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Work to start on Ruapehu District flooding issues

A range of projects are set to start in the Ruapehu District with the aim of helping specific areas to cope better with flooding.

Horizons Regional Council group manager catchment operations Dr Jon Roygard says the five river schemes in the district, which have developed over time, are primarily for vegetation clearance and/or flood protection.

“Councillors resolved via the 2024-34 Long-term Plan and 2025-26 Annual Plan processes to invest more into the Ruapehu schemes to accelerate river management and flood protection works.”

Meetings between Horizons, Ruapehu District Council and landowners, including a combined Ruapehu Scheme committee meeting this year, led to support for funding of various works across the district, which Horizons councillors voted at a recent meeting to proceed with, says Dr Roygard.

Vegetation clearance to improve channel capacity has already resumed in the Ohakune area following a period of limited activity. Alongside this, applications are being developed to apply for resource consent to allow for a wider range of activities in the area, says Dr Roygard.

“A third component of work in the Ohakune area is about identifying risks to flood resilience. This includes investigating, costing and prioritising potential future actions.”

Ruapehu’s regional councillor Nikki Riley says the Ruapehu plan is the result of three years of work.

“I am just delighted with this result for Ruapehu, and to be able to start working on flood resilience this summer and I want to acknowledge there is more to do in other areas of the district, so Raetihi you are not forgotten,” says Riley.

“It is a credit also to the community members through the Ruapehu schemes meetings including chair Bruce Rollinson, Bruce Cranston, Dana Blackburn, Luke Pepper, Lyn Neeson, Rabbit Nottage, Alan Whale, Fiona Kahura Hadley-Chase, the Greenwood family and to the strong Matiere Community who all supported this programme enthusiastically over the last three years so that we to get this summer’s work under way.

“It is important to acknowledge Bruce Cranston who travelled in person to Palmerston North to make sure this got over the line. Which was just fantastic.”

Taumarunui

“In Taumarunui, this will feature works at a point on Taupō Road close to the Whanganui River and further investigation of options to alleviate issues in the Tōtara Crescent area.

“In the Tōtara Crescent area, a large hill country catchment contributes to stream flows through the area before water flows into the Whanganui River. This water combines with urban stormwater systems and drains, leading to ponding. Options to address these issues have already been explored, but more analysis will be done

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Freeride skiing and snowboarding competition returned to Whakapapa Ski Area on Saturday. See inside for more. Photo: JD Diamond.

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Region's emergency plan up for review

The guiding document for how civil defence and emergency management is conducted in Manawātū-Whanganui is under review and open for public feedback.

Horizons Regional Council manager emergency management Chay Hook says the Manawātū-Whanganui Emergency Management Group Plan is the guiding document for responding to and recovering from major events in the region.

“The current group plan was published in 2016 and had minor updates throughout its life,” says Mr Hook.

“However, there have been a number of significant events across Aotearoa New Zealand since 2016, including the Covid-19 pandemic and Cyclone Gabrielle. These events provided many lessons for the future management of emergencies.”

While the review of the group plan is a requirement under the Civil Defence Emergency Management Act, it also provides a chance to ensure the plan reflects changes and lessons learned from various emergency management responses, says Mr Hook.

“This includes ensuring our plan details the role of iwi and Māori in emergency management, updates to our regional risk profile based off of new research, and aligning our goals and objectives to national strategies.”

Public submissions on the group plan are crucial to the process, says Mr Hook.

“We want our group plan to reflect the people who live, work and play in the region. It is important the plan reflects all parts of our community.”

Submissions on the group plan are open until 31 October, and can be made online at <https://haveyoursay.horizons.govt.nz>.

People can stay up to date with civil defence emergency management activity in the region via the Manawātū-Whanganui Civil Defence Facebook page.

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before work is undertaken to inform possible solutions.

“The Taupō Road area is considered a priority location for issues similar to those in the Tōtara Crescent area. However, there is less information available on this area, so more scoping work will be required before work is undertaken.”

Flooding along Ohura Road near Maitere has been raised by the community in the past, with an engineering report completed in 2025, says Dr Roygard.

“Flow data from Horizons’ nearby environmental data monitoring site shows this location has likely flooded on average about eight or nine times per year since 2015.

“The engineering report resulted in proposed mitigation options, including implementing a flap gate and culvert upgrade, and removal of vegetation along and in the Ohura River.”

Some of this work will take place across multiple financial years, says Dr Roygard.

“A more climate-resilient Ruapehu District is the planned end result of this suite of works.”

Plan to boost volunteering for kids



For Our Kids volunteers can volunteer in a number of ways. Photo: Sport Whanganui.

Sport Whanganui and the For Our Kids Trust have partnered in the local community, aiming to increase adult volunteer participation through workplaces, clubs and community organisations.

The ‘For Our Kids’ initiative is focused on helping children and youth reach their full potential by fostering a supportive environment built on mentorship, encouragement, and community engagement. The trust believes that every adult has something valuable to offer – whether it’s coaching, teaching, or simply being a positive presence in a young person’s life

Sport Whanganui, known for championing active lifestyles and community wellbeing, has embraced the For Our Kids kaupapa to help address a growing challenge: the decline in volunteer numbers across the sports sector and the wider community.

Dinelle Saunders, sport partnership advisor, is leading the For Our Kids initiative locally. “We’re working hard to try and shift how people view volunteering,” she says.

“It’s not just about giving time, it’s about building relationships, sharing skills and connecting adults with meaningful volunteer opportunities that benefit both young people and the wider community.”

The initiative encourages businesses to support their staff in volunteering by releasing them for one to two hours each

week. These employees receive training and become accredited volunteers, gaining the confidence and skills needed to work safely and effectively with youth. In return, businesses are recognised for their community contribution, strengthening ties between workplaces and local clubs and schools.

