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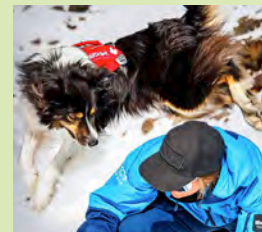
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Ohakune's response to water cut prompts community Kirton thanks

Ruapehu's mayor Weston Kirton has acknowledged the disruption caused by Ohakune's recent water supply emergency while praising the extraordinary community-wide effort to support the town and safely restore its water supply.

This follows Ohakune running out of water after earthquake damage to the raw water main feeding the treatment plant, with the town out of water from Sunday morning, 9 August, until Tuesday evening, 11 August.

Numerous residents, as well as a councillor based in Raetihi, have demanded answers as to how the disruption was caused and criticising the response.

"This was an extremely difficult event for Ohakune, and I want to thank everyone for their patience and understanding," said Kirton.

"The response was a massive undertaking involving Council's water and Civil Defence teams, Veolia, regional Civil Defence staff, Ngāti Rangi, partner agencies, elected members, volunteers and many others.

"The many people who stepped forward to distribute water, support residents, share information and help wherever they could demonstrated the strength and resilience of the Ohakune community."

As well as the Ohakune volunteers, others stepped in, including a group of about 15 Raetihi residents who helped distribute printed boil water notices on Tuesday.

Kirton said the messages of encouragement and support posted on social media had been greatly appreciated by responders.

"Many of the people involved worked extremely long hours under very difficult circumstances during both the response and recovery," he said.

"Knowing that their efforts were recognised and supported by the community meant a great deal to them."

Thorough review

Kirton noted that, as with any emergency event, Council would undertake a thorough review of the response to identify lessons and opportunities for improvement.

"This review is about learning from what happened and ensuring we are better prepared for future events," he said.

"We need to understand what worked well, where improvements can be made and what further safeguards may be practical."

Kirton added that RDC also needs to find a fair and sustainable funding solution for critical projects such as replacing the raw water pipeline.

"Previous funding programmes such as the Tourism Infrastructure Fund, which helped smaller councils meet infrastructure pressures created by high visitor numbers, are no longer available," he said.

"It is unreasonable to expect our relatively small number of water users to carry the full cost of infrastructure needed to service a major visitor destination such as Ohakune.

"Our immediate focus has been on restoring the water supply safely.

"The next step is to learn from this event, strengthen the resilience of the network and pursue the investment needed to provide Ohakune with a more secure water supply for the future."



Ruapehu's mayor Weston Kirton at the Ohakune Water Treatment Plant. He said that the next step is to learn from the recent event, strengthen the resilience of the network and pursue the investment needed to provide Ohakune with a more secure water supply for the future. Photo: RDC.

Sod turned for Waiouru playground

The first sod was turned for the Waiouru Playground project at the reserve adjacent to the Waiouru Police Station on Thursday – a project almost 10 years in the making. The project will cost around \$300,000, with most of the funds coming from outside sources to add to the allocation from the Ruapehu District Council, plus staff time. Earlier consultation involved choosing a site, with several locations mooted. From left, is W02 Paul Tamatea, RDC councillor Rabbit Nottage, community board member Colin Pakai, and Waiouru Policeman Shane Rowland. Photo: RDC.



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Critical time for future of Raetihi's Royal

In 2022 when the Theatre Royal (Waimarino) Charitable Trust reformed, following the closure of the Phoenix players group it set out to refurbish and redecorate the Theatre to bring it back to her former glory.

With over \$250,000 raised, the work has involved reinstating the gents toilets after being out of action for 18 years; repair the roof to stop the leak that had been in place for over 20 years; an unexpected repair was the complete rebuild of the stairs after it was found they'd been built using untreated timber, which had rotted through.

Lighting was completed in the lobby where previously there had only been bare wires and the addition of lights in the entrance and on the balcony to illuminate the top of the theatre at night. The building has been made watertight, including two emergency repairs when two parts of the internal gutter collapsed.

A 7.5 metre x 3.5 metre screen was added in 2023, with assistance from a local farmer Gavin Brown, the saw mill on Ameku Road and Graeme Moffatt, who has been a significant help in getting the theatre set to play movies. With a top-of-the-range projector and surround sound system, the quality of movies surprises many when they see them, though sometimes the older



The Royal Theatre in Raetihi – looking the best it has for many years – but its future is still not certain. Photo: Theatre Trust.

movies don't always have the best quality soundtrack.

Along with use by the College on a number of occasions for production and rock nights, comedy nights and live bands, the Trust has tried to provide a range of entertainment.

In the last year the auditorium was upgraded at a cost of \$100,000, with insulation added, new lighting and a new colour scheme, so many are surprised by how warm the place is now, after attending the Phoenix Players productions for 20 years.

All this work has used local suppliers where pos-

sible, with the work of the trust in the background.

This week on Thursday 20 August, from 6pm is the Theatre Royal (Waimarino) Charitable Trust AGM.

“We are seeking the community’s support to come along, see what has been done and provide their ideas of how the theatre can be better used,” says chair Gary Griffin-Chappel.

“This is a crucial AGM since the numbers on the Trust and volunteers have dwindled in number in recent times and without more support there is a possibility the Trust will fold.

“This could then mean that despite all the work done to bring it up to a better standard, the theatre itself has to close. This will be quite sad as you can imagine after all the work that has been done, but potentially a sign of the times.”

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Decrease in Ruapehu volcanic tremor

Since the last Volcanic Activity Bulletin on 3 August, volcanic tremor at Mt Ruapehu has decreased from moderate to weak levels, reports GNS.

