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Mixed weather bag for Rodeo

A mixed bag of weather challenged the Waimarino Rodeo on the weekend, with the steer ride going ahead on Friday evening, Saturday cancelled and Sunday all go.

Friday saw the barrel race cancelled but the local steer ride going ahead, despite very soft ground in the arena.

"It was a hilarious time – they were getting bucked off, stood up then face planted into the mud – having a lot of fun," said Cathy MacLean from the Club.

Winner of the local steer ride was Beau Moore, with Jackson Ormsby second. Junior winner was Milla Smithorn and second was Olivia Cranston.

Saturday's competition at Waimarino Rodeo Club was cancelled due unsafe ground conditions for animals. "Competitors wanted to ride, but the ground was too dangerous for the animals. We have to look after the stock," said Mrs MacLean.

But Sunday turned out a whole lot better, with events proceeding as planned, albeit an hour or so late, to allow more time for the ground to dry out.

With the weather clearing later on Saturday, the ground had drained and dried out and an inspection early on Sunday morning saw the Club confident they could safely go ahead.

Mrs MacLean said the cowboys and cowgirls made good use of the down-time on Saturday, gathering for a meeting to discuss the Government's proposed new animal welfare code.



Luke Bird flies into first place in the Second Division bull ride at the Waimarino Rodeo on Saturday, with a 70-point ride. He was one of only a handful of cowboys to complete a ride, with commentator Neville Clark telling the crowd that the bulls were in the lead ten to one. Photo: Robert Milne.

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A group of past residents and supporters of the Chateau Tongariro gathered at the iconic building to mark the day of its closure. Photo: Jude Chevin.

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Taihape, Waiouru and surrounding areas when we did our scheduled maintenance last Sunday (19th March) at the Mataroa substation.

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Chateau's people gather to mark closure

People from far and wide gathered on the afternoon of 9 March to pay respects and dwell on their experiences at the Chateau Tongariro – on the day the Chateau was officially handed back to Department of Conservation from the Kah Corporation.

It was an emotionally charged atmosphere with stories from past and recent residents and staff, respects shown from councils and government agencies, including current chief conservator George Taylor who spoke of “everything being done to get things back in place”.

Shane Isherwood from Ngati Hikairo, who hosted the afternoon, is “hoping that DOC will act promptly in getting another report

done and also a hui with Ngati Hikairo Hapu in a co-governance or management committee so there will be more consistency and con-

tinuity in the management of the park which includes the Whakapapa village, the skifield and the Tongariro Crossing”.

One participant said it was sad day for sure, but one that showed the passion and goodwill for a true Kiwi taonga.

Stair challenge to support Brigade

Six members of the Ohakune Volunteer Fire Brigade are taking on the Sky Tower Challenge event on 20 May and are planning a new way to raise funds for the team.

All proceeds from the Sky Tower Challenge go to the Leukaemia & Blood Cancer New Zealand's mission to care and vision to cure.

LBC provides essential support for patients and their families, as well as funding research into blood cancer and raising awareness and advocating for patients.

This year, the Ohakune team is putting out their own

challenge to the local community – to take on the stair climber challenge at the Ohakune Gym in Ayr Street.

People are invited to see what it takes to complete the Sky Tower Challenge, using the Gym's stair climber machine.

Participants can pay \$5 for each attempt and try it as many times as they like through the month of April.

There's a 20-minute time limit to see if you can match the 51 floors, 1103 steps and 328 metres in elevation on

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What's on around Ruapehu

Carrot Rocket Launch	1 April
Ohakune Beer Festival	8 April
Big Junction Day Out	8 April
Ohakune Junction Market	8 April
Raetihi Gutbuser	22 April

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Tour

Matt Chisholm has signed on as Ambassador for the Rural Support Trust

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and he's back for 2023 on a nationwide tour talking to rural communities about mental wellbeing. With the support of the regional Rural Support Trusts across New Zealand and our proud partners, we are looking forward to bringing Matt to Taumarunui.

- Date:** Tuesday 4 April 2023
- Time:** 6:00pm Doors open with a light dinner to start
- Venue:** Eels Rugby Club Rooms, Cherry Grove Road, Taumarunui

Tickets are limited, please RSVP for catering purposes. Cash bar available.

Get your tickets at
rural-support.org.nz/Time-Out-Tour



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Waimarino Shears brings internationals back

International shearing competition returned to New Zealand turf for the first time in three years with the Waimarino Shears in Raetihi on Saturday.

A wide spread of competition right from novices and up to the international event saw a good crowd turn out for the event.

Ninth-time winner in the Open was Rowland Smith, with one of his Welsh rivals acting as his pen-boy, before they faced off in the international event in the first of three matches in the Wools of New Zealand International Shearing Series.

Smith and Southland gun shearer Leon Samuels shore New Zealand to a comfortable international victory with 21.039 points. The teams will meet again at the Waitomo Caves Sports next weekend, finishing the series in Te Kuiti on 1 April.

Saturday's international was over 15 sheep each, with the Kiwis in charge from the outset, Smith finishing first in 13min 8.34sec, with Samuels just two seconds later.

The Welsh shearer Gethin Lewis was just 12 seconds later, and Dylan Jones finished the job in just over 14 minutes.

Samuels' better shearing points on the board helped him to individual honours.

The Waimarino Open final, soon afterwards and over 20 sheep each, was a hotly-contested race from the start, with barely 10 seconds separating the shearers over the first 10 sheep, led mainly by 58-year-old Digger Balme, still good enough to reach a quality final after 37 seasons in the top class.

