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## Election names slow to arrive

With just two days to go, nominations for election to the Ruapehu District Council and community boards has been very slow, with zero nominations received for the Waimarino Waiouru Community Board by Tuesday morning.

However, a number of people have expressed their intention to stand, so the number of candidates is expected to increase.

Two official nominations have been confirmed for the mayoralty – Adie Doyle and Weston Kirton.

Two others had earlier announced their intention to stand – Elijah Pue and Fiona Kaukura Hadley-Chase.

Three nominations had been confirmed by Tuesday morning for the six Ruapehu General Ward places – Robyn Gram and Lyn Neeson (who are currently councillors), John Chapman (currently a WWC member) and Peter Zimmer (currently a NPCB member).

Two nominations had been registered for the three Ruapehu Māori Ward places – Corey Wynyard and Korty Wilson.

Fiona Kaukura Hadley-Chase had earlier expressed her intention to also stand as a Māori Ward councillor. Also expressing an intention to stand for the Māori Ward was Rob Moko.

One nomination has been registered for the Ōwhango-National Park Community Board – Peter Zimmer (an incumbent member).

One nomination has been registered for the five places on the Taumarunui-Ōhura Community Board – Sophie Stockbridge.

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## Six taking on the fire challenge



**Ohakune firefighters taking on the Sky Tower Challenge, from left, Anika Heatley, Sam Deadman, Sean Drinkwater, Lee Spooner and Jeremy Mott. Inset: Andrew Donald. See inside for details.**

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# Election names slow to arrive

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The Bulletin is aware of some candidates intending to stand for the five places on the Waimarino-Waiouru Community Board, but no nominations had been registered by Tuesday morning.

Potential candidates have until noon on Friday to lodge their nominations. Forms need to be with the Deputy Electoral Officer, by email, in person to the Taumarunui office, 59-63 Huia Street Taumarunui, or by post to The Deputy Electoral Officer, Ruapehu District Council, Private Bag 1001, Taumarunui 3946.



Rob Moko, Maori Ward candidate.



Corey Wynyard, Maori Ward candidate.

## Fire challenge

Six volunteers with the Ohakune Fire Brigade have accepted the challenge to climb the Auckland Sky Tower, to raise funds for Leukaemia & Blood Cancer New Zealand (LBC).

The team aims to raise \$10,000 and have already raised over \$3000.

People can donate to the team or to individual members. So far, leading the individual funds is Jeremy Mott, followed by Andrew Donald.

The other members are Sam Deadman (captain), Anika Heatley, Lee Spooner and Sean Drinkwater.

"I can personally vouch for the commitment of this team," says Sean.

"While they have the combined drinking ability of a two-month old lamb, I

would confidently enter a fire with any of them at my side ... but preferably slightly ahead of me."

LBC says every day seven children and adults in New Zealand are diagnosed with a blood cancer like leukaemia, lymphoma and myeloma. LBC is the national charity dedicated to supporting patients and their families, this support can last months or even years.

"LBC receives very little government funding, so please sponsor us and help us support this great cause," asks the Ohakune team.

To make a donation, readers can visit <https://firefighterschallenge.org.nz/t/ohakune-volunteer-fire-brigade>



Korty Wilson, Maori Ward candidate.

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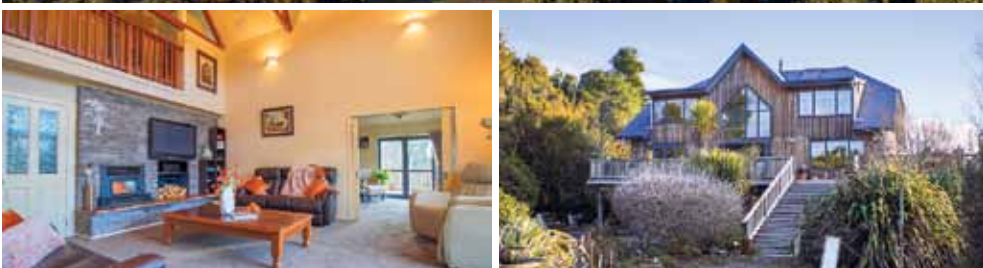
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# Well-liked first aider awarded QSM

Regular Waimarino first aid trainer Sandra Spier recently received her Queen Service Medal (QSM) that was announced in the 2022 New Year's Honours list.

