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## RAL: what is the voluntary administration process?

With Ruapehu Alpine Lifts placed into voluntary administration, PricewaterhouseCoopers has released information on their responsibilities and the process they will follow.

John Fisk and Richard Nacey, joint voluntary administrators, said last week that they are continuing to trade the Company on a "business as usual" basis while looking to determine the most appropriate way forward "to maximise recoveries for creditors".

All debts due by the Company are effectively 'frozen' as at 11 October 2022.

They explained to creditors that the administration process is "designed to provide companies in financial difficulties the opportunity to appoint an independent administrator to assess whether it is possible to restructure the company's affairs".

### Maximise the chances

The objectives of the administration process, as set out in the Act, are to: maximise the chances of the company, or as much as possible of its business, continuing in existence; or if it is not possible for the company or its business to continue in existence – result in a better return for the company's creditors and members than would result from an immediate winding up of the company.

"The appointment of administrators provides a moratorium period during

which control of the company is placed into the hands of an independent person. During this period, the Administrators will assess the company's financial position and develop proposals to submit to creditors.

"The creditors will then decide the future of the company through a vote."

### Life Pass holders involved

They explained that there are generally two meetings of creditors, including Life Pass holders, held during an Administration.

The first meeting is to be held on Friday 21 October.

This meeting allows the Administrators to report on their initial findings and the creditors to elect a committee to assist the Administrators.

The Administrators are currently seeking court orders to extend the "convening period" as defined in the Act be extended from 9 November 2022 to 9 May 2023.

The voluntary administration was announced on Tuesday last week.

RAL stated that the decision was made after "a very difficult last three years, with the impact of Covid-19 restrictions, paired with poor weather this season".

"Whakapapa will continue to operate as planned, weather permitting, through to season close, estimated at 24 October.

The three T bars – Valley, Knoll, and Far

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## South success for young Ohakune skier



Ohakune skier Izaac Wu in winning action at Cardrona recently. See Page 2 for more. Photo: Snowsports NZ.



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# Mt Ruapehu voluntary administration process explained

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West – will be running, along with the Sky Waka gondola for access and sightseeing.”

“The Directors of RAL have explored a number of options, including a capital raise and a request for additional Crown funding, but have not been able to secure the required level of capital,” said John Fisk.

“As such, the Directors made the decision to appoint Voluntary Administrators. The Voluntary Administrators will now continue to trade the business while we look to determine the most appropriate way forward to maximise recoveries for creditors.”

## What's on around Ruapehu

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# Seven women two men on council

After the final votes count for the Ruapehu District Council election, Ruapehu has seven women and two men at the council table.

There are four new councillors, Fiona Kahukura Hadley-Chase, Channey Iwikau, Brenda Ralph and Korty Wilson.

The 2022 election saw the scrapping of area wards, replaced with one general ward and one Māori ward. Six councillors fill the general ward and three fill the Māori ward.

Fears that the larger population in the north of the district would see candidates there dominate the election have not come to pass, with four councillors based in the south

Wherever they are based, councillors are supposed to work for the whole district, even before the introduction of the general wards.

The four southern-based councillors are Rabbit Nottage, Janelle Hinch, Viv Hoeta and Korty Wilson.

The five northern-based councillors are Lyn Neeson, Robyn Gram, Brenda Ralph, Channey Iwikau and Fiona Kahukura Hadley-Chase.

The vote for the general ward councillors was close for the last successful candidate, with Viv

Hoeta just pipping John Chapman by 13 votes. Preliminary counts from Saturday saw the pair see sawing between success and failure and it wasn't until the final count of special votes that the result became clear.

General ward councillors vote count: Lyn Neeson 655; Robyn Gram 573; Rabbit Nottage 471; Janelle Hinch 462; Brenda Ralph 439; Viv Hoeta 436. Missing out were John Chapman 423; Peter Zimmer 304; Brian Portland 205; Iris Pahau 144; Molly Jeffries 107; Bobby Rata 92.

The Māori Ward vote was more clear-cut, with Channey Iwikau winning 224 votes; Korty Wilson 224 votes; Fiona Kahukura Hadley-Chase 189. Missing out were Pita Pehi 140; Corey Wynyard 83; Rob Moke 39.

The final count for the mayoralty was: Weston Kirton 2086; Elijah Pue 1596; Adie Doyle 1334; Fiona Hadley-Chase 301.

The voter return was 48.91%, being 4133 voting papers, excluding special votes.

### Community Boards

Owhango-National Park Community Board: Elected: Peter Zimmer 154; Murray Wilson 86; Eddie Marsters 71; Simon O'Neill 68; Anthony



**Viv Hoeta, retains her council seat.**

Gurr 66. Missing out is Dene Priestley 19.

Waimarino Waiouru Community Board – elected: Luigi Hotter 396; Colin Pakai 241; Angel Reid 240; Kay Henare 235; Stu Robinson 223. Missing out are Jayde Lowe 214; Geoff Anderson 133.



**New Waiouru-Waimarino Community Board members, from left, Colin Pakai, Stu Robinson, Angel Reid.**



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## Success for young Ohakune skier

Ohakune skier Izaac Wu loves his sport and he loves winning even more, so his 2022 season has been pretty special with national medals to show for it.

The 8-year-old Ohakune Primary School pupil added to his medal haul when he took the silver medal podium spot at the Slope-style Nationals at Cardrona recently.

This place, plus his other results, gave him third place overall.

This year he competed in the Under-10 category and was the only kid in his age category from the North Island.

In 2021 he was in the under-8 group, with a gold in the half-pipe and fourth overall in the nationals.

He was third in the Mini-Shred at Tūroa in 2021.

Izaac has been skiing since he was four years old. He has skied in China and Japan as well as New Zealand, clocking up 80 days on skis in his first season.