Some of the excitement diminished on the 12 when Balme struck a less compliant customer – described by a commentator as “as mongrel”, which effectively kicked him to the tail of the field.

Te Kuiti shearer Jack Fagan ultimately won the race, shearing the 20 in 16min 9.21sec, on sheep that were the same Te Pa Station flock as when he shored 811 lambs in a multi-stand World record 15 months ago.

Smith maintained the better quality to beat Fagan by more than two points, with 2012 World champion and Hawke's Bay-based Scots shearer Gavin Mutch third,

and Balme claiming the fourth-place ribbon.

Piopio shearer Clay Harris added the Senior title to a list of successes this year, including a win at the Golden Shears, Wairoa shearer Bruce Grace won the Intermediate final, the Junior final was won by Daniel Rogers, of Eketahuna, and 14-year-old Maaka Nikora added the Novice title to his win in the same grade at the Golden Shears.

RESULTS of the Waimarino Shears at Raetihi on Saturday, March 18, 2023:

Wools of New Zealand International (15 sheep): New Zealand (Leon Samuels 13min 10.87sec, 48.744pts; Rowland Smith 13min 8.34sec, 50.017pts) 98.761pts beat Wales Development (Gethin Lewis 13min 22.29sec, 55.982pts; Dylan Jones 14m 4.36sec, 63.818pts) 119.8pts.

Open final (20 sheep): Rowland Smith (Maraekakaho) 16min 13.88sec, 56.744pts, 1; Jack Fagan (Te Kuiti) 16min 9.21sec, 59.061pts, 2; Gavin Mutch (Scotland/Dannevirke) 16min 58.31sec, 59.84pts, 3; Digger Balme (Otorohanga) 16min 58.31sec, 65.466pts, 4.

Senior final (10 sheep): Clay Harris (Piopio) 9min 48.69sec, 37.336pts, 1; Cory Barrowcliffe (Piopio) 10min 20.87sec, 38.144pts, 2; Joseph Gordon (Masterton) 10min 29.83sec, 39.592pts, 3; Adam Gordon (Masterton) 11min 9.21sec, 41.161pts, 4.

Intermediate final (6 sheep): Bruce Grace (Wairoa) 7min 49.22sec, 33.294pts, 1; Callum Bosley (Cornwall, England) 7min 44.17sec, 34.709pts, 2; Taelor Tarrant (Mapiu) 8min 9.93sec, 37.997pts, 3; Josh Devane (Taihape) 9min 11.39sec, 40.07pts, 4.

Junior final (4 sheep): Daniel Rogers (Eketahuna) 7min 1.16sec, 30.808pts, 1; Arvell Rapana (Raetihi) 40.841pts, 2; Orlando Ratima (Hunterville) 7min 4.02sec, 41.701pts, 3; Jade Honeycombe (Miripara) 7min 38.19sec, 44.61pts, 4.

Novice final (2 sheep): Maaka Nikora (Taumarunui) 3min 49.31sec, 24.466pts, 1; George Peacock (Dannevirke) 7min 13.8sec, 35.19pts, 2; Blake Wildermoth (Kaitieke) 6min 7.94sec, 37.397pts, 3; Sam Fletcher (Havelock North) 6min 0.03sec, 38.002pts, 6.



Rowland Smith shears to first place in the Waimarino Shears Open Final at Raetihi on Saturday. Photo: Suraya Hollands.



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ABOVE: the little ones had a chance to ride the barrel race. **BELOW:** Jayde Asher competes in the barrel race.



Mixed weather bag for Rodeo



Waylon Gibson was first in the second division saddle bronc. Photo: Glyn Hubbard.

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She said a number of suggestions including bans on bits, spurs and whips will make it very difficult for rodeo, but also any equestrian sports.

It was also a good time for “everyone to mingle and meet up” – something that isn’t usually that easy when competitions are on.

She said all competitors stayed on after Saturday, to take part in the Sunday events.

Making the rodeo a special event was top announcer Neville Clark from Gisborne.

“He knows all the cowboys and many of the horses – he was brilliant,” said Mrs MacLean.

“A big thank you to all our sponsors who have made this day a possibility, without your support this event could not go ahead,” says Cathy McLean from the Rodeo Club.

She thanked the junior rugby who manned the gates and “did a fabulous job”.

“To all the kids who help clean up the grounds at the end of the day – you all did a great job, thank you.”

Next year’s Rodeo dates are 16-17 March 2024.

Stair challenge

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the steps machine.

There’s also gym memberships up for grabs for participants.

