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Ruapehu fund to offer cyclone breaks

Ruapehu District Council has committed \$10,000 toward the Mayoral Relief Fund to aid Cyclone Gabrielle recovery efforts.

Ruapehu's mayor Weston Kirton said that in deciding how to spend the money, he wanted to do something to help people working at the forefront of the recovery.

"Working on a natural disaster recovery effort for an extended period of time such as in this case can have significant impacts on peoples' physical, emotional, and mental well-being, as well as their personal and financial lives," he said.

"In recognition of these impacts, I want to use the funding to offer workers, community leaders and others involved in the recovery a weekend of respite here in our

amazing District to rest and recharge.

"It is readily apparent that due to the scale of the disaster the recovery will be on-going for some significant time and that the people involved will need timeout.

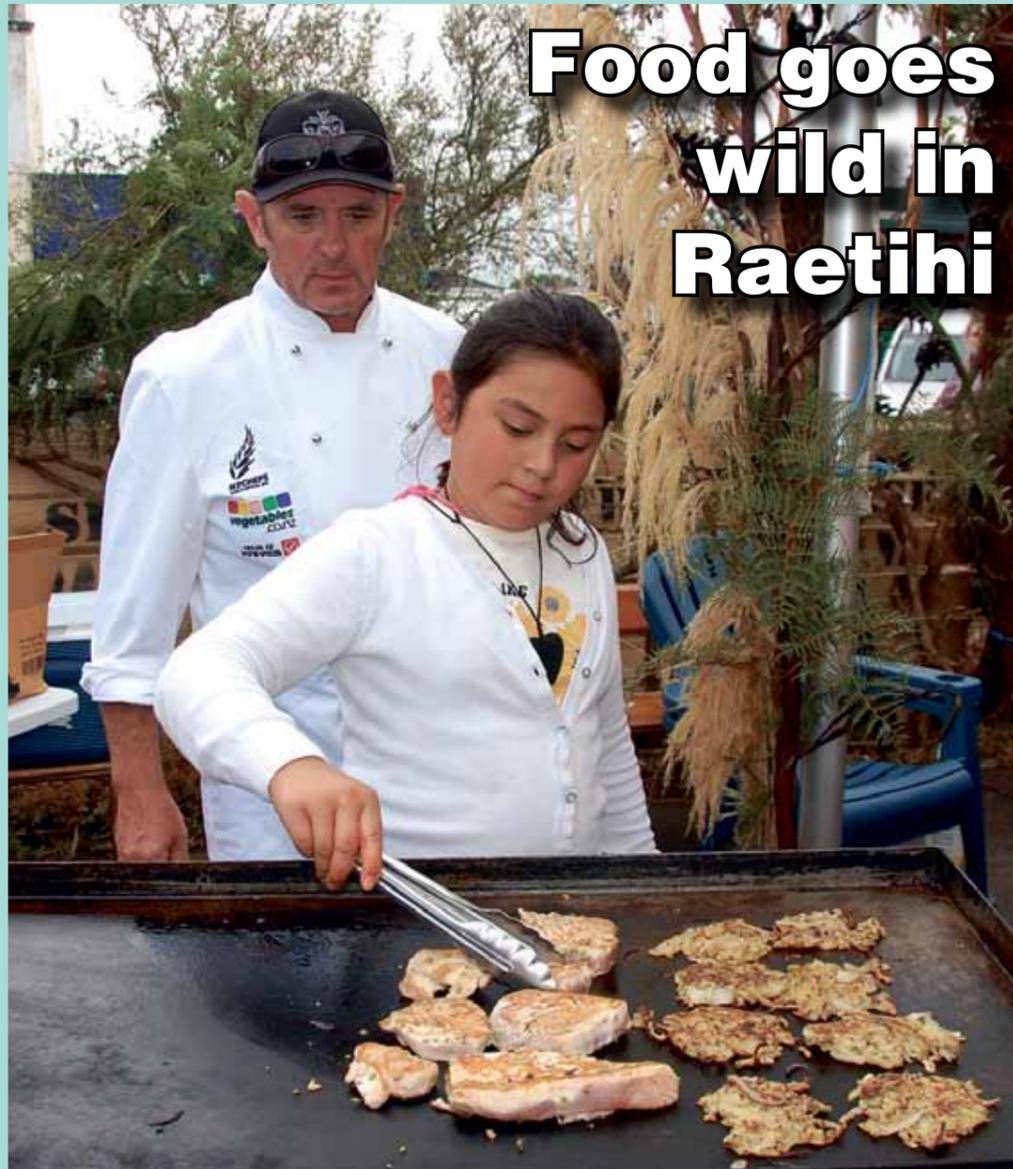
"With Ruapehu district being only a few hours' drive away from the impacted areas, we are perfectly placed to offer some of these people a much-needed break."

