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Mardi Gras a smooth operation

The 2022 Ohakune Mountain Mardi Gras was “a massive year” and the smoothest operation inside the event ever, says organiser Mitch Lowe from Audiology, the company that runs the event on behalf of Ohakune Events Charitable Trust.

New this year was a 100% custom-built stage, incorporating LED screens, projections, lasers, stage lights and flame throwers. Lowe says the feedback is that it’s the best festival stage that anyone has seen and sets the standard for others to follow.

After surprising blue skies during the day, rain started to fall as the evening set in, but most party-goers seemed happy to dance away the damp.

“It didn’t affect the vibe of the event itself,” says Lowe.

Hot Dub Time Machine was the act that had everyone most active – mixing music from across the decades.

Another winner was Luude – an artist who has “blown up” in Australia in the past year. His fresh talent joined with a line-up of legends of the genre over the past 10-15 years.

The company and the Trust were really happy with the clean-up from the event, using Closed Loop who gathered and sent 90% of the rubbish to recycling or composting, with only 10% going to landfill.

The Mardi Gras was streamed live around the world via a UK YouTube channel, for the first time. This was to “put Ohakune and the event on the world map”. Audiology was still waiting for figures, but indications are that several thousand people watched the event online.

Lowe said the artists were “so happy” with the event, with some saying it’s the best festival they’ve attended.

“They all talk about how New Zealand hosts artists – they say NZ is the best in the world.”

Also new for 2022 was a special train to bring people to the festival, with around 150 people taking the trip. Each carriage had its own music and people danced the whole way down to Ohakune on Friday night. The train left around midday Sunday for the return journey.

Lowe said they hope to expand on this trial run next year.

The only major negative from the event, says Lowe, was the rain after the event, with people stuck waiting for busses back to their accommodation, especially to National Park. He said there was an issue with one of the busses that meant people were waiting – in the rain – much longer than they should have.

He said they tried to look after those people, with fare refunds and merchandise, but hope to improve on this aspect for next year.

No arrests

In what’s thought to be a first, there were no arrests at the Ohakune Mountain Mardi Gras on Saturday, reports acting Ohakune Police Officer in Charge Sgt Bruce McLeod.

He said there were only a couple of minor disorder incidents at the event, with



Tess and Jess take time out from the anti-precipitation mosh pit for a Bulletin photo. They have been regulars at the Mardi Gras, including Tessa who has been at the event since it started in the 1990s.

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Naming of new Labour list MP upholds historic Rātana political tradition

By Moana Ellis, Local Democracy Reporter
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New Labour List Member of Parliament Soraya Peke-Mason will be upholding an historic political tradition set in place by the founder of the Rātana faith, Tahupōtiki Wiremu Rātana.

Rātana resident Soraya Peke-Mason will become a List MP for Labour following Minister Kris Faafoi's resignation and Speaker Trevor Mallard's nomination to a European diplomatic posting.

In 1928, T W Rātana declared he was entering politics with the aim of Rātana Church followers winning all four Māori seats. In 1932, Eruera Tirikātene became the first Rātana MP.

Four years later, Rātana and Prime Minister Michael Joseph Savage sealed an alliance between the Rātana Church and the Labour Party, and in 1943 the Rātana-Labour alliance took all four seats. Labour held the seats for the next 50 years.

Peke-Mason said the announcement on Monday was not a shock as her ranking in the Labour List had put her "on standby" since the 2020 election, but she was awaiting more detail on her new role.

"To some degree, yes, it's going to be new, although



process one step at a time and, once I've settled in, then I'll find out what the workload looks like, what it will be, who it will be with and all the details."

Peke-Mason said the Whip had already made contact and it was likely she would go to Wellington in August or September.

The two months would give her time to "exit appropriately" from her work for Ngāti

Rangi and as a member of the District Health Board and its iwi partnership group, Hauora-ā-Iwi.

In major health system reforms, the country's 20 district health boards will be abolished in two weeks in favour of a single national health entity, Health New Zealand, and the Māori Health Authority.

