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Ruapehu water plan gets the tick

The Department of Internal Affairs (DIA) has formally signed off the joint Water Services Delivery Plan (WSDP) for Ruapehu and Whanganui District Councils, under the Government's Local Water Done Well reforms.

The approval clears the way for the creation of a two-council Water Services Council Controlled Organisation (WS-CCO), which will deliver drinking water, wastewater, and stormwater services to around 25,000 water connections across both districts. The assets will be retained in public ownership.

Assessment of the WSDP was carried out by a panel made up of senior representatives from funding agencies, the Commerce Commission, the Water Services Authority, the DIA, and an independent external observer.

In approving the plan, Secretary for Local Government Paul James acknowledged the level of detail and the considerable time both councils put into its development.

The new WS-CCO is planned to be operational by July 2027.

Until then, Ruapehu and Whanganui will continue to manage their own water services.

Whanganui's mayor Andrew Tripe said the decision gives them the certainty to move ahead together.

"We've chosen a model that balances keeping decision-making as local as possible within our shared catchment and

providing benefits of greater scale while at the same time reflecting the values of Te Awa Tupua.

"It is important to both councils that the health of the river and the well-being of our communities guide our choices and sit at the centre of the WS-CCO from the beginning," Tripe said.

"I'm looking forward to our councils taking the next steps together to formally establish the WS-CCO and appoint the new Board and Chief Executive," he said.

Monitoring

From next year, the DIA will monitor progress on the development of the WS-CCO on a quarterly basis.

They have indicated they will focus on two key areas, being the pricing strategy and its impact on projected water service charges for Ruapehu District, and delivery of projects required to achieve regulatory compliance.

The secretary for Local Government has also signalled an expectation that the WS-CCO will explore options for price harmonisation and potential future collaboration with other entities to access the benefits of scale and help address Ruapehu's affordability challenges.

Ruapehu's mayor Weston Kirton said he welcomes DIA's recognition of Ruapehu's unique affordability pressures.

"We know that many of our communities face significant challenges in being able to

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Two young pupils of National Park School, Riah Kahu (left) and enjoyed gathering native plants from the forest near Waikune recently to take back to their school. The gathered plants will be nurtured to be replanted elsewhere. See Page 2 for more. Photo: Liz Brooker.

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Ruapehu Whanganui water plan approved

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pay for basic services,” he said.
“While these expectations are not conditions of the WSDP approval – and the plan does not require price harmonisation or joining with others in the short term – it makes clear that ensuring the WS-CCO can deliver the most affordable water services possible must be a key priority.
“The immediate focus, however, is on delivering our commitment to work together and build a WS-CCO based on Te Awa Tupua values, within the tight timeframe set out in the approved WSDP.
“Establishing the WS-CCO in a Te Awa Tupua way now will put us in a strong position to ensure that any potential future larger entity continues to balance local voice with the benefits of scale,” he said.
A copy of the acceptance letter from the Secretary for Local Government and the approved WSDP is available on both councils’ websites. The Plan Assessment Report will be published on the DIA website.

Waimarino golf

Sunday’s Waimarino Golf Club haggle was a great day to be out on the course with 17 golfers taking part in the club haggle. The format played was PAR.
Results: 1 Mike Hoeta 7; 2 Alan Murdie 3; 3 Darnell Watling 3; 4 Golds Edmonds 1; 5 Kawai Horomia 0; 6 Jerry Jordan 0. Twos: Goldie Edmonds on 17. Nearest to the Pin on 3, Darnell Watling.
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Schools combine culture with environment



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Riders, kiwi calls and community spirit: Renegades rolls through Ruapehu

At 6.45am Friday morning 14 November, outside the Alexander Library beside Te Rehua Whare o Sargeant Gallery, more than sixty riders clipped in, tightened packs and rolled quietly into the dawn. In total, 85 riders had registered for the 2025 Renegades Muster — each wondering the same thing: will I make it to the end?

Now that the dust has settled, the answer is clear: it was one of the toughest years yet.

Of the 85 who set out, 31 riders did not reach the finish, a testament to just how demanding this 890-kilometre brevet can be.

The Muster is a brevet — volunteer-run, no entry fee, no prizes and no support crews. Riders carry everything they need, navigate the terrain themselves and keep moving as the clock runs continuously. It attracts people who embrace Type A fun: those who love exploring the world on two wheels, who aren't afraid of long days, short sleeps, rugged tracks and the occasional moment of doubt.

Wild heartland

This year's course once again stitched together the backroads, river valleys, hill country ridges and wild heartlands of the Central North Island. From Whanganui it pushed northwards to Patea and Hāwera, wound inland past the rugged Taranaki back country and through Whangamōmona, before drifting across the farms and forgotten roads to Ōhura and into the Mountains to Sea — Ngā Ara Tūhono network.

On the outbound, riders first joined the river-to-sea sweep from Upokongaro before heading north. Later, the loop carried them across some of our region's most iconic sections — Fishers Track, Oio Road, the quiet beauty of the Kaiwhakauka, the Ruatiti Connector, the cobbles of the Ohakune Old Coach Road and the legendary 42 Traverse.

Michelle in Ōhura again welcomed riders with her famous Mexican Fiesta, now a beloved tradition in the Muster story.

"Our local communities lit up along the route," says Lynley Twyman, Mountains

to Sea trail champion.

