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Poll on trust highlights council need, says Kirton

By Moana Ellis, LDR

Ruapehu mayor Weston Kirton says new research showing New Zealanders trust local councils more than central government reinforces the need to protect local voices amid major reforms.

Research commissioned by Local Government New Zealand found 54% of respondents trusted their local council to make decisions for their community, compared with a quarter who trust central government.

Kirton said the findings were no surprise. "We know our communities because we are our communities. We understand the challenges people face, alongside their hopes and aspirations for the places they call home."

He said Ruapehu's councillors were available to locals to talk about local concerns.

"People can raise an issue directly with someone who knows their community and can help get things moving."

Kirton said recent community engagement on the Government's Head Start council amalgamation directive had highlighted maintaining local voice as a top priority.

"People want local leaders on the ground, connected to their communities and with a deep understanding of local issues. Whatever changes come, we need to protect that connection and the ability to act on it."

Strong local advocacy was critically important, he said.

"Whether it is securing funding for local health services, challenging policies that affect our rural economy, advocating for our ski areas, the Chateau Tongariro, or forestry mill workers, or getting old carriages removed from local rail yards ... these issues need representatives who will keep raising them and pushing for action."

Kirton said the poll also highlighted the gap between the appeal of rates capping and its potential consequences.

Rates increases will be capped at 4% under a Government move to ease the pressure on household budgets.

Local Government Minister Simon Watts has previously said the rates cap would put the brakes on excessive increases and force councils to focus on the basics.

In the LGNZ survey, about half of respondents (51%) supported a proposed cap, but people were less likely to support it when asked to consider higher fees (41%), lower service standards (37%) or reduced infrastructure investment (36%).

The survey used a sample size of 1000 voting-aged New Zealanders.

Kirton said he understood why rates capping sounded appealing.

"Rates are already too high for many Ruapehu households, and people need relief."

"But a cap does not make the cost of maintaining roads, running libraries or collecting rubbish stand still."

The council is reviewing service levels in preparation for its new 2027-2037

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Fashionistas show up and spend



Teena Juanita's collection included a range of creations including lots of loose fitting, flowing garments. Photo: Holly Huriana.

Fashionista numbers were down for the Ohakune Fashion Show at the Powderhorn Chateau's Matterhorn Restaurant on Saturday, but organisers were pleased with the amount raised for charity.

Lead organiser Cecilia Roke said she was a bit disappointed with the turn out, which was smaller than in past years – possibly because of the All Blacks game

on the same night, possibly because of the time of year (the event had traditionally been held at the start of the snow season).

"But the feedback was great – people were coming up to me at the end, saying 'oh my gosh Cecilia, that was amazing.'"

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Sausage medal for Taumarunui butcher

Absolute Meats in Taumarunui has plenty to celebrate after winning a sausage medal at this year’s Dunninghams Great New Zealand Sausage Competition. Their beef sausage won Category Champion and was recognised among the country’s best at a special awards evening in Auckland.

A record-breaking 869 entries were submitted from 126 sausage makers nationwide.

“You can see the care and pride producers are putting into their sausages, and that really comes through in the texture and all the technical aspects of making a great sausage,” says Judge Brian Everton.

“At this final stage of judging, it ultimately comes down to the combination of flavours and innovation – those are the things that can lift one sausage above another.”

The public were also invited to taste and vote for their favourite during a special lunchtime People’s Choice sausage sizzle held at The Green in Central Park, Auckland.



Sam and Jess Brenchley from Absolute Meats.

Tomas Huppert 2026 SSNZ Life Member

From Ruapehu to the world – Tomas Huppert’s amazing story of Olympic representation, snow sports leadership and lunch with Audrey Hepburn – his story has been shared by Snow Sports New Zealand as the organisation acknowledges his Life Membership.

For Tomas Huppert, skiing has always been about much more than competition. His connection with the sport stretches back nearly eight decades, with Mt Ruapehu at the heart of the story.

Tomas first skied at Mt Ruapehu in 1948, when his European-born parents, both keen skiers, took Tomas and his sister to the mountain. He was 11 years old in 1954 when Sir Edmund Hillary opened New Zealand’s first chairlift at Whakapapa – a memorable moment in what would become a lifelong connection with the mountain.

By his teens, Tomas loved climbing to the top of Ruapehu, sitting there and contemplating the world and, as he remembers it, “how small I was”. But he was also developing into one of New Zealand’s leading ski racers. In 1962, aged 19, he won the New Zealand downhill and giant slalom titles at Ruapehu. For Tomas, part of the satisfaction was upsetting the established order.

“I was a young reprobate at 19 years old and I beat all the old hands.”

His ambitions stretched beyond racing at home. At 15, Tomas had decided he wanted to compete at the Olympic Games, but his route there was anything but straightforward. While campaigning overseas in the 1960s, funding ran out and the New Zealand skiers were told to head home. Tomas stayed in London to work, landing an unlikely job teaching skiing by appointment at Simpsons of Piccadilly, on a plastic slope long enough for only half a dozen turns. The job came at a cost: being paid to teach skiing meant losing his amateur status and, with it, two years of racing.

Combined title

When Tomas returned to competition, he was fitter and stronger than before. In 1967, he won the New Zealand National Combined title, completing a remarkable comeback after two years away from racing.

“They had to take me after that.”

His place on the team for the 1968 Winter Olympics in Grenoble fulfilled the ambition he had set himself at 15.

At Grenoble, Tomas competed in downhill, giant slalom and slalom and carried the New Zealand flag at the Opening Ceremony. It was a very different era of ski racing. There were far fewer safety features, no blue lines marking the course and little of the netting seen today. Grooming was minimal too – Tomas remembers the army packing down the snow with their boots – and racers tackled the mountain on skis considerably longer than those used today.

