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Ohakune baths plan counters RDC pools review

While the Ruapehu District Council is considering the future of the Raetihi and Ohakune swimming baths, plans are firming up for a redevelopment project for the Ohakune baths.

The Ohakune Blyth Memorial Pools Proposed Redevelopment Project is being led by Ohakune's project man Dave Scott.

The Project Vision is to upgrade the existing two pools for "all Seasons and all weathers", by installing a telescopic covered roof with warm water temperature – 30°C – using heat pumps, new warm and dry modern changing rooms, a welcoming, sheltered reception, wind proof fencing, safe off road carparking.

Added to the complex would be a separate, commercially operated wellbeing spa centre, including hot tubs and sauna.

"The Project's objective is to eliminate New Zealand's alarming statistics that show seven out of 10 children under the age of 13 cannot swim!" says Scott.

"There must be no further delays – as a caring community and district council, to step up and allow our community children the fair opportunity to gain experience to swim for life."

Keep both pools

Scott says that, to achieve the community's needs, it is only logical that Council retains both pools in Ohakune and Raetihi and develop achievable operational outcomes that do not overload rates.

He says that the Ohakune proposal would take the pressure off the council in terms of funding and operational responsibilities for the pool.

"Our community presently has only a squashed eight to 10-week window (for swimming) with the uninviting option of ancient, cold changing rooms and swim-

mers emerging out into the pools with 18 to 21-degree water.

"Thankfully, it is nicely filtered and clean, but freezing."

The project would include the possibility of a solar array being installed to heat the pools, eliminating the power costs.

Scott says the separate commercial wellbeing spa with hot tubs, sauna and 'skinny foot tubs' will serve more senior locals but will attract many of the thousands of recreation skiers and mountain bikers, sightseers and visitors to the Carrotland Adventure Park.

He says there are around 80,000 mountain bikers riding the mountains to sea trail, while Pure Tūroa skifields attracting 150,000 people each year.

Carrotland Adventure Park attracts conservatively around 130,000 people.

"We have a magic customer base in excess of 450,000 ... to use the proposed hot spa and swim recovery centre ... spending their flexible dollars."

He says the vision is to see the complex self-funding in time.

"It has the potential to create surplus funding to spread the load on other community recreation needs."

An option to get the project up and running is working with a commercial spa pool manufacturer who would build, own and operate the complex until profitable, then gift the complex back to the community, while paying an annual site rent.

The project would see the long-awaited replacement of the changing rooms and reception building.

Further stages

A later stage for the project would be to develop the car park area into a park and ride centre, for ski field visitors as well as

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Stunning weather, big air for Whakapapa freeride comp



Archie Rissetto competes in the Under 15 Male Ski Freeride category at Whakapapa last week, with Nick from the Snowschool team observing. Archie finished third in his category. Photo: Whakapapa. See next week's issue for results.

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Four students receive power scholarships

Four young people from communities across The Lines Company’s network have been awarded three-year TLC Inspiring Local Minds Scholarships to assist their future studies.

Ruapehu District’s Fleur Street, who lives in Taumarunui and attends Waikato Diocesan School for Girls, is headed to Lincoln University to study Land and Property Management, combining her passion for the rural sector with her goal of becoming a rural valuer supporting farmers, landowners and rural businesses.

Ōtorohanga local Aviva Mudge, who attends Ōtorohanga College, will begin a Bachelor of Engineering with Honours at the University of Waikato. With a passion for science, mathematics and community service, Aviva hopes to build a career as an engineer.

Petra Coleman, an Ōtorohanga resident who attends Te Awamutu College, is enrolled to study Law at the University of Waikato. Her strong track record of leadership, sport and volunteering should stand her in good stead as she builds a career advocating for others.

Kaani Trueman, a Whakamaru resident who attends St Paul’s Collegiate, will head to the University of Canterbury to begin a Bachelor of Commerce. Kaani is passionate about creating opportunities for Māori and aspires to use a future career in finance to support communities and organisations to thrive.

This year, 12 applications were received, with submissions assessed by TLC acting chief executive Romy Rundgren and Waitomo Energy Services Customer Trust (WESCT) acting chair Guy Whitaker.

“This is the first year that I have been on the scholarship judging panel and two things come to mind – the calibre of all applicants was outstanding, and it was incredibly hard to select just four,” said Rundgren.

“These scholarship recipients have already demonstrated academic excellence, leadership and a real commitment to the

communities they call home. What stood out most was their ambition to use their skills and education to make a difference, whether that’s through engineering, law, finance or the rural sector.

“We’re proud to support them as they begin the next stage of their journeys.”

TLC launched the Inspiring Local Minds Scholarship in 2018 and, with this year’s recipients, will have supported 39 local rangatahi with tertiary study. The scholarship provides successful applicants with up to \$2,000 a year for three years to support study in fields aligned with careers at TLC. Applicants must live within TLC’s network area.

Whitaker said the TLC scholarship programme is about investing in local talent.

“Every applicant brought something special. We saw young people who are excelling academically while also giving their time to sport, culture, volunteering and community activities.

“What impressed us most was their sense of purpose. Many spoke about returning skills and knowledge to their communities, creating opportunities for others and helping shape a stronger future for our region.



Fleur Street, power scholarship recipient.

New fund aims to get whānau playing

The Y Central and Ruapehu REAP has gathered schools, marae and community organisations to bring their creative play ideas to life during Play Week 2026, with applications called for a ‘Pop-Up Play Fund’, which closed on Friday.

Initiated by Sport NZ, Play Week takes place from Monday 19 October to Sunday 25 October 2026 and aims to promote the value of play. This year’s theme, Whānau play where whānau are, highlights the importance of making play easy to access and responsive to the interests, spaces and strengths of each community.

Y Central and Ruapehu REAP offered eligible groups across Whanganui, Rangitikei and Ruapehu up to \$300 to create fun, inclusive and community-led play activities for tamariki, rangatahi and whānau.

Sport Whanganui Healthy Active Learning lead Jen Bagshaw says, “play helps tamariki build confidence, creativity and movement skills, as well as strengthening connections with whānau through quality time and fun, shared experiences.

“Creating opportunities for whānau of all ages to play together during Play Week – and any time – supports both active lifestyles and stronger relationships.”

