Carrot Park toilets open

Ohakune’s new car parking area and toilets at the Carrot Park were opened on Saturday.

The new facility, partly funded by Central Government, includes designated off-street parking next to the Carrot Park play and picnic area, new toilets and a campervan dump station.

“The ‘Exeloo’ toilets are automatically disinfected, washed and dried after every 30 users.”

They are powered by electricity but have battery backup and manual options in case of a power cut.

The unique decor and exterior of these toilets was designed to integrate with the Carrot Park colour scheme.

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Mardi Gras sold out

The revived Ohakune Mardi Gras has sold out, with 9000 tickets snapped up.

Organiser Mitch Lowe, from Audiology, said the quick sales were due to the “star studded line-up”, which features Pendulum Live, Home Brew, Rittz, Stevie Stone and Written By Wolves.

The Ohakune Mardi Gras will be held at the Junction on Saturday 23 June boasting “the biggest and the best line-up in its 20-year history”.

There is already a waiting list for resale tickets (at the original price), says Mitch Lowe, through the ticketfairy.com website.

He said around 1200 tickets have been bought in the “wider” local area; around 4800 in Auckland and 2000-odd in the lower North Island, and the rest from elsewhere.

Planning for the event is going well, said Mitch Lowe, with them now able to work on the nice-to-have extras such as side shows and rides, since the tickets are all sold.

He said feedback from authorities so far on the planning has been positive.

But in case any locals have concerns or questions, he has set up an email address, info@audiologytouring.com, where staff will work to provide answers.

An aerial impression of the new trails. Key: Light mauve, Turoa to MUAC; Purple, MUAC to Chain Shed; dark blue, Chain Shed to Old Blyth Track; light blue, Blyth Track; orange, Blyth to Mangawhero; cream, Upper Bennett and Punch; pink, Lower Bennett and Punch (east), also Campground Loop (west); yellow, Horopito Link.

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drive the local share fundraising (estimated at $2m) and “overseas development and long-term management”. The other option is for RDC to invest more land into the project and help release the need for as much local share fundraising. The majority of submitters supported the trial and the Trust option. Many “valuable” questions were raised about the establishment and on-going management of a Community Trust.

Supporters for RDC funds pointed out how competitive the cycling market is, that a Community Trust will take time to raise the funds, and that it is important to gain the time advantage over the other areas in order to establish a brand. Opposition to RDC being involved from a small number of submitters gave reasons such as: rates should be used on core services and infrastructure; central government should pay; will benefit tourism operators and tourists, the township should not have to pay; there is a road backing, limited funds shouldn’t go to tourism; no guarantee that the proposed Trust will cope with the maintenance cost; Tuamunu’s won’t benefit; T42 remains dilapidated and already needs financial support. The recommendation to Council for their deliberations on Wednesday is that “Council not invest funds into the development of the ORC Cycle Trail and the funding is raised through a community trust”. The trails

Section A1: 1.9km, half existing, half new. Turua to Massey University Alpine Club hut: Includes the Turua Ski field access area and is an alpine environment requiring sensitive construction. This section will provide users of the ‘Round the Mountain’ trail an alternative to walking on the road between the east and west sections.

Section B: 2.8km, 2.6km new trail. MUAC to Chain Shed. Follows the Mangawhero River valley, crosses the Mangawhero at old quarry, re-crosses then passes the Mangawhero Falls, via plateau to chain shed.

Section C: 2.3km, all new. Chain shed to Old Blyth Track. Set within a sub-alpine beech environment and will cross the Mangawhero River approximately 500m above the Waitonga Falls and connect to the top of the Old Blyth Track.

Section B: 2.3km existing. Blyth Track to the Ohakune Mountain Road.

Section A3: 2.3km all new. Blyth to Mangawhero. Follows close to the Ohakune Mountain Road crossing the road in an identified safe area with good visibility uphill/downhill. This section also includes a potential mid-trail access point and may necessitate a lay-by/pull off area and signage.

Section B1: 1km existing. Upper Bennett and Punch Traumway to Mangawhero terrace

Section 4-A: 4.9km, 0.6km new: Lower Bennett and Punch, utilises well-preserved existing tramlines, and links back to the Ohakune DOC field centre/Ngāti Rangi office.

