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‘Tramping on wheels’ a growing Ruapehu attraction

Ruapehu has two of the best cycle trails in New Zealand’s Great Rides network, says Lynley Twyman, ‘trail champion’ for both the Mountains to Sea Ngā Ara Tūhono Cycleway and The Timber Trail.

She was introduced to the Ruapehu District Council at their last meeting, where she briefed councillors on the performance of the trails to date.

“The Mountains to Sea trail is the most diverse ride in the country, and the Timber Trail (through the Pureora Forest) is arguably the best 2-day ride in New Zealand,” she told councillors.

The growth is contributing to the local economy year-round and is increasing.

Estimates put the Timber Trail’s economic benefit to Ruapehu and neighbouring Waitomo at \$7.6 million last year.

The Ohakune Old Coach Road – part of the Mountains to Sea – saw 19,000 trips, with 59,000 trips on the M2Sea trail overall.

And demand is increasing on the Mangapurua section of the trail.

She said there are benefits all round from this ‘tramping on wheels’, not just economic – including social connections, increased environmental awareness and action (such as access-

ing pest trap lines for volunteers).

“It’s taking people back to nature.”

She said the Mountains to Sea trail has overall been the “poor cousin” in the Great Rides network for a number of reasons, but this is improving.

In recent months, as well as maintenance work, new signage has been installed for safety and riders’ enjoyment, and a safer crossing installed at Horopito.

“The trail is now at a standard that we can promote it.

“The Mangapurua is a much safer ride, with DOC’s support.”

Maintenance is also improved on the Timber Trail with a new contractor signed up.

She said they use local staff for emergency works, which is helpful as a call such as for a tree fallen across the track “always happens on a Friday”.

The next stage – Te Ara Mangawhero – is due to start this summer, with the lower sections starting first.

“It’s going to add huge value to the trail.

“It’s not a downhill bombing trail (as some people have feared) – it will be getting people out into the ecology.

“We’re really quite excited for the area.”

Goats race to Tūroa



Maia Flint enjoys the stunning conditions for The Goat trail run on Saturday. The young Tauranga runner was the fastest female home. See inside for details. Photo: www.photos4sale.co.nz.



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Goats race round Ruapehu to Tūroa



Ryan Carr receives his 'Goat' trophy. Photo: Layla Robinson.

Around 560 'goats' ran from Whakapapa to Tūroa on the Round the Mountain Track on Saturday, taking part in the first event since organisers changed it from December to a January date.

One of the organisers, Jason Cameron, said the date change was to provide a better chance for good weather and that it paid off.

"The weather was kind – the most stunning conditions we've had for a good 10 years."

He said it was a reasonably warm day with light variable winds.

Although it was hot in the valleys, it was manageable and there were no issues for runners.

He said people were well prepared and hydrated and there were only a few minor injuries including one runner who fell and broke some ribs so had to be choppered out midway through the course.

The course was in excellent condition with no wet, muddy sections.

Cameron said they were happy that they "snuck in" the event before the Red Light Covid-19 level kicked in. They ran the event with all the appropriate Covid-19 protocols, including My Vaccine Passes for competitors.

They changed the finish to the course, to improve safety, with runners taken along the eastern side of the Tūroa carpark, up the steps and into the plaza for



Fastest male 'goat' on Saturday, Ryan Carr. Photo: www.photos4sale.co.nz.

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Fastest male in the event was Ryan Carr, a shepherd from Queenstown. He was second in last year's event and has won it in the past, but on the alternative course.

He finished in 2 hours 2 minutes and 18 seconds.

Fastest female home was 18-year-old Maia Flint, who is a past winner of the Kamai Goat event.

Second male was Calum Sutherland, also the U23 winner in 02:09:16; 3rd was Tommy Hayes in 02:11:43. Chris Morrissey was fastest Masters Goat Men (40-49) in 2:5:31. Hannah Lund was first Open Goat Women (23-39) in 2:39:36. Garth Dawson was fastest 'Even Older Goat Men' (50-59) in 2:53:47. Tania McWilliams was 1st Masters Goat Women (40-49) in 2:55:13. Rachel Cashin was fastest 'Even Older Women' (50-59) in 3:15:00. She also wins the Hamish Harland Memorial Trophy for the fastest local. Mark Eustace was first Goat Legends Men (60+) in 3:17:10. Sally Wood was first Goat Legends Women (60+) in 3:33:16.

Longboarders ride the Ohakune Mountain Road

Riding down the Ohakune Mountain Road at speeds of around 100km/h on skateboards was a “calming” thing to do, according to a group of longboard riders who took on the challenge in December.

Zain Solanki and friends filmed each other on the road, although as well as “calming”, he said the grit-covered road was one of the scariest downhill rides he’s done.

The 23-year-old has been riding since age 12 and says the chip-sealed road may not make for the smoothest ride, but that it was better for safety.

