

Waimarino's health team steps up

General practices have had to be innovative in the way they operate, with staff shortages over recent years and Covid impacting on health services around the country and Ruapehu Health in Raetihi are no exception.

"They are experienced in managing their services to provide the best possible care for their community," says WRHN communications and technology co-ordinator, Karen Veldhoen. "Virtual consultations are happening in many

practices in our region, either over the phone or through video links."

Ruapehu Health has a GP on the team who can provide consultations via Zoom, while the nurse carries out any physical assessments.

"I had a wonderful consultation with the virtual doctor, certainly different from anything I have experienced," says a patient after a recent consultation.

"I felt at ease because I had the support of Morgan, the RHL nurse with me.

"The doctor was very professional, I felt listened to and I understood what medication he was proposing to give me and why. While I prefer to see a doctor face to face, I would have no hesitation in seeing a virtual doctor again.

"I also feel very confident with the professionalism of our nurses at the practice," said the patient.

The four practice nurses also offer clinics, so patients who are considering an online consult with the GP are encouraged to have a discussion with the nursing team first to see which option is best.

"They have a good knowledge of primary care and can guide you to make the best decision to meet your health needs," says Karen Veldhoen.

A nurse practitioner is also available at the practice two days a week. With additional nursing qualifications and a broader ability, the practitioner can assess, diagnose, interpret medical tests, prescribe medications, complete medicals and collaborate in the care of patients.

The health improvement practitioner (HIP) is an important part of the team.



Ruapehu Health is offering GP consultations via Zoom, with a nurse on hand for any physical assessment needed.

HIPs are registered health professionals who provide brief intervention to support the wellbeing of patients and whānau who might be feeling stuck – whether their needs are physical, emotional or social.

"They will help you come up with a plan based on what matters most to you."

Working alongside the

HIP is a health coach, trained to support people to reach their health goals and to empower whānau experiencing challenges in managing their own health and wellbeing. This may be through building

health literacy, supporting patients to talk with and understand their medical team, and/or acting as a support person/advocate in the appointment, and helping patients to connect with other services.

The practice is currently operating Monday to Friday, 8.30am to 5pm.

"Ruapehu Health will be providing afterhours services soon, so watch this space," says clinical practice lead, Tracy Mitchell.

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Ohakune pools plan gets the tick

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same costs," he said, adding they wanted to create a "playground atmosphere".

Concerns that the pools would become "commercial" is "not really correct".

"It will still be a community pool but has elements to generate extra income, such as hot pools and café."

He assured Board members that an earlier concern

at having alcohol at the café was unfounded, that there is no intention to sell alcohol.

"There will be no alcohol – we want to head that off."

It would be a small scale facility, just to provide somewhere for users to get a soft drink.

Some Board members saw an advantage in having a small café, for parents

and grandparents who were there with children.

There was also concern expressed that the project would impact on plans for the Raetihi pool redevelopment.

Mr Latimer said that that the two pools could be developed to be complementary.

He said in his view, Raetihi is the ideal pool to be developed with sports and fitness facilities, a deep pool for diving plus a competition pool for swim sports events. There is also the option to include a gym inside the complex, so a variety of sports training could be included.

He added that the two pools have different, strong identities, not competing.

After more discussion about the Raetihi pool, Board chairman John Hotter said the item on the agenda that they were asked to consider was the proposal for the Ohakune pool.

But asked about the Raetihi pool and if CLM was considering proposals for it, he said they would look at it "with the same things in mind" – to enhance the facility to provide for the community.

The Board heard that both pools need investment and the Ohakune proposal included input from CLM as well as several volunteers and contributors that would take the financial pressure off the Ruapehu District Council.

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Crater Lake heats and shakes

Mt Ruapehu's Crater Lake, te Wai ā-moe, is heating up, accompanied by strong volcanic tremor, reports Institute of Geological and Nuclear Sciences Limited (GNS).

Another heating phase has started at Mt Ruapehu and Crater Lake temperature has now reached 31°C. This temperature rise has been accompanied by strong levels of volcanic tremor.

The Volcanic Alert Level at Mt Ruapehu is raised to Level 2 in response to these changes, says GNS.

Typically, over periods of months, Ruapehu's Crater Lake undergoes heating and cooling cycles. A new heating cycle has started and has been accompanied by strong levels of volcanic tremor (volcanic earthquakes).

