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Raetihi's water vulnerable to dry summer

A public hui (meeting) is planned for the Raetihi community to discuss the township's water supply, potential summer restrictions, and how the Ruapehu District Council and the community "can work together to ensure a secure and sustainable supply for the future".

The hui will be held at 6pm on Wednesday 2 December at the Royal Theatre, 23 Seddon Street, Raetihi.

The mayor, Weston Kirton, said Council is sharing information early so residents and businesses understand the challenges and can prepare together.

"Raetihi needs a reliable supply of safe drinking water, and a healthy Mākōtuku River to sustain it. Looking after both is a responsibility Council and the community share," he said.

"We are not introducing water restrictions at this time. This is about explaining what may trigger them, hearing people's questions and concerns, and understanding what we can all do to help."

Why restrictions?

Raetihi draws its drinking water from the Mākōtuku River, where flows can fall significantly during prolonged dry weather, just as community demand typically increases.

Council's resource consent requires it to reduce the amount of water taken when river flows reach a specified low level, helping protect the river's health and mauri, states RDC.

Longer dry periods and increasing drought risk from the forecast El Niño weather event this summer are expected to place further pressure on the supply.

"Restrictions are driven by river conditions and the limits on how much water we can take, rather than simply by the arrival of summer," Kirton said.

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Waiouru's brand-new playground opened



Marino Akapita and Dean Kaire lead the blessing at the brand-new playground that opened on Thursday. The playground is sited on land listed in the Ngāti Rangi Claims Settlement Act 2019. Below: it's all about the children and Amohia Pakinga is one of the first to enjoy the features, after the adults had done their speaking. Main photo: John Chapman, photo below: Ngāti Rangi.

A gathering at the brand-new children's playground was officially opened on Thursday, seeing "little kids and big kids get a chance to try it out".

"It was a great day to celebrate the collaboration with the community," says Helen Leahy, Ngāti Rangi.

The opening was attended by representatives from Ngāti Rangi, New Zealand Defence Force, Ruapehu District Council and members of the Waimarino Waiouru Community Board.

First speaker from the community, Colin Pakai from the community board, talked about the inspiration for the Waiouru Playground, having its origins in discussions that took place over 35 years ago.

More recently, the Community Board resolved in 2023 that a playground be established on land that is listed in the Ngāti Rangi Claims Settlement Act 2019.

The site had been chosen from three potential sites after late feedback from the local community who objected to the earlier decision to site the playground on New Zealand Defence Force land, in Queree Drive.

At their meeting in Waiouru at that time, Board members heard from a number of members of the local community, who wanted the site choice changed.

After some lively discussion, covering a wide range of issues, Board members voted for the site adjacent to the Police station off State Highway 49.

This decision would need to be confirmed after discussions with NZ Police and Ngāti Rangi, who own the land and lease it to the Police.

The decision matched the majority preference of the community, with 37 survey respondents supporting the site; 24 supporting the site behind

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Mākōtuku River walkway in Raetihi. With a significant El Niño weather event forecast to impact the country over summer bringing drier-than-normal conditions RDC is asking Raetihi water users to help protect the health of the Mākōtuku River and the township's water supply. The Council is inviting Raetihi water users to a community hui at the Royal Theatre next month to explain the challenges facing the township's water supply and how Council and the community can work together to manage them.

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"When flows fall, we need to manage demand carefully so there is enough water for drinking, sanitation, firefighting and other essential needs."

He said RDC's staged Water Alert Levels provide for progressively stronger measures as conditions worsen.

These range from limiting sprinkler hours to banning sprinklers and suspending contractor water takes. If low flows persist and stored water continues to decline, all outdoor water use may be prohibited.

Kirton said the hui will explain these levels, what triggers them, and what each would mean for households and businesses.

Improving resilience and reducing water loss

RDC's work to strengthen the supply includes a new treatment plant to be commissioned in 2018 and a larger treated water reservoir to be installed in 2022, increasing storage capacity by almost 80 percent.

Ongoing work includes detecting leaks, renewing water mains, monitoring the network and reducing water losses. Council is also investigating alternative water sources, although these are longer-term options that are unlikely to provide relief this summer.

"Until the new two-council Water-Services Council Controlled Organisation takes over water services from July next year, Council has a responsibility to maintain the network and reduce losses. Residents and businesses can help by fixing leaks, avoiding unnecessary water use and following restrictions if they become necessary," Kirton said.

"Working together now will help put us in a better position to manage the expected dry period this summer and ensure we have a secure and sustainable water supply.

"I encourage everyone dependent on the Raetihi water supply to attend the hui to hear the latest information, ask questions and discuss concerns with Council staff," he said.

For hui enquiries contact Libby Ogle on 06 385 8364.

Waiouru's brand-new playground opened

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the public toilets at 17 Rangipo Street and 16 supporting Queree Drive. The survey was carried out between December 2022 and February 2023.

Council staff had first recommended the Queree Drive site because of the support offered from NZDF, the nature of the site, which would suit a playground development; there was already adequate parking and the speed limit in the area was 30km/h, making it very safe.

However, survey feedback showed this site was the least appealing because: there is already a playground in the Army base; travellers would not use it; the site would not be of benefit to local businesses (from stopping travellers).

Their next recommendation was for 17 Rangipo Street because there are already public amenities adjacent – toilets, picnic tables, rubbish bins and landscaping, car parking, and safe access.

The State Highway 49 site is large and serves as an open reserve for the public to enjoy as a picnic space surrounded by large established trees offering shade.

Public feedback for this site was "highly positive" – lots of shade, large space for development, safe with the police station right there, good for local businesses, and it is a more suitable community space.



District councillor 'Rabbit' Nottage tries out the mini trampoline at the new Waiouru Playground – taking his last chance to have a turn before the children take over their place. Photo: Ngāti Rangi.

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Steam thunders on the Spiral

Rail heritage enthusiasts filled a train that 'thundered' up and down the Raurimu Spiral on Saturday, a world-renowned and significant railway engineering site.

The Raurimu Thunder train, hauled by locomotive Jb1236 from Plimmerton Railway Station near Wellington – the base for Mainline Steam Heritage Trust that ran the excursion.

The Spiral is considered a masterpiece of railway engineering featuring a one in 50 grade, horseshoe curves, tunnels and steep climbs forming a 360 degree loop.

The train featured an open-air viewing platform, an onboard cafe bar, and opportunities to get trackside for photos as the train ran past.