“It keeps riders on their toes. You don’t want to be nervous when you do it, but you want to be prepared for what you’re doing and what’s ahead of you.”

Riders ‘drift’ around corners by dragging their hand along the road and edging the board sideways. Speeds can drop from 80kmh to 30kmh in 30 metres.

The crew said they wear motorcycle-style safety gear, in case of a fall.

He says you have to be calm – if you’re not your legs seize up and you get the speed wobbles.

They drove the road first for preparation and they have spotters checking for traffic and also have a following car. A lead car alerts the skaters to oncoming traffic through helmet radios.

“Our first ride is always tame and we build up the speed from here.”

He warns others not to take on the ride without the right gear, a team of spotters and years of experience.

“Do it with a group of people who know what they’re doing.”

Police said skateboards are classified by NZTA as wheeled recreational vehicles and are allowed on the road but must keep as close as possible to the edge of the roadway.

After their final ride and lunch at Ohakune, they drove around to Whakapapa to take on the Bruce Road, which has been the choice for organised skating events in the past.



ABOVE: riding the 1000 vertical metres of the Ohakune Mountain Road. **BELOW:** From left, Arlo King, Zain Solanki, AJ Cox and Reid Douglas who took on the mountain road in December. Photo: Matt Greene.



New share ownership model needed to ‘combat Atihau fragmentation’

By Moana Ellis, Local Democracy Reporter

The outgoing Āti hau-Whanganui Incorporation chair says one of the biggest challenges facing the Māori farming organisation is the ongoing fragmentation of shares.

Mavis Mullins says the whānau of more than 9000 shareholders and descendants is continuing to expand as individual families grow, and many shareholdings are being broken into increasingly smaller fragments.

She says continued fragmentation will affect decision-making, identity, connection and the wellbeing of shareholder whānau.

“I hope we never end up at a place where everyone owns a little bit of nothing because of that fragmentation and the disconnection of our whānau,” Mullins said.

“Increasingly they don’t know home and so they read the stories but it’s different to read it, to walk it and feel it.

“These are some of the bigger challenges for me. How do we keep our people close? How do we get them to feel like we do, increasingly passionate and protective of what we have?”

Mullins said existing tools to prevent fragmentation, such as whānau trusts, were not a sustainable solution because as individual families grow, their whānau trust membership also expands.

The problem would just be passed to future generations unless the issue is addressed now.

“It’s going to take some strong leader-



ship, some very smart thinking, and then I guess it’s whether or not whānau are going to be brave enough. Is this about shareholding or is this about whakapapa?

“What we have is only half working. We do need a new model – something that is going to continue to hold fast to the kaupapa that is our legacy but that has that kind of flex to encompass who we are and what we are.”

Āti hau-Whanganui, which owns 42,000 hectares of farmland from Ohakune to Whanganui and is one of Aotearoa’s largest farmers, has tested new ideas around benefit distribution, which focus not only on dividends but also charitable support, Mullins said.

In the last financial year its charitable arm distributed more than \$364,000 through 549 grants to advance the education, cultural aspirations, health and wellbeing of shareholders and descendants – an increase of 120 grants and \$78,000 on the previous year.

“Even if you are the tiniest of shareholders, you’re not excluded from benefit,” Mullins said.

“I think it’s fantastic and when we see what’s coming out the other end, in terms of outcomes for our grant and scholarship recipients, our marae, our kaumātua, it’s heart stuff. It’s about strengthening and supporting our cultural footprint.”

Āti hau-Whanganui Incorporation farms 70,000 sheep, 4000 beef cows, 700 dairy cows and 3000 beehives on its whānau farms.

Mullins announced just before this month’s annual general meeting that she would step down as chair at the new board’s first meeting. She has been an elected board member for about 16 years, eight of them as chair. She will see out her term as a board member for the next year.

At the AGM, Keria Ponga and Te Tiwha Puketapu vacated their seats on the board due to rotation but were re-elected. Other board members are Che Wilson, Whata-rangi Murphy-Peehi, Rāwiri Tinirau and Shar Amner, with independent members Joe Hanita and David Nelson.



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Iwi group chipping away at critical first vaccinations

By Moana Ellis, Local Democracy Reporter

Māori health providers are reporting low daily numbers of critical first vaccinations as they work to boost protection for Māori against Covid-19.

Iwi collective Te Ranga Tupua has four mobile teams working to lift Māori vaccination rates in Whanganui, South Taranaki, Rangitikei and the Waimarino. It says the teams are chipping away slowly but steadily at high numbers of unvaccinated Māori.

As at Wednesday last week, Raetihi still had one of the lowest vaccination rates of any population cell, at just 74%. There were only 12 out of the more than 2000 population cells that had a lower vaccination rate.

Nearby Ohakune had 89% double vaxed, while Waiouru had 89%. National Park had 89%.

Te Ranga Tupua rapid response co-lead Elijah Pue says each of the four teams is vaccinating around 40 people a day.

