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## A ski area plan by Christmas

The administrators of the financially troubled Ruapehu Alpine Lifts have said they are working on a plan to put together a 'new vehicle' to run the Whakapapa and Tūroa ski areas.

Administrator John Fisk told Radio New Zealand yesterday that the ANZ and the Government have provided a \$4m loan to retain staff and carry out maintenance work on the fields so they are ready for the 2023 snow season.

"This gives us time to put together a plan for the best possible opportunity to open again in 2023," he said.

"We've made some good progress."

This will allow them to retain staff and prepare the ski season, including carrying out maintenance needed, especially on Tūroa.

He said there are about 60 staff still employed and that they need them to stay, that they have a lot of institutional knowledge on how to run the ski areas.

"The loan gives us some breathing space."

He said Ruapehu Alpine Lifts would not be viable in future and a new plan would not involve the company.

"We're not going to be handing

the company back to the existing shareholders and management. There's just too much debt in the company."

It will be ultimately up to creditors to accept the proposal that the administrators put together, or liquidate the company.

Mr Fisk said they are negotiating with all stakeholders including local iwi, the Department of Conservation, local district councils and the government, as well as Life Pass Holders.

Asked about the prospect of Life Pass Holders providing financial support, Mr Fisk said they are "absolutely key" to the process.

He also said a season pass sale, possibly in February or March, will be needed to help fund the 2023 season operations.

Other possible investors include local businesses and some South Island ski area operators.

Mr Fisk said they haven't yet gone out to those parties but there has been some enquiries and that "they could be part of the future".

Mr Fisk said they are "very much focussed" on the ski areas continuing to operate.

They were looking for a long-term solution to the operation of the ski area.

## Hills alive with young runners



**Waimarino Primary School boys head off after the start of their cross country race at Orautoha School on Friday. Schools from around the area converged on Orautoha for the annual event - this year dominated by Ohakune Primary School. See inside for more. Photo: Rebecca Mead.**

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# Overwhelming support for Te Ara Mangawhero

Submissions on the Te Ara Mangawhero project were almost unanimously in support, with one neutral submission and none opposed to it, reports the Department of Conservation.

The Ngāti Rangi led development of Te Ara Mangawhero, the 21.3km walking and cycling trail, connecting Tūroa to Ohakune was open for submissions until 20 October.

Despite no opposition to the project, DOC says a hearing will have to be held, probably within the next three weeks.

DOC said most submitters have withdrawn their request to be held, but not all.

Submissions in support of the application included individuals and businesses as well as organisations and iwi members.

Many submitters commented that the project would be of benefit to the local economy and also to local employment, especially iwi, which would be ongoing with work on maintenance of the trail as well as guiding and in local businesses supporting mountain biking.

Others commented that the trail would be a safety improvement, taking bikes off the Ohakune Mountain road.

Ex-Ruapehu District Council councillor Murray Wilson, who has also worked on National Park trails, supports the project.

"Being personally familiar with the route of the trail being constructed over previous bush tramlines and walking tracks I am confident the effects will be minimal to the environment.

"It is heartening that Ngāti Rangi is leading this part of the Mountains to Sea project which will provide opportunities for construction and maintenance work and the upskilling of workers. Te Ara Mangawhero will help to ensure that the Ngāti Rangi story is shared and understood."

Bike Taupō supports the project, stating that it will be

an important riding and walking experience within the Central North Island for locals and visitors alike.

"The route of the trail and its design respects the important environmental and cultural values of the site.

"The development of the proposed trail will have a beneficial impact on the central north island as a riding destination. "The trail will provide a unique rider experience that is not found anywhere else in New Zealand. It will be very popular and will result in positive benefits to the local communities as well as NZ which is fast becoming a world-renowned bike destination."

#### Other comments included:

"My whānau and I fully support this awesome proposal to have a walking and bike track from Ohakune to Tūroa. What a great asset it will be to the township, businesses and

tangata whenua

"Can't wait to see it completed."

"Removing walkers and bikers from the Turoa road will improve safety on the road."

"It's a much needed resource for the community. It's a fantastic environment to connect with, but the main Ohakune Mountain Road can be dangerous at some times of the year. "Having an option to explore outside of the road corridor would be ideal."

"Mountain biking is a clear and obvious alternative to snow activities and will be a summer and winter drawcard to support the regional economy."

"Ngāti Rangi will ensure that the whenua is cared for during the development. This development will provide mahi for local people. This will provide the opportunity for economic development for our region. Te Ara Mangawhero will help to ensure that the Ngāti Rangi narrative is shared with and understood by visitors to our region and locals alike."

"It will be a beautiful experience for many people to travel from the alpine environment above the bushline, through the mountain beech forest, then podocarp forest right down to Ohakune. I believe it would be valuable to educate users on these different environments, as well as the relevance of the

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## Whakapapa spill

A sewage spill occurred at Whakapapa on Saturday, the *Bulletin* has been advised. No details were available at the time of going to print at midday on Tuesday, but the *Bulletin* understands it involved the Department of Conservation, not Ruapehu Alpine Lifts. We will post further information on the *Bulletin* Facebook page when it becomes available.

## What's on around Ruapehu

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## Kirton calls for GHG fight

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meeting at The Centre, Seddon Street, Raetihi on 9 November at 6:30pm, to help those in the Southern Ruapehu to be informed of what is happening.

He is also in contact with other rural mayors throughout New Zealand encouraging them to get involved.

"When you consider the sheep and beef sector contributes to a large part of the district employment and our economy, any disruption has a domino effect to the whole social and business community."

Ruapehu Federated Farmers president Luke Pepper says Ruapehu is in the heart of sheep and beef country, and he supports Mr Kirton's willingness to lead the charge. He says he believes it is the right thing to do and that Ruapehu is in the firing line and must go hard.

"It is important that our mayor is on board."



# Waiata rocks Ruapehu swearing-in

By Moana Ellis, Local Democracy Reporter

Karanga, haka and waiata rang out and an atmosphere of joy and celebration marked the introduction of Māori wards to Ruapehu District Council on Wednesday.

A packed Council Chamber of whānau and supporters witnessed the elected members take their oath of office in Taumarunui following a pōwhiri at Ngāpuwaiwaha Marae.