With each rider carrying a live tracker, locals knew exactly when to expect them. Dhruv at the Waimarino Village Four Square kept one eye on the dot-map and one on the pie warmer, ready for the next hungry cyclist to roll in. Kakahi Store became a welcome oasis of pies and cold drinks. Ohakune's cafés served "Muster Breakfasts" in impressive quantities — two or three meals inhaled in one sitting. Bike shops replaced brake pads at speed as riders pushed on through Ruapehu.

Kiwi on track

The whenua offered its own gifts. On the Kaiwhakauka and Mangapurua, riders pedalled through a night alive with kiwi calls. One rider even encountered two kiwi on the track — one of which paused, curious, as if greeting the approaching cyclist. These are the moments that stay with people long after the ride ends.

At the sharp end of the field, Mojo completed the full loop in two days, 10 hours and 33 minutes, an extraordinary effort over terrain that relentlessly tests even the strongest riders.

Event organisers Peter Maindonald and Tahi Cunningham say they have been "blown away" by the support from communities across Whanganui, Ruapehu and Taranaki and by the enthusiasm shown by riders, families, locals, and dot-watchers throughout the week.

With the event run entirely by volunteers, they say the warmth and welcome shown by towns, farms, shops, and locals is what keeps the Muster alive, says Twyman.

After such a massive few years, the Renegades Muster will take a well-earned hiatus next year.

"Even the organisers need to recover," they say — though there's no doubt the spirit of the Muster will continue to ripple across the region," says Twyman.

The event brings far more than cyclists: it brings energy, visitors, stories and spending into local towns. It shines a spotlight



Ian 'Mojo' Davidson stops off in Ohakune on his way to winning the 891km Renegade Muster 2025. He said one of his highlights was seeing his first-ever kiwi in the wild on the Kaiwhakauka Track. Photo: Lynley Twyman.

on the rugged beauty of the Whanganui River valley, the rolling plains of Taranaki, the resilience of Forgotten World communities, and the wild, diverse landscapes of Ruapehu.

"Above all, it celebrates our place — our whenua, our people, our wildlife, and the communities who open their doors and say, 'kia ora, enjoy the ride'."

Online options for Ruapehu readers

Ruapehu's library members now have a new digital lending service, with BorrowBox joining Libby and Beamafilm as part of the library's expanded online offerings.

Library members have 24/7 access to thousands of e-books, audiobooks, e-magazines, newspapers, films, documentaries and TV series.

Head librarian Fiona Thomas said the launch of Borrowbox was "a fantastic addition to our online services" creating the most comprehensive digital library experience Ruapehu has ever offered.

"Demand for digital content continues to grow as people look for convenient and flexible ways to enjoy library content anywhere at any time," she said.

"Together with Libby and Beamafilm, we now offer round-the-clock access to an incredible range of stories, information, entertainment and learning. Whether you're travelling, relaxing at home, or reading before bed, the library is always open."

Families will especially appreciate the extensive children's collection — ideal for bedtime stories, quiet reading time, or listening on long car trips over the summer holidays.

"Having multiple digital platforms also means shorter wait times, more choice, and a more personalised experience for readers of all ages," said Fiona.

Library members can download the BorrowBox, Libby or Beamafilm app from the Apple App Store or Google Play, then visit their local library to be set up with a PIN.

"And if anyone needs help downloading or using the apps, just bring your device in to your local library — our team is always happy to get you sorted," Fiona said.



Librarian Libby Oggle with the new BorrowBox app.



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Free fuel for our diesels?

• Solar panels for generating electricity have dropped 95% in price and are now very cost-efficient, and there is talk of running heavy vehicles with electric motors and lithium batteries. But that is a very expensive investment and there are many big tractors and trucks here in the Waimarino with diesel engines that could run happily for the next 20 years.

However, diesel engines can be modified to run on 90% hydrogen and 10% diesel, (tinyurl.com/hauwai) and electricity from solar panels could be utilized directly to get free hydrogen fuel by electrolysing water, then storing compressed hydrogen in tanks.

The advantages of trials with a hybrid diesel over trialing a battery motor vehicle are several. A plant for producing, compressing and storing the gas would be comparable to the cost of a new battery-electric vehicle, but tanks of hydrogen could store the free energy from the sun until needed; the number of solar panels and converted diesel vehicles could be slowly scaled up with experience; vehicles could switch back to 100% diesel if solar hydrogen is in short supply in winter; and surplus solar panel electricity in summer could be sold to the national grid.

When the setup costs have been recovered, the vegetable, stock, log and snow industries in the district will be much more profitable.

If trials prove that this is not quite yet practical, a solar power farm could be set up on former forest land near Karioi Mill (500 hours more annual sun than Ohakune) and power sold directly to the grid until H2-diesel conversions do come of age.

John Archer

Hope for biking

• I write again in the hope that my letter to the editor may hopefully bring some action. As we residents in this area know, there is no public transport between Raetihi and Ohakune.

It is wonderful that money has gone into the new connecting walk/bikeways on the Mountain to Sea tracks. It will be great for the tourism industry, but it seems to me that we local people have been forgotten or pushed to the side. It is unsafe to ride a bike between the two towns because of the narrowness of the roads and the huge trucks that use these roads.

Having lived in Christchurch in the early part of my life, I am very envious of all the wonderful walk and bike ways that that beautiful city has.

