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Govt to lead ski areas 2023 opening plan

The Crown is leading the process of preparing a plan to operate Whakapapa and Tūroa ski areas for winter 2023, that is hoped will be viable and can be put to creditors, the Ruapehu Alpine Lifts administrators advised last week.

“The Crown has asked for time to complete the plan and for us to delay promotion of a season pass campaign until there is greater clarity to what may be offered in 2023,” the administrators, John Fisk and Richard Nacey, from Price Waterhouse Coopers.

The administrators have secured funding from the Crown and ANZ Bank to maintain the business through to at least the Watershed Meeting that must be called by 9 May 2023 and, potentially, through to the start of the 2023 winter season.

“A key plank in any plan that could be put to creditors at the Watershed meeting is having support for it from iwi,” state the administrators in the update.

They said the Crown is leading the process “given the Crown funding and iwi request for the Crown to be involved in any negotiations with them”.

“The Administrators are determined to do everything they can to get the best result from the process for the creditors of RAL

and the community.”

They say data has led the decision-making, including providing limited operations at Tūroa.

“A positive upswing in guest numbers and overall performance is not just a case of “opening more things” and in fact considering the data, it is possible to suggest that the first goal should be “opening more often” a focus on the number of open days and on-time performance will make the greatest initial gain/improvement, which will in turn then allow the business to justify opening more facilities.”

They said that internationally, there is a basic rule of thumb that ski areas need to see more than 100 open days in a season in order to find economies of scale.

“While Tūroa 2023 is a constrained operating model, the multiyear goal must be in returning its performance closer to Whakapapa and to skier days in excess of 150,000.

“Tūroa has experienced low snow and therefore slow starts in each of the last three seasons. While it is reasonable to expect that this doesn’t happen again there is not enough guarantee for us to be able to

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Five school generations



Four generations from the Thomson clan, from left, Carie King (nee Webb) with Art, Teri Mastrovich (nee Webb) with Finn, Bruce Thompson and Brenda Webb. Inset: the late Emily Thompson, who died in 2003.

Four generations of Ohakune Primary School pupils from the Thompson clan became five on Wednesday last week, when two five-year-old cousins walked through the gates.

Art King and Finn Mastrovich are the new generation of pupils to attend the school.

In 1996, the Bulletin ran a ‘four generations’ photo when Carrie Webb started school and was pictured with her mother Brenda Webb, who started school in 1968, her grandfather Bruce Thompson who started in 1942 and her great-grandmother Emily Thompson who started in 1914 at the then Ohakune District High School.

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absorb the risk that the snow and weather doesn't come on time (this year) it is easier to eke the business upward if things are going well than it is to shrink it back.

"In years where we are better funded (with a buffer) we would be able to re-embrace the risk of the marginal early July more so than what we can in 2023.

"It is worth remembering too that not all lifts will be able to open at the eventual start of the season, the lifts phase in as conditions allow across late July and at times into early August."

The administrators point out that the July school holidays start one week earlier (30 June) than in 2022 and this was "an additional kicker that increased the risk of 2023".

"That this is the plan for 2023 does not mean it is for the future. At this stage we would continue to target a return to a 'normal' experience and service level for 2024 and beyond."

At Tūroa, the priority for 2023 is top to bottom skiing with maximum possible terrain, from 15 July to 15 October, with a target of 85,000 guests target. This is historically low, but it still represents three times the business activity of 2022.

The focus will be on core lifts to access top to bottom and Alpine Meadow for beginners: Sunkid carpet (Alpine Meadow); Movenpick; High Noon Express; The Giant (on peak weekends).

Guest facilities – food and beverage, rentals and guest services are in place – Giant Café and Alpine Café.

The Parklane acts as alternate lift when Movenpick is not available.

At present The Giant is budgeted to run Saturday and Sunday on eight key/peak weekends throughout the season. The extra (unbudgeted) cost to turn it on for the rest of the season (around 68 days) would be around \$50,000 (labour only).

There would be additional costs to add in for preseason preparation (maintenance) and an increased electricity spend.

Repeating the exercise for the Nga Wai Heke (out of scope for 2023) would require a further \$62,000 in lift operations labour, again before adding up maintenance and other overheads.

The overall seasonal labour cost (excluding year round roles) to operate Tūroa to the 2023 plan is around \$150,000 per week.

Whakapapa

Given the likes of the Snow Factory and Happy Valley's ease of opening, Whakapapa is more able to guarantee a passable experience earlier in the season than that of Tūroa, state the administrators.

For the last few years Whakapapa has also enjoyed the early season risk mitigation provided by sightseers on the Sky Waka.

"Together, these factors have underpinned more open days and greater total visitors for Whakapapa, allowing it confidence in opening more facilities in 2023.