"Everything is formally in place on 1 July. There's some fundamental and hard-core mahi that's gone on in that space with ngā iwi through Hauora-ā-Iwi," Peke-Mason said.

"We've got a fantastic Localities prototype in place, which has received some very positive feedback from the [government's] transition unit.

"But there's still a little bit more work to do leading up to that, so I'm feeling very blessed to have until September to tidy up the mahi I have in front of me," she said.

Peke-Mason was Rangitikei District Council's first wahine Māori councillor, serving for 12 years. In 2019 she stood unsuccessfully for a seat on Horizons, the Whanganui-Manawātū regional council. Before last week's announcement, Peke-Mason had been considering standing for one of Horizons Regional Council's two new Māori ward seats.

She said Ngāti Rangi had already indicated it would take her to Parliament to be sworn in, and she would extend the invitation to whānau, hapū and marae.

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Police thank motorists for Operation Ethos

Central District Police want to thank the thousands of motorists that engaged with them during Operation Ethos recently.

Despite the bad weather, more than 6000 drivers rolled down their windows to speak with Police and undertake an alcohol breath screening test.

More than 100 Police staff were involved at checkpoints in Ruapehu, Whanganui, Taranaki, Horowhenua, Manawātū and Taranaki between 8am and 9pm.

"While most results were pleasing we were disappointed to find motorists over the legal limit – some by mid-morning," said a Police spokesperson.

One person in New Plymouth returned a result that was over three times the legal limit – and was travelling with young children at the time.

"This was extremely concerning and that person, along with at least five others, will be appearing in our courts in the coming weeks."

Police also issued infringement notices for people found not complying with other requirements including driving while unrestrained or operating non-compliant vehicles.

"Reducing deaths and serious injuries on our roads is not just a Police responsibility – it is an all-of-community issue which we all need to take responsibility for.

"Police can only do so much, and through this operation and our interactions with our community we will push that message as well as taking any enforcement action necessary."



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Expo brings tourism and community together

Raetihi Marae hosted its first-ever Raetihi Puanga Whānau Expo on Wednesday evening last week – an initiative to bring tourism operators and the local community together.

In that aspect it was a success, says Troy Brown, one of the organisers.

He said the plan was to introduce Matariki and

Puanga to those present and then for people from the community to meet tourism operators, with just over 100 people attending and 10 operators.

He thanked the Raetihi Marae for co-hosting the event and the tourist operators who took time out of their days to share their special experiences.

They will hold a similar event at the Taumarunui

War Memorial Hall this Thursday.

“The idea came from a discussion on how we improve tourism in the area and connect with our community better,” says Troy Brown.

He said they hope to show how tourism can benefit from the local community, and vice versa.

As an example, the Raetihi Marae is looking to

build relationships with Whanganui River operators with a view to co-host visitor events – where tourists could stay a night at the start of their trip to experience the local community, which would in turn help them better understand the connections to the river on their journey.



Shinea and Teresa Hohepa from Whanganui River Adventures were ready to share their tourism story at Raetihi Marae.



Meretini Hucklesby shares knowledge of the Matariki story with visitors to the Raetihi Marae on Wednesday.

Weekend volcanic tremor burst

A short period of increased volcanic tremor was recorded by GNS over the weekend at Mt Ruapehu, while the Crater Lake temperature has stabilised.

The Volcanic Alert Level remains at Level 2.

For about three weeks, tremor levels had been weak-to-moderate.

On Friday evening, 17 June, volcanic tremor increased sharply and fluctuated between moderate and strong levels over the weekend.

Since Sunday 19 June, volcanic tremor returned to weak levels. Crater Lake (Te Wai ā-Moe) temperature had been decreasing at a rate of ~0.5°C per day until it stabilised on the weekend and is now 22°C.

This is consistent with an increase of heat flow into the lake to approximately 130MW.

“The return of moderate-to-strong volcanic tremor and stabilisation of Crater Lake temperature are consistent with a continued period of moderate volcanic unrest at Mt Ruapehu,” reports Geoff Kilgour, Duty Volcanologist.

He said they will carry out a gas measurement flight and Crater Lake sampling when the weather allows.

