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Cash for cycles: Govt commits \$10.8m to Ruapehu trails

By Moana Ellis, Local Democracy Reporting, and Robert Milne

Two new sections of the 320km Mountains to Sea cycle trail – Phase Two of Te Ara Mangawhero from Tūroa and a new section of Te Hangaruru to the Last Spike – are to receive \$10.8 million in funding.

The trail extensions are expected to power the central North Island economy and bring more people home.

Tourism and Hospitality Minister Louise Upston and Conservation Minister Tama Potaka announced \$10.8 million funding on Saturday at Mangamingi Marae.

The two routes are among the final links needed to finish the Ngā Ara Tūhono Mountains to Sea Great Ride, a 320km journey from the mountains of Ruapehu to the Tasman Sea.

Te Ara Mangawhero – Phase II includes 13km of new trail, including boardwalks and 11 bridges through Tongariro National Park. The target for opening is Autumn 2027.

Te Hangaruru – Pōkākā Road to the Last Spike – includes construction of the 99m Manganui o te Ao suspension bridge and the final 1.1 km of trail. The target for opening is Autumn 2026.

The final section – Last Spike to Waimarino (National Park Village) – is being planned with partners – including iwi, community, and stakeholders – to complete the full 320 km Great Ride.

“We’ll need everyone’s support to help

deliver this last connection (there’s only about a 10 km gap as the kererū flies!” says trail champion Lynley Twyman.

The project is a partnership between the Department of Conservation (DOC), Tourism and the Ngā Ara Tūhono Charitable Trust, which includes iwi agencies Ngā Waihua o Paerangi Trust and Te Korowai o Wainuiārua.

Upston said the investment would be drawn from the International Visitor Levy (\$7.7m) and the \$70 million Major Events and Tourism (MET) package (\$3.1m) as part of a regional resilience strategy.

She said the MET package had been designed to drive visitor spending, support local businesses and create jobs up and down the country.

“Ready-to-go projects like these cycle trails will bring more visitors to the region, entice them to stay longer, and build confidence in the local economy.

“Adding to the diversity of experiences in the Ruapehu District will develop long-term resilience across our tourism sector. It’s a stunning part of New Zealand and it deserves to be showcased.”

Potaka said completing the trails would strengthen communities and economies while enhancing the environment.

“We are focused on practical partnerships that protect our taiao, celebrate our culture, and strengthen regional econo-

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Funds for Te Ara Mangawhero and Te Hangaruru confirmed



A pirate ship – the latest attraction to be installed at the Ohakune Carrot Park – ‘sailed’ into place on Monday. Inset: Wayne Gunnell, ‘head of the ship show’. See story Page 5. Photos: Robert Milne.

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mies, ensuring our natural heritage continues to sustain people, place and purpose for generations to come.”

Ngā Waihua o Paerangi (Ngāti Rangi) and Te Korowai o Wainuiārua (representing the iwi Uenuku, Tamakana and Tamahaki) will lead the new works alongside DOC and the Trust.

Bringing people back

Ngāti Rangi chair Tomairangi Mareikura said iwi were ecstatic to lead the projects, which represented a significant milestone in reconnecting people to ancestral lands.

“This trail has provided us an opportunity to bring our people back to put their hands and feet on whenua that we have otherwise not had access to or been alienated from for generations,” Mareikura said.

“While it might seem like a small thing – building a trail to bring other people to our rohe – it’s been massive in terms of getting our own people home and connected to place.”

She described the initiative as “directly addressing the invisibility of the iwi and economic uncertainty of the region, which underpinned Rukutia Te Mana; the Ngāti Rangi Claims Settlement Act”.



Celebrating cycling cash ceremony, from left: Tama Potaka, Minister of Conservation; Tomairangi Mareikura, Ngāti Rangi chair; Helen Leahy, Ngāti Rangi pou ārahi; Pete Masters, acting chair of Ngā Haerenga Trust; Louise Upston, Minister of Tourism; Lynley Twyman, trails champion; Aiden Gilbert, Te Korowai o Wainuiārua chair. Photo: Jude Chevin.

The final section of Te Ara Mangawhero will mark the starting point of Ngā Ara Tūhono Mountains to Sea from just below Tūroa ski area on Mt Ruapehu.

Ngāti Rangi pou ārahi Helen Leahy said the collaboration of iwi, councils and agencies had been crucial.

“Three years ago, on 24 March 2022, Ruapehu District Council and Ngāti Rangi entered into a Heads of Agreement, which confirmed that after the cycleway is completed the council will ‘transfer and/or divest itself of ownership of the cycleway and cycleway assets to Ngāti



Tomairangi Mareikura and Aiden Gilbert.

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Louise Upston.

Rangi”, Leahy said.

“We have been working hard to ensure this commitment to the iwi is achieved and, as such, it was humbling to have the mayors of Ruapehu and Whanganui District Councils and the chair of Horizons Regional Council at the announcement.”

Te Ara Mangawhero had enabled Ngāti Rangi to fulfil its role as “tangata tiaki o te taiao”, with the trail traversing podocarp forest, trout spawning waterways and habitats for rare plant species.

“Ngāti Rangi recognises the important support provided by Ngā Ara Tūhono Mountains to Sea Trust and the Department of Conservation as well as Ruapehu District Council, Kānoa (Regional Economic Development and Investment Unit), Horizons Regional Council; ROAM, Cheal and Wildlands Consulting; and the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment”.

Support growth

Te Korowai o Wainuiārua chair Aiden Gilbert said he hoped there was a Government plan for ongoing support to uplift the region after a number of difficult years.

“We support the growth here,” Gilbert said.



Tama Potaka.

Te Hangāruru connects with the Ohakune Old Coach Road in the south and will extend north to the Last Spike, winding through native forest, wetlands, and over boardwalks and suspension bridges.

