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David & Gary are Ruapehu's top 2022 citizens

David Wiari of Raetihi and Gary Jacobs of Taumarunui are Ruapehu's 2022 Citizen of the Year Award recipients.

The Citizen of the Year Award comprises the Northern Ruapehu Citizen Award which is presented to a resident of the National Park, Taumarunui and Ohura Ward area while the Waimarino-Waiouru Award covers the southern half of the district.

Mr Wiari was awarded the Waimarino-Waiouru Citizen Award for his social and spiritual leadership within his community and for his marae, hapu and iwi.

For over 35 years, he has been dedicated to the kaupapa of Iwi Mau-rakau in support of his community. This has

included being on-call to respond to issues and delivery of the Man Up programme, helping men overcome dysfunction in their lives and putting them on a path to becoming positive role models in their own right.

He said that he was very humbled by the Award adding that he didn't expect any recognition like this for what he does.

"I do it because of my love of the people," he said.

Mr Jacobs was awarded the Northern Ruapehu Citizen Award for his many years of service to the Taumarunui community being described as an "unsung hero" in his nomination.



David Wiari of Raetihi and Gary Jacobs of Taumarunui are Ruapehu's 2022 Citizen of Year Award recipients for their significant, voluntary community work over many years.

He is currently the Deputy Chief of the Taumarunui Fire Brigade where he has served for over 30 years and is much respected for his commitment to his crew and their welfare.

In addition to his volunteer Fire Brigade work he regularly donates his time and skills to helping out with a wide range of other community projects.

This has included multiple projects for local schools, helping beautify Manson Garden, Night Owl patrols keeping the community safe and sponsorship of the High School football team.

In accepting his award, he said that "anything I do for my community is a

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Vamos Argentina!

Let's go Argentina! (vamos Argentina) - A family from Argentina couldn't have been much further away from their Football World Cup winning team on Monday morning, but they still celebrated the win. From left, Daniel Iglesias, Benjamin Portillo Iglesias, Ivana Iglesias, Mauro Iglesias, Antonella Cirulli, Guillermo Capuano and Claudia Marquez. See inside for details.

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pleasure" noting that most of what he does is as part of a team.

"I am just a cog in a big wheel," he said.

Ruapehu's mayor Weston Kirton said that Gary and David are both very worthy recipients of their respective Citizen of the Year Awards.

"Both of them very much deserve being recognised for the huge efforts they have put into their local communities and by extension the Ruapehu district as a whole," he said.

They are great examples of the type of people who work for many years doing the important mahi that underpins the fabric of our communities.

"The Ruapehu Citizen Awards are an opportunity to give people like Gary and David the recognition and thanks that they deserve," he said.

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Bad weather delays Mangapurua repairs

A long run of bad weather has meant work to repair the Mangapurua track in time for Christmas is not now possible, reports Mountains to Sea - Ngā Ara Tūhono.

"Our Santa wish has been delayed," says Lynley Twyman, trail champion.

"We just needed a week of fine weather ... and it has not arrived and doesn't look like its coming in time for us to get the Mangapurua open for Christmas.

"At this stage, it may be as late as mid-January before we get to open.

"We are all absolutely gutted."

More than 300mm of rain has been recorded at the Mangapurua Trig in November, with rain continuing in the early part of December.

She said the team will reassess on 9 January or before and are constantly monitoring the weather for a window to get on site as soon as they can safely complete the last sections of work.

"The teams from DOC and their contractors Impel have done everything they can to deliver an open trail.

"The final sections are on Cody's Bluff, which was severely impacted by the wet weather and needs re-benching, and the final works around a replacement Moats' bridge."

She said it has been an unusually wet spring and early summer and "we need to ensure our work teams are able to operate safely and deliver a safe track back to us".



Storm damage on the Mangapurua Track. Bad spring and early summer weather is holding up repairs. Above: Battleship Bluff New Track. Below: Mangapurua - Cody's Bluff.



Vamos Argentina! Family celebrates - in Ohakune

A family of Argentinians couldn't have been much further away from Qatar and the Football World Cup when they watched their team win the pinnacle event

on Monday morning, as they raised the roof of the chalet they had rented for their Ohakune stay.

Mauro Iglesias and Antonella Cirulli have been

living and working in Wellington for some years and had not seen their family for around three years due to the pandemic. Despite the clash with the Football

World Cup final, the family decided to stick with plans to come and visit for Christmas and New Year in New Zealand.

The couple picked up

the family in Auckland and have been travelling down the country, stopping off in Ohakune to walk the Tongariro Alpine Crossing on Sunday.

Monday morning, they got up early to watch their team take on France in the final.

"We were worried that we were making so much noise - and would be keeping the neighbours awake. But it was such a game - we really couldn't help it," said Antonella.

The family were enjoying a celebratory breakfast at Utopia Café when the Bulletin met them and arranged to meet them at the Big Carrot.

Argentina won the game against France after a 2-all draw at the end of regular time, then 3-all at the end of extra time, taking the game to a penalty shoot-out, which Argentina won after four successful shots.

And the distance from Ohakune to Lusail Stadium, Doha? 14,606km!

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'Spine offering' for Tūroa 2023

With Government support, Mt Ruapehu's ski areas will operate in winter 2023, but with a 'spine offering' at Tūroa, centred on the Movenpick, The Giant and the High Noon Express chairlifts as well as the Sunkid beginners' carpet lift.

The Tūroa season will also start later, 15 July and closing on 15 October.

The Giant will only operate on eight peak season weekends between 5 August and 30 September.

The later start for Tūroa means that the field won't be open for the first winter school holidays, apart from the last weekend. The holidays will run from 1 July to 17 July.

The administrators, John Fisk and Richard Nacey, advised staff of the details last week.

Whakapapa will operate all lifts and facilities from 3 June to 15 October.

Tūroa commercial facilities such as cafés and rentals are intended to be more basic than at Whakapapa – for example not all cafes will be operating – staff were told.

"As we have communicated previously, the government via MBIE have provided RAL with \$6m of additional funding – in the form of a loan – to ensure the company can continue to make commitments to the summer commercial offering at Whaka-

papa and also the summer maintenance programme Whakapapa and Tūroa to ensure we are ready for Winter 2023," said Fisk and Nacey.

"This support also unlocks the opportunity to run a 2023 Season Pass campaign to ensure that the company has the sufficient pre-sold revenue to operate the season in 2023."

Sky Waka summer

The summer programme centred on the Sky Waka was to commence on 21 December and conclude on 23 April 2023.

"The offering will be a sightseeing experience coupled with a modest food and beverage at the Knoll Ridge Chalet."

Summer maintenance operations are to continue.

"We expect that we will be able to begin re-recruiting for vacant roles in the new year to ensure we can meet our winter preparation and operational objectives," said the administrators.

Season pass sales will start in March 2023 "with a full campaign".

"The details of the campaign and price points will be released to everyone in due course in advance of the campaign commencement date. The operational facilities will also be provided the public as part of the campaign."



