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Alpine Crossing numbers to be limited?

Limiting the numbers of hikers taking on the Tongariro Alpine Crossing is an idea that the Department of Conservation is considering, to reduce the pressure of having huge numbers of hikers each day.

A meeting was held by the Department of Conservation at the Whakapapa Visitor Centre earlier, outlined a proposal to limit walkers on the Crossing to 800 people per day, with a further proposal to control capacity through a dedicated booking system.

DOC operations director for the Central North Island Damian Coutts said “traversing a dual World Heritage Site and sacred landscape, the Tongariro Alpine Crossing is one of the country’s most heavily visited one-day walks.

“Numerous reports and studies over the past two decades have questioned the environmental, cultural and social sustainability of the walk when there are too many people. Some days have seen in excess of 2500 people on the crossing.”

Mr Coutts said the details of what the limit would be, how it would be implemented and when it would start are still under consideration.

“We met with operators to discuss our thoughts about a trial and how one might be implemented. The engagement of operators as part of the solution to the problems is critical.

“For this reason we talked with them as a priority. They have provided us with feedback which we are considering.”

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Police tactical safety trainers demonstrate one of the techniques for evacuating an injured officer.

Police work on evacuation skills

Developing the skills needed to evacuate an injured police officer, or member of the public, was the aim of a training exercise at Rocky Mountain Chalets on Monday and Tuesday.

Perry Karatau, team leader of the tactical safety team in Palmerston North, led the training sessions, with help from another Palmerston North team member and a third trainer from Wellington.

Police staff from Taumarunui, National Park and Ohakune took part in the training exercise, with others from Waiouru and Taihape included at other sessions.

Mr Karatau said training sessions were

brought to the Ruapehu area every 10-12 weeks, alternating between Ohakune and Taumarunui.

Other training is done in Palmerston North and at Waiouru.

There are two other training teams under the tactical response model – one using police dogs and another being the tactical prevention team.

He said the tactical safety team came about after the death of police officer Matt Hunt.

Police leaders looked at what could be done better to help injured officers in an armed offenders situation.

The training on Monday morning involved rescuing an injured officer in a scenario where

an armed offender was firing from a house.

The skills involved driving a police car up to and beside the injured officer, with two officers exiting the car and picking up the officer and getting them into the vehicle as quickly as possible.

They have adopted and modified the techniques from United States Army tactics for victim recovery in war zones, that are now used by police around the world.

Mr Karatau said that Rocky Mountain Chalets was ideal as it provided an area with stand-alone houses in an area that they could use, while also providing accommodation for the travelling staff.

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Ohakune takes on Pike challenge

A third of their way in and a group of 23 Ohakune Primary School pupils are doing well to tick off the various tasks as part of their William Pike Challenge.

They have the school year to complete five outdoor challenges, 20 hours of community service and 20 hours of a 'passion project'.

So far, the group have hiked the 17km Tama Lakes track, the Silica Rapids track and completed a whitewater rafting trip on the Tongariro River.

The group of Year 7 and 8 pupils are led by teachers Tash Carley, Rose Martin and Mia Foskin, with help from a number of community and outdoors people coming on board to help with different tasks.

Tash Carley said they have all been taken out of their comfort zones but have so far handled the challenges really well.

The other outdoors challenges will be a high ropes course in Taupō, mountain biking activities and possibly a caving trip, with taking on the Tongariro Alpine Crossing rounding off the challenges later in the year.

Their community service has so far included stacking firewood and gardening for elderly local residents.

Tash Carley said the group are keen to hear from anyone who needs help with jobs that can fit in with the community service challenge criteria and asks for them to call the school office for more information.

They are also looking for other fundraising opportunities, to help pay for some of the activities.

So far they have received a grant from the June Gray Trust, which helped pay for the rafting trip with Blue Mountain Adventures.

The teachers hope that the Challenge will be able to be taken on by a new group of pupils each year.

The William Pike Challenge was started by the man who survived major, life-threatening

injuries in an eruption of Mt Ruapehu in 2007.

He wanted the Challenge to nurture essential life skills for students, to prepare them for "the challenges that they will face tomorrow"

"Students learn skills needed to cope with the unexpected (and) develop strengths in students they don't know they have.

"We need to step outside of the classroom to

really develop skills such as leadership, responsibility, creativity, social skills and community involvement."

He says that many students who complete the Challenge find their relationships with fellow students, teachers and even parents improve because they learn different approaches than with what they grew up with or are used to currently.



Above: Ohakune Primary School pupils take on a rafting trip as part of their year-long William Pike Challenge. BELOW: Some of the pupils enjoy their hike to Tama Lakes, with support from teacher Vanessa Murphy. Photos supplied.



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Billion dollar water bill for 3-Waters reform, says Doyle

The Government has already spent \$34 million designing a reform so badly received, they plan to bill water users more than a billion dollars to bring stakeholders on board, says Ruapehu District councillor Adie Doyle.

