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Historic signing for three tribes

In 1840 rangatira of three Central North Island tribes Tamakana, Tamahaki and Uenuku first signed te Tiriti o Waitangi. On Monday descendants of these mighty chiefs initialled their Deed of Settlement: Te Tihi o te Rae.

Te Korowai o Wainuiārua chair Aiden Gilbert said the initialling signals a new start for the iwi and an exciting opportunity to finally, following extensive delays caused by the Covid pandemic, move forward into the process of whānau ratification and endorsement.

"Today was highly significant, many whānau started this journey and today, we stand as the ones left to finish the mahi our old people started 180 years ago."

"Over this time there has been the continual occupation of our ancestral lands, attacks and war against our whānau and we had been totally ostracised by Government through the labelling of our people as Hauhau rebels.

"Now, by initialling Te Tihi o te Rae, we have finally reached a time where our three tribes have been formally

and officially re-recognised and acknowledged.

"We have always been a part of our community but today, we are now again able to stand and be visible again on our lands, which has been the one of the biggest causes of mamae for our people."

One of the rare things about this settlement is three tribes have been clustered together, which at times, Mr Gilbert said has made it difficult in adhering to everyone's mamae and their unique issues with the Crown.

"This has been a challenge for the negotiations team in terms of satisfying everyone who has claims and this package is never going to appease or, please all our whānau.

"If we look at the statistics, it is only around 3 percent of what is really owing to us.

"If Settlement is about justice, this is not justice. However, it's a positive start that now gives the descendants of Tamakana, Tamahaki and Uenuku a newfound respect

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Te Aorewa Pue Wallace-McLeod Pui (6) watches Ngapania (Aunty Pani) Tehore sign the treaty settlement. Photo: Liz Brooker, Toi Communications.

Raetihi Christmas carnival dubbed 'absolute success'



An enthusiastic number of floats took part in the Raetihi Christmas Parade on Saturday, dubbed an "absolute success". See more Page 12. Photo: Jude Chevin.

We have a snow season for 2023

A huge sigh of relief puffed around the Ruapehu area last week after the Government announced its decision to advance a further \$6 million bridging funding to allow time for MBIE through Kanoa-RDU to support the development of an alternative commercial solution for Mt Ruapehu's commercial ski areas.

This means there will be a ski season for 2023 at both Whakapapa and Tūroa, Ruapehu Alpine Lifts administrator John Fisk confirmed yesterday.

"The funding has been provided to the Administrators of RAL to enable work to continue in preparing for the 2023 season," says Fisk.

"At this stage, it has not been determined if a Newco will be established and, if it is, the timing to transfer the business to a Newco. Ideally this would happen before

the start of the 2023 winter ski season."

He confirmed that forming a Newco to run the skifields is still the most likely scenario, given the significant debts and obligations for RAL.

Government minister Stuart Nash said last week that, following discussions with affected stakeholders, including other creditors and iwi, "it has become clear that more time is needed to further explore our options to avoid liquidation".

"This comes following the survey of Life Pass Holders, which indicated some support, but fell short of the funding required to support a new entity to operate the Tūroa and Whakapapa ski fields, which means more time is required to secure funding for a new entity.

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and most importantly formal recognition by the Crown so we can now begin to take our next steps together in developing a meaningful partnership.”

Along with an apology from the Crown and financial and commercial redress, cultural redress includes a total of 19 sites of cultural significance will be vested across the vast rohe of Te Korowai o Wainuiārua, ranging from Whangamomona and Retaruke in the north traversing through Waimarino-National Park and Raetihi down the Whanganui River, Pipiriki and Ohoutahi.

Overlay classifications are also included at Pōkākā, which included part Erua Scenic Reserve, the Mākatote Scenic Reserve parcels west of State Highway, Manganui-a-te-Ao Scenic Reserve, and Pōkākā Scenic Reserve to help further the aspirations of Iwi to develop an ecosanctuary.

“I want to acknowledge all those who have passed on and haven’t been here to see this day,” Mr Gilbert said.

“It has been a privilege, an honour to be a part of this and finally be able to start to see an end this journey started so long ago.

“Our journey hasn’t ended, it will never end, our tamariki and mokopuna will continue the legacy left to us by our tūpuna.”

Te Tihi o te Rae will be available to view online via uenuku.iwi.nz in the coming week.



Uenuku Trustee Hayden Turoa



Judith Treanor (left) and Rangirea Williams (right) with Minister for Treaty of Waitangi Andrew Little



Uenuku chair Aiden Gilbert



Jim Edmonds, Uenuku Chair Aiden Gilbert and Minister for Treaty of Waitangi Andrew Little

What's on around Ruapehu

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native solutions to be developed and provide sufficient working capital to retain the RAL management team while a potential resolution continues to be negotiated. This is in addition to the \$2 million already extended to RAL from the Crown.

“By providing this bridging finance we will be able to maintain staff who are critical to the maintenance of the assets on the mountain, and enable it to operate next winter.

“We are fully invested in exploring all options as we recognise the significant detrimental impact on the both the economies and wellbeing of local communities especially Ohakune.

“Any decision regarding the future of operations on Mt Ruapehu needs to be considered and robust, but also realistic about the ongoing cost of such operations,” said Stuart Nash.

Mr Fisk said a crowdfunding campaign, including Life Pass holders, is still a possibility and will be considered as part of any future plan.

They are looking to sell season passes for next winter in February and March, with prices yet to be finalised.

He said the final position on what will be available to Life Pass Holders is yet to be determined and that they hope to update Life Pass Holders at the same time they offer season passes.

The summer sightseeing campaign, using the Sky Waka, will run from 21 December to 23 April and “the team are really looking forward to hosting sightseers over this period,” said Mr Fisk.

He said this campaign would provide useful data on potential income from the summer season for a Newco or a potential buyer.

He said with the additional funding, they will

no longer need to hold a creditors’ meeting on 16 December.

“The Watershed Meeting for creditors currently needs to be held before 7 May 2023.

“In the meantime, we will be working hard to get into a position to present a plan to the meeting that will be a better outcome than a liquidation.”