Already, he has caught the eye of sponsors and is grateful to TCB in Ohakune and Nordica, as well as Vight goggles, whose generosity has extended to not only providing Izaac with goggles, but 10 extra pairs for some of his school mates who wouldn't otherwise have access to the gear.

Izaac's parents have been working on Tūroa this season and at other businesses in Ohakune.

His Dad Erny is a windsurfing instructor and his Mum Teresa is a scuba dive instructor. The pair have regularly worked at Club Med resorts.



# New MP swearing in will be political history

By Moana Ellis, Local Democracy Reporter

The swearing in of Labour list MP Soraya Peke-Mason to Parliament on 25 October will mark a milestone for women in New Zealand.

For the first time in its history, women in New Zealand's Parliament will have an equal share of seats in the House.

"That's quite significant," Peke-Mason said.

"It really shows the maturity of Aotearoa in terms of equity from a gender perspective."

Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern said reaching the milestone was "significant and heartening".

"Our Parliament will always be better when the diversity of voices in New Zealand are heard in our law making and government."

"The Labour Party in particular has been deeply committed to having equality of representation within our own Caucus and we are really excited to welcome Soraya to our team."

Peke-Mason will also be the first MP sworn in by the new Speaker, her cousin Te Tai Hauāuru MP Adrian Rurawhe, and the first new MP pledging allegiance to the new king, Charles III.

Representing the Rangitikei electorate (which includes Ruapehu) and supported by kaumātua and whānau from the river and mountain tribes and Rangitikei, she will be sworn in at 2pm, in Te Reo Māori, and will give her maiden speech at 5.45pm.

"It is an honour and a privilege to be going to Parliament to represent our rohe," Peke-Mason said.

"Over the last one or two decades my work has taken me across the Whanganui, the Ruapehu and the Rangitikei districts."

"I'm excited and proud to be able to represent



our rohe, and for Te Awa Tupua, for Rangitikei, for all of us to have another strong voice at a table that makes really important and hard decisions on behalf of Aotearoa."

It's two years since Peke-Mason missed out at the 2020 election. Her elevation to Parliament was announced in June after news that Kris Faafoi would leave politics and Trevor Mallard would move on to a diplomatic posting.

Peke-Mason, who lives at Rātana south of Whanganui, was Rangitikei's first wahine Māori councillor for 12 years until 2019, when she unsuccessfully ran for Horizons Regional Council.

In 2020, she stood in the general election in Rangitikei against incumbent Ian McKelvie and was ranked No 60 on the Labour list.

"After the results of the last election, there was a possibility that I could enter Parliament but you just get on with it. You leave

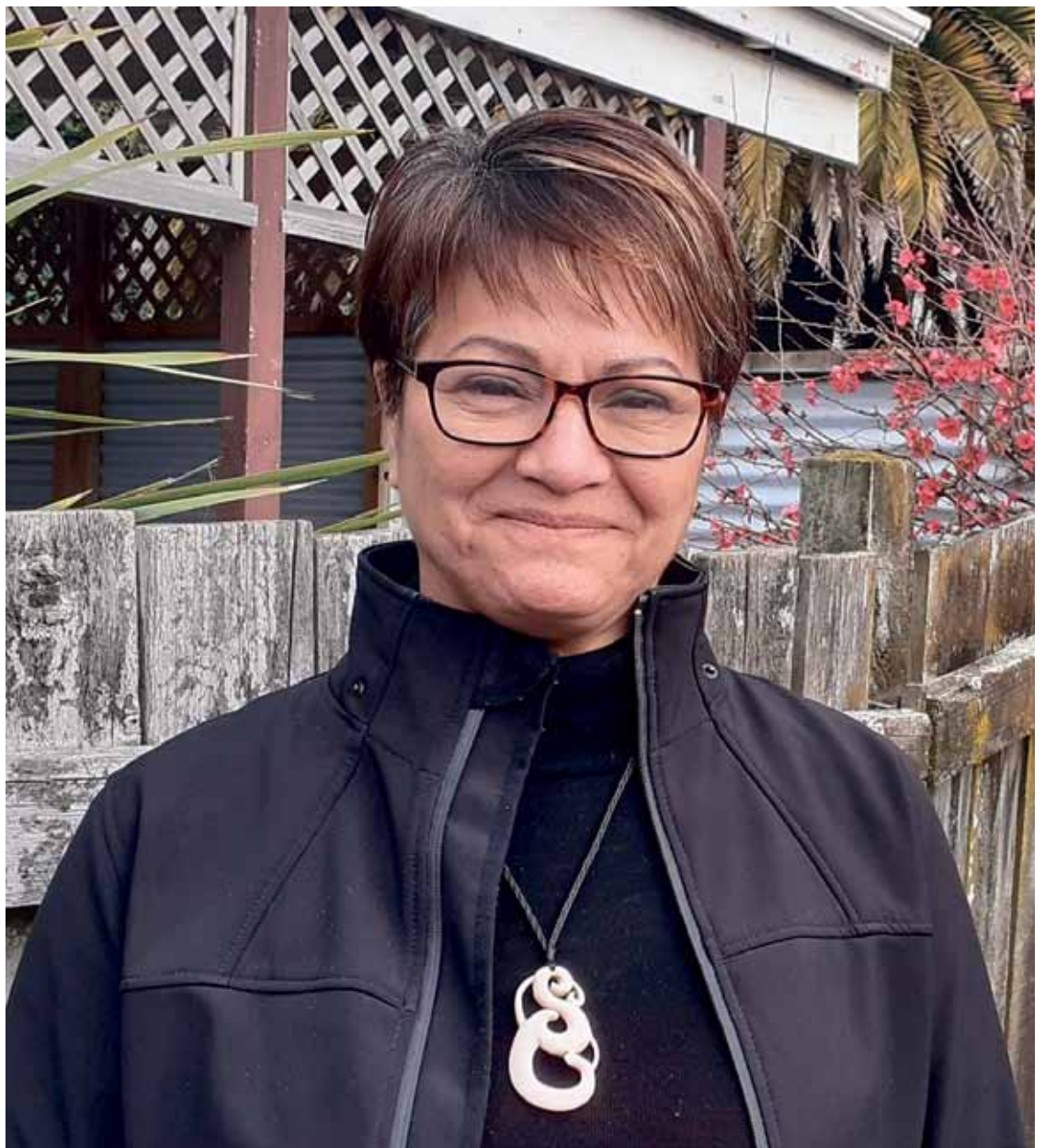
that there to the side and you just get on with your mahi at home."