"Figures released by the Department of Internal Affairs shows that the Government has spent \$34 million to date on the four mega-corporation model for Three Waters Reform, with more than \$9 million on staffing and \$24 million on external contractors," he says.

"The more than \$1 billion mooted as part of the 'no worse off' and 'better off' funding package being given to councils will be funded through future water charges from the new entities."

Communities 4 Local Democracy He hapori mō te Manapori Chair and Manawatu District Mayor Helen Worboys said a cheaper and more effective option would have been to listen to stakeholders, rather than spend millions on expensive consultants.

"While any reform of this type isn't going to be cheap, to spend \$34 million to come up with a flawed proposal that no one is happy with beggars belief," she said.

"Flaws aside, to then mandate a reform that's overwhelmingly unpopular with communities and requires more than a billion dollars in spending to convince councils to come on board, when councils agree reform of some kind is necessary, is an astounding waste of money."

"Communities 4 Local Democracy has used its expertise and knowledge to put together a workable framework for reform that could get broad council and community support for a fraction of

what the Government has spent so far on travel alone.

"If the Government had come to councils at an early stage and, in the spirit of true partnership, this could have been a completely different story and significantly cheaper one."

"Why they would pay more than \$1.2 million to a Scottish water regulator for a model, rather than come to the people actually running the services in New Zealand, is truly baffling."

"But we owe it to our communities to work constructively on this, that's why our door is always open to work with the Government on a multi-party model that works for everyone, not something that could end every time there's a change in the party in charge."

"Not all of the \$34 million is a wasted spend – we can use the knowledge gained from councils to help bring in more flexible and effective solutions."

"It's not too late to save this reform, we just need some real collaboration not coercion."

Councillor Adie Doyle, C4LD representative for the Ruapehu District Council stated that the loss of property rights and local voice are at the heart C4LD's alternative proposal.

"Councillors wish to see those rights retained. If the public do too, making a submission to the Select Committee is your best form of protest. Browse the C4LD website to gain knowledge on this issue, particularly during the Select Committee process."

For more information about Communities 4 Local Democracy and its model for better reform, visit: <https://www.communities4localdemocracy.co.nz/ideas>

Snow in May, will it stay?



Snow in May doesn't stay, so the locals say. But it may lay around long enough to at least get people enthusiastic about the 2022 winter snow season at Ruapehu. Bjorn Pedersen hiked up to earn some turns at Turoa after the weekend snow dump.

Limit on Crossing numbers?

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He said no proposal has been finalised and that the Department is still considering the feedback from concessionaires on timing for a trial.

Mr Coutts said there are no details available on the proposal because it has not been finalised and that they are still considering the feedback.

After the earlier meeting, Stuff online reported that the proposal "poses tough questions for an already struggling industry" for business operators in the local tourism industry.

"I'm a bit blindsided by it, to be honest," Tongariro Holiday Park co-owner Greg Hooper told Stuff.

"They're saying to us 800 people, no exceptions. In a

normal year, we'll have over 1000 people on the crossing for at least 50 days per year, which includes a big chunk of summer.

"I'm worried that it might mean people who would otherwise come here, don't turn up. We're seeing what other accommodation providers are prepared to sell their rooms for and quite honestly, we simply can't afford to drop any lower."

The Central Plateau region was hit hard by travel restrictions over the past two years. In pre-pandemic times, the area welcomed campers, walkers, skiers, and other tourists from home and abroad. Since the borders shut, business owners have had to rely on the remaining domestic tourists from other parts of New Zealand.

Smoke free stories to share

Sessions on how to live smoke free are on this week at The Centre in Raetihi, today and tomorrow, with an evening session on Thursday as well.

"We want to hear your insights and feedback on reimagining a Smokefree Aotearoa with our community," says Rochelle Te Huia.

The sessions are being organised by Healthy Families and Te Oranganui.

"Your insights are key to understanding and creating positive change for our region," say the organisers which include Rebecca Davis from Healthy Families.

The sessions are for all whanau, ex-smokers, smokers and vapers, to share their korero.

Kai will be supplied and a koha is given for the time of sharers.



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Ian McKelvie hosts Luxon visit

Local MP Ian McKelvie shares his report on the recent visit by his Party leader:

• I enjoyed hosting National Party leader Christopher Luxon in the Rangitikei recently. We had organised a busy itinerary and managed to pack a fair bit in visiting Feilding, Rongotea and Palmerston North.

Our visit to Stallion Plastics in Milson, where we were shown around this exciting and innovative operation by co-owner Jeff Rowan, was great.

Stallion is a niche-market business specialising in the design, development and manufacture of complex rotationally moulded and injection moulded plastic products. They produce everything from calf feeders to playground slides, which are sold in New Zealand and exported to 20 countries around the world. It was great to have a look around and talk with staff.