Tūroa's trails will be limited for 2023, without the Nga Wai Heke chairlift and reduced days for The Giant.

Carrot clean-up for Christmas do



The Visit Ruapehu clean-up team, from left, Catherine Pakai-Dewes, Ali Chamley, Jo Kennedy, Sarah Williams with baby Noah and Mahalee Guieysse. Photo: Lynley Twyman, Mountains to Sea Nga Ara Tohono and Timber Trail champion.

The crew at Visit Ruapehu got together last week for a different kind of "Christmas do" – cleaning up at the Ohakune Carrot Adventure Park – "helping care for one of the most loved places in our community".

"It's a busy time of year for many and getting out there for a working bee is a fun way for our team to make a difference," said Jo Kennedy.

"The Ohakune Carrot Adventure Park brings so much joy to so many people, locals as well as visitors, and has been supported by passionate volunteers throughout the years.

"With the new addition of the Ohakune Carrot Rocket and double flying fox, it's great to be able to do our bit before the school holidays and in preparation to a great summer season ahead."

On Monday, Luke Gilbert's team poured the slab for the base of the Carrot Rocket, while at the other end of the Park, Nick Robb and crew were busy installing the cables for the double flying fox. Work is still needed on the flying fox ground area, before it becomes operational.

The Carrot Rocket is due in town any day now.

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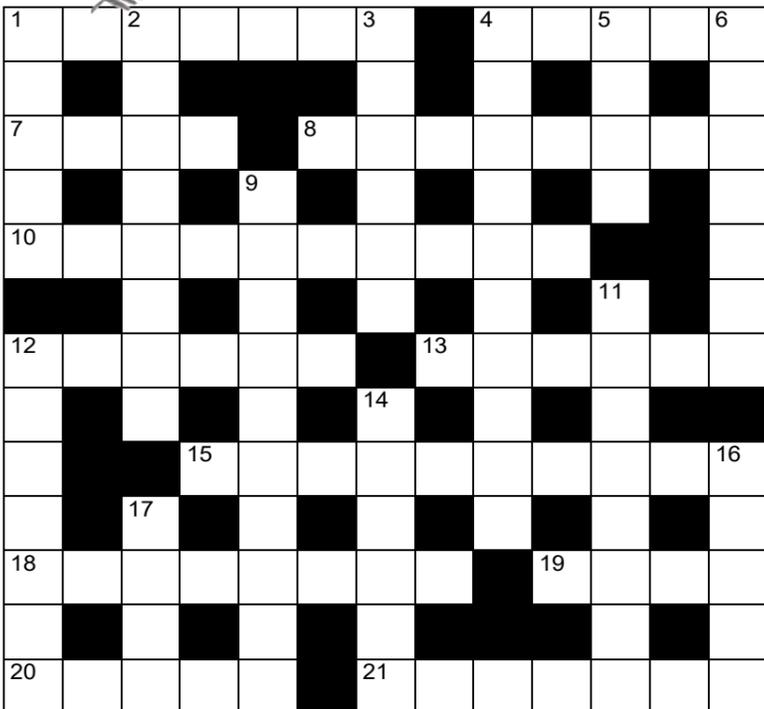


Movie Tree

The start of a new tradition? Councillor Rabbit Nottage, left, and Mountain Mead owner Greg Hickman high five for their Christmas tree, erected on the site of the old Ohakune picture theatre. With work on the new building delayed, Greg hired Rabbit to clean up the site and they decided it would be a good location for a Christmas tree. With help from Alan Whale and others, they managed to find a wilding Douglas fir and set it up and started decorating it on Monday.

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ACROSS

1. The Government's senior ministers (7)
4. Product from Pokeno, NZ's pork town (5)
7. Cry noisily (inf) (4)
8. School maths subject (8)
10. Feeble, insipid (5-5)
12. Absolutely right (4,2)
13. Humdrum (6)
15. Cover with heated plastic (6,4)
18. Game bird introduced to NZ in the 19th Century (8)
19. Elderly (4)
20. Common newspaper title (5)
21. TV station (7)

DOWN

1. Passenger compartment on a ship or plane (5)
2. Something that occurs rarely, once in a _____ (4,4)
3. Porous sachet for making a brew (3,3)
4. Remote rural areas (10)
5. Paul _____, 2022 Commonwealth champion and first NZ male to be world No.1-ranked squash player (4)
6. Savings (colloq) (4,3)
9. Theory (10)
11. Fertiliser capped to reduce farm run-off (8)
12. Track and field event associated with Valerie Adams and Tom Walsh (7)
14. Outdoor meal (6)
16. Cycle (5)
17. Group of players (4)

Previous solution

Across: 5. Agate, 8. Log o' wood, 9. Smoke, 10. Americas, 11. South, 14. ACT, 16. Vogel's, 17. Untrue, 18. Kai, 20. Swill, 24. Up-to-date, 25. Align, 26. Scarfies, 27. Photo.

Down: 1. Bleak, 2. Agree, 3. Await, 4. Mosaic, 6. Gumboots, 7. Tiki tour, 12. Tom Walsh, 13. Red light, 14. Ask, 15. Tui, 19. Alpaca, 21. Hours, 22. Basin, 23. Leash.

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McKelvie's MP Christmas message



Ian McKelvie.

Local Member of Parliament Ian McKelvie reflects on a trying time through 2022:

• It has been another trying year for New Zealand and New Zealanders as we continue to endure the challenges thrown at us by the Covid 19 pandemic. I also feel many of the policies being pursued by the Government have added to our woes, as we contemplate a nation which is more separated and uncertain. And not because of Covid, but because of a political ideology that seems determined to divide us.

Regardless, Christmas is a time of year when we should all come together to celebrate family, summer, and the spirit of good will between our neighbours and friends – many of whom are doing it tough right now.

Christopher Luxon has been the leader of the National Party for over a year; ably assisted by deputy leader Nicola Willis. As a team we are showing ourselves to be a strong and effective Opposition. This year National also elected a new president in Sylvia Wood, who is proving to be an exceptional leader of the party.

Together with a strong Caucus we are indeed a capable, united and formidable team. It really is great to see National heading into the Christmas and New Year period with a renewed sense of purpose and energy.

Of course Christmas has also become synonymous with the summer holidays and for many people it's a chance to re-energise and take a break from the routine. I hope you get a chance to spend some fun time with family and friends. Let's not forget the true meaning and spirit of Christmas, whatever our personal beliefs.

We should also take time to remember those who don't get a break at this time of the year – the people who keep our hospitals, our many essential services and our shops open, and the members of our Armed Forces who are stationed overseas. So, to those who work through to keep the rest of us safe, healthy and fed - thank you.

Thanks too to those who work in the social services helping New Zealanders who are suffering the effects of the cost-of-living crisis, especially at this time of year. I hope you too get a well-earned break soon.

Please stay safe these holidays, whether it is on the roads, under the sun or in the water. I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very merry Christmas and a happy, healthy and prosperous New Year.