Section 5: 2km, 0.3km. Campground Loop. Follows existing seal and gravel track to water intake, crosses Serpentine downstream of water intake.

Section 6: 11km, 2km new. Horopito Link Trail. This track utilises sections of the existing Cowen’s tram line and the Punch and Bennett tram line. The section could also use part of the formed and gravelled Matapona Road.

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They will need to set up the to make-up the project and help release the trails, after the Ruapehu District Council has settled its Long Term Plan in April.

The plan is to call for expressions of interest from people to join the trust." explains Dean. He said there’s still work to be done on the make-up of the trust but it will include iwi representatives and “motivated people”.

They will need resource consents for some of the works, and a concession from the Department of Conservation, depending on the detail in the

Ruapehu has been selected to be part of a range of projects being developed for the Department of Internal Affairs (DIA) in advance of a government inquiry that will look into the council’s financial situation.

The mayor, Don Cameron, said that Ruapehu welcomed the opportunity to partner with government to help resolve the issue that is of significant importance to NZ.

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“The big matters in Council’s recent Long Term Plan (LTP) 2018-28 consultation were notably around how we were going to fund challenges in those areas.

“The inquiry is a recognition that neither central nor local government can afford all the projected costs and we will need to be a lot more innovative and flexible in how we meet our funding requirements.”

Stuart Cross from specialist consultants Turn to Page 4
Raetihi Service Centre plan needs work: RDC

Submitters’ views on the future development of the Raetihi Service Centre were “reasonably split”, according to the summary of submissions to the Ruapehu District Council’s Long Term Plan.

Councillors will deliberate on the Plan at their meeting in Taumarunui tomorrow (Wednesday 16 May).

Two options were put out for consultation: Build a new community hub in the centre of Seddon Street ($150,000 over two years) or reconfigure and refurbish existing service centre including making it compliant for disabled access ($500,000).

Council officers report that both sides expressed strong opinions.

“Those who would like to see a new community hub in Raetihi have expressed interest and ideas about what could be included in such a hub,” report staff.

“There is strong interest from key community groups to explore a partnership arrangement with Council for the management and use of the possible facility. It is seen by supporters to be important to the wellbeing of the Raetihi community, particularly the youth.”

But a majority of submitters felt that refurbishing the existing building was most appropriate given the uncertainty of the future of the town and the continuing population decline.

Owners of the Raetihi Information Centre, Raetihi Promotions Charitable Trust, pointed out that moving the Information Centre would require their approval.

Council management have recommended that the funding remain in Year Four of the LTP and that “Council undertakes further community engagement on this issue and explore options with other stakeholders.”

Max joins the animal services team

The newest and most popular member of the Ruapehu animal services team is a two-year-old labrador border collie cross called Max.

Compliance officer and trainer Brian Berquist said that Max had been surrendered after being picked up for roaming.

He said the Ruapehu District Council was “confronted with the issue of finding Max a suitable home”.

He said Max had a few behavioural issues, which made rehoming him difficult.

“Despite these issues, with his lovely temperament, we saw something in him and decided to put him on the payroll,” he said.

“With an investment of time and love Max is now a happy and relaxed dog and an invaluable member of the animal services team.”

Mr Berquist said Max is a great example of the saying that when hiring someone, attitude trumps experience.

“He just loves going to work where his primary role is to assist us with stock control where he has already proved his worth many times over.”

“We have had a number of situations with stock on the loose where Max has made all the difference in being able to round them up and contain them quickly until we could make the situation safe.”

“And for payment in dog food, pats and hugs he is an absolute bargain.”

Max will also be used for dog safety educational purposes at local schools.

“He is probably the most popular member of staff where he helps put a smile on people’s faces.”

“At just over two years old he is a big puppy in many ways and still undergoing training.

Ultimately the plan is for Max to go home with on-call compliance officer to provide assistance whenever there is a call out.

“From a personal perspective having Max with you when you need to jump out of bed in the middle of the night... is really uplifting.

“It actually makes late night call-outs a whole lot easier as he’s always keen to go.”

Mr Berquist said that when Max wasn’t living at his place he had a VID (Very Important Dog) pen set up for him at the pound.