"I just do what I love to do," says Sandra, recipient of a Queens Service Medal in recognition of her services to health and the community.

Her daughter Ann Byford nominated Sandra for the honour.

"It was a few years ago that I said to myself that mum needed to be acknowledged for her work in the community, not only as a paid contributor but also the volunteered work, often not noticed," says Ann.

Sandra's career in the health sector began when she was 15 at Taihape Hospital. She trained as a surgical nurse for the accident and emergency department, where surgeries happened 3-4 times a week.

After having her family, Sandra returned to health care and worked for Access Home Health, co-ordinating services in the wider Rangitikei area and up to National Park for nine years followed by three years at Ru-anui Rest Home in Taihape as a caregiver and then 18 months with Idea Services.

In 1980, Sandra trained as an ambulance officer for the Whanganui District Health Board and then later moved to St John as a trained paramedic and became the first paid female ambulance officer in the Rangitikei and Waimarino district for St John. Sandra spent 17 years as paramedic officer with St John, often with limited trained crew and volunteers. Sandra has shared many stories where crew had attended incidents in remote areas in extreme weather conditions with power outages.

In 2003, Sandra changed direction and began tutoring for MediTrain First Aid Training and then became an independent MediTrain provider in 2005. Sandra is now

in her 19th year with MediTrain.

Sandra grew up in Taihape and has great knowledge of the remote areas. This would be her strength to provide a service for first aid training, where there is limited access to such a service. She provides access to first aid training for remote and rural areas and free basic first aid training for school children, visiting 11 schools annually. Sandra also provides first aid training for at-risk youth entering employment often with little or no employment history.

She covers the areas from Taupo, Taurunui, Whanganui Awa, National Park regions, Jerusalem, Pipiriki and farming stations in the Gentle Annie and the Rangitikei awa.

Sandra has been involved with fundraisers for the new St John Taihape ambulance station since 2019 in conjunction with the Taihape Motorcycle Riders Club. The new Taihape St John Station construction is due to start in 2023.

Sandra was invested with a Queens Service Medal from Governor-General Dame Cindy Kiro on 24 May 2022 at Government House in Auckland.

Ann Byford says the nominations process was long and in-depth.

"There were more I's to dot and T's to cross than I could have ever expected, plus there was over 40 years of information I had to find to pull a successful nomination together," says Ann.

"In anything that you believe you can do, you can. And that is always my mother's attitude.

"Once the nomination process had started, I could not stop. The behind-the-scenes included research, questions, secret phone calls, newspaper clippings and photos. Mum did ask me if I was writing her obituary!"



**First-aiders Sandra Spier receives her QSM from the governor general Dame Cindy Kiro. Photo supplied.**

## Harnessing superstition to improve rail safety

KiwiRail and TrackSAFE are "harnessing the power of superstition" to encourage safer behaviour around level crossings as Rail Safety Week begins.

The number of collisions with trains has increased in the past year, prompting the creative new approach to engage with the public on rail safety.

There has been a slight increase in near misses between people, vehicles and trains over the last year, but a significant rise in collisions with trains. The number of collisions at public level crossings alone has more than doubled – from 13 in the year to 30 June, 2021 to 28 in the last year.

"We're calling on pedestrians and motorists to 'blow to the left and right as they approach a crossing,'" says KiwiRail chief executive Peter Reidy.

"Train accidents are unforgiving. The average

freight train weighs well over 1000 tonnes and cannot swerve to avoid a person or vehicle or stop easily. Sadly, eight people have lost their lives in accidents with trains over the past year.

"We continue to work with councils and other organisations to upgrade level crossings, and we're trialling new technologies – such as AI cameras that can identify trespassers on railway lines and alert approaching train drivers in good time – but Kiwis have an important role to play as well.

"The increase in collisions in the last year shows that people need to change how they act around the rail network.

"That's why this year's Rail Safety Week campaign is focused on getting people to think differently about safety, through the 'blow left and right' superstition. I also hope it sparks discussion about what behaviours would keep them safe.

"While most superstitions don't actually deliver real benefits, this one might just save lives."