She was appointed to the Whanganui District Health Board and to its Hauora ā Iwi Relationship Board. She also helped lead the Whanganui Māori Regional Tourism board, was a member of Rangitikei District Council's Te Roopu Ahi Kā and held a number of iwi Māori and Māori trust governance roles.

"I've had plenty of time to be able to exit the work that I've been doing in the rohe, to tidy up those loose ends, to finish up projects properly, look at replacements, and work with Māori authorities that I've done work for to ensure there's an appropriate exit process so that they're not left in the lurch, and I've also been able to exit some of the boards I've been on."

"I've been lucky to have the time to do that. Not every MP gets that time."

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Parliament will achieve gender equality when Labour list MP Soraya Peke-Mason is sworn in on 25 October. Photo/Moana Ellis.

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# Raetihi fire fighters honoured

Raetihi Fire Brigade chief Darren Dempsey received the UFBA Gold Star medal on Saturday 8 October for serving 25 years in the Raetihi Voluntary Fire Brigade. He was presented his medal from United Fire Brigade Association representative Glenn Williams. Darren's medal is only the 16th Gold Star to be awarded in the Raetihi Brigade. Other Brigade Honours presented were: 5-year medals, Amy Osbourne, Corey James Ruki Brown; 2 year gold bar, Darren Griffin for 31 years' service; 2 year silver bar, Danial van der Lubbe for 11 years' service, Tiaan Beukes for 7 years' service, Alex Herewini for 7 years' service; 3 year certificate- Lois Allison-Cooper. David Ackroyd presented the Wellington Provincial Gold Star Association tie and brooch. FENZ Group Manager, Renee Potae presented a FENZ gift. Presentation of Ruapehu District Council Tankard was by Mike Maru.



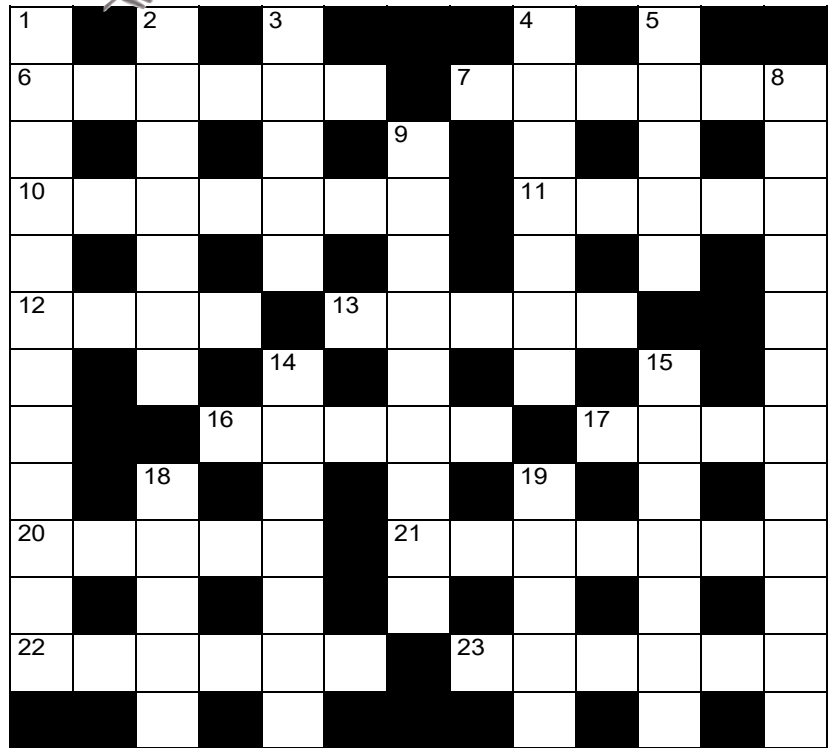
Fire chief Darren Dempsey receives his Gold Star medal from UFBA representative Glenn Williams.

## Forage fibre and fire



An Australia textile touring party stopped off in Ohakune for three nights last week to include a workshop with textile artist Merrilyn George. The group foraged and boiled up brews with collected plant materials, wrapped clipped and bundled inside recycled cloth of cotton, silk and wool. The unwrapping of boiled parcels and steamed cylinders, likened to Christmas time, revealed surprising and magic results, says Merrilyn. Tour leader Carole Douglas, no stranger to Ohakune, had spent many school holidays in the sixties with her uncle Joe Timney. Carole said, "I like this part of the world where friendliness is the way and creativity blossoms". The group also took in some local hospitality and a visit to the Hiruharama Mission Station of Suzanne Aubert aka Mother Mary Joseph, on the Whanganui River. Photo: Merrilyn George.

