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WDHB's 50,000th jab at Ohakune

The 50,000th Covid-19 vaccination jab for the Whanganui District Health Board area was into the arm of a Waimarino resident on Wednesday.

"At 4.50pm on Wednesday 1 September we delivered our 50,000th dose of the Pfizer vaccine. It went into an arm at Te Pae Tata in Ohakune at a clinic run by Ngati Rangi," said a WDHB spokesperson.

That day there were 830 doses delivered to bring the total to 50,139.

Thursday 2 September was a record day for the Whanganui vaccination rollout – 1305 doses delivered, taking the total to 51,567.

There was a "super clinic" at Te Poho o Tuariki in Marton with more than 300 vaccinations, and good numbers at Ohakune, Taihape and Te Rito.

Since then, 611 jabs were given on Saturday, 445 on Sunday and 459 on Monday.

This takes WDHB's total to 54,482 – just over 49% of the total number of vaccinations for the eligible population.

Anyone over the age of 12 is now eligible for the vaccine and is encouraged to book their vaccination by calling 0800 28 29 26 or going online to BookMyVaccine.nz

If you have cold or flu-like symptoms, have been at a location of interest in Bulls, Waiouru, Tokoroa, Auckland, the Coromandel or Wellington (see below), or have been in contact with a positive case, please get tested immediately.

Community testing centres and hours:

Testing station at Whanganui Hospital is open from 8am to 5pm.

Raetihi - The Space, Seddon Street, Raetihi, Monday to Friday from 9am to 12pm.



Contractors installing the fibre optic ducting at the Ohakune Junction on Monday. Inset: a technician 'blows' the glass fibre lines through the ducting in Arawa Street in May. This area is now 'live' for people to convert to ultra-fast broadband.

Fast internet arrives for some

The work stopped on the roll-out of the internet fibre network in Ohakune, setting back the project by a couple of weeks, the *Bulletin* has been advised.

However, Chorus's external communications manager Steve Pettigrew says the contractors were able to resume the build last week.

"We believe we will be able to make up on lost time due the alert level change," said Mr

Pettigrew.

"At the moment the fibre build programme in the town is on track to complete by the end of March 2022."

The first of nine 'build areas' is complete and is now available for fibre orders, via a broadband provider, said Mr Pettigrew.

"As the remaining eight build areas complete, Chorus will complete its quality assurance

checks, update all records and then release these addresses so that fibre orders can be made."

Chorus says Raetihi will be going live by June 2022.

To start with, contractors use directional drills, to bore underground then drag through the ducting along streets.

The contractors said some sections have been

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Fast internet arrives

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straightforward, while others have been more difficult.

They agreed with the common description of Ohakune land as “bog or boulders” with some areas littered with large volcanic rocks. Sometimes the boring machine can work around or under these large rocks, but some areas are too difficult and they have to use diggers for open trenching, or rock saws.

A directional drill is used to install the ducts underground without digging up the berm/road to install the duct.

Once installed, specialised equipment is used to blow

the fibre cable through the tubes of the duct.

The contractors use a DigiTrak device, which picks up the location of the drill head, with this information relayed to the drill operator who can then steer the drill head towards the target area.

The duct has around 20 tubes inside, with each tube carrying a fibre optic cable.

The project also involves installing network elements in manholes.

Residents can check when fibre is available to order through their internet service provider by entering their address into the broadband checker at www.chorus.co.nz.



Ohakune is divided into nine 'FFP' areas, with the first now live for ultra-fast broadband.

Horizons' rep review open for comment

Horizons Regional Council are asking the Manawatu-Whanganui region's residents if their proposed number of councillors, constituencies they represent, and the names of those constituencies is a fair and effective arrangement for the next two local government elections.

Horizons chair Rachel Keedwell says that Council's Representation Review proposes to keep the six current constituencies with 12 general Councillors, and adds two new Māori constituencies, bringing the total number of Councillors to 14.

"Constituencies are the way regional councils divide their region. This is similar to the way city and district councils can have wards. Voters in regional council elections vote for the candidate(s) they want to represent their constituency," says Cr Keedwell.

"Earlier this year, Council resolved to establish a Māori constituency or constituencies for the 2022 and 2025 local elections. This means that, in addition to retaining our current Ruapehu, Whanganui, Manawatu-Rangitikei, Palmerston North, Horowhenua and Tararua constituencies, Council is proposing two new Māori constituencies – Raki Māori (North) and Tonga Māori (South).

"The constituency boundary for the two Māori constituencies has been determined by the number and distribution of voters on the Māori roll.

"The public can provide submissions on whether they agree there should be two constituencies and on the proposed boundary and their names, or think there should instead be one Māori constituency with two councillors.

"People should also note that voters enrolled on the general electoral roll can only vote for representatives in general

constituencies, and voters enrolled on the Māori roll vote for representatives in Māori constituencies. You can only vote for the candidates in one constituency within a region.

"Our region is both demographically and geographically vast. Ensuring we are representing our communities effectively can be somewhat of a challenge.

"Our population isn't spread evenly across a region, so while the aim is for councillors to each represent a similar number of people, it's not always possible.

"For example, the Palmerston North constituency is a small area but currently there are four councillors to represent the 90,000 people who live there. The Tararua and Ruapehu constituencies cover much larger areas but only have one councillor each to represent about 19,000 and 10,000 people respectively.

"We also need to consider communities of interest or groups of people who have a particular relationship with an iwi, lake, mountain, or land area, or connected social values such as an education facility, or transport link.

"These, and the existing district boundaries, are just some of the things Council took into consideration during two workshops before deciding on the proposed arrangements now out for consultation."

Cr Keedwell says that an increase in Councillors will not equate to an increase in rates.

"While the funding to pay councillors comes out of rates, central government sets the total amount that can be used for this. This set amount will remain the same, regardless of the number of councillors," says Cr Keedwell.

"We encourage anyone to make a

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Wards decision 'why Māori don't engage', says Chase

By Moana Ellis, Local Democracy Reporter

A Māori wards advocate says Ruapehu District Council's refusal to lift its proposal for Māori ward seats from two to three is "another example" of why Māori turn their back on participation in local government.

Ruapehu District councillors voted down a move by its two Māori councillors to boost the number of proposed Māori ward seats following clear messages from marae hui that Māori want at least three seats for the new Māori ward being introduced next year.

The mayor, CEO and staff, both Māori councillors and several other councillors attended the "pre-consultation" hui at Raetihi Marae and Mōrero Marae to discuss Māori representation proposals and get a steer on how many Māori seats it should have.

But most councillors voted against a subsequent motion by councillor Elijah Pue and seconded by Viv Hoeta to change its Initial Representation Proposal from two Māori seats. Instead, the council confirmed its proposal for a smaller council comprising six general seats, two Māori seats and a mayor, and opened formal consultation. (Pue and Hoeta were both elected to general seats before the council voted to bring in Māori wards.)