Too important to fail

Ruapehu’s mayor Weston Kirton said that the announcement by Tourism Minister Stuart Nash will come as a huge relief to local communities and wider region.

“The news that RAL was looking at liquidation without further financial support generated a huge amount of concern with people extremely worried about what the ramifications of this would mean for the community.

“Skiing on Mt Ruapehu is too important to the social and economic fabric of the region and New Zealand tourism to be allowed to fail.

“This funding will allow RAL to maintain essential maintenance and get through and open for the 2023 season while allowing time to support the development of an alternative commercial solution.”

He said RDC thanks Minister Nash for “recognising the significant importance that skiing on Mt Ruapehu has on the regional economy”.

“While it is not a long term solution to RAL’s woes it is the much needed lifeline needed at this time.

“Council is committed to working alongside Government and other stakeholders to work out a long term commercially viable solution,” he said.

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Soldiers get stuck in on the Coach Road

A group of Army officer cadets got stuck in to cutting back vegetation and clearing drainage ditches on the Ohakune Old Coach Road recently.

As the 2022 class of the New Zealand Officer Cadet School neared the end of their training programme, cadets reached out to The Department of Conservation for their end-of-year community volunteer project.

Twenty-five officer cadets joined members of the Tongariro Department of Conservation teams to carry out the work on a six-kilometre stretch of the 15km Coach Road trail in November, in time for the summer riding and hiking season.

The final assignment for the year was to co-ordinate with a local organisation to provide volunteer labour to support a community initiative or asset in the local

communities around Waiouru Army Base.

“Providing many able bodies and a much-appreciated lunch, the cadets made short work of the encroaching vegetation and blocked drains ahead of the busy summer period ahead,” reports DOC.

“Whilst the weather left most questioning whether the working bee would go ahead at first, the sun came out early afternoon and the Old Coach Road burst into life and many visiting cyclists gave their compliments to the team as they passed by on the historic route.

“DOC’s Tongariro District would like to thank the NZ Army Officer Cadet School class of ’22 for their generous efforts to help support operations in the district and contributing to a safe and memorable experience for all visitors to the Tongariro National Park.”



Army officer cadets line up with DOC staff at their Ohakune Old Coach Road clean-up.

Cost of rural rail transport must drop, says Kirton

By Moana Ellis, Local Democracy Reporter

Ruapehu mayor Weston Kirton says the cost of rural rail transport must drop.

He says the reinstatement of Taumarunui as a scheduled stop on the main trunk line is just the first step in his campaign to improve rural access to rail transport.

The district’s new mayor has lobbied since 2019 for a regular rail service to be reinstated in Taumarunui after it was dropped from the North Island main trunk service a decade ago, when he says Kiwi Rail’s focus shifted from a commuter service to tourism.

The rural town was back as a regular stop for the Northern Explorer at the beginning of December but Kirton says more needs to be done to reinstate rail transport as a viable option for rural New Zealanders.

“Rural New Zealand is getting a kick in the guts when it comes to public transport where it’s actually needed the most.

“Public transport is important for getting people around who have longer distances to go, affordability or mobility issues, don’t have licences, and because of petrol prices.

“We have this silly situation where we don’t have a commuter train service around New Zealand for the New Zealand public – it’s set up for tourism. We’re disqualified as New Zealanders from using rail as a public mode of transport.

“How ridiculous when we have obligations to keep our emissions down that we can’t get people from A to B through an obvious choice of transport.”

Kirton says Kiwi Rail used to stop at nearly every town on the main trunk line from Auckland to Wellington.

“They [Kiwi Rail] took out about 12 stops where they regarded them as more commuter destinations rather than tourist destinations. They handpicked the hotspots where their customers would go in the future, making it more of an express service

and not stopping at the smaller places like Te Kuiti and Taumarunui.”

Kirton says reinstating the stop in Taumarunui would be a significant boost to the township and the visitor industry.

“I’m pleased that they’ve seen fit to stop here in Taumarunui again, both to pick up our people and also to have tourism packages for the likes of Forgotten World Adventures and cycling. It’s huge.

“Having three stops in the Ruapehu District – Taumarunui, National Park and Ohakune – is pretty precious and reflects the fact that we have quite a diverse range of outdoor activities in this region.

“We have very little in terms of public transport, so hopefully we can capture and use this as much as we possibly can.”

But Kirton says reinstating the stop is only part of the equation.

“The other is we need to price it so it’s attractive for people to leave their cars at home, take their families to other destinations – inter-regional destinations – and make it affordable for them to do that.

“At the moment it’s priced for a tourist market and we need to change that.”

First stop

Hundreds of people turned out last Sunday to welcome the first train stopping at Taumarunui under the Northern Explorer’s new itinerary.

Kirton said it was amazing to see people at vantage points all along the track between National Park and Taumarunui waving and tooting as the train went by.

“That’s one to remember. It was just so delightful to be on the train last Sunday and see so many people on the platform, and they’re so excited and grateful that it’s stopping.”

Local tourism organisation Visit Ruapehu has been working with Great Journeys NZ to develop a range of rail-based tourism packages designed to attract visitors to the region and entice them to spend longer.

Two new offerings are based around the Forgotten World rail cart adventures and it’s anticipated the range of Taumarunui-based tourism packages will grow.

Kirton says more people are seeing rail as an important mode of transport for the future to help reduce carbon emissions.

“I know it’s going to be a big ask but I’m going to continue advocating to price rail so it is affordable not only for rural New Zealanders but for a mix of people.

“In our area here in Taumarunui and Waimarino, we have an affordability issue, a group of people who have low incomes and don’t have motor vehicles. We’ve got some social issues and we need to have some recognition of that in dealing with transport.”

As an example, the sudden closure of the Ohakune courthouse in September would make it harder for locals to gain equitable access to justice, Kirton said.

The old wooden courthouse was closed because of

health, safety and security concerns. The nearest courthouses are now in Taihape, 56km away, Taumarunui, 78km away, and Whanganui, almost 100km away.

Kirton says with the high cost of fuel and no suitable public transport options to other courthouses, the additional travel costs and the need to take longer off work would create significant issues.

