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Waiouru Primary celebrates 75 years

Seventy-five years ago, a vision was born. A group of dedicated individuals came together with a shared dream of providing quality education that would shape the lives of generations to come. Those were the words of the current principal of Waiouru Primary School, Deirdre Hearman, at a ceremony to mark the platinum jubilee of the school.

“It is with immense pride that I have the privilege of being the tumuaki/principal at a time when we acknowledge and honour the past, celebrate the present and look forward to the future of Waiouru School,” said principal Deirdre Hearman.

She said they are filled with gratitude for those who laid the foundation for our school.

“They had a vision, and their unwavering commitment to the cause of education has brought us here today. Depending on your time here the school will look very different as does the curriculum.”

The celebrations started with a karakia from pupils Elizabeth Hodge and William Tweedale, and included speeches from Board of Trustees chair Joe Callaghan, Deirdre Hearman and Clodagh Costello from Project Tongariro.

The beginning

Mr Callaghan outlined how the school began. In 1948, when the population of New Zealand was around 1.8 million people and food rationing following World War Two was ending, Waiouru citizens formed a committee to establish a school.

It only took them six months to open the school, with a roll of 18 pupils.

He said the success and longevity of the school is “owed largely to the time and effort” of staff over the seven decades.

There was also several waiata sung by the pupils as well as a performance of Te Kapa Haka o te Kura o Wai-o-Uruangi, with Mindy Pakinga Mareikura, Ngāti Rangi.

Deirdre Hearman also explained what was in the time capsule that was buried at the 50th Jubilee in 1998 and invited those present to take a look at the items as well as photos and albums. She explained that they have not been able to find the capsule, but have a list of its contents.

The celebrations also included cutting the cake and planting a kowhai tree.



Turn to Page 3 Jefferine O'Sullivan, the oldest past-pupil at the ceremony on Friday, prepares to cut the cake, while pupils Elizabeth Hodge and William Tweedale look on. Photo: Robert Milne.

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Orautoha hills test young runners

Orautoha School once again welcomed dozens of young runners from around the district on Friday, taking part in the annual Waimarino Primary Schools Cross Country Competition.

Schools taking part were Orautoha, Raetihi, Waiouru, Ohakune, Te Kura Kaupapa Māori o Ngāti Rangī, Papanui Junction,

Success was spread across the schools, with a first place to Papanui Junction School, two firsts for Orautoha, three firsts to Raetihi School, and four to Ohakune Primary School.

More results next week.



Ezekiel Paynter, Ohakune, in the lead in the Year 8 boys run on Friday.

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Maddie Demchy, Ohakune, leaps the creek in first place in the Year 8 girls run at Orautoha on Friday.

Ruapehu wants quick action on carbon farming from new government

The new Government needs to introduce additional controls over carbon farming on top of the changes to the National Environmental Standards for Commercial Forestry (NES-CF) introduced by Labour, hopes Ruapehu's mayor Weston Kirton.

"In response to calls for urgent action to address the threats posed to productive farmland and communities from the rapid pace of carbon conversions, Labour developed new national standards to enable councils to manage carbon farming at a local level," he said.

"While the NES-CF changes are welcomed, there are concerns that to activate the new tools for managing carbon forests we need to make changes to our District Plan which will take time and could be costly.

"Any changes to the District Plan rules to control where new commercial forests – including carbon forests – are located need to be developed in consultation with our communities with any changes able to be challenged in court by stakeholder interests which could extend the timeframes and cost.

"These issues could mean that changes on the ground may not be as quick as many would like," he warned.

"National promised to ban foreign investment in farms being converted to forestry for carbon farming, which we would like to see implemented as soon as possible.

"We would also like to see changes to the Emissions Trading Scheme (ETS) set-

tings preventing polluters from being able to offset 100% of their emissions through carbon credits."

He said that in the interim, Council staff are working to understand the new NES-CF and how RDC can administer the new standards in relation to its current policy and planning rules.

