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Ruapehu joins in 3-Waters revolt

By Mark Ebrey

Ruapehu District Councillors are to support a campaign opposing the Government's Three Waters plan.

They have agreed to back a declaration by the Communities 4 Local Democracy group after a heated and impassioned debate at Wednesday's council meeting in Taumarunui.

Most councillors said they had found almost universal disagreement with the Three Waters concept when talking to ratepayers.

A motion moved by Crs Elijah Pue and Adie Doyle to support the declaration was passed unopposed, despite Ruapehu mayor Don Cameron suggesting it would be a waste of time.

Communities 4 Local Democracy He Hapori Mō Manapori is a group of Mayors and Councillors created to bring fresh ideas for better water for all New Zealanders.

They are 25 partner councils strong and growing, and represent more than a million people from around New Zealand.

It is asking for all elected members throughout Aotearoa-New Zealand to join them in supporting their declaration for a better approach to water reform.

The declaration states:

We are Communities 4 Local Democracy and:

- We stand for a better water system for all New Zealanders that meets the highest standards and remains affordable.
- We stand for proper regulation from an independent regulator.
- We stand for the strengths of local ownership, responsiveness and accountability.

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Tractors roll into Raetihi to support children's mental health



Pupils at Raetihi School got a chance to check out the Tractor Trek machines last week. Inset: Cat Levine.

A dozen tractors rolled onto the sports field at Raetihi School last week after they took a detour on their 'Feelings for Life Tractor Trek'.

The tractors were on a trek from New Plymouth to Napier and back again, promoting the Feelings for Life free mental health education resources, while raising funds for the programme.

Mental wellbeing educator Cat Levine and the tractors visited schools along the way, delivering her presentation.

"I usually give a talk and then the kids can get an up-close look of the tractors."

The funds raised will help Cat create more educational resources, videos, and worksheets for parents and teachers to access to help children build positive mental health.

"I have some resources already available at <https://www.feelingsforlife.org/think-and-be-tv> but I want to create more that teachers can complete with their pupils, and parents can watch at home with their children.

"They're child-friendly and engaging."

"One in four Kiwi kids will experience a mental health issue before the age of 18 and fifty percent of mental health conditions start

before the age of 12."

"It's crucial they learn about these things and how to express their emotions in a positive way." She says the tractors are an important part of the tour.

"I grew up on a farm so it relates to what I talk about, but also kids love tractors and are always happy to get to look at them up close."

Cat has set up a Givealittle page to raise funds. "Every little bit helps to fund making these resources."

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Walking down Miro Street, this bloke looked ahead and wondered what a group of youth in their hoodies and track pants were up to, loitering near the Council building. As he got closer, he realised they were actually the retired ladies walking group, about to head off on their morning jaunt. Shoulda gone to Specsavers!

If you've got an amusing, harmless piece of gossip that's fit to print, email us: ed@ruapehubulletin.co.nz.

Eating out in the Ruapehu District

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Parapara closed this week

State Highway Four – the Parapara Highway – is closed from 6am to 6pm this week until Friday, to allow for tree felling at the Auraki Stream Road Retreat works.

Waka Kotahi New Zealand Transport Agency regional manager maintenance and operations, Jaclyn Hankin, says SH4 between Whanganui and Raetihi will be closed between 6am and 6pm each day during this period to enable the works to be carried out safely.

“The detour for light vehicles will be down Field's Track Road, with access through the Whanganui River Road closure point to detour down Field's Track Road. The detour for heavy vehicles will be via State Highway 49 and State Highway 1,” said Hankin.

“Emergency services will be allowed through the closure and we are working with local schools to ensure vehicles with children going to school in the area will be allowed through at designated times.”

The detours for this closure are significant and motorists are asked to plan ahead, avoid unnecessary travel or travel outside the closure times. The detour for light vehicles is expected to add approximately one hour to journeys, with the detour for heavy vehicles expected to add approximately two hours and twenty minutes.

“We have already removed most of the

trees under short duration stop/stop traffic control to minimise the closure duration. Many of the trees that remain are expected to fall on the road once felled. Closing the road will ensure the safety of the teams involved as well as road users.”

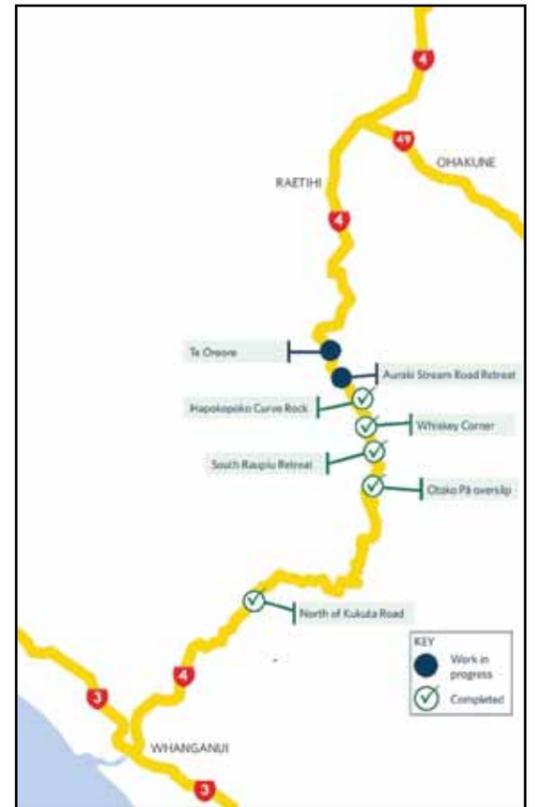
Hankin says the work is another milestone for the repair work on SH4 Parapara Road after a major flood event in June 2015.

“The current road is being affected by a slip at the Mangawhero River, so we are relocating the road away from where it has failed. This will mean a return to two lanes on this stretch of highway with no temporary traffic management or priority give way road layout.”

“The large culvert where the Auraki Stream currently goes under the highway is being extended to facilitate the new road alignment.”

Horizons Regional Council has approved consent for the main physical works, and a blessing was held for the site late last year with Ngāti Rangī, Te Korowai o te Awaitei, and Uenuku. New project boards were revealed, including Te Korowai O Te Awaitei Tohu.

Waka Kotahi thanks everyone for their patience while these important works to improve the safety and resilience of SH4 are underway.



Work sites on the Parapara Highway, showing completed sites and work in progress.

Ruapehu Health: 'keeping their community safe'

With Covid-19 in the community, Ruapehu Health general practice has changed the way their front door operates, to maintain the safety of the staff and wider district.

“When people arrive for their appointment, they knock on the door and have their temperature checked, before being directed to seating that supports social distancing,” explains Ruapehu Health clinical practice lead, Tracy Mitchell.

This process has been in place since last year's lockdown and is also being followed by many other health clinics, including the neighbouring Waimarino Health Centre.

“We really appreciate the community supporting the changes that have had to be made in the practice. “Temperature checks are a simple process and we use two methods. Either a scan of your forehead or behind your ear, which is a contactless check or the other option of placing the thermometer in your ear to get a reading.

“During Covid, we are doing everything we can to keep you and your whānau safe,” says Tracy Mitchell.

General practices in the region are following similar processes, dependent on the setup of their facilities. For the last few months, Gonville Health has been checking the temperature of everyone who comes into the building and have adjusted their front door process for patients, changing the way their waiting room operates, to seeing patients in their cars. Taihape Health directs symptomatic people to their cars and offers an isolation room if they need to be seen for assessment. Practices have also limited numbers in their waiting rooms.

