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# Unique water challenges for rural councils, says RDC

Ruapehu’s council has signed-off on its submission to the Water Services Entities Bill that will create the new multi-regional entities for delivering water services from 1 July 2024.

Ruapehu mayor Don Cameron said that in setting out how the new entities would operate and be accountable to the public, the Bill was a central part of the Government’s three waters reform programme.

“While Council has said that we accept that reform is needed and support the Bill’s objectives, we felt it was important to clearly highlight our concerns over how the proposed legislation could impact on the future of our communities,” he said.

“In doing so, we felt the most constructive approach was to remind Government of the unique challenges rural councils like Ruapehu have in meeting the required water standards with a small rating base and funding issues.

“Although solving funding challenges is a key reform outcome, we highlighted the need for further interim Government investment to maintain three waters investment between now and when the new entities take control.”

RDC also noted future affordability concerns for small communities without a specific guarantee of price harmonisation being written into the Bill.”

Mr Cameron said that another major

concern was the potential future lack of influence over local development or service needs.

“As is, Council will only have one share on Entity B alongside 21 other councils, which risks our local voice and considerations being drowned out by other councils who will have larger shareholdings.

“We feel that under the proposed structure our small communities may not be well placed to be heard by a large multi-regional entity.”

Other issues RDC submitted on include: ownership rights, protection of community wellbeing, iwi-Māori partnerships, governance and future legislative impacts amongst other things.

Mr Cameron said that there were a number of aspects to the proposed Bill that Council did support, such as the ‘Statement of Strategic and Performance Expectations’, upholding the principles of Te Mana o te Wai, protections against privatisation and a focus on climate change.

“Unfortunately, the ‘devil is in the detail’ and much of the desired detail was either not in the Bill or still unclear.”

RDC is “uncomfortable with the reform process proceeding while these gaps exist”.

“We have requested that Government allow time for a revised approach to be reflected in the draft legislation that specifically addresses our concerns,” he said.



Crew hard out to ‘get this snow on the road’

Turoa’s maintenance crew have been working hard to repair the Giant Chairlift after rime ice damaged the crosshead on one of the lift’s towers. See inside for more. Photo: Mt Ruapehu.

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## Crew works to 'get this snow on the road'

After earlier rime ice damage to the cross-heads on one of the towers on the Giant Chairlift, Tūroa Ski Area has announced that repairs are complete.

The team completed work on the Giant Sunday, flying in the outstanding crosshead and fixing the cable of the Giant back in place. Outside of final, routine inspections and "a couple of electrical tweaks", the Giant is now ready to

go, says Ruapehu Alpine Lifts.

The High Noon Express is also running, says Tūroa, with final routine inspections being carried out.

Following an unexpected issue with the electric motor that drives the pump feeding the upper mountain snowmaking efforts, a replacement has been built, will be collected from Palmerston North and was to be in place

on Tuesday, to recommence snowmaking on the upper mountain.

"A remarkable, around the clock effort from the team," says management.

Snow was expected from Wednesday.

"Snowmaking conditions have been good on the lower mountain and guests loving having the Alpine Meadow back," says RAL, with the platter is also up and running along with the carpet lift.



Maintenance staff work on the Giant Chairlift (at right) and the High Noon Express (at left), with both lifts now ready for when the 'white gold' falls. Photo: Mt Ruapehu.

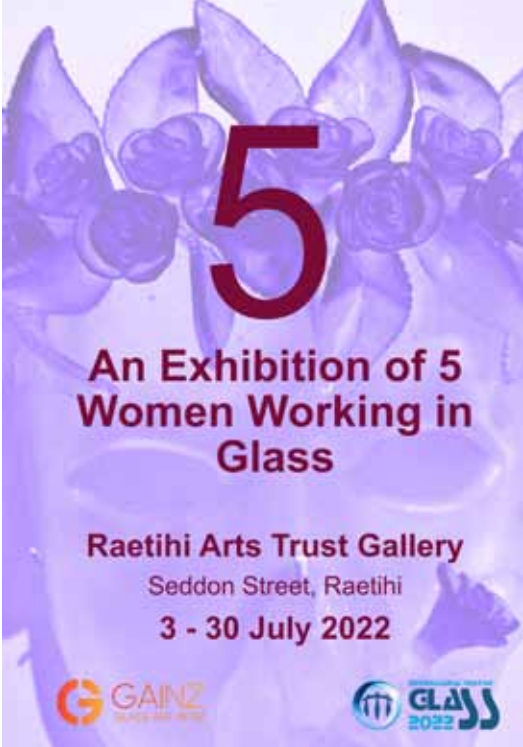


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# Regional charter underwrites council services

The ability to keep Ruapehu District Council's critical functions going in periods of disruption have been enhanced with the signing of a 'Charter of Support and Commitment' between the eight councils in the Manawatu-Whanganui Region.