“Probably in the last month we’ve administered 1500 vaccinations across four teams, two teams in Whanganui, one in Rangitikei and one in the Waimarino. The majority of those have been boosters and seconds. We are seeing a reduction in firsts. For example, in Raetihi we’re probably vaccinating circa 40 people a day and we might be getting three or four first vaccinations.”

In the Whanganui District Health Board area, 85% of Māori have had one dose of the vaccine but fewer than 700 first jabs will take the number to 90%. Just over 1400 shots are needed to reach 90% fully vaccinated. The figures do not include tamariki aged 5 to 11, who became eligible on Monday for vaccination.

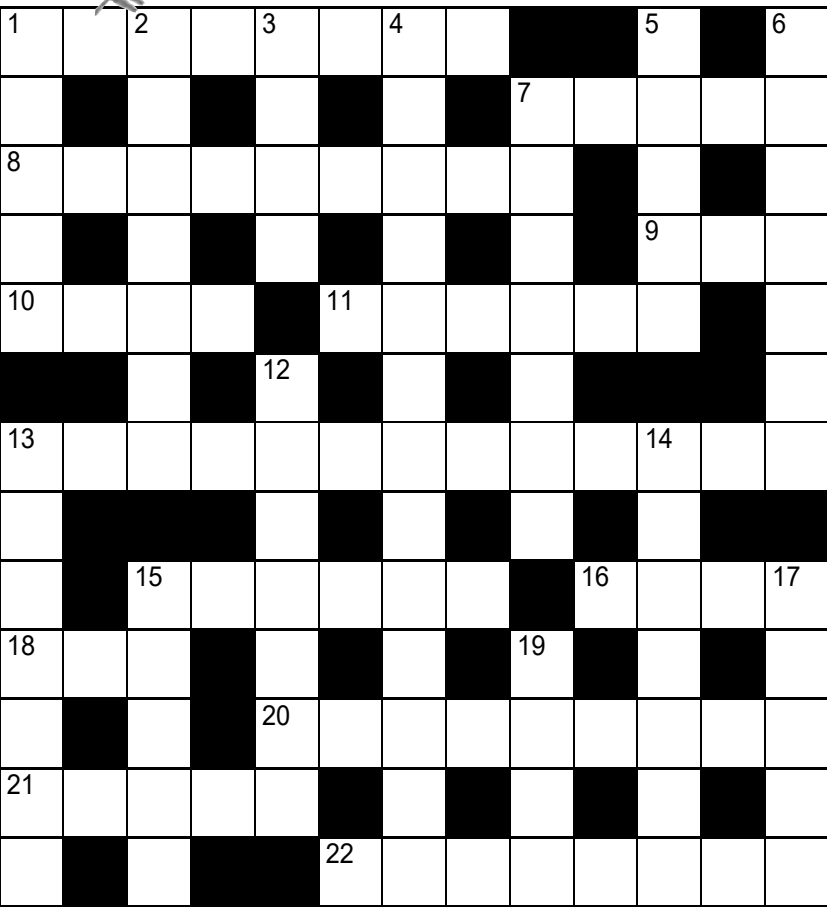
“Some people have been saying those who wanted to get vaccinated will have been vaccinated by now, but we’re continuing to have a presence in those areas which still have low vaccination numbers,” Pue said.

The Ministry of Health says more than 14,000 vaccinations were delivered to under 12s nationwide on Monday, and in the Whanganui DHB area more than half of nearly 23,000 people eligible for a booster have received their booster shot.



One of the Ranga Tupua iwi collective's mobile clinics at Kai Iwi, a rural community west of Whanganui, on Saturday. Photo/Moana Ellis

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Across

- 1980s economic plan that resulted in the expansion of Marsden Point and the Glenbrook steel plant (5,3)
- Sign up (5)
- Home of the Golden Shears since 1961 (9)
- Number of guitars in popular song (3)
- Uninteresting (4)
- Party which first entered parliament in 1996 (6)
- Embarrassing occasion, captured on film (colloq) (7,6)
- Duck shooter's shelter (3,3)
- Special occasion hairstyle (2,2)
- Fuss (3)
- Fell asleep (6,3)
- Emotional series of events (5)
- Central Otago town (8)

Down

- Domesticated (5)
- Pancreatic hormone that processes glucose (7)
- Leg joint (4)
- Cook Strait ferry service (13)
- Harness racing (colloq) (5)
- Kiwi organisation supporting young families (7)
- Wrap around (7)
- Otorohanga, self-proclaimed home of _____ (7)
- Bird-watching area on Firth of Thames (7)
- Have a look around (7)
- Auckland museum (abbr) (5)
- Animal organs used as food (5)
- Smile radiantly (4)

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Down: 1. Mohaka, 2. Bulls, 3. Lope, 4. On edge, 5. Assemble, 6. Disrobe, 7. Waiata, 12. Tiki tour, 14. Innings, 16. Smelly, 17. Ensign, 18. Candid, 21. Ample, 22. As if.