Three Māori ward councillors were sworn in at the council's inaugural meeting alongside the new mayor and six councillors elected to general seats.

Korty Wilson, Channey Iwikau and Fiona Kahukura Hadley-Chase took their oath of office in Te Reo, as did third-term councillor Viv Hoeta, who was elected to a general seat.

New mayor Weston Kirton named the Raetihi-based Hoeta as his deputy.

Four of the council's 10 elected members are Māori, and seven councillors are female.

Kirton said it was 21 years since he last served as mayor and before that on the Taumarunui Borough Council, when Sir Archie Taiaroa was deputy mayor.

Hoeta acknowledged former mayor Don Cameron, now retired, for setting the path to Māori seats.

"This is history, breaking history and it's wonderful that our mokopuna are part of it to see how to vote and what their vote counts for, and what our people can achieve when we walk as one. This will be a learning curve for all of us at the table.

"I just want to acknowledge the milestone we are making today. This is just the beginning for all of us."

Hoeta acknowledged the non-Māori elected members, Robyn Gram, Janelle Hinch, Lyn Neeson, Rabbit Nottage and Brenda Ralph, saying "welcome to the whānau."

Hadley-Chase, who advocated for Māori wards in the Ruapehu district and for Horizons Regional Council, said it was a special day for the rohe.

"Māori wards has been a fight for us, Māori wards has been an opportunity for Ruapehu District Council for 20 years and it took til 2022 for us to realise that. I really want to acknowledge our kuia, the kuia that have stood fast with us, encouraged us day after day to get up and keep on fighting and pushing for what we need for our communities."

Fourth-term councillor Nottage thanked the crowd for their welcome, the pōwhiri and the singing. He told the new council and gallery he had never seen scenes like Wednesday's, noting the curtains of the

council chamber were open and, for the first time in his memory, "letting in sunlight".

After he spoke, new Māori ward councillor Wilson took up a guitar and led the entire chamber, including former mayor Cameron, council staff and the gallery, in singing 'You are my Sunshine'.

(Editor's note: Rabbit Nottage later told the *Bulletin* that he thought they might sing *Oma Rāpeti* – the te reo Māori version of *Run Rabbit*.)

Kirton told the new council he was looking forward to working with what was a diverse and talented group.

"While we have many challenges ahead as a council, I am keen to explore the individual goals and

aspirations of each elected member," he said.

"I am hopeful that my own aspirations and goals will align with the majority of ideas and thoughts on council so that we can collectively make decisions that move our wonderful district forward.

"From what I heard from people during the election campaign, housing, health and wellbeing, youth employment, transport and local roads are some of the areas of notable concern to our community.

"I would encourage people to stay engaged with council and talk regularly with your elected members to help us make the best decisions on your behalf."

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**Raetihi-based third-term councillor Vivienne Hoeta is Ruapehu District Council's Deputy Mayor for the 2022-2025 triennium. She is with chief executive Clive Manley (left), and mayor Weston Kirton.**

## Kirton calls for fight on emissions proposal

The Government should 'back off' rural areas with its greenhouse gas reduction plan, says Ruapehu District mayor Weston Kirton.

He invites Waimarino residents to a meeting organised by RDC and Federated Farmers in Raetihi next week.

He is supporting Federated Farmers in objecting to the greenhouse reduction plan for agriculture released by the Government last month, which is now up for public submission. If introduced, it aims to cut back New Zealand's sheep and beef farm-

ing by 20% and dairy by 5%, with farmers planting trees on that land.

Federated Farmers, along with other agricultural organisations, have worked alongside the government over the past two years to come up with a workable emissions plan and Kirton says they are shocked by what the Government has put forward.

National Federated Farmers president Andrew Hoggard has said small towns like Wairoa, Pahiatua, Taumarunui, along with pretty much all of the East Coast Central

North Island, and top of the South, will be surrounded by pine trees.

Mr Kirton says the proposal has some alarming social and economic consequences for Ruapehu, with government "not far off from ripping the heart out of the rural community" in its bid to lead the world in pricing agriculture emissions.

The proposal got next to no support from a public meeting in Taumarunui last Thursday night, organised by Ruapehu Federated Farmers president Luke Pepper and attended by 300 people.

It was at this meeting that Mr Kirton said he would be instructing council to come up with a submission against the proposal as it stands.

"We need to demonstrate strong opposition and, as a community, we need to speak out and say, 'back off' and allow the agricultural sector to work through a fairer methodology that protects vulnerable communities like Ruapehu."

Mr Kirton, along with Federated Farmers, have arranged a follow-up public

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## Letters

### Groundswell and greenhouse gases

• Our Groundswell people would do well to look at the Bible. It summarises a lesson learnt from centuries of different farming styles in the saying that you cannot serve both 'Mammon' and 'God' at the same time.

Putting that into today's speech, ancient farmers learnt that one could be motivated by the spirit of making as much money as possible, heedless of the consequences, or by the spirit of long-term care of all other living things; but not by both spirits at the same time.

For the last 50 years, our high school biology students have been taught the need to care for all other living things, because the many interacting feedbacks in complex ecosystems, as in our pre-European rainforests and wetlands, gave long-term stability.

But British colonists and their descendants have been most interested in serving Mammon, destroying most of our country's forests and wetlands, and replacing them with primitive and unstable grass/sheep-cattle/human monoculture.

We were warned many decades ago that excessive carbon gases in the air would cause extremes of heat, and consequently, extremes of rainfall and drought. These are now beginning to destabilise degraded ecosystems worldwide.

Fortunately, the world's oceans have been absorbing 90% of this ever-increasing greenhouse heat, although ocean temperatures will reach equilibrium before too long. Air temperatures will then rise very rapidly, bringing searing droughts and massive downpours that will create huge slips on backcountry hillsides protected only by dry grass, leaving river flats covered in mud and the Parapara highway permanently closed.

Hill country farmers may find it economically much more profitable to switch (as soon as possible) from pastoral hill farming to honey, hardwood, tourist and carbon credit farming, because reforestation will protect their hills and grassy river flats from coming deluges.

