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RDC targets illegal users in water loss mystery

By Moana Ellis, Local Democracy Reporter

Ruapehu District Council is installing dozens of isolation valves across its Ohakune water network to help solve the mystery of massive water losses.

The Council says 40 isolation valves will help pinpoint leaks or high usage points, including possible illegal commercial water take from the Ohakune reticulated network.

The council is also considering using thermal imaging to find underground leakages on private properties as the holiday town battles to stem the unexplained loss of 720,000 litres (720m3 cubic meters) of water every day from the network.

Swimming pools sized leak

In June last year, the council said the volume of missing water was equivalent to filling the township's swimming pool two and a half times every day.

Reducing the unexplained water loss was critical to managing future demand – including servicing growth in new housing developments – and to avoid precautionary boil water notices.

Boil water notices are issued when the council is unable to supply water that meets drinking water standards. It is a particular



problem during periods of heavy rain and busy school holidays, when poor raw water quality reduces drinking water output and there is not enough treated water stored to manage heavy demand.

Manager Infrastructure Services, Stuart Watson, said reducing overall water demand and stemming loss through leaks by 20,000 litres per hour to 10,000 litres per hour would give Ohakune the best chance of avoiding a boil water notice during those times. It would also help keep within water take resource consent limits and allow the Ohakune Water Treatment Plant to service much-needed new housing, he said.

Chief executive Clive Manley said water savings of between 5000 and 10,000 litres per hour (5m3-10m3/hr) had been achieved in the past year through an ongoing awareness drive. The campaign asks people to report leaks diligently, because porous volcanic soils allow water to flow away

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Firing up fire safety in Ohakune

Te Kehu Chadwick-Edwards gets a helping hand from volunteer firefighter Terri Webb at the Ohakune Fire Station recently. See inside for more.

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– there seems to be strong views on whether dogs should be banned from the Ruatiti Domain; along with other dog-related issues.

Council will also be deciding whether or not the keeping of pigs should be restricted in urban areas.

Freedom camping

Also up for discussion is whether freedom camping should be banned in Ohakune and the New Zealand Motor Caravan Association has come back with a submission that not only refutes the need for freedom camping to be banned in Ohakune, but also suggesting other potential sites across the District, including a number in Taumarunui. Ruapehu Bulletin editor says:

Jim Shore's view is wrong on a couple of counts: RDC is not proposing to "get rid of cats".

We don't believe it would be 'political suicide' to vote in favour of the measures to control cats.

A recent survey carried out by the SPCA shows that public opinion in New Zealand is strongly in support of a National Cat Management Strategy (78%).

Survey respondents were mostly concerned about feral and 'unmanaged' stray cats preying on wildlife (86%).

Limits on the number of cats owned and cat restriction zones along with microchipping was supported by more than 65% of survey respondents.

Council registration and de-sexing were supported by the majority (more than 58%).

"These findings provide insight into public opinion regarding the management of cats in New Zealand, which should be considered during the development of legislation in this area," stated the SPCA.

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Fire fun

Three groups of Ohakune Primary School children headed to the Ohakune Fire Station to learn about fire safety and witness some of the equipment that the fire fighters use. Fire fighter Luigi Hotter (background) showed pupils how they tap into a fire hydrant and connect it to a fire appliance; how they use the appliance as a pump to feed the hoses; how the lights and sirens work – with some of the children given the chance to sit in the front seat and turn on the alarms. They were also shown some of the equipment carried on a fire truck. Mr Hotter and the other fire fighters also showed the children how to escape from a room filled with smoke – they were escorted through a smoke-filled area of the station, getting low to the floor to avoid the worst of the smoke (pictured). The fire fighters used a special machine that creates non-toxic smoke for the training.



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underground, making leaks hard to spot.

Free plumber

Residents are also being offered free plumbing to the value of \$200 per job to fix household leaks and drips.

"We've had 48 people taking up the free plumbing so far, and we're pleased with that response," Manley said.

Council water contractor Veolia fixed all network leaks found as a result of the free plumbing offer and any other known failures within the water network had been addressed, he said.

"To achieve half of the required water saving is significant but we are still using more water than we theoretically should be."

Manley said the council was now investigating the possibility of informal takes or illegal commercial usage.

"We are methodically working through identifying those informal takes where people have tapped into the pipes and are taking water that we're not aware of. Some practices may have been in place for years.

"We should know who takes water. We will then have discussions with those users and work with them to regularise water take. We're not going to close down businesses – it's more a case of understanding who is taking the water."

Manley said the council was carefully working through a strategy to target illegal commercial usage at the extremities

of the network.

"We had water staff walk around the rural/outer parts of the network looking for unusual connections. This identified a number of practices that would consume a significant volume of water.

"These users were spoken with, resulting in behaviour changes at the time. We are maintaining ongoing monitoring of these situations."

Isolation valves would enable the control of water flow across smaller areas of the reticulated network to identify what was happening in those isolated sections.

"Veolia have identified the exact locations within the network for the installations to take place," Manley said.

The work did not proceed immediately because water modelling was needed beforehand to provide for a new housing development.

"This modelling has now been completed and calibrated based on the potential new housing developments. The cost of the work has been budgeted for this 2022/23 financial year where we plan to install approximately 40 new isolation valves.

"This will allow us to fine tune and better understand the demand. Based on the minute data acquired from the reservoirs, the demand ramps up and down throughout the night. This demonstrates usage."

Manley said underground leakage through private properties was a potential problem, which could be explored in the new financial year. New thermal imaging technology could be effective at targeting this sort of loss.

He said proposed Three Waters reform has had no impact on the council's efforts to stop water disappearing.

"Three Waters reform is not relevant. We are required to manage our water well," Manley said.

The council's Long Term Plan includes maintaining an accelerated work programme to upgrade its drinking water plants within five years. One of these projects is a new water treatment plant for Ohakune.

"Making drinking water is expensive and fixing large water losses directly affects the capacity of plant we need to build and how much water we need to make."

Manley said there were no plans to introduce water meters for domestic users.

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Ohakune braces as ski workers lose jobs

By Katie Todd, RNZ reporter

Ohakune businesses are bracing for the “inevitable” knock-on effects of job cuts and operational downsizing on Mt Ruapehu’s skifields.

Just six weeks into the ski season, warm, wet weather has left most of the mountain barren, rocky and un-skiable - putting 125 workers on Tūroa and Whakapapa out of a job.

Last week’s redundancy announcement, by Ruapehu Alpine Lifts, has now prompted a number of departures at the Ohakune ski worker accommodation run by Logan Akers.

He said the accommodation he purchased last year and converted for staff lodging had been fully occupied last winter.

Just seven ski workers had been staying there this winter - and only one of them was staying on.

“The thing for us is finding anyway we can utilise the building we have to cover the shortfall

in our mortgage payments over the next few months,” Akers said.

Despite offering discounted accommodation to ski staff who have lost jobs on Mt Ruapehu, people had told him they just could not afford to stay put without work, he said.

Ruapehu District mayor Don Cameron said the Ministry of Social Development was doing what it could to help ski workers on that front.

“They’re bringing a lot of resources in, over the next few days, to talk to everyone that’s out of work, to offer them work. There is work available, within the district,” he said.