"We consider there is an increased likelihood of eruptive activity as strong tremor is indicating increased gas flux through the system," says duty volcanologist Craig Miller.

"Despite an increase in gas flow, the lake temperature is only responding slowly, suggesting a partial blockage may exist in the vent beneath the lake.

"This could allow pressure to build up within the volcano. The interpretation of this activity is consistent with elevated volcanic unrest and therefore we have raised the Volcanic Alert Level to Level 2."

In January 2022 the lake temperature peaked at 32°C. Following this peak through to late February the lake temperature declined to around 27-28°C.

Since 13 March a heating trend has become established, and the lake temperature is now 31°C.

The modelled heat flow into the lake is currently estimated at about 330 MW (megawatt), up from 100 MW in February 2022. The lake is currently overflowing into the Whangaehu river, but the flow level is believed to be minor. The lake colour is expected to change to a darker grey colour as sediments on the lake floor are disturbed during the influx of hot fluids heating the lake.

Historic photos on Raetihi walkway

A series of historic photos have been put up along a wall on the Makotuku Track in Raetihi.

The pictures are installed using a series of corten steel frames, thanks to funds from a Creative Communities grant.

The photos will be updated on a 3-6 monthly basis, depending on funding.

The first installation is a series of historic photos provided by local history buff Stanley Fraser. Other photo projects will include portraits, events and surrounds, says project leader Donna Journeaux.

She especially thanked Graeme Bell and his "enthusiastic apprentice" Shakaia Rapana-Tuirirangi for installing the frames – at a moment's notice.



Makotuku volunteers Helen Cussins, Donna Journeaux and Carina McNie. Inset: Shakaia Rapana-Tuirirangi and Graeme Bell.

Council wants more rate rebate applications

The Ruapehu District Council is hoping to see a big jump in the number of people applying for a rate rebate this year and is urging lower income ratepayers to check their eligibility if they have not yet done so.

Ruapehu mayor Don Cameron said that with the rate rebate being worth up to \$665 it provides important financial support for many people and is well worth applying for.

"We are wanting to ensure that everyone who qualifies for a rate rebate receives it," he said.

"Checking whether you qualify and the value of your rebate if you do is really easy."

Ruapehu ratepayers can drop by or call their

local Council office, where the Customer Services staff can discuss your eligibility.

Mr Cameron said that the number of people applying for a rate rebate varies from year to year, which was interesting and may indicate that there are people who could benefit who are missing out.

"It is important to note that because personal circumstances change, you need to apply for the rate rebate every year even if you have previously been successful in gaining one," he said.

"Last rating year (2020/21) Council helped return \$317,000 to 529 rebate ratepayers.

"That is a lot of money that got returned to Ruapehu communities.

"So far for this 2021/22 rating year, we have received 320 applications and granted rebates worth almost \$200,000.

"We are hopeful that we can exceed last year's total and see even more Ruapehu whanau benefit from the scheme."

As the value of any rebate is determined by a formula that takes into account household income, number of dependents and the level of rates being paid RDC encourages any lower income ratepayers who have not applied this rating year to call RDC to check whether they qualify.

Rebate applications for the current rating year are open until 30 June.

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Karioi road stop approved

A road reserve in Karioi that has farm sheds built on it should be stopped and handed over to the owner of the adjacent farm, the Waimarino Waiouru Community Board has recommended.

The Board was last year asked to consider the application to legally stop part of Kohatu Street, but had put off the decision while asking for more information from Ruapehu District Council officers.

They were concerned about how the situation had arisen and if access to any other properties would be affected by the move.

The Board questioned how the situation occurred, how the issue arose now and whether stopping this section of road would disadvantage any adjacent landowners.

With regard to the first issue, the applicant, Ray Wilson, purchased the farm in the 1970's. He was unaware the paper road was on the northern boundary and assumed the boundary was marked by the fence. He recalls that some sheds existed in their current locations at that time. He has replaced some over the years.

There are three sheds and a fenced paddock on Kohatu Street. Building permits are on file for two of them, dated 1980 and 2001. The third shed shows in a 2001 site layout plan. It has not been possible to find

other records for the buildings.

All the sheds were built prior to the existing Building Act 2004, which brought about consents as we know them now. Prior to this, buildings were erected under Building Permits. Site layouts, if on file, were usually hand drawn and did not always include distances to the nearest boundaries, as is required today.

Today, building consent applications are required to present a site layout plan, detailing the distance from the nearest boundary. This is checked by the Resource Planning team to ensure it complies with District Plan boundary requirements. Building officers will check the measurement on site.

