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More Parapara works start

Urgent enabling works at the State Highway 4 Te Oreore slip site will get underway in the New Year to ensure the safety and resilience of the route for those travelling between Raetihi and Whanganui, reports Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency.

In October 2019, a major slip on SH4 about 18km south of Raetihi destroyed a large section of the road, forcing an initial full closure, followed by construction of a temporary road through the middle of the slip area. Dewatering works began in 2020 to stabilise the landslip and undertake critical testing.

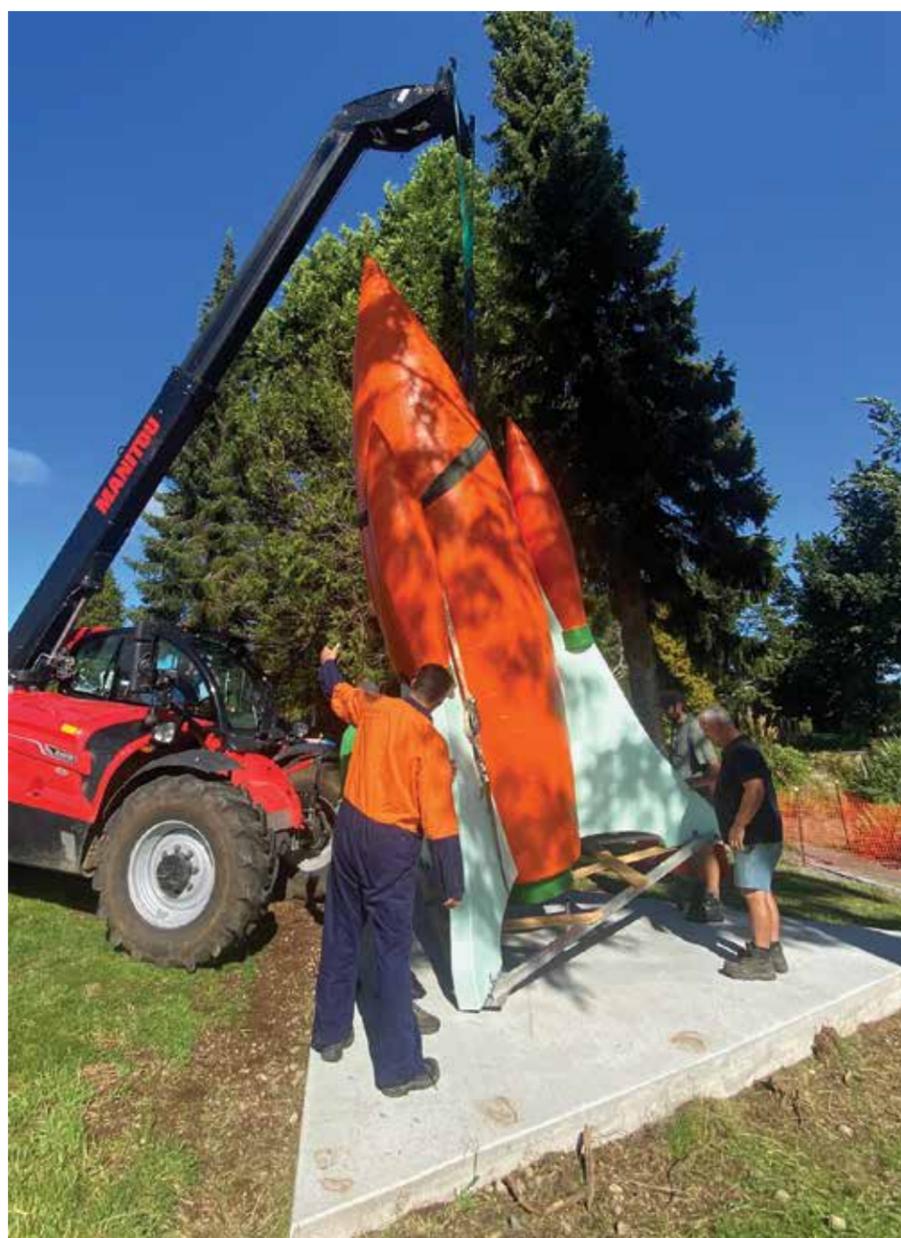
Horizons Regional Council has granted Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency resource consent to construct three retaining walls north of the main slip area and the drilling and construction of two new dewatering wells.

Waka Kotahi project sponsor Wayne Oldfield says the need for the works became evident following the heavy rain last winter, which caused some ground movement at the slip site.

“There was movement in a number of locations at the site and the temporary road was reduced to one lane to prevent heavy loading on the outside edge of the lane. We now need to undertake works to prevent further movement and safeguard the area so we can keep moving forward with the slip replacement project,” Mr Oldfield says.

SH4 provides an important link between Whanganui and the Central North Island. It is also the backup link

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The new Ohakune ‘Carrott Rocket’ is placed on its launch pad.

Carrott rocket launch oh so close

Commencing countdown, engines on ... it’s close to launch time at the Ohakune Carrot Adventure Park, with the latest feature, a 5.3 metre ‘Carrott Rocket’ now in place and nearly ready for lift-off.

Before it is ‘launched’, some safety landscaping needs completing and the rocket’s audio system still needs to be tweaked but it would be fully functional by the end of January, says Park trustee Peggy Frew.