The government's carbon tax could be the incentive that saves their lands from ruin.

John Archer, Ohakune

## Pink ribbon lunch 'stunning'

Ngāti Rangi volunteers put on a pink spread last week, for a fundraising lunch for the Pink Ribbon charity that raises money for breast cancer help and research.

The organisers thanked the kaikōrero (speakers) who shared their breast journey and to the wahine toa (brave women) throughout the

community who may be going through or have come through a breast cancer journey.

"Our aroha is with you and your whānau, please know that we are here to support, don't be whakamā (shy) to reach out".

"Thank you to our community who have supported this important kaupapa, who have

donated, brought raffles and shown support in other ways, it is truly appreciated."

The organisers urged women to make sure they book in for their regular mammogram and undertake regular breast checks.

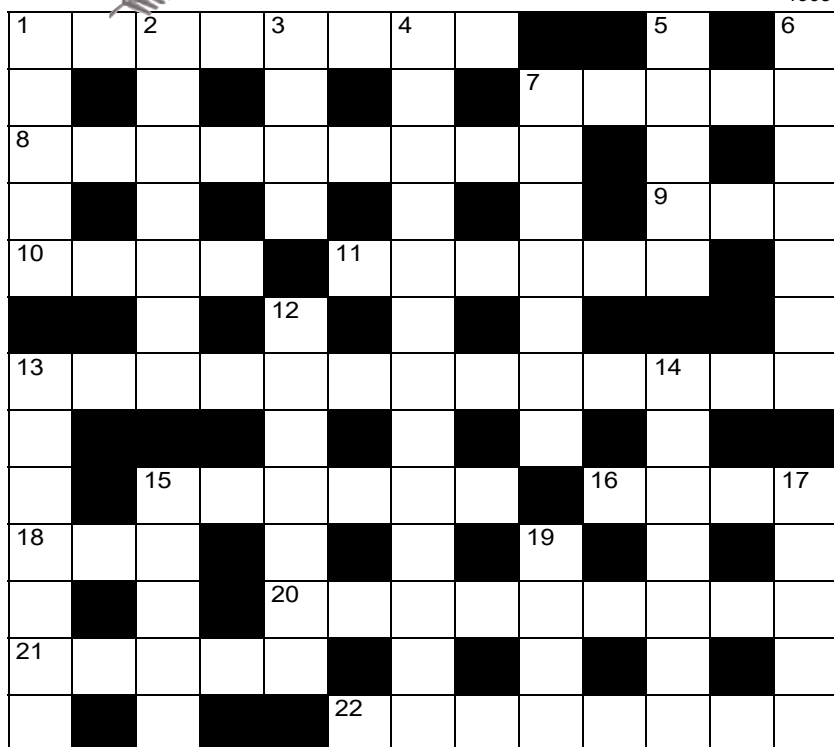
"Early detection can make a huge difference," says Pink Ribbon.



Volunteers put on a pink spread to support the Pink Ribbon appeal last week.

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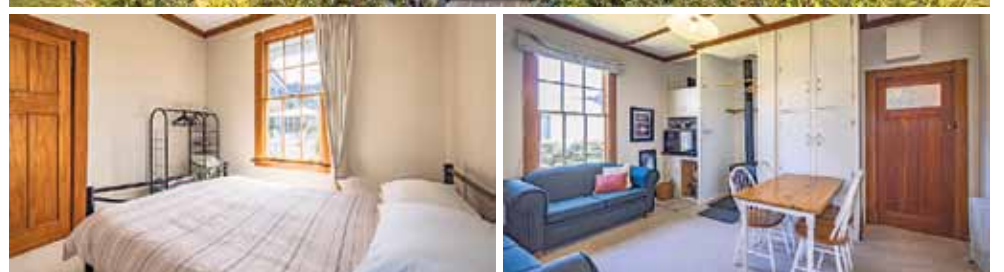
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# Museum tells rainbow warriors' stories

Rainbow Warriors – a photographic exhibition telling the stories of 25 lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender, former and contemporary personnel from the New Zealand Defence Force (NZDF) – will have an extended run over summer at the National Army Museum Te Mata Toa, Waiouru.

The exhibition was developed in 2019 as part of Pride 25, a series of events commemorating 25 years of LGBTQ+ personnel serving openly in the NZDF, and recognising the journey of the NZDF from exclusion to becoming a world leader in military LGBTQ+ inclusion.

The exhibition includes large portrait images accompanied by individual personal stories, each of them both inspirational



**Rainbow Warriors is a photographic exhibition that tells the stories of 25 lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender, former and contemporary personnel from the NZDF**



**Warrant Officer Annie Clarkson says the Rainbow Warriors photo exhibition at the National Army Museum will extend over summer**

and poignant.

Warrant Officer Annie Clarkson of NZDF's OverWatch Group contacted the National Army Museum in Waiouru to see if it would like to exhibit them. OverWatch supports the unique needs of the Defence Force's LGBTIQ staff – both in uniform and civilian, and provides education to its leaders so they understand different sexualities and gender identities.

Warrant Officer Clarkson said the response from the National Army Museum was amazing and the exhibition opened last month. It will run until the end of January next year to ensure more schools will have the opportunity to visit, as well as the general public.

"It was great to see the portraits up and being viewed by so many people, including overseas visitors. The images are very powerful and the stories inspiring, some of them a bit heart-breaking to start with.

"The hope is that it will show people outside of the military how far we have come and that we now fully support our Rainbow Community. It will inspire some of the newer generation to join up with no fear, knowing they will be encouraged to bring their whole selves to the workplace."

From the National Army Museum, Warrant Officer Clarkson will be transporting the portraits and stories to Auckland and the Navy Museum and then hopefully at other museums.

"I definitely don't want any of them going back into the closet any time soon."

The National Army Museum is open 9am to 4.30pm daily. See [www.armymuseum.co.nz](http://www.armymuseum.co.nz).



**Councillor Nottage – I would like to thank all my friends and supporters for giving me a 4<sup>th</sup> term on the Ruapehu District Council. Always happy for a chat!**

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# A future for Ruapehu snow sports with climate change?