Ian McKelvie

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Waimarino graduate



The Waimarino has another new graduate – Molly Hartley graduated from the University of Otago on 10 December with a Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery. She begins her postgraduate work in January at Waikato Hospital. Molly, the daughter of Martin and Julie Hartley, attended Ohakune Primary School and Feilding High School before her medical school study.

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Ātihau reports first apiary loss as markets slump

By Moana Ellis, Local Democracy Reporter
Leading Māori agribusiness Ātihau-Whanganui Incorporation has reported a loss in its apiary business for the first time, following the global decline in honey markets.

The collective of more than 9000 Māori shareholders produces lamb, beef, milk, wool and honey across 42,000 hectares of ancestral land on the foothills of Ruapehu and the Whanganui River's middle reaches.

Revenue across the business was up on last year but costs were also higher, resulting in a net surplus of \$1.4 million for the year ended 30 June 2022 – below last year's net surplus of \$3.5 million.

However, total equity increased by \$12.2 million up to \$231.9 million.

Ātihau told shareholders the increase in revenue of \$1.1m from last year to \$24.5m was a solid result during a challenging period.

Chief executive Andrew Beijeman told the Annual General Meeting in Whanganui that as the world economy responded to Covid-19 there was good demand and prices for Ātihau beef, lamb and milk.

But higher costs, particularly for maintenance fertiliser, drove down end-of-year results.

The farms faced a number of climatic challenges during the year.

"Spring was very wet which meant crops were late being sown. When it turned dry in summer some of those crops failed.

"We had porina on some of the farms and that hot, dry summer, which lasted all the way through until April, needed to be carefully managed on our sheep and beef and our dairy farm in order to maintain production."

Hot honey

The hot, dry summer also resulted in a record production of 103 tonnes of honey from 3600 hives, which led to a profit before revaluation



of \$800,000. However, sales were down due to an oversupply of honey within the New Zealand honey industry.

"Put simply, this is because, for a period of time, more honey has been produced than has been sold. There's a lot sitting in sheds. Particularly in the 2020 season, an extra 7000 tonnes of honey across New Zealand was produced compared to normal years," Beijeman said.

"This has resulted in a decrease in the price of honey and because we have some honey sitting in our shed unsold, we have revalued it and that took \$2.7m out of our profit for this year."

In response to this oversupply issue, the industry was going through a correction.

"The big correction is happening in hive numbers. In 2019 there were close to a million hives in New Zealand. That number has dropped down to the levels last seen in 2015 and is now below 600,000 hives. That is eventually going to correct the imbalance between supply and demand.

"At home, we've made the decision to pause the growth in our apiary business, and to leave numbers at what they were last year."

Development of the apiary business would remain on hold until honey markets recover.

"The apiary business will not grow until guaranteed markets are found for the honey," Beijeman said.

"We anticipate the recovery of the honey market to occur over the next few years, as the market consolidates."



Beehives. An increase in Ātihau honey production has been thwarted by a drop in the market.

The incorporation was fortunate to be in a better position than most apiary businesses, he said.

"We have a diversified business and a strong balance sheet. Others are having to sell up and move out of the industry."

Ātihau would use the time to focus on optimising the apiary business and reducing costs.

Risk management would centre on maintaining relationships with buyers and considering alternative sales channels, which could include joint-venture arrangements. There would also be a more conservative approach to the valuation of honey in the future.

"A key focus at the moment is selling. Since [the end of June] we have sold 40 tonnes, about \$1.2m worth. Our target is to sell another \$2.5m between now and 30 June next year and we're working really hard on a number of potential avenues for that honey."

In the meantime, cash returns into the business

continue to be gained from external beekeepers as access to surplus mānuka is sub-contracted for hive placement.

For the year ahead, Ātihau was forecasting an increase in farm production, including 93,000 lambs and 3580 calves, due to ongoing improvements in farm infrastructure, better soil fertility and fewer pasture pests.

The dairy farm was forecast to produce 255,000kg MS (milk solids), while total honey production was expected to increase to 110,000kg as the team focuses solely on production rather than growth.

Total revenue was expected to be \$29.5m because the write-down of honey values was unlikely to be repeated. However, total expenses were also expected to increase to \$24.6m because of inflationary pressures.

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Dog owners reminded to know before you go this summer

As the holiday season approaches and people make their way to New Zealand's iconic beaches and national parks, the Department of Conservation is reminding people with dogs to do their research before setting out.

"Going on adventures with your dog is a great way to stay active and enjoy nature," says Laura Boren, Science Advisor at DOC.

"We want people to get outside and enjoy the summer, but to do it responsibly."

DOC rangers across the country report poor behaviour involving dogs – such as dogs attacking wildlife or people taking dogs where they aren't allowed – is the most common compliance issue throughout the summer months.

"One potentially confusing thing is rules for dogs vary across the country," says Laura.

"For instance, dogs are never allowed in national parks or on offshore island reserves, but they are permitted on certain walking tracks or campsites."

"The coastline can be even more confusing as rules can change seasonally, depending on breeding cycles for seabirds and other animals."

If you're headed somewhere new find out if it is dog-friendly before arriving. DOC has a "dogs allowed" tick box on its website allowing visitors to filter for dog friendly areas, and local council websites contain information on regional beaches and walking tracks.

Dogs are not allowed in the Tongariro National Park nor the Whanganui National Park.

"There is no one-size-fits-all approach to dog manage-

ment," says Laura.

"This is why it's crucial to do your homework."

DOC's Lead the Way programme offers other tips to help dog owners be responsible around wildlife, including a quiz that verifies dog owners as "wildlife-wise" and allows them to purchase a colour-coded lead which signals the temperament of their dog.

"Being wildlife-wise means you know the steps to protect coastal wildlife, such as walking on the wet sand, scanning the area ahead for wildlife, and staying at least 20 meters from any wildlife. It's amazing how much a seal or sea lion can look like a piece of driftwood when it's resting on the beach," says Laura.

"Above all, when you're out walking, stay present with your dog and aware of their behaviour. It increases your connection with them and allows you to anticipate any possible trouble."

Coastal species such as korora/little penguin and kekeno/NZ fur seals are commonly attacked by dogs. Even seemingly harmless interactions, such as dogs chasing gulls, can distress birds enough to abandon nests or stop feeding chicks.

Infringement fines can range from \$200 to \$800 or a court prosecution, depending on the offence. In some cases where dogs have attacked native wildlife, courts have ordered the dogs to be put down.

"Nobody wants that to be part of their summer," says Laura. "A bit of preparation can go a long way to keeping everyone safe this summer."



Dogs love to be out and about with their families, but there are places where they shouldn't be taken, including national parks.

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Ruapehu Bulletin

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Power trainees graduate with flying colours

Local power company The Lines Company's (TLC) trainee programme has again seen newly qualified line mechanics graduate with formal qualifications and certified industry registration.

Coban Tamiti (Waitomo), Gareth Owen (Te Kūiti) and 2021 Connexis Distribution Trainee of the Year – Wiremu Te Tawhero (Taumarunui) who began their training in mid-2020, have all qualified having completed their final theory and practical tests.