“Volunteers are the backbone of our communities,” says Saunders.

“For Our Kids is not just about increasing volunteer numbers but also ensuring they’re well-prepared and supported.”

The For Our Kids initiative ensures that clubs, schools and organisations are equipped to provide safe, enriching environments for both volunteers and the young people they serve. Volunteers are matched with roles that suit their interests and availability – whether it’s coaching a team, mentoring a student, or helping run community events.

With a For Our Kids community event planned annually, the initiative also celebrates the contributions of volunteers, families, and employers, reinforcing the message that everyone has a role to play in shaping the future of our youth.

For those interested in becoming a volunteer or community partner, Sport Whanganui welcomes enquiries and are ready to help individuals and organisations get involved.

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John Chapman
For Ruapehu District Council.

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Quake rules changes may help with Chateau plans

The Government’s announcement on refocusing the earthquake-prone building system is a welcome development, says the local mayor, who is calling the proposals “practical, realistic and potentially a huge win for both the Chateau and Ruapehu’s small towns.”

“These proposed changes introduce a much fairer balance between the costs of strengthening work and the actual risks that earthquake-prone buildings pose,” said Weston Kirton.

“They will help make remediation work more affordable, economic and achievable, which is exactly what our communities need.”

“Minister Penk has indicated that a targeted retrofit approach on projects like the Chateau could reduce strengthening costs by around 20 percent on average.

“For the Chateau, where estimates for a complete refurbishment are up to \$100+ million, this is huge.”

He says it will significantly lower the financial risks for potential investors.

Kirton also welcomed Minister Penk’s comments that further regulatory relief – including possible changes to resource management and heritage rules – was being considered.

“We would strongly support this being explored further.

“The Chateau is a treasured part of our heritage, but it has also been a vital con-

tributor to our economy.
“We need rules that support its restoration and future, rather than stand in the way.”

Small towns

Under the proposals, smaller buildings in towns with fewer than 10,000 residents would no longer require remediation or warning notices, though owners would still need to secure façades before removal from the register.

“This is just common sense,” says Kirton.

“It recognises the reality for our smaller towns where blanket rules were placing an unrealistic burden on owners and communities.”

The ability for councils to grant extensions of up to 15 years for remediation deadlines is another significant step forward.

“This gives building owners the breathing space they need to plan, secure funding and carry out major works in a way that is practical and sustainable,” he noted.

“While the legislation still needs to be finalised and Council will need to carefully review what it means in practice, we are very happy and excited about the direction of travel.

“These proposals have the potential to significantly reduce costs and help reinvigorate our communities as intended,” he said.



Ruapehu’s mayor Weston Kirton is welcoming Government’s proposed changes to earthquake-prone building rules, which could be a game-changer for restoring the Chateau Tongariro – closed since February 2023 partly due to seismic safety concerns. Photo: Maree Surrey.

Out of an eruption: Ohakune Events Charitable Trust & Bounce Back Ohakune Mountain Mardi Gras

Reflecting on the eruptions of Mt Ruapehu that started in September 1995 has prompted the Ohakune Events Charitable Trust to look back at the origins of their organisation, starting with the Ohakune Mountain Mardi Gras as part of what was dubbed the Ruapehu Bounce Back Campaign. Trust representative Jayde Lowe looks back:

- From the ashes of adversity, a vibrant tradition was born. The Ohakune Mountain Mardi Gras began in 1996, following the eruption-disrupted snow season. It was a beacon of hope, lifting the spirits of our community when we needed it most. What started as a way to brighten the lives of locals and boost a struggling industry quickly transformed into a celebration of resilience, creativity and community strength.

Thanks to the vision, hard work, and dedication of the Ohakune 2000 group, Mardi Gras evolved into something truly special. What began as a small event grew into the North Island’s most beloved winter street party, drawing larger crowds each year. As the event flourished, the need for a dedicated team became clear. That’s when the Mardi Gras committee decided to form the Ohakune Events Charitable Trust (OECT), solidifying our commitment to giving back to

the community.

The establishment of the Trust wasn’t just about managing an event — it was about creating lasting, positive change. With a focus on charitable benefits, promoting our beautiful region, and ensuring

the continued success of the Mardi Gras, the OECT set out to make a difference.

As the event’s popularity soared, so did its impact. The funds raised exceeded expectations, allowing us to give back even more. When

we reached a stable financial footing, we joyfully began distributing grants to support local projects that aligned with our mission. From helping other charitable organisations to funding education, training, and employment initiatives,

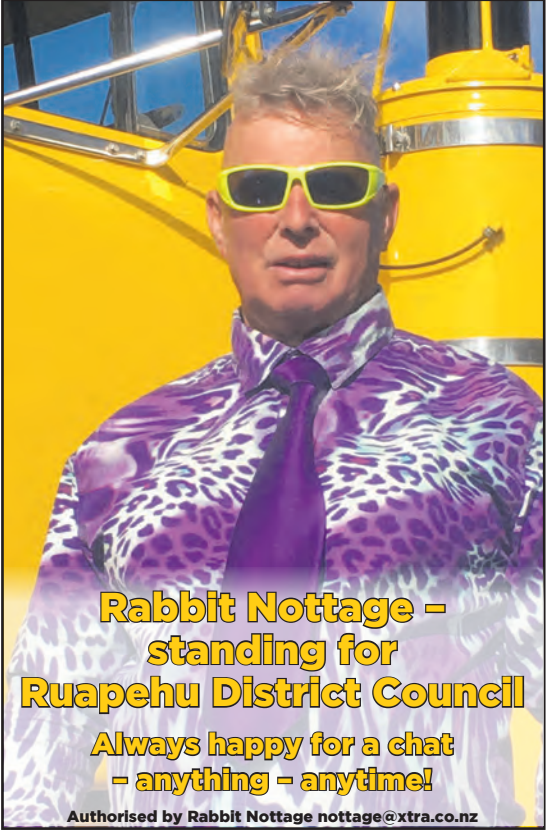
the OECT became a pillar of support for our community.