He said as well as benefiting the disaster recovery efforts this approach also directly supports Ruapehu's visitor and tourism sector.

"We are still working through the details of how the scheme will be administered. However, if people would like to contribute please contact Council on 07 895 8188," he said.



Ruapehu's mayor Weston Kirton wants to use the \$10,000 in cyclone relief money in the Mayoral Relief Fund to offer workers, community leaders and others involved in the recovery, a weekend of respite in Ruapehu district to rest and recharge.



Food goes wild in Raetihi

Nadia Sullivan cooks up a wild storm on her way to win a junior prize at the Local Wild Food Challenge in Raetihi on Saturday, under the watchful eye of judge Hughie Blues. See inside for details. Photo: Jude Chevin.

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Food goes wild in Raetihi

“What a massive day!” says Maaki Tuatini who was thrilled with the incredible variety and originality of this year’s Local Wild Food Challenge entries on Saturday in Raetihi.

“We may have had four seasons in one day but it certainly didn’t put people off.”

With a background of Simzy singing all the songs people know and love, entrants and visitors enjoyed the relaxed atmosphere, opportunities to taste the various dishes after they had been judged and the chance to watch the different food demonstrations as they occurred. Locally owned stalls and Whaea Robyn with Hemi doing weaving demonstrations rounded out the activities.

“We were also privileged to have cooking demonstrations from Angel Reid, Absolutely Meats sharing their sausages, Gail and Pete, Hughie Blues Ruapehu Kids Can Cook, Di Pritt, Teena McCann and lastly Jason Haitana doing a venison breakdown, then auctioning the meat off,” said Maaki.

This year’s judges doing the hard yards were: Ruapehu’s mayor Weston Kirton; Kory Wilson, RDC Māori Ward Councillor; Stu Robinson, Waimarino Community Board and local chef at King’s; Hughie Blues, NZ Chefs National President and Ruapehu Kids Can Cook.

Results: Grand Prize, Henere Larson; 1st Runner Up Whanauarmy Pare Pue; Best Effort Angel Reid; Wild Ingredients, Linda Henare; Best use of Local Ingredients, Cilla Treanor; Best Story, Cassandra; Best from the Water, Paige Irwin; Best of the Land, Rico Pakai; Best on the Wing, Di Pritt; Best Dessert, Jordan- Grace Hikawai; Best Drink, Te Aorewa and Turuhia, Rongoā - Julia Clare; Caroline Johnstone Award (Most Inspired Dish), Teena; Junior Challenge Grand Prize, Madison Taylor; Junior Challenge 1st Runner up, Paige Irwin; Junior Challenge Best Effort, Nadia Sullivan; Junior Challenge Wildest Ingredients, Nadia Sullivan; best effort, Jahlyus Rikihana, Ngā Mokopuna - Nanssa Irwin/ Paige Irwin/Christine Rikihanga.

“Without our amazing sponsors it is almost impossible to run this event,” said Steve Gray. “We appreciate those who have continued to support us and those who have come on board for the first time.”

Organisers thank AS Wilcox, Ohakune Events Charitable Trust, Winstone Pulp International, Hiscox whanau, Ron & Peggy Frew Family Trust, EBZ Kai Kitchen, Shed 24 Raetihi, Versatile Bobcats Ltd, Ruapehu Veterinary Services, New World Ohakune, RFS - Raetihi Farm Supplies, Colonial Upholstery, Angel Louise, Coach Café, Caltex Raetihi, Ruapehu Sawmills, Raetihi Holiday Park, Whanganui River Adventures, Waimarino Golf Club, Dempsey Buses, Bowie Pearce, Ike Pearce, Raetihi Cossie Club, Stu’s Ltd, Strange Dog, Valley Prints, Local wild food challenge.com, Kune Shuttles & Bike Hire, Mitredale, Bayleys Ohakune, Captain Kunes, Mountain Rocks, Vertigo Climbing Centre, NZR, Opus Fresh, Powderhorn Chateau, PeakFM, Awhi, Osteria Ohakune, Ski FM, Alpine Security Services, Plateau Surveyors Ltd, Highland Shearing, Aotearoa Charities, Absolute Meats Taumarunui, Raetihi Promotions Charitable Trust, Mountain Kebabs, Ruapehu District Council, The Warehouse Whanganui, Express Automotive, TM Production and Ruapehu Bulletin.

“A big thanks to all our volunteers,” said Maaki, “and we look forward to seeing you all again at the next event.”

The last word goes to judge Kory Wilson – “I felt honoured to be asked to judge this event. The atmosphere was amazing and the community support was incredible. I am very proud to be from here.”

Organisers note that, due to a small hiccup during the award announcements, one of the local stories did not match the award and they wish to acknowledge the error “because this family has been part of the event for many years”.

