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\$3.5m boost to restore fire-damaged Tongariro

The Government is investing \$3.5 million in the restoration of 3000-plus hectares of Tongariro National Park destroyed by two major fires last year, Conservation Minister Tama Potaka has announced.

“Tongariro is a Dual World Heritage site, a taonga, and a cornerstone of the Ruapehu District economy. The fires have damaged biodiversity, disrupted recreation and affected the livelihoods of families and businesses across Ruapehu District,” Potaka says.

“That is why we are investing \$3.5m from the International Visitor Levy (IVL) over five years to fund weed control, pest management and biodiversity monitoring.

“The IVL ensures visitor revenue goes back into maintaining and improving the places that support local jobs, businesses and communities.”

Ngāti Hikairo ki Tongariro is working alongside DOC to deliver Maunga Ora, a restoration plan based on science, tikanga and mātauranga Māori.

“Recovery is already visible, with native plants pushing through the charred ground.

But without sustained weed control and pest management, including managing deer, that regeneration will be at risk,” says Potaka.

“I want to acknowledge the commitment of Ngāti Hikairo ki Tongariro, DOC staff and the wider Ruapehu community who have been working on the ground since the fires. Their partnership is critical to restoring the mauri of this sacred landscape.

“The investment restores ecological resilience while backing the regional economy and people who depend on it.

“Tongariro is our taonga and restoring its mauri is essential. That’s why the Government is working to secure its long-term future.”

Mayor Kirton said the benefits of the funding will extend well beyond the park boundaries. “This investment supports local jobs, businesses and communities both directly and indirectly,” he said.

“On behalf of the Ruapehu District, I thank Minister Potaka and the Government for this important commitment to our taonga and to the people who depend on it.”



New growth coming through since the fires at the Tongariro National Park in November 2025. Photo supplied.

A&P Show – the Perfect Day, the Perfect Show



Pictured is Katie Peacock with Imperial Mint, winner of the Edna McFadyen Cup for 2026 for the highest jumping class over two days, along with Gayle Cresswell and her brother Graham McFadyen who came from Australia to present the special rosette.

The sun was shining, and the crowds were smiling at this year’s Waimarino Agricultural and Pastoral Show held on Saturday in Raetihi. Show President Angela McCoubrie confirmed that it did indeed feel like the perfect day and the perfect show, with everything running seamlessly and to plan. That, of course, does not happen on its own and is due to the many efforts from committee members and generous support from sponsors and the local community, which was evidenced by the increase this year in people putting their hands up to volunteer. The A & P show committee is a group of 8-10, with extra helpers always welcome in the lead-up and on the day of the event.

Angela said, “We are always looking at ways to improve, and this year, for example, changing the layout slightly and splitting up the family areas was a great success. By creating the “Stay and Play” area, we could use it to run the smaller games there, like the BNZ Hobby Horse Race and Ruapehu Vets Young Farmers Competition.” Even the road works worked in

the organisers’ favour this year, with patrons using the George Street entrance and paddock for car parking smoothly. Angela also said it was great to see so many people from out of town enjoying the show, from Taihape and as far away as Hawkes Bay. The Atihau Produce Shed was bursting with colour, and Lisa Frew said entry numbers were up on last year, “it was good to see lots of really high quality entries, especially from the children, so a huge thank you to the schools for the effort put into their entries, and we are excited for next year already!” Robyn Hodder, Horse Secretary, was also very happy with how the horse events went this year, “there was a great display of jumping and entries in the ring, which was good for all to see, a big thank you to all the helpers that made it run smoothly”.

Planning has already begun for next year’s Waimarino A & P show, and Angela says, “If anyone has any helpful feedback, offers of help or sponsorship for next year, they can contact us at info@waimarinoshow.com or follow our Facebook page to complete a survey link there.”

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Mayor's Art Advisory Group Endorsed

Ruapehu District Council has endorsed the establishment of a Mayor's Art Advisory Group to support the district's creative sector and local artists.

The idea was proposed by Councillor John Chapman who, as a photographer himself, has long been a passionate supporter of local artists and the wider creative community.

The Advisory Group will provide a practical vehicle for artists and art supporters to work alongside Council on low-cost, high-impact initiatives that strengthen the arts across Ruapehu.

"We already have a number of ideas," said Cr Chapman. "These include using Council spaces and publications to showcase local artists, integrating art into placemaking projects, increasing the involvement of rangatahi in arts, and supporting murals and public art installations.

"The Group will help us better use Council's existing assets and connections to support the creative sector — without placing any additional burden on ratepayers or staff.

"Importantly, it will also give local artists and art groups a collective entity to help share the workload involved in promoting and championing the arts."

Mayor Weston Kirton said Ruapehu has a rich artistic history and a diverse range of contemporary artists working across many mediums.

"Art brings our places to life through the telling of our stories and the portrayal of our people and landscapes," Mayor Kirton said.

"It can be a powerful drawcard — helping make Ruapehu a place people want to visit and live and encouraging new creatives to make their home here.

"I'm pleased Council has endorsed the establishment of the Art Advisory Group and excited to see how it will promote our artists and strengthen the health of our creative sector."

People interested in the work of the Mayor's Art Advisory Group are encouraged to contact Councillor John Chapman.



Barbara van der Woerd, Mayor Weston Kirton and Councillor John Chapman visiting the Volcano Vibe stall at the A&P Show. Photo Kate Cornwall.

The Royal Theatre, Raetihi Movies

James Bond Goldfinger

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Saturday 7 March

Doors open 6pm, movie starts 7pm
Bar available. \$15. Supper included

Ruapehu Events & What's On

FEBRUARY 2026

Waimarino Sheepdog Trials 27-28 February
Contact Secretary – Roger Suckling 027 897 1610.

MARCH 2026

Royal Theatre Movies, starts 7pm March
James Bond Goldfinger 7 March
Mary Poppins Disney Classic 14 March
The Great Race 21 March
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Blazing Hills Trail Run/Walk 14 March
Contact www.blazinghills.nz.

Waimarino 103rd Rodeo 21-22 March
Secretary: Cathy MacLean 06 385 4636 or 027 240 1090. Email: c_d_maclean@xtra.co.nz. Raetihi Rodeo Grounds, Parapara Highway

Ring of Fire 27-28 March
See www.rof.co.nz for more information

Tussock Traverse 28 March
See www.tussocktraverse.co.nz for more information

APRIL 2026

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Ngāporo Waimarino Forest Trust is a long-standing organisation that was established in 1973. Starting with the first vested block, which was Waimarino A17, the trust has grown to manage a total of 43 blocks. The collective land area spans an impressive 6,937 hectares or 17,134 acres.