The Games also produced one particularly unexpected highlight. After completing the downhill, Tomas found himself taking film star Audrey Hepburn to lunch, accompanied by her chaperone, Dorothy Brynner, wife of Hollywood star Yule Brynner.

Almost four decades later, Tomas’s Olympic story came full circle. Having represented New Zealand as both an athlete and flagbearer in Grenoble, he returned to the

Winter Games in Torino in 2006 as Chef de Mission – giving him the rare honour of experiencing the Olympic Games in all three roles.

His contribution to skiing at Mt Ruapehu was just as enduring. Tomas became a director of Ruapehu Alpine Lifts in 1973 and later served as chair. His involvement spanned decades of development and change on the mountain, including the acquisition of Tūroa in 2000.

His commitment continued long after, serving for many years as a Trustee of RAL.

And his own racing career had remarkable longevity. Four decades after representing New Zealand at Grenoble, Tomas was still lining up in Masters ski racing until 2008.

From national champion, Olympian and flagbearer to Chef de Mission, RAL director, chair and long-serving trustee, Tomas has spent a lifetime contributing to New Zealand skiing.

Perhaps the thread running through it all is the mountain itself. Nearly eight decades after first learning to ski at Mt Ruapehu as a six-year-old, the mountain remains, in Tomas’s own words, “part of my soul”.

Snow Sports NZ is proud to recognise Tomas Huppert’s outstanding and enduring contribution to snow sports with Life Membership.

This article is shared by SSNZ.



Tomas Huppert: eight decades of Ruapehu skiing.

Ruapehu Events & What's On

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Freeride comp rounds out Whakapapa season

Whakapapa hosted the Whakapapa Freeride Competition at the start of the month – to round out the snow season that ended on the weekend.

The ski area switches straight away to its summer operation, providing sightseeing rides in the Sky Waka Gondola to the Knoll Ridge Café.

Results

U10 Female Ski: 1st Maeva Dyck; 2nd Storm Van Dam. U10 Male Snowboard: Ezra Steel; 2nd Kai Willing. U12 Male Ski: 1 Hadley Jones; 2 Henry Toner; 3 Xander Read. U12 Female Ski: 1 Hadley Jillings; 2 Hosanna Aitken. U12 Male Snowboard: Kiripounamu Fox-Winitana; Moeariki Fox-Winitana; Snyder Rewiri. U12 Fe-

male Snowboard: Te Owai Boyce; Ellie Barrett. U15 Male Ski: Meshach Aitken; Jos Leong; Archie Rissestto. U15 female ski: Millie Dyck; Abigail Jones; Rosemary Carson; Ella Morgan. U15 male SB: Judah Steel; River Jeffares; Euka Willing. U18 male ski: Mica Hoyle; Jay Learmonth; Hunter Byers. U18 male SB: Malachi Steel; Benjamin Donovan. U18 female SB: Jessie Forster.

Open male ski: Henry Barton; Lucas Quiroz Frankland; Locky Coombes. Open female ski: Eva Schiffman; Eva Poechtrager; Amy Stokoe. Open Male Snowboard: Filippo Gasparini; Rongo Te Heuheu; Casey Flood. Open Female Snowboard: Nicole Henderson; Ellie Arnold.



Hunter Byers, third in the U18 ski comp. Photos: Whakapapa.



Mica Hoyle in action at the recent Whakapapa Freeride Comp. His run earned him first place in the Under 18 male skier category.

Councils needed

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Long-Term Plan.

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“Councils need to be accountable for their decisions and spending. Government needs to be equally accountable for the costs and responsibilities it passes on.”

Local Government New Zealand (LGNZ) president Rehette Stoltz said councils were working hard to deliver value for money and essential services.

She said the biggest pressures on councils were ongoing, significant increases in infrastructure costs plus costs passed down by central government – “not back-office spending”.

“Councils are being asked to build more, support growth and meet rising expectations with fewer tools. The maths doesn’t add up.”

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Letters

Pool ambitions

• Much has been made recently of proposals to redevelop the Ohakune swimming baths into an all-weather aquatic and wellbeing complex.

It is an ambitious vision and, if it can be delivered without significant cost to ratepayers, deserves serious consideration. However, as Council undertakes its service review, we must be careful not to confuse aspirations with realities.

The council's task is to assess the services it currently provides and what ratepayers can reasonably afford into the future. Decisions should be based on evidence, usage, costs and demonstrated community benefit, not on what might be achieved if every funding application, partnership arrangement and business projection falls into place.

The proposed Ohakune redevelopment remains exactly that: a proposal. It relies on external funding, commercial operators, visitor forecasts and assumptions yet to be tested through a feasibility study. Indeed, versions of this concept have been publicly discussed for around five years. Yet, after all that time, the project is only now reaching the stage where a feasibility study is being commissioned. That does not make it a bad idea, but it does suggest councillors should be cautious about basing present-day service decisions on future outcomes that remain unproven.

Population alone is a weak basis for making this decision. Ohakune has around 1360 residents and Raetihi around 1140, a difference of only about 220 people. More importantly, pools serve catchments rather than town boundaries, and Raetihi's pool services a wider rural community with fewer alternative recreational facilities.

This is not an argument against Ohakune. Both communities value their pools and both facilities contribute to community wellbeing.

But difficult financial decisions require councils to focus on what exists today rather than what may exist tomorrow. Councils should not be asked to compare an existing community asset against a concept that, after five years of discussion, is only now entering the feasibility stage.