The Pop-Up Play Fund is supported through Sport NZ’s Tū Manawa Active Aotearoa Fund. Sport Whanganui is working alongside The Y Central and Ruapehu REAP to dis-

tribute the Pop-Up Play Fund across Whanganui, Ruapehu and Rangitikei.

Tū Manawa Active Aotearoa is a partnership between Sport NZ and Regional Sports Trusts that funds programmes and projects providing play, active recreation and sport experiences for tamariki and rangatahi.



Play week is coming up, with funds made available for projects that encourage easy access to play areas.

Ruapehu Events & What’s On

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24 Oct
- Land Rover Show Taumarunui**
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23-25 Oct
- NOVEMBER 2026**
- Ruapehu Māori Culture Festival**
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St John sharing stories Saturday and Friday

St John volunteers will be on hand outside New World in Ohakune this Friday and Saturday morning, to raise funds for the local volunteer committee, but also to give people a chance to learn about what the local committee does and how they can help.

“It’s an awareness thing. People can come and talk to us about St John,” says committee member Chris Berry. “And donate some money if they want to.”

She said they have Catie Robb and her crew and a few other people helping with baking goods for the stall.

They will also have some of the local school children helping with the stall.

The fundraising is for the local committee, which carries out a number of functions, including supporting the paid ambulance staff.

The committee is responsible for organising any maintenance needs for the Waimarino ambulance station in Ohakune, as well as raising funds for this work.

They also support the Health Shuttle – seeking volunteer drivers and raising funds to operate the vehicle.

Committee member Leba Phillips said they have enough volunteer drivers but always welcome people who want to help, so they can be back-up for the service.

They currently have health shuttle volunteers, plus six area committee volunteers.

A message Leba wants to stress about the shuttle is that the local community needs to use it, to ensure it stays available.

She says some people don’t want to use it because they think they will be taking a seat that someone else might need.

But she says there is always spare space.

There is no charge, but people are asked to pay whatever they can afford.

“It will take them door to door, and it doesn’t have to be hospital appointments. It can be any doctors or eye appointments or hearing – anything.”

Although St John Ambulance staff are paid by St John, the committee also provides support for the operational staff.

“We’re very lucky ... we had four paramedics in Waimarino. It was one of the highest manned stations in the country.”

She said they have lost one but are still well-served.

The station has just taken on a couple of new people for the ambulances who are on a training programme.

Leba said they are also very lucky at the moment, with the group operations manager, Josh, choosing to live in Ohakune.

“For the first time since I’ve been on the committee that we’ve had a local operations manager.”

Another project the committee is working on is seeing AED units installed in public places.

“We have 10 boxes, and I think we managed to put up eight, and we bought one for the carrot park.”

The Automated External Defibrillator (AEDs) are mostly paid for by sponsors, with St John supplying the boxes.



Margaret Horne and the late Ben Goddard turn the first sod for the Waimarino Ambulance Station, in 2012. The station was the result of a massive fundraising effort. The need for continual fundraising continues, with the local St John committee gathering at Ohakune New World on Friday and Saturday, to give people an idea of what they do.

Merrilyn’s quilt a gift to Ruapehu

Merrilyn George, at front, seated, formally presented one of her quilts depicting the Ruapehu district to Ruapehu District Council in August, speaking about the inspiration behind the work, explaining how it reflected her lifelong connection to the maunga and surrounding landscape. The quilt incorporated imagery of Tongariro, Ngāuruhoe, Ruapehu and Pihanga, together with representations of local flora, changing seasons, and whakatauki reflecting environmental stewardship and the responsibility of each generation to care for the whenua for those who follow. The Mayor thanked Merrilyn for her generosity in presenting the work.



Ohakune baths plan counters RDC pools review

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mountain bikers catching shuttles to the different tracks.

“We are fortunate to have generous local professional contractors and transport operators have and will donate their time and machinery to clear the carpark base for baths parking, at no cost to council.”

Scott says the Project is being overseen by RDC’s community and economic officer Kim Treen and supported by a ‘Community Pool Action Team’, which includes Dave Scott, Bruno Patricek, Bruce Stockwell, Richard Milne, Kory Wilson and Nikita Haitana.

He says a feasibility study by appropriate consultants is to be commissioned, with the aim of presenting the study to funding agencies.

“The total project is dependent on successful external major funding packages and the baths operation being viable.

“Personnel from government agencies have recently visited Ohakune and viewed the existing aged baths site and are aware of our difficulties in our rural location and low economic community base. They have encouraged council to tender our application to be considered.”

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Letters

Who's thunder

• The leader of the TOP Party was interviewed by TV1 breakfast on Tuesday 6 October 2026. She emphasised the need to grow the economy and to increase productivity.

Where has she been for the last three years? The National lead (sic) Coalition have been doing this for the last three years.

They have also been very successful in increasing the economy and productivity.

Two major things they have done, is introduce the 20% additional depreciation on income producing assets and re-formed the RMA Act.

I suggest that the TOP party are trying to steal National's thunder.

Phillip Harvey

No extra taxes

• This election we have the choice of voting for the fatcat coalition or the workhorse coalition. The fatcats are promising no extra taxes.

Be wary: cutting taxes for rich individuals and businesses has already got New Zealand's total combined public and private debt approaching \$1 trillion.

Government debt tripled from roughly \$60 billion in 2017 to over \$180 billion due to massive Covid-19 pandemic financial support and business subsidies. Thus, government debt servicing now costs around \$9 billion per year, so with no extra taxes to reduce this debt, money for education and health care by the state will be cut even further.

A large portion of the debt is concentrated in massive home mortgages taken out around the 2021 housing market peak. The money was borrowed from foreign-owned banks so that export income is now being sent back overseas again.

A fatcat government abolished building regulations that caused the leaky homes housing shortage, and then they invited Asian multi-millionaires to start businesses in NZ. So many of them got into the landlording

business. The combined result has been a massive housing shortage and crippling house prices. Add the soaring costs for food, energy and rates, and families now face high debt-to-income ratios.

Coming into Ohakune, there is a big blue fatcat sign that claims they have been fixing the basics and building the future.

There are about 60 ways that these cabinet ministers have spent the last 1000 days fixing the basics the way you fix male lambs at docking time, and building a future for workers and their families that is about as full of promise as the Rangipō Desert before an army live firing exercise. I've put all these fixes on this web page: tinyurl.com/fatcats26

John Archer

Cash splash

• Labour has put forward a proposal to pay Government employees the living wage and compel Companies (sic) that contract to the Government, to also pay their employees the living wage.