We followed up with morning tea and a chat to the staff at Allan McNeill (chartered accountants) in Feilding. It was great to hear from the people at the coalface of an organisation that serves the interests of literally hundreds of businesses and indi-

viduals throughout the Rangitikei. They provided some interesting insights into the way the system is – and isn’t – working.

Our visit to the Feilding Saleyards was excellent too – a perfect opportunity to catch some live auction action and chat to farmers. We followed up with lunch at the “Ask Me” Dairy Industry forum in Rongotea, where Christopher had been invited to speak and host a Q&A, which provided some interesting views and market insights.

Next stop was Feilding High School, where principal Nathan Stewart along with a cohort of Year 13 students were great to chat with. It’s always refreshing and inspiring to talk to young people about their hopes and dreams for the future.

All in all it was a great day showcasing just a fraction of what the mighty Rangitikei has to offer. It’s clear to me Christopher Luxon values and has a passion for rural and provincial New Zealand. Like every kiwi, he is also ambitious for New Zealand and all New Zealanders – this certainly shone through on Friday.



Jeff Rowan, at left, explains his plastics business to Christopher Luxon and Ian McKelvie. Photo supplied.

Letters

Regional council consents process

• I stand by the comments I made when interviewed (see *Ruapehu Bulletin*, 10 May, ‘Whanganui River iwi hit back at Horizons Regional councillor’s claims’) for my speech to Fed Farmers, but should clarify reference to any particular iwi was not made by me.

In discussing consent issues in general, I gave an example of a farmer that approached me having issues over a water take consent in 2019.

They are now going to limited notification process after three years of negotiation.

Be very clear, I am not debating whether a person should or shouldn’t receive a consent, I simply argue the process should be accessible, transparent, and timely for all involved.

I make no apology for bringing issues that ratepayers face, to the council table or making them public to be discussed.

And, where appropriate on behalf of ratepayers, I ask for changes in Horizons policies and processes to make improvements for our environment, business, and communities.

I do not see this as interfering as chair Keedwell does. It is unfortunate that chair Keedwell cannot remember the numerous times I have brought consent processing issues to the council table over the last few years, including forwarding a number of complaint emails from ratepayers.

This led to me moving a motion on 12 August 2020, to have an independent review of Horizons consenting process. This motion was passed with a majority voting for my motion. (Chair Keedwell voted against this motion)

The review has led to some improvement, but there is more to do.

This is not a blame game.

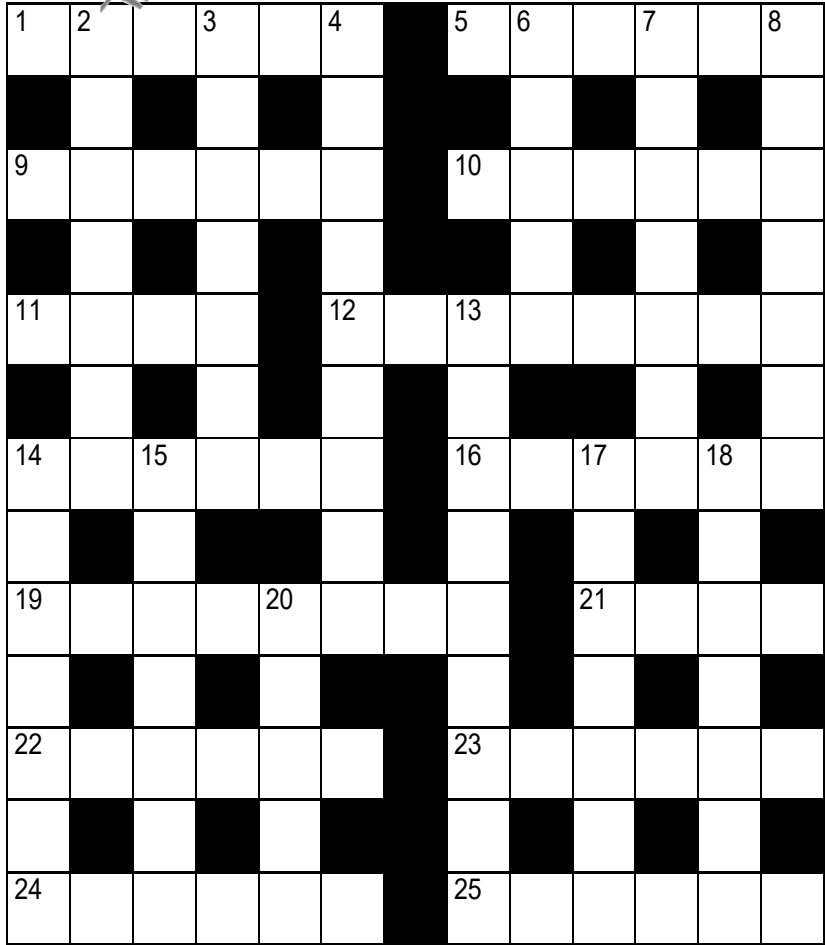
At the Fed Farmers meeting and interview, I offered solutions that might help to improve clarity within Horizons’ consenting process, to better guide all parties in the

consent process. I have documentation and contact details to support the comments I have made.