If the Ohakune redevelopment secures substantial external funding and demonstrates a sustainable business model, that will be welcome news for the district. Until then, council's responsibility is to make decisions based on proven evidence, transparent analysis and the greatest benefit for the communities it serves.

John Chapman, RDC councillor

Strong local voice essential as councils face tough choices: RDC

New research shows New Zealanders trust local councils more than central government reinforces the importance of protecting local voice through local government reform says Ruapehu mayor Weston Kirton (see separate story).

One of the proposals from the Coalition Government is the 4% rates cap, which Kirton has supported.

However, he says rates caps come with difficult choices

"I understand why rates capping sounds appealing. Rates are already too high for many Ruapehu households, and people need relief."

He says Ruapehu has long focused on basic services.

"Even so, cost increases outside our control and Government requirements without matching funding are making it increasingly difficult to keep rates affordable while maintaining the services people want and value," he said.

"Like other tourism districts Ruapehu needs realistic, dependable Government funding to help meet the infrastructure costs of hosting visitors. It is unreasonable to expect our small ratepayer base to fund infrastructure serving a much larger visitor population and supporting the national tourism economy."

Council is reviewing service levels in preparation for its new 2027-2037 Long-Term Plan. "These discussions are bringing the choices

into sharper focus. People value their services, but we need to be honest about what they cost and what communities can afford.

"Councils need to be accountable for their decisions and spending. Government needs to be equally accountable for the costs and responsibilities it passes on.

"Council must keep looking for efficiencies and better ways of working. We also need Government to recognise that some savings will mean changes people will notice.

"Our communities need us working constructively together, with realistic funding and an honest conversation about what people can afford and the services they can expect," said Kirton.

Fashionistas show up and spend

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She said there was a real mix in the show, including the Ohakune Primary School children with their wearable arts creations.

A wide range of fashion styles were on show, from more traditional to flowing trousers for men – "almost like skirts and dresses", said Cecilia.

The show included a milliner who's headwear creations were "actually quite sort of alternative".

"In parts it was quite theatrical."

She said the feedback on the VIP tables – a new option this year – was really positive.

"They felt like they got their money's worth – they had lovely canapes and they really enjoy their champagne and so that definitely would be something I'll do next time."

The audience really enjoyed the commentary from ex-All Black Glenn Osborne – "just such a brilliant MC, he did an amazing job".

Emma Young was his assistant and also helped keep things together.

Emma also turned the planned silent auction into a live call for bids, raising around \$500 for a Tūroa season pass and \$500 for

a Ruatiti cabin stay.

Cecilia said the models were great – possibly the best performance they've had.

"They walked slowly, they walked with confidence. They did a really professional job."

Lisa Lou provided the musical interlude, playing popular covers that were well-received.

Cecilia said they definitely plan to run the show in 2027, possibly at Kings Birthday weekend, but that decision will be made after debriefing.

She said she really enjoys working on the show.

"It's a buzz, it really is a buzz."

Funds raised from the event – more than \$5500 – will go to the Greenlea Rescue Helicopter.

Annika Heatley from the rescue trust spoke to the audience about the work that the rescue chopper does in this area, citing the 235 missions from January to June this year.

Cecilia thanked the retailers who showed their fashions: High Country Clothing, Milly Black, Opus Fresh, TCB, Ethical Waste, Anna John Designs, Teena Juanita and Ohakune Primary School Toi.



Fashion Show MCs Glen Osborne and Emma Young. Photo: Holly Huriana.

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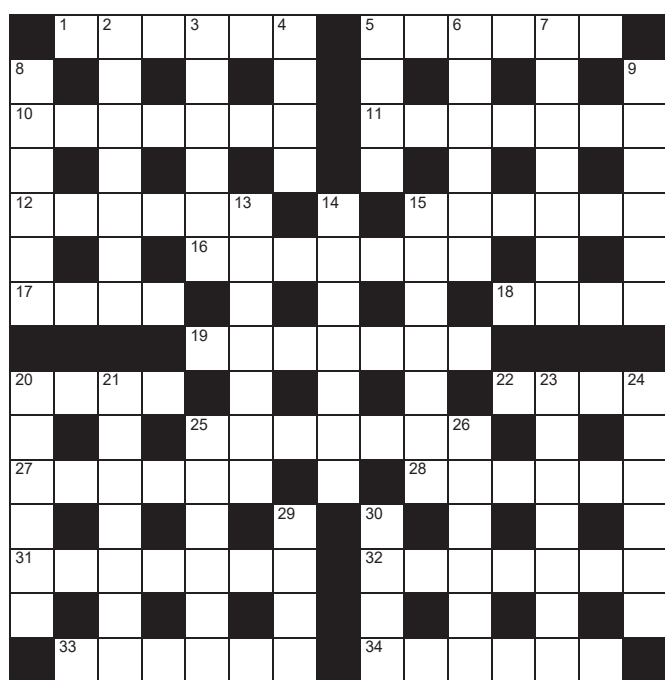
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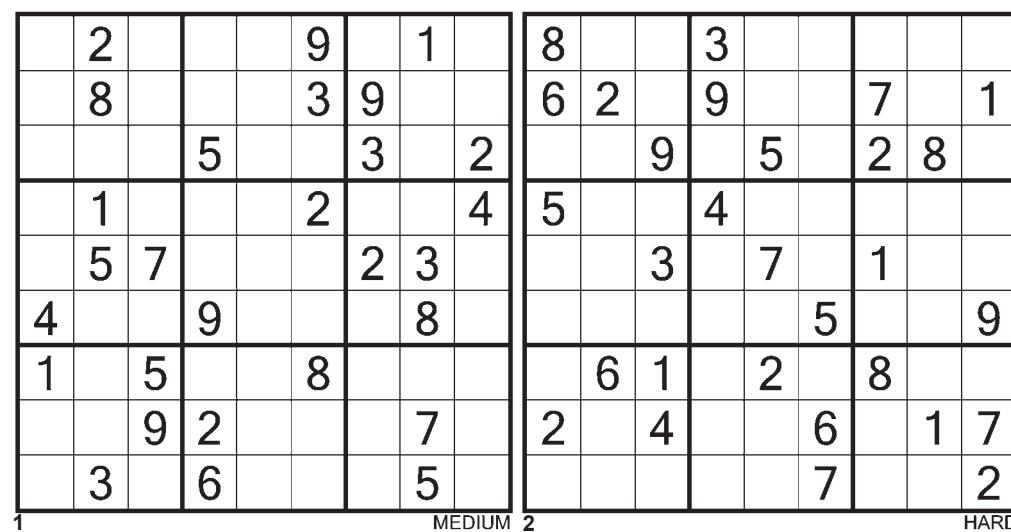
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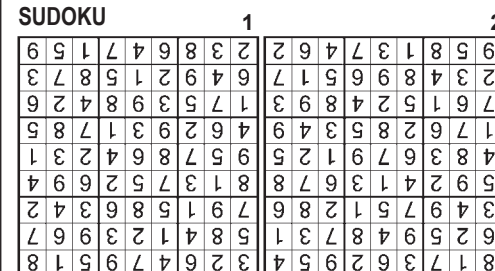
The Top 10