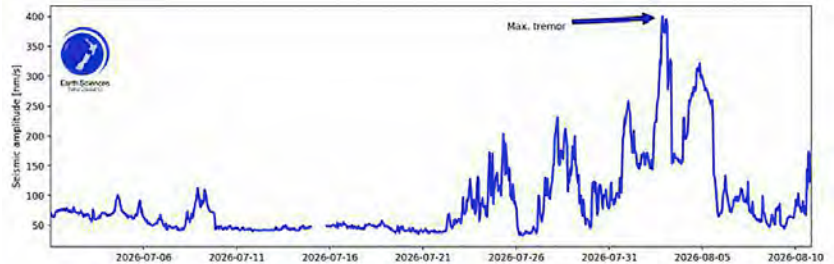
There has been minimal change in measured gas emissions as well as the temperature of Te Wai ā-moe (Ruapehu Crater Lake). Volcanic activity remains within the range typical for minor unrest. The Volcanic Alert Level therefore remains at Level 1, stated Oliver Lamb, duty volcanologist.

“After reaching peak levels on 2 August, tremor intensity at Ruapehu has returned

to weak levels. No minor low-magnitude earthquakes have been detected beneath the volcano,” says Lamb.

Te Wai ā-moe temperatures decreased slightly to ~20°C but have remained well within values observed since the start of 2026.

A gas flight was conducted over the volcano, finding reduced levels of sulphur dioxide (SO₂) and carbon dioxide (CO₂) since early July. Persistent upwelling was clearly visible at the lake surface during the flight, with some sulphur slicks observed.



Level of seismic tremor as measured by seismometer on Ruapehu from 1 July to 10 August 2026.

Rail safety puts trainspotting in vogue

KiwiRail and TrackSAFE are leaning into the worlds of trainspotting and fashion to inspire safer behaviour around level crossings as Rail Safety Week begins.

“We’ve launched a new campaign calling on motorists and pedestrians to “be a trainspotter when you cross,” KiwiRail chief executive Peter Reidy says.

“The trainspotting community gets it right when they wait, watch for, and anticipate the arrival of a train, and that’s the kind of positive behaviour we want to promote.”

TrackSAFE NZ Foundation manager Megan Drayton says the campaign, which draws on the world of fashion, is designed to stand out and make rail safety feel achievable.

“Safety campaigns often rely on warnings and consequences to capture attention.

This year we’ve taken a different approach and we’re celebrating the behaviour we want to see.

“The essential look when you cross is to check for trains. Whether you’re driving, walking or cycling – be a trainspotter when you cross. Make it a memorable moment by looking and noticing, because that moment matters.”

There were 11 collisions between pedestrians or vehicles and trains at level crossings in the year to 30 June, down from 18 collisions for the previous year.

“While it’s positive to see the total number of collisions decrease, it is still 11 collisions too many,” says Drayton.

“Concerningly, nine of the collisions occurred at level crossings where flashing

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Ruapehu Events & What's On

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Child, Adolescent and Sexual Health Nurse – 06-385-5019

Child Youth and Family Service – 0508-326 459

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Civil Defence – Simon Osborne, Emergency Management Officer (EMO), RDC – 07 895 8188, or 027 220 0569. Simon. Osborne@ruapehudc.govt.nz

CLAW community free legal advice: Whanganui 06-348-8288, 0800 00 36 36

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Information Centres – Ohakune 0800 647 483, Raetihi 06-385-4805

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Ruapehu services survey replies top 4000

By Moana Ellis, Local Democracy Reporter

More than 4000 people have had their say on which services Ruapehu District Council should continue providing.

Community and recreational facilities – including reserves, halls, public toilets, swimming pools and trails – emerged as the area people cared about most in 4055 individual survey responses across 11 service areas.

The survey is part of a council review that aims to identify where services could be maintained, changed, reduced or stopped to help keep rates affordable, and comes ahead of the Government's plan to cap rates.

Ruapehu's mayor Weston Kirton said financial pressures meant the council could not continue to provide every service at its current level indefinitely.

"With rising costs, the loss of water services income and significant local government reforms, we will not be able to continue providing every service at its current level within a future rates cap."

Rubbish and recycling received the second-highest response behind community and recreational facilities, followed by libraries, communications and roading.

Other areas covered were environmental sustainability, tourism and visitor services, community and business development, economic development, youth develop-



ment, and policy and strategy.

Kirton said the response was a strong result and thanked residents for taking part.

"This is the first time council has reviewed every service we provide in this level of detail," he said.

The review asked residents not only what services they valued, but whether council should be involved in providing them at all and, if so, at what level.

Rates were already too high for many residents, while water costs under the new water entity with Whanganui were expected to rise significantly in coming years, he said.

The council is now costing different service-level options based on the feedback and trade-offs people said they would consider.

Those options will go back to the community in October, ahead of decisions on the services to be included in the council's 2027-2037 Long-Term Plan.

"Our goal is to strike the right balance between keeping rates affordable and providing services that our communities genuinely value," Kirton said.

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Rubbish and recycling received the second-highest response to a survey asking which services Ruapehu District Council should keep providing. Photo: RDC.



Raetihi Marae will not be available for functions until the New Year, but the Trust promises a much-improved facility once work is complete. Photo: Raetihi Marae Trust.

Raetihi Marae to close for major upgrade

The Raetihi Marae is to close temporarily, while a new ablution block is constructed, the Marae Trustees have announced.

The Marae will be closed from 31 August to 31 December.

The Marae Trust has secured funding through the Department of Internal Affairs' Oranga Marae programme, to construct the new ablution block.

"This investment represents an important step in enhancing the facilities at our marae and ensuring they remain safe, accessible and fit for purpose for future generations," says trust chair Brendan Morgan.

The Trust says that, following careful consideration, they resolved to temporarily close the marae to allow the construction project to proceed safely and efficiently.

The closure coincides with the work being carried out on the rebuilding of the Temple.

"The existing ablution block will be fully demolished and rebuilt. As essential services, including the water supply, will be disconnected throughout much of the project, it will not be possible to safely host any activities, events or gatherings on site,"

explained Morgan.

"The decision to close the marae was not made lightly.

"However, the Trustees believe that a full closure is the most practical and responsible option, enabling contractors to complete the work without interruption while ensuring the safety of whānau, visitors and workers."

All individuals and groups with bookings during the closure period have been contacted directly.