Trail champion Lynley Twyman said the aim was for Ngā Ara Tūhono Mountains to Sea to be the “number one Great Ride” in the southern hemisphere.

“We now have the opportunity to build all the way through to the Last Spike including the bridge over the Manganui o te Ao. That’s a huge achievement,” she said.

“I’m looking forward to seeing our tamariki and mokopuna really excited that they can make a future here, and right now they can enjoy the trail as well.”

Sections of the track will open progressively, with completion expected in early 2027. When finished, only the final short link between the Last Spike and Waimarino will remain.

That section is expected to include one of the longest suspension bridges in Aotearoa, stretching 200 metres across the Makatote River near the Makatote rail viaduct.

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Ruapehu's Riley is Horizons chair

The Manawātū-Whanganui Regional Council (Horizons) has elected Cr Nikki Riley – Ruapehu District's representative – to be chair for the next term of council.

She was elected by eight votes to six, beating challenger Bruce Gordon, a previous Horizons council chair.

Previous chair Rachel Keedwell did not seek re-election.

Councillors were sworn in for the next triennium following a pōwhiri in Palmerston North last Wednesday, after which they selected their chair.

Riley is joined at the council table by two other Ruapehu people – Ben Fraser and Elijah Pue.

Riley told the meeting she would be chair of a council that listens, learns and leads with purpose at a time when central government ministries may be merging and resource management legislation was being reformed.

"We are at a time of profound change, nationally and regionally. What we deliver around this table for the next three years will not only define our reputation, but the future of regional government.

"I believe this council has both the capability and responsibility to lead through the reform with clarity, collaboration and courage. Horizons must be an active partner in this reform.



Nikki Riley – elected chair of the Regional Council.

"My vision is for Horizons to become a strategically enabling regional council which uses science, data and people to empower action. A council that sets clear achievable priorities and delivers on them with precision. A council trusted by farmers, iwi, hapū, urban ratepayers and central government.

"We must work side by side with iwi and hapū, district councils, government ministers, and other organisations which share our goals."

Cr Fiona Gordon was elected as deputy chair. Horizons Regional Council is made up of: Elijah Pue (Raki Māori); Nikki Riley (Ruapehu); Alan Taylor and Ben Fraser (Whanganui); Bruce Gordon and Gordon McKellar (Manawātū-Rangitikei); Te Kenehi Teira (Tonga Māori); Fiona Gordon, Peter Wells, Jono Naylor, and Wiremu Te Awe Awe (Palmerston North); Sally Dryland (Taranaki); Luka Jansen and Hamish Easton (Horowhenua).

Speaking to elected members before the vote, Riley said regional councils had been in the firing line of central government reforms.

"Change brings uncertainty but it also brings opportunity," she said.

"Precisely in times like this, strong, steady and strategic leadership matters most.

"We cannot afford to be a council that simply reacts to policy changes from Wellington. Horizons must be an active partner in reform."

Riley said Horizons had to use science, data and people to empower action, instead of entangling "communities in unworkable rules".

It needed the trust of farmers, iwi and hapū, urban ratepayers, businesses and the Government, she said.

"We councillors come from diverse communities and perspectives, and we share one purpose – to protect and enhance the wellbeing of our region and its people.

"As chair, I will foster a culture of collaboration, respect and accountability, across this table and throughout the organisation."

The chair will be paid \$159,193 for 2025-26, with the deputy chair receiving \$66,335.

The minimum allowable remuneration for a Horizons councillor is \$52,736.

Ruapehu hospo providers urged to take part in review

Anyone involved in hospitality in Ruapehu should take part in the Ministry for Regulation review of the legislation that applies to the sector.

That is the advice of Ruapehu District Council's Sharon Robinson, executive manager - regulatory & customer services, said that the Hospitality Review is seeking input from across the sector including large commercial operators such as hotels, restaurants, catering businesses, bars and cafes, through to food stalls at markets.

"The Review wants to hear from people involved at all levels within the hospitality sector from business owners, workers, and representative groups such as business associations about regulatory pain points and problems affecting their hospitality business or the wider hospitality sector.

"This first stage of engagement aims to test and confirm the Government's understanding of the regulatory challenges faced by the sector.

"As such, it is important that Ruapehu hospitality providers have their say and help inform the Review's priorities and recommendations," she said.

Council is encouraging all stakeholders to take part - whether you run a large restaurant, have a regular stall at a market, or

occasional fundraising barbecue.

"With hospitality closely linked to tourism – Ruapehu's second largest area of economic activity – having the right regulatory settings is critical to supporting business sustainability, innovation, and growth," she said.

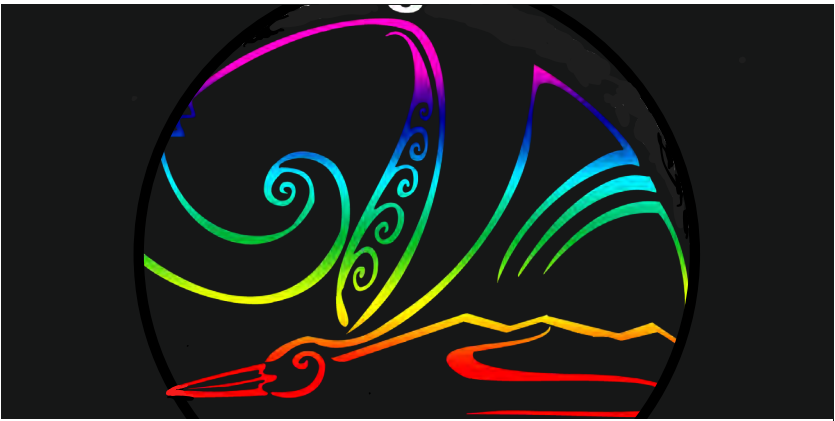
"All views and experiences are important – your voice can help create a more practical and supportive regulatory environment," Ms Robinson said.