- Which New Zealand islands are home of the world's largest forget-me-not?
- Which label featured a dog called Nipper on all its records?
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- The ibex is a member of which animal family?
- Who went from *Knight Rider* to *Baywatch*?
- What bird is called kotare in te reo?
- Gwyneth Paltrow pretended to be a man so she could perform on stage in what 1998 Oscar-winning film?
- Female gymnasts compete in which four disciplines?
- In which Italian city did Antonio Stradivari and Nicolò Amati make their violins?
- Who was Australian prime minister between Bob Hawke and John Howard?

CROSSWORD

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Outrage, 12. Heroic, 15. Scribble, 16. Cahoots,
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SUDOKU



Tongariro fire recovery work celebrated

An opportunity for people to hear about the work going on to restore the area of Tongariro National Park that was badly damaged by fire last year was well-attended, with several speakers explaining various aspects of the recovery work.

George Taylor, acting operations manager, for the Department of Conservation said they were very happy with the turn-out at the Blue Mountain Adventure Centre (BMAC) on Friday.

“We really wanted to provide an opportunity for our community to learn about what we’ve been up to and share with each other.

“The highlights for me were the heavy-lift drone demonstration and the incredible support from our partners on the day.

“I think there’s opportunity into the future with this kind of collaborative format with so many of the partners involved.”

Speakers

Starting the day was David Herries from

Interpine explaining the technological innovation being used: using drones, LiDAR and AI for conservation outcomes.

Creedence Lingman from Tongariro Contracting talked about ground control: hunting deer in the Fire Recovery Zone.

Vicki Wills from Horizons Regional Council spoke on “thinking recovery early”: lessons from the Tongariro fire.

Paul Cashmore, Te Papa Atawhai/Department of Conservation, spoke on the ecological impact assessment: post fire analysis and recovery planning.

“We loved getting together as a community to chat all things conservation, and we’re pretty sure everyone came away from those inspirational presentations knowing a little bit more,” says DOC’s communications advisor Krysia Nowak.

“We’ll be sharing more of the mahi over the coming months, and we’ll make sure there are other opportunities to learn and connect.”



The AeroInspect heavy-lift drone demonstration was a highlight

Visitor levy funds for Tongariro fire, cycle trails

Around \$9 million of the International Visitor Levy is to be spent in the Tongariro National Park, the Department of Conservation announced last week.

The annual IVL Conservation Investment Plan allocates \$55 million of funding to biodiversity and visitor related projects.

Under the Biodiversity initiatives is \$900,000 allocated to the Tongariro Maunga Ora – Recovery of Tongariro National Park after the 2025 wildfires. This is described as “landscape-scale pest plant management”.

Under the Visitors initiatives, subheaded “Improvements to the visitor network” is \$8 million allocated to the Mountain to Sea Cycle Trail – construction of Te Ara Mangawhero and Te Hangaruru sections.

The Bulletin understands that physical work on Phase Two of Te Ara Mangawhero is due to start soon.

The International Visitor Conservation and Tourism Levy (IVL) is a \$100 levy charged to most international visitors to New Zealand. It helps fund projects and activities that support conservation and tourism across New Zealand.

Each year \$55 million is allocated to conservation projects through an investment plan. The plan lists the projects along with the funding they will receive that year.

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Whanganui electorate candidates set

Only three of the main political parties have put up candidates in the local electorate – Whanganui – that now includes much of the Ruapehu District, excluding Taumarunui.

National’s Carl Bates – current Whanganui Electorate MP – is standing again.

Labour has nominated Angela Roberts

New Zealand First has nominated Harete Hipango-Brownlie.

The other candidates are Juan Charles Coffey, from the Balance New Zealand party; and Sandra Kyle representing the Animal Justice Party Aotearoa New Zealand.

Profiles

• Angela Roberts entered Parliament as a list MP in 2020, after a career as a secondary school teacher. Since then she returned to teaching.

She has been involved in the union movement for more than 25 years, including serving as the President of the secondary teachers’ union, the PPTA Te Wehengarua.