Community funding round now open

There’s a huge number of incredibly valuable projects and activities around our network that contribute enormously to make our communities great and a whole lot of hard-working people behind them. And we’re proud to get behind our community and support the great things happening in it.

Our community fund is now open and is focused on supporting projects and events on our network that have emphasis on children, youth, energy efficiency and families. So if your community group, event or project is making our communities a better place for families to live, we want to hear from you.

To be considered for funding, download an application form from our website and get it to us by Friday 31 July.

Riding for the Disabled - a TLC funding recipient - doing great work in Ototara.
Choral music for local ears

A feast of choral music awaits music lovers in Taihape on Sunday 20 May.

Two choirs, Taihape’s Arcadian Singers and St Andrews Church Choir from Taupo will combine in a programme of great works by Mendelssohn and Stanford.

The choirs will be joined by two outstanding soloists, Susan Bensen soprano and countertenor Peter Carasso. The programme will feature Mendelssohn’s Hear My Prayer sung by a combined choir with soloist Cris. Susie Hunt will conduct.

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Ruapehu part of gov't funding review

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Morrison Low who have been engaged to develop the report for the DHA said that the report was aiming to understand the sectors financial sustainability in the face of these mounting funding challenges.

"We want to get a good handle on the outlook and plans that councils have in place for dealing with major issues confronting the sector," said Mr Cross.

"We are concerned about the infrastructure costs facing the sector and the various population, environmental and economic challenges that will play out over the coming decade."

Previous reports have looked at the challenges facing specific territorial authorities whereas this report is aiming to provide a wider-ranging vision of the challenges facing the sector as a whole.

It will undertake financial modelling and desktop analysis of 15 different territorial authorities from large urban centres through to small rural councils such as Ruapehu.

"This is one of five councils out of the 15 in the study that we are visiting to gain direct insight from Council managers."

"It is expected that the research will be completed by the end of the year and that the findings of the report will help inform future strategies and decision making," he said.

The research will help inform DHA’s thinking and policy advice about the robustness of the current funding and finance system and the appropriateness of any potential alternatives," he said.
Ruapehu aims for all A’s with food

Every food premise operator in Ruapehu showing an A grade certificate is the aim of the local council when the new food premises grading system comes into effect in mid-November.

The grading system is being introduced for shops, restaurants and cafes throughout the Ruapehu District who sell food. They will be given grades between A and E, which will need to be prominently displayed for customers to see.

RDC says the grading system will better enable people to make an informed decision on buying food. Environmental health and liquor team leader Phoebe Harrison said that Council was “pulling out all stops” to work with food premise operators to help them get A ratings.

“Council … is putting in additional resources to help get everyone up to the required standard,” she said.

“...the grading of food premises is being used by more and more councils around NZ and is increasingly demanded by tourists who see the grading certificates on display in other parts of the country.”

The certificates give residents and visitors confidence in the standards of cleanliness, food handling and staff training in any given food business. Ms Harrison said that up until the end of May Council is undertaking a preliminary round of inspecting kitchens and checking record keeping.

From mid-June they will start giving food premises an indicative grade and feedback, to help food businesses to identify areas they need to work on.

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Youth council submits

Among the nearly 200 submissions to the Ruapehu District Council’s Long Term Plan was the Waimarino Waíouru Youth Ambassador group (WWYA).

They requested that Council continue to invest in community assets such as swimming pools, a campaign to end the use of single life plastics in the district and promote the use of things like ‘keep-cups’ and stainless-steel reusable straws.

They also requested that Council continue to invest in township revitalization in all Ruapehu towns but pay particular attention to ensuring that revitalization occurs in Raetihi.

WWYA passionately requested that Council invest in a new Service Centre in Raetihi, which should also be a multipurpose venue and that Council work with Raetihi Charitable Trust in upgrading the Raetihi Park.

WWYA members wait to speak to their submission to the Ruapehu District Council on the Long Term Plan.
Ruapehu College
Open Afternoon / Evening

Wednesday 16th May 4 – 7pm.

Presentation by the Principal in the hall at 4pm and 5.30pm.

Presentation followed by a tour of the school to see what is on offer.

Yr 8’s will be given enrolment packs.

All welcome – including parents of younger children and members of the public.

