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## New Ohakune rail bridges, after years-long wait

Replacement of the one-lane timber rail over-bridge on Ruapehu Road, Ohakune, is due to get underway later this month with completion expected in around seven months in June 2023.

Work has already started clearing scrub from around the old bridge abutments, as well as moving power cables.

The bridge will be closed to all traffic for most of the construction period and people will be required to take alternative routes.

### Preliminary work

Infrastructure manager Vini Dutra said that there was a lot of preliminary work needed before work on replacing the actual bridge begins.

"Off-site, the manufacturing of the steel superstructure and pre-casting of the bridge deck units is well underway and on-site preliminary work has started on moving nearby power poles to allow the large construction equipment to operate."

Work is also underway on preparing for the replacement of the Mangateitei Road rail over-bridge in Rangataua, which will follow on after the Ruapehu Rd bridge works are finished.

"We are currently working with Kiwi-Rail and The Lines Company to mover

power lines impacting on the Mangateitei Road bridge construction site," he said.

### Well overdue

Ruapehu mayor Weston Kirton said that the replacement of both old wooden bridges was well overdue with their speed and weight safety restrictions having a significant impact on local growers and contractors with a flow-on impact on economic activity.

"Council has been working to replace these bridges for some time, having budgeted our local share of the replacement cost in our last Long Term Plan.

"Ideally Council would love to accelerate our bridge renewal programme, but without the co-investment from Waka Kotahi NZTA in these inflationary times when we have committed to meeting legislated water quality upgrades, this just isn't possible.

### Rural problem

"This issue highlights the problem that many rural councils like Ruapehu are facing who have a number of old bridges built in the early half of last century, to open up agricultural production that are now in need of replacement.

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After waiting many years, work has started on replacing two rickety century old bridges over the Main Trunk Railway line.

## Ruapehu man unaware of million dollar win

Imagine being a millionaire for two months and not knowing about it. That was one Ruapehu man's reality until late last week when he received a phone call from Lotto NZ.

In mid-September, the man logged into his MyLotto account to grab a ticket before the draw that night – and that was the last time he logged in until he received a call from Lotto

NZ's Winner's team almost two months later.

"I usually buy my ticket from my local store – I like to support them, but that night I had left it too late to get there, so I quickly logged in and bought my ticket online.

"I don't usually use MyLotto, so I completely forgot that I had a ticket on there. I probably wouldn't have

checked it till the next time I left it too late to get to the shop," he joked.

But a phone call late last week prompted him to log in and check his ticket.

"I got a call from Lotto NZ, and they asked if I had checked my online tickets recently – to be honest I was

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## Car thieves arrested

Four of the thieves responsible for a spate of car thefts were arrested last week and were released with bail conditions including curfews after they appeared in the youth court, reports Ohakune Police Sergeant Bruce McLeod.

He said several others are also involved and Police enquiries are continuing.

Four or five vehicles were interfered with or taken recently, with all recovered, undamaged apart from ignition barrels that were damaged by the thieves to get the cars started.

One of the thieves was apprehended after a Police pursuit through Ohakune early last week.

Mr McLeod said the short pursuit was abandoned after instructions from Police communications. The vehicle was dumped a short time later and the offender decamped.

The vehicle was later recovered in Raetihi and the offender was located and arrested.

Once again, Police ask members of the public to be vigilant with their vehicle security and to report any suspicious sightings to Police – either through the 105 number, or if it is happening at the time, by calling 111.

## What's on around Ruapehu

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# Culture goes live in Raetihi

Live performances for the Ruapehu Culture Festival return to Raetihi School tomorrow, Thursday 17 November, after two years of online video recordings thanks to the pandemic.

The Festival will be celebrating 29 years of the event this year, again hosted at Raetihi School with the support of the principal Josie Hagger and Kay Henare, Ruapehu Kāhui Ako learning support co-ordinator.

“We will be looking forward to seeing live

on stage performances after two years of online video recordings. It never feels quite the same, so we're excited to be back together sharing this time with each other,” says Kay Henare.

She says that over the weeks tamariki have been fine-tuning their performances in preparation for the event.

Nga Kohanga Reo, early childhood centres, primary schools and Ruapehu College will be performing.

“We invite others who may be keen to attend too.”

The pōwhiri will start at 9.00a.m, with seating available at 10a.m.

“The programme will be jam-packed with our hosting school Raetihi opening the Festival.”

Food stalls will be available and there will be a pre-sold hāngi.

“It is an opportunity not to miss, and we look forward to seeing you there.”



Action from a past Ruapehu Culture Festival. Photo: Liz Brooker, Toi Communications.

## Ruapehu million

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a bit confused why they were calling me.