“As noted last week, the level of unrest is now considered moderate rather than heightened. However, the potential for eruptive activity remains.

“Within the next three weeks, the most likely outcome

of the ongoing unrest is no eruption.

“Minor eruptive activity, confined to the lake basin, is also possible, which could generate lahars (volcanic mudflows) in the Whangaehu River.

“The next likely scenario is an eruption that impacts the summit plateau with volcanic surges. That event could generate lahars in multiple catchments, like what was seen after the September 2007 eruption.

“An eruption of this size would cause life-threatening hazards on the summit plateau and in valleys impacted by lahars.

“The chance of a prolonged eruptive episode or a larger eruption, with wider ashfall impacts such as occurred in 1995-96, is higher than it was before the start of elevated unrest in March 2022, but within the next three weeks, this scenario remains very unlikely.”

He said such an eruption would most likely only follow a sequence of smaller eruptions.

“The increased tremor over the weekend highlights the variability and significant uncertainty about the state of the volcanic process that has been driving the current unrest period.

“Our interpretation of the observational data and activity is, therefore, still consistent with moderate volcanic unrest and therefore the Volcanic Alert Level remains at Level 2.”



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McKelvie on health

Local Member of Parliament Ian McKelvie writes about New Zealand’s health services:

• Meeting the healthcare needs of New Zealand’s aging population is one of the significant challenges facing our healthcare system and as National’s spokesperson for Seniors, it’s one close to my heart. The industry is currently in crisis – compounded by an aging population, acute staff shortages and the significant impact of our closed borders.

It is a national problem that is being felt here in the Rangitikei Electorate (that includes Ruapehu) too.

The closure of Te Arahina O Arihia Rest Home in Taumarunui leaves the town’s Avonlea Rest Home and Hospital as the only remaining facility in the Ruapehu District. And they’re struggling too. Like so many facilities throughout New Zealand, it’s hard to get staff and almost impossible to retain them – especially considering the DHB’s are funded to pay their nurses around \$10 an hour more than rest homes.

It’s difficult to justify the differential in pay when the nurses have the same qualifications and training and in many cases very similar roles and responsibilities. No surprises then that the turnover of registered nurses in rest homes went from an already high 33% in 2019 to a staggering 48% by the end of 2021.

On top of all this, in 2019, 39% of rest home nurses were from overseas and employed on a long term skills shortage / work to residence visa. By 2021 that number was just 14% and heading south.

Our rest homes need surety including opening up the borders to overseas staff



Ian McKelvie, MP.

and a guarantee of equal pay rates to prevent the incredibly high attrition rates of this precious workforce.

Meanwhile, Rangitikei local Nicky Pearce has taken it upon herself to fill a gap. It was great to meet with Nicky and talk about her new initiative Home Sweet Home Care (www.homesweethomecare.co.nz), which she launched last year. It’s a care service which allows people to stay in their own home and receive support while at the same time retaining an independent and fulfilling quality of life. Like everyone I come across who works in the aged care sector, Nicky is passionate about helping elderly New Zealanders live their best life in comfort and safety with great care.

It’s time for this Government to step up before it’s too late – especially for the sake of senior New Zealanders living in rural and provincial New Zealand.

Letters

Scofflaws damaging bridge

• I cross the Soldiers’ Road railway overbridge (Ohakune) frequently as part of my old man’s keep-fit routine. This ancient bridge has a chicane of pine boards restricting the bridge’s width, to stop heavy vehicles from crossing it.

But the pine boards are being smashed more and more frequently by scofflaw vandals in heavy vehicles, greatly increasing the probability of it collapsing and blocking the economically vital NIMT railway line, with the additional possibility of causing extensive damage to two locomotives and a long line of wagons, and perhaps killing a train driver.

A sign near the bridge stated that the bridge was being rebuilt in April 2022, but with no action so far, it appears the sign was meant to read April 2023.

Instead of replacing the useless pine boards several more times before then, would it not be better to rebuild the chicane with a couple of truckloads of big rocks, really big ones, from the nearby quarry? A train wreck and a blocked main line would result in a multi-million dollar loss, affecting many, many people.