To me, it is very sad that I have to use my car to get to our closest town. No taxis, no buses and dangerous hazards on the local roads. Even the tourists who choose to stay in Raetihi have to take their bikes by car to Ohakune to commence some of the biking, walking and other touristy things to do. I think it would be great for them to also have the chance to walk or bike the 10km to the hub, Ohakune.

I have written a couple of times before about this and get told there is a plan. I believe this is not good enough as the plan isn't getting this problem solved. I do live in hope.

Gabrielle Donoghue

Rallying for Ruapehu as Crossing reopens



Ruapehu visitor centre in Ohakune was one of the stops for a large group of Australian tourism industry representatives recently. Photo: Visit Ruapehu.

A group of Australian travel trade partners recently visited the Ruapehu region as part of a Kiwi North Central North Island trade familiarisation.

With the Tongariro fires just contained, the group was thrilled to be able to tour the region and discover key touring routes, accommodation and activity providers.

Dempsey's Buses provided local transport for the group and were pleased to be able to welcome the Australian visitors. From a visit to Lauren's Lavender Farm in Taumarunui and biking Te Ara Mangawhero in Ohakune, part of the Mountains to Sea – Ngā Ara Tūhono connected pathways, the group connected with a variety of local tourism operators across Tongariro National Park.

"It was great to connect with the Kiwi North agents and spend time answering questions, sharing insights about the region and introducing them to the heart of the Central North Island. Even with

the mountains hidden in cloud, the enthusiasm in the group was clear — they were eager to learn, genuinely engaged and excited about what makes our area so special," Amanda Crang, trade and marketing manager for Adrift Tongariro.

As a first-time visitor to New Zealand, Tara Roberts from Travel Associates was excited to learn about Ruapehu's offering and explore a new destination.

"The Ruapehu region feels welcoming and unspoiled, ideal for clients seeking nature and unique experiences away from crowds. It's a year-round destination with incredible landscapes, from volcanic terrain to lush forests, offering adventure and culture in one region," shares Tara.

"Exploring Tongariro National Park by e-bike and seeing the lush forest and dramatic volcanic scenery up close was unforgettable and a real highlight for me," adds Tara.

The group included independent travel agents and travel consultants from across

Australia including MTA Travel, Flight Centre, Travel Associates, Gray Dawes Travel, Albert Park Travel, as well as an Air New Zealand representative.

Quick changes in weather conditions, the diversity of experiences in the region and authentic local hospitality are some of the key learnings of the group with a recommended increase night stays for itinerary planning.

"I was honestly surprised by the surreal views and the feeling of being off the grid while still having the convenience of modern living. Ruapehu is beautiful and is an amazing region for when you want to experience nature and connect with it," Gab Osea, travel consultant from Flight Centre.

The timely familiarisation visit has helped spread the word to support Tongariro recovery and inspire more Australian visitors to discover the Central North Island.

THE WEEKLY WORKOUT answers for each puzzle are included on this page

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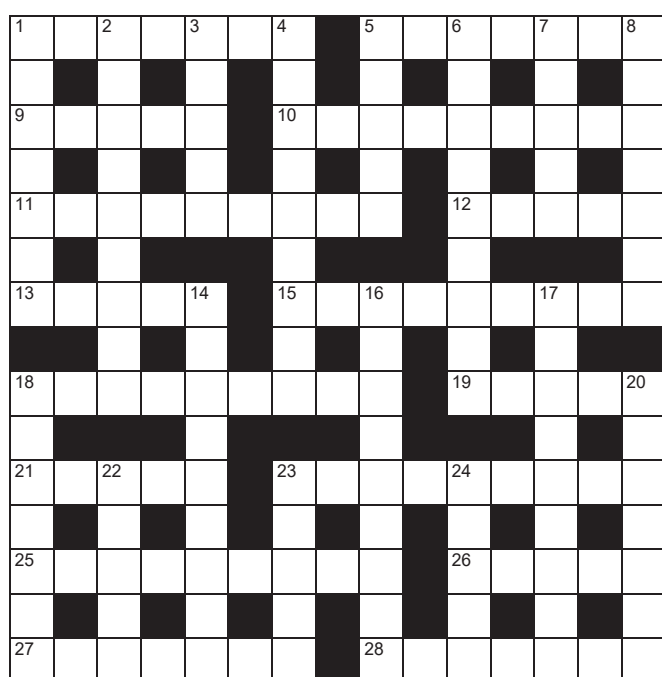
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Across

1. Tanned animal skin (7)
5. Meeting notes (7)
9. Stone worker (5)
10. Boundary line (9)
11. Wanderlust (5,4)
12. Verse (5)
13. Titan (5)
15. Streamlined (9)
18. Branch of science (9)
19. Lawful (5)
21. Tip over (5)
23. Filled with wonder (9)
25. Ocean-going (9)
26. Muscle (5)
27. Missives (7)
28. Give as part payment (5-2)

Down

1. Small Arctic rodent (7)
2. Business colleague (9)
3. Useful (5)
4. Symbolise (9)
5. Worth (5)
6. By the numbers (9)
7. Shabby (5)
8. Snake (7)
14. Of poor quality (5-4)



