodes, Levi, Mylky, Repair, So&So, Sly Chaos & Rolex, Twofold, Vikae, Waja. Acts are from NZ, UK, USA, NL, Australia and Canada.



It's street costume party time again at the Ohakune Junction.

First-time drug testing for the Mountain Mardi Gras

This weekend's Ohakune Mardi Gras will have drug testing tents on site for the first time, aimed to keep those of the expected 9000 people, who might want to partake in some mind-altering substances.

KnowYourStuffNZ, in partnership with the New Zealand Drug Foundation, provides drug checking and drug-related information at festivals and events and will be at Mardi Gras for the first time.

The event will be held just two weeks after three hospitalisations were linked to an unknown brown powder being sold as the drug MDMA in Whanganui.

National Drug Intelligence Bureau Detective Inspector Blair MacDonald said testing was recommended to help lower risks.

"Drug testing ensures people know what substance they have and the risks associated with taking them," MacDonald said.

"They can then make an informed choice on taking them, rather than taking a gamble with drugs and therefore their lives."

Although KnowYourStuffNZ can't release statistics from specific events, its 2020-21 report shows nationwide it attended 27 events and tested 2744 drug samples between 1 April 2020, and 31 March 2021.

Its first report from 2016-17 showed it tested 330 samples and went to nine events.

Sixty-nine per cent of the substances tested consistent with what clients thought they were, which was the lowest since reporting began in 2016.

The Drug and Substance Checking Legislation Act 2021 introduced last November allows harm-reduction organisations like KnowYourStuffNZ to check and handle illicit substances at events openly and without fear of prosecution.

Before the recent law change, it was illegal to provide a venue for people to take drugs, and KnowYourStuffNZ still operated within the law but existed in a legal grey area.

Ohakune events charitable trust chairman Stu Robinson said he was really pleased with the change in legislation, and excited for KnowYourStuffNZ to be at the festival.

"We tried to get them to come last year and the police were supportive, but the dates and availability didn't quite work out," Robinson said.

"This year we started the conversation from the outset, and now it's a nationwide-supported ideal for major festivals and concerts."

He said he wanted the 9000 people coming to town to have the best experience, and to do so safely.

"You're paying good money to see top acts, you don't want to get smashed as and not remember anything," Robinson said.

"The more safety you can have and still allow the freedoms of enjoying a really good night, it makes things so much better."

And he said the drug testing tents would help provide more safety.

He said attitudes were changing and he believed attendees wanted to enjoy the festival as much as possible without "trying to get as wasted as possible".

"The message is getting across. People are generally behaving well."



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Ruapehu District a composting leader

Māori roll switch



Ruapehu sustainability educator Emily Jasmine checks the temperature of the hot composting unit in Taumarunui. Photo / Supplied.

Ruapehu District Council, an early adopter of kerbside food waste collection, has been running its scheme since October 2020 and is now considered a small council leader in the process.

By May this year, 216.5 tonnes of food waste had been diverted from landfills. The kerbside food waste collection serves almost 4000 residential properties.

“The food waste collection runs alongside kerbside recycling and rubbish collection with the goal of diverting as much waste as possible from landfill, minimising our waste disposal costs, and supporting Ruapehu’s journey toward a Zero Waste 2040 vision,” says communications manager Paul Wheatcroft.

“Prior to introduction of the service audits of kerbside rubbish bags showed that over 50% of the bags were filled with compostable material.”

He said an audit of kerbside rubbish bags six months after the service started showed the bags 20-25% filled with compostable material so they had reduced compostable material in kerbside bags by just over 50%.

A driver for introducing the service was that the district landfill was due to close and RDC was faced with needing to ship all residual waste out of the District for disposal at a much higher cost to ratepayers.

“In addition, increasing Government Waste Levies and community demands for better environmental outcomes meant we needed a solution to divert compostable material from landfill,” he said.

“The food waste service has been integrated into our kerbside collection fairly smoothly with our contractor Envirowaste managing pickups and the Hot Composting Unit itself (HCU).

“At the time of implementation we

were very pleased to see a high level of support and excitement from people for the introduction of the food waste collection service.”