Ironically, the job cuts have happened right as the central North Island grapples with a labour shortage, exacerbated by two years of closed borders.

A regional insights report prepared by MBIE in June, released under the Official Information

Act, described the critical need for more staff to keep Ohakune businesses going.

The report said the problem was so bad one restaurant had been unable to open for two years.

It also discussed the lack of customers and “dire” need for tourists to return to the ski fields.

Discouraged

Akers feared last week’s announcement would only serve to discourage tourists further - with widespread impacts.

“It’s everyone. It’s from mum and dad fish-n-chip shops through to the biggest hotels and motels ... I imagine all of the existing bookings have been cancelled.”

Ruapehu Mountain Motel and Lodge co-owner Leigh Berry believed there was plenty of other reasons to visit the township.

She said tourists might be enticed to try mountain biking, hiking trails or the Sky Waka gondola

on Whakapapa.

Berry also hoped ski staff who have enjoyed living in Ohakune would be able to stay put too.

“They certainly enjoy the area, they love the town ... if they can stay we’re willing to support them in any way we can,” she said.

“If we can keep them around to see if we’re going to get snowfall in September, that would be really great.”

Karl Christensen, owner of The Mountain Rocks Cafe, was staying positive.

He said some businesses in town had survived eruptions in the middle of ski season in the 1990s and 2007 - as well as two years of Covid’s impacts - so they knew a thing or two about resilience.

“Everyone’s kind of knuckled down and we all know how to do this. We’re just hunkering down and hoping for the best,” he said.

Most want tougher cats rules

By Mark Ebrey

Ruapehu District councillors are being asked to make a decision at their meeting this week on putting restrictions on cat ownership.

RDC asked for submissions on its by-law review on whether cat owners should be required to microchip, desex and register their cars.

This could be akin to “political suicide” according to *Taumarunui Bulletin* correspondent Jim Shore, although he gave no reasoning for his view. He claimed that it is a “well-known fact that any candidate who campaigns to get rid of cats commits political suicide”.

But that view is at odds with a large majority of submitters.

Most submitters to the Ruapehu Bylaw are calling for a minimum of desexing, but many also support microchipping to protect native wildlife.

Microchipping would create a cat ownership register.

Many feel the current rules are not strong enough to control the number of feral cats in the District.

Council received 106 submissions on the proposed bylaw, of which nine submitters indicated they would like to speak to their submission.

Four submitters were scheduled to speak to their submission via Zoom and five were scheduled to speak to their submission in person on Wednesday last week.

Councillors are to deliberate on this issue at their meeting in Ohakune today (Wednesday 31 August) and make their final decisions at the last council meeting of the current term on 15 September.

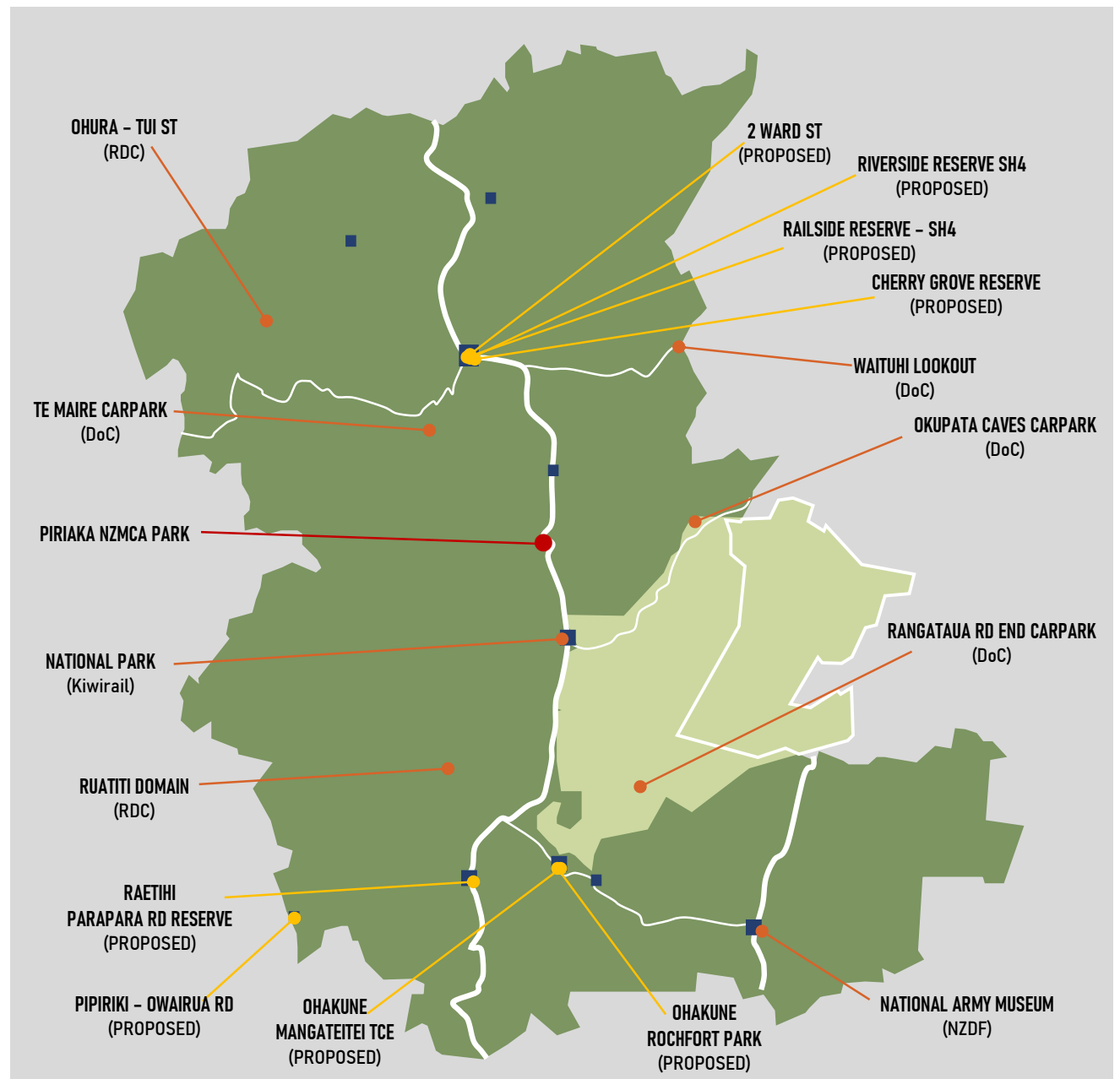
With at least six of the current council, including mayor Don Cameron, not standing again, the political implications are irrelevant for them, but there could be a backlash from voters for those councillors seeking re-election, if Jim Shore’s claim is true.

They face a real conundrum - go along with the wishes of the majority of submitters and potentially face an outcry from cat lovers - or opt for the status quo, which does not appear to be the wish of the silent majority.

Dogs too

And it’s not just cats

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By law changes not just about cats & dogs: freedom camping is also in the spotlight. Pictured is a proposed network of freedom camping sites as submitted by the New Zealand Motor Caravan Association.