"We acknowledge that this may cause disappointment or inconvenience for some whānau and organisations, and we sincerely appreciate everyone's understanding and support as we undertake this significant improvement project.

"We look forward to reopening our doors in early 2027 and welcoming our whānau home to celebrate the completion of this important upgrade and the opening of our new ablution facilities."

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Letters

We don't know how lucky we are, boys...

• I'm writing in praise of RDC's response to this week's water stoppage. The entire event is a striking reminder of how precious fresh, flowing water is. We appreciate it most, when it's gone.

The *Bulletin's* front page article (12 August 2026) details the story of how the fault occurred and the timeline of steps taken to address the problem. It was 'step by step' for those who seek this detail and of course, if one wants to find fault, they'll find it.

"I didn't know there was a problem until my water ran out."

This is a tricky one isn't it? Regardless of the media used to advise a problem, not everyone will see it immediately anyway. The learning then, is we must take individual responsibility and prepare for calamity initially, develop resilience and stop grizzling.

This is National Emergency Management Agency/Civil Defence's tireless message. Have you got stored water for three days? Non-perishable food? Can you cook? And so on.

I think the RDC/Veolia led response was well rehearsed, co-ordinated and decisive. They've just gotten on with fixing the problem. Portaloo and free potable water provided throughout town.

RDC/CD's comprehensive communications plan went into action immediately. It included their website, social media, an email, letterbox drop and two loud emergency 'boil water' phone alerts, one at 5.37am and another at 3.37am.

My loss of beauty sleep didn't matter. I received important updates not relying on any single media alone.

Further, I appreciated Council's caution about water quality once it was restored. No-one wants a gastro bug while we wait for the 'all clear now' message. Again, well done to all involved.

I'm reminded of past travels to countries where flowing (un/treated?) tap/well water is for one hour a day only! We don't know how lucky we are.

Greg Walton

Refill containers

• What is wrong with so many Ohakune people that the Council had to waste our rates money handing out containers of water to them? Too many times when I have gone to the supermarket I've seen people walking out with \$4.90 5-litre plastic containers pre-filled with 9 cents of tap-water. And on too many Mondays I've seen those expensive tap-water containers in the

roadside blue bins waiting for the rubbish truck. That's like buying another new car pre-filled with petrol every time the petrol tank shows E on your last car. Derr!

For more than a decade, I have been refilling all the 3-litre PET fruit juice containers we buy and any tap-water containers that visitors leave here with water from our kitchen sink. Then I've been storing them away for inevitable occasions like last weekend. I refill them every couple of years to make sure the water is still potable.

I thought almost everybody did this.

So please refill (and date) all those expensive water containers given to you, because the Council does not have the money for new pipes, and there are going to be more big earthquakes.

I hope we don't see any of those expensive rates-money water containers in next week's roadside rubbish bins.

John Archer

Serving Jesus, Mammon or Molech?

• I did find Ben Michell's letter (12 August) rather contradictory when in his first sentence he claimed to be a follower of Jesus.

As most of us know, Jesus told his followers that the first and greatest commandment was to love God with their whole mind, heart and soul, and care for others just as we care about ourselves.

Then in his second sentence Mr Mitchell mindlessly and heartlessly tells us he does not care about the effect of the now-unstoppable global climate meltdown that has given our baby grandchildren a life expectancy of about 30 years in a hell on Earth.

And he claims we can eat all animals because Genesis 1:26 tells humans to rule over them. Queen Elizabeth ruled over us for seven decades, without eating a single one of us. I would suggest he reads Gen:29 — "every seed-bearing plant ... will be yours for food."

But I do wholeheartedly agree with him that global warming is big business. More than 8000 tankers now carry 2 billion tonnes of oil a year to keep a billion vehicles moving and 15 thousand aircraft flying at all times, helping to add another 110 million tonnes of heat-trapping carbon gases to the atmosphere every day. And every \$100 you spend at the supermarket, instead of growing your own food, adds another 25kg.

So, many billions of consumers are thus serving Mammon (and Molech) instead of the biblical God that most Christianity is now straight hypocrisy.

John Archer

Rescue chopper makes 235 missions in 6 months



Rescue chopper Pilot Jase, Air Crew Officer and paramedic Bondy and Critical Care Flight Paramedic JK. Photo supplied.

From January to June this year, the Greenlea Rescue Helicopter already carried out 235 missions. That's an average of almost one mission every 18 hours across the Central Plateau and Lakes regions.

In the first six months of 2026, the Greenlea Rescue Helicopter has attended: 113 Inter-hospital transfers; 54 rural and farm missions; 40 miscellaneous missions; 9 medical missions; 18 motor vehicle accidents; 1 rescue mission.

Sharni Weir, head of fundraising and marketing at Philips Search & Rescue Trust, says: "Looking at the number and variety of missions carried out over the past six months, it's a powerful reminder that emergencies truly can happen to anyone. Those statistics reinforce just how essential the rescue helicopter is to the region, not only for patients, but also their families, loved ones and community."

Among these missions was a man in January, who suffered serious injuries following a kayaking incident. Due to the unstable nature of his injuries and the remote location where the incident took place, the Greenlea Rescue Helicopter was immediately dispatched. The rescue crew was able to fly directly to the patient to administer critical care before stabilising him for transport to Rotorua Hospital.

"The summer months are typically a busy period for the Greenlea Rescue Helicopter. As more people head outside to enjoy the warmer weather, unexpected incidents like these often increase. The Greenlea Rescue Helicopter remains operational 24/7, 365 days a year, so that when unexpected incidents like these occur, they can be there," says Weir.