Feel free to contact me on this issue or any other issue you face with Horizons, as I am here to represent you.

Regional councillor David Cotton

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ACROSS

- Not present (6)
- Pang (6)
- Puzzling person or thing (6)
- Silly person (inf) (6)
- Badly off (4)
- Dispute (8)
- New Zealand pigeon (6)
- Hinder (6)
- Vote down (8)
- Pacific island vegetable (4)
- Eagerly (6)
- Nickname of rugby great Michael Jones (6)
- 1969 song by The Fourmyula, voted New Zealand’s best single in 2001 (6)
- Being (6)

DOWN

- South Island man-made lake created during the 1960s (7)
- Term used by fencers (2,5)
- The Finn brothers are this town’s famous sons (2,7)
- Northland settlement founded by Scots when they moved from Nova Scotia (5)
- Neither here nor there (7)
- Authorise (7)
- Roger Hall play set in the public service in Wellington during the 1970s (5,4)
- Drop the ball, in rugby (5,2)
- Vote in again (7)
- Tolerant and unhurried (7)
- Sleeping (7)
- Measuring stick (5)

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Across: 1. Bacon, 4. Napier, 9. Tuatara, 10. Tepid, 11. NCEA, 12. Toastie, 13. Ray, 14. Shoe, 16. Oust, 18. Moa, 20. Soprano, 21. Skew, 24. Idiot, 25. Netball, 26. Tester, 27. White.

Down: 1. Botany, 2. Crane, 3. Near, 5. Aotearoa, 6. Impetus, 7. Redden, 8. Batty, 13. Repartee, 15. Hipkins, 17. T-shirt, 18. Moana, 19. Twelve, 22. Khaki, 23. Stow.
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Bats about at Owhango Reserve

Bat man Luke Easton recalls discovering that there are long tailed bats in the Owhango Reserve:

• After all that excitement of detecting long-tailed bats on the acoustic recorders in June 2021, it was with great anticipation that we placed acoustic recorders out again this summer prior to the Owhango Alive/ Mahi Aroha bat event.

We put them out from 29 December 2021 until 7 January 2022. One recorder was placed at the covenant site again, which recorded up to 45 passes (compared to 80 passes recorded in June 2021). The other three were placed along the Tawa Track in 'flight paths' (sections of under-story where there is a corridor with few or no trees as 'obstacles') and in clearings where large trees had fallen over.

One recorder failed, whereas the other two picked up bats, up to about 60 passes on one and over 700 passes on another. This was super exciting as not only were there the typical echolocation and feeding calls, but also social calls, which means that a communal roost was close by.

One rimu tree in particular looked promising as a roost, but on the night of the bat event on 14 January, no bats were seen leaving this tree. Nevertheless, the hand-held bat detector confirmed that somewhere close by was a roost as the

detector was continuously detecting calls, meaning that bats were flooding out of a roost tree very close by.

I went back on Sunday evening, 16 January, to try my luck at finding any roosts (knowing full well that I'd have to be the luckiest fella on earth to find a roost tree without tracking a transmitting bat). I didn't find any active roosts of course, but certainly noticed many potential roost trees in the upper Tawa Track section. Having spent several hours searching around looking at holes and cracks and being in awe at the beauty of the Reserve's gigantic podocarps, I decided to try my luck at one clearing to see if I could spot bats fly past.

It had been another hot, dry day, and the cicadas were deafening, until about 8.45 pm when suddenly the 'volume' was suddenly turned down. Even the birds had one last squawk before it became silent, apart from a light breeze in the canopy. At 9pm, right on cue, the long-tailed bats flitted past – right from the corridor where some of us had laid down on Friday night. So, after watching about 10 bats flit past, I boosted it towards where I thought they were leaving from. I got there at about 9.15pm, by which time I heard on the detector the last few bats dribbling out from a roost somewhere (calls in quick succession).

About 40 people attended to have a sau-

sage sizzle, watch Sarah's film 'Battling Extinction' and learn more about bats. Some of us even got to see who and bioluminescent fungi. Although many of us didn't get to see a black blob flitting past across the sky, there are certainly many locations within the Reserve that are worth hanging around at on a summer evening until dusk in order to hopefully spot a few.