16. Boxing division (9)
17. Give support, spur on (9)
18. Advice (7)
20. Fooled (5,2)
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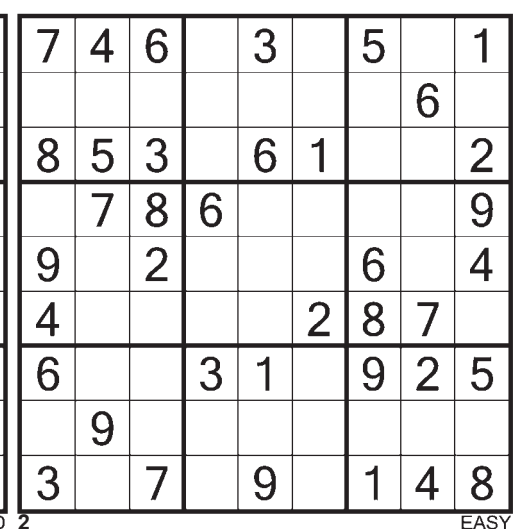
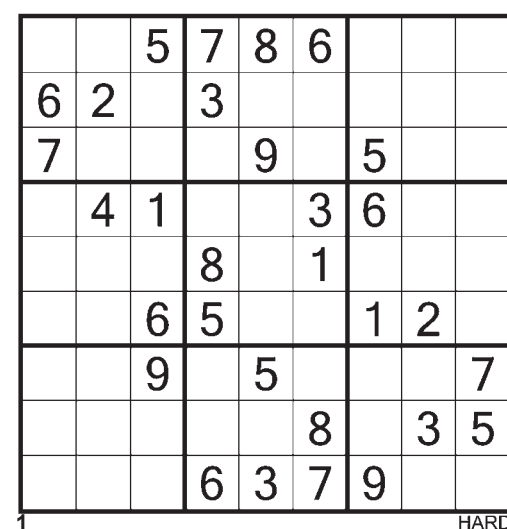
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THE TOP 10

1 Energy, 2 Yes, 3 Therefore, 4 Chess, 5 Rasputin, 6 Madras, 7 George V, 8 Reefion, 9 Gerald Ford, 10 Harvey Wallbanger.

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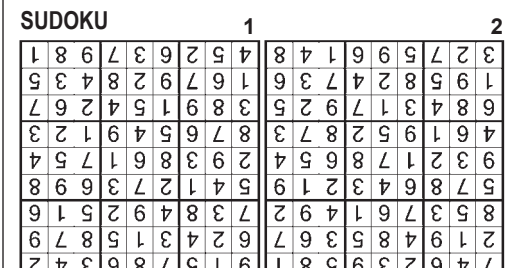
The Top 10

1. What does the E stand for in the formula for Einstein's theory of relativity?
2. Do dolphins have teeth?
3. In maths, what is meant by three dots in a triangular formation?
4. The song *I Know Him So Well* is from which musical?
5. Which Russian ate poisoned cakes and was shot twice, tied up, but only died after being thrown in a river?
6. Which Indian city was renamed Chennai in 1996?
7. Which king was reigning in Britain at the start of the First World War?
8. Which New Zealand town was the first to be lit by electricity?
9. Who did Jimmy Carter succeed as president of the USA?
10. What cocktail is made from vodka, Galliano and orange juice?

CROSSWORD

Across: 1. Leather, 5. Minutes, 9. Mason, 10. Perimeter, 11. Itchy feet, 12. Rhyme, 13. Giant, 15. Efficient, 18. Chemistry, 19. Licit, 21. Upend, 23. Awestruck, 25. Seafaring, 26. Brown, 27. Letters, 28. Trade-in.
Down: 1. Lemming, 2. Associate, 3. Handy, 4. Represent, 5. Merit, 6. Numerical, 7. Tatty, 8. Serpent, 14. Third-rate, 16. Flyweight, 17. Encourage, 18. Counsel, 20. Taken in, 22. Exalt, 23. Amiss, 24. Tibia.

SUDOKU



'It felt bloody awful': Hope rises from Tongariro's wildfire ashes

By Moana Ellis, Local Democracy Reporter

A unique ecological legacy could rise from the ashes of the Tongariro National Park wildfire if long-term recovery work succeeds.

Conservation Minister Tama Potaka said eradicating weed and animal pests from the blackened landscape would be “top of mind” to give natural native regeneration the best chance.

The massive blaze tore through 3000 hectares of New Zealand’s oldest national park last week, burning out of control for nearly three days across the Central Plateau. Helicopters, planes and ground crews fought to contain it as flames triggered evacuations of trampers and residents.

Department of Conservation (DOC) Central North Island operations director Damian Coutts described the desperate situation of the fire, which broke out on Saturday, November 8.

“It felt bloody awful,” Coutts said.

“Sunday night this thing was not under control and spreading rapidly, even with 21 machines hitting it with everything they had. They couldn’t stop it,” he told a meeting of the Waimarino (National Park Village) community on Monday night last week.

Civil defence controller, district council chief executive Clive Manley, told residents the fire was one-and-a-half times the size of Wellington City and had ripped through four percent of the national park.

“It was huge in firefighting terms. No lives were lost, few properties were lost.

There was a lot of work to protect them and to get people out – a superb effort – but it was a huge, huge drain on the people in our community and [it will have] a lasting impact.”

Monday night’s meeting gathered Ministers, Fire and Emergency NZ, Civil Defence, DOC and local and regional council leaders to brief the community on response and recovery efforts.

The fire swept through sub-alpine and alpine scrub, tussock grassland, wetland and forest habitats for threatened plants and wildlife including insects, kārearea/ New Zealand falcon and whio/blue duck.

Rain eventually helped bring the blaze under control. It was officially declared extinguished on Sunday, 16 November.