Then, in March, a woman began to experience

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THE WEEKLY WORKOUT

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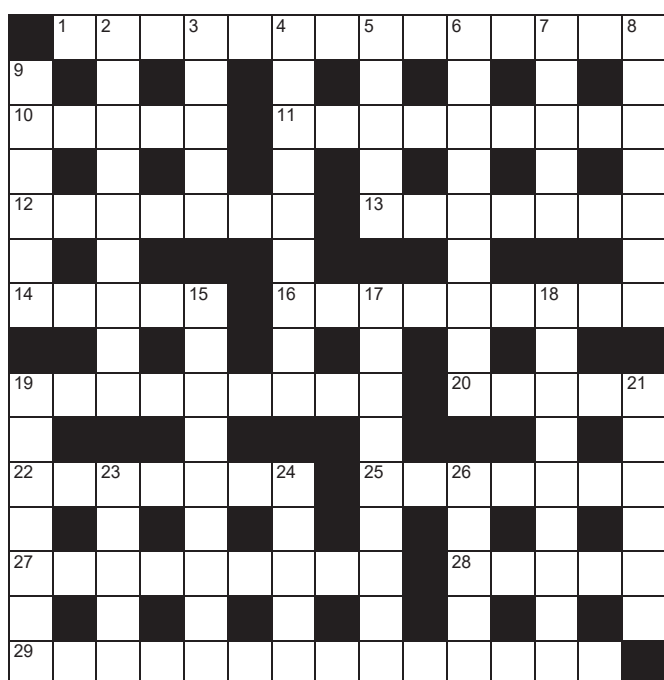
QUICK CROSSWORD

Across

- The pick of the bunch (5,2,2,5)
- Hold on (5)
- Tanzanian national park (9)
- Partially cover (7)
- North African chili paste (7)
- Acute (5)
- Adorn (9)
- Protected (9)
- State of disgrace (5)
- Heartless (7)
- Immediate (7)
- Unwilling (9)
- Banish (5)
- Discerning (14)

Down

- Say again (9)
- Tycoon (5)
- Vanish (9)
- Stagger (5)
- Lowest female voice (9)
- 50/50 (5)
- Tombstone inscription (7)
- From one side to the other (6)
- Police vehicle (6,3)



- Racquet sport (9)
- Mimicry (9)
- Fastened (7)
- Tangled (6)
- Slumps (5)
- Large group of insects (5)
- Fragrance (5)



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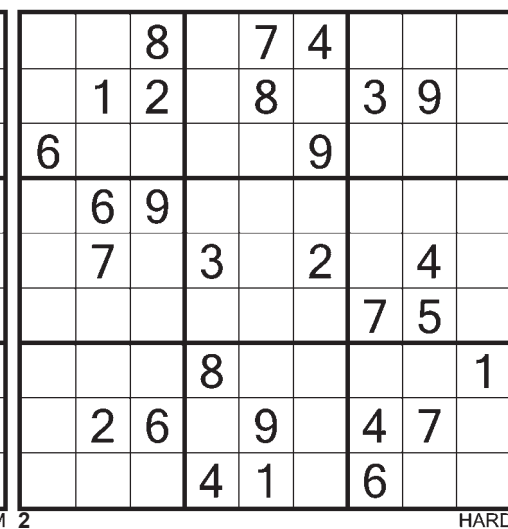
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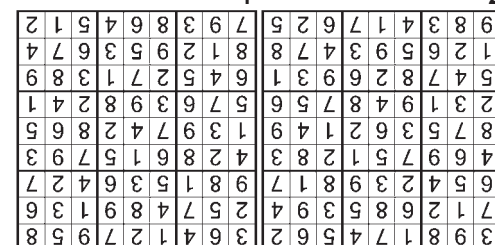
The Top 10

- The Routeburn walking track is in which New Zealand national park?
- Which Nordic capital is also the name of a syndrome?
- The New Zealand bulrush is commonly called ...?
- Bell metal is an alloy of copper and which other metal?
- Which rugby league team did Sonny Bill Williams play for in 2013 and 2014?
- Is scagliola a disease of the skin, a dish including mushrooms and peppers, or imitation marble?
- Which French painter is famous for his scenes of Tahiti?
- Which New Zealand band changed its name after the 2001 attack on the World Trade Centre?
- Which acid is found in nettle stings?
- Which opera is set in Catfish Row?

CROSSWORD

Across: 1. Crème de la crème, 10. Cling, 11. Serengeti, 12. Overlap, 13. Harissa, 14. Sharp, 16. Embellish, 19. Sheltered, 20. Odium, 22. Callous, 25. Instant, 27. Reluctant, 28. Exile, 29. Discriminating.
Down: 2. Reiterate, 3. Mogul, 4. Disappear, 5. Lurch, 6. Contralto, 7. Evens, 8. Eptidaph, 9. Across, 15. Patrol car, 17. Badminton, 18. Imitation, 19. Secured, 21. Matted, 23. Lolls, 24. Swarm, 26. Scent.

SUDOKU



THE TOP 10

1 Mount Aspiring, 2 Stockholm, 3 Raupo, 4 Tin, 5 Sydney Roosters, 6 Imitation marble, 7 Gauguin, 8 Shihad, 9 Formic (or methanolic), 10 Forgy and Bess.

Ohakune water issue 'not a simple fix'

A number of important issues have been raised in the media and on social media, says Ruapehu District Council civil defence controller Vini Dutra.

"Some of his comments do not reflect the full operational context or the circumstances in which the outage developed," says Dutra.

He said most of the seven-kilometre raw water pipeline is buried underground. The damaged section was also located in dense bush in a difficult-to-access area (see photo).

"The crack remained undetected because flow and pressure were being maintained and system data did not indicate that a significant leak was occurring," says Dutra.

"Given the location and nature of the damage, there is no reason to believe a visual inspection following the earthquake would have identified the crack or prevented the outage.

"Importantly, the outage was not caused directly by the crack itself, but by the unforeseen difficulty of removing air from the pipeline after the repair."

He said restoring flow through the gravity-fed pipeline needed to be undertaken slowly and in stages to avoid excessive pressure and further damage.

"Unfortunately, the valves needed to release the trapped air were extremely difficult to locate."

Dutra said crews worked in challenging conditions until 7.30pm on Friday, when they were required to stop because of darkness and health and safety risks.

"Despite the difficulties, there remained a reasonable expectation on Saturday morning that the airlocks could be cleared and the water treatment plant restarted that day.