“Protecting your whānau against Covid-19 disease also includes protecting our precious tamariki and kaumātua. The more people immunised in your

where lessens the chance of others getting very unwell.

“The paediatric Pfizer vaccine has been rigorously tested and only met approval for use in New Zealand after strict safety checks. Five to 11-year-olds get a smaller dose of the vaccine, with a smaller needle.”

“Covid vaccines are available at the practice for adults and children. Walk-in clinics are held on Tuesdays from 4-6pm in the community space, behind the tent. Otherwise contact the practice for an appointment,” says Ms Mitchell.

She says it is normal to have questions and concerns regarding the vaccine, so invites people to talk to healthcare professional or call the COVID Healthline on 0800 358 5453 for advice.

Mt Ruapehu winch rescue

A man, in his 40's, fell on ice and rocks and sustained serious injuries on Saturday 26 February on the Whangaehu Glacier above the Tukino Ski Field.

The Greenlea Rescue Helicopter was tasked to attend to the man after a personal emergency beacon activation.

The patient was winched from his location and airlifted to Waikato Hospital for further treatment.

Ruapehu joins in 3-Waters revolt

From Page 1

• We stand for meaningful partnership with Mana Whenua.

• We stand for taking the time to achieve meaningful cross-party reform that lasts, not rushed reform to be dismantled in future.

• We stand for a strong local voice in the development, maintenance and delivery of water services.

• We stand for keeping in local ownership the infrastructure our communities have built and paid for.

• We stand for keeping skilled technical jobs in our local areas.

• We stand for protecting our assets from future privatisation by keeping ownership in local communities hands.

• We do not support the Government's rushed, forced and unpopular proposal to undermine local

democracy by creating four of the largest monopoly companies in New Zealand's history.

• We believe New Zealanders deserve more than the 'one size fits none' Three Waters reforms – do you?

Ruapehu District Council had earlier agreed to hold a public referendum on the Three Waters proposals as they affect this district, once the legislation to enable it was put before a Parliamentary Select Committee.

It has previously endorsed the reforms given that the costs of maintaining Ruapehu's three waters infrastructure was expected to balloon out to \$600 million with public debt over the next 10 years, increasing by \$65 million.

By being part of the reforms they were expecting to get a handout of \$16.4 million, but the future of this pay-out is now uncertain.



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Muncho on the move for repairs

Muncho the Carrot has been taken out of the Ohakune Carrot Adventure Park and to Fred McElvie's workshop at Rangataua where he is working on repairs and strengthening the fibreglass figure.

The character has been vandalised again, explained Trust member Peggy Frew, so the decision to remove him for repairs was made.

Vandals have broken off two of the fingers of Muncho.

The Trust has received funding from MG Marketing Charitable Trust for maintenance on the vegetable characters.

As well as the repairs project, the Trust has received a donation from Craigmont in Hamilton of two large containers of pebbles to be used on the petanque court.

The Trust also thanks Elayne Mott and Nathan Pitman who have done "a huge

job" clearing weed shrubs and scrub at the Raetihi Road entrance to the park and bush walk.

"This revealed lovely naturalised ferns and pungas and opened the area up," said Peggy Frew

"We hope to get more ferns and pungas established and do more clearing."

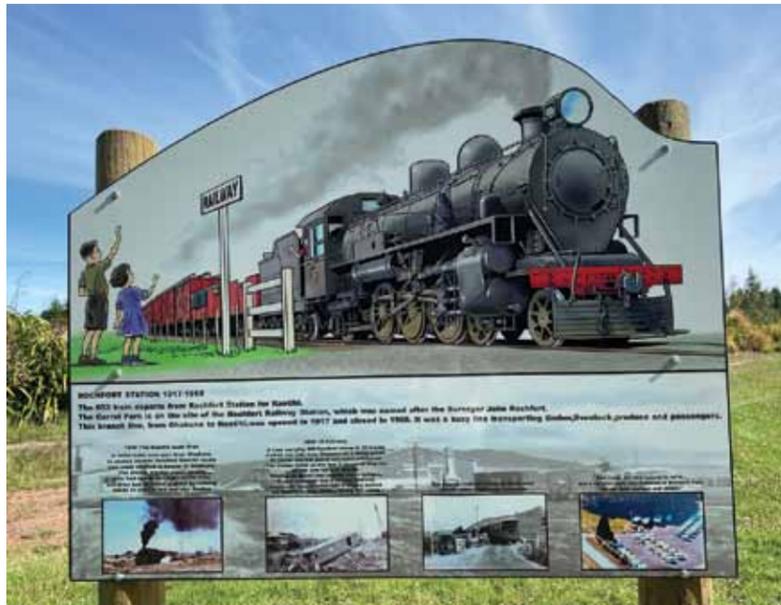
Other Park supporters include the Waimarino's Ethical Waste Ltd who have donated two loads of mulch.

There are two new "fabulous new signs" at two of the entrances to Ohakune.

One is an information sign by Paula Charlton, funded by a Creative Communities Grant, with the other by Ruapehu Signs and funded by Rail Heritage Incorporated, which acknowledges the railway heritage of the Rochfort Railway Station.



Nick Robb and Peter Frew prepare Muncho for transporting away to Rangataua to be repaired. Inset: Muncho's vandalised fingers. At left, the new sign providing information about the old Rochfort Railway Station.



Mountain Mardi Gras dates set

Ohakune's Mountain Mardi Gras will be held on Saturday 18 June, the Ohakune Events Charitable Trust has announced.

They have also released a back-up date – Saturday 15 October – "for consumer confidence".

There had been calls for the event to be moved to

later in June, but this would have clashed with the new Matariki holiday.

"We didn't want to get in the way of Matariki celebrations – it's a quite different kaupapa," says Trust member Jayde Lowe.

"As always we look forward to a fun, colourful and safe event for Ohakune to launch the season."



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Theatre Royal Trust ready for new blood

The Theatre Royal in Raetihi has served the community for almost 110 years and is now in need of new people to boost the Trust.

"We have watched movies, plays and seen great art," says the Trust's Phyl Cameron.

"Many family events have been held there and memories linger with almost every Waimarino family."

She says the Trust has been responsible for keeping the theatre running financially and

has had a small team of hard workers for the past 25 years.

"Some of us are moving on this year, leaving a big gap in Trust members.

"We need some new passionate people to fill the gap."

To assist with this they are calling a meeting on 17 March, to co-opt onto a working committee and to explain the workings of the Trust.

"This will give prospective trustees a chance (five months) to see what is involved before we call for Trustees in August at our AGM.

"The future of the theatre relies on this working."

Anyone keen to become a guardian of the theatre is invited to go along to the meeting.

Further details in the advertisement in this issue.

Mountain biker injured

An injured mountain biker resulted in a callout for the Palmerston North Rescue Helicopter to Ohakune on Wednesday.

The mountain biker had sustained an injury on the Old Coach Road track.

The patient was hoisted out from their location and transported to Whanganui Hospital for further treatment.

On Thursday the Palmerston North Rescue Helicopter flew to Raetihi for an infant who had experienced an asthma attack. The young girl was treated and flown to Whanganui Hospital for further care.

Later, the onboard crew assisted a young boy who had sustained injuries on a playground in Ohakune. He was airlifted to Palmerston North Hospital for further treatment.