Taumarunui Māori wards advo-

cate Fiona Kahukura Chase says the council has failed to show it listens to Māori.

"If they go out for consultation and they're truly listening, why don't they propose what the people want instead of having to go into formal consultation – they've already heard from the people.

"I just think they've got it wrong. I think they've wasted our time, well over a year in trying to motivate them to do better for our community.

"That's why people don't engage – because when you do engage you don't get listened to. They're seeking Māori participation and engagement: we do that, and it's not listened to. That's why people don't do it. It's almost pointless. It's infuriating.

"We actually wanted 50-50, which would be four seats, reflecting the population. This seems like a deliberate move to minimise Māori participation. They are using legislation to drive us down."

In 2018 Census data, 45.3% of people in the Ruapehu District identify as Māori.

Chase was also unimpressed by the council's suggestion that more Māori should stand for the district's community boards to increase involvement in local decision making.

Under the council's Initial Representation Proposal, the number of

community boards would double from two to four, each with four elected members and expanded responsibilities focused on operational issues, allowing councillors to focus on governance and strategy.

Chase said involvement at community board level would not replace the need for Māori to be equitably represented at the council table where important decisions were made on behalf of the community.

Māori roll change

Ruapehu's mayor Don Cameron said calls from the pre-consultation marae hui were "exactly what we expected" but Māori electoral roll numbers did not support what Māori asked for.

He said it is possible to have three Māori ward seats for next year's local body elections – but only if roll numbers change or the council is prepared to be challenged for making a decision outside of current rules.

"It absolutely is (possible), but there's got to be far more Māori on the electoral roll for that to happen. All we've done is just made sure that we're effecting the exact numbers of people on the Māori roll. At the moment that only supports two, not three.

"If we step outside any of the numbers that we've got through the electoral roll, we will be challenged



Māori wards advocate Fiona Kahukura Chase. Photo: Moana Ellis.

straight away, there's no doubt about that. We believe it isn't worth going through a challenge by the Local Government Commission at this stage.

"If there is an overwhelming desire for three, we're quite happy to look at it. All we're doing is going out with recommendation, that's all it is."

Cameron says if changes to the timing and frequency of the Māori Electoral Option are made, allowing Māori to switch from the general roll to the Māori roll, the determining figures could change "quite easily" to allow three seats.

The Initial Representation Proposal is the result of the six-yearly review to determine the council's representation arrangements. It is now open for submissions before a final decision is made in November.

Ski field events cancelled for 2021

All ski field events and night skiing on Mt Ruapehu have been cancelled for 2021, advises Ruapehu Alpine Lifts, due to Covid-19 lockdowns.

"Due to the number of people involved in our events, we would be unable to hold these at Alert Level 2," advises RAL.

"We would need to be at Alert Level 1 for these events to be successful. As we don't have a strong indication of when we will return to Alert Level 1, we have also made the very difficult decision to cancel all events for the rest of the season."

RAL says the call has been made to cancel, as opposed to postponing, as the spring snow conditions are less ideal and not conducive to holding these events.

"This decision has been made with participant, spectator and staff health and safety in mind.

"It is really disappointing for us that this Covid-19 outbreak has happened now, given all the work that has gone on behind the scenes to create our event calendar.

"We are sad that we won't get to see you all at these events but hope that we can get to Alert Level 2 and you can at least come riding again.

"We will be back next year, and hopefully, Covid-19 will have less of an impact on New Zealand and the events industry as a whole."

RAL has also cancelled night skiing at Whakapapa for the 2021 season.

"We know there was a lot of excitement for the return of night skiing this season, and we are hopeful we can bring it back in 2022."



We're moving to retailer billing

From 1 October, electricity retail account holders from across TLC's network region will receive one bill combining both lines charges and power charges.

Most customers will move to retailer billing and won't need to do a thing.

You'll simply begin receiving one bill from your retailer from 1 October 2021.



Find out more about the rollover to retailer billing at thelinescompany.co.nz

Surfer's sunset shot snags snap prize

Cory Scott's sunset shot on Mt Ruapehu is the overall winner of the #mtruapehuphotocomp2021 and the 2022 season pass. His image was chosen through a head-to-head public vote on social media.

He is editor of the New Zealand Surfing Magazine. He has won multiple awards including Qantas Media Awards.

Cory won the comp with his image – one of dozens of stunning shots he has on his page – Instagram @coryscottimagery.

There, he explains that in 1999 he used to “kick it in between pumping surf sessions” heading to Ohakune “photographing the local mountain pros”.

“We all based ourselves for a few years at Railway Row at Dan Fountains joint. We all knew the mountain staff and ski rescue crew and I was always coming up with some grand idea for a shoot, which Dan and his partner in crime Matt Groubey were always up for.

“So Mountain staff trusted us up on the mountain outside of operating hours. On this

particular evening I had the idea to stay till sunset and to shoot with these new remote flashes I had been using in the surf.

“What we didn't count on was a white-out setting in and here we were sitting at a table outside the cafe unable to see each other only a metre away.

“So we made a decision to call a time to pull pin.”

He said when the time came, he said “what's one minute more?”

“Instantly the wind blew and parted the whiteout and we were looking at this magical scene with Mt Taranaki in the distance and a plane burning its vapour trail through the setting sun.

“We immediately shaped up a kicker, I didn't get time to set up flashes, but Groubey hit it quickly a couple of times before pulling pin for safety reasons as the mountain was icing up.”

RAL had over 600 entries in the competition.



Photographer Cory Scott swapped surf for snow for this stunning sunset shot which was the winner of RAL's lockdown competition.

Ian McKelvie on lockdowns

Ian McKelvie, MP for the Rangitikei electorate that includes Ruapehu, offers Lockdown comments:

• The news on Monday afternoon that all regions of New Zealand except Auckland are dropping down to Level 2 from Wednesday morning is a welcome relief to all in the Rangitikei and Ruapehu.

Especially for businesses and families trying to juggle on-going work commitments with childcare and supervised on-line schooling thrown into the mix. It's also a welcome relief for the many people in our electorate who live alone and for whom lockdown means missing out on

vital social contact and essential services.

While livestock farming has fared reasonable well this time around, market gardeners and especially those without supermarket contracts, have been hit hard. Of course retail shops, the many tourism operators throughout the region, and other small businesses including hairdressers, beauty salons and gyms have been hit hard too.

I do feel for those in the hospitality industry who have done their level best to continue trading through level 3 and are now faced with level 2+ restrictions, which means a limit of 50 people in their

establishments, including staff and no further access to the wage subsidy.

I've talked to a number of people over the last couple of weeks, as have my staff. Clearly we're not alone in thinking that for some reason this lockdown seemed different and more difficult. Maybe because we'd done it before we expected it to be easier? If you or anyone in your family is suffering, please don't suffer alone.