"By midday, it had become clear that the problem was more complicated than first anticipated. Council increased its public communications, arranged water tankers, bottled water and port-a-loos and began activating its Emergency Operations Centre."

Veolia continued working to locate the valves and a decision was made to install new valves to help clear the trapped air, explained Dutra, who added that by Sunday afternoon, as taps began running dry, Council's civil defence team was focused on bringing additional resources into Ohakune, supporting the commu-

nity and communicating essential public information.

"Council worked throughout the event to keep the community informed as verified information became available. This was a highly dynamic and technically complex situation and expected restoration times changed as the work progressed and new risks were identified."

By mid-morning on Monday, Veolia advised that it believed water could be restored by 5pm that day. Council communicated that advice to the community.

But by mid-afternoon, further technical assessment identified a risk that repressurising the pipeline too quickly could cause additional damage and lead to a much longer outage.

"A cautious approach was therefore necessary and a further 24 hours was required. The revised target of 5pm on Tuesday 11 August was communicated as soon as it

The damaged section of the raw water line was buried underground in a difficult-to-access location and remained undetected as systems did not register a drop in pressure. The water outage occurred due to issues associated with clearing air locks from the network - not the cracked pipe per se, says RDC.

was confirmed.

"In this context, the suggestion that public communication lagged behind the operational situation is not accepted. Updates were issued as quickly as practicable, based on the best verified information available at the time. Where that information changed, Council updated the community accordingly."

He said as with any emergency response, Council will undertake a thorough review to identify lessons, strengthen its systems and determine what improvements can be made.

"Constructive scrutiny is an important part of that process, but it must also be informed by the full facts and the realities faced by those responding on the ground.

"Council acknowledges the disruption and frustration experienced by the Ohakune community. We also thank the many people who supported the response and recognised the considerable efforts made to restore the water supply safely and as quickly as circumstances allowed."



Rescue chopper makes 235 missions

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a very serious pregnancy complication while simply resting at home.

"The situation was time-critical, and she required urgent treatment to ensure the best outcome for both her and her baby. The Greenlea Rescue Helicopter was dispatched immediately and provided swift, safe transport directly to Waikato Hospital."

"Did you know, the Greenlea Rescue Helicopter crew has access to specialist medical equipment such as a Neopod system and infant temperature technology?"

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More recently, in June, a man sustained life-threatening injuries following a seri-

ous motor vehicle accident and urgently required treatment at Waikato Hospital.

But, due to the location this was almost a three-hour drive. Instead, the Greenlea Rescue Helicopter was dispatched and the crew was able to provide immediate critical care and stabilise him for transfer.

"What would have been almost a three-hour drive was now less than an hour and a half of flight time to both reach the patient and transport him to Waikato Hospital - with expert in-flight medical care onboard the entire journey.

"Missions like these don't just happen every day, they can happen multiple times a day. It's the swift response of the rescue helicopter and its highly trained crew that ensure patients receive the best care as quickly as possible," says Weir.

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Turoa Skifield changes hands

A new company, known as Turoa Skifields Limited, has taken over the assets and management of Turoa Skifield, from its present owners Carter Holt Harvey.

The company, to be led by present general manager Tony Wright who has been involved with the development of the skifield since its beginning, will develop extensive tourism opportunities in and around Ohakune, as well as managing the skifield.

Commenting on the change Mr Wright said, "I am proud of what has been achieved at Turoa over the years and we now have a first class field and facilities. However, the enterprise will benefit from the additional capital that will be provided and the skifield and Ohakune region will be further developed into an area to be enjoyed both by New Zealanders and overseas visitors."

Looking to the future, Mr Wright said he could see a major opportunity to capitalise on the projected tourist boom in New Zealand.

"We are looking at projects to further upgrade the skifield, to provide leisure activities off the mountain and encourage the construction of further accommodation facilities."

Public participation through a share issue is likely in 1987.

Mr Wright was particularly delighted at the opportunity for his staff to own shares in the company.



Turoa Skifield has now passed out of Carter Holt Harvey control, and there are big plans for future developments.

My team here are very dedicated, loyal and extremely knowledgeable in the skills of giving people a memorable skiing experience. It's marvellous that they will be able to take a personal stake in the development as it unfolds."

Main shareholders in the new company will be Carter Holt Harvey with 32 per cent, a private company Skifield Investments Limited, and senior employees of Turoa Skifields.

The skifield was previously owned by Carter Holt Harvey and formation of the new joint venture is

subject to obtaining all necessary regulatory and governmental consents.

Mr Wright said that the skifield was running to capacity at present but had a potential to serve up to three times the number of skiers, subject to good access.

"Our overall plan is to lift the number of skiers from 3000 to 5000 a day over the

next three years, with the first new lift going in this summer," he said.

The new company plans to develop other tourism and leisure ventures throughout the whole central plateau area.

Mr Wright said the ownership change was retrospective to 1 July.

Goat hunter killed

A goat hunter was found dead at the base of a 60 metre bluff west of Raetihi, on Saturday.

Richard Stephen Barraclough, 24, of Minginui, southeast of Rotorua, had been dropped on the top of the bluff by private helicopter to hunt for goats about 2pm on Saturday.

Constable Trevor Pullen of Raetihi said the Taupo-based helicopter returned to the area, about 30 kilometres west of Raetihi, half an hour later, but there was no sign of Mr Barraclough.

The pilot later found him dead in a stream beneath the bluff.

Constable Pullen said it appeared Mr Barraclough had fallen from the bluff.

Skifields booming

Whakapapa Ski Fields enjoyed a record weekend with around 8800 people on Saturday and 9016 visiting the slopes on Sunday.

Skiers revelled in near-perfect conditions with hard-packed snow and all facilities operating.

The ski field has not had a day to compare since 1982, with the peak time an hour earlier than normal.

Although the queues were long, skiers were said to be patient and few difficulties were reported.

Between 1400 and 1500 cars filled the carparks, with attendants needing to use more than a little ingenuity to find parking spaces.