"Alongside this we will be looking at any District Plan changes and timeframes for consultation on these.

"There is quite a lot of work involved in getting to a point where we would be ready to consult. At this stage, the earliest this is likely will be as part of next year's 2024/34 Long Term Plan around March or April," he said.

Mr Kirton added that he would be raising the issue again for discussion with central North Island councils at the next Local Government New Zealand (LGNZ) Zone 3 regional meeting in November.

"When I raised carbon farming threats at the LGNZ Zone 3 meeting in May last year, I received overwhelming support for my calls for urgent action.

"If the in-coming Government doesn't act quickly to put the brakes on mass carbon conversions, the calls from rural communities are going to resume and get louder as councils and communities face a loss of local population, employment, economic activity, and their rating base.

"It is not about stopping carbon farming but stopping the way it is currently being allowed to take place," he said.



Ruapehu's mayor Weston Kirton said that rural councils are looking to the in-coming Government to take quick action to address the threats posed to productive farmland and communities from the rapid pace of carbon conversions which has occurred in recent years.

Waiouru Platinum jubilee

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Two new projects were also shared with those gathered – the development of the 75th anniversary Ngahere outdoor classroom, and the restoration of the memorial garden in the top field, once known as "the top school".

Reflection

"We hope that this memorial garden will become a place for reflection and remembrance as we believe it is important to honour those that came before us.

"These projects reflect our commitment to not only preserving the past but also enhancing our present and future."

The projects were marked with the planting of a kowhai tree that has been specifically grown for the conditions of Ruapehu.

"We want to say a big thank you to all

the students who have passed through the doors of Waiouru School. Each of you have left your mark and you have shown us that with determination and a love of learning, anything is possible."

She said they have gained a wealth of knowledge and insight from the volunteers who generously shared their time and experiences at the school.

"Through emails, handwritten letters and insightful interviews, they have contributed to our understanding. From their stories, we have discovered that the life of a Waiouru student is characterised by a great deal of fun, laughter and a great deal of snow."

The principal thanked the team who organised the celebrations as well as the senior students.

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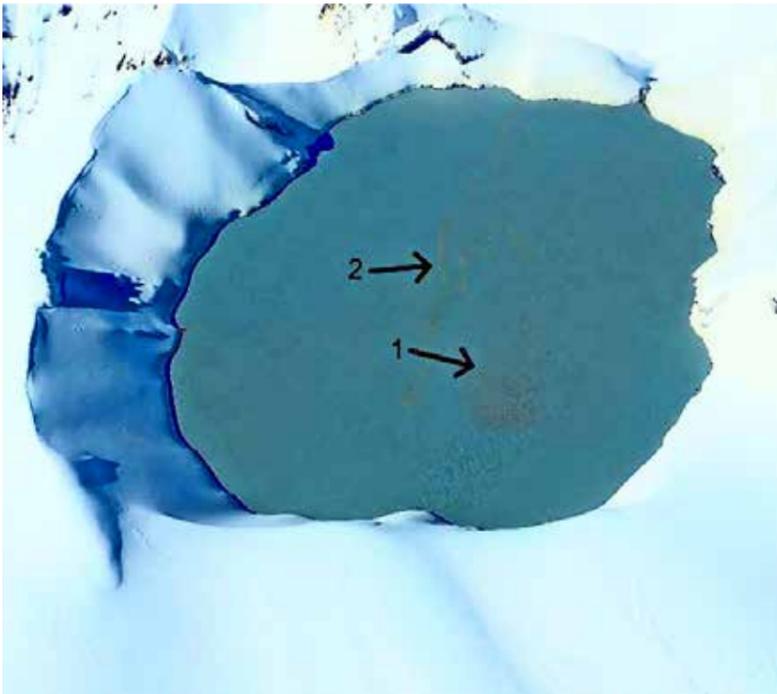
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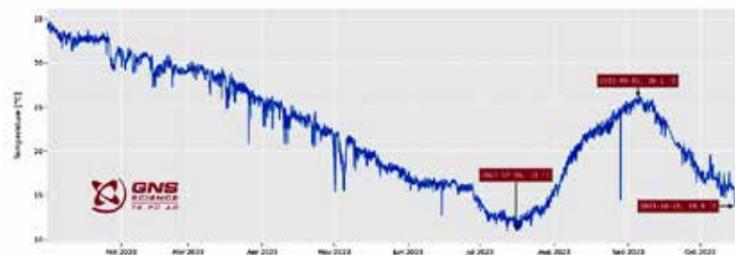
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Crater Lake cooling



