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Local share of 2025 flood repairs could top \$1 million

Towns access restored as long-term recovery planning begins

Roading crews have made good progress over the weekend reopening local roads in the north of the Ruapehu District, affected by last week's weather event and flooding, which left widespread damage, reports RDC.

But last week's floods, plus the floods in June and then again in July, could cost ratepayers \$1 million for the local share.

RDC qualifies for NZTA financial support for emergency works, but that doesn't cover the total cost.

Council road engineers have been assessing roads, bridges, and other infrastructure, with repair work focused on restoring access to at least one lane.

There are now no isolated communities, although many roads



Roading crews have now reconnected all communities that were isolated by last week's flooding although the road network is in a fragile state with a lot of repair work required. Pictured is Ohura-Matiere area flooding. Photo supplied.

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Poisoned beech trees finally felled



SAD DAY: contractors remove poisoned beech trees from next to the Mangawhero River on Monday. The dead trees were a safety hazard after the criminal damage to around 20 trees.

Almost two years since the Bulletin published a story about a line of around 20 beech trees that had been deliberately poisoned, the dead and dangerous trees have been felled.

The trees, along the east bank of the Mangawhero River in Ohakune, opposite a motel, were felled by contractors AgSpec led by Robert Meehan, with subcontractors Rabbit Nottage, Alan Whale and Mike Maru.

Ruapehu District Council's new manager community & recreational facilities, Candice McNaught, said the contractors would work to make the most of the downed trees, with beech logs to be assessed for milling for local iwi Ngāti Rangi, other timber cut up for firewood for local kaumatua, with smaller

material being chipped to be stockpiled for use in Ohakune's parks and reserves.

Because there was no funds available for such works, councillors were asked to approve the extra budget to fund the emergency safety works.

After concerns expressed to the *Bulletin* in November 2023, the Ruapehu District Council advised that they were aware of the problem "having received a number of complaints and calls on the matter".

"In response the Property and Reserves Team have undertaken an investigation and found 20 trees ... poisoned," said a Council spokesperson at the time.

"Due to their large size the dying trees

will pose a significant health and safety risk being on reserve land and a popular walking area. We will need to cut them down, which will be a significant expense to ratepayers."

The *Bulletin* was advised then that RDC would be laying a complaint with the Police and assisting with any investigation. However, Candice McNaught said no prosecution resulted from the investigations.

A supporter of the Friends of the Mangawhero Walkway group, who asked not to be named, said they were outraged at the "criminal vandalism".

"This volunteer group has spent thou-

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Rural trust commends community resilience following floods

By Ali Kydd

The Ruapehu-Whanganui Rural Support Trust (RWRST) acknowledges the extraordinary scale and impact of last week’s flood event, one that one long-time farmer says they’ve never seen before in more than 35 years farming alongside the Ongarue River.

The flooding affected areas that have rarely, if ever, been inundated to this extent. Due to already high river levels, things rapidly escalated between Monday evening (6pm) and early Tuesday morning (6am), as heavy rainfall poured into the catch-

ments of the Ohura, Ongarue, and Taringamotu Rivers. While some farms around the Ohura River area recorded around 60mm of rainfall, some areas within the Ongarue and Taringamotu catchments received well over 100mm, compounding the flooding.

Farmers across the district faced slips, slumps, and flooding that cut off access both on-farm and to main community centers. Some dairy farmers struggled to have milk collected due to flooded or damaged roads, and power outages made communication difficult; particularly with limited

landline services available.

Rural schools were also affected, and even members of the RWRST team, many of whom live within the hardest-hit zones, found themselves cut off. Despite this, the Trust continued to assist the Civil Defence Emergency Management (CDEM) response throughout the event.

The speed of the flooding caught many by surprise, particularly around Okahukura near State Highway 4, where a house and surrounding buildings were inundated. Thankfully, no one was harmed. The rising river flows fed rapidly into the Ohura River, isolating parts of Matiere and Tokirima, while the Mangaroa Stream came close to breaching its banks; an outcome that could have been devastating for the Ohura community.

By Friday, as floodwaters slowly began to recede, RWRST began connecting with farmers in the worst-affected areas to assess the scale of the damage. Initial reports indicate damage to fences, cropping paddocks, farm tracks, and water infrastructure, while road and bridge damage has placed additional pressure on day-to-day farm operations.

The Trust continues to advocate for urgent repairs to essential roading infrastructure, ensuring the safety and welfare of farmers, their families, and their livestock.

As the region now moves from response into recovery, RWRST is

Towns access restored as long-term recovery planning begins

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remain in a fragile condition.

Ruapehu controller Clive Manley said reinstating reliable road access was the top priority for rural residents, particularly farmers whose livelihoods depend on dependable transport links.

“Our crews have been working as quickly as possible to reconnect the network, and we’re pleased to now have access restored to all townships that had been isolated,” he said.

Floodwaters caused around 80 percent of the roading damage leaving behind cracking, slumping, heavy silt deposits, logs, debris, together with numerous slips and dropouts.

With roads reopening, Manley is urging motorists to take extreme care.

“There will be heavy vehicles and repair crews operating across the district, specifically around Ohura and Matiere.

“We’re asking people to drive cautiously and to be patient as some repairs will take time to complete and, with more rain forecast next week, the risk of new slips remains,” he said.

Council infrastructure manager Vini Dutra added that once they are getting people and goods moving again the focus will shift to planning and implementing long-term repairs.

“While NZTA’s emergency funding arrangements allow remedial work to reopen the network, permanent solutions require detailed engineering assessments and costings.

“Although this takes longer, it means Council and NZTA can make informed decisions about whether to replace damaged assets like-for-like or invest in greater long-term resilience,” Dutra said.

Third storm

“This latest weather event is the third major storm in five months.”

The first weather event in June caused \$2.23 million in damages with the second in July costed at \$1.9 million.

“Damage and repair costs for this most recent event will also be in the millions of dollars.

“We were still working through repairs from the July weather event, with around 100 sites yet to be completed and were expecting NZTA funding approval for this work within the next two to three weeks.”

“Even with an increased Funding Assistance Rate (FAR) from NZTA to support recovery works, Ruapehu ratepayers will

still need to contribute a significant local share – potentially more than \$1 million across the three storm events.