Turoa Skifields experienced a busy weekend as skiers flocked to the slopes to take advantage of the fine and settled weather and extensive snow cover. Good crowds were reported on both Saturday and Sunday.

All facilities operated with skiing on a mixture of hard-packed snow and occasional icy patches. Trails had been extensively groomed and offered ideal ski conditions.

Skiers had the opportunity to sample night skiing on Friday and Saturday nights under floodlights on the beginners slopes.

This is thought to be the first time that night skiing has been tried in the North Island and gives skiers the chance to experience a fun night out on the slopes.

Turoa will be offering night skiing every Friday and Saturday night during August and the school holidays.

Ruapehu attracts Aussie TV

Aussies look out, Ohakune is finally on the map. A film crew from Channel 10's "Good Morning Australia", was in Ohakune last week, shooting scenes from around the area.

The crew are the first Australian television company to film in the Waimarino, and so it is not surprising that very few Australians are

aware of North Island skiing.

The four member crew - Good News reporter Lyndel Jacob, producer Mary Homer, cameraman Andrew Coombe and sound recordist Paul Gordon, shot scenes of Mount Ruapehu, trout fishing and street scenes, and eventually finished up in the local hotel.

The 20 minute programme will be aimed at promoting Turoa and Ohakune as fun holiday spots.

A lot of time was spent filming at Turoa, the main difficulty being transporting the heavy equipment from one place to another.

The crew were assisted by the Turoa ski patrol, headed by John "Luigi" Hotter, who carted the equipment to locations by sled.

The famed Mt Ruapehu Yeti was given some coverage, but it is unknown if he actually appeared for the cameras.

One thrill was a helicopter ride over the Waimarino in the Wanganui Aero Works helicopter, piloted by Lisa Patterson.

Harry Brown, a well-known local who has been fishing in the area for over 50 years, took the film crew trout fishing at the Ohakune lake to film a scene of alternative leisure activities.

The last scene was filmed at the Ohakune Hotel, the topic being the alleged Kiwi accent.

There were some locals who disputed that particular theory, with many retorts in the form of Australian jokes.

"Video" Bill Adams was co-ordinator of the visit and made sure that the film crew covered all of the sights.

The crew enjoyed their visit to Ohakune and were confident that the programme would be a big boost to tourism as it will be screened to around one million viewers in Western Australia in several weeks time.

Tragic Parapara accident

A 13-year old Wanganui girl was killed over the weekend, when the Suzuki van she was travelling in left the Parapara Highway and fell 130 metres down a bluff.

Sheryl Moana Rainham-Wiari was one of four occupants of the vehicle, who were travelling to Raetihi to attend her grandmother's tangi, when the vehicle left the road and plunged down Hiroiti's Bluff at Kakatahi into the Mangawhero River.

All four passengers were thrown from the vehicle. The driver, Patrick Haira, of Wanganui, the dead girl's sister Tracey Rainham-Wiari, and their stepfather, George Pohe, were all admitted to Wanganui Base Hospital.

Both men were said to be in a satisfactory condition while Tracey Wiari was kept overnight for observation.

The tangi for Dolly Wiari has been delayed and a double tangi for grandmother and grand-daughter will be held at the Raetihi Marae on Wednesday 20 August.



The Good Morning Australia TV crew sampling local hospitality last week, right to left, "good news" reporter Lyndel Jacob, cameraman Andrew Coomb, producer Mary Homer and sound recordist Paul Gordon, with Turoa Skifields sales manager Andy Chapman, left, and Kim and "Video Bill" Adams.

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Fourth Kaimanawa horse muster gets green light

Kaimanawa wild horse charities have raised enough money for a fourth muster of the year and found enough homes for a small group of animals living in an ecologically sensitive area of the North Island's Central Plateau.

The fourth muster was required because a group of about 15 horses is living away from the main herd, on Defence Force land near Waiouru.

Three musters have taken place earlier this year to help limit herd numbers, which currently sit at about 500.

The Kaimanawa Wild Horse Advisory Group – including the Department of Conservation and the charities, Kaimanawa Heritage Horses and the Kaimanawa Legacy Foundation – recently decided that a muster of those horses could take place if the charities raised the money for it.

If they didn't it was possible aerial culling would have been used.

Legacy Foundation founder Kelly Wilson said the charities had raised about \$60,000, which was enough, although the cost for the latest muster had since increased by about \$19,000.

The charities would have to cover that cost.

Eighteen homes had agreed to take wild horses if needed. Wilson said no one knew the exact number that would be taken from the site, so it was good to have flexibility.

"It's a huge relief," Wilson said.

"Our fundraising to do the muster would be pointless if we didn't have homes for them to go to."

She said it would be interesting to see how easily the horses could be trained as, unlike horses from the main herd, they'd had little contact with people.

Trainer Morgan Chandler-Bruce would work with six or seven of the horses at Wilson's sanctuary, near Taupō.

Wilson said a week before applications for horses had closed, the charities had only received one for the five stallions likely to be mustered, and they were short of homes for mature mares.

However, private sponsors put up the money for eight horses, to cover most of the costs of training them. Applications then followed.

"We are hugely appreciative of the public for the donations received to enable the muster to go ahead, as well as the homes that have stepped forward to offer these special Kaimanawa horses homes," she said.

DOC project lead Sarah Tunnicliffe said the department was finalising logistics of the muster and setting up temporary yards for it.

It was expected to take place from late this week.

This article is reprinted from RNZ.



Kaimanawa horses at play. Donations have made it possible to carry out a fourth muster to save horses, including stallions, from Waiouru Army Land. Photo: Helen McLean-Knight.

Trainspotting in vogue

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lights, bells or barrier arms were installed."

In July there were three collisions with trains at level crossings on the same day, in the Bay of Plenty and Wairarapa.

Reidy says it was a sharp reminder of the need to be vigilant and that there is no room for complacency around trains.

"While we were relieved there were no fatalities that day, these are still traumatic

events with lasting impacts on the victims, rail staff and first responders."