The excursion also offered local seats for the leg between Taihape and Raurimu, with boarding possible at Waimarino National Park station.



Lockie Murrell said his "day was certainly made" when he was able to witness the steam train climbing up the Spiral – twice – having a "hard climb" uphill between sections of the Spiral.



The model railway gathering at Pokaka over the weekend was interrupted while participants waited for the steam train to pass by. Photo: Gavin Sowry.

Social media comments after the event were enthusiastic about the experience.

Roy Snelgar praised the staff who made sure everyone was kept safe and had good photo opportunities for all.

He said the 21 hours on the train was a "wonderful, special event".

Brian Howard said he was "particularly impressed by the way the KiwiRail engine crew dealt with the wheel slip problem on the Spiral – patient, skilfull, and respectful of the locomotive, no wild thrashing of the wheels".

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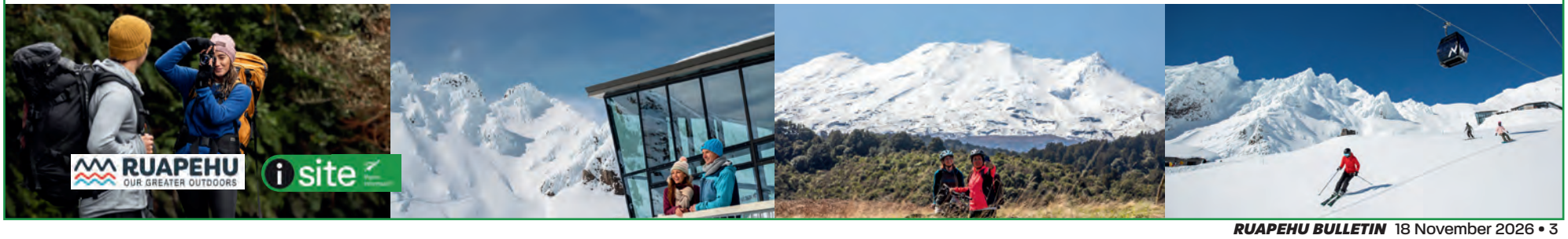


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Letters

No options for transport

• To the New Government: Will there be any chance this taxpayer of 67 years will be encouraged to reapply for that eye surgery allowing him to drive again? Our Regional Council's "transport exec" assures me there'll be no public transport and, with my ebike out of action, and little chance of hitching in the perpetual rain, life in Raetihi becomes increasingly humdrum. I would like a break, now and then, but the notion of choice is, sadly, long gone.

Do I hear a positive?

John Riding

Water charges

• The community is being asked to accept some difficult choices through the Long Term Plan process. If services are to be cut and charges increased, ratepayers deserve confidence that these decisions are based on a complete and transparent assessment of Council's financial position.

A significant factor that appears to be missing from the public discussion is the impact of Local Water Done Well. Much of Ruapehu District Council's current debt arose from investments in water infrastructure undertaken in response to government reforms and regulatory requirements. Under the proposed water services arrangements, a substantial portion of that debt is expected to transfer to the new water services organisation.

If that occurs, the Council's balance sheet will improve and annual interest costs should reduce accordingly. Before proceeding with service reductions and increased user-pays charges, it seems reasonable to ask how much debt will transfer, how much interest expense will be saved, and what effect this will have on Council's overall financial position.

At the same time, we must also be honest about the other side of the equation. The transfer of water debt does not make costs disappear. Households and businesses will face water charges through the new arrangements and these may be significant. The question is not whether debt leaves the Council's books. The question is what the combined impact will be on ratepayers once water charges, rates increases, user-pays fees and service cuts are all taken into account.

As a councillor, I have requested the financial modelling underlying these decisions. I want to know whether Council has undertaken a full assessment of the net effect on residents and businesses before asking them to accept higher costs and reduced services.

Good governance requires more than balancing budgets. It requires openness, transparency and evidence-based decision-making. If the financial relief resulting from the transfer of water-related debt is substantial, the community deserves to know. Equally, if new water charges will outweigh those benefits, the community deserves to know that too.

Before we ask ratepayers to tighten their belts yet again, we should ensure that all of the facts are on the table.

Cr John Chapman, Ruapehu District Councillor

Mountain Road book helps RARO rescues



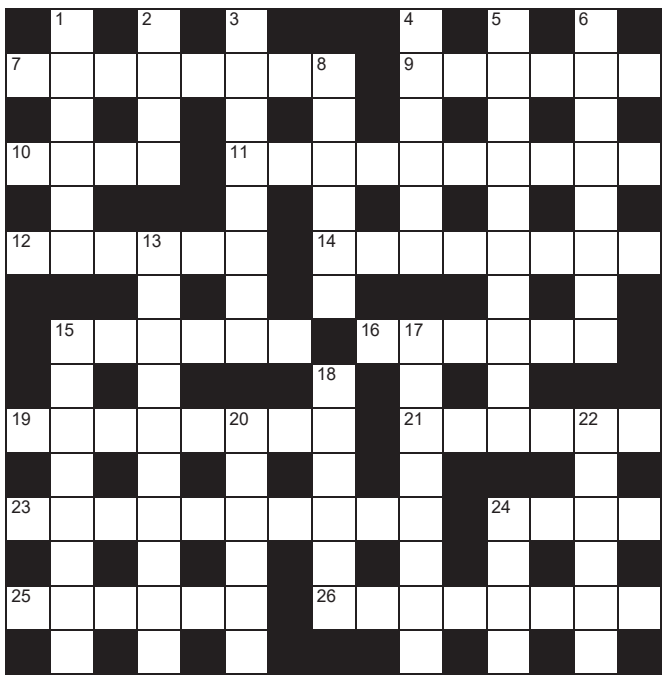
Joel Helliwell, at right, accepts a donation of $400 for the Ruapehu Alpine Rescue Organisation (RARO) – proceeds from the sale of a book on an important asset to Ohakune. Alan Whale, at left, arranged for the printing of the books, The Ohakune Mountain Road, Yard by Yard, By Karen Hawke-Grimwade; and Ali Chamley, at centre, arranged for them to be sold at the Tūroa Ski Area shop and the Tūroa HQ in Ohakune. Alan Whale pays for the printing and Tūroa doesn't add a markup so 100% of the sales money goes direct to RARO. Joel said so far, the have accepted around $800 from the book sales – input that is much appreciated because it can be used for such things as refreshments for RARO volunteers during and after a search operation. Ali said the book sales are steady through the ski season and this year did particularly well during the spring season pass sales period. "It's a great conversation piece to have on the counter," said Ali. Photo Jude Chevin.