Ruapehu chief executive Clive Manley said that the signing of the Charter was huge step-up in regional inter-council support and cooperation.

"The Charter formalises an undertaking of all councils in the region to help support any other council to maintain delivery of their critical services if an event impacts on their capability to do so on their own," he said.

"Although Manawatu-Whanganui councils have a well-established history of collaboration in areas such as civil defence or shared service delivery this agreement covers core services outside of these."

He said the Charter was originally established in response to the impact of COVID-19 but that it made sense to extend it to cover other disruptions or physical events.

"It recognises that none of us have any significant reserve capacity in either staff or contractors across our key services but in supporting each other we can maintain critical functions if needed."

The Charter commits each council to provide resources to assist other councils with specific operational issues if they have the capability to do so along with when and how this will be delivered.

While the Charter doesn't describe the precise level of disruption needed before assistance is sought, it is felt it would be when the requesting Council has a 'high or extreme risk to their safe and effective function'.

Mr Manley said that the activities covered include; three waters, solid waste, environmental health, building and animal control, cemetery services, public facilities and corporate services such IT support.

"One of the distinctive things about local government is that, while we are all working under the same legislation to deliver the same things, we are not in competition with each other."

"While internal processes may differ our staff are trained and experienced in delivering the same specialised outcomes."

He said this provides a unique inter-operability of council staff that makes the Charter possible.

"While I hope none of us will need to call on the Charter anytime soon, it is comforting to know the critical services Ruapehu communities rely on are underwritten by a regional response," he said.

The eight councils are: Ruapehu District Council, Horizons Regional Council, Whanganui District Council, Rangitikei District Council, Tararua District Council, Horowhenua District Council, Palmerston North City Council and Manawatu District Council.



**The 'Charter of Support and Commitment' signed by the eight Manawatu-Whanganui councils would see them providing staff to ensure the on-going delivery of core services such as kerbside collection, if an event disrupted the ability of any one of them to keep the services going on their own.**

## Nikki Riley to stand for Regional council

Ohakune accountant and past Ruapehu District councillor Nikki Riley has announced that she will stand for election to the Manawatu-Whanganui Regional Council (Horizons), as the Ruapehu District representative.

"I understand rural issues and can network and build relationships with other regional and district elected members," says Nikki Riley.

"This is vital for the Ruapehu councillor to have success around the Horizons table."

She says her 20-plus years' experience of being involved in the community "will be invaluable". As well as district councillor, she has served as Visit Ruapehu chair and Ohakune 2000 Inc (now Ohakune Inc) chair.

Ms Riley says she is committed to further her understanding of the rural issues and connect with Ruapehu's diverse rural communities.

"I currently chair some agri-business advisory boards and have first-hand knowledge of the work involved with environmental planning for farms and the challenges in the farming sector."

"As a business owner in Accountancy. I deal largely in rural, contracting and tourism businesses – all of which are core industries for the Ruapehu Region, the learnings from those experiences now align closely with my policies."

"My experience in these roles have given me a deep understanding of the pride and strength of our communities, but also the challenges we face."

Ms Riley says she stands "for the big three:

Food security – protect the region's prime soil, prevent it dwindling any further so it remains available for food production, by capping land use so it is not overtaken by more pine plantations.

"Our soil is "prime" and must be protected."



**Nikki Riley has put her hat in the ring for the Ruapehu spot on the regional council.**

Water – preserve a community-led approach to fresh-water management.

"I oppose the proposed Three Waters and strongly believe control of our water be retained and managed within the region."

Bio Diversity – she says this is under threat. Ruapehu had the first animal herd TB outbreak near National Park recently in many years and possum counts are on the rise.

"Horizons don't have an unlimited budget, more needs

to be directed from fringe activities back into core activities like this to keep our native forests and farms flourishing.

"And just one more ... climate change. Preparedness is key for the ongoing effects of climate change."

She says continuing to support Horizons sustainable land use initiatives and funding, will ensure climate resilient resources

and capabilities in the Region.

"I will take a common-sense approach and keep in mind a strategic, longer-term vision for our communities to leave behind a more resilient, productive and prosperous Ruapehu region."

"Strong communities are built from within. Ruapehu is the jewel in the Horizons crown".



## Should cats need to be microchipped, desexed and registered?

**The Ruapehu Bylaw is designed to protect the public from nuisances, minimise offensive behaviour and protect public health and safety. Council is consulting on proposals to amend some aspects of the Bylaw to better support these key objectives.**



One aspect of this is around the keeping of cats with calls from some quarters to have stronger regulations due to concerns over such things as animal welfare, over breeding, wild cats and their impact on wildlife.

Council is seeking feedback on whether the current Bylaw cat rules are strong enough and specifically on a proposal to have all cats microchipped, desexed and registered.