He said current user numbers are lower than they had hoped for although as a rural area with larger property sizes and access to farms etc. people do have other options.

“We haven’t as yet looked into collecting food waste from hospitality providers as we wanted to understand residential demand, but are likely to plan for this in the future.”

He said one issue is contamination in the food waste – an on-going problem.

“We use compostable bags in our service but this does leave it difficult for the contractor to see any contamination on pickup.”

To encourage usage the compostable bags are free.

On-going communication and education are key to maintaining and encouraging uptake.

One of the other changes RDC had with the introduction of food waste collection is that it meant Ruapehu was able to have its own waste truck fleet, which allowed the employment of local drivers as previously the trucks and drivers came from out of district.

The new specially-designed and built food waste collection truck was one of the first of its type and was designed to allow for multiple truck/pod variants to suit different needs and events.

This means that the truck can have different pods to service different needs such as an event like Mardi Gras, or pick-up different materials such as glass, adding flexibility to RDC’s waste management toolkit.

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easier for our people to engage in a democratic system then I am absolutely supportive of it.

“Hopefully, it will increase the number of our people who are on the Māori roll and therefore prove to the government and successive governments – local and central – that we do have the numbers to justify more equitable representation at the decision-making table.”

Pue said when he was campaigning for Māori wards in the Ruapehu district, the low number of voters on the Māori roll was an issue raised repeatedly by the community.

“One of the key concerns was why are we doing this for Māori when not even half of [Māori] are on the Māori roll and they can’t change to the Māori roll when they want to,” Pue said.

The Ruapehu Council will introduce three Māori ward seats in a 10-member council this year after the Local Government Commission overturned its proposed representation arrangements, reducing the number of members elected from a general ward from eight to six (plus mayor) to improve the proportion of Māori representation.

The Justice Minister Kris Faafoi said allowing Māori to change rolls at any time would provide Māori with flexibility and promote participation in democracy.

“By removing the restrictions that currently lock Māori voters in their roll choice for two general elections, this change represents a significant improvement to a status quo that prevents Māori voters from fully exercising their electoral rights,” Faafoi said.

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QSM for councillor

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His citation reads:
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Mr Ron Cooke has spent more than 50 years researching, preserving and publishing the history of Taumarunui and surrounding districts.

In 1980 Mr Cooke established and began publishing *Roll Back the Years* a pictorial magazine recording the history of Taumarunui and surrounding districts.

He later developed a national version of the magazine *New Zealand Memories*, first published in 1995, which captured the stories, reminiscences, factual accounts and images of all the regions and districts of New Zealand.

Mr Cooke has written and published more than 20 books recording the history within the King Country community on



Ron Cooke QSM.

subjects ranging from school reunions, sawmilling, transportation, small community’s history, as well as many volumes on the general history of the served region.

He was a member of the Taumarunui and Districts Historical Society.

Mr Cooke was elected as a councillor on the Ruapehu District Council from 2007 to 2016.

Soraya Peke-Mason in the house

Ruapehu will have a second MP in Parliament, with Soroya Peke-Mason taking up a list seat for Labour after the retirement of MPs Chris Faoi and Trevor Mallard.

Ms Peke Mason stood for the Rangitikei electorate at the last election for the Labour Party.

Rangitikei electorate has been her home for over two decades after spending time working in Australia during the 1990s.

She has iwi connections to Ngāti Apa in Marton, Hinen-gakau in Taumarunui, and is chair of her tribe Ngāti Rangi in Ohakune.

At the election, she reduced the sitting MP Ian McKelvie’s majority from over 10,000 to 2400. At the time, she missed out on a list seat by two places.



Soraya Peke-Mason.

Ruapehu workers: CKC Reap needs you!

Following the success of the Ruapehu Business Survey, CKC Reap is launching a study to understand what it’s like to work in the District.

CKC Reap manager Dianne Bunn says to support their education, training and employment placement services, it’s important to know the experiences of people working within the district alongside the experience of employers. “We know the needs of business but to future proof our workforce, and ensure Ruapehu is the best place it can be to work, we need to know what employees need. We have an opportunity to really understand the employment market in our district through this research.”