“When kids sit in it and press the button, there will be sirens and an automated message saying ‘5,4,3,2,1, blast-off’.

A team of volunteers installed the rocket on Monday last week, including Nick Robb, Peter Frew, Dave Hammond, Gus Wilson, Matthew Frew, Stu Ridley, Steve Gray and others.

The rocket has been built by Piopio boat builder Max Laver. He and Tony Williams used multi-board, foam, marine plywood, and fibreglass, taking five months to complete.

Ex-Ohakune resident Murray Swan designed the rocket, with electronics, and the aircraft engineer had planned to build it in metal, but this proved to be too expensive.

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Mangapurua reopening soon

Bad weather threw another curve ball at workers trying to get the Mangapurua cycle track reopened recently. "The weather ... has thrown another curveball. The team from Impel were in over the last few days assessing things and have confirmed that barring any unexpected weather or other unforeseen challenges, we are now on track for a revised reopening date for the Trig to Bridge to Nowhere section of the trail next Friday 20 January," advised Lynley Twyman from Mountains to Sea – Ngā Ara Tūhono Cycle Trails.

A further check-in was due Tuesday evening (after the Bulletin went to print) to keep everyone as informed as possible.

"All other sections of the trail remain open and we are encouraging trail users to consider our alternative routes," says Lynley.

"We know that this is not ideal with the summer break for many Kiwis in full swing, every effort is being made to get the track open safely as soon as possible. Thank you to all the operators who have invested many hours juggling itineraries and answering queries as to the when will the trail be open.

"Once the Impel team have completed this work, they will be shifting their equipment and focus to completing the upgrades on the Kaiwhakauka.

"Thank you to the Dept of Conservation team for continuing to support this work."

More Parapara works start

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north if SH1 is closed between Bulls and Turangi. The work required to reinstate the route is complex and significant and Waka Kotahi is working with local iwi to ensure the plans for the new permanent road support the objectives of Te Waiū-o-Te-Ika – the legal framework for the Whangaeu River Catchment as part of the Ngāti Rangī Treaty Settlement.

The wider area is of cultural significance and is located within an area of interest to local iwi. The Mangawhero River is just below the proposed work site and is identified as a site for mahinga kai (food gathering) and is a tributary to the Whangaeu River.

Tuhiariki Marae spokesperson Troy Brown says they support the enabling works.

"The Parapara road is an essential route for the health and well-being of our people. However, while we support this work, it is significant that the dewatered Wai stays in its most pure form before entering the Awa".



The Te Ore Ore slip that badly affected the Parapara in October 2019.

Ngāti Rangī Pou Ārahi Helen Leahy says the protection of the taiao is paramount to Ngāti Rangī.

"This is underpinned by our cultural principles and high environmental values. However, the learnings from whakapapa serve to remind us that it is also important to keep the people connected, this includes our communities that rely on the Parapara Road. Therefore, our engagement with this process is future focused."

Ātīhau-Whanganui Incorporation manager culture and legacy, Whetu Moataane says they have been working

closely with NZTA, Ngāti Rangī and Ngāi Tuhiariki for the past 24 months on the Cultural Impact Assessment "to ensure the voice and aspirations of hapū and iwi are heard and paramount".

"Even though we are the landowners, it is very important to Ātīhau that hapū and iwi are proactive and collaboratively lead the upcoming Te Oreore works."

The works will be undertaken within the existing road reserve and are expected to get underway in February.

Resource consent was also granted recently for continued dewatering activities from the five existing groundwater bores on site.

Other sites

At other sites, work was also to resume in January to continue slip repairs on the road.

"We'll begin ground investigations on January 10 at the site north of Hawken Rd where the road is down to one lane due to a recent washout. This testing will help us to complete a design for a permanent solution there.

"At the end of January, construction of a retaining wall will begin at the site of the under slip near Burrell Road. Local company Loaders Whanganui will carry out this work and it is expected to be complete by the end of May," Service said.

Further north, work continues on the Auraki Stream road retreat project, which is due for completion in June 2023.

A full rebuild and sealing of nearly 300m of SH4 south of Kakatahi, near Macintosh Rd, will get underway. Stop/go traffic management will be in place between 6am and 6pm Monday to Friday for three weeks and there will be delays of up to 10 minutes during this time.

From January 16, weather dependent, resealing was to start at multiple sites along the road and was expected to take four days.

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What's on around Ruapehu

Mahi Aroha - DOC summer programme 1-30 January

The Goat Adventure Run & The Kid 21 January

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Ohakune Carrott Rocket launch oh so close

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Max Laver said their method was much like boat building and it “could probably sail quite well on the water”.

“Now, when people ask me what I do, I can tell them I specialise in flying carrots. I feel like I’ve validated myself to quite a lofty height in this field.”

“We built it in sections. Everything had to be really strong because of the height and the size,” Laver said.

“It will be there forever and outlive all of us - the last thing standing on earth.

“A future generation will say ‘What did the humans use this for?’”

While it is planned to be in use in the coming weeks, the official launch won’t happen until April, when YouTube presenters Josh Carrott and Ollie Kendal can be present.

With Josh’s surname of ‘Carrott’, he has a “spiritual connection” to the Big Carrot and the Park and they have adopted Muncho as their mentor.