**For more info on the proposals see the Consultation Document. This can found at your local Council office or on Council's website [ruapehudc.govt.nz](http://ruapehudc.govt.nz) where you will also find an online feedback form.**

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# Ian McKelvie on fire

Ruapehu’s Member of Parliament Ian McKelvie presents his views on the current state of fire and emergency services:

•The Fire and Emergency New Zealand Act 2017 combined urban and rural fire services into a single, integrated fire and emergency services organisation – Fire and Emergency New Zealand (FENZ) – with a mandate to perform a wide range of services for communities.

Five years down the track and the organisation is at breaking point after years of mismanagement, poor spending decisions and a problematic culture; while devalued, volunteer and career firefighters are suffering the effects of a crisis in the ranks of their governing body.

It is unacceptable that our firefighters risk their lives every day but feel unsupported and unheard by their workplace; and when career firefighters in our major cities are being forced to take strike action to protest extreme overtime, mental trauma and financial hardship.

Volunteer firefighters play a vital role in our rural and provincial communities. But it’s hard to recruit and train volunteers with the demands that are placed on them, and when they receive an honorarium of just \$300 per year.

Their numbers are dwindling. Many rural fire brigades have been hit hard by vaccine mandates, which preclude unvaccinated volunteers from training or working. They can call into the station precinct and have a beer with other volunteers but

they can’t get suited up and help put out a fire or attend the scene of an accident. The Hunterville, Turakina, Mangaweka and Taihape volunteer brigades have all lost crew because of mandates. Ohura has been forced to close.

According to a local Rangitikei Rural Brigade Controller, when FENZ first took over, the new system seemed good with great communication and support. But it didn’t last.

Individual volunteer brigades have tried to communicate this: they’ve had meetings, received minutes but they haven’t received any hope of improvements or change.

Rural firefighters feel underpaid and undervalued. The men and women on the ground definitely have their hearts in it, they’re committed and doing the best they can but they’re swamped and literally run off their feet.

There’s a sense of camaraderie and a real community spirit that comes from working together for the good of your community. But that soon dissolves when your governing body has a broken culture and they’re wasting money. FENZ has employed 200 more office staff in the past five years and just 47 operational staff. You can’t fight a fire from the 12th floor of an office building in central Wellington.

FENZ has a broken culture. The men and women who put themselves on the line to protect our families, homes and communities are desperate for support, and FENZ seems unable to respond.



Rayne Bradley (left) this year’s scholarship with her mother Chelsea Rawiri.

## Kia Manawanui scholarship offered

A new scholarship has been launched to support Taumarunui High School students wanting to pursue tertiary education.

The Kia Manawanui Scholarship will support school leavers to attend a New Zealand university, polytechnic, or recognised training organisation.

Founded in 2021, the scholarship covers halls of residence accommodation costs not covered by Study Link and will range from \$3000 to \$8000. Students are expected to apply for all the government accommodation support on offer.

Kia Manawanui founders Judy Mellsop and Susan Bollen are seeking financial contributions to secure the scholarship’s longevity.

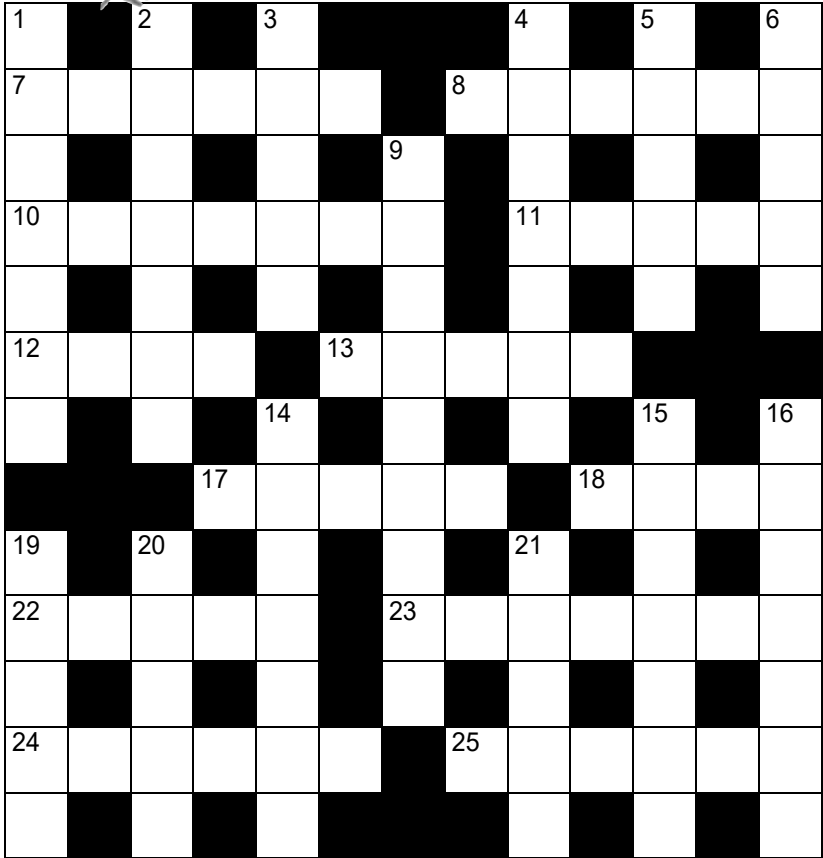
Both former Taumarunui High School students, Mellsop and Bollen say they set up the scholarship to help cover the increasing expense of accessing tertiary education.