There is plenty of help available and in her press conference a couple of weeks ago, the Prime Minister addressed this and announced extra funding for a number of mental health agencies, including Youthline. Feel free to call my office if you need assistance. We can help you and set you on a path to receive the care and attention you or your family needs.

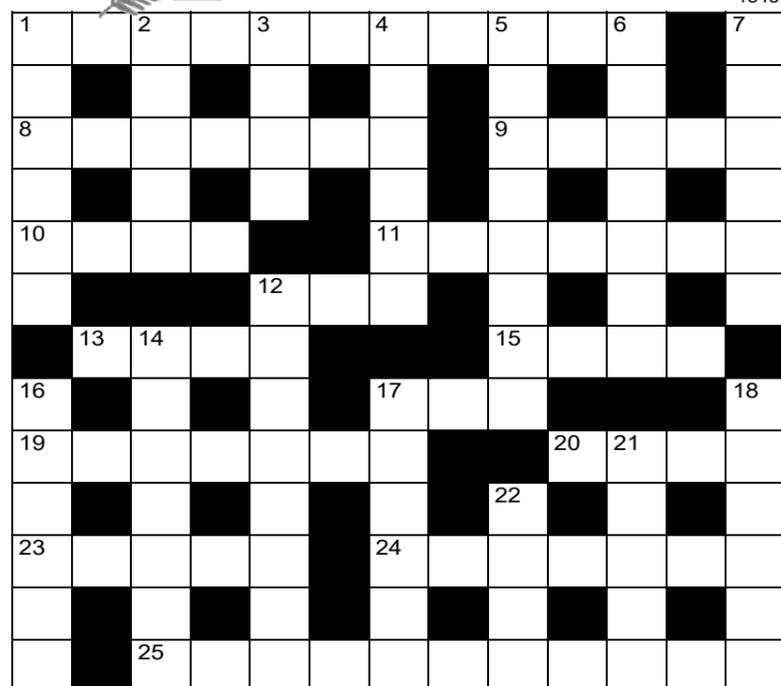
On the bright side our woeful vaccination levels are improving (though we're still ranked 121st in the world).

And we don't live in Auckland. Spare a thought for our gateway city and all those who live and work there as they contemplate at least another week at Level 4!

My offices in Feilding and Taumarunui will re-open in Wednesday, 8 September. Please call in or ring – we're here to help – 07-896-8008.

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Across

1. Geographical feature south of Auckland, named after a ship which brought settlers to New Zealand (6,5)
8. Pelt (7)
9. Bad-tempered person (colloq) (5)
10. Endure (4)
11. Former name used by Seven Sharp host Jeremy Wells (7)
12. Ear (inf) (3)
13. Car for hire (4)
15. Comply (4)
17. Passing trend (3)
19. Cooked sandwich (7)
20. Footwear (4)
23. Fabric made from flax (5)
24. Burning fragrance (7)
25. Earthly (11)

Down

1. Term coined for group in pandemic (6)
2. Virus causing swelling (5)
3. Not at home (4)
4. Sound thrashing (6)
5. Nickname for rugby's Ranfurly Shield (3,1,4)
6. Short unshaven whiskers (7)
7. Ford car model 1952-1972 (6)
12. Long-running NZ magazine which closed, then reopened, in 2020 (8)
14. Opposed (7)
16. Needle on a record player (6)
17. Cat-like (6)
18. Breakfast food (6)
21. Food cooked in an umu (5)
22. One of Dunedin's early settlers (4)

Previous solution

Across: 6. Accent, 7. Wanted, 10. Knotted, 11. Cream, 12. Weed, 13. Seven, 16. Trots, 17. Zero, 20. Items, 21. Snarler, 22. Issues, 23. Manuka.
Down: 1. Taika Waititi, 2. Scooter, 3. Knits, 4. Matches, 5. Steer, 8. Dominion Road, 9. Advertise, 14. Grasses, 15. Jealous, 18. Tease, 19. Matai.

Letters

Vaccine rules

• The debate on whether to vaccinate or not has been around for years.

In the past every person has had the freedom to choose for or against.

Now with Covid doing the rounds, it seems people's freedoms are being taken away.

There are many reasons each person decides to or not to vaccinate, and every single one of these people have valid grounds for their decision.

Both sides of the coin come with passion, facts and evidence.

I understand there is an element of fear that is cast over business owners if they do not comply with the Government rules.

You have a sense of responsibility to do what you believe is right.

But what is right for one is not necessarily right for another.

Are you comfortable playing Russian Roulette with other people's lives?

When you say someone has to get the vaccine, or face losing their job, you are playing God over that person's life.

I say no to the jab, others say yes. Neither side should be judged.

Please do not use your authority as an employer to dictate and intimidate the very people that show up every day, get the job done every day, help to keep your business running and have been loyal to you, some for a number of years.

We ask that facts not be hidden from us, we are people with a voice and a choice, every one of us has the right to say yes or no.

People have died from Covid, People have also died from the vaccine. Why would you want the weight of that decision on your shoulders.

Stand with your workers, no matter what they believe.

Ria Taura

Editor's note:

The letter-writer referred to a website that claims to represent doctors who were against the Covid-19 vaccination campaign.

We contacted the Science Media Centre on this and other points raised in this letter.

The website has been criticised because it represents a tiny minority of medical professionals who have taken a position on Covid-19 in direct opposition to the Government, and, perhaps more importantly for them, the New Zealand Medical Council (NZMC).

The Council is investigating seven doctors, following 26 complaints about the promotion of misinformation on Covid-19 – seven medical professionals out of a total of 26,000.

A Wellington doctor referred to, Dr Matthew Shelton, has now had his contract terminated because of anti-vaccination views.

CMS has provided a link to the government's Covid-19 site with information on vaccination and work. It is now mandatory for border and MIQ workers to get vaccinated. And some employers have said they're considering mandatory requirements that go beyond the government's current order – e.g. Air New Zealand. The link is <https://covid19.govt.nz/covid-19-vaccines/vaccinations-and-work/>

The website includes information for employers and employees, including their rights on when and whether they can chose to be vaccinated.

“Your employer cannot ask you to get a vaccine, unless there are health and safety reasons you need it for your job. If there is a high risk of exposure to Covid-19, then employers can decide that certain work must be done by vaccinated workers,” states the Government website.

Horizons rep review

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submission, and let us know if we have our councillor numbers and constituencies right. All submissions will be considered before a final choice is adopted.

Consultation closes midnight, Sunday 10 October 2021 with hearings taking place on 27 October 2021 at Regional House in Palmerston North.

To make a submission or find further information head to <https://haveyoursay.horizons.govt.nz>

You can also send submissions to Freepost 217922, Horizons Regional Council, Private Bag 11025, Manawatu Mail Centre, Palmerston North or drop it off to one of our service centres (note this option is only available during Covid-19 Alert Levels 1 and 2).