One of our proudest achievements was contributing to the creation of a village green area at the Ohakune Junction. This space not only revitalised the Junction but also provided a perfect home for the Mardi Gras, making the event even more robust and enjoyable.

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The Ohakune Mountain Mardi Gras now (2025) – born out of the ashes of the 1995-1996 eruptions.



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Letters

Forget the past

• There is a lot of talk about Māori Wards today, as we are holding a referendum on 11 October.

It comes from the basis of my research into he puapua, this will be the initiation of a tribal government by the year 2040, so as I understand it 200 years of a democratic government leading to this tribal government system, how it operates and functions I have little knowledge, but as I read articles and news I am gaining more knowledge.

Would this form of government be good for New Zealand? I have my doubts, as Māori like to bring up past records of wrong doings and exact compensation from pakeha that have little idea of what they are talking about.

If you cannot forget the past you cannot make room for the future, let's think how we can move forward and decide to leave the past where it belongs, in the past.

Let's continue with free speech and democracy.

Ben Mitchell

Free energy

• Reading the history of Nikola Tesla and his efforts around free energy, I am painfully aware how much better off New Zealand would be if the corporate animal we are stuck with for power supply had not ridden roughshod over such worthy research for the last 120 years. Now look how far behind we are, needing all that (electricity hungry) online storage space for our 21st century foibles.

John Riding

Candidates write

This section is set aside for letters from Ruapehu District election candidates.

Letters are limited to 300 words and the Editor reserves the right to edit or reject any letter. Priority will be given to candidates who haven't had letters published previously.

Letters will be published as space allows.

Change now

• Well, here we are in the last week of the election trail.

I have enjoyed meeting people along the campaign trail since it is by meeting and hearing what people have to say that I gain a better understanding of the challenges our community are facing, not necessarily just over the last three years either. Oh, have I heard the frustrations with council indeed. Comments like, "they must think we are stupid or something covering up an overspend with money from other areas". And "Do they consider treating us like mushrooms is being open and transparent, I've been to both council and community board meetings and walk away with no answers".

Of course, some have differing views and are understandably forthright in letting me know. I don't consider being challenged by a different point of view as being bullied, if

we won't hear the hard questions, how do we resolve the hard problems. As a councillor or a community board member you must be willing to be challenged to ensure you are truly representing the people and the community.

I don't profess to have all the answers, though I see so many challenges.

We cannot borrow to pay for basic services, we must change the contracted services and bring them local, we must support current local businesses and encourage their growth whilst developing new opportunities. We need a plan for economic growth that drives our region to prosper and grow. We need a better solution for waste management, shipping our waste to another region is not a solution but a cop out. We need our community facilities to be better managed and maintained for longevity and a long-term plan that is fit for purpose not fit for the bin.

I am standing because we need change now!

Gary Griffin-Chappel

It takes a team

• Three years ago, Ruapehu District Council underwent a major representation review. It introduced three new Māori wards, reduced general seats to six, and replaced the Taumarunui Ward Committee with the new Ōhura Taumarunui Community Board. Community boards were given expanded powers and several partnership agreements were signed with iwi. These changes were meant to strengthen representation, deepen engagement and build trust across our district.

Councillors were expected to take on more strategic roles, while community boards would lead local engagement — building connections and doing the heavy lifting of governance. But despite the promise, the model hasn't delivered.

Why? Because it takes a team. And the team hasn't been supported.

Council has been slow to embrace the new structure. Community boards haven't been given the space or respect needed to grow into their enhanced role. Some councillors have resisted sharing decision-making, and the result is weakened engagement and missed opportunities.

This isn't just a structural issue — it's cultural. We need councillors who understand their strategic role and boards that are empowered to lead locally. We need collaboration, not control.

I've served on two community boards and helped create the Ōhura Taumarunui Board. I'm the only candidate who has consistently championed statutory boards and their role in strengthening local democracy. I know what they can achieve when they're trusted and resourced.

If elected, I'll fight to make this model work — not just in theory, but in practice. Because good governance isn't a solo act. It takes a team. And Ruapehu deserves a team that works together, listens deeply, and leads with integrity.

John Chapman

Building and powering the economy

By Carl Bates, Member of Parliament for Whanganui

What do a grand old hotel and your power bill have in common? This week, quite a lot.

Last week we saw several major announcements from the National-led Government — decisions that could reshape how we build and power our communities, with real benefits for our region.

Fairer Rules for Earthquake-Prone Buildings

Building and Construction Minister Hon Chris Penk unveiled a new, risk-based system for managing earthquake-prone buildings (EPBs). This change is designed to lower costs for building owners while keeping Kiwis safe — a welcome shift from the previous one-size-fits-all approach.

Naturally, many of us thought of the Grand Chateau Tongariro. This iconic building, currently sitting empty and awaiting remediation, could be one of the first to benefit. While specific details are still to come, Ruapehu's mayor Weston Kirton has suggested that targeted remediation costs might drop by as much as 20%.

Saving the Chateau would be more than a win for heritage — it would be a powerful symbol of what smart, regionally aware policy can achieve.

Securing Our Energy Future

The second announcement focused on energy — something every household and business relies on. Energy Minister Hon Simon Watts laid out plans to address the growing gap in our electricity supply, especially during dry years when hydro and wind generation fall short.