The pair will bring their camera crew along and as well as pressing the launch button, will try their hand at harvesting carrots, trout fishing and biking the Ohakune Old Coach Road.

It has been funded by the Jolly YouTube Show as well as Pub Charity.

YouTube video pair Josh Carrott (with two t’s) and Ollie Kendall visited the Ohakune Carrot Adventure Park in 2017, while they were in the area to walk the Tongariro Alpine Crossing.

They featured “Carrottland”, as they called it, in



The new double flying fox at the Ohakune Carrot Adventure Park is all systems go, as Kaia and Keilani Herbert from Auckland found out during their recent Ohakune holiday.



Park trustee Dave Scott in the rocket capsule, waiting for ignition.

an episode of their weekly YouTube video “Jolly”, which has so far had over 1.1 million views.

Later, Ollie decided that through their YouTube channel, there was enough material on Josh to put together a biography on his friend. As the words are all Josh’s, he decided it was an autobiography.

The launch of the book, titled *Once Upon A Time In Carrottland: My YouTube Autobiography Which I Definitely Wrote All Of*, was done on their regular YouTube channel, which was the first time Josh found out about the project.

“He’s about to become a globally-published author, and he has no idea,” says Ollie in the introduction, explaining that the book launch is a birthday present to Josh.

“You ... are the first person in history to unknowingly write and publish your own autobiography,” he tells Josh.

The book features their visit to Ohakune and part-way through the presentation to Josh, Ollie introduces Dave Scott, Carrot Park trustee.

Dave congratulates Josh on the publication of his

autobiography, then explains that he and Ollie have been working on plans for the “Carrott Rocket”.

“I have been in contact with Ollie and he is confident that your fans, the ‘Jollybeans’ will buy enough copies to make this dream a reality,” says Dave.

Josh asks Dave if he has ever met anyone with Carrott as their name, to which he replies “no, not with two t’s”.

You can view the “Carrottland” video at https://youtu.be/kdh_5pxya44

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A new event as part of The Goat Tongariro Adventure Run

Ohakune Primary School starts back on Wednesday 1 February Powhiri 10am

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Wednesday 1 February – school starts

Friday 3 February – Longest Morning Tea - all welcome

Monday 6 February – Waitangi Day

Tuesday 7 February – All classes start swimming

ALSO ... don't forget our Garden Ramble on 28 January – link is on our FB page for tickets.

The Principal, Lisa Clark, can also be contacted for new enrolments and visits on principal@ohakune.school.nz 06-385-8384 or 027 388 7581

Carrot bigger than Salmon?



A New Zealand fuel company is making use of the Ohakune Big Carrot – along with a bunch of other big-thing pretenders – as they try to work out which is Aotearoa’s best summer landmark.

The Carrot is one of eight big things in the competition, up against the Rakala Salmon.

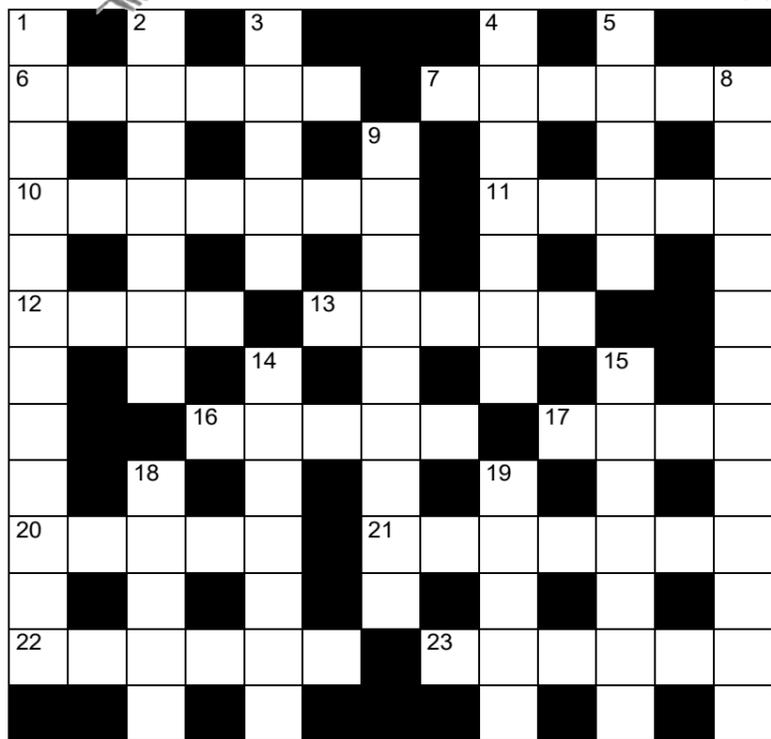
The fuel company has asked which one

should be in the final four, with the Te Kuiti Shearer paired with the Springfield Donut, the Paeroa L&P bottle up against the Taihape Gumboot, and the Te Puke Kiwifruit paired with the Gore Guitar.

The Carrot is getting lots of support on the Caltex Facebook page, while some people are lamenting the lack of other town symbols.