The target for Whakapapa is 200,000 guests for the season, with all lifts progressively opening as conditions allow.

Employment market risk

"Given the state of the labour market and our present status we also anticipate some difficulty in recruiting enough staff to operate to our cur-

rent core plan.

"This is a concern that is shared by the South Island ski areas."

As another example, when we consider optimising Ski and Ride school we want to deliver a great experience but also make sure that team members get enough work each pay period to justify their decision to join us.

"These team members are often on specialist visas where the current NZ immigration settings create additional expense, there is a minimum hourly guaranteed requirement of 60 hours per fortnight, with a minimum wage rate for the ski industry set at 85% of the median. This works out to roughly \$26.69 per hour.

"This also needs to be balanced with consistency visa-based staff would ideally not be paid more than New Zealand staff wherever possible.

"These wage policies are great for the employee and therefore supported by us, the example is used more so to indicate the upward cost pressures that the business faces in tandem with its labour supply constraints."

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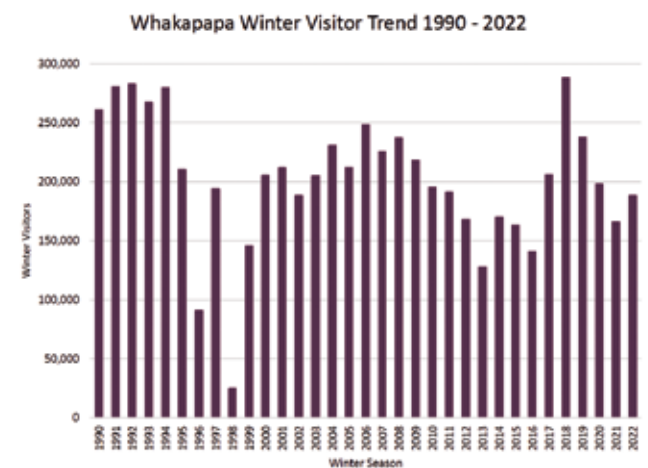
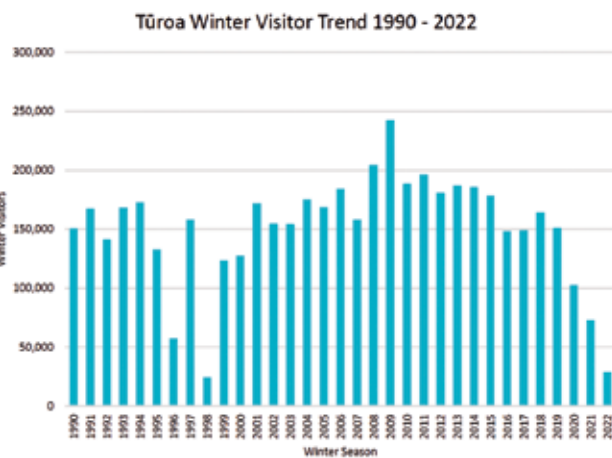
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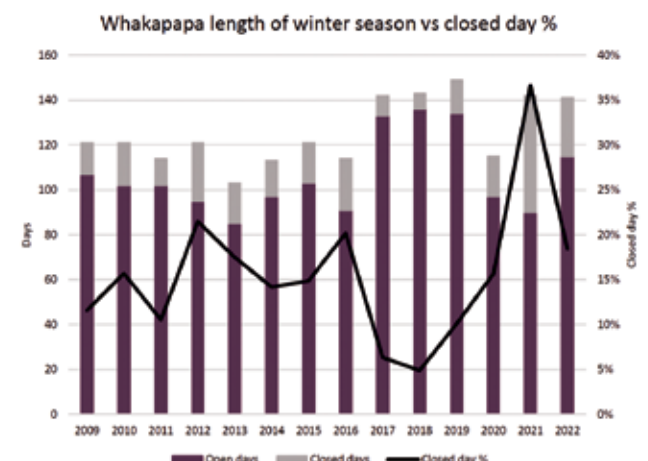
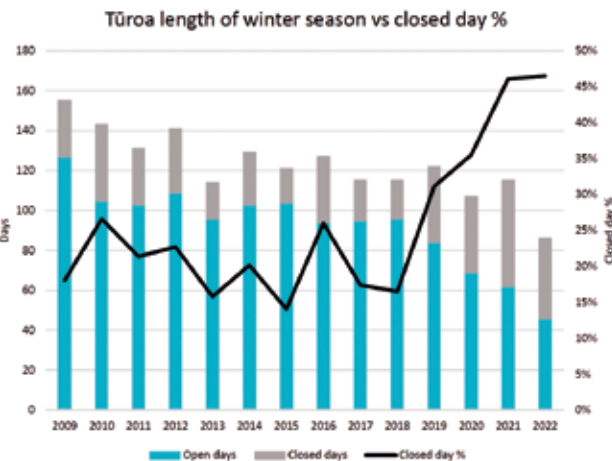
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Historic Performance Visitors



The Tūroa licence was renewed in 2017, 2 years after Whakapapa's. Licences are the key hurdle influencing the timing and ability to make improvement investment. Like the late 2010's saw greater investment at Whakapapa, 2000-2010 saw more activity at Tūroa.