Wind stirs up old forestry slash fires

Burn-off fires near Tangwai from early December were fanned into action again earlier this week as easterly winds and hot dry conditions prevailed.

Firefighters spent the weekend battling two vegetation fires near State Highway 49 and Tangiwai.

Both originated from forestry prunings burn-offs, senior Ohakune volunteer firefighter Marty Webb said.

“With the weather and wind that we have had, and the heat, those fires have never gone out.”

The fires would have been sheltered from the predominant northwest wind, but a breeze from the east on Saturday made them flare up. Both were fought by Waiouru fire crews.

The fire danger is at high in the Ruapehu region, Fire and Emergency NZ group manager Renee Potae said. She expects the open fire season to move to restricted soon.

“We have had a lot of rain before Christmas, which created a good grass growth. Hot dry windy weather dries that out really quickly. Dry grass is fine fuel.”

She asked people who are considering lighting outdoor fires to go to the checkitsalright.nz website first. Fire restrictions are regularly updated there, and the site gives tips and advice for safe fire lighting.



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River tribes draw global focus to indigenous knowledge

By Moana Ellis, Local Democracy Reporter


A Māori development leader says the Whanganui River tribes have helped bring attention to global perspectives on indigenous knowledge, collaboration and trade.

Te Puni Kōkiri regional director for Te Tai Hauāuru, Jessica Smith, was in the United Arab Emirates at the end of 2021 to support the visit of Foreign Affairs Minister Nanaia Mahuta for bilateral talks and the indigenous and tribal ideas symposium Te Aratini.

She said New Zealand was able to bring Te Aratini delegates to meetings with Emirati government agencies, including Ātihaū-Whanganui Incorporation's Mavis Mullins.

"We were fortunate that we had so many progressive Māori businesses, entrepreneurs, leaders in attendance.

"From a government perspective when we were



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having our government-to-government discussions we were able to reach into the experience of those delegates, like Mavis [Mullins], and get them to attend some of our government-to-government meetings."

Emirati government leadership welcomed thought leaders from Māori communities to the table, Smith said.

"It made the meetings a far richer experience. The Emiratis have a Ministry for Possibilities, a Ministry of Culture and Youth, and a Knowledge and Human Development authority – that says

something about where their thinking is at."

Smith said the story of the fight for legal recognition of Whanganui River rights has been central to exposing indigenous approaches and perspectives at Expo 2020 Dubai. Te Awa Tupua legislation is the theme of the Aotearoa New Zealand pavilion experience at the world expo and was highlighted at Te Aratini in a presentation by Ngā Tāngata Tiaki o Whanganui chair Sheena Maru.

"Te Aratini, which was the first indigenous symposium ever held at a world expo, not only has benefit for Te Awa Tupua, for Whanganui, but for all indigenous people across the world. We're a part of a world first, created for indigenous knowledge," Smith said.

"It also shows how innovative we are as a people, as Whanganui, as Te Awa Tupua. We've created something unique, a never-before piece of legislation, and this is just one of the many

manifestations of our ability to be innovative."

Smith said the impetus for events in Dubai is trade, but for Māori the world expo and indigenous symposium were more importantly an opportunity to build relationships and understand shared value systems.

"Indigenous dialogue is not really interested in transactional relationship but in understanding that shared value system so that as we look at opportunities, it's based on an equal space of moving forward, of mutual benefit, and there's that reciprocity and value system in place to build a strong foundation for a good relationship.

"The expo is just one of the many international platforms where we're able to create space for indigenous dialogue and show examples of excellence to support indigenous people across the global community."

Expo 2020 Dubai runs until March.

Eastern Park hut to be replaced

Oturere hut, on the eastern side of the Northern Circuit in Tongariro National Park, is to be rebuilt, with the Department of Conservation deciding the 51-year-old hut is not up to Great Walks standard.

DOC has released tender documents that include instructions for the build to start in March 2023, with a completion date of the end of June.

The new hut would sleep 30, up from the current 26. It is to have solar panels, LED lighting and a sheltered deck. The old hut would be demolished and the warden's quarters would be replaced.

The tender states the existing hut is cramped during busy periods, with up to 40 people using its limited facilities as there is no cooking shelter for the nearby campsite. It said visitor feedback "indicates people are not having the quality of experience expected from Great Walk accommodation", the main issue being lack of space.

The design requirements include using "the concept of a meeting house/marae".

It would also be designed to reduce the carbon footprint of the hut and to "provide future proof solutions for hut technology".



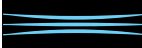
Time's up for Oturere Hut – to be replaced. Photo: Heiko Valenta.