He said it was likely that many people would simply not have the resources to travel to attend court sessions. This would affect not just offenders but victims, witnesses, their whānau and other support people.

Kirton will start his campaign for cheaper rail transport by advocating for over-65s to ride either heavily subsidised or for free.

“I’ve got a whole list of people and ministers to ring, probably in the New Year, to advocate for rail affordability.”

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Tourists are back on trains, but Ruapehu’s mayor says locals need rail too.



Gabby Callaghan on her way to becoming a takwondo black belt. Photo: Joseph Callaghan.

Gabby grabs a black belt

Waiouru's Gabby Callaghan, 12, recently achieved her black belt in Takwondo after a gruelling test of her skill and fitness.

Gabby is part of the Waiouru Takwondo Club, where she gained her black belt. Her father, Joseph Callaghan, is her coach and he also runs the Club.

Her test took about six hours, starting with a 3.8km run, then patterns and forms (poomsae), kyorugi (full contact

sparring), 2-on-1 self-defence, self-defence demonstrations, power and kicking tests, 100 repetitions each of burpees, push ups, Chinese press ups, squats and sit ups, ring of fire (one-on-one with nine black belts in a row, 30 seconds each), breaking boards (four with hands and four with feet), a power break of three boards with her hands and finished off with a speech about her takwondo journey and a short written test.

Sky Waka running for summer

The Whakapapa Sky Waka will be operating this summer, despite Ruapehu Alpine Lifts' financial woes.

The Mt Ruapehu Summer Season opens on Wednesday 21 December 2022.

"While the future around us may remain uncertain, although a little brighter after the funding announcement (last week), one thing that has always been certain, and never in question, is the magic of Mt Ruapehu – a peak like no other," says Mt Ruapehu in their publicity.

Starting next week, weather dependent, the Sky Waka gondola will provide access to the Knoll Ridge Café.

"In summer, with the maunga laid bare of its winter coat, Mt Ruapehu's unique volcanic terrain, formed over generations, and fiercely protected for its outstanding universal value to humanity, is exposed in its rawest form,"

says the company.

The Sky Waka gondola ride is 1.8km above volcanic terrain to 2020m above sea level.

"Come immerse yourselves in a cultural, geographical and historical feat and support our team, as we continue to work towards a sustainable future of operations on the mighty Mt Ruapehu."



Summer sightseeing is all go for Whakapapa. Photo: Joel McDowell.

Letters

Chop chop ski cash

The government have been gracious this week with an additional \$6m of lifeline funding to RAL's administrator.

Immediate cash is required over summer just to maintain the assets in readiness for a 2023 season. There is a universal and genuine wish to operate the skifields again.

However, the administrator is still anguished. They're still trying to find a sustainable long-term solution.

Big cash is required to fund a Newco. From some 14,000 lifetime pass holder just one in five pledged \$2500 (plus an annual fee).

This means 4/5th of LPHs are willing to forfeit skiing free for the rest of their lives because they didn't signal further investment.

Other groups combined pledged some \$18m more. The administrator says they're searching for every angle.

Could RDC either avail to the administrator (or contact directly themselves) the database of Auckland and Wellington Ohakune/NP holiday bach owners with the same fundraising survey given LPHs?

That is, would bach owners be prepared to invest the same to protect the future rental income from their assets each ski season?

I simply don't understand what Save Mt Ruapehu Skifields Group are proposing? The financials are not clear to me, relying on further MBIE funding and "a 1-2 year payback based on GST alone."

How much capital is this group pledging? Is this clear to the Administrator?

There seems to be a disconnect here.

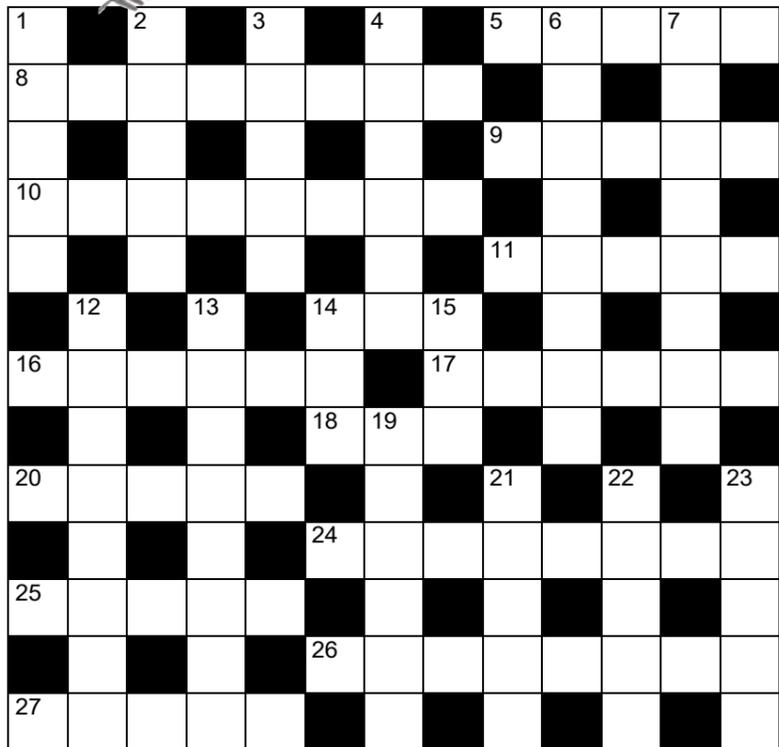
And finally, is iwi prepared to signal (further) cash investment in the Maunga? Surely, if any stakeholder/investor want a seat at the governance table they should have significant 'skin in the game.'

Come forward. It's not up to the Crown alone to fund an industry (that returns some \$100m to the local economy) without private investment sharing the future of skiing in the north island. Come on chop, chop let's go.

Greg Walton

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ACROSS

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9. Cigarette (colloq) (5)
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Unexpected accolades for green group



Paul Green getting stuck into a community planting day. Photo: Project Tongariro.

Project Tongariro (PT), the longest active conservation group in the Central North Island, together with former director and noted conservation advocate Paul Green QSM, has received awards from the New Zealand Plant Conservation Network (NZPCN).