For more information and to take part in



Council is encouraging anyone involved in hospitality at any level to take part in the Ministry for Regulation review of the rules and regulations covering the sector – whether it's running a large restaurant, have a regular stall at a market, or occasional fundraising barbecue.

the Review see the Ministry for Regulation website: Hospitality Regulators - Ministry for Regulation - Citizen Space



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Letters

Aotearoa Species Classifier

• Many Ohakune businesses rely on snow sport and bike trail tourism. Average winter snow depths have fallen 60% in the last 15 years and are still falling, but the two missing sections of our Mountain to the Sea bike trail are about to be completed at great expense. We can make the maximum advantage of these trails by attracting more visitors to them than just mountain just bike thrill seekers, and by having them stay in our district longer and make repeat visits.

I have ridden the Old Coach Road and Mangawhero sections many times, then the Horopito/Pokaka section a few days and have noticed the huge diversity of the plant communities in different sections of the trail. Yesterday I used the “Aotearoa Species Classifier,” a free app recently developed by Waikato University’s AI geeks (tinyurl.com/NzspeciesID), and along with many more common species, I was thrilled to find a short-leaf swamp lawyer variant of the much larger bush lawyer vine.

Our park has world heritage status for its Māori heritage plus its unique species and ecosystems and this app could help bring many more visitors here to experience these features, with minimum cost to locals. I am happy to start by riding my bike to different locations where there is cell phone coverage and using the Aotearoa app to classify as many species there as possible, listing them on a webpage and giving information about that community, then making a small QR sign that track authorities can screw to a tree at that location, and visitors swipe with their phones. Webpages are much cheaper, much easier to modify and much less obtrusive than large coloured outdoor signs.

Bikers and hikers who come to that location can use the app to find and study these species for themselves. There are many ways by which this scheme could be expanded to bring in more tourists — and more income for our hospitality and bike businesses.

John Archer, Ohakune

Subtle distinction

• Your front-page story ‘Council staffer turned councillor named as Ruapehu deputy’ (29 October) understandably highlights a personal milestone, but in doing so, it may have unintentionally overlooked a significant shift in our district’s governance.

Since the beginning of the last triennium, Ruapehu councillors have been elected at large, no longer representing individual wards but the District as a whole. This change was designed to encourage a more unified, collaborative approach, one that moves beyond geographic boundaries and fosters district-wide thinking.

Referencing the old convention that the deputy should come from the opposite end of the district to the mayor risks reinforcing a framework that no longer applies. In today’s structure, every councillor, including the deputy mayor, is tasked with serving all communities across Ruapehu.

It’s a subtle but important distinction and one worth keeping in view as we continue to evolve our governance together.

As a community board member, I had the pleasure of working alongside the new deputy mayor during her time as a council officer. Her professionalism, dedication, and deep understanding of our district’s needs were evident then—and I have every confidence that Ruapehu will be well served by her in this new role.

John Chapman

Editor replies: Our article does not state that the deputy mayor “should” come from the other end of the District. We merely noted that it had been the convention that the deputy “was appointed from the other end” of the District” – a subtle but important distinction.

Smiling priest welcomed to local parish

The new parish priest for the Catholics in the Waimarino area has the reputation of being the smiling priest—for obvious reasons.

Father Trung Nguyen is not sure why people call him that, but says he does look on the bright side of everything, because he knows it will eventually work out. He can be seen on the footpath outside the church welcoming people, with his characteristic big smile.

Unknown to him, Fr Trung was the subject of a lecture in Wellington recently where the speaker described Fr Trung’s great perseverance in overcoming obstacles. An example is his problem passing the English proficiency test to be admitted to the New Zealand Seminary, a 6-year training to become a priest.

Coming from a small rural area in Vietnam, he never learned English. He failed the test 12 times but kept going and passed on the 13th time.

“Lucky 13,” he smiles.

“I knew that my dream, my vocation, was to be a priest in New Zealand.”

And now that he is parish priest for the Ohakune region he has found te reo Māori much easier to learn, and he can say mass in te reo. He says the vowels in the Māori and Vietnamese language are similar, not like English.

One of the music directors at the Ohakune church, Vera Wilson attests his Māori pronunciation is very good.

“And in addition, he can really sing,” she says.

Fr Trung also has embraced another local culture — skiing. He already had one lesson this season.

“It was frustrating,” he says, “but in the end I could stand and ski down. Not from the top or anything, but I’m going



Waimarino’s smiling priest, Father Trung Nguyen. Photo: Cathy Strong.

to try again next season.”

His parents are visiting soon from Vietnam, where they have never seen snow, so he is hoping to take them up the mountain to see real snow.

Since being ordained a priest in 2020 Fr Trung has been assistant priest in several regions, but now for the first time he has his own parish, being the priest for the churches in Ohakune, Raetihi, and Taihape.

Fr Trung helped his older brother escape the Vietnam communist government after he was arrested and beat in jail for being a human rights activist. He is one of seven children ... three are priests and one is studying to be a priest.

He says he’s grateful to the people of this region for accepting him, despite his different culture and also his occasional mistakes in speaking English. He says he still gets pronouns mixed up and says “he” when he means “she”.

Theatre raises money for Blue September

The Royal Theatre held a fund raiser for the Blue September campaign on 20 September, raising money for prostate cancer.

The movie *Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid* was shown, along with raffles and auctions. The Royal thanks the sponsors of this event: Black Diamond Construction, Baileys Real Estate, Cyprus Tree, Opus Fresh, TCB Ski Board Bike, La Pizzeria, Ruapehu Adventure Hub, Raetihi, Powderkeg.

The Trust has finalised the money for this and are delighted to announce they raised \$2448.