TrackSAFE NZ Foundation manager Megan Drayton said people needed to take more care around railway lines and this year's campaign was a new way to get the message across.

"The jump in level crossing collisions is concerning – given many of those crossings already have flashing lights and bells or barrier arms. It shows us some motorists and pedestrians are either still being complacent or taking unnecessary risks," she says.

"But in today's high-pressure environment, we know people can switch off at more grim warnings.

"There are many interesting superstitions out there and they can be powerful drivers of human behaviour, no matter where you live or who you are.

"The new superstition we're promoting instils safe behaviour. It might sound unconventional but we're hoping that is precisely what will break through. When you blow left and right, you also conveniently look both ways, allowing you to spot oncoming trains."

Rail Safety Week runs from Monday 8 August to Sunday 14 August 2022. As part of the week, Waka Kotahi is facilitating a rail safety virtual field trip, targeted at intermediate and secondary aged students (Years 7-10).

Rail Safety Week is co-ordinated by KiwiRail and TrackSAFE in close partnership with Waka Kotahi, NZ Police, Auckland Transport, Auckland One Rail, Greater Wellington Regional Council, Transdev Wellington and councils throughout New Zealand.

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Art vibes at Raetihi



Exhibitors at the Raetihi Arts Trust Gallery, from left, Paula Charlton, Annie Stone, Barbara van der Woerd and Pauline Allomes.

A new exhibition featuring local artists opened at the Raetihi Arts Trust Gallery on Sunday.

Called ‘The Art Class’ and organised primarily by Annie Stone of Volcano Vibe Collective, it is set up to showcase the art that has been created through the Collective over the last year or two.

The exhibition includes artwork from Annie and her students who have attended her Volcano Vibe art classes this year.

In addition, there is recent work from

Volcano Vibe resident photographer Barbara Van Der Woerd and Volcano Vibe resident artist Paula Charlton.

There is also work from special guest artist Pauline Allomes from Whanganui, who brings her own unique micography technique, using written phrases to create images with deep environmental messages.

The exhibition is open on Seddon St Raetihi, seven days a week until the end of August, 10 to 4 Monday to Friday and 10 to 12 Saturday and Sunday.



Arts Trust member Bernice Frost with some of the works on display.

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  - 11. Underground worker (5)
  - 12. Christmas (4)
  - 13. Kiwi who dedicated his life to Communist China, Rewi \_\_\_\_ (5)
  - 16. Toss (5)
  - 17. Soapy foam (4)
  - 20. Upright (5)
  - 21. Hungry (7)
  - 22. Out of favour, in the \_\_\_\_ (3,3)
  - 23. Waikato rugby supporter (6)
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- 1. Prickles (8,4)
  - 2. Inexpensive piece of jewellery (7)
  - 3. Punctuation mark (5)
  - 4. Fall rapidly (7)
  - 5. Maturing (5)
  - 8. Type of educational facility established to train teachers and set standards, NZ has 22 of them (6,6)
  - 9. Someone who stands out (colloq) (4,5)
  - 14. Hamilton’s nickname (3,4)
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Down: 2. Tui Teka, 3. Powhiri, 4. Arrowtown, 6. Owner, 7. Harbour, 8. Impasse, 13. Resurrect, 14. Kelburn, 15. Tasting, 17. As a rule, 18. Swannie, 20. Equal.

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Letters

House plans

• If Weston Kirton had engaged in the consultation process council has been having for the last six months nearly, he would realise that all the things he proposes as his plan of action going forward (see *Ruapehu Bulletin*, 3 August 2022), have already been covered off in the social housing plan and the spatial plan for Taumarunui/Mananui.

Maybe he does understand what we are working on and he thinks he’ll take the credit if he was successful in his bid for Mayor.

Looks like an interesting election.

Lyn Neeson

Weston Kirton replies

• I am pleased that there is a keen interest in my Housing Policy announced in the *Ruapehu Bulletin* last week.

I know that many councillors care deeply about housing and I do not wish to diminish their efforts.

I am aware of the Council’s current plans for housing. However, I released a housing policy because as mayor believe we need to go further to tackle this growing problem.

My housing policy includes the establishment of a new community housing trust like other councils have already done. This will be a vehicle to attract government funding for new social and affordable housing, working in partnership with iwi and private developers.