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Police also want information on a number of thefts of cars and cases where vehicles have been unlawfully interfered with.

A red Nissan March, registration GUS216 and a red Ford Fiesta EBW148 are still missing.

Police believe they have been stolen for joy riding and are likely to have been dumped.

Information can also be provided anonymously via Crime Stoppers on 0800 555 111 or www.crimestoppers-nz.org

Letters

Hub facts

• Responding to Mr Chapman's letter in the Ruapehu Bulletin (17 August 2022) – I would like to correct the statement about funding for a Raetihi and Taumarunui hub.

The Ruapehu District Council have never applied for or received any funding for either a hub in Taumarunui or Raetihi.

There has been discussions within the Raetihi community about a hub as part of the town revitalisation for Raetihi, but to date no plans have yet been agreed by the community.

There has not been any discussions in Taumarunui for a hub, that is not to say there may be in the future as part of further revitalisation. This will be up to the new Community Board.

I hope this clarifies this.

Karen Ngatai, Ruapehu District councillor

Water plank

• A main plank of candidates for the local government elections seems to be whether or not to support the Three Waters initiative. Myriad holes in Ohakune's antiquated water supply system have been losing 720 tonnes of expensively sterilised and reticulated tap water every day. Council rates would triple if our drinking water system had to be completely replaced. Joining Three Waters would reduce this cost but would make us dependent on external bureaucracy.

In times past, water supplies from wells and rainwater tended to become contaminated with disease bacteria, leading to typhoid and cholera epidemics in crowded European and American cities. So in the 19th century, river water was sterilised with chlorine and carried through hundreds of miles of pipes to every city house. This system was then extended to smaller towns, including Ohakune.

If our Edwardian-era water and sewer pipes are both leaking in many places, disease bacteria could very well enter our water pipes.

However, there is a safe and independent alternative to prohibitively expensive safe reticulated water.

In houses with an old flush toilet, agitator washing machine and a bath or large shower head, the average person

Pue for the people

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come from, and most importantly, who you serve.

"You are there as a mouthpiece for the community to bring understanding of the challenges, opportunities, and how to effect positive change."

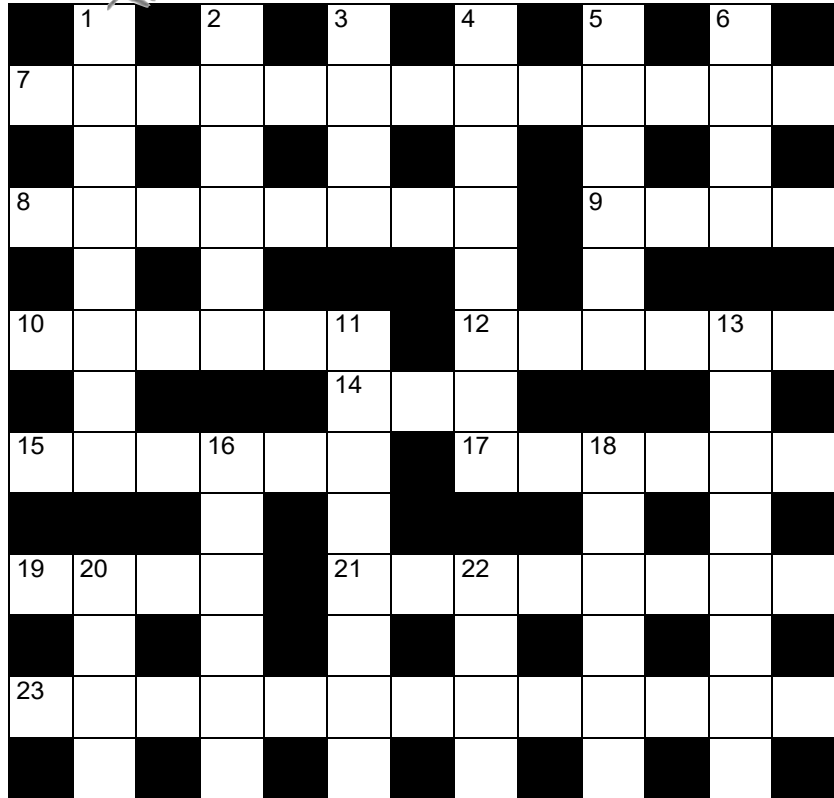
Behind the scenes, Pue has a formidable knowledge of wine, having once considered a career as a vintner, and he has won regional and national hospitality competitions – including gold. A talented home cook, loving nothing more than weekends at home with friends and family and cranking out his traditional sourdough bread and steamed pudding (made from a secret family recipe) whenever time allows.

"I'm a homebody. You'll find me slaving over my oven while listening to an audio book or golden oldies like Dr Hook. I'll go out for meetings – which I love! But apart from that it's watching my young cousins at junior rugby, entertaining friends at home, or sitting in front of the fire doing crosswords and sudoku, or reading – my current read being *Blue Blood* by Andrea Vance. And I love it when Mum, Dad or Aunty cooks a lamb roast on a Sunday night."

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Across

7. Up and down ride (6,7)
8. Dependable (8)
9. Strong fibrous native plant with sword-like leaves (4)
10. Kaingaroa is New Zealand's largest (6)
12. Ship or aircraft kitchen (6)
14. Two (Maori) (3)
15. Hands on hips (6)
17. Weighted implement used for flattening ground (6)
19. One's equal (4)
21. Important commercial fish species (8)
23. Taumarunui on the _____ (4,5,4)

Down

1. Name given to the New Zealand owl by settlers (8)
2. Fault line running down the west coast of the South Island (6)
3. South Island bach (4)
4. TV chef who has a cook school at Oxford, Canterbury (2,6)
5. Handy (6)
6. Native bird also known as the woodhen (4)
11. Pig's feet (8)
13. Pachyderm (8)
16. Type of offshore reserve – New Zealand has 44 of them (6)
18. Probable (6)
20. Formal test (4)
22. Smallest of the litter (4)

Previous solution

Across: 1. Upheaval, 7. Tiwai, 8. Tamarillo, 9. Sin, 10. Rite, 11. Escort, 13. Captain Cooker, 15. Sailor, 16. Swap, 18. Tan, 20. Hot potato, 21. Sigma, 22. Inhumane.
Down: 1. Utter, 2. Ham it up, 3. Acre, 4. Allyson Gofton, 5. Twist, 6. Pioneer, 7. Tokoroa, 12. Taniwha, 13. Contest, 14. Kiwiana, 15. Snags, 17. Probe, 19. Toru.

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uses six tonne of water every month. In more modern homes, usage is about three tonne per person per month. And every month, about 25 tonne of water falls on the roof of the average Ohakune house, sufficient for most needs.

Water rates would be reduced if a large underground rainwater tank was installed with every new house, and eventually retrofitted to older ones. Modern water supplies are now sterilised by UV rays. LED UV lights in each water tank would remove any danger of disease from bird droppings on the roof. Many Ohakune houses are empty most of the year, so connecting up neighbouring tanks could resupply shortages after a fire, or any crowded home during a drought.

John Archer, Ohakune

A new pool for Raetihi

• It's been four years since Raetihi's last revitalisation consultation presented their conclusion to Council that the town's pool would be the priority for the towns revitalisation. Since then, the can has well and truly been kicked down the road.