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- Across**
- 6. Disclose (6)
  - 7. First-rate (6)
  - 10. For many years NZ's most popular car (7)
  - 11. Cheap wine (colloq) (5)
  - 12. Greenstone club (4)
  - 13. Spirit in a lamp (5)
  - 16. Poison (5)
  - 17. Let fall (4)
  - 20. Spacious (5)
  - 21. Rule which states 'anything that can go wrong, will go wrong' (4,3)
  - 22. Global food company with brands like Maggi and Uncle Toby's (6)
  - 23. Name of the funeral home made popular in the TV series *The Casketeers* (6)

- Down**
- 1. First New Zealander to win a Formula 1 race (5,7)
  - 2. Freestyle (7)
  - 3. Nickname for a member of 'military' Christian organisation (5)
  - 4. Popular NZ winter vegetable (7)
  - 5. NZ's greatest ever squash player, Susan \_\_\_\_ (5)
  - 8. Common baker's ingredient (6,6)
  - 9. Iconic NZ chain store The \_\_\_\_ (9)
  - 14. Use again (7)
  - 15. Wheeled supermarket helper (7)
  - 18. Large, tough cat in *Footrot Flats* (5)
  - 19. Confess (5)

### Previous solution

**Across:** 1. Strike, 5. Census, 9. Tennis, 10. Sedate, 11. Rimu, 12. Wrestler, 14. Serene, 19. Menswear, 21. Germ, 22. Unable, 23. Idiocy, 24. Takahē, 25. Nugget. **Down:** 2/16. Trelise Cooper, 3. Ian Mune, 4. Elsewhere, 6. Evens, 7. Snarl-up, 8. Shearer, 13. Excursion, 14. Sam Hunt, 15. Ransack, 17. Ongoing, 18. Earache, 20. Welsh.

## Letters

### No trust in RAL

The voluntary administration of Ruapehu Alpine lifts unfortunately came as no surprise to me as a shareholder and long-time employee of the company. But just a token shareholder out of interest, as 55% of shares are held by a trust administered by four baby boomers in Wellington, so my vote is useless. They make the decisions for the future of the company and elect the board of directors. The trust was created in 1983, a time at which New Zealand was undergoing economic change and Tūroa had just been opened in private hands. So it made sense to prevent a take-over of a company that had been started by skiers for skiers. The trusts constitution states it exists "to preserve the company in its current state" it's hard to see that now. Over the last 20 years the goal was to create a northern hemisphere resort this is not possible due to volatile weather and restrictions. The trust has failed! So it is time to allow RAL to find a new future, one where every New Zealander has the opportunity have a say in the company, a collective, the way the company started and should in a national park. A large club field, a place for North Islanders to go skiing when the weather is good. Because when good it's good I would ask the government or any other person or group who is considering bailing RAL out to make a condition of the bailout to dissolve the trust. I mean in all reality what private commercial company would invest in a company with so little consistency in trade. The ski fields are vital to the local economy and it is important that we do find a solution to keep them operating but not in its current form.

Daniel Strueder



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# An ‘ugly solution’ if skifields close: PwC

It would be an “ugly decision” if the Mt Ruapehu ski areas – Whakapapa or Tūroa – were to close, PricewaterhouseCoopers administrator John Fisk told Radio New Zealand on Thursday.

He was interviewed by Kathryn Ryan on Nine to Noon.

Asked what the options for the administrators are, he said that “everything is on the table”.

“We’ll have to work with all those stakeholders and hopefully find something that could be even better than what has been there before.

“We need to find something that is commercially viable as well.”

Ruapehu Alpine Lifts currently owes around \$32 million and with “a lot of built-up deferred maintenance, especially at Tūroa” it is “probably more than that – closer to \$40m”.

Creditors include ANZ bank (\$5.9m), \$10m to MBIE (Provincial Growth Fund), \$5m to the Government in pandemic emergency funding; Taupō District Council, Ruapehu District Council (\$500,000).

He said there is a lot of maintenance to be done, especially at Tūroa which is a “hell of a harsh environment”.

Groomer manufacturers have said that if their machines can survive at Tūroa, “they can survive anywhere in the world”.

Mr Fisk explained that he is familiar with the ski areas, having worked on the receivership of the previous owners of Tūroa, including the subsequent sale to RAL.

He said it is not the administrators’ job to “criticise what’s happened in the past” but to try to find a positive solution.

Very little of the assets can be easily removed and sold.

“Snow groomers and snow guns that could be sold but we want to avoid that.”

He also said it would be very expensive to remove lifts structures from the mountain.

One of the conditions of the ski area concessions

was that, if they close, “everything would have to come off the mountain”.

As well as creditors, there are four iwi with an interest in the ski areas, plus the Department of Conservation, 46 Whakapapa clubs with lodges, around 16,000 life pass holders, as well as local councils and the Government (some are creditors as well as having other interests).

Asked if closing, or mothballing Tūroa, Mr Fisk said he is not saying that at the moment, but that “all options are on the table”, including splitting the two fields and selling Tūroa.

A crowdfunding model, involving Life Pass holders and others, could be considered, he said.

He said a “whole lot of commitments need to be made soon to ensure the ski fields operate next year – summer maintenance with orders needing to be made for parts and equipment”.

An approach for Government financial support “was turned down a few days ago”.

## Crowdfunding

Kathryn Ryan also interviewed Sam Clarkson from Skotel, who is one of a group who have been working on a crowdfunding option to keep the company going.

“RAL has become more and more corporate over the years. The answer to the problem has been to go ever more corporate.

He said the company was originally started as a club set up, similar to today’s crowdfunding – a model could work again.

But he said they have been stonewalled at every turned.

Regarding the effects of climate change, he said he is not denying that this is an issue, but that the 2022 poor season is due to a poor La Nina snow year.

He said Tūroa went bankrupt following a similar pattern – two years of eruptions followed by a poor La Nina snow year (1998), sending the company broke.

“And we’ve had some great years since then.”

The current situation closely follows that pattern – two years of Covid disruption, then a La Nina year.

“All the parties concerned are going to have to

take a haircut.