Aerial photos and GIS mapping makes the presence of road reserve available to the public in a much more accessible fashion than would have been historically available.

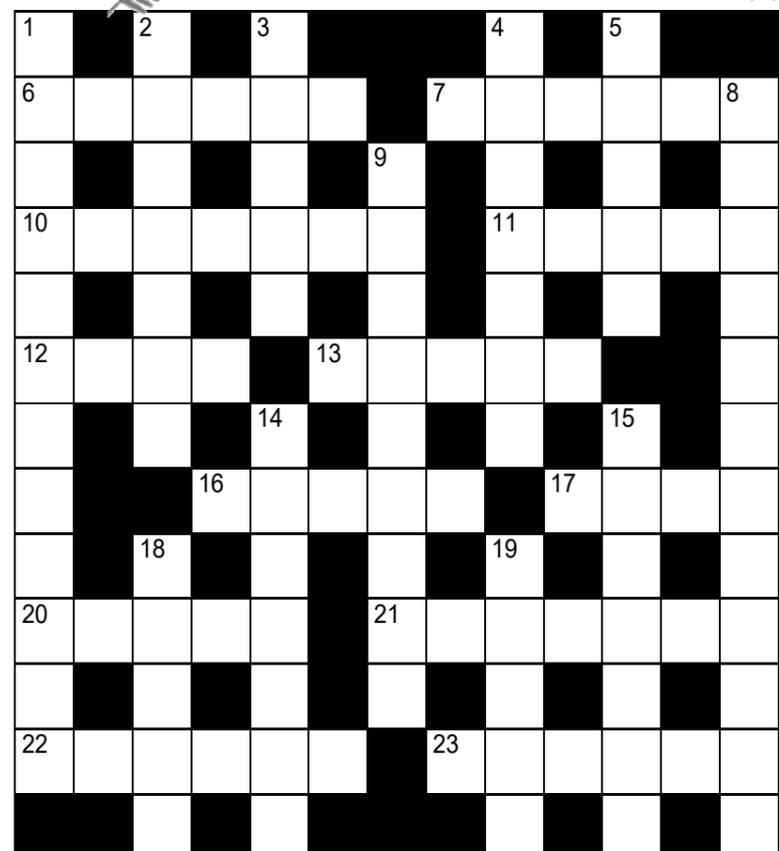
This situation is not unusual. Council has come across numerous instances where sheds have been built on road reserve.

At their meeting on 10 March, they were advised that no other landowner would be affected by the closure. The road, which is not formed, would provide access to a council-owned reserve that is currently leased to the landowner of the affected property.



A map showing the paper road area that includes several sheds, previously thought to be on private land

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Across

- 6. Visible, but distant (6)
- 7. Sport in which NZ has won 24 Olympic medals (6)
- 10. Treat someone in a superficially amorous way (3,4)
- 11. Waitakere, Hunua or Kaimai (5)
- 12. Period when stags are vocally seeking a mate (4)
- 13. Home province of the Nuggets, winners of the 2020 NBL title (5)
- 16. Four-door car (5)
- 17. Role which made Lucy Lawless famous (4)
- 20. Vacant (5)
- 21. Crewman who works the winches on an America's Cup yacht (7)
- 22. Native tree with yellow flowers (6)
- 23. Name of the funeral home in the TV series *The Casketeers* (6)

Previous solution

Across: 1. Calves, 5. Sitcom, 9. Stanza, 10. Neuron, 11. TEAL, 12. Bowl over, 14. Aoraki, 16. Launch, 19. Cupcakes, 21. Edit, 22. Editor, 23. Cheeky, 24. Yearly, 25. Shanty.

Down: 2. Art Deco, 3. Vanilla, 4. Swarbrick, 6. Ideal, 7. Caravan, 8. Monarch, 13. Walk socks, 14. Archery, 15. Replica, 17. Urewera, 18. Cricket, 20. Atoll.

Down

- 1. Home of the National Agricultural Fieldays (7,5)
- 2. Racing series won six times by New Zealander Scott Dixon (7)
- 3. Description of liquid that is slightly warm but not hot (5)
- 4. Bravery (7)
- 5. Small metal boat, or being lucky (colloq) (5)
- 8. 285 sq km in area, New Zealand's sixth largest island (5,7)
- 9. Town on Coromandel's east coast (9)
- 14. Annual event associated with the Pleiades, or Matariki, star cluster (3,4)
- 15. Animal, cervus elaphus, released in NZ for sport, now numerous (3,4)
- 18. Fish eggs (5)
- 19. Stiff, unbending (5)

Visitor centre staff issues

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to reopen next week all going well."