THE WEEKLY WORKOUT

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QUICK CROSSWORD



Across

7. Negligent (8)
9. Tremble (6)
10. Food regime (4)
11. Fate (10)
12. Queasiness (6)
14. Hurry up! (4,2,2)
15. Red wine (6)
16. Interweave (6)
19. Unshod (8)
21. Strongly against (6)
23. Downtown (4,6)
24. Chair (4)
25. Take place (6)
26. Waste (8)

Down

1. Pretentious (2-2-2)
2. Animal skin (4)
3. Memento (8)
4. Hope for (6)
5. Working hours (4-2-4)
6. Depict, portray (8)
8. Husband or wife (6)
13. Person who is easily frightened (7-3)
15. Woodwind instrument (8)
17. Serene (8)
18. Position (6)
20. Excessively (6)
22. Libra sign (6)
24. Despatch (4)

THE TOP 10

1 Wellington, 2 Italy, 3 A nightgown, 4 Antarctica, 5 Mascarpone cheese, 6 Gold, 7 2007, 8 Swimming, 9 Four, 10 Glee.



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SUDOKU

Fill the grid so every row, column and every 3x3 box contains 1-9

1 EASY

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The Top 10

1. What is the world's southernmost capital?
2. Umberto II was the last king of which European country?
3. In a nursery rhyme, what is Wee Willie Winkie wearing when he runs through the town?
4. Which continent has no reptiles?
5. What is the main ingredient in tiramisu?
6. What accounted for around 60% of New Zealand's exports in the 1860s?
7. In which year was the first iphone released and the All Blacks lost a quarter-final in the Rugby World Cup?
8. American Matt Biondi excelled in which sport?
9. How many ghosts chase Pac-Man at the start of each game?
10. What 2009-2015 TV series was based around a high school music group?

CROSSWORD

Across: 7. Careless, 9. Shiver, 10. Diet, 11. Providence, 12. Nausea, 14. Step on it, 15. Claret, 16. Splice, 19. Barefoot, 21. Averse, 23. City centre, 24. Seat, 25. Befall, 26. Squander.
Down: 1. La-di-da, 2. Pelt, 3. Keepsake, 4. **Aspire**, 5. Nine-to-five, 6. Describe, 8. Spouse, 13. Scaredy-cat, 15. Clarinet, 17. Peaceful, 18. Status, 20. Overly, 22. Scales, 24. Send.

SUDOKU

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One trail, many hands: the people behind Mountains to Sea

By Lynley Twyman, Mountains to Sea – Ngā Ara Tūhono trail champion

Eighteen months on from the creation of Ngā Ara Tūhono Charitable Trust, iwi, councils, businesses and volunteers are working together to finish the Great Ride – and there's a role for everyone in looking after it.

A weekend walk, a bike ride with the kids, or another reason for visitors to stay the night: Ruapehu's growing trail network has become part of both community life and the local economy.

Trail journeys in Ruapehu rose from 9305 in 2018 to 77,090 in 2025 – more than eight times as many – as the network expanded and more people discovered the region on foot and by bike.

Behind those numbers is a story that has been unfolding for many years, involving iwi, councils, landowners, tourism businesses, government agencies and local people working together to connect trails and communities across the central North Island.

For much of that time, Mountains to Sea – Ngā Ara Tūhono operated as a partnership across those organisations, with different partners carrying responsibility for different parts of the journey.

Eighteen months ago, the partners established Ngā Ara Tūhono Charitable Trust to represent the Great Ride as a whole – "Great Ride" being the name given to trails in the Ngā Haerenga New Zealand Cycle Trails network. The Trust works alongside the partners that remain responsible for individual sections.

The Trust now co-ordinates the care, development and future direction of the Great Ride, which stretches from the slopes of Ruapehu towards Whanganui and the Tasman Sea.

Its board reflects the partnership it grew from, with representatives from Ngāti Rangi, Te Korowai o Wainuiārua, Tūpoho, Ruapehu and Whanganui District Councils, Whanganui Māori tourism and the trail community.

"Mai i te Kāhui Maunga ki Tangaroa, iwi alongside their community relationships have brought this journey together. The opportunity to build on that partnership lies with us – to continue to care for these places and create something that benefits our communities for generations to come," says Aiden Gilbert, a board member of Ngā Ara Tūhono Charitable Trust and Tiamana (chair) of Te Korowai o Wainuiārua, which represents Tamahāki, Uenuku and Tamakana.

Largely invisible

For many trail users, the organisational structure behind the Great Ride is largely invisible. What they see is around 315 kilometres of trails and connecting routes, including familiar Ruapehu tracks such as the Ohakune Old Coach Road and Fishers Track, as well as Mangapurua further along the journey towards Whanganui.

Behind those experiences is a considerable amount of practical work. Toilets need servicing, signs need replacing, vegetation and drainage need managing, and trail surfaces, gates, bridges and other facilities need to be maintained. Different organisations are responsible for different parts of the network, with the Trust working alongside them to help coordinate the bigger picture.

There is also the job of keeping the trail's Great Ride status within the national network. Meeting the standards associated with that network is important both for the quality of the visitor experience and for maintaining Ruapehu and Whanganui's profile as walking and cycling destinations.

Staying longer

Promotion is another part of the picture. The Trust works with Visit Ruapehu and its Whanganui counterpart, along with local operators, to tell the story of the trails and encourage visitors to explore more of the region.

The aim is not simply to bring more people onto the trails, but to encourage them to spend more time in the communities along the way.

For businesses, that can translate into accommodation bookings, shuttle trips, bike hire, café visits and spending in local shops.

"The trails give people another reason to come to Ruapehu and another reason to stay longer. For local businesses, having things visitors can enjoy throughout the year makes a real difference," says Rebecca Mead of Mountain Bike Station.

That year-round aspect is particularly important in a district traditionally associated with winter, even though summer is now a strong driver of visitors.

Walking and cycling give visitors reasons to come at different times of the year, while providing recreational opportunities that local people can use every week.

Evolving and growing

The network is continuing to evolve. Te Hangāruru, the newest part of the Great Ride, is a walking and cycling trail through the Waimarino that will eventually link Horopito with Waimarino Village. Its first section, from Horopito to Pōkākā Road, opened in June 2025. The next stage, towards the Last Spike, includes a 99-metre suspension bridge over the Manganui o te Ao and is expected to open in December 2026.