“We are all going to come up with some money including life pass holders,” says Sam Clarkson.

## Temple photo for funds

Raetihi photographer John Chapman has donated a 1.5-metre by 0.8-metre canvas featuring a photograph of Ruapehu icon the Rātana Temple in Raetihi for a prize for the latest fundraising raffle in support of the planned renovation of the Temple.

John Chapman waived his fee for the photograph, in conjunction with Rachel Hoskin and the team at Strange Dog in Ohakune donated the

printing and framing costs so all funds raised will directly support the project.

There are only 100 tickets available at \$20 each, which can be purchased by contacting Darnell Watling on 021 267 2569, emailing teparihaoraetihi@gmail.com or by messaging the Te Pāriha o Raetihi Facebook page.



Photographer John Chapman, right, has donated his photograph of Raetihi’s Rātana temple to help raise funds for the building’s restoration, with Strange Dog and Rachel Hoskin, left, providing the printing. Photo: Liz Brooker.



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# Busy September for rescue chopper

Over the month of September, the Greenlea Rescue Helicopter carried out 38 life-saving missions in the Central Plateau, lakes and surrounding regions.

These missions included 11 inter-hospitals transfers, eight medical events, two motor vehicle accidents and 17 rural or farm related incidents, which was a significant increase compared to the previous month and equalled to almost 50% of all transported missions.

Locations included Tongariro National Park, with a total of 13 missions taking place, and Whakapapa, with eight missions.

On Tuesday 6 September, a teenage girl had sustained serious spinal injuries after falling while snowboarding at Whakapapa Ski Field. The Helicopter was dispatched to the scene and transported the girl to Waikato Hospital

for further treatment.

The next day, whilst returning from a mission, the Helicopters was redirected to Whakapapa for another skier who had fallen and sustained multiple injuries. The patient was treated on scene and flown to Waikato Hospital for further treatment.

On Friday morning, 16 September the Helicopter was dispatched to Tongariro Crossing for a patient who required urgent medical care. The patient was transported to Taupo ED for further treatment.

On September 20th, a man in his 20s had sustained life-threatening injuries in southwest of Taumarunui. The Greenlea Rescue Helicopter was tasked to the scene and the patient required winching by the crew. The man was flown to Waikato Hospital for further treatment.



The Greenlea Rescue Helicopter heads for the Tongariro Alpine Crossing for a medical event. Photo supplied.

# Rural communities invited to attend roadshow

Horizons Regional Council is inviting farmers and rural communities to join them at meetings across the region to hear about freshwater reforms and what they mean for the One Plan.

Horizons rural advisor Ian McNab says the freshwater reforms introduced by central government in 2020 include two streams, National Environmental Standards (NES) and the National Policy Statement for Freshwater Management (NPS-FM).

“We expect that farmers in our region probably know how the NES will affect them. However, they may not be as knowledgeable of the impact that the NPS-FM will have,” he says.

“The NPS-FM will result in a revision to our One Plan, the document that sets out rules and limits around activity relating to natural resources. This revision will impact farmers and rural communities, so the roadshow is an opportunity to hear about the process and key engagement rounds that are coming up.”

Mr McNab says rural advice, policy and science staff will be at the meetings to answer questions and have a chat over a cup of tea.

“While a large focus of the meetings will be on the NPS-FM we will also provide some updates around the NES. This will include information about nitrogen reporting, intensive winter grazing and freshwater farm plans.

“We really hope farmers and members of the wider rural community come along as there has been, and will continue to be, change required of farm operations. It’s important that these communities are aware of the changes and engagement rounds so they know when they can be involved.”

He said if someone can’t make the meeting in their area, they are welcome to get in touch with the rural advice team on freephone 0508 800 800 to discuss alternative options.

The rural roadshow is taking place from Monday 17 October to Thursday 10 November.

10am Tuesday 8 November, Taihape Rugby Club, Kuku Street, Taihape

1.30pm Tuesday 8 November, Ohakune RSA, 71 Goldfinch St, Ohakune

10am Wednesday 9 November, Waimiha Sports Club, 741 Ongarue Stream Road, Waimiha

1.30pm Wednesday 9 November, Ohura Cosmopolitan Club, Ngarimu Street, Ohura

10am Thursday 10 November, Taumarunui RSA, 10 Marae Street, Taumarunui

Other meeting dates can be found at [horizons.govt.nz](https://horizons.govt.nz).

For more information about Horizons’ approach to freshwater reforms please see [freshwater.horizons.govt.nz](https://freshwater.horizons.govt.nz).

# Future Ohakune Project

## The journey so far...

In early 2020 Council funded consultants Boffa Miskell to work with the community on developing a strategic revitalisation plan for Ohakune. This resulted in the development of Future Ohakune Reference Group (made up of representatives from the community, Ngāti Rangī, big and local businesses, farming and market gardeners) to establish some initial ideas and propose some potential objectives, initiatives and projects for the future of Ohakune.

The community was asked for their feedback on this initial work over a series of open days in October 2020. This event successfully identified the things that are of the greatest importance to the Ohakune community including a large number of ideas and development opportunities.

These ideas and opportunities have now been organised into four parallel workstreams being:

1



Quick win projects which includes maintaining and upgrading existing street furniture, planters and pavements.

2



The wayfinding and signage project to improve the arrival and visitor experience.

3



Ohakune Spatial Plan to inform the future direction for Ohakune’s growth, supported by the transport plan.

4



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# Squash success for College students

Eye on Ruapehu College, contributed by staff and students  
Ruapehu College will be hosting their Annual Sports Breakfast Celebration to acknowledge and thank all those in the community who have supported College sports this year. The breakfast will take place on Wednesday 26 October at 7:30am in the college hall.