THE WEEKLY WORKOUT

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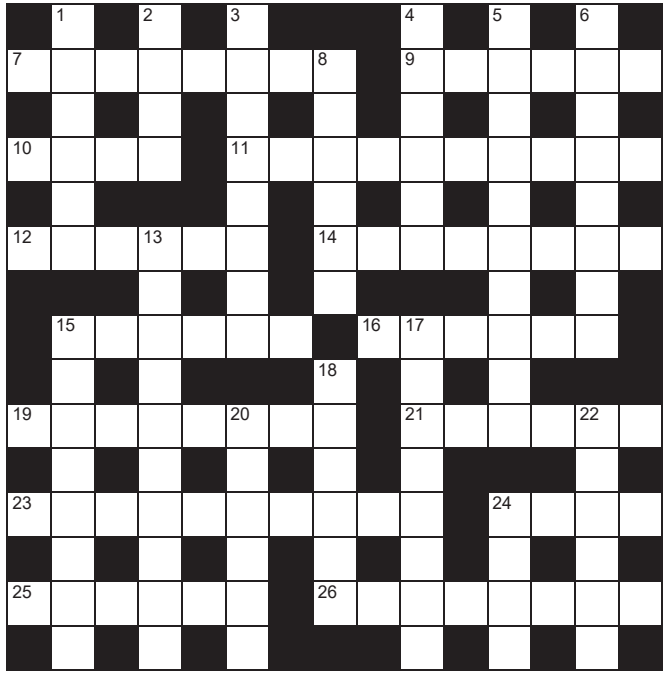
QUICK CROSSWORD

Across

- 7. Unachievable (8)
- 9. Fake (6)
- 10. Sieve (4)
- 11. Teeming (10)
- 12. A division of the year (6)
- 14. Repentant (8)
- 15. Type of ring (6)
- 16. Fairy-like creature (6)
- 19. Ambitious, enterprising person (2-6)
- 21. Truth (6)
- 23. Edible flower (10)
- 24. Farm building (4)
- 25. Repudiate (6)
- 26. Balustrade (8)

Down

- 1. Reason (6)
- 2. Repose (4)
- 3. String of words (8)
- 4. Organ (6)
- 5. Small breed of dog (3,7)
- 6. Badinage (8)
- 8. Hit hard (6)
- 13. Proposition (10)
- 15. Irregular (8)
- 17. Footpath (8)
- 18. Ghost (6)
- 20. Crowd (6)



- 22. Swollen, distended (6)
- 24. Incinerate (4)



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THE TOP 10

- 1. None – they’re named after Roman gods.
- 2. South America.
- 3. Moses.
- 4. 2006.
- 5. A free-standing bell tower.
- 6. Volleyball.
- 7. Reveille.
- 8. Buddy Holly.
- 9. 13.
- 10. Hungary.

SUDOKU

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The Top 10

- 1. How many planets in our solar system are named after Greek gods?
- 2. The tapir is a hoofed animal native to which continent?
- 3. In the bible, who led the Israelites out of Egypt?
- 4. In which year were Twitter and Spotify launched, and the NZ 5c coin disappeared?
- 5. What is a campanile?
- 6. Which is longest, a standard squash, volleyball, or badminton court?
- 7. In the military, what is an early morning bugle call?
- 8. Who had a backing group called The Crickets?
- 9. The US flag has 50 stars and how many stripes?
- 10. Magyars are the largest ethnic group in which country?

CROSSWORD

- 18. Wrath.
- 20. Throng.
- 22. Turgid.
- 24. Burn.
- 13. Suggestion.
- 15. Sporadic.
- 17. Pavement.
- Spleen.
- 5. Fox terrier.
- 6. Repartee.
- 8. Struck.
- Down: 1. Motive.
- 2. Rest.
- 3. Sentence.
- 4. Handrail.
- 26. Nasturtium.
- 24. Barn.
- 25. Disown.
- 23. Signet.
- 16. Sprite.
- 19. Go-getter.
- 21. Verity.
- 11. Torrential.
- 12. Season.
- 14. Contrue.
- 15. Sift.
- Across: 7. Hopeless.
- 9. Phoney.
- 10. Sift.

SUDOKU

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What's most valuable about your library: RDC survey

Ruapehu District library users are being encouraged to take part in the Library Community Impact Survey, developed by Public Libraries New Zealand.

"The survey is an important opportunity for people to share what they value most about our local libraries and the services, spaces, and programmes we offer," said RDC's head librarian Fiona Thomas.

"Participating is vital because it gives us meaningful insight into how our libraries make a difference in people's lives – from helping children learn and supporting life-long education, to providing safe, welcoming spaces for connection and creativity."

Thomas said the results will help libraries across Aotearoa New Zealand, including Ruapehu District, better understand community needs and measure their

impact.

"They help us tell a powerful story about the role libraries play in building connected, informed and resilient communities, and ensure we continue delivering services that truly matter," she said.

"The feedback also helps us advocate more effectively for the future of our libraries both locally and nationally."

She said completing the survey is easy. People can drop by their local library to fill it out or answer online via Council's website or Facebook page.

Readers can also scan the QR code in the ad appearing in the *Ruapehu Bulletin*.

"If anyone has any issues or questions, just come and see us at your local library where we will be happy to help," Thomas added.



Council's head librarian Fiona Thomas is encouraging all library users to take part in the Library Community Impact Survey and share what they value most about the services, spaces, and programmes we offer.

'All aboard me hearties' – pirate ship sets sail



Pirate Ship project Cap'n Dave Scott, at right, with some of his 'motley crew' of volunteers, from left seated, John Laurenson, Wayne Gunnell, Peggy Frew; at back, Sue Laurenson and Elaine Mott.

A "motley crew" of local volunteers have been busy for several months, helping builder Wayne Gunnell create a pirate ship that set sail for the Ohakune Carrot Park on Monday.

The ship will feature dozens of features designed to entertain the children that are expected to storm the vessel from this coming Saturday, when it will be officially "launched" onto the high seas of Carrotland.