By Robert Milne

With overwhelming evidence that human-induced climate change is not only a thing, but already here, some commentators are doing a Chicken Little and claiming the Sky Waka is falling.

But NIWA scientists have countered this.

“New climate modelling shows seasonal snow levels at New Zealand ski areas will be reduced by the effects of climate change in the coming years, but the good news is the loss may actually be less than originally anticipated and we should be able to continue to make snow, even under a more extreme climate scenario,” states NIWA in its report published on its website.

But Otago University associate professor Sara Walton said recently that she was “gobsmacked” that Ruapehu Alpine Lifts, an organisation that relied on a natural resource affected by warming, had no mention of climate change in its latest annual report.

However, the company most definitely had developed plans to mitigate the effects of climate change, in its 10-year indicative development plans.

With the possible demise of Ruapehu Alpine Lifts, a new company taking on the ski areas should have access to these plans.

And the effects of the climate crisis has been discussed around the maunga for many years.

Climate scientists presented to the Ruapehu District Council in the 1980s, 90s, 2000s and 2010s on how climate change will affect the district, including its ski fields. The gist of the advice was that snow lines would rise and that snow seasons would be more extreme – bad years would be worse, but good years could see a lot more snow.

## Rising snow line

The snow line has definitely risen. In the 80s and 90s, the winter snowline was regularly down to Massey Flat on the Tūroa side, but is now often just below the car parks. This year it was well up the first chairlifts.

Tūroa’s Indicative Development Plan 2019-2029 includes measures to cope with climate change on the slopes, as does the Whakapapa Ski Area Facilities Management Plan 2018.

In the Whakapapa plan, developments designed

to help mitigate climate change effects included the Sky Waka Gondola as well as extensive snowmaking.

“RAL’s strategic planning and investment ... has been based around use of snow making and other snow management practises that will ensure a full winter snow season will continue to be available and will provide for skiing and snowboarding within the existing ski area boundaries, even under the current worst case climate change predictions, for the next 60 to 100 years,” stated the report.

## Turoa plan

On the Tūroa side, it has been clear for some time that the Alpine Meadow and base area was going to become more vulnerable to low snow years.

This knowledge is reflected in the Tūroa Indicative Development Plan 2019- 2029.

While work on the Whakapapa plan was well under way before the pandemic – the snow factory at Happy Valley, the Sky Waka Gondola and more snowmaking – Tūroa’s redevelopment was yet to start.

The Tūroa plan was to replace two aged fixed-grip chairlifts at the base area with a gondola “to mitigate the effects of climate change and to enhance skier safety and quality”.

The gondola to Blyth Flat would allow groups of children to travel together with their instructor more safely than on a chairlift.

It would also allow skiers the ability to transfer downhill to the base area in the event that snow conditions below that level are insufficient for safe skiing.

It would improve the performance and passenger safety in high wind, reducing the number of closed days. With low snow years, the operators have often had to close the field much earlier, before winds increase, to ensure all skiers and snowboarders can download safely before the chairlift is not safe to operate.

“The Gondola ... is specifically designed for skiers to support the improved level of service and safety required by skiers at Tūroa while providing a quality skier experience even in years with poor snow cover,” states the plan.

Tūroa management have said in the past that it will become harder and harder to keep the Alpine Meadow beginner ski area operating, as warming continues.

This would see the need to move the beginner and intermediate areas moved up the slopes, to the Wintergarden area.

“The lower disused portion of the Alpine Meadow is likely to be returned to parking space over time due to climate-change impacts in warm seasons making it difficult to retain snow. This area has previously been used as carpark and is serviced by an existing concrete road,” states the Plan.

It is clear that climate change will affect skiing on Mt Ruapehu in the future and that it already has.

But there is still potential for many more years of skiing on the Tūroa and Whakapapa slopes.

During one of the past discussions with climate scientists and the Ruapehu District Council, it was pointed out that Mt Ruapehu’s ski areas are higher than South Island fields. Tūroa’s base, for example, is at a similar altitude as Coronet Peak’s summit. Tūroa has a vertical rise of around 700 metres, whereas most South Island fields have a vertical rise of only 400m. The Remarkables Ski Area has a vertical rise of only 330m.

The view was that Mt Ruapehu would see a higher snow line with climate change, but had a lot of snow-fields higher up to utilise in low snow years.

There has been a lot of comment that 2022 has been a disastrous snow season – hard to argue too much with that – but there are still many, many people who had some great skiing and snowboarding this season.

## NIWA’s take

NIWA says that on average, at nearly all elevation levels, there will be a gradual decrease in snow (including duration, and mean maximum snow accumulation) as the century progresses.

NIWA snow and ice scientist Dr Jordy Hendrikx says the new modelling confirms results from similar international studies.

“From these results we expect to see a gradual change in snow levels but fortunately for New Zealand, we are unlikely to see the more extreme impacts predicted in Europe and Australia. Our modelling shows that the loss may actually be less than originally anticipated and we should be able to continue to make snow, even under a more extreme climate scenario, right out to the 2090s. What’s really exciting about

this work is that we can now give New Zealand ski areas detailed, localised information they can use to better undertake long term planning for the future changes to natural snow levels.”

## Diversifying

The skifields have also been criticised for not diversifying, to spread the risk from climate change.

Waikato Management School professor Eva Collins climbed in.

“Covid has compounded the climate change,” she said. “They weren’t going to get out of the climate change risk, but it probably put the climate change risk on steroids to add Covid to it,” she told RNZ.

She said it was curious climate change hadn’t been identified as a risk by the skifield operator, something which undergraduate students had been concerned about some years ago when using the company as a case study.

This comment also ignores the goals of the indicative development plans.

While the company had recently developed the Sky Waka gondola, which could be used year round, it needed to invest in alternative revenue sources sooner, she said.

However, this has not been possible for RAL.

Overseas, many ski areas switch to mountain bike parks in the summer but this is not possible on Mt Ruapehu – the Tongariro National Park management plan does not allow for mountain biking on the ski areas.

Also, it is generally understood that RAL’s company constitution that it is not allowed to invest off the mountain – all profits must be spent on developments on the ski area.