Old photos wanted of ST ANDREW'S OHAKUNE



Exterior and interior photos of the church from any time pre the 1977 extension to inform my renovation. I'm happy to collect them from you, scan and return them to you.

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Mt Ruapehu ready to reopen – ‘and there’s plenty of snow’

An excited team at Mt Ruapehu is ready to welcome back guests following Monday’s announcement of a drop to Alert Level 2 for the region.

The previous Alert Level 3 status had allowed maintenance and safety services teams to work on the mountain and add to their focus of managing health and safety requirements, by also working on facilities and getting ready for re-opening tomorrow, weather dependant.

“Alert Level 2 is a game changer for us at Mt Ruapehu as we can all return to the maunga and invite you back to join us too,” says RAL CEO Jono Dean.

“Although unfortunately Aucklanders will have to wait a bit longer.

“All lifts, including the Far West T and Nga Wai Heke, are ready to go, conditions permitting.

“Opening the ski fields under Alert Level 2 does come with some restrictions though.

We will need to operate our ski areas at a lower daily capacity limit to meet social distancing guidelines, which are in place to ensure the safety of guests and staff.”

This means that capacities will be reduced to 2550 at Tūroa and 3050 at Whakapapa.

“While this is down on what we would consider a ‘busy’ weekend day, which can attract up to 5000 guests, these capacity limits sit comfortably above our average daily numbers, excluding closed weather days, of approximately 1900 guests each side,” Jono says.

“Weekdays will still be the best days to visit the maunga when there will be less people on the ski fields.”

Jono asks people to be patient and follow guidelines and instructions of staff on the mountain, for everyone’s safety.

“We’ve successfully operated at Level 2 before so a lot of people know the drill



Ski areas were able to allow more staff onto the mountain under Level 3, meaning work could be done to get the slopes ready for reopening.

already and we’re asking that they stringently follow the Alert Level 2 guidelines once again.”

At Alert Level 2, there will be no need to book parking. RAL will manage the capacity limits as above and operate a one-in, one-out approach to parking if and when that capacity is reached.

“We expect higher visitor numbers on the weekends and this one-in, one-out approach will be more likely to be in play then,” Jono says.

The snow rules

RAL is committed to preventing the spread of Covid-19 and as such, there are some further rules to follow at Alert Level 2 on the maunga:

- Don’t visit if you’re ill – please stay home, rest up and come back when you’re feeling better, having observed all Covid-19 health and safety recommendations.

- Face coverings are required on all lifts and in queues – you’re used to this from visiting everywhere from supermarkets to botanical gardens, so please keep it up while you’re on the slopes for everyone’s safety. We’d also like to encourage the use of face coverings at all other times

where reasonably practicable.

- Everyone must scan or sign in – there will be QR codes around the plaza at each ski area and additional unique ones will also need to be scanned at certain facilities. Use those to support contact tracing.

- Be patient – as stated above, we’re going to have to limit capacity to support physical distancing protocol. This will also include limited number in the likes of cafés. Please follow any signage and direction provided by staff.

- Wash your hands. Wash your hands. Wash your hands.
- Be positive – we’ve missed out on too much snow, let’s work together to stay safe and ensure we can max out the rest of the season.

“With lots of new snow and more in the forecast, and still half of the winter season left there’s plenty of opportunity to ski in 2021. We’re really keen to see everyone back enjoying the mountain,” Jono says.

Exactly what the remainder of the 2021 ski season will look like, what parts of the mountain will open and when, is yet to be determined, by not only the progression through the Alert Levels but also Mother Nature and snowfall.

Power firm donates \$60,000 to local foodbanks

Local power distributor, The Lines Company (TLC), has donated \$60,000 to seven local foodbanks to help struggling families hit by the latest Covid-19 lockdown.

This follows the Covid support provided in 2020 when TLC waived a month of variable charges for residential customers during the previous alert level 4 lockdown period.

The money will go to Mangakino, Ōtorohanga, Raetihi, Taumarunui, Te Kūiti, and Tūrangi. In turn, those food banks will distribute food to families in need in surrounding areas.

With the support of the Waitomo Energy Services Customer Trust (WESCT), the one-off grant was approved by the TLC Board last week with instructions it be distributed immediately.

WESCT Chair Peter Keeling said the Covid-19 lockdown was having a significant effect in the community.

“We’re very pleased to see cash going

to where it is vitally needed and where it will have a direct positive impact. We know some of our people are really struggling given this latest lockdown so WESCT is very happy to see TLC taking swift and direct action.” Peter said.

In December last year, TLC also made a Christmas donation to local food banks. But TLC chief executive Sean Horgan said this was a much more significant grant and reflected a “dire and urgent need”.

“Our staff are considered essential workers and we haven’t felt some of the financial implications of COVID that our friends and neighbours might be facing,” he said.

“We know there are some families across our network who do it tough at the best of times, so this latest lockdown will be really hard on them. This is the fastest way of getting help to those who need it most and we’re happy to step up and do our part.”

Being alcohol-free is your baby’s best start

The dangers of drinking alcohol while pregnant are being highlighted by health services this month.

The effects of alcohol on the unborn – Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD) – can be devastating, causing health problems that can last a lifetime and for which there is no cure.

Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder Awareness Day is held internationally on 9 September to remind people about the damage drinking while pregnant can cause.

Whanganui District Health Board health promotion officer Chester Penaflores wants pregnant women, their whānau and support networks to be aware of the potential life-long problems for tamariki.

“There is no cure for fetal alcohol spectrum disorder,” he says.

“Problems can include behavioural and intellectual disabilities, and heart defects – but it’s also preventable by being alcohol-free.

“There is no safe time, type or amount of alcohol to drink when pregnant. Because alcohol in the bloodstream passes easily through the placenta, the baby is exposed to the same blood alcohol level as the mother.”

He says the month of September is a reminder that we all have an important role to play in helping our pregnant women to

be alcohol-free, and in looking after the health of the baby.

“During September we take the opportunity to kōrero and educate family and friends about the importance of abstaining from alcohol during pregnancy.”

Chester also recommends women who are trying to get pregnant should avoid alcohol.

“If you’re not trying to get pregnant, use an effective contraception.”

Some ways to be alcohol-free during pregnancy include asking partners, whānau and friends to support you through pregnancy by discouraging alcohol at home and at events and having non-alcoholic drinks at social gatherings.

It is estimated that one in five of New Zealand women drink alcohol at some time during their pregnancy, with this rate higher for women aged 15 to 24 years old.

“By raising awareness about what causes FASD and the tragic consequences it can have on people’s lives, we hope to encourage mothers not to drink while pregnant or when trying to get pregnant,” he says.

“This means more babies are born healthy, with the best chance at reaching their full potential in life.”