“Council will be working to unlock funding from all possible sources to reduce the financial pressure on Ruapehu ratepayers,” he said.

Progress in undertaking repairs including on road conditions will be posted on Council’s website ruapehude.govt.nz and Facebook page.

People are asked to continue to call Council on 07 895 8188 with any road outage information.

State Highways

RDC says sections of SH3, SH4 and SH43 will have multiple sites under stop/go traffic controls over the coming 2-3 weeks (until mid-November) and road users can expect additional travel times of approximately 40-60 minutes in these areas.

“More wet weather is forecast across parts of the region in the coming week. Slips and other hazards can occur without warning, so please drive to the conditions.

“If people do need to travel they should check on the NZTA journey Planner website before leaving.”

Drive safely to the conditions

People are asked to take extreme care when driving around the district. Roads that have been underwater have cracking, silt deposits and other detritus on them. There are a lot of large vehicles and other heavy equipment on the roads as part of the recovery efforts. People driving around the Ohura-Matiere area should be especially vigilant for road crews and machinery which will be on the move.

Local road information, Tuesday 21 October:

Closed roads: Takiri Road; Tapuiwahine Road - closed at 8km - bridge off deck beams; Hohotaka Road - extensive damage - residents only; Kokomiko Road - extensive damage - residents only; Ongarue Stream Road - closed from Okauka Rd onward other than for residents; Taringamotu Road - between 12.7 and 19.5km - residents only; Ongarue Back Road - slippery surfaces with some slips and dropouts

Roads open with caution: Kururau B; MacClure Road (off Ohura Rd); Mangapapa Road - slippery and pavement damage; Mangaparo Road – slips; Ngakonui Ongarue Road; Ngapuke Road - some slumping; Ongarue Waimiha Road - some slips; Poro-o-Tarao road; Pukehou Road - some slumping - one lane; Waitaanga Road; Waita Branch Road - some slumping - one lane by slips; Waituhi Road; Huia Road - has been flooded in places - slippery and pavement damage; Mangapapa Road - has been flooded in places - slippery and pavement damage; Ohura Mokau Road; Ohura North Road - has been flooded in places - slippery and pavement damage; Ohura Road - slippery surfaces; Okahukura Saddle Road - slips and large dropout; Roto Road - has been flooded in places - slippery and pavement damage; Tanga Road - large slump at RP850; Waitewhena Road - has been underway in places - slippery and pavement damage; Williamson Road - OPEN - has a dropout.



Help is available for flood victims. Photo supplied.

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The Royal Theatre, Raetihi

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Tūroa sells \$388 season passes

Pure Tūroa Limited, the new owners of the ski area, have announced a season pass offer aimed at “making snow sports more accessible than ever”.

A 2026 season pass is priced at \$388 for adults and \$88 for youth (ages six to 16), for unlimited access to the field.

“We know Kiwis love to get outdoors, stay active, and try new adventures, but the cost of snow sports can often be a barrier, especially in today’s economic climate,” says Tūroa CEO Jono Dean.

“This special season pass offer is about breaking down those financial obstacles and inviting everyone to experience the thrill of Tūroa on Mount Ruapehu.”

He said the initiative reflects Tūroa’s commitment to community and inclusivity, ensuring that skiing and snowboarding remain accessible activities for all New Zealanders.

“The Ohakune community’s support has been crucial to the launch of Pure Tūroa, and this is our way of giving back,” Dean adds.

“We believe this is New Zealand’s most value-driven winter season pass, and we’re excited to reignite a passion for winter sports across Aotearoa.”

He says that whether families are discovering snow for the first time or experienced riders are seeking dynamic terrain, Tūroa Ski Area offers something for everyone. Visitors can explore Ohakune’s vibrant après scene, including cosy accommodations, local restaurants, indoor golf and climbing facilities, and the newly expanded Mountains to Sea biking trails.

Tūroa season passes are available online at turoa.com for a limited time from today, Wednesday 22 October through to Friday 31 October 2025.

Tūroa looks back on challenging season

With Tūroa coming to the end of its snow season, with the last day of riding planned for Monday 27 October – weather dependant – the crew have reflected on what has been a difficult season, with a late start and some challenging conditions.

“We opened early on Mardi Gras weekend with the Meadow on 21 June. Despite warm, wet weather through July and very little snow in August, it’s incredible to be approaching Labour Weekend and still expect to be skiing,” says Kat Robinson, corporate manager.

“Our 2026 season pass campaign aims to break down a major barrier — cost — that often stops Kiwis from giving snow sports a try. We want 2026 to be the season that encourages people to ‘give it a go,’ explore their own backyard, and experience the freedom and joy that snow sports bring to so many.”

Fred Campbell, operations manager, says he is “truly proud of our team’s resilience and dedication this winter”.

“Despite some tough conditions — with de-icing coming much later than usual and the constant wet weather from warm systems that required us to rebuild multiple times — our team stuck together and kept going. Their unwavering commitment and positive attitude made all the difference and I genuinely appreciate everything they’ve done to make this season a success. It’s a tough place to work, but that only makes the wins all the more satisfying.”

Hospitality

Hospitality manager Darron Beange says “In 2025, we hosted our first Fork & Flame events at Freddie’s, featuring evening transport, an 8-course tasting menu, and wine pairings.

“One evening in particular stood out—guests arrived to a blanket of fresh snow, creating a truly magical experience. It was incredible to open up a new dining experience for people, showcasing Freddie’s and our talented chefs. It was a fantastic milestone for us.”

Ali Chamley, rohe relationship manager:

“We are incredibly proud to have provided eight local primary schools with free season passes, opening the doors of snow sports to so many tamariki who may not have had the chance otherwise.

“Hearing from schools like Mataroa, where chil-



Despite being a very tough season for Tūroa, there was still lots of fun to be had. A liftie high-fives a skier coming off the carpet lift at the Alpine Meadow. Photo: Tūroa.

dren have progressed from beginners to exploring advanced runs, and seeing the joy and confidence it brings to whānau, truly highlights the impact of our mahi. We’re thrilled to see so many more schools join us, knowing that together, we’re creating opportunities, building skills, and inspiring a love for the snow. Ngā mihi nui to all who were a part of this journey—your stories remind us why we do what we do.”