Up on New Year's Day? Pigs might fly! And they certainly did at the Mahi Aroha kite day in front of the Chateau Tongariro and Mt Ruapehu. The Mahi Aroha Summer Programme events run until 31 January. View and book events that are still to come at tongariro.org.nz/mahi-aroha. Photo: Steve Bell



Te Puni Kōkiri regional director for Te Tai Hauāuru, Jessica Smith (far left), and New Zealand representatives meet with senior officials of Dubai government's Knowledge and Human Development authority in Dubai. Photo/Supplied

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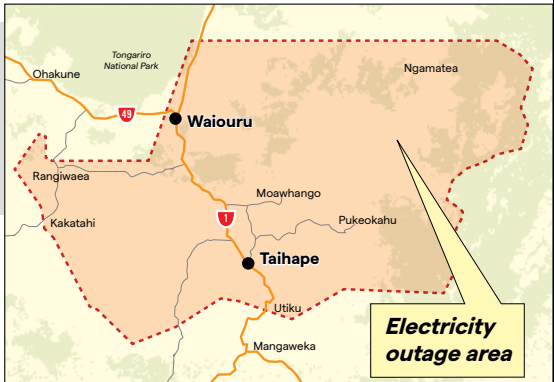
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Canyon shot wins photo comp

A photo of a man 'canyoning' in the Mangaturuturu Canyon was the overall winner of the Federated Mountain Club's 2021 photo competition. The photo is by Gavin Barry-Morgan, a member of the New Zealand Canyoning Association. It was a winner of the Association's own photo competition, with the finalists sent on to the FMC to join the best photos from 99 other outdoor clubs from around the country.

Red light at hospital explained

The Waimarino and Whanganui moved into Level Red at 11.59pm on Monday night, bringing in changes for people visiting the hospital?

Now, when visitors arrive at the entrance they will be asked to: Scan or sign in; change their mask to a hospital surgical mask if they're not wearing one already; use the hand sanitiser provided.

They will then be asked three questions: are you feeling unwell today, do you have any cold or flu like symptoms?; Have you recently had a Covid-19 test?; Have you visited a location of interest?

"Based on lived experiences regarding how Covid-19 is transmitted we need to ensure Covid-19 doesn't enter our hospital if at all possible," explains Rhonda Morris, engagement team leader.

"If you are presenting as a patient, we will undertake precautionary measures, all of which will be explained throughout your patient journey but you will be seen."

Visitors with acute respiratory symptoms such as cough, cold and flu symptoms, sore throat and runny nose or have abdominal pain or diarrhoea or a close household contact with a current Covid-19 case must not attend unless prior arrangements have been made.

"You will be declined entry if this is the case," said Ms Morris.

"Social distancing is required so we ask that there is a maximum number of two visitors per bed and we ask where possible that the two visitors remain the same each time to lower the risk."

Visitors will not be asked to provide a vaccine passport within a clinical setting.

There is a requirement for booked surgical procedures and surgeries to have a Covid-19 test 48 hours prior to arrival.

"Not having completed this may result in your surgery or surgical procedure being postponed. We will rely on the advice of your treating health team in these cases."

The effects of Covid-19 on an individual's recovery has warranted a cautious approach which may include deferring surgeries, unless urgent, until the person is no longer infected with Covid-19.

There is no need to have a Covid-19 test before getting an x-ray, blood test or a consultation with a health professional.

"Vaccination and boosters are the best way to protect yourself and your whanau from Covid-19, if you haven't had your vaccinations we encourage you to reach out to one of the clinics to make an appointment, walk in or have a conversation for vaccination."

Child vaccinations are available at select clinics in the Whanganui rohe.

Call 0800 888 479 for an up-to-date list of available clinics.

On Thursday 27 January, there will be a vaccination clinic at Tangiwai, State Highway 49, 10am to 3pm.

Past fast Goats

After Saturday's 'The Goat' trail run (see P1&2), one of the crew has compiled a list of past winner's times:

Ten Fastest Men's Finishers:

- #1 - James Coubrough 1:48:25(2011)
- #2 - Sjors Corporaal 1:52:27 (2015)
- #3 - Sjors Corporaal 1:53:52 (2010)
- #4 - Sjors Corporaal 01:54:41 (2021)
- #5 - Thomas Owens 1:56:21 (2005)
- #6 - Shay Williamson 1:56:24 (2015)
- #7 - Sjors Corporaal 1:56:42 (2013)
- #8 - Sjors Corporaal 1:57:00 (2009)
- #9 - Martin Cox 1:57:07 (2011)
- #10 - Shay Williamson 1:58:22 (2011)

40 Fastest Women's Finishers

- #1 - Jess Simson 2:16:54 (2013)
- #2 - Ruby Muir 2:19:28 (2010)
- #3 - Corrinne Smit 2:22:27 (2015)
- #4 - Sabrina Grogan 2:23:19 (2017)
- #5 - Melissa Moon 2:23:39 (2004)
- #6 - Ruby Muir 2:25:46 (2009)
- #7 - Sabrina Grogan 02:26:01 (2016)
- #8 - Karen Hanlen 2:26:33 (2007)
- #9 - Annika Smail 2:27:38 (2008)
- #10 - Nic Leary 2:27:54 (2007)