She says that as an economics teacher and unionist, she is ready to take on the challenge of finding consensus around how we reset the economy to build a sustainable future.

She says her involvement in politics has always been about fighting for

progressive social change for the community.

“I bring diverse experience and a collective approach to our work to ensure that we can meet the challenges ahead, together.”

• Harete Hipango-Brownlie is a former National Party Member of Parliament, lawyer and public servant with 30 years’ experience serving communities across law, health, governance and public policy.

Hipango-Brownlie served as the Member of Parliament for Whanganui from 2017 to 2020 before returning to Parliament as a List MP in 2021 until 2023. Before entering Parliament, Hipango-Brownlie served on the Whanganui District Health Board.

With Māori and European heritage, she says she brings “a unique perspective shaped by decades of experience working across the justice system, public service, iwi organisations and Parliament”.

• Juan Coffey is co-founder of Balance New Zealand.

He says his values are shaped by family, community, and a deep respect for the responsibilities we hold to one another as New Zealanders.

He shares his time between both business and community. He is a company director of both Rivercity

Painting Ltd and JJ Roofing Ltd.

He is the current president of Whanganui Surf Lifeguard services.

• Sandra Kyle has been in Whanganui for over seven years. She is a music teacher and says for many years has been “a voice for animals” – through writing, speaking and peaceful activism. Sandra has been internationally recognized for her work on behalf of animals.

Kyle is “committed to kindness, sustainability and justice for animals, people and the planet”. She would like to be part of discussion to look at more compassionate and holistic ways to diversify and grow the local economy.

She sees climate change, AI, inequality and mistreatment of animals, people and the environment as some of the greatest challenges facing Whanganui and individuals.

“With a great river, good soil, good people and strong cultural roots, (she) would like to see us value Te Tiriti, and look after the most vulnerable in the community, including children and the elderly.”

She says animals need a voice—and voters need an alternative.

• Carl Bates was elected MP for the Whanganui Electorate in 2023.

Born, raised and educated

in Whanganui, Bates intends to advocate for all constituents in Whanganui. He has been elected as deputy chairman of the Education and Workforce Select Committee and serves as a member of the Justice Committee.

A Chartered Accountant, Bates was appointed to his first directorship role at 18 – an independent director of a non-profit aged care facility whilst still at university. By 20 he had also been appointed to the board of Arena Manawatu and elected to the Council of UCOL.

Two years later Bates was appointed acting CEO of Quality Health New Zealand with a brief to turn the organisation around. He subsequently set up his own business and spent a number of years both in New Zealand and overseas, predominantly in Africa. This led to opportunities to serve as director and chairman of a wide range of international businesses in the primary industries and animal health, food safety and manufacturing, retail and education.

Bates was named the Young Business Person of the Year at the 2016 Wellington Regional Business Excellence awards and in 2022 became one of the youngest Chartered Fellows of the Institute of Directors in New Zealand. In 2025 he was elected as a Fellow of Chartered Accountants Australia New Zealand.

He turned a deficit of 8191 votes in 2020 to a National majority of 5512 votes, turning Whanganui Blue.

Bates, Candice, their sons Angus and Logan and daughter Bonnie-Ann live in Whanganui.

Austerity trap views

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The real question facing rural New Zealand is therefore not whether rates are too high or budgets too large.

It is whether we have become so accustomed to decline that we now mistake managing decline for a development strategy.

Until we are prepared to have an honest conversation about investment, growth and the role of government in regional development, we will continue asking shrinking communities to solve structural problems with fewer resources, lower expectations and ever more heroic acts of local resilience.

And resilience, admirable though it may be, was never intended to be an economic strategy.



Carl Bates, National.



Angela Roberts, Labour.



Sandra Kyle, Animal Justice Party.



Juan Charles Coffey, Balance New Zealand party.



Harete Hipango-Brownlie, New Zealand First.



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OHAKUNE/RAETIHI CYCLE & WALKWAY



Do you think Council should continue to support the development of the proposed Ohakune/Raetihi cycleway without construction funding and future ownership secured?

DOG FEES



Do you support Council's proposal for dog owners to pay a greater share of dog control services?

KERBSIDE FOOD WASTE COLLECTION



Do you think Council should stop kerbside food waste collection? if so, should support be provided for alternatives such as home composting?

ONGARUE & OWHANGO TRANSFER STATIONS



Do you support Council's proposal to close the Ongarue and Ohango Transfer Stations?

TAUMARUNUI/MANUNUI HALLS



Do you think Council should close its halls in Taumarunui and Manunui if suitable alternative facilities are available?

SWIMMING POOLS



Do you think Council should focus its funding on fewer swimming pools?

PUBLIC TOILETS



Council is proposing to close public toilets in Waimarino, Raetihi and Tangiwai, and introduce user charging at the high-use SH1 Waiouru toilet. What do you think?

OHAKUNE/RAETIHI OFFICES & LIBRARIES



Council is considering options to consolidate its services in Ohakune and Raetihi to one location. In the interim it may also reduce opening hours. What do you think?

Would you support Council removing the contestable portion of the Pride of Place Grant Fund?

PRIDE OF PLACE GRANT FUND



*** Before providing your feedback please read the supporting information as this may change how you think about the issue.**



Hardcopy feedback forms are available at your local Council office

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- Ohura Hall Wed 21 Oct 6pm-9pm
- Waimarino, The Park Hotel Tue 27 Oct 6pm-9pm
- Raetihi Royal Theatre Wed 28 Oct 6pm-9pm
- Taumarunui, Kainui Coffee Sat 31 Oct 9am-12pm



The austerity trap: Chapman comments

Opinion: John Chapman, RDC councillor

• Rural New Zealand was built by public investment. Why have we become convinced its future can be secured without it?