General manager of service delivery, Jared Murrell, says TLC's ongoing commitment to the trainee programme now in its sixth year is testament to the business's success in growing local talent.

"The programme is a great opportunity for locals to gain a trade and a highly sought-after qualification.

"For us, the line qualifications continue to benefit the wider team through the development of skills, knowledge and experience the trainees have gained.

"It's incredibly rewarding to see Coban, Gareth and Wiremu graduate – they're shining examples of what can be achieved," says Murrell.

The three graduates are headlined by Wiremu Te Tawhero who was awarded the Connexis Distribution Trainee of the Year in 2021. Based in Taumarunui, Wiremu Te Tawhero, also won the Ross Archer Memorial Line Mechanic Safety Award at the 2022 awards. He was a member of the four-strong crew who picked up the Line Mechanic Build and Colin (Bear) McKay Memorial Trophy for Line Mechanic Dismantle at the national competition in September this year.



TLC trainee line mechanics, from left, Gareth Owen, Wiremu Te Tawhero and Coban Tamiti.

He says gaining the formal qualification has been incredibly rewarding.

"The last two years have been challenging – I've learnt so much," says Te Tawhero.

"It's been a real buzz to get complete the training while working with great field crews and mentors.

"I'm really proud of what I've achieved and how I can make a difference for those in our community."

Wiremu's passion for safety has shone throughout his training and he sees a real future in focusing on keeping people safe while working on or near power lines.

Coban Tamiti from Waitomo joined TLC's training programme having spent over a decade as a qualified joiner. Working outdoors and learning new skills is what attracted him to the role.

"I really wanted to work outdoors having been inside for a lot of years," says Tamiti.

"The King Country has some amazing places, and I've seen lots of them now in my job.

"It's more than just being outdoors though. For me, learning new skills and getting qualified was also important. It was a big goal of mine to complete the qualifications and get fully certified."

For Te Kūiti local, Gareth Owen, joining the trainee programme was brought about due to the COVID pandemic.

Formally the operations manager at Waitomo Adventures, the 28-year old's role was disestablished due to

boarder closures.

"2020 was definitely a year of change for me. New industry, new workmates, and a new baby," says Owen.

"Job security was really important, so I looked around to see what opportunities were available.

"I knew I wanted to be outside, stay living locally and didn't really want to commute. TLC's trainee programme ticked all the boxes.

"Completing all the training modules has been demanding, in a good way. I've learnt so much and have made some great life-long friends. It's totally different to what I was doing before, but it's been an adventure at the same time."

Owen remains involved in the adventure sector, regularly competing in multi-day adventure races held locally and further afield.

All three trainees completed the final step of the programme in late 2022, when they received their registration as Line Mechanics with the Electrical Worker's Registration Board having achieved a New Zealand Certificate in Electricity Supply Line Mechanic Distribution (Level 4).

TLC's trainee programme offers several placements for prospective line mechanics and apprentice electricians looking to develop a career in the electricity sector. Applications for the next intake open next year, with successful trainees commencing roles in mid-2023.



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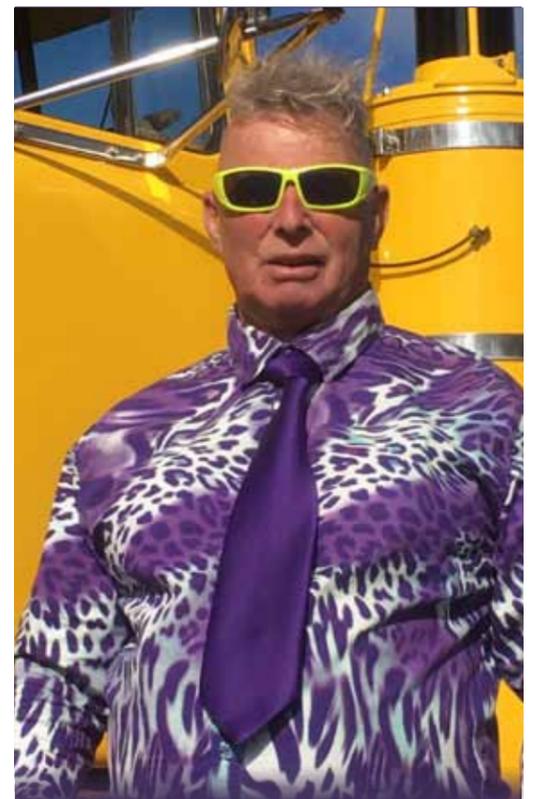
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Where to for Waiouru playground?

Three site options have been presented to the Waiouru community, with the locals asked to pick their preferred location.

The Ruapehu District Council has recommended 38 Queree Drive, Waiouru Military Camp as the preferred location for a new playground out of three shortlisted options.

If readers do not support the recommended location RDC wants to know which of the other two considered options preferred and why.

A consultation document is on the RDC website, setting out the options, pros and cons as well as maps of the sites.

The other two sites are at 17 Rangipo Street – an empty section on Police property behind the public toilets and Caltex Truck Stop; and at the reserve area behind Waiouru Police station – between SH49 and SH1.

RDC explains that discussions around the community playground project have been on-going over the last three years. These progressed as far as establishing a \$130,000 budget, along with a Waiouru Playground Steering Committee (formed 2021) to progress the work and settle on a final location.

Earlier, two preferred sites were under original consideration were 17 Rangipo Street and the reserve area behind Waiouru Police station.

A third site on New Zealand Defence Force (NZDF) land was then put forward

for consideration being Queree Drive.

Following discussions with the NZDF the Steering Committee voted unanimously in support of 38 Queree Drive over and above the other two sites.

The Steering Committee recommendation was presented to the Waimarino Waiouru Community Board (WWCB) in May for ratification and allow development planning to commence for construction in spring.

Consultation

But public objections that the wider community had not been consulted on the Queree Drive location saw the WWCB ask Council to undertake this consultation.

“While each site comes with its own benefits and limitations Council found that 38 Queree Drive, Waiouru Military Camp provided the best overall amenity and value to ratepayers,” states RDC.

“Another significant factor was the NZDF’s offer to support the foundational and construction work, which is an expensive part of the build and maintain the area.