“After the call I began to think ‘surely they wouldn’t call me unless I’d won a prize – and they wouldn’t bother if it was only a few hundred dollars,’” said the man.

After arriving home from a long day, it wasn’t until the next morning he remembered the phone call.

“I logged into my account and the virtual draw started to play... one number circled, then two, three, four, and before I knew it the winning music played, and my ticket had a rather large figure at the top of it.

“I had to refocus my glasses,” he laughed. “I read the number as \$1 million, and my heart skipped a beat – I was absolutely ecstatic!”

The man called Lotto NZ back to confirm it was correct.

“I don’t think I really believed it, so I called the woman I had spoken to the day before. When she answered I told her who I was, and she laughed and said ‘ahh yes, I’ve been waiting for you to call, how are you feeling?’ – that’s when I knew it was real.”

With his win now claimed, and safely in his bank account, the man cooked up a plan to tell his partner the good news.

“She’s been working incredibly hard, so I think I’m going to whisk her away to Taupō for a nice weekend away and some spa treatments – I don’t know how I’ll tell her yet – but I’m sure I’ll find the perfect moment,” he said.

The man is planning to use his winnings to travel overseas and buy some new toys.

## New Ohakune rail bridges, after years-long wait



Mangateitei Bridge – long overdue for replacement.

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“We are constantly needing to balance the need to renew infrastructure critical to keeping the economy open against affordability.

### Significant stock

“In our case, we have a significant stock of 341 aged bridges including large culverts, the majority of which were built around 100 years ago, across a 350km road network of which two thirds is unsealed.

“Multiply this situation across rural New Zealand, there is likely to be a large bow-wave of aging bridge stock vital to the economy that small rural councils cannot afford to renew under current funding arrangements,” he said.



# Collection stations improve water monitoring

New water collection stations installed on Ruapehu's six township drinking water networks are enhancing the ability of water contractor Veolia to take water samples and undertake quality control monitoring.

RDC three waters manager Stuart Watson said that water safety standards introduced by Taumata Arowai the new water services regulator for Aotearoa New Zealand requires an increased sampling regime.

"The new above-ground stainless steel collection stations will speed up and improve the sampling process as the old sampling points were underground and carried

an increased non-compliance, inaccuracy, and safety risk in the collection process.

"The number of collection stations on each network reflect their size and operational factors with ten in Taumarunui, four in Ohakune, three in Owahango, two in Raetihi, and one each in National Park and Ohura."

As well as network locations Taumarunui has sampling stations servicing its three reservoirs in Rangaroa, Matapuna and Sunshine Hill while Owahango has a sampling station for its reservoir and on its raw water collection line.

# Court closure 'shortsighted', says Kirton

The closure of the Ohakune courthouse was short-sighted, says Ruapehu District's mayor Weston Kirton, who said RDC would be putting in a strong submission to the Ministry of Justice against the decision.

"The courthouse closure will disproportionately impact on our lower socio-economic communities in the Waimarino area, who have some of the highest deprivation levels in New Zealand," he said.

"The Ministry of Justice has a responsibility to provide equitable access to justice for everyone and closing the Ohakune courthouse that served a large geographic area of Ruapehu district would adversely affect local wellbeing."

The nearest courthouse is now in Taihape 56km away in another district followed by Taumarunui 78km away or Whanganui almost 100km away.

"With the high cost of fuel and no suitable public transport options to any of the other courthouses, this will create significant issues for people with additional travel costs and the need to take longer off work," said Mr Kirton.

"It is very likely that many people will simply not have the resources to travel to attend court sessions, which they may be

required to do a number of times while their case moves through the system.

"It is not just offenders but victims, witnesses, their whanau and other support people as well as legal and court staff and the Police who are impacted by this decision."

Mr Kirton said that Ohakune and the surrounding area has been growing strongly of late and needed these justice services within the community.

"The New Zealand Criminal Bar Association, New Zealand Law Society and local legal community amongst others have all expressed their concern over the situation and the barrier it presents to people accessing justice.

"While workarounds have been proposed to deal with the issues raised they don't resolve the fundamental concerns raised by these expert voices.

"The decision to close the Ohakune courthouse is a further step away from ensuring access to justice for all and we urge the Ministry of Justice to look beyond short term financial considerations to the long term wellbeing of the wider community," he said.



Three waters manager Stuart Watson draws water from one of the new sampling stations installed around Council's six district drinking water networks. The new sampling stations will enhance quality control monitoring and the increased sampling regime required by the new water regulator Taumata Arowai.