Entreaties from both myself as community board member and the local community to Council to get on with it, have until now fallen on deaf ears.

Then with sheer coincidence following my Ombudsman's complaint on the delay, a thorough report on the state of the pool was presented to the June Waimarino Waiouru Community Board meeting, concluding that by far the best option was to build a new pool.

It's been clear for some time that Raetihi has been the Council's bank for the District, what we don't spend in Raetihi we can spend elsewhere.

All eyes quickly fell on lining the pool, the cheapest option, as the way forward.

But wait, there is another option that has become a real possibility and that is to actually build the new pool.

The Three Waters better off funding of \$16 million gives Council the opportunity to put right years of neglect and actually follow the recommendations of a report it has commissioned. The Raetihi Pool rebuild fits perfectly the funding criteria namely: 'delivery of infrastructure and/or services that support local place-making and improvements in community well-being.'

It is an opportunity for those of us who currently represent Raetihi to ensure this time our voices in support of the town are actually heard and acted on.

John Chapman, Waimarino Waiouru Community Board member

• RDC has said they won't respond to this letter in the interests of election period neutrality.

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Mayoral candidate aims to put people first

He can tie a fencing knot, press a bale of wool, dock lambs and kill a mutton. He has chaired scores of meetings, taken on dozens of community roles and helped lead countless local events, from shearing championships to calling Housie for local fundraising.

Maybe not a typical week in the life of the average mayoral candidate, but Elijah Pue says it's part and parcel of contributing to the community he loves.

The product of a rural upbringing, grassroots connections and strong family values, Pue has built his life around his community, whether it's turning his love of acoustic and bass guitar, singing and performance to supporting Raetihi Primary school groups on stage, or competing in Ruapehu sports initiatives (he is the reigning singles indoor bowls champ for the Kāhui Maunga Games).

He's worked in Parliament, speaks two languages, has managed major health and community initiatives and is using his unique skill set and experience to champion local voice and regional development.

"I'm proud to be from Raetihi, and the Waimarino," he says.

"Attending Raetihi Primary and Ruapehu College set me up and shaped who I am today and having a rural, grassroots upbringing is the best start to life anyone could ask for."

Born in Raetihi, schooled in Raetihi Primary School's bilingual unit and later at Eketāhuna School, he grew up with his grandparents at the centre of his world.

Paternal grandparents Peter and Marilyn Feickert (of English and German ancestry) farmed across the Manawatū-Whanganui region for most of their life, including at Little Makara farm on Ruatāhira Road.

"They are very community-minded people," their proud grandson says.

"Poppy was president of the Federated Farmers and Ohakune-Raetihi Rotary and they are both devout Christians, being members of the Raetihi Baptist Church and now Taupō Baptist. They travelled to China annually for 18 years teaching Chinese minority communities ways of farming their land and were both awarded China Friendship Awards in the early 2000s.

"They are wise, kind and generous with their time, and I still go to them for advice."

Maternal grandmother, Victoria Condon, is Ngāti Ue-

nuku, Ngāti Rangi, Ngāti Kurawhatia, Ngāti Pāmoana, Ngāti Tūwharetoa, Ngāti Manunui (Wallace Pā / Māniaiti in Taumarunui) and Ngāti Kahungunu, and Pue's maternal grandfather was Mac Pue, of Te Ātiawa and Ngāti Maru descent.

His beloved 'Koko Mac' was a hard worker, Pue says, driving trucks based out of Ōhura, and carting rock from Berry's Pit at Tohunga Junction.

"He raised all of his mokopuna – we have all at one time or another lived in the whānau homestead with Koko. He was a quiet yet stern man, with a strong belief in hard work being the only thing that will get you where you need to be in life. He never believed in handouts or social welfare – only that you must get a job and work for what you want. He loved his whānau and his mokopuna meant the world to him."

Having been brought up around his grandparents on both sides, he believes his values today are a reflection of them.

"I'm proud of my roots: hard work, family and whānau, being faithful, kind and generous with your time and resources, helping those in need, and, above all, service."

A sitting councillor, Pue is standing in the October local body election for Ruapehu Mayor.

"I was honoured to be elected as a Ruapehu District councillor in 2019, and to take on that legacy of serving my community and the place that I love and call home.

"I'm here for the long haul, with the energy and drive to make sure decisions made in this district will stand us in good stead in 20, 30, 40 years' time and beyond."

Pue's track record of connecting with and contributing to mountain and river communities was forged early. He's also been on the receiving end of unlimited community support – part of why he's so determined to give back.

"My very first job was cleaning the Ruapehu Vet Clinic for \$8 an hour. My second job was waiting tables at Angel Louise Café, where I was taught how to bake by the famous Angel Reid, who still shares recipes and baking tips with me to this day. I spent school holidays docking lambs to make pocket money and in my university summer breaks I worked in the shearing sheds as a rousie."

His first experience of governance was as an elected student representative in Year 12 and 13 on the Ruapehu College board of trustees.

"I grew an utter pride in my school and the values it



Elijah Pue, standing for Ruapehu mayor for the people.

stood by. I returned to the school board in 2018 as a co-opted iwi representative, and now sit as chair of that board. It is something I am very proud of.

"Public office in any sense is about doing the right thing, making a positive impact, shining light on the things that need light and making our home a better place."

He says he was honoured to have been mentored by Dame Tariana Turia, whom he met at a student event in Wellington.

"Two weeks later I started as a private secretary in the Office of Hon Tariana Turia, who at the time was Minister of

Whānau Ora and Minister for Disability Issues and associate minister in Social Development, Health, Housing, and Tertiary Education, Skills and Employment. This was the start of my commitment to community service and trying to effect positive change.

"Community is people. People make community. No one in political office can act without the support of their community, nor without a deep understanding of the communities they represent. It is about understanding who you are, where you

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Te Kaunihera-ā-Rohe o Ruapehu
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Ruapehu District Council can apply for up to \$4.12 million in Tranche 1 of the Government's Three Waters 'Better Off' Funding.

We have identified and costed nine projects we feel would make a difference for our communities which we are considering applying for.

Before we apply however we want to know what you think about Council applying for the money, our project ideas, and any projects or ideas that you have.

- **Do you support Council applying for Three Waters 'Better Off' funding in Tranche 1?**
- **Do you support the Tranche 1 projects Council is proposing and if so how would you rank their priority**
- **What other projects or ideas could we spend the Tranche 1 money on?**

\$16.4M 'Better Off' funding offer

As part of three waters reform Government has developed a \$2 billion 'Better Off' funding package for councils to invest in their future and lift community wellbeing.

Ruapehu's share of the \$2 billion package is \$16,463,190 (\$16.46M) which can be applied for in two application rounds - Tranche 1 (\$500 million value) and Tranche 2 (\$1.5 billion value). Applications for Tranche 1 are now open and close on 31 December 2022.

Our \$16.4m allocation is available as:

- **\$4.12 million in Tranche 1 and**
- **\$12.35 million in Tranche 2** (available from 1 July 2024).

Council can choose to submit a proposal for project funding now or have the funds roll over to Tranche 2.