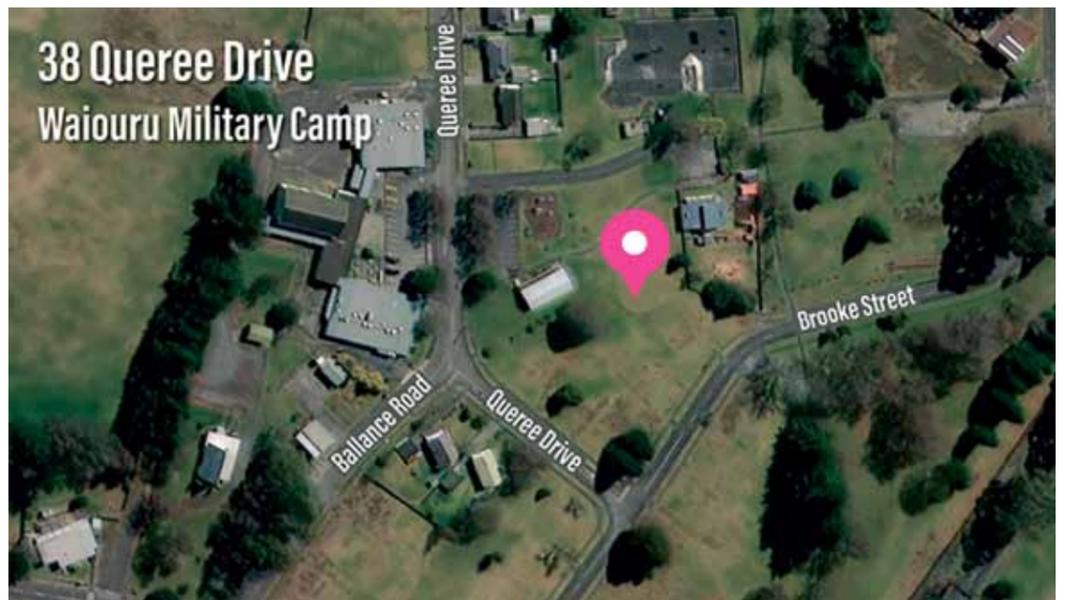
“The project has a small budget and this contribution will mean more money being available for playground equipment and no long-term maintenance costs to ratepayers.”

For more information and the Consultation Document see: <https://bit.ly/WaiouruPlaygroundWebsite>

Online feedback form see: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Waiouruplayground>



RDC's preferred option in the Waiouru Military Camp (above) and as mapped (below).



The Police Station reserve area – one of the possible sites.



An area behind the public toilets (behind the fence) is an option.



New Waiouru community playground location proposal.

Council is seeking feedback from the Waiouru community on 38 Queree Drive, Waiouru Military Camp as being the best location for a new playground development out of three potential sites.

We would like to know if you agree with Queree Drive as the preferred location. If not we would like to know why along with which of the other two sites you prefer and why.

For more detail on each of the sites inc. a consultation document with pros & cons, a video and on-line feedback form see Council’s website: ruapehudc.govt.nz or use your mobile and QR code to go direct.



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Wheely friendly footpaths for Taumarunui

Whanau with tamariki in prams together with wheelchair or other mobility device users will be able to get around Taumarunui's central business district (CBD) with greater ease and safety following a project to upgrade footpath crossings.

The CBD wheelchair friendly and pram crossing project is being enabled with \$124,000 in funding from the Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency 'Transport Choices programme'.

Part of Government's Climate Emergency Response Fund (CERF) the Transport Choices programme aims to open up streets so everyone can get where they need to go in ways that are good for their health and the planet.

Executive manager infrastructure Vini Dutra said Council had identified around 140 crossing points on the CBD footpath network that were broken, too steep or narrow, had a lip or no crossing at all.

"This targeted neighbourhood scale investment will

help improve the safety and attractiveness of footpath use for people using mobility devices or walking around the business district and reduce people's reliance on cars.

"Through our investment in new or upgraded transport infrastructure, we want to help Ruapehu communities transition toward a low-emissions and climate-resilient future.

"In partnership with Waka Kotahi we hope to make further investments in such things as cycle networks, creating safer, greener, walkable neighbourhoods, healthier school travel and making public transport more reliable and easier to use.

"It's about making small, quick and visible changes to our streets and the way people use them and helping people embrace cycling or walking as a means of travel," he said.

Subject to approvals and contractor availability they plan to start works early next year with the project completed by 30 June 2024.



Gabrielle Boswell-Childs and her daughter Michelle are looking forward to improvements in pram crossings on central Taumarunui's footpath network.



Another place to rest in the Park

Ohakune Carrot Adventure Park trustee Peggy Frew takes a break from her work in the park to rest on a new seat, supplied and installed by Keith Waddell, standing. The seat is by a bend in the Mangateitei River, in a peaceful area across the water from the park's playground area.



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Chopper missions

Over the month of November, the Taupo-based Greenlea Rescue Helicopter carried out 22 missions throughout the Lakes and Central Plateau regions.

These missions included 11 inter-hospital transfers, three medical related events, one rescue mission, four rural or farm related incidents and three motor vehicle accidents.

Meanwhile, throughout the month of November, the Palmerston North Grassroots Trust Rescue Helicopter carried out a total of 24 missions in the Manawatu, Wanganui and surrounding regions.

These missions included three inter-hospital transfers, nine medical events, four motor vehicle accidents, two rescue missions and six rural and farm related incidents, which account for 25% of all transported missions. The rescue helicopter crew was seen in Palmerston North, Herbertville, Otaki, and Taihape, with two missions being carried out in each location.

On 6 November, the Greenlea Rescue Helicopter was dispatched to National Park for a teenage boy who had sustained injuries after being involved in a karting accident. The patient was flown to Rotorua Hospital for further treatment.

Grassroots

The month started off with the Grassroots Trust Rescue Helicopter being dispatched on 1 November, to Waiouru for a man in his 40s who had sustained critical facial injuries. The patient was flown to Whanganui Hospital for further treatment.

On Thursday 10 November, the helicopter was dispatched to Raetihi for a teenage female who had sustained multiple injuries after being involved in a serious MVA. The patient was stabilised at the scene and was flown to Palmerston North Hospital for further treatment.

On Saturday 18 November, the Helicopter was dispatched to north of Taihape for a person that had been involved in a motorbike accident and had sustained critical injuries. The patient was flown to Whanganui Hospital for further treatment.

“With the Christmas season just around the corner for New Zealand, Kiwis will be out and about making the most of this warm weather and sunshine,” says Bridget Ross, marketing & communications coordinator.

She said the helicopter crews will remain on standby all summer, so that they can be there for patients whenever and wherever they are needed.

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The Greenlea Rescue Helicopter carried out 22 missions in November.

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Ohakune's top student



Santoshia Fisher is 2022 Dux for Ohakune Primary School. She is pictured with her proud parents, Vanessa Murphy and James Fisher. Photo: Jude Chevin.

Santoshia Fisher is dux for Ohakune Primary School – the top academic student for 2022.

She was presented the dux trophy by last year's winners, Rose Soverel and Rylee Fraser at the prize giving last week.

Proxime accessit (runner-up dux) is Fletcher Mason.

Academic excellence trophies presented were: Year 4 Bear Soverel, Year 5 Nico Fisher, Year 6 Grace Sherrit, Year 7 Paige Drinkwater.

Principal's Cup Fletcher Mason.

Mana Tangata Award, Talei Phillips and Olivia Gray.

Karangatira Paraihe Cup Harry Sherrit. Di Boulton Cup, Paora Kumeroa.

Luka Sirett Cup, presented by Jo and Paul Sirett, to the student who shows kindness and caring towards others with a positive attitude to challenge: Bella Drayton.