For decades, natural gas has filled this gap. Dwindling supplies have however resulted in rising costs and

reliability is slipping. That is why the Government is planning to build a liquified natural gas (LNG) import terminal, ensuring we have a dependable backup while we continue to invest in renewables.

There is also exciting potential right in our backyard: the Central Taupo Volcanic Plateau is one of the few places in the world where supercritical geothermal energy could be harnessed. This could be a game-changer for our region and for New Zealand's energy independence.

Minister Watts estimates that even a modest 2% annual reduction in power costs could save the economy \$3 billion. That is good policy, and it is smart economics

Looking Ahead

As the MP for Whanganui, I am encouraged by these announcements. They reflect a government focused on practical solutions, regional opportunity, and long-term prosperity.

There is a lot to absorb, but the message is clear: when we make policy that is fair, forward-thinking, and locally grounded, everyone benefits.



THE WEEKLY WORKOUT

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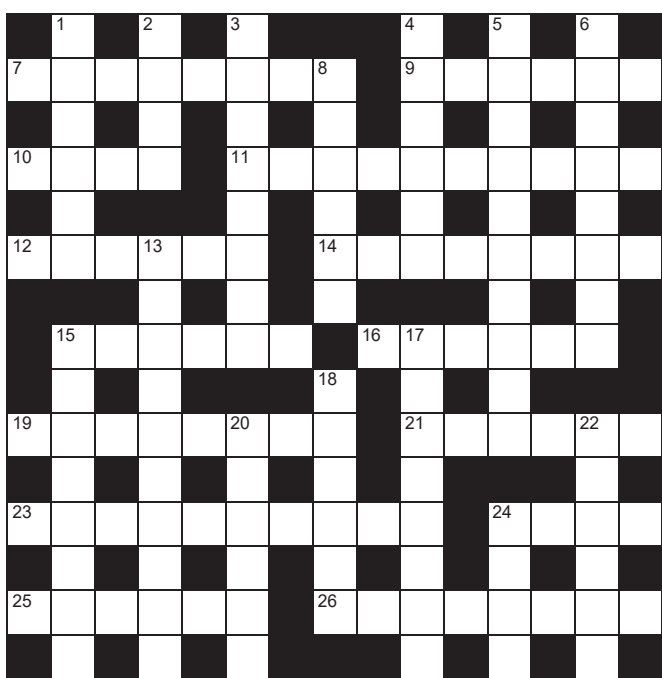
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- Pertinent (8)
- Picturesque (6)
- Knoll (4)
- Puppet (10)
- Lacking social polish (6)
- Sample (8)
- Cadaver (6)
- ___ and gentleman (6)
- Abandoned (8)
- Stable (6)
- Ratio (10)
- Close up (4)
- Root vegetable (6)
- In error (8)

Down

- Part of the eye (6)
- Prison room (4)
- Innocuous (8)
- On land (6)
- Recurrent (10)
- Lacking energy or enthusiasm (8)
- Soundly defeat (6)
- Exchange letters (10)
- Optimistic (8)
- Pyromaniac (8)
- Central area of a building (6)



- Burst out (6)
- Numb (6)
- Large block of stone or wood (4)



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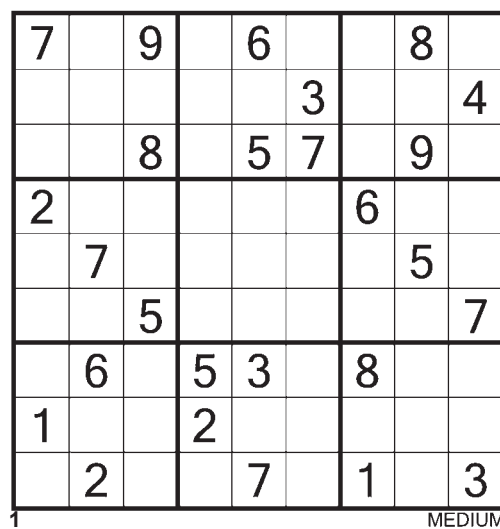
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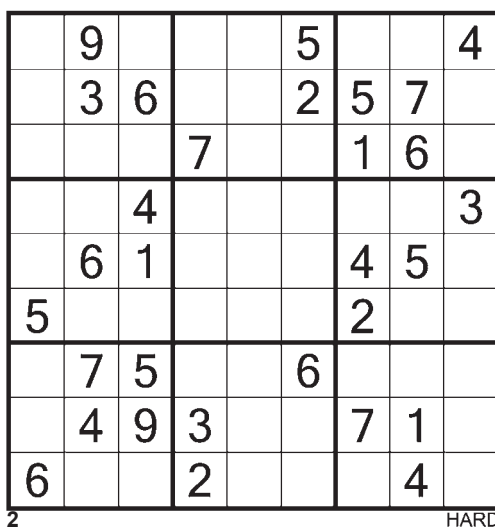
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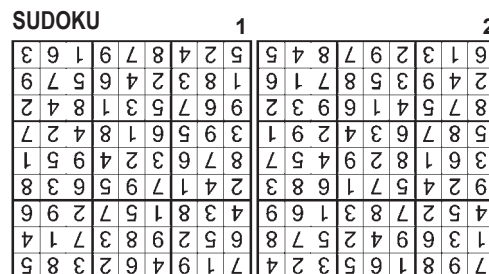
The Top 10

- A lapidary is a person who works with what kind of material?
- The Bourse is a stock exchange based in which city?
- Which Beatles song has a single digit number and two periods of time in its title?
- Benny, Choo-Choo, and Brain are members of which cartoon feline's gang?
- Where was Dr Foster on his way to when he got caught in a shower of rain?
- Which cape, part of Massachusetts, has given its name used to a style of house?
- What 11-letter word comes from the German for 'noisy ghost'?
- A piano that uses a roll of perforated paper to activate keys is called ... ?
- What is the highest number in roulette?
- What is a band of inelastic tissue connecting a muscle with its bony attachment?