Assessing damage

Coutts said specialists were now assessing the damage.

“We are committed to doing a fire environmental impact assessment first and a restoration framework linked to that assessment,” he said.

“It looks really black out there but the fire went through so fast there isn’t [a thick] ash layer. When firefighters were in there digging up the hotspots, there was green in there. So, plants below the ground are still green – they will come back.”

The fire has cleared a vast swathe of land and, with it competition for invasive weeds such as heather, gorse, broom and wilding pine that can take hold rapidly after disturbance.

Replanting was unlikely, Coutts said. Natural regeneration would recover the

Conservation leaders say the blackened landscape of Tongariro National Park, after the recent 3000Ha fire, could offer a rare chance for large-scale native regeneration.



Scorched landscape – a vast swathe of Tongariro National Park lies blackened after last week’s wildfire, which burned through 3000 hectares. Photo: Supplied.

area if weed and animal pests were kept in check.

“It will re-shoot quite quickly. There’s a risk that we’ll see hares, rabbits, deer coming in and browsing on the new growth, so there’s going to have to be both an animal and a weed pest control programme.

“The opportunity here is to build a bigger programme of biodiversity inside Tongariro National Park and to go after broom, gorse and some of its friends on a broader scale.”

DOC Tongariro operations manager Libby O’Brien said the blaze was among the largest fires ever seen in Aotearoa on conservation land.

“Even the tiniest fire is a massive scar on that landscape, but from any vantage point within the national park, so much of what you can see is black.

“It’s whenua that is ridiculously important and special

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to anyone that’s ever been there, whether you whakapapa to that land, whether you live here, or whether you’ve visited.”

Lucky

O’Brien said the park was “relatively lucky” from a recreation viewpoint. Damage to the Tongariro Alpine Crossing carpark would limit use for several weeks, while the Mangatepopo Track – part of the Tongariro Northern Circuit Great Walk – would be closed for at least the season as DOC plans for track upgrades.

It was still too early to fully understand the ecological toll. “We’ve only just been able to get people out there to assess the issues,” O’Brien said.

“We know we’ve lost a lot of biodiversity. Wildlife – there will be a lot missing. There are a lot of birds up there flying around – birds of prey having a look – and I’ve seen more hares than I’ve ever seen up there. It will be interesting to see how that ecosystem shifts or evolves as regeneration occurs.”

She said the fire had been devastating and traumatic but had united the community behind recovery.

“The silver lining is we’ve got this amazing opportunity to stop those weeds from coming back, and to keep out browsing animals that move seeds around.”

The challenge ahead would be securing and coordinating a long-term restoration workforce.

“We could always do more if we had more people. The trick’s going to be working with the willing – volunteers, partner agencies, hapū and iwi ... so many people are keen to help.”

The cause of the wildfire remains under investigation.

Recovery plans take shape

Emergency Management Minister Mark Mitchell told residents the Government’s National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) was working with central government agencies and the national recovery coordination group to pinpoint where recovery investment was needed.

“We’ll try to get that done as quickly as we can so that we can get things moving,” Mitchell said.

Conservation Minister Tama Potaka acknowledged the “hits and shocks” the region had endured in recent years, from ski industry turbulence and mill shutdowns to the closure of the Chateau Tongariro.

He said regeneration opportunities could include cycle trails, a potential solution for the Chateau, and new housing developments, including social housing projects led by local iwi Ngāti Rangi.

Potaka said he would work to ensure new hapū initiative Maunga Ora was an “all-of-iwi, government, community effort to restore the place and continue to amplify Ruapehu as a place of iconic and majestic status”.

DOC would also speak with the Tourism Minister about possible funding.

“It might be funded out of existing funding or it might be out of funding we find at the back of the sofa. The key is that we’ve got to have a plan before we figure out how much money is needed.

“That plan should not take six months to figure out – it should be weeks, not months. That’s the direction that I’ve given to the team this afternoon.”

Ngāti Hikairo ki Tongariro said on Monday it would lead the long-term restoration phase alongside DOC and key agencies.

“The mamae for our maunga runs deep,” Hikairo rangatira Te Ngaehe Wanikau said. “The true restoration of Tongariro will take time, unity and aroha.”

The carved pou whenua Te Ririo, which stands at the start of the Tongariro Alpine Crossing, had been charred to its core and was still smouldering on Monday.

Wanikau said the four-metre pou had survived as a symbol of resilience and hope. Installed a year ago to acknowledge the cultural significance of the landscape and protect hikers, it will be strengthened at its core and base following the fire damage to ensure stability.

The hapū said Maunga Ora – a shared commitment to healing, regeneration and the future wellbeing of Tongariro – would be developed in partnership with DOC, FENZ, iwi and the people of Aotearoa.

“We will help the land heal,” Wanikau said.

Ruapehu mayor Weston Kirton said the wildfire had left deep physical and emotional scars.

“I want to acknowledge the shock, fatigue, frustration and the uncertainty,” Kirton told residents.

“I want to express my deepest thanks to FENZ, DOC, NEMA and our Police, iwi partners, volunteers, local businesses and our own council staff. Your efforts protected lives, protected key assets and allowed us to start our



Wildfire in action (aerial). Flames tear across the Central Plateau as the Tongariro wildfire burns out of control, forcing evacuations of trampers and residents. Photo: FENZ.

recovery journey as quickly as possible.