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8. Geographical feature rapidly disappearing in New Zealand (7)
9. Little (5)
10. Ninth letter of Greek alphabet (4)
11. Grille (7)
12. Inquire intrusively (3)
13. Small island (4)
15. Danish toy company (4)
17. Bind (3)
19. Do away with (7)
20. Wicked (4)
23. Carrying weapons (5)
24. Party (colloq) (7)
25. Require (11)

1. Bird which, in a NZ poem, says 'quardle oodle ardle wardle doodle' (6)
2. Respond (5)
3. Lure to catch fish (4)
4. Seldom (6)
5. Disturb (8)
6. Direction (7)
7. Region hit by floods in July 2021 (6)
12. Once in a while (8)
14. Performer (7)
16. River whose bridge over SH1 was damaged by floods in June 2021 (6)
17. Dissertation (6)
18. Pestilence (6)
21. Spirit made from potatoes (5)
22. Informal name for the NZ\$ (4)

**Across:** 7. George Bennett, 8. Long shot, 9. Tomo, 10. Tuatua, 12. Wahine, 14. Rue, 15. Devout, 17. Lentil, 19. Soda, 21. Son-in-law, 23. Laughing stock.  
**Down:** 1. Resolute, 2. Bright, 3. Meth, 4. Tea towel, 5. Snitch, 6. Atom, 11. Artistic, 13. Nuisance, 16. Orange, 18. Ninety, 20. Opal, 22. Nigh.

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# Fifty chopper rescues in October

Throughout October, the Taupō-based Greenlea Rescue Helicopter carried out a total of 50 missions within the Central Plateau, Lakes and surrounding regions.

The missions included 18 inter-hospital transfers, 13 medical events, two rescue missions, and 11 rural missions, accounting for 22% of all missions.

There was also a significant increase in motor vehicle accidents, with six missions taking place, four more compared to September. Locations were Taupo with 16 missions, Tongariro National Park with seven missions, and three missions to Mount Ruapehu.

On Friday morning, 7 October the helicopter was dispatched to the Tama Lakes for two female patients who were suffering from separate medical events. The patients were transported to Taupo ED for further treatment.

On Sunday afternoon, 9 October the Helicopter was dispatched to Tongariro National Park for a man in his 40s suffering from injuries after a fall. The patient was flown to Waikato Hospital for further treatment.

On Saturday morning, 22 October the Helicopter was tasked to Ruapehu summit for a woman in her 20s who had sustained injuries after she had fallen while hiking. The patient was flown to Taupo Hospital for further treatment.

In the early hours of Tuesday morning, 25 October the Helicopter was dispatched to the Tongariro Alpine Crossing to retrieve two people. The crew treated both patients at the scene.

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# Mite help with broom fight

A new tool for the fight against broom in the Waimarino area is being introduced this spring – the broom gall mite.

Broom is a major problem in the area, including along the Mangawhero River Trail between SH49 and the Ohakune Junction.

The broom gall mite form “galls” on successive years of growth on a broom plant, causing stunted growth, reduced flowering and can kill whole bushes.

Landcare Research, who are responsible for the introduction of the mites, say that it is extremely unlikely that they will significantly damage any other plants, apart from old man’s beard.

“We have seen major landscape impacts from mite attack and noticed more than 50% of plants killed in some localised instances this has been as high as 90% of infested plants have died,” says Landcare.

The friends of the Mangawhero Track, who have been working to minimise broom infestations on the track, support the release, while being aware that the mite will not completely eradicate the pest plant.

Volunteers – including many users of the track – have been cutting and pulling out broom plants in an effort to slowly reduce the amount of infestation on the walkway.



A tiny mite might be a boon in the broom fight around the Mangawhero River Trail in Ohakune.



The rescue helicopter was used to rescue an injured mountain hiker at the summit of Mt Ruapehu on 22 October.





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# Growing peonies under the mountain

Ohakune Raetihi Garden Club president Di Rout provides some advice on growing peony flowers in the Waimarino.

• The peony flower comes from the mountainous area of China and is their national flower. They like altitude, very cold winters and free draining soil.

They are known for their huge double flowers.

These beautiful flowers are at present in the late stage of budding and, depending on the type, will flower from now until Christmas.

Work to do now for achieving the best flowers – check each bush looking for any buds that the plant is trying to produce, but will have little chance of becoming flowers. These buds may be frost-affected, too small, wind or for any other reason damaged. Remove them.

Look at the healthy buds. If there are secondary buds on the same stem (called side buds), leaving them will produce several flowers over a longer period of time, but the flowers will be smaller.

Remove the buds by holding the bud in one hand and with the other hand, twist the bud off. Be careful not to take the leaves off that bud.

The plant will then put all its effort into these single buds and produce bigger flowers.

Look for other damage to the plant and cut away anything that that might take away from strong flower production.