This is equivalent to a pay increase of \$6 per hour.

In my opinion, this can only send New Zealand broke and do irreversible damage to our economy.

This proposal will obviously be inflationary.

The Reserve Bank controls inflation by raising the interest rates.

By raising the interest rates, all sectors of our economy will be affected. ie, homes, farms, small businesses, large businesses etc.

One area that will be affected is road maintenance and construction.

The three main roading contractors employ between them 16,000 employees.

The additional costs to these three companies is in excess of \$200,000,000.00 per year.

Again, in my opinion, this proposal is irresponsible, and it is obvious the consequences of this pay increase have not been thought through.

Phillip Harvey

Fashion on show Saturday – raising funds for rescue chopper

The Ohakune Fashion Show, a staple of the local community calendar since the 1980s, returns to the Powderhorn Chateau's Matterhorn restaurant on Saturday (17 October), following a two-year break.

Doors open at 6.30pm, with drinks available and live popular cover music from Lisa Lou setting the tone for the evening.

The main performance begins at 7.30pm, featuring local models showcasing collections from retailers based in Ohakune and further afield. The lineup spans everything from streetwear to high end fashion, along with upcycled clothing and wearable art.

Designers and retailers on the night include millinery by Tasha Paladin, pieces from local designer Teena Juanita, skiwear from TCB, premium merino adventure wear by Opus Fresh, wearable art by Ohakune Primary school TOI programme, and collections from High Country, Milly Black and Ethical Waste.

"This eclectic mix reflects the creativity of Ohakune retailers," says organiser Cecilia Roke.

"Showcasing local creations has been the whole idea since the early years."

Performance sound for the evening is provided by Double Drop.

Former All Black Glen Osborne will MC the night, which also includes spot prizes such as clothing packages and a silent auction, with a 2027 Turoa ski pass and other vouchers up for grabs.

Attendees will also have the chance to shop from the comfort of their seats, with the option to purchase displayed fashion pieces.

Tickets are \$30 for an individual seat, or \$400 for a VIP table seating up to six people, which includes champagne and nibbles provided by the Powderkeg.

Tickets are available from the Powderkeg or the *Ruapehu Bulletin* office at the Ruapehu Colab, 56 Clyde Street, Ohakune (next to the iSite).



Fashion on show at the Matterhorn, 2024. Photo: Holly Deadman.

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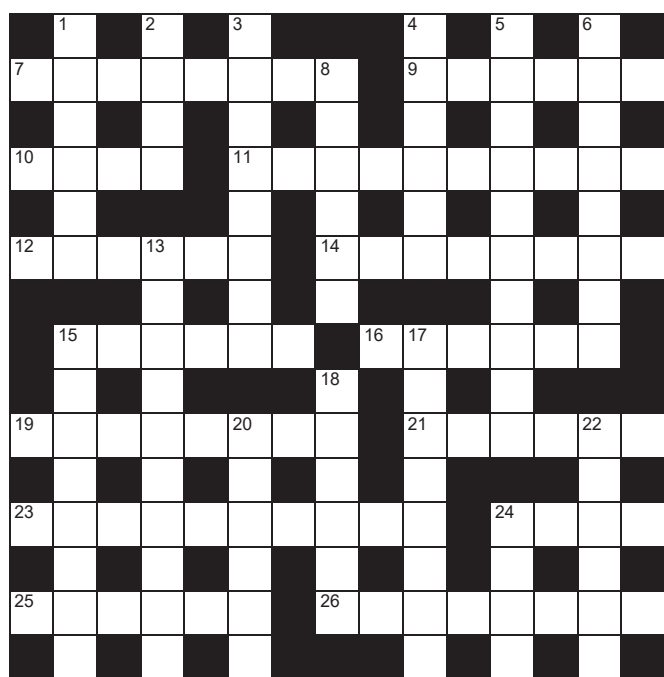
QUICK CROSSWORD

Across

- Many (8)
- Become ill (6)
- Present (4)
- Dachshund (7,3)
- Outburst of anger (6)
- Mutiny (8)
- Peril (6)
- Badger (6)
- Lecture at length (8)
- Hold tightly (6)
- Uncomfortable facts (4,6)
- Scorch (4)
- Leave empty (6)
- Easily moved (8)

Down

- Pointless (6)
- Ding (4)
- Understand (8)
- Land surrounded by water (6)
- Emphasise (10)
- Toxic (8)
- Flatten (6)
- Shrove Tuesday (7,3)
- Slanting (8)
- Lineage (8)
- Restrained or repressed (4-2)



- Gather (6)
- Hold gently (6)
- Pretence (4)



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SUDOKU

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EASY

The Top 10

- Which business is the largest electricity consumer in New Zealand?
- Name the vast grassy plains of Russia.
- Before Chicago in 2002, in which decade did a musical last win Best Picture?
- What is the name given to the lowest layer of the atmosphere?
- Gruesome events at the Bates Motel were at the centre of which film?
- How many atoms of oxygen are there in one molecule of water?
- In which sporting event does the winning team have an anchor, and move backwards?
- Who announced "I Love Rock 'n' Roll" in a 1982 hit song?
- Which New Zealander has had the title Lady Connolly since 2017?
- Which Puccini opera features "Nessun Dorma"?

CROSSWORD

Across: 7. Numerous, 9. Sicken, 10. Gift, 11. Sausage dog, 12. Temper, 14. Sedition, 15. Danger, 16. Harass, 19. Harangue, 21. Clench, 23. Home truths, 24. Sear, 25. Vacate, 26. Portable.
Down: 1. Futility, 2. Dent, 3. Construe, 4. Island, 5. Accentuate, 6. Venomous, 8. Squash, 13. Pancake Day, 15. Diagonal, 17. Ancestry, 18. Pent-up, 20. Garner, 22. Cradle, 24. Sham.

SUDOKU

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Cultural festival plans growing

This year’s Ruapehu Māori Culture Festival planning is going well, with the date set for Thursday 5 November at Raetihi Primary School, celebrating kapa haka performances from tamariki, schools and kaumātua.

Registrations remain open until today, 14 October.

“Time sure flies so we encourage groups to submit their details now and make updates closer to the event,” says one of the organisers, Kay Henare.