For help with drinking, women should talk to their midwife, doctor or nurse or call the Alcohol Drug Helpline on 0800 787 797.



Ruapehu has some fantastic, selfless, volunteer workers who help provide the backbone of many of the essential community services that we all rely on every day.

Every year the Ruapehu Citizen of the Year Awards aims to recognise the value that we all place on these amazing volunteer workers in our communities.

There are two Awards given out yearly. The Northern Ruapehu Citizen Award covering National Park, Taumarunui and Ohura under and the Waimarino Citizen Award covering the Waimarino-Waiouru area.

We now need their friends, colleagues and admirers to put them forward for the recognition they deserve.

Choosing between the many worthy candidates is extremely difficult and so we would like to urge people to renominate candidates who may have been unsuccessful in the past.

Please take a minute to think about who you admire for their volunteer efforts and then put them forward for the recognition they deserve.

Nomination forms are available from your local Council online at ruapehudc.govt.nz or from your local Council office. Queries please call Tessa Owen 07 895 8188 or 06 385 8364.



Nominations close Monday 4th October

INITIAL REPRESENTATION PROPOSAL 2022-2028

VOTE 2022
LOCAL ELECTIONS



What is a representation review and why does it matter?

Council is currently undertaking a review of its representation arrangements to ensure fair and effective democratic representation continues for everyone across the district.

This representation review will determine key things such as:

- how many elected members there are,
- how they are elected,
- how many Community Boards there are,
- the Community Board's boundary area
- and how many members they have.

The review also has an added significance due to the introduction of Māori Wards and the larger sector changes impacting on local government and Ruapehu communities. Representation reviews are usually carried out by councils every six years. This is a legal requirement of the Local Electoral Act 2001.

The six-year review period is designed to balance letting people get used to any changes and ensuring that representation arrangements are regularly updated to reflect changes in the district.

Regular reviews also help to ensure that representation arrangements are reflective of both current and future communities and provide fair and effective representation for everyone.

This consultation now seeks feedback on Council's 'initial representation proposal' decisions on the number of councillors, General Ward, Maori Ward and Community Boards.

Providing feedback will enable you to appeal to the 'final representation proposal' if you feel that matters from your submission were not properly considered.

If you do not provide feedback at this stage you will only be able to object to Council's 'final representation proposal' if Council has made changes from the 'initial representation proposal' in its consultation document.

What is set in stone for the next election

Feedback on any aspect of the 'initial representation proposal' is welcomed. Some key things are however already decided or are set by legislation and not open for debate. These are:

- That voting for Council and Community Boards will be by Single Transferable Vote (STV)
- That Ruapehu will have Māori Wards
- That the mayor is elected at large (by the entire district)

Reaching the 'initial representation proposal' decisions

Earlier this year Council took the opportunity to undertake pre-engagement on its representation review alongside the consultation on our new ten year 2021/31 Long Term Plan.

The purpose of the pre-engagement was to help inform, and seek early feedback, from people on how they saw Council's future representation arrangements including the details relating to Māori Wards.

The public feedback from the pre-engagement, Community Board hui, special hui on Māori Wards, and directly from the community has been utilised by Council to help inform the thinking on this 'initial representation proposal'

The 'initial representation proposal' decisions that Council seeks feedback on are:

1. The number of elected members to Council

- The proposal is for nine elected members comprising eight councillors made up of six General Ward, and two Māori Ward councillors, plus the mayor.

2. The basis of election to Council

- The proposal is for all eight councillors to be elected at large (the mayor is always elected at large). This would mean six councillors elected 'at large' from one General Ward covering the entire district called Ruapehu General Ward and two councillors to be elected 'at large' from one Māori Ward covering the entire district called Ruapehu Māori Ward.

3. The number of Māori Wards

- The proposal is for one Māori Ward comprising the entire Ruapehu district called Ruapehu Māori Ward (represented by two Māori Ward councillors).

4. The number of General Wards

- The proposal is for one General Ward comprising the entire Ruapehu district called Ruapehu General Ward (represented by six General Ward councillors). This means that the district will not be divided into the four current Wards as at present for Council electoral purposes.

5. The name of the General Ward and Māori Ward

- The proposal is for the one General Ward comprising the entire Ruapehu district to be called the Ruapehu General Ward and for the one Māori Ward comprising the entire Ruapehu district to be called the Ruapehu Māori Ward

6. The number of Community Boards

- The proposal is four Community Boards representing specific urban or rural community areas within the district being: (1) Ohura-Ngapuke (2) Taumarunui (includes Manunui) (3) National Park (includes Owahango township) (4) Waimarino-Waiouru.

7. The names of the Community Board areas

- The proposal is for the four Community Board areas to be called: (1) Ohura-Ngapuke (2) Taumarunui (3) National Park (4) Waimarino-Waiouru.

8. The number of members on each Community Board

- The proposal is for each Community Board to have four members elected by the Community Board area and one appointed member from Council.

9. The basis of election to Community Boards

- The proposal is for the elected members of Community Boards to be elected at large by the whole of their respective Community Board area.

Proposed Ruapehu General Ward and Ruapehu Māori Ward



Council is proposing that at the next local body election in October 2022:

- Voters on the general electoral roll will elect six councillors at large from one General Ward comprising the entire Ruapehu district called the Ruapehu General Ward
- Voters on the Māori electoral roll will elect two councillors at large from one Māori Ward comprising the entire Ruapehu district called the Ruapehu Māori Ward
- The mayor (who is always elected at large) will be voted for by voters on both the general and Māori electoral rolls

Proposed Community Boards and boundaries

Council is proposing that at the next local body election in October 2022 there will be four Community Board areas covering Ruapehu District as follows:

- **Ohura-Ngapuke Community Board** covering the area of the current Ohura Ward and the rural area of the current Taumarunui Ward which includes Ohura, Matiere, Waimiha, Ongarue and Kakahi
- **Taumarunui Community Board** covering the urban area of the current Taumarunui Ward
- **National Park Community Board** covering the area of the current National Park Ward, including National Park village, Raurimu, Whakapapa and Owahango,
- **Waimarino-Waiouru Community Board** covering the area of the current Waimarino-Waiouru Ward, including Pipiriki, Horopito, Raetihi, Ohakune, Rangataua and Waiouru

▶ Each community board to have 4 elected members and one appointed member from Council



We'd like to know whether you agree or don't agree with our proposed representation arrangements. *Before Friday 8 October!

Whether you agree, don't agree, or have other thinking let us know why so we can consider your feedback before the final decision is adopted. Two COVID19 safe hui are scheduled for Wed 22 Sept in Taumarunui and Thu 30 Sept in Raetihi. Both start at 6pm and will be live streamed over Council's Facebook page. More info inc. a Consultation Document is available from your local Council office or our website ruapehudc.govt.nz where you will also find an online submission form. The consultation closes on Friday 8 October.