The whenua is a valuable taonga (treasure),

effective governance ensures the protection, preservation, and sustainable development of the land for current and future generations. Ngāporo Waimarino Forest Trust governance structure helps safeguard the land, ensuring it is managed in line with our tikanga, environmental sustainability, and the aspirations of our owners and beneficiaries.

Ngāporo Waimarino Forest Trust is committed to supporting the educational and community development aspirations of our beneficiaries, in line with our strategic goal of Oranga Whānau | Thriving Families.

We offer grants and scholarships

to assist individuals and organisations in their pursuit of higher education, training, and projects that benefit our community. By prioritising the well-being and success of our whānau, we aim to ensure that our uri have the financial support needed to achieve their academic, cultural, and sporting ambitions. Through these initiatives, we are fostering thriving, resilient families and empowering future generations to reach their full potential.

Education grants and scholarships are now open for applicants until 31 March 2026.

Application forms can be downloaded direct from the website: www.ngaporowaimarino.com/grants-and-scholarships/.

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Closing date 31 March 2026.

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EDUCATION ENABLEMENT:

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- All students from kōhanga reo through to tertiary level.

Application forms can be downloaded from our website.

Any questions, please contact
secretary@ngaporowaimarino.com

www.ngaporowaimarino.com

Army joins war on pests Power lines charges hiked by 7%



Trainee Army officers were out setting up pest traps in the Rangataua Forest. Photo: DOC.

You probably know here in Tongariro we're not too far from the Waiouru Military Training Area, a place full of fit, able personnel perfect for challenging conservation work. Fortunately, they're also keen to give back to the environment! We recently invited 10 officers-in-training to join Biodiversity Ranger Ben Tuck deploying new automatic traps in Rangataua Forest. With the extra hands (and enthusiasm!) hauling the heavy gear and installing the mechanisms took only a morning.

The AT220 devices are self resetting, automatic traps which can target a range of pest species including mice, rats, mustelids, possums, and even feral cats. They'll be making the forest a safer space for native species to thrive.

Ben says he enjoyed

sharing his knowledge and experience from a DOC perspective, and it was equally rewarding to hear stories and insights from

the army training roles.

Is this the start of a beautiful alliance in defence of nature? Watch this space!

The local power lines provider has confirmed its annual electricity distribution price changes, with the average household costs increases "limited" to 7%, following "a focused effort to balance affordability with continued investment in a safe and reliable electricity network".

The Lines Company (TLC) stated on Friday that all electricity distribution companies are required to notify price changes by 1 March each year, with allowable revenue set by the Commerce Commission, the government regulator of the energy sector.

TLC chief executive Mike Fox said the company was acutely aware of cost pressures facing households and businesses.

"We know price increases are concerning, particularly at a time when many families are feeling the pressure from rising living costs," said Fox.

"That's why we've worked hard to keep our average household increase to 7%, while still making sure we can deliver a safe, reliable electricity network for our communities."

He explained that his company does not sell electricity, but builds, maintains and operates the local electricity network – the poles, lines, transformers and systems that keep homes and businesses connected.

"Our distribution charges for the network are included in your power bill, along with the retailer's charge for the electricity you use. On average, TLC and Transpower charges together make up about one third of a typical power bill, while the electricity itself – supplied by your retailer – accounts for more than half."

While most households will see an increase in TLC's charges, general customers such as businesses and dairy

farms will see a higher average increase of around 9%, reflecting differences in network use.

Fox said TLC's 100% community ownership plays an important role in how the company approaches pricing.

"While we know that no-one is pleased to see their electricity bill go up, especially in the current economic climate, our 100% community ownership through the Waitomo Energy Services Customer Trust means we've been able to smooth what would have been extremely large price increases for this year and last over a five-year period," he said.

Off peak savings

Fox said the company also reduced its off-peak pricing tariff, meaning customers who are able to shift electricity use outside peak times may see savings, depending on their retail plan.

During the past year, TLC invested \$21 million in network upgrades, renewals, maintenance and improvements to ensure customers continue to receive a safe and reliable power supply.

Supporting customers experiencing energy hardship remains a key focus of TLC's strategy through its Making a Difference pou, says Fox.

"We know some people are struggling," said Fox.

"We encourage customers to check their retail plans using tools like Powerswitch or SwitchMe, and to reach out to our customer team if they need help understanding their options."

Price changes will come into effect from 1 April. TLC's community team continues to run Energy Education workshops across the network area, helping customers understand how to manage and reduce energy costs.

Restoring Tongariro

By Carl Bates, Member of Parliament for Whanganui

The fire in Tongariro National Park in November was devastating for the people of the region. 3000 hectares of a thriving alpine ecosystem were destroyed, with damage compounded by another fire in December.

Tongariro is a Dual World Heritage site, and a cornerstone of the Ruapehu District economy. The fires have damaged biodiversity, disrupted recreation, and affected the livelihoods of families and businesses across Ruapehu District.

On Friday, Conservation Minister Hon Tama Potaka announced an investment of \$3.5m from the International

Visitor Levy (IVL) over five years to fund weed control, pest management and biodiversity monitoring.

This was music to the ears of Rangitikei MP Suze Redmayne and me. It is an excellent use of IVL funds, ensuring visitor revenue goes back into maintaining and improving the places that support local jobs, businesses, and communities.

Recovery is already visible, with native plants pushing through the charred ground. But without sustained weed control and pest management, including managing deer, that regeneration will be at risk.

The funding will support restoration work led by the

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Thank you

Transpower and Powerco would like to thank the residents of Taihape, Waiouru and surrounding areas for their patience during our scheduled maintenance last Sunday, 15 February.

Ngā mihi

We're fixing the basics and building the future.

Carl Bates
National Party Candidate for Whanganui

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Two new members join Visit Ruapehu Board

Visit Ruapehu is thrilled to announce the appointment of two new members to its Board of Trustees.

Tracey Goodall, Executive General Manager Passenger, KiwiRail has worked in the tourism industry for over 20 years in New Zealand and internationally and is passionate about helping visitors explore Aotearoa in their own unique ways. She believes the best travel experiences come from connecting with place, meeting locals, and discovering what makes each region special.

She has a strong personal connection to the Ruapehu region, having previously lived in Taumarunui and worked closely with the central North Island throughout her career. Tracey loves the outdoors and believes tourism plays an important role in sustaining communities and celebrating place. She is pleased to bring her experience and local connection to the Visit Ruapehu Board.

Kuru Ketu, Councillor, Ruapehu District Council, was previously an Associate at McCaw Lewis Lawyers, working primarily in the Māori Legal space assisting with Resource Management matters, Māori Land issues, Marine and Coastal Area Applications, Treaty Settlements and Waitangi Tribunal claims.

He's held a number of governance and quasi-judicial roles and is a current elected member of the Ruapehu District Council. Kuru lives in Taumarunui where he also works for his iwi, Ngāti Hāua. Kuru is a passionate outdoors person and takes advantage of the district great environment. He also plays competitive

Men's Netball in his own time.