The festival will begin with a welcome at 8.30am and finish around 2pm. Kay Henare and the other organisers Vanessa Katene, Josie Hagger and Lesley Edmonds are working hard to prepare for another successful celebration. Improvements to the stage include an extension and wheelchair access.

“If you would like to financially support this event then do come along and show us by pre-

ordering a hāngi through the Raetihi School office or there will be food stalls also operating on the day.”

Also offered are T-shirts or hoodies these can also be pre-ordered through Reflektions – 021-236-8652 or orders@reflektions.nz.

“If there are any businesses or individuals happy to help out, please feel free to contact any of the team or the office at Raetihi School. Most of all we look forward to seeing how whanau come together and see the performances of all tamariki.

“We welcome this year the involvement of the Southern Ruapehu Youth councillors to help out with the day’s event. We know they will add another positive aspect to this year’s festival.

“This annual celebration of Kapa Haka is the event we all can be proud of and with the growth of local schools and with further improvements planned to make future events even better.”



Ruapehu Culture Festival 2025. Photo: Liz Brooker.

Ohakune park makes history with third award

Ohakune’s camp ground has made history by winning the TOP 10 Holiday Parks Supreme Award for a third consecutive year — a first in the awards’ history.

The Ohakune Top 10 Holiday Park received the network’s highest honour at the 2026 awards evening at Pullman Auckland on 24 September.

The Supreme Award recognises excellence across all areas of a holiday park, including consistently high standards, exceptional guest experiences and a commitment to creating “Memories for Life”.

For owner Kordula Daniel, the unprecedented third consecutive win reflects the care and effort her team puts into welcoming guests every day.

“Winning this award again was the most wonderful surprise. Providing a great stay day after day, year after year, takes a lot of care and hard work, and I’m incredibly proud of our team,” she says.

“Every person plays a part, from the welcome at reception to our beautifully clean accommodation and facilities and well-maintained grounds. This award

belongs to the whole team.”

Park manager Catherine Robert also received individual recognition as a TOP 10 Top Membership Seller for her outstanding membership sales in 2026. The park itself won the Largest Proportionate Club Membership Seller award for the first time.

“It was especially lovely to see Catherine recognised individually. She puts so much into the park and our guests, and this is a well-deserved acknowledgement of her work,” says Kordula.

Alongside the Supreme Award and membership sales win, Ohakune TOP 10 was runner-up for Most Highly Recommended – Medium Park, and a finalist in Top Guest Experience – Medium Park, Employer of Choice and Sustainability Excellence.

“Seeing guests enjoy their time with us, reading their lovely reviews and welcoming them back is rewarding in itself,” says Kordula.

Set beside a stream and within walking distance of Ohakune’s town centre, the park welcomes visitors throughout the year. Its accommodation ranges from motels and self-contained units to cabins and camping sites.

“We love sharing this part of New Zealand with our guests,” says Kordula.

“Whether they come for the snow, walking and cycling, or simply a relaxing break, we want them to feel welcome and leave with wonderful memories of Ohakune.”

Ohakune TOP 10 Holiday Park manager Catherine Robert and owner Kordula Daniel celebrate the park’s third consecutive Supreme Award win.
Photo: Top 10.



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Your feedback has helped us to develop a number of proposals to reduce service costs and the amount funded through rates.

We would now like your feedback on these proposal ideas.

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LONG-TERM PLAN 2027/37

Why we need to make choices on future services



Affordable rates
We need to keep services affordable for our communities.



Financial stability
We need to be able to fund essential services now and in the future.



Right-sized organisation
We need to match the organisation to the work required and services our communities value.



Water costs
Water charges are forecast to increase by 93% reaching \$3,950 per property by 2033/34.



Government reform
Changes to local government will affect how services are delivered and by who.



Rates capping
Rates capping will constrict Council income to a 2% to 4% range limiting the services we can deliver.

Services* we are proposing or considering changing inc:

*Cost savings are being sort across all areas - there will be further proposals as part of the LTP consultation

Dog Fees

Council believes dog owners should cover most of the cost through registration fees. A smaller contribution comes from rates because everyone benefits from safer parks, streets and public places.

Pride of Place Grant Fund

Of the \$110,000 annual budget, \$56,000 is committed to specific organisations and activities. Council proposes removing the remaining \$44,000 contestable part of the fund.

Kerbside Food Waste Collection

Uptake of kerbside food waste collection has been lower than expected. Council is proposing to stop the service which could save \$1.5m over ten-years.

Office, Library, and Customer Services in Ohakune and Raetihi

Council is seeking feedback on whether it should look at options for combining services at one location.

Pools

Council is seeking feedback on whether it should concentrate funding on fewer facilities.

Ohakune/Raetihi cycle and walking trail

Council is seeking feedback on whether it should continue with this project.

Public toilets in Waimarino, Tangiwai, Raetihi and Waiouru

Council is proposing to close public toilets in Waimarino, Tangiwai and Raetihi and introduce user-charges at the high-use Waiouru toilet

Ongarue and Owango Transfer Stations

Council is seeking feedback on proposals to close the Ongarue and Owango Transfer Stations.

Taumarunui and Manunui Halls

Council is seeking feedback on various options for halls in Taumarunui and Manunui.



To find out more and have your say

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The hunt for the Hunt for Gollum in Ruapehu

If you wanted to go hunting for the cast and crew who were in Ruapehu for filming for the latest *Lord of the Rings* film, *The Hunt for Gollum*, it's too late – they were here for five days back in September.

The film's production company, 3 Foot 8, told the *Whanganui Chronicle* that filming took place at various Ruapehu locations.

The Hunt for Gollum director, who also plays Gollum, Andy Serkis, said returning to the area was particularly significant for him.

"The Ohakune [area] holds a special place in my heart, not only because of its stunning landscapes and brilliant local talent," Serkis said.

"It also happens to be one of the first places I ever shot the character of Gollum 25 years ago.

"It has been an absolute joy to return."

Location manager Mike Monroe said the crew received a warm welcome from the community and enjoyed the hospitality.

"The Ruapehu region offers such diverse and unique landscapes for filming, as well as comprehensive infrastructure to support a film crew. It's been a pleasure being back in the area," he said.

They were fortunate with "compliant weather" during filming, Monroe said.

Ruapehu mayor Weston Kirton said it was "certainly exciting" to know filming had taken place in the district.