The ship is built on an old lifeboat.

On 16 February 1986 the Russian cruise liner Mikhail Lermontov struck rocks off Cape Jackson in the Marlborough Sounds and sank. Sadly one man lost his life, but 743 people were rescued.

Today, the ship rests 30 metres below the surface and remains a hauntingly beautiful and popular dive destination.

The Ohakune pirate ship lifeboat was towed across Cook Strait by Paul Scarf and Peter Moroney and later transported to Ohakune by shareholder Peter Hammond,

who hauled it behind his carrot truck.

Designed to carry up to 100 people, the lifeboat is impressively large.

After resting in Ohakune for decades, the Scarf and Powderkeg family along with Peter Hammond reimagined it as a haven for pirate adventure and play. They generously donated it to the Ohakune Carrot Park, where it has found a new life.

Carrot Park trustee Peggy Frew said that with Dave Scott's vision, Wayne Gunnell's master craftsmanship, Tina Drayton's artistic flair, and a major donation from the Laurenson family - along with many other generous contributions and sponsors – the project transformed into a "world-class pirate ship".

"When the idea to turn it into a pirate ship was first raised, about two years ago, I just thought it was the silliest idea," said Peggy Frew.

"I didn't see how we could do it but Paul donated it to us and it's happening. It really is one of a kind."

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Years of service to Raetihi brigade marked

Members of the Raetihi Volunteer Fire Brigade and Waimarino Rural Brigade donned their parade uniforms, polished their shoes and headed down to the Raetihi Cosmopolitan Club for Honours Night on Saturday, to celebrate and recognise members service achievements.

UFBA (United Fire Brigade Association) Three-year Certificates and a 5-Year Medal were presented, followed by Silver Bar Honours for members serving 8, 9, 10 and 12 years respectively.

There were also three members receiving Gold Bars for lengths of Service from 30 to nearly 35 years.

A special FENZ (Fire and Emergency New Zealand) Long Service Good Conduct Medal was presented to Dan Van

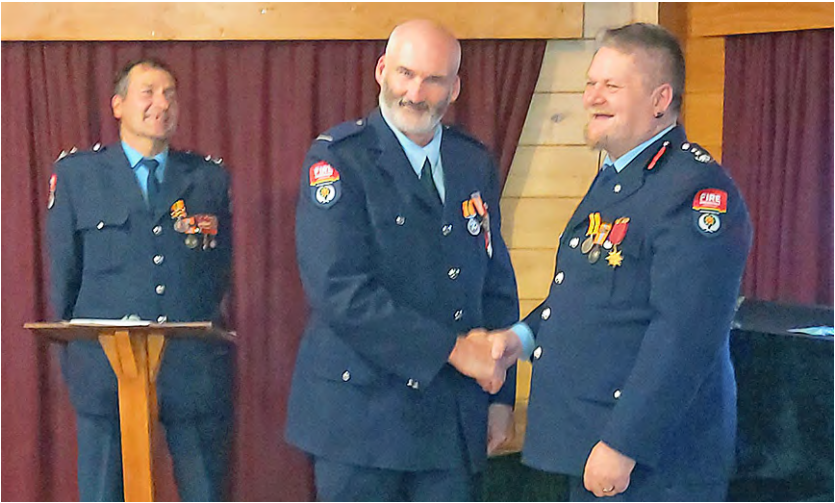
Der Lubbe with a total of 14 years and 8 months of service.

Ruapehu mayor Weston Kirton and his wife Annette attended and Kirton commended the dedication and resilience shown by the brigade members and thanked them for their service to the community.

Chief Fire Officer and Gold Bar recipient, Darren "Demo" Dempsey was especially proud of all members of the Brigade.

"We are like a big family really, we look out for each other and work together to get the job done."

Training for Raetihi Brigade is Monday nights at 7.30pm – anyone is curious about what it takes to be a volunteer Firefighter can pop into the station and see what they do.



Dan Van Der Lubbe, centre, receives his Long Service Good Conduct Medal from Chief Fire Officer Darren 'Demo' Dempsey, while Deputy Chief Officer Mike Maru looks on. Photo supplied.

Fireworks and furballs: keeping pets calm during Guy Fawkes

Fireworks may delight people, but they terrify pets. Guy Fawkes is nearly here, bringing with it the familiar bangs, whistles, and shrieks of fireworks. While dazzling for many, these explosive displays can be deeply distressing for the 4.4 million pets living in New Zealand who don't understand what's happening.

The debate over fireworks is ongoing, with many organisations and Kiwis calling for an end to backyard displays. In the meantime, pet safety remains a pressing concern. Michelle Le Long, COO of PD Insurance, says fireworks season always brings a spike in problems.

"We've seen several insurance claims related to pets and fireworks. From stress-induced injuries to escape attempts, it's a vital reminder of the importance of keeping our furry family members safe and calm during noisy celebrations."

The risks aren't just about stress. Dr Cath Watson, veterinarian and Healthy Pets New Zealand Trustee, has seen firsthand the devastating physical consequences.

'Fireworks may delight people, but they terrify pets.'

"I've witnessed broken teeth, torn limbs (especially toes and pads), damaged eyes, torn ears and deep penetrating wounds from glass, including one that pierced the chest and lacerated a lung. I've also seen dogs hit by cars while fleeing in panic, and horses badly tangled in fences. These incidents can tragically result in death or euthanasia," she says.

Why are fireworks so overwhelming for animals? Dogs and cats hear at higher frequencies and greater distances than humans, so the blasts feel closer, louder, and more disorienting. Add flashing lights, the fire risk of stray fireworks, the danger of animals being deliberately targeted, and increased road traffic, and it's easy to see why pets may bolt, panic, or get injured.

