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Win on the way for wildlife as cat control confirmed

A win for wildlife around the Ruapehu District is on the way, with local councillors agreeing to two new clauses in the Ruapehu District Council Bylaw aimed at controlling unwanted cats.

Once the reviewed clauses of the Ruapehu Bylaw is formalised on 21 September, people who have cats will need to get them microchipped once they're over six months old and register them with the New Zealand Companion Animals Register.

Also, cats over six months will need to be desexed, except for registered cat breeders.

Divided

However, councillors were divided on whether to make the Bylaw change, with some arguing that there was no point in making it mandatory for cats to be microchipped because the RDC doesn't have the resources to police it.

Cr Karen Ngati said RDC should encourage people to get their cats microchipped but didn't support making it mandatory.

But other councillors said it was needed. "We've got to make a stand somewhere," said Cr Murray Wilson.

"This is an opportunity to make a difference for Ruapehu's indigenous fauna. We've got to make a start somewhere."

Cr Janelle Hinch said that microchip-

ping cats was a help to owners too.

"If a chipped cat is caught it can be returned to its owners."

Cr Elijah Pue agreed that it would not be easy for the RDC to police the bylaw.

"But we need to do what we can to control cats."

He said the environmental group Ow-hango Alive had trapped 26 cats in the Ow-hango reserve and they're all predators.

"It's saying to the community that we support it."

In the report on the issue, councillors were told that the majority of submitters to the bylaw review supported the change.

Comments

- Comments included:
- Stray cats roaming the streets were a common sight in their community.
 - The cat rescue services in Ohakune and Waimarino were inundated with stray cats.
 - The (existing) Bylaw did not address the issue of dumping cats/kittens in secluded areas.
 - Stray and feral cats continue to threaten indigenous fauna and flora.

One submitter wrote that microchipping is basic cat care that all responsible cat owners should be doing anyway. They went on to argue that cost is not an excuse

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Bug man back to school



Isla Paynter got up close to a weta during the visit by Bug Man – Ruud Kleinpaste – last week See inside for details of the visit. Photo: Ohakune Primary School.

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Bug man back to school

New Zealand's well-known 'bug man', Ruud Kleinpaste had Ohakune Primary School children lapping up information about the country's interesting bug life last week.

He even had them – and some of the teachers – convinced that it was fine to let bugs like weta to walk up their arms and even onto their faces.

Mr Kleinpaste was at the school for two days, passing on his knowledge on the biodiversity within the school environment, using the playground as an outdoor classroom.

A highlight and a new experience for Mr Kleinpaste too, was when he placed a female weta in front of a group of children and it promptly began laying eggs in front of them. He said in all his years of bug experience, that was a first for him.



The Bug Man – Ruud Kleinpaste – shared his fascination with New Zealand's special insects life last week.. Photo: Ohakune Primary School.

What's on around Ruapehu

Fallout Festival	27 August - 18 September
Winter Art Exhibition	4 - 18 September
Raetihi Country Market	17 September
Retro Day, Ohakune	1 October
Raetihi Christmas Parade	10 December

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Cat bylaw

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for non-compliance because SPCA provided cheaper options through their annual 'Snip and Chip' event.

As a regulatory body, microchipping cats will assist RDC compliance officers in identifying cats that cause nuisance and address those issues with their owners, the report stated.

The majority of submitters supported the rule change to require cats to be de-sexed (62%). 22% said no and the remainder didn't answer.

The majority of submitters who want cats to be required to be desexed believe that it will control the cat population, which they claim has gotten out of hand. This claim is supported by a study conducted in 2019, which found that '.... there are approximately 196,000 stray cats in New Zealand'.

One submitter advised that Council should implement a staged approach to managing cats.

They recommended that Council should first tackle the issue of desexing before requiring cats to be registered, reason being that people are less likely to pay for their cats to be desexed. If the council could provide cat owners with the opportunity to desex their cats at a lower price, this would directly contribute to controlling the number of stray cats.

"Council acknowledges the merits of this approach; it aligns with Councils proactive regulatory strategy that is presently in development. If these provisions are adopted, Council will take a staged approach to assist the community in the adjustment period."

A potential adverse impact of requiring cat owners to microchip and desex their cat/s is that cat owners may choose to abandon their pet cats because of the increased cost of care, which will lead to an increased number of stray cats.

"To lessen the burden of cost on cat owners, Council is planning to roll out a six-month transition period whereby Council officers provide support to cat owners, financially or otherwise, to comply with the Bylaw."

Avalanche training brings in Police and alpinists

Avalanche training for Search and Rescue teams from Mt Ruapehu, Whanganui and Taranaki was held on Mt Ruapehu over an appropriately freezing weekend.

Real-life avalanches, where anyone is caught up in them, are time-critical events with only a narrow window of opportunity to rescue anyone alive – so it is important for personnel to keep their skills up to date.

Senior Sergeant Matt Prendergast, who organised the recent exercise, says training included practical experience for teams in the field and those supporting them in the Incident Management team (IMT).

“Training involved civilian specialist alpine rescue teams from the Ruapehu Alpine Rescue Organisation (RARO) and the Taranaki Alpine Cliff Rescue (TACR) getting together to practise their skills in the event of a real-life avalanche scenario occurring around Mt Ruapehu or on Mt Taranaki,” says Matt.

“These two teams have worked together in the past on SAR operations on these mountains.”

Scotty Barrier and Jono Gillan, specialist instructors from Aoraki Mt Cook Alpine Rescue Team (AMCART), instructed the teams around use of transceivers, probes and search dogs to find and rescue people, along with staying safe in that environment.

“While the field teams were practising

in the snow, Police SAR members from Whanganui, National Park and Taranaki were training around skills needed in the IMT to support the field teams,” says Matt.

Instructors were Kip Mandeno from NZ LandSAR and Senior Constable Conrad Smith, from National Park Police Station.

The training and the exercise were a valuable opportunity to learn and refresh skills for the field and IMT teams, and build relationships between the different organisations.