"We haven't traditionally had a lot of filming in the area and, when we have, this magnitude of filming sort of brings life to the community in terms of not only economic life but also enthusiasm as a destination," Kirton said.

Ben Wiggins, from TCB, said he had seen a number of film crew members around town and joked he saw Gollum catching a fish in the river.

"There's been a bunch of cast and crew that have been eating at local establishments, especially all the production crew," he said.

"I haven't spotted anyone super famous but it's not really in the Kiwi nature to spot someone and rush them.

"Ohakune is pretty cruisy like that; everyone is down to go skiing and boarding and if someone famous is in having dinner,



Andy Serkis – caught a fish in Ruapehu in *Lord of the Rings*. Now he's back for *'Hunt for Gollum'*

you let them kick back, relax and enjoy themselves – that's what makes this place cool and fun."

Colin Fredericksen, owner of Horopito Motors, known as Smash Palace, said some of the crew had explored the car yard.

He said there had been a "hive of activity" while filming took place.

3 Foot 8 said some of the region's landscape would debut on the world stage when the film is released in theatres on December 17, 2027.

The confirmed cast so far includes Serkis, Sir Ian McKellen, Elijah Wood, Kate Winslet, Anya Taylor-Joy and Jamie Dornan.

Stunning image of Mt Ruapehu from Paekakariki Hill shared



Night & Light Photography has shared this photo, taken from Paekakariki Hill Road recently, unbelievably showing the lights on Tūroa from chairlifts stations and groomers. "Mt Ruapehu provides an incredible backdrop behind Paraparaumu beach on a perfectly calm & clear night in Wellington," says the photographer. The photograph drew a lot of comment on social media, with some commentators adamant that the image was created with AI (despite admitting that they were not photographers). The photographer explains that the image is not AI – he used a telephoto lens, which foreshortens the image, making the mountain seem closer to the Pararaumu area. They said it was a long exposure, bringing up the lights from the skifield, which would be much less visible at a short exposure. We back the photographer, having seen Ruapehu from the beach at Waikanae and while driving north down the Transmission Gully expressway – seeming very close even without a telephoto lens.

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HOW TO ENTER

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Entries are open now and close 11.59pm on 31 October 2026.

The winning photo will be announced in the 4 November 2026 issue of the Ruapehu Bulletin.

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COMPETITION TERMS & CONDITIONS

The competition is jointly promoted by *Ruapehu Bulletin* and *Whakapapa*. Entries are open now and close at 11.59pm on 31 October 2026. Entries received after this time will not be eligible.

To enter, participants must email their photograph to ads@ruapehubulletin.co.nz and include their full name, phone number and a short description of the photograph.

The photograph must have been taken at Whakapapa during the 2026 winter season.

One winner will receive one 2027 Whakapapa Winter Season Pass. The prize cannot be exchanged for cash or transferred.

The winning photograph will be selected from eligible entries and the winner will be announced in the 4 November 2026 issue of the *Ruapehu Bulletin*.

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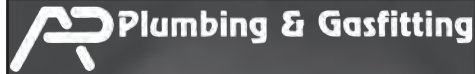


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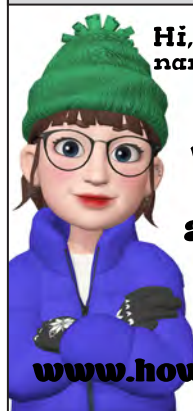
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Rail project conserves environment

Lines of yellow tape fluttering next to the railway line between Ohakune and Horopito are taken very seriously by engineers working on the Ohakune-Horopito deviation.

The tapes confine railway reconstruction to the narrow strip of railway land, and separate it from Tongariro National Park through which it runs.

As reconstruction is wholly within a national park, NZ Railways must take the greatest care to protect the environment. Stream pollution and damage to tree roots, must be prevented, and the clean up and restoration of native forest must be complete.

Hence the yellow tapes, and the appointment of Martin Nicholls, a seconded environment officer from the Department of Lands and Survey.

The project, costing up to \$20 million, is a major undertaking.

Two of the original bridges, the Hapuawhenua and the Taonui, are being replaced, many of the speed-slowing curves built 80 years ago by pioneering railway builders are being unravelled, and a tunnel is being sidestepped because of inadequate clearance for electric trains which will begin running late in 1987.

The flattening of the curves which slow main trunk line traffic to a dawdling 45 kms per hour, requires a new rail path to be laid down through virgin national park forest. So seriously was this intrusion viewed that a special empowering act of Parliament was needed, with full

restoration of old alignments as part of the deal.

Through the whole deviation curves with radii of 150 metres were common. These have been straightened and there is now nothing sharper than 420 metres. A doubling of train speeds and increased energy efficiency will be the result.

The old alignments and cuttings are used as dumps for unwanted material and these will eventually be blended into hillsides and replanted in native trees and plants.

The early 1900s tunnel north of the Hapuawhenua bridge has been bypassed and a new cutting created.

The mountain, through which railway workers burrowed early this century has been partly removed leaving a third of the tunnel forlornly naked. This section will soon be broken up, but the rest will be retained so that spoil may be transported through and dumped at the northern end.

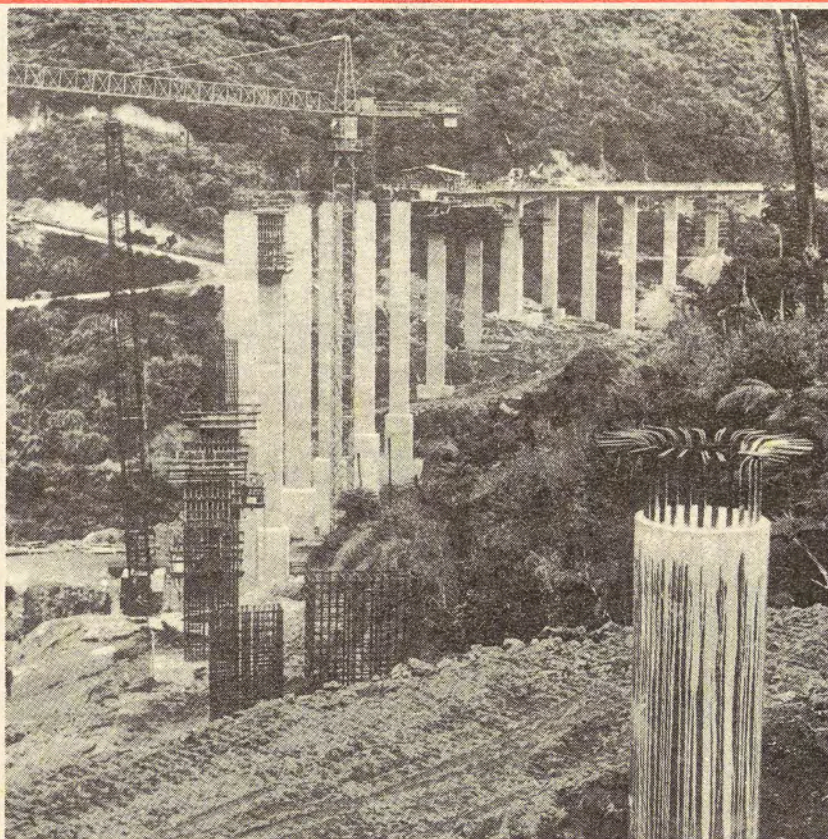
The Hapuawhenua bridge is now well on the way to completion, striding across the gap at a span every two weeks.