The Working in Ruapehu survey will open on 4 July and will be collecting responses until the end of the month.

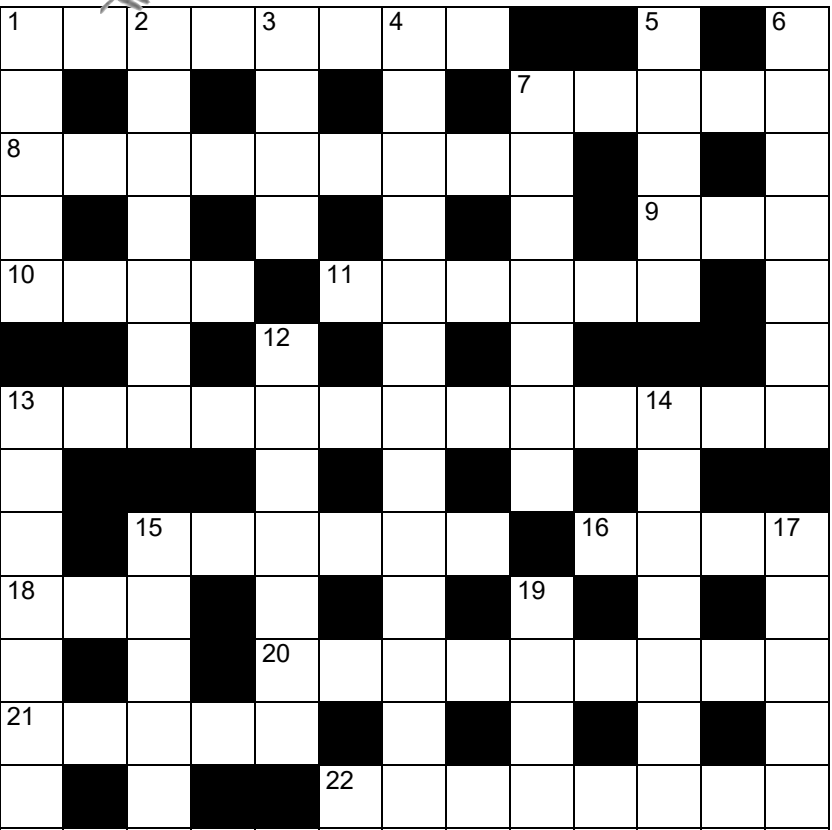
Bunn says the research findings create a great opportunity for businesses, agencies and employee providers to work collaboratively.

“We know how competitive the employment market is these days. We want our rohe to be a preferred employee district that is nationally recognized for how business, employees and placement agencies are all working together and creating a great work culture and outcomes for business.

“We want to give our businesses and youth all the tools they need to thrive across all the business sectors within Ruapehu.”

Employers who want to contribute to the Working In Ruapehu Survey are asked to email mtfj@ckcreap.org.nz

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1. Sport in which the New Zealand men’s team has been world champions seven times (8)
7. Delayed or postponed (2,3)
8. Drunk (colloq) (9)
9. Clobber (3)
10. Mythical monster (4)
11. Introduced pest that thrives in the South Island (6)
13. Eketāhuna-born athletics legend (6,7)
15. Travel fatigue (3,3)
16. Sell (4)
18. Tasman is one (3)
20. Sport in which Motueka’s Josh Coppins was twice world championship runner-up (9)
21. Something very easy (5)
22. Harshly (8)

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Across: 1. Coronet Peak, 8. Shearer, 9. Elope, 10. Lamb, 11. Annuity, 12. Mad, 13. Area, 15. Togs, 17. Key, 19. Pounamu, 20. Ague, 23. Aroha, 24. Apricot, 25. Sausage roll.

Down: 1. Costly, 2. Rheum, 3. Norm, 4. Thread, 5. Eternity, 6. Knowing, 7. Bye-bye, 12. Manawatū, 14. Raucous, 16. Sprawl, 17. Kumara, 18. Rental, 21. Gecko, 22. Free.