John Archer

Editor’s note: Scofflaw: a person who flouts the law, especially by failing to comply with a law that is difficult to enforce effectively.

RDC replies:

The chicanes were installed due to health and safety concerns around drivers of overweight vehicles ignoring the weight restrictions on the rail overbridge and putting themselves and others at risk.

With any road health and safety device, it is important that the device does not create another health and safety issue in itself.

Wooden chicanes were used for this reason with our monitoring showing that they are working as planned to reduce large vehicles using the bridge.

Council has confirmed funding support from Waka Kotahi NZTA for replacement of the Soldiers Road and nearby Mangateitei Road rail overbridges and plan to begin work in the new financial year.

Until they are replaced we urge all drivers to observe the weight and speed restrictions and keep themselves, other road users and railway workers safe.

For the Soldiers Road Rail overbridge, the maximum weight allowed on any one axle is 1750kg and gross weight of 3500kg.

Andrea Nicol

RDC Manager Land Transport

Genuine Māori representation

• Last week’s article ‘Māori roll switch could justify more council equity’ (Bulletin, 15 June) unfortunately only tells half the story on Māori representation.

The Labour Governments changes to the Māori Wards legislation and now the proposed changes to the Māori electoral roll are in my view a welcome change.

Having first raised the issue of Māori Wards as a member of the ‘Te Kaunihera Māori a rohe o Ruapehu’ (Ruapehu District Māori Council) in 2012 as well as 2016 and then with my fellow board member John Chapman on the National Park Community Board in 2017, I’d say Māori wards are a long overdue initiative.

What seems to be overlooked in the korero, however, is the fact that Māori Wards are general seats not Māori specific in their representation, they are to ensure Māori a seat at the table. Once there, Māori Ward councillors are

there to represent all of the District’s communities with a te ao Māori (Māori world view/lens).

For Māori specific representation we need to look towards our ‘Te Kaunihera Māori a rohe o Ruapehu’. A forum for Ruapehu District iwi and hapu to engage with Council, with formal links that create partnerships.

Since its inception in 2009 there has been a reluctance by Council to establish a formal link that would enable the Māori Council to fulfil its role as a forum for all the District’s iwi/hapu and place resolutions and reports on the Council agenda for discussion.

Hopefully, the new Council elected in October will have the wisdom and foresight to enable a contribution at Council for all of our people and support a Te Kaunihera a Māori o Ruapehu with a direct link to the District Councils decision making table, essentially giving it niho, as opposed to its more common descriptor by many Māori as a niho-less tiger.

Pita Pehi

‘Playing catchup’ on public transport

The Horizons Regional Public Transport long term plan is all but complete, with submissions clearly identifying significant local concern over the lack of Public transport options in our communities, says Ruapehu’s regional councillor Weston Kirton.

“A significant number of those submitting thought rail transport was a low priority, but should play a significant role in terms of providing a low emissions, congestion reducing, intercity alternative to car usage, with clear benefits for road safety.

Potential users of the Northern Explorer, which is currently on hold, are not impressed by government inaction on rail, says Kirton.