Keep as much leaf as possible as this is feeding the tubers for next year's growth.

Taking these steps will enable the plant to focus on healthy flower production.

If you are passing 9 Ruapehu Road, stop and look at my selection of flowers down the drive.

## How to pick peonies

The buds will increase in size each day. they are very fast growing at this time. As they grow, colour will show more at the top of the bud.

When the bud is plump and you wish to pick it for the vase or post it to friends, this is what to look for:

Hold the bud and squeeze it gently. If it feels like a marshmallow or a petal has dropped out of the bud, then it can be picked. Picked too soon it won't open and flower. Cut a long stem but keep as much foliage as can be left so the tuber can feed.

Put cool fresh water in the vase daily. I add a dash of fizzy drink to give it a boost. At each change of water cut 10cm off the bottom of the stem so the flower keeps on feeding.

If posting when cut, place the bottom of each stem into boiling water so the flower stops looking for food. Wrap the flowers in bubble wrap or handy towels.

I have plastic ice packs that I place around the outside of the wrapped flowers and place the whole lot into a box. Then I include an information sheet about what to do when they are received.

When addressing the box, write Fragile Flowers on the box and post.

I have the instructions for the lucky people getting the flowers.

Text Di, 021-165-7343 if you need more sheets.

Please note that is not the way to package if you are selling to the markets. Find out how the business wants the flowers packed.

If picked right and fed daily the flower should last for two weeks.

Each day the flower will change and be a joy to watch.

# Mellonsfolly Ranch for sale



**Are you from around these parts? A town out the back of Raetihi might be just what you need, if you've got a spare \$8.5 million.**

Got a spare cash stash? Love to live in the wild wild west? If so, you could be the proud owner of a piece of recreated old west – Mellonsfolly Ranch in the back-blocks of Raetihi.

The recreated wild west town 38km from Raetihi has 10 themed buildings – a couple of saloons, a courthouse, a hotel, a blacksmith's workshop, a US Marshall's office and more.

Mellonsfolly Ranch was built in 2006, by businessman John Bedogni, former co-owner of Auckland company Metropolitan Glass.

He and wife Kenda spent four years and some \$10million bringing their vision to life, filling it with material they had collected on trips to the US.

The property was purchased in 2012 by Whanganui businessman Rob Bartley, who passed away last year.

Previously run as a boutique accommodation venue for private functions and corporate events, guests would (if they wished) dress up in full western regalia and immerse themselves in all things western.

Bartley's son John, a real estate agent for Bayleys, said the family had decided to put the village and the 404 hectares it sits on up for sale.

"Due to Covid and several other circumstances the family's just not in a position to run it as a tourist attraction anymore," Bartley said.

Six of the 10 buildings offer accommodation for up to 27 guests, a commercial kitchen, laundry and three separate homes for staff or overflow accommodation.

"Some highlights include the 13 guest rooms – each decorated in the theme of a

historical figure from the old west, livery/stable with saddle room, and a plenitude of western activity equipment," Barclay said.

"Staff would prepare cowboy cuisine and offer guests the chance to try their hand at western activities, including gun slinging and horse treks".

Including in the sale are chattels including a covered chuck wagon, a cannon, some tee-pees, a clay bird shooting machine and shotguns, bows, arrows and targets, air pistols for target shooting, lassos, and two-man saws.

It also includes a three-bedroom home used by the onsite manager and two self-contained cottages that can sleep up to ten.

The property had been put up for sale internationally about two years ago, but Covid-19 put an end to that quite quickly. It had also been put up for sale by Bedogni back in 2007.

Bartley expects the property to sell for more than \$8.5million.

It is being marketed internationally and there had been a lot of interest, he said.

"It's pretty unique. It's remote, but it's like stepping back in time," Bartley said.

The sale document says "very little compares to the Mellonsfolly Ranch".

"Whether you want to create a private sanctuary to bring family and friends together, a retreat held by a group of owners or an opportunity to reinstate the property as an accommodation venue, the possibilities are endless. Potential exists to create further income streams through tourism. This is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity not to be missed," it says.

Expressions of interest in the property closed on Friday 11 November.



**Peony flowers are a popular plant in the Waimarino and the local garden club has advice on getting the best out of them.**

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# Summer swim spot checks underway

Summer swim spot monitoring in the Manatū-Whanganui Region kicked off last week to ensure everyone in the region can check the water quality of their favourite site before they head out.

Every year from 1 November to 30 April, Horizons Regional Council visits approximately 80 sites across the region to collect samples that go to an independent laboratory for testing. Results are uploaded to lawa.org.nz weekly for the public to check before hopping in.

Environmental monitoring scientist Kelly Le Quesne says the team monitors the levels of faecal indicator bacteria and potentially toxic algae (cyanobacteria) in the water.