Mainfreight Award for Excellence in Attitude, Wren Drayton.

Hinewaipare Cup, Alex Bennett.

'Carrott Rocket' base nearly ready for lift-off



Luke Gilbert's team pour the concrete for the base of the 'Carrott Rocket' at the Ohakune Carrot Adventure Park in Ohakune. The playground feature is being sponsored by Youtube comedy duo Josh Carrott and Ollie Kendal. See Page Three for more on the Park.

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PUBLIC NOTICES

Book now for Angel's 18th Free Christmas community dinner

25th December 12.30pm
at the Centre Raetihi Baptist Church.

Bookings are essential.
Phone 0274 316 327.



CHRISTMAS SERVICES
St Mary's Church, Seddon St, Raetihi

December 24 Christmas Eve
8pm Holy Communion

December 25 Christmas Day
No service

Normal services resume on 8 January 2023

BUSINESS NOTICES

GARAGE DOORS, all types of garage doors, specialising in sectional garage doors and auto openers. For a free quote ring Alex Ferrier Building Services Ltd on 07-895-5890.

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RAILWAY MUSEUM & OP SHOP. Open 10am-2pm Thursday - Sunday. 62 Thames St, 100m past Railway Station. Sponsored by The Ski Shed.

BUSINESS NOTICES

Aqua fitness Classes

Starting Tuesday
10 January, 5.15pm

Must express interest to Cecilia on 0274 956 180 by 2 January.

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

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Please send your details and CV to: autoservicecentre@hotmail.co.nz
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Ruapehu Bulletin

Hey kids - need extra pocket money?

The Ruapehu Bulletin requires Wednesday morning deliverers in Ohakune. Phone Robert on 06 385 8532.

PUBLIC NOTICES

Ruapehu Lions & Main Trunk Rail Ohakune



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.

GENERAL PRACTICE CLINIC AND URGENT/ RESPIRATORY ASSESSMENT CENTRE
06 385 4211



Ruapehu Health Ltd



Thursday 22nd December	Normal Hours
Friday 23rd December	8.30am - 2pm
Monday 26th December	CLOSED
Tuesday 27th December	CLOSED
Wednesday 28th December	Normal Hours
Thursday 29th December	Normal Hours
Friday 30th December	8.30am - 2pm
Monday 2nd January	CLOSED
Tuesday 3rd January	CLOSED
Wednesday 4th January	Normal Hours

If you have repeat medication requirements for this period, please ensure we have your requests by 12 noon on Wednesday 21st December.

On behalf of the Directors, Management and Staff we wish you a very happy holiday season and a peaceful, healthy New year.

When we are closed you can access our trusted after-hours virtual service. Week days 5pm to 10pm and weekends 8am to 8pm
Go to www.practiceplus.nz

Our team consists of highly skilled nurses, doctors and administrators. We also have a well-being team to support you with all your health needs.

Key contacts:
Tracy Mitchell - Clinical Service Manager
Frances Hays - Administration Team Lead

Our current practitioners:
Amy Hina - Nurse Practitioner
Dr Iain Hague
Dr Rory Kennelley
Dr JP Schwartz



WAIMARINO HEALTH CENTRE
22 Seddon St Raetihi

CHRISTMAS/NEW YEAR HOURS

The Waimarino Health Centre will close on the 22nd December 2022 at 4.30pm and reopen on 9th January 2023 at 8.30am

Hours for the following services through this period are as follows:

Midwifery Staff	available throughout the closure	Phone: 0274 848827
Rural Nurses	available throughout the closure	Phone: 0274 848826
Community Mental Health Nurse:	Closed 26th / 27th Dec and 2nd / 3rd January 2023	
	During closure phone 0800 653 358	(WDHB Mental Health Assessment Team)
Social Worker	reopen Tuesday 10th January 2023	
Radiology Dept	reopen Tuesday 10th January 2023	
Public Health	reopen Monday 16th January 2023	

All other Services will be closed throughout this period
If an emergency please dial 111.

The Staff at the Waimarino Health Centre would like to wish you good health and safe travelling over the Christmas/New Year period.
Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.



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PUBLIC NOTICES

Public Notice of Amendments to One Plan Manawatū-Whanganui (Horizons) One Plan – Plan Amendment 2

Manawatū-Whanganui Regional Council (Horizons) gives notice that under Sections 44A and 55 and Clause 20A (Schedule 1) of the Resource Management Act 1991, amendments to the One Plan – the consolidated Regional Policy Statement, Regional Plan and Regional Coastal Plan have been made, to incorporate requirements from the National Policy Statement for Freshwater Management 2020, National Policy Statement for Urban Development 2020, the Resource Management (National Environmental Standards for Plantation Forestry) Regulations 2017, the Resource Management (National Environmental Standards for Freshwater) Regulations 2020 and the Resource Management (National Environmental Standards for Storing Tyres Outdoors) Regulations 2021.

On 3 September 2020, the **National Policy Statement for Freshwater Management 2020 (NPS-FM 2020)** came into force, with amendments released 8 December 2022. The NPS-FM 2020 directs how freshwater resources, and activities that affect those resources, are to be managed. It directs regional councils to amend regional plans to incorporate specific provisions from the NPS-FM 2020. These clauses are set out below:

Clause 3.22 Natural inland wetlands

The loss of extent of natural inland wetlands is avoided, their values are protected, and their restoration is promoted, except where:

- a) the loss of extent or values arises from any of the following:
 - (i) the customary harvest of food or resources undertaken in accordance with tikanga Māori
 - (ii) wetland maintenance, restoration, or biosecurity (as defined in the National Policy Statement for Freshwater Management)
 - (iii) scientific research
 - (iv) the sustainable harvest of sphagnum moss
 - (v) the construction or maintenance of wetland utility structures (as defined in the Resource Management (National Environmental Standards for Freshwater) Regulations 2020)
 - (vi) the maintenance or operation of specified infrastructure, or other infrastructure (as defined in the Resource Management (National Environmental Standards for Freshwater) Regulations 2020)
 - (vii) natural hazard works (as defined in the Resource Management (National Environmental Standards for Freshwater) Regulations 2020); or
- b) the regional council is satisfied that:
 - (i) the activity is necessary for the construction or upgrade of specified infrastructure; and
 - (ii) the specified infrastructure will provide significant national or regional benefits; and
 - (iii) there is a functional need for the specified infrastructure in that location; and
 - (iv) the effects of the activity are managed through applying the effects management hierarchy; or
- c) the regional council is satisfied that:
 - (i) the activity is necessary for the purpose of urban development that contributes to a well-functioning urban environment (as defined in the National Policy Statement on Urban Development); and
 - (ii) the urban development will provide significant national, regional or district benefits; and
 - (iii) the activity occurs on land identified for urban development in operative provisions of a regional or district plan; and
 - (iv) the activity does not occur on land that is zoned in a district plan as general rural, rural production, or rural lifestyle; and
 - (v) there is either no practicable alternative location for the activity within the area of the development, or every other practicable location in the area of the development would have equal or greater adverse effects on a natural inland wetland; and
 - (vi) the effects of the activity will be managed through applying the effects management hierarchy; or
- d) the regional council is satisfied that:
 - (i) the activity is necessary for the purpose of quarrying activities; and
 - (ii) the extraction of the aggregate will provide significant national or regional benefits; and
 - (iii) there is a functional need for the activity to be done in that location; and
 - (iv) the effects of the activity will be managed through applying the effects management hierarchy; or
- e) the regional council is satisfied that:
 - (i) the activity is necessary for the purpose of:
 - (A) the extraction of minerals (other than coal) and ancillary activities; or
 - (B) the extraction of coal and ancillary activities as part of the operation or extension of an existing coal mine; and
 - (ii) the extraction of the mineral will provide significant national or regional benefits; and
 - (iii) there is a functional need for the activity to be done in that location; and
 - (iv) the effects of the activity will be managed through applying the effects management hierarchy; or
- f) the regional council is satisfied that:
 - (i) the activity is necessary for the purpose of constructing or operating a new or existing landfill or cleanfill area; and
 - (ii) the landfill or cleanfill area:
 - (A) will provide significant national or regional benefits; or
 - (B) is required to support urban development as referred to in paragraph (c); or
 - (C) is required to support the extraction of aggregates as referred to in paragraph (d); or
 - (D) is required to support the extraction of minerals as referred to in paragraph (e); and
 - (iii) there is either no practicable alternative location in the region, or every other practicable alternative location in the region would have equal or greater adverse effects on a natural inland wetland; and
 - (iv) the effects of the activity will be managed through applying the effects management hierarchy.