Above: Aerial view of upwell area (darker grey, labelled 1) and sulphur slicks (labelled 2) on lake surface 5 October.

Below: The temperature of Te Wai ā-moe (Crater Lake) from January to mid-October 2023. Short-lived drops in temperature are due to rain or snow melt events.



Mt Ruapehu's Te Wai ā-moe (Crater Lake) is now cooling, reports Institute of Geological and Nuclear Sciences Limited (GNS). Volcanic activity remains low, and the Volcanic Alert Level remains at Level 1.

After a short heating phase starting mid-July this year, Ruapehu's Crater Lake has now cooled back down. Other monitoring indicators are within normal ranges for Mt Ruapehu. Volcanic activity remains low.

In mid-July 2023 the temperature of the Lake started a rising trend, lasting through to early September when a cooling phase started. The lake temperature rose from 11°C to 26°C and has now cooled to around 14°C. The heat flow into the lake is currently around 30-60 MW, typical of a cooler lake.

The lake can experience temporary drops in temperature due to short-lived input of snow melt and heavy rainfall into the lake. These short-term variations did not affect the long-term heating or cooling trends.

Water and gas samples were collected from the lake on 5 October 2023. Chemical analyses of these samples are within the range of recent chemistry samples. Key gas indicators suggest the temperature of the gas deeper in the magmatic system has increased, which has not currently affected the temperature of the lake. Areas of upwelling (discoloured water) and yellow sulphur slicks on the lake surface indicate water and gas flows into the

lake from below.

Since installation, our new scanDOAS gas scanning equipment has measured low-to-moderate levels of SO₂ gas output most days. Since late September the amount of gas detected has declined, however volcanic gases are still flowing through the volcano, which is consistent with our visual observations.

The level of volcanic tremor recorded by our seismic equipment has remained weak during 2023 and a few earthquakes have been located beneath or near the volcano.

In summary, the falling lake temperature is similar to past cooling phases at Mt Ruapehu. Gas and water chemistry measurements, visual observations of upwelling and sulphur slicks, and low levels of SO₂ gas output suggest that the volcanic vents beneath Te Wai ā-moe are at least partially open and allow volcanic gases and fluids to enter the lake.

This is supported by the currently weak volcanic tremor and is consistent with a low level of volcanic activity overall.

GNS reiterates that the Volcanic Alert Level should not be used to forecast future activity.

Volcanic Alert Level 1 indicates the primary hazards are those expected during volcanic unrest: steam discharge, volcanic gas, earthquakes, landslides, and hydrothermal activity. Potential for eruption hazards also exists and eruptions can still occur with little or no warning.

Letters

Weather records

• My thanks to Ralph Berry for his honest letter. He may be interested to know that temperature, rainfall and plant growth of up to a 100 million years ago has been determined by a branch of geology called paleoclimatology.

Cores of mud are taken from the bottom of ponds and the pollen that has fallen into the pond at different millennia is identified. The temperature at which different plant species will grow is well known and so ancient temperatures can be determined from the pollen. Ruapehu College's Una Drayton was collecting core samples on Campbell Island for that purpose earlier this year.

And since 1956, scientists at McMurdo Sound and elsewhere have been drilling deep into ancient ice, with the core samples being dated by their depth and by the atomic decay of some unstable elements.