Kat McKenzie, commercial manager:

“The opening of the new Tūroa HQ on Ayr Street was a real highlight of the 2025 winter season and having a presence in the heart of town really made a difference. We also hosted some fantastic events, like the ‘Girls Who Shred’ and the Tūroa Rail Jam. But what truly made the season special was the

team spirit shown by our crew. The 2026 staff were absolute legends—many working across multiple areas and always happy to lend a hand. I felt they really embodied that family feeling that keeps so many people, staff and guests alike, coming back to Tūroa year after year.”

Brendon Nesbit, patrol manager:

“The Tūroa Patrol team are now the most qualified in New Zealand and we take pride in putting that knowledge to the test in some of the most challenging conditions and situations to ensure our guests are safe and well looked after. Thinking on our feet and always staying one step ahead is what we strive for, and the 2025 ‘red coats’ truly pulled together, demonstrating what we can achieve through teamwork and dedication.”

Trees felled

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sands of hours on the walkway, trying to add to the beautiful beech tree corridor through Ohakune from the Tongariro National Park to Jubilee Park. They have spent tens of thousands of dollars of donations on the project.

“To think that someone is arrogant enough to kill these beautiful trees absolutely sickens me.

“Some of the original trees, which the criminals have killed, would be well over 100 years old.

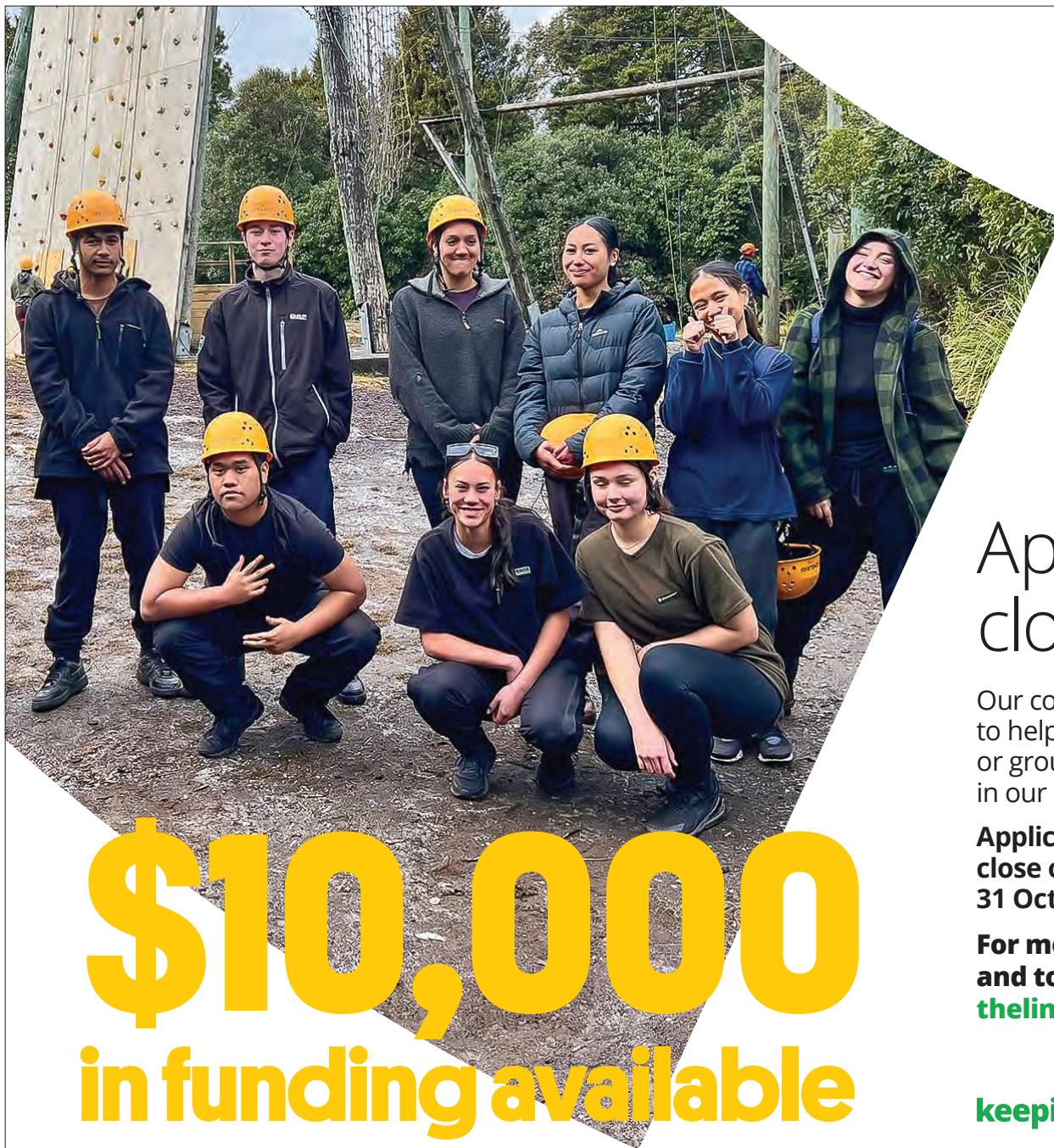
“This project has had huge community support for well over 20 years.

“What’s the point of putting all that effort in if one person, if it is just one person, can override those efforts and slap the face of them and indeed the whole community with this action.”

They cited a Greek proverb: ‘A society grows great when old men plant trees in whose shade they may never sit.’

“So, if a man poisons trees so there will be no shade, that must mean our society withers and dies too?

“The poisoner should be absolutely ashamed of themselves.”



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GST for Ruapehu

Ruapehu District is home to some of Aotearoa's most iconic landscapes — Tongariro National Park, Whanganui National Park, and the majestic slopes of Mt Ruapehu. Each year, millions of visitors come to experience our natural beauty. In the year ending March 2025, they spent \$20.91 million in GST revenue for central government.

Yet not a cent of that GST is returned to Ruapehu.

Unlike Whanganui, which offset its modest 2.2% rate increase with income from council-owned enterprises like Whanganui Port (\$1.2 million in 2024), Ruapehu has no such commercial revenue. Our user-pays income is limited and our ratepayer base is small. We face vast geography, aging infrastructure, and the growing costs of hosting national and international visitors — all while trying to maintain services and environmental stewardship.