“They continue to create delicious and amazing entries year after year.”



Henere Larsen, winner of the Grand Prize at Saturday’s Wild Food Challenge at the Raetihi Cosmopolitan Club. Photo: Raetihi Promotions.

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Pony ball almost sold out

There’s a buzz about town as the countdown to Waimarino Pony Club’s Charity Ball on Saturday 25 March begins.

Organiser Desarie Drayton says that just 40 tickets remain available for their ‘Off to the Races’ themed event at the Rangataua Hall.

Funds raised through ticket sales and a charity auction will go towards helping current and future riding members in their equestrian education.

“The values our members develop at Pony Club include sportsmanship, citizenship and loyalty, which in turn create strength of character and self-discipline. These fundamental skills will help our kids on their life journeys and in

their chosen future careers,” says Desarie.

“Pony Clubs are voluntary organisations and as such we rely on donations of time, skills and money to achieve our goal of encouraging young people to learn and enjoy the sport connected with ponies and horse riding.”

After two and half long years of lockdowns and cancelled events due to Covid-19, event organisers and locals alike are ready to dust off their dancing shoes for a big night out in support of a great cause.

The Ball kicks off at 7pm with nibbles, followed by a charity auction, then live music until 1am. Tickets are \$100 per person.

Organisers promise “the best social event our

district has seen this year”.

Donations of auction items are still welcome – contact Desarie Drayton on 021802616 for more information. There will be no door sales so those wishing to attend must pay for their tickets before Friday 17 March.

This month King Country Pony Club Area, which is made up of Waimarino Pony Club and Taumarunui and Districts Pony Clubs, will host the 2023 Zone 2 Quality Presentations Games Final on 1-2 April at the Waimarino A&P Showgrounds. As well as hosting, the Area will have a team and Waimarino Pony Club will have pairs entered. To qualify, members must have attended a minimum of four pony club rallies.

What’s on around Ruapehu

Ruapehu Trail Festival	11 March
Waimarino Rodeo	18-29 March
Carrott Rocket Launch	1 April
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when we did our scheduled maintenance last Sunday (5th March) at the Ohakune substation.

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Mt Ruapehu Snow season sale soon

Season passes for the 2023 Mt Ruapehu snow season are set to go on sale within the next four weeks, with Ruapehu Alpine Lifts given the green light from the Ministry of Business Innovation and Employment, through the voluntary administrators.

“While a resolution to the current Voluntary Administration of Ruapehu Alpine Lifts Limited (RAL) has yet to be concluded, discussions and negotiations are continuing, and key stakeholders remain hopeful that an acceptable outcome can be achieved,” stated RAL in an update last week.

The company has promised more updates “as soon as possible” on the sale, but has said pass sale numbers will be capped and only available to purchase during the campaign season.

“A 2023 Mt Ruapehu Season Pass will remain the best value skiing and snowboarding in New Zealand,” says RAL.

“A 2023 Season Pass will give you access to the full 1050 hectares of world-class freeride terrain, across both Whakapapa and Tūroa.”

However, they have confirmed that the opera-

tions at Tūroa will be limited, but will still provide top to bottom access, when conditions allow.

Trust account

The company has said that all Season Pass purchase monies will be held in a third-party trust account “until certainty can be given as to the 2023 season opening”.

“If Mt Ruapehu is still unable to open then all Season Pass purchase monies will be refunded.”

“We are taking a different approach to our 2023 season passes, with options to buy with more confidence and greater peace of mind. We want to acknowledge the challenges of the last three years and give you more options in your Season Pass purchase.”

RAL says work continues alongside key stakeholders to “realise a future for Mt Ruapehu beyond the 2023 season”.

The Administrators continue to work with MBIE and RDU, to present a plan to creditors “which could include establishment of a new business entity to take activities on Mt Ruapehu into the future, including raising capital”.

Life pass future

An outcome for Mt Ruapehu Life Pass Holders will be realised through this process, says RAL.

RAL administrator John Fisk said he is hopeful that after years of Covid and weather disruption, the ski season on Mt Ruapehu will be a success.

“All the work we’ve done to date has been to prepare for that.

“We’re very grateful that we’ve had funding from government and from the ANZ bank to enable work to be done in the summer that prepares the mountain for the winter season.

“This is the next step in that process. It’s a very important step to get the season pass campaign under way and that will help build towards winter.”

Creditors meeting

Robert Krebs, representing the RAL shareholders and Life Pass holders, reported on Monday from a creditors’ meeting on Friday 3 March.

“Both PwC administrators and MBIE have been busy consulting with both Sam Clarkson and myself over the last week and will continue

to do so as they finalise a plan for the watershed meeting (to be held by May).