“The government support we received for our education is no longer available and we feel this is an area where we and the community can take action, to support our youth into further education. We want school leavers to have the opportunity to attend tertiary study without financial considerations being a barrier. The Kia Manawanui Scholarship will give them encouragement to apply for tertiary study knowing others are backing them.”

The pair are seeking foundation supporters for the scholarships. Annual reporting will be provided on the scholarship funds, who new recipients are, and the achievements of scholarship students. For more information contact Judy Mellsop [jmellsop@xtra.co.nz](mailto:jmellsop@xtra.co.nz), or Susan Bollen [zoomhurry@gmail.com](mailto:zoomhurry@gmail.com) 027 3211722.

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7. Scene of 1979 Air NZ tragedy (6)
8. Essential summer item (6)
10. A species that is no more, eg huia or moa (7)
11. Of an area (5)
12. Peter Gordon, Josh Emett or Simon Gault (4)
13. Good, well done (Maori) (2,3)
17. Group seeking to influence lawmakers (5)
18. Visible sign of boredom (4)
22. Turf or lawn (5)
23. Jean Batten or George Bolt (7)
24. NZ city named for a British war hero (6)
25. Ship which went aground in Wellington Harbour in 1968 (6)

### DOWN

1. Kiwi actress popular on Australian TV, \_\_\_ Gibney (7)
2. Tanned animal skin (7)
3. Toilet (inf) (5)
4. Ships barred from NZ waters (7)
5. Throw (5)
6. Deep silence and calm (5)
9. TSS Earnslaw in Queenstown is one (9)
14. Supporters of PM Muldoon (4,3)
15. Distinctive NZ bird (7)
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19. Torment (5)
20. On road motorsport event (5)
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# More Covid rural support needed, says Health network

Hauora Taiwhenua Rural Health Network welcomes the Government's announcement to widen the criteria under which the COVID-19 antiviral medication, Paxlovid, can be prescribed but has concerns around safety and support available in rural communities.

The Network says it is an important step forward as New Zealand comes into the next surge of COVID-19, which will have a huge impact on health services and is already resulting in a higher number of deaths each day.

"However, the decisions to allow community pharmacists to supply this medication without a prescription, and the mention of 'back pocket'

prescriptions, raise some serious questions regarding patient safety, which need to be adequately addressed before this becomes a reality, says Hauora Taiwhenua Rural Health Network Chair Dr Fiona Bolden.

"Community pharmacists are an essential part of our rural health care team who have already had a very positive role in helping with the care of Covid in the community."

"Supplying this medication without the safety, support, and communication tools as well as adequate training will place additional unnecessary pressure on them."

Paxlovid is a complex medication, which has

many interactions with other medications and can't be used without a person having adequate kidney function. It can cause side effects which need explanation and management.

For Paxlovid to be safely supplied, access to this information is required and it is currently not available in a universal way across the country.

"In remote rural areas some people have had their anti-viral medication prescribed from many kilometres away and couriered to them from an urban pharmacy," Dr Bolden says.

"This is important if we are to achieve equity in access for these medications and it also needs to be done in a context where that person can get

further care for their illness if it is needed in a timely manner."

"Clinical assessment is always going to be an essential part of managing illnesses no matter where people live. Outcomes to changes in care need to be monitored carefully for unintended consequences," Dr Bolden says.

Hauora Taiwhenua is eager to work with Te Whatu Ora Health New Zealand and the Royal New Zealand College of General Practitioners, to ensure appropriate mechanisms are developed for the safe use of these therapeutic medicines by those in rural areas of New Zealand.

## Blue Duck Station wins innovation award

Dan Steele and Sandy Waters, Blue Duck Station, are the 2022 winners of the Massey University Innovation Award and the Margaret Matthews Award.

The Horizons Ballance Farm Environment Awards were announced at a function on 7 July. The Awards, run by the New Zealand Farm Environment Trust, champion sustainable farming and growing.

The Margaret Matthews Trophy is for commitment to sustainability and recognises an entrant "who has shown promise, commitment or determination to improve the sustainability of their farm in line with the ethos of the Farm Environment Awards".

This is an award specific to the Horizons region.

The Massey University Innovation Award recognises the farmer or grower that demonstrates Kiwi ingenuity for solving a problem or pursuing a new opportunity. The Award takes into account the extent to which new technologies, tools and processes have been introduced alongside other farm practices as a means of improving environmental, social and economic outcomes.