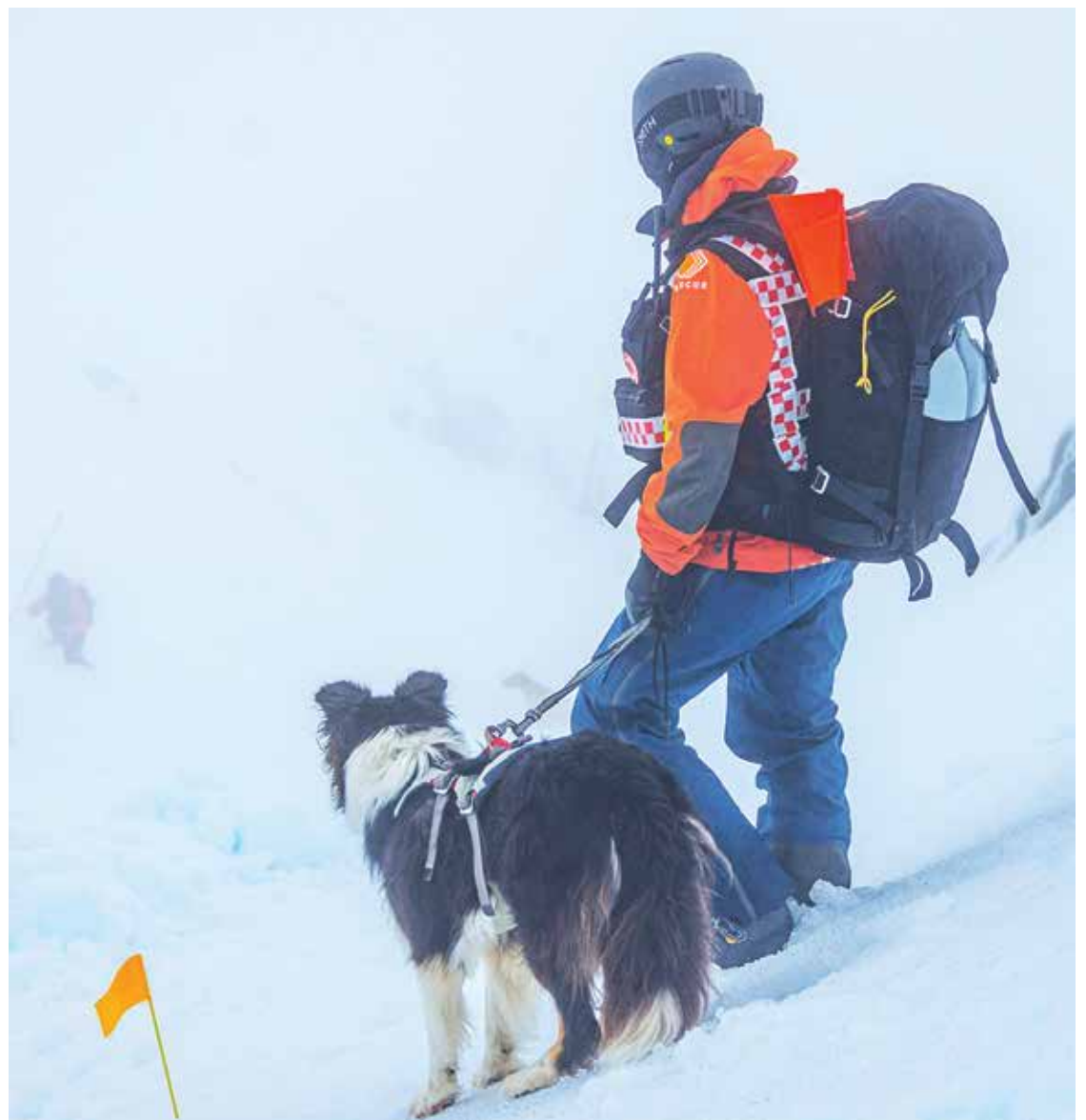
Ruapehu exposed

As Mt Ruapehu is very exposed, icy conditions are common and sliding is a significant hazard for anyone heading above the snowline, especially climbers and back-country skiers/splitboarders, according to the NZ Mountain Safety Council.

Getting lost on a ski field, especially in whiteout conditions, is another common factor because the mountain’s terrain makes it more difficult to identify the controlled ski area boundaries.

Anyone planning to leave the ski area boundaries should check in with ski patrol to make them aware and to get the latest information on conditions.

More information on staying safe in avalanche terrain, including the three important components needed before you go, is available on the NZ Avalanche Advisory website.



RARO rescue dog Rudi, with handler Blair Watson, ready to dig deep.

Future of regional public transport confirmed

Horizons Regional Council has adopted their Regional Public Transport Plan 2022-32.

Regional Passenger Transport Committee chair Sam Ferguson says the Plan sets the framework for how Horizons plans and delivers public transport services and infrastructure across the region over the next 10 years.

“Earlier this year we went out to the community to find out what they thought about the vision and targets included in the Plan,” says Cr Ferguson.

“We received 123 submissions from a range of the community on topics including support for the Capital Connection passenger rail service and requests for development of more passenger rail services across the region. Other requests included having more regional services in smaller areas and for better inter-regional services between neighbouring regions such as Taranaki and Hawke’s Bay.

“A number of submitters also attended hearings to speak to their submission and answer

any follow up questions the hearing committee had. The hearing committee then deliberated on the feedback received, updated the proposed Plan, and recommended it be approved by the Passenger Transport Committee and adopted by the full Council.”

Cr Ferguson says the final Plan hasn’t changed too drastically to what was originally proposed, however the committee made some updates based on submissions.

“Key changes made to the Plan in response to

submissions include:

- An increased focus on passenger rail opportunities, with additional wording and policy direction to reflect the strong desire for frequent and reliable passenger rail services to return to our region;
- Provision for public transport connections with the Wairarapa, Waikato and Taranaki regions;
- Incorporation of feedback from the Manawātū

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The Raetihi Ohakune Garden Club present The Bev Hiscox Memorial Flower Show

At The Centre, Seddon St, Raetihi.
Saturday 17 September 2022, 9am - 1.30pm

Enter your lovely spring flowers and come and see our great show.

Schedules, with entry times etc, available at Raetihi Info Centre and Ohakune Bookshop. Sales table, raffles, etc.

Enter our painted rock competition - open to children and adults



Kids cross the country
Ohakune Primary School children head off on the annual cross country race near Shannon Street. Schools around the Waimarino will be holding their own events in coming weeks, leading to the annual interschool event at Orautoha.

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Letters

No vote for skiers?

• Do any of these billboards I am seeing in the community represent a person who skis or snowboards?

I am concerned for the future wellbeing of Turoa, (it being 90% of my reason for living here), and for such a large part of our visitor economy to be left with little support concerns me.

I see much in the way of expansions of our cycleways, (I'm the guy risking his life weekly on the road twist Ohakune and Raetihi), but feel Turoa needs a big favour (and some expansion planning) to ensure we have a ski area worthy of the attention it currently attracts.

John Riding

Sponged Water

• May I suggest that young voters in the coming local government election vote for young candidates who want to "serve God" instead of just "serving Mammon."

This has nothing to do with the candidates' religious beliefs. "Serving Mammon" is merely a shorthand way of describing a person's spirit of self-centredness, caring primarily for the maximum well-being of himself and his peers in the short term, regardless of consequences for coming generations. Many Christian believers have asset-stripped these lands so they can live more comfortable lives, regardless of consequences.

"Serving God" is shorthand for the spirit of foresight and self-restraint necessary to care for our children's children's children, and for the good health of the trees, plants, animals, forests, soil, air and water needed to keep them alive.

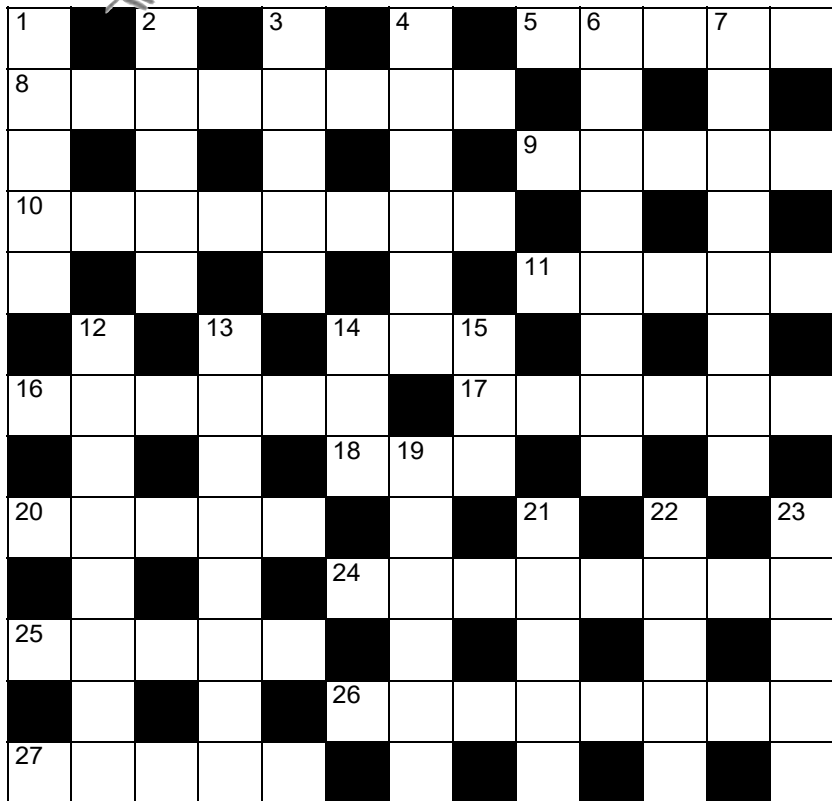
Before Europeans came to this country, its complex rain forests and tussock lands acted as giant sponges to significantly reduce the harm of greenhouse gas, erosion, floods, drought and nutrient loss. The leaves soaked up the greenhouse gas, the deep humus and rich organic soil soaked up storm water to reduce flood damage, then gradually released it into the atmosphere and streams, while the trees' mycorrhizal fungi soaked up the mineral nutrients from nesting seabirds and from decaying humus.