## Squash

This year, 2022 has been a busy and successful year for Ruapehu College squash students.

"It's so good to see lots of new students signing up to give it a go," said Brenda Burnard on behalf of the students.

"Our more regular competitors have travelled around the country competing in many tournaments playing in excess of 60 matches in the past year."

This year there were two College teams that competed in the Ruapehu interclub, which included teams from Ohakune, Waiouru, Turangi and Taumarunui. Teams hosted or travelled fortnightly around the region in this teams competition that ran during terms two and three.

Ruapehu college team one consisted of Jayden Bailey, Liam Burnard, Harry Rowe and Archie Mills and team two included John Laurenson, Grace Burnard, Cameron Smith and Matty Smith. Both college teams finished on top during the different rounds with team two taking the overall win.

Ruapehu College entered a boys and girls team into the Secondary School Squash Championships in Auckland.

"This is a significant achievement for a school of our size as most schools are from urban areas and not many can enter both a boys and girls teams," said Brenda Burnard.

The boys team included Jayden Bailey, Liam Burnard, Harry Rowe, Cameron Smith, Matty Smith and Archie Mills. The boys had many tough rounds that saw them facing a strong neighbouring school from Whanganui – Cullinane College in the final round.

A loss to them saw them finish in 14th place.

The girls team included: Grace Burnard, Maraea Buckingham, Kirsty Osborne, Bella Hohipa, Hy-Lee Wiari Hansen, Hira Hancy, Sophie Collier. The girls lost their first round but won all subsequent rounds to win the plate division, "a fantastic result" finishing above their ranking in 9th position.

Jayden, Grace and Liam were notified before this tournament that they had made the shortlist for the secondary school New Zealand team that travels to Australia to compete.

Liam was selected as a non-travelling reserve for the New Zealand Secondary Schools Junior boys team.

Jayden and Grace were again selected for the Central

Juniors squad for 2022, which is made up of the top juniors in the region. Central region covers a large area including Taranaki, Whanganui, Manawatu and surrounding areas.

Earlier in the year both took part in the Central vs Eastern challenge where their wins contributed to a Central Team win in Palmerston North.

During the October school holidays both were selected for the Central team to compete as individuals and in the team competition for the Junior Nationals held in Lower Hutt. Both competed in the individual under 17 national age group championship.

Grace finished #10 girls and Jayden #14 boys. They then went on to compete in the teams competition where their contribution saw the girls finish sixth and the boys finish ninth. This was six days of competition which saw some great results competing against some of New Zealand's best Junior squash players.

## Superchamps

The club's graded superchamps teams were well represented with many college students throughout the teams with some successful title holders at the regional level, which then went on to represent their club at the National superchamps competition that was hosted around the country.

The most successful result was the F grade men's team who travelled to Ashburton and came second in New Zealand. This team included Archie, Matty, Reign, Zai-aarn. Grace was a part of the B grade ladies team who travelled to Tawa and placed sixth, one place above their ranked position.

## Club Champs

A number of college students entered club champs this year with some very successful results and title winners. B grade men's and Open winner Jayden; B grade and women's Open winner Grace; C grade runner up Liam; E grade mens winner Cameron and runner up Harry; E grade women's winner Maraea; F grade men's winner Matty and runner up Reign.

Jayden, Grace, Liam, Cameron and Matty represented Ohakune club at the Central (regional) Champion of Champions event held in Inglewood. Grace won the B Grade ladies title and Matty the F grade men's title earning them a place in the Central team that will travel to Invercargill for the National Champion of Champions competition at the end of October.

"An excellent experience and great opportunity for our two young players to represent their club and region," said Brenda Burnard.

# Farmer tried to buy Turoa, told 'it's not for sale'

Taumarunui farmer and Mt Ruapehu Life Pass holder Richard Neeson – who also owns Slalom Lodge – offered to buy Turoa ski area six months ago but was told it wasn't for sale.

"It was a very reasonable amount of money and it would have taken the liability away from Turoa lifts so I'm pretty frustrated," he told Newshub on Monday.

He was interviewed after a meeting with some of the key stakeholders in Taupō on Monday.

They will go to the Government in a last-ditch effort to save the ski fields, reported the TV news programme.

PwC administrators met in Taupō with iwi, the Department of Conservation (DoC), the Ruapehu District Council, and some of the other stakeholders to try to "bring RAL back from the ledge".

"The consequences of not getting this right are significant for the people that are employed and the local economy, so that's what we need to talk to the Crown about. What we need is immediate funding so we can keep our options open," said PwC voluntary administrator John Fisk.

Ngāti Tūwharetoa are significant creditors, having put up millions to help fund the Sky Waka.

"The maunga is important to our people. In terms of the bondholders we are looking to support wherever we can, that's all I can say," said Rakeipoho Taiaaroa from Ngāti Tūwharetoa.

He said he is keen to see the central government come to the table.

A meeting of creditors on Friday will be open to the 14,000 to 16,000 life pass holders, who will have a small say in what happens next.

"The reality is people are really generous at the moment pledging so much but we've got to give them runway too so it's not in vain. That's why it's important to go through this methodically with PwC," said Ruapehu Alpine Lifts CEO Jono Dean.

The administrators are seeking a short-term loan from the Government to buy RAL time.

"Just because the Government has invested, it doesn't mean that the Government will necessarily bail out. This is a commercial venture, everyone has gone in with eyes wide open," said Regional Development Minister Stuart Nash.

Nash said he would like to see the region continue to diversify.

"If I was a ski operator I'd be taking a good hard look at what I needed to do or what the region needed to attract to have 24/7, 12 months of the year activities to bring people to the region. It just is unsustainable to be so dependent on a season that lasts 3-6 months."

Ohakune locals argue they're doing that, with sports like mountain biking drawing thousands of visitors year-round.