Built to Grade 2 – an easy, mostly flat standard – the trail is intended to make riding accessible to a wider group of people, including families and less experienced cyclists.

But developing a trail is only one part of the equation. New sections require funding, land access agreements, planning and construction. Once they are open, they also need to be maintained.

That is one of the challenges facing trail organisations around the country. Capital funding may pay for a new piece of infrastructure, but it does not necessarily provide for the ongoing cost of looking after it.

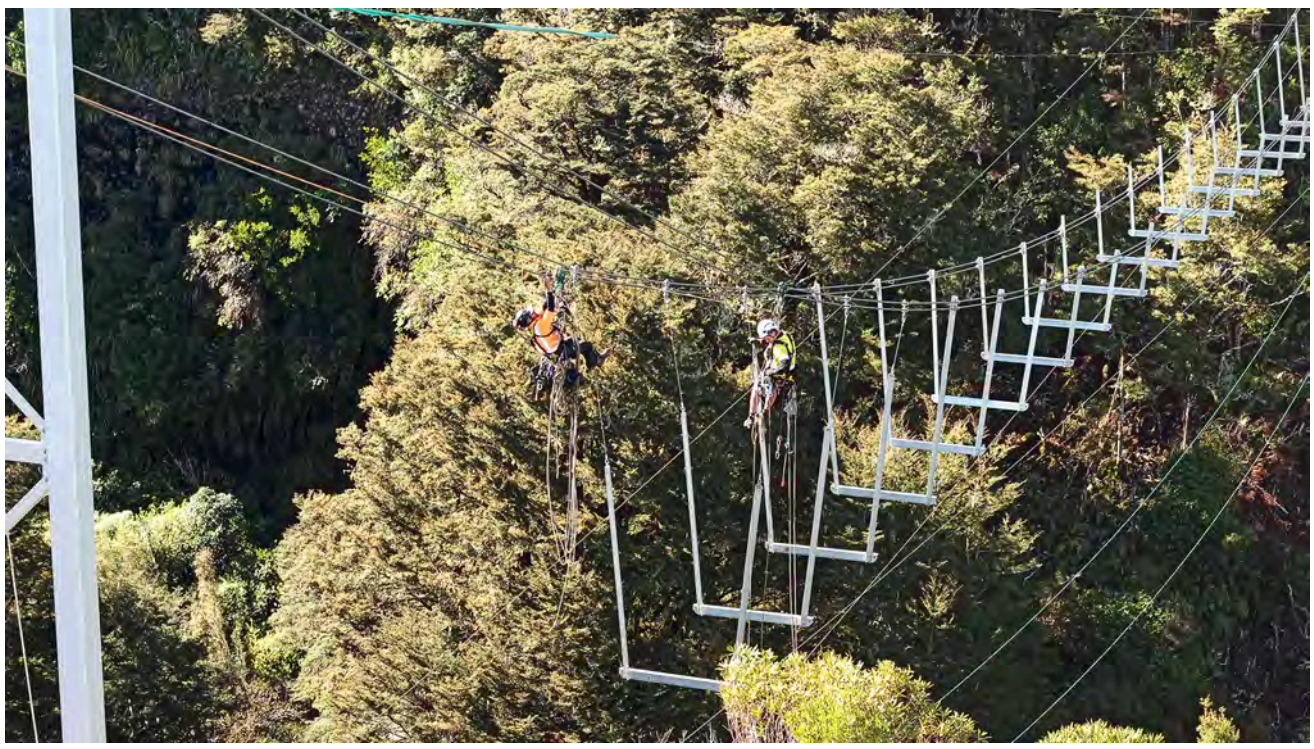
For Ngā Ara Tūhono Charitable Trust, that means working with iwi and hapū, partner organisations, funders, businesses and communities not just to finish the Great Ride, but to make sure it remains sustainable once completed.

Local roles

Local people also have a role, sometimes in surprisingly simple ways. Trail surveys help demonstrate how the network is being used and provide evidence when organisations seek funding. Reports from people using the trails can also identify fallen trees, damaged gates, missing signs or problems with toilets and other facilities before they become bigger issues.

Volunteers, businesses and community groups can contribute time, expertise, materials and services, while simply taking friends or whānau out on a trail helps build local connections with the network.

For Ruapehu, the result is an asset that operates on several levels at once. It is tourism infrastructure, bringing visitors into the district and supporting local businesses. It is also community infrastructure, providing places for residents to walk, ride and spend time outdoors.



The new bridge over the Manganui a Te Ao River earlier in its construction. Photo: Mountains to Sea Ngā Ara Tūhono.

And, increasingly, it is a physical connection between communities and landscapes stretching from the mountain towards the sea.

The challenge now is to keep completing those connections while looking after what has already been built.

After years of work by many different organisations and individuals, the story of Mountains to Sea – Ngā Ara Tūhono remains very much a shared journey.

More information about Ngā Ara Tūhono Charitable Trust is available at mountainstosea.nz/trust. Trail issues can be reported and information about supporting the network can be found at mountainstosea.nz/support.

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Busy time for Brigade

The Ohakune Fire Brigade had a busy time last week with three call-outs within a space of 40 hours. Two of the calls could be described as 'dramatic', the third just 'routine'.

The most spectacular was perhaps the one involving two vehicles, a boat and a trailer on Whangaehu Valley Road last Friday afternoon (see picture).



Scene of the accident in Whangaehu Road last Friday.

A Nissan Patrol, towing a trailer and boat, was travelling north from Mangamahu towards Karioi and heading for Kuratau. It was about 8kms from SH49 when it collided with a southbound Mitsubishi Sports Ute on a sharp bend above the Whangaehu River.

The Ute, being on the inside of the bend, remained on the road but the Nissan Patrol, trailer and boat went over the edge. The Nissan Patrol came to rest on a bank about 10m below the road.

Four people from the two vehicles — none of whom were wearing seatbelts at the time of the accident — were admitted to hospital.

The injured were Mr Ricky Collins and his wife Christine of Mangamahu, from the Nissan Patrol, who were taken to Palmerston North Hospital as was Dion Trimo of Hamilton from the Mitsubishi Ute.

The other occupant of the Mitsubishi, Peter Eagles of Taihape, was admitted to Wanganui Base Hospital.