The bridge should be completed after two years work in July 1987.

The main trunk line is to be closed from 8 to 10 November so that track can be lifted from the old tunnel, the tunnel smashed and one of the biggest cuttings on the line completed.

New fibre-optic signal cables will be laid down over the summer continuously from Ohakune to National Park. The Hapuawhenua bridge however will not be ready for traffic until April next year.

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The graceful curve of the Hapuawhenua viaduct built by Fletcher Construction is now well on the way to completion.

Local mayors returned in Saturday's elections

A slender four-vote left Bill Taylor still in office as Ohakune Mayor after Saturday's election.

Challenger, Jim Goldfinch, narrowly missed but received 376 votes as councillor, the third highest in the poll.

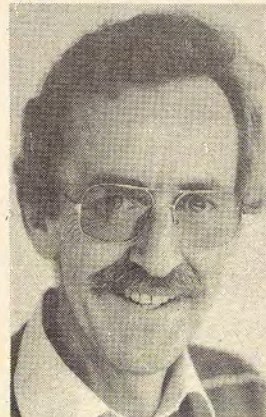
Sitting councillors Mike Wiggins and Mary Wright were ousted in the election which saw four new councillors: Jim Goldfinch, Ben Goddard, Bruce Thompson and Ron Burrows.

Former councillors Peter Hammond and Snow Brannigan stood down.

Seventy six per cent of Ohakune voters went to the poll, in an election which for

the first time saw absentee ratepayers ineligible.

Bill Taylor congratulated Mr Goldfinch for polling so well.



Bill Taylor.

"As a personal exercise, I was very interested to find where my support in the community lies. I look forward to another rewarding term of office with an excellent team of councillors.

"It was regretful that the two sitting councillors Wright and Wiggins were defeated and credit should be given for the contribution that they have made to the community.

"I would also like to extend my appreciation to those supportive to me during my campaign."

Jim Goldfinch said he was very excited by the result of the poll.

"It was pleasing to note that I only missed by four votes.

"My sincere thanks to all those voters who supported me and thanks to those who feel that I have something

worthwhile to contribute."

In Raetihi present Mayor Garrick Workman won again with a convincing 336 vote lead over challenger, deputy-mayor John Compton.

A high voter turn-out of 87 per cent was recorded in Raetihi.

Ohakune Borough Council: Mayoralty William Taylor 287*, James Goldfinch 283.

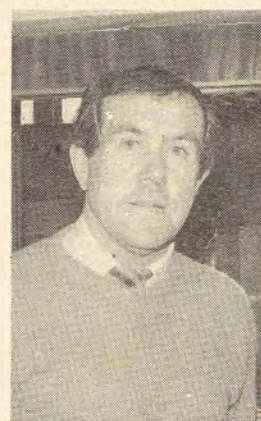
Council: Bruce Thompson 435, Errol Sue 399*, Ellen Gould 358*, Ben Goddard 344, Margaret Horne 337*, Ron Burrows 324, Allan Goddard 264*, Noel Akapita 246, James Goldfinch 376. (The above successful), John Briggs 183, Sue Murdie 234, Colin Turner 234, Mike Wiggins 218*, Mary Wright 172*.

Raetihi Borough Council: Mayoralty Garrick Workman 432*, John Compton 96.

Council: Keith Haitana 468*, Ken Summerhays 468*, John Compton 447*, Margo Webb 445*, Tom Punch 443*, Elizabeth Ryland 336, Barbara Dobson 326. (The above successful), Victor Taiaroa 265, Paul Dekker 192.

Former councillors Bill Pehi and Andrew Cornwall stood down.

Dorothy Searrow was re-elected as Waimarino representatives on the Wanganui Area Health Board.



Garrick Workman.

Bulletin closure rumours scotched

Over recent weeks rumours have surfaced from time to time that the Waimarino Bulletin may be closing down.

The origin of these stories is uncertain and doesn't really matter because we can assure our readers that the Bulletin will continue to serve the community.

Publisher John Sandford says that the rumours are totally without foundation and in fact he sees great potential in the paper.

"I can state emphatically that the story is not true. Johan and I have spent a lot of our time and money developing a community newspaper for the Ruapehu region and we have absolutely no intention of closing it down.

"It is a worthwhile and viable business and we are always looking at ways of upgrading the paper, such as introducing new equipment, so that staff have more satisfying jobs.

"Our current editor is unfortunately leaving but we are actively seeking a replacement. If there is a delay in making a new appointment a former editor, Dennis Beytagh who is well-known to Ruapehu region residents, has offered to stand in if necessary."