“The awards were unexpected and a surprise and acknowledged both the organisation and Paul’s outstanding contributions to New Zealand’s native plant conservation,” says Project Tongariro director Kiri Te Wano.

Paul and Project Tongariro were nominated by the Tongariro Taupō Conservation Board.

Established in 1982 Project Tongariro (formerly the Tongariro Natural History Society) originally focussed on gaining community support to help protect areas in and around Tongariro National Park.

More recently PT has been instrumental in inspiring environmental education across Aotearoa-New Zealand.

This year a pilot education programme has been established in the Waimarino, (southern Ruapehu district) and PT has also become a regional environmental hub under the Environmental Hubs Aotearoa network.

“Paul is typically modest about his lifetime achievement award from NZPCN, which among other deeds, acknowledged his personal efforts to help protect the biodiversity of the Central North Island. The award also recognised his substantial role, over many years with PT, and celebrated his vision and energy which have helped to drive the organisation’s success,” says Kiri Te Wano.

She says that it’s because of Paul’s inspiration and tenacity as well as his ability to network and gain support from iwi, regional and local councils, DOC, landowners, as well as his capacity to secure significant resources from community sponsors and other sources, that has helped PT realise its numerous goals.

Since the organisation began recording its achievements, more than 333,000 eco-sourced native trees

have been planted, more than 60,000 pests have been trapped and more than 300,000 volunteer hours have been recorded.

Sustainable funding, says Kiri Te Wano, has enabled PT to employ a small number of “skilled, dedicated and enthusiastic staff, which is key to being able to achieve its conservation and education outcomes”. It also helps give certainty that projects can continue over time.

“Through his strategic leadership and endless dedication, Paul provides opportunities for conservation specialists and volunteers, actively supports public participation and education.

“He walks the talk and leads by example, he is out there planting trees and releasing plants with the volunteers and connecting key agencies to achieve conservation outcomes at scale – and encouraging others to do so too,” says Kiri.

Green education

Environmental education is another key focus for PT and well-known naturalist Ruud Kleinpaste, says Kids Greening Taupō is one of the leading lights in New Zealand’s conservation education space.

“Their output is tremendous and stretches far and wide, they really make a difference,” he says.

“Indeed, the KGT website is well known as a top site for inspiring information for teachers, principals and ‘nature nerd’ colleagues such as myself,” says Ruud.

The enthusiastic and inspiring KGT teaching team are popular visitors to schools in the Central North Island, motivating generations of future conservationists.

“PT’s community award is a credit for increased plant biodiversity achieved over many years through actively trapping, planting, weeding and working tirelessly to help protect and enhance the Central North Island environment and inspire others around the motu to do the same. It will have a significant impact for generations away from its genesis.”

Time to ramble in the gardens next month

Both Waimarino St John and Ohakune Primary School PTA are excited to be bringing a summertime Garden Ramble to the social calendar for the area on Auckland Anniversary Weekend 2023.

Soil is being tilled, seedlings coaxed along and edges trimmed as local gardeners work away, checking on plantings and preparing their spaces for a flurry of visitors on Saturday 28 January 2023. Garden gates open at 10am.

There are a diverse range of gardens on the schedule for viewing, from pocket-sized urban gardens to large country gardens with sweeping mixed borders, heritage flax collections, garden rooms, sweeping lawns and everything in between.

Other draw cards are a number of garden-themed stalls and even coffee carts in some gardens, along with a picnic lunch available for pre-purchase – perfect to be enjoyed in

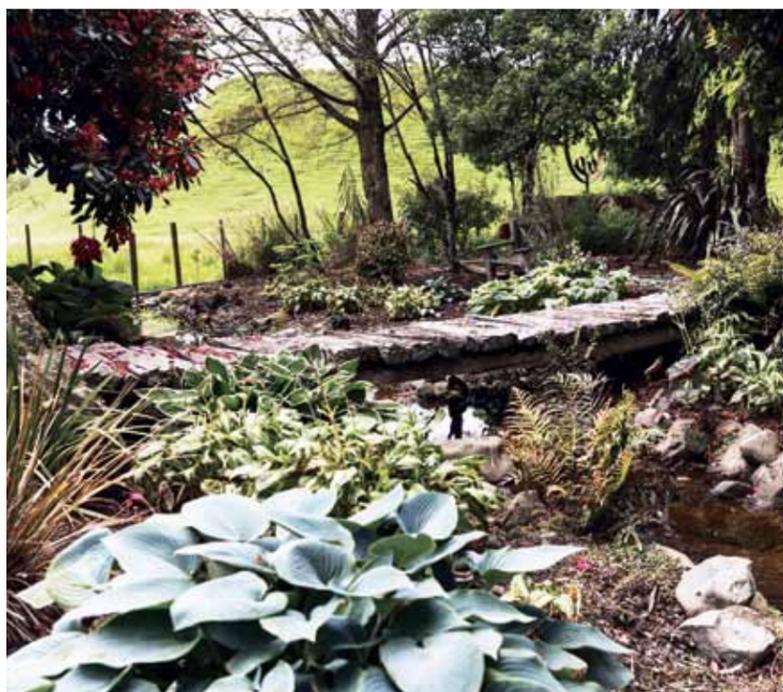
the gardens as you travel around.

“All of the funds raised will be split between the two organising groups so your attendance will support our community on two vital fronts,” says the committee.

“Gardeners are looking forward to hosting you in their pride and joy, sharing tips and celebrating their successes in our challenging environment.”

Readers can go online at waimarinogardenramble.com or pop into the Holiday Shop to purchase tickets and pre-order those delicious lunches (tickets are a great gift idea for Christmas!) and we will look forward to seeing you on Saturday 28 January.

Tickets are \$30 and lunch is \$20 (includes a summer chicken salad sandwich, seasonal fruit, a yummy slice and a bottle of water). Vegetarian/Vegan and GF available.



Local gardeners are getting busy so their places of paradise will be ready for visitors at the end of January. Photo supplied.

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Free chips for cats

By Sarah Clements

The New Zealand Companion Animal Register (NZCAR) is teaming up with local vet clinics in the wider Ruapehu area to offer free microchipping and registration to support cat owners in becoming compliant with the amendments to the Ruapehu District Council bylaw.