“PwC are well aware that Life Passholders need certainty on where they are placed for the 2023 winter season. They also understand the importance of maintaining the goodwill of Life Passholders,” he said on Monday.

“MBIE are developing the plan and have provided the lions share of the \$10m short-term financing for the Voluntary Administration, alongside ANZ Bank who have provided \$2m of the \$10m.

“PwC alongside RAL are giving advice to MBIE and have been consulting with the Life Pass representatives to get feedback on their advice and most importantly have listened to the thoughts and ideas that have been derived from the life passholders themselves through this group.

“Overall, I am feeling very positive and optimistic that things are moving in the right direction and hope we hear more updates on the future of the Ruapehu skifields in the coming weeks.”

River guardians back in the water



Drift diving on the Rangikei River – measuring the trout population and river health. Photo: Hamish Carnachan.

Fish & Game has launched a diving programme to monitor New Zealand’s trout populations and assess the health of the nation’s waterways.

Fish & Game staff equipped with diving gear will drift and glide down hundreds of kilometres of rivers across the country, including the Rangitikei in the Springvale area, recording water clarity and temperature, assess instream fish habitat, the number of native fish, algal growth and the various instream insects present.

Divers will explore well over 250km of waterways, covering around 100 different rivers throughout the country.

The information from the trout population surveys will be used to help set catch limits for anglers.

Corina Jordan, Fish & Game New Zealand chief executive, says the programme highlights the important environmental monitoring role of the organisation.

“Drift diving enables us to give rivers a close-up health check. Combined with our assessment of the

trout population – the species that has the highest water quality requirement of any of New Zealand’s fish – these observations will give us a good gauge on how healthy our rivers are.

“It is going to be interesting to see how the North Island rivers in particular have fared after Cyclone Gabrielle.”

Many regions have information dating

back over 30 years, the longest running dataset of its kind, which can give valuable insight into the long-term trends of river health.

“No other organisation or government agency does more of this important type of monitoring of our waterways than Fish & Game,” says Ms Jordan.

“It will give us unique insights into the interactions be-

tween trout and some of our native fish, such as eels, which co-exist quite happily.

“In fact, it’s not uncommon for divers to see trout being eaten by eels, or trout with bite marks on them, which shows trout have become an important component of the food chain in many New Zealand rivers.”

The drift dive programme is expected to run until early April.

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Carcasses dumped in streams



People dumping animal carcasses in waterways around the Ruapehu District has angered residents, with the Council receiving a lot of complaints. People who know of anyone who is involved in such incidents is asked to contact the RDC Compliance Team so they can follow up on the complaints. Pictured is part of a deer carcass dumped in a stream beside Dreadnought Road in Ohakune.

Weekend mission to the Crossing



A woman in her 50s sustained leg injuries while hiking the Tongariro Alpine Crossing on Friday evening. She was rescued by the Greenlea Rescue Helicopter crew, (above) including the onboard critical care flight paramedic. She was winched out (below) and transported to Taupo Hospital for further treatment.

On Saturday morning, the Grassroots Trust Rescue Helicopter was dispatched to a rural forest area in the Whanganui District for a man in his 60s who had become disoriented and had set off his beacon. The crew located the man and transported him to Whanganui Airport.



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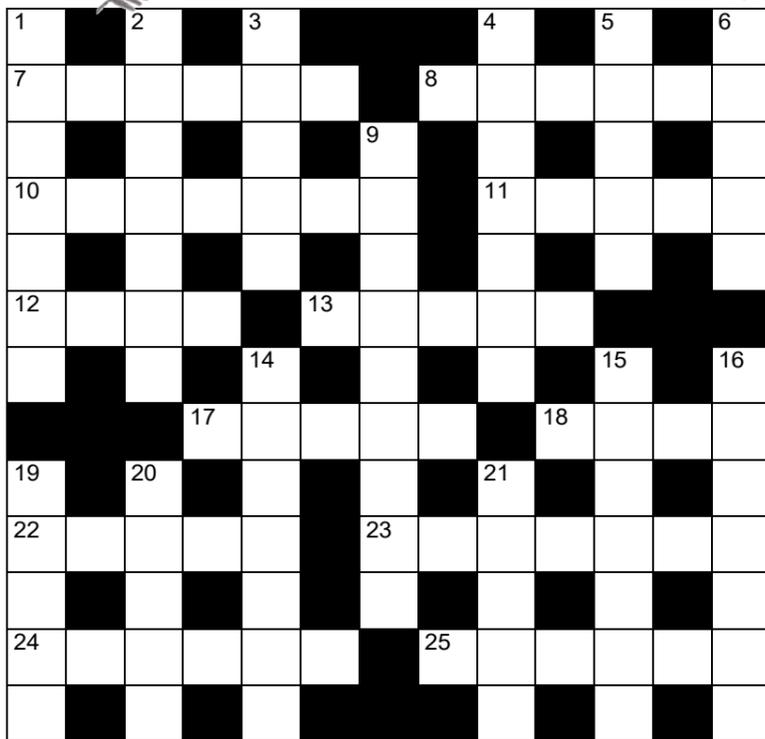
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17. House (5)