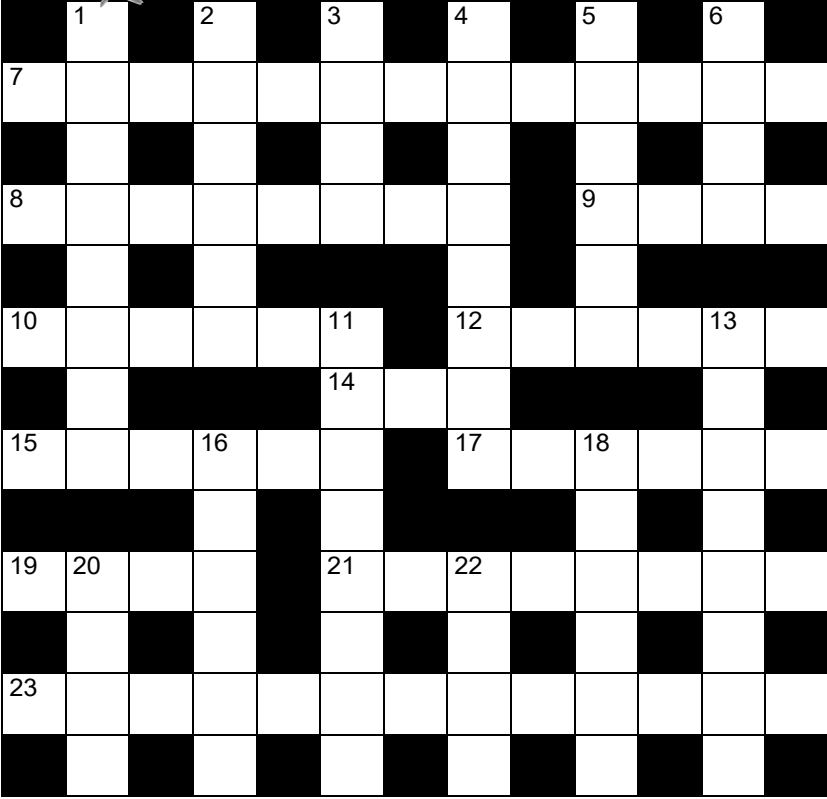
“They want to reduce their carbon emissions by leaving their cars at home.

“They want to see an expansion of rail throughout New Zealand and into the Horizons Region.

“Local residents were clear, they wanted the Northern Explorer to be reinstated as a commuter train stopping in towns like Taumarunui.”

He said overall, submitters were keen to see more rural public transport options so that communities aren’t isolated and people don’t have to relocate when they can no longer travel independently.

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- 9. Christchurch suburb, home to the University of Canterbury (4)
- 10. Cook or Foveaux (6)
- 12. Weather pattern (2,4)
- 14. Hearing organ (3)
- 15. Handy (6)
- 17. Vulgar, tasteless (6)
- 19. Singe (4)
- 21. Mountain range in lower North Island (8)
- 23. New Zealand author who won the 2013 Man Booker Prize (7,6)

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- 1. Main sponsor of America’s Cup Team NZ (8)
- 2. Respiratory condition (6)
- 3. In the thick of (4)
- 4. Not skilled, clumsy (8)
- 5. Choice (6)
- 6. Region (4)
- 11. Fundraising extravangas of the 1970s and 80s (8)
- 13. Storyteller (8)
- 16. The way something is presented (6)
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ROVE-ing volunteers dig in for Raetihi

Friday was the day that ROVENZ (Restore Our Valued Environment) rode into town and charmed Raetihi with their bright smiles and warm hearts, says Makotuku Track project leader Donna Journeaux.

Claire, Tim, Laura and Thomas are on a cycling adventure, biking the length of New Zealand and stopping along the way to volunteer on projects such as Raetihi's.

"Our beautiful, hardworking kids from Raetihi Primary were also on site working with ROVE and our dedicated team to get the hard work done," says Donna.

"A very special thank you to Sandy at Snowy Waters Lodge, who put ROVE up for the night, and Leroy our fabulous new Raetihi Cossie manager who provide a meal for the group."

Mardi Gras

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the people involved escorted from the venue.

"On the whole the crowd were well behaved and in good spirits, which is pretty good for an event of 8000 people," he told the Bulletin.

Police stopped a number of people carrying alcohol to the event – there is a liquor ban in the streets leading to the Junction – but he said they were all "really good about it" and either handed over the liquor or tipped it out.

"It was more about education."

He confirmed that there was "a fair bit" of lost property handed in over the weekend – possibly the most ever from the event – including phones, wallets and identification documents.

Camping

Ruapehu District Council's Phoebe Harrison, environment and liquor manager, said there were no issues around either the alcohol or food licensing.

Staff carried out compliance checks around the freedom camping in the lead up to the event and the following morning.

A large number of vehicles were identified as not being self-contained and will be issued infringements, she said.

The Freedom Camping Act 2011 allows vehicles certified as self-contained to camp in areas within the District that have not been highlighted as restricted in The Ruapehu Bylaw 2018. This bylaw is currently in the review process with public submissions welcomed during the public consultation phase open from 4 July to 29 July 2022.