DOWN

1. Forward or bold (5)
2. Food item, can be corn or whitebait (7)
3. Mode of transport on Otago Central Rail Trail and Alps 2 Ocean (4)
4. Victorian tourist attraction near Dunedin (7,6)
5. Mean (colloq) (5)
6. Savings (colloq) (4,3)
7. Eccentric (7)
12. Hobby (7)
13. Body rub (7)
14. Blot on the landscape (7)
15. Lucky (colloq) (5)
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19. Measure of land (4)

Wettest Ohakune May day

Waimarino’s weather station in Ohakune measured the town’s wettest day ever, on 17 May, when 78mm of rain fell.

Heavy rain was a feature in statistics from around the country for the month, reports NIWA.

Meanwhile, the 4th-strongest wind gust was recorded at the Chateau – 87km/h on 20 May.



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Flow Collective to play Raetihi



The Flow Collective - performing live at the Royal Whanganui Opera House, January 2022. (Photo by Steve Cauldwell).

As part of the upcoming Puanga ki Ruapehu festival a unique show is coming to Raetihi that celebrates the Whanganui River and the stories of its people.

Flow: Beautrais x de Vegt is made up of 16 original compositions by Elizabeth de Vegt using poems from Airini Beautrais' collection *Flow: Whanganui River Poems* as lyrical inspiration.

The compositions celebrate Beautrais' poems by exploring traditional and contemporary musical forms, including jazz, working songs, sea shanties, folk, country and pop.

The unique creative collaboration elevates the stories at its core ensuring they continue to be shared and remembered.

The show features composer Elizabeth de Vegt (lead vocals, piano, guitar) with accompanists Andrew Wetherall (guitar), Hamish Jellyman (bass and backing vocals), Brad McMillan (Drums) and Elise Goodge (taonga puoro and backing vocals).

"We were looking for a venue in Raetihi or Ohakune so we could bring the show to the maunga, closer to the source of the

river," says Elise Goodge.

"That is when the opportunity to perform as part of the Puanga ki Ruapehu festivities arose, we are so grateful to the festival organisers that we can celebrate the Aotearoa New Year with the Ruapehu community."

Throughout the writing process for the show, the musicians worked with Te Rūnanga o Tūpoho. Renowned Whanganui artist and designer Cecelia Kumeroa, Tūpoho Arts Representative, and Sacha Te Utupoto Keating generously agreed to consult on the project. Their advice resulted in some alterations, and also affirmation that the music appropriately represents the Māori stories and kaupapa referenced within.

Flow: Beautrais x de Vegt will be performed at The Centre, 14-16 Seddon Street, Raetihi on Sunday 19 June at 5pm. Doors open at 4.30pm and entry is by gold coin donation.

For further information about the show visit www.flowalbum.com. For further information about the Puanga ki Ruapehu festival visit <https://www.visitruapehu.com/events/matariki>

Railways crew lay down Rochfort Station reminder



The 'Kune Track Gang', pictured, donated and installed a piece of authentic rail track at the Ohakune Carrot Park recently. The section of track is to acknowledge the Rochfort Railway Station, which stood on this spot. Park trustees Dave Scott and Peggy Frew said they were very grateful for this great gift, which is another item of interest in the Park. It ties in with a bush track that goes through to the site of a footbridge across the river that was washed out in 1936. This footbridge was the main access from Ohakune to the railway station. "Very few people had cars so they would walk to the Rochfort Station to catch the train to Raetihi or to the Junction to go to Auckland or Wellington. It is important to recognise these long-gone parts of our history," says Peggy Frew.

Wilson steps down from Te Pāti Māori

Ohakune's Che Wilson is stepping down from his role as president of Te Pāti Māori, with John Tamihere as his replacement.

"I stepped down from the presidency of Te Pāti Māori to concentrate on investing more time and energy with my whānau and business," said Che Wilson on announcing his retirement from the post.

He said the Special General Meeting was well attended and his vacancy was filled by John Tamihere with excitement and clear focus on the party's campaign.

"So, I am pleased to leave the Pāti with a president that was elected as the sole candidate and can help

advance and lift our Pāti to the next level, ready for 2023," said Che Wilson.

He added, "I continue to tautoko our Pāti and our kaupapa as the only unapologetic expression of mana motuhake in the system and that truly expresses the promise of Te Tiriti o Waitangi".