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2. Bystander (7)

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dispatched an "honourable" mission to

witness France's nuclear tests in 1973 (5)

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they sailed to New Zealand (7)

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6. Northland bay named after a fish by

Captain Cook (5)

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____ (7)

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boulders (7)

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Ruapehu to develop smokefree vapefree policy

Ruapehu District is one of only eight local councils that doesn't have a smokefree or vapefree policy, but this is set to change.

Councillors voted to develop and implement a smokefree policy, at their meeting in Ohakune on 22 February.

Once developed the policy will go out for public consultation.

Some councillors were sceptical that a policy would make any difference, without any means to enforce such a policy.

Councillors were advised that the policy would lead to council being able to provide education

around the dangers of smoking and vaping.

In her report to councillors, staff member Slade Rees said a policy would help lead to fewer smokers, especially among Māori.

"The District has a higher Māori population of 43.4% compared to the New Zealand average of 17.4%. The level of smoking in the District's Māori population is 35.8% compared with the New Zealand average of 28.3%," stated Rees.

"The implementation of a smokefree and vape-free policy in the District will promote cultural wellbeing as our tamariki and rangatahi will see less smoking and vaping in public places, thereby

de-normalising smoking and vaping behaviour in public places.

"The hope is that this will lead to less of our population, especially Māori, taking up smoking and vaping."

Councillors were advised that council staff were approached by the Whanganui Cancer Society and Te Whatu Ora in 2022, regarding the creation of a Smokefree and Vapefree Policy.

"Several councillors from the previous Council expressed an interest in the implementation of a Smokefree and Vapefree Policy last year, and Mayor (Weston) Kirton recently expressed an

interest in this as well."

She said it is undeniable that smoking is harmful to human health and evidence is emerging regarding the harm of vaping.

The Policy for the District would declare Council-owned public places "as smokefree and vapefree and to de-normalise smoking and vaping behaviour".

"In supporting Central Government's Smoke-free 2025 goal by implementing a Smokefree and Vapefree Policy, the Council will be promoting social, environmental, and cultural wellbeing within the District."

Postie and Professor inspires young axeman

Bolstad is to New Zealand wood-chopping a bit like Barrett is to New Zealand rugby – but instead of three brothers, Bolstad spans three generations of Ruapehu axemen.

As fond as the latest of those generations is of his surname, for 18-year-old Morgan Bolstad it's a nickname that's really inspiring him as he guns for his first national title this week.

"Dad was known as The Professor and The Postman in wood-chopping circles," smiles Bolstad.

"The Professor 'cos of how accurate his technique was ... and The Postman 'cos of how he always delivered."

His father, David and grand-father, Sonny Bolstad before him, were both giants of the national and international axemen competitions.

But for Morgan, the memory and legacy of his dad, who tragically died at the Waiuku Axemen Champs from a heart attack in 2011 with Morgan there aged just seven, is what provides his greatest motivation to achieve in the sport he loves.

"I actually won my very first 'boys chop' at a competition the following year as an eight-year-old.

"Dad was always so helpful and generous with his time and knowledge for others in wood chopping during his time, and he was sought out by younger competitors for training sessions because of his reputation and nicknames.

"The cool thing is I'm competing alongside some of those same axemen now. They're older than me but they remember what dad did for them and I think they look out for me and try and help me out a little bit because of that."

This Friday at the NZ Stihl Timbersport National Championships, Bolstad will be lining up alongside his peers in the hotly-contested rookies division. He came second in the Nationals last year so hopes to go one better – not least because the rewards are 'quite worldly' for a young builders' apprentice from Taumarunui.

This winning national rookie earns a place in the NZ Team that heads off to the Stihl Timbersport World Trophy in Rotterdam in June and then again to the Stihl Timbersport World Championships in Stuttgart in October.

"They're two pretty impressive carrots alright," muses Bolstad.

But he also knows that the title of National Rookie Champ would be the greatest way to honour his dad – still with probably more than 20 competitive years left in the sport.



The youngest Bolstad axeman, 18-year-old Morgan is aiming to continue the Ruapehu family world tradition.

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More than 1 million people completed census forms by Tuesday morning

Tuesday morning Stats NZ counted 1,435,025 completed individual census forms, the morning of census day.

"It is great to see so many people completing their census forms ahead of Census Day," says Simon Mason, deputy government statistician and deputy chief executive census and collection operations.