"Overall the crowd were well behaved, although the rain did see early departure of many but there was still a high number of revellers who stayed until the end of the event," she said.

Central District Police breath-tested nearly 9000 drivers over the Ohakune Mardi Gras weekend, 13 of whom were processed for excess breath alcohol.

Fifty one infringement notices were issued for speeding offences.

There were no serious crashes and no deaths on the roads in the area over the weekend.

Police said they are pleased that almost all motorists heeded advice given by officers on the checkpoints, and that a low number were processed for excess breath alcohol.



Claire, Tim, Laura and Thomas rode into town on Friday to help out on the Makotuku Track. Photo supplied.




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With government funding and money raised by the iwi and community, the meeting house has new heat pumps, the dining hall has new roofing and everything on the marae is fully functioning.

Raetihi Marae Trust thanks everyone who attended and sent their words of aroha for Te Rā Whakanui, the reopening and service of the marae.

They also thanked the many churches who gave their blessings.

A full list of the groups and individuals that supported the event and the renovations is on the Raetihi Marae Trust Facebook page.

Horizons reappoints McCartney, CEO



Michael McCartney, still CEO at Horizons.

Horizons Regional Council has reappointed Michael McCartney as chief executive for another five years.

Horizons chair Rachel Keedwell says that local council governance bodies are responsible for employing chief executives, who are appointed for a term of no more than five years.

“As Michael has led Horizons for 16 years already, Council thought it was important to go to the market to ensure we had the best chief executive to lead our organisation into the future,” says Cr Keedwell.

“Following a rigorous process, with excellent candidates who put their names forward, it was agreed that Michael was

still the best person for the job. As such, I am delighted to announce his reappointment as Horizons’ chief executive for another five years.

“Michael has dedicated his career to public service, and has spent over 30 years in local government. He is an incredibly skilled chief executive who has clearly shown us that he still has much to offer.

“Michael’s strengths lie in his strategic thinking, his ability to see the big picture and position the organisation for the future, and his relationships with iwi, stakeholders, and local and central government peers.

“Michael is a genuine leader to Hori-

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A frosty morning was the setting for the powhiri for the reopening of the Raetihi Marae after its extensive renovation project, on Saturday 28 May. At right: inside the wharenuī, ready for the visitors. Photos: Liz Brooker.



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Kids back for the Goat

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Organisers said 600 people have already pre-registered for the run, with entries open on 1 July.

The 'Kid's Run' will be a 2.5km run on the Mangawhero Forst Loop at the bottom of the Ohakune Mountain Road – and is designed to encourage families to visit and to better connect with the community.

The first 100 Kids' Run entries will be free.

College calls for absence information

Eye on Ruapehu College, contributed by staff and students

Last year, MPs launched an inquiry into what has been described as New Zealand's truancy crisis, and recently the Government announced that a new Attendance and Engagement Strategy has outlined 13 actions to get kids back into the classroom.

"It is important that we have accurate information regarding a student's absence from school," says Ruapehu College principal Marama Allen.

"A message to say that a student won't be at school for the day is not a justified reason and is classed as truancy.

"Examples of justified reasons would be that the student is attending an appointment, is unwell or is on holiday during term time.

"You can inform us of your child's absence by

phone, text or messenger," said Mrs Allen.

Senior students Parent Teacher interviews are taking place on 6 July between 2pm and 7pm. To make a booking, parents and caregivers are invited to go to www.schoolinterviews.co.nz and enter code tnz2b. Anyone who needs assistance can contact the office.

College sports

The Ruapehu College Under-16 rugby boys had their first game of the season on Wednesday and beat Whanganui High School 44-0.

The rugby girls won their game on Thursday afternoon too, against Whanganui Girls college 48-15.

The Junior Basketball boys won their game last week against Whanganui City College Junior boys 29-21.



Chrissy Winter scores a try for Ruapehu U16 on Wednesday. Holly Deadman.