Current Visit Ruapehu Board members are:

Andrea Messenger, Owner and Operator, Plateau Lodge, Annie Rolls, Owner and Operator, Opotiki New World, Nigel Douglas, Principal, The Counsel,

Tracey Goodall, Executive General Manager Passenger, KiwiRail, and Kuru Ketu, Councillor, Ruapehu District Council.

Visit Ruapehu would also like to express their gratitude and appreciation to departing Board members Janelle Hinch, Ah-Leen Rayner and Elijah Pue for their years of service, commitment and contribution to our region.



Tracey Goodall



Kuru Ketu

River damage reports sought for scheme meetings

Horizons Regional Council is holding its annual river scheme meetings, with those attending taking reports of damage to river and drainage assets.

Ruapehu District's meeting was held on Monday, with schemes including Ruapehu District Wide; Ohakune, Pakahi, Upper Whanganui River.

Rangitikei District's meeting is 26 February, 9am, Horizons Regional Council Marton Office. Schemes included: Turakina River Scheme, Tutaenui Scheme, Rangitikei Scheme, Porewa Scheme, Forest Road, Huanui, Makirikiri Scheme.

The Lower Whanganui Area is also today, 26 February, 2pm, Whanganui War Memorial Centre Pioneer Room. Schemes included: Lower Whanganui River Scheme; Matarawa Flood Control; Whangaehu-Mangawhero Scheme.

Horizons group manager catchment operations Dr Jon Roygard says scheme liaison committee meetings are usually a time to learn about river management schemes.

"Scheme liaison committee groups are informal groups established by Horizons to facilitate effective communication between scheme ratepayers, and councillors and its officers.

"These groups are also the eyes and ears in regards to levels of services and scheme performance."

With water receding after the weekend weather event, damage to river and drainage scheme assets will start to become visible, says Dr Roygard.

"While our staff will be out and about doing asset inspections, landowners and others in the community will have damage they can already report.

"The sooner we get reports of damage, the better information we have for planning recovery works."

People unable to attend the meetings, but still wanting to report damage, can either email rivermanagementinfo@horizons.govt.nz or call freephone 0508 800 800.

People can view the meetings schedule and presentations in advance, and find a map to see which scheme their property or properties are in, at <https://www.horizons.govt.nz/flood-emergency-management/flood-protection/river-drainage-schemes>.

TE KOROWAI O WAINUIĀRUĀ

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Te Korowai o Wainuiārua invites tenders from suitably qualified contractors to undertake remedial and refurbishment works at a residential property located in Raetihi.

The property is tenanted and all works will require staged delivery in conjunction with appropriate health and safety management. Works include (but are not limited to) internal demolition, window repairs, repainting, minor renovation works, exterior repairs and associated improvements.

Tender documents are available upon request and a site visit is mandatory. Tenders close: 20 March 2026

All enquiries and requests for documentation to: temoananui@tekorowaiowainuiaruwa.co.nz

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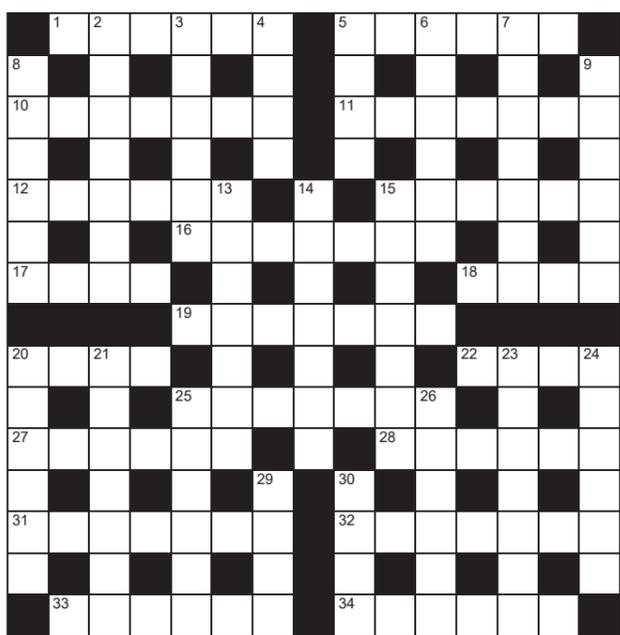
QUICK CROSSWORD

Across

1. Young and inexperienced (6)
5. Optical illusion (6)
10. Romantic (7)
11. Fill to satisfaction (7)
12. Portions (6)
15. Abide (6)
16. Recuperate (7)
17. Unknown author (abbr) (4)
18. Part of the eye (4)
19. Misshape (7)
20. Dismiss (4)
22. Becomes older (4)
25. Accomplishment (7)
27. Card suit (6)
28. Muscle injury (6)
31. Excellent, wonderful (7)
32. Deadly poison (7)
33. Pressing (6)
34. Annual pay (6)

Down

2. Alligator pear (7)
3. Plunderer (6)
4. Stinging insect (4)
5. Disguise (4)
6. Instead (6)
7. Type of hard stone (7)
8. Feeling of sickness (6)
9. Niche (6)



13. Grave (7)
14. Porch (7)
15. Go backwards (7)
20. Split (6)
21. Climb awkwardly (7)
23. Glassworker (7)
24. Chanteuse (6)
25. Chevron (6)
26. Stretch out (6)
29. Overcome (4)
30. Parts of a play (4)

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MEDIUM

The Top 10

1. What is the capital city of Iceland?
2. Do arteries carry blood to the heart or away from it?
3. What comes after *Alice's Adventures in Wonderland*?
4. Which Greek is considered the father of modern medicine?
5. Who was Elwood's brother in *The Blues Brothers*?
6. Which device produces the right mixture of air and petrol for an internal combustion engine?
7. Which group from Christchurch had a hit with *Glorifilia* from their debut album *Silencer*?
8. What would you do with a hookah?
9. Which Irvine Welsh novel, made into a 1996 film, is about Scottish heroin addicts?
10. What is the scum that floats on the surface of molten metals called?

CROSSWORD

Across: 1. Callow, 5. Mirage, 10. Amorous, 11. Sallate, 12. Shares, 15. Reside, 16. Recover, 17. Anon, 18. Lens, 19. Distort, 20. Sack, 22. Ages, 25. Success, 27. Hearts, 28. Sprain, 31. Sublime, 32. Cyanide, 33. Urgent, 34. Salary.
Down: 2. Avocado, 3. Looter, 4. Wasp, 5. Mask, 6. Rather, 7. Granite, 8. Nausea, 9. Recess, 13. Sentous, 14. Portico, 15. Regress, 20. Schism, 21. Clamber, 23. Glazier, 24. Singer, 25. Stripe, 26. Sprawl, 29. Best, 30. Acts.