This is a structural imbalance. The value we create for the national economy is undeniable, but the financial burden falls disproportionately on our communities and iwi partners.

Ruapehu deserves a fair return. Whether through direct GST redistribution, a targeted tourism infrastructure fund, or a co-investment model with central government, we need sustainable, equitable funding to support the assets that drive tourism.

This is not a handout. It's a recognition of the role we play — and the need to ensure our district can continue to welcome visitors without compromising the wellbeing of those who live here.

The time has come for central government to return the favour. Let's invest in the places that make Aotearoa unforgettable — and ensure they're not left footing the bill alone.

John Chapman

Summer time

Through the business communities support of PTL's bid, in turn they promised to play their part in stimulating economic activity.

Last week's announcement of \$388 for a 2026 adult ski season pass will definitely help to do this.

As the rain washes away the last of the snow and we look longingly towards the warmth of a bumper 2025/26 mountain bike season, my heart was again filled with excitement when I was told PTL had successfully gained a concession variation for summer lift operations in May.

With the Giant and Parklane finally able to spin for their first-ever full summer season I, like many, are looking forward to hearing about all the new experiences PTL are planning to have on offer to tempt the visitors to Ohakune and continue stimulating economic activity in our warmer months.

Name supplied

Tūroa replies:

We share your enthusiasm for the positive momentum building in the region. The support from the business community has been invaluable in helping PTL take important steps forward, including securing the concession variation for summer lift operations — a milestone we're excited to build on in the coming years.

While it's unfortunate the lifts won't be operating this summer, our team will be focused on critical maintenance work to help improve lift reliability for future seasons. At the same time, we're in the early planning stages of several exciting summer projects and activities aimed at growing year-round visitor appeal.

Tūroa Team

Editor's message to Scott Fitzgerald: We would be happy to publish your letter but require your home address and a phone number for our records (not for publication).

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MPs recap on Ohakune visit

By Suze Redmayne, MP for Rangitikei electorate.

It was fantastic to be in Ohakune on Monday with my friend and colleague Carl Bates, MP for Whanganui. With the new electorate boundary changes confirmed earlier this year, the Ruapehu District will move into the Whanganui electorate at the next election. It was a great opportunity to introduce Carl to some of the people who make this community outstanding.

We began the day at Ruapehu College, meeting with principal Marama Allen and deputy principal Michael Darmody to talk about the challenges facing young people and the recent changes to NCEA. From online harm and social pressures, it's clear today's youth are navigating a complex world. Listening to those working alongside them every day is invaluable as we shape policies to help our young people thrive.

At Ohakune Primary School, we met principal Lisa Clark and her team, saw structured literacy and maths in action and enjoyed morning tea with staff who shared their insights. From there, it was on to Utopia Café, where locals came by to chat about what matters to them. A big thank you to everyone who joined us — it was great to connect.

Carl and I also met with Ngāti Rangī chief executive Helen Leahy and Ruapehu District councillor Korty Wilson and enjoyed a great catch-up with an enthusiastic and motivated group of young people.

We then called in to MSD and caught up with staff to hear how things are going for job seekers. Helping people off a benefit and into work is one of National's top priorities. This week two new non-financial sanctions came into effect, requiring jobseekers to un-



From left, Suze Redmayne, Helen Leahy, Carl Bates and Korty Wilson.

dertake mandatory job-searches and attend training. The faster we can support people, especially young people, into sustainable employment, the better the outcomes for them, their families and our communities. Later, we hosted a Rural Nats forum at the Tavern in Ohakune. Topics discussed included the RMA, methane emissions, water and afforestation. Rural connectivity was also front of mind, and I'm delighted to share some great news — six new mobile towers are now live across Rangitikei and Ruapehu. These towers improve coverage on our roads and in our communities and give everyone reliable access to the 111 emergency network. I want to acknowledge the severe flooding recently experienced across Ruapehu and Taranaki King Country. Clean-up efforts will take time and my colleague Barbara Kuriger and I have been in regular contact with local mayors to understand what support is needed. We have

also been speaking with Civil Defence Minister Mark Mitchell, who is working closely with authorities to ensure communities get the help they require. My thoughts are with everyone affected as they deal with the aftermath.

Finally, my congratulations to all councillors-elect, and thank you to every single person who put their hand up to stand in the local body elections. Campaigning is not easy — it takes a huge amount of time, energy and commitment. Our local democracy is stronger for those willing to serve, regardless of the outcome.

As always, if you have anything you'd like to discuss, please feel free to drop me a line. Email me at Suze.RedmayneMP@parliament.govt.nz, or call 07 896 8008. You can also follow me on Facebook at facebook.com/SuzeRedmayneMP

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THE WEEKLY WORKOUT

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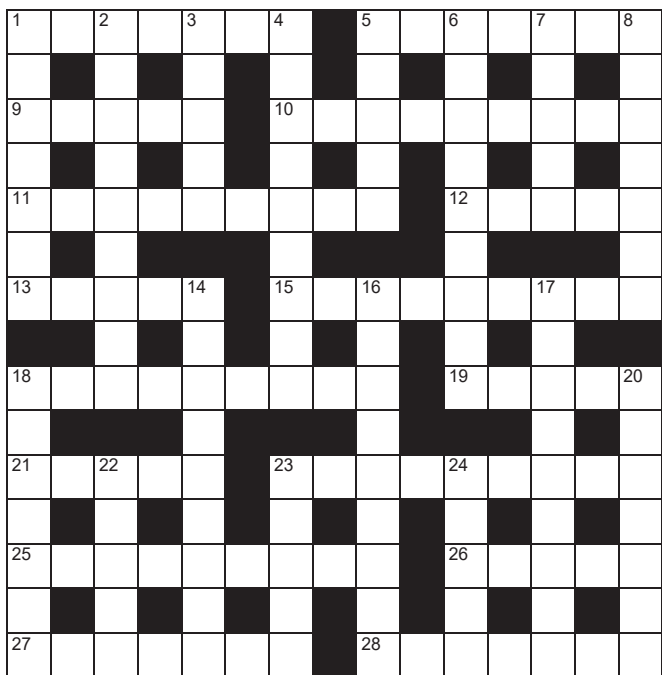
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1. Authorise (7)
5. Pacify (7)
9. Longs for (5)
10. Incubation period (9)
11. Clear of blame (9)
12. Morsel (5)
13. Move (5)
15. A delicate situation (2,4,3)
18. Head of state (9)
19. Slogan (5)
21. Plain or functional (5)
23. Change order (9)
25. Fair and decent (9)
26. Assumed name (5)
27. Impaled (7)
28. Spirit, nature (7)