There is a paradox at the heart of rural New Zealand politics. Across the provinces, people complain, often with justification, that rates are too high, roads are deteriorating, infrastructure is ageing and opportunities are becoming increasingly concentrated in larger centres. Yet many of the same communities continue to support policies that constrain public spending, limit local government revenue and reduce the role of government in economic development.

The contradiction is particularly visible in districts such as Ruapehu.

Residents face some of the highest rates burdens in the country relative to income, yet service levels are often basic. The response is predictable: demands for lower rates, smaller budgets and further cost-cutting.

The frustration is understandable. But so is the arithmetic. Ruapehu covers a vast area with a relatively small population. It still requires roads, bridges, water infrastructure, wastewater systems, parks, libraries, swimming pools and regulatory services. The costs of providing those services do not disappear simply because there are fewer ratepayers to share them.

In many respects, rural councils and rural communities face the same challenge. They have extensive infrastructure, growing regulatory obligations and too few people over whom to spread the cost.

This creates a trap. Ratepayers feel overburdened. Councils feel underfunded. Both are right.

The usual political response is to look for savings. If rates are high, councils must spend less. If budgets are stretched, services must be reduced. If costs are rising, more efficiencies must be found.

Each individual cut appears sensible. Collectively, however, they often amount to a strategy of managed decline.

A service is reduced. Maintenance is deferred. Community grants are trimmed. Economic development budgets are cut. Cultural programmes become harder to justify. Staff numbers shrink. Facilities receive only essential maintenance.

No single decision appears disastrous.

Yet over time the cumulative effect is profound. Communities become slightly less attractive places to live, invest and raise families. Economic opportunities become harder to create. Population growth slows. The financial burden on those who remain becomes even heavier.

Austerity cycle

The cycle feeds itself. What is often missing from these discussions is a sense of history. Provincial New Zealand was not built through austerity.

The roads, railways, schools, hospitals, electricity networks and public institutions that allowed regional communities to thrive were the product of sustained public investment over generations. Previous governments understood that balanced regional development was not something markets delivered automatically. It was something public policy helped create.

Today we increasingly assume the opposite.

Communities are encouraged to become more resilient, more entrepreneurial and more self-reliant. Volunteerism is celebrated. Local initiatives emerge to fill gaps left by retreating public investment. Community trusts, fundraising campaigns and volunteer labour become substitutes for funding.

Cutting a way to prosperity?

All of these things have value. Community spirit matters. Volunteerism matters. Local leadership matters. But they cannot substitute for economic policy. A volunteer committee cannot rebuild infrastructure. A community trust cannot replace a major employer. An art trail cannot substitute for economic development. A district

cannot cut its way to prosperity.

This matters because New Zealand appears to be moving deeper into the logic of austerity at precisely the moment rural communities need greater investment.

Councils are being told to restrain rates while infrastructure costs continue to rise. Communities demand better roads, safer water systems and stronger local economies, yet the tools available to fund those outcomes are increasingly constrained.

Something eventually has to give.

Communities cannot simultaneously demand lower rates, higher service levels, major infrastructure upgrades and renewed economic development without confronting the reality of how those things are paid for.

The uncomfortable truth is that many rural districts need more investment, not less. That does not mean wasteful spending. It does not mean unchecked council growth. It means recognising that struggling communities rarely recover through retrenchment alone.

Successful regional development requires infrastructure, digital connectivity, housing, training, transport links and productive jobs. It requires confidence in the future. Above all, it requires investment.

The great achievement of modern austerity politics has been to persuade communities that adaptation is the same thing as recovery. It is not. A town that loses services but learns to cope is adapting.

A council that cuts budgets while opportunities continue to disappear is adapting. A community that replaces public investment with volunteer labour is adapting. Recovery is something else entirely.

Recovery means growth. It means new opportunities. It means attracting families, businesses and investment. It means creating conditions in which communities can thrive rather than merely survive. Those outcomes rarely emerge from austerity. They emerge from ambition.

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Waiouru wind farm consent plan to be lodged soon

Work on the development of the Huriwaka Wind Farm, south-east of Waiouru, is still a priority following Manawa Energy joining Contact recently.

The company released an update recently. “Now that the project is with Contact, we’ve taken the opportunity to update part of the assessment of potential wind farm development effects in preparation for consent lodgement towards the end of this year,” says Abi Witney-Collins, Huriwaka Wind Farm project manager.

“The core project details and information we’ve shared previously are still largely the same.”

The Assessment of Environmental Effects (AEE) is largely complete and awaiting the inclusion/update of the pest management strategy, reports Contact.

The AEE is the main report that will accompany the resource consent application.

“It explains in detail what is proposed, the potential effects on people and the environment, and how Contact proposes that those effects will be managed,” says Witney-Collins.