Cat owners can contact their local vet clinic during December, to see if their cat qualifies for a free microchip and registration with NZCAR.

The free offer is made while stocks last, explains NZCAR.

Ruapehu Vets in Raetihi says they have a limited supply and the offer applies for cats booked in for desexing, vaccination or a health check. Cats have to be over one year old.

The group says they support the bylaw changes because they “serve to protect the welfare of all cats, current and future”.

The bylaw also helps to prevent accidental litters and ease the problem of overpopulation, meaning that future generations of cats can live happy, healthy lives in a home instead of living rough.

“We love and cherish our natural environment here in New Zealand but know that stray cats can wreak havoc on our native flora and fauna when left unchecked,” says NZCAR.

“Bylaws that mandate desexing will help to slowly reduce the (number) of cats living without a guardian and preying on native NZ wildlife, which is beneficial for all creatures involved.

“Shelters and rescues all around the country work tirelessly to help cats find homes, and unfortunately still cannot keep up with the demand.

“Legislation like Ruapehu’s latest bylaw will help to reduce the (number) of cats living without homes, which will in turn help to reduce our reliance on such organisations.”

Part of Ruapehu’s new bylaw mandates microchipping all cats six months and older and registering their microchips with the NZCAR.

“Having a microchip implanted in your cat is like having a collar that can never fall off - and that means that you and your cat can be reunited quickly should they ever wander from home.”

The NZCAR is owned by Companion Animals NZ – a registered Charity CC27849.

Any profits from the NZCAR registration fees are directed into promoting animal welfare in New Zealand.

Information was distributed in the last week regarding SPCA Snip n Chip vouchers being available from local Ruapehu vet clinics, but this is not the case.

“The SPCA do run campaigns frequently around New Zealand so keep an eye out on Facebook, their website or reach out to your local centre to find out when there is a campaign near you.”

Forty years since helicopter tragedy

Friday 9 December marked 40 years since the helicopter tragedy that took five lives when a Bell 206B JetRanger III slammed into the ground about 200 metres west of the Ohakune Mountain Road.

The pilot, Doug McKenzie from Wanganui Aero Work, was flying at night, testing prototype lights to be used for night flying and for search and rescue missions.

His passengers were Keith Blumhardt and Derek White, Whakapapa rangers; Bill Cooper, senior ranger Ohakune; and Marie Williams, park assistant.

According to newspaper reports at the time, Derek White and Marie Williams had announced their engagement the day before and had planned to celebrate with friends after the flight.

The crash, which happened at 10.05pm, with the helicopter “at a low forward speed but banked in a steep nose-down position”, made New Zealand history as the worst helicopter crash at the time.

Stunned

The close-knit mountain community was stunned by the loss of life, which still remains the most significant accident involving park staff. The mountain communities including Raetihi and Ohakune

Doug McKenzie, 31, was described as a local identity and was known as an exceptional pilot – “something of an institution around Raetihi and the National Park area”.

He wasn’t licenced to fly at night, but was otherwise an experienced pilot with 3215 hours’ flying, mostly in helicopters.



The mangled wreck of the Bell Jet Ranger that crashed on the southern slopes of Mt Ruapehu, taking the lives of five people.

Mr McKenzie was credited with saving the life of a Raetihi girl, when he flew the patient to Whanganui Hospital after she had suffered serious burns. This was one of his only other night flights.

He carried out regular work for Lands and Survey (now the Department of Conservation). Witnesses at the time saw the helicopter flying up and down the area west of the Mountain Road, reporting that it was “being handled cautiously”.

The air accident investigator found that the crash was probably a result of disorientation.

Other pilots in the area had been testing similar lights and had reported “disconcerting if not frightening experiences during their learning period”.

The investigator concluded that Mr McKen-

zie lost visual ground contact as he flew down the slope.

Memorial

A result of the tragedy was the formation of the Tongariro Natural History Society, now known as Project Tongariro.

The Society came about from the months that followed the idea of some kind of memorial to those who had lost their lives.

“In an inspired move, Bruce Jefferies, who was the chief ranger of Tongariro National Park, Roy Lynch, a long time mentor for many park staff (who later became the society’s inaugural president), and a number of colleagues and friends of the deceased came together and, from a series of discussions, suggested that a natural history society be established,” states Project Tongariro.

Slip still blocks Tongariro Forest’s 42 Traverse

The 42 Traverse will remain partially closed following further assessment of the slip that washed out 150m of the track recently.

“The slip is still active and is not safe to be traversed,” says the Department of Conservation.

The slip is located between the turn off to Top/Clymo track and the turn off to Waione/Cokers track.

The co-ordinates of the site are: E1815764 N5683154, E1815854 N5683059.

The remainder of the 42 Traverse is open.