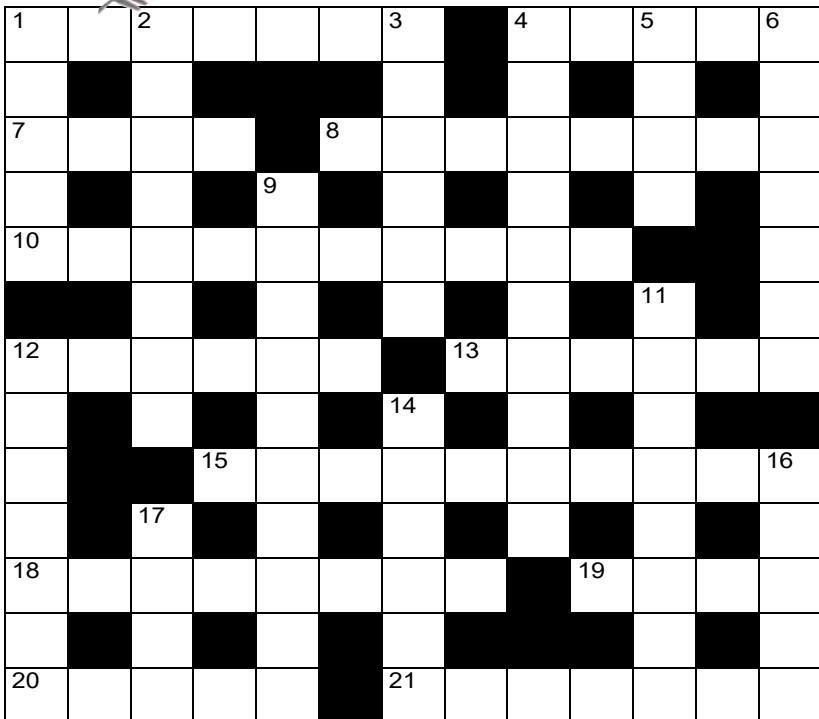
The team this year is Sean Drinkwater, Jeremy Mott, Annika Heatley, Dave Seymour, Lee Spooner and Sam Deadman.

Those who can’t take on the gym challenge can still contribute at firefighterschallenge.org.nz/ohakunefirebrigade

The Brigade has already raised \$933 towards their target.

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Across

1. Silly and pointless (7)
- 4/7. Crusaders’ forwards coach who joined the All Blacks in 2022 (5,4)
8. Every other year (8)
10. New Zealand’s largest kauri, estimated as being between 1200 and 2000 years old (4,6)
12. Native plant popular with honey bees (6)
13. Romantic (6)
15. Popular fruit with only 20 commercial growers in NZ (10)
18. Fundraising item for CanTeen Aotearoa (8)
19. One of the boys ‘from down on the farm’, partner of Ches (4)
20. Throng of insects (5)
21. Sleep (colloq) (4-3)

Down

1. Initial (5)
2. Tuition (8)
3. Of slim build (6)
4. Author of *An Angel at My Table*, who was born in Dunedin in 1924 and died there in 2004 (5,5)
5. Put into words (4)
6. Cancel out (7)
9. Safety device (5,5)
11. Fanciful story (4,4)
12. Transport vehicle (7)
14. Sport played in the ATP Auckland Open (6)
16. Female relative (5)
17. Quality brand mark for New Zealand apples and pears (4)

Previous solution

Across: 5. Loopy, 8. The Block, 9. Mocha, 10. Tiki tour, 11. Feral, 14. Ask, 16. Tasman, 17. Erebus, 18. Tag, 20. Clout, 24. Innocent, 25. Marae, 26. Campbell, 27. Skier.
Down: 1. State, 2. Pesky, 3. Cloth, 4. Scouts, 6. Odometer, 7. Pahiatua, 12. Tailback, 13. Amputate, 14. Ant, 15. Keg, 19. Annual, 21. Compo, 22. Peter, 23. Atoll.



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Trail event support around the mountain

The success of the recent Ruapehu Trail Festival was in large part due to a wide range of support from Ruapehu organisations and groups that assisted with delivery of the combined Tussock Traverse and Ring of Fire events, which attracted over a thousand entrants.

The main supporters were: Project Tongariro; Hillary Outdoors Education Centre Tongariro; Ngāti Hikairo ki Tongariro; Ruapehu College; Ohakune Primary School; Horopito Residents and Ratepayers.

Event director Jason Cameron said there were also many individuals from the Ohakune community facilitated through Ohakune Events Charitable Trust (OECT).

The Ring of Fire Awards Ceremony took place at Otukou Marae on the Sunday, with 150 athletes and supporters with a whakatau where all participants and supporters were welcomed onto the marae.

Breakfast was then served to all attendees followed by the presentation of awards for

the 50km and 73km events and the Steve Neary Memorial Trophy awarded to Nick White (Paekākāriki) for his determination in overcoming cancer for the second time to complete the Ring of Fire 73km solo event.

“Staging the awards at Otukou was a fitting and symbolic end to the events having started in the same place 72 hours earlier, with the pōwhiri welcoming competitors from around New Zealand and the world,” said Cameron.

“Several competitors and supporters commented that this was a real and moving occasion that they had not experienced before.”

Ngāti Hikairo co-ordinator Melissa Tupara also put together a group to facilitate the second aid station on the 73km course located near the top of the Tukino Road.

“This provided specially selected food items and hydration options for the athletes to refuel and replenish before starting their last leg through to the finish at Whakapapa.”

Next year’s Ruapehu Trail Festival will take place 22-24 March 2024.



Ring Of Fire medal winners on the podium at the Otukou Marae – one of several community groups to support the trail festival. Photo supplied.

Power cash up for groups

The local electricity distributor has kicked off the first of their three community sponsorship rounds for 2023, with \$10,000 up for grabs.

Local community groups with a project or a plan are encouraged to apply to The Lines Company (TLC). Applications focusing on children, youth and whānau or energy efficiency will be preferred.

Since 2017, TLC has offered contestable sponsorship funding to groups within the network region, helping to support a variety of community projects.

TLC’s last sponsorship round, in October 2022, saw 12 successful applicants obtain funding.