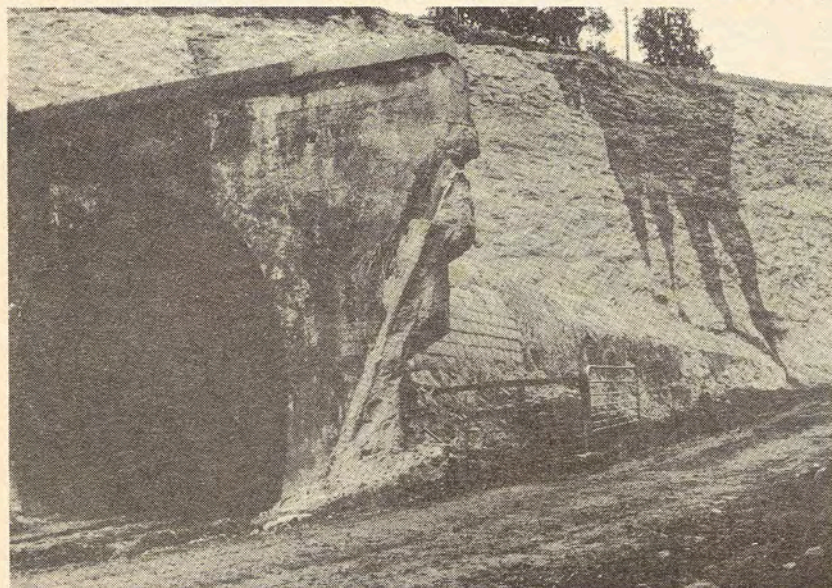
Waimarino County election unopposed

No election took place for the Waimarino County Council as eight nominations were received for eight seats.

However, the recent death of Malcolm Whale leaves a post vacant which will be filled by by-election later this year.

Two new nominations replaced retiring county chairman Bruce Berry and Councillor Winston Oliver.

Waimarino County Councillors: Ohakune Riding - Doug Bennett*, Gavin Jones*, Manganui Riding - David Griffiths, Jeremy Trebilcock; Parapapa Riding - Con Heinholt*; Mui-kumu Riding - Ian McCoubrie*; Karioi Riding - John Martin*, Malcolm Whale*. All elected unopposed. (* denotes sitting member).



The tunnel just north of the Hapuawhenua viaduct, now exposed in preparation for breaking up.

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Monday to Sunday 10.00am – 12.00am (midnight).
The application may be inspected during ordinary office hours at the office of the Ruapehu District Licensing Committee at Ruapehu District Council, 59-63 Huia Street, Taumarunui.

Any person who is entitled to object and who wishes to object to the issue of the licence may, not later than 25 working days after the date of the publication of this notice, file a notice in writing of the objection with the Secretary of the District Licensing Committee at Ruapehu District Council, Private Bag 1001, Taumarunui 3946.
No objections to the issue of a licence may be made in relation to a matter other than a matter specified in section 105(1) of the Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act 2012.
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Saturday 17 October

at The Centre, Seddon St until 1pm

For stall info phone Angel 0274 316 327
Only \$10 per stall – third Saturday of each month

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Waimarino Budget Service AGM

Wednesday 21 October at 5.30pm
56 Seddon Street.

All welcome.

BEE HIVE PLACEMENTS

We are seeking additional sites to lease on bona fide rural properties. December to February in the Central Plateau and surrounding areas. 10 years' continuous operating in the area.

Your inquiries are welcome
Phone David Russ 027-273-7830
or email david@russ.org.nz
Lion Apiaries



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
Manuka Ohakune Limited has made an application to the District Licensing Committee at Ruapehu District Council for the **issue of an On Licence** in respect of the premises situated at **29 Goldfinch Street, Ohakune** known as **Manuka**. The general nature of the business to be conducted under the licence is that of a **Restaurant**. The days on which and the hours during which alcohol is intended to be sold under the licence are: **Monday to Sunday 11.00am – 12.00am (midnight)**
The application may be inspected during ordinary office hours at the office of the Ruapehu District Licensing Committee at Ruapehu District Council, 59-63 Huia Street, Taumarunui.
Any person who is entitled to object and who wishes to object to the issue of the licence may, not later than 25 working days after the date of the publication of this notice, file a notice in writing of the objection with the Secretary of the District Licensing Committee at Ruapehu District Council, Private Bag 1001, Taumarunui 3946.
No objections to the issue of a licence may be made in relation to a matter other than a matter specified in section 105(1) of the Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act 2012.
This is the first publication of this notice.

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SHAREHOLDER EVENT 2026

Nau mai. Haere mai.

Tuesday 20 October 2026

Atihau-Whanganui Incorporation would like to warmly invite all shareholders and whānau to our shareholder event.

This year we will be visiting Tohunga Farm to do some planting on our whenua.

The bus departs from Pākaitore, Whanganui at 8am. Please meet at 7.30am to check -in.

Those who wish to drive themselves can meet us at Maungarongo Marae, Ohakune for pōwhiri at 10am.

After morning tea, we will travel together to Tohunga Farm and finish back at Maungarongo Marae for lunch.

Registrations close on Wednesday 14 October 2026.

To register, please contact the Whanganui office on 06 348 7213 or email office@atihau.com

Ngā Waihua o Paerangi Trust October Clinics

By appointment/drop in
Personal health nurse - appointments are available on request in Raetihi or Ohakune, contact Donna 027 491 2183 – (free cervical screening)

SERVICES AVAILABLE

Kaupapa Māori mental health and addictions (Rebecca)
Supporting/ addressing needs of tangata whaiora
Drug & alcohol intervention
After hours emergencies – mental health assessment & treatment team 0800 653 358

Whānau Ora (Tina, Darnella and Virginia)
Wrap around services for those with high health and social needs.
Advice and advocacy support
Support for GP practice

Tamariki Ora (Tina and Katherine)
Well child checks for pēpi 0-5 years
Kaiawhina additional support

Bowel Screening

If you have any queries relating to the bowel screening project, please contact Darnella Hawira 0272 455 278, Darnella.Hawira@ngatirangi.com

He Puna Ora (Toni-Renee)

Building capability and knowledge within māmā, using mātauranga Māori as a solution to support change. Improve the well-being of children by addressing the needs of māmā and strengthening the whānau environment. Every Monday, 11am – 2pm at Ngati Rangi Health Centre.

Appointments/More Information Contact Admin
Mon-Fri- 8.30am-5pm 06 3859 580/0, 0274 758 347 or email Katherine.Herewini@ngatirangi.com

We have an AED Defibrillator available on site.

HAVE YOU GOT AN EVENT you want to tell the community about? Contact us here at the Bulletin on 06-385-8532.

SITUATIONS VACANT

CUSTOMER SERVICE OFFICER

Part time – Ohakune
Thursday and Friday 8.30am to 5pm



We are looking for an exceptional part time Customer Services Officer for our Ohakune Office. This position is for 15 hours per week, working on Thursdays and Fridays.

A typical day working within our team will include:

- Attending to compliance enquiries, animal control, alcohol or rating requests.
- Lodging customer service requests – potholes, slips or roaming dogs.
- Issuing and returning library books.