Preparedness prevents problems

If your pet is showing extreme reactions to loud noises, especially if it's worsening over time, don't wait for them to grow out of it, get help, says Dr. Watson. "Talk to your

vet about medication, non-drug tools, and strategies. A referral to a veterinary behaviourist can be money well spent to avoid costly recovery later."

Planning ahead for Guy Fawkes, New Year's Eve, and any other fireworks-heavy events can include these six steps:

- If you plan on having fireworks, post a notice in neighbourhood online groups so your neighbours are forewarned. Perhaps even distribute a leaflet into the neighbourhood letterboxes.
- Create a safe pet space inside that's dark, enclosed, and filled with comforting things. Bring pets there, then close the windows and draw the blinds. Cover outdoor aviaries with a tarpaulin.
- Help your pet relax with distractions, treats or calming sprays/wraps. Your local pet store or vet can provide you with great options for your furry family member.
- Try to stay calm, even though it's distressing to see your pet upset and scared. They take their cues from you, so reassure them in a comforting manner that they are always safe with you.
- There's always a risk your animal may bolt, so ensure they're microchipped and tagged with your contact details. Take photos, especially of unique marks/fur patterns to help others identify them if needed later.
- Playing calming music is another effective way to reduce anxiety. Soothing sounds such as classical music or calming playlists for pets help drown out the noise and soothe pets.

"If you're going to use fireworks, make sure to prioritise the safety of pets and other animals. Keep your celebrations mindful by setting off fireworks in areas far from animals, and ensure pets are secure indoors," says Le Long.

"By being considerate, you can enjoy your festivities while doing your best to protect the animals who can't speak up to express their fear or ask for help," concludes Le Long.



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Horizons dives into swim spot monitoring season

Horizons Regional Council is getting the region ready for warm summer days by rolling out its contact recreation water quality testing programme.

Horizons environmental monitoring scientist Ian Hurst says the programme, commonly known as the ‘swim spot monitoring programme’, will see staff monitoring more than 80 sites across the region from 3 November 2025 to 3 April 2026.

“We test for E.coli at freshwater sites and enterococci at coastal sites to measure faecal contamination,” says Hurst.

“Finding these bacteria in waterways suggests other pathogens, which are harmful to human health, may also be present.

“As E.coli and enterococci are not visible to the human eye, taking samples and sending them to an independent lab for processing is a key way we can help people make informed choices about where to swim this summer.”

Samples are taken once a week before being analysed at an independent lab, with results uploaded to the LAWA website www.lawa.org.nz, says Hurst

“Horizons does not close swim spots, such as swimming holes or beaches, when a result indicates an area is unsuitable for swimming – the decision to swim always remains with individuals.

“However, test results can help to inform people about where and when to swim.

“If people use LAWA and find their usual spot is unsuitable for swimming, they’ll also be able to see what spots are suitable for swimming. While not being able to go to a usual spot is not ideal, it does give the opportunity to explore other swim spots across the region.”

It is also important people keep an eye out for cyanobacteria, says Hurst.

“Cyanobacteria, which appears as black mats on rocks in rivers and as green scum

in and above water in lakes, can be toxic to animals and people.

“While people may suffer conditions such as gastroenteritis, respiratory illness, and ear and skin infections from coming into contact with water with elevated levels of cyanobacteria, animals are especially prone.

“Cyanobacteria gives off a musty smell, which dogs seem to love, but ingesting cyanobacteria has the potential to be seriously harmful to dogs.

Take care with pets

“Be sure to keep an eye on your pets around waterways, especially if cyanobacteria is present in the area.”

People should also consider other safety matters, especially around rivers, before getting in the water, says Mr Hurst.

“Please stay out of water if it has rained heavily within the last 72 hours, as this can create faster-flowing water and contribute to higher levels of faecal contamination.

“It is important to check any swim spot before swimming. This is especially true after heavy rain, as things may have changed beneath the surface since you were last there. Be sure to check for large objects in areas where you may be swimming – this is very important if you are planning to dive, do bombs or pop a manu.

“Rivers and beaches across Aotearoa New Zealand can be unpredictable and their power easy to underestimate. Do not enter the water alone, actively supervise children, and stay out if you are not a confident swimmer.

“Also avoid swimming close to cliff faces in case of slips, which can occur anytime. Finally, call 111 during any emergency at a waterway.

“It is important we all remember and follow safety advice. More information about how to stay safe in and around rivers and beaches can be found at www.watersafety-nz.org.”



A Horizons staff member walks with a bathyscope, used to check the health of rivers and streams.

Rubber ducky hunt for Movember

There’s ducks about – small yellow plastic ones – all with healthy messages and some with prizes as well. The “splash of fun and a dash of health awareness” is the Rubber Ducky Hunt in Ohakune and Raetihi.

“We will be hiding 100 rubber ducks around town for the month of November, and we want you to find them,” says Leah Stuckey from Ruapehu Health.

“Each duck holds a secret—just scan the QR code to unlock vital tips and facts on men’s health and well-being.

“Let us know where you found it by private messaging your discovery on our Wellness team Facebook page (the QR code takes you straight there).”

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Waiouru fires up for the biggest night of the year

Waiouru is firing up to light up the Central Plateau this weekend month with its biggest community event of the year – Fire in the Sky.

The \$4000 Fireworks Extravaganza is expected to draw around 600 people from across Waiouru, Taihape, Ohakune, and the wider Rangitikei region.

The annual event, hosted by the Waiouru Community Committee, will be held on Saturday 8 November at the Waiouru Sports Complex.

Waiouru Community Committee chairman Dean Cootes said the night is all about giving back to a community that always shows up to support one another.

“Waiouru might be a small place, but it’s got a big heart,” said Cootes.

“Fire in the Sky is our way of getting everyone together and saying thanks to those who keep our beautiful community ticking, the families, the volunteers, the schools, the firefighters, and all the groups who put in the mahi all year round.”

“We are one big whanau here so to be able to put on something this big for our people, and to see everyone come together for a good cause, is pretty special.”