“Despite that incredible work, the damage is significant. Our whenua has been hurt and so have the communities who rely on it, love it and draw identity from it.”

Kirton said the disaster had created space for renewal. Immediate priorities included building strong partnerships, supporting community wellbeing, sustaining tourism and managing environmental impacts.

“Long-term recovery will build on this and it must be guided by a model that ensures all voices are heard and reflected in a comprehensive recovery plan.”

Horizons Regional Council chair Nikki Riley said the council would back the region’s recovery efforts.

“We would be willing and enabling partners and you will have our full support.”

Conservation leaders said Tongariro Alpine Crossing bookings were “back to normal” and the department was preparing for potentially increased visitor interest.

“We could have a different phenomenon where people come not just to walk the Alpine Crossing but to experience the fire zone. We’re going to have to be agile and keep working with tourism operators to manage this,” DOC Central North Island operations director Damian Coutts said.

“There’s a real concern emerging about people walking off-track, where the ecology will be fragile.”

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Tania says the “awesome locals” call in for a chat and inhale the fragrance that wafts down the street.

“I send their Interflora orders all around the world and put flowers together for their Mums, Grans, wives, besties, work buddies ... you name it!”

The flowers mostly from New Zealand growers, from the Manawatu markets “so they can be super fresh and beautiful”.

But it’s not just flowers – the giftware is always changing – soaps from Blue Earth in Ashburton, Kearose candles, Seriously Good Chocolates from Southland, and indoor plants.

There is an array of vases, vessels, containers, jars, pots and baskets.

And there’s soft toys too – with all sorts of colours and designs – super soft and cuddly.

Tania says she has been fascinated by all things floral for as long as she can remember and “took a big brave step ... got skilled up and purchased my wee shop”.

“I get all warm and fuzzy personally delivering flowers to people – it’s so nice to see their faces light up”.

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Tania Byford loves flowers and sharing them with her customers.

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Taihape Community Christmas Lunch

Christmas Day 25 December

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Taihape waterpipe installation - Titi Street

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Titi Street.

This started on Monday, 24 November and is expected to take between six and eight weeks to complete, with at least three small water shutdowns

required during that time. Residents will receive 48 hours' notice before any shutdown, says RDC.

Work hours will be between 7:00am and 5:00pm, Monday to Friday. During this time, the road will only be open to residents and a 30km/h speed restriction will be in place.

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The store is the 'brain-child' of Susan Benson, a director of Hautapu Pine, who felt that Taihape needed a store that contained essential household items so that people didn't have to travel to just buy basic items.

Her 'partner in crime' is store manager Kellye Shaw. Together, the pair have developed a store that is full of beautiful products, as well as everyday household essentials.

Anna's is well supported by Taihape locals and it also gets a constant stream of 'out of towners'. "Every day we get so many customers saying what a lovely store we have. One day we had a lady come in first thing in the morning and she told us that she had stayed overnight in Taihape just so that she could come to Anna's."

If you haven't been to Anna's before, it is really worth a visit. With such a large range of products, you can do your Christmas shopping for the whole family in just one store.



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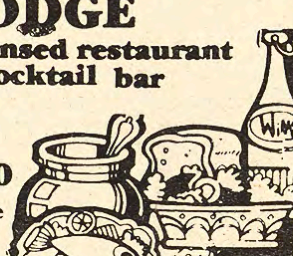
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County scuttles agreement on representation

Waimarino County Councillors threw a spanner in the works of the proposed district council at their meeting last week when a notice of motion by Cr John Martin to rescind the previously agreed formula of five representatives from Waimarino County and four each from Raetihi and Ohakune boroughs, was unanimously passed.

This followed the breakdown of a steering committee meeting of representatives of the three local councils the preceding week over the insistence by county representatives that financial arrangements be considered before going ahead with amalgamation.

A document prepared by Crs John Martin and Malcolm Whale had been presented which detailed the cost of administration, and relative expenditure and income of each council, but representatives of the two boroughs would not consider it.

Cr Martin apologised to other councillors for not acquainting them with the full facts when his notice of motion was first considered and rejected at a special

meeting of the county on 24 October.

"I didn't have figures that would justify a change then and relied on a verbal account," he said.

Since that time Cr Martin said he had worked out relative administration costs of the three authorities using 1985-86 estimates which showed that Waimarino County would be paying about half of all costs.

"I believe in amalgamation, but not amalgamation at any price — it must be shown to be justified in cost," he said.

"I am aware of the effects of my actions, but amalgamation is such a monumental thing that it must not be rushed into."

Chairman Bruce Berry confirmed that the figures had been presented to other authorities and that they accepted them as true and accurate.

Cr Bennett asked several times whether cost recoveries would reduce gross costs and therefore make a difference to the figures, but Crs Martin and Whale said they did not vary much.

"If you do these figures on any formula, such as rate assessments, they still come

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Jessica Brown's goat Sandy gets a reward for being the noisiest pet at Ngamatea School's recent pet day.

Ohakune may go alone to commission

The Ohakune Borough Council is to make a last-ditch attempt to set the proposed amalgamation of the three local authorities in place by the deadline of 1 December.

On Thursday the council decided to call a further meeting of the steering committee of three members from each of the Raetihi, Ohakune and Waimarino

councils to discuss outstanding issues, including financial arrangements and staffing, which must be agreed upon by 1 December if amalgamation is to take place next year.