Ms Welch added that anyone looking for a job with a local employer should check out the openings Council has available.

"Council has a number of exciting opportunities at this time in a range of areas including administration, information management, technical services, project management and the i.Site."

For more information on any of these roles see Council's website ruapehudc.govt.nz.



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Water meters on the way?

Ohakune residents could see water meters installed at their properties, judging by a recent update for the Waimarino Waiouru Community Board.

A project officer has been assigned to investigate the issues with installing water meters across Ohakune township, as per the condition of receiving Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment (MBIE) funding for the water treatment plant upgrade, the Board was told.

The report was updating Board members on the proposed update for the town's water supply scheme.

The Ruapehu District Council secured funding through the Tourism Infrastructure Fund for the funding part of the plant.

GHD has drawn up a procurement plan for the upgrade of the Ohakune Water Treatment Plant and a contract signed with Veolia to design and build the new plant.

New resource consents are required for additional reservoir and the water intake, increasing project costs and impacting delivery timeline.

Traverse Environmental is working on the resource consent for this site and the water intake that is located within the Tongariro National Park.

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Taupo rods to meet at Ohakune Club

Car enthusiasts from around the Waimarino are welcome to take a look at a group of cars that will rally through the area on Saturday.

The 'Misfits social vehicle cruise' will join in the event.

"Once again, Taupo Rod and Custom Club have invited us, Kiwi town cruises and TeKuiti Rod and Custom, to join them on a low-key fun cruise," says local auto fan Bryce Denton.

He adds that anyone who has a car that they love is welcome to head along too,

whether it's a vintage, a hot rod, a classic car or a work in progress.

The cruise starts at Horopito Motors at 9ish, travels to Raetihi for a coffee stop, then, across to Ohakune for lunch. Afterwards they drive to and through Rangataua, Karioi to the McCarthy's yard and on to Waiouru "for probably yet more coffee".

"The whole timetable ... has been deliberately kept loose.

"The idea of the day is just to meet and enjoy the company of like-minded people."



Ohakune Club will again be host to car enthusiasts, with dozens of cars expected.

Vintage rail journeys to Ruapehu kicks off in April

A new way to experience train travel from Tāmaki Makaurau to Ruapehu kicks off next month with Glenbrook Vintage Railway.

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"We are thrilled to be able to offer this fantastic mode of travel to Ruapehu," says Kim Treen, manager business relationship and development for Ruapehu i-Site.

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More information is available at the Ruapehu i-Site in Ohakune, phone 0800-647-483 or e-mail isite@ruapehude.govt.nz.

Staffing issues hit visitor Taumarunui centre

A perfect storm of staff shortages, recruitment difficulties and sickness have all combined to put pressure on i.Site service offerings and forcing the closure of the Taumarunui i.Site over the past two weeks.

Executive manager community and economic development Pauline Welch said that despite their best efforts RDC were forced to close the Taumarunui i.Site due to not having enough staff to keep all three visitor centres in Taumarunui, Ohakune and Whakapapa open.

"With the first wave of Covid, lockdowns and loss of tourists we redeployed the i.Site staff into helping our business sector access the government and other support available at the time.

"As we had no idea how long this would last we decided to 'right-size' the business for the environment and not replace all the staff when they chose to leave," she said.

"Covid has seen many people re-evaluate their life with many choosing to change employment or do other things. "The i.Site has been no different in this respect and

we ended up operating with two to three staff less than pre-Covid times."

She said a compounding issue has been the labour shortages across the country and, despite actively looking to recruit new staff over the last eight months or so, it has been extremely difficult to find anyone as remaining staff left to do other things.

"Since Christmas we have only had one staff member based in Taumarunui being supported by experienced staff from Ohakune.

"Despite juggling staff between i.Sites when the Taumarunui based staff member left in February to go to University we had no option but to open part time.

"We then had two staff in Ohakune off sick over the past two weeks forcing the Taumarunui i.Site to close and rely on the 0800 number (0800 647 483).