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Carrot vs Gumboot

The Ohakune Big Carrot is into the final vote in a New Zealand fuel company's promotion that has been pitting eight small town landmarks against each other in a public vote.

The Carrot is now up against the Taihape Gumboot for the final vote, via the Caltex Facebook page.

The fuel company had asked which one should be in the final four, with the Te Kuiti Shearer paired with the Springfield Donut, the Paeroa L&P bottle up against the Taihape Gumboot, and the Te Puke Kiwifruit paired with the Gore Guitar.

The Carrot is getting lots of support on the Caltex Facebook page, while some people are lamenting the lack of other town symbols.

As of Tuesday morning, the Gumboot was in the lead by just one vote.

Can the Chateau be saved? Yes, but...

The Chateau Tongariro closed on Sunday, partly due to work needed to bring the near-100-year-old building up to earthquake resistance standards, one of many historic buildings around the country also in quake trouble.

This follows the collapse of many buildings in the Christchurch quakes.

"Before the Building (Earthquake-prone Buildings) Amendment Act 2016 was introduced, many heritage buildings in New Zealand, especially in provincial areas, were already experiencing high vacancy due to the soaring cost of maintaining and conserving significant heritage features," Dr Esther Aigwi, Auckland University of Technology School of Future Environments lecturer.

She said New Zealand 'absolutely' risks losing many heritage buildings.

The Chateau can be saved, said Dr Aigwi, but it's not just earthquakes putting built heritage at risk.

"So apart from earthquakes, the heritage buildings in New Zealand are also threatened by fires, housing development activities, and 'demolition by neglect', which may all be interrelated in most cases".

John Ingham, Civil and Environmental Engineering head of department at AUT says "the science exists to strengthen almost anything".

"In the end it will always come down to money."

He said he was sure the Chateau could be saved, "it's just a question of the price tag".

Ingham said he has some sympathy for the hotel's former owners, Malaysian-based holding company KAH New Zealand.

"It's logical from an asset perspective ... a heritage building is a pain in the arse," he said. "If I was sitting in Malaysia, I'd make the same decision. It's a commercial business decision."

It is now the Department of Conservation's decision as to the future of the building.

DOC operations manager for Tongariro, George Taylor, says he couldn't yet provide any estimate for the cost of strengthening work.

The building's status as a Category 1 heritage building means funds could be available from the National Heritage Preservation Fund, administered

by Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga.

That was supported by Heritage New Zealand's John O'Hare.

"The Grand Chateau is a truly iconic building of national significance and we urge best efforts are made to strengthen and restore it so it can continue to be enjoyed by New Zealanders and overseas visitors.

"Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga experts can provide free conservation advice should the owners wish to undertake work on the building. We also welcome further applications to the National Heritage Preservation Incentive Fund from the Chateau owners."



The Chateau under construction 1929. Photo: Ian Matheson City Archives .



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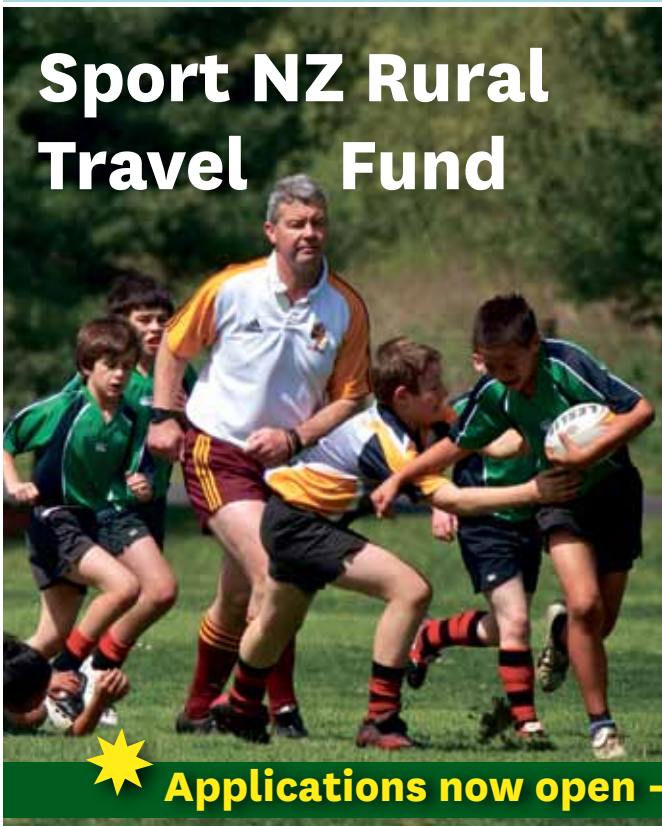
Footpath for Ohakune school street

Arawa Street, Ohakune, is to get a new footpath on the opposite side of the road from Ohakune Primary School.