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ACROSS

- 6. Expressing regret (6)
- 7. Card game (6)
- 10. Surprise and confuse (7)
- 11. Wood-eating beetle (5)
- 12. Ancient tale (4)
- 13. Dishonest person (colloq) (5)
- 16. Lacy mat (5)
- 17. NZ fish also called whiptail (4)
- 20. Hopping mad (5)
- 21. Religious denomination listed as NZ’s sixth most numerous (7)
- 22. Rain-bearing cloud (6)
- 23. Serious (6)

DOWN

- 1/3. 27km roading project which took seven years to build and cost around \$1.2bn (12,5)
- 2. George ____, New Zealand’s most successful professional cyclist (7)
- 3. See 1
- 4. Large corrugated iron sculpture in Taihape (7)
- 5. Map (5)
- 8. Deafening (12)
- 9. Reef off Tauranga which the Rena hit in 2011 (9)
- 14. Strait north of Stewart Island (7)
- 15. Cone-bearing tree, common in NZ (7)
- 18. Nickname often used for NZ’s eighth largest urban area (5)
- 19. Ghost (colloq) (5)

Previous solution

Across: 1. Cabinet, 4. Bacon, 7. Blub, 8. Calculus, 10. Namby-pamby, 12. Spot on, 13. Boring, 15. Shrink wrap, 18. Pheasant, 19. Aged, 20. Times, 21. Channel.
Down: 1. Cabin, 2. Blue moon, 3. Tea bag, 4. Backblocks, 5. Coll, 6. Nest egg, 9. Hypothesis, 11. Nitrogen, 12. Shotput, 14. Picnic, 16. Pedal, 17. Team.

Karioi road works

Motorists can expect delays on State Highway 49 between Ohakune and Waiouru until Saturday 21 January. “Due to stabilizing works, there will be stop/go traffic management with a 30km/h speed restriction, between Monday, 16 January to Saturday, 21 January 7am to 5pm. Take extra care and expect some delays on this route, advises NZTA.

The work is between Karioi Station Rd, the Tokiahuru Stream Bridge and the Karioi Forest Pulp Mill entrance.

Letters

Tūroa potential ignored

• So the current administration are no better than the Ruapehu Alpine Lifts management in ignoring the potential of Tūroa skifields.

We all know that Tūroa has colder temperatures and gets snow earlier and later than Whakapapa, so why take the July school holidays away from Ohakune and Tūroa when there is a multitude of money to be made from residents in and around Ohakune, ready to ski or board Tūroa and only half the ski clubs on Whakapapa have anyone staying?

Closing on 15 October is the same regretful thinking, when Labour Weekend has always been a big finish to the season.

The RAL management have always devalued the possibilities on Tūroa, last season with the early snow, they could have run the Alpine Meadow, but instead they let a number of people ski and play on there for free.

The Tūroa parking is easier to manage and fewer staff would be needed to run the Magic Carpet.

For beginner skiers and boarders, the Alpine Café offers a fantastic viewing platform over the Alpine Meadow where mums and dads can easily watch their kids.

Put that against the cost of a snow making strip in Happy Valley, running a lift up and down the cliff and running a separate café and it shows the administrators are only talking to past RAL management and not considering what Ohakune and Turoa has to offer for early season patrons.

Have the administrators even considered a “cost benefit” to running the Alpine Meadow earlier? Yes, maybe just running the Movenpick, High Noon and Giant chair is well justified, but how hard are the administrators looking for separate purchasers for Whakapapa and Tūroa?

Are they just concentrating on rescuing the debt over the Sky Waka?

By cutting short the season without consulting with locals that support the skifields, how do the administrators think the support they are asking for from the Ruapehu Region will be viewed?

To me, it is now time for a new company to separate itself from RAL management and the “Voluntary Administration” and look at a separate Turoa purchase.

Mike Wiggins

PWC replies:

• The Administrators and RAL management has done its best to balance catering for expected demand in the 2023 season and ensuring commercial viability when setting the dates for being open. We acknowledge there will be different views on what this means. However, we are doing our best to optimise both aspects.

John H Fisk, PwC | Partner

Waimarino graduate



Antonia Hoeta graduated at Otago University with a Masters in Science with credit in Anatomy on 14 December. She worked last year leading the Solar Tsunami Endeavour project for T hura Otago Museum and will return to studies next year to complete her Bachelor of Medicine and Surgery. The daughter of Viv and Mike Hoeta, Antonia attended Raetihi Primary school and Ruapehu College before her tertiary studies.

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Have your say on top summer spots

Horizons Regional Council wants to know what your freshwater top spots are by 28 February 2023 to help inform freshwater policy changes.

This summer Horizons is asking the community three things: where do you enjoy freshwater, what water bodies do you think are outstanding, and do you agree with the criteria to determine if a water body, such as a river or a lake, is outstanding.

On their swim spots map, Horizons already includes

Mangawhero River at SH49, Makotuku River at Raetihi Motor Camp, Manganui o te Ao River at Ruatiti Domain, and Whanganui River at Pipiriki.

General manager strategy, regulation and science Dr Nic Peet says this information is part of the Council's Oranga Wai process and will help inform policy changes to the One Plan, the document that manages the Manawatū-Whanganui region's natural resources.

"This round of engagement will also influence Horizons'

water quality monitoring programme and also help determine which freshwater bodies are classified as outstanding," says Dr Peet.

"We have some amazing freshwater spots across the region both for their recreational value and for other values such as populations of aquatic birds or unique geographical features. We have a starting point for where these sites are, however we may have missed some and we'd like the public to help identify these."