Clause 3.22 (a) and (b) have been in effect since 3 September 2020. Clauses 3.22 (c) – (f) come into effect as of 5 January 2023. The insertion of updated wording of Clause 3.22(a)(ii) comes into effect as of 5 January 2023.

Clause 3.24 Rivers

The loss of river extent and values is avoided, unless the council is satisfied that:

- (a) there is a functional need for the activity in that location; and
- (b) the effects of the activity are managed by applying the effects management hierarchy.

Clause 3.26 Fish passage

The passage of fish is maintained, or is improved, by instream structures, except where it is desirable to prevent the passage of some fish species in order to protect desired fish species, their life stages, or their habitats.

On 20 August 2020, the **National Policy Statement for Urban Development 2020 (NPS-UD 2020)** came into force. This directs how urban development is to be managed and directs regional councils to amend regional plans to include housing bottom-line data (Clause 3.6).

The One Plan has been amended to incorporate clauses from the NPS-FM 2020 and NPS-UD 2020 by undertaking the following actions and accompanying consequential minor edits:

- Insert Table 1, the housing bottom-line information for Palmerston North, into Regional Policy Statement Chapter 3 as directed by the NPS-UD 2020 (Clause 3.6);
- Insert new Policy 13-3A Natural inland wetlands into the Regional Plan Chapter 13 as directed by the NPS-FM 2020 (Clause 3.22);
- Insert new Policy 17-4 Rivers into the Regional Plan Chapter 17 as directed by the NPS-FM 2020 (Clause 3.24); and
- Insert new Objective 17-2 Fish Passage into the Regional Plan Chapter 17 as directed by the NPS-FM 2020 (Clause 3.26).

These changes must occur without using the process set out in Schedule 1 to the Resource Management Act 1991 (RMA). Therefore, in accordance with section 55(2A) of the RMA, the NPS-FM 2020 and the NPS-UD 2020, Horizons gives notice that it has amended the One Plan to incorporate Clauses 3.22, 3.24 and 3.26 of the NPS-FM 2020 and Clause 3.6 of the NPS-UD 2020. Further minor consequential edits have been made to the One Plan under clause 20A of Schedule 1 to the RMA.

On 1 May 2018, the **Resource Management (National Environmental Standards for Plantation Forestry) Regulations 2017 (NES-PF 2017)** came into force. The standards provide nationally consistent regulations to manage the environmental effects of forestry.

On 3 September 2020, the **Resource Management (National Environmental Standards for Freshwater) Regulations 2020 (NES-F 2020)** came into force. The standards regulate activities that pose risks to the health of freshwater and freshwater ecosystems.

On 20 August 2021, the **Resource Management (National Environmental Standards for Storing Tyres Outdoors) Regulations 2021 (NES-STO 2021)** came into force. The NES-STO regulates the storing of tyres outdoors and provides for protections relating to water quality, control of discharges of contaminants into land, air or water, and the mitigation of natural hazards.

The One Plan has been amended to incorporate requirements from the Resource Management (National Environmental Standards for Freshwater) Regulations 2020 (NES-F 2020), the Resource Management (National Environmental Standards for Plantation Forestry) Regulations 2017 (NES-PF 2017) and the Resource Management (National Environmental Standards for Storing Tyres Outdoors) Regulations 2021 (NES-STO 2021) by undertaking the following actions:

- Changes to the Glossary to better align with the statutory requirements as well as to address duplication and conflict between the One Plan and the National Environmental Standards;
- Insertion of advice notes that contain more specificity and address the obligation on Council to remove duplication or conflict with the NES-F 2020 and NES-STO 2021;
- Better alignment of the One Plan with the NES-PF 2017 including amendment of the present advice notes in the plan; and
- Minor consequential changes to align the One Plan with the National Environmental Standards.

These changes must be made to avoid duplication or conflict between the One Plan and these national environmental standards as required and have been addressed through the use of repeated advice notes, referencing the requirements and effect of the NES-PF, NES-F and NES-STO (as applicable) above relevant sections of the One Plan rules. This specifically applies to chapters 11.1, 13.3, 14.3, 14.4, 14.5, 14.6, 14.8, 14.10, 14.11, 16.3, 16.4, 16.5, 17.3, 17.4, 17.5, 17.6, 17.7, 17.8, 17.9, 17.11, 18.1, 18.2.2, 18.3.2, 18.4.2, 18.5.2, 18.6.2, 18.7.2, 18.9.2, and 18.10.

These changes must occur without using the process set out in Schedule 1 of the Resource Management Act 1991 (RMA). Therefore, in accordance with section 44A of the RMA and the NES-F 2020, the NES-PF 2017 and the NES-STO 2021, Horizons gives notice that it has amended the One Plan to incorporate the required changes into the One Plan. Correction of minor errors and further minor consequential edits have been made to the One Plan under clause 20A of Schedule 1 to the RMA.

The One Plan, amended by Plan Amendment 2 - 2022 can be found on the Horizons website <https://www.horizons.govt.nz/publications-feedback/one-plan> and can be viewed during normal office hours at the Regional Council offices <http://www.horizons.govt.nz/contact-us>.

Links to updated chapters of the Regional Policy Statement in pdf format can be found at <https://www.horizons.govt.nz/publications-feedback/one-plan/part-1-regional-policy-statement/setting-the-scene>, links to the updated chapters of the Regional Plan in pdf format can be found at <https://www.horizons.govt.nz/publications-feedback/one-plan/part-2-regional-plan/chapter-11/11-1-introduction-to-part-ii> and the link to the updated Glossary in pdf format can be found at <https://www.horizons.govt.nz/publications-feedback/one-plan/glossary/glossary>.