SUDOKU

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THE TOP 10

- 1 Reykjavik, 2 Away from it, 3 Through the Looking Glass, 4 Hippocrates, 5 Jake, 6 Carburettor, 7 Zed, 8 Smoke it, 9 Trainspotting, 10 Cross.

Long-awaited Ohakune gateway signs get the tick

Funding for new Ohakune gateway signs, allowing a long-awaited project to proceed before key consents expire in September, has been approved.

The \$54,000 long-awaited project forms part of a wider initiative led by the Future Ohakune Governance Group to revitalise the Ohakune CBD and township.

The new signs will be installed at three high-profile locations: Southern entry on SH49 outside Carrotland Park; Northern entry on Tōhunga Road and Old Station Road junction with SH49; Raetihi–Ohakune Road near the Ohakune Pools.

The gateway project was first proposed at a public consultation meeting over Labour Weekend 2020. The design of the signs was then subject to further consultation over Labour Weekend 2022.

Developed in partnership with Ngāti Rangī, the design reflects the principal elements of Ohakune — Ngāti Rangī iwi culture and history, the rail heritage, agriculture and timber industries, and the township’s connection to Mt Ruapehu.

The signs will be constructed from laser-cut steel plate featuring the mountain profile and will incorporate wooden beams salvaged from the old Ruapehu Road rail overbridge.

The project has been strongly supported by local individuals, businesses and organisations who have generously contributed their time, resources and expertise.

Ruapehu District mayor Weston Kirton thanked the Ohakune Governance Group, and everyone involved in bringing the project to fruition.

“While issues with consents, approvals and funding delayed progress, Council’s support now ensures these impressive gateway signs will soon welcome residents and visitors alike,” he said.

“Council is very aware of the tight financial environment we are operating in. However, the \$54,000 required to complete the project is modest compared to the significant time, effort and community investment already made over several years.”

“As a jewel in Ruapehu’s tourism crown, the new welcoming signage is expected to have a positive and lasting impact on the township, the wider district and its visitors.”

Work begins on the carpark at the Ohakune swimming pools



A large area of noxious weeds and dumped rubbish was voluntarily cleared by Cam Spooner from Ohakune Machinery on Saturday. This work is to make way for the new carpark at the Ohakune swimming pools. The Ohakune Governance Group are looking for the same goodwill for tip trucks to remove the soil and weeds, then the site will be shaped and metalled, ready for safe off street parking! Photo Jude Chevin.

Restoring Tongariro continued

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Department of Conservation in partnership with Ngāti Hikairo ki Tongariro through the Maunga Ora restoration plan. This investment ensures the work continues and strengthens the long-term resilience of the park.

In making the announcement, Minister Potaka acknowledged the commitment of Ngāti Hikairo ki Tongariro, DOC staff and the wider Ruapehu community who have been working on the ground since the fires. Their partnership is critical to restoring the mauri of this sacred landscape.

This is a practical investment that protects our environment while backing growth and opportunity across our region. Suze Redmayne and I are proud to be part of a National-led Government which is committed to the restoration of Tongariro National Park.

It is an area of global significance by virtue of its World Heritage status, but even more importantly Tongariro is our taonga and restoring its mauri is essential. That is why the National-led Government is committed to securing its long-term future.



New growth coming through at the Tongariro National Park. Photo supplied.

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NEW PRICES

From 1 April 2026, we are changing prices.

The current prices are detailed in the table below alongside the new prices. The FAQs help make pricing a bit clearer.



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Variable price	Current variable price for LFC	New variable price for LFC
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Anytime	-0.0016	-0.0046

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Variable price	Current variable price for LFC	New variable price for LFC
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Anytime	0.0165	0.0172

What are lines charges?

Lines charges pay for the electricity network that delivers electricity to your home or business.

TLC owns and looks after the poles, lines, transformers and systems that carry electricity from the national grid (Transpower) – the larger pylons, to your homes and businesses across our region.

Our role is to make sure the network that delivers power is safe, reliable and available whenever you need it.

If I use less power, do my lines charges decrease?

Even when your electricity use is low, the network still needs to be there – ready to deliver power instantly when you turn something on. Most of the cost of running an electricity network is fixed.

Poles, lines, transformers, safety systems and crews must be maintained year-round so every connection stays safe and reliable.

Your lines charges are your contribution to keeping that shared network available, just like roads or water pipes that must be maintained whether they're used a little or a lot.

Can I choose a different electricity distributor?

No. You can choose a retailer. The Lines Company is not a retailer. We are an electricity distributor.

Like other lines companies across the country, TLC is a natural monopoly. TLC owns the only set of power lines in your area. It wouldn't make sense to build multiple duplicate networks because networks are expensive and complex.

Electricity distributors are regulated by the Commerce Commission and the Electricity Authority. They monitor performance and set revenue rules and quality standards.

Is there a connection between lines charges and electricity use?

There is a limited connection. Even if you use very little electricity, the network must still be maintained so power is available when you need it. Fixed charges ensure the network stays safe, reliable and ready.

Electricity relies on a network of poles, lines, transformers and systems that must be ready to deliver power every minute of the day, even when usage is low. This 'always on' network is what keeps our lights on and our hot water heating when needed.

Electricity networks are similar to other essential networks we rely on every day. Roads don't shrink overnight when fewer cars are using them, and water and wastewater pipes must be maintained whether you use a little or a lot. The electricity network must be built and maintained to support everyone, no matter how much power each household uses.

Lines charges vs electricity

Electricity (the energy you use) is sold by your retailer. **TLC doesn't sell electricity** – we maintain and operate the network that delivers it. Depending on retailer, it is sometimes not easy to see exact lines charges. Scan the QR code for an estimate.



Why do electricity bills include fixed lines charges?

Fixed charges exist because most of the cost of running an electricity network doesn't change with how much electricity you use. The expensive parts – poles, wires, transformers, safety equipment, control systems and the people who maintain them – need to be funded year-round to keep your connection reliable.

What is a pricing code?

It is the category your property is assigned so that charges are applied based on your connection type, capacity and usage pattern. Scan the QR code for details.