Dr Peet says understanding where people enjoy being on or in the water, whether that be swimming, kayaking or rafting, means Horizons can better understand if their monitoring programme suits the needs of the community or should be adapted.

"For outstanding water bodies there is more specific criteria beyond where people play on or in the water," he says.

"There are multiple categories that can make something outstanding, so we have built a slideshow to display the twelve water bodies in the region we think are outstanding to help people decide if we have missed any. One example of this is Waihi Falls, which Horizons believes to be outstanding due to its natural form and character.

"If a water body is designated as outstanding it may then get extra protection.

However, that is something that would be determined in the future on a case-by-case basis. This engagement round is about confirming what's considered to assess if a water body is outstanding and what freshwater sites in our region should be labelled as such.

"It's important to note that outstanding water bodies have not had cultural criteria applied to them yet, as this assessment is being progressed through engagement with tangata whenua. An external panel of experts will make recommendations on the outstanding water bodies for the region based on the final criteria developed from public and stakeholder feedback," says Dr Peet.

The engagement is split into two parts: freshwater recreation and outstanding water bodies, online at <https://bit.ly/Top-fw-spots>. Readers can choose to go through to either or both of the engagements and fill out their accompanying surveys until 28 February 2023.

A draft revision to the One Plan will be notified by the end of 2024 for the public to have their say on. All information gathered during the engagement stages is considered during the writing of the draft.

For more information about the Oranga Wai process to date see freshwater.horizons.govt.nz.



What's your top freshwater summer spot? The regional council wants to know.

Ruapehu information still available, if iSite doors closed

With Ruapehu District's iSite network running on reduced hours, manager Kim Treen says information is still available.

Taumarunui iSite is open seven days but Ohakune is reduced to opening Monday to Friday.

Ruapehu District Council said in a press release in December that they have had to reduce opening hours due to a combination of staff shortages and sickness, notably caused by the resurgence of Covid19.

Manager Kim Treen said that the iSite apologised for any inconvenience and asked that people are patient and understanding of the situation.

"If people find an iSite is closed please call us on our freephone 0800 647 483 where we can still help with

all your experience, accommodation or travel needs in Ruapehu and around the motu," she said.

"With the summer holidays and rebound in tourism we understand this is far from ideal but we are doing all we can to maintain services and return to our usual opening hours as soon as possible."

Mrs Treen said they are working on recruiting new staff, with interviews planned for this week.

She said the iSites, like many businesses after the pandemic, are struggling to find staff and the issue is not restricted to the iSites or Ruapehu.

Information on vacancies is available in the vacancies section on Council's website ruapehudc.govt.nz.



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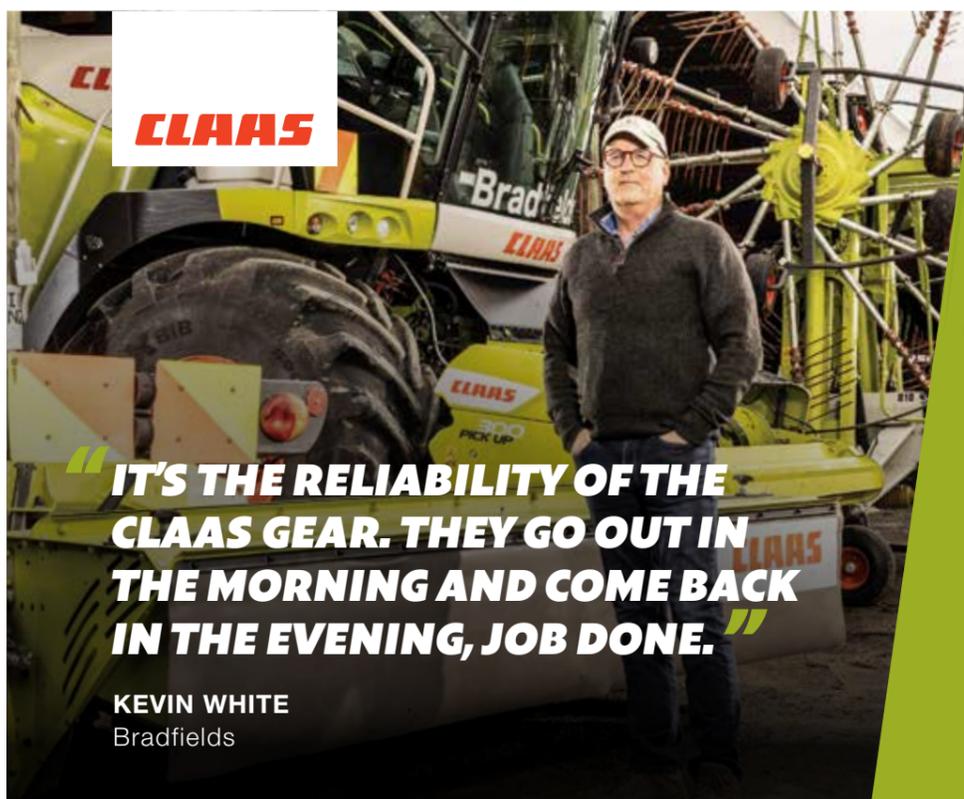
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Saturday sees the 19th Goat trail run from Whakapapa to Tūroa, with organisers expecting their 10,000th finisher for the race that has been going since 2004.