Hopefully, a positive outcome of the problems for RAL will be to ditch this restriction to allow the company to diversify off the mountain, although this idea is likely to be debated among long-term skiers and snowboarders.

## Mitigation

There are positive signs that the ski areas will survive this current financial crisis, if not RAL itself. It would also be positive if the indicative development plans are taken up again, with climate change mitigation measures strengthened even more.

# “BACK OFF”!

## Leave our Farmers alone

The Government has released a consultation document outlining how it proposes to price agricultural Greenhouse gases from 2025.

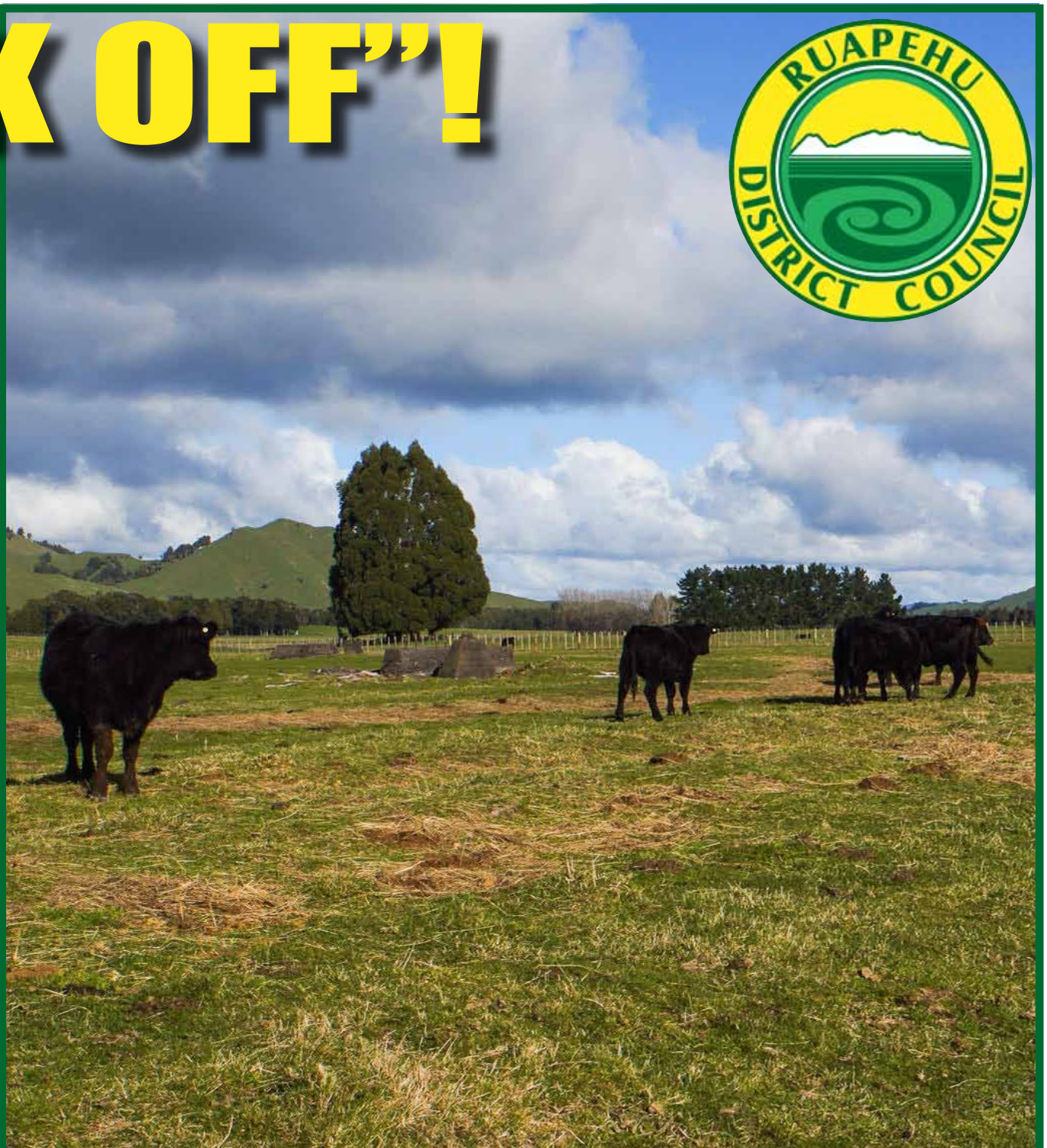
If passed as it stands, Mayor Weston Kirton says it will devastate Ruapehu.

The Mayor, supported by Federated Farmers, has called a public meeting to be held on 9 November at 6.30 at The Centre Raetihi

If you live in Ruapehu this will affect you – support this meeting. Council will be submitting to this document and you need to get on board.

**Public meeting  
9 November – 6.30  
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# Alpine hikers rescued

At around midnight on Sunday 23 October, two people attempting the Tongariro Alpine Crossing were rescued by a Land Search and Rescue team and helicopter.

The pair called for help after they became exhausted and realised the track was beyond their abilities.

Police, Land Search & Rescue New Zealand, Department of Conservation, and Ngāti Hikairo ki Tongariro are reminding those planning trips into the outdoors to choose the right track for their ability and to be prepared.

“As the weather improves and people look to head out into the mountains, it’s important to keep the Land Safety Code in mind,” says Senior

Constable Barry Shepherd. “We want people to remember their day out for all the right reasons, not because they had a miserable time and had to be rescued.”

Te Ngahe Wainikau of Ngāti Hikairo ki Tongariro says “respect the Maunga, respect yourself, and respect your personal safety.

“When we enter this domain, we should do so with the primary focus being our safety and preparedness.

“The cost of each rescue is not just financial, the cost is also the pain inflicted on your loved ones, the anguish of companions, the potential danger and trauma experienced by the rescue teams, and the mamae of Tangata Whenua.



A woman who was injured at the Mt Ruapehu summit was flown off the mountain in the Greenlea Rescue Helicopter on Saturday morning, 22 October.

# Horizons Council officially sworn in



Michael McCartney, Horizons CEO, congratulates Rachel Keedwell on retaining the chair of the regional council.

The new Horizons Regional Council was officially sworn in for the next triennium following a pōwhiri in Palmerston North last week, with Rachel Keedwell again taking the chair.