CROSSWORD

18. Atrium, 20. Irrupt, 22. Deaden, 24. Slab.
13. Correspond, 15. Cheerful, 17. Arsonist.
Ashore, 5. Repetitive, 6. Listless, 8. Thrash.
Down: 1. Retina, 2. Cell, 3. Harmless, 4. Turnip, 26. Mistaken.
25. Steady, 23. Proportion, 24. Seal, 15. Corpse, 19. Ladies, 19. Derelict, 11. Marionette, 12. Gauche, 14. Specimen, Across: 7. Relevant, 9. Scenic, 10. Hill.

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Automatic traps a boon for trappers

Ōwhango Alive has been increasing its number of automatic traps over the past few years, thanks to various grants, giving them more cover to protect their much-loved Ohinetonga Scenic reserve in Ōwhango.

In order to keep up to speed with all that the traps can do, Lois Allison-Cooper, DOC biodiversity ranger, was invited to talk to the group recently.

Trappers from Predator Free Ohakune, Puketawa, and Kirikau joined Ōwhango Alive volunteers in the Lashmar/Fredericks garage.

“Lois coped valiantly with the need to be heard during downpours giving all present a cheerful and enthusiastic introduction to the traps’ information and workings,” said Marion Johnston from the group.

Although many present had experience with the traps, every one of them admitted to learning something new, for instance, that the instructions were inside the lid – albeit requiring glasses.

The AT220s are made by Auto Traps NZ, based in Whakatane. As the traps need maintenance from time to time, they keep in touch as they continue to develop their invention. The traps catch and release automatically, refresh the lure, function during night hours only and store information about predator type and numbers. All this information can be downloaded to a programme on a cell phone by the volunteer, who only needs to visit the site every couple of months to replace the lure and battery.

“Lois’s presentation covered the maintenance and cleaning of the trap and the downloading of data, all achieved with a good dash of humour and we can’t thank her enough for being our guide and support over the years,” said Marion.

Ōwhango Alive continues with the trap lines along the Ohinetonga Scenic Reserve tracks, which are checked and rebaited at least fortnightly by volunteers and they are always happy to welcome new people: contact owhangoalive@yahoo.com or go to www.owhangoalive.com.



Lois Allison-Cooper explains the workings of an automatic pest trap. Photo: Ōwhango Alive.

Letters

Get out and vote

• Can I start by thanking you Robert and the *Ruapehu Bulletin* team for your fair and balanced coverage of this election? You’ve given every candidate a voice and helped our community stay informed – and that matters.

With voting closing at 12 noon this Saturday (11 October), I have one message for anyone who hasn’t yet voted – or knows someone who hasn’t: please, don’t leave it too late. Your vote truly matters. You can still drop your papers into the Council offices and make sure your voice is heard.

Times have been tough these past few years, but we’ve also achieved a lot together. We’ve kept the ski fields open and we’re still fighting to re-open the Chateau – bringing back jobs, opportunities and pride. We campaigned to bring passenger trains back to Taumarunui – and won. We even got those ugly rail carriages removed – another win for our town.

There’s more to do, and I want to keep building on that progress. I fought for the lowest-cost water option to save ratepayers around \$1000 a year, and I’ll keep pushing to make sure the Whanganui option works in our best interests. I’ve also pledged not to vote for any rate increase over 5%, and I’ll keep working to give our rural communities a stronger voice at the Council table.

We’ve weathered challenges together and made real progress. Let’s not lose that momentum now. Please get your vote in before Saturday at noon – every single vote will help decide the direction of Ruapehu’s future.

I’m proud to have served as your Mayor over the past three years. With your support, we can keep Ruapehu moving forward – together.

Weston Kirton.

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and be a part of the development for our future generations. We need stability that comes with experience and dedication. I believe in Ruapehu District. I know I have that stability and dedication that is needed to make us a vibrant successful place for our future generations.

I don't feel as though I have finished representing you so I am here to ask you to vote for me for another

three years.

The last six years have been a combination of learning decision making and challenges.

With my experience I bring stability to the council table that I know is very important. I have worked hard for the benefit of the District and I want to carry on and be a part of the development for our future generations.

I am really excited that we are now looking towards the future with partnering with Whanganui and Partners, looking at Economic Development for the whole district.

While agriculture and tourism are hugely important to Ruapehu District we cannot carry on solely relying on those two industries. I believe it's time we started looking at other businesses and industries to spread the load and develop opportunities for everyone. Time to let our imaginations to think of something that may be right for here in the Ruapehu, it might just be the place for the idea that has been in the back of someone's mind. I'm excited at being part of that exploration of what may be.



Robyn Gram.

Rural voting surge in Whanganui, Ruapehu, and Rangitikei

By Moana Ellis, Local Democracy Reporting
Voting numbers in Whanganui, Ruapehu and Rangitikei districts are well up from the last election, with the count for one district nearly double that of the same time in 2022.

Returns show a surge of voting in the Ruapehu district, with 1938 votes returned to date (as at last week), representing 23.23% of the 8344 eligible votes.

Compared to the same time 10 days before the 2022 local elections, which saw 12.90% of votes returned, the numbers have nearly doubled.

However, the count is still below returns of more than 25% at the same time in the 2019 and 2016 elections.