Ohakune Squash

Last week's interhouse was the final round. Leaders, team four, had a below par evening losing to team three 77-67. However, team five had an outstanding night beating team two 93-80 to take over the lead. Team seven beat team one 84-74 and team six picked up 80 points for the bye. Final team totals were: team five 594, team four 584, team seven 580, team two 576, team six 570, team three 551 and team one 539. Members of the winning team, team five were Andy Bennett, Sarina Budge, Nicky Schrafft, Jade Kendrick, Bruce McLeod, Danny Mochan, Reign Marumaru, Xavier Marumaru, Alex Bennett, Jenese Van der Westhuizen and Lila Doolan.

There are no games for this Thursday but a second round is due to start the following week. Anyone wanting to join the next round should contact club captains Laura or John.

Draw for next Tuesday's Ruapehu Zone interclub has Rustic Waiouru hosting Turangi, Ohakune hosting Taumarunui and Ruapehu College Two hosting Ruapehu College One. The battle between the two College sides

should prove interesting as the College Two team currently leads the competition on 78 points with College One closely behind them on 70.

A fundraising tournament to assist the Ruapehu College teams travelling to secondary schools nationals in Auckland later this year has been organised by Matthew Laurenson, who is currently teaching at the college and actively involved in squash. There are over sixty entries for Friday's competition with both singles and doubles divisions. All prizes will be spot prizes with good support from the community. Any further support is always welcome, just contact Matthew.

The following weekend is the district teams events where Ohakune has entered eight teams. A B-grade women's team will travel to Hawera, a C grade men's team travels to Palmerston, both men's and women's teams travel to the D grades in Dannevirke, whilst two men's and two women's teams contest the F grades here in Ohakune.

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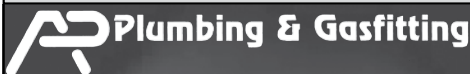


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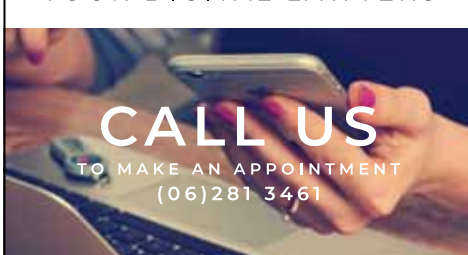
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New reporting for synthetic nitrogen fertiliser

Horizons Regional Council has been working with its counterparts around the country to provide information to dairy farmers about the need to report by 31 July on their synthetic nitrogen fertiliser use this year.

In September 2020, central government introduced the Essential Freshwater package, which included new rules and policies aimed at halting or reversing the degradation of our freshwater bodies. The National Environment Standards for Freshwater (NES-FW), which are part of this package, requires all dairy farmers in the country to report their yearly synthetic nitrogen fertiliser use to regional council by 31 July 2022.

Horizons regulatory manager Greg Bevin says this is the first year that the reporting has been required.

"The reporting applies to all contiguous

dairy land, this being the milking platform and any other land directly connected to it," he says.

"We require information such as the amounts of synthetic nitrogen fertiliser applied, the area in hectares that it is applied to and the dates of each application, down to paddock scale. Recognising that this is a lot of information to pull together, central government, regional councils and industry have been working together to develop a central digital platform to make nitrogen reporting easier.

"As this platform is not available quite yet, we suggest for now farmers use one of the major fertiliser suppliers, such as Ravensdown or Ballance, to collate all the necessary information, check and submit to us. We recommend farmers contact their supplier or farming services provider to find out more about this option as soon as possible."

Horizons reappoints McCartney, CEO

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zons' 300-plus staff across a vast and varied region. His open door policy and two-way communication style includes the encouragement of staff progression and initiatives that enhance wellbeing."

Cr Keedwell said some of the key programmes he has helped initiate and lead are Accelerate25, the region's economic growth programme and the Regional Leadership Group.

He is well known for his leadership of Te Uru Kahika – Regional Councils and Unitary Authorities Aotearoa's chief executives group and the establishment of the Regional Sector Special Interest Group Network. He is responsible for a large proportion of the sector's collaborative work programmes and the strong advocacy for regional councils.

"His connection to not only his local government peers but his central government ones is something that Horizons and its community benefits from immensely.

"On a personal level, I have thoroughly

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