Down

1. High-speed train (7)
2. Christmas theatre (9)
3. Refuse (5)
4. Palaver (9)
5. Spread (5)
6. State of lawlessness, chaos (9)
7. Farewell (5)
8. Confer an honour upon (7)



14. Con artist (9)
16. Conversation between two (Fr) (4-1-4)
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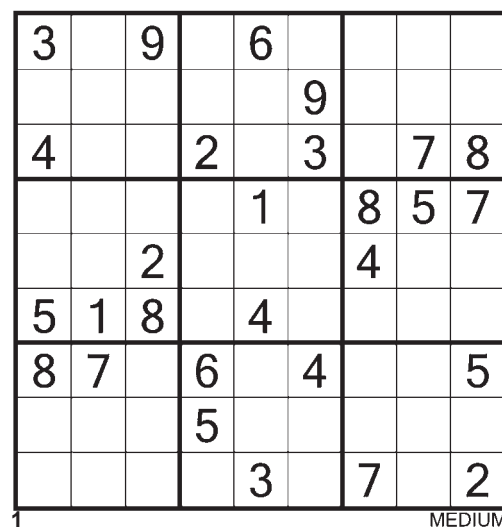
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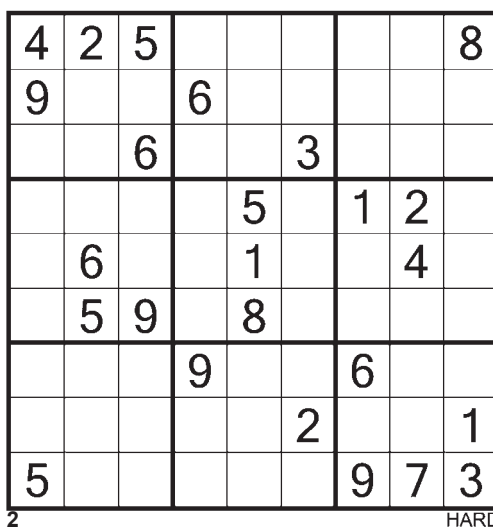
1. 37C, 2. Lama, 3. Phantom of the Opera, 4. Royal Mail Ship, 5. Duran Duran, 6. Troussseau, 7. 1898, 8. Wind, 9. Los Angeles and Atlanta (1996), 10. Three.

SUDOKU

Fill the grid so every row, column and every 3x3 box contains 1-9



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HARD

The Top 10

1. To the nearest degree, what temperature is the human body?
2. Vicunas and guanacos are smaller versions of which South American animal?
3. Which musical holds the record for longest run on Broadway, 1988 to 2023?
4. The Titanic was officially RMS Titanic. What do the letters stand for?
5. Which 80s band had hits with *Girls on Film* and *Hungry Like the Wolf*?
6. What French word describes a bride's outfit?
7. Did the Old-age Pensions Act become law in 1898, 1918, or 1938?
8. Was Aeolus the Greek god of wind, wine, or waves?
9. Which two US cities hosted the Summer Olympics in 1980 and 1996?
10. How many boules does each player have when playing singles in pétanque?

CROSSWORD

22. Acute, 23. Rabid, 24. Rears.
tête, 17. Intention, 18. Possess, 20. Oversee, Adieu, 8. Ennoble, 14. Trickster, 16. Tête-à-tête, 4. Rigmorale, 5. Paste, 6. Anarchism, 7. Down: 1. Express, 2. Pantomime, 3. Waste, Alias, 27. Spared, 28. Essence.
21. Stark, 23. Rearrange, 25. Equitable, 26. Shift, 15. On thin ice, 18. President, 19. Motto, 10. Gestation, 11. Exonerate, 12. Crumb, 13. Across: 1. Empower, 5. Placate, 9. Pines.

SUDOKU

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Strong Ruapehu District voter turnout as Māori ward retained in close poll

By Moana Ellis, Local Democracy Reporting
Ruapehu voters have recorded one of the district's strongest turnouts in recent years and narrowly voted to keep Māori wards for the next two local elections.
Final results released for the Ruapehu District Council elections show a 51.07 percent turnout, with 4302 votes cast, including a high number of special votes.

Maru's clear message: 'we can help'

Maru Energy Trust estimates close to 1800 more homes in the Ruapehu district now qualify for free home insulation.
A government rule change means houses which may not have qualified before, may now be eligible to have their homes made warmer and drier. It means hundreds of local homes could be insulated over the coming summer, in time for the next King Country winter.
Maru Energy Trust team lead Renee Parkes said Maru had also stepped up its funding commitment.
"We want as many homes as possible insulated over the coming summer so Maru will top up any remaining costs for eligible homeowners."
"It means there will be no cost for whānau, but huge benefits especially for our tamariki and kaumātua. Cold homes make life a lot harder, and in some cases make people sick. It doesn't need to be like that."
"And having homes insulated means savings on winter bills."
Renee said the money is there and suppliers are ready to go. But Maru needs homeowners to take the first step and reach out to see if they qualify.
"It doesn't matter where your house is on the electricity network, we want to help. That's our kaupapa, that's what we're here for," she said.
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Maru Energy Trust team lead Renee Parkes desperately wants people to ask about free installation.
"If you don't want to do that, have a chat to someone like REAP or Kokiri Trust. They can help sort it. The important thing is that you contact us and if your house qualifies, we'll make it happen."
Renee said the average cost of a full house insulation is close to \$4000.
"That's way too much for most people to find. So if you know someone who might qualify, now's the time to ask us about it. We really, really want to hear from people."