Even on my way back to where I'd parked on Sunday night, I could hear bats flying past. To know that a critically endangered species is flitting about in the dark all around the Reserve is just awesome. The icing on the cake for me on Sunday night though was spotting a mouse run across the gravel road, which I then took the liberty in quickly squishing with my boot

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Long-tailed bats are roosting somewhere in the Owhango Reserve and local conservation enthusiasts have been spending time trying to find out where the roost trees are. Photo: Luke Easton. Inset: Long-tailed bats are roosting somewhere in the Owhango Reserve. Photo: Paul Robbins.

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Taumarunui Reuse Shop goes from strength to strength

Despite needing to close due to recent renovations, the Taumarunui Reuse shop still managed to divert a whopping 4.6 tonnes of waste in only nine days during April.

Sustainability facilitator Emily Jasmine said that the Reuse Shop successfully rehomed 2817 items in support of the Ruapehu's Waste Management and Minimisation Plan goals over this period.

"One of our increasingly popular reuse items is timber and other construction and demolition materials. People have been using these for all sorts of amazing projects such as greenhouses, woodsheds and chicken runs," she said.

"Thanks to the support from our customers we made \$4427.70, which will be reinvested into further site improvements.

"The current developments have included sealing of the carpark, which will

be a great help in minimising the mud and dust on site, keeping products clean and ensuring a more enjoyable shopping experience."

Emily said that she wanted to give a special shout-out and thanks to the Reuse Shop's volunteers.

"Without them we wouldn't have been able to achieve the progress we have made to date.

"Everyone is really looking forward to the new and improved facilities and we thank the community for their patience and support as we undertake these site improvements."

For the next few weeks, the Taumarunui Reuse Shop will have varied operating days while renovations are being completed – check the Taumarunui Reuse Shop Facebook page for the latest updates or call/text 027 203 1247.



People are making all sorts of amazing finds at the Taumarunui Reuse Shop. Georgie Opie purchased a plant holder and is happy to report that it looks great in her home.

Burn good quality wood for healthier communities

With winter closing in and warm home fires becoming more frequent, Horizons Regional Council is reminding the community of the importance of burning good quality, dry firewood.

Horizons environmental scientist Harold Barnett says burning green, wet or treated wood, or other household items including rubbish, plastics, oils and food scraps, can have a detrimental impact on both human health and the environment.

"When burnt these articles release undesirable chemicals, gases and fine particles into the air," he says.

"Burning only dry firewood instead creates

a warmer and more efficient home fire that will smoke less and emit fewer fine particles, leading to cleaner air and overall healthier communities."

Mr Barnett says air quality in the Horizons Region is generally pretty good when compared to other regions.

"However, we have some small towns such as Taihape, Taumarunui, Ohakune, Dannevirke and Pahiatua where air quality can be degraded on cold, still nights in winter because of a combination of topography, altitude and the use of home fires.

"That's why it's so important we all play our part in only burning good, dry wood, regardless

of where we live in the region. It's also why Horizons encourages the community to collect and store their firewood early so it can dry out in time for winter."

In addition to home heating, Mr Barnett says there are several things people should be aware of when burning outdoors on their properties.

"When burning rubbish or vegetation it's important to consider wind direction prior to lighting the fire to avoid the impact odour, smoke or particle matter may have on your neighbours," he says.

"Burning rubber, PVC, plastic, waste oil, treated or painted timber and agricultural waste in your

backyard is prohibited. We urge people to think about those around them before backyard burning and ensure they are doing all they can to be a good and considerate neighbour.

"For anyone who has concerns about outdoor burning in their area please call our Pollution Hotline on 0508 800 800. For concerns about smoky home fires please get in touch with your local city or district council."

For more information about good wood and backyard burning please visit Horizons' air quality page. To learn more about the national air quality picture please see lawa.org.nz.

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Public transport 'a nice to have', says Kirton

Recent carbon emission reduction plans for Public Transport are idealistic and aspirational but lack detail for lower populated areas such as the Ruapehu, says Weston Kirton, Horizons regional councillor and deputy chair of Passenger Transport.

He says: "show us the Government funds to address rural public transport."

"Rural towns cannot access good, reliable public transport based on a user-pays system and are forced to use cars to travel.

"The talk of inter-regional rail passenger transport hardly got a mention in the mother of all carbon reduction plans presented by the climate Change Minister James Shaw.

"I would have thought a rail network overhaul would have featured in the climate change funding priority, particularly the main trunk line between Auckland and Wellington which, although electrified, still uses diesel locomotives.

"The only hope for rural New Zealand is to lobby Central Government to get a share of the cake on public transport. I have no doubt passenger rail will play an important role in the reduction of emissions in future, something I will continue to advocate in local government."

Ohakune's Dr Perera visits



Ohakune's retired general practitioner Dr Gretian Perera visited Ohakune recently and was given a tour of the Ohakune Carrot Adventure Park. The now-London based doctor has been a strong financial supporter of the Carrot Park. Dave Scott, the driver of the project, said it was a great day spending time with his old friend and well-respected community doctor. Photo supplied.