"Stats NZ recognises the public interest in the progress of the 2023 Census. Completed census forms have been flowing in since late February, with many people choosing to complete their forms early."

The aim is for the whole country, excluding areas affected by Cyclone Gabrielle whose response will come later, to complete their census forms by Census Day.

"Completing your census forms on time means fewer non-responding households will need to be visited after Census Day," says Simon Mason.

"Now more than ever we want people to complete their census forms, so we can pivot in the coming weeks to support the people in areas impacted by Cyclone Gabrielle to be heard and counted."

"So please New Zealand, make sure you complete your census forms by census night!"

Stats NZ will publish the tally of completed Individual Forms for the 2023

Census. The tally will be a total number of online and paper forms as they are received.

The tally will be updated daily on the census website (www.census.govt.nz) at 9.00am.

The primary input to the daily tally is the number of online Individual Forms received through the census website. Stats NZ expects most of the population to have completed their census online. However, how people respond is the respondent's choice. As paper forms arrive from all over Aotearoa New Zealand, they will be added to the tally.

The tally of forms submitted by individuals does not directly translate to a response rate, which is the proportion of the population who usually live in New Zealand who completed the census. The response rate, which is an official measure for the census, will be determined by a separate post-enumeration survey which happens after the 2023 Census.

Every person staying overnight in Aotearoa New Zealand on Census Day is required to complete the census form. After Census Day, Stats NZ will start visiting households where census forms were not completed by Census Day.

Royal rocks and rolls

Raetihi's Royal Theatre rocked and rolled to the sound of two New Zealand music icons on Saturday night.

The appreciative audience enjoyed a wonderful evening of reminiscing and sing along, firstly with Brendan Dugan playing a collection of the songs he is renowned for.

Dennis Marsh followed, singing songs as he wandered amongst the audience, shaking hands, dancing with the audience and building a wonderful rapport as they sang and applauded every moment they enjoyed.

This was the second show the Theatre Royal Waimarino Charitable Trust have produced this year, after they took over from the previous Trust.

"It is wonderful to see people coming to the theatre and enjoying another evening

of entertainment, with Seddon Street full of cars from locals and even people from Whanganui and Taumarunui coming along," said Gary Griffin-Chappel, chair of the Trust.

"Our aim is to bring a wide range of acts to the theatre, to give people a great night of entertainment, enjoying a drink and a supper at the end of each show.

"We have a comedy hypnotist booked for 24 June, and we are in discussions with a tribute band and other acts to fill the calendar with.

"We hope the community will come out and support the theatre, the trust is run by volunteers and every cent we can earn goes back into the Theatre to redevelop it and return it to its glory days."



Dennis Marsh and Brendan Dugan filled the Royal with favourite songs. Photo supplied.

Locals back on the horse



Whiri Ellis, riding The Bro, competes in the kids barrel race on Saturday, with help from John Ellis. Photo: Serena Taylor.

Around 30 people tried their hands at various rodeo events at the Waimarino Rodeo Club's Horse Sports Fun Day on Saturday, which was well supported by the local and Turangi communities.

There were 17 kids entered for the morning events and 14 adults in the afternoon, followed by a jackpot pole bending and barrel race.

Events contested on the day included pole bending, mug race, flag race, sack race, egg and spoon race, DB

derby, rescue relay, midnight alarm and barrel racing.

The Waimarino Rodeo Club thanks the sponsors that contributed prizes and supported the club towards a great event that was held partly to boost funds towards running the upcoming annual rodeo weekend, on 18-19 March: Placemakers, Ohakune Pharmacy, Kombi Coffee, TCB, PGG Wrightson Ohakune, PGG Wrightson Taihape, Express Automotive, The Gym, Peak FM, Unjustified Risk – Whakatane and Ruapehu Bulletin.


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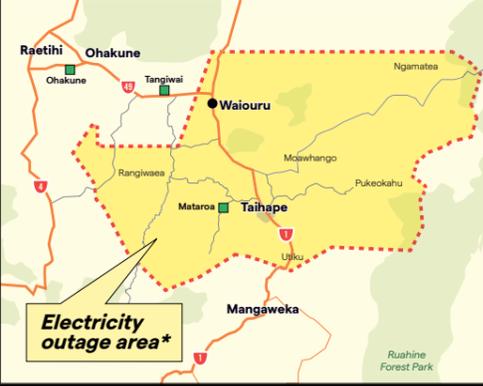
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Ruapehu College thanks good sorts

Eye on Ruapehu College, contributed by staff and students

Ruapehu College this week acknowledges some 'good sorts' in the community who have given up their time and assisted the students at the school.

"Ruapehu College is blessed with many people who volunteer and support in some way or another and we feel it was time we established Ruapehu College Good Sorts, which will be led by some of our senior students and staff to recognise those awesome people," said principal Marama Allen.