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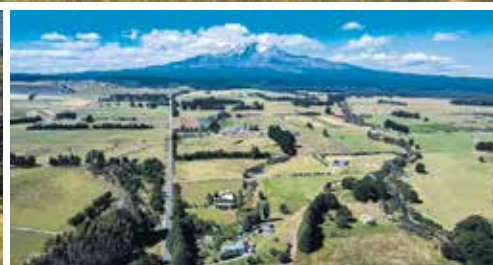




A happy group of trampers on top of the world earlier this month, taking part in one of the Mahi Aroha Summer Programme activities. There are still some trips to go, including Friday's Whakapapa clean-up – a chance to make a difference and also ride the Sky Waka Gondola at Mt Ruapehu. Join in to help remove any rubbish that didn't make it to the bin and then afterward, grab a complimentary ride on the #skywaka. Visit www.tongariro.org.nz/mahi-aroha for details. Photo: NZ Pocket Guide.

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Lore of the rings: quest to find owner

It's not a sequel to the famous trilogy – just a man looking for the owners of a pair of engagement rings, found in the Tongariro National Park over Christmas.

David Hallberg was on the Tongariro Northern Circuit with his partner when he found the pair of rings in a small jewellery box, on the side of Mt Ngauruhoe, of 'Mt Doom' fame, where the Hobbits travel to with the mythical 'One Ring'.

He made the find on Christmas Day. "We always go hiking over Christmas," said David Hallberg.

He said that looking at the state of the box, they could have been there for many years.

"They have been under the ice and gravel for a long time, they are deformed and somewhat faded."

He took the two rings to the DoC warden and shared their find with the other hikers at the hut.

"Everyone thought it was very cool," he said.

"I hope she still said yes!"

A spokesperson for DoC says the Tongariro Visitor Centre team is aware of the discovery.

"The Tongariro Visitor Centre does keep a log of lost property items handed in by people," they said.

"However, we haven't had any reports or requests relating to the rings. It would be great to see them returned to their owner."

For valuable lost property items – like jewellery – the centre asks that they be handed in to NZ Police.

The National Park Police Station said it was not aware of any reports of similar missing items.

One clue to the owners' identity is that the box is from a well-known American jeweller, not found in New Zealand.

In a twist straight out of the Lord of the Rings he saw there was something written on the bands.

"They have an inscription in them, but I don't want to say what, so the rightful owner can claim them."

He hopes that whoever they belong to might have friends or relatives in New Zealand, and can get in touch.

Hallberg, who is a fan of the Tolkien films, says he feels duty bound to find the original owners.

"I would love to return them to their owner and hear their story of the lost rings on 'Mount Doom'."

DoC asks that hikers making the detour to the mountain respect the sanctity of Ngauruhoe and not tramp to the summit.



David Hallberg and the rings he found in Tongariro National Park.



Raetihi School prize winners 2021



Raetihi School dux for 2021, Kianna-Jaye Edmonds, at right, with runner-up dux Sam Rowe.

Kianna-Jaye Edmonds received the dux trophy for the top academic student at Raetihi School at their annual prize giving held on 10 December.

Winning the Mosen Cup for runner-up dux was Sam Rowe.

Other special awards winners were: Citizenship Award, Treyton Gray. The Diligence Award for female academic persistence, Alzaylea Fisher. Golden Jubilee Cup Most improved Māori Pupil, Christopher Winter. Blackburn Cup Best all round Māori Pupil, Benson Carmichael. Best all round Year 8, Sam Rowe.

Sandford Memorial Cup - Best House, Ngauruhoe Uenuku Taonga for Te Reo Me o Nga Tikanga, Rico Pakai.

Lisa Crowley Writing Award for Written Language, Kianna-Jaye Edmonds. Top Year 8 Reader, Kianna-Jaye Edmonds

Dekker Machinery Cup for Maths in Senior School, Sam Rowe. Sonya Berry Memorial Award for Excellence in all Arts, Waata te Pirra. Seifert Cup for Science in Interest and Ability, Campbell. Journeaux Year 3 & 4 Speech Trophy, Michael Birch. Michael Reid Year 5 & 6 Speech Trophy, Manaia Scarrow. Raetihi Repertory Society Year 7 & 8 Speech Trophy, Kianna-Jaye.

Academic Awards

Raetihi School Achievement in Acting, Manaia Scarrow. Sims Award for Outstanding Vocalist, Treyton Gray. Best Senior Male Kapa Haka Performer, Treyton Gray.