John Tamihere stated that "At a time when Te Pāti Māori was in total disarray following their defeat in the 2017 election, Che Wilson, Kaapua Smith, Elijah Pue and Matariki Cribb-Fox (later replaced by Rose Waetford) stood up to not only commit to raising the Pāti from the ashes but to build an enduring consistent Māori political force for the good of Aotearoa".

Te Pāti Māori co-leaders, Rawiri Waititi and Debbie Ngarewa-Packer applaud the addition of another rangatira to strengthen their waka.

"Che helped to anchor Te Pāti Māori and he leaves big boots to fill, but we can think of no one better to strap them on. John Tamihere is a seasoned politician and one of our strongest advocates for Māori across multiple areas.

"We are heading towards next year's election with more mana and strength than ever. We are ready to give our people what they need and what they deserve, a fairer and well represented government," said Co-Leader, Debbie Ngarewa-Packer.



Che Wilson.

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Want to stand for council? RDC to tell you how

The local council is hoping for a lot of interest at its candidate information meetings on standing for election to Council or a local Community Board being held at the end of the month.

The candidate briefings will be held in Raetihi and Taumarunui (see advertisement for details).

Both meetings will also be live streamed on Council's Facebook Page.

Ruapehu District mayor Don Cameron said that there are a lot of changes happening in lo-

cal government, which means Ruapehu needs community-minded people from all walks of life to work on behalf of their community and help take the District forward.

"With the 3 Waters reform, the focus of local government is pivoting toward helping to address many of the well-being issues facing local communities," he said.

"This is the perfect time to be thinking about standing with Council, having adopted new representation arrangements designed to enable Council and Community Boards to better serve

the community."

People can run as a candidate for either mayor, Council or one of three community boards – Waimarino-Waiouru, Owahango-National Park or Taumarunui-Ohura.

An important change for the next Council is the introduction of three Māori Ward councillors, who will be elected by voters on the Māori electoral roll alongside six General Ward councillors.

All councillors will now be elected 'at large' by voters from across the entire district, like the

mayor, while community board members will be elected by voters within their Ward area.

"If you have been thinking about standing for any of the positions and wondering what the role involves come along to one of the candidate information meetings," invites Mr Cameron.

Candidate nominations open on 15 July and close at 12pm on 12 August.

More information on what local government is and on standing for election is also available from local Council offices or the website: www.ruapehudc.govt.nz

Inaugural Whānau Expos connects communities through Puanga & Matariki

The inaugural Ruapehu Puanga and Matariki Whānau Expos kick off this week to celebrate the start of the Māori New Year.

A collective effort by local hapū, Visit Ruapehu and Waihuia Ventures Ltd, a series of festivities throughout the month are planned to commemorate this special time of year.

Today, Wednesday 15 June, the Puanga Whānau Expo will be held at Raetihi Marae from 4-7pm for local communities to come together to reconnect, reflect and revitalise indigenous knowledge through kōrero as well as a hāngī.

A respected and well-known advocate and practitioner of living by the lunar calendar, guest speaker Meretini Bennett-Huxtable of Mokai Patea descent, has been working to create awareness of Maramataka as a tool to assist Māori and non-Māori in maintaining health and wellbe-



Stewart Barclay from Adrift Tongariro.



Troy Brown.

ing priorities, work-life balance, reflective practice, and increased self-awareness.

"Our Mātauranga passes down through our DNA and every opportunity to practice is an opportunity to help our people remember their narratives," adds Meretini.

Meretini will be joined by guest speaker and cultural advisor Shiro Brown of Ngāti Rangi descent as well as event MC Elijah Pue of Ngāti Rangi and Ngāti Uenuku descent.

Working behind the scenes, Troy Brown from Waihuia Ventures Ltd, hopes that these Whānau Expos continue to grow from strength to strength each year.

"It's an awesome opportunity for whānau and tourism operators to come together and learn about Puanga and Matariki. The support we've received from Raetihi and Morero Marae has been incredible," shares Troy.