Covid update

Whanganui District Health Board COVID-19 update Monday 28 February 2022:

There were 30 new COVID-19 cases confirmed in the Whanganui district/rohe on Monday.

There were still no cases in Ohakune or Raetihi, but a case in Waiouru.

There are 20 new cases in Whanganui township and 10 in South Rangitikei.

Due to geographical data supplied this is all the information WDHB had.

The total number of active cases in the Whanganui district/rohe is 170.

"Please note there can be a discrepancy between numbers the WDHB reports and the Ministry of Health reports due to reporting and publishing times," states WDHB.

"If you have any symptoms of COVID-19, including a runny nose, headache, fatigue, sneezing or a sore throat, we advise you to please isolate and arrange to be tested.

Call Healthline 0800 358 5453 if you have any concerns. COVID-19 tests are available at the CBAC - Community Based Assessment Centre, on the Whanganui

Hospital campus located at 100 Heads Road.

Vaccination and testing clinics for the Whanganui rohe are available on our website www.wdwb.org.nz

Waikato DHB reported one case in National Park and 30 in Taumarunui.

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Relay Your Way for cancer support

The Cancer Society has come up with an alternative to its traditional Relay For Life events, after Covid forced the cancellation of the organisation's iconic street collection on Daffodil Day in August.

Cancer Society of New Zealand chief executive Lucy Elwood says "Covid continues to ruin all of our best-laid plans. However, we have quickly adapted and are making the most of it. This year, we will walk apart, but not alone in Relay Your Way."

The Cancer Society will launch an easy-to-follow video that will

guide supporters through the parts of Relay For Life everyone loves the most but in the safety of a space of people's choice.

Relay for Life in Whanganui has been a very popular way for Waimarino people to support the Society, with a large contingent travelling down annually for the event.

"We know that Relay For Life is a chance to celebrate cancer survivors and carers and remember loved ones lost to cancer for many people. We hope that people across Aotearoa New Zealand will participate in Relay Your Way this year and run, walk, or even dance laps with our online guide to support people affected by cancer," says Lucy Elwood.

The funds raised

through Relay For Life are essential in helping cancer patients and their whānau get the care and practical support they need: from safe transport to treatment, through to specialist nursing and psychology support, and accommodation for those travelling for treatment. Supporters also help fund ground-breaking cancer research and vital prevention programmes.

On average, Relay For Life raises around \$2 million to fund these crucial services. The Cancer Society asks supporters to stay the course and participate in Relay Your Way.

To sign up and make a difference for those affected by cancer visit, www.relayforlife.org.nz

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Across

7. Stages of rules for Covid era in NZ (6)
8. First name of UFC fighter Adesanya and former All Black Dagg (6)
10. 2.4 acres (7)
11. Maori greeting performed by two people (5)
12. Name of many pools and cinemas in NZ (4)
13. Reside (5)
17. In rugby, fake a pass (5)
18. Shark found in NZ waters (4)
22. First name of renowned Kiwi author and All Blacks centre in the 1990s (5)
23. Hamilton's nickname (3,4)
24. English name for Mt Taranaki (6)
25. New Zealand has roughly one of these per 10,000 people, according to an official website (6)

Down

1. First five-eighth in a rugby team (3,4)
2. Fruit with a harvest season from August to February in NZ (7)
3. Rub it in (5)
4. Dark substance used on roads (7)
5. Name for one of the "owl" leaders at Brownies (5)
6. An area of low, flat land such as in Canterbury or Hauraki (5)
9. Waikato town renowned for rose gardens (2,7)
14. Festival held in Christchurch (7)
15. Great ____, an island called Aotea (7)
16. A nephrite used for classical Maori ornaments and weapons (7)
19. Later (5)
20. Informal name for a N Island city (5)
21. Encourage, enthuse (3,2)

Previous solution

Across: 1. Jet Park, 4. Poker, 7. Ibis, 8. Titanium, 10. Tāne Mahuta, 12. Salmon, 13. Scribe, 15. Stan Walker, 18. Chainsaw, 19. Bung, 20. Leave, 21. Relaxed.
Down: 1. Joint, 2. Triangle, 3. Knight, 4. Plastic bag, 5. Keir, 6. Romance, 9. Importance, 11. Dick Quax, 12. Stencil, 14. Unfair, 16. Rigid, 17. Tama.

REMINDER

POWER OUTAGE AFFECTING RAETIHI AND SURROUNDING AREAS

SUNDAY 6 MARCH 2022, 9:00am – 4:00pm

Why is the power going off?
 As owner and operator of the National Grid, Transpower needs to undertake essential maintenance at the Ohakune Substation to ensure a reliable supply of electricity to **Raetihi and the surrounding areas**. Powerco and The Lines Company are also taking the opportunity to undertake work in their networks during this time.

We have worked to find a time that will cause as little disruption as possible to the local community.

Power supply will be turned off to the area on:
Sunday 6 March 2022, from 9:00am – 4:00pm.

Note, this date could be affected by severe adverse weather. Our alternative outage date is Sunday 13 March.

Transpower recognises that there is never an ideal time for consumers to be without electricity and apologises for any inconvenience this power outage may cause.

For further information, please contact communications@transpower.co.nz or phone 04 590 7000. For information on whether your property is affected, please call your retailer with your customer number.

Electricity outage area

The areas affected by the power outage shown on the map are illustrative only.

Please be advised our alternative outage date is Sunday 13 March.

PREPARING FOR THE POWER OUTAGE

1. If you are reliant on electricity for medical support equipment, please contact your medical provider for advice.
2. Turn off all electronic appliances at the wall (microwaves, TVs, DVDs, computers etc).
3. Lift and store enough drinking water from personal water wells before the power goes off.
4. If you are on shift work, fill up your petrol tank the night before – remember pumps and eftpos won't work.
5. While the power is off, treat all power lines and electrical wiring as being live at all times as it could be restored earlier than planned.

Waimarino misses out on power funds

Lack of applications sees power funds go begging

Local community groups with a project or a plan are encouraged to apply for The Lines Company's (TLC) latest funding round which opened on 1 March.

TLC is committed to providing financial support to groups across the network who are doing great work in the community – with a focus on energy efficiency or groups working with children, youth and whānau.

Funding of \$10,000 is up for grabs in this first of three funding rounds, this year.

Since 2017, TLC has provided contestable sponsorship funding, with a wide range of community projects and groups sponsored.

Until now, very few southern Ruapehu organisations have benefitted, but the *Bulletin* understands that in the past that is because TLC gets very few applications.

TLC's last funding round in October 2021, saw 16 successful applicants receive community funding.

One of the successful applicants, The Hillview Trust Inc, received \$965 to go towards energy-efficient heating panels for the showers and toilets within the west wing and hospital of their facility.

The residents of the rest home now benefit from the warmth the heating panels provide.

TLC's fund will give priority to projects or events that have high visibility, will benefit local communities, reach many people, and improve the lives of the people living within the TLC network.

Application forms are available on line now at www.thelinescompany.co.nz. Applications close on Thursday 31 March.

Applications open for community planting projects

A Te Uru Rākau – New Zealand Forest Service initiative supporting communities to take up planting projects, and at the same time honour local heroes, is continuing to reap rewards.

Since its launch in 2018, Matariki Tu Rākau has funded 660,000 native trees planted as living memorials, at over 300 events nationwide, and is now accepting applications for 2022 with marae, schools, councils and community conservation groups all encouraged to apply.