Officials said results were delayed because of exceptionally strong special vote participation.
In the Māori ward poll, voters chose to retain Māori wards, with 2098 voting to keep and 1982 voting to remove – a margin of just 116 votes.
The binding result means the Māori ward will remain in place for the 2028 and 2031 elections.
Weston Kirton's return for another term as mayor was confirmed. He secured 2453 votes, comfortably ahead of challengers Lyn Neeson (1347), Grant Lethborg (1033) and Fiona Kahukura Hadley-Chase (385).
Kirton credited his re-election to his community's concern about rising rates and affordability.
"People are struggling with the long-term potential for rate increases, particularly around the water [plans]. They want leadership that will work harder and smarter to alleviate some of that pain," Kirton said after preliminary results were released earlier this week.
Six councillors have been elected to the council's general ward: Robyn Gram, Viv Hoeta, Rabbit Nottage, Brenda Ralph and newcomers John Chapman and Luke Pepper.
Community board representatives have also been confirmed:
Waimarino-Waiouru: Kay Henare, Luigi Hotter, Colin Pakai, Stu Robinson, Emma Young.
Ōwhango-National Park: Gail Gray, Anthony Gurr, Eddie Marsters, Murray Wilson, Peter Zimmer.
Taumarunui-Ōhura: Johnny Dryden, Molly Jeffries, Brian Portland, Sophie Stockbridge, Oriwia Wanakore.
Nationally, election operator Electionz.com reported processing around 28,000 special votes nationwide in this year's local elections – nearly 10,000 more than in 2022.
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Maths wizzes show their sums



Ohakune Primary School logged success in two very different events recently, covering maths skills in maths and fitness. ABOVE: the school's fittest kids took part in a PCT competition, winning the event. They are, from left, Bear Soverel, Kace Morrison, Suriya Kristiansen Eva Hovelle, coached by Jason Clark. BELOW: The school's year 5 and 6 Mathex team placed 3rd in Whanganui: from left, Caitlin Drinkwater, Makinli Nation, Bodie Deadman and Hamish Drummond. They thanked teacher Bridget Heffernan and parents for supporting them.



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Dog trials handy in Raetihi

The Wanganui Centre held its annual Handy Dog Trial at Papahaua Station on the Matahiwi Track off the Parapara Road on 26-27 September.

The Handy Dog event was well attended and the heading trial, which is a separate competition on each day was slightly down on entries.

Alex Matthews from Taihape judged the Handy Dog trial and John Journeaux from Raetihi did the Friday heading event with Jock Stratton from Moawhango having his first judging job on the Saturday.

Whanganui huntaway men dominated the Handy Dog Trial with only one outside competitor and dog, Isobel Brice with Crib from the King Country making the final. Isobel and Crib have already qualified for the finals at Taupo in January having placed 2nd in the recent Taumarunui Handy Dog event.

The Raetihi Collie Club members run the Handy Dog trial each year with Bruce Parkinson and his team preparing the sheep

(which are supplied by Papahaua Station), setting up the course and generally seeing the event is a smoothly run operation.

The heading trial is run by Merv William and Kathryn Oliver who were very ably assisted by Harry Peacock this year. Harry works for Bruce Parkinson at Tanupara Station. The heading trial has proved a very good start off point for new judges.

Open Handy Dog Results: 1st B Parkinson Gus 99.5; 2nd B Parkinson Crim 97.5; 3rd G Martin Wick 96; 4th C Johns Clay 95.5; 5th N George Kruger 95. Maiden man/dog: Matt Hammond Madi 91. The Station Challenge: Kopia Station. Heading Friday: 1st H Peacock ice 96; 2nd M Williams Flash 95.5; 3rd N George Trick 95. Open /Maiden: H Peacock Ice 96. Maiden/man: M Hammond Kim 83. Heading Friday: C Journeaux Wal 99; 2nd H Peacock Ice 98.5; 3rd M Williams Flash 98. Open /Maiden: C Journeaux Clint 97. Maiden man B Cooper Beau 71.



Bruce Parkinson and Gus, winners of the Open Handy Dog Trial. Photo: Brenda O'Leary.



(Kruger), Craig Johns (Clay), Gavin Martin (Wick), Bruce Parkinson (Crim & Gus), Isobel Brice (Crib). Photo: Brenda O'Leary.

Kuru Ketu brings rangatahi perspective to RDC

By Moana Ellis, Local Democracy Reporting
Former litigation lawyer Kuru Ketu is one of the youngest members elected to the Ruapehu District Council, securing one of the district’s three Māori ward seats in his first run for public office.

The 32-year-old environmental consultant, who lives in Matapuna, Taumarunui, says he is determined to make good on the mandate Māori voters have given him.

“I’m really keen to get stuck straight into the mahi and have already started some planning for the next three years.”

Ketu believes his election sends a strong message from Māori voters about confidence in the next generation of leadership.

“It signals that, across the board, our people are actively thinking about succession.

“Rangatahi bring with them a huge sense of hope for a better tomorrow and that encourages our people to keep pushing forward too.”

Ketu (Ngāti Hāua, Ngāti Tūwharetoa, Ngāti Maniapoto) said his return to Taumarunui after a busy early career shows a “cycle of investment, service and love for our community”.

“I have an important job to do in terms of representing the rangatahi perspective but also [to] break down some barriers for rangatahi to enter these spaces come the next election.”

Ketu said his campaign was built on kindness, positivity and solutions.

“Often, we see campaigns run in a way that takes advantage of the not-so-nice side of humanity, the side that is quick to mistrust or is influenced by fear.

“You can have a position and advocate for it but without getting down in the weeds or being combative towards those who have a different view.”

Financial and governance challenges

He plans to move quickly on financial and governance challenges.

“I’d like to focus on correcting the LTP (long-term plan) deficit that has been highlighted to us over the past year. We have tools to address this, and I think we need to get into that sooner rather than later.”

He also wants to strengthen how council measures performance and value for money for ratepayers.

“I don’t think there is a proper framework in place to show ratepayers that the services they receive are value for money. That is [partly] a communication failure but also because the measurement tools are not fit for purpose.”

Other key areas on his list include aligning council standing orders with community expectations, establishing an effective water services CCO, and ensuring proportionality in the upcoming representation review and elected member remuneration process.

‘Grow Māori engagement’

Outside the council table, Ketu is already planning initiatives to grow Māori engagement and participation in local governance.

“One [kaupapa] will be focused on bleeding rangatahi (16-40) into governance roles.

“I am planning on holding weekly interactive workshops starting in 2026. The aim is to have other rangatahi ready to stand in the 2028 elections, or in elections for marae and land trusts.”