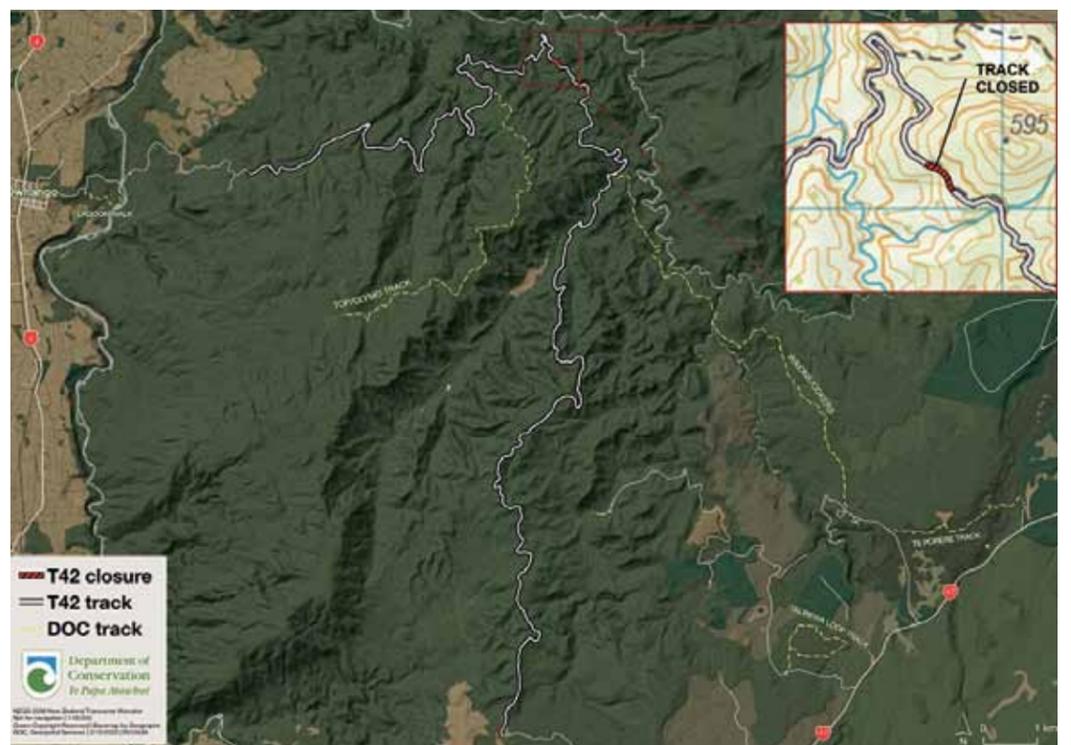
Top/Clymo and Ten Man Hut are accessible from Ohinetonga reserve and Waione/Cokers is accessible from Kapoors Road. However, due to the partial closure, the 42 Traverse will not be operational as a full end-to-end experience for all users.

“Investigations into track stability are ongoing and we will provide updates as the situation progresses,” says DOC.

Updates on the track will be posted on DOC’s Facebook and web pages.



The slip on the 42 Traverse is still impassable and likely to stay that way for some time. Photo supplied.



The site of the slip that has closed the 42 Traverse.

Ruapehu College Junior achievers celebrated

Ruapehu College celebrated the successes of their Junior school on Friday, with support from whanau and community.

Isla Thompson was presented the Junior Dux award, while Maia Allen received the Year 9 Academic excellence award (trophy donated by the Ruapehu Bulletin).

The year 10 academic excellence award trophy – Dux – is donated by the Milne Family and Isla also receives a Laurenson trust grant of \$100.

Special Awards

The principals award for special recognition was received by Moses Hodge.

Mowat Voon cup for a student active in reading and sports was awarded to Liam Burnard.

Te Kaahu Trophy (donated by Mr & Mrs Murphy-Peehi) for leadership, initiative and dedication in the promotion of cultural activities among juniors at Ruapehu College, this was jointly awarded to Drevahn Wood and Melena Hawira.

Junior Citizen Award, Zoe Southall, for a student of good character, having personal integrity including the qualities of honesty, caring for other people and supporting the peer group (prize donated by the Lyon Family).

Jim Perry award, went to Malena Hawira, a student who has shown the most improvement across a range of sporting, social and cultural activities.

Lila Pakinga scholarship grant, Malena Hawira, received \$1000 to go towards her learning at Ruapehu College.

Ruapehu Anglican Parish Award, Tahleena Atkins-Wihongi, for her generous contribution to school life, displaying a growth mindset to overcome difficulties. \$250 donated by the Ruapehu Anglican parish.

Year 9 awards

Maia Allen Subject Awards for Mathematics, Science, Social Studies, Visual Arts, Design & Innovation in Food

Technology. Merit Award for Consistent Effort in Digital Technology. Connor Anderson Subject Award in Digital Technology, Design & Innovation in Resistant Materials & English, Merit Award for Consistent Effort & High Achievement in Mathematics, Consistent Effort in Social Studies. Vhiann Buan, Merit Award for Consistent Effort in Digital Technology & Social Studies. Sydney Charlton, Merit Award for Perseverance and Improvement during the Year in Design & Innovation in Textiles. Jordi Demchy, Merit Awards for Consistent Effort in Digital Technology, Design & Technology in Food Technology & Consistent Effort with Improvement during the year in PE. Kiana-Jaye Edmonds, Subject Award in Te Reo Maori, Merit Award for Consistent Effort in Design & Technology in Resistant Materials. Khloe Gamman, Merit Award for Consistent Effort in Social Studies. Treyton Gray, Merit Award for Consistent Effort in Design & Innovation in Resistant Materials & Science. Nikora Henare-Richards, Merit Award for Perseverance & Consistent Effort in Te Reo Maori. Bishop Hodge, Merit Awards for High Achievement in Mathematics & Consistent Effort and all round Excellence in PE. Mica Hoyle, Subject Award in Digital Technology, Merit Awards for Consistent Effort in Design & Innovation in Food Technology, Social Studies & English. Manaia Kingi Mareikura, Merit Award for Consistent Effort in Design & Innovation in Food Technology. Emerson Lark Merit Award for Consistent Effort in English. Jay Learmonth Subject Award in Design & Innovation in Resistant Materials. Maia-Jay Lima, Subject Award for Overall in Design & Innovation in Textiles Technology. Pare Mareikura-Wilson Subject Award in Visual Arts & Maori Performing Arts, Merit Awards for Improvement in Science &



Turn to Page 11 Isla Thompson is Ruapehu College's junior dux for 2022.

Ruapehu College thanks

Eye on Ruapehu College, contributed by staff and students

"As the school year has ended, I would like to thank our entire community for your continued support of the ongoing successes of our college," says Ruapehu College principal Marama Allen.

"You each make a tremendous difference.

"Thank you to those that shared aspirations, perspectives and suggestions in the college's strategic planning consultation. Your voice is critically important for the direction of the college's next growth cycle."

The plans have been printed and put

on display and discussed with staff and responses are still being accepted until 20 January 2023, said Mrs Allen.

"To all of our Year 13 graduates, we wish you all the very best for your future endeavours and, alongside of your respective primary schools, we are united in the pride we have of you.

"Thank you to our prefect team, you were exemplary leaders.

"Finally on behalf of the College, we wish you a joyous and safe Christmas holiday filled with many blessings of love, joy and peace."