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Dan Steele from Blue Duck Station - winners of two farm environmental awards.



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# GNS movers and shakers enjoy paradise for volcanologists

New Zealand's first line of defence against volcanic eruption is an unassuming collection of buildings on the Waikato River just north of Taupō – well outside the *Bulletin's* readership area. But the work of the scientists based there are of huge interests to those living under the shadows of Mt Ruapehu. Matthew Martin reports:

By MATTHEW MARTIN WAIKATO TIMES/STUFF

Apart from a rather serious-looking security fence, the GNS Science Wairakei Research Centre looks deceptively normal.

It's not your stereotypical movie-set science base – no space age buildings, flashing lights or security guards, and not a white lab coat in sight.

A pair of transportable offices are set up as a reception area with some older buildings nearby, at least one of which is closed due to asbestos contamination. Behind reception lies a barbed wire and electrified chain link fence housing the ominous-sounding Zone 13, where the real science happens.

Plonked in the middle of an active geothermal field in the shadow of Mt Ruapehu, you could not pick a better place to study and monitor New Zealand's volcanic wonders. In fact, our guide Dr Agnes Mazot, a volcanic gas geochemist originally from Lyon, France, says New Zealand is a "paradise for volcanologists".

Mazot has studied volcanoes in Italy, Mexico, Indonesia, and the Pacific Islands and has been working for GNS for 13 years. Her area of expertise is gas; specifically the volcanic and hydrothermal gases released by volcanoes and how they can be used to interpret what is happening under the surface.

## Important gas

"The gas is a very important part of looking at seismicity and magma deformation," Mazot said.

"We look at what's coming out of the magma and the three main gases, carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>) sulphur dioxide (SO<sub>2</sub>) and hydrogen sulphide (H<sub>2</sub>S) – the one that smells like rotten eggs."

CO<sub>2</sub> is a sign of deep degassing more than 10km down and can be an early warning signal.

"They're like an open window of what's going on down there."

During volcanic alert level 2 Mazot is often up in a plane flying over the mountain weekly or fortnightly, depending on the mountain's underlying activity.

There's a number-eight-wire feel to the volcanic centre. Open office doors reveal gumboots, backpacks and hiking gear. The SO<sub>2</sub> sampling system the scientists use dates back to 1996 and needs at least two people to carry it, although it's about to be replaced with a modern handheld version.

"It's a correlation spectrometer, it's old, but it works really well," Dr Mazot reassured us.



**Volcanologist Dr Agnes Mazot, with technician Cam Asher with one of his testing drones: 'I build the stuff, they test the stuff, break the stuff and I fix the stuff again.'** Photo: Christel Yardley Waikato Times/Stuff.

The spectrometer fits into an approximately 10cm-wide hole in an aeroplane door that also happens to be sitting in the corner of the same room. The scientists take the door with them, so it can be fitted on to any aeroplane they are using on the day.

## Unique equipment

Scientists often have technicians build unique pieces of equipment designed specifically for use in their individual fields of research.

Senior operations technician Cam Asher is part of GNS's Remote Infrastructure Man-

agement Team – his office is an electronics workshop filled with cable ties, plastic piping, old drones, monitoring gear and other random pieces of tech.

Asher builds and maintains GeoNet earthquake monitoring sites and also specialises in unmanned aerial vehicle and drone technologies, plus the visual and gas monitoring of volcanoes.

He completed a Master's degree studying volcanic lichen, and has worked in a variety of places including Antarctica.

## Remote boat

Technicians are adept at repurposing commercial technology for their own purposes, such as a remote-controlled boat Asher is working on which will house equipment designed to carry out tests on Ruapehu's crater lake (Te Wai ā-moe) as well as some basic sonar gear.

"It will drive around and collect depth data, so we can identify if there's a dome or something building under the water. I build the stuff, they test the stuff, break the stuff and I fix the stuff

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# Rabbit to stand for a fourth term

David 'Rabbit' Nottage has announced that he will stand for election to the Ruapehu District Council in the October elections.

He is currently serving his third term as a Waimarino councillor.

"I'd like to thank friends, supporters and our community for the trust and respect that goes with representing them at Council over the last nine years," says Rabbit Nottage.

"I have tried to give the best to our communities and I hope you can give me a tick for another year."

He says he is always available "for a chat on the side of the road or at the supermarket".

"We have a great district and an awesome environment and I stand for a cleaner, healthier, prosperous Ruapehu for all."



**'Rabbit' Nottage - up for a fourth term on Council.**

## River trust changes

The Whananui River Enhancement Trust has a new chair – Jenny Duncan, who replaces Warren Furner who has stepped down.

Jenny Duncan is deputy mayor of the Whanganui District Council.

Warren Furner had been chair of the trust since 2003 and stepped down as he is heading overseas to trace the ancestral route from Tahiti to New Zealand with his wife, Carleen.