Then woolen mills in Manchester offered the equivalent of \$60 a kilo for sheep's wool, so the Mammon-serving colonists replaced most of the forests and tussock lands with buildings, roadways and fast-draining, thin-rooted grass.

This destructive Mammon worship is still happening all over the world, creating predictable and increasingly severe heatwaves, droughts, floods, famines and wars. For Three Waters to work in the Ruapehu District, our hills must be re-clad with complex forests. Token promises like "carbon-neutral by 2040" are a waste of time. As the old proverb reminds us, "You cannot serve both God and Mammon."

John Archer, Ohakune

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Across

5. New Zealand media organisation sold for \$1 in 2020 (5)
8. Well thought-out (8)
9. Aptitude (5)
10. Our fifth largest city (8)
11. Dizzy (5)
14. Clothes pin (3)
16. South Island braided river (6)
17. Parents by marriage (2-4)
18. Goods vehicle (3)
20. Regular practice (5)
24. Test of endurance (8)
25. Unoriginal or commonplace (5)
26. Surname of one of the hosts on Breakfast TV (8)
27. Velocity (5)

Down

1. Verity (5)
2. Imprecise (5)
3. Reef forming invertebrate (5)
4. Form of rugby (6)
6. Perceptible by touch (8)
7. Prone (4,4)
12. Decorative light, popular in the 1970s (4,4)
13. NZ baby nurse (8)
14. Type of dessert (abbrev) (3)
15. Currently fashionable tippie (3)
19. 2009 blockbuster film by director, and NZ resident, James Cameron (6)
21. Baby pants (5)
22. Farm animal that far outnumbers people in NZ (5)
23. Aspect (5)

Previous solution

Across: 1. Heat pump, 7. Crook, 8. Purchaser, 9. Asp, 10. Yank, 11. Wowser, 13. Cleave, 14. Damper, 17. Soccer, 18. Burn, 20. MIQ, 22. Dog trials, 23. Otago, 24. Treasury.

Down: 1. Happy, 2. Arrange, 3. Puha, 4. Mascot, 5. Polar, 6. Skipper, 7. Crystal, 12. Avocado, 13. Crimson, 15. Pounamu, 16. Ledger, 17. Squab, 19. Nasty, 21. Area.

Regional public transport future

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community about enhanced rural services and square to square connections with Palmerston North;

- Raising our target for public transport patronage by 2032 by an increase of 300 per cent

- Strengthening of our approach to undertake a region-wide investigation of public transport needs and opportunities;

- Providing for more bike and micro-mobility integration with our public transport network; and

- Ensuring comfort is a key part of delivering public transport services.

"Our vision to provide an attractive, integrated and convenient public transport system that connects communities, enhances their wellbeing and environment, and becomes the preferred mode of transport in and between urban areas has remained. As have our ambitious targets to reduce emissions and ensure customer and community satisfaction as many submitters indicated support for these.

"Of course there were always people who wanted us to do more, so we have done our best to strike the right balance between being aspirational and ensuring we can achieve what we have set out to do."

The full Regional Public Transport Plan 2022-32 is at horizons.govt.nz and hard copies will also be available at libraries and Horizons' offices.

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Contractors busy with Parapara Road slips

Recent weather events have affected some communities, and it has been a busy winter for contractors, says Waka Kotahi New Zealand Transport Agency (NZTA).

“We know that SH4 is an important connection for communities, businesses and freight and we acknowledge that closures have a major impact on those living, working and travelling along this route,” stated NZTA in an update released last week.

NZTA says two slip clear crews continue to clear material from numerous slip sites on SH4 between Upokongaro to Raetihi.

Auraki Stream road retreat works

Work on the Auraki Stream site is progressing well.

With the current road being affected by the slip at the Mangawhero River, NZTA is relocating the road away from where it has failed.

“This will mean a return to two lanes on this stretch of highway with no temporary traffic management or priority give way road layout.”

The large culvert where the Auraki Stream currently goes under the highway is being extended to facilitate the new road alignment.

One recent challenge they’ve been working through is identifying a water source for a new wetland located in the northern gully fill site. The intention was to identify and tap into an existing spring as the gully got progressively filled in. However, no springs at an appropriate level and location were encountered.

“As a result, with iwi we’ve been reworking the design of the wetlands.”

Winter weather put a hold on most of the work at the Auraki Stream site but contractors are still tracking towards project completion mid-2023.

Auraki rocks!

Earlier in the year, the works exposed a surprise alluvial seam. The alluvial seam had loose material and boulders

in it, some of which were as high as two metres.

Boulders were carefully excavated and contractors are using long soil nails and mesh to hold the seam in place.

With the guidance of iwi NZTA have also been working on the careful relocation of a large kōhatu (stone) that was located at the end of the old culvert.

The kōhatu has cultural significance and needs to be carefully moved.

“This is not without challenge due to the size, shape and weight of the stone!”

Te Oreore permanent road reinstatement

Following the landslip at Te Oreore in 2019, the temporary road remains in place and NZTA continue to monitor the stability of the landslide.

Recent rainfall did cause some ground movement in the area but is likely to be relatively shallow and localised. The temporary road was not compromised.

NZTA are working towards construction of the new permanent road at Te Oreore as soon as possible.

“With the site located in the Whangaehu River catchment, we need to ensure our work supports the objectives of Te Waiū-o-Te-Ika, a legal framework for the catchment.

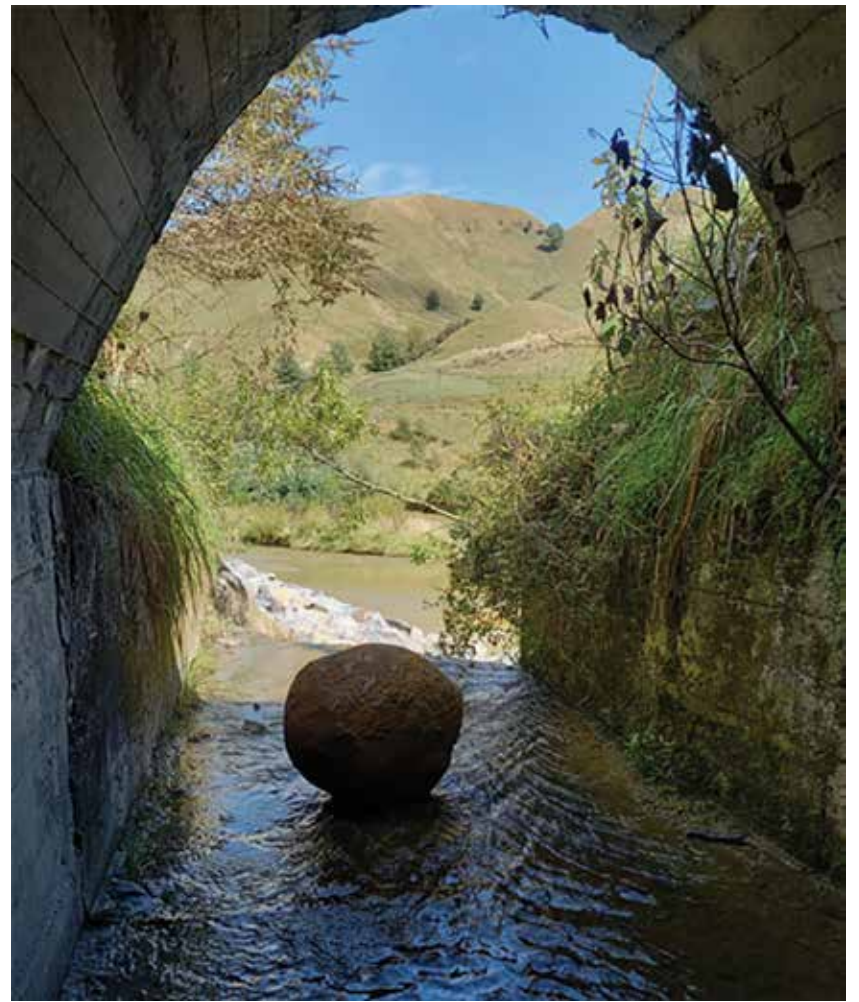
“For example, the mouri (vital essence) of the water in the area is of utmost importance and any work undertaken must align with the existing iwi taiao (environment) management plan.