My housing policy also aims to stimulate private development by making the Ruapehu District one of the easiest and cheapest places in New Zealand to build, subdivide or extend. We will do this by getting rid of unnecessary red tape and by a changing the mindset of council to one of active support for ratepayers wishing to build.

As far as I am aware, none of this is currently planned by council.

Finally, I note that my housing policy will be for all our communities, not just Taumarunui and Manunui.

Weston Kirton

Board gag

• When first elected to the National Park Board in 2017 I naively thought as elected member my input to my board and council would be positively welcomed.

It wasn’t and I very quickly learnt that calling the chief executive Clive Manley with what I considered to be important issues took away his plausible deniability.

In other words, by making him aware of issues as an elected member, he was then obligated to take action.

Out of the blue in 2018 councillor Adie Doyle, who is now standing for mayor, moved the following motion in Council: “That all correspondence to council from committee and community board members shall be in writing between the relevant chairperson and the mayor.”

Thus preventing community board members from being able to contact or question the chief executive directly. Councillors on the other hand are able to do so.

The Local Government Act divides our local governance into two strands; governance, and operations. Governance are the elected members and operations are the staff whose oversight is done by the chief executive. The two are in law

Ian McKelvie correction

Ruapehu’s Member of Parliament Ian McKelvie presents his Youth MP’s report:

• Last year I selected Daisy Tumataroa to be my Youth MP. Youth Parliament was held in Wellington last month and Daisy, who is currently a Y13 student at Taumarunui High School, did Rangitikei and herself proud. Here’s a report written by Daisy about her experience.

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separate. Elected members cannot instruct officers and officers including the chief executive cannot in turn instruct or make requests of members on matters of governance. All decision-making must take place properly constituted meetings. This request to gag community board members by the chief executive should never have been made.

I have put in a freedom of information request to council to establish what correspondence took place between Cr Doyle and the chief executive Clive Manley, and I have also written to the local government minister to establish the legality of the move.

As a Council we have now enlarged the number of community boards and increased their powers and responsibilities. Fundamental to that enhanced governance role is the ability to contact the chief executive as councillors are able to, without that communication being first filtered by the mayor.

John Chapman, candidate for Ruapehu Council

RDC mayor Don Cameron replies

• The purpose of the order is to ensure appropriate process is followed and assist with managing work demands on the chief executive not to ‘gag’ members, as the writer suggests.

Community board members are able to question and raise issues with the chief executive directly at every community board meeting.

Being open public meetings, this is the correct and proper place for raising any questions or issues with the chief executive.

With the October elections introducing larger community boards with greater responsibilities and subsequently increased workloads for staff (inc. the CE) this order is more relevant and important than ever.

It is worth noting that the majority of current Waimarino-Waiouru Community Board members agreed with the rule when it was discussed at their most recent meeting last week.

Don Cameron

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# Slowly but surely skifields set up

Despite a frustratingly slow start to the 2022 ski season, the teams on Whakapapa Ski Area are making progress in expanding the range of available slopes to ski and board.

Thursday saw the opening of the Knoll T for the first time this season and a pop-up park has been built at the top of the Valley, which opened on Friday.

In combination with the Valley T, this has given keen skiers and boarders good variation and plenty of fun has been had, reports Ruapehu Alpine Lifts.

Work also commenced on the Far West T-bar. The cable was pulled on Thursday, rigged on Friday, with final checks being completed on the weekend.

The second phase is the trail build, which also began at the end of last week.

The 'Traverse Of Fear' is being worked on, with the team currently working on creating a trail back to the Knoll area.

"There are a couple of days' work ahead to complete the trail builds, but expectation is to have this done in the next week," said RAL on Saturday.

"If we get the conditions we need over the next few days and the team is able to go about their mahi, we expect to see the Far West T open next weekend, second to the earliest-ever achieved for the T," stated RAL.

"All other lift facilities are technically ready to go, but are awaiting more snow.

"The Delta is the closest, but needs another 20cm before we can get it turning. So back to the snow kanikani (dance)!"

## Three Ruapehu projects gain biodiversity grants

Horizons Regional Council has awarded 19 community projects the Kanorau Koiora Taketake – Indigenous Biodiversity Community Grant this year, including three in the Ruapehu District.