A second kaupapa will focus on regular reporting back to Māori about council work and ensuring Māori continue to direct council’s mahi.

“Through this, I hope to engage our people in local politics more, so that come 2028 our voter turnout is over 60%.”

Ketu’s background in law, iwi environmental management and working with local government, gives him confidence stepping into council decision-making.

“Although I’m new to this table, I am not new to this space or the decision-making role. In that sense, my background has prepared me for this role.”

Asked how Māori perspectives might shape council decisions, Ketu said the key would be communication and shared values.

“It is my responsibility to ensure I am contributing a values-based perspective to the decision-making process.



Ruapehu District Council’s new Māori ward councillor Kuru Ketu: “I’m really keen to get stuck straight into the mahi.” Photo supplied.

“Closing the divide is a shared responsibility, but, equally, we as Māori have to take the lead – and I’m prepared to do that.”

‘A lot of mahi to do’

In a separate poll, voters narrowly chose to retain the Māori ward with only 90 votes in it – 2022 votes to keep it, 1932 to remove it.

The poll underscored the importance of his next three years, Ketu said.

“The margin [between] keep and remove is very tight. That signals that I have a lot of mahi to do over the next three years.

“It’s all about education and showing value. My aim at a minimum is to get those who voted to remove Māori wards to ask themselves why they voted no.”

For those who voted to keep the wards, he said

the task was to build confidence and capacity to take on leadership roles.

“This will ensure the long-term sustainability of Māori wards, but also Māori participation in decision-making going forward.”

As for how he wants to be judged when this term ends, Ketu said: “I hope that by the end of this term, our people can say that their vote for me was not a waste.”

The new council table will include returning mayor Weston Kirton, returning councillors Rabbit Nottage, Robyn Gram, Viv Hoeta and Brenda Ralph, newcomers to the general ward Luke Pepper and John Chapman, and returning Māori ward councillors Korty Wilson and Channey Iwikau.

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Health risk warnings as Ruapehu's multi million dollar clean-up begins

By Moana Ellis, Local Democracy Reporting
The clean-up after days of heavy rain and widespread flooding last week has begun as the Ruapehu District counts the cost of the damage.

RDC has warned of health risks from flood-water, and key state highways remain closed after the rain left roads damaged and small settlements cut off.

Early indications suggest roading repairs will cost millions of dollars.

The council has stepped down its emergency response, downgrading its Emergency Operations Centre (EOC) to Level 1 and signalling that the immediate emergency has passed.

Civil Defence controller Clive Manley said the recovery would take time and caution was still needed.

"Calls for welfare assistance have dropped off, but we're still providing support where needed," Manley said. "Anyone who needs help should contact council on 07 895 8188. For any emergency or life-threatening situations, call 111."

Flooding from the Ohura and Ongarue Rivers and the Mangaroa Stream hit Ohura, Matiere, Tokirima, and Waimiha particularly hard.

Several families self-evacuated as waters

rose, and one home at Okahukura, near the Ongarue River, took on water.

Council welfare teams have been supporting affected residents, many of whom have sheltered with whānau, friends or neighbours while waiting for floodwaters to recede.

Health warning for flood-affected properties

Residents returning home are being urged to take precautions when cleaning up. Manley said floodwaters may be contaminated and pose serious health risks.

"All flood water is potentially contaminated from such things as septic tanks, animal faecal matter, farm chemicals, road run-off. People and animals should avoid contact with flood waters if possible."

He said anyone involved in clean-up should wear rubber gloves, boots and eye protection, and said any food or drink that may have come into contact with floodwater should be thrown out. Hands should be thoroughly washed after clean-up work.

Children should be kept away from flood-affected areas until properties are fully cleaned and dried out.

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Flooding on the Ohura River. Photo: Manawatu-Whanganui emergency management group.



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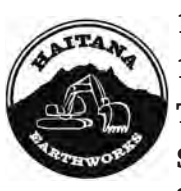
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The demolitions activity will commence on 29 October 2025 and cease on 1 November 2025, from 8.30am to 5.00pm daily. Demolitions may continue on 2 November 2025 in the event of unfavourable weather during the activity period.

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Section 101, Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act 2012 Ruapehu Distillery Limited has made an application to the District Licensing Committee at Ruapehu District Council for the **issue of an Off Licence** in respect of the premises situated at **8 Kowhai Crescent, Ohakune** known as **Ruapehu Distillery**. The general nature of the business to be conducted under the licence is that of a **Bottle Store**. The days on which and the hours during which alcohol is intended to be sold under the licence are:

Monday to Sunday 11.00am – 7.00pm

The application may be inspected during ordinary office hours at the office of the Ruapehu District Licensing Committee at Ruapehu District Council, 59-63 Huia Street, Taumarunui.

Any person who is entitled to object and who wishes to object to the issue of the licence may, not later than 25 working days after the date of the publication of this notice, file a notice in writing of the objection with the Secretary of the District Licensing Committee at Ruapehu District Council, Private Bag 1001, Taumarunui 3946.

No objections to the issue of a licence may be made in relation to a matter other than a matter specified in section 105(1) of the Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act 2012. This is the first publication of this notice.

Tamahaki Council of Hapu Incorporated Society AGM

Sunday 2 November 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

PUBLIC NOTICES

MEETINGS

The following meetings of Horizons Regional Council (Livestreamed) will be held during November 2025 in the Tararua Room, Regional House, 11-15 Victoria Avenue, Palmerston North, unless otherwise advised:

Wednesday, 12 November

9:30am Regional Council

Tuesday, 25 November

9:30am Regional Council

Wednesday, 26 November

9.30am Audit, Risk & Investment Committee, followed by Integrated Catchment Committee

Should Members of the public wish to speak at Meetings, they are advised to phone 0508 800 800.

M J McCartney

CHIEF EXECUTIVE



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MO TE KATOA MARAE

Annual General Meeting

Ngapakihi 1W3 Section 1 – Mō Te Katoa Marae

Saturday, 22 November 2025
10am – 12pm

The Centre, 14 Seddon Street, Raetihi
Zoom link: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/85858893060?pwd=ZlM5P2j5Avk9vrhRx7taKvrbFM0i55.1>. Passcode: Mtkm

Agenda :

1. Whakamoemiti
2. Apologies
3. Previous AGM Minutes
4. Charter updates to ratify
5. Financial Report
6. Annual Report
7. General Business
8. Election of Trustees
9. Whakamoemiti

Important Notice:

In accordance with Section 5.2 of the Marae Charter, nominations for Trustees must be submitted in writing at least 14 days prior to the AGM.