Waimarino County Council, earlier in the week, had unanimously rescinded their previous decision to accept the agreed representation formula of five Waimarino representatives and four each from Raetihi and Ohakune. (See other story this page.)

The Ohakune Borough have now decided that should either of the two other authorities not join

with Ohakune in agreeing to the outstanding issues, the council will go ahead anyway and send their own decisions to the commission before 1 December.

Mayor Bill Taylor stressed that the meeting of the steering committee would simply complete the process of amalgamation, not reopen it.

"We should remain consistent to the decisions we have already made — we can all change our minds, but we can't go back on what we considered binding," he said.

Cr Ellen Gould said she wondered whether the people of the area realised that because the county had res-

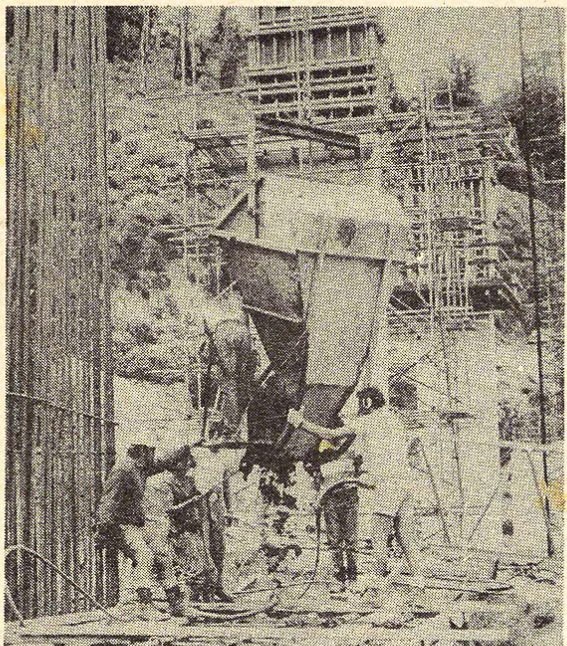
cinded their earlier decision, it could mean the end of Waimarino as a community.

"I do believe it is a sad occasion for the people of the area as we run the risk of not being a united force — it is a very sad thing for the local government of the area if we're going to lose it, and it looks that way," she said.

Mayor Taylor commented that even Reagan and Gorbachev didn't have such difficulty.

If a decision is not made by 1 December, it is likely that the councils may be forced to join a larger authority and have fewer representatives.

Viaduct progress



Huge reinforcing steel points to the sky like an abstract sculpture as concrete is poured for the main support pier on the new Hapuawhenua Viaduct.

•See page 5 for main story.

Desert Road fatalities

Two people were killed in an accident which involved a local logging truck on the Desert Road last Wednesday afternoon.

The accident occurred about 35 kms south of Turangi midway between the Oturere Stream and the Waihohehu substation.

According to Constable Bob Evans of the Turangi Police, a Hillman Hunter car travelling north drifted wide on a bend and smashed into a south-bound McCarthy's logging truck and trailer, which tipped over.

The elderly Wellington couple in the car were killed instantly, but the driver of the truck and of a following Toyota Corolla which rebounded off the truck, were shocked but otherwise uninjured.

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Academic Awards Year 11

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and design and innovation - Hard Materials, MA for English for consistent effort, Grace also receives the Placemakers Award for Level one Hard Materials. Zoe Smith SA in Art and English. Merit Award for Application of Critical Thinking in Geography. Rebekah Swift, SA for Physical Education, MA for consistent effort in music/performing arts, English and Science, MA for documented and verifiable sustained change during the year in Mathematics. Torin Thompson MA for consistent effort in music/performing arts and Physical Education, MA for consistent and progressive learning in Mathematics. Chase Tutemahurangi MA for growth in personal awareness and preparation in Outdoor Education. Sam Williams MA for strong consistent effort in Physical Education. Mihi Atarau Winiata, MA for consistent effort in Art, MA for perseverance and diligence in the face of hardship in Te Ao Haka.

Academic Awards Year 12

Maia Allen, SA in Mathematics, Art, Chemistry and Physics. MA for consistent effort in Physical Education and English. Connor Anderson, MA for consistent effort in Biology and Geography. MA for diligence and hard work in Chemistry; receives the Kotui Ako Academic Award for achievement and effort in NCEA Spanish Level 2. Sydney Charlton, SA in Finance Literacy. Rhythm Clair SA for outstanding results in Tourism. MA for perseverance in design and innovation- resistant materials. Jordi Demchy, SA in design and innovation, design and visual communications. MA for consistent effort in Design and innovation, foods and MA for perseverance in Geography and English. Kiana-Jaye Edmonds MA for Hard work and diligence in Art. Nikora Henare – Richards, SA for outstanding achievement in Communications English. Sarah Herewini, MA for Application of Heart in Communications, MA for improvement in design and innovation, resistant Materials, Sarah also receives the Migos Rose Bowl for Practical soft materials for precision and accuracy in practical tasks. Bishop Hodge, SA in design and innovation, foods. Honore Horomia, MA for Sustained commitment to Writing in Communications. Mica Hoyle, MA for

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Academic Awards Year 13

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Scholarships

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Entrance Scholarship to University of Otago, \$18,000 towards her university costs, Hayley Moore, also received the Totoweka Equity Scholarship at Victoria University.

Entrance Scholarship to University of Otago: receives the Pacific Peoples Scholarship, \$18,000 towards her university costs, Zoe Wallace-Southall.