Two of the projects are in the northern Ruapehu area, with one in the south.

They are: the Tamarunui Whakaarotahi Trust – Manunui Walkway Project; Lone Pine Property Trust – Maunga Tia Kiwi Restoration Project; and the Pauro Marino Trust – Pae Mahara restoration project – fencing to exclude stock from tawhai (beech) forest and possum control.

Horizons councillor Fiona Gordon says the Kanorau Koiora Taketake – Indigenous Biodiversity Community Grant is all about empowering communities by supporting them in their mahi.

"Our community has so many fabulous projects either planned or underway, all working to improve native biodiversity, reconnect people with nature and benefit mātauranga Māori, which were key criteria for selection," says Cr Gordon.

"This year we received 26 applications for funding spanning the entire region from

Ruapehu in the north, to Horowhenua in the south, Whanganui in the west and Taranaki in the east.

"It's always inspiring to read through all the applications for the grant. The level of commitment, drive and investment our community has in their projects is phenomenal."

Following a councillor panel decision process, 19 community projects have received funding from the \$240,000 available.

"There was a wide variety of applications including coastal and wetland restoration, bird sanctuaries, kiwi habitat restoration, native plantings and weeding, pest management and walkway signage. Horizons is pleased to provide funding to help advance these projects and thanks everyone who applied."

The next round of applications for the Kanorau Koiora Taketake – Indigenous Biodiversity Community Grant opens in April 2023. More information about what grants Horizons has available to community groups is at [horizons.govt.nz](https://horizons.govt.nz).



RAL maintenance staff work on the Far West T-Bar. Photo: Joel McDowell.



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## Creative Communities Scheme

### Grant applications now open

Ruapehu District Council on behalf of Creative New Zealand is pleased to announce a new round of grant funding for the Creative Communities Scheme. If you are involved with any activity or project, that increases participation in the arts or culture at a local level, you may be eligible for funding. This includes such things as increasing the range and diversity of arts and culture available to local communities, or any project that enhances or strengthens the local arts sector.

### Want to help increase local participation in arts and culture?

New community members are needed for the Creative Communities Scheme (CCS) Assessment Committee. As a CCS Assessment Committee member you will help make decisions on the grant applications with the goal of increasing participation in local arts and culture activities. If you have a passion for arts and culture and want to help encourage its growth and development in Ruapehu consider applying to join.

### More info

For more info on Creative Communities Scheme grant applications (inc. application forms) and applying to become a CCS Assessment Committee community member see Council's website: [ruapehudc.govt.nz](https://ruapehudc.govt.nz) (or use the QR code) or call Candice on 07 895 8188.





# Illegal Tongariro huts to be removed



Owners of illegal huts like this one in the Tongariro Forest will be allowed time to remove them. Photo supplied.

The Department of Conservation has announced it will remove illegal huts found in the Tongariro Forest.

“DOC cannot accept liability for the risks associated with these huts and, because their construction is in breach of The Conservation Act 1987, their removal is required,” the Department has announced.

DOC Tongariro will begin operations to remove all known illegal huts in Tongariro Forest and will monitor to ensure compliance with legislation that no further huts are constructed illegally on public conservation land.

“Not only is the construction of any structure on pub-

lic conservation land an offence under the Act, but it is also a breach of legislation to clear native vegetation for construction sites or tracks in the bush, fell native trees for firewood, or to deposit any general rubbish, fire ash or human waste within a public conservation area.

“Department of Conservation staff will be notifying hut owners ahead of their removal to allow enough time to remove the structure and associated infrastructure. Any individuals found to be constructing new structures illegally within Tongariro Forest will be issued infringements and fines,” states DOC.

# Ruapehu to encourage shakeout participation

The local council wants to encourage as many people as possible in the Ruapehu region to take part in this year’s ‘ShakeOut 2022’ national earthquake drill in October.

The yearly ShakeOut exercise encourages schools, businesses, organisations, and whānau to sign up online then ‘drop, cover, hold’ for 30 to 60 seconds at 9:30am on the day, when the practice earthquake hits.