Some of the oxygen atoms in water vapour that condenses and falls to form ice have two extra neutrons, making those water molecules heavier and quicker to fall in cold periods. By measuring the ratio of the 18O and 16O atoms, global temperatures in each era are calculated. (wikipedia.org/wiki/Paleoclimatology)

Deep down, we all know that our exploding population and destructive consumer addiction have created an unstoppable rise in air temperature that is going to kill most of today's school kids in the next few decades. Alas, the first law of life is homeostasis – a process that keeps all population numbers in balance.

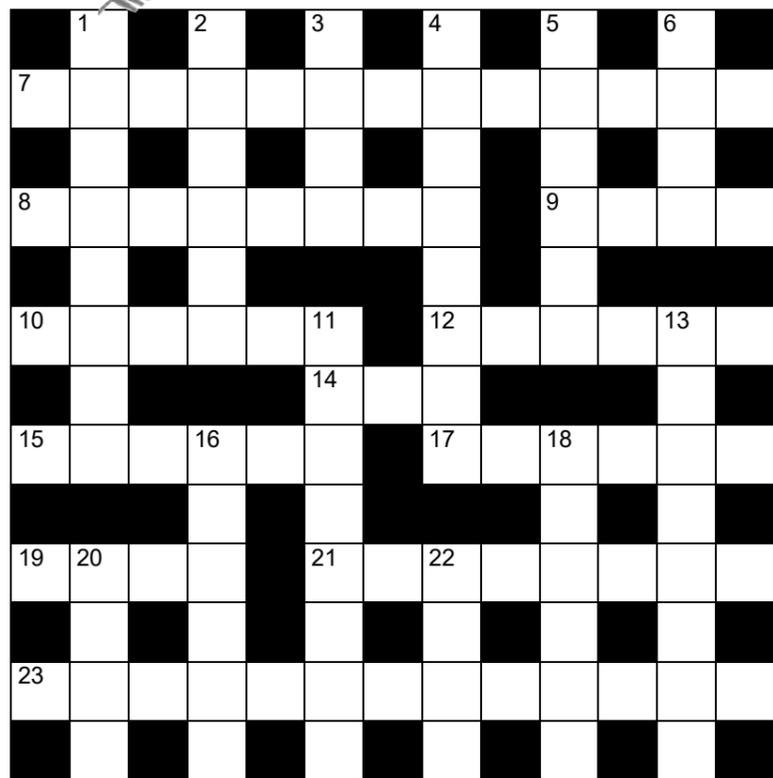
In different ways, we are all grieving for our condemned descendants, with the Greenies having reached the bargaining stage, slightly reducing consumption, and Nat/Act supporters the acceptance stage, realising nothing can be done and about to increase consumption while they still can.

But the first stage of grief is denial. May I extend my sympathies to Mr. Berry and his fellow global warming deniers.

John Archer, Ohakune

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Across

7. Site above Russell, scene of Hone Heke's repeated attacks in 1845 on a symbol of British rule (9,4)
8. Thick blended drink made from fruit and yoghurt or milk (8)
9. Tiny amount (4)
10. Together (6)
12. Ancestor (Te Reo) (6)
14. In the UK it would be called a pick-up truck (3)
15. Introduced species protected until 1947, now a large-scale pest (6)
17. Go off the tracks (6)
19. Movable part of a fence (4)
21. Ignore or dismiss (5,3)
23. Well-known Māori song (10,3)

Down

1. Spanish dance (8)
2. Nutty-flavoured, cheddar-style New Zealand cheese (6)
3. Engrave (4)
4. Influenced (8)
5. *Paratya curvirostris*, freshwater decapod endemic to New Zealand (6)
6. A puncture (colloq) (4)
11. US term for a large rubbish bin (8)
13. Kiwi who became a member of rock band Fleetwood Mac in 2018 (4,4)
16. Playground item (6)
18. Tattered (6)
20. Particle (4)
22. Wander (4)

Previous solution

Across: 1. Necklace, 7. Aaron, 8. Chris Amon, 9. Iwi, 10. Exam, 11. Flagon, 13. William Massey, 15. El Nino, 16/18. Ryan Fox, 20. Snakebite, 21. Roots, 22. Eyepiece.
Down: 1. Niche, 2. Curtail, 3. Lash, 4. Complimentary, 5. Train, 6. Anxiety, 7. Anagram, 12. Witness, 13. Welfare, 14. Skyline, 15. Ex-con, 17. Niece, 19. Heap.