“We acknowledge the collective of Ngāi Tuhiariki, Ngāti Rangi and the Ātīhau-Whanganui Incorporation for providing feedback and guidance in this space as we progress the project and look to secure consents.”

Mangaeturoa project

NZTA has donated a water tank to the Mangaeturoa Baths and School Revitalisation Project. It had been stored at the Te Oreore site and was surplus to requirements.

This summer it will be used to get the community swimming pool at the old school site going again.



A large kōhatu (stone) had to be carefully relocated from this old culvert.

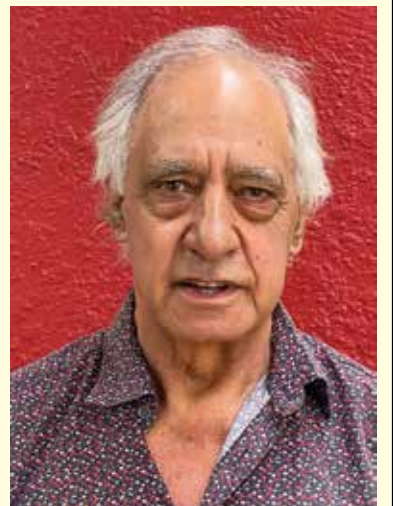


The culvert at the Auraki Stream has been extended to allow works on the road relocation.

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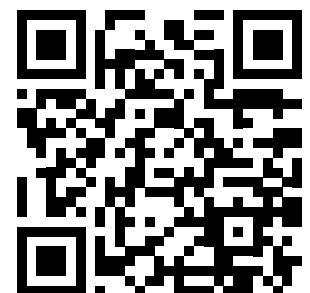
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Hato Hone
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St John Ruapehu needs new recruits

Hato Hone St John are looking for members of the Ruapehu community to make a difference and help save lives by becoming an ambulance officer.

The St John Ruapehu team plan to bring on new recruits to start in the spring, then work towards becoming a paid ambulance officer. They're particularly asking people who've never considered this kind of mahi to give some serious thought to being part of the team at Hato Hone St John in Ohakune, Taihape or Taumarunui.

Hato Hone St John area operations manager, Ruapehu and Whanganui, Nigel Watson explains that there are two approaches that recruits can take.

They can start as a volunteer to complete training at their own pace, learning as they go, to get a New Zealand Certificate in Ambulance Practice (NZCAP).

Or, they can earn a living while they learn for an intensive six-month period and get a Level 5 NZ Diploma in Ambulance Practice (NZDAP). Both qualifications set recruits up to apply for paid work as part of a frontline ambulance crew.

"Becoming an ambulance officer in Ruapehu provides flexible, long-term mahi and allows people to remain an active part of their own community and stay close to their whanau. This is particularly helpful for those wanting to work as well as care for tamariki or kaumatua," says Mr Watson.

"Our Ruapehu teams are a group of diverse people, made up of 33 full-time, part-time or casual officers – all committed to playing a critical role in saving lives and improving the wellbeing of those in the community," says Mr Watson.

He says ambulance officers are vital to rural and remote communities and Ruapehu needs enough new ambulance officers so that the area has a healthy mix of volunteers and paid employees to ensure that emergency and health services are run as smoothly as possible.

"If you are caring, fit and healthy, practical minded and interested in a locally based role then consider the emergency ambulance service with Hato Hone St John."

Mr Watson and the Ruapehu team welcome applications from people of all backgrounds, including those with no medical experience because all the necessary training is given.

"New recruits will become proficient in things like how to drive an ambulance, how to stay safe in the field, how to assess patients, how to manage and treat immediately life-threatening emergencies and how to resuscitate someone," he says.

Rosters are usually flexible enough to fit in with different lifestyles and shifts are generally worked on a four day on/four day off basis to ensure the wellbeing of staff and the community.

Anyone interested in signing up should go to <https://join.stjohn.org.nz/search> and search reference #54648. They can also get in touch at Ohakune.Station@stjohn.org.nz with any questions.



Ambulance officers, Mel and Teresa – St John wants more like them. Photo: Nick Watson.

Ohakune hui to find the way

How the Ohakune community provides signage and other street information is the subject of a hui planned for 23-24 September (see advertisement).

Ohakune Inc, Ngāti Rangī and Ruapehu District Council (who together make up the The Future Ohakune Governance Group) are launching the 'Ohakune Wayfinding Project'.

"We're inviting local businesses, retailers, community organisations and all members of the community to be part of it by sharing their views," says the Group.

The Wayfinding Project aims to create contemporary and consistent information panels and directional signage around Ohakune that accurately reflects the town's rich history and future goals and to help revitalise the town.

The project is a key development venture and follows public consultation held in 2020.

The project starts with a public hui/

meeting where all are welcome to share their knowledge, experience and future vision of the town, to guide the project design.

Ariki Creative Limited (www.ariki-creative.com) have been appointed as "a widely recognised graphic design company" specialising in indigenous and contemporary outdoor information and wayfinding projects. They were integral to the reconstruction of the Kaikoura district following the 2016 earthquake.

Over the weekend Ariki will meet locals and businesses as part of a two day hui / workshop to gain an understanding of the town. They will also visit prime historic, business and tourist sites in and around Ohakune to gather a complete picture of the indigenous, business, cultural and tourist attributes – and future opportunities – which they'll weave into a design that will be uniquely Ohakune.

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Marae joint solar pilot gets underway

A joint initiative between Maniapoto Māori Trust Board and The Lines Company to deploy renewable energy solutions on two Marae is underway with the installation of solar panels at Mānaroa Marae.

The Ministry of Business Innovation and Employment (MBIE) funded trial will see energy generated from solar panels traded through a technology platform. This will enable Marae to gift surplus energy to households of their choice anywhere on The Lines Company's (TLC) network.

"The pilot will help to support the aspirations of Marae and whānau development as we look to new, innovative approaches for whānau-based energy solutions," says Amber-Lee Elliott, Maniapoto Māori Trust Board (MMTB) Chief Executive.

"This opportunity allows us to understand energy solutions to further support Marae, hapū and whānau. We look forward to understanding the results of the pilot in the next six to twelve months" says Elliott.



At the solar marae: from left, standing: Reg Warren (Kaumātua, Mānaroa Marae), Larry Crow (Kaumātua, Mānaroa Marae), Gavin Sneddon (TLC), Naomi Hughes (Aotahi), Allan Batley (Chairperson, Mānaroa Marae), Doug Ruki (MMTB), Connor Kitson (Solar Technician, Chris & Co), Chris Steer (Solar installer, Chris & Co), Kyle Barnes (TLC). Seated (L-R): Erin Gray (Aotahi), Merepaea Rauputu (Kaumātua, Mānaroa Marae), Wikiwira Pokiha (Secretary, Mānaroa Marae), Amber-Lee Elliott (MMTB).

Along with the more immediate benefits of electricity generation from the panels, TLC sees the pilot as progression towards major change within the energy sector.

"Generating electricity from renewable resources can help us facilitate the push towards decarbonisation," says Mike Fox, TLC's Acting Chief Executive.

"We also know, in the right locations, solar can provide equitable energy solutions for customers and address some of the more specific challenges we have operating our network in more remote areas.