TLC acting manager network, Craig Hackett, said the Company, along with shareholder Waitomo Energy Services Customer Trust (WESCT),

placed emphasis on adding value and supporting community groups where possible.

“As a community-owned Company, we’re really proud to be able to give back to our communities.”

“Through multiple investment channels, such as scholarships, community events, sponsorship funding and partnerships with local organisations, we’re able to support local initiatives and add value to our communities,” said Hackett.

TLC’s fund will prioritise projects or events that have high visibility, benefit local communities, reach many people, and improve the lives of people living within the TLC network.

Applications for TLC’s March community funding round are available online, with applications closing Friday, 31 March.

National Park’s Tim Pardy has died

Tim Pardy, the subject of a fundraising effort supported by the National Park community, has died. The ex-National Park resident was battling stage four pancreatic cancer late last year and his family faced a \$10,000 bill every three weeks to try to beat it.

The family now wants to thank the Ruapehu community for their support.

“There are special landscapes which hold strong memories due to their scale and the remarkable people in our lives with whom we share them,” was the sentiment shared at the celebration of Tim Pardy’s life on Friday 10 March at the Pyes Pā Memorial Park chapel in Tauranga.

Tim’s father Rodger, from Raurimu, and Tim’s

wife Sharlene shared many memories of Tim’s connection with the Whakapapa ski fields.

It was the place he found his passion for skiing, it was a connection to his childhood memories at National Park Primary School, it was a landscape to be adventurous, it was the setting of his proposal to Sharlene and the location of many happy family ski trips with his beloved three children.

“Tim fought his battle with cancer for 21 months and Rodger and Sharlene want to thank all the Ruapehu community for their fundraising support and to let them know that their generosity helped Tim receive new medical treatment without putting the financial burden onto his young family,” a family spokesperson said.

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Annual Plan 2023/24

Have your say.

Intro.

Council's Annual Plan sets out what services and infrastructure we plan to deliver over the up-coming 2023/2024 financial year and how we plan to fund it.

In the current environment we are facing a wide range of pressures on our finances including high inflation with increases in interest, depreciation and supplier costs amongst other things.

These pressures have challenged Council to keep rates and fees and charges affordable and we have worked hard to find spending reductions.

We are proposing an average 8% rate rise and increases in fees and charges to recover cost increases over the last couple of years and a debt level of \$60.5m.

While the proposed average 8% rate increase is higher than we would like with general inflation being over 7% it is considered an absolute minimum to meet increasing costs without impacting on essential services and infrastructure needs.

The proposed increases will provide Council with a sustainable level of funding to maintain reliable services while maintaining fiscal responsibility. Council now invites you to have your say on our Annual Plan proposals.

Consultation on our Annual Plan proposals is open from Monday 27 March until Wednesday 26 April.

Please take some time to inform yourself of the issues and tell us what you think to help inform Council's final decision.

Key points.

- Proposed 8% average rate increase and debt of \$60.5m to maintain levels of service and fiscal responsibility.
- Proposed increases to fees and charges required due to inflation and to maintain cost recovery.
- Operational spending of \$51m and \$21.2m on capital investment.
- Debt of \$60.5m exceeds self-imposed 2x rates revenue limit but under Local Government Funding Agency prudent debt level of \$68.9m.
- When new multi-regional water entities take over water services and associated debt from 1 July 2024 Council debt will be within self-imposed debt limit.
- The high inflationary environment with market pressures and rising interest rates are the underlying story to the Annual Plan budget.

Proposals we would like feedback on.

1. **The proposed 8% average rate increase.**
2. **The proposed increases in Council's fees and charges.**
3. **Council exceeding our self-imposed debt limit of 2x rates revenue.**
4. **Anything else relating to the Annual Plan.**

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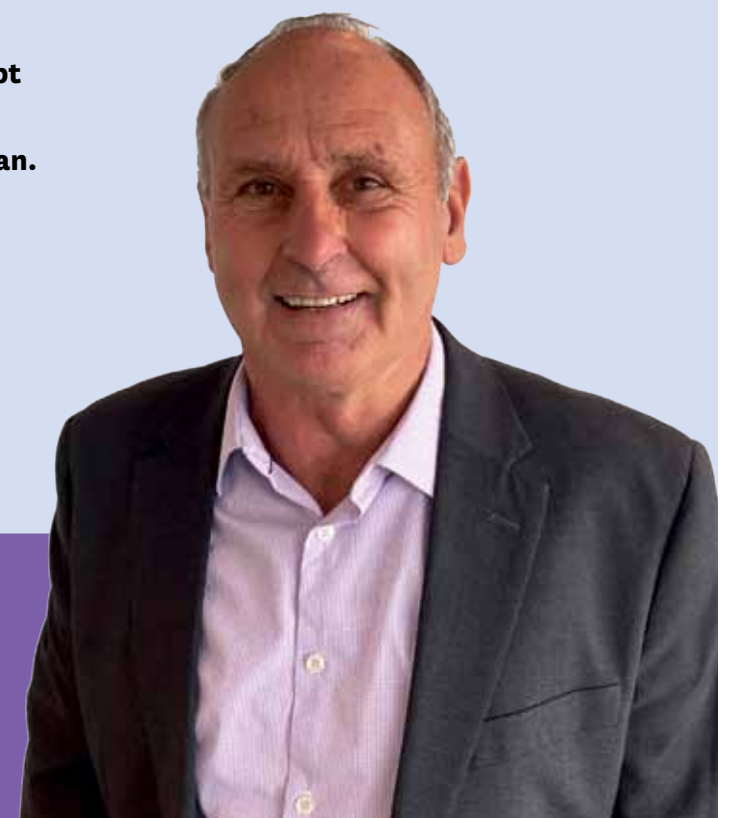
For more information including a Consultation Document and online Feedback Form see: ruapehudc.govt.nz (see link from the homepage) or pick-up from your local Council office.