Matariki Tu Rākau senior advisor Belinda Miller says the programme is a great way to honour special people in their communities who have shown exemplary community service, or have brought distinction through their work, while planting trees in their memory.

"Not only is tree planting a wonderful way to commemorate and remember those who were important to us and our communities, it is also a great way to enhance the environment and native biodiversity by restoring and rebuilding our natural habitat and protecting our land, soils and waterways."

Matariki Tu Rākau grants provide funding for native trees and rongoā (traditional Māori medicine) species, land preparation, a plaque, and kai for the planting event and can also contribute to tree maintenance.

"The Matariki Tu Rākau team can help you plan where to plant your memorial, what trees to plant, how to prepare and

maintain your planting and how to get the local community involved," says Belinda Miller.

Further motivation to apply for a grant this year is that 2022 is the first year of the national Matariki Holiday on Friday 24 June.

"Matariki Holiday fits nicely into the planting season. Bringing whānau together to share food and remember loved ones is at the heart of Matariki and planting trees is a fitting way to celebrate," Belinda Miller says.

"A terrific example of a 2021 Matariki Tu Rākau planting event was at Maeroa Intermediate School in Hamilton, where students planted 500 trees to restore a gully and honour the late Rob Begbie, former teacher and stalwart of the community.

"The children at the school collected seed, propagated the seedlings in their shade house, planted the trees, and are now maintaining their new forest and 'outdoor classroom' at their school."

"These small forests that are planted through the Matariki Tu Rākau programme provide important resources for communities to spend time in nature. Our hope is that these forests provide spaces for communities to enjoy for generations to come," says Belinda Miller.

For more information or to apply for a grant, visit the Matariki Tu Rākau webpage, contact matarikiturakau@mpi.govt.nz, or call 0800 00 83 33.

Duck under, safer pass



Peggy Frew and Dave Scott, from the Ohakune Carrot Adventure Park Trust, discuss the new 'Duck Underpass', with Chris Hayvice from RDC's contractor, GHD.

Cyclists and pedestrians now have a safer way to cross Ohakune-Raetihi Road by the swimming baths, after 'Duck Underpass' was signed off last week.

"The road crossing from the Park to the swimming baths," says Peggy Frew from the Park's trust.

Visibility towards Clyde Street for people crossing from the south side of the road is poor, due to the road bridge side rails.

The group has reinstated the existing path under the road bridge, to make a safe underpass.

The underpass is "very popular and we are getting lots of thanks from people walking their dogs, biking and crossing with their children".

The Trust says they have support from the Ruapehu District Council who will reimburse the Trust for its project costs.

DOES YOUR COMMUNITY ORGANISATION NEED FUNDING?

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New Prices

From 1 April 2022, our prices are changing. The current and new prices are detailed here.

Summary of pricing plans
Residential Low Fixed Charge is only available to customers in their principal place of residence (home) and is usually best for those who use less than 8,000 kWh per annum.
Residential Standard is only available to customers in their principal place of residence (home) and is usually best for those who use more than 8,000 kWh per annum.
General is where the end use we have recorded is not 'holiday home', 'accommodation' or 'dairy cattle milking shed' and includes pumps, sheds, etc.