"As an electricity distributor we are focused on enabling customers to connect Distributed Energy Resources (DER) to our network and importantly gear up for two-way flow, as excess energy is fed back into the network.

"Working with Iwi, we've modelled a DER solution which will deliver a range of positive outcomes for whānau across the greater King Country region" says Fox.

The first of the two Marae selected for the pilot had solar panels installed in late August. Mānaroa Marae – located north of Mōkau is an ideal location for solar generation, with each of the 18kW array

set to contribute towards energy costs for five households through a peer-to-peer trading platform.

Mānaroa Marae chairman, Allan Batley says they play an important role as kaitiaki of the area and supporting the local community, with the project building on several upgrades recently undertaken at the Marae.

"Mānaroa Marae is honoured to be involved in the collaborative trial to generate energy which will help support our whānau and the Mōkau community in a more sustainable way.

"Our hope and aspirations are that this trial will help to future-proof renewable energy in the Mōkau area" says Batley.

TLC is in the process of finalising suitable locations for the second stage of the \$200,000 pilot project, continuing to work closely with MMTB to help facilitate the move towards equitable energy outcomes across Maniapoto.

The year-long project is due to be fully delivered by November 2023, with insights and data from the completed pilot project utilised to help inform future renewable energy approaches for both Marae and TLC.

Council elections: making the most of your STV vote

By Gavin Beattie

With the delivery of voting packs for the October local authority elections from Friday, Ruapehu voters will again be using STV to elect a new district council and community boards. This is how voters can use their STV vote to help achieve the results they want.

The single transferable vote (STV) electoral system is, as its name indicates, a single vote that is transferred between candidates according to each voter's preferences. This is in contrast to the previous 'winner takes all' first-past-the-post (FPP) system, where the voter has as many votes as there are vacancies and each vote remains with a particular candidate.

STV is a quite different system and is a fundamentally fairer and more effective way to vote. This is because all voters have a better chance of electing their preferred candidate(s). In addition, votes are not 'wasted' by voting for candidates who are either, popular enough not to need all the votes they receive in order to be elected, or who are not popular enough to get elected. In these cases votes are transferred, partially in the case of candidates already with enough votes to be elected, to the voter's next preference.

Not only is STV fairer and more effective, it can also provide representation roughly proportional to the communities of interest voters relate to. This will result in greater diversity around the council table. These communities of interest may include different age groups such as under-represented young people; different ethnic groups, including Māori; different rural and urban communities; as well as a wide range of special interest groups such as environmental and conservation interests and the disabled.

Ruapehu voters can achieve proportional representation firstly as a result of the decision to have just one general ward and one Māori ward covering the whole district. Then, by voters understanding that under STV, there is no incentive to vote in any way other than according to their true preferences for the candidates on the voting paper.

This understanding is based on the fact that votes are always allocated in order,

firstly to a voter's first preference (i.e. their number 1 on the voting paper), and then it can be transferred to their second preference (number 2), and then to their third preference (number 3), and so on. In this way, a voter's lower preference for a particular candidate can never override that voter's higher preference. In other words, there is no incentive to vote other than according to your true preferences.

Put another way, there is no incentive for you to vote negatively or 'tactically' with a view to keeping a particular candidate out, for example. You simply rank other candidates higher than the candidate you wish to keep out.

Arising from this, two frequently asked questions are: how many candidates should I vote for (i.e. rank)? And, should I rank at all, the candidate I least want to be elected?

You can rank as many or as few candidates as you wish. As long as your voting paper has a single number 1, a single number 2, a single number 3 and so on, your vote will continue to be counted. The more preferences you identify, the more you maximise the power of your single transferable vote.

Some voters rank all candidates. Some rank candidates equal to the number of vacancies there are. Some may rank candidates up to the point where they have no further preferences among the remaining candidates. Some may rank candidates up to the point where they cannot bring themselves to vote for a particular candidate, i.e. their least preferred candidate.

The number of ranked candidates is up to you. As long as you have a continuous sequence of singly numbered rankings (i.e. a single 1, 2, 3 etc.), you can contribute to the election of at least one of your preferred candidates. In doing so, you will have a say in electing a council that is representative of the diverse communities that make up Ruapehu District, and similarly in relation to your community board.

Gavin Beattie is a former senior adviser to the Local Government Commission and at the Department of Internal Affairs he led policy development for the Local Electoral Act 2001 including the options for councils to establish Māori wards and to adopt STV.



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 Saturday 24th September – 9.00am to 10.30am
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Please feel free to attend a workshop that reflects your area of interest or a general session.

Friday 23 September:	9am	Mihi Whakatau / Welcome - All welcome
Workshops:	10.30am	Ngāti Rangī
	11.15am	Tourism Organisations/Operators
	12.00pm	Historic Perspective
	1.45pm	Hospitality
	2.30pm	Retail/Business
	3.15pm	General workshop / All welcome
	4.00pm	Community Organisations.
Saturday 24 September:	9.00am to 10.30am	General workshop / All welcome
	6.00pm to 7.30pm	Meet & Greet with Ariki at Kings Ohakune

We look forward to your contributions to this exciting and pivotal project. If you're unable to attend the hui in person, we welcome your contribution by email.

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McKelvie recalls his meeting with the Queen

Local MP Ian McKelvie reflects on the passing of Queen Elizabeth II.

• I think it's fair to say the entire world was shocked and saddened to hear of the death of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II on Thursday 8 September. A truly remarkable woman and I am sure the most famous and recognised person in the world. And for good reason. The United Kingdom and the Commonwealth's longest reigning monarch lived a life symbolised by grace and servitude.

When she was born there was never an expectation the young Elizabeth would be Queen. The circumstances of her uncle's abdication and subsequently her father's early death, resulted in the second Elizabethan age – and the record 70-year realm of a Queen who gave an extraordinary lifetime of service. Like me, and most New Zealanders, Queen Elizabeth is the only Head of State we have known. Now we welcome King Charles III and the Carolean age. Long live the King!

I was fortunate to meet the Queen when I travelled to England in 1999 as the manager of an Australasian Polo team to play against England in the Coronation Cup at Windsor Great Park. She was impressive and it felt very special at the time to meet her – even more

poignant now.

On a different note – it was great to host Nicola Grigg in the electorate a couple of weeks ago for what was her first-ever visit to the mighty Rangitikei. Nicola is the Member of Parliament for Selwyn, another heartland rural and provincial seat. She was new to Parliament in 2020 and is currently National's spokesperson for Rural Communities, Women, Land Information, Animal Welfare and Associate Agriculture.

We had a busy day, which began with a tour of the Feilding sale yards – always action-packed on a Friday morning. We also caught up with a few locals and businesses doing great things in our region including Erica van Reenan, managing director of AgFirst, and Duncan Thomas, business manager at H&T Agrinomics. Their broad industry knowledge and perspective, along with their innovative ideas to progress current issues and concerns was inspiring. Donald McNally and Paulette at Carbon Harvest showed us around their exciting algae production operation too, which has huge commercial potential.

It's always good to show off a taste of what's great in Rangitikei to one of my colleagues.



Local MP Ian McKelvie, at left, with fellow-MP Nicola Grigg and Erica van Reenan and Duncan Thomas. Photo supplied.

Bringing the bugs to school



Hana Harding, Jacob Young and Harvey Rowe with their weta during the Bug Man's visit. See story Page 2.

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Another Freeride win for Jess

Ohakune skier Jessica Hotter has notched another Freeride win in her belt, taking first place in the North Face Frontier 4-Star competition at The Remarkables last week.

The 50-strong start list across four categories featured some of the world's best skiers and snowboarders, all ready to throw down in the fiercely steep and exposed terrain of the Alta Chutes.

Jess topped the women's skiers division with a score of 84.67, ahead of Kelsey Wittels (USA) on 82.67.

She pulled off a perfect backflip to seal the win.