The day will also feature their inaugural 'Kid Race' taking in the Mangawhero Forest loop track at the bottom of the Ohakune Mountain Road.

The first wave of Goats leaves Iwikau Village at Whakapapa at 9.30am, with the leading male expected at Tūroa from 11.20am and women from 11.45am.

"We are expecting around 700 Goats and 100-plus Kids on Saturday," says organiser Jason Cameron.

Leading contenders for the men to take out overall title are: Aaron Pulford (Tauranga) – a multiple NZ champion over number of distances who is a first time Goat; Kaya Corporaal (Galatea) who has been in the top five numerous times; Simon Mace (Auckland); Matt Ogdan (Nelson) – the 2016 Goat Individual Champion; and Lance Downie (Murupara).

Leading contenders for the women to take out overall title: Maia Flint (Tau-

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Event volunteers needed

Both Project Tongariro and the Ohakune Primary School are calling for volunteers to help on Saturday.

Ohakune Principal Lisa Clark is looking for another seven volunteers, to help with The Kid run. The school will receive much-needed funds from their help.

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Project Tongariro were looking for people to join the barbecue team as well as volunteers to be course marshals.

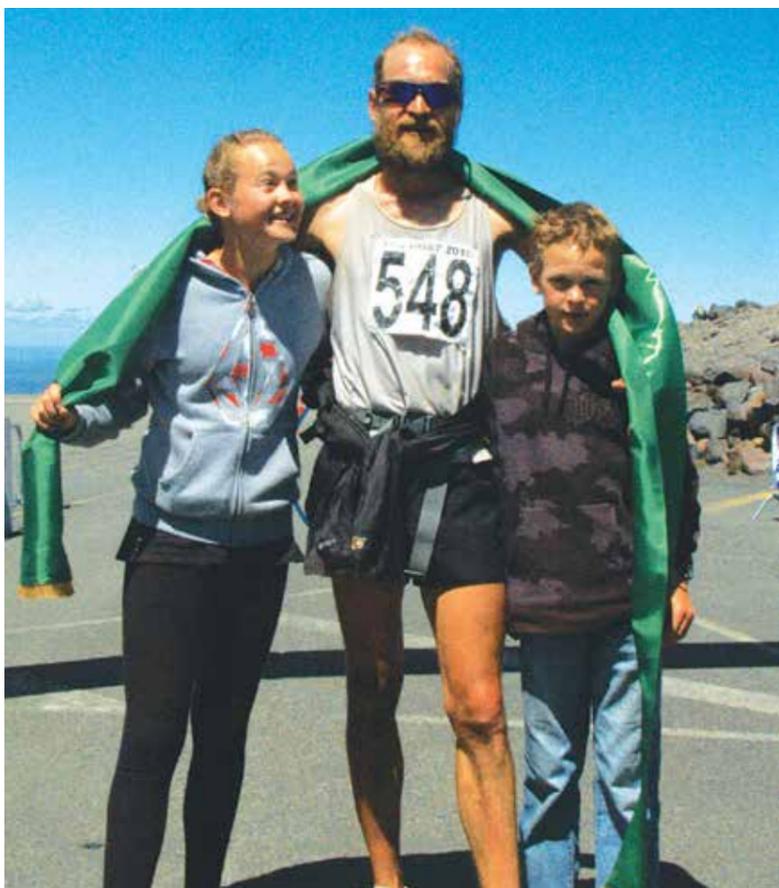
They are also still looking for 30-plus volunteers for The Ruapehu Trail Festival event (the Tussock Traverse and Ring of Fire events) happening on Saturday, 11 March 2023.

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Locals into summer visits



It's not only visitors enjoying Ruapehu's visitor attractions – earlier in January this group found themselves sharing the Lauren's Lavender Farm experience. From left, Grant Ross from Forgotten World Adventures, Phil Collins from Canoe Safaris, Mahalee Guieysse from Visit Ruapehu and Andrew Waddel, Tourism New Zealand's general manager Australia. "It was a serendipitous meeting and fantastic to see so many of our community members as well as manuhiri enjoying a fantastic summer's day at Lauren's Lavender Farm," said Mahalee.



2010 top Goat Sars Corporaal with two 'kids', who have since been competitors too.



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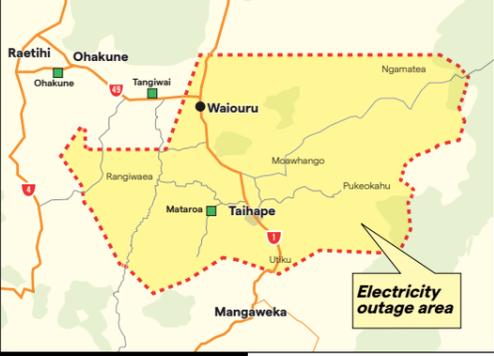
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Taihape teen holds world lamb shearing record, for two days

Te Pa Station near Raetihi was host to Taihape teenage shearer Reuben Alabaster breaking the decades-old strong wool lamb shearing record, only to see Jack Fagan overtake his record two days later.

Alabaster shored 746 lambs in eight hours at Te Pa Station, near Raetihi and Ohakune, on 20 December.

He had to wait until the last minute to break a world shearing record, which had gone unchallenged for almost 11 years.

At 19 years of age, Alabaster is the youngest to set a solo record, and a year ago, at the age of 18 and in the same woolshed, he became the youngest to hold a shearing record, as part of a five-stand triumph.