In this round of 'Good Sorts', there are several people the school acknowledges.

"Thank you to Dean Curly for putting up his hand to drive our junior volleyball team to Whanganui when we were unable to find another driver.

"Thank you to Max and Mac at Kune Shuttles and Bike Hire who have helped to service our school bikes over the summer.

"Thank you to Parvinder 'Sunny' Singh for offering your skills and knowledge to help train our volleyball teams on Mondays. Sunny is a New Zealand representative player."



Max Carling-Currin and Mac Madson at Kune Shuttles bike workshop, where they have serviced the College bikes.

Early roar into Ohakune for Lions



Patti Hill, Lions International vice president, at left, is pictured with her hosts, Ruapehu Lions president Fred Collett and Rene Haerberli. Photo supplied.

Lions roared into Ohakune recently, from as far away as Canada, to visit the Tangiwai Disaster Memorial site recently.

The Lions International vice president Patti Hill, accompanied by the NZ District 202D Governor Stephen Barr and other officers visited the Tangiwai Memorial site.

Ruapehu Lions member Bob Norling gave them a tour and explained the history as well as taking them for a walk up to the site where they can look down into the river and still see some of the remains of the old train. He explained the support that Ruapehu Lions have provided for the memorial.

Afterwards around 30 of them were treated to the traditionally great Ruapehu Lions Club hospitality, with a hearty lunch before moving on.

The visitors showed their appreciation for their time in Ruapehu a few days later at the Club's Regional Convention in Feilding.

Ruapehu president Fred Collett also received a certificate, recognising the Ruapehu Club for recruiting the most new compared to the number of current members.

"We have one of the smallest clubs but Fred threw out a challenge to other clubs by donating \$5000 to the flood areas and encouraging other clubs to match it," said spokesperson Lyn McMillan.

The donation has been deposited into either the Gisborne or Hawkes Bay Lions Club flood account where it can be used to help the most needy areas.

Any reader who would like to join Lions or become a friend of Lions where you can help with projects without having to come to the meetings is asked to phone Fred on 0210671649 or Lynn 0272676696.

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PUBLIC NOTICES



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Friday 17 March, AGM @ 6pm at Kings

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Ruapehu District Council
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UPCOMING MEETING DATES

Ruapehu District Council
10:00am, Wednesday 22 March 2023
Council Chambers, Huia Street, Taumarunui

Waimarino-Waiouru Community Board
6:00pm, Thursday 30 March 2023
The Centre, 14 Seddon Street, Raetihi

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A&P horse results



Ribbon-winner Aylish Jordan and Billy the Kid.

Following is a summary of the main results from the horse events at the Waimarino A&P Show, held on 18-19 February.

Flat Classes
 Champion Novice Pony: Phoebe Rickard, Galaxy Little Nut Brown. Reserve Novice Pony: Elle Bourk, Arosa First Class. Champion Open Pony: Phoebe Rickard, Galaxy Little Nut Brown. Reserve Open Pony: Elle Bourk, Arosa First Class. Champion Open Horse: Judith Williams, Aston. Reserve Open Horse: Heather Gee-taylor, Glencorran DC. Champion Recreational: Sarah Clark, Timely. Reserve Recreational: Amber Auret, My Jimmy Choo. Supreme Champion: Judith Williams, Aston.

Round the Ring

Champion Pony Hunter: Amber Auret, My Jimmy Choo. Reserve Pony Hunter: Phoebe Rickard, Windermere Silvery. Champion Hack Hunter: Aylish Jordan, Billy the Kid. Reserve Hack Hunter: Heather Gee-Taylor, Pumpkin. Bowater Cup, Ellie Street, Tawa iti Galaxy. Mr T Brown's Perpetual Points Cup: Elle Bourk, Arosa First Class. John Punch's Cup: Aylish Jordan, Billy the Kid. Waimarino Pony Club Challenge Cup: Aylish Jordan, Billy the Kid. Enda McFadyen Memorial Cup: Amber Funnell, Gidget KH. Awburn Cup: Charlotte Mitchell, Tennessee Waltz. W Coleman Cup: Aylish Jordan, Billy the Kid.

Collect good wood now for winter, says Horizons

Horizons Regional Council is reminding the community of the impact and importance of sourcing, gathering and storing good quality firewood.

Horizons environmental scientist Harold Barnett says burning wet or treated wood can have a detrimental impact on human health and the environment.

"Air quality in the Horizons Region is generally pretty good when compared to the rest of Aotearoa New Zealand," says Mr Barnett.

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

"We can all play our part in maintaining air quality by ensuring we only burn good, dry wood, regardless of where we live in the region."

Mr Barnett recommends collecting or buying firewood early and storing it well to ensure it is dry for the winter months. Early storage of firewood is especially important this year as the region has experienced a particularly wet summer.