To access the Government's information on how the requirements of the Essential Freshwater programme work, visit the Ministry for the Environment website at <https://environment.govt.nz/acts-and-regulations/freshwater-implementation-guidance/>.

To access the Government's information on the National Policy Statement for Freshwater Management 2020, visit the Ministry for the Environment website at <https://environment.govt.nz/acts-and-regulations/national-policy-statements/national-policy-statement-freshwater-management/>.

To access the Government's information on the requirements of the National Policy Statement on Urban Development 2020 visit the Ministry for the Environment website at <https://environment.govt.nz/acts-and-regulations/national-policy-statements/national-policy-statement-urban-development/>.

To access the Government's information on how the requirements of the Plantation Forestry programme work in practice visit the Ministry for the Environment website at <https://environment.govt.nz/acts-and-regulations/regulations/national-environmental-standards-for-plantation-forestry/>.

To access the Government's information on the requirements of the National Environmental Standards for Freshwater 2020 visit the Ministry for the Environment website at <https://environment.govt.nz/acts-and-regulations/regulations/national-environmental-standards-for-freshwater/>.

To access the Government's information on the National Environmental Standard for Storing Tyres Outdoors 2021 visit the Ministry for the Environment website at <https://environment.govt.nz/publications/national-environmental-standards-for-storing-tyres-outdoors-users-guide/>.

Michael McCartney
CHIEF EXECUTIVE
Signed for and on behalf of the
MANAWATŪ-WHANGANUI REGIONAL COUNCIL



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Power grants miss Waimarino

Out of 12 groups to receive financial support from local electricity distributor, The Lines Company's (TLC), none are from the Waimarino area.

But it seems TLC isn't to blame – of the 25 applications for funds, only one is from this area, and they will receive support through a different channel.

“We'll be working with Ngaati Rangi Trust to train their kaimahi in how they can support whanau in energy efficient behaviour,” advises TLC.

“This will benefit the community through savings, and reduction in power usage. Our team will deliver energy education training and resources in the New Year.”

Groups that do receive cash include a range of community organisations and sports clubs, most receiving around \$1000.

They include \$1000 to support Tūrangi Whanau Christmas at Te Kapua Park; and Tongariro Junior Rugby who received \$1000 towards their 2023 season.

The remaining funding recipients were:

- Tongaporutu Summer Events received \$1000 to support their annual outdoor event.
- Coast Sports Athletic Club's Coast Sports Day was supported with \$1000.
- Piopio Cosmopolitan Club has received \$970 to help support their annual hunting competition.
- Mōkau School received \$1000 to purchase security cameras.
- Waikato River Trails Trust's Summer Trails Summer Sizzler Fun Run/Walk Event received \$1000.
- Benneydale Children's Christmas Party was granted \$1000 for the event.
- Tirohanga School received \$1000 for new picnic tables in their swimming pool area.
- Piopio Youth Sports Committee were awarded \$1000 for their rugby programme.
- Nga Hau E Wha Maara Kai Charitable Trust will invest \$1000 in TLC funding in their community garden space to encourage others to be more environmentally aware.
- Ngakonui Valley School were granted \$980 for their vegetable garden project.

Mike Fox, TLC chief executive said the business, along with shareholder Waitomo Energy Services Customer Trust (WESCT), were focused on helping community groups to achieve their goals.

“Each funding round we get to see the amazing work various community groups are doing locally.

“We very much see our role in the community as supporting these initiatives through our investment in sponsorship funding, community events, sponsorships and partnerships with local organisations, as well as the good work Maru Energy Trust do to help insulate and heat whare.

“Each year we budget \$400,000 for these projects and events that directly benefit local communities,” says Fox.

The next TLC funding round opens on 1 March 2023, the first of three \$10,000 grants available next year. The main goal of the sponsorship is to benefit as many people as possible within the network.

Summer Holiday

Our office will be closed from Wednesday 21 December. And will open again on Thursday 12 January 2023.

We will be checking our messages and emails regularly so please stay in touch!
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We wish all our readers and advertisers a safe and happy Christmas and New Year.
All the best for 2023!

We endeavour to deliver a Bulletin to your letterbox every Wednesday – but if you are not receiving one, please let us know.

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All action at Ohakune Primary School

Ohakune Primary School has been “a hive of busyness” over the last term with many, many exciting, interesting and FUN learning opportunities available for learners, says deputy principal Rose Martin.

Dance

The OPS tradition of Dance Off in term 4 took place on the back of sending a team off to the Inter-schools event in Whanganui. Wren Drayton was awarded the ‘Gentleman of Distinction’ at that event.

“The competitors came back buzzing and quickly built on their skills over the seven weeks in term 4 before competing in the Dance Off afternoon for the hotly contested class trophy, won in 2022 by Room 14,” said Ms Martin.

“An excellent skill to add to their kete and a fun event for whanau too!”

Agriculture Day

Further community and whanau events over the term included Agriculture Day – Lamb and Calf rearing and Young Farmer of the Year Competition.

“Such skilled and enthusiastic young people, farming is in good hands going forward,” said Ms Martin.

“These events ran alongside competitions to create vegetable creatures, decorate

cupcakes and produce animal themed art.”

Police Competency Test

A team of year 7 and 8 learners headed off to Whanganui to compete in the PCT competition run by the police and the team came home with the trophy.

Ally Lochhead was the fastest female competitor and earned a place in the regional team to compete in Auckland.

Part of Ally’s prize included the opportunity to go the final of the Women’s Rugby World Cup.

Kapa Haka

Ohakune’s Kapa Haka group showcased their skill and talents at the Waimarino Culture Festival in November.

“Thank you to whanau and community support to help hone these skills and let our akonga shine!”

Camps

All of the middle school and Senior School have completed camps in the last few weeks enjoying a range of challenges, spaces and camp fun from Huiharama to Waihi.

“Again, thank you to our whanau for supporting these learning opportunities.”

Athletics

Earlier in the term Ohakune held their

school-wide athletics and selected a team of year 5 and 6 and a team of year 7 and 8 learners who went to Whanagnui to compete in regional events with some outstanding results including 1st, 2nd and 3rd placings across the events.

Year 8 Leavers

Year 8 learners have been celebrating their final weeks at OPS with a range of events including a leaver’s dinner and a Big Day Out.



Manaaki Bell-Morehu (above) and Vanessa Ashford-Wallis (below) both 2nd in Year 7 Shotgun.



Santosha Fisher placed first in the 200m run in Whanganui and 2nd in the 100m.



Ohakune Primary School’s annual dance-off, won by Room 14.

2023 ENROLMENTS

If you have a child coming to Ruapehu College in 2023 please enrol them online

<https://www.ruapehucollege.school.nz/enrolment/new-enrolment/>

We no longer have uniform available at the College

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