**Jenny Duncan.**

# Absentee landowners can vote too

People who don't live in the Ruapehu District but who pay rates on a property here may qualify to vote in both areas at the local authority elections this October, advises the Ruapehu District Council.

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"This is based on the address you have given previously when enrolling. Your voting documents will be sent to this address."

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again."

Every Monday a team of scientists from around the country meets to discuss their latest findings and decide on the week's programme of monitoring work. They also consider any changes to alert levels on the volcanoes they monitor, including Ruapehu, Tongariro and Whakaari (White

Island) – with heightened scrutiny during periods of increased volcanic activity, as has been seen in recent weeks.

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# Ohakune trail blazer passes

Ex-Ohakune resident Deryck Brown was remembered by friends and family at a service in Blenheim on Wednesday 6 July.

Deryck McAlpine Brown died on 29 June 2022 at the Marlborough Hospice, in his 93<sup>rd</sup> year.

Countless recreational assets that are also tourist attractions in and around Ohakune have had the efforts of Deryck at their germination and construction.

Deryck was well-known as a hard-working member of the Waimarino community, serving on several community groups and driving numerous community projects.

He was named as the Waimarino's Citizen's Award recipient for 2006, to recognise his commitment to Ohakune, the Waimarino-Waiouru Ward and the greater Ruapehu District over a 32-year period. He carried on in that commitment until he and his wife Pam moved to Blenheim.

He was a founding member of Ohakune 2000 Incorporated.

Deryck was active in developing Ohakune's very first winter festival activities to encourage the growth of the après ski scene during the first ski seasons that the Turoa ski field was open, in the 1970's.

These first winter festival activities are generally acknowledged as being the forerunner of the Ohakune Mountain Mardi Gras.

Several of the trails on Turoa Ski Area were named with input from Deryck and Pam – famously decided over a bottle of red wine with then Turoa general manager Tony Wright.

As chairman of the Mangawhero River Trail sub-committee, he was instrumental in planning, design, fund-raising and building the trail – the first shared mountain biking track in Ohakune.

This work, which included extensive weed control and planting thousands of trees, earned Deryck recognition at the Tongariro Taupo Conservancy Conservation Awards.

At the time, senior community relations officer, Dave Wakelin, noted how Deryck Brown along with Jon King and Gerard Back, "through a good deal of coercion, persuasion and drive, rallied many sectors of the township into clearing masses of blackberry and other weeds and, with the Department's financial assistance, planted thousands of native trees. The result is a river walking track that is well used by the community".

"The walkway is a credit to the town and an example to other small communities faced with similar overgrown rivers and streams."

He was also involved in building the Ohakune Old Coach Road shared trail.

Deryck served several terms as an elected member of the Waimarino-Waiouru Community Board and on the Whanganui District Health Board's Waimarino Locality Planning and Monitoring Group. He was also on the Board of the Wanganui Regional Primary Health Organisation.

The appreciation that the community has for Deryck and Pam is marked at 'Brown's Landing' picnic area on the banks of the Mangawhero River.

Deryck also sponsored ski races on Turoa for many years through the TASCI ski Club.

Deryck was born in Christchurch and educated at New Plymouth Boys High School.

His parents owned Brown's Home Bakery in Whanganui, where he gained his skills as a baker, specialising in cakes and pastries.

Deryck met a married Pam and the couple moved overseas for a time.

When they returned, he joined a bakery supply company as a sales representative.

He was offered the job as general manager of the Ohakune bakery by then-new Ohakune mayor John Gould. The Ohakune Homestyle Bakery supplied bread in the area from Huntville to Turangi.

This was at the time that Turoa Ski Area and the Winstone Pulp International Karioi mill was being built.

Along with several other local business people, Deryck was involved with the campaign to gain Government support for the plan to build the Turoa Ski Area.

Once the AHI-owned ski area was opened in the late 1970s, the group turned their attention to running the "August Scene" – two weeks of entertainment for visitors including a snow fashion show, art awards, Māori and Polynesian shows and 'stein nights'.

He was also a keen golfer, trout fisher and skier.

Deryck is survived by his wife Pamela, daughter Andrea, son Campbell and his wife Rachael and their children Alexandra and Olivia.

Campbell and Andrea Brown said Deryck's first love was his wife Pam and family, and next was his town of Ohakune.



Deryck Brown at the time of his Waimarino's 2006 citizen's award in 2006. Photo Glyn Hubbard.