The accident was attended by the Ohakune Fire Brigade, the Raetihi Fire Brigade, the Waimarino Hospital ambulance, the ATG ambulance from Waiouru and the Ohakune police.

The other call-out happened when a house in Horopito was reported ablaze soon after midnight last Thursday. The glow in the night sky had been seen from a great distance by a local returning from Te Awamutu.

By the time the Ohakune Fire Brigade got to Horopito there was little they could do except contain the fire to the house itself.

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The term 'burnt to the ground' is often heard. This certainly was the case when this house in Matapuna Road, Horopito, was destroyed by fire in the early hours of last Friday morning.

FORESTRY WORKERS PROTEST IN WELLINGTON

Six members of the NZ Forest Service headquarters in Karioi joined other forestry workers in Wanganui last Thursday to participate in the 1,000 strong demonstration on the steps of Parliament in Wellington to protest against the current corporatisation proposals.

The Karioi workers travelled by car to Wanganui where they joined up with workers from Lismore and Santoft Forests and travelled by chartered Greyhound bus to Wellington.

A spokesman for the Karioi delegation said that the protest at Parliament had been worthwhile as they'd been able to meet with Christchurch Central MP, Jim Anderton, and explain the concerns of local forestry workers.

The delegation felt that they had got a good and sympathetic hearing from Mr Anderton and they were hoping that he would put their case before Caucus at yesterday's meeting.

"It was a very successful protest" said the Karioi Forest spokesman, "because we had a chance to make it clear that it wasn't the fact that the New Forest Service was going to become a Corporation next year but what we were objecting to was the way they (the government) were going about it."

"We will almost certainly lose staff next April if what is outlined in the Corporation proposals is followed through," he said.

"The number of salaried staff at Karioi is destined to be cut back from eleven to five so what's going to happen to those six for whom there will be no job next April?"

"In this area there are not too many alternative employment opportunities despite government assurances that there will be no job losses or forced redundancies."

The *Bulletin* contacted Alan Millar, secretary of the Central Districts branch of the P.S.A. in Palmerston North for his reaction to the corporatisation of the NZ Forest Service and the likely effect upon his members in the Waimarino region.

He said that local forestry staff were being denied the basic right to negotiate their own conditions of service along with all other public servants.

"It's clearly a government responsibility," he said. "They have betrayed the trust of the public service who have listened patiently to all the reasoning behind the corporatisation proposals."

"But they've been exploited by the governments handling of the situation which has been abominable."

"The industrial relations aspect of these negotiations has been primitive in the extreme and is a reflection of the right-wing philosophy of this Labour government."

Mr Millar, quoting Winston Churchill, said of the new Corporation structure that "they were people who were given power without responsibility which is the prerogative of the harlot."

"They won't be held accountable for the havoc they wreak."

MOUNTAIN RELAY 1986



Major Peter Nelson, director of the QEII War Memorial Museum in Waiouru, left, hands over to Army team-mate Corporal 'Dino' Aitken at the 80 mile mark.

See back page for story and results.

Oldest resident dies

The Waimarino's oldest resident, 101-year-old Ruby Parker of Raetihi died last week.

She had been in hospital since early October after fracturing a leg. She celebrated her 101 birthday in bed (see *Bulletin* dated 4 November).

Ruby Parker has lived in Raetihi since arriving as a young bride with her husband 'Paddy' from Australia in 1911.

The 64-year long marriage ended in 1974 when her husband died.

The couple had eight children, 24 grandchildren, 45 great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren.



Ruby Parker

A funeral service was held at the Presbyterian church in Raetihi on Sunday.

TV LICENCES ... NOW IS THE TIME

News has reached our office that the Post Office has just appointed and trained a Television Licence Inspector to commence duties in the Ohakune, Raetihi and Waiouru areas between now and December 20th.

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Coast ride based inland

Around 60 riders set off on Wednesday from Kings in Ohakune, to ride their motorcycles across to New Plymouth in the three-day Moto Track and Trail West Coast Explorer.

The route took in farm tracks, forestry roads and back roads to travel overland to New Plymouth for their second night.

Day One started with light rain in Ohakune. Rain eased by Waimarino and into Fishers Track then cleared as they wound through farms, forests and isolated gravel roads toward the tunnels of Taranaki to finish the day in New Plymouth.

The next day they rode off-road down to Whanganui, taking in farm tracks on eight different farms.

The following day they headed back away from the coast, back to Kings in Ohakune, along more back routes, many climbing steep tracks to reach stunning views from the tops.



Some of the 60 riders take a break at the top of a track on their way up from Whanganui back to Ohakune. Photo: Barry Moody.

Searching for historic Raetihi temple



"Do you know where we can find this historic temple?" That was a question put to the Kaihanga team at the Ratana Temple work site as they were packing up recently. The visitors, from Holland, came to the building site gate loooking for directions. Turns out they had been travelling through Ruapehu District and had spent two days trying to find the iconc building – currently covered in scaffolding and building wrap (above). "As mahi had finished for the day, we gave them special a guided tour inside the bubble they had kept driving past," Photos: Liz Brooker.



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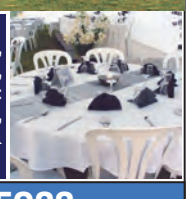
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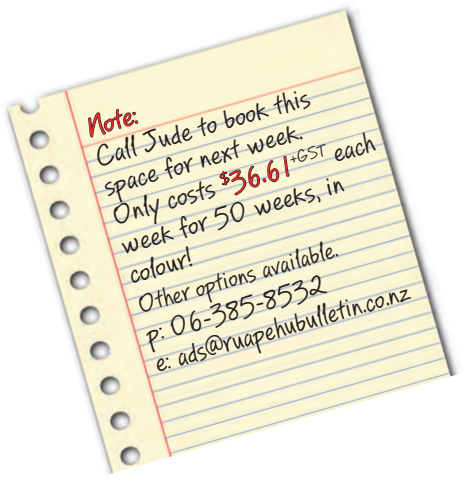
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Ruapehu College senior prize winners

Sporting Awards

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Sport Blues Awards recognising sporting excellence. They recognise the outstanding achievements of those students who might not represent the school but perform at an exceptional level in their chosen sports.