Horizons chief executive Michael McCartney says the event was particularly special as it included welcoming two councillors who represent Māori constituencies.

“As Te Tiriti o Waitangi partners we are excited to have Raki (north) and Tonga (south) Māori councillors join us at the decision-making table,” says Mr McCartney.

“They joined three new peers and nine returning councillors to be officially sworn into council. This included signing a Local Government Act declaration, which provides them with the ability to act in the councillor role.”

Following the declarations, the inaugural council meeting commenced with the election of chair Rachel Keedwell who thanked the councillors for their support.

“As councillors our role of environmental stewardship is really important and it is critical that we get it right for future generations,” she says.

“As we sit around this table we must keep at the forefront of our minds that we’re here to work together and make decisions for the benefit of the region. I look forward to sharing that journey with you and what we can achieve together.”

Cr Jono Naylor was also elected as deputy chair. Horizons Regional Council is made up of: Turuhia (Jim) Edmonds (Raki Māori); Nikki Riley (Ruapehu); Alan Taylor and David Cotton (Whanganui); Bruce Gordon and Gordon McKellar (Manawatu-Rangitikei); Te Kenehi Teira (Tonga Māori); Fiona Gordon, Rachel Keedwell, Jono Naylor, and Wiremu Te Awe Awe (Palmerston North); Allan Benbow (Taranaki); Emma Clarke and Sam Ferguson (Horowhenua).



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# National title for Ohakune squash player



Jayden Bailey, left, and Grace Burnard with National Squash F/J Grade champion Matthew Smith. Photo supplied.

Ohakune Squash Club player Matthew Smith is the national F/J Grade men's champion after his visit to Invercargill on the weekend.

Three club members travelled there to compete in the individual graded national finals. To get that far, they had earlier won their respective graded club champs and then gone on to Inglewood to win the Central District event.

Jayden Bailey was contesting the men's B grade title and finished sixth, Grace Burnard was contesting the women's B grade title and finished fourth, whilst best result came from Matthew Smith who won all his games to take the national F/J grade men's title.

All three were part of the central district team and contributed to Central winning the overall trophy for best district ahead of Auckland in second and host side Southland in third. Next year the national finals will be hosted by the Northland district at Whangarei.

Results from last Thursday's round of inter-house: team four beat team two 117-103, team six beat team three 120-110 and team one beat team five 115-97. Total points to date are still close with one round to go: Team six 459, team one 455, team five 431, team four 424, team two 421 and team three 407.

Draw for the final round this Thursday is at 5:00pm team four plays team six, at 6:30pm team two plays team five and at 8:00pm team one plays team six. Team four is looking after the kitchen from 5pm and team one takes over at 7pm.

# Overwhelming support for Te Ara Mangawhero trail project

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Mountain to local Māori. I would love to explore the track myself, because the current way of using the road to cycle down makes me feel very vulnerable to traffic."

"I would very much appreciate the opportunity for Ruapehu Worx to succeed in this mahi. Not only will they tend to all the Wairua tikanga and physical tikanga, they will also take care of what is surrounding them, by way of making sure they are not removing unnecessary foliage. It is only right that this opportunity be given to Uri of this land. Ngati Rangi, Ruapehu Worx are the Tangata Whenua of this whenua. They will have the whole lwi guiding them, supporting them in this mahi."

"I want to bring my young children up in a place where the outdoors is on our doorstep and can be enjoyed. I want to be able to teach them about the great outdoors and arm them with skills that will last a lifetime and bring them joy such as hiking, mountain biking, camping, and education (such as flora and fauna and outdoor survival skills). To achieve this, suitable access such as the proposed trail is absolutely necessary."

"People are attracted to the outdoor recreational opportunities provided by the Ruapehu District, and the formation of the Old Coach Road is testament to this. There is significant scope in the District to build on this success, and this proposal is doing exactly that. This proposal is also important as it is part of the M2C trail, which has been in development for a number of years. In many respects, this is one of the more important sections as it will link the Mountain to the rest of the trail. It will also become an important stand-alone section, similar to the Old Coach Road, in that it will be an attraction in its own right. Overall, it's my view that any negative impacts of the proposal would be vastly outweighed by the benefits of the proposal."

**Concerns**

The one neutral submission was from the Tongariro Tramping Club.

"While the Tongariro Tramping Club remains neutral on development of Phase 1 of this project, we want to indicate our interest in the Heritage assessment."

"We have concerns re: the risk to heritage aspects of any old working on sections of the Old Blyth track. We want to indicate our interest in the Heritage assessment. In addition we note that the Ecological assessment of whole route identifies that while Phase 1 may be relatively low risk, Phase 2 will be very different and TTC wants to signal it will be opposing that phase of development."



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**Section 101, Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act 2012**

**Derek Allomes Trading Limited** have made an application to the District Licensing Committee at Ruapehu District Council for the **Renewal and Variation of an On Licence** in respect of the premises situated at **29 Goldfinch Street, Ohakune** known as **Out of Order (formerly known as The Blind Finch Hamburgeria)**. The variation of conditions refers to the following: That the licenced area be extended to include an outdoor area adjacent to the main building and that the latest licenced hour be extended to 2.00am the following day. The general nature of the business to be conducted under the licence is that of a **Restaurant/Bar**. The days on which and the hours during which alcohol is intended to be sold under the licence for this area are: **Monday to Sunday: 8.00am – 2.00am 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 renewal of a licence may be made in relation to a matter other than a matter specified in section 131 of the Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act 2012.

This is the second publication of this notice. This notice was first published on 26 October 2022.



**Advisory Notice**

**Military Exercise**

**The Senior NCO Wing of Army Command School will be conducting EXERCISE KALAMAI in the Rangataua Forest area over the period 14 – 23 Nov 2022. The exercise will involve up to 32 personnel.**

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**PUBLIC NOTICES**

**KING COUNTRY TRUST PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO TRUST DEED**

The King Country Trust (**Trust**) is currently governed by a Deed of Trust dated 3 May 2022 (**Deed**). The Trust holds income and capital and must be held by the trustees on the terms of the Trust. The Trust holds approximately 25 percent of shares in King Country Energy Limited (**King Country Energy**).