Have your say on what we do next

Before Council makes any final decisions we need community feedback on when (or if) to apply for 'Better Off' funding, our project proposals, and any other ideas people may have for Tranche 1. Any suggestions unable to be accommodated in Tranche 1 can be carried forward to consider as part of Tranche 2 or the next Long Term Plan.

Should we apply for Tranche 1 funding?

The Better Off Funding has been allocated to Council whether we choose to submit a proposal now or later when Tranche 2 applications open from 1 July 2024.

Applying now in Tranche 1 has the benefit that Council will be able to start delivering projects that improve community wellbeing sooner.

Although any unallocated Tranche 1 funding will roll over to Tranche 2 there is a risk that there could be changes by then that could potentially affect things.

Should Council apply for the \$4.12 million Tranche 1 Three Waters 'Better Off' funding?; or

- **Should Council let the Tranche 1 funding roll over and apply for Tranche 1 and 2 funding when it is available in 2024?; or**
- **Should Council not apply for any 'Better Off' funding?**

If you think we should apply now for the \$4.12m in Tranche 1 funding:

Following engagement with Iwi Council has identified and costed nine projects for Tranche 1 funding:

- **Do you support the Tranche 1 projects Council is proposing and if so how would you rank their priority?**
- **What other projects or ideas could we spend the Tranche 1 money on?**

Proposed Tranche 1 projects



Te Hangaruru Cycleway Pōkākā to Erua \$2,509,000

Part of the Mountain to Sea Ngā Ara Tūhono Great Ride this stage will complete the link between Pōkākā to Erua connecting the trail to National Park. The cycleway network provides important resilience for our tourism economy and additional recreational opportunities for local people.



Raetihi Pool Extension of Life \$50,000 - Further funding may be considered as part of Tranche 2 and/or the next Long Term Plan.

Tranche 1 funding to address the known leak issues and installing motorised pool covers to assist with heat retention while longer term solutions are explored.



Marae Development Fund \$200,000 - Further funding may be considered as part of Tranche 2 and/or the next Long Term Plan.

The proposal would create a seed fund under Council management to support Marae with infrastructure improvement projects. The application and reporting processes will still need to be configured. If adopted this could possibly initiate the development of an ongoing contestable fund as part of the next Long Term Plan.



Traditional and Contemporary Art in Open Spaces \$250,000

The funding will support bringing traditional and contemporary Māori and other art into our open spaces as part of township revitalisation. It would include support for implementing a five year creative strategy alongside Iwi to showcase their stories within the region as well as the revitalisation of traditional and contemporary art mediums.



North Island Passenger Rail Service Business Case Development \$10,000

Council has led the development of a high level feasibility study for reinstating North Island rail passenger services with 20 other councils as part of the North Island Main Trunk (NIMT) Railway group. The next stage of this work is the development of a Indicative Business Case (IBC) followed by a Detailed Business Case (DBC). The proposal is to use Tranche 1 funding for Ruapehu's contribution toward a scope of work to support the IBC funding application.



District Wide Accessible Walkways \$341,000 - Beginning with Taumarunui River Walkway.

Further funding may be considered as part of Tranche 2 and/or the next Long Term Plan for other walkways.

Accessible walkways in Ruapehu townships highlighting local focal points and history. Will provide increased safe, accessible transport alternatives to motor vehicles and greater recreational opportunities for communities.



Ōngarue/Taringamotu Rivers Erosion Control by Transfer Station \$87,000

Erosion control at confluence of Ōngarue and Taringamotu Rivers by the Taumarunui Transfer Station with Horizons Regional Council to protect a historical site of significance to Iwi in the north of the region.



Waimarino Social Housing Upgrade \$540,000 - Further funding may be considered as part of Tranche 2 and/or the next Long Term Plan.

Ensuring all units meet Healthy Homes Standards inc. accessibility standards where feasible. Providing temporary housing as required while works underway.



Morero Stream Revitalisation Taumarunui \$133,000

An area of significance to tangata whenua, the Morero Stream revitalisation project will involve a partnership with local Iwi Ngāti Haua to deliver. Project scope includes cleaning up of the stream, planting the banks along the Taumarunui Domain to beautify the area and consideration of a boardwalk that will connect the grandstand to the Domain. Links to the accessible Taumarunui River Walkway.

More info and feedback

You can get more info and give feedback via:

- Council's website ruapehudc.govt.nz where you can find more info on the project proposals and Government's three waters reform.
- Pick-up a hardcopy feedback form from your local Council office.
- Use your smartphone and the QR code to go directly to an online feedback form.



RDC wants views on \$4.12m 'Better Off' fund

The local council is calling on people to have their say on what to do about the \$4.12m in Tranche 1 "Better Off" funding on offer as part of Government's three waters reform.

The \$2 billion "Better Off" funding package was developed to help councils position themselves for the future by investing in projects that improve community wellbeing, build resilience to climate change and natural hazards and/or assist housing development.

Ruapehu Mayor Don Cameron said Ruapehu District Council's share of the 'Better Off' package is \$16.46m which was allocated on the basis of a nationally consistent formula that takes into account population, relative deprivation and land area," he said.

"Applications for the first tranche of funding worth \$4.12m are now open until 31 December this year with a second tranche of \$12.35m being available from 1 July 2024."

To meet Department of Internal Affairs (DIA) requirements to receive 'Better Off' funding each project should have support from local iwi and the community.

"We have identified and costed nine projects which we have engaged with local iwi on that Council will consider including in the Tranche 1 funding application depending on community feedback.

"In addition to the project decisions the current Council also needs to decide on whether to have a shortened community engagement period of two weeks (from 1

September to 14 September) that would allow them to sign-off on the Tranche 1 application at their last meeting on 21 September.

"The alternative is to have a longer consultation period and the new Council would finalise the Tranche 1 projects before the application period closes at the end of December.

"In either case we want to hear what the community thinks of the proposed Tranche 1 project ideas along with any project ideas they have that meet the criteria."

He said people should note that any ideas that they put forward that aren't included as part of the Tranche 1 application may be carried over to Tranche 2 or form part of the new Long Term Plan next year.

The draft Tranche 1 project ideas are in local papers this week and a confirmed list will be on the website after Council discusses them at their meeting on Wednesday this week (31 Aug 22).

People will be able to give feedback online or pick-up a consultation document with feedback form from their local Council office," he said.

Mr Cameron added that irrespective of the consultation timing decision he would encourage people to have their say and get their own ideas in early.

"As we already have project ideas worth more than the \$16.46m in available funding community feedback to help Council make the final project decisions will be vital," he said.

Turoa won't give up

Turoa Ski Area is not giving up on the 2022 ski season – the snowmakers were going full blast on Monday morning at Blyth Flat, after kicking in on Saturday.

They included two snow guns that were driven up last week to support the battery.

"The current forecast indicates good windows for snowmaking over the rest of the week," says Ruapehu Alpine Lifts.

Also on the job, the grooming team has been working relentlessly, all hours, pushing snow from every direction

towards the High Noon Express, says RAL.

"It's not often we see snow being pushed down the maunga, but that is unfolding right now," said RAL.