"Fortunately, we have since been successful in recruiting three new i.Site staff for Taumarunui and are hoping

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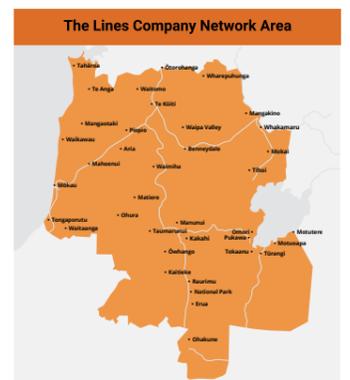
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Remembering loved ones with candlelight



Candle bags can be bought and decorated for the Candlelight Memorial service.

A candlelight memorial service is planned for the Carrot Park in Ohakune on Saturday 2 April.

“It will be a chance to remember those special people we have lost, however they passed from our lives,” says organiser Peggy Frew from the Waimarino Cancer Society.

Candle bags can be pre-purchased from Peggy – call 021-434-048 or from Utopia Café for \$5.

“This will give you a chance to name and decorate your bags for your special

person or people,” says Peggy.

They will also be available to buy on the evening. The candle bags include a candle, which will be given out on the evening.

“Join us for a moving ceremony. There will be a group of singers and you are all welcome to join in with them,” invites Peggy.

“Bring a chair, a thermos, some food and join us on this special night. There will also be a sausage sizzle available with all proceeds going to the Cancer Society.”

Ian McKelvie takes on new speaker role

Ian McKelvie, local MP for Rangitikei and Ruapehu, talks about his new role at Parliament:

- The impact of Covid-19 on the Parliamentary process has provided an opportunity for a new temporary role for me.

The House is still sitting, though some MPs are now participating remotely to cut down infection risk. This meant there was a risk Parliament could potentially be short of people to fill the Speaker’s chair. Long story short, I was privileged to be appointed as an assistant speaker.

While this is likely a temporary role and I occupy the Speaker’s Chair in Parliament for about five hours a week – I must say I am really enjoying it. It’s a very intense five hours!

Simon Bridges’ decision to leave Parliament may have come as a shock to many but I do think it’s the right one for both him and his family. His contribution to New Zealand’s political landscape over the past few years is significant, including his leadership of the National Party during one of the more testing times in our recent

political history. Simon is an extremely talented individual and he will make a difference wherever he goes. I wish him all the best.

I have been particularly busy with my three portfolio roles over the past couple of months, which are Seniors, Racing and Forestry. I am also chair of the Governance and Administration Select Committee. This Committee carries a pretty hefty weight, being responsible for business related to parliamentary and legislative services, Prime Minister and Cabinet, State services, statistics, internal affairs, civil defence and emergency management – and local government.

I must say I have found operating in the Covid environment quite challenging as my preferred style is person to person engagement. The past two years have made that difficult; while the constant changing of the conditions we operate under has made planning for the future very tricky, particularly in our rural electorates.

Here’s hoping the Government sees sense and implement National’s “Getting New Zealand Back to Normal” plan.



Reporters question Ian McKelvie outside Parliament.

Rotarians support students, tracks and gardens

Raetihi Ohakune Rotarians have been busy raising money and making grants, as well as getting stuck in to help at a major community project.

“As part of our regular community service we spent some time at the Carrot Park on 9 March to do some weeding and tidying up,” explained club president Debbie Clunie.

“Even though there were only six of us, it equated to six hours of work so it was well tidied.”

Peggy Frew, one of the Carrot Park stalwarts thanked the team for “the great job” and they hope to see them there again one day.

Another donation made, this time financial, was the sponsorship of one of the new picnic tables at the Makotuku Track in Raetihi.

This project has been ongoing for some time under the watchful eye of Donna Journeaux, and Rotary were happy to help this small, dedicated team, said Mrs Clunie.

Rotary were also approached by a senior student from Ruapehu College for support in a tertiary subject to be combined with secondary study.

Una Drayton, head girl for 2022, is enrolled in the Mathematical Acceleration and eXtension (MAX) Programme. It is one of the courses under the Young Scholars Programme run by the University of Auckland.

“Una came and spoke to us about her plans and we were happy to assist with the course fees,” says Mrs Clunie.

On catching up with Una last week she said, “the course is going well, it is very difficult but so interesting at the same time. I’ve made lots of new friends and my professor is really passionate so it’s great. It is past the pull-out date so now I’m 100% committed – I’ll try my best!”



Left: A Rotary crew got stuck in at the Ohakune Carrot Park recently. Right: Rotary president Debbie Clunie congratulates Una Drayton on her grant to cover her course fees.