Community hui.

The mayor, elected members and council staff will be available at community hui around the district to discuss the Annual Plan and listen to feedback. Hui will be live-streamed on Facebook.

Date	Location-Venue	Start
Tue 28 March	Waiouru - Waiouru School, Ruapehu Rd	6.30pm
Thu 30 March (before WWCB hui)	Raetihi - The Centre, Baptist Church Hall	6.00pm
Tue 4 April	Ohura - Ohura Hall	6.30pm
Thu 6 April (before TOCB hui)	Taumarunui - Council Chambers, Huia St	6.00pm
Tue 11 April	National Park - The Park Hotel	6.30pm
Thu 13 April	Ohakune - Council Chambers, Ayr St	6.30pm
Fri 14 April (Lunchtime hui - attend in person or on Zoom)	Taumarunui Council Chamber or on Zoom (see ruapehudc.govt.nz for Zoom link)	12.30 - 1.30pm
Tue 18 April (before ONPCB hui)	Owhango - Owhango Hall	6.30pm

Proposed 8% avg. rate rise to maintain current services.



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St Mary's Raetihi marks 100 years

The congregation of St Mary's Anglican Church Raetihi finally honoured 100 years of worship at the church recently.

Thanks to the Covid 19 pandemic, it is only now in 2023, 102 years since the laying of the foundation stone, that it was considered safe enough to gather and celebrate this milestone.

Reverend Alison Seifert said that after researching some of the history of St Mary's Church, she has been reminded of the faith, dedication, hard work and foresight of their forebears as they rebuilt the church from the ashes of the disastrous 1918 fire.

"This was a truly inspirational undertaking following a world war and a pandemic," says Mrs Seifert.

"During the fundraising efforts to build a new church parishioners were also rebuilding their homes and livelihoods – a testament to their faith."

A glorious day helped make the celebration, where old friends and new met up and exchanged memories and friendships. Local clergy attended and previous clergy also travelling from Waikato, Whanganui, and the Wairarapa.

The Rev Jinny Kean (nee Goddard) attended. Jinny lived in Raetihi until she was about 12 years old and attended St Mary's Church as a child. Previous and current parishioners as well as members of the local community helped celebrate this milestone. Rev Seifert led the service and Rev Stuart

presided over the Holy Communion. A special part of the day was the honouring and recognition of the faithfulness to God, wisdom, loyalty and humbleness of two current parishioners, Evelyn Cooper and Basil Ward who were presented with the Bishop's medal of service.

Evelyn Cooper has been a major participant in the life of the Ruapehu Parish for around 60 years. Her vegetable garden feeds herself and many others in the community. She is also very well known for producing jams and pickles, standing behind stalls in all weathers to raise funds for the Parish and the local pony club. Nine years ago, Evelyn set up a Parish Christmas Club account with the local supermarket and encouraged all to make regular donations to raise funds for the local food bank.

Basil Ward, whose is a quiet example of humble service, is an inspiration to the church and community.

"It would be hard to imagine organising a centennial service without Basil's knowledge of Parish history," said Rev Seifert.

"He has readily accepted and embraced changes that have taken place within the Parish over the years."

In 2012 he spit firewood with a gang of young people working in a 'Getting dirty for God' team.

"The young people were in awe of Basil's 'old school ways' – they called him a legend."

Basil still helps with working bees.



Attending the recent centenary celebrations at St Mary's Anglican Church in Raetihi, from left, Elizabeth Penny, Alison Seifert, Sam Bate, Elizabeth Body, Stuart Goodin, Luke Paynter, Jinny Kean, Amilie Paynter, Pat Olds, Grahame Craggs.

Monitoring Koro: GNS welcomed



Puaoteora McLeod and Korty Wilson, Ngāti Rangī, with Ted Bertrand from GNS during their recent visit to the slopes of Mt Ruapehu.

Monitoring Koro Ruapehu by Te Pū Ao – GNS Science took a cultural step last week when representatives from the crown-owned organisation were welcomed by Ngāti Rangī iwi.

The group were treated with powhiri, whakawhanaungatanga and a cultural induction.

In the words of Ngāti Rangī kaihonohono-a-iwi, Korty Wilson:

"In the glory of the rays of Tama-nui-te-Rā, the brilliant blue of Ranginui e tū iho, we were shed blessings of the mouri of Koro.

"The kaitiaki Rangitaiki, Te Tirio and Tākaka welcomed us with open arms and we were embraced with the hau amiomio. Even the helicopter pilot was taken aback by the kōrero and karakia by Puaoteora (Kelvin McLeod) and then the interpretation which made them feel the words that were shared."

Te Pū Ao undertakes research to enhance understanding of geological and

earth system processes. They see Tongariro National Park as a spectacular, active and diverse volcanic landscape.

Within the park are several volcanic cones of varying age and states of preservation, including Hauhungatahi, Pihanga, Mount Tongariro, Mount Ruapehu and Mount Ngauruhoe. Their focus is on volcanic-focused geological mapping is also

of great interest to the iwi.