“Faecal contamination in water is measured by testing for E.coli at freshwater sites and Enterococci at coastal sites,” she says.

“The presence of these bacteria in waterways suggests that other pathogens, that are harmful to humans, may also be present. E.coli and Enterococci are not visible to the human eye so the team take samples and send them to an independent lab for processing.

“Potentially toxic algae includes cyanobacteria, which appears as black mats on rocks in rivers and as green scum in and above water in lakes. This

algae can be toxic to dogs, as well as humans.

“Staff observe these algae onsite using a bathyscope (underwater viewer) in rivers. In lakes a sample of the water is taken and examined under a microscope.

“Coming into contact with water where these organisms are present in sufficient quantities can lead to conditions such as gastroenteritis, respiratory illness, and ear and skin infections. Once we get the results we update LAWA so people know which sites are suitable for swimming.”

### Aware

Ms Le Quesne says while the public should always check LAWA for water quality results, there are other things swimmers should be aware of, particularly around rivers.

“If it has been raining heavily within the last 72 hours please stay out of the water,” she says.

“The flow is often faster than usual and there can be high levels of faecal contamination which could make swimmers unwell. Once you’re back at your local swim spot it is also important to remember that things may have changed beneath the surface since you last swam there.

“New Zealand rivers and beaches can be unpredictable and deceptively powerful, so don’t enter

the water alone, actively supervise children and, if you aren’t a confident swimmer, stay out. We also recommend checking the water is clear and there’s no large debris around.

“Finally, don’t swim close to cliff faces and in an emergency call 111. Last summer our region experienced water related tragedies, so it is important that we all remember this key safety information.

“To assist with that Horizons are in the process

of updating signage at our swim spots to highlight safe water practices. For anyone who wants further information about how to keep themselves and their whānau safe in and around our rivers and beaches, see Water Safety NZ.”

She said Horizons is asking people to provide feedback on the sites they monitor and whether they should consider alternatives.



A Horizons swim spot staff member monitoring cyanobacteria using a bathyscope.

# New leaders for King Country power company

The electricity distribution business that services the wider King Country region has announced the appointment of general managers following the confirmation of new chief executive of The Lines Company, Mike Fox, in September.

“Our leaders each bring a deep and rich set of skills and experience, which will assist our customers with the continued need to adapt and transform, whilst also bringing fresh views and specialised knowledge to our senior leadership team,” says Fox.

“These promotions from inside the business reflect the depth of talent and skill we have inside the organisation, along with the strong growth and capability development focus we continue to undertake to strengthen our leadership capabilities.”

Te Kūiti local, Jared Murrell, has been confirmed as general manager, service delivery, where he is responsible for the network services, programme delivery and key accounts functions.

Jared has been with TLC for 22 years and over that time has held a range of roles including field

work, project management and leadership, all of which give him a unique insight and skillset into how the firm operates. Over that time, he has led significant improvement to their safety culture, customer relationships and efficiency of the business, and was a finalist in New Zealand’s Young Energy Professional of the Year award in 2020.

Romay Rundgren has been appointed finance general manager.

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| 10.20 | Te Kohanga Reo o Manu Korero / TKR o Nga Morehu |
| 10.40 | Orautoha Primary School                         |
| 11.00 | TKKM o Ngati Rangi                              |
| 11.10 | Te Ha o Nga Mokopuna - Ohakune Kindergarten     |
| 11.20 | Taihape Saint Joseph’s                          |
| 11.40 | TKR o Mo te Whanau                              |
| 11.50 | Mataroa School                                  |
| 12.10 | National Park School                            |
| 12.30 | Te waa Kai                                      |
| 1.00  | Ohakune Primary School                          |
| 1.20  | Ruapehu College                                 |
| 1.40  | Raetihi – Te Roopu Tuakana                      |
| 2.00  | Karakia whakamutunga                            |

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# A taste of careers success through College

Eye on Ruapehu College, contributed by staff and students

## Gateway

Gateway has been busy this year with many successes. Two students, Mason Rhodes and Anton Fraser were interviewed about their Gateway experiences.

"Gateway gives you the opportunity to get experience in a career you may be interested in," says Anton Fraser, who has been working on landscaping.

"I have enjoyed being outside. The paperwork has not been too bad. It has been very helpful and the credits are a bonus.

"I have felt very supported and looked after doing this programme. Three words to summarise

would be, a good opportunity, supportive and fun."

Mason Rhodes has been on farming placement.

"I have liked doing Gateway and wish I had started it earlier," says Mason.

"I would definitely do it again. I have learnt a lot through both the paperwork and practical work and the credits have been good."