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Feral cats to be added to Predator Free 2050

A new policy on cats has the potential to make a big difference to Ruapehu’s native fauna, and it’s partially due to feral cat attacks in and around Rangataua.

Conservation Minister Tama Potaka announced last week that the Government will add feral cats to the Predator Free 2050 target species list to protect our precious native wildlife.

“We know people want their local reserves, beaches and bush tracks to be full of birds, not predators. Including feral cats in the Predator Free 2050 goal means stronger protection for local wildlife, better tools for communities, and less impact on farmers, whānau and our economy.

“Feral cats are now found across Aotearoa New Zealand, from farms to forests, and they put huge pressure on native birds, bats, lizards and insects. They also spread toxoplasmosis, which harms dolphins, affects people, and costs farmers through lost stock,” Potaka says.

DOC’s consultation on the Predator Free Strategy received close to 3400 submissions. Over 90 percent backed improved feral cat management.

“New Zealanders were clear. They want action,” Potaka says.

Adding feral cats to the Predator Free 2050 target list will:

- Support national coordination of feral cat control

- Allow Predator Free groups access to funding for projects targeting feral cats
- Boost research into effective and humane tools and technology
- Strengthen efforts to protect threatened species across the country.

Examples of the damage caused by feral cats include the loss of more than 100 short-tailed bats in a single week near Ohakune and the near-extinction of pukunui/southern dotterel on Rakiura/Stewart Island.

“New Zealand is full of proud cat owners, and domestic pets are not part of this Predator Free target. Responsible ownership, desexing, microchipping, and keeping cats away from wildlife, remains an important part of the solution,” Potaka says.

Further detail on priority work will be set out in the revised Predator Free 2050 Strategy, due to be released in March 2026.

Cat nabbed raiding rare bats’ ‘mothership’

In April 2010, the *Bulletin* reported that a single feral cat was responsible for killing more than 100 rare short-tailed bats in the forest on the southern slopes of Mt Ruapehu.

A survey of the local bat population revealed the grizzly tale that confronted staff with the damage feral cats can do when left to target native wildlife.

In the space of seven days, one cat killed a total of 102 bats, and these were only the



A grizzly tally with its killing machine – a small tabby cat. Photo supplied.

ones that were found.

“This really highlights the impact that cats can have on native wildlife, and I don’t think a lot of people realise what skilled predators cats really are. It’s one thing to suspect predation occurs, another thing entirely to actually witness the damage one cat can do,” said Jess Scrimgeour, DoC scientist.

“The Mothership”, a massive beech tree on the southern slopes of Mt Ruapehu, which could house more than 1000 short-tailed bats. Rangers visited roosts to set-up infrared cameras in an attempt to count the numbers as they emerge from roost trees at night. But that time rangers were shocked to visit the roosts and find small wings

scattered around the trees, obviously ripped from bodies. Here and there are completely intact bats, as if they’d decided to sleep outside – the only sign of disturbance one or two puncture marks.

Rangers said this was the worst mass predation they have seen and in the first day 86 batwings were found (43 bats), the next 19 little bodies and six wings.

Twenty-four hours after setting out a cat trap at the base of The Mothership, Malcolm Swanney – a local DoC ranger – found a male tabby cat, surprisingly heavy for its small size. Although its stomach reveals no evidence of bat remains, the bite size matches exactly those found on the dead bats.



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Ohakune Brewers Limited have made an application to the District Licensing Committee at Ruapehu District Council for the **Renewal of an On Licence** in respect of the premises situated at **17 Goldfinch Street, Ohakune**, known as **Big Mountain Mead/Big Mountain Burgers**. The general nature of the business to be conducted under the licence is that of a **Tavern**. The days on which and the hours during which alcohol is intended to be sold under the licence are: **Wednesday – Sunday: 10.00am – 10.00pm**. 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 renewal of a licence may be made in relation to a matter other than a matter specified in section 131 of the Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act 2012. This is the first publication of this notice.

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Saturday 6 December 2025 at 10am
Ngāpūwaiwaha 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 at 10am on Saturday 6 December 2025 at Ngāpūwaiwaha 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
- General Business
- Karakia whakamutunga

Noon Lunch

Contact: Maxine Ketu, Pouārahi
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Email: info@ngatihaua.iwi.nz
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Asplundh will carry out seasonal roadside herbicide applications to weed trees growing on the rural road reserve in both the Rangitikei and Ruapehu districts between November and March. A spray plan is available for viewing on request.

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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 at 1pm on Saturday 6 December 2025 at Ngāpūwaiwaha Marae, Taumarunui.

AGENDA

- 1pm Karakia and Mihimihi
- Apologies
- Financial Report 2024/2025
- Appointment of Auditor
- Chairperson's Report
- Trust Update
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Annual General Meeting Land Block-Waihi Kahakaharoa 1E Owners and Beneficiaries of Hanairo Te Aue

Saturday 13 December 2025
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Agenda:

1. Mihi/Karakia
2. Apologies
3. Whakapapa/History
4. Trust Review
Election of 7 New Trustees
5. General Business
Karakia Whakamutunga

Any queries please contact Ashleigh Te Maari on: 027-449-3795 or email: abraham.ashleigh@hotmail.com

MEETINGS

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

Tuesday, 2 December

11.00am Regional Transport Committee

Tuesday, 16 December

1.00pm Regional Council

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