Skiing: Molly Aitken has trained in Alpine Ski Racing in the South Island, achieving multiple top 10 national results. Her talent and dedication earned her selection for FIS (International Ski Federation) training, opening opportunities to compete internationally and across Australasia in 2026. Despite a knee injury preventing training this year, Molly showed incredible resilience by returning to competition at NISSC and convincingly winning her age group to become North Island Junior Girl Champion.

Violet Soverel & Vanessa Ashford-Wallis – Rugby: Violet and Vanessa represented a combined Whanganui Girls Rugby team, showing great dedication and time management in balancing training and schoolwork. Their hard work earned them selection for the Whanganui Under 16 team, which won the Hurricanes Tournament in Hawke's Bay for the second consecutive year. Both girls were then selected for the Hurricanes Under 16 and Under 18 Development Squads.

Mica Hoyle – Skiing: Mica represented Ruapehu College at several freeride and skiing competitions,



Ruapehu College's top 2026 prize winners line up for Kerren Dixon and her camera.

achieving great results. At NISSC, he placed 2nd in Senior Boys Slopestyle and was part of the 1st-place College Team. More recently, he won 1st place in the Senior Boys category at the annual Whakapapa Freeride Competition.

Karaitiana Horne – Motocross: Karaitiana competes at the highest level of motocross in New Zealand and Australia, representing New Zealand at the Oceania Women's Cup, where she helped the team secure 3rd place behind America and Australia. Representing Ruapehu College at the interschool Cross-Country event, she chose to compete in the Open CC class, finishing 5th overall. As a Kawasaki-sponsored rider and the highest-ranked rider in the team, Karaitiana has also achieved an outstanding list of results, including 1st at the NZ Motocross Nationals, Woodville Motocross Grand Prix, Motocross Festival and Summercross, as well as 7th in the Australian Pro Motocross Series. Karaitiana Horne.

Top Sports awards: Connor Anderson, Contribution to Sport Work Hard Play Hard – Leigh Hynes Trophy Vanessa Ashford-Wallis. Sports Allrounder

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AGENDA

1. Karakia
2. Mihimihi
3. Apologies – written
4. Committee of Management
   To fill 2 (two) vacancies:
   Kemp Dryden and Rāwiri Tinirau have retired by rotation and seek re-election.
   Nominations have been received from Charles Chadwick, Lisa Chase and Arama Wakefield.
5. Board and CEO Report
6. Financial Report
7. Te Āti Hau Trust Report
8. Dividend
   To adopt the recommendation of the Committee of Management: That a dividend of 85 cents a share be paid in December 2026 pursuant to section 259 (1) (c) of Te Ture Whenua Māori Act 1993.
9. Appointment of Auditors
   Silks Audit are re-appointed pursuant to section 277(2) of Te Ture Whenua Māori Act 1993.
10. Appointment of Share Valuer
    Silks Audit Ltd be appointed Share Valuer, pursuant to s278 of the Act.
11. Kaumātua Grant
    Kaumātua grant of $50 to kaumātua for travel costs associated with the Annual General Meeting. Payment to be by direct credit
12. Te Āti Hau Trust Grant
    That pursuant to s259(1d) of the Act a grant be made to Te Āti Hau Trust of $350,000 for the 2026/2027 financial year for its charitable purposes.
13. Minutes: 5th December 2025 Annual General Meeting

Postal Voting
Shareholders may cast a postal vote by completing and sending the Postal Voting form to the Secretary. Postal Votes must reach the Secretary no later than 9.00 am on Wednesday 2nd of December 2026.

Proxies
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PĀNUI HUI-Ā-TAU 2026

Te Whiringa Kākaho o Ngāti Hāua Trust give notice of the 2025/2026 Hui-ā-Tau/Annual General Meeting.

Saturday 12 December 2026 at 10am
Ngāpūwaiwaha Marae, Taumarunui

Online capability to attend the Hui-A Tau has been emailed and posted to all registered members.

AGENDA – 10am

- Whakatau/Karakia/Mihimihi
- Apologies
- Confirmation of 2025 AGM Minutes and matters arising
- Report on the operations of Te Whiringa Kākaho Group during FY25/26
- Presentation of the Annual Reports and audited Consolidated Financial Statements
- Approve the appointment of the auditor for the next Income Year
- Approve the Trustees' remuneration
- Presentation of the proposed Annual Plan
- Announcement of newly appointed Trustees
- General business
- Karakia whakamutunga

12:30pm – Lunch

All information to be laid before the meeting, can be inspected and will be available by 8am on 12 December 2026 at Ngāpūwaiwaha Marae Taumarunui and via email out to all registered members.

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PUBLIC NOTICES

RUAPEHU Rugby & Sports Club

Annual General Meeting

Wednesday 25 November 2026, 6.30pm

Ruapehu Rugby Clubrooms, Rochfort Park Ohakune

All Welcome

Contact ruapehusportsclub@gmail.com for further information.

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

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

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

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

Ruapehu District Council
Date amendment:
10AM, Wednesday 25 November 2026
Council Chambers, Huia Street, Taumarunui

Ōwhango-National Park Community Board
6PM, Tuesday 1 December 2026
Ōwhango Fire Station, 1 Omaki Road, Ōwhango

Risk and Assurance Committee
1PM, Thursday 10 December 2026
ONLINE

Ruapehu District Council
10AM, Wednesday 16 December 2026
Council Chambers, Huia Street, Taumarunui

Ruapehu District Council
10AM, Friday 18 December 2026
The Park Hotel, 2-6 Millar Street, Waimarino

MEETING CONTACTS

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

Please note: From January 2027, upcoming meeting notices will no longer be published in local newspapers. For meeting information, please visit the RDC website, follow our Facebook page, or download the Antenno app.

Ruapehu College senior prize winners

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of the Year, Toki Trophy – Violet Soverel. Best Overall Senior in Sports– Karaitiana Horne.

Prefect Awards – presented by Maia Allen and Connor Anderson. Awarded to an outstanding member of the community: This man's dedication to not only coaching the senior boys football team, but the junior boys, the girls team, also the basketball boys all whilst maintaining his fabulous beard over the many years. He is a real gem at heart and his efforts to this school do not go unnoticed. Luke Paynter.