Parapara roadworks update

Contractors have finished laying the first seal on a newly built road retreat just north of Kukuta Road at Upokongaro.

The 'retreat' has moved the road alignment away from the river and returned this section to two lane traffic.

They will continue to maintain and monitor the road through winter, advises Waka Kotahi New Zealand Transport Agency.

"We'll then complete work on this section by laying the final seal towards the end of summer, to ensure the road's finished to the highest possible standard," says NZTA.

"Over several years we've progressively repaired several sites along State Highway 4. Each site has brought its own challenges in areas of design, engineering, property, and consenting."

The sites have included the Otoko Pā slip, the South Raupiu retreat, Whiskey Corner, and Hapokopoko Curve Rock, and Kukuta Road – near Upokongaro.

The need for the road retreat stems from a period of extreme weather that hit New Zealand in late June 2015. The South Island suffered heavy snow – closing airports, schools and roads. And the central North Island was hit with major rainfall and flooding. Civil Defence declared a state of emergency in the Rangitikei, South Taranaki and Whanganui districts. In Whanganui alone, 400 residents were evacuated due to the largest ever recorded flooding in the area. At one point, Whanganui River reached a level of 9.1 metres at Town Bridge.

The storm led to major infrastructure damage throughout the region including to sections of State Highway 4 with flooding contributed to dozens of slips. One of those sections was the area around 11km north of Whanganui, which runs alongside Whanganui River.

The slip, which eventually came down in September that year, affected around 100 metres of riverbank, with the road subsiding all the way to the centreline. Initial remedial work was completed on the site, but this work failed.

"The initial fix was to do a retaining wall," says Gareth Howie, Waka Kotahi project manager.

"But we couldn't get a deep enough grounding, so the build rotated on itself and slipped back into the Whanganui River.

"Then we started thinking that we needed to go deeper, but the deeper you go the more engineering you need. And there was the issue around how to fill back behind a retaining wall if you don't have a strong foundation underneath the wall. So that wasn't a viable option. This meant the best option was to build a road retreat."

While we've been progressively completing repair work on sites along State Highway 4 – physical work on this section of road began in March 2021.

"There've been a few challenges to get it to this point," adds Gareth. "There's the design side of things as well as working through property and consenting."

"But it's good to know we're almost there and the project's now in a good place."

All the physical repair work on four sites – Hapokopoko Curve Rock, Whiskey Corner, South Raupiu Retreat, and Otoko Pā overslip – has been completed.

The remaining site are:

North of Kukuta Road – final seal scheduled for late summer to ensure best possible result.

Te Oreore Underslip – the stabilisation work at the site of the temporary road at Te Oreore is ongoing.

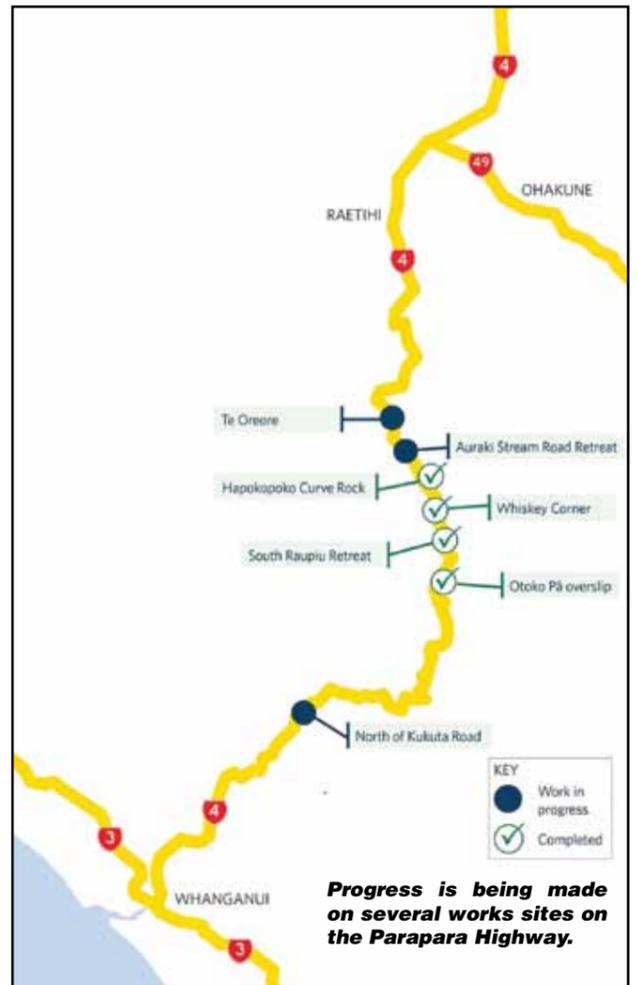
"We're currently working with manawhenua and preparing for construction of the permanent reinstatement on at this location."

Auraki Stream Road Retreat – NZTA is currently working through the consenting and design stages of this project.

Kakatahi washout now open

On Thursday evening 26 August Higgins were able to reopen SH4 between Whanganui and Raetihi under stop/go, after a large washout on Saturday 21 August in Kakatahi caused the road to close.

"The crews have done a great job, digging 7m deep across the road to replace a damaged culvert which was the source of the washout."



Climate Action Joint Committee plans to tackle regional risks head on

How the Manawātū-Whanganui Region (Horizons) can respond to climate change was the reason for a joint meeting, via Zoom, on Monday.

The Minister for Climate Change Hon. James Shaw joined Horizons Regional Council's Climate Action Joint Committee where members selected Dr Huhana Smith to join Cr Rachel Keedwell as co-chair, received the Manawātū-Whanganui Climate Risk Assessment, and progressed planning to respond to climate change within the region.

Minister Shaw said he was pleased to join regional leaders and to discuss this crucial issue.

"Our Government has made sure that climate change is a factor in all major decisions. Ensuring ministers are aware of the implications a decision may have for New Zealand's future greenhouse gas emissions is vital to ensuring we are all playing our part in meeting the commitments we've made," says Mr Shaw.

"Empowering leadership at a local level through councils and iwi and hapū is also a crucial part of the work we are doing to reduce emissions and meet our climate targets."

Cr Keedwell says the committee are happy to assist with any national policy development and has encouraged the government to engage with the region.

Tangata whenua

"Today was the second meeting of the recently formed Climate Action Joint Committee, and the first time tangata whenua representatives with voting rights have been formally appointed to any Horizons committee," says Cr Keedwell.

"The meeting was a milestone both in terms of our response to climate change and in our partnership with iwi, which will enrich deliberations and improve decision making."

"In addition to the two co-chairs, and seven tangata whenua members, membership of the committee includes seven territorial authority members with the mayor from each of the region's city and district councils."

Tangata Whenua appointments were made by Horizons on the recommendation of iwi leaders.