"In the long run the minister is right, but right now we need immediate action and we need Government to help with a short-term loan essentially while we work out options," said Fisk.



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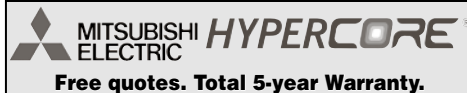
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The application may be inspected during ordinary office hours at the office of the Ruapehu District Licensing Committee at Ruapehu District Council, 59-63 Huia Street, Taumarunui.

Any person who is entitled to object and who wishes to object to the issue of the licence may, not later than 15 working days after the date of the publication of this notice, file a notice in writing of the objection with the Secretary of the District Licensing Committee at Ruapehu District Council, Private Bag 1001, Taumarunui 3946.

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### Military Exercise

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**The public are asked to keep clear of any Defence Force personnel in the area over this period.**

**For any inquiries call 09 296 6800 during normal working hours.**

### PROPOSED TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE

### Raetihi Christmas Carnival

Pursuant to the Transport (Vehicular Traffic Road Closure) Regulations 1965, notice is hereby given that the Ruapehu District Council proposes to close the following streets for the Raetihi Christmas Carnival and Parade as per the details below:

**Event: Raetihi Christmas Carnival.**

**Road Proposed to be closed: Seddon St between Ward and Duncan Streets.**

**Date/Time: 10 December 2022, 9am to 2pm.**

A detour will be available via Queen and King Streets.

Any person objecting to the proposal is called upon to lodge notice of their objection and grounds thereof in writing before 4.00pm on Friday 4 November 2022 at the office of the Council at Private Bag 1001, Taumarunui 3946 or [info@ruapehudc.govt.nz](mailto:info@ruapehudc.govt.nz)

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Registrations close 2 November 2022.

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## PUBLIC NOTICES

### Public Notice under Clause 5 of the First Schedule of the Resource Management Act 1991

### Manawatū-Whanganui One Plan – Proposed Plan Change 3 – Urban Development

Manawatū-Whanganui Regional Council (Horizons) has prepared Proposed Plan Change 3 – Urban Development (Plan Change 3) to the Regional Policy Statement in the Manawatū-Whanganui One Plan and is now calling for submissions.

Plan Change 3 proposes to introduce new provisions to Regional Policy Statement to give effect to the National Policy Statement on Urban Development 2020. It sets out objectives and policies for the provision of sufficient development capacity to meet the expected demand for housing and business land, and for the planning of well-functioning urban environments. It will improve the responsiveness of land and development markets, improve resilience to climate change, and ensure planning decisions relating to urban environments take into account Te Tiriti o Waitangi.

Plan Change 3 can be viewed online at [www.horizons.govt.nz](http://www.horizons.govt.nz), at Horizons' Palmerston North, Whanganui, Marton and Woodville offices during opening hours and at public libraries in the region.

Any person may make a submission on Plan Change 3 online at [www.horizons.govt.nz](http://www.horizons.govt.nz) or by delivering or sending a written submission to Horizons at 11 – 15 Victoria Avenue, Palmerston North or emailing [submissions@horizons.govt.nz](mailto:submissions@horizons.govt.nz). You must state in your submission form whether you wish to be heard in support of your submission. The relief you seek in your submission must be clearly set out. Further information on how to make a submission can be found at [www.horizons.govt.nz](http://www.horizons.govt.nz).

The period for submissions closes on **Tuesday 15 November 2022.**

The process for public participation in consideration of Plan Change 3 under the RMA involves:

- After the submission closing date, Horizons prepares a summary of all decisions requested by persons making submissions, and this summary is publicly notified.
- Certain persons may make a further submission in support of, or in opposition to, the submissions already made.
- You may speak in support of your submission at a hearing.
- The Council gives notice of its decision on the proposal, including its reasons for accepting or rejecting any submissions; and
- Every person making a submission has the right of appeal to the Environment Court.

Michael McCartney  
**CHIEF EXECUTIVE**

Signed for and on behalf of the  
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## Bulletin archives access

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“The aim is to address the inequity of access to information,” says Mr Fenton.

He said it's sometimes been the case that old newspapers have been “sent to the tip”, with people assuming that they have already been preserved.

The *Waimarino Bulletin*, which became the *Ruapehu Bulletin* in the late 1980s, went digital in the late 1990s. Files for papers from May 1983, when the *Waimarino Bulletin* was first published, are currently only in paper form, in bound volumes and only one copy of each issue is available. This means access to past papers can only be done by physically visiting the Bulletin office in Ohakune.

“We would love to be able to provide easier access to past *Bulletins*,” says editor Robert Milne.

“It will also be useful for us too – being able to access digital copies that will be searchable too.”

The laborious process of scanning and digitising each page individually with take until Christmas, says Andy Fenton. The digital files will then be available through the Ruapehu Bulletin and later – probably by the middle of next year – on Papers Past, accessible by everyone.

**We endeavour to deliver a Bulletin to your letterbox every Wednesday – but if you are not receiving one, please let us know.**

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## Lack of notice on RAL 'an affront to Ngāti Rangī'

Te Tōtarahoe o Paerangi Chair, Whetu Moataane, has described the crisis actions announced in relation to the voluntary administration of Ruapehu Alpine Lifts as an affront to the dignity and rangatiratanga of Ngāti Rangī.

"Tūroa Ski Area was established in the current location in 1978 under the authority of a licence granted by the Crown to the then operating company. This was done without consultation with Ngāti Rangī," said Mr Moataane.

"Today as the stream of reporters drove past our tari at 1 Mountain Road, we were reminded that even with a Treaty settlement in place, media and ministers alike appear to forget their own law – namely Ahakoa haere te Karauna ki whea, ka haere hoki a Ngāti Rangī – that Where the Crown goes, so goes Ngāti Rangī."