Local operators Josephine and Ken Haworth from Whanganui River Adventures in Pipiriki will be attending

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Unity symbol for Raetihi



A new sculpture has been installed on Raetihi's Makotuku Track, thanks to funding from a Creative Community Grant. The piece was created by a talented, local artist who wishes to remain anonymous. It is visible from several entrances to Raetihi. "This powerful art piece is an inspirational attraction which symbolises "Unity" – the common unity within our community," says Makotuku project leader Donna Journeaux. "The Makotuku Track has become the pride of our town thanks to the tireless work of our volunteers who passionately create a stunning river walkway for all to enjoy."

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Rainbow celebration by Tokaanu Power Station



Tokaanu Power Station is bathed in colour to mark the company's diversity policies.

Those driving past Tokaanu Power Station by night recently may have noticed the station has taken on a more colourful look.

Its rainbow lights are in celebration of its owner, Genesis Energy, attaining the Rainbow Tick certification for its workforce diversity and inclusion.

Tongariro Power Scheme site manager Neil Jelley said the Tongariro team was proud of the company's culture, where everyone is made to feel safe and welcome regard-

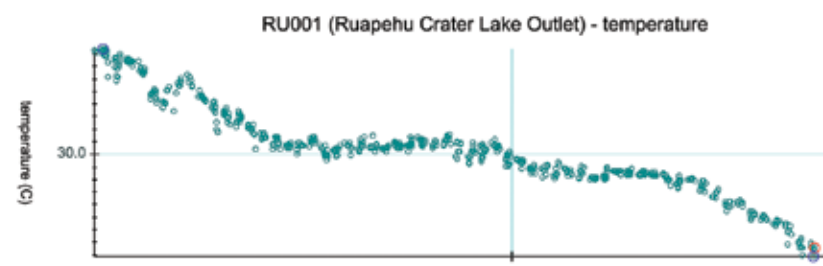
less of how they identify.

"What better way to outwardly display our support than lighting up the station for everyone to see," said Jelley.

Rainbow Tick is a certification mark for organisations that complete a diversity and inclusion assessment process, showing they accept and value all people in the workplace, embracing the diversity of sexual and gender identities.

The nightly display at Tokaanu will continue until Thursday 16 June.

Crater Lake cools down



Mt Ruapehu's Crater Lake has cooled considerably from its earlier peak of over 40°C, to just over 22°C. Despite the cooling, the volcano was still at Alert Level Two at the time the Bulletin went to print. Updates are posted to the Ruapehu Bulletin Facebook page.

Mt Ruapehu's volcanic tremor remains weak and the lake temperature continues to decline, reports GNS.

However, the Volcanic Alert Level remains at Level 2.

Volcanic tremor has continued at weak levels at Mt Ruapehu over the past week but has remained elevated above the background levels recorded since 2013, says GNS.

The drop in temperature is consistent with heat flow of around 100-160 MW, which corresponds to the long-term average heat flow into the lake.

Lake level and overflow rates have remained elevated in response to periods of intense rainfall.

The relatively high sulphur dioxide (SO₂) and carbon dioxide (CO₂) measurements from mid-May and the short period since tremor and lake temperatures declined are consistent with

a continued period of moderate volcanic unrest at Mt Ruapehu.

"Despite the observed decline in some of our monitoring parameters, there is still uncertainty about the state of the volcanic process that has been driving the current unrest period.

"The level of unrest is now considered moderate rather than heightened, however the potential for eruptive activity remains.

"Within the next four weeks, the most likely outcome of the ongoing unrest is no eruption. However, minor eruptive activity, confined to the lake basin, is also possible. Minor eruptions may generate lahars (dangerous volcanic mudflows) in the Whangaehu River. The next most likely scenario is a relatively large eruption that impacts the summit plateau like the September 2007 or June 1969 eruption."