As well as the fireworks, there will be a bonfire, outdoor games, kids’ sports, crafts, glow toys, bouncy castles and “plenty to keep both the big and little kids entertained”.

“There’ll be kai for every taste, including hāngi, fried bread, pulled pork buns, hot chips, Thai food, waffles, ice cream sundaes, and candyfloss and much more.”

The money raised will support local groups and fundraisers including the Fire-fighter Sky Tower Challenge (Leukaemia & Blood Cancer NZ), 360 Rangatahi, Waiouru School, DLADS-M, and other locals and community groups.

“We are lucky to live in the most beautiful place in the world, and even though we are a pretty transient army area, it’s events like this that keep people coming back for more, or make them stay longer. That’s what makes Waiouru and our people so special.”

Fire in the Sky is a cash-only event, running from 5pm till late at the Waiouru Sports Complex on Hassett Drive / Camp Road (turn off SH1 at the National Army Museum).



A huge bonfire is a feature of the Waiouru Fireworks Extravaganza.

Ruapehu College awards its top 2025 students

Ruapehu College’s 2025 dux – the top academic student – is Hayley Moore. She was presented her trophy on Friday at the annual senior prize giving on Friday, by Marlyene Castle and Martin Wood on behalf of the Ruapehu Rotary Club.

“This exemplary student has already achieved NCEA Level 3 with an impressive credit profile of 34 Excellence and 35 Merit credits, a feat that requires consistent dedication and sacrifice,” said principal Marama Allen, adding that the upcoming external results are expected to further enhance this outstanding achievement.

She also received \$200 from the Laurenson Trust, \$500 from the Raetihi Ohakune Rotary Club and also receives the University of Otago Dux Scholarship to the value of \$2000 for accommodation fees.

Macy Anderson was awarded the Proxime Accessit trophy (runner-up Dux) as well as the Principal’s Award, which is for the student who embodies the college values every day.

“They are consistently respectful and demonstrate incredible grit, giving an honest, consistent effort even when assessments were back-to-back and difficult.”

Macy has already achieved NCEA Level 3 with a strong internal credit profile of 18 Excellence and 35 Merit credits.

Other special awards

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Trades Academy Rico Pakai. Ruapehu College Vocational Excellence Award, Alysha Rhodes. Dr Nicola Jordan Scholarship: Zoe Wallace – Southall. The Lines Company



Ruapehu College special award recipients, from left, seated, Sophie Watt, Lucia Seymour, Hayley Moore, Macy Anderson, Moses Hodge; back row: Danny Dowman, Alysha Rhodes, Connor Anderson, Anahera Marumaru, Malena Hawira and Liam Burnard. Photo: Kerren Dixon.

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PURSUANT to Schedule 10, Section 342 of the Local Government Act 1974 notice is hereby given that the Ruapehu District Council will close the below roads for the following event:

Event: Raetihi Christmas Carnival and Parade 2025
Road Closed: Seddon Street between Ward Street and Duncan Street
Saturday 13 December 2025
Date: Saturday 13 December 2025
Time: 7:00am to 3:00pm
Detour Available: Via Queen Street and King Streets

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Annual General Meeting

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9:30am Registrations open
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Annual General Meeting

Ngapakihī 1W3 Section 1
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Saturday, 22 November 2024
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:

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

PUBLIC NOTICES

Tongariro Taupō Conservation Board Notice of Meeting

Date: 13 November 2025

Venue: Tūrangi DOC Office – 3 The Town Centre, Tūrangi 3334

Public Forum: 1.00pm to 1.30pm

Members of the public are welcome to attend the meeting and engage with the Board during the public forum.

If you wish to attend the meeting or address the Board, either in person or online via MS Teams, please contact Louisa Meredith to receive an agenda and online link on: E.tongarirotaupoconservationboard2@doc.govt.nz
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Ruapehu District Council Boards and Committees INAUGURAL MEETING DATES



Waimarino-Waiouru Community Board

5:00pm, Tuesday 4 November 2025
Council Chambers, Ayr Street, Ohakune

Ōwhango-National Park Community Board

5:00pm, Tuesday 11 November 2025
Te Whare Whakaora o Waimarino, Emergency Management Centre, Waimarino

Contingency venue: Council Chambers, Huia Street, Taumarunui

Taumarunui-Ōhura Community Board

5:00pm, Tuesday 18 November 2025
Council Chambers, Huia Street, Taumarunui

The swearing in meetings are open for everyone to attend

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RESOURCE CONSENT APPLICATION

APP-2006012018.02 by Winstone Pulp International Limited

Horizons Regional Council has received an application from Winstone Pulp International Limited (WPI). The application seeks a five-year consent to enable the existing discharges from the site to continue. No change from the existing discharge locations, or quality limits is proposed. The volume to be discharged is a decrease to that previously authorised. The application is for:

- The discharge of up to 4,000 m³/ day of treated wastewater and stormwater to the Whangaehu River.

The site is located at 1002, State Highway 49, Ohakune.

APP-2006012018.02 is notified pursuant to Section 95A of the Resource Management Act 1991. All information relating to the application and the consents sought can be viewed here

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CLASSIFIEDS Deadline 5pm Friday.

PUBLIC NOTICES



Manu Korero Te Kohanga Reo

Notice of AGM

Wednesday 19 November, 5.30pm
Manu Korero TKR, 36 Burns St, Ohakune

Election of Officers

Nau Mai, Haere Mai

Waimarino Museum Society Inc. Special General Meeting

Monday 10 November 2025 at 5.30pm
at the Waimarino Resthome Lounge,
Seddon St, Raetihi

An invitation to interested people in Raetihi and Ohakune to attend this meeting to show your support for the Museum.