"The quality of your firewood is a major factor in how your wood burner runs, so choosing and storing wisely now is vital for our air quality during the winter months. Burning wet or treated wood results in smoky fires which degrade air quality, whereas good dry wood burns hotter and more efficiently.

"You can ensure your wood is dry before winter by being proactive and collecting or buying your wood in summer or early autumn, as it takes several months for wood to season properly. It also helps you and your family save money,

as purchasing dry wood during winter is more expensive.

Pollution

"Burning dry wood also reduces the impact of air pollution on you and your family's health. Last year's Health and Air Pollution in New Zealand study found more than 3,300 New Zealand deaths in 2016 were the result of human-made air pollution, with 962 of these associated with domestic fires."

To help keep the air clean, Mr Barnett suggests the following tips for collecting, buying and storing wood:

- Store freshly cut wood for 6-12 months to allow it to season well for good burning.
- Stack wood loosely off the ground in a criss-cross pattern to let dry air circulate around it.
- Store seasoned wood in a dry place with the top covered.
- Split wood into pieces 15cm thick before you store it as logs dry faster when split.
- Stack wood loosely in the firebox to allow for air circulation.

Mr Barnett says Horizons also does further public education around burning in winter.

"While now is the time to remind our communities about gathering and storing firewood correctly, later in the year we want to raise awareness of the importance of being a good neighbour in regards to both domestic and backyard burning. This will include encouraging people to recycle and compost waste material instead of burning it in outdoor fires.

"I encourage people follow our social media accounts or visit the air quality page on Horizons' website for more information about good wood and backyard burning."

Community fund open for applications

Manawa Energy is taking applications for \$12,000 to be distributed among the King Country Area to community groups.

"The Heartland Community Fund is Manawa Energy's way of recognising those community groups doing the mahi in the area and achieving great things for their friends and whanau," says Annika Thomsen, community and communications support for Manawa Energy.

This is the first round of the Heartland Fund for 2023. Previous successful applications in 2022 were Nga hau e wha maari kai, Piopio Primary School, Ruapehu Adult Riding Club and Taumarunui Early Education.

"These groups are doing the mahi and have gone on to support their communities by providing food, further education, STEM programmes and community events."

Nga hau e wha maari kai not only provide food and support for their community, they host locals and schools

to help provide an immersive education on taking care of the land and how to grow their own natural food. They have also purchased a beehive through the Heartland Fund, which has provided it's own unique learning experience.

Manawa Energy Apollo Grad, Katie Dorresteyn says, "supporting community groups to do great things is what makes the Heartland Fund so rewarding.

"We love hearing from these community groups on how our support has helped them out."

For more information or to download an application form head to manawaenergy.co.nz/heartland. Applications are open until 5pm, 31 March.

Manawa Energy will run the fund three times a year, with funding rounds open for the months of March, July and November. July is the Matariki round which gives out \$24,000 to chosen areas with the partnership of King Country Energy (KCE).

Ohakune squash

Ohakune Squash Club nights have started up in earnest with the start of the annual business house competition last Thursday.

Fourteen teams of five have been split into two equal pools with each team playing the others in their pool over the next six weeks with a finals night on 20 April.

First week results saw some surprise results with covid still causing some absences. In pool A, Bolt beat Ontrack 11/7, Thrown Together beat SB Painting 14/3, Fenzoha75 beat Rock Boys 14/3 and Parked Up had 9 points for the bye. In Pool B, PGG Wrightson beat Riley's Rockstars 14/5, Luck of the Draw beat AEIOU 17/0, Rock Girls beat Bulky Pulpies 14/4 and Nameless had 9 points for the bye.

Draw for this Thursday: At 5:30pm on New World Court – Rock Girls vs Nameless, on TCB/Jones Bro's Court – Luck of the Draw vs Bulky Pulpies, on Trust Power Court – AEIOU vs PGG Wrightson, bye Riley's Rockstars. At 6:45pm on New

World Court – Rock Boys vs Parked Up, on TCB/Jones Bro's Court – Ontrack vs FENZOHA75, on Trust Power Court – Bolt vs Thrown Together, bye SB Painting.

Leagues will be starting up later this week. The normal winter leagues competition runs April through October inclusive with points accumulating each month. A practice warm up round will be held in March. Jade will be co-ordinating the league competition this year so let her know if interested.

Recently, several Ohakune juniors were selected for a one day representative fixture for Central against Wellington. The team comprised the top two boys and two girls from the under 11, under 13, under 15, under 17 and under 19 age groups. The Club congratulates Grace Burnard, Jayden Bailey, Liam Burnard, Jesse Harding, Grace Rowe, Paige Drinkwater, Hanah Harding and Elise Drinkwater for making the selection and helping beat the Wellington team.

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