The trustees have applied to the High Court for directions that the Trustees have the necessary powers to amend the Deed to incorporate the Outstanding Amendments and that it is proper and lawful for the trustees to adopt those amendments.

Any party wishing to oppose the application or appear for an ancillary purpose is required by **19 December 2022** to file and serve a statement of defence or appearance along with evidence (if any) in support.

This is notice to the Consumers of the trustees' application to the High Court and provides details of how Consumers can review relevant documents, obtain further information, provide comments or be heard in relation to the application.

The beneficiaries of the Trust are, in broad terms, persons who are named in the records of the Lines Company Limited (**Lines Company**) as persons whose premises are connected to the Lines Company's lines network within the southern part of the King Country region (**Consumers**).

On 25 March 2022, the Trustees approved a number of amendments to the Deed after conducting a public consultative procedure. The Trustees' approval for some amendments was subject to them applying to the High Court for directions that the amendments are in order (**Outstanding Amendments**).

**There are five Outstanding Amendments:**

1. **Purpose of the Trust:** removing the requirement for the Trust to be wound up if the Trust no longer holds any shares in King Country Energy.
2. **Variations to the Deed:** introducing a new power of the trustees to vary the Deed without public consultation in certain circumstances.
3. **Redefining 'Consumers':** amending the definition of 'Consumers' to clarify that Consumers include persons who pay for line function services from the Lines Company, but who do not necessarily own the connected premises.
4. **Power to make grants or donations to charity:** clarifying that the trustees can, from time to time, make a donation or grant to a charitable entity whose activities may provide a benefit in the district.
5. **Definition of dates:** extending the Trust's duration to the maximum duration prescribed by section 16 of the Trusts Act 2019.

The Court has ordered that Mr T C Weston KC be appointed to represent those who wish to oppose, or who may oppose, the trustees' application. Mr Weston KC's details are PO Box 33, Tai Tapu 7645, email: tomweston@xtra.co.nz.

Copies of the statement of claim, supporting affidavit, Explanatory Note and Order of the Court Directing Service and Representation are available for viewing on the Trust's website (www.kcpowerttrust.co.nz) and the public libraries at Taumarunui, Ohakune and Tūrangi during normal business hours.



**PUBLIC NOTICES**



**Ruapehu College  
Senior Prize Giving  
2022**

Nau Mai Haere Mai

We invite our community and whanau to come and celebrate the achievements of our Senior Students

Ruapehu College Hall  
Friday 4 November. Please be seated by 12  
Refreshments to follow



**Shareholder Farm  
Tour & Pre-AGM Hui  
2022**

Nau mai, Haere mai.

**Saturday 19th November**

Atihau-Whanganui Incorporation would like to welcome all shareholders and whānau to the 2022 farm tour. This year we will be visiting the Apiary and Dairy Farm.

There will be a pōwhiri at 9:00am at Raetihi Marae, followed by morning tea.

Following morning tea we will begin our farm tour and will finish off back at Raetihi Marae for lunch and a pre AGM hui.

Buses:

- Whanganui buses will depart Pakaitore at 7:30am
- Raetihi/Ohakune buses will depart Raetihi Marae 10am

Registrations close Friday the 11th of November. To register, please contact the Whanganui office on 06 3487213 or email office@atihau.com

**PUBLIC NOTICES**

**PARAWEKA MARAE  
Notice of Special  
General Meeting  
to Elect Trustees**

Plus call for nominations – 7 vacancies

Sunday 4 December 2022  
at 11am

Paraweka Marae, Pipiriki & Zoom Online

If you're feeling unwell or have cold/flu symptoms, please attend via Zoom only

Agenda:

- Mihimihi/Karakia
- Apologies
- Election of Trustees Note: Nominees will be required to attend in person
- Karakia Whakamutunga

Enquiries (inc request for Zoom link) plus requests for Trustee Nomination forms to the Secretary, Missy Edmonds, email: [Paraweka.marae.secretary@gmail.com](mailto:Paraweka.marae.secretary@gmail.com) or phone 027 212 2225

Completed Trustee Nomination forms to be received by Friday 11th November

**PUBLIC NOTICES**

**WAIMARINO BUDGET  
SERVICE**

53 Seddon Street Raetihi

Would like to invite members of the community to offer assistance of this organisation to become a member on the **Management Committee** to help the organisation in its endeavour to help those in the community needing assistance with their budgeting situation. Only a few hours every month would be required to attend meetings, give assistance and supply support to this way.

To find out more or to offer assistance you can apply in writing to above address, call mobile 027 2595285 or send an email to [waimarinobudgetservices@gmail.com](mailto:waimarinobudgetservices@gmail.com) to offer your help to the service.

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or call 06 385 8532**

**PUBLIC NOTICES**

**PUBLIC NOTICES**  
Section 101, Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act 2012

**Astha Enterprises 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 **72 Seddon Street, Raetihi**, known as **Raetihi Four Square**. The general nature of the business to be conducted under the licence is that of a **Grocery Store**. The days on which and the hours during which alcohol is intended to be sold under the licence are: **Monday – Sunday: 7.00am – 7.00pm**.

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.

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 renewal of a licence may be made in relation to a matter other than a matter specified in section 131 of the Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act 2012. This is the first publication of this notice.