"It was the most insane freeriding from female competitors that I've ever seen, by far," said head judge Dion Newport.

It was a tough job for the judges with three competitors landing backflips, which has never been seen before in a women's Freeride world qualifier.

Wittels picked up impressive points for attacking the steep and exposed terrain with an aggressive run right in the fall line. But it was the control and fluidity of Hotter's run that tipped the scales in her favour.

"I finally put down a backflip in competition so I'm really stoked, I'm so happy," said Hotter.

"I tried backflipping on the Freeride World Tour in 2020 and I under-rotated it so I've been wanting to do it ever since but the conditions on the tour this year did not call for that. This is my trick redemption."



Jess Hotter, midway through the backflip, that won her The North Face Frontier 4* freeski women's event at The Remarkables. Photo: Ross Mackay/Winter Games NZ.

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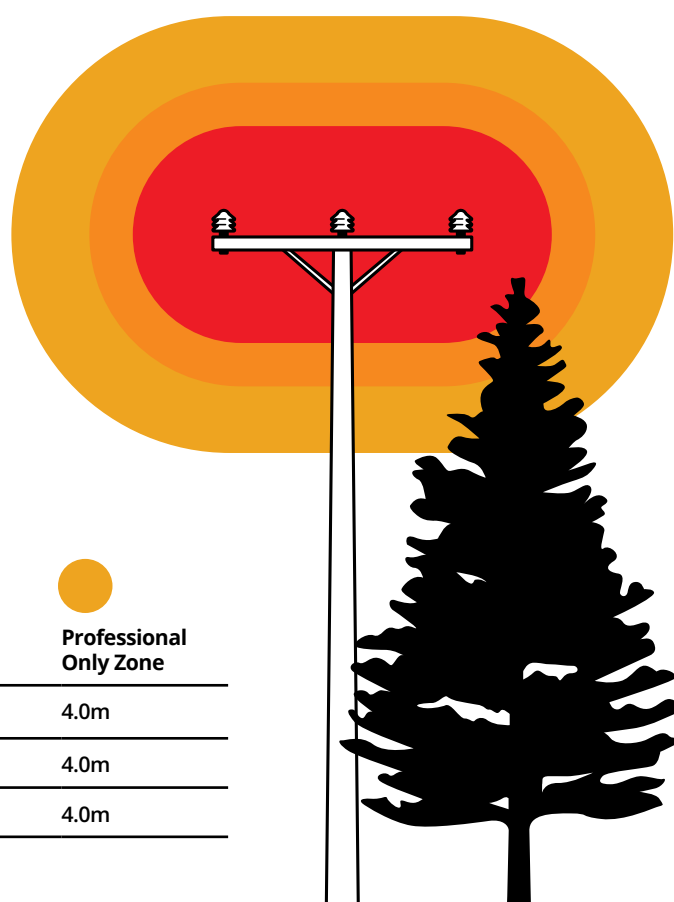
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Keas call in to the Club

Fifty campervans converged on the Ohakune Club recently, for the Kea Motorhome Friends Club's first muster ever in the North Island.

The motorhomes arrived on Friday 26 August and Kea organiser, Topsy Boulton, said she was delighted with the turnout.

"We had 90 of our members attend the event, some coming from as far south as Timaru and Mapua and as far north as Auckland and many places in between."

When asked why Ohakune was chosen for this two-day event Topsy explained, "I think Ohakune is a great location and with the Club's fantastic parking space, accessibility and, of course, the Club's facilities it ended up providing a perfect location for the group".

Topsy went on to explain she and other members saw the event as an opportunity to get the KEA group to come and explore Ohakune.

"Some of their members have never been to Ohakune before

and it provided a chance to really introduce KEA motorhomes to the town."

On Friday many members explored the town and the many walks around Ohakune, prior to the KEA Club business planned for the next day.

On Saturday the group held their first ever annual club meeting to be held in the North Island at the Ohakune Club followed by a 3-course dinner.

All went down very well and the feedback received was extremely positive about the location and the Club.

Topsy was very complimentary of the Ohakune Club's organisation and handling of the event and praised its Club manager, Sheryll Ridley for "all her marvellous efforts to make the whole event special" for them.

"This was a great event for those who had visited Ohakune before but also proved to be a great introduction to new domestic visitors who showed high interest in revisiting in the future."



Just some of the 50 Kea motorhomes that converged on Ohakune recently. Photo supplied.

Letters

Problem solving candidate

• Even though I am running for mayor, I do not see myself as a politician. Politicians tend to promise much and deliver little. I see myself as a problem-solving businessman who is prepared to swap the creation of profit for the creation of social outcomes. The challenge is the same, it's just the output that is different.

Our small district has nearly 100 social housing units but there is strong demand for more. That growth has to be sustainable and carefully managed, as any shortfall in operating costs will quickly become a burden on the ratepayer, as evidenced by Waimarino social housing, which fell into disrepair when managed by others. The only way that I can see more social housing being created in this district is via the Teitei Drive development in Ohakune and changing the designation of land in Taumarunui. Changing a designation is a difficult and long-winded process. However, once achieved, that land is then available to attract Central Government funding. I am happy to lead that process.

I recently spent a night in Auckland and my observations confirmed my thinking on public transport. In that large city, both train and bus services were running on a regular basis, but they were all empty. This lack of public buy-in means that public transport has to be highly subsidized by the ratepayer and I do not believe that this is a good use of ratepayers' limited funds. Ride sharing is the future of public transport in this district. Even if subsidized, these would cost a fraction of the cost of traditional bus services. I am happy to investigate this alternative.

I was disappointed with the Taumarunui Memorial Hall consultation process. No professional calculations have ever been done on earthquake strengthening costs or refurbishment and until those figures are known, no informed debate can occur. Community halls

are district-wide funded, so any conversation regarding funding will have to include all ratepayers of the district. I am happy to lead that conversation.

As far as I am aware, I am the only candidate who has never been a member of, or affiliated to, a political party. I just like getting things done, from start to finish. Our district has a choice over the next few weeks. Choose a candidate who has a proven record of problem solving and getting things done, or choose a politician.

Adie Doyle, candidate for mayor

Fairer rates

• If elected mayor, first on my agenda will be enacting a five-point plan for fairer rates.

First, I will work with Council to conduct a full review of our rates. Ruapehu's rating system has not been reviewed for several years, and I believe that some unfairness has crept in.

Second, local people have told me how unfair it is to have a sleepout on their property treated as a full dwelling. At a time when we have a huge issue with rentals and housing locally, this doesn't make sense.

Recently a local couple approached me to share their experience. They have a 3-bedroom house and pay around \$2500 per annum in rates. When they added a 1-bedroom sleepout on their property, their total annual rates bill doubled to around \$5000.

I believe that is not fair and punishes those wanting to do the right thing and increase our housing and rental stock.

Third, we need to ensure that our communities do not end up paying more for water after the Government's Three Waters changes are implemented.

While Council will have to adjust to losing the water component of rates revenue, local ratepayers should not pay a cent more for water after the reforms than they are in their rates now. One option is to use some of the "Better Off" government funding to pay for a temporary rates freeze.

My fourth focus is on supporting our pensioners. I have heard from

local pensioners that paying the rates bill can be extremely hard. We want to make sure our elderly stay in the District during their retirement and I hope my rates review will find ways to support this.

And fifth, I also plan to consult the community on a possible freeze to the Air BnB tax. While technically not part of the rating system, it has been increasing year on year. While it is fair that Air BnB rental owners contribute to local services, we need to encourage domestic and international tourism.

Weston Kirton, candidate for mayor

Inappropriate behaviour

• The way the sitting councillors are pushing through how the \$4.2 million of the Three Waters Better Off Funding is to be expended in this region is diabolical.

Firstly, this money is one-off – it will not come again. So, thinking strategically and with a long-term view is hugely important. Is their current plan going to sustain Ruapehu's infrastructure, future vision, future generations?