The next morning Puaoteora McLeod and Korty Wilson flew with Te Pū Ao to the slopes of the mountain just above the Wāhianoa Stream valley to karanga, karakia and whakatau for Te Pū Ao team coming onto Koro.

Whakawhanaungatanga – process of establishing relationships; kaihonohono-a-iwi – project advisor.

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Power scholarships support STEM education

Students from five local high schools are starting the year well equipped after receiving scholarship packs of laptops and technology vouchers from a power retailer.

Teachers at Ruapehu College, Taumarunui High School, Te Kura o Hirangi, Te Kura o Ngāpuke and Tongariro Area School selected 32 students who displayed outstanding engagement in STEM education (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths), or their school's partnership with the Pūhoro STEM Academy.

Genesis Energy donated the Ngā Ara Scholarship packs, which students could tailor to their interest in STEM subjects.

Uenuku Hansen of Ruapehu College said being awarded a Microsoft Surface Tablet will help improve her results by being able to do her schoolwork at home and not having to use a school device.

Genesis' Ngā Ara Pathways programme aims to increase the number and diversity of people in STEM education, study and career pathways. Karen Sky, Genesis'

group manager community and environment, said it was a privilege to acknowledge rangatahi with the scholarships.

"Genesis is committed to attract, nurture and engage rangatahi in STEM to prepare them for the jobs of the future," said Sky.

"Our hope in offering these resource bundles is to accelerate and enable secondary students into the STEM workforce. We're excited to partner with our generation site schools again later this year to support learning opportunities for more amazing rangatahi."

The local students were among 72 awarded the scholarship packs, valued at \$42,500 in total, from 11 secondary schools and wharekura near Genesis' generation sites in Tongariro, Huntly, Waikaremoana and Tekapo.

The scholarships were co-designed through hui with rangatahi and community members in Raahui Pookeka Huntly, Tūrangi and Ohakune.



Uenuku Hansen, at right, and Grace Burnard from Ruapehu College are two recipients of Genesis Energy scholarship help.

Who still need a hand after hard summer

Who/Blue duck faced a hard breeding season in the region with both floods and predators to contend with.

Featured on New Zealand's \$10 note and with an estimated nationwide population of less than 3000 birds, who are rarer than some species of kiwi.

Since 2011, Genesis has partnered with the Department of Conservation on the Who Forever programme, an awareness campaign aimed at protecting who at eight security sites across the motu.

Whanganui biodiversity ranger Richard Shanks says the district is fortunate to have one of eight national who security sites where protecting the birds is given top priority.

"Our surveys this year have shown that many breeding pairs lost their first brood due to flooding in the Manganui-o-Te-Ao, Retaruke, Kaiwhakauka and Morinui Rivers.

"We also observed that there were good numbers in the headwaters. However, numbers declined the further out of the bush we surveyed. A similar trend was observed for who food sources such as insects."

Who are a key indicator of healthy rivers and streams. They require clean, fast-flowing streams in the forested upper catchments of rivers that provide high water quality, low sediment loadings, stable banks, overhead canopy cover, and lots of varied



Thomas Nathan surveying who on the Manganui-o-te-ao. Photo supplied.

insect communities. The more breeding pairs of blue duck, the healthier the river.

Hunted by stoats, ferrets and cats, who are most impacted by predation during the nesting season when eggs, young and females are vulnerable.

"In the Whanganui catchment DOC checks about 830 traps monthly, except during the breeding season (September and October) where they are checked twice a month to give chicks, and females the best chance of survival," Richard says.

"We regularly catch predators. Last month we caught 42 rats, 33 hedgehogs, seven stoats and three cats in the Manganui-o-te-ao alone.

"All our catch data is loaded to www.trap.nz, which can be viewed

by the public.

"There are some interesting maps that are really inspiring," says Richard.

"Mahi to protect this threatened species wouldn't be possible without the ongoing support of landowners along the rivers, iwi partners and Bruce McFadghen from Ruatiti Domain," Richard says.

"We are really appreciative of your support and encourage anyone else who's interested to get in touch if they'd like more information about a particular trapping area."

For more information about who mahi in the Whanganui district, contact Biodiversity Ranger Richard Shanks rishanks@doc.govt.nz 027 405 6469

Schools clean up ski slopes



Pupils from National Park and Kaitieke Schools teamed up to cover around 8.5 hectares of Whakapapa Ski Area including Happy Valley and the car parks on Monday. The annual refuse recovery collected around 800 litres of rubbish from the environment. A clean-up is also planned for Turoa Ski Area. Photo: Andy Hoyle.



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Ohakune squash

Results from the last two weeks of Ohakune Squash Club inter-business are: in pool A - Bolt beat Thrown Together 12/8, Fenzoha75 beat Ontrack 14/6, Rock Boys beat Parked Up 11/8 then Rock Boys beat SB Painting 14/3, Bolt beat Fenzoha75 12/7 and Parked Up beat Ontrack 9/6. In Pool B - AEIOU beat PGG Wrightson 12/7, Luck of the Draw beat Bulky Pulpies 11/7 and Nameless beat Rock Girls 11/7 then Bulky Pulpies beat AEIOU 12/6, Luck of the Draw beat Nameless 11/8 Rock Girls beat Riley's Rockstars 11/7. Points after three rounds in Pool A - FENZOHA75 and Bolt both have 35, Thrown Together 31, Rock Boys 28, Parked Up 26, Ontrack 19 and SB Painting 15. In Pool B - Luck of the Draw are out front with 39, Rock Girls 32, PGG Wrightson 30, Nameless 28, Bulky Pulpies 23, Riley's Rockstars 21 and AEIOU 18.