Horizons bursary applications open

The regional council has opened applications for the Don Linklater Memorial Bursary. Established to honour former Horizons Chair Don Linklater’s contribution to the region and local government, the bursary is worth up to \$8000 per year.

The bursary, which can be split across up to four recipients, aims to support students studying in areas relevant to some of Horizons Regional Council’s work.

Students can be studying either internally or extramurally, in areas such as resource management, environmental planning, and environmental engineering and modelling with particular emphasis on river and drainage basin dynamics.

Horizons councillor Fiona Gordon says the bursary is a great way of supporting and encouraging students while at the same time investing in the future management of our natural resources.

“These students will be gaining valuable knowledge ready to deal with our long-term environmental challenges.

“It is crucial that we do what we can now to grow our knowledge base. It will help to build resilience of our communities and the environment, which benefits everyone.”

To be eligible applicants must be a New Zealand citizen or permanent resident studying full-time in 2022, at either undergraduate or postgraduate level.

Applicants must be from the Horizons region, however they may be studying elsewhere in New Zealand. The panel will also take into consideration any connections applicants have to iwi/hapū in the region.

More information is at www.horizons.govt.nz/about-our-region-and-council/grants-and-sponsorship.

Applications close 8am 13 April 2022. The bursary recipients will be selected by a panel of Horizons representatives made up of councillors and staff. Short listed applicants will then meet with the selection panel.



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Power firm says no to Raetihi EV charger

While there are already two public electric vehicle fast charging stations in Ohakune, two more will be installed in the town and not Raetihi, which has none.

The Waimarino Waiouru Community Board was asked to consider possible locations for the new chargers, after Meridian Energy offered the Ruapehu District Council two chargers for destination spots, "where a high volume of people stop for at least 45 minutes".

RDC staff are investigating feasibility of installing the charger at Ohakune Carrot park.

WWCB earlier requested that Raetihi be considered as a possible location, but the Board has

been advised that traffic counts from the State Highway weren't high enough for Meridian approve of the site.

Meridian is funding 250 chargers around New Zealand to encourage EV uptake.

The chargers must be installed by 30 June when the funding expires.

The access agreement was due by 28 Feb and has been signed by Council for the Carrot Park, following the research into the option for having them in Raetihi.

"Raetihi will be considered in the future if other opportunities arise," the Board was told.

Horizons sets up community climate response fund

Applications for Horizons Regional Councils' inaugural Pūtea Hapori Urupare Āhuarangi - Community Climate Response Fund open on 1 April 2022.

Community groups with green ideas are invited to get their thinking caps on, with two environmentally-focused funding opportunities opening in the next few weeks.

Horizons new contestable fund for climate related projects aims to help non-profit organisations to build community resilience to the effects of climate change, or support the shift to a carbon neutral regional economy.

Horizons chair Rachel Keedwell says the fund aligns with Council's approach to climate change, in that it supports people to make a difference.

"Everybody has a role to play in responding to climate change," says Cr Keedwell.

"Council sees our role as facilitating and contributing to an effective regional response. Up until now, our efforts have focused on developing Horizons' Climate Action Strategy and regional plans alongside territorial authorities and tangata whenua.

"The Pūtea Hapori Urupare Āhuarangi - Community Climate Response Fund allows us to support projects that are truly by the community, for the community.

"The more we can engage communities to take action against climate change, in addition to and alongside the wider efforts by local and central government, the better the outcomes and wellbeing for all.

"We hope to see a range of innovative applica-

tions from across the region, with projects ideally providing ongoing benefits.

"There are a number of other community grants out there that have similar objectives, so there is potential for combining funding sources. We encourage people to start thinking about their ideas for funding now, and to think big."

The total amount available per project is \$15,000, with projects funded depending on their alignment with Horizons climate change objectives. Applications to the fund close on 31 May 2022, with decisions made by the funding panel and all applicants informed of the outcome of their application by mid-July.

In this first round of funding projects should be completed within 12 months, but multi-year projects will also be considered.

Individuals are also able to partner with suitable organisations if they have an idea that will benefit their community while aligning with the funds objectives.

Further information about the fund will be available once applications open on 1 April.

Cr Keedwell says community groups who have projects with a biodiversity focus should also take note of the Kanorau Koiroa Taketake - Indigenous Biodiversity Community Grant, opening on 11 April. Previous recipients have received funding to replant land with native trees, pest control and ecological monitoring, forest restoration projects and collecting and supporting regeneration of mātauranga Māori (Māori knowledge).