Best Senior Female Kapa Haka Performer, Aaliyah Wilks. Most Improved Female Kapa Haka Performer, Manaia Scarrow. Most Improved Male Kapa Haka Performer, Komaihana Hawira. Best Junior School Male Kapa Haka Performer, Hendrix Brown. Most Improved Male Kapa Haka Performer, Israel Metekingi. Best Junior School Female Kapa Haka Performer, Javannah-Lee Hiroti. Most Improved female Kapa Haka Performer, Morehu Te Ao Rere Williams. Excellence in Agriculture Year 5-6, Kelly Donaldson, Excellence in Agriculture Year 7-8, Komaihana Hawira.

Sports

Cross Country Champions 2021, Junior Boys Liam McDonough; Junior Girls Ffion Shaw; Intermediate Boys Kaden Morrison; Intermediate Girls Katie Ritchfield; Senior Boys Wil Shaw; Senior Girls Jaeda-Rose Hagley-Tutauha. Athletics Champions 2021, Junior Boys Liam McDonough; Junior Girls Chanel Hagley-Tutauha; Intermediate Boys Daymon Todd Allen; Intermediate Girls Ngateria; Senior Boys Sam Rowe; Senior Girls Von Pein family trophy, Jaeda-Rose Hagley Tutauha. Swimming Championships 2021, Junior Boy Champion Liam McDonough; Junior Girl Champion Keisha McDonough; Intermediate Boys Champion Tiaan Perkins; Intermediate Girls Champion Atlas Carew Elers.

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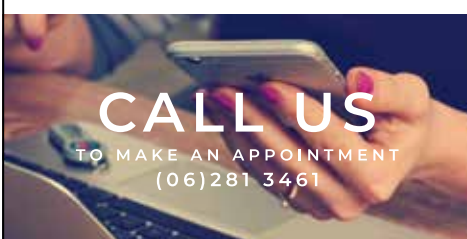
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Tuesday, 22 February
10.00am Regional Council (Livestreamed)

Wednesday, 23 February
9.30am Environment Committee

Should Members of the public wish to speak at Meetings, they are advised to view details on the Horizons' website www.horizons.govt.nz or phone 0508 800 800.

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Ruapehu District Council Boards and Committees FEBRUARY 2022 MEETING DATES

Waimarino-Waiouru Community Board

6.00pm, Thursday 3 February 2022
Council Chambers, Ayr Street, Ohakune

National Park Community Board

5.30pm, Tuesday 8 February 2022
The Park, National Park

Taumarunui-Ohura Ward Committee

5.30pm, Thursday 17 February 2022
Council Chambers, Huia Street, Taumarunui

Ruapehu District Council

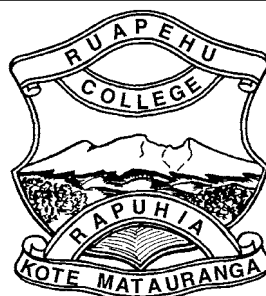
10.00am, Wednesday 23 February 2022
Council Chambers, Huia Street, Taumarunui

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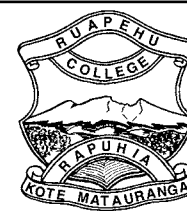
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Covid analyst calls for Maori and Pasifika priority in under-12s vaccinations



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By Moana Ellis, Local Democracy Reporter
A Covid-19 Māori health analyst is calling on the government to prioritise Māori and Pasifika children in the 5-11 years vaccine rollout or risk the consequences of a "brown pandemic".

Dr Rāwiri Taonui says tamariki Māori make up 53.3 per cent of all cases of those aged under 12 and 63 per cent of all hospitalisations of under 12s.

According to Taonui's analysis, when Pasifika children are included, 82 per cent of cases and 78.3 per cent of hospitalisations of those under 12 have been Māori or Pasifika.

Taonui has contributed to a Ministry of Health working group for vaccination of Māori aged 12 years and under. He described the statistics as disturbing and said they reflect the higher disease burden on Māori in the current outbreak.

Omicron remained a serious risk for unvaccinated Māori and Pasifika, and the tamariki rollout should focus on equal outcomes with Pākehā, he said.

"Pacific and Māori peoples face similar prejudice. This is our brown pandemic."

Taonui said data emerging from overseas backed the need to prioritise Māori and Pasifika children in the vaccination rollout.

"Last week, the American Academy of Paediatrics reported a 50 per cent rise to 199,000 child infections and a 66 per cent rise to a record 400 child hospitalisations in one week at the end of

December," Taonui said.

"The lesson [is that] a small percentage of severe young cases amongst an enormous number of mild Omicron cases equals a serious number of cases among the young and vulnerable.

"Tamariki are the taonga in the future of our whakapapa. At 24.6 per cent of our population, Māori communities will be concerned that our tamariki are 29.2 per cent of all Māori cases," Taonui said.

A new international study this month by the University of Auckland's Professor Stuart Dalziel showed children are at risk of severe outcomes from Covid-19.

Dalziel said greater numbers of children were being infected and needing hospital treatment.

"There is a perception that Covid-19 is only a very mild infection in children. Unfortunately, for some of these children, Covid-19 results in severe disease," Dalziel said.