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Mayors call on locals to support the Pink Ribbon Street Appeal

Breast Cancer Foundation NZ has the backing of the Ruapehu, Whanganui and Rangitikei mayors, who are encouraging locals to donate to the charity's Pink Ribbon Street Appeal this week.

On Friday 27 and Saturday 28 October, 10,000 volunteers will be hitting the streets all over New Zealand to raise vital funds for breast cancer research, education and patient support.

Ruapehu Mayor Weston Kirton says: "As a nation we today collectively unite to support those effected by breast cancer.

"Our thoughts reach out to those who are survivors, and we also remember those who lost the battle. What we strive for as a community is public awareness through fundraising.

"Generous donors can make a positive difference in both the wellbeing of sufferers and scientific research. Thank you in advance for your financial and moral support."

Whanganui Mayor Andrew Tripe says he has his own connections with cancer sufferers "and many others I speak to do as well".

"The reality is that with early detection, breast cancer (and other cancers) can be caught early meaning a greater chance of full recovery and an improved outcome in general."

Rangitikei Mayor Andy Watson says: "Publicity is the key, breast cancer is survivable and if I can help with the message I can help save lives. Why would I not be part of that?"

Breast Cancer Foundation NZ's chief executive, Ah-Leen Rayner, says they are asking everyone in the region to "show some love for Kiwis affected by breast cancer" by donating to the Pink Ribbon Street Appeal.

"We're so grateful to have Mayors Kirton, Tripe and Watson join our call.

"As a charity that doesn't receive any government funding, it's only thanks to the generosity of New Zealanders that we can carry out our life-saving work. Your donations will bring us closer to our vision of zero deaths from breast cancer."

Every year, around 55 women are diagnosed with breast cancer in the region. All of the money raised from the Pink Ribbon Street Appeal goes towards Breast Cancer Foundation NZ's work to advance breast cancer research, educate Kiwis about the importance of early detection, and support patients through their treatment and recovery.

Donations can be made to the Pink Ribbon Street Appeal through volunteer collectors who will be out in force shaking pink buckets across the region on 27 and 28 October, or online at bcf.org.nz/streetappeal23

Mini reunion for Tūroa veterans

A mini reunion of ex-Tūroa staff is being organised for Saturday 28 October.

Lauren Heather Whale has organised the event, starting at 4.30 at The Kings, Ohakune Junction.

Video Bill will have clips from back in the early 1980s-early 1990s, along with video music clips from that era.

Everyone is welcome, including those from Whakapapa and the Ruapehu area.

Women on the run in Ruapehu

Global women's running organisation '261 Fearless' is launching a group based at Ruapehu, aimed at offering a regular running group for women aged 18 and over.

261 Fearless is a "non-competitive, non-judgemental social running club" with groups all over New Zealand, including in Auckland, Wellington, Palmerston North and Christchurch.

The running group will initially meet at 10am on the last Sunday of each month, opposite Frank's Café on Mangawhero Terrace in Ohakune. The first group run will be on Sunday 29 October.

"Women who are interested to come along can search for and join the 261 Fearless Ruapehu group on Facebook, or simply turn up on the day, says coach Hazel Phillips.

The Ruapehu group has been founded by three local women who are running and outdoors enthusiasts. In order to set up the group under the 261 Fearless banner, they have trained and qualified as running coaches with the organisation.