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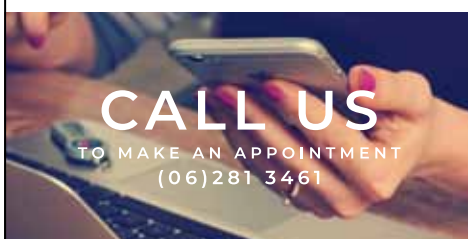
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**Waimarino-Waiouru Community Board**

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**National Park Community Board**

5.30pm, Tuesday 9 August 2022  
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**Ruapehu Bylaw Consultation Hearings**

10.00am, Wednesday 17 August 2022  
Council Chambers, Huia Street, Taumarunui

**Taumarunui-Ohura Ward Committee**

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# Ruapehu pipped for senior title

Ruapehu Seniors rugby team lost 44-25 in the Whanganui club rugby senior final on Saturday, despite scoring first and leading at half-time.

Although missing the title, Ruapehu manager Jamie Brock was still proud of the team's efforts as a solely Senior club in 2022.

"From a pretty rough start to second, that's not bad going.

"[Celtic] totally changed it up that second half, the boys didn't keep up, and they got away."

The 44-25 score line only blew out in the final two minutes, as in the early stages, Celtic wanted to move the ball in perfect conditions, but found the country team keeping them out of the 22m with solid counter rucking.

Ruapehu opened the scoring through a penalty by Kahl Elers-Green, who played a blinder.

Elers-Green added another penalty for 6-0 after 19 minutes, but against the run of play, Marist's backs uncorked a ripper of a 75m try as player-of-the-day Lafo Tearikii Ah Ching broke through the line and stepped another tackler, before finding fullback Kobe Millar inside to run under the posts.

Ruapehu stayed focused and worked back into the 15m through forwards pick-and-go, getting down to the line where Elers-Green spotted the half gap at the ruck and dived through for a try he also converted.

But that six-point lead did not last long after half-time, as another big run by Ah Ching led to a chip kick which bounced right behind the goal posts, away from diving players of both teams, before Celtic collected it in front of the tryline and lock Cory Chant dived off the ruck to score.

Koro converted and then landed a superb 42m penalty kick for a 17-13 turnaround in the 45th minute.

Again, Ruapehu lifted another gear. Following a penalty lineout the pack drove at the line, then Elers-Green went blindside and pulled in the defenders before offloading to No8 Kevin McDonnell to score, with the halfback slotting the difficult conversion.

Celtic wasted no time in replying as blindside flanker Paul Webster dashed wide down the left hand touch and found reserve back Dareus Hina-Pauro inside with a looping pass to score and put his side back in front.

Koro slotted another penalty in the 61st minute, and it looked like Celtic might have sealed it when from a scrum on halfway, Millar ran wide and swept through three diving cover tackles to scorch away for a brilliant individual try.

Celtic still wanted to play up-tempo coming out of their half, which led to a mistake, and from the scrum, Ruapehu hit up and recycled quickly before spreading to put reserve winger Kaiwhare McLeod over in the corner for 32-25 with seven minutes left.

But no one was going to deny Celtic on this day, as a couple of penalties brought them back on to attack, and No8 Maikara McDonnell took a quick tap and dived through to score.

Safe with 90 seconds remaining, Celtic attacked straight from the restart as they broke out and dashed off again for Koro to score in the corner – handing the conversion duties to Campbell Crosson to wrap things up.

Marist Celtic 44 (K Millar 2, C Chant, D Hina-Pauro, M McDonnell, T Koro tries; Koro 2 pen, 3 con, C Crosson con) bt Ruapehu 25 (K Elers-Green, K McDonnell, K McLeod tries; Elers-Green 2 pen, 2 con). HT: 13-7 Ruapehu.

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Included in those missions, on Sunday 19 June, the Greenlea Rescue Helicopter

was tasked to National Park for a woman who was suffering from Sepsis. The patient was flown to Waikato Hospital for further treatment.

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A patient from National Park was flown to Waikato Hospital on 19 June.

## Arts reach out for connections

The Ruapehu Community Arts Council (RCAC) is reaching out to the wider arts community in the district to re-establish connections after Covid has caused so much disruption to everyone's plans and schedules for so long.

RCAC is hosting a Ruapehu Arts Hui to be held in Taumarunui at 11am on 13 August and hopes to have representatives from the many different arts disciplines, arts groups and artists from all over the district, north and south.

"The Ruapehu District has the potential to become a popular destination for the Arts, with artists from a wide variety of arts disciplines already working in the area," says RCAC chairperson, Adam Stone.

"With the impact of Covid lockdowns beginning to pass, now is a good time to look to the future of the arts in our area.

"This Hui is an opportunity for us all to re-establish our networks, talk about our plans and projects and maybe find

ways to collaborate, support each other and work together moving ahead," Adam.

RCAC is an Incorporated Society that has been supporting the arts in the district for 30 years. It owns and maintains the Ruapehu Community Arts Centre, which is utilised by groups for monthly workshops, group and individual exhibitions and meetings.

"We have seen a huge disruption of our own functions during the last two years with Covid. We've been impacted by event cancellations and a decline in bookings for our gallery and we have heard that other groups have also been impacted," said Mr Stone.

"We are reaching out to the wider arts community to try and get things back on track and to find out how we can help others within the arts in the Ruapehu District to do the same."