With these achievements behind him, the possibility of just a two-day stay at the top was the least of concerns amid the euphoria of breaking a record of 744, which had been shorn by Irish gun Ivan Scott near Taupō in January 2012.

With rain pouring outside, and temperatures down to 14°C in Ohakune 20km away, the woolshed doors were closed to keep the heat in, a far cry from an average December, where it would have been in the range of 30°C with the doors open to let some heat out.

The woolshed was more than packed to capacity and pumping big-time for most of the last two-hour run, which was always going to be touch-and-go if Alabaster were to break the record.

Needing an average of over 93 lambs an hour, or quicker than 38.7 seconds a lamb caught, shorn and dispatched, Alabaster got off to a good start, with 187 in the opening run from 7am to the morning-tea break at 9am.

His 183 in the two hours to lunch, after having one rejected by the World Sheep Shearing Records judging panel, guaranteed a tough afternoon, but he recovered with an all-counted 187 in the next two hours to go to afternoon tea needing 187 to break the record in the run to the 5pm finish.

He did it in the last minute and plucked an extra on the count of time to finish with 188.

"I actually thought the last one was for 745," he said.

"I was relieved."

Anxious dad Ricky sat alongside him, and

cousin, and world champion woolhandler, Sheree was among the large crew of helpers.

Alabaster said they were the ones who did "90 per cent of the work," after blasting his way through the last hour, carried by the constant chanting and music from supporters, which resembled the final minutes of a close match between the All Blacks and Wales at Cardiff Arms.

Among others in the crew was event manager Justin Bell, a Southern Hawke's Bay farmer who once held both the eight and nine-hour records.

Of his last 50 lambs, more than 30 were through the porthole in under the 38.7 seconds-a-sheep threshold, a dozen at least three seconds quicker.

There were emotional scenes all around at the end, with a father-son hug for the ages, after an effort the equivalent of running two back-to-back marathons, according to scientific monitoring of a world record breaker in Australia about 20 years ago.

Alabaster learnt to shear before he was 10 and he's since also been a successful competition shearer, including in 2018, when he was runner-up in the Golden Shears junior final in Masterton, and winner of the New Zealand Shears junior title in Te Kuiti, at the age of 14.

Judging convener Dave Brooker, from South Australia, confirmed there had been just one lamb rejected during the day, and said it was a good day's shearing, Alabaster having an average quality rating of 11.23, inside a threshold of 12 penalties.

Afterwards, Alabaster was doing some judging of his own, looking remarkably fresh and assessing that for pain ratio it rated "11 out of 10".

But he'd still be up at seven in the morning, even if only for a possible early media engagement if needed.

"That's what shearers do," one of the crew said.

Fagan's bid on the Thursday at Puketiti came 30 years to the day after his father Sir David Fagan shored a nine-hour record 810 in Southland on December 22, 1992. He set a new record of 754 lambs shorn in eight hours.

It's also the first anniversary of another day at Te Pa when Fagan shored 811 and Alabaster 774 in a five-stand record for nine hours.



Reuben Alabaster points out his shearing total – two more than the previous world record for strong wool lambs. Photo supplied.

Intensive winter grazing rules in effect to protect freshwater

Horizons Regional Council are urging farmers to make sure they're familiar with new regulations to better control the effects of intensive winter grazing.

In September 2020, central government introduced the Essential Freshwater package, which included new rules and policies aimed at halting or reversing the degradation of freshwater bodies. The National Environment Standards for Freshwater (NES-FW), which are part of this package, requires farmers who can't meet the Permitted Activity rules to apply for resource consent for intensive winter grazing by 1 May 2023.

Horizons regulatory manager Greg Bevin says Horizons website has a clear process laid out to support farmers with the new regulations.

"We are taking a strategically staged approach to issuing consents by prioritising risk and environmental impact," says Mr Bevin.

"Our website steps farmers through this process, including how to determine farm operation risk level, and details how to apply for consent. However, regardless of a farm's risk level we

expect all farmers to continue with best practice, which includes an intensive winter grazing management plan to identify environmental risks and on-farm mitigations.

"Making and following a plan to manage intensive winter grazing is essential to reducing the risk of nutrients, faecal pathogens and sediment run-off contaminating freshwater. As always, if there are any practice issues reported while we take the staged approach, we will take the appropriate action."

Mr Bevin says Horizons is also holding workshops in March to assist with intensive winter grazing consent applications.

"These details, including how to register for the workshops, can be found on our website as well. We will undertake further promotion for the workshops in the new year."

For more information on the intensive winter grazing regulations visit Horizons' dedicated page on their website www.horizons.govt.nz. Horizons' rural advice team is also available on freephone 0508 800 800.

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Boards and Committees
UPCOMING MEETING DATES

Waimarino-Waiouru Community Board
6:00pm, Thursday 2 February 2023
Council Chambers, Ayr Street, Ohakune

Taumarunui-Ōhura Community Board
6:00pm, Thursday 9 February 2023
Council Chambers, Huia Street, Taumarunui

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PUBLIC NOTICES

Section 101, Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act 2012
Tithom Hotels Limited have made an application to the District Licensing Committee at Ruapehu District Council for the **Renewal of an On Licence** in respect of the premises situated at **68 Clyde Street, Ohakune**, known as **Rice Bar & Food (Formally Snowman Lodge and Spa)**. The general nature of the business to be conducted under the licence is that of a **Hotel**. The days on which and the hours during which alcohol is intended to be sold under the licence are: **Monday – Sunday: 10.00am – 1.00am**.