Academic Awards Year 11

Merrit Award (MA) for Consistent Effort in Hard Materials Technology – Vanessa Ashford-Wallis. • MA for Perseverance and Cooperation in Agriculture and Horticulture Science; MA for Consistent Effort in Year 11 Numeracy – Kal-El Bishop. MA for Demonstrating Commitment to Continuous Improvement and Successfully Overcoming Challenges in Design and Visual Communications – Ngaire Callaghan. • Subject Award (SA) in Mathematics, Science and Hard Materials Technology; MA for Diligence and Consistent Effort in English; MA for Substantiated Analysis in Geography – Kōtui Ako Academic Award for First in Class in Spanish NCEA Level 1; the Kōtui Ako Virtual Learning Special Award for Academic Excellence in NCEA Level 1; the Placemakers Award for Lvl 1 Hard Materials – Paige Drinkwater. • SA for Textiles; MA for Exceptional Dedication to Painting and the Development of Personal Style in Art; the Design & Sewing Yr11 Award for Textiles- Donated by Louise Beukes – Atlas Elers. • SA in Outdoor Education and Agriculture and Horticulture Science; MA In English for Diligence; the Land Based Training Cup for Agriculture Student of the Year – Tamara Gebbie. • SA for Music and Te Ao Haka – Elizabeth Hodge. • SA for Design and Visual Communications; MA for Creating Meaningful Artwork that Communicates a Clear Visual Narrative in Art; MA for Diligence in English; MA for Consistent Effort and Critical Thinking in Science, Aiana Ilano. • Aastha Kamboj MA for Consistent Effort in Food Technology. • SA in Art for Exceptional Ability to Communicate Stories and Meaning through Painting; MA for Consistent and Diligent Work Ethic through the year in Design and Visual Communications; MA for Creativity and Commitment to Quality Work in all Tasks in Textiles, the Migos Rose Bowl for Practical Soft Materials –Tiana Kumeroa. • MA for Perseverance in Physical Education – Kobe Learmonth. • SA in English; SA in Geography: Innovative Analysis in Geography; Kōtui Ako Academic Award for 1st in Class in Computing NCEA Level 1-3 – Ben Lee. • SA in Food Technology; MA in Science for Perseverance and Cooperation; MA for Consistent Effort in Physical Education; MA for Diligence and Hard Work in English and Hard Materials Technology; the Yr11 Incentive award for NCEA Food & Nutrition - Donated by Fiona Fraser – Ezekiel Paynter. • MA for Consistent Effort in Music – Connor Riddell. • SA in Te Ao Haka; MA in Science for Research and Presentation Growth – Manaia Scarrow. • MA for Research and Presentation Growth in Agriculture and Horticulture Science – Milla Smith-Horne. • MA for Improvement in Music – Izzy Stephens. • MA for Improvement in Science Mikayla Taitoko. SA in Physical Education and Science; MA in Mathematics for Documented Effort and Consistent Work throughout the Year. MA in Art for Translating Personal Ideas into Engaging and Expressive Paintings – Violet Soverel. • MA for Steady and Careful Application in Mathematics; MA for Spatial Integration through GIS in Geography; MA for Consistent Effort in Science – Maddie Whitehead. • MA for Consistent Effort in Outdoor Education – Lee Wikohika. •

Academic Awards Year 12

MA for Consistent Effort in Outdoor Education – Olavi Aulin. • MA for Improvement in Music; MA for Excellence in Team-Focused Communications in English Communications – R-Jaye Bromwich. • MA for Consistent Effort in Geography and Hard Materials Technology. Wren also recevies the Gordon Lin – The best DTC student Trophy – Wren Drayton • MA for her Consistent Effort and Perseverance, Positive Attitude and Outstanding Openness and Participation across both Written and Practical Learning in Food Technology; MA for Verifiable and Sustained Improvement in Physical Education – Olivia Gray. • Kōtui Ako Academic Award for Effort in Psychology – Florida Harding-Gray. • MA for Outstanding, Verifiable and Consistent Improvement in Physical Education; Kōtui Ako Academic Award for Diligence and Commitment in Geography – Komaihana Hawira. • SA in Tourism and English Communications; MA for Well-Articulated Written Work, a Strong Commitment to Accuracy and a Thoughtful Approach to Practical Learning in Food Technology – Atahu Henare. • MA for Most Improved Student in Level 2 Mathematics; MA for Improvement and High Effort Towards Work in Biology – Laykin Horne. • MA for Outstanding Creativity and the Ability to Express Personal Ideas through Painting in Art – Paora Kumeroa. • SA in Agriculture and Horticulture Science – Charley-Jean Maclean. • SA in Geography; MA for Steady and Careful Application in English; MA for Consistent Effort in Physics – Fletcher Mason. • MA for Improvement in Financial Literacy; MA for Discovery of an 'Inner Poet' in English Communications – Riley Maw. • SA in English, Chemistry, Physics, Mathematics, Biology and Physical Education – Rebekah Pettman-Swift. • MA for Perseverance in Chemistry; MA for Consistent Effort and Careful Application in English – Talei Phillips. • SA in Te Ao Haka; MA for Perseverance in Music – Xavier Ratu-Bellamy. • MA for Perseverance in Physics; MA for Steady and Careful Application in Chemistry and Mathematics; Grace also receives the NETNZ Excellence Award for her Consistent High Standard of Work and Attendance in Level 2 Agriculture and Horticultural Science – Grace Rowe. • SA in Textiles Technology. Shaylah also receives the Design & Sewing Yr12 Award for Textiles- Donated by Louise Beukes – Shaylah Sapina. • MA for Exceptional Photographic Skills and a Strong Creative Vision in Art – Aroha Simons-Patrick. • MA for Consistent Effort in Physical Education; MA for Improvement and High Effort in Biology – Georgia Smith. • SA for Developing a Unique Voice through Experimentation and Exploration in Art; MA for Consistent Effort in Outdoor Education – Zoe Smith. • SA for Music – Torin Thompson. • SA for Outdoor Education. Chase also receives the Kaimanawa Trophy donated by R Rowles and G Brebner for Outdoor Education – Chase Tutemahurangi. • SA in Financial Literacy; MA for Creative Risk-taking and a Commitment to Refining Painting Techniques to Develop her own Personal Style – Mihi Ataarau Winiata.