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- RAL Pre-Season update
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- Visit Ruapehu update

**Thursday 26th May – 5pm
Powderhorn, Ohakune**

The meeting will run from 5pm to 7pm
A cash bar will be available.

RATING INFORMATION DATABASE

The Horizons Regional Council rating information database (RID) will be available from 31 May 2022.

The RID can be accessed online at www.horizons.govt.nz or at Regional House, 11-15 Victoria Avenue, Palmerston North, Monday to Friday between the hours of 8.00 am and 4.30 pm.

MJ McCartney
CHIEF EXECUTIVE



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PUBLIC NOTICES

Dog Fees & Charges 2022 - 2023



Non-Working Dogs

Entire dogs	\$ 145
Entire dogs (paid by 30 June)	\$ 97
Neutered dogs	\$ 100
Neutered dogs (paid by 30 June)	\$ 67
Responsible Dog Owner	\$ 38

Working Dogs

Working dog	\$ 33
Working dog – (paid by 30 June)	\$ 22

Hunting Dogs

Hunting dog	\$ 37
Hunting dog – (paid by 30 June)	\$ 25

*Note: the hunting dog classification applies only to dogs that are used for pig and deer hunting in the conservation estate – not water fowl hunting dogs.

Dangerous Dogs Classification

Dangerous Dog - Registration will be 150% of the level that would apply if the dog were not classified as a Dangerous Dog.

Dog Impounding

First impounding	\$ 80
Second impounding – all dogs	\$ 170
Third impounding – all dogs	\$ 285
Daily sustenance and care	\$ 15
Registration investigation	\$ 30
Surrender Fee	\$ 45

Other Fees

Dog replacement tags	\$ 3.50
Licence Fee for more than two dogs (excluding Rural zoning)	\$ 42
Micro-chipping	\$ 25
Hire of dog trap	per week \$ 21
	plus bond \$ 100
Replacement of Trap - Current cost of replacement value	
Seizure Fee (on top of impounding fee)	\$ 80

PUBLIC NOTICES

Section 101, Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act 2012

Pilla and Pilla Limited have made an application to the District Licensing Committee at Ruapehu District Council for the **Renewal of an On Licence** in respect of the premises situated at **10 Main Road, Waiouru** known as **Oasis Bar & Motel**. The general nature of the business to be conducted under the licence is that of a **Tavern**. The days on which and the hours during which alcohol is intended to be sold under the licence are: **Monday - Sunday: 8.00am – 1.00am the following day.**

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.

Any person who is entitled to object and who wishes to object to the issue of the licence may, not later than 15 working days after the date of the publication of this notice, file a notice in writing of the objection with the Secretary of the District Licensing Committee at Ruapehu District Council, Private Bag 1001, Taumarunui 3946.

No objections to the issue of a licence may be made in relation to a matter other than a matter specified in section 105(1) of the Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act 2012.

This is the first publication of this notice.

This is the second publication of this notice. This notice was first published on 18 May 2022.

MAYOR in WAIMARINO



Mayor Don Cameron is available to meet residents and ratepayers to talk about any issues or concerns at Ruapehu District Council offices in either Ohakune or Raetihi.

Arrangements can be made for people who are unable to travel to either office. To organise an appointment please call either Ohakune (06 385 8364) or Raetihi (06 385 4447).

PUBLIC NOTICES



Advisory Notice

Exercise Malaya

Combat School, Land Operations Training Centre of the New Zealand Army will be conducting a military exercise from Tuesday 31 May until Wednesday 15 June 2022. The exercise will be conducted in the Rangataua Forest area North East of Ohakune.

The Exercise will consist of up to 60 soldiers with weapons conducting blank firing activities.

Signage will be posted on main roads and tracks leading into the exercise area.

Inquiries regarding the exercise can be directed to:

**Warrant Officer Stephen Muschamp,
Combat School, Waiouru Military Camp,
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021 953 923**

MEETINGS

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

Wednesday, 1 June

9.30am Extraordinary Council (Public Excluded)

Tuesday, 7 June

11.00am Regional Transport Committee
7.00pm Manawatu River Users' Advisory Group

Thursday, 9 June

9.00am Regional Public Transport Plan Hearings

Wednesday, 15 June

9.30am Environment Committee

Monday, 20 June

10.00am Regional Public Transport Plan Deliberations

Tuesday, 21 June

10.00am Passenger Transport Committee

Tuesday, 28 June

9.30am Audit, Risk & Investment Committee

10.00am 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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PURSUANT to Schedule 10, Section 342 of the Local Government Act 1974 notice is hereby given that the Ruapehu District Council will close the below roads for the following event:

Event: Car Race Event – Targa New Zealand 2021
Road: Fields Track, 300 metres from its intersection with State Highway 4, left into Whangaehu Valley Road and its intersection with Burma Hill Road and finishing Whangaehu Valley Road, 1.5kms from its intersection with Ngamokai Road, near rapid number 530 Whangaehu Valley Road.