Coach Dion Cruse, who ran her first ultramarathon at Tarawera this year, said



261 Fearless coaches, from left, Jo Merson, Dion Cruse, Hazel Phillips.

all women are welcome, no matter what their ability.

"It doesn't matter how fast or slow you run, or if you run and walk, you're welcome to come along. No woman is left behind."

Coach Joanne Merson joins the group from a strong background in running with Athletics Whanganui and Whanganui Harriers.

"261 Fearless is for women of all abilities and if you want to run and have some weekly fun social activity with like-minded women, this is for you."

Coach Hazel Phillips said the group would look to increase the frequency of its running sessions in 2024.

"We'd love feedback from local women as to

when suits them to meet up for runs. We're also looking at what else we can offer in terms of outdoors adventures for local ladies. We're looking forward to meeting you!"

261 Fearless is named after the bib number (#261) worn by American runner Kathrine Switzer, who was the first woman to run the Boston Marathon

in 1967 as an officially registered competitor. During the race, Switzer was assaulted by the race director, who tried to pull her out of the race. Switzer managed to finish the race in four hours, 20 minutes.

Email 261fearless-clubNZRuapehu@gmail.com for more, or search '261 Fearless Ruapehu' on Facebook.

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2023

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SATURDAY 4 NOVEMBER

Ātihu-Whanganui Incorporation would like to welcome all shareholders and whānau to the 2023 farm tour. This year we will be visiting Te Pā Station (Ngā Puke & Omerei Blocks) and the Te Oreore Slip.

There will be a pōwhiri at 9:00am at Tuhiariki Marae, Parapara Marae Rd, Raetihi. After morning tea we will begin our farm tour and will finish back at Tuhiariki Marae for lunch.

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Waiouru Primary celebrates 75 years



Deirdre Hearman, principal at Waiouru Primary School.



Elizabeth Hodge and William Tweedale cut the cake.



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Waiouru's 'good old days' recalled at 50th jubilee

BY JUBILEE COMMITTEE, ANNE McELWAIN, TANA KIARICICH AND CHRIS HODKINSON.
 The positive attitudes and the success of the Waiouru Primary School's 50th Jubilee weekend, which attracted over 400 people from New Zealand and overseas, was a tribute to both the attendees and the organizers, reports the school.

The school's anniversary fell on 12 July but the likelihood of poor weather at that time of year led to the decision to delay the celebrations until Labour Weekend. In spite of weather conditions over the week preceding the Jubilee being the worst experienced in many years, Saturday and Sunday dawned bright and clear with the fresh snow on Mt Ruapehu providing the perfect backdrop.

The early arrival of many guests on Friday proved to be an indicator of the level of anticipation regarding Jubilee events. The friendly atmosphere and camaraderie of those attending the wine and cheese evening on the Friday night set the tone for the remainder of the weekend. The reminiscences of the 'good, old days at Waiouru Primary School' provided the stepping stones to renewing old friendships.

The powhiri led by Charles Mareikura and the welcoming party from Ngati Rangitoto on Saturday morning acknowledged the heritage of guests and hosts alike with the inclusion of children from Waiouru Primary School reminding participants of the

reason they had come together. The performance of 'Koro Ruapehu', a song written especially for the Jubilee by Cbe Phillip Wilson, was a fitting tribute to the occasion.

This was followed by decade photographs, involving much hilarity. Lunch was a welcome respite after which the classrooms were opened for 'walks down memory lane'. There were three subsidised guided tours of the Army Museum over the weekend.

The highlight of the weekend was the dine and dance. The cutting of the Jubilee cake marked the end of the formalities and the celebrations proper began. Attendees were entertained by the 23-piece Navy Band. Their highly polished performance, of songs and skits, through the decades, was well received.

After a church service, Sunday's closing ceremony saw the youngest present pupil and the oldest past pupil plant a kowhai tree. The school principal unveiled the commemorative plaque and the gathering was briefed on the contents of the time capsule to be buried at a later date. This was followed by a morning tea where final goodbyes were made.