Secondly, over half the sitting councillors will not be featuring in the new Council. To make decisions that a new Council is expected to deliver on is inappropriate and unethical. The current Council is forecasting expenditure of funds that should be the focus of the incoming Council.

Thirdly, the paper talks about the importance of te Tiriti o Waitangi and involvement of Māori in decision making. This Council then palms off that responsibility to the Crown to figure out how it will be done. Again, inappropriate. If this Council had a genuine relationship with Iwi in Ruapehu District they would be talking with them now about what their priorities are.

The sitting Council are putting their hands into the pockets of our futures to clean up what they could not achieve in the past. If I was a sitting member being part of this decision, I would be thinking twice about how my vote would go ... to the future or to the past

Iris Pahau, general ward candidate



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RAETIHI Country Market
This Saturday 17 September
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For stall info phone Angel 0274 316 327
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PUBLIC NOTICES

CONDOLENCE BOOK
Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II

The public are invited to sign a condolence book in memory of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II at their local Ruapehu District Council library in Taumarunui, Ohakune and Raetihi



Te Kaunihera-ā-Rohe o Ruapehu
Ruapehu District Council

Ruapehu District Council Boards and Committees
UPCOMING MEETING DATES

Ruapehu District Council	
10.00am, Wednesday 21 September 2022	Council Chambers, Huia Street, Taumarunui
MEETING CONTACTS	
Ruapehu District Council	07 895 8188
Taumarunui Ohura Ward Committee	
Karen Ngatai, Chairperson	021 0222 2122
Waimarino-Waiouru Community Board	
John (Luigi) Hotter, Chairperson	027 274 2616
Audit and Risk Committee	
Philip Jones, Chairperson	027 499 9408
National Park Community Board	
Peter Zimmer, Chairperson	027 479 1926

PUBLIC NOTICE

ABANDONED VEHICLES POSSESSION NOTICE

To the persons registered under part 17 of the Land Transport Act 1998 in respect of the vehicles described below impounded from within the Ruapehu District pursuant to Section 356A of the Local Government Act 1974.

Vehicle ID	Make/Model	Colour	Towed From	Last Known Registered
AHD100	2001 Mazda 323	Red	Waiouru Railway Station	Stephen Murphy,
	Astina Glxi 1.6 M5			Collison Connect, Cambridge
	Station Wagon			

If you do not claim the vehicle within ten (10) working days, Council will sell/dispose of the vehicle. To claim your vehicle, contact Ruapehu District Council on 07 895 8188 or 06 385 8364.

PUBLIC NOTICES



WLSNT AGM 2022

Whanganui Land Settlement Negotiation Trust

Friday, 30 September 2022 11am at Rangahaua Marae and by Zoom webinar

AGENDA:

- Attendance & Apologies
- Previous Minutes
- Annual Report
- Financial Report
- Appointment of Auditor
- Reconfirm Trustees
- General Business

NB: This is a non-electoral annual general meeting.

Check out Whanganui Lands on Facebook for more info.

Raetihi-Ohakune Rotary Meet the Candidates Evening

Monday 19th September, 7pm
Theatre Royal Raetihi

All Mayoral, Community Board, General Council, Regional and Māori Ward candidates have been invited.

"Make an informed vote"

Listen to what they have to offer our community.

TENDERS

ABANDONED LAND SALES

The Ruapehu District Council is offering for sale the following properties located at the addresses listed as follows.

Property Address	Reference/ Assessment No.
195 Miro St, Manunui, Taumarunui	06028 286 00
9 Huia Street, Ohura	06200 110 03
6 Ngarimu Street, Ohura	06200 110 01
8 Ngarimu Street, Ohura	06200 110 02

Tender documents are available from Council's website at www.ruapehudc.govt.nz from **Friday 16 September 2022** and are required to be submitted to the offices of Ferguson Bhullar & Scott, being at 45 Miriama Street, Taumarunui 3920 (P O Box 26) Taumarunui 3946 by **4.00pm on Friday 14th October 2022**.

Faxed and emailed tenders and associated residential land statement will be accepted before the closing time and deposits **MUST BE RECEIVED** before the closing date.

No late tenders will be accepted.

PUBLIC NOTICES



Friends of Orautoha (Orautoha school fundraising committee)

Notice of AGM Hui

Monday 19th September 2022, 6pm
Orautoha School, Pukekaha Rd, Orautoha

Agenda:

- Mihi/Welcome
- Korero from the Chairperson
- Annual Financial Report
- Election of officers
- Chairperson
- Secretary
- Treasurer

Shared Kai to follow, please bring a plate
Naumai Heare Mai

SITUATIONS VACANT



ROADSIDE MOWER OPERATORS and PILOT DRIVERS REQUIRED OPPORTUNITY GENEROUS PAY RATES

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Ideal candidate would need:

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- At least 1-2 years' experience in a similar role is beneficial
- Full drivers' licence
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Ruapehu District Council general ward candidates

Twelve people are standing for election to the Ruapehu District Council in the general ward. The Bulletin has invited candidates to submit a brief profile. Editor's note: these profiles are published as submitted and only edited for space where necessary.

John Chapman

I'm a community board member, rural fire-fighter with the Waimarino brigade, volunteer health shuttle driver with St John's and the chair of Raetihi Promotions Charitable Trust.

For those of us standing for re-election, we should stand on our record whilst in office. Here is mine as a community board member both in National Park and Waimarino. I initiated the process for the park and ride in National Park.

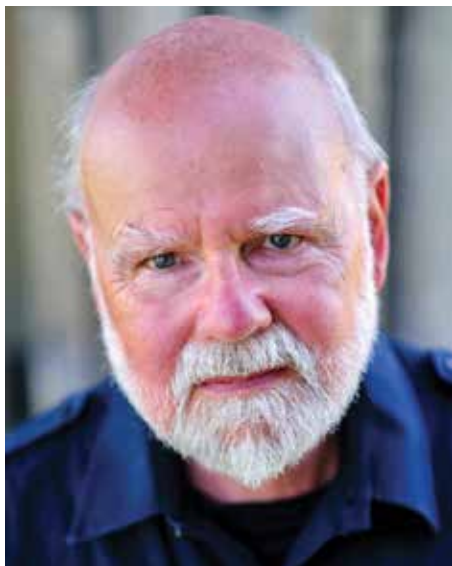
I presented a report to council on waste minimisation, which was incorporated into council's zero waste strategy and brought about a memorandum of understanding with Horizons on the abatement of rubbish fires in the district.

I proposed live streaming of our meetings.

I advocated for greater transparency in the recording of our meetings to include voting and debate.

I proposed increasing powers and responsibilities for our community boards and the enlargement of our boards to Taumarunui Proposals that will come into effect with the new council.

I proposed making the Māori Council a stand-



John Chapman.

ing committee, and for those seeking our help I proposed community boards offer help and assistance to those making submissions and give feedback on any actions taken by council.

The changes in the structure of council with enlarged community boards, working in partnership with a smaller strategic council gives us an opportunity to improve the way we serve our district.

For too long our approach has been top down,

holding our communities at arms-length, concerned that with our small rate base we won't be able to meet their expectations. This needs to change.

Our enlarged boards will enable greater community engagement. If we are to fulfil our communities' expectations we need to work harder and smarter.

We will need supported staff to obtain funding both for council and community groups, ensuring that the aspirations of our communities can be met along with keeping our debt at realistic levels.

We will need to maintain a good working relationship with Government to ensure funding for our infrastructure, and we need to ensure we deliver effectively on our core functions.

David 'Rabbit' Nottage

I was born and raised in Wanganui. I would see Mt Ruapehu everyday as I biked to school over the Dublin St Bridge. Did I see then, how big an influence it would have on my life years later? No!

My first connection was straight out of college into the Army at Waiouru. Winters were way colder then. Later on I returned here driving for McCarthy's.

In 2006 I bought my first truck. This area has given me a job and an opportunity for which I am extremely thankful.