**Deadline  
for all  
advertising  
bookings  
and copy is  
5pm  
Fridays!**

[www.ohakune.info](http://www.ohakune.info)

**Ruapehu College invites the community to give  
suggestions and ideas to help the college achieve the  
National Education Learning Priorities**



- Learners with their whānau are at the centre of education
- Great education opportunities and outcomes are within reach for every learner
- Meaningfully incorporate te reo Māori and tikanga into the everyday life at the College
- Learning that is relevant to the lives of New Zealanders today and throughout their lives

**Feedback can be given by:**

- Attending a face to face hui
- Dropping it into one of the feedback boxes
- Google form link on the college website and face book page
- Email which is sent to all caregivers

Town	Face to face hui	Post feedback box
National Park	Mon 7 Nov 6-7pm National Park School	7 - 18 Nov National Park Primary School
Ohakune	Tues 8 Nov 6-7pm Ruapehu College	7 - 18 Nov Ruapehu College
Raetihi	Wed 9 Nov 6-7pm Angel Louise Cafe	7 - 18 Nov Angel Louise Cafe
Waiouru	Thu 10 Nov 6-7pm Waiouru Primary School	7 - 18 Nov Waiouru Primary School

Contact [principal@ruapehu.school.nz](mailto:principal@ruapehu.school.nz) for further queries



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## WPI awards tradition continues

A long-standing WPI tradition, the Service Awards dinner, was held in Ohakune on Wednesday night. This year the company celebrated recipients who in 2021 and 2022 achieved 10 and 20 years of service with the Company. Back row: Andrew Burnard, Trevor Taylor, David Millar, Todd Alabaster, Allan Walkley. Second row: Erin Gibson, Bernard Condon, Steven Clark, Jeremy Tipene. Front row: Mike Ryan (GM, host for the evening), Emma Rowe, and Shaun Hawira. Absent: Shaun Kennedy, Chris Jones, Grant Macleod, Loreto Reyes Jr, and Jacque Cavanagh.



## Roman for rugby Heartland



**Roman Tutauha at a Whanganui Heartland function with his supportive family, from left: Jaeda, Roman, Kori-Lee, Tatiana, Chanel and Mandy.**

It was a popular selection this last week that saw Roman Tutauha selected for the New Zealand Heartland rugby team to play NZ Police at Delaney Park Taupo next Sunday 6 November. The game will be live on Sky Sport at 2.05pm. Roman has played over 90 games for the Whanganui Heartland team and, at 36 years, he is still

considered one of the top two hookers in the competition.

In the Whanganui Rugby Awards held on Saturday for the first time in three years, Ruapehu player prop Gabriel Hakaraia, who played for Byford's Readimix Taihape and was Tasman Tanning Premier's top try-scorer, was Premier forward of the year.

## Orautoha hills alive with young runners

Ohakune Primary School dominated the top results at the Waimarino Primary Schools cross country competition, hosted by Orautoha School on Friday.

Six of the 10 first place positions across the age groups were taken by Ohakune pupils. Raetihi School took three top spots and Orautoha took one. In the Year 6 and 7 race, Ohakune pupils took out the first eight places.

Results:

Age group results, starting from first to 10<sup>th</sup> place.

Year 2&3 Girls: 1<sup>st</sup> Ariella Tuck Ohakune; Lucy Cadman Orautoha; Kalolaine Tonga Waiouru; Everly Kristiansen Ohakune; Rosie Donald Ohakune; Millie Senekal; Maddison Raetihi; Tui Deighton Raetihi; Ayva Mairekura Raetihi; Skyla Akurangi Waiouru. Year 2&3 boys: 1<sup>st</sup> Jack Lilburn Raetihi; Eli Pue Raetihi; Te Onewa Hawira Orautoha; Layken Waara Raetihi; Carter McNie-Johns Orautoha; Kenzo Futi Waiouru; Lachlan Gilberd Ohakune; Ocean Thompson Ohakune; Bryce Wright Waiouru; Alyas Chrystal Raetihi.

Year 4&5 girls: 1<sup>st</sup> Indi Taylor Ohakune; Araceli Marsh Ohakune; PutiPuti Wikohika Raetihi; Eva Hovelle Ohakune; Madison Lee Ohakune; Jessie Harding Ohakune; Keisha Raetihi; Hazel Terry Ohakune; Akanesi Tonga Waiouru; Molly Booth Kakatahi. Year 4&5 boys: 1<sup>st</sup> Braydon Herewini Orautoha; Ben Journeaux Raetihi; Israel Metekingi Raetihi; Luca Boslem Ohakune; Michael Raetihi; Tyson Edmonds Raetihi; Jaxon Ama Waiouru;

Ezekial Hiroti Raetihi; Nico Fisher Ohakune; Ihaka Wikohika Raetihi.

Year 6&7 girls: 1<sup>st</sup> Violet Soverel Ohakune; Hana Harding Ohakune; Vanessa Ashford-Wallace Ohakune; Maddie Demchy Ohakune; Lila Doolan Ohakune; Maddie Whitehead Ohakune; Brooklyn Hovelle Ohakune; Fie Shaw Ohakune; Hineata Wilson Waiouru; Mikaiya Taylor Waiouru. Year 6&7 boys: 1<sup>st</sup> Mackenzie Marsh Ohakune; Quade McNie-Johns Orautoha; Lee Wikohika Raetihi; Jaeziah Brown Ohakune; Alecade Herewini Orautoha; Jaius Hiroti Raetihi; Shayne Maui-Mason Ohakune; Noah Rua Waiouru; Regan van der Lubbe Raetihi; Horomana Henare Richards Raetihi.

Year 8 girls: 1<sup>st</sup> Ally Lochhead Ohakune; Flo Harding-Gray Waiouru; Santosha Fisher Ohakune; Grace Rowe Raetihi; Charlie-Jean MacLean Ohakune; Gabby Callaghan Waiouru; Siobhan McDonough Raetihi; Olivia Gray Ohakune; Ngateria Raetihi; Laykin Horne Ohakune. Year 8 boys: 1<sup>st</sup> James Flower Ohakune; Travis Hobdye Ohakune; Tiaan Perkins Arahanga Raetihi; Harry Sherri Ohakune; Wren Drayton Ohakune; Alex Bennett Ohakune; Torin Thompson Ohakune; Jack McGonicle-Black Orautoha; Kingi Pue Raetihi; Ali Littelton Orautoha.

Year 1 girls: 1<sup>st</sup> April Journeux Raetihi; Rangitakina Brown Raetihi; Aorere Shanks Orautoha; Lexus-Rose Raetihi; Celina Herewini Orautoha; Te Rangimarie Edmonds Raetihi. Year 1 boys: 1<sup>st</sup> Zayn Raetihi; Richo Taura Raetihi; Freddy Booth Kakatahi; Michael Donaldson Raetihi; Samuel Deighton Raetihi; Ihaiia Hawira Raetihi; Danley Leahy Raetihi; Mana Hansen Orautoha.



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