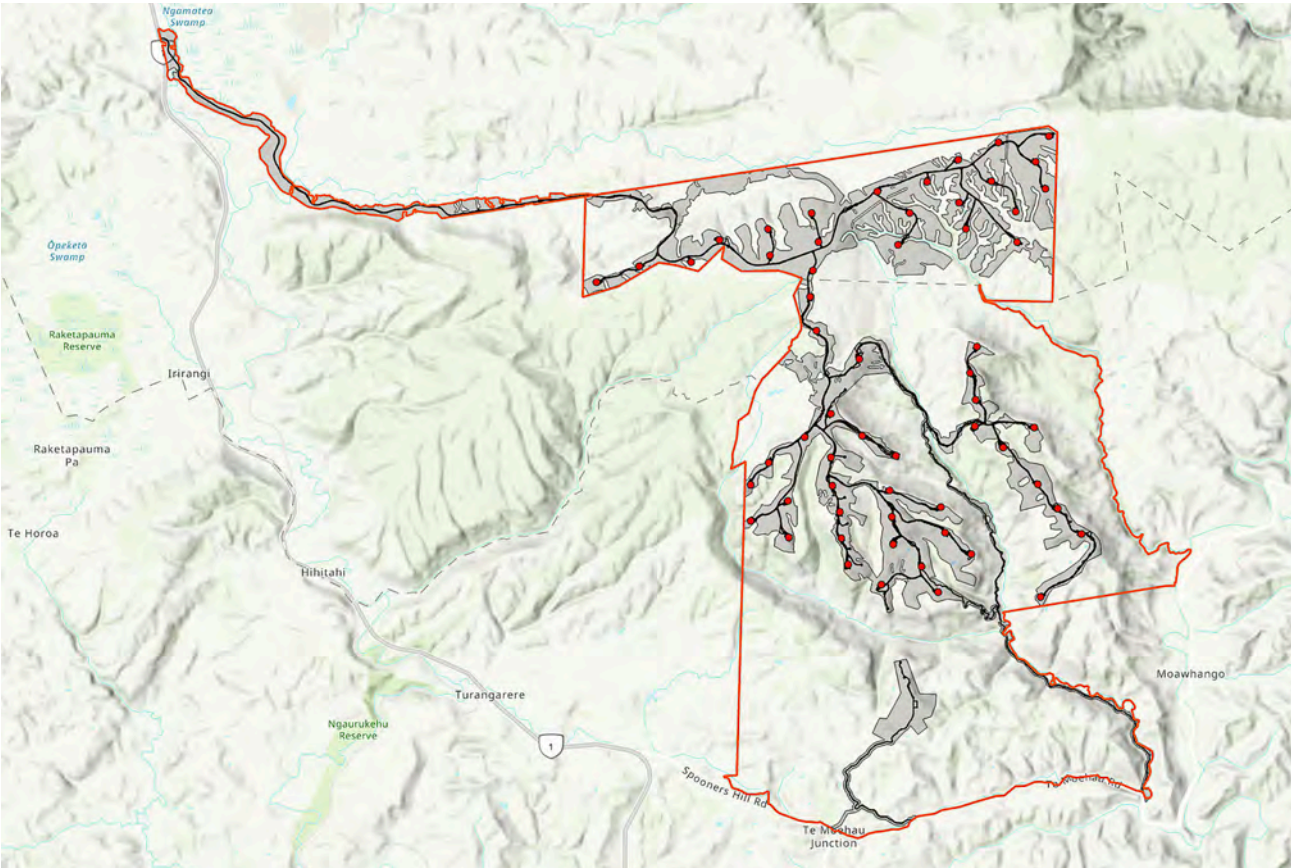
The Project includes a plan for pest control over the life of the proposed wind farm.

“We want to ensure that investment in the Huriwaka Wind Farm project will bring about widespread and long-term positive outcomes for New Zealand’s native species.”

The company is proposing that large areas of the Te Rei Forest will be guaranteed pest control for the life of the wind farm, including trapping and poisoning of possums, mustelids, feral cats and rats.

The company is planning to lodge their consent application towards the end of this year, using the consenting process available for infrastructure projects of this type under the Fast-track Approvals Act 2024.

If the proposed Huriwaka Wind Farm is developed, Contact says they have committed to supporting a dedicated community fund to provide grants for the benefit of the local community



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Rangiwaea Farm Trust 2025-2026 Annual General Meeting

Sunday 15 November 2026 10am
300 Whangaehu Valley Road, Ohakune

AGENDA

1. Chairmans Report
2. Adopt 2024 AGM Minutes
3. Approve 2025-2026 Annual Financial Statements
4. Progress Report
5. Election for 2 Trustees
6. General Business

Trustee nomination forms can be obtained via email to Trust secretary at murimotu.karioi@gmail.com – nominations close **09 November 5pm**

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



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Ōwhango-National Park Community Board
6PM, Tuesday 3 November 2026
Kaitieke School, 1415 Kaitieke Road, Kaitieke

Waimarino-Waiouru Community Board 6PM,
Thursday 19 November 2026
Council Chambers, Ayr Street, Ohakune

Ruapehu District Council
10AM, Wednesday 28 November 2026 Council Chambers, Huia Street, Taumarunui

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PROPOSED ROAD CLOSURE FOR RAETIHI CHRISTMAS CARNIVAL - SATURDAY 12 DECEMBER 2026



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

Event: Raetihi Christmas Carnival and Parade 2026
Road Closed: Seddon Street between Ward Street and Duncan Street
Date: Saturday 12 December 2025
Time: 7:00am to 3:00pm
Detour Available: Via Queen Street and King Streets

The above proposed road closure is provisional pending regulatory approval of the Traffic Management Plan. The Raetihi Christmas Carnival does not anticipate any changes.

Any person objecting to the proposal is called upon to lodge notice of their objection and the grounds thereof in writing by 5pm Wednesday 3rd November 2026 at the office of Ruapehu District Council, at Private Bag 1001, Taumarunui 3946 or emailed to info@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 second publication of this notice. The first notice was published on 14 October 2026.



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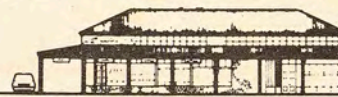
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Tongariro television filming

Well-known television personality, Peter Hayden, was in the Ruapehu region recently, with the TVNZ natural history unit based at Dunedin.