Pupil Daniel Evans' design was chosen to be printed on the souvenir T-shirts which were sold on the weekend.

The organising committee expressed thanks to all those who sponsored the jubilee and helped to make it an event to be remembered.



Waiouru School's youngest pupil, Te Aria Alexander, gets stuck in to plant the Jubilee commemorative kowhai tree, while oldest past pupil Phillip Wilson prepares to help. Behind is one of the Jubilee co-ordinators Tana Kiaricich.

Army's Ohura flood relief effort winds down

It's business as usual and back to training in Waiouru for soldiers from the New Zealand Army's Linton based 2nd Logistics Battalion who pulled out of flood stricken Ohura township yesterday morning, after a weekend cleaning up and providing much needed assistance.

The soldiers, deployed from a field exercise in Waiouru, were the first to arrive on the scene on Friday and worked on the huge task until last light on Sunday, providing heavy

labour and transport. The township of Ohura was devastated as flood waters swept through the town on Thursday last week. Approximately 100 of the 300 local population had been evacuated from their homes.

Relief fund Meanwhile, mayor Weston Kirton has set up a mayoral relief fund and is asking for donations from the community.

"A number of families in Ohura have lost most of their belongings in the floods," said Mr Kirton, adding that many families have no insurance.

Money can be left at Ruapehu District Council offices.

Southern damage Flood damage in the south of the Ruapehu District consists of numerous small slips and washouts, mainly in the Ruatiti Valley areas.

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The Bulletin's 50th jubilee coverage.

Waiouru Primary celebrates 75 years



Taila Goodley, Amelia Sheridan and Anahera Sheridan plant the special kowhai tree to mark the platinum jubilee for Waiouru Primary School. Photos: Robert Milne.



Clodagh Costello from Project Tongariro.



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College sports achievers celebrated



Grace Rowe and Talia Phillips speak at the Ruapehu College sports breakfast.

Eye on Ruapehu College, contributed by staff and students

Ruapehu College held its annual sports breakfast on Tuesday last week to not only acknowledge and celebrate students who have shown a high level of character and commitment in their chosen sport, but to also recognise and give thanks to all the amazing people in the school and community who assist in the coaching, managing, organising and supporting of sport at the college.

"The success of College sport is due to the contributions, both large and small, from these people and has a great impact on the students' lives as they take on the extra-curricular opportunities available to them," said principal Marama Allen.

"As there are many people that help in so many ways, the college would like to thank the following key volunteers and supporters."

Coaches and managers: Waka Ama - Whare and Shayna Te Riaki, Chaana Morgan. Volleyball Senior and Junior - Poppy Dekker. Boys Rugby - Whare and Shayna Te Riaki, Chrissy Winters, Fraser Hammond,

Sheldon O'Hagen. Whanganui Netball - Chenille Bouskill and Keleigh Elers-Green. Central Plateau Netball - Amber Bergman and Leba Philips. Football - Mick Darmody and Sarah Demchy. Squash - Matthew Laurenson. Basketball - Justice Hiri and Tamzyn Paewai-Te Riaki.

Special mentions: Jim Edmonds, Chris Chamorro, Alan Whale, Rabbit, Bruce Rollinson, PGG Wrightson for all their hard work and support in maintaining the grounds. Andy Bennett for always being available to ref home rugby games. Channel Wood and her team for all their hard work preparing delicious food for events, after-match functions, sports breakfast and lunches. The Rural Travel Fund provided by the Ruapehu District Council, which

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Tuesday, 7 November
10.00am Strategy & Policy Committee
(Livestreamed)

Tuesday, 14 November
10.00am Passenger Transport Committee

Wednesday, 22 November
9.30am Audit, Risk & Investment Committee

Tuesday, 28 November
9.30am Regional Council
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Should Members of the public wish to speak at Meetings, they are advised to phone 0508 800 800.