Ruapehu College junior special awards winners, from left, Liam Burnard, Jason Young, Drevahn Wood, Zoe Southall, Malena Hawira, Cheyenne Muru-Albert, Macy Anderson, Hayley Moore.



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Shearing record in Reuben's sights

Taihape shearer Reuben Alabaster has set his sights on a shearing record later this month, aiming to set a new 8-hour strong wool lamb record at Te Pa Station on Tuesday 20 December.

He was one of five shearers who set a 5-stand, 9-hour strong wool lamb record last year on 22 December, also at Te Pa Station in the Waimarino.

Alabaster says a lot of work goes into preparing for a shearing record.

"Watching your nutrition, completing workouts for the day, looking after your body well, getting enough sleep to name a few while you are still shearing on a daily basis," he says.

"I'm up for the challenge ... and can't thank all the people involved in helping me prepare for the record enough. There are so many people in different areas for the setup of the day that I couldn't do this without. I am grateful to all of them for their help and I hope I can do them proud."

Alabaster was born and raised in Tai-

hape, growing up on a farm.

"My father Ricky would take me with him to work before I could walk and taught me everything I know about sheep and beef farming. I would go to work with him whenever I could and was always learning new things along the way.

"This included him teaching me how to shear a sheep. By the age of nine I had shorn my first 100 lambs in an 8-hour day."

He says as he grew older, he found that although he loved the farming life, his real passion was for shearing.

"I started doing the shearing shows and entered my first one at 10 years old in the novice grade. Dad would always encourage me, driving me around the countryside to attend the shows."

At the age of 16 he left school as soon as he was allowed and went shearing for his first main shear that year for Johnny Kirkpatrick.

"Shearing is hard work but if you are prepared to work hard, listen and learn it really is a great job and I love it."



Reuben Alabaster, shearer, is training to take on a lamb shearing record this month.

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69 Years On Tangiwai Railway Disaster Memorial Service



10pm Christmas Eve
Saturday 24 December
at Tangiwai Memorial Site



All welcome! Bring a candle and flowers.



Te Kura Kaupapa Māori o Ngāti Rangī

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PĀNUI

6 o Hakitea (December) 2022

Nā Te Poari Matua o Te Kura Kaupapa Māori o Ngāti Rangī

Ko Te Aho Matua te tāhuhuo tōku whare. Ko te reo me ōna tikanga ngā heke whakamau. Ko te whānau, ko te whanaungatāngana pou.

On Monday 5 December 2022, the Te Kura Kaupapa Māori o Ngāti Rangī board accepted the resignation of our Tumuaki, Papa Chris McLeod, to take effect as of 14 December 2022.

Papa Chris has touched the lives of many tamariki, whanau and the kaimahi in his role of Tumuaki for Te Kura Kaupapa Māori o Ngāti Rangī. The role of a Tumuaki is fundamental to the success of our tamariki. That role is to provide exemplary educational leadership, which results in the achieving the aspirational goals of the whanau for their tamariki.

The Tumuaki is also responsible for overall management and professional leadership of the Kura. The role is massive, and we particularly acknowledge Papa Chris for having to navigate the twists and turns of a global pandemic and the impact that that has had on usual school life.

We thank Papa Chris and Whaea Girl for their tautoko to our whanau. Whaea Girl has been a steadfast caretaker for the kura, and her resignation at the same time as Papa Chris will leave a significant gap in our kura.

In due course, we will be advertising to recruit a new Tumuaki and a new caretaker for Te Kura Kaupapa Māori o Ngāti Rangī.

At this point, however, our focus is on being able to thank both Papa Chris and Whaea Girl for their service to our community; their dedication and most of all their enduring love for the tamariki who have come into their care.

Nō reira e te Tumuaki, ko koe tēnā i whakamana i ngā uara o Ngāti Rangī, oti nō tō tātau kura. Mōu i tiaki i ngā tamariki, kia tūtuki pai ai i ngā wawata o rātau mā. Tēnā koe, tēnā kōrua i tō kōrua māia, kaha, aroha anō hoki i utaina ki runga i ia tamaiti i uru ki rō kura. E kiia nei ngā kōrero, he ao āpōpō. He ao tea!

Nei he pātai, he kōrero rānei ā ētehi, tukuna ki te poari matua mā tēnei īmēra chair@ngatirangi.school.nz

Junior achievers celebrated

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Perseverance & Consistent Effort in Te Reo Maori. Ariki McLeod Merit Award for Perseverance in English. Jazmyn Pitiroi, Subject Award in Te Reo Maori, Merit Award for Improvement during the Year in Visual Arts. Sam Rowe, Subject Awards in Mathematics, Social Studies, English & Maori Performing Arts, Merit Awards for Consistent Effort and Improvement during the year in Physical Education, Science, Design & Innovation in Resistant Materials & steady and careful application of skills in Textiles. Katie Rutland, Merit Award for Consistent Effort in Digital Technology with Quality & Perseverance in Social Studies. Judah Sinai Merit Award for Consistent Effort in Design & Innovation in Resistant Materials. Hannah Swift Subject Awards in Design & Innovation in Food Technology, Physical Education, Science & English, Merit Award for Consistent Effort in Mathematics & Maori Performing Arts. Waata Te Piira Te Riaki Merit Awards for High Achievement in Visual Art & Improvement during the year in Science. Zai Tuipea Merit Award for Perseverance & Consistent Effort in Maori Performing Arts. Campbell van der Lubbe Merit Award for Improvement during the year in Mathematics. Tuharakia Wallace Merit Award for Consistent effort and all round Excellence in PE. Aaliyah Wilks, Merit Award for Consistent Effort in Design & Innovation in Food Technology.