In September 2022, Waimarino Waiouru Community Board members requested the path be installed, as part of the Ruapehu District Council's annual footpath programme. Council Officers

advised a funding application for \$500,000 had been made to Waka Kotahi Transport Choices to support safer school routes and access.

In January, work was to start on designs for the footpath, with the aim to have it complete by the end of the RDC's financial year.



Sport NZ Rural Travel Fund

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Waimarino help for flood victims in Auckland



Chris Waddel is pictured at the wheel of her car, ready to head to Auckland on Friday with her car and a trailer loaded with donated clothes, blankets, toys and other items to the community support organisation run by David 'Brown Buttanbean' Letele. The donations - including money for petrol - came from right around the community including Ruapehu College and Dempseys Buses.

Ratana, dairy, focus for McKelvie in January

The annual pilgrimage to Ratana by politicians across the spectrum always signifies the start of the political year.

National was well represented with a large contingent of MPs along with some of our new candidates for this year's election including Suze Redmayne for Rangitikei, David McLeod for New Plymouth and Dale Stephens for Christchurch Central.

Ratana speakers addressed the National delegation directly from the paepae and acknowledged several positive initiatives successive National governments have done to advance the health and wellbeing of Māori over the years. Of course, this didn't make the news as a certain announcement on 19 January meant the media was preoccupied with the change at the top of the Government.

I was delighted to host Todd Muller at the annual Dairy New Zealand Event, which showcases the very best dairy cattle from around New Zealand and promotes and supports dairy excellence. The event was held at the outstanding Manfield Agri-Centre facilities in Feilding - without doubt the best in the southern hemisphere for exhibiting cattle.

Todd has certainly hit the ground running following his appointment as National's spokesperson for agriculture in terms of developing policy and challenging some of the unworkable rules and regulations being pedalled by this government. Farmers are the backbone of New Zealand, and the dairy industry alone contributes over \$19b annually to the New Zealand economy, is responsible for 25% of all goods exported from NZ by volume and employs over 50,000 people across the country.

The industry has also proven itself to be a progressive industry with a sustainability focus for which advances in breeding and farm systems are delivering value - in 2020, export value per cow was 50% higher than it was 10 years prior in 2010.

Congratulations to all of those who played a part in

putting this year's event together, especially the NZDE Committee, all of whom are volunteers. Thanks too to all the exhibitors, judges and sponsors. It's always great to celebrate the contribution of rural New Zealand - it certainly plays a significant role in driving economic prosperity and success across our region.

Wishing you all the very best for 2023.
Ian McKelvie

Three dead after Raetihi crash

A third person has died following a fatal crash in Raetihi on Monday.

The crash happened on State Highway 4 south of Raetihi, about 12pm.

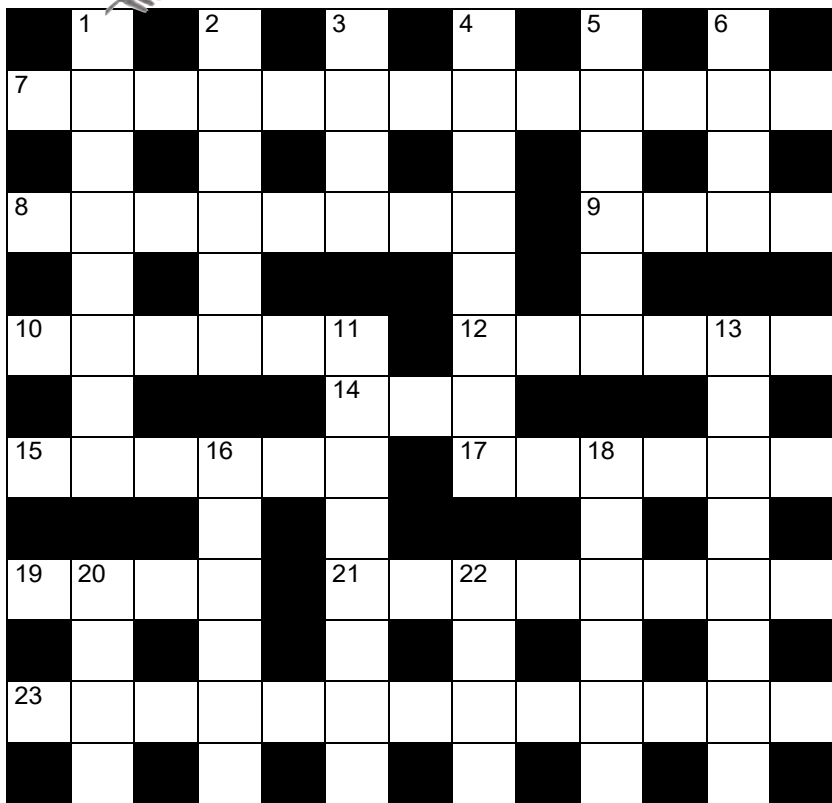
Two other people died at the scene and one had moderate injuries.