CURRENT YEAR - Prices from 1 April 2025 to 31 March 2026

Customer Group	Price Category Code	Customer numbers non-WESCT	Density	Controlled or Uncontrolled	Daily Transmission \$/day	Daily Distribution \$/day	Daily Pass-through \$/day	Daily Delivery \$/day	Peak Distribution \$/kWh	Peak Delivery \$/kWh	Shoulder Distribution \$/kWh	Shoulder Delivery \$/kWh	Off Peak Distribution \$/kWh	Off Peak Delivery \$/kWh	Anytime Distribution \$/kWh	Anytime Delivery \$/kWh	
Residential Time of Use (TOU)	RTLFCCH	2,428	High	Controlled	0.1000	0.6576	-0.0076	0.7500	0.1487	0.1674	0.1272	0.1459	0.0574	0.0574			
	RTLFCCL	334	Low	Controlled	0.1000	0.6576	-0.0076	0.7500	0.2103	0.2290	0.1888	0.2075	0.1190	0.1190			
	RTLFCCHU	934	High	Uncontrolled	0.1000	0.6576	-0.0076	0.7500	0.1737	0.1924	0.1272	0.1459	0.0574	0.0574			
	RTLFCCLU	144	Low	Uncontrolled	0.1000	0.6576	-0.0076	0.7500	0.2353	0.2540	0.1888	0.2075	0.1190	0.1190			
	RTSTDHC	1,841	High	Controlled	0.5063	1.4523	-0.0586	1.9000	0.1150	0.1150	0.0935	0.0935	0.0050	0.0050			
	RTSTDLC	389	Low	Controlled	0.5063	2.8023	-0.0586	3.2500	0.1150	0.1150	0.0935	0.0935	0.0050	0.0050			
	RTSTDHU	825	High	Uncontrolled	0.5063	1.4523	-0.0586	1.9000	0.1400	0.1400	0.0935	0.0935	0.0050	0.0050			
	RTSTDLU	161	Low	Uncontrolled	0.5063	2.8023	-0.0586	3.2500	0.1400	0.1400	0.0935	0.0935	0.0050	0.0050			
	General TOU	GT15HC	210	High	Controlled	0.5063	2.4523	-0.0586	2.9000	0.1150	0.1150	0.1010	0.1010	0.0050	0.0050		
GT15LC		100	Low	Controlled	0.5063	3.3523	-0.0586	3.8000	0.1150	0.1150	0.1010	0.1010	0.0050	0.0050			
GT15HU		920	High	Uncontrolled	0.5063	2.4523	-0.0586	2.9000	0.1400	0.1400	0.1010	0.1010	0.0050	0.0050			
GT15LU		490	Low	Uncontrolled	0.5063	3.3523	-0.0586	3.8000	0.1400	0.1400	0.1010	0.1010	0.0050	0.0050			
GT30HC		71	High	Controlled	1.0125	5.1046	-0.1171	6.0000	0.1150	0.1150	0.0875	0.0875	0.0050	0.0050			
GT30LC		14	Low	Controlled	1.0125	6.6046	-0.1171	7.5000	0.1150	0.1150	0.0875	0.0875	0.0050	0.0050			
GT30HU		168	High	Uncontrolled	1.0125	5.1046	-0.1171	6.0000	0.1400	0.1400	0.0875	0.0875	0.0050	0.0050			
GT30LU		43	Low	Uncontrolled	1.0125	6.6046	-0.1171	7.5000	0.1400	0.1400	0.0875	0.0875	0.0050	0.0050			
GT70H		110	High	n/a	2.3625	12.9108	-0.2733	15.0000	0.1400	0.1400	0.0775	0.0775	0.0050	0.0050			
GT70L		47	Low	n/a	2.3625	15.4108	-0.2733	17.5000	0.1400	0.1400	0.0775	0.0775	0.0050	0.0050			
Temporary Accommodation TOU	TT15HC	1,958	High	Controlled	0.5063	3.1523	-0.0586	3.6000	0.1150	0.1150	0.1010	0.1010	0.0050	0.0050			
	TT15LC	38	Low	Controlled	0.5063	4.3523	-0.0586	4.8000	0.1150	0.1150	0.1010	0.1010	0.0050	0.0050			
	TT15HU	1,102	High	Uncontrolled	0.5063	3.1523	-0.0586	3.6000	0.1400	0.1400	0.1010	0.1010	0.0050	0.0050			
Unmetered Load	UML1	1	n/a	n/a	0.0252	0.1541	-0.0021	0.1772									
	UML2	52	n/a	n/a	0.0653	0.3987	-0.0057	0.4582									
	UML3	7	n/a	n/a	0.1395	0.8431	-0.0125	0.9701									
	UML4	6	n/a	n/a	0.1935	1.1722	-0.0117	1.3540									
	UML5	13	n/a	n/a	0.2813	1.7048	-0.0219	1.9642									
	UML6	2	n/a	n/a	0.3938	2.3809	-0.0286	2.7460									
	UML7	7	n/a	n/a	0.4838	2.9561	-0.0375	3.4024									
	UML9	3	n/a	n/a	0.8100	4.9628	-0.0729	5.6999									
	UML13	1	n/a	n/a	27.0000	164.3993	-2.3945	189.0048									
	UML15	1	n/a	n/a	83.2500	512.7383	-7.2877	588.7006									
Residential Anytime	RNLFCCH	39	High	Controlled	0.1000	0.6576	-0.0076	0.7500							0.1158	0.1307	
	RNLFCCL	9	Low	Controlled	0.1000	0.6576	-0.0076	0.7500							0.1774	0.1923	
	RNLFCCHU	6	High	Uncontrolled	0.1000	0.6576	-0.0076	0.7500							0.1250	0.1399	
	RNLFCCLU	3	Low	Uncontrolled	0.1000	0.6576	-0.0076	0.7500							0.1866	0.2015	
	RNSTDHC	25	High	Controlled	0.5063	1.4523	-0.0586	1.9000							0.0783	0.0783	
	RNSTDLC	6	Low	Controlled	0.5063	2.8023	-0.0586	3.2500							0.0783	0.0783	
General Anytime	RNSTDHU	4	High	Uncontrolled	0.5063	1.4523	-0.0586	1.9000							0.0875	0.0875	
	RNSTDLU	1	Low	Uncontrolled	0.5063	2.8023	-0.0586	3.2500							0.0875	0.0875	
	GN15HC	7	High	Controlled	0.5063	2.4523	-0.0586	2.9000							0.0810	0.0810	
	GN15LC	1	Low	Controlled	0.5063	3.3523	-0.0586	3.8000							0.0810	0.0810	
	GN15HU	27	High	Uncontrolled	0.5063	2.4523	-0.0586	2.9000							0.0902	0.0902	
	GN15LU	13	Low	Uncontrolled	0.5063	3.3523	-0.0586	3.8000							0.0902	0.0902	
	GN30HC	1	High	Controlled	1.0125	5.1046	-0.1171	6.0000							0.0761	0.0761	
Temporary Accommodation Anytime	GN30HU	10	High	Uncontrolled	1.0125	5.1046	-0.1171	6.0000							0.0853	0.0853	
	GN70H	8	High	n/a	2.3625	12.9108	-0.2733	15.0000							0.0816	0.0816	
	TN15HC	7	High	Controlled	0.5063	3.1523	-0.0586	3.6000							0.0810	0.0810	
TN15LC	1	Low	Controlled	0.5063	4.3523	-0.0586	4.8000							0.0810	0.0810		
TN15HU	1	High	Uncontrolled	0.5063	3.1523	-0.0586	3.6000							0.0902	0.0902		
TN15LU	#N/A	Low	Uncontrolled	0.5063	4.3523	-0.0586	4.8000							0.0902	0.0902		