Current Prices														
Customer Group	Price Category Code	Customer Numbers Non WESCT	Density	Controlled	Daily Distribution \$/day	Daily Delivery \$/day	Peak Distribution \$/kWh	Peak Delivery \$/kWh	Shoulder Distribution \$/kWh	Shoulder Delivery \$/kWh	Off Peak Distribution \$/kWh	Off Peak Delivery \$/kWh	Anytime Distribution \$/kWh	Anytime Delivery \$/kWh
Residential TOU	RTLFCHC	2,133	High	Controlled	0.1500	0.1500	0.1300	0.1774	0.1068	0.1167	0.0758	0.0857		
	RTLFCLC	308	Low	Controlled	0.1500	0.1500	0.1612	0.2086	0.1380	0.1479	0.1070	0.1169		
	RTLFCHU	773	High	Uncontrolled	0.1500	0.1500	0.1830	0.2304	0.1068	0.1167	0.0758	0.0857		
	RTLFCLU	122	Low	Uncontrolled	0.1500	0.1500	0.2142	0.2616	0.1380	0.1479	0.1070	0.1169		
	RTSTDHC	1,845	High	Controlled	0.7875	0.7875	0.1010	0.1484	0.0778	0.0877	0.0468	0.0567		
	RTSTDHU	675	High	Uncontrolled	0.7875	0.7875	0.1540	0.2014	0.0778	0.0877	0.0468	0.0567		
	RTSTDLC	337	Low	Controlled	1.4700	1.4700	0.1010	0.1484	0.0778	0.0877	0.0468	0.0567		
RTSTDLU	140	Low	Uncontrolled	1.4700	1.4700	0.1540	0.2014	0.0778	0.0877	0.0468	0.0567			
Residential Anytime	RNFLCHC	150	High	Controlled	0.1500	0.1500							0.1170	0.1364
	RNFLCLC	26	Low	Controlled	0.1500	0.1500							0.1482	0.1676
	RNFLCHU	20	High	Uncontrolled	0.1500	0.1500							0.1364	0.1558
	RNFLCLU	4	Low	Uncontrolled	0.1500	0.1500							0.1676	0.1870
	RNSTDHC	102	High	Controlled	0.7875	0.7875							0.0880	0.1074
	RNSTDHU	15	High	Uncontrolled	0.7875	0.7875							0.1074	0.1268
	RNSTDLC	17	Low	Controlled	1.4700	1.4700							0.0880	0.1074
RNSTDLU	-	Low	Uncontrolled	1.4700	1.4700							0.1074	0.1268	
General TOU	GT15HC	281	High	Controlled	1.2900	1.2900	0.1010	0.1484	0.0867	0.0966	0.0479	0.0578		
	GT15HU	906	High	Uncontrolled	1.2900	1.2900	0.1646	0.2120	0.0867	0.0966	0.0479	0.0578		
	GT15LC	100	Low	Controlled	1.8275	1.8275	0.1010	0.1484	0.0867	0.0966	0.0479	0.0578		
	GT15LU	497	Low	Uncontrolled	1.8275	1.8275	0.1646	0.2120	0.0867	0.0966	0.0479	0.0578		
	GT30HC	28	High	Controlled	2.5800	2.5800	0.1116	0.1590	0.0741	0.0840	0.0452	0.0551		
	GT30HU	118	High	Uncontrolled	2.5800	2.5800	0.1317	0.1791	0.0741	0.0840	0.0452	0.0551		
	GT30LC	4	Low	Controlled	3.3863	3.3863	0.1116	0.1590	0.0741	0.0840	0.0452	0.0551		
	GT30LU	14	Low	Uncontrolled	3.3863	3.3863	0.1317	0.1791	0.0741	0.0840	0.0452	0.0551		
	GT70H	65	High	n/a	5.8050	5.8050	0.0999	0.1473	0.0689	0.0788	0.0452	0.0551		
	GT70L	3	Low	n/a	7.7400	7.7400	0.0999	0.1473	0.0689	0.0788	0.0452	0.0551		
	GT150H	24	High	n/a	12.0938	12.0938	0.0830	0.1304	0.0610	0.0709	0.0452	0.0551		
	GT150L	3	Low	n/a	15.9100	15.9100	0.0830	0.1304	0.0610	0.0709	0.0452	0.0551		
	General Anytime	GN15HC	18	High	Controlled	1.2900	1.2900							0.0916
GN15HU		68	High	Uncontrolled	1.2900	1.2900							0.1149	0.1343
GN15LC		5	Low	Controlled	1.8275	1.8275							0.0916	0.1110
GN15LU		18	Low	Uncontrolled	1.8275	1.8275							0.1149	0.1343
GN30HC		2	High	Controlled	2.5800	2.5800							0.0899	0.1093
GN30HU		16	High	Uncontrolled	2.5800	2.5800							0.0973	0.1167
GN30LC		1	Low	Controlled	3.3863	3.3863							0.0899	0.1093
GN30LU		-	Low	Uncontrolled	3.3863	3.3863							0.0973	0.1167
GN70H		12	High	n/a	5.8050	5.8050							0.0837	0.1031
GN70L		-	Low	n/a	7.7400	7.7400							0.0837	0.1031
GN150H		-	High	n/a	12.0938	12.0938							0.0746	0.0940
GN150L		1	Low	n/a	15.9100	15.9100							0.0746	0.0940
Dairy TOU		DT15HC	-	High	Controlled	1.2600	1.2600	0.1010	0.1484	0.0820	0.0919	0.0479	0.0578	
	DT15HU	-	High	Uncontrolled	1.2600	1.2600	0.1646	0.2120	0.0820	0.0919	0.0479	0.0578		
	DT15LC	-	Low	Controlled	1.7850	1.7850	0.1010	0.1484	0.0820	0.0919	0.0479	0.0578		
	DT15LU	2	Low	Uncontrolled	1.7850	1.7850	0.1646	0.2120	0.0820	0.0919	0.0479	0.0578		
	DT30HC	-	High	Controlled	2.4675	2.4675	0.0957	0.1431	0.0715	0.0814	0.0452	0.0551		
	DT30HU	-	High	Uncontrolled	2.4675	2.4675	0.1116	0.1590	0.0715	0.0814	0.0452	0.0551		
	DT30LC	-	Low	Controlled	3.2025	3.2025	0.0957	0.1431	0.0715	0.0814	0.0452	0.0551		
	DT30LU	3	Low	Uncontrolled	3.2025	3.2025	0.1116	0.1590	0.0715	0.0814	0.0452	0.0551		
	DT70H	8	High	n/a	5.4075	5.4075	0.0851	0.1325	0.0636	0.0735	0.0452	0.0551		
	DT70L	10	Low	n/a	7.1925	7.1925	0.0851	0.1325	0.0636	0.0735	0.0452	0.0551		
	DT150H	1	High	n/a	11.2875	11.2875	0.0692	0.1166	0.0584	0.0683	0.0452	0.0551		
	DT150L	2	Low	n/a	14.7000	14.7000	0.0692	0.1166	0.0584	0.0683	0.0452	0.0551		
	Dairy Anytime	DN15HC	-	High	Controlled	1.2600	1.2600							0.0899
DN15HU		-	High	Uncontrolled	1.2600	1.2600							0.1132	0.1326
DN15LC		-	Low	Controlled	1.7850	1.7850							0.0899	0.1093
DN15LU		-	Low	Uncontrolled	1.7850	1.7850							0.1132	0.1326
DN30HC		-	High	Controlled	2.4675	2.4675							0.0831	0.1025
DN30HU		-	High	Uncontrolled	2.4675	2.4675							0.0890	0.1084
DN30LC		-	Low	Controlled	3.2025	3.2025							0.0831	0.1025
DN30LU		-	Low	Uncontrolled	3.2025	3.2025							0.0890	0.1084
DN70H		-	High	n/a	5.4075	5.4075							0.0763	0.0957
DN70L		-	Low	n/a	7.1925	7.1925							0.0763	0.0957
DN150H		-	High	n/a	11.2875	11.2875							0.0686	0.0880
DN150L		-	Low	n/a	14.7000	14.7000							0.0686	0.0880
Temporary Accommodation TOU		TT15HC	1,992	High	Controlled	1.9950	1.9950	0.1010	0.1484	0.0820	0.0919	0.0479	0.0578	
	TT15HU	1,030	High	Uncontrolled	1.9950	1.9950	0.1646	0.2120	0.0820	0.0919	0.0479	0.0578		
	TT15LC	41	Low	Controlled	2.8350	2.8350	0.1010	0.1484	0.0820	0.0919	0.0479	0.0578		
	TT15LU	18	Low	Uncontrolled	2.8350	2.8350	0.1646	0.2120	0.0820	0.0919	0.0479	0.0578		
	TT30HC	44	High	Controlled	4.0425	4.0425	0.1090	0.1564	0.0715	0.0814	0.0452	0.0551		
	TT30HU	40	High	Uncontrolled	4.0425	4.0425	0.1275	0.1749	0.0715	0.0814	0.0452	0.0551		
	TT30LC	8	Low	Controlled	5.3025	5.3025	0.1090	0.1564	0.0715	0.0814	0.0452	0.0551		
	TT30LU	21	Low	Uncontrolled	5.3025	5.3025	0.1275	0.1749	0.0715	0.0814	0.0452	0.0551		
	TT70H	32	High	n/a	8.9250	8.9250	0.0957	0.1431	0.0636	0.0735	0.0452	0.0551		
	TT70L	28	Low	n/a	11.9175	11.9175	0.0957	0.1431	0.0636	0.0735	0.0452	0.0551		
	TT150H	8	High	n/a	18.3750	18.3750	0.0798	0.1272	0.0584	0.0683	0.0452	0.0551		
	TT150L	1	Low	n/a	24.6750	24.6750	0.0798	0.1272	0.0584	0.0683	0.0452	0.0551		
	Temporary Accommodation Anytime	TN15HC	51	High	Controlled	1.9950	1.9950							0.0899
TN15HU		5	High	Uncontrolled	1.9950	1.9950							0.1132	0.1326
TN15LC		1	Low	Controlled	2.8350	2.8350							0.0899	0.1093
TN15LU		2	Low	Uncontrolled	2.8350	2.8350							0.1132	0.1326
TN30HC		3	High	Controlled	4.0425	4.0425							0.0880	0.1074
TN30HU		2	High	Uncontrolled	4.0425	4.0425							0.0948	0.1142
TN30LC		-	Low	Controlled	5.3025	5.3025							0.0880	0.1074
TN30LU		-	Low	Uncontrolled	5.3025	5.3025							0.0948	0.1142
TN70H		2	High	n/a	8.9250	8.9250							0.0802	0.0996
TN70L		1	Low	n/a	11.9175	11.9175							0.0802	0.0996
TN150H		-	High	n/a	18.3750	18.3750							0.0725	0.0919
TN150L		-	Low	n/a	24.6750	24.6750							0.0725	0.0919



Temporary Accommodation is where the end use we have recorded is 'holiday home' or 'accommodation'.

Dairy is where the end use we have recorded is 'dairy cattle milking shed'.

Prices

Delivery prices are the prices we bill your electricity retailer and are made up of different components: Distribution, Transmission and Pass-through prices.

Distribution prices are Delivery prices less Transmission and Pass-through prices.

Embedded Generation prices are for energy injected into the distribution network and are \$0.000 per kWh.