Police said a person transported in critical condition to hospital died there several hours later.

Police said the circumstances of the crash remain under investigation.

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8. Natural disaster clause once used by insurance companies (3,2,3)
9. Label (4)
10. The "door" at a winery shop (6)
12. Drop considered the "spirit" of Christmas (6)
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15. Get away (6)
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DOWN

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4. Unfit for consumption (8)
5. Treasure (Māori) (6)
6. Junk mail (4)
11. Symmetrical way to tie off something (4,4)
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Letters

Ruapehu skiing unique

The Ruapehu Ski Fields are certainly not advertised here in the land of Oz!

They are not promoted here in Sydney, all we hear is South Island skiing from ski shops here.

The October long weekend for Turoa to be open benefits the local community. The ski fields need the local community and vice versa.

The mountain marketing should've kept to the slogan of "The Magic Mountain."

New Zealand Tourism back in 2010 injected \$10 million into promoting the area ... it gave up too quick in my view.

And now, starting with an opportunity is the Northern Explorer. The Kiwi Rail train could jointly promote this area. Train travel has come back with extending their journeys with tours within their train destinations.

In my opinion there are so many currently that do not think outside the square.

I am an Aussie, I have skied South Island and Aussie ski fields ... Mt Ruapehu is unique.

It has not been promoted widely by NZ Tourism.

(Well, that's my 2 bobs' worth!)

'Video Bill' Adams



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Chateau closure significant blow to Ruapehu and regional tourism

Ruapehu's mayor Weston Kirton said last week that the decision by KAH New Zealand to close the Chateau Tongariro from Sunday 5 February was a significant blow to Ruapehu and the regional tourism economy.

"Council is saddened by the news and thank KAH New Zealand for their commitment to the region and operating this iconic hotel for more than 30 years.

"The Chateau has been iconic part of Ruapehu tourism since its opening in August 1929.

"It has overcome periods of uncertainty over its future in the past and we can only hope that it will continue to have a long future as part of the world heritage Tongariro National Park," he said.

Mr Kirton said Council has been talking with the Ministry of Social Development who will be implementing a redeployment response in support of affected staff.

KAH New Zealand who also operate the Wairakei Resort in Taupo may be able to absorb some staff at that facility.

"We have also reached out to government to stress the importance of this iconic hotel to regional tourism and the country," he said.

He told Newshub that RDC has already had "one or two inquiries from prospective buyers", including a former Chateau Tongariro staff member with international connections.

"There's one organisation that has a history of rebuilding buildings, such as a castle [in Italy] that has been run down."

DoC spokesperson George Taylor said it'll spend the coming weeks liaising with iwi and the outgoing leasee "to understand what the future of Chateau Tongariro will look like".

He stressed it's "still too early to know" how much will need to be spent to strengthen the building and what will happen to treasured chattels like the silverware and chandeliers during the transition period.

Tourism Minister Peeni Henare stopped short of committing Government money to saving the majestic building.

"We've been engaged as the Government with the likes of Tuwharetoa and others who're looking towards other opportunities that might be capitalised in that area but with the specific matter of the ski lifts and the Chateau it'll be on a point of discussion with my officials."

New staff at Ohakune



Hansen, Kaylee Tamou, Olivia McIntrye, Robyn Wilson and Claire Williamson.

Ohakune School has had "a fabulous start to the year" welcoming new learners and staff last Wednesday with the start of year powhiri, says principal Lisa Clark.

"Our school has been fortunate to employ these wonderful staff to our team - Sherry Hansen and Kaylee Tamou join our kitchen team providing fabulous lunches."