Accept the Constitution
Appoint a Treasurer

Noeline Churton, Secretary
027 2445226



NGĀTI HĀUA

PĀNUI / NOTICE OF Inaugural Hui-ā-Tau 2025 Te Whiringa Kākaho o Ngāti Hāua Trust

Nau mai e te iwi!

Saturday 6 December 2025 at 1pm
Ngāpūwaihaha Marae

Online capability to attend Hui-ā-Tau will be available to registered members. A link will be forwarded after you register your attendance to: Info@ngatihaua.iwi.nz

The Te Whiringa Kākaho o Ngāti Hāua Trust (Trust) gives notice of the inaugural Te Whiringa Kākaho o Ngāti Hāua Trust 2024-2025 Annual General Meeting (AGM) commencing 1pm on Saturday 6 December 2025 at Ngāpūwaihaha Marae, Taumarunui.

AGENDA

1pm Karakia and Mihimihi
Apologies
Financial Report 2024/2025
Appointment of Auditor
Chairperson's Report
Trust Update
General Business
Karakia whakamutunga

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NGĀTI HĀUA

PĀNUI / NOTICE OF Ngāti Hāua Iwi Trust Hui-ā-Tau 2025

Nau mai e te iwi!

Saturday 6 December 2025 at 10am
Ngāpūwaihaha Marae, Taumarunui

Online capability to attend Hui-ā-Tau will be available to registered members. A link will be forwarded after you register your attendance to: Info@ngatihaua.iwi.nz

The Ngāti Hāua Iwi Trust (Trust) gives notice of the 2024-2025 Annual General Meeting (AGM) commencing 10am on Saturday 6 December 2025 at Ngāpūwaihaha Marae, Taumarunui.

AGENDA

10am Karakia and Mihimihi
Apologies
AGM Minutes held 7 December 2024
Matters Arising from Minutes
Financial Reports for the period 2024/2025
Appointment of Auditor
Chairperson's Report
Trust Update
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Noon Lunch

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Powderkeg wins top tourism rating



The Powderhorn Chateau including the Powderkeg under a picturesque snowfall. Photo: Powderkeg.

Ohakune's Powderkeg has been awarded Qualmark's Gold Sustainable Tourism rating.

"This recognition means a lot to us, it reflects the everyday efforts of our team to run our business responsibly and care for our environment, community, and guests," says Antika and Ben Scarf, proprietors.

"A big thank you to everyone who's played a part in helping us get there."

Qualmark's Sustainable Tourism Business criteria covers bronze, silver and gold, after Qualmark specialists conduct evaluations using the Sustainable Tourism Business criteria.

"Our criteria has also become the first in

New Zealand to gain official recognition by the Global Sustainable Tourism Council (GSTC), meaning members can be confident that achieving Qualmark certification meets global standards of sustainability," says Qualmark.

A 'gold business' is "a best-in-class sustainable tourism business in New Zealand, delivering exceptional customer experiences, an integral part of everything they do. A Gold Sustainable Tourism Accreditation identifies those businesses leading the way in making the New Zealand tourism industry a world-class sustainable visitor destination".

Ruapehu College awards

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\$200 sponsorship for Excellence in STEM subjects: Zoe Wallace-Southall. Ruapehu Lions Club award (\$500) Lucia Seymour. Andrew Beggs Memorial Trophy, Moses Hodge. Ruapehu Anglican Parish Award, Simeon Taura-Hawira. The Rotary Trades Award, Rico Pakai (\$500). Maungarongo Trophy, Zoe Wallace - Southall. Brian Eades Trophy, Sophie Watt. Waimarino Shield, Moses Hodge. Loftus Shield, Zoe Wallace -Southall. Top Year 11 Students 2025, Fletcher Mason & Rebekah Swift. Top Year 12 student, Sam Rowe.

Farmer councillors named

The Western North Island Farmer Council Annual Meeting was held early in October, with outgoing Farmer councillors: Lydia Cranston, Hamish Blackburn, and Stacey Buchanan - thanked for their dedication to the region.

B+LNZ's Farmer Council is an elected group of farmers who work closely with the local B+LNZ team to guide the annual delivery plan of extension events and workshops.

The Farmer Council for 2025-26 is: Megan Bates (Chair) - New Plymouth; Lachlan Hopkins (Vice-Chair) - Kimbolton; Bevan Proffit - Whanganui; David Turner - Eltham; Andrew Thomas - Taihape; Jarred Clode - Bulls
Laura Morrison - Marton; George Hardwick-Smith - Mangamingi; Andrew Kirk - Palmerston North; Andrew Bendall - Feilding; Patrick Henderson - Ohingaiti; Dan Leary - Raetihi; Hayden McDonald - Urenui (Co-opted)

PUBLIC NOTICES

Visit Ruapehu Annual General Meeting

Powderhorn Hotel
194 Mangawhero Terrace
Ohakune

Monday 17 November
11am - 1230pm

Rsvp essential to info@visitruapehu.com





Jess Hotter has been picked to ski for New Zealand at Andorra.

Ohakune's Jess named in world champs team

Ohakune's Jess Hotter has been named as one of the team of four selected to compete for New Zealand at the inaugural FIS freeride world championships in Andorra in February.

Women's 2022 ski freeride world champion Jess Hotter (Ohakune, 32) will be competing in the women's ski category, along with Ben Richards, Fynn Powell and Conrad Niven.

The Kiwi athletes each bring an impressive track record of accolades and achieve-

ments as accomplished freeriders, including multiple Freeride World Tour podiums and previous World Championship titles.

The FIS Freeride World Championships, launching in 2026 under the International Ski and Snowboard Federation (FIS), represent the pinnacle of freeride skiing and snowboarding competition.

This landmark event is a further step forward in the integration of freeride into FIS as the newest of its winter sports disciplines.



Jess Hotter.

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Ruapehu District Council libraries are taking part in a **Community Impact Survey** to better understand local needs, measure the value we provide, and identify opportunities for growth and improvement.

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