Transmission prices relate to our Transpower and ACOT costs and the prices are \$/kWh:

Variable price	Current	New
Peak	0.0472	0.0451
Shoulder	0.0098	0.0086
Off Peak	0.0098	0.0086
Anytime	0.0194	0.0179

Pass-through prices are related to other costs and regulatory incentives and the prices are \$/kWh:

Variable price	Current	New
Peak	0.0002	0.0074
Shoulder	0.0001	0.0014
Off Peak	0.0001	0.0014
Anytime	0.0000	0.0029

Metering fee prices from 1 April 2022, TLC will not bill metering fee prices because we will not have metering fee costs.

Metering fee prices (current)

M1T	\$0.2782 per day
M3T	\$0.3705 per day
MN	\$0.2782 per day

All prices exclude GST. Our other prices (e.g. those for capacity and dedicated asset customers, unmetered load, etc.) are available on our website. The pricing schedules, methodology and TLC Discount rules will be available on our website before 1 April 2022.

Variable pricing times

Peak	7am – 9.30am 5.30pm – 8pm
Shoulder	9.30am – 5.30pm 8pm – 11pm
Off Peak	11pm – 7am

Capacity bands

0 to 15 kVA denoted by 15 in price category code
16 to 30 kVA denoted by 30 in price category code
31 to 70 kVA denoted by 70 in price category code
71 to 150 kVA denoted by 150 in price category code

Prices from 1 April 2022

Customer Group	Price Category Code	Daily Distribution \$/day	Daily Delivery \$/day	Peak Distribution \$/kWh	Peak Delivery \$/kWh	Shoulder Distribution \$/kWh	Shoulder Delivery \$/kWh	Off Peak Distribution \$/kWh	Off Peak Delivery \$/kWh	Anytime Distribution \$/kWh	Anytime Delivery \$/kWh
Residential TOU	RTLFCHC	0.3000	0.3000	0.1291	0.1816	0.1079	0.1179	0.0736	0.0836		
	RTLFCLC	0.3000	0.3000	0.1633	0.2158	0.1421	0.1521	0.1078	0.1178		
	RTLFCHU	0.3000	0.3000	0.1848	0.2373	0.1079	0.1179	0.0736	0.0836		
	RTLFCLU	0.3000	0.3000	0.2190	0.2715	0.1421	0.1521	0.1078	0.1178		
	RTSTDHC	0.8663	0.8663	0.1033	0.1558	0.0821	0.0921	0.0478	0.0578		
	RTSTDHU	0.8663	0.8663	0.1590	0.2115	0.0821	0.0921	0.0478	0.0578		
	RTSTDLC	1.6170	1.6170	0.1033	0.1558	0.0821	0.0921	0.0478	0.0578		
RTSTDLU	1.6170	1.6170	0.1590	0.2115	0.0821	0.0921	0.0478	0.0578			
Residential Anytime	RNFLCHC	0.3000	0.3000							0.1171	0.1379
	RNFLCLC	0.3000	0.3000							0.1513	0.1721
	RNFLCHU	0.3000	0.3000							0.1375	0.1583
	RNFLCLU	0.3000	0.3000							0.1717	0.1925
	RNSTDHC	0.8663	0.8663							0.0913	0.1121
	RNSTDHU	0.8663	0.8663							0.1117	0.1325
	RNSTDLC	1.6170	1.6170							0.0913	0.1121
RNSTDLU	1.6170	1.6170							0.1117	0.1325	
General TOU	GT15HC	1.4835	1.4835	0.1033	0.1558	0.0914	0.1014	0.0490	0.0590		
	GT15HU	1.4835	1.4835	0.1701	0.2226	0.0914	0.1014	0.0490	0.0590		
	GT15LC	2.1016	2.1016	0.1033	0.1558	0.0914	0.1014	0.0490	0.0590		
	GT15LU	2.1016	2.1016	0.1701	0.2226	0.0914	0.1014	0.0490	0.0590		
	GT30HC	2.9670	2.9670	0.1145	0.1670	0.0782	0.0882	0.0462	0.0562		
	GT30HU	2.9670	2.9670	0.1356	0.1881	0.0782	0.0882	0.0462	0.0562		
	GT30LC	3.8942	3.8942	0.1145	0.1670	0.0782	0.0882	0.0462	0.0562		
	GT30LU	3.8942	3.8942	0.1356	0.1881	0.0782	0.0882	0.0462	0.0562		
	GT70H	6.6758	6.6758	0.1022	0.1547	0.0727	0.0827	0.0462	0.0562		
	GT70L	8.9010	8.9010	0.1022	0.1547	0.0727	0.0827	0.0462	0.0562		
	GT150H	13.9079	13.9079	0.0844	0.1369	0.0644	0.0744	0.0462	0.0562		
GT150L	18.2965	18.2965	0.0844	0.1369	0.0644	0.0744	0.0462	0.0562			
General Anytime	GN15HC	1.4835	1.4835							0.0951	0.1159
	GN15HU	1.4835	1.4835							0.1196	0.1404
	GN15LC	2.1016	2.1016							0.0951	0.1159
	GN15LU	2.1016	2.1016							0.1196	0.1404
	GN30HC	2.9670	2.9670							0.0934	0.1142
	GN30HU	2.9670	2.9670							0.1011	0.1219
	GN30LC	3.8942	3.8942							0.0934	0.1142
	GN30LU	3.8942	3.8942							0.1011	0.1219
	GN70H	6.6758	6.6758							0.0869	0.1077
	GN70L	8.9010	8.9010							0.0869	0.1077
	GN150H	13.9079	13.9079							0.0773	0.0981
GN150L	18.2965	18.2965							0.0773	0.0981	
Dairy TOU	DT15HC	1.3860	1.3860	0.1033	0.1558	0.0865	0.0965	0.0490	0.0590		
	DT15HU	1.3860	1.3860	0.1701	0.2226	0.0865	0.0965	0.0490	0.0590		
	DT15LC	1.9635	1.9635	0.1033	0.1558	0.0865	0.0965	0.0490	0.0590		
	DT15LU	1.9635	1.9635	0.1701	0.2226	0.0865	0.0965	0.0490	0.0590		
	DT30HC	2.7143	2.7143	0.0978	0.1503	0.0755	0.0855	0.0462	0.0562		
	DT30HU	2.7143	2.7143	0.1145	0.1670	0.0755	0.0855	0.0462	0.0562		
	DT30LC	3.5228	3.5228	0.0978	0.1503	0.0755	0.0855	0.0462	0.0562		
	DT30LU	3.5228	3.5228	0.1145	0.1670	0.0755	0.0855	0.0462	0.0562		
	DT70H	5.9483	5.9483	0.0866	0.1391	0.0672	0.0772	0.0462	0.0562		
	DT70L	7.9118	7.9118	0.0866	0.1391	0.0672	0.0772	0.0462	0.0562		
	DT150H	12.4163	12.4163	0.0699	0.1224	0.0617	0.0717	0.0462	0.0562		
DT150L	16.1700	16.1700	0.0699	0.1224	0.0617	0.0717	0.0462	0.0562			
Dairy Anytime	DN15HC	1.3860	1.3860							0.0933	0.1141
	DN15HU	1.3860	1.3860							0.1178	0.1386
	DN15LC	1.9635	1.9635							0.0933	0.1141
	DN15LU	1.9635	1.9635							0.1178	0.1386
	DN30HC	2.7143	2.7143							0.0863	0.1071
	DN30HU	2.7143	2.7143							0.0924	0.1132
	DN30LC	3.5228	3.5228							0.0863	0.1071
	DN30LU	3.5228	3.5228							0.0924	0.1132
	DN70H	5.9483	5.9483							0.0791	0.0999
	DN70L	7.9118	7.9118							0.0791	0.0999
	DN150H	12.4163	12.4163							0.0710	0.0918
DN150L	16.1700	16.1700							0.0710	0.0918	
Temporary Accommodation TOU	TT15HC	2.2444	2.2444	0.1033	0.1558	0.0865	0.0965	0.0490	0.0590		
	TT15HU	2.2444	2.2444	0.1701	0.2226	0.0865	0.0965	0.0490	0.0590		
	TT15LC	3.1894	3.1894	0.1033	0.1558	0.0865	0.0965	0.0490	0.0590		
	TT15LU	3.1894	3.1894	0.1701	0.2226	0.0865	0.0965	0.0490	0.0590		
	TT30HC	4.5478	4.5478	0.1117	0.1642	0.0755	0.0855	0.0462	0.0562		
	TT30HU	4.5478	4.5478	0.1311	0.1836	0.0755	0.0855	0.0462	0.0562		
	TT30LC	5.9653	5.9653	0.1117	0.1642	0.0755	0.0855	0.0462	0.0562		
	TT30LU	5.9653	5.9653	0.1311	0.1836	0.0755	0.0855	0.0462	0.0562		
	TT70H	10.0406	10.0406	0.0978	0.1503	0.0672	0.0772	0.0462	0.0562		
	TT70L	13.4072	13.4072	0.0978	0.1503	0.0672	0.0772	0.0462	0.0562		
	TT150H	20.6719	20.6719	0.0811	0.1336	0.0617	0.0717	0.0462	0.0562		
TT150L	27.7594	27.7594	0.0811	0.1336	0.0617	0.0717	0.0462	0.0562			
Temporary Accommodation Anytime	TN15HC	2.2444	2.2444							0.0933	0.1141
	TN15HU	2.2444	2.2444							0.1178	0.1386
	TN15LC	3.1894	3.1894							0.0933	0.1141
	TN15LU	3.1894	3.1894							0.1178	0.1386
	TN30HC	4.5478	4.5478							0.0914	0.1122
	TN30HU	4.5478	4.5478							0.0985	0.1193
	TN30LC	5.9653	5.9653							0.0914	0.1122
	TN30LU	5.9653	5.9653							0.0985	0.1193
	TN70H	10.0406	10.0406							0.0832	0.1040
	TN70L	13.4072	13.4072							0.0832	0.1040
	TN150H	20.6719	20.6719							0.0751	0.0959
TN150L	27.7594	27.7594							0.0751	0.0959	