"KiwiRail operates a 24/7 business, with a network that runs through communities around the country. We absolutely want everyone to be safe."

Drayton says they are urging all motorists and pedestrians to follow key safety behaviours:

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Submissions close on 19 August and can be made at <https://nzta.govt.nz/driving-skills/safe-driving-habits/following-speed-limits/state-highway-speed-management/speed-limit-reviews-under-the-2024-rule/manawatu-whanganui-region-speed-reviews/sh49-ohakune-east-70-50kmh?>



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Winter art on show

A feature of the Ruapehu art scene since 1995, the Winter Art Exhibition – back this season – has played an important role in showcasing and supporting up-and-coming artists, providing them with an opportunity to reach a wider audience and have their work seen and appreciated by the community and visitors to the Ruapehu district.

“Over the years, the exhibition has showcased a diverse range of artistic mediums and attracted artists from across the Ruapehu district — from emerging student artists taking their first steps into the art world through to renowned artists such as Richard Lewer,” says promoter Paul Stieglbauer.

The exhibition has also travelled across the District, bringing art into a variety of venues and making it accessible to locals and visitors alike.

For 2026, the Winter Art Exhibition will run from Sunday 23 August to 6 September, with works displayed across five Ruapehu venues: La Pizzeria, The Kitchen, Powderhorn Chateau, Cyprus Tree, Freddie’s at Tūroa.

Entry to the exhibition is free at all venues, “giving everyone the opportunity to experience and support the incredible creative talent within our region”.

“The exhibition continues its commitment to providing a platform for emerging artists while celebrating the established artists who have helped shape the Ruapehu creative community over many years,” says Stieglbauer.

“A special thank you goes to Creative Communities New Zealand for their continued support, which helps make initiatives such as the Winter Art Exhibition possible and ensures that local artists continue to have opportunities to exhibit and connect with a wider audience.

“We look forward to welcoming locals and visitors throughout the exhibition and celebrating the creativity and talent of the Ruapehu arts community.”



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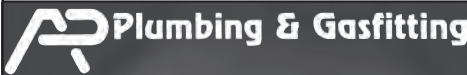


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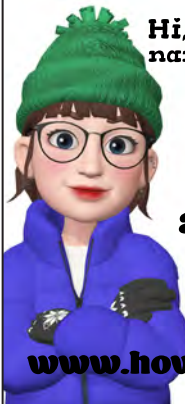
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Anei te reo pōwhiri ki tatou mo te Hui ā Tau o te marae.

The Raetihi Marae Trust invites all whānau to attend the

2026 Hui-ā-Tau
Raetihi Marae Hui ā Tau (AGM)

Sunday 20 September 2026
1pm Raetihi Cosy Club, Seddon St, raetihi

AGENDA

1. Whakamoemiti
2. Apologies
3. Raetihi Marae Pūrongo ā Tau – Raetihi Marae Trust annual report
4. Raetihi Marae financial report
5. Raetihi Marae strategic work plans
6. Minutes of previous Hui ā Tau
7. Iction of trustees - 1x Iwi wide seat and 2x whānau seats (Ngāti Hui Kereru)
8. Amendments to charter (if any)
9. General business
10. Whakamoemiti

For further information or to send your tono aroha - apologies please contact:
Brendon Morgan (Chairman)
raetihimaraeinfo@gmail.com

Please note venue change due to temporary closure of Marae

PUBLIC NOTICES

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.

All meetings are livestreamed and can be found on the Ruapehu District Council website under the Agendas & Livestream icon on the main page.

Taumarunui-Ōhura Community Board
5PM, Thursday 20 August 2026
Venue Update: War Memorial Hall, 149 Hakiaha Street, Taumarunui

Ruapehu District Council
10AM, Wednesday 26 August 2026 Council Chambers, Ayr Street, Ohakune

Waimarino-Waiouru Community Board
6PM, Thursday 27 August 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

PARAWEKA MARAE
NOTICE OF SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING
& CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

5 vacancies

(3 inside of Pipiriki vacancy, 1 outside of Pipiriki vacancy, 1 live inside or outside of Pipiriki vacancy)

Saturday, 12th September, 2026

Time: 11 am

Venue: Paraweka Marae, Pipiriki & Zoom Online

If you're feeling unwell or have cold/flu symptoms, please attend via Zoom only.

Agenda:

- Mihimihi/Karakia
- Apologies
- Registration verification
- Minutes of previous AGM2025
- Annual & Financial Reports
- Proposal to amend 1 Clause in the Charter being: Governance - 5.1 Composition of the Paraeka Marae Trustees
- Election of Trustees
- General Business
- Karakia Whakamutunga

Inquiries to the Secretary, Janie Revell, incl request for Nomination Forms & Zoom Link
paraweka.marae.secretary@gmail.com

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 Department of Conservation
Te Papa Atawhai

NOTIFICATION OF LICENCE CONCESSION APPLICATION

The Minister of Conservation gives notice under section 17SC of the Conservation Act 1987 of an application submitted by Fire and Emergency New Zealand for a 30-year renewal of their existing lease to continue operating their existing fire station in Whakapapa Village, Tongariro National Park.

Further details of the proposed concession are available at www.doc.govt.nz/consultations

Any person or organisation may make comment in writing to the Director-General for or against the proposal, or make any other written submissions on the proposal. Comment submission forms may be downloaded from (<https://www.doc.govt.nz/get-involved/have-your-say/open-for-your-comment/>).

Objections or submissions should be sent to:

Director-General
Department of Conservation
Permissions Team
Private Bag 3072
Hamilton 3240
Email: permissionshamilton@doc.govt.nz

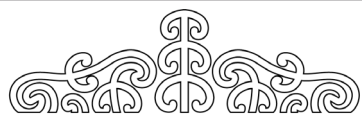
Submissions will be accepted up to and including **5.00pm on 15 September 2026**. Once submitted, submitters' information is subject to the Official Information Act 1982 and may be released under that Act. If you wish to keep any part of your submission confidential, you need to state this in writing when making your submission.