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

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Great Walks to see great numbers visiting this summer

The Department of Conservation has been expecting a busy season this summer with the return of overseas visitors and high numbers of New Zealanders taking time out in nature, Minister of Conservation Poto Williams says.

As the temperature rose, so did visitor numbers in October, as just under half (44%) of New Zealanders visited a protected natural area and one in three (29%) visited heritage sites.

“Many DOC sites are reporting a real upsurge in visitors. For example, October visitor numbers to Franz Josef Glacier are more than double those for the same month last year and are sitting at around 50% of what they were pre-pandemic,” says Poto Williams.

Compared to last year, summer bed night bookings on Great Walks have increased by 47%.

Bednight bookings for the Tongariro Northern Circuit were at 8574 in December, up by 126.8% on last summer.

Bookings for the Whanganui Journey were at 12,537, up by 45.3% on 2021-22.

“This reflects a strong recovery for international bookings which are already up to around two-thirds of pre-pandemic levels,” Poto Williams said.

“This increase in international bookings builds on the number of New Zealanders continuing to book on the Great Walks at very high numbers – up 14% on last year.

“While it’s fantastic to see visitors returning, it’s important we also look after our wildlife, communities and culture that make Aotearoa so special and take care of our back yard.”

DOC is encouraging everyone travelling New Zealand to follow the Tiaki Promise and protect nature, keep New Zealand clean, drive carefully and show respect to others and the environment.

“Issues DOC saw last year included unauthorised pets in conservation areas, reckless boating and four-wheel driving, litter and vandalism. All these behaviours harm wildlife such as dolphins and birds – many are raising their young at this time of year,” Poto Williams said.

“We want to see everyone enjoy a safe, respectful and restorative summer and it’s up to all of us to play our part.”

· DOC bookings data shows that 110,000 bednights had been booked by December on the Great Walks over summer (to 28 February).

· International bookings on the Great Walks account for 27,563 bednights over summer and make up 25% of all bednight bookings compared to just 2.6% last summer. In the summer before the pandemic (December 2019 to February 2020), 41% of bednight bookings on Great Walks were by international visitors.

· There is continued strong demand for Great Walks with both domestic and international bookings up over last year.

PUBLIC NOTICES



Advisory Notice

Military Exercise

3/6 Battalion will be conducting a military exercise in the Rangataua Forest area over the period: 16th – 29th January 2023

Soldiers with weapons and military vehicles will be operating in this area.

Blank ammunition and pyrotechnics will be used under controlled conditions in authorised areas.

Any queries should be directed to the exercise manager:
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Visitors urged to respect the rules as DOC reveals enforcement stats

Misbehaviour in reserves, breaches of the National Parks Act and people failing to abide by the Taupō Trout Fishery rules feature prominently among conservation offences, says DOC.

As thousands of New Zealanders enjoy their summer holidays, DOC has released a list of enforcement action data and illegal incidents to remind the public to follow the rules when enjoying recreation on public conservation land.

DOC's Senior Manager Regulatory Assurance John Wallwork says DOC places emphasis on its enforcement responsibilities, to ensure all New Zealanders can safely enjoy recreation in conservation areas.

"Part of DOC's work is ensuring people enjoying Aotearoa's native species and conservation spaces comply with rules to help protect them, and in a way that's fair for everyone," he says.

"When people don't follow the rules, it poses a risk to our native places and species and puts these taonga at risk.

"It can also impact other people trying to enjoy their holiday outdoors."

Illegal activity in New Zealand's marine reserves spikes over summer – when many people are enjoying boating and other water-based recreation.

Marine reserve offences account for 40% of infringements issued by DOC.

Fishing and sports fishing offences, largely at the Taupō Trout Fishery rank second make up 10% of all infringements issued. The Taupō Trout Fishery is the largest of its kind in the country.

The third most common type of offending relates to people taking dogs into national parks or failing to comply with a dog permit. These breaches of the National Parks Act dog control laws account for just under 5% of infringements issued.

Following close behind this are a range of offences under the Reserves Act. These include damage to a reserve, erecting structures, or having vehicles or firearms in a reserve.

For both national parks and reserves, DOC discourages people from DIY projects such as cutting their own mountain bike tracks or building hunting bivvies.

"We know Kiwis are great at DIY, but national parks and reserves are inappropriate places to show off your skills.

"While you're out and about this summer, play your part by treating conservation areas, and our native plant and animal species, with respect," John says.

"Follow the rules and report any illegal activity. Those breaking conservation laws could face an infringement, a fine or a prosecution."

Sidecar trophy for Dean



Ohakune's Dean Corrigan holds the trophy that he and Carterton's Mark Smith were awarded for placing first in the (Suzuki International Series 2022 Classic sidecars. Dean is the 'swinger' – the competitor who moves back and forth on the side car platform to provide balance as the rider steers the bike. The pair placed second and then first in two races at the Whanganui Cemetery Circuit races on boxing day. Photos: Derek Allomes (left) and NZ Sidecar Racing Association (Cliff Field).

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