Ruapehu emergency management officer Andrew Chambers said that exercises such as the ShakeOut are “a great way of keeping yourself, your friends and whānau safe by instinctively knowing what to do in the event of a real earthquake”.

“With New Zealand being located on the boundary of two of the world’s major tectonic plates, we are particularly earthquake prone,” he said.

“As these plates slowly drive against each other, causing one to be pushed past and under the other, Aotearoa-New Zealand can experience some very big shakes as we have seen in recent memory.”

People who want to take part in ShakeOut 2022 can sign up online at [shakeout.govt.nz](https://shakeout.govt.nz) where they will find everything they need to know about taking part and also be in the draw to win a Civil Defence wheelie bin or a personal grab bag.

The ShakeOut website has resources including posters, videos, and articles to help with learning how to prepare and respond to a real earthquake event.

“If you are involved with young people as a caregiver or teacher, you will find some great resources specifically made for them,” says Andrew.

“Council has also made up a special colouring-in activity featuring Stan the dog practising for the ShakeOut, which you will find in the local papers, on our website – [ruapehu.govt.nz](https://ruapehu.govt.nz) or can be picked up at your local Council office.

“When your kids have finished bring their picture back into your local library so we can put it on display,” he said.

**GET READY TO Shake Out**

ShakeOut is an earthquake drill across Aotearoa to remind people of the right of action to take during an earthquake.

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## What’s the plan, Stan?





Mt Ngauruhoe climber dies

College students to build a house

A climber on Mt Ngāuruhoe died after falling into a gully on Friday, reports New Zealand Police.

A rāhui was put in place on the mountain following the recovery of his body on Saturday.

The man was one of a group that had been climbing on Mt Ngāuruhoe.

Police were notified by Rescue Coordination Centre New Zealand after a Personal Locator Beacon activation was received.

Although quickly located by the Greenlea Rescue Helicopter crew, the man was dead.

His body was uplifted by Police and members of the Ruapehu Alpine Rescue Organisation using a helicopter.

Relieving response manager Acting Senior Sergeant Shane McNally would like to thank all of those involved in the recovery efforts.

“While this is a tragic outcome, we are glad we can bring his body home for his loved ones and our thoughts are with them at this difficult time.”

The man’s death has been referred to the coroner.

The Department of Conservation said the rāhui was in place from Saturday 6 August to sunrise on Tuesday 9 August 2022.

“It is with great sadness that Ngāti Hikairo ki Tongariro and Ngāti Tūwharetoa acknowledge the recent death in Tongariro National Park,” advised the Department.

A rāhui (physical and spiritual protection mechanism) sets a temporary prohibition around the rāhui area and limits access for that period in order to acknowledge the death and to express sympathy to the whānau of the deceased.

“It provides time for tapu (sacredness) to dissipate following the death allowing time for healing and recovery of the natural elements at place as well as the people; in particular the grieving whānau,” says DoC.

All hikers in the area were asked to consider using alternative tracks during the rāhui.



Supporting a plan for students to build a house are, from left, Elijah Pue - BOT chair and Ngati Rangi board rep; Marama Allen - Principal and overseeing the Ruapehu College Construction Trades Academy; Peter MacDonald - chief executive for AGC Training for Industry; Lesley Edmonds - BOT member and Uenuku board rep; Steve Mackrell - Deputy Principal and oversees the senior curriculum and vocational pathways.

A corner of the grounds at Ruapehu College will ring out to the sounds of hammers next year, when a group of students will take on the challenge to build a house.

The programme will be run as Ruapehu College Construction Trades Academy [RCCTA] and expressions of interest from students is being sought now.

It is a partnership between the College and AGC Training, offering training to Year 11 and Year 12 students.

The construction will be a 3-bedroom relocatable house, to a lock-up stage.

Once complete, the house will be sold and transported to a final site, for internal completion.

“This programme further develops the skills and knowledge gained as part of the School Technology curriculum and will expose students to a real-life building project,” says principal Marama Allen.

Students will participate in a 2-day programme of study gaining Level 3 Credits towards the Construction Pre-Trade qualification.

“This is an industry partnership facilitated by AGC Training in bringing this real-life opportunity to Ruapehu College students.”

The College has been, or is still, in discussions with the school Board of Trustees, the Ruapehu District Council, and the Ministry of Education.