The study followed more than 10,300 children at 41 emergency departments in 10 countries, including New Zealand, Canada and the United States.

It found that more than 3200 children tested positive for Covid-19. Of those, three per cent experienced

severe outcomes within two weeks, including cardiac or cardiovascular complications such as myocarditis (inflammation of the heart) and neurological, respiratory or infectious problems. Twenty-three per cent were hospitalised and four children died.

More than 30,000 children's doses have been given across the first three days of the vaccination rollout for children aged 5-11 years.

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Apprenticeship Opportunities!

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Mechanical Apprenticeship Opportunities

The opportunities (Tangiwai Sawmill, Ohakune, Central North Island)

WPI are seeking keen candidates who can demonstrate a practical aptitude to join the WPI Maintenance team at Tangiwai Sawmill.

Engineering Apprenticeship

Completing an apprenticeship in the maintenance strand of a National Certificate in Engineering (Level 4) will give you the opportunity to learn about tools, materials and metals, fitting, basic machining, welding, maintenance, assembly, hydraulics and fabrication. On successful completion of the apprenticeship you would become a fully qualified tradesperson in maintenance engineering.

The engineering apprentice usual hours of work are a minimum of 40 hours per week. It is anticipated the apprentice will be available to work rostered day and evening shifts alongside our maintenance team. Day shifts are worked between 7.00am and 4.30pm, from Monday to Thursday and 7.00am to 2.30pm on Fridays. Evening shifts are worked from 3.30pm to 2.00am from Monday to Thursday.

Saw Doctoring Apprenticeship

Working within the established Saw Doctor team, you will receive on-job and formal training to ensure that all saws and knives are sharpened, repaired and finished to a high quality to guarantee reliability and availability of saws in our sawmill. You will also participate in performing preventative maintenance tasks to minimise saw failures and unplanned saw changes, investigate and resolve failures promptly and seek continuous improvement opportunities to maximise saw utilisation.

There will be an expectation to work alongside mechanical and electrical trades to problem-solve machine-centre sawing issues.

The Saw Doctor Apprentice usual hours of work are 42 hours per week, worked between 5.00am and 6.00pm, from Monday to Thursday and some Fridays.

On successful completion of the apprenticeship you would be a fully qualified tradesperson, with a National Certificate in Saw Doctoring (Level 4).

About you

- A positive, 'can do' attitude, willingness to learn and an excellent work ethic.
 - An exceptional team player, including excellent communication skills.
 - Holds NCEA Level Two including numeracy and literacy credits (or equivalent).
 - Holds or is able to obtain a Class One driver's license (currently holds Restricted at minimum) and has reliable personal transport.
 - Is physically fit and mentally alert - able to work at heights and in confined spaces.
 - Is fully vaccinated against Covid-19 (enabling training course attendance).
 - Has a strong health and safety focus and can work in an organised and disciplined way.
- Preferred candidate(s) will be required to complete mechanical reasoning, numeracy and literacy testing.

Electrical Apprenticeship

The opportunity (Tangiwai Sawmill, Ohakune, Central North Island)

The Electrical Training Company (ETCO), in conjunction with WPI, are seeking suitable candidates for an electrical apprenticeship at Tangiwai Sawmill. The successful candidate will be employed by ETCO and assigned to WPI as the host workplace.

The preferred candidate will be required to undertake a 14-day pre-employment residential electrical training induction at the ETCO training facility in Ramarama, in the Bombay Hills south of Auckland.

On successful completion of the apprenticeship, you would be a fully qualified tradesperson, with a National Certificate in Electrical Engineering (Level 4).

Hours of work with WPI as an ETCO Electrical Apprenticeship are typically 40 hours per week, worked Monday to Friday at the Sawmill.

About you

- A positive, 'can do' attitude, willingness to learn and an excellent work ethic.
- An exceptional team player.
- Holds eight credits in NCEA Level Two Literacy, Numeracy and Science (or equivalent).
- Holds or is able to obtain a Class One driver's license (currently holds Restricted at minimum) and has reliable personal transport.
- Is physically fit and mentally alert – able to work at heights and in confined spaces.
- Is fully vaccinated against Covid-19 (enabling training course attendance).
- Has a strong health and safety focus and can work in an organised and disciplined way.

Preferred candidate(s) will be required to complete electrical reasoning, numeracy and literacy testing.



About Us

WPI is committed to ensuring a safe and healthy work environment. As part of the selection process applicants will be required to pass an independently conducted pre-employment medical assessment, including drug testing.

Please note applicants must be legally entitled to work in New Zealand on a permanent basis at the time of submitting their application.

For further information please contact Courtney on 06 385 8545 ext 827 or email jobs@wpinz.com. To apply for this position please email a letter of application and a resume to jobs@wpinz.com.

Applications close at 9.00am, Tuesday, 8 February 2022.

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