Email nominations to The Secretary at: motekatoamarae1@gmail.com



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Ruapehu Health, Ruapehu Cricket Club, Local Wild Food Challenge, Raetihi Promotions Charitable Trust, Blazing Hills Run, Walk & Obstacle Event, Ohakune Primary School Parent Teacher Association (PTA), Volcano Vibe Collective, Te Ara Tupua Charitable Trust - The social pou of Te Korowai o Wainuiārua, Raetihi Christmas Carnival - Raetihi Promotions Charitable Trust, Ohakune Senior Citizens Club Inc, Ohakune School, Ruapehu Māori Culture Festival - Raetihi Primary School, Tūroa Alpine Ski Club Incorporated [TASCI], Ruapehu College Girls Squash Team and the Boys Squash Team, Rangataua Community Hub - Under the umbrella of Ohakune Community Charitable Trust, Waimarino Agricultural & Pastoral Assoc., Taihape Area Dressage Group, Ruapehu Indoor Football Association, Waimarino Community Toy Library, The Laurenson Trust, Waimarino Museum Society Inc., Manaaki Long Term Athlete Development, Kahui Maunga Basketball, Ruapehu College Equestrian Team.

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Tūroa reflects on 2025



ABOVE: Tūroa says its ski patrol is now the most experienced in the country. BELOW: De-icing is always a challenge and 2025 was no different. Photos: Tūroa.



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Last-ditch challenge to district council

In a surprise development on Sunday night a meeting of Karioi ratepayers rejected the proposed district council representation formula agreed to by local councils.

The formula of five representatives from Waimarino County Council, and four each from Raetihi and Ohakune Boroughs, had been agreed to after long wrangling by council representatives on the steering committee.

The County Council's Karioi representatives, Cr John Martin and Cr Malcolm Whale, however do not believe that the compromise formula gives a fair share to the county.

The councillors base their argument on the section of the Local Government Act under which amalgamation is to take place, which asks councils to refer to the population, rateable value and the area of each ward. They believe that this formula was not followed properly.

Cr Martin outlined calculations to the *Bulletin* which he believes shows the county is under-represented.

"We took percentages for Raetihi, Ohakune and the county for each of population, land value and total rates struck and came up with an average which gave us proportions of a 14-person district council," he said.

Under this calculation the county would get seven representatives, Ohakune four and Raetihi three.

"We want representation equivalent to what we are putting in," said Cr Martin.

The meeting unanimously rejected the district council representation formula and called for action to obtain better representation for the county.

Cr Martin delivered the motion to the county offices yesterday, along with a call for a special county meeting to discuss the issue.

Sir Leonard fronts Freyberg documentary

TVNZ film crew working on the Freyberg documentary film Sir Leonard Thornton last week, with a backdrop of soldiers and tanks, at ATG Waiouru.

General Sir Leonard Thornton and TVNZ were filming at ATG Waiouru last week, for part of a documentary on the life of Lord Freyberg, Commander of the New Zealand Division, during the Second World War.

Sir Leonard, who was head of the New Zealand Army from 1960-65 and Chief of Defence Staff from 1965-71, is presenting the documentary and has put the script together.

He and several other generals have recently made headlines speaking against Prime Minister Lange's defence policy.

The first day of filming began with students from the School of Armour in tanks and on foot, illustrating the difference between the army of today and in Lord Freyberg's time.

On Tuesday night a minefield scene was filmed, in simulated North African conditions, and a sequence on infantry and counter-attack was shot on Wednesday.

Work on the documentary will continue in New Zealand until after Christmas and later move to the Middle East for two months.

"Lord Freyberg came to New Zealand at the age of two, and for the first third of his life, he was an ordinary New Zealander and became a dentist," said Sir Leonard.

During the second third of his life he became an Englishman and was in the British army.

Lord Freyberg commanded the New Zealand Division in the Middle East and was Governor General between July 1946 to August 1952.

In England he became a representative of the Queen at Windsor Castle and died there aged 74 in 1963.

"There has never been an attempt to tell his life story since his death and I felt that, as he is one of our great New Zealanders, his story should be told," said Sir Leonard.

Karioi mill wants cheaper electricity

Winstone Samsung Industries Ltd, which is working hard to maintain its place in the world pulp market, is trying to get cheaper electricity.

General manager Klas Kroquist said that the mill, which exported all its production, was under great pressure from increased costs and was seeking cheaper power price from the King Country Electric Power Board. The mill is the board's biggest consumer taking two-thirds of total supply.

"All our costs have increased over the past months — export incentives have been taken away, electricity has been increased twice — by 21 per cent and 27 per cent, transport prices, both road and rail, have gone up, while at the same time the world pulp price has been down for a year, and with the change of 27 or 28 per cent in the value of New Zealand currency, things are enormously hard for us."

The power board and the company are negotiating on the power price, which had been brought into question by the Minister of Finance in his June Budget Statement in a section on public sector efficiency.

The statement suggested that some large industrial consumers were paying an unreasonable mark-up on the cost of bulk electricity supply, and should be permitted to negotiate a better price, or be given the option of getting direct supply from the Ministry of Energy, thus circumventing power boards.

Mr Kroquist said that the KCEPB's only contribution was in maintenance and administration associated with the cable lines from the Tangiwa sub-station, and this meant Winstone Samsung was subsidising other board consumers.

Mr Sanders, general manager for the power board, said that in fact the price charged to the mill was "close to cost."

"The bulk supply of electricity has increased 146 per cent since the mill started up — we haven't done that but we have to pass it on," he said.

"We are very sympathetic with the mill but we cannot carry those cost increases otherwise other consumers will be subsidising the mill. The Ministry speaks as a supplier and a regulator which is difficult for us."

Asked how much extra consumers would pay should the power price be lowered, Mr Sanders said it was difficult to say.

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College students work in the community

Michelle Eades, Ruapehu College 4th former, helping Ohakune Kindergarten children feed Lucy the rabbit. Michelle and other 4th formers are working all over the Waimarino to explore the world of work.

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