The School is yet to choose a site for the project but it is likely to be close to the school boundary, probably on Tainui Street, for ease of removal once complete.

AGC Training would facilitate the tutoring of the Trades Academy Programme, focusing on Level 3 Pre-Trade.

The College will choose a minimum of 12 Students for two days per week to be part of the Construction Trades Academy each year for the next 3-5 years.

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# Rock students rock on



**Ruapehu 'Rock' College was well-represented at the recent regional Smokefree event in Whanganui.**

EYE ON RUAPEHU COLLEGE, CONTRIBUTED BY STAFF AND STUDENTS

Ruapehu College once again sent significant numbers to the Smokefree Rockquest this year, including an acoustic-electric duo and three bands comprised of sixteen students from Year 10 to 13.

Head of Performing Arts Dave Sims said that although the prizes evaded the students this year, the young musicians did themselves proud.

"This is the first year that the Whanganui region has needed a regional heat before submission for a digital final," says Mr Sims.

"That's great for music in the area. It means more kids are playing and writing music than ever."

Each of the College's bands was invited to submit for the final, but many of the students were incredibly busy with NCEA commitments at that end of the term, which made it tough."

He said he was proud of each and every student that participated.

"It is amazing to see these young people fizz at the prospect of writing and performing their own music on stage. The energy on the night is amazing and the Whanganui Opera House is a wonderful venue – they get the full treatment from the crew.

"Each act was really well received by the audience which helped the performances along, plus here was a live stream of the show this year which was great for our supporters up here at the maunga!"

## College sports

The Ruapehu College term has started with sport happening nearly every day.

Last week, Snow Academy students had their first day up the mountain and they are looking

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**The winners at the ball, from left: Year 12 Sunita Dennison and Anton Fraser; Ultimate winners Bella Hohipa and Cameron Smith; and Year 11 Hye-le Wihare-Hansen and Harry Rowe.**



**College squash players, from left, back row: Kirsty Osborne, Liam Burnard, Archie Mills, Cameron Smith, Harry Rowe, Bella Hohipa, Hye-le Wihare-Hansen. Front Row: Matthew Smith, Maraea Buckingham, Jayden Bailey, Sophie Collier, Grace Burnard, Hira Hancy**

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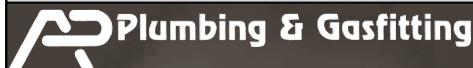
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## Heartland rugby



Four men from the southern Ruapehu District have been named in the 2022 Steelform Whanganui Heartland Squad for the upcoming 2022 Bunnings Warehouse Heartland Championship. They are joined by Kimi McNaught who is assistant coach. They are pictured at their pre-season game on Saturday at Tremaine Field Napier - where the team beat Hawkes Bay Saracens 45-27 - from left, Kahl Elers-Green, half back; Gabriel Hakaraia, tight-head prop; Jamie Hughes, flanker; Roman Tutauha, hooker; and Kimi McNaught assistant. Photo: Merrilyn George.

## Rock students rock on

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forward to more days to come.

The mixed football team travelled to Taupo and played a great, close game against Tauhara College narrowly losing 2-1. This week they are playing Taumarunui.

The boys rugby team had a bye so a friendly game was arranged against Taumarunui High School. They won 67-0 and this week they play against Whanganui High School at Rochfort Park at 3.45pm.

The girls rugby team is looking forward to their game this week against Cullinane after several weeks of not being able to play due to a scheduled bye and opposing teams defaulting.

The junior boys basketball team are really enjoying their weekly games in Whanganui, even with a loss last week 61-11 to Whanganui High School.

Ruapehu College sent two teams to the New Zealand Secondary School Squash Championships in Auckland last week. After some amazing squash, hard-fought battles, close losses and big wins, the girl's team finished ninth, taking out the plate trophy and the boys team finished 14th out of 32 teams with their last match being a narrow loss to Cullinane College.

Also a big congratulations to Liam Burnard who was named as a non-traveling reserve for the New Zealand trans-Tasman tournament team that will travel to Melbourne in a couple of weeks.

Organising teacher, Matthew Laurenson, who was coach/manager of the teams was hugely impressed by all the students.