Date: Saturday 28 May 2022

Time: 7.45am to 12.15pm

Detour available: State Highway 4 – State Highway 49

Road: On Ngarimu Street at intersection with Tui Street, continuing onto Ohura Road, right into Ohakura Saddle Road and finishing at rapid number 51.

Date: Thursday 26 May 2022

Time: 11.50pm to 4.20pm

Detour available: Mangaparo Road – State Highway 43

Any concerns in regards to this event please contact Council on 07 895 8188.

It shall be an offence under the regulations for any person otherwise than under authority to use the street for ordinary vehicular traffic during the period of closure.

Trees key to controlling hill erosion, says Te Uru Rakau

The increasing frequency and severity of flooding events across the country is highlighting the critical importance of Te Uru Rakau – New Zealand Forest Service's erosion control initiatives.

"Loss of productive land through erosion has a significant impact on the environment, economy and local communities. So, while we can't prevent storms and floods happening, we can help mitigate against the impacts on people and livelihoods from slips

and erosion, in particular by planting trees," says Alex Wilson, grants and partnerships director, Forest Development, at Te Uru Rakau – New Zealand Forest Service.

Alex Wilson says erosion and its effects in hill country areas alone are estimated to cost New Zealand's economy \$250 million to \$350 million a year.

"Taking steps to reducing erosion in the upper areas of a catchment is much more cost effective than putting

in flood-control structures in the lower areas and cleaning up after a flood.

"Te Uru Rakau – New Zealand Forest Service works to protect farmland from storm damage by supporting farmers to plant trees to stabilise land, re-establish vegetation, or retire their most vulnerable areas.

"Not only does this work retain productive soils on farms, it also reduces sediment entering waterways and potential downstream damage. It is

particularly important to build on-farm resilience now in the face of a changing climate," Alex Wilson says.

The Sustainable Land Management Hill Country Erosion Programme is the Government's primary means of reducing soil loss on private land - through actively partnering with councils.

"Establishing partnerships between farmers, councils and Te Uru Rakau – New Zealand Forest Service are fundamental to the programme's success.

Since 2007, more than \$200 million has been invested in erosion control through the programme. This includes funding from central government, councils, and farmers.

"We encourage farmers to work with local councils through these voluntary programmes - plan how to best protect the vulnerable parts of your property and get support to take action."

Gisborne-Tairāwhiti is the latest region to suffer significant storm damage,

particularly in the township of Tokomaru Bay, which has been cut in half by damage to a bridge on the main highway.

"Tairāwhiti has a significant proportion of highly erodible land - three times higher than in other regions across New Zealand"

In recognition of the severe erosion problems in the Tairāwhiti district the Erosion Control Funding Programme (ECFP) was established in 1992," Alex Wilson says.

"Since that time, ECFP has partnered with Gisborne District Council to assist landowners in the planting or retirement of over 45,000ha of the most erodible land features in Gisborne.

"While this is a significant improvement, work still continues to reduce the impacts of erosion on the district; impacts most acutely felt by farmers and rural communities during heavy weather events, like the recent downpours on the east coast."

Evidence of Hill Country Erosion Programme (HCEP) initiatives leading to more sustainable land management can be found in a series of case studies around New Zealand, including in Hawke's Bay, Manawātū-Whanganui, Nelson, Waikato, and Greater Wellington.

Alex Wilson says the case studies clearly demonstrate how HCEP is funding the right tree in the right place for erosion control, helping to prevent erosion in hilly country, which means less sedimentation flowing downstream - and better water quality for Kiwis to enjoy.



CLASSIFIEDS Deadline 5pm Friday.

PUBLIC NOTICES

Protecting taonga species from local extinction in the Matemateaonga-Waitōtara Forest

EcoFX advises of its intention to undertake an aerial application of toxin Sodium Fluoroacetate (1080) to control predators in the Whanganui National Park and Waitōtara Conservation Area.

This Tiakina Ngā Manu operation is being undertaken on behalf of the Department of Conservation (DOC).

Why predator control

This work is to protect native species at risk. Our native lizards, frogs, insects, birds, and their eggs are decimated when rat populations get too high. Rats also compete with native animals for food and prevent growth of seedlings.

Large mature trees are killed because of heavy possum browsing, impacting the health of the forest ecosystem. Northern rātā, kāmahī and Hall's tōtara are favoured by possums and will die if possums are not periodically controlled to low densities. Possums also raid nests for eggs and chicks and compete with native animals for food. Reducing possum numbers allows the forest habitat to recover.

Description of the area

The Matemateaonga-Waitōtara operational area includes nationally significant populations of whio and Western brown kiwi as well as habitats that support other nationally and locally threatened species.