Academic Awards Year 13

• SA in Chemistry and Mathematics; the Cast Family Award for Level 3 Mathematics – Maia Allen. • MA for High Effort and Striving for Improvement in Biology; MA for Consistent Effort in Physical Education; Kotui Ako Academic Award for First in Class in Geography – Connor Anderson. • MA for Brevity in Lyric in English Communications – Rhythm Clair. • MA for Consistent Effort in English and Hard Materials Technology; MA for Demonstrating Consistent and Independent Effort throughout the year in Design and Visual Communications; MA for Demonstrating Consistency and Creativity in Developing a Compelling Photographic Narrative – Jordi Demchy. • SA: Food Technology; MA for Consistent and Diligent Effort in English; MA for Consistently producing compelling photographs through independent exploration in Art; the Sue Hardwidge cup for Excellence in Practical Food Nikora – Henare Richards. • MA for Showing Natural Promise for Athletic Journalism in English Communications – Sarah Herewini. • MA for Consistent Effort in Food Technology; MA for Perseverance in Music – Bishop Hodge. • MA for Developing Powerful Visual Narratives through Thoughtful Photographic Choices in Art – Karaitiana Horne. • MA for Improvement in Physics; MA for Consistent Effort in Physical Education – Mica Hoyle. • MA for Improvement in Chemistry; MA for Most Consistent in Hard Materials Technology – Maia-Jay Lima. • SA for Outstanding Perseverance in Refining Techniques and Developing Artistic Ideas in Art; MA for Demonstrated Consistent and Independent Effort throughout the year in Design and Visual Communications; the Dr Jordan Memorial Award for her Achievement in Art – Paretuarangi Mareikura Wilson. • SAs in English, Biology, Physical Education and Music; MA for Consistent Effort in Mathematics; Kōtui Ako Academic Award for First in Class in Psychology; Hannah also receives the Peck Campbell Trophy for Excellence in Humanities for her high achievement in Psychology and Media Studies. She also jointly receives the Sims Award for Excellence in Senior Performing Arts – Hannah Pettman-Swift. • SA for Music; MA for Consistent Effort in Physics; the Sims Award for Excellence in Senior Performing Arts – Fletcher Parker. • MA for Perseverance in Music – Shaquarn Perkins-Teki. • MA for Consistent Effort in English; MA for Perseverance in Chemistry; MA for Improvement and High Effort in Chemistry; Kotui Ako Academic Award for First in Class in Digital Technology – Campbell van Der Lubbe.

Nga Ara Scholarships. by Genesis Energy. These scholarships support students with a Technology or Trades package. They recognise students' outstanding engagement in STEM subjects or Puhoro and encourages their continued engagement in this area. Year 11 - Year 11 Outstanding engagement in Puhoro and STEM subjects Manaia Scarrow. Year 11 Outstanding engagement in Puhoro Atlas Elers. Year 12 Outstanding Engagement in Puhoro Florida Harding-Gray. Year 12 Outstanding Effort in STEM Talei Phillips. Year 13 Outstanding Effort in STEM Maia-Jay Lima. Year 13 Outstanding Effort in STEM Connor Anderson.

CLASSIFIEDS

PUBLIC NOTICES

Ruapehu Anglican Parish

Carols in the Country

with The Arcadian Singers

Sunday 29 November, 5pm
St Mary's Church, Raetihi

All welcome, followed by a shared meal

Also this Christmas
Advent services from 29 November, 10am
Christmas Day, Friday 25 December, 10am
Visit our stall at the Christmas Market, Saturday 12 December

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Pipiriki Incorporation

PROPRIETORS OF PIPIRIKI TOWNSHIP NO.1 AND OTHER BLOCKS INCORPORATED

NOTICE OF HUI

The Annual General Hui for 2026
will be held at
Paraweka Marae, Pipiriki
on **Saturday 5 December 2026 at 10am**

Transport to the hui in Pipiriki will be provided by a bus which will leave from Ohakune at the Osteria Restaurant on Clyde St at 9am, and a further pickup in Raetihi at the Medical Centre on Seddon St.

For more information, documents and any updates, go to the website www.pipiriki.co.nz

To provide numbers please contact Robert Spicer on 06 3451166.

Shareholder registration opens at 9am on the day.

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PUBLIC NOTICES

NGĀTI RANGI

Nau mai e te iwi!
Ngāti Rangi Group Hui-ā-Iwi

Saturday 5 December 2026

The hui will be held between 12-2pm at the Whānau Day being held at Rochfort Park; Ruapehu Rugby and Sports Club, 1056 Raetihi Ohakune Road, Ohakune.

The agenda includes:
- Annual Report 2025/26
- Consolidated Financial Report 2025/26
- Te Ara ki te Moungaroa 2026-31
- Confirm newly appointed Trustees
- Approve Auditor FY2026/27
- Confirm Trustee Remuneration
- General Business

If you have not yet received the annual report via email, please contact **Helen@ngatirangi.com**

Hard copies will be available on the day.

RSVP your attendance or apology to: **office@ngatirangi.com**

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Director award for Troy

Raetihi raised Troy Brown has won an Emerging Directors Award from the Institute of Directors New Zealand.

His citation states that he learned early on that that strong communities are built on collective responsibility, a value that shapes his approach to governance and leadership.

Troy chairs Te Kāhui o Paerangi (Ngāti Rangi Rūnanga) and Tuhiariki Pā, and serves as a trustee of Te Tōtarahoe o Paerangi, the Ngāti Rangi post-settlement governance entity, and on the board of Ngā Waihua o Paerangi.

He has built his governance capability through the Certificate in Māori Governance, EY Tahi and Institute of Directors training.

The Emerging Director Award was instigated in 1999 to assist the growth of New Zealand enterprise through the promotion of best practices in company direction and governance.

The award is for those who are in the early stages of their governance career, with fewer than five years governance experience in an independent and/or non-executive role.



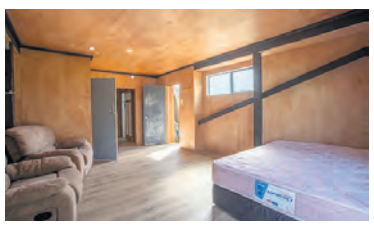
Troy Brown, Ngāti Uenuku, Ngāti Rangi, Ngāti Maniapoto & Ngāti Mutunga. Photo supplied.

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Ohakune 154B Mangawhero Terrace









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Hidden away on a private rear section just a short stroll from Ohakune Junction, this inviting mountain retreat provides the sweetest blend of relaxation and adventure.

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Collegiate's Ohakune head boy



Ohakune's Harry Sherrit has been named as Head of School for 2027 at Whanganui Collegiate, named at the school's recent Valedictory Assembly, when the school paused to "reflect on an outstanding year of achievement, service, and community spirit, while looking forward to the exciting future of student leadership". He is pictured after a rugby match earlier in the year.