### At the ball

Ruapehu College Year 13 students hosted the rest of the senior students, staff and visitors at the 2022 ball on Saturday 30 July. Students had been fundraising and organising for weeks and managed to pull off an awesome event, says teacher Ann Stuckey.

The school hall had been decorated for the 'Starry Night' theme for the 120 participants.

Guests were served food provided by Rustic Eating House, Waiouru, danced to music by DJ AREA and had their whole night recorded by B Photography, whose photographer Barbara VanderWoerd took stunning photos of students "looking their absolute best".

"Year 13 students were very happy with the turnout and with the results of their hard work," says Mrs Stuckey.

"Students at Ruapehu College have been happy that they have had a ball every year in the last three years as many balls have been cancelled."

All guests voted for their favourites for Year 11s "Duke and Duchess", Year 12's "Prince and Princess" and Year 13's "King and Queen".

"All announcements were met with great amounts of cheering so it would seem the choices were very popular."

## Green carrot? Not a snowball's chance!



The winter, including Ruapehu's Tammy Davis took to the Ohakune Big Carrot last week - "painting it green" to help promote the George FM Snowball on the weekend. The stunt was just virtual though - to the relief of orange carrot traditionalists, it was just a good Photoshop job.

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# Mountain films success

Thursday's Mountain Films night at Kings, Ohakune Junction raised \$1270 for the Ohakune Primary School's William Pike Challenge students.

More than 60 people filled the screen room to watch a series of Kiwi films, featuring a wide range of stories, starting with a five-minute look at a bunch of Wellington seniors trampers who head out every Wednesday to go off the beaten track, in fact completely off track.

Another film also featured off-track adventure

– a traverse the spine of the Southern Alps that has a mental health message.

The boys on tour was a short film featuring several Kiwi world-beating skiers as they visit the series of club fields in the Arthur's Pass area.

The last film followed three Kiwi women living in Switzerland who decide to skip the airplane and take the long way home – by bicycle. They set out on two wheels to cover the 20,000km through Europe, Asia and the length of New Zealand.

Organisers of the film night, which was sponsored by the *Ruapehu Bulletin* and Cheal, also drew spot prizes on the night. Winning day passes donated by Ruapehu Alpine Lifts, was Joe Toddhunter and Zachary Keay.

## Next show

The next film night, on 8 September, will feature a different set of films, so those who were there on Thursday could also head along to see the second set, which all feature overseas experiences.

# King Country builder rides Aotearoa for Hospice



**Kieran Powell is riding round Aotearoa for Hospice.**

Rural King Country builder Kieran Powell is downing tools this summer to cycle the circumference of New Zealand in a bid to raise money for Hospice New Zealand.

In May, Kieran's Nana was diagnosed with terminal bowel cancer at the age of 97 and was admitted to Hospice care in the Waikato.

Since then, her family say she has received the most amazing care and support which ignited Kieran's spark to do something tangible to help the charity.

Not one to back down from a challenge, Kieran, 30, decided to go further than cycling the length of Aotearoa and instead, cycle around it, navigating some of the toughest coastal country on offer.

You can donate to Hospice Waikato through the fund-raising campaign by clicking this link and selecting "the long way home" under "type of donation".

## Junior rugby

Ruapehu's Under 13 team has made it to the competition final for the second year in a row. They have suffered just one loss this season. The final is this weekend at Whanganui Cooks Gardens, playing Kaierau.

## Ohakune squash

The second round of inter-house competition continued to produce close results on Thursday. Team two beat team three 101-91, team seven beat team six 100-88 and team one beat team five 115-102 whilst team four picked up 100 points for the bye. This week at 5pm, team four plays team two, at 6:30 team seven plays team three, at 8pm team six plays team one whilst team five has the bye.

Team four helps with kitchen duties for the first half 5:00 until 7:15 and team one is on the second half from 7:15 to 9:30.

Entries for club champs are being asked for currently. First up will be the graded club champs during the week starting 22 August. The following week will be the Open club champs and the tenderfoot and primary school divisions. Masters, Seniors and Junior club champs will be held the following week starting 5 September.

August Leagues are up. Winners of last month's, all games played spot prizes were Arcade Belt – Simon Barlow, Ball – Sam Rowe, Grip – Jade Kendrick.

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