COMING YEAR - Prices from 1 April 2026 to 31 March 2027

Daily Transmission \$/day	Daily Distribution \$/day	Daily Pass-through \$/day	Daily Delivery \$/day	Peak Distribution \$/kWh	Peak Delivery \$/kWh	Shoulder Distribution \$/kWh	Shoulder Delivery \$/kWh	Off Peak Distribution \$/kWh	Off Peak Delivery \$/kWh	Anytime Distribution \$/kWh	Anytime Delivery \$/kWh	Peak Winter Injection Payment \$/kWh*
0.1011	0.8127	-0.0138	0.9000	0.1602	0.1768	0.1407	0.1573	0.0618	0.0618			-0.0460
0.1011	0.8127	-0.0138	0.9000	0.2195	0.2361	0.2000	0.2166	0.1211	0.1211			-0.0460
0.1011	0.8127	-0.0138	0.9000	0.1852	0.2018	0.1407	0.1573	0.0618	0.0618			-0.0460
0.1011	0.8127	-0.0138	0.9000	0.2445	0.2611	0.2000	0.2166	0.1211	0.1211			-0.0460
0.5113	1.8076	-0.1189	2.2000	0.1175	0.1175	0.0980	0.0980	0.0025	0.0025			-0.0460
0.5113	3.1076	-0.1189	3.5000	0.1175	0.1175	0.0980	0.0980	0.0025	0.0025			-0.0460
0.5113	1.8076	-0.1189	2.2000	0.1425	0.1425	0.0980	0.0980	0.0025	0.0025			-0.0460
0.5113	3.1076	-0.1189	3.5000	0.1425	0.1425	0.0980	0.0980	0.0025	0.0025			-0.0460
0.5521	2.9263	-0.1284	3.3500	0.1175	0.1175	0.1060	0.1060	0.0025	0.0025			-0.0460
0.5521	3.8763	-0.1284	4.3000	0.1175	0.1175	0.1060	0.1060	0.0025	0.0025			-0.0460
0.5521	2.9263	-0.1284	3.3500	0.1425	0.1425	0.1060	0.1060	0.0025	0.0025			-0.0460
0.5521	3.8763	-0.1284	4.3000	0.1425	0.1425	0.1060	0.1060	0.0025	0.0025			-0.0460
1.5384	5.9193	-0.3577	7.1000	0.1175	0.1175	0.0915	0.0915	0.0025	0.0025			-0.0460
1.5384	7.6193	-0.3577	8.8000	0.1175	0.1175	0.0915	0.0915	0.0025	0.0025			-0.0460
1.5384	5.9193	-0.3577	7.1000	0.1425	0.1425	0.0915	0.0915	0.0025	0.0025			-0.0460
1.5384	7.6193	-0.3577	8.8000	0.1425	0.1425	0.0915	0.0915	0.0025	0.0025			-0.0460</

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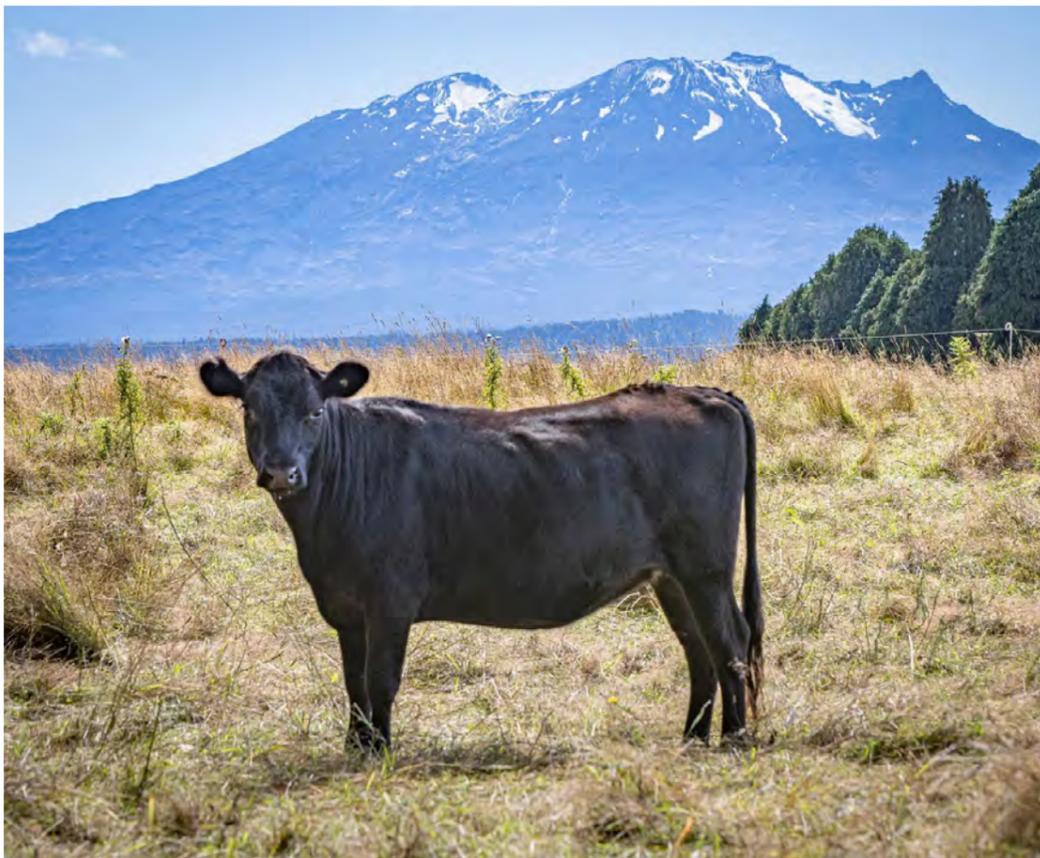
Ruapehu Lowline Angus – “Once you taste it, you’ll understand”

By Kate Hartmann

Remember when beef was juicy and tender and wasn't sourced from hundreds of kilometres away? The quality of the meat just seemed superior. The local community now has an alternative, better way to buy beef. Ruapehu Lowline Angus manages around 100 animals, grazing on farms around Raetihi, living a quality life with minimal environmental footprint.