The work required to rebuild the High Noon trails, from 20cm at the stick, is seeing the team work in shifts covering 24 hours a day. This will continue throughout the week.

"So the work continues, even without the snowfall. We will continue to provide updates as we go, and of course, snow would also help greatly.

"Our eyes are to the weekend for that."



While Turoa is closed, Whakapapa is still operating thanks to huge staff efforts including groomers. Photo: Yan Galoyer

Home from the deep south

When Chris and Keith Waddell moved to Ohakune from the deep south, they noticed there was no dedicated gift shop in the town, so they got stuck in and created 'Home'.

The shop is tucked in behind Station Lodge and Railway Museum at the Ohakune Junction, south east from the railway station.

They stock an extensive range of homeware, clothing and gourmet pantry items. There are gifts for men, women and children.

The shop has extensive parking available, as well as a children's play area to keep the young ones occupied while you browse.

They have a growing range of plants from Awapuni Nurseries as well as potting mix and 'Sustaina Grow' – Rita Hammond's local fertilizer made from coffee grounds.

Some of the brands they stock are Pepper & Me, Over the Dandelions, Funny Bunny Kids, E and B Co, Pureblend Natural Products, Rebekah Codlin prints, White Goose Collections

They also sell restored furniture – Keith has developed skills in restoration including chalk paint treatments. He also makes various items from pallets, totara fence battens and other timber items.

A new range of dining ware – timber serving boards with stunning resin decoration from Chaos By Design.

They have a range of

hand-knitting available – blankets, sets for the little ones, hats and scarves for all ages.

"Whether you are wanting modern or traditional, come and have a look. If we don't have exactly

what you are wanting, I am happy to take on commission pieces," says Chris.

They invite customers to let them know if they have a product they think Home should stock and they'll try to get it in.

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The couple made the move north from Central Otago, where they ran a coffee cart and store. They chose to move to Ohakune to be closer to their grandchildren who live in Waiouru.



Chris and Keith Waddell have set up 'Home' at the Ohakune Junction.

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International testing at Ruapehu College

Eye on Ruapehu College, contributed by staff and students

Ruapehu College recently took part in the 2022 Programme for International Student Assessment (PISA) study, organized by the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) that aims to help governments around the world better understand how well their education systems are preparing children for success and informed citizenship after finishing school, which is essentially a 'health check' on the education system.

Students that participated were selected using specialist sampling software that provided a random sample of students from each school.

Of the 25 year 11 students selected from Ruapehu College, 20 completed the required PISA test and PISA questionnaire. The test assesses three core areas of competence: reading literacy, mathematical literacy and scientific literacy. Students were not required to revise as they were being assessed on what they have already learned and practicing. The questionnaire gathers details about student backgrounds, experiences, opinions, attitudes and learning strategies. The data collected from both the test and questionnaire provides information on correlations between system, school, home factors and student achievement, attitudes and wellbeing. This information will allow the New Zealand government to examine changes in New Zealand's performance and student views over time and relative to the rest of the world.

It will also enable learning from the experiences of other countries and can potentially influence our national policies.

Sports Update

Boys Rugby: A huge congratulations to the boys rugby team who won the final against Whanganui High School at Spriggens Park last week beating them 29-15.

"A massive thank you to the coaching staff and those that supported the boys team. Your help is highly appreciated," said principal Marama Allen.

Netball: The Ruapehu netball team worked hard on Saturday morning in the Prem 2 division in Whanganui, beating Whanganui Pirates 20-17 over the weekend.

Football: The school thanks the squash team that played a friendly match of football against the school football team last week.

Basketball: The junior boys basketball team has finished up for the season, with an enjoyable introduction to the Whanganui basketball league.

"A big thank you to Justice for coaching the boys this season, helping bring out the best in the boys and developing them as players," said Ms Allen.

"A big thank you also to those parents that helped support the boys by driving the vans down. Your time is appreciated."

Girls Rugby: The team is looking forward to their final game of the season next week. Draw to be confirmed.

"A big thank you to Te Maire for all the effort you have put into coaching this season."

Badminton: The College has badminton as a new sport for the students this year. The team travel to Whanganui on a Friday evening so they can participate in the Whanganui Badminton League.

Ruapehu Maori ward candidates

Six people are standing for election to the Ruapehu District Council in the Māori ward. The Bulletin has invited candidates to submit a brief profile. Following is the second profile received:

Corey Wynyard

Kia Ora, I'm Corey Wynyard and I will be focusing my attention on two major factors that our people are facing: sustainable housing for families and the education and training of our youth.

With the spatial plan almost complete I will help our new councillors to push forward the plan and get our new housing development plans off the ground by first tackling the infrastructure upgrades Taurarunui desperately needs to sustain a growing community. We have already seen the great work completed to upgrade the water pipes within the town. But there is plenty more work to be done.

With your vote, I will help to set up a standing committee where all iwi and hapū are represented to work together with the council to plan and deliver housing development for whānau and Taurarunui. This committee will no longer

be an advisory committee but active, that allows our iwi to help to make decisions for everyone in our area. Having a look around Taurarunui you can clearly see there is a lack of housing, with no purposeful housing development scheduled.

Secondly, your vote for me will support our rangatahi with training opportunities. Youth unemployment in the Ruapehu District is at an all-time high at a 22.5% youth unemployment rate when the national average is only 12.7%, which stands to get worse over the coming years without a major change in the homes of our youth. With your vote, we will provide our rangatahi with the means to attend polytech, university or apprenticeships to train them up with aims of returning to our District to fill positions to help grow our community. If elected, I will help to establish more scholarships for the health sector, education sector and business sector. These scholarships can either help to cover fees or housing while studying. I will also expand on the current mayor's jobseekers taskforce



Korty Wilson.

to liaise with current training providers within the Ruapehu District to give more options and ease of access to training opportunities. Often we see our young people need extra help to source training and employment opportunities when this help is not available from home.

Korty Wilson

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Tēnā kautau I am Korty Wilson, born in Raetihi, raised in Ohakune, and with a life-long commitment to the Ruapehu region.

I am so proud that our region has established a Māori ward to enable dedicated Māori representation. The Māori ward increases the

diversity of representation at the Council table and recognises Te Tiriti o Waitangi at a local level.

He aha te mea nui o te ao, he tangata, he tangata, he tangata.

I am passionate about connecting people to place, land and time.

My particular focus is protecting our environment and its natural resources, advocating for better roading and promoting cultural tourism.

I am driven by a service leadership ethic. I was the foundation principal for the newly-built Te Kura Kaupapa Māori o Ngāti Rangī; I am a current member of the Whanganui Māori Tourism Board; and I was an active volunteer in the Waimarino Victim Support Group for 25 years. I am actively involved in many land trusts; in marae komiti, and a wide range of community groups.

Home is where my heart is – in the Ruapehu rohe.



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BP2Go Ohakune notifies that as from 1 September 2022, due to staff shortage, we are reducing our hours. Now closing at 7pm Monday to Sunday. Thank you for your support.

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Te Whatu Ora Health New Zealand

Whanganui

Frontline Administrator – Waimarino Health Centre
Whanganui Hospital
Rural Health teams
Permanent, Part-time

We are currently seeking a dynamic administrator/front line person to join our team at the Waimarino Health Centre in Raetihi to provide administration and reception duties one day per week. The role rotates each week – Monday week one, Tuesday week two etc.