There are also three new teachers on the staff - first-year teacher Olivia McIntrye who is teaching in a Year 4-5 class; Claire Williamson is also a first-year teacher who takes on a Year 5-6 class; and Robyn Wilson who is teaching a Year 2 class and has moved to Ohakune

after having taught at Waiouru School. Miss Wilson is not new to Ohakune, having done her teacher training placement at the school.

Mrs Clark said the school's roll is steady and "we are excited to get on with our mahi to provide the best quality teaching and learning for our tamariki".

"We have plenty of wonderful opportunities for our learners on the calendar with our first community event on Friday 17 February with the Longest Morning Tea." **New staff at Ohakune School, from left, Sherry**

\$50 fungi find



National Park resident Murray Wilson is a regular photographer in and around Ruapehu's tracks and spotted these fungi recently - the blue pinkgill, which features on the NZ \$50 banknote and is believed to be the only note in the world to have featured a fungus. The fungi was found beside the Tupapakuria Falls Track.

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Electricity outage area

PREPARING FOR THE POWER OUTAGE

1. If you are reliant on electricity for medical support equipment, please contact your medical provider for advice.
2. Turn off all electronic appliances at the wall (microwaves, TVs, DVDs, computers etc).
3. Lift and store enough water from storage tanks before the power goes off.
4. If you are on shift work, fill up your petrol tank the night before - remember pumps and efpops won't work.
5. While the power is off, treat all power lines and electrical wiring as being live at all times as it could be restored earlier than planned.

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New Waiouru community playground location proposal.

Council is seeking feedback from the Waiouru community on 38 Queree Drive, Waiouru Military Camp as being the best location for a new playground development out of three potential sites.

We would like to know if you agree with Queree Drive as the preferred location. If not we would like to know why along with which of the other two sites you prefer and why.

For more detail on each of the sites inc. a consultation document with pros & cons, a video and on-line feedback form see Council's website: ruapehudc.govt.nz or use your mobile and QR code to go direct.



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Rail bridge work delayed yet again

Work on replacing the Mangateitei and Ruapehu Road rail bridges has been delayed yet again, member of the Waimarino Waiouru Community Board were advised last Thursday.

The Ruapehu Road bridge work will now start on 10 February, after The Lines Company confirmed that they would have to redesign the power supply that uses the bridge.

Work on the Mangateitei Railway Over-bridge replacement is delayed, due to the delays on the Ruapehu Road bridge.

This work will now start in the new RDC financial year (from July 2023).

Funding from Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency (NZTA) for the work was approved in September 2021.

Ruapehu District Council had been lobbying for funds for many years due

to the poor state of the bridges and then increasingly-restrictive weight limits on the existing bridges

“In the case of the Mangateitei Rd bridge these are significant as it is the only option for the local growers, farmers and forestry who rely on it, and supply produce nationwide and for export, including an estimated 20% of New Zealand’s carrots and potatoes,” said Don Cameron, mayor at the time of the funding approval.

Council budgeted \$1.2m (26%) for its local share contribution toward the \$4.6m replacement cost for the bridges.

“With confirmation of Waka Kotahi NZTA’s co-investment (Council) will now be moving as quickly as possible to get the projects underway,” said Mr Cameron at the time.



Good news – in September 2021 – Ruapehu’s then mayor Don Cameron talks with local growers Ivan, at left, and Scott Young from Kim Young and Sons by the Mangateitei Rd rail over-bridge.

Ministry to sell Ngamatea school and house

The land and buildings that made up the former Ngamatea School, which closed in 2017, are being made available for public purchase for the first time.

It sits on around 4 hectares, which includes courts, two buildings, sports fields and hillside land with rear driveway access.

The house has three bedrooms, kitchen, carport, and wooden interior. There is also

the old swimming pool with grandstand and shedding.

The classroom area is a big communal space as well as toilet block, wood burner, staff offices and kitchen, good carpeting, heat pump, modern work stations with internet ports. Included is the old playground equipment, rugby field, equipment sheds and a treeline that shelters the school area from the rest of the large land block.



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College hosts weavers, staff join in lessons

Eye on Ruapehu College, contributed by staff and students

A weaving group – “Te Roopu Rāanga o Manaia” – who are based in Lower Hutt spent the Wellington Anniversary weekend weaving at Ruapehu College and sharing their knowledge with some college staff.

The group of 8 weavers are part of a larger group ‘Te Roopu Raranga o Manaia’ from Lower Hutt, who usually spend Wellington Anniversary Weekend weaving at Rangataua Hall. This year that hall was double booked so the weavers moved to Ruapehu College Hall.

Three staff spent time weaving with the roopu although half a dozen popped in for a chat.

During the weekend there was a wide variety of items being woven, large waikawa- style baskets, pikau (backpacks), kete woven with fresh harakeke, kete whakairo (woven with boiled & dyed harakeke) and kono in a number of styles. Some weavers were also prepping muka for kete, korowai or handles; and tags for future use on pākē (raincape).