Horizons' website has information and application forms.

Guide released to assist management of red deer

The Game Animal Council (GAC) has released a guide for hunters to help them better manage New Zealand's red deer during the upcoming Roar period and beyond.

"The New Zealand Red Stag Ageing Guide has been developed, with input from professional hunters Chris McCarthy and Willie Duley, to provide hunters with easy-to-understand information on how to assess the age of red deer stags while out on the hill," says GAC general manager Tim Gale.

Red deer are the most widespread deer species in New Zealand and are the game animal that Kiwis hunt most often. A hard-earned set of mature red stag antlers can be found mounted pride-of-place above many a fireplace around the country.

Red deer are also an important food resource for many communities and in places where increased numbers lead to over-browsing, they can present a significant management challenge.

"Hunter-led game animal management in New Zealand is basically a two-sided coin," says Gale.

"On one hand it is about making sure we help manage population density by actively harvesting breeding females, while on the other, it is about

being careful as to the age of the males we target.

"Being able to identify a few key characteristics will mean hunters can quickly and accurately determine the maturity of a stag and leave behind younger males that are yet to reach their full potential. In this way hunters can help act as stewards of our red deer herds."

"The old adage is, 'you can't shoot great stags, if you shoot good stags', and is why as hunters we need to have an eye on the future when we make decisions about what we harvest.

"The overall aim is to achieve high-quality, low-density game herds with a reduced number of breeding females and a higher proportion of mature trophy-aged males," says Gale.

"This provides the win-win of better hunting and a healthy ecosystem."

The New Zealand Red Stag Ageing Guide is available for download at <https://nzgameanimalcouncil.org.nz/nz-red-stag-ageing-guide/> as well as through the GAC's Facebook and Instagram.

The GAC's Roar safety campaign and video, Look After Your Mates This Roar, is also available at <https://nzgameanimalcouncil.org.nz/look-after-your-mates-this-roar/>.

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Registration will be open from Monday 28 March 2022

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

PUBLIC NOTICES

MEETINGS

The following meetings of Horizons Regional Council will be held during April 2022 in the Tararua Room, Regional House, 11-15 Victoria Avenue, Palmerston North, unless otherwise advised:

Tuesday, 5 April
10.00am Passenger Transport Committee

Wednesday, 27 April
9.30am Regional Council (Livestreamed)

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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PUBLIC NOTICES

Section 101, Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act 2012 RFS Raetihi Limited have made an application to the District Licensing Committee at Ruapehu District Council for the **Renewal of an Off Licence** in respect of the premises situated at **88 Seddon Street, Raetihi**, known as **Raetihi Farm Supplies**. The general nature of the business to be conducted under the licence is that of a **Bottle Store**. The days on which and the hours during which alcohol is intended to be sold under the licence are: **Monday – Friday: 9.00am – 6.00pm and Saturday: 9.00am – 1.00pm**

The application may be inspected during ordinary office hours at the office of the Ruapehu District Licensing Committee at Ruapehu District Council, 59-63 Huia Street, Taumarunui.

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This is the first publication of this notice.

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Power boss steps down

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Horgan will leave TLC in mid-2022 after more than five years as the company’s chief executive and will become chief executive of Waipa Networks, based in Te Awamutu.

“I wasn’t looking for a new role because I love what I do at TLC. But the Waipa opportunity came up and it ticks a lot of boxes for me,” Horgan said.

Horgan joined TLC from WEL Networks in April 2017, knowing the role would be challenging.

“It’s been five years of significant change for TLC, but we have grown as a business and we have grown our relationship with the community. I’m very proud of the things we have achieved and of the relationships we have built,” he said.

“We’ve put real focus on energy hardship and we’ve invested more where it matters. We’ve continued to improve the reliability of our network while contributing to our community. I’m proud of that and I’m humbled by the mahi our staff have done to get to that place.”

Horgan said there’s been more aggressive investment programme to grow the value of TLC and prepare the network for a decarbonised future. TLC’s metering business, Influx, had grown to the third-largest in New Zealand and TLC had moved to direct billing via energy retailers.

The company had also responded to community concerns around pricing and the increasing cost of electricity. In 2021, TLC’s efforts to alleviate hardship and focus on vulnerable customers were recognised in a New Zealand Energy Excellence award.