## Teachers only

Ruapehu College will be closed to all students except those sitting exams for a teacher-only day next week, Monday 21 November.

The senior school students are studying or sitting their exams at the moment and the junior students (Years 9 and 10) are also busy preparing for their exams next week and getting excited for their respective camps.



Gateway student Anton Fraser has been gaining landscaping experience, including concreting, with help from a local contractor.

## Mangapurua opening soon



Work is progressing well on repairs to the Mangapurua Track on the Mountains to Sea trail, reports the Department of Conservation. "The team from Impel 2010 Limited have been working hard on repairing the damage that a super wet winter has had on a couple of significant sections of the trail," reports Mountains to Sea. They expect the repairs to be completed in the coming weeks. Updates are available at <https://bit.ly/mangapurua-alternatives>.

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**Tongariro Taupo Conservation Board**

Notice of Meeting Venue

**Venue:** Department of Conservation  
3 Town Centre, Turangi, 3334

**Date:** Thursday, 24 November 2022.

**Public Forum:** 1pm to 1:30pm

Members of the public are welcome to attend the meeting and engage with the Board during the public forum.

If you wish to address the board or receive an agenda please contact Rena Nicholson on:  
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Ph. 027 253 5658

<https://www.doc.govt.nz/about-us/statutory-and-advisorybodies/conservation-boards/tongariro-taupo>

**PUBLIC NOTICES**

**Ruapehu Junior Rugby Club AGM**

Wednesday 23 November – 7.00pm  
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**Proprietors of Pipiriki Township No. 1 and Other Blocks Incorporated Notice of Hui**

**The Annual General Hui for 2022**  
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**Proprietors of Pipiriki Township No. 1 and Other Blocks Incorporated Notice of Hui**

**The E Tū Pipiriki Special Hui**  
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Saturday 10 December 2022 at 10am

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**Boards and Committees**  
**UPCOMING MEETING DATES**

**Ruapehu District Council**  
10:00am, Wednesday 30 November 2022  
Council Chambers, Ayr Street, Ohakune

**Ruapehu District Council**  
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**Pre-registration for the livestream link closes 12pm on Thursday, 1 December 2022.**

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# Ruapehu College sports awards

Following are the sports awards presented at the Ruapehu College Seniors prize giving on Friday 4 November.

Cross Country: Intermediate Female Champion (ECNZ Trophy), Hye-Le Wihari Hansen. Intermediate Male Champion (Leo Cleary Cup), Matthew Smith. Senior Female Champion (ECNZ Trophy), Daisy Sovarel. Senior Male Champion (Dillon Shield), Shane Muru-Albert.

Swimming: Intermediate Female Champion (PTA Cup), Te Moana Hagley. Intermediate Male Champion, Tam Hoyle. Senior Female Champion (John Evans Trophy), Bella Hohipa. Senior Male Champion (John Evans Trophy), Cameron Smith.

Rugby Girls: Most Valuable Female Player (DA Doyle Cup), Maina Gray. Rugby Boys, Most Valuable Under 16 player (Golden Oldies Trophy), Tahatika Te Riaki. Best Team Man Second XV (Kui & Proude Award - Certificate), Harry Rowe.

Volleyball: Most Valuable Player (Certificate), Tahatika Te Riaki. Best team Player (Certificate), Cameron Smith.

Squash: Best Female Squash Player

(Triggell Trophy), Grace Burnard. Best Male Squash Player (Triggell Trophy), Jayden Bailey.

Senior Soccer: Service & Skill (Journeaux Family Trophy), Lucien Horn-Christensen.

Interwhanau Awards: Champion House for 2022 Kiwi. Standing Results, 2<sup>nd</sup> Tui; 3<sup>rd</sup> Huia, 4<sup>th</sup> Weka.

Sports Blue Award – Karaitiana Horne.

Karaitiana Horne receives a Sports Blue for her continued success in motocross. Karaitiana has had an outstanding year of racing, successfully winning many events. Her major achievements this year include winning the Junior Women 85cc division at the NZ Junior Motocross Nationals. She also placed 8th in the mixed division. Karaitiana went on to represent New Zealand for the Australian Junior Title. Karaitiana also finished first in the Junior Women division at MX Fest Taupo.

Jayden Bailey receives a Sports Blue for his achievements in squash. Jayden moved up 230 points this year going from C1 to B2. Jayden took out the Ohakune Squash

Club, B Grade Men's, Junior Boys and Open Men's Championship titles. He has competed at the National B Grade Champion of Champions Tournament and finished 7th in New Zealand, taking out the consolation plate. Jayden competed in both the individuals and teams section at the New Zealand Junior Age Champs and District Teams Event. He finished in 14th place in the under 17 age group and then represented his district in the teams event where they finished 9th. He represented Ruapehu College at the New Zealand Secondary School Squash Championships where he was shortlisted to represent New Zealand in the Trans-Tasman Tournament team due to his outstanding performance at the secondary school event.