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Digital connectivity spend a 'step in right direction'

The government's announcement that they're investing in rural digital infrastructure is a step in the right direction, says Rural Women New Zealand (RWNZ).

"Rural communities have been suffering from non-existent, inconsistent and low-speed digital connectivity for too long, so upgrading existing and building new infrastructure, is welcome," says technology spokesperson and board member Claire Williamson.

"RWNZ welcomes the investment and is looking forward to seeing the detail to be sure that all rural communities will benefit.

"Our concern is that while investing in upgrades is much needed, so is ensuring that every rural family has access to high quality, consistent connectivity.

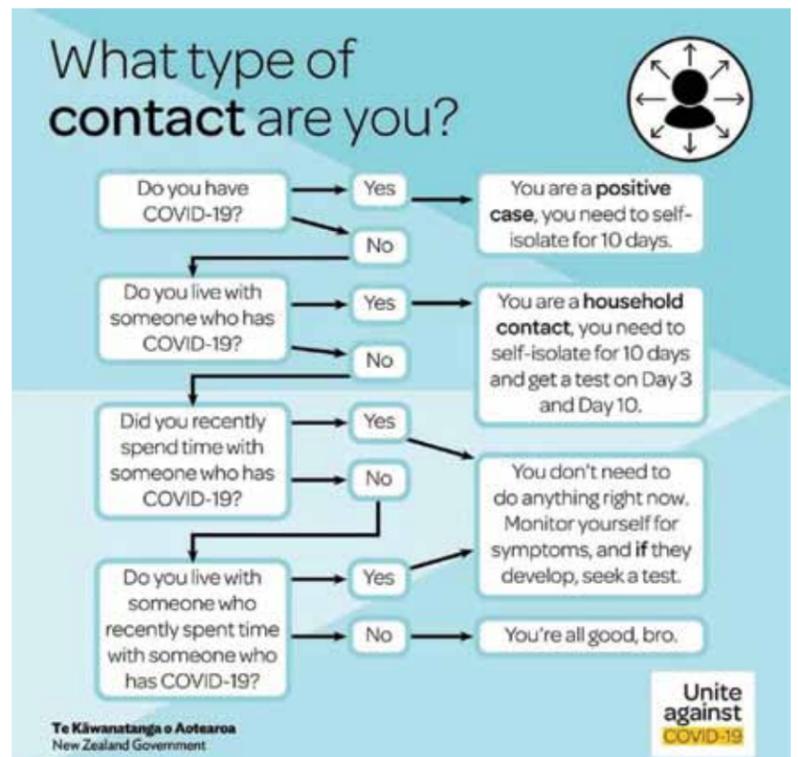
"Both cellular coverage and internet

connectivity is needed by rural families so that they can transact their daily lives, access education opportunities, run businesses and stay connected with each other.

"Being able to connect with family and community members on a regular basis digitally is becoming the norm and important for mental health and wellbeing, with reliable connection being vital in emergency situations.

"Rural communities should not be worse off than their urban counterparts and it is time now to think about how to ensure every rural family has access to good internet and cellular coverage.

"We look forward to equity in digital connectivity for rural communities," says Ms Williamson.



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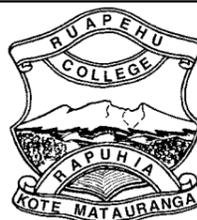
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Māori health analyst criticises rollout mistakes as virus affects young people

By Moana Ellis, Local Democracy Reporter

A Māori health analyst says slower Covid-19 vaccination rates among younger Māori are the result of government mistakes, including its age-banded vaccine rollout and poor consultation with Māori.

The criticism comes as Ministry of Health data for Whanganui, Rangitikei and parts of Ruapehu shows the virus is overwhelmingly attacking younger people.

The virus has taken hold throughout the region, from Taumarunui to Whanganui.

Twenty-five active cases were confirmed in Taumarunui on Sunday, with others in Maniaki, National Park, Ohwango and Waiouru.

As of yet, no cases have been identified in Raetihi, the least vaccinated population in the region.

The number of active cases in the rest of the Whanganui District Health Board region climbed over the weekend, with nearly 50 new cases found on Saturday and Sunday.

The tally jumped to 170 on Monday, according to the DHB, with 20 new cases reported in



Whanganui and 10 in South Rangitikei. The biggest clusters are in Whanganui city and Marton.

Nearly 30 percent of cases have been in the 10-19 age group, and another more than 20 percent among those aged 20-29.

According to Ministry of Health data for cases recorded up to midnight on Saturday, those aged 49 or younger account for more than 80 percent of cases in the DHB region, while among those 50 years and over, there have been only 16 cases, with none reported in those aged 80 and over.

Independent Covid-19 researcher and analyst Dr Rāwiri Taonui said statistics show older Māori are very well vaccinated, but an equity gap of 11.2 percent remains between Māori and the national figure for double vaccination.