Rabbit Nottage.

Being self-employed, finding time for Council meetings and workshops is not always easy.

Nine years ago when I first stood for Council, it made my mum very proud. In fact, I was pretty stoked too, that my fellow citizens trusted me and put their hopes in me and others to help deliver better outcomes for our District. Over the years now I can see projects all over the place that have helped make our District more liveable and attractive to older and newer residents.

Of course not everything turns to gold. Prior to covid, in some areas we were the best performing Council in New Zealand. We have attracted millions of dollars in government funding for housing, waters, roading and tourism projects. Even now, despite the challenges of climate change bringing consequences for all sectors in our community, we need to act quickly and adapt. Over the years we have shown how resistant we are here, we are lucky we have farming and forestry as the backbone.

I support more cycleways, they have proven that we can all ride a bike and we should make greater use of them for our health and our economy.

I also support in the future maybe a new swimming pool for Raetihi. It's time Raetihi has something to be proud of, something new and will be a great asset for the community. Plus, I am sure passing travellers would find it a great reason to stop longer in Raetihi.

I supported our decision to join the Communities 4 Local Democracy, over the Government's 3-waters proposal. There will definitely be more challenges for Council over the next three years.

I am always keen for a chat in the supermarket or on the side of the road or footpath and don't offer any smoke-screens on issues.

Brenda Ralph

Kia Ora and thank you for taking the time to get to know me.

My name is Brenda Ralph. I moved to Taumarunui when I was around 14 with my parents who purchased and ran a successful motel business for many years.

After leaving High School I worked in several areas, from a caregiver (becoming qualified in this important sector) to a number of other businesses where I gained a good customer service focus. I worked for a restaurant gaining experience in food handling and preparations.

During my working career, I had two children, I can

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Brenda Ralph.



CLASSIFIEDS Deadline 5pm Friday.

SITUATIONS VACANT

Environmental/GIS Summer Student/Intern - Ohakune

Start date - November

Duration - approx. 3 months or as mutually agreed



Ātīhau Whanganui Incorporation, is a progressive and professional Māori owned, multi-enterprise farming business (Sheep, Beef, Finishing, Dairy, Apiary and Forestry) that is taking product direct to market.

We have developed a Taiao plan as the next step in reducing the impact we have on all those affected by our operations, including the land, water, animals, and people. We are looking for the right person to complete some special projects over the summer period, recording the state of our current environment so that we know our starting point, and can prioritise work so that our mahi has the greatest possible impact.

This role would particularly suit an individual with a strong interest in the environment as it relates to primary industries or a student studying physical geography, geographic information systems (GIS), environmental studies or agricultural science.

Reporting to the Taiao Manger and Chief Executive, your key responsibilities will include the following:

- Collection, recording, and reporting of metrics and physical data across the property.
- Mapping land uses across the sheep and beef stations and relevant associated environmental features (particularly as this relates to winter grazing areas)
- Collecting and recording data relating to water use and water takes
- Mapping vegetation cover in less productive and retired areas.
- Maintaining relevant records and databases for environmental information.

You will:

- Be proactive and have a willingness to learn.
- Be friendly, approachable and have a 'can do attitude'.
- Have strong interpersonal and relationship management skills as you will be working with staff from all parts of the business.
- Have strong communication skills, both written and verbal.
- Excellent written communication, research and presentation skills.
- Have the ability to self-motivate and work to deadlines independently.
- Have at a minimum a restricted NZ drivers' licence.

If you enjoy working within a team-based environment, have a positive outlook and are willing to contribute to the Ātīhau culture that's growing from strength to strength then we want to hear from you.

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PUBLIC NOTICES



Visit Ruapehu AGM

Monday 19 September
3.00pm - 3.30pm
The Park Hotel

Followed by tourism update and guest speakers to 6pm then nibbles and a cash bar

RSVP info@visitrhapehu.com



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OWNERS FOREST VISIT

Saturday 1 October 2022

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Robert Spicer - 06 345 1166
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Registrations close 23 September.

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Waimarino squash plays for Jo

Saturday 10 September marked Waimarino Squash Club's third Jo Parkinson Memorial Tourney, having missed last year due to covid.

"Jo put years of service in to the Waimarino Squash Club and squash in general, clocking up some serious kilometres to play the game she loved," said Lauren Wikohika on behalf of the Club.

"Friends of Jo travelled from Taumarunui to play which is a testament to the friendships she made along the way".

Jos' two boys Jared and Hamish played as did daughter in law Katie Parkinson.

There was some exceptionally strong doubles competition among the 12 teams with the final down to the wire.

Results:

Winner of the Jo Parkinson Memorial Trophy, Matt Laurenson and Jackie Douglas. Runners up Tina Steedman and Thomas Te Kurapa. Classic Plate Win-



At the Jo Parkinson Memorial Tournament, from left Katie Parkinson, Jared Parkinson with Jordie, Jackie Douglas and Matt Laurenson, Hamish Parkinson with Ainsley and Bruce Parkinson.

ners Justine Walker and Hamish Parkinson. Special Plate Fiona Gemmell and Jared Parkinson. Plate Katie Parkinson and Shawn Van Delden. Consolation Plate Jade Kendrick and Craig Johns.

President Tony Maclean thanked everyone who travelled and the committee for putting together another fantastic event.

"A special thanks to Shey Maclean who continually goes above and beyond the call of duty, her mahi never goes unnoticed.

"The club wishes to thank this event's sponsors; Jo Erceg, Ray Double, Tony and Shey and a huge thank you to the Parkinson whanau who support this event, it's a pleasure to run this tourney in Jo's name."

Ohakune Squash

The final week of round two interhouse was played on Thursday and leading team four had a convincing 118-86 win over team three to extend their overall lead. In the other match ups team one beat team seven 116-98 whilst teams two and five had the first tied match of the round 106-106. Team six picked up 100 points for the bye. Final points are: team four on 780, team one 759, team two 742, team seven 740, team five 724, team three 699 and team six 682.

Members of the winning team four were Thomas Tekurapa, Josh Hooper, Ray Double, Campbell Harding, Laura Double (captain), Callum Tahau, Zai-Yaarn Tuipea, Tyler Berry, Hamish Mackay, Bella Hohipa, Stacey Merchant, Hana Harding, Olivia McIntyre and Jesse Harding.

This Thursday Ohakune will host Taihape for the annual Taihape vs Ohakune shield challenge. Ohakune will match up the 25 visitors.

The following week a third inter-house round will start, names to be entered by this Friday.

Further results from club champs finals last week had Grace Burnard beat Shey MacLean in the open women's final whilst Jayden Bailey narrowly beat Matthew Laurenson in the men's open final. In the primary boy's final Travis Hobdley beat Alex Bennett and in the primary girl's final Grace Rowe beat Olivia Grey. In the mixed masters final Andy Bennett beat Lauren Wikohika and Matthew Laurenson beat Jack Parker in the mixed seniors final. In the open junior finals Jayden Bailey beat Liam Burnard whilst Grace Burnard beat Emma Burnard.

Ruapehu candidates

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proudly say I am a grandmother of four.

Having run a franchise courier business with my husband, I know the importance of accountability and budgeting.

I joined Ruapehu District Council as a customer service officer in 2004.

An opportunity arose to join the compliance team approximately 18 months later, where I learnt more about the legislation that Council is responsible for. The animal control role was later merged into the compliance role. Over the years I have become knowledgeable about Councils legal obligations, Council Bylaws and the Dog Control Act 1996.

I held the compliance team leader role for 11 years – as a result I have good knowledge of Council internally, seeing both the positive and negative during my 18 years of service and commitment.

I loved working for Council but I have seen a decline in some areas of Council in the past few years, which as an employee was out of my control to address. The experience I gained while working for Council leads me to where I am now. I have a lot to offer the Ruapehu District, I see a real need for our District to flourish and feel someone who knows the good and bad of council is needed to be part of the decision-making to achieve this goal.

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