Anyone interested in the arts and who wants to attend is asked to confirm via email to [r.c.artcentre@gmail.com](mailto:r.c.artcentre@gmail.com) by 31 July.

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## ARTISTS

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Ruapehu District Council would like to thank Chorus for working in partnership on this project



## Should the keeping of pigs in urban areas be banned?

The Ruapehu Bylaw is designed to protect the public from nuisances, minimise offensive behaviour and protect public health and safety. Council is consulting on proposals to amend some aspects of the Bylaw to better support these key objectives.



One aspect of this is around the keeping of pigs in urban areas. Council is seeking feedback on whether the current Bylaw pig keeping rules are strong enough and specifically on a proposal to ban the keeping of pigs in urban areas.

**For more info on the proposals see the Consultation Document. This can be found at your local Council office or on Council's website [ruapehudc.govt.nz](http://ruapehudc.govt.nz) where you will also find an online feedback form.**

**\* Any queries please call Vivita on 07 895 8188**




**HAVE YOUR SAY!**



# Glass art from five women on show

A unique exhibition is open in Raetihi this month, featuring artworks from five women glass artists, in the Raetihi Arts Trust Gallery in the old BNZ building.

"This is a rare opportunity to see this kind work outside of the main centres, in such a beautiful building," says Kate Cornwall, one of the five.

The exhibition shows work from five women glass makers – an unusual and difficult art medium – and contains work from internationally and nationally recognised artists, as well as a local Ohakune artist.

Once the exhibition leaves Raetihi, it will be traveling to other towns around New Zealand.

The exhibition is also timely in that 2022 is the International Year of Glass and as part of the year's celebrations, the exhibition will be included in reporting back to the United Nations.

The artists are Karin Barr, Carmen Simmonds, Evelyn Dunstan, Kate Cornwall and Heather Kremen.

Evelyn Dunstan works from her home studio in Auckland and works with lost-wax kiln casting and explores locally made crystal from Gaffer Coloured Glass.

"Modifying materials, techniques and methods, has allowed her to cast fine detail and control colour placement, taking advantage of the creative freedom for conceptual vision and innovation that the lost wax process encourages."

Her work is displayed in exhibitions, public and private collections around the world – including Sir Elton John – and she passes on her unique approach to the lost-wax process teaching in New Zealand, Australia, USA, Turkey and Italy.

Heather Kremen of Amokura Glass in Rotorua has worked in 'hot shops' since 2007.

She shares her knowledge through workshops and classes to contribute to a thriving glass art community, specializing in blown glass that incorporates intricate textile-inspired fused murrine tile patterns and elegant vessel forms. In 2019 one of my pieces won the Toi Ohomi "Innovation in Art" award. My glass art has been exhibited in Aotearoa and internationally including in the USA, France, and Japan.

Carmen Simmonds is currently working in cast glass

and mixed media from her rural studio in Whanganui. Her practice has evolved from early explorations of women's dress, into defining the 'specific techniques', such as crochet. Her current work examines how these traditional making processes can be drawn upon and visually remembered within the creation of her sculptural glass objects.

Carmen graduated from Whanganui UCOL in 2002, with a Bachelor of Fine Arts and from AUT in 2013 with a Master of Art and Design. Her glass work is exhibited in New Zealand and Internationally.

German born Karin Barr qualifies and worked as a medical lab technologist before she arrived in the Waikato in 1994. In 2003 She had the opportunity to take part in the Matamata Sculpture Symposium and discovered her passion for carving stone.

She enrolled to learn the craft of glass casting using the lost wax method in 2008/2009. She has attended national and international master classes to extend her knowledge in sculptural glass making. Karin's work is held in the Wallace Arts Trust and other private collections nationally and internationally.

Barr regularly exhibits in New Zealand, Australia and Germany. Her purposely built studio is located on a farm in Tauhei.

Kate Cornwall has a business background, with corporate change and project management qualifications, and had experimented in a variety of creative mediums until, as she puts it, she was claimed by glass.

"You don't choose glass, Glass chooses you."

She is artist and manager of Red Hot Glass, is a previous editor of NZ Society of Glass Artists (NZSAG) Newsletter and creative director of Glass Art In NZ (GAINZ).

She has exhibited in numerous shows up and down New Zealand.

Her work is kiln formed glass art, from reflections of New Zealand for the wall, to funky millefiori pendants, in a range of New Zealand-inspired contemporary glass art designs.

Kate's contemporary style offers a hand crafted range, from treasured personal pieces of art to giftware for individuals and businesses.



**Glass makers, from left, Karin Barr, Carmen Simmonds, Evelyn Dunstan, Kate Cornwall, Heather Kremen. Photo supplied.**



**'Conundrum' – a blue chalice by Evelyn Dunstan.**



**'Summer' – a large sculpture ring by Karin Barr.**

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