The weavers said the college hall was an excellent facility and an enjoyable and productive weekend was had by all.



PUBLIC NOTICES



Karioi Forest Hunting and Recreation Visitor HSE Inductions 2023

Any person wanting to get a permit for weekend recreational access in Karioi Forest must complete an Ernslaw One Health and Safety Visitor Induction before being eligible to obtain a permit. This applies to hunters, firewood collection and other recreational users. Inductions are valid for two years.

This induction helps our visitors understand the hazards and risk associated with operations taking place in Karioi forest and the safety behaviour we expect from our visitors.

It also covers key requirements/ rules for firewood collection and hunting in Karioi Forest to ensure everyone who enters the forest is aware of conditions of entry.

HSE Inductions for recreational visitor use will be delivered on the following dates:
Wednesday 15/02/2023
Wednesday 22/02/2023
Wednesday 01/03/2023
Wednesday 15/03/2023
Wednesday 05/04/2023

Venue: WPI Training Room, WPI Karioi Pulpmill site, State Highway 49, Tangiwai. (Room next to Visitor car park)

Time: Evenings - 7.00pm start (inductions will take approx 1 hour)

COVID 19 – safety requirements

- If you are sick or have any flu like symptoms, stay home – do not come to the induction.
- Bring your own pen to fill out forms.
- There may be limitations on numbers able to attend an induction on a particular date

You must email keith.wood@ernslaw.co.nz to book a place on a recreation HSE induction date at least two working days in advance. Please provide name, email, and contact mobile phone number and preferred date for induction. I will confirm by email your booking.

Most people will be due to renew their inductions as there was limited opportunity during the last two years due to Covid restrictions.

All permit processing is now completed via email, please allow 10 working days to process your permit prior to wanting to access the forest for recreational purposes.

Please note: Recreational hunting access is only available to people who reside permanently in our local Ohakune, Raetihi and Waiouru area.

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ONE PLAN – PROPOSED PLAN CHANGE 3 – URBAN DEVELOPMENT

The Summary of Submissions and Decisions Requested on Proposed Plan Change 3 will be available from Tuesday 14 February 2023. 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.

From Tuesday 14 February 2023 Horizons will be seeking further submissions, in the prescribed form, on the submissions that have been made (Clauses 7 and 8 of Schedule 1, RMA).

The Summary of Submissions, along with further information about how to make a further submission will be available at www.horizons.govt.nz or can be accessed at your local library or Horizons Service Centre during opening hours.

The last day for making further submissions is 28 February 2023 at 5:00 pm.

Michael McCartney
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Ruapehu District Council
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UPCOMING MEETING DATES

Ruapehu District Council
10:00am, Wednesday 22 February 2023
Council Chambers, Ayr Street, Ohakune

Risk & Assurance Committee
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About you

- Demonstrated technical ability;
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Applications close at 9.00am, Monday, 27 February 2023

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Comedian Ben Tito Caldwell is bringing the laughs to the Royal. Photo supplied.

DIY comedy at the Royal

For people based in regional New Zealand, a night of stand-up comedy isn't always an easily accessible form of entertainment. But thanks to DIY Comedy, the Theatre Royal Waimarino Charitable trust and Ruapehu District Council, that's about to change with A One Night Stand coming to Raetihi on Saturday 18 February.

Producer of DIY Comedy Ben Tito Caldwell is based in Feilding and over the past three years has been taking shows to more rural towns in the wider Manawatu, Whanganui and Taranaki regions. Raetihi is his next stop.

"I think I stopped once in Raetihi when I was a kid, so I don't know much about the town. But that's why I love taking shows to places like this, you find out more about the town and the people, and the audience are really appreciative that you've come to entertain them," says Ben.

Ben, who will also host the show, has been a comedian for 15 years now and whilst peers of his have travelled overseas and gone to comedy hotspots like London and New York, he's quite happy working in regional New Zealand.

"I've got a wife and children now, so I wouldn't be able to get away and do shows overseas or live in the UK and gig there. So I make the most of what is available here and there's so many places in the country that are yet to host shows on a regular basis, and hopefully Raetihi becomes regular gig for us and audiences."

Headlining the show is 2017 Billy T nominee Patch Lambert, who recently opened for American comedian Josh Wolf on his New Zealand tour. With his own style of stand-up mixing honest and reflective storytelling with sharp gags and trademark cheekiness, Patch has captured the hearts and laughter of audiences all over the country.



Support acts for the show include Richie Faavesi and Vik Batra from Whanganui, and Karen Leslie from Hawke's Bay.