You will need:

- Experience in customer service role
- Excellent interpersonal and communication skills
- Be competent in the MS Office programs with the ability to adapt to online tools and systems
- Local geographical knowledge of the Ruapehu District

If you are looking for an opportunity to make a difference, we would welcome your application of interest.

Applications will be assessed as they come in, so if you are interested, please apply today via our website www.ruapehudc.govt.nz/our-council/employment/current-vacancies



BOARD DIRECTOR VACANCY – VISIT RUAPEHU

Visit Ruapehu is seeking expressions of interest from a Ruapehu tourism operator to join our Board of Directors.

As Ruapehu's Regional Tourism Organisation, Visit Ruapehu works to grow the value of the visitor economy and support a strong, resilient and sustainable tourism sector across the district.

We are looking for someone who brings a strong understanding of tourism in Ruapehu, together with the skills and experience to contribute at a governance level.

For this appointment, we are particularly interested in candidates who bring accounting or strong financial expertise, have established connections with local stakeholders and industry peers, and have the flexibility to represent Visit Ruapehu outside of Board meetings at a local and regional level.

Ideally, you will bring:

- Current involvement in a tourism or visitor-related business in the Ruapehu district
- Accounting or strong financial expertise
- Commercial and strategic thinking
- An understanding of governance, financial oversight and risk

Expressions of interest close 23 October 2026.

To express your interest or find out more, please contact chairperson@visitrुapehu.com.

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Tirorangi Marae 2025-2026 Annual General Meeting

Sunday 8 November 2026 – 10am
Venue: Tirorangi Marae Karioi

AGENDA

1. Chairmans Report
2. Adopt 2024 AGM Minutes
3. Approve 2025-2026 Annual Financial Statements
4. Progress Report
5. Election for 2 Trustees; retiring trustees are available for re-election
6. General Business

Trustee nomination forms can be obtained via email to Marae secretary at murimotu.karioi@gmail.com – nominations close Monday 02 November 5pm

Murimotu 4B4 Lot 2 Trust 2025-2026 Annual General Meeting

Sunday 08 November 2026 - 2pm
Tirorangi Marae Karioi

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New fishing season kicks off

Anglers are now heading out to New Zealand's rivers and lakes as the 2026-27 freshwater fishing season got underway on 1 October.

Fish & Game New Zealand chief operating officer Richie Cosgrove said conditions looked good across much of the country, with trout that hadn't seen a lure or fly for months.

"There is every reason to be excited, and plenty of opportunity to get out on the water."

Cosgrove said fishing offered New Zealanders far more than a day on the water.

"Fishing is great for body and mind. It is hard to dwell on your worries when your attention is on a trout at the end of the line. It is also a great way to spend time with whanau and friends, get some wild kai on the table, teach kids new skills, and pass on a love of the outdoors."

He said angling is an affordable pastime for Kiwis from all walks of life.

"You do not need the latest and greatest gear to enjoy fishing. With a licence and some basic equipment, you can get easily get started without spending a fortune."

Cosgrove said that many regions have kid-friendly spots within walking or biking distance of main centres. Children under 12 can fish for free but still need a licence, and those aged 12 to 17 can buy a whole

season licence for \$31.

To help anglers make the most of the season, Fish & Game has launched a new Fishing Knowledge Hub, a one-stop online home for everything freshwater fishing.

"Whether you are picking up a rod for the first time or you have fished our rivers and lakes for years, the Hub has something for you," Cosgrove said.

"It brings together practical, easy-to-follow guides covering where to fish, choosing your gear, reading the water, techniques from spin and fly fishing through to boat fishing, and preparing your catch for the table, with a growing library of how-to videos alongside them. It is everything you need for freshwater fishing in New Zealand, all in one place."

New Zealand ranks among the best trout fishing destinations in the world.

"It is world-class fishing, and it is right on our doorstep. We look forward to seeing people out on the water this season," Cosgrove said.

Whole season licences are available online and from accredited sports shops and other outlets. To buy a licence and explore the Fishing Knowledge Hub, head to fishandgame.org.nz.



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DON'T FORGET TO ENTER OUR READER'S COMPETITION ON PAGE 37 - ENTRIES CLOSE FRIDAY!

READ IT ONLINE AT WWW.RUAPEHU.INFO

Waimarino Art awards winners 2026

Waimarino Art Awards prizegiving night on Saturday 26 September was a great success in spite of cold rain, says organiser Annie Stone.

“The Theatre looked amazing, with the works on scaffolding put up by Mana Peina of Barred Up,” says Annie.

“Korty Wilson was the excellent compere and the three judges said interesting things about the winning pieces and gave honourable mentions for each category.

Winners

Tamzyn Te Riaki won Te Tohu o Ngati Rangi category with “Koro Ruapehu in all his Glory”, sponsored by Ngati Rangi.

Pauline Allomes won the Porter Award, with “The Old Man of the Forest”, sponsored by Liam Porter.

Ken Grimes won the Remarkable Ruapehu category, with “Pig Hunt”, sponsored by the Mayoral Fund.

Richard Hoadley won Sculpture Glass & Ceramic category, with “Vessel of Interest”, sponsored by Raetihi Townspeople.

Darlene Walters won Nga Kakahu Toi Hau category with “Poi”, sponsored by PKF Doyle & Associates.

Regan Hoban won Open Category, with “Ponderings”, sponsored by Jonathon Preston Memorial Trust.

Carol Fagan won Fibre and Collage category, with “Kimono”, sponsored by 4 Square Raetihi.

Suraya Holland won the Photography category with “In plain Sight”, sponsored by New World Ohakune.

Tina Schurhammer won Natural World category, with “Dawn Symphony of Shadow & Light”, sponsored by Mitredale Kennels.

“The quality of the work overall is very good and many visitors have been very happy with it,” says Annie.



ABOVE: Suraya Holland's 'In Plain Sight' photograph, with judge Jerry Le Roux, from Palmerston North UCOL. Photo: Chantel O'Brien. LEFT: 'The Old Man of the Forest'. by Pauline Allomes - winning the Porter Award. BELOW: Ken Grimes' winning 'Pig Hunt'. Tina Schurhammer won the Natural World category with 'Dawn Symphony of Shadow & Light.'



Carol Fagan's 'Kimono', winner of the Fibre and Collage category.



Richard Hoadley wins with 'Vessel of Interest'.



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