TLC Board chair Bella Takiari-Brame said Horgan has showed “exemplary leadership” during testing times.

“He has led changes that will positively impact the organisation and our wider community for years to come,” she said.

TLC will begin a recruitment process for a new chief executive to replace Horgan in the near future.



Sean Horgan.

Try challenge beats Covid restrictions

Children from Te Kura Kaupapa Māori o Ngāti Rangi completed their Try Challenge on Thursday 10 March.

The team was to travel to Palmerston North to compete in the Sanitarium Weet-Bix Kids TRYathlon series for 2022. However, this was not able to proceed as planned, due to the ‘Red’ setting of the Government’s Covid-19 Traffic Light system and timing of Omicron in the com-

munity. As a summer event, the event could not be postponed later in Term 2 or 3.

They did, however, offer a Try Challenge – a new programme that allows families and schools to create their own event to earn their Try Champions t-shirt and medal. Try Challenge is designed to make staying active and healthy as fun and affordable as possible.

“Our tamariki have been training for over

three weeks and completed an obstacle course; two-kilometre bike ride, 1.5km run and 10 lengths of the Ohakune swimming pool on Thursday 10 March,” said Vivienne Hoeta from the kura.

“We are extremely proud of our tamariki and want to encourage everyone to give this event a go next year.”



Try Challengers pictured with their medals and certificates after they finished their bike ride, run and swim. Photo supplied.



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Taniora Taitumu heads to his high jump win with a 1.7m jump. He also won the Javelin event at the Whanganui Secondary Schools athletics meet. Photo supplied.

Ruapehu College clocks up top athletics results

A group of Ruapehu College athletes headed to the Whanganui Secondary Schools athletics recently, returning with an impressive set of results.

There were multiple first-placed athletes, plus three second-placed students and several third-placed athletes.

Firsts were: Karaitiana Horne junior girls 3000m; Sam Rowe junior boys 3000m; Zai Tuipea junior boys shotput; Hawira Katenene junior boys high jump; Jaydis Hammond intermediate boys discus; Taniora Taitumu intermediate boys javelin; Taniora Taitumu intermediate boys high jump.

Winning second places were: James Tweeddale

junior boys 3000m; Bree Tweeddale intermediate girls discus; Jaydis Hammond intermediate girls shotput.

Bringing home a third place were: Karaitiana

Horne junior girls 1500m; Izybel Graham junior girls 800m; Connor Anderson junior boys 1500m; Sam Rowe junior boys high jump; Jaydis Hammond intermediate boys high jump.

Offlimits Trust winding up

The trust that has run the Waiouru events, including the Tussock Buster motorcycle trail rides, is to be wound up.

"It is with great sadness that we must say farewell to all those who have been loyal supporters of the Offlimits Trust over the years," the Trust announced on social media.

"We are yet another casualty of Covid-19.

"We cannot sustain the costs of staying in limbo and not being able to raise funds via the sort of events we have historically undertaken."

The trust has sat dormant for the last few years as a result of Covid-19 and, prior to that, the Christchurch mosque attacks and the closure of the Waiouru Training Area due to increased security levels.

The Trust says it is highly unlikely the trust can gain access back into Waiouru in the next few years as the utilisation of the training area by the New Zealand Army will result in no zones being available for non-military activities.

"We thank our wonderful team of helpers and all those who have attended the events we have run at Waiouru.

"Your support has been greatly appreciated and without it, we would not have been able to raise the money we have over the years to assist members of the New Zealand Defence Force."

Ohakune squash

Inter-business results from last week. In pool A, Rock beat Survivors 17-3, Park It Up beat Shifty Fellas 17-1 and Hobbled beat Under Construction 17-0. In pool B, Barensons beat Hard Ones 14-5, Magnum PI beat Plus One 12-6 and Simon Sez beat Riley's Rockstars 12-7.

Draw for this Thursday: At 5:30pm on New World Court – Under Construction vs Shifty Fellas, on T.C.B./Jones Bro's Court – Survivors vs Park It Up, on Trust Power Court – Rock vs Hobbled. At 6:45pm on New World Court – Simon Sez vs Barensons, on T.C.B./Jones Bro's Court – Riley's Rockstars vs Plus One, on Trust Power Court – Hard Ones vs Magnum PI.

Draws have been completed for this weekend's Ruapehu Commercial Cleaning and Property Maintenance B grade and below tournament. 48 entrants were received.

Ruapehu Zone Interclub is due to start next week.

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