Breaking down the total, 1534 votes (24.06% of 6377 electors) have been cast in Ruapehu's general ward. Voting in the Māori ward has been slightly lower, with 404 votes (20.54% of 1967 electors) counted.

In Rangitikei, more than a quarter (26%) of 10,935 electors had returned their voting papers, compared to 18.90% at the same time in 2022. This included 196 votes (26.31% of 745 electors) in Tiikeitia ki Tai (coastal) ward, the only Māori ward being contested in this election.

Despite the positive trend, figures for Whanganui were still well below the council's target.

"We're aiming for at least 50% turnout, so we need a big final push," Whanganui District Council democracy manager Anna Palamountain said.

Local Government New Zealand (LGNZ) said a last-minute effort would be critical to strong voter turnout this election.

As at 1 October, 622,936 votes had been returned nationwide, representing 18.04% of eligible votes.

Compared to the same time 10 days before the 2022 local elections, which saw 353,005 votes returned (10.56% of eligible voters), the numbers had nearly doubled.

It's now too late to post votes, but LGNZ interim chief executive Scott Necklen said voters can drop them into a council ballot box by midday on Saturday 11 October.

"Based on the figures, this year's local elections have the potential to better the 40% voter turnout in 2022. Almost all councils are tracking ahead in this regard, particularly rural councils," Necklen said.

"This is encouraging as we know the bulk of voting paper returns – up to 70% of the total number for some councils – typically happens in the last seven days before an election."

Necklen said an extra week of voting this year, alongside more orange ballot boxes in place compared to previous elections, had helped lift numbers.

"The strong level of public interest in issues such as rates rises and Māori wards has likely also encouraged more people to have their say."

LGNZ said as at 1 October, 24% of voting papers had been returned for rural councils, 21.4% for provincial councils and 16.3% for metro councils. For local councils running a Māori Ward referendum, 19.8% of voting papers had been returned.

The highest percentage of votes returned so far was Wairoa District at 33.36% (1900 votes). The lowest percentage was Carterton District at 10.53% (813 votes).

Need special voting papers? If your pack hasn't arrived or has been damaged, contact your local electoral officer or check the vote.nz website.

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Abuse forces Ruapehu candidate to cut campaign

By Moana Ellis, Local Democracy Reporting

One candidate in the current Ruapehu District Council elections has said that intimidation has forced them to abandon campaigning.

“It’s really brutal.”

RDC chief executive Clive Manley said last week that some candidates had been threatened, confronted in public and had campaign billboards damaged or removed (see *Ruapehu Bulletin*, 1 October)

“That behaviour has no place in a functioning democracy,” he said.

“No one should face abuse, intimidation or discrimination simply for doing their job or for the decisions they have supported during their term in office.

The candidate, who spoke to Local Democracy Reporting on the condition of anonymity, described the experience as devastating.

“I’m wary of saying anything because it has so badly affected me.”

The candidate said Police were investigating the destruction of signs and billboards.

“I’ve also been verbally abused walking down the street, chased into a shop and [the] Police [were] called.

“It’s stopped me going anywhere on my own and I’m scared of leaving my car in the Main Street. I’ve given up campaigning.”

They said they would avoid further public engagement for the remainder of the election period.

“I’m not. I can’t.”

The candidate believed such behaviour would put others off standing for council in the future.

“Some of it is to do with [a recent] council overspend and the three waters [decision]. Media reporting on that was not balanced and everyone is really concerned about it. Also writing letters to the editor is fuelling hatred.”

Billboard trashing

Deputy mayor Viv Hoeta said she was aware of negative comments and billboard “trashing”.

“This kind of behaviour is being instigated by other candidates writing untruths in the paper and posting inaccurate information on social media,” she said.

“There should be stronger penalties to stop candidates from running like this.

“There is a lot of mistrust in the community at the moment with Local Water Done Well being voted on twice, retrospective payments, over payments. People are hurting.”

In July, Ruapehu councillors voted down a recommendation to join a multi-council water body with Palmerston North, Horowhenua and Rangitikei councils that officers said would save \$38.7 million in the first seven years. Councillors instead chose to partner only with Whanganui

District Council.

First-time Māori ward candidate Marilyn Davis said she had faced negativity but not abuse.

“I have had a not-so-good experience at my first candidate get-together in Taumarunui from people that are supporting others.

“It will not discourage me because I am here for our people.”

The mayor, Weston Kirton, said one of his hoardings had been pushed over or blown down, but he had not personally faced harassment.

No-one condoned harassment, he said, but “it comes with the territory”.

“This campaign is no different than the past where some candidates are more sensitive than others. My experience of the reception from the public so far has been great and positive.”

Manley urged respect for all candidates and the democratic process.

“Elections should be about ideas and vision, not intimidation.

“We ask everyone to participate constructively through the ballot box so Ruapehu can continue to be well served by capable and courageous elected members.”

Diversity vital

He said diversity of perspectives was vital for decision making.

“Our community benefits when people with different views and skills come together to debate issues openly and respectfully.”

All council decisions were made in transparent forums, with many opportunities for the public to have input, he said.

“Anyone can present directly to council in the public forum, make a formal submission on key proposals such as the Long-Term Plan, or engage through consultations on major projects.

“Robust debate is healthy but harassment and vandalism, such as tearing down billboards or confronting candidates in the street, is not.”

In mid-September, the council also condemned aggression toward workers for its community and recreational facilities contractor Green by Nature.

Executive manager infrastructure Vini Dutra said the company’s staff had faced verbal abuse during routine maintenance.

It appeared to have been sparked by anger over a \$700,000 overspend in the council’s community and recreational facilities budget.

“The abuse has been serious enough to be reported to Police,” Dutra said.