Liam Burnard receives a Sports Blue for his achievements in squash. Liam moved up 710 points this year going from D1 to C1. Liam represented Ruapehu College at the New Zealand Secondary School Squash Championships and he was shortlisted and then chosen as a junior boy reserve to represent New Zealand in the Trans-Tasman Tournament team.

Matthew Smith receives a Sports Blue for his achievements in squash. Matthew moved up 640 points this year going from J2 to E2. Matthew took out the Ohakune Squash Club J Grade Men's championship titles. He then went on to represent the club in the F Grade division at the District Champion of Champions event which he won. He then competed at the National F Grade Champion of Champions tournament where he finished first in New Zealand. Matthew competed in the Ohakune Squash Club F Grade Men's team, which won the district Super-champs event. He travelled to Ashburton to compete in the National Competition. His team finished in second place in the country for their grade.

Grace Burnard receives a Sports Blue for her achievements in squash. Grace moved up 500 points this year going from C1 to B1. Grace took out the Ohakune Squash Club, B Grade Womens, Junior Girls and Open Women's Championship titles. She then went on to represent the club in the B Grade Division at the district Champion of Champions event which she won. Grace then competed at the National B Grade Champion of Champions tournament and finished 4th in New Zealand, winning the Plate. Grace competed in both the individual and team sections at the New Zealand Junior Age Champs and District Teams event. She finished in 10th place in the under 17 age group and then represented her district in the teams event where they finished 6th. She represented Ruapehu College at the New Zealand Secondary School Squash Championships and she was also shortlisted to represent New Zealand in the Trans-Tasman Tournament team due to her excellent performance at the secondary school event.

### Top Sports Awards

Contribution to Sport – Cameron Smith – awarded to a student who has contributed highly to the running, organizing and facilitating of sport within Ruapehu College.

Work Hard Play Hard – Leigh Hynes Trophy – Maina Gray. Awarded to a young wahine who achieves well in sport for the college and also works hard in the classroom, thereby opening up more opportunities for their success in life.

Sports Allrounder of the Year – Toki Trophy – Harry Rowe. Awarded to a student who has the best overall sports participation in the school with a high level of participation across numerous codes competing for Ruapehu College and club sports.

Best Overall Senior in Sports – Grace Burnard. This is awarded to the student who has the highest level of sporting achievement and participation.

# New leaders for power company

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has been instrumental in the acquisitions of additional metering fleets for TLC's subsidiary, metering and data company, Influx – and the implementation of new finance systems.

Romy's performance, coupled with her extensive experience within the finance, regulatory, technology and contractual areas made her an ideal candidate for the role covering finance, regulatory, and technology remits.

Rundgren and Murrell join other leaders at TLC in Mike Fox (CE), Mike Ullrich (CE, influx), Simon Batters (GM, people & safety), and Craig Hackett (acting manager, network) to make up the senior leadership team.

## PUBLIC NOTICE

### ĀTIHAU-WHANGANUI INC.

### Notice of Annual General Meeting 2022



Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of shareholders of the Āti Hau Whanganui Incorporation will be held at the Whanganui Racecourse, Purnell Street, Whanganui on **Friday 9 December 2022 commencing at 9am. Registration from 8am onwards.**

### AGENDA

1. Karakia
2. Mihi mihi
3. Apologies – written
4. Committee of Management  
To fill 3 (three) vacancies: Shar Amner and Whatarangi Murphy-Peehi have retired by rotation and seek re-election. Mavis Mullins has retired by rotation and does not seek re-election. Nominations have been received from Sarah Bell, Murray Haitana and Tawhiao McMaster.
5. Board and CEO Report
6. Financial Report
7. Te Āti Hau Trust Report
8. Dividend  
To adopt the recommendation of the Committee of Management: That a dividend of 72 cents a share be paid in December 2022 pursuant to section 259 (1) (c) of Te Ture Whenua Maori Act 1993.
9. Appointment of Auditors  
Silks Audit are re-appointed pursuant to section 277(2) of Te Ture Whenua Maori Act 1993.
10. Appointment of Share Valuer  
To appoint Silks Audit as Share Valuer.
11. Kaumatua Grant  
To approve, by show of hands, a Kaumatua grant of \$100 to kaumatua for travel costs associated with the Annual General Meeting. Payment to be by direct credit.
12. Te Āti Hau Trust Grant  
To authorise a grant to Te Āti Hau Trust of \$487,000 for the 2022/2023 financial year for its charitable purposes.
13. Special Resolution  
Tuwhakairikawa Harata Haitana Whanau Trust: "That pursuant to section 280 of Te Ture Whenua Maori Act 1993 sub-section (3) (b), approval hereby be given for an application be made to the Maori Land Court to investigate the affairs of the incorporation pursuant to Section 280(1) with the scope of the investigation to be determined by the Court."
14. Minutes: 10th December 2021 Annual General Meeting

### Postal Voting

Shareholders may cast a postal vote by completing and sending the Postal Voting form to the Secretary. Postal Votes must reach the Secretary no later than 9am on Wednesday 7th December 2022.