"Their input will be bringing a welcome perspective, where we can complement central government decisions with the knowledge of tangata whenua, our local communities and councils to ensure our response reflects our region's needs," said Cr Keedwell.

Dr Smith says the Committee's purpose is to receive Mātauranga Māori, local iwi/hapū intergenerational knowledge of place and scientific evidence to inform strategic leadership on how the Manawātū-Whanganui Region could achieve climate change mitigation, adaptation and transition.

"It is also where the development of these climate change objectives for the region will be informed, where information is shared, to facilitate collaborative action to reduce

greenhouse gas emissions and prepare vulnerable areas across the rohe for climate change impacts," says Dr Smith.

Risk assessment

The first Risk Assessment report identifies risks across the region and within each district, associated with a changing climate.

Cr Keedwell says the report was developed from a wide range of evidence including hazard information consistent with the IPCC report released in August 2021, community and iwi values, and engagement with subject matter experts.

"At a high level, the anticipated changes we can expect to see in our region include more hot days and fewer frosts; more and heavier rain in the west, and less rain in the east; more floods; rising sea levels contributing to coastal inundation and shoreline retreat; and a loss of snow cover and depth," says Cr Keedwell.

"These impacts have the potential to disrupt tourism, transport networks, and food production. They also threaten cultural sites of significance, estuaries, eco-systems, people and property."

"Tackling many of the risks highlighted in the Climate Change Risk Assessment will require the region's councils to understand community concerns, develop solutions, and ensure a mandate for action."

Dr Smith says the region has three challenges to address: mitigation, adaptation and transition.

"Planning needs to consider how we reduce emissions of greenhouse gases in order to reduce the severity of climate change, how we adapt to the impacts of a changing climate, and how we manage the process of change so that costs fall fairly and to minimise unintended consequences," says Dr Smith.

"The Joint Committee have agreed to form a working group consisting of committee members, mana whenua and council staff to progress the development of a regional climate action plan."

"Each council will need to work closely with iwi and hapū to identify priorities in their district to ensure key issues facing communities across our region are tackled effectively."

"This group will report back to the Joint Committee in March 2022 on key objectives or issues to be addressed at a regional scale before presenting the full Action Plan by the end of 2022."

The tangata whenua members include: Chris Shenton, Ngā Wairiki Ngāti Apa, Te Atihaunui a Pāpārangi, Muaūpoko, Ngāi Te Ohuake, Ngāti Hauti; Hannah Rainforth, Ngāti Hauti, Ngāti Rangī, Te Atihaunui a Pāpārangi; James Kendrick, Ngāi Tūhoe, Ngāti Kahungunu ki Wairoa; Jill Sheehy, Te Rūnanga o Tūpoho, Te Atihaunui a Pāpārangi; Lorraine Stephenson, Rangitāne o Tamaki Nui a Rua; Jonathan Proctor, Muaūpoko, Ngāti Apa and Ngāti Tahu.

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AGENDA

1. Minutes of the previous meeting/s
2. Presidents report
3. Treasurer's report
4. Appointment of an auditor
5. Election of committee members
6. Motions
7. General business
8. Approval of plans for the balance for the current year and next calendar year
9. Amendments to society constitution

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Zoom details are:
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AGENDA

1. Whakamoemiti
2. Apologies
3. Raetihi Marae Annual Report
4. Raetihi Marae Financials
5. Appointment of Auditor
6. Minutes of previous Hui ā Tau
7. Election of Trustees: 2 rotational seats, 2 vacant seats
8. Amendments to the Charter
9. Other business
10. Whakamoemiti

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Monday 23 August	Nominations Open
Wednesday 15 September	Nominations Close at 12 noon
By Tuesday 21 September	Public Notice of Candidates
Tuesday 28 September	Voting Papers sent out
Friday 22 October	Voting closes at 12 noon

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Call for Inclusion on Trust Register

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At this time of year the rooks will be very noticeable around their breeding sites at the top of tall gum or pine trees.

The aerial treatment is expected to start early October, staff are currently surveying known rookeries for active nests.

Landowners who spot any rookeries on their properties can freephone 0508 800 800 or email pco@horizons.govt.nz



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TE KĀHUI O PAERANGI TE TŌTARAOE O PAERANGI TRUST HUI-Ā-TAU (AGM) Saturday 18 September 2021

**Due to Covid-19 this will now occur via
Zoom - please see the details below**

**Join Zoom Meeting
Meeting ID: 646 385 9500
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Agenda

- 10:00am**
Karakia and mihimihi
Te Kāhui o Paerangi Chair's report
Te Tōtaraoe o Paerangi Trust Chair's report
Annual and financial report
Annual plan
Appointment of auditor
Trustee remuneration
Te Kūmete o Paerangi Chair's report
Minutes of previous Hui ā-Tau
Other business
Pānui
Karakia

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Please RSVP your attendance or apology to Felecia Wilson on office@ngatirangi.com or call 0800 N RANGI

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Advisory Notice

Military Exercise

1st Battalion Royal New Zealand Infantry Regiment of the NZ Army will be carrying out Exercise Tropic Warrior over the period 13-20 September 2021 between the hours of 0001 – 2359hrs.

The training will be located in the vicinity of the Tree Trunk Gorge Rd area of the Kaimanawa Forest District.

There will be military vehicles and soldiers in uniform with weapons, operating in the area over this period.

Any queries regarding this exercise should be directed to:

Staff Sergeant Dave Bertram, 021 154 8018

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PUBLIC NOTICES

INITIAL PROPOSAL FOR REPRESENTATION ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE 2022 LOCAL ELECTION

On 24 August 2021, Horizons Regional Council reviewed its representation arrangements, and resolved that the following proposal apply for the Council for the election to be held on 8 October 2022:

Council representation

It is proposed that Council comprises 14 members elected from 6 general and 2 Māori constituencies, reflecting communities of interest identified through factors including shared territorial authority political boundaries, identification with physical and topographical features and river catchments, and dependence on shared facilities and services including flood protection and drainage schemes.

Constituency	Description
Ruapehu	Ruapehu District and the parts of Waitomo and Stratford Districts located within in the Region.
Whanganui	Whanganui District.
Manawatū-Rangitikei	Manawatū District, all of Rangitikei District except the part located in the Hawkes' Bay Region, and the part of Taupō District within the region.
Palmerston North	Palmerston North City.
Horowhenua	Horowhenua District.
Tararua	Tararua District except the part of the district located in Greater Wellington Region.
Raki Māori (placeholder name)	All of Ruapehu District, Whanganui District and Manawatū District; all of Rangitikei District except the part located in the Hawkes' Bay Region; and those parts of Stratford District and Waitomo District located within the region.
Tonga Māori (placeholder name)	Palmerston North City, all of Horowhenua District, and all of Tararua District except the part located in Greater Wellington Region.