Draw for this Thursday: At 5:30pm on New World Court - Rock Girls vs PGG Wrightson, on TCB/Jones Bro's Court - Nameless vs Bulky Pulpies, on Trust Power Court - Luck of the Draw vs Riley's Rockstars, bye AEIOU. At 6:45pm on New World Court - Rock Boys vs Thrown Together, on TCB/Jones Bro's Court - Parked Up vs FENZOHA75, on Trust Power Court - Ontrack vs SB Painting, bye Bolt. March Leagues are also up and running.

This weekend is the first major tournament at the courts with the Ruapehu Commercial Cleaning and Property Maintenance Ltd sponsored B grade and below tournament. 66 entries from around the North Island have entered including a sizeable group from Whakatane and some members from the recently re-affiliated Turangi club. Matches start 5pm on Friday and run through most of Saturday. Visitors welcome.

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On behalf of the Haitana family, we would like to acknowledge and give thanks to everyone who came to celebrate the life of our brother, Henry Louis Haitana TETAWHERO. Special mentions to uncle Robbie Williams and his Anahera, for bringing the Ratana faith to our where. And to Eunice, Bev, Carol and Trish for the wonderful care they showed our brother.
Arohanui, Haitana Whanau

PUBLIC NOTICES

MEETINGS

The following meetings of Horizons Regional Council will be held during **April 2023** in the Tararua Room, Regional House, 11-15 Victoria Avenue, Palmerston North, unless otherwise advised:

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9.30am Regional Council (Livestreamed)

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3,2,1 blastoff! Carrot rocket launch is no joke

The Carrot Rocket at the Ohakune Carrot Adventure Park launch is close to the countdown phase, with a host of activities planned for Saturday 1 April.

Josh Carrott and Ollie Kendal from the 'Jolly' YouTube channel, from the UK, will be on hand for the launch, possibly as well as some of their three million subscribers.

With Josh's surname of 'Carrott', he has a "spiritual connection" to the Big Carrot and the Park and they have adopted Muncho as their mentor.

The pair will bring their camera crew along and as well as pressing the launch button, will try their hand at harvesting carrots and tasting carrot dishes.

The five-metre carrot-shaped rocket has been in place and in use for some weeks, but the official 'launch' will be around 11.30am, with Josh and Ollie doing the unveiling.

The fun family event will have food stalls, merchandise stalls and live music.

The Carrot Rocket has been partly funded by the Jolly YouTube Show as well as Pub Charity.



Dave Scott, Park trustee, with Murray Swan, designer of the Carrot Rocket.

Ruapehu Trail Festival

Results from the Ruapehu Trail Festival, 11 March 2023.

Ring Of Fire 73km Solo Ultra:

Female – 1, Courtney PRATT, Open Women (23-39), 11:45:15; 2, Sarah BAUER, Young Women (Under 23), 12:15:53; 3, Clare COOKE, Open Women (23-39), 13:06:03; 4, Victoria GALLAGHER, Master Women (40-49), 13:51:52; 5, Joy CLEMENTS, Open Women (23-39), 13:59:47. Male – 1, Glen CHESTERMAN, Open Men (23-39), 9:31:26; 2, Sam HANSBY, Open Men (23-39), 9:43:33; 3, Sam MOWAT, Open Men (23-39), 10:04:18; 4, Peter KNIGHT, Open Men (23-39), 10:10:43; 5, Johan BERGMAN, Master Men (40-49), 10:27:41.

Raidlight Ring Of Fire 50km Ultra: Female – 1, Eden CRAIG, Open Women (23-39), 6:33:34; 2, Natasha RICHARDS, Open Women (23-39), 7:45:51; 3, Robyn O'BRIEN, Open Women (23-39), 7:54:00; 4, Anna DICKINSON, Master Women (40-49), 7:58:14; 5, Roisin MC QUILLAN, Master Women (40-49), 8:12:15. Male – 1, David HAUNSCHMIDT, Open Men (23-39), 5:21:50; 2, Thomas BANKS, Open Men (23-39), 5:32:40; 3, Jon BRIGHT, Master Men (40-49), 7:02:19; 4, Will SAMUEL, Master Men (40-49), 7:04:35; 5, Brendon CORNELL, Master Men (40-49), 7:05:25.

La Sportiva Tussock Traverse 32km Run: Female – 1, Gretchen GALLOWAY, Master Women (40-49), 3:27:59; 2, Vivianne BONGARD, Open Women (16-39), 3:40:00; 3, Vanessa ALDERMAN, Open Women (16-39), 3:51:44; 4, Aimee ELLIOTT, Master Women (40-49), 3:53:31; 5, Kristy STAPLES, Master Women (40-49), 3:58:54. Male – 1, Kendan GIBSON, Open Men (16-39), 2:54:03; 2, Alex GILBERT, Open Men (16-39), 3:08:38; 3, Gwyn ASHCROFT, Master Men (40-49), 3:15:54; 4, David BURTON, Open Men

(16-39), 3:23:34; 5, Paul CHAMBERS, Open Men (16-39), 3:25:50.