He said the rate of younger Māori in the 12-34 age groups getting their second jabs to become fully vaccinated had fallen behind older age groups and there was a significantly lower first-dose vaccination rate among Māori aged 12-49.

The gap between Māori boosters and the national rate had narrowed but the disparity in tamariki vaccinations was worsening, Taonui said.

“There is a 19.4 percent gap between Māori [boosters] and the national rate. The gap is closing as Māori boosters have increased by 66.8 percent since 4 February compared to 54.3 percent for Pākehā.

“Māori are falling further behind in tamariki vaccinations. On Waitangi Day the gap between Māori and the national rate was 18.4 percent. Today the gap is 20.5 percent. If we compare Māori and non-Māori, the actual gap is 27.4 percent.”

He said slower jab rates among younger Māori were the result of government mistakes early on in the national vaccination rollout.

“The vaccination slowdown among younger Māori is the longer-term result of the government

and the Ministry of Health’s age-band centred first vaccination rollout, which failed to address Māori vulnerabilities or allow whānau to vaccinate together.”

Taonui said other mistakes, such as poor consultation with Māori, were repeated in the initial stages of the booster and tamariki (5-11 years) rollouts.

He also criticised the government, media and Māori leadership for failing to work together on a scaled initiative to counter what he described as a “widespread racist, white supremacist, far right-led misinformation campaign”, which had transformed mistrust and fear in Māori communities into vaccination resistance, Taonui said.

In the Whanganui DHB region, 35.5 percent of children aged 5-11 years have had a first dose. The rate for tamariki Māori is 12 percent lower at 23.2 percent, with only 628 tamariki vaccinated. The rate for Pasifika children, at 27.8 percent, is still the worst in the country.

Local Democracy Reporting is Public Interest Journalism funded through NZ On Air.

RAL Board say sorry for share mistake

A move by Ruapehu Alpine Lifts’ board of directors to delete up to 20% of shares has been queried, with the Board apologising for any “misunderstanding this may have caused”.

In 2019 RAL reviewed the Company share register and found that up to 20% of shareholders couldn’t be found or contacted.

The company issued notices calling for these shareholders to contact RAL, or their shares would be forfeited.

“As a result of this forfeiture and cancellation, the remaining shareholders increased their proportionate ownership of the Company,” explains Board chairman Geoff Taylor.

In the case of the largest shareholder (the RAL

Trust), their ownership increased from 45.50% to 55.16%.

“This increase in control required prior shareholder approval under the Takeovers Code, which was not obtained.

“RAL has received a retrospective exemption from the Takeovers Panel for this breach.”

The exemption provides a path for RAL to cure this breach by obtaining shareholder approval at the annual shareholders meeting, and the RAL Trust has provided an undertaking to reduce their shareholding back to 45.50%.

“Legal advice as to the exact mechanism to undertake this reduction is currently being obtained,” said Mr Taylor.

Ohakune squash

The competitive season is under way, with several players dusting off their rackets. Over the last weekend Jayden Bailey, Grace Burnard and Hanah Harding were all selected to play for the Central Junior team to compete against Eastern and helped Central beat Eastern.

Club nights have started up on Thursday evenings. The annual business house competition will be starting club nights off for the season. Final registration of teams will be needed this Thursday with the competition starting the following week on 10 March when teams will be placed into two pools. Teams consist of five players of mixed ability, preferably containing at least one new player. A maximum of 12 teams will be able to enter. Games will only be twelve minutes long. Players can either enter as a team or as an individual and ask to be put in a team. Either enter via the club’s Facebook page or by contacting club captains John or Laura.

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Aaron's story – finding hope after a traumatic crash

Aaron Ewen is sitting in the snow at the top of Mt Ruapehu and the feeling is hard to put into words.

Only six months after suffering a life-changing injury in 2013 – and hearing those unforgettable words “You’ll never walk again” – it’s an emotional experience to be in this environment.

For the first time since his injury, he feels free.

“When I first turned up to the mountain it was unreal,” says the happy-go-lucky 25-year-old.

“The fresh air and looking at the view, it was such a great experience for me.

“But man I sucked. My mate spent the whole time picking me off the ground. Cheers to Cole. It probably wasn’t the best day for him. Thanks heaps to that family that did that for me.”

He left the mountain feeling sore and deflated. But that day ignited Aaron’s love for sit-skiing and there was much more to come.

It was important that he wasn’t treated any differently following his injury. His good friends still took him everywhere and didn’t bubble wrap him. His parents were the same.

“That helped heaps. I was treated just like everybody else.”

Ruapehu to Olympian

Fast forward to 2022 and Ewen is on



Aaron Ewen. Photos: Getty Paralympics NZ.

his way to the Beijing 2022 Paralympic Winter Games.

It was a hugely proud moment to be named alongside Paralympians Adam Hall and Corey Peters.

“I was stoked to be named in the New Zealand team and represent the Kiwis overseas,” he says.

Proud

“Hopefully we do New Zealand proud.”

As a teenager Ewen was a promising mountain-biker.

In February 2013, shortly after his 16th birthday, he suffered a huge crash at one of the national rounds, sustaining a spinal cord injury that left him without movement in his legs.

He was at a race in the Hunua Ranges in Auckland. He was tired and he had a preventable crash.

“It was towards the end of the practice day and I made a silly mistake,” he says. “I ended up wrapping myself around a tree.”

Ewen was lying prone on the trails, scared and in shock.

He spent five weeks in the Auckland Spinal Unit in Otara.

“They helped me with physio and adapting to life in a wheelchair, which was mean, but I was still pretty determined that I was going to walk again.”

Ewen was also taking on the mental battle. As an active young man, it was hard to accept he’d be in a wheelchair.

“I needed to stop being in denial that it was going to get better. About five weeks in I was still like ‘I am definitely going to walk again’,” he says.

“It’s a weird one. Most injuries you can see an end point but this one there is no end point.

“Half a year went by and my old man told me you have got to accept that it is what it is and move on, otherwise you are going to be stuck in the same place. That was a turning point I guess.”

Ewen believes New Zealanders take ACC for granted.

“We are bloody lucky to have ACC in New Zealand,” he says.

“I’ve been overseas to America and other countries where they don’t have the same



Aaron Ewen took to sit-skiing after a Mt Ruapehu visit. Photos: Getty Paralympics NZ.

system. I’ve met people in a wheelchair who are really struggling financially, and it affects their health.”

ACC has covered his surgery, his hospital stays, his time in the Spinal Unit and medical fees and continuous help with supplies, wheelchair equipment and home modifications.

“ACC has been unreal. There is no way that I could afford the medical bills and supplies that I need to live.

“They have also bought me a car as well to help me get up the mountain, which has been unreal. It is a 4WD which I have needed this season.”

Sport has always been a big part of Ewen’s life. He needed to fill that void during his rehabilitation. He stayed positive by keeping active and hanging out with mates.

“I wasn’t positive all of the time,” he laughs. “The longer the rehab went on, the better it got. Finding sports and hanging out with mates proved to be huge for me.”

Independent sport

Ewen moved to Wanaka for the 2015 ski season. He spent a few months at Cardrona Alpine Resort mastering the sit-ski. He loves everything about the sport.

“Skiing is a fully independent sport where you can drive up the mountain, do it by yourself and then drive home which is what I love – it’s full freedom.”

He recommends anyone who has sustained a spinal cord impairment to look into Para sport.

“It’s been massive for me. Skiing is the one if you are getting into Para sport. Get into it and don’t look back.”

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