He might be biased in his assessment, but Ben says the people of Raetihi are in for a really good night out if they come to the show.

"Watching comedy on TV or Netflix just isn't the same as being in a theatre, watching it live. And from what we've seen of the Royal Theatre, we're very excited for this show. It looks like an amazing venue, so take a punt and give comedy a crack. You never know, we could come back and you might be up on stage yourself at the next show!"

Tickets for the show are \$25 pre-sales, \$30 if you buy on the door and includes a supper as part of the ticket price. Tickets are available online from KiwiTicket, or you can buy them from Helloworld, The Raetihi Cossie Club or Volcano Vibe in Raetihi.

The show has been made possible thanks to Creative Communities Funding provided by Ruapehu District Council.


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REMINDER

POWER OUTAGE FOR TAIHAPE, WAIOURU AND SURROUNDING AREAS

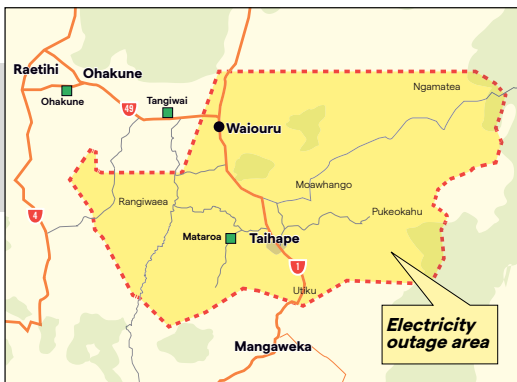
SUNDAY 19 FEBRUARY 2023, 9:00am-4:00pm

Why is the power going off?
 Transpower the owner and operator of the National Grid and Powerco who connect homes and businesses in this region are undertaking regular scheduled maintenance at the Mataroa Substation and work on its connecting lines. Unfortunately, this maintenance cannot be undertaken while the substation is in service.
 Transpower would like to advise residents in the **Taihape, Waiouru and surrounding areas** that a power outage is required on:

**Sunday 19 February 2023
from 9:00am - 4:00pm**

Note, this date could be affected by severe adverse weather. Our alternative outage date is Sunday 19 March 2023.

The areas likely to be affected by the power outage are shown on the adjacent map. We recognise that there is never an ideal time for consumers to be without electricity and apologise for any inconvenience this power outage may cause. We have worked to find a time with Powerco that is least inconvenient.
 For further information, please contact communications@transpower.co.nz or phone 04 590 7000. For information on whether your property is affected, please call your retailer with your customer number.



In case of adverse weather affecting the day, the alternative outage date is Sunday 19 March 2023.

PLEASE NOTE: These are illustrative areas only. You will be notified by your retailer if your power is affected.

PREPARING FOR THE POWER OUTAGE

1. If you are reliant on electricity for medical support equipment, please contact your medical provider for advice.
2. Turn off all electronic appliances at the wall (microwaves, TVs, DVDs, computers etc).
3. Lift and store enough water from storage tanks before the power goes off.
4. If you are on shift work, fill up your petrol tank the night before - remember pumps and efpms won't work.
5. While the power is off, treat all power lines and electrical wiring as being live at all times as it could be restored earlier than planned.

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Swimmers advised to take care after rain

Horizons Regional Council was last week asking people to think twice before getting into the region's waterways, with heavy rainfall likely making them unsuitable for swimming or collecting kai.

Warm weather was forecast for the seven days from Wednesday last week, likely making a dip in a swimming hole or at a beach tempting.

But indicators that determine the grading of swim spots - E.coli for freshwater sites and Enterococci at coastal sites - can increase significantly after high rainfall, as contaminants from urban and rural settings are washed into waterways.

Horizons environmental monitoring scientist and swim spot monitoring lead Kelly Le Quesne says contact with water where those organisms are present in sufficient quantities can lead to conditions such as respiratory illness, gastroenteritis, and ear and skin infections.

"Generally, people should not go swimming within three days of heavy rain. If

water smells odd or is a strange colour, it should be avoided," says Ms Le Quesne.

"Check the water is clear, meaning you can see into the water."

Horizons continues to monitor more than 80 swim spots across the region, with updates test results due later in the week.

"Results are received within 48 hours and updated on the Land Air Water Aotearoa (LAWA) website www.lawa.org.nz, with interactive maps showing each swim spot tagged with a red, amber or green marker to indicate the week's bacteria results.

"People can check the LAWA website for the most recent results and suitability for swimming at monitored sites.

"It is important, however, that people still check the water even if LAWA shows it is suitable for swimming.

"It is also important to remember things may have changed underwater since you were last at a swim spot, so check for large debris and remember that rivers can be unpredictable and deceptively strong.

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