This role requires strong customer service skills and the ability to stay calm under pressure. You will need to have the ability to manage and prioritise your work, have accurate data entry skills, be professional and welcoming in your presentation and manner, and enjoy working in an environment that demands a cool head under pressure.

Previous reception, customer service and administration experience is essential. You must have demonstrated experience of working in isolation. Familiarity with a hospital or GP environment is desirable.

If you have the above skills and are available to cover sick leave and work fulltime in times of annual leave for the other administrator, then you may be the person we are seeking for this exciting and challenging role.

If this sounds like you then we would like to hear from you and learn more about you.

Please note: You must be vaccinated against COVID-19 and be up-to-date with your boosters

For more details pop in and see our friendly team at Waimarino Health Centre or contact Julie Whyte, Recruitment Coordinator on jobs@wdhb.org.nz or (06) 348 8911 or apply online at www.wdwb.org.nz/work-for-us

Vacancy number: 07-FAWC-5891
Applications close: 11 September 2022

Deadline for all advertising bookings and copy is 5pm Fridays!

PUBLIC NOTICES

Raetihi Volunteer Fire Brigade AGM

Will be held at the Raetihi Fire station Monday 12 September 2022 at 6.30pm. 11 Duncan Street Raetihi,

All current, past, honorary and life members are invited to attend

Drinks and nibbles will be provided.

Ngā Waihua o Paerangi Trust September Clinics

By appointment/Drop In Personal Health Nurse - FRI 2, 9, 16, 23 and 30 (9-11.30) – **Free Cervical Screening.**

SERVICES AVAILABLE Kaupapa Māori Mental Health and Addictions (Clem)
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Covid-19 Isolation Contact
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If you have any queries relating to the Bowel Screening Project, please contact Darnella Hawira 0272 455 278, Darnella.Hawira@ngatirangi.com

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Mon-Fri- 8.30am-5pm 06 3859 580 /0, 0274758347 or email Katherine.Herewini@ngatirangi.com

We have an AED Defibrillator available on site.

PUBLIC NOTICES

Tongariro District Weed Control

September 2022 to May 2023

The Department of Conservation, Tongariro District Office, wishes to advise the public that it intends to carry out weed spraying in Tongariro National Park, Tongariro Forest Conservation Area, Erua Forest Conservation Area, Rangataua Forest Conservation Area and various smaller reserves administered by the Department of Conservation Tongariro District.

Weed control will be by spraying using hand-gun, knapsack or aerial application using helicopters. Work is planned to start on 11 September 2022 and will continue intermittently as weather and resources permit until 31 May 2023.

The target species are Wilding pines, Broom, Gorse, Darwin's barberry, Old man's beard, Marram grass, Heather and various other invasive weeds.

Further information can be obtained by contacting:

Danial van der Lubbe
Biodiversity Ranger
Department of Conservation
Tongariro District
Ohakune Field Base
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Department of Conservation
Te Papa Atawhai

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Waimarino Waiouru Community Board candidates

Seven people are standing for election to the Waimarino Waiouru Community Board. Five places on the Board are being contested. The Bulletin has invited candidates to submit a brief profile. Following are profiles received:

Angel Reid

I'm Angel, more commonly known as Auntie Angel or "ask Angel, she knows". Raetihi is where I was born and raised. My blood and whakapapa belong to this land. I am a firm believer in my Lord, and I serve him as a servant and in my community, with my strong Christian, whānau and community values.

I'm trustworthy, motivated and have the integrity required to stand to represent my community. My life lessons and experiences will keep my humility in check. Our people are the future. I am grateful for the opportunity to serve our people with devotion and grace. My purpose and what I can offer as an elected representative is because I believe in my communities' ability to grow, to engage and to bring worth



Angel Reid.

back into ourselves. I've worked hard in the Waimarino all of my life and I want to continue giving back to our community.

What can I offer in this position?

My values for this position are trust, motivation, and integrity.

My life lessons and experiences will keep my humility in check.

Building relationships within the Māori

ward and constituencies is very important to me.

Our people are the future. I am grateful for the opportunity to serve our people with devotion and grace.

People make so many assumptions about me. However, assumptions can question my standing. But I would like to ensure you all – my purpose and what I can offer as a candidate ... is because I believe in my community to grow, to engage, and to bring worth back into ourselves.

Colin Pakai

I was born in Raetihi and raised and educated in Ohakune.

I have lived in this area for most of my life, and have worked in Waiouru Military Camp since 1973. I started in the Stores Dept for the Ministry



Colin Pakai.

of Works and then transferred to the roading and maintenance section as a machine operator.

This involved the maintenance and creation of roading in the wider Waiouru Military Training Area. I did this for a few years and then went to work in the trades section as a plumber for many years.

I have also been the facilities maintenance supervisor for several of the facilities contractors who took over when the Ministry of Works was disestablished.

My last position before I retired in April last year, was as facilities maintenance supervisor working directly for the New Zealand Defence Force.

I have considerable experience and knowledge about the infrastructure in Waiouru and hope to use my knowledge to help get the best outcomes and "value for money" for the ratepayers in this District.

I am a former councillor for the Ruapehu District Council (Waiouru Ward- 1998/2001).

If I was to be elected I intend to give my full attention and support to the Community Board.

My aim is to actively seek and encourage accountability and transparency for all ratepayers.

Geoff Anderson

I have lived in Raetihi since 1995 when I bought local radio station Peak FM, broadcasting from Ohakune and then Raetihi from 1999, where I also now also help to look after the Art



Geoff Anderson.

Gallery.

I have been involved with community organisations all my adult life. First as a Leo (junior Lions), Jaycees and Rotary.

My community involvement in Waimarino has been as a former trustee and chair of Raetihi Promotions, former chair of Waimarino Budget Service. I was also voluntary manager of Raetihi Information Centre for a number of years until July this year and remain on the management committee.

I was named Waimarino-Waiouru Citizen of the year in 2018. As a broadcaster, I have had experience on political and rural issues reporting.

I have the knowledge of local issues and skills to be an effective community board member.

Owhango-National Park Community Board candidates

Six people are standing for election to the Waimarino Waiouru Community Board. Five places are available on the Board. The Bulletin has invited candidates to submit a brief profile. Following are profiles received:

Murray Wilson

I wish to see our community board continue its increasing role in such a diverse community in the Owhango – National Park area, with lots of conservation land including two national parks with large visitor numbers as well as our rural farmers and the small supporting communities in the area.

I support the retention of community ownership and control of our three waters while securing funding for meeting national standards.

The adoption of spatial plans is important to allow for sensitive future growth in our villages

Council is developing a Ruapehu Dark Sky Strategy and I will encourage communities to protect our night sky and night biodiversity by adopting some practical Dark Sky initiatives.

While it has become a national issue, it is important for us to strongly resist efforts to convert productive farmland to carbon forests and the decline of our rural farming communities. Maintaining our rural roads is vital for agriculture and visitors.

Some projects that are important to help our communities flourish:

Supporting RAL to thrive. They are our biggest employer and biggest drawcard for visitors.