The Lowline Angus was bred from the Aberdeen Angus in Australia, with the goal of producing a smaller, superior-quality beast that requires less feed, thereby lowering its environmental impact. The Ruapehu Lowline Angus breed is a cross between a purebred Lowline Angus and a purebred Jersey. Crossing these two breeds creates a hybrid animal, well-suited to our region and producing one of the best beef meats in the world.

Ruapehu Lowline Angus beef is celebrated for its rich, succulent flavour that is both robust and well-balanced with consistently tender cuts of meat. The natural grazing habits of the cattle contribute to the development of a distinctive, full-bodied flavour profile. The well-distributed marbling enhances the tenderness of the meat, ensuring a juicy, mouth-watering texture with every bite.



A Lowline Angus x Jersey cow, enjoying the clear skies in Ruapehu.

One of the key factors in producing top-quality meat is ensuring that the animals' welfare is at the forefront. With a background as a veterinarian, Dr Rene Haerberli, Director of Ruapehu Lowline Angus, ensures the animals live stress-free lives. Transportation times are minimised, and they are driven gently and on familiar trucks when the time comes to be delivered to the abattoir.

In addition to their range of beef cuts, Ruapehu Lowline Angus also offers a selection of ready-made products including lasagnas, pulled brisket and a range of pies.

Ruapehu residents – or anyone anywhere in New Zealand – can order quality beef cuts directly from the website and have them delivered to the door. Speciality cuts of beef can also be arranged on request.

Letters

TLC's new prices

• TLC's advert for their new prices is a challenge, eh? 800 tiny prices to compare, all to a hundredth of a cent. Oh, to have had them on a spreadsheet!

And those strange code letters! Most of us are RT-LFC-HC, Residents with Techie meters, Low but FreCwent (sic) users, in a High density area and with Controlled water heating. And almost as many are RT-STD-HC, townies with STandarD (sic) power use of 8000 or more units a year.

We low usage townies have our connection charges increasing by 20%, for an extra \$124 annually including GST, while our power delivery prices go up 7%, about another \$140 extra a year for those without solar panels.

Low usage rural residents will have the same connection charge increase of \$124 annually, but all their delivery charges are 50% higher than for those in town and they will pay an average 43 cents just to have one unit of power delivered as well as paying more to the power retailer.

For townies using more than 8000 units, connection charges will cost them nearly \$1850 for the year.

And connection charges for rural residents using more than 8000 units of power will be about \$3000 a year, while those people with holiday houses in the country will pay \$4200.

The owners of holiday houses in our towns will pay nearly \$3300 a year to stay connected. A holiday house relocated to Miro Street is now saving its owner about \$3000 a year because it was never connected to the mains there and has been powered by solar panels and gas for the last 15 years.

Most NZ banks now give low-interest loans for solar power installations, so it may be a good time to get solar panels on your roof. In summer we sell our extra kilowatts to Ecotricity for 17 cents a kWh, and that pays for most of the power we buy from them in winter for 20 cents.

John Archer, Ohakune

Deadline for all advertising bookings and copy is 5pm Fridays!

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PUBLIC NOTICES



Ruapehu Mayor Weston Kirton
To arrange a meeting or call back please phone Council on 06 385 8364 or email: kay.kidd@ruapehudc.govt.nz



PUBLIC NOTICES

Section 101, Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act 2012 Big Mountain Drinks Limited (formerly known as Ohakune Brewers Limited) have made an application to the District Licensing Committee at Ruapehu District Council for the **Renewal of an Off Licence** in respect of the premises situated at **19 Goldfinch Street, Ohakune** and known as **Big Mountain Mead/Ohakune Brewers**. The general nature of the business to be conducted under the licence is that of a **Bottle Store**. The days on which and the hours during which alcohol is intended to be sold under the licence are: **Monday to Sunday – 12.00pm – 9.00pm**.

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 second publication of this notice. The first notice was published on 18 February 2026.

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Opera at Taihape
La Bohème (Puccini)
Thursday 5 March - 4pm
Taihape Majestic Theatre
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PUBLIC NOTICES

Ruapehu Junior Rugby Club AGM
Tuesday 3 March 7.30pm
at Raetihi Rugby Clubrooms
Position that need to be filled are:
President
Vice President
Secretary
Treasurer
JAB Delegate
SNR Club Delegate
Registration Administrator
Equipment/Grounds Manager
For more information please email ruapehujnrugby@gmail.com



Advisory Notice
Exercise Bayonet Walk
The Combat School, Land Operations Training Centre, New Zealand Army, will be conducting Exercise Bayonet Walk from Saturday 7 March until Sunday 14 March 2026.
The exercise will be based in and around Kaimanawa Forest Park.
The exercise will involve up to 30+ soldiers. Personnel will be operating by vehicle and on foot, carrying weapons as part of their training. Blank firing will occur.
Members of the public should not be alarmed by the presence of military personnel or vehicle movement during this period. All activities are conducted in accordance with New Zealand Defence Force safety procedures. NZ Police and DOC have been informed of the activity.
For further information, please contact:
Wing Sergeant Major
WO2 Matt Wade
Combat School, Waiouru Military Camp,
Ruapehu Rd, Waiouru, NZ
021 2977249

PUBLIC NOTICES

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For more information, visit www.businessmentors.org.nz or contact 0800 209 209.

Hurry! Applications close 11:59pm on Saturday 28 February 2026.

Terms and conditions apply.



Ruapehu District Council
Te Kaunihera-ā-Rohe o Ruapehu
Boards and Committees
UPCOMING MEETING DATES

Agendas are published on our Public Portal two working days before each scheduled meeting.

To speak at our Public Forum and share your thoughts directly with Elected Members, please contact our Governance team at governance@ruapehudc.govt.nz.

Taumarunui - Ōhura Community Board
5PM, Thursday 5 March 2026
Council Chambers, Huia Street, Taumarunui

Waimarino-Waiouru Community Board
5:30PM, Thursday 12 March 2026
Council Chambers, Ayr Street, Ohakune

Ōwhango-National Park Community Board
5:30PM, Tuesday 17 March 2026
Central Plateau Emergency Management Centre, Te Whare Whakaora o Waimarino, Waimarino (National Park)

Risk & Assurance Committee
11AM, Thursday 19 March 2026
Council Chambers, Huia Street, Taumarunui

Ruapehu District Council
10AM, Wednesday 25 March 2026
Council Chambers, Ayr Street, Ohakune

MEETING CONTACTS

Ruapehu District Council	07 895 8188
Taumarunui-Ōhura Community Board	
Molly Jeffries, Chairperson	021 431 833
Ōwhango-National Park Community Board	
Peter Zimmer, Chairperson	027 479 1926
Waimarino-Waiouru Community Board	
John (Luigi) Hotter, Chairperson	027 274 2616
Risk & Assurance Committee	
Philip Jones, Chairperson	027 499 9408
Governance	
governance@ruapehudc.govt.nz	

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SITUATIONS VACANT



Centre Manager Position

Nancy Winter Early Childhood Centre is recruiting for a new Centre Manager.