Any person or organisation wishing to be heard in support of his/her submission, must request (within that submission) an opportunity to appear before the Director-General.

If a hearing is required, it is likely to occur on the week starting 5 October 2026.

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PUBLIC NOTICES



TE KOROWAI O WAINUIĀRUA TE KOROWAI O WAINUIĀRUA TRUST NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Notice is given that the Annual General Meeting of Te Korowai o Wainuiārua Trust will be held as follows:

Date: Saturday, 19 September 2026

Time: 11:00am

Place: Te Korowai o Wainuiārua Trust offices,
28 Queen Street, Raetihi 4632

AGENDA

The meeting will include confirmation of the previous AGM minutes; presentation of the Annual Report and Financial Statements; presentation of the proposed Annual Plan; presentation of Annual Reports of Trust Entities; approval of the appointment of the auditor for the next Financial Year; presentation of details of Trustee remuneration; any other notified business; and general business accepted for discussion by the Chair in accordance with the Trust Deed.

RESOLUTION TO BE PUT

Approval of the appointment of the auditor for the next Financial Year.

MEETING INFORMATION

Copies of information to be laid before the meeting, including the Annual Report, Financial Statements, proposed Annual Plan, Trust Entity reports and the full wording of any resolutions to be put, may be inspected or obtained from Te Korowai o Wainuiārua Trust, 28 Queen Street, Raetihi 4632, or requested by email at enquiries@tekorowaiowainuiarua.co.nz.

Meeting information will also be made available through the Trust website and approved communication channels.

Te Korowai o Wainuiārua Trust
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www.tekorowaiowainuiarua.co.nz

PUBLIC NOTICES

Section 101, Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act 2012

Powderhorn Leisure Limited has 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 **194 Mangawhero Terrace, Ohakune** known as **Powderhorn Chateau**. The general nature of the business to be conducted under the licence is that of a **Hotel/Restaurant/Bar**. The days on which and the hours during which alcohol is intended to be sold under the licence are: **Monday - Sunday: 8.00am – 3.00am the following day**.

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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www.ohakune.info



Raetihi water walkers

A group of volunteers from Raetihi teamed up on Tuesday last week, to help hand deliver printed boil-water notices around Ohakune, following the water supply issues. The delivery was seen as an important addition to the other communications via social media. Raetihi residents have experienced water issues – in 2013 diesel was spilt into the river that supplies the town's water. The town was without running water for 24 days. Photo: Liz Brooker.

RUAPEHU SNOW BULLETIN

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Warren Miller dollars to go to the dogs

The 76th annual Warren Miller snow movie is on at the Powderhorn Chateau, in the Matterhorn restaurant, with funds raised going to Search and Rescue Avalanche Dogs (SARDA).

The movie, *Sno-ciety* “celebrates snowsports culture and community, showing that winter is more than just snow”.

“The film travels from big mountain lines to urban ski hills across Scotland, Finland, British Columbia, and Colorado.

In Scotland and Finland, the film explores rugged backcountry and street skiing culture.

In British Columbia and Colorado, the screen features deep powder in Whitewater’s back bowls and an urban terrain park in Denver.

There’s also highlight scenes from California, New Hampshire, Austria and the Saalbach World Championships.

Featured athletes: Judd Henkes who balances a double life between surfing and snow. Britta Winans takes on a resilient run on the Freeride World Tour. Other ‘legends’ include appearances by Daron Rahlves, Breezy Johnson, Chris Rubens, and Juho Kilkki.

SARDA is a New Zealand-wide organisation, training dogs and their handlers in searching for people lost in avalanches.

In the North Island, six handlers and five dogs are involved, with most dogs operationally trained and the rest ready to be assessed in September.

The funds from the movie will help SARDA with costs for training camps and assessments and associated transport and accommodation, as well as equipment costs.

Phil Couch, handler for Whāia and the recently-retired Frankie, says they are well supported with sponsorship for equipment but there is still a shortfall.

He said they aim to have camps and training in the North Island, whereas previous events were held in the South Island.

“The problem with that is it takes the whole North Island team away.”

The group was part of LandSar (land search and rescue).

“But now we’re our own entity, so we can do our own fundraising for our needs.”

Phil says they still help with LandSar and RARO (Ruapehu Alpine Rescue Organisation) searches when required.



Lisa Jaggi and avalanche dog Echo, a six-year-old border collie who has “an exceptional scent drive”. Photo: SARDA. PLEASE NOTE: Dogs are not allowed on the skifields – registered avalanche dogs have special permission.



Urban street skiing action from *Sno-ciety*, the latest Warren Miller movie – Juho Kilkki and his young daughter ride the historic Harju ridge stairs in Jyväskylä, Finland.

Ohakune Squash

Results from Thursday’s Ohakune Squash Club interbusiness: In pool one Crab beat Rabbit 13-6, Deer beat Watlings 14-4, Baboon beat Potty Mouth 12-6 and Eagle got 8 points for the bye. In pool two Fatz Oysters beat Orange Choc Chip 13-7, Goat beat Alpaca 13-7, Horse beat Peacock 11-8 and Frog got 8 points for the bye. In pool three Narwhal beat Jaguar 14-5, Octopus and Moose tied 10-10, Lion beat Ibex 12-7 and Kiwi got 8 points for the bye. After two weeks Eagle and Deer are jointly leading pool one. Goat lead pool two and Narwhal leads pool three.

Draw for this Thursday: 5:30pm, Pool two games - Fatz Oysters vs Horse, Frog vs Goat, Peacock vs Alpaca, bye Orange Choc Chip. 6:45pm – pool three games – Ibex vs Narwhal, Kiwi vs Moose, Jaguar vs Octopus, bye Lion. 8:00pm – pool one games – Potty Mouths vs Deer, Eagle vs Crab, Watlings vs Rabbit, bye Baboons.

Just over 60 players will be competing in the Catalyst Performance Agrono-my B grade tournament Friday evening and Saturday.

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