“Our staff and contractors are also local residents and ratepayers. They work hard for this community and deserve respect, not abuse.”

Earlier in the month, the council reported that the overspend had since been offset by cuts to operational spending.

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One Ruapehu District Council candidate says threatening behaviour and repeated vandalism have forced them to abandon campaigning: “It’s really brutal.”



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How do you feel about the night sky, researchers are asking.

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Mardi-gras hoists snow spirits

With Turoa opening for skiing yesterday, and a rip-roaring success with the Mountain Mardi Gras on Saturday night at Ohakune, spirits among snow people have been hoisted high.

More than 2000 people converged on the Ohakune Junction on Saturday to join in the street party which catered for a wide range of people, starting with children's events and evolving into a party atmosphere with live music filling the clear night air.

Turoa's Yeti pleased the young ones and the Christchurch Wizard arrived in a mechanically magical Wanganui Aero Works helicopter. He moved among the crowd before judging a wizard's hat competition. Later, with help from the crowd, he cast a spell for white snow on the mountain.

Carrot eating competitions were also on the programme, as was a spectacular exploding human volcano, Turoa Tumblers gymnastics display, a visit by Shortland Street actors and a 'gifting to the snow gods' of Ohakune items — a carrot, ski boots and pillow.

Later there was a moving performance of Swan Lake by a group of local ballerinas that brought many a tear (of laughter) — the only thing missing being the Red Band gumboots.

The huge prize draw was the major attraction, with 15-20 people sharing the \$24,000 prize pool. Ruapehu College pupil Rebecca Goddard won the top prize of a ski trip to Canada.

Skiing
On Sunday Turoa announced they would be re-opening their slopes Monday or Tuesday, later announcing they had managed to pull out all the stops and were ready to open yesterday.

Yesterday, Turoa information supervisor Mark Sheridan said they had a great day with everyone in good spirits, enjoying cold but fine weather above the cloud. He couldn't confirm numbers but said the top carpark was full.

Skiable were the Movenpick, Giant and High Flyer chair lifts and the Wintergarden Platter No 1. Although Turoa remained ash-less, staff were keeping their fingers crossed that the forecast southerly quarter winds remained, keeping the ash clouds away.

Whakapapa did receive more ash on the weekend, and closed for sightseeing due to gas clouds. Staff are still optimistic of reopening, saying they "still have a bit of time yet".



The Christchurch Wizard studies Mark Davey's birds nest wizard's cap on Saturday.

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The first Ohakune Mountain Mardi Gras, July 1996.

From Page 3

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Saturday 18 October 2025
Registration opens: 9.30am to 10.30am
Hui commences: 11.00am - 1.00pm

The Agenda is as follows:

1. Mihimihi Karakia
2. Apologies
3. Chairmans Report
4. Minutes from previous AGM 2023
5. Matters Arising
6. Financial Report
7. Charter Ratification
 - Voting clauses 4.1
 - Voting on Trustee Rotation
8. Election of 4 Trustees
9. Lunch
10. Election Outcome/Results
11. Karakia/Whakamutunga

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INAUGURAL COUNCIL MEETING

The Inaugural Council meeting of Horizons Regional Council (Livestreamed) will be held in the Ruru Room, Te Ao Nui, 17 Victoria Avenue, Palmerston North, commencing at **9.30am on Wednesday 29 October 2025.**

M J McCartney
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**Waimarino Toy Library
AGM**

To be held on Saturday 1st November
9 - 10am at 45 Clyde Street, Ohakune.

Morning tea and hot drinks will be provided.

Looking forward to seeing everyone there!

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**Tamahaki
Council of Hapu
Incorporated Society
AGM**

Sunday 26th October 2025
11:00am

Tamahaki Office, 19 Ward Street, Raetihi

Agenda:

- Opening of meeting
- Apologies
- Confirmation of quorum
- Previous annual general meeting minutes
- Chair annual report
- Treasurer annual report
- Election of officers
- Urgent general business
- Closure

For any enquires contact Chairman
Robert Williams 0272 522 433

SITUATIONS VACANT



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PUBLIC NOTICES

**NOTICE OF WHAKAPAPA
ANNUAL GENERAL
MEETING**

**RAETWHA RĀHUI TRUST
& CALL FOR TRUSTEE
NOMINATIONS
1 Vacancy**

Thursday 20th November 2025
at 6.30pm
Venue: Zoom Online

For descendants of Renatio Wiremu Rangitauira and Raetiwha Rāhui Trustees

Entry is by confirming whakapapa to Renatio Wiremu Rangitauira

Agenda:

- Mihimihi/Karakia
- Apologies
- Whakapapa verification
- Minutes of previous Whakapapa AGM
- Annual & Financial Reports
- Election of Trustees
- General Business

Inquiries, plus requests for Trustee Nomination Forms to Lisa Stewart
lisa.stewart.nz2015@gmail.com

Completed Trustee Nomination Forms to be received by Tuesday 21 October 2025

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What's your choice for council name?

Discussions on the proposed amalgamated district council have generated a lot of heat over the past few weeks. Although most argument was on the vexed representation issue (see page 3), councillors also disagreed on a name for the new council.

Waimarino County Council would prefer the name to remain as the 'Waimarino District Council' as they believe both Ohakune and Raetihi will keep their names, so don't want their own to be lost.

However, the Ohakune Borough Council prefers the name 'Ruapehu District Council'.

Raetihi Mayor, Garrick Workman, believes the name of Ruapehu is far better known throughout the country, but says the name Waimarino has historical meaning. "It would be a shame if that name was lost," he said.

The name of 'Waimarino-Ruapehu' has been discussed, but thought to be too long.