Enquiries to nancywintercentre@xtra.co.nz by 23.03.2026.



Class 5 Truck Drivers

Jilesen Group Ltd require Class 5 Truck Drivers to join the Transport Division Team based at our Taumarunui branch.

Jilesen Group is a well-established family business which specialises in civil roading and forestry construction and maintenance. The company also supplies and delivers product from its Quarry operations around the Central North Island.

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- Experienced driving on rural roads
- Able to self-load when required
- Physically fit and self-motivated
- A team player with a can-do attitude
- Be drug free
- Implement the company's Health and Safety policies and procedures
- Currently living in and have the right to work in NZ

Please email your CV and covering letter to info@jilesen.co.nz

For further information, you can contact the Jilesen Group office on 07 895 6251.

PUBLIC NOTICES

TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE – RAETIHI GUT BUSTER 2026

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

Event: Raetihi Gut Buster 2026
Road: Seddon Street, Raetihi - between Duncan Street and Ballance Street
Date: Saturday 18 April 2026
Time: 08:00am to 16:00pm (4pm)

Detour available: Via Duncan Street, Queen Street and Ballance Street

The above road closure is provisional pending regulatory approval of the Traffic Management Plan. The Raetihi Promotions Charitable Trust does not anticipate any changes.

Any person wishing to object to the proposal is invited to lodge their objection, including the grounds for it, in writing no later than 4.00pm on Friday, 28 March 2026. Objections may be delivered to the Office of the Council, posted to Ruapehu District Council, Private Bag 1001, Taumarunui 3946 or emailed to info@ruapehudc.govt.nz

Opera at the Majestic Theatre - Taihape



The 109 year old Majestic Theatre in Taihape.

By Kate Hartmann

The Metropolitan Opera's award-winning series (2025-26) is set to screen at the historic Majestic Theatre in Taihape over the coming months. The present purpose-built Theatre is a much-loved asset in Taihape and the wider community and was opened in 1917 and registered under the Historic Places Act 1993.

The Majestic Theatre, a charitable trust with a team of dedicated volunteers, has been screening Met Operas for around 20 years. The beautiful historic surrounds of the theatre, combined with high-definition picture and sound quality and amazing costumes and sets ensures a delightful viewing experience. Viewers can expect a full three hours plus of entertainment with built in intermissions including special interviews and behind the scenes footage.

The Opera season will commence with Puccini's La Bohème on Thursday 5th March 2026. With its enchanting setting and spellbinding score, La Bohème, the world's most popular opera, is as timeless as it is heartbreaking. The touching and tragic story of young lovers Mimì and Rodolfo and their bohemian friends, Franco Zeffirelli's picture-perfect

production brings 19th-century Paris to the Met stage. Sopranos Juliana Grigoryan, Angel Blue, and Aleksandra Kurzak trade off as the feeble seamstress Mimì, opposite tenors Freddie De Tommaso, Stephen Costello, Adam Smith, and Long Long as the ardent poet Rodolfo.

The full Opera Season is as follows:
LA BOHÈME (Puccini), 4pm Thursday 5th March 2026

ARABELLA (Strauss), 4pm Thursday 26th March 2026

ANDREA CHÉNIER (Giordano), 4pm Thursday 23rd April 2026

I PURITANI (Bellini), 4pm Thursday 21st May 2026

TRISTAN UND ISOLDE (Wagner), 4pm Thursday 25th June 2026

EUGENE ONEGIN (Tchaikovsky), 4pm Thursday 23rd July 2026

EL ÚLTIMO SUEÑO DE FRIDAY, DIEGO (Gabriela Lena Frank – Libretto by Nilo Cruz), 4pm Thursday 27th August 2026. Tea and coffee are available and a shared plate can be brought in.

Opera prices: Adults - \$34 Seniors/Student - \$29. Please contact the theatre directly for pre-sales.

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SUNDAY
1 MARCH
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Transpower, the owner and operator of the national grid, along with your local lines companies Powerco and The Lines Company, is carrying out important maintenance at the Ohakune substation and its connecting lines.

For this work to be completed safely and quickly, the substation has to be turned off.

We know there is never a good time to be without power and apologise for the inconvenience this may cause. We have worked with Powerco and The Lines Company to find a time and date that is least inconvenient.

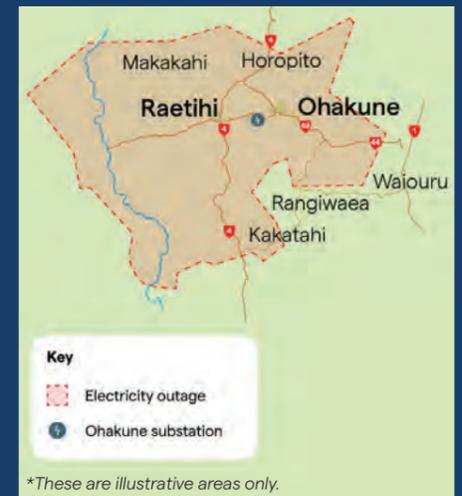
The map here shows areas likely to be affected by this outage, and your power retailer should notify you to confirm if your power will be affected.

Preparing for the power outage

Making sure you're prepared for a power outage can be a huge help. For some useful tips, visit transpower.co.nz/plannedoutages

Contact us

Email us at communications@transpower.co.nz or phone **04 590 7000** for more information. You can also call your power retailer.



*These are illustrative areas only.

Ruapehu Funders Forum



Looking for funding for your project or organisation?

The Funders Forum brings key funders together in one place to help you understand what they're looking for – and maximise application success.

- Hear directly from funders about priorities and criteria
- Understand how funding decisions are made
- Ask questions about eligibility and timelines
- Build relationships that strengthen funding applications

Monday 2 March - 10am to 3.30pm

Powderhorn, 194 Mangawhero Terrace, Ohakune

Tuesday 3 March - 10am to 3.30pm

RSA, 10 Marae Street, Taumarunui

Queries: call Kim Treen 027 506 3141



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A&P Show – the Perfect Day, the Perfect Show



The new mullet competition was a hit at the show. Winner of the 0-12 years category, Flynn MacLeod, middle, is pictured with judge Councillor Rabbit Nottage, best overall winner Cooper Brunett and other entrants. Photo Alex Pearce



Wood chopping, always a great spectacle. Photo Jody Millham



Jo Hiscox, winner of the miniature decorative dahlias. Photo Alex Pearce



Brandt Tractor little dog race winner. Photo Alex Pearce



Kids art on show in the Jon Preston Pavilion. Photo Jody Millham



Campbell Harding driving the kids in circles. Photo Jody Millham

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