The operational area and adjoining forest form the second largest lowland forest remnant in the North Island.

The operational area is part Whanganui National Park and part Waitōtara Conservation Area between the Whangamomona River in the north, Whanganui River to the east, Waitōtara River to the west and Pokeka Stream to the south.

Method of predator control

Between 1 June 2022 and 31 August 2022, DOC and its contractor EcoFX will apply baits containing biodegradable 1080 over the area shown on the map. A non-toxic pre-feed bait will be applied first.

The cylindrical, toxic cereal bait pellets containing 1080 are approximately 2cm in diameter and are dyed green. Dyeing the pellets and adding a cinnamon lure attracts possums and rats but deters birds. Non-toxic pre-feed is also cylindrical and 2cm in diameter but are sandy in colour and do not contain dye.

Precautions

The pesticide is poisonous to humans and domestic animals.

Always remember:

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- WATCH CHILDREN at all times
- DO NOT EAT animals from this area
- Toxic baits and carcasses are DEADLY to DOGS

Observe these rules whenever you see warning signs placed at the public access ways in the above areas. Warning signs indicate that pesticide residues may still remain in baits and carcasses, possibly for more than six months.



If you suspect poisoning

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PUKAWA MARAE TRUSTEE AGM

Venue: Pukawa Marae

Date: Sunday, 12 June 2022

12pm Registrations & Lunch

1pm Karakia
Previous Minutes
Chairman Report
Finance Report
General Business
Election Process - Trustee Nominations
Karakia Whakamutunga

Rakeipoho Tairaoa – Chairman

The Committee Meeting will be held prior to the Trustee Hui at 10am.

Current Covid restrictions will apply, masks will be made available at the hui, please stay at home if you are unwell.



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Saturday 28 May 2022
9am Pōwhiri for Iwi and community
9.30am Rā Whakanui re-opening service
11am Kai

As the Marae commitment to protecting our whakapapa, please arrive early to undertake a RAT test with our team. The station will be located in the car park. If you are sick please stay home. Face masks will be required to be worn.

Quiet fire month

April was a much quieter month for the Ohakune Volunteer Fire Brigade, with only 12 incidents to attend. They included four private fire alarm calls, two structure fires, four vegetation fires, one medical assist and one motor vehicle crash. "With the colder months approaching we urge all motorists to properly clear their windscreens of frost before attempting to drive," says the Brigade.



Matthew Laurenson and Emma Rowe provided the wins for the Central District Squash Senior Team to take the Leevey Shield on the weekend. Photo supplied.

Trophy win for Ohakune squash

During the weekend Ohakune Squash Club hosted the Central District and Waikato District senior teams as they contested the Inter-district Leevey Shield. Each district puts forward six men and six women from their districts' top players. Each player plays two matches. After the first round of games, Waikato had a two match lead. The Central players needed to lift things slightly for the second round and they did. With good wins from both the local players in the Central side, Emma Rowe and Matthew Laurenson, it all came down to the last match, with Central emerging victors 11/10 overall to retain the Leevey Shield until next year's fixture scheduled for Taumarunui.

Last week's interhouse results were: Team six beat

team one 87-72, team seven beat team three 92-75, team four beat team two 89-77 and team five had the bye. The draw for this Thursday: at 5:00pm team one plays team three, at 6:30 team seven plays team five and at 8:00pm team six plays team four. Team two has the bye. Team one helps with kitchen duties for the first half from 5:00 until 7:15 and team six is on the second half from 7:15 to 9:30.

Ruapehu Zone Interclub results from last week had Ruapehu College One travel to and beat Taumarunui 3 matches to 1. Interclub draw for Tuesday next week has Rustic Waiouru hosting Taumarunui, Ruapehu College One hosts Ohakune and Turangi hosts Ruapehu College Two. This will complete the first round of matches.

Ohakune house project progress



The Moore Street, Ohakune, housing project is progressing well, with the aim to have the new community housing units completed by August this year. The social housing is funded by Central Government, on land owned by the Ruapehu District Council, with the RDC managing the project. Alongside the project, the driveway to the existing flats (to the left of the picture) is to be resealed.

Update to DOC Covid rules

Covid-19 rules around visitors to Department of Conservation properties have now been suspended, reports DOC.

In December, DOC introduced a Workplace Vaccination Policy for all visitors, contractors, and suppliers to DOC facilities, in accordance with its health and safety risk assessment.

This policy was suspended on 4 May, meaning visitors were no longer required to present a valid My Vaccine Pass on entry to a DOC workplace.

"It remains important to follow public health measures like masking, social distancing, and not coming to our DOC facilities if you are unwell," stated DOC.

Pike challenge kids make the Lakes



Some of Ohakune's William Pike Challenge pupils at Tama Lakes recently - one of their outdoors challenges. See Page 2 for details.

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