Support DOC to better manage the Tongariro Alpine Crossing to better protect our special place and enhance the visitor experience.

Finish the Mountains to Sea cycleway project. I became involved at the start in 2009 and it will be great to have the final sections completed with unique day rides and walks as well as the whole 231km trail down the sea at Whanganui. This will be a real Wow Factor for the whole District in terms of uniqueness of the rail heritage, logging industry heritage and cultural and biodiversity heritage to be exhibited at the Pokaka Eco Sanctuary.

I have the knowledge, experience, and determination to progress these things and to have excellent relations with our Council and community organisations and ratepayers.

Anthony Gurr

After moving to the area in 2018, I've had the privilege to live and work in the beautiful Ruapehu District. Joining the Community Board is my way of hopefully giving back to the community and enabling a cohesive approach to future community projects, building relationships with wider community and enabling sound decision making.



Murray Wilson.



Anthony Gurr.

Fallout into gear

Fallout Festival soon really starts to get into gear with a host of free and exciting events. The return of the Winter Art Exhibition at various venues around Ohakune is an opportunity for local artists to showcase their talent and show how the community is rich in culture and creativity. Starting this Sunday is a new addition to the calendar "Ohakune on a small plate" with Ohakune restaurants focusing on local produce to present a featured dish for a couple of weeks. The Mountain Film Festival returns with a swag of new exciting adventure movies with proceeds going to charity. This Saturday in the Junction is a couple of featured gigs, with local reggae legends Common Unity at Turoa Lodge and young up n coming Wellington techno DJ artist Pork Crackle playing at The Kitchen. Bingo and karaoke both feature in the programme over the next week with some great prizes. Check out the schedule and get out and support your local restaurants and bars who have come together to provide a bunch of great events and food for Fallout Festival 2022.

NZ MOUNTAIN FILM FESTIVAL

NATIONAL TOUR



NZ Mountain Film Festival



Kings, Ohakune. Thursday 8 September
Doors open 6.30pm Film starts 7pm

Tickets \$20 from the *Ruapehu Bulletin* office or on the door.






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Young Ohakune badminton players do well



Ruapehu's successful badminton team, from left, back row: Bella Hohipa, Archie Mill, Raynardt, James Tweedale, Julian Horne Christiansen; middle row Una Drayton, Kodo Drayton, Breeanah Tweedale; front Lucien Horne Christiansen, Hye-le Wihare Hansen.

Recently as part of the Inter-College Badminton games, young players from Ruapehu College achieved outstanding wins in all of their doubles and mixed doubles games held in Whanganui.

Coached by staff member Dave Sims, this is the first year that the Ruapehu College has established a Badminton team.

"This is a great result for this fledgling team and a credit to their coach," says Marie McKay from the Club.

All members of the College team are also part of the

local Ohakune Badminton Club. President Peter Frew and games co-ordinator and coach, Wendy Young, are also delighted with the outstanding results of their Inter College wins.

The Ohakune Badminton club has seen a resurgence of numbers in the past few years and it is encouraging to see these keen young players coming up through the ranks.

Club nights are Monday 7.30-9.00pm – \$5 per evening – at the rear of the community gymnasium at Ruapehu College.

Ohakune Squash

Round four of inter-house from Thursday had team two give leading team one a hiding 119-93. Similarly, team six beat team three 116-94 and team four dealt to team five 122-86 whilst team seven picked up 100 points for the bye. Points to date are now even closer with team one on 542, team two 541, team four 537, team seven 536, team three 513, team five 511 and team six 489.

This week at 5pm, team six plays team five, at 6:30 team four plays team one, at 8pm team seven plays team two whilst team three has the bye. Team six helps with kitchen duties for the first half 5:00 until 7:15 and team two is on the second half from 7:15 to 9:30.

Results from the finals of graded club champs last week were B grade men Jayden Bailey beat Matthew Laurenson,

B grade women Grace Burnard beat Emma Rowe, C grade men Daniel Maher beat Liam Burnard, C grade women Diana Cranston beat Jane Parker, D grade men Brett De Joux beat George Williams, D grade women Emma Haitana beat Kristin Thompson, E grade men Cameron Smith beat Harry Rowe, E grade women Maraea Buckingham beat Poppy Dekker, F grade men Shaun Bidois beat Scott Nation, F grade women Teegan Mochan beat Natasha De Rose, J grade men Matt Smith beat Reign Marumaru, J grade women Kirsty Osborne beat Olivia Grey.

This week the Open club champs, the tenderfoot club champs and the Primary School club champs are being held also the clubs champion of champions team will travel to Inglewood to try and defend their title.

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Waimarino musters squash tourney

The Waimarino Squash Club Committee hosted 'The Muster' – a fun no-points squash tourney dreamt up by the committee during a club night, which have been some of their busiest nights since well before covid.

"We had new faces giving squash a go for the first time, many of them young shepherds, which motivated the 'muster' theme," says Lauren Wikohika for the Club.

Div1 Winner Thomas Te Kurapa says "awesome to see squash at this grassroots level and events like this being run, looking forward to many more".

President Tony MacLean thanked those who travelled, players, supporters and the committee for pulling together a successful event, Jodie and Aniwa a welcome addition to the committee who were standouts this weekend.

Eleven mixed teams of four played off for 'The Muster' trophy, designed by Daryl O'Hara at Lasercraft.

Div Winners and Runners up took home cash prizes. Spot prizes were donated by Ruapehu Vet Services, On Track Earthmoving, Raetihi Cosi Club, Tony and Shey, Barefoot Beauty, Tina Steedman, Aniwa Mills, Mott's Produce, Ron Frew Family Partnership, Ricky Deadman,

George and Tarsh, Thomas Te Kurapa, Lilburn Transport, Craig Johns.

Div1 winner Thomas; runner up Shawn; plate Hamish; special Tina; consolation Jackie. Div2 winner Tui; runner up Diana; plate Dar; special Ray; consolation Boey. Div3 winner Jeremy; runner up Nicky; plate Andy; special Sam; consolation Sheryl. Div4 winner Zai; runner up Danny; plate Alex; special Amy; consolation Whare. Div5 winner Matty; runner up Joseph; plate Shayna; special Davis; consolation Max. Div 6 winner Georgia; runner up Jodie.

With 39 points 'The Muster' trophy was awarded to "Off Track" – Davis Robb, Andy Donald, Jodie Donald, Thomas Te Kurapa. Winner of the firewood donated by Lilburn Transport, Danny Mochan. Winner of the chilly bin donated by Tony and Shey, Nicky Shrafft. Winner of firewood raffle donated by Thomas Te Kurapa, Jeremy Mott. Best dressed Individual, Boey. Best dressed team, Sorry Not Sorry. Best Dive Hamish. Loudest By Far Lennox. Furthest travelled Saygey. Playing Mum Awards, Laura and Tegan. Fair play Award Shayna.

Jo Parkinson Memorial is coming up on 10 September, one-day doubles tournament, get your entries into Shey by 3 September.



Winners of The Muster trophy, from left, Davis Robb, Andy Donald, Jodie Donald and Thomas Te Kurapa. Photo supplied.

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