The population that each member will represent (rounded to the nearest hundred) is as follows:

Constituency	Population (2021 Statistics NZ estimate)	Members	Population per member
General constituencies			
Ruapehu	9130	1	9130
Whanganui	39700	2	19850
Manawatū-Rangitikei	41800	2	20900
Palmerston North	80700	4	20175
Horowhenua	31000	2	15500
Tararua	16000	1	16000
Total general constituencies	218330	12	18194
Māori constituencies			
Raki Māori (placeholder name)	18280	1	18280
Tonga Māori (placeholder name)	17560	1	17560
Total Māori constituencies	35840	2	17920
Total	254170	14	

Section 19V(2) of the Local Electoral Act 2001 requires that the population each member represents for the general constituencies must be within the range of 18,194 +/- 10% (16,375–20,013), unless particular community of interest considerations justify otherwise. Section 19V(2) of the Local Electoral Act 2001 also requires that the population each member represents for the Māori constituencies must be within the range of 17,920 +/- 10% (16,128 – 19,712), unless particular community of interest considerations justify otherwise.

The representation of Ruapehu, Manawatū-Rangitikei, Palmerston North, Horowhenua and Tararua Constituencies fall outside the stipulated range. Council considers that the existing arrangements are the most appropriate to ensure that Ruapehu, Manawatū-Rangitikei, Palmerston North, Horowhenua and Tararua's communities of interest are effectively represented, and the arrangements do not create barriers to participation.

Further information

Council's resolution and the map setting out the areas of the proposed constituencies are available on Council's website: www.horizons.govt.nz (Representation Review 2021). These may also be viewed at Regional House Palmerston North (11-15 Victoria Avenue) and Regional House Whanganui (181 Guyton Street). Any queries regarding Council's decision should be directed to Craig Grant (Electoral Officer) or Katharine Tongs (Governance Coordinator) by ringing Freephone 0508 800 800 or 06 9522 800.

To make a submission you can:

- Go to www.horizons.govt.nz (Representation Review 2021) and submit online.
- Write your submission as a normal letter or fill out a submission form (available on Horizons' website) and post it to Freepost 217922, Horizons Regional Council, Private Bag 11025, Manawatū Mail Centre, Palmerston North 4442.
- Email your submission to submissions@horizons.govt.nz.
- Drop your submission off at Horizons' service centres (note that this option will only be available during Covid-19 alert levels 1 and 2).

Make sure you include your name, main contact phone number, full address, postcode, email address. Submissions must be received by Horizons Regional Council no later than **midnight on Sunday 10 October 2021**.

Michael McCartney - CHIEF EXECUTIVE



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Fish & Game voting opens

Anglers and hunters throughout New Zealand need to check they are enrolled to vote now that candidates in the 2021 Fish & Game elections were confirmed last week.

All candidates have now had their eligibility confirmed by ElectioNZ.com.

With more nominees than positions in six Fish and Game regions, those regions must have an election this year.

Fish & Game licence holders in the Taranaki will receive voting papers shortly if they are on the electoral roll.

Acting Fish & Game New Zealand Chief Executive Dianna Taylor says, "As a "user pays, user says" organisation, it's time for licence holders to have their say.

"Licence holders need to check that they are on the roll to ensure their voice is heard. Now is their chance to have their say on who they want to represent them.

"Fish & Game receives no taxpayer money and is funded only by our licence holders; we are an independent voice for them, protecting the activities that Kiwis have done for generations. But Fish & Game need licence holders to have

their say; to guide us in where the organisation heads."

Voting is open to all 2020/21 adult whole season fishing or 2021 game bird licence holders. The electoral roll closes at 5 pm on Wednesday 8 September (today).

If licence holders don't remember ticking the box when they purchased their fishing licence last year or their game bird licence this year, they can check they are on the electoral roll by calling their regional Fish and Game office.

Once on the electoral roll they will receive voting papers ahead of the election period, which runs from 16 September to 8 October. Voting is available online.

All election results are announced on 12 October, and the newly elected councillors take office shortly after that.

Taranaki candidates are: Paul Blewman, Whanganui; Chris Donald, Taranaki; Alan Flynn, Taranaki; Pat Hurley, Taranaki; Gerard Karalus, Taranaki; Chris Mattock, Taranaki; Craig 'Curly' McEwen, Taranaki; John Nancarrow, Taranaki; David Potroz, Taranaki; Romon Sargeson, Waimarino.

PUBLIC NOTICES

REVIEW OF REPRESENTATION ARRANGEMENTS



Every six years Ruapehu District Council is required by the Local Electoral Act 2001 to review arrangements for the election of council members and any community boards. On Wednesday, 25 August 2021, the Council adopted the following representation arrangements for public consultation in accordance with section 19M of the Act.

The proposed arrangements for the council are:

- a council comprising 8 councillors and the mayor
- 6 councillors being elected from one ward to represent the general community of interest of Ruapehu District to be called the "Ruapehu General Ward"
- 2 councillors being elected from one ward to represent the Māori community of interest of Ruapehu District to be called the "Ruapehu Māori Ward"

The proposed arrangements for community boards are:

- 4 community boards covering Ruapehu District as follows:
- Ohura-Ngapuke Community Board covering the area of the current Ohura Ward and the rural area of the current Taumarunui Ward which includes Ohura, Matiere, Waimiha, Ongarue and Kakahi
- Taumarunui Community Board covering the urban area of the current Taumarunui Ward
- National Park Community Board covering the area of the current National Park Ward, including National Park village, Raurimu, Whakapapa and Owango,
- Waimarino-Waiouru Community Board covering the area of the current Waimarino-Waiouru Ward, including Pipiriki, Horopito, Raetihi, Ohakune, Rangataua and Waiouru
- Each community board to have 4 elected members and one appointed member.

Proposed Community Board Boundaries



The Council decided against dividing the district into multiple wards for the election of councillors as having one general ward and one Māori ward is seen as more consistent with councillors taking an oath to act in the interests of the whole district, while still providing effective representation for the district's communities of interest.

Submissions

Submissions from any interested person or organisation on the Council's proposal are invited in the period from Tuesday, 7 September 2021 to Friday 8 October 2021.

Submissions can be sent to Consultation@ruapehudc.govt.nz or Representation Review, Ruapehu District Council, Private Bag 1001, Taumarunui. Submissions should state your name and whether you would like to speak to the Council in support of your submission and, if so, please provide a contact telephone number, address or email address.

Subject to any COVID 19 restrictions, hearings of submissions will be held on Wednesday 20th October 2021 in the Ruapehu District council chambers, Huia Street, Taumarunui.

Further information

If you would like further information or have any questions, please visit the Ruapehu District Council website www.ruapehudc.govt.nz, phone us on 07 895 8188 or 06 385 8364 or email info@ruapehudc.govt.nz



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