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Annual General Meeting

Thursday 23rd June 2022 @ 6pm

AGENDA

Welcome by President
Apologies
Stand for a moment silence
Minutes of the previous meeting
Matters Arising
Financial Report & adoption of Audited Accounts 2021/2022
Adoption of Adjunct Reports
Presidents Report
Managers Overview
Most Valued Member
Notices of Motion
Life Membership
Election of Officers
General Business

Signed: Leroy Thompson (Sec/Manager)

PUBLIC NOTICES



Advisory Notice

Military Exercise

The Senior NCO Wing of Army Command School will be conducting EXERCISE KALAMAI in the Rangataua Forest area over the period 19 June – 24 June 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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Ohakune Club Inc AGM

Will be held in the Clubrooms, 71 Goldfinch Street, Ohakune on
Sunday 26th June 2022, 1.30pm

Agenda:

Apologies
One minute silence
Minutes of the previous AGM
Financial Report
President's Report
Notice of Motion
Election of Officers
General Business

All financial members are requested to attend

Mangamingi Pa Trust AGM

Rapana Paora Whanau Trust AGM

Reureu 1 Sub 20A Trust AGM

Mangamingi Farm Trust AGM

Saturday 9 July 2022 – 10am
Mangamingi Pa, Ohakune Road, Raetihi

Agenda:

Karakia
Apologies
Minutes of last AGM
Annual Financial Report
Matters Arising
Chairmans Report
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Date: Saturday 18 June 2022

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ROVERs to help out at Raetihi

A team of wandering environmental volunteers will join up with locals, including school children, to work on the Makotuku track on Friday.

The visitors are part of ROVENZ – “Restore Our Valued Earth New Zealand”.

They are on an adventure cycling tour taking in the length of New Zealand and doing voluntary environmental work along the way.

The team saw the Makotuku feature on Good Sorts earlier this year and thought it was a great project to get involved with.

Anyone is invited to join in the working bee, meeting at 11am at the Makotuku entrance past the cemetery. The work will involve clearing scrub and then clearing branches over Piwakawaka walkway, then spreading chip on gardens around Piwakawaka entrance.

Volunteers are asked to take gloves and shovels if they can.

More information on the visitors is available at www.rovenz.co.nz

Rural water

New water regulations are under way, changing how rural water users supply water to households and stock water in future.

“I am not representing the Government on these proposals but want to provide an understanding on what discussions have taken place on the proposals,” says regional councillor Weston Kirton.

“It is understandable there is anxiety over the Water Services Act proposal, which are centred around Governments intention to provide certainty to water quality.

“Firstly, the proposed regulations are part of the new Water Services Act yet to be legislated. One of the proposals is to reform Council owned water supplies into Entities. The other is to deal with rural water suppliers differently depending on the scale of supply.

“It is not designed to reform privately-owned water suppliers so the impact on single water suppliers apart from registration will be minimal.”

He said in most instances it would require a simple device such as a filter or a small UV device to treat point-of-entry of water to a household.

“The process to comply is ongoing and over time, for example Rural water suppliers have until 2025 to register with Taumata Arowai and comply by 2028.”

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First tournament experience for young squash players



Division Six winner Elise Drinkwater and runner up Heleyna Hammond. Photo: Amy Donaldson.

Ohakune Squash Club hosted its junior Prince series on Sunday. 42 J grade players took part with many experiencing their first tournament experience.

Whilst numbers were down on last year, with lots of late pull-outs due to sickness, it was still the biggest field for this year's series so far.

The furthest entrants came from Wellington with a good contingent from Hunterville, Fielding and Taihape. As has been a tradition for recent junior series tournaments all the entrants received a voucher for a chocolate éclair from the famous Ohakune Chocolate Éclair Shop with the new owners happy to continue their involvement. Possibly a highlight for some.

The division one winner was ever-improving Reign Marumaru beating fellow local Matt Smith in the final. Melina Hogg from Wellington won division two with local Hana Harding runner up. In division three, Cam Robb was the winner with Alex Bennett from Ohakune runner up. Tarn Hoyle won division four ahead of Harry Sherrit both from the Ohakune Club. Ally Lochhead won division five with Hyele Wihare-Hansen runner up. Elise Drinkwater won division six with Heleyna Hammond runner up. It was a big day for

all with players playing three matches in the one day. All those who attended were well catered for food wise by the Ruapehu College students raising funds for their secondary school squash nationals trip later on in Auckland. This week's Prince series tournament is in Ashhurst.