"During the 1995/96 eruption, Ngāti Rangī, as an iwi, went to Koro Ruapehu and had karakia. In the subsequent years Ngāti Rangī has continued to have a presence within the ski field business, including constructing the towers for the chairlifts. Since the eruption, Ngāti Rangī has always led the opening and closing karakia for the maunga, including the closing karakia held just yesterday.

"In 2018, in our Deed of settlement, the Crown acknowledged that it had failed for many years to include

Ngāti Rangī in the ongoing management arrangements for the Tongariro National Park and this severely affected the ability of Ngāti Rangī to practise their tino rangatiratanga and kaitiakitanga over their sacred maunga, Ruapehu, and their wāhi tapu within the Park.

### Relationship agreement

"Rukutia Te Mana established that this was a breach of te Tiriti o Waitangi/the Treaty of Waitangi and its principles. Ngāti Rangī has actually had a Relationship Agreement with Ruapehu Alpine Lifts since 2017, a joint approach between Ngāti Rangī and RAL to matters that affect Ruapehu through the establishment of a relationship group called Te Pae Toka.

"We cannot understate, the profound significance to Ngāti Rangī of Matua te Mana, Ruapehu maunga, from which the iwi draw life, sustenance, and inspiration.

"Despite the decades of cultural support; despite the commitment enshrined in law; despite the existence of Te Pae Toka, we are bitterly disappointed that neither Ruapehu Alpine Lifts as an entity, or respective Ministers of the Crown, thought to give us a heads-up, or to consult with us about possible solutions to this crisis on Koro.

"We expected better."



**Members of Ngāti Rangī iwi at the base of Turoa Ski Area last week, for their annual end-of-season karakia. Photo: Ngāti Rangī.**



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# Ruapehu boys into the Heartlands final



Ruapehu's local rugby players, Jamie Hughes, Gabriel Hakaraia and Roman Tutauha, (pictured) helped Whanganui Steelform win the Heartland Meads Cup semifinal against Thames Valley Swamp Foxes on Saturday with a score of 25-18. It was Jamie's 60th game for Whanganui; Roman played his 90th and Gabriel his 40th on his last day as a 25 year old. Next Saturday they meet South Canterbury in the final of the 2022 Meads Cup Heartland competition. Photo: Maxine Hakaraia.

# Ohakune Squash

Results from second round of inter-house results were team six beat team two 114-107, team one beat team four 117-98 and teams five beat team three 115-93.

Draw for this Thursday is at 5:00pm team four plays team five, at 6:30pm team one plays team six and at 8:00pm team two plays team three. Team five is looking after the kitchen from 5pm and team three takes over at 7pm.

The Ossie's Open held over the weekend saw Min Bristol of Taihape take out top seed Robert Boot from Lugton Park 8/11, 11/8, 11/9, 11/5 in the men's open final. In the women's open final top seed Leonie Marshall from Marlborough beat local player Grace Burnard 11/4, 12/10, 11/8. In the other division finals – men's division one Arthur Flux (Hutt City) beat Tihema Meroiti (Levin), men's division two Stevie Dowman (River City) beat Maurice Nolan (Hutt City), men's Division three Nico Mortimer (Browns Bay) beat Khan Duckett (SquashGym), men's division four Tyler Erasmusen (Hamilton) beat Adam Oram (Hamilton), men's division five Anand Han (Kapiti) beat



Squash Nationals players Jayden Bailey, at left, and Grace Burnard, at right, with juniors coach Matthew Laurenson at centre. Photo supplied.

Matthew Dowman (Ashhurst/Pohangina), women's division one Emma Foreman (Waitara) beat Jennifer Bromley (Kapiti), women's division two Tamara Double (Whakatane) beat Kristin Thompson (Ohakune), women's division three Kirsty Osborne (Ohakune) beat Aroha Mareikura (Ohakune), women's division four Bianca Alcock (Hamilton) beat Bella Hohipa (Ohakune), J grade division one Will Barlow (Ohakune) beat Sam Barlow (Ohakune), J grade

division two Harry Sherrit (Ohakune) beat Sophie Collier (Ohakune)

Last week two club juniors played in the national junior age group championships in Lower Hutt. Grace Burnard finished 10th in the girl's under 17 division whilst Jayden Bailey finished 14th in the boy's under 17 division. Both then went on to represent Central in the junior team's event. Local player, Matthew Laurenson, was also there as coach of the Central juniors.

# Bulletin archives access for all

Public access to archive Waimarino Bulletin and Ruapehu Bulletin files will be online soon, thanks to a grant from the Lotteries Environment and Heritage Committee, that allows Andy Fenton and his team at New Zealand Micrographic Services (NZMS) to scan old papers.

Once digitised, the papers will be available online through the Heritage Archive at the National Library – Papers Past.

The files will be accessible online and word-searchable, explains Mr Fenton.

“We are specifically looking to help communities digitise newspapers that are only in paper form and at risk of loss or decay,” he says.

He said they are looking to digitise

newspapers that haven't been preserved on microfilm or onto Papers Past already.

The Bulletin is the first paper in the country to go through this process, says Mr Fenton. Other papers have been digitised, but for their own use with the copyright still retained by the publisher.

The arrangement with the Bulletin includes the agreement that the digitised, word-searchable files will be available freely through Papers Past. This agreement allowed NZMS to apply for the funds from Lotteries.

The Trust aims to preserve local history and educational material, which is otherwise not easily accessed by people.

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Jamie Lean – Operations Manager NZMS, at left, and Andy Felton with 1980s copies of the Ruapehu Bulletin.



Editor Robert Milne with 1980s and 1990s file copies of the Waimarino Bulletin and Ruapehu Bulletin, delivered to NZMS ready for scanning.

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