La Sportiva Tussock Traverse 32km Walk: Female – 1, Den EDDOWES, Older Women (50-59), 5:10:46; 2, Sheryl HUMPHRIS, Master Women (40-49), 5:24:37; 3, Amanda COSGROVE, Master Women (40-49), 6:27:38; 4, Liz HARDING, Older Women (50-59), 6:29:40; 5, Stephanie TOWNSEND, Master Women (40-49), 6:33:54. Male – 1, Allan PORTER, Master Men (40-49), 3:35:30; 2, Colin HORNE, Oldest Men (60+), 5:02:01; 3, Peter KANI, Master Men (40-49), 5:34:22; 4, Simon JONES, Older Men (50-59), 6:07:16; 5, Neville ROBERTSON, Older Men (50-59), 6:36:38.

True Fleece Tussock Traverse 21km Run: Female – 1, Sam WARRINER, Older Women (50-59), 2:16:44; 2, Amanda LOVERIDGE, Master Women (40-49), 2:17:54; 3, Imogen EVANS, Open Women (23-39), 2:22:01; 4, Katie LINDSAY, Open Women (23-39), 2:24:05; 5, Lucy SMITH, Open Women (23-39), 2:25:10. Male – 1, Paul CAMPBELL, Open Men (23-39), 1:43:00; 2, Brad DIXON, Master Men (40-49), 1:50:26; 3, David KETTLES, Older Men (50-59), 1:51:19; 4, Todd ROWAN, Open Men (23-39), 1:52:17; 5, Sean JONES, Young Men (Under 23), 1:59:30.

True Fleece Tussock Traverse 21km Walk: Female – 1, Halema JAMIESON, Master Women (40-49), 3:26:40; 2, Christine CHEYNE, Oldest Women (60+),

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3:35:06; 3, Judith FLETCHER, Older Women (50-59), 3:39:37; 4, Kim COATES, Older Women (50-59), 3:42:51; 5, Pip PARKER, Open Women (23-39), 3:48:34. Male – 1, Matt TOPKINS, Open Men (23-39), 3:07:19; 2, Harsh BADANI, Open Men (23-39), 3:13:14; 3, David CUSHING, Oldest Men (60+), 3:15:49; 4, Kenneth MITCHELL, Oldest Men (60+), 3:22:40; 5, Terry KELLY, Oldest Men (60+), 3:35:10.

Project Tongariro Tussock Traverse 12km Run: Female – 1, Hayley LEACH, Master Women (40-49), 1:26:55; 2, Helen EGAN, Older Women (50-59), 1:28:28; 3, Bronwyn BAXTER, Master Women (40-49), 1:28:32; 4, Jo GAZE, Older Women (50-59), 1:32:04; 5, Tania DOWIE, Master Women (40-49), 1:32:05. Male – 1, Miroslav HORAK, Open Men (23-39), 1:06:05; 2, Cooper HOGAN, Young Men (Under 23), 1:08:47; 3, Luke BAXTER, Master Men (40-49), 1:09:10; 4, Guy ORCHISTON, Young Men (Under 23), 1:17:07; 5, Toby ORCHISTON, Young Men (Under 23), 1:17:10.

Project Tongariro Tussock Traverse 12km Walk: Female – 1, Kelly-Ann HUBBARD, Master Women (40-49), 2:12:56; 2, Karen WILTON, Master Women (40-49), 2:16:46; 3, Marie MILNE, Oldest Women (60+), 2:18:35; 4, Anna SMITH, Open Women (23-39), 2:28:37; 5, Tanya HEALY, Oldest Women (60+), 2:29:24. Male – 1, Mike LA POUPLE, Older Men (50-59), 2:16:48; 2, Daniel GLASGOW, Master Men (40-49), 2:20:37; 3, Mark EDDOWES, Oldest Men (60+), 2:23:30; 4, Adam MAXWELL, Master Men (40-49), 2:27:09; 5, Richard BRACZEK, Oldest Men (60+), 2:28:30.

Project Tongariro Tussock Traverse 6km Run: Female – 1, Lisa Lillian LUSCOMBE, Open Women (23-39), 40:57; 2, Hannah BEAUMONT, Open Women (23-39), 46:23; 3, Averil SCHIFF, Master Women (40-49), 46:58; 4, Lorraine HOGAN, Master Women (40-49), 47:59; 5, Mila Jade CURRAN, Young Women (Under 23), 51:53. Male – 1, Paul LAGERMAN, Master Men (40-49), 33:55; 2, John BURTON, Oldest Men (60+), 36:22; 3, Sean TAYLOR, Open Men (23-39), 37:47; 4, Cody SHILTON, Young Men (Under 23), 39:13; 5, Elton QUAX, Older Men (50-59), 40:09.

Project Tongariro Tussock Traverse 6km Walk: Female – 1, Suzy HALE, Open Women (23-39), 1:03:15; 2, Angela NASH, Older Women (50-59), 1:03:56; 3, Carol LEE, Older Women (50-59), 1:29:45; 4, Ava AUBER, Young Women (Under 23), 1:41:02; 5, Daisy AUBER, Young Women (Under 23), 1:41:02. Male – 1, Mason READER, Young Men (Under 23), 1:03:15; 2, Archie MOORE, Master Men (40-49), 1:03:19; 3, Martin PEPPER, Oldest Men (60+), 1:20:26; 4, Cash David MARVIN, Young Men (Under 23), 1:22:04; 5, Josh MARVIN, Open Men (23-39), 1:22:06.



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