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AGM Agenda

1. Whakamoemiti
2. Apologies
3. Previous AGM minutes
4. Annual report
5. Financial report
6. General
7. Whakamoemiti

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UPCOMING MEETING DATES



Ōwhango- National Park Community Board
6:30pm, Tuesday 7 November 2023
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Slopestyle national gold for Izaac

Nine year old Izaac Wu, from Raetihi, was the only North Island-based competitor in his category at the recent Cardrona NZ Freestyle Nationals – and he came home with gold. And silver, twice.

The young skier competed in the slopestyle, skier cross, and a special rail jam as the Cardrona halfpipe was out of action. There was also no free ride competition.

Izaac started out okay in the skier cross, coming third in the time trials, but was taken out in his finals race, so was out of the medals.

In the slopestyle, he started off badly. “I did a terrible switch 180, then a right 360, but I crashed on the left 360.”

He said he was supposed to do a 360 on the box but did it sideways and then crashed on the second one.

“I was pretty upset.” Because of the crashes he was ranked last on points.

“But all my friends cheered me up.” He said his coach would usually tell him to play it safe and do the same set on the second run, but his Dad Erny told him to

“just do a 540” as he had nothing to lose. And he nailed it with a “huge 540 on the third jump”, as head Judge Tori Beattie described it.

“We’re really grateful to the South Island kids – they still treat him as a friend and all came to cheer for him even though they are competitors,” said Erny Wu.

After the run, he said he just wanted to ski with his mates so just skied off, not knowing he had gone from last place to first – for the gold medal. His first run score was 23.33, while his second was 96.00, around five points ahead of second place.

Without the halfpipe, the event organisers put on a special rail jam, with the kids hiking up and riding down as many times as they could. Most of the kids were towed up, or carried, by their parents to make it easier for them to put their best efforts in.

Izaac said it was a bit like a competition between the parents.

He managed to do five runs, crashing on two and landing three, taking second place for the silver medal.

He was second overall, taking another silver medal. When he spoke to the Bulletin, he was very happy about his medals and hanging out on the snow with his mates. But it seemed he was most excited about nailing a backflip on the trampoline during a closed day training session in the gym.

“It was pretty scary. The first one I did I landed on the airbag head first.” But he completed his second one – as well as lots of

other tricks. Erny Wu said the family are really grateful to lots of people for supporting Izaac, including the Tūroa crew, including the groomer drivers. There was no park crew this season but they still managed to build some features that Izaac could train on.

They also thanked TCB, Doogs Drinkwater and Jones Brothers, Vight goggles for their sponsorship and “the whole community” for their support.



Izaac Wu heads for gold at Cardrona.

College sports achievers

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provides significant assistance towards travel costs for all sports. Lastly, the Laurenson Trust for their ongoing financial support of sports teams and players.

Student award winners are: Waka ama Character and Commitment; Komaihana Hawira, Hawira Katene, Te Orangi Te Riaki, Harry Rowe, Mishalle Perkins, Stirling Elers. Players player; Petaera Pehi.

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Basketball Character and Commitment; Tannar Goff. Players Player; Tuharaki Wallace-Mcleod.

Squash Character and Commitment; Kirsty Osborne and Matthew Smith. Players Player; Kirsty Osborne.

Snow season all done for 2023

After a shaky and almost non-existent start back in July, the Whakapapa and Tūroa ski season wound up on Monday with a stunning day to finish.

“A special thank you to our hardworking crew and manuhiri (guests) for making this season happen,” said RAL on their social media.

Several people commented in appreciation.

“Wow! what a smashing season,” said Janet Haunton.

“It felt like the mountain really wanted us there this winter! The snow was amazing and thank you so, so much for all your hard work and dedication to



Some of the Mt Ruapehu snow crew say goodbye as the sun goes down on the 2023 season. As Lesley Emslie said: “Fabulous photo, finish.”

make it happen. You guys season” with the limited the park. Thanks so much for the smiles, the chats, the great service. See you next year!” said Karyn Murray.

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