Peter will be known to many readers as narrator of Wild South documentaries, and of Wild Track, a children's nature programme. He also walked across the South Island along latitude 45 south for the documentary of that name and was recently seen interviewing Prince Philip about wildlife concerns.

The natural history unit is filming a series of five programmes on New Zealand national parks to be shown in conjunction with the parks' centenary in 1987.

As the first park established in New Zealand, Tongariro will be given pride of place. Fiordland, Westland-Mt Cook, Urewera and Hauraki Maritime national parks are also being covered.

The programme on Tongariro National Park includes three journeys undertaken by Peter Hayden in conversation with experts in various fields.

The first looks at differing interpretations of the origins of the mountains and land of the park as seen by Maori tradition and by scientists. Ngati Tuwharetoa people and geologist Jim Cole will be involved on this journey.

The second is from Ngauruhoe to Lake Rotokura at Karioi. Peter Hayden and ecologist and park board member Kevin Hackwell

will look at the cycle of devastation and recovery from bare lava flow to climax forest, following a volcanic eruption.

While filming last week they looked at a cinder cone just north of Ohakune railway station. This is the southern-most example in the chain of volcanoes which begins in Tonga and runs down through the Pacific. Later they walked to a 30 metre high andesite lava flow at Lake Rotokura near Karioi, one of the largest in the southern hemisphere, and now covered with forest.

The third journey is a personal reflection by former Tongariro chief ranger Bruce Jefferies and wife Margaret, now in Nepal, on the national park. They look at the issue of use versus preservation, at their favourite parts of the park and favourite times in the year.

This week the unit is back in Dunedin preparing for a World Safari programme to be shown on Labour Day between 9am and 10.30am. The programme is to celebrate the 25th anniversary of the World Wildlife Fund and will be broadcast mostly live.

The programme will be coordinated by David Attenborough in London, and will visit many examples of successful wildlife conservation around the world.

For New Zealand, Peter Hayden will narrate a section on the albatross colony at Taiaroa Head near Dunedin.



Television nature programme narrator Peter Hayden, centre, discusses the Pacific's southern-most volcanic cinder cone with ecologist and Tongariro National Park board member Kevin Hackwell, on camera in Ohakune last week.

Neighbourhood support groups beginning in near future

For all those people in the Waimarino wondering when Neighbourhood Watch-Support would be starting in their area, the waiting is almost over.

Organiser for the Ruapehu Lion's Club, Greg Ellis, told the Bulletin that the scheme had to be put on temporary standby until lambing and docking, a fact of life in rural communities, was out of the way.

Mr Ellis said that more people were needed for the jobs of area co-ordinators in Ohakune and Raetihi. These positions must be filled before neighbourhood support

could operate to its maximum efficiency.

The job of an area co-ordinator is not onerous, although it does require some planning and being in touch with the community.

The area co-ordinators are

in touch with street co-ordinators and must have a knowledge of streets in their zone.

Mr Ellis commented that a lot of interest had been generated from the initial public meeting over a month

ago.

People who are keen to become involved with neighbourhood watch in their area or are concerned about security in their street are asked to contact Mr Ellis or the Bulletin.

Waimarino search exercise

Nine members of the Waimarino search and rescue squad took part in an exercise recently, in the Ahuahu Valley near Pipiriki.

District co-ordinator and acting field controller, Graham Brebner, said that the course had been good experience for all those who participated.

A senior pupil from Ruapehu College, Bruce

Francis, took part acting the role of leader and performed brilliantly.

The Waimarino branch is made up of 35 enthusiastic "hard-core" volunteers who have been involved in several rescues during 1986.

A training night is due to be run at Mangawhero Lodge on the Ohakune Mountain Road on 28 October.

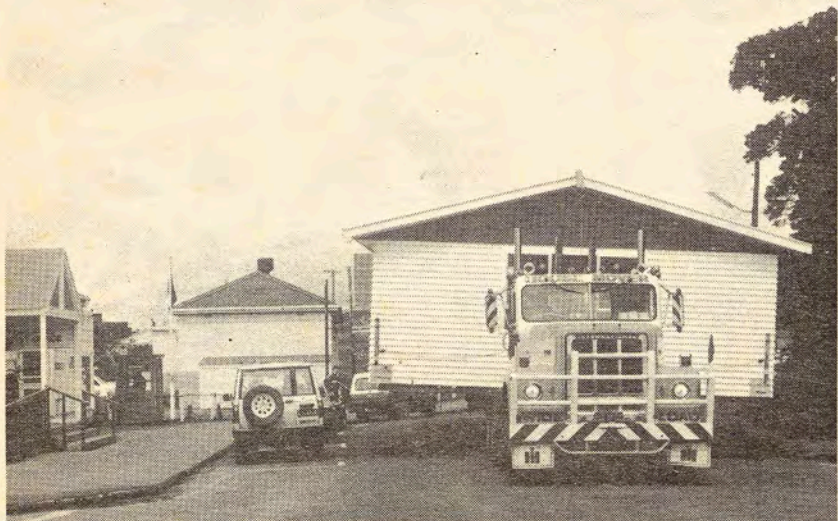
Topics of discussion will

include CPR practice and hypothermia.

Graham Brebner is gearing himself to take part in a national field controllers' training weekend to be held at the Royal New Zealand Police College in Porirua on the weekend of 31 October to 2 November.

The course will be mentally and physically strenuous and will be a great test of endurance of everyone taking part.

House squeezes through Ohakune



This house was a tight fit through Ohakune last week. On its way to Turangi, the transporter had to ease its way through the main street.

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Fashion Show team, from left, Emma Young, Jude Chevin, Cecilia Roke and Annika Heatley.



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