To help with their deliberations councillors have asked members of the community to help them out. If you prefer one of the suggested names, or can think of another, fill in the form below and return it to the *Bulletin* or one of the local councils.

NAME OF NEW DISTRICT COUNCIL

Ruapehu ☐

Waimarino ☐

Waimarino-Ruapehu ☐

Other (write in)

Tick the box of your choice, or, if you prefer another name, write on the dotted line.

Patsy wows hotel crowd



Patsy Riggir obviously appealed to a wide cross section of country music lovers when she performed at the Ohakune Hotel on Sunday 22 September. The 100-plus people who attended ranged in age from youngsters in dressing-gowns to many well known stalwart citizens of the Waimarino community.



Appeal raises \$43,000

Just one of the crazy things which raised the \$43,000 on the Ruapehu Radio Rescue Radiothon over the weekend — Ohakune Police Constable Brian Wilson (left) and Senior Ranger Lisle Irwin holding Turoa's ski bunny, Andy Chapman, captive at the Ohakune carrot on Sunday. The bunny was kept captive until enough money had been pledged to free him. Later he leapt from a police vehicle onto unsuspecting members of the public in the streets of Ohakune and asked them for donations.

UPSET DOCTOR WITHDRAWS SERVICES

Ohakune's Dr Perera has decided that he will no longer be available for maternity services.

This action follows the closure of the Waimarino Hospital to maternity cases for the time being because of staff sickness.

Dr Perera says he is upset that the Wanganui Hospital Board (from today part of the Wanganui Area Health Board) did not contact him before closing the maternity unit.

"If they had contacted me first I'm sure we could have found a qualified midwife in the area to help out in the meantime," he said.

He said he had already spoken to a local person who was qualified and who had worked at the hospital before. He claims the hospital board made no effort to get extra staff.

Dorothy Scarrow, Waimarino representative on the health board, explained

that the closure was forced on the hospital.

"One midwife is just not enough — we will open just as soon as the sick midwife is well again," she said.

Dr Perera says that he has been available weekends and holidays for maternity cases.

"If the authorities are not prepared to provide minimum standards I do not wish to continue maternity services," he said.

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Ohakune Squash

The final round of the Ohakune Squash Club’s inter-house competition on Thursday again had some close results – Tecnifibre had another loss, beaten by Salming 88/85 but only just held on to the overall lead. Head had the highest score for the night, beating Karakal 100/89 but needed another three to get to overall lead. Unsquashable beat Prince 90/79 and Dunlop got 80 for the bye. Final points: Tecnifibre 635, Head took over second on 632, Dunlop 616, Karakal 616, Unsquashable 588, Salming 582 and Prince 554.

This week club champs starts with the graded champs from B through J will be sorted with all finals on Thursday night.

Ohakune hosted its annual Open tournament over the week-end, sponsored by Ossies Motel.

Over 80 participants competed in 12 divisions. Some games were scheduled for the Waimarino courts on Saturday to fit everyone in.

In the Open final Allan Bailey from Kawaroa Park beat Mac Dean from Te Awamutu 7/11, 11/6, 11/8, 11/7. Local player Jayden Bailey was third.

In other division finals, Toby Freyria (Kawaroa Park) beat Mark Howard (Feilding) in the men’s division one. In women’s division one Kirsty Osborne (Hamilton) beat Emma Rowe (Ohakune), men’s division two Scott Endres (Ohakea) beat Grace Burnard (Hamilton), women’s division two Sarina Budge (Ohakune) beat Darnell Watling (Ohakune), men’s division three Ethan Watson (Kawaroa Park) beat Ari Laurenson (Kawaroa Park), women’s division three Olivia Gray (Ohakune) beat Jessie Harding (Ohakune), men’s division four Connor Gainford (Taihape) beat Lucas Watson (Kawaroa Park), women’s division four Fiona Fraser (Ohakune) beat Emma Ross (Ohakune), men’s division five Joe Waetford (Turangi) beat Simon Barlow (Ohakune), men’s division six Alex Bennett (Ohakune) beat Taylor Smith (Turangi), junior division Makinli Nation (Ohakune) beat Chase Haitana (Ohakune).

The fourth round of the Ruapehu Tecnifibre Junior series on Sunday was hosted by Turangi. Ohakune juniors did particularly well with winners in all six divisions. Ben Lee continued his dominant run, winning boy’s division one, Liam McDonough won boy’s division two, Chase Haitana won boy’s division three. Hana Harding won girl’s division one, Olivia Gray won girl’s division two and Heleyna Hammond won girl’s division three. Next Sunday is the last of round one and is hosted by Taihape.



Freeride comp comes in hot

Freeride skiing and snowboarding competition came in hot at Whakapapa Ski Area for the first time in over 10 years on Saturday

Forty one riders threw down across Whakapapa’s upper mountain terrain, cheered on by spectators, supporters, judges and crew. Athletes were scored on air and style, technique and control, and line choice and fluidity.

Competitors showed their tricks, clean landings, strong turns and bold lines.

The 2025 Freeride winners are: U10 Female Ski – Hosanna Aitken; U10 Male Ski – Henry Toner; U12 Female Ski – Millie Dyck; U12 Male Ski – Jos Leong; U12 Male Snowboard – Euka Willing; U15 Female Ski – Rosemary Carson; U15 Male Ski – Kobe Learmonth; U18 Male Ski – Mica Hoyle; U18 Female Snowboard – Joy Mu; Open Female Ski – Lola Crump; Open Male Ski – Piripi Couch; Open Female Snowboard – Beth Allsworth; Open Male Snowboard – James Thompson.

Tricks, clean landings, strong lines and bold lines featured. Photo: JD Diamond.

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