### Proxies

The Constitution permits shareholders who are unable to attend the meeting to appoint a proxy. No person shall vote as attorney or proxy at the meeting unless a copy of the power of attorney or notice of appointment of proxy properly completed is lodged at the office of the Incorporation no later than 9am on Wednesday 7th December 2022.

*Paul Maguire, Secretary*

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# Power lines and vegetation needs work for safety



Vegetation close to power lines can be a danger to the public and can cause interruptions to power supply, especially during high winds and storms, says local power firm The Lines Company.

One of the leading causes of power outages is trees contacting power lines. To address this issue, the firm is working alongside customers to safely manage tree growth.

“Vegetation encroaching on power lines presents a real danger to the public and can cause interruptions to customers’ power supply, especially during high winds and storms,” says vegetation manager Jason Gaukrodger.

“Branches meeting lines can cause power outages, fires and can even electrocute people or livestock. In some cases, overgrown trees prevented TLC’s line mechanics from repairing equipment safely and quickly, ultimately delaying the process of restoring power.”

### Outages

He says that from 1 April to 19 September 2022, there were 62 vegetation related outages. The average duration customers were without power for each outage was approximately three and half hours.

To reduce damage and disruption caused by trees, TLC continues to prune and fell trees that obstruct lines and infrastructure. They continue to work alongside customers to control vegetation on the network and educate people

on planting and trimming trees near power lines.

“To be able to supply a reliable network to TLC customers our lines need to be free from interference. Supply to our customers is often interrupted by trees,” says Jason Gaukrodger.

“The safety of our customers is our top priority; if you have a tree near power lines that needs trimming or felling, it is best to contact us, and we will come out and discuss the options to sort out the tree. In certain situations, we may cover the cost of the first cut or trim.”

“The best advice we can give people on our network is prevention is the best solution. Plan where you plant your trees in relation to power lines and trim your trees regularly before they encroach close to power lines,” said Gaukrodger.

With the tree owner responsible for keeping their trees pruned and away from overhead lines – TLC will issue a cut or trim notice if a tree is encroaching the growth limit and require the tree owner to have the tree trimmed.

The company is actively working with tree owners to ensure safety is maintained and power outages are minimised. TLC encourage customers to get in touch if they have a tree related inquiry.

For more information about safe planting and trimming of trees visit: [thelinescompany.co.nz/tree](http://thelinescompany.co.nz/tree)

# Armistice Day remembered



**A small impromptu service was held at the Ohakune War Memorial on Friday to commemorate Armistice Day, traditionally marked at 11am on the 11<sup>th</sup> of November, the 11<sup>th</sup> month – the end of World War One. After a short address, The Ode of Remembrance, was read in both te reo Maori and English. Pictured after the service are Stanley Fraser and Allayne Wallace. Photo by Kayla Bourke.**

# A bag of baby booties from Perth



**Janet Fergusson.**

Following the Bulletin article on volunteer knitters from around the country making items for babies in hospital, a bag of babies booties arrived at the Bulletin office, all the way from Perth, Western Australia.

Chris Waddell at Home, a new shop at the Ohakune Junction, has been busy with her needles knitting for the Little Miracle’s Trust.

She is one of dozens of knitters around the country who have been hand-knitting items of clothing for babies in neonatal intensive care units (NICU) around the country.

“I put a post on my Home Ohakune Facebook page and the response has been amazing,” says Chris.

“I have had knitting sent from as far away as Wakefield, Huntly and more importantly the local areas.”

She can now add Janet Fergusson, from Perth, as one of her knitters, after Janet read the article in the *Bulletin*.

Janet receives a copy of the *Bulletin* each week. She is one of Bulletin editor Robert Milne’s sisters and has been keeping up with Ruapehu news since she left New Zealand in the 1980s.

“I make these booties for the prem babies at King Edward Hospital,” says Janet.

“Each baby that leaves the hospital goes home with a pair of booties as a gift. I think some Kiwi babies might enjoy these as well.”



**Chris Waddell and a bag of booties all the way from Perth.**

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