Year 10 Academic Awards

Macy Anderson Merit awards for Consistent Effort in Mathematics & Design & Innovation in Food Technology and Quality and Consistent Effort in Social Studies Macy receives the Junior Textiles Award donated by Marilyn George. Elaina Beukes Merit Award for Consistent Effort in Design & Innovation in Resistant Materials. Paetyn Brown Merit Award for improvement during the year in Design & Innovation in Textiles. Liam Burnard Subject Award in Mathematics, Merit Awards for Quality & Perseverance in Social Studies & Consistent Effort in English & Science. Stirling Elers Subject Award in Visual Arts, Merit Award for Consistent Effort in Performing Arts & Social Studies. Tannar Goff Merit Award for Quality & Perseverance in Social Studies, Merit Award for Consistent Effort in Design & Innovation in Food Technology. Izybel Graham Subject Award in Design & Innovation in Textiles & Mathematics, Merit Awards for Consistent Effort in English & Science; Izybel receives the Turners &

Growers Cup for High Achievement in Junior Horticulture. Robert Gray Merit Award for Improvement during the year in Physical Education & Health. Steellie Hammond Merit Award for Improvement during the year in Design & Innovation in Food Technology. Evie Hansen Merit Award for Improvement in Visual Arts. Malena Hawira Subject Award in Physical Education & Health, Merit Award for Consistent Effort in Design & Innovation in Food Technology. Jareth Hays Merit Award for Consistent Effort in Design & Innovation in Textiles. Moses Hodge Merit Awards for Quality & Perseverance in Social Studies & High Achievement in Visual Arts. Skylah Metekingi Merit Award for Improvement during the year in Design & Innovation in Food Technology. Hayley Moore Subject Awards for Consistent Effort in Social Studies & Improvement during the year in Performing Arts; Hayley Moore receives the Ruapehu College Trophy for Most Improved Junior Performing Artist. Cheyenne Muru-Albert Merit Award for Perseverance and Consistent effort in Te reo Maori. Te Orangi Te Riaki Merit Award for Consistent Effort in Design & Innovation in Resistant Materials. Alysha Rhodes Merit Award for Consistent Effort in Social Studies. Tamahuaia Sinai Subject Award in Te reo Maori, Merit Award for Consistent Effort in Mathematics. Zoe Southall Subject Award in Design & Innovation in Food Technology, Merit Awards for Consistent Effort in Performing Arts & Science; Zoe receives the Marilyn George Practical Foods Award for Most Promising Student in Practical Foods. Isla Thompson Subject Awards in Social Studies, English, Science, Performing Arts & Design & Innovation in Food Technology, Merit Award for Consistent Effort in Mathematics; Isla receives the Sims Award for Excellence in Junior Performing Arts. James Tweeddale Subject Awards in Design & Innovation in Food Technology & Design & Innovation in Resistant Materials, Merit Awards for Consistent Effort in Social Studies & Improvement shown across the school year for Mathematics; James receives the Dixon Cup for the Top Yr 10 student in Engineering & practical work. Sophie Watt, Subject Award in Social Studies, Merit Award for Consistent Effort in Science. Drevahn Wood Merit Award for Leadership, Perseverance & Consistent Effort in Te reo Maori. Jason Young Merit Award for Consistent Effort & Perseverance in Physical Education & Health.

Raetihi Christmas carnival dubbed 'absolute success'

The Raetihi Christmas Carnival 2022 was "an absolute success" due to the commitment and time given by the Committee.

"We started planning for the event in October and by December we were all organized and ready," says Kay Henare on behalf of the committee.

"We started our day at 5:30am with the final touches to the trees and organising our stall holders. Our local operators from Inframax were on hand to close our road and monitor them throughout the day, supported by our Maori Wardens."

Lindsay Taylor Transport, driven by Shane Griffin provided the stage, which the team decorated and Adrian from PC Solutions set up and ran the sound system.

Entertainment included karaoke, a band called AI, Cruise FM broadcasting throughout the day and quick fire raffles.

There was also a costume competition, art competition and over 20 food stalls and 15 non-food stalls, which mostly sold out by the end of the day.

"It was so wonderful to see the Christmas Parade led by our mayor Weston Kirton alongside deputy mayor Viv Hoeta, Community Board member Angel Reid and new Christmas Committee member Don Gibson.

"A wonderful addition to have in amongst the floats was Member of Parliament Soraya Peke Mason."

Float entries were amazing, with 27 joining the parade.

There were over 900 people who came and enjoyed the day and the environment was happy and encompassed the Christmas spirit.

Winning float was Te Kura Kaupapa Maori o Ngati Rangī representing heroes and villains of Aotearoa finished the afternoon with an amazing kapa haka performance.

The committee thanks contributing sponsors Lindsay Taylor, WPI, Steve Gray of Versatile Bobcats Ltd, Raetihi Primary School, PaknSave Whanganui, Mitre 10 & Columbian Cafe Whanganui, Raetihi Cosmopolitan Club, Raetihi Community Op Shop, Maori Wardens, Raetihi Shed 24, Vevo Whanganui, Ohakune Pharmacy, Lauren Whale, Angel Reid, Elijah Pue, Lieutenant Colonel Mark Taylor, Ruapehu District Council & Staff, CLM, Cruise FM, Ruapehu Bulletin and Ruapehu Lions Club.



Te Kura Kaupapa Maori o Ngati Rangī won the prize for the best float in the Christmas parade. Photos: Jude Chevin.



Father Christmas - inflated (above) and real life (below) were a must-have feature of the parade.



Angel Reid, Don Gibson, Weston Kirton and Viv Hoeta lead the parade.



Hens pluck about ahead of wedding



Spotted by the Bulletin camera on Saturday was Tahlia Green, at centre, with her 'hens'. They were helping her celebrate the announcement of her engagement to Matthew Frew. Photo: Jude Chevin.

Party for the Christmas appeal



The Powderhorn Chateau and Little Thief vs Damaged Goods Brewing held a Christmas Appeal on Saturday in the Matterhorn. Organisers thanked all who ventured out to support the cause. Proceeds raised through a raffle and sausage sizzle were \$2400, which is being donated to the Waimarino Christmas Appeal. They thanked Ben and Antika from the Powderhorn for their "awesome support". Thanks also to Home Ohakune, Little Thief vs Damaged Goods Brewing, TCB, Vertigo Climbing, Disc Golf and Ohakune Hot Tubs who provided goods for the raffle. Readers who would like to support the Appeal can leave donations at The Cyprus Tree, Ethical Waste Recycling Centre, Ngati Rangī or contact Sonya Jensen.

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We would love for you to join us and see what we can all achieve together!

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