Last week's interhouse was the penultimate round. Team four continued its winning form to stay at the top, beating team one 87-79. Team seven beat team two by the same margin 87-79, team five beat team six 85-72 and team three picked up 80 points for the bye. Team totals to date with one round left has four leading with 517, team five 501, team two 496, team seven 496, team six 490, team three 474 and team one 465. The draw for this Thursday is at 5:00pm team three plays team four, at 6:30 team two plays team five and at 8:00pm team seven plays team one. Team six has the bye. Team three helps with kitchen duties for the first half from 5:00 until 7:15 and team seven is on the second half from 7:15 to 9:30.

Entries need to be submitted this week for the district graded team competitions which happens the first week of July. Ohakune is expected to be well represented again this year. The Central F grade teams will be held in Ohakune.

Puanga celebrated

Matariki has this year been put into the Aotearoa New Zealand calendar as a public holiday for the first time.

"This is a cause for celebration for communities all over the country and a time for coming together to reflect and remember, share food, stories, and company, and to look ahead to the coming year," says one of the local celebrations organiser, Maaki Tuatini.

Ngāti Rangī leader Che Wilson explains that Puanga draws the line to end one year and Matariki opens the door to the new year.

"Puanga is the star that Whanganui tribes look to, to prepare for the new year in late autumn and early winter.

"It is noted that Puanga is the Māori name for the star Rigel; Puanga doesn't set like Matariki; and Puanga is part of a constellation, Te Waka-o-Rangi that has Matariki (Pleiades) at the front of the waka and Puanga and Tautoru (Orion's Belt) at the stern of the waka."

There are a series of activities as part of the celebrations that started on Sunday 12 June and run through to 2 July.

More information is available on the Facebook page - Puanga ki Ruapehu 2022.

Stories, markets, lights, art, and music will all be shared through the local schools, marae, and at different community events.

Inaugural Whānau Expos

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the Puanga Whānau Expo in Raetihi and are looking forward to the event.

"For us, Matariki is about bringing our families and communities together in everything we do and to celebrate new beginnings. We will be offering local discounts for our Bridge to Nowhere Tour at the expo," says Josephine Haworth.

Based in National Park Village, local guiding company Adrift Tongariro will also be at the expo showcasing a range of outdoor adventures to enjoy in Ruapehu with a few giveaways on offer including an adventure tourism internship with Adrift Tongariro for one successful applicant to gain outdoor training, hospitality and health and safety skills.

Key events:

- 12 June Puanga Wānanga
- 13 June Maunga Karakia
- 15 June Ruapehu Puanga Whānau Expo at Raetihi Marae from 4-7 pm
- 23 June Ruapehu Matariki Whānau Expo at Taumarunui War Memorial Hall from 4-7 pm

Hāngī will be available for the first 200 visitors at the Ruapehu Puanga Whānau Expo in Raetihi and the Ruapehu Matariki Whānau Expo in Taumarunui.

<https://www.visitruapehu.com/events/matariki>



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Fish & Game welcomes new farm wetlands guidance

Fish & Game welcomes the new NIWA – DairyNZ resource to help farmers with wetland design and performance.

"New Zealanders are becoming far more aware of the important role wetlands play in 'taking care of water,' from recharging groundwater and augmenting flows, and filtering runoff pollution," says New Zealand Fish and Game Council Chair Ray Grubb.

"Wetlands are vital for wildlife because they provide valuable habitat for both native and valued introduced species. Healthy wetlands are also crucial in helping to minimise the impact of weather events like floods and droughts, which too many New Zealand communities are unfortunately all too familiar with.

"Fish & Game, and game bird hunters, are proud to have

played a leading role in wetland protection and conservation – managing and creating numerous wetlands in many parts of the country. That is why Fish & Game has worked with DairyNZ in developing this guidance."

The new guidelines highlight that as wetlands increase from one to five per cent of a catchment area: sediment removal typically increases from 50 to 90 per cent; nitrogen removal increases from 25 to 52 per cent in warmer zones of New Zealand; nitrogen removal increases from 18 to 38 per cent in cooler zones of New Zealand; phosphorus removal increases from 25 to 48 per cent.

The guidance is supported by twelve regional councils, Fish & Game NZ and the Waikato River Authority. It can be downloaded at www.dairynz.co.nz/wetlands

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