College kids survive Ruatiti camp

Students, many of them Year 13’s, headed to the Ruatiti Domain for the annual outdoor overnight survival camp.

Brian Connelly, teacher in charge of outdoors, was really impressed with the quality of the bivouacs that were constructed with local materials, tarps and string, applying the term ‘glamping’ to this group of survivors. Students tried other skills such as: cooking on open fires, river crossings, tying knots and aspects of health and safety in the bush.

Some of the braver students swam in the river.

Open day

The College open day will be this Wednesday 16 May, 4-5.30pm. Both sessions will start with an address by the principal in the hall, then visitors and students intending to enrol will have an opportunity to walk around the school. There will be static and live displays. All welcome.

Sports report

Rugby: The U-15 boys were narrowly defeated last Wednesday 45-43 at Taihape against the combination Rangitikei/Taihape school team. The Ruapehu boys were well disciplined and determined despite three quick tries scored against them at the beginning of the game. It was an exciting game to watch as the boys started clawing back the tries. The U-19s decisively won 65-7 against the combination Rangitikei/Taihape school team. The Ruapehu boys scored 11 tries with five converted. This was a great start to the season. Player of the day was Keaton Norling. Other outstanding players were Julian Toho (captain) and Dakota Horne.

Netball: the College congratulates the netball team who led the way in an exciting game against Cullinane, winning 21-15.

Teacher only day

Educationalist Mrs Pam Hook, an expert in solo taxonomy, visited Ruapehu College to address the teachers recently. Her pedagogies explore ways for students to identify how they are performing on any one given task and how they might then go on to achieve excellence.

“This is a good academic learning strategy for our students so they know how they are learning and achieving,” said Kim Basse.

Coming events

Open Day Wednesday 16 May, 4.50pm address in the hall, tour of the school. Cross country, Wednesday 16 May Otago University visit. Thursday 17 May Teacher only day, 5 June, regional for secondary schools. Maunga Karakia, 11 June. Year 10 OPC, 11-15 June. Speech competitions, 19 June.
A code of conduct complaint against Taumarunui councillor Jacques Windell over his use of social media accounts has been "left to lie on the table" to give the councillor time to consider his reply.

The complaint was made by councillors Karen Ngatai and Jim Wheeler who "felt that the behaviour of councillor Windell had not been in keeping with the standards expected of an elected member, notably in the use of social media."

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Mr Cameron said councillors are clear in their view that it “shouldn’t be allowed to distract from all the good work Council is doing and the progress we are making”.

Tastings in Ohakune
WPI, The Powderhorn and Hancocks Wine, Spirit & Beer Merchants would like to invite you to a tasting of wines made with unusual grapes.

Where: The Powderhorn
When: Wednesday 23 May 5.30pm – 7.30pm
Cost: $20 per person

The power of our community.

It’s people like Sash who are the shining lights in our community and we’re proud of all her efforts.

By day, Sash works for us as an Admin Assistant. She’s a true all-rounder. Customer service, internal invoicing, accounts, and dispatching field staff are just some of her roles.

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Marae time for Trust

Staff from Nancy Winter Early Childhood Centre enjoyed a noho (stay) at Te Puke Marae, which was hosted by the Raetihi Early Childhood Education Trust that governs the Centre.

“The noho was an opportunity to bring everyone together to experience our local Marae, learn local, tikanga, karakia and waiata, which are now being used in the Centre,” said centre manager Brenda Burnard.

“Our staff look forward to adding these to our tamariki’s kete (basket) as they grow and eventually move on to school.”

She said the noho provided opportunities to grow relationships through communication activities including an ‘amazing race’ around Raetihi, where teams competed in a range of tasks that had to be documented by uploading photos to the Centre’s Facebook page.

“This provided some light entertainment for Nancy’s Facebook followers as well as highlighting some of the town’s history, places of interest and stunning scenery for the competitors.”

“The marae environment provided a perfect setting for the Trust and staff to work on the Centre’s vision and philosophy, which reflect the Centre’s values of tikanga, relationships and play.”

The event was the first Trust and staff event for the Centre this year with regular events planned for the future.

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Reggae legend farewelled at Te Puke Marae

Raetihi's musical son, Carl Perkins.

Measuring kids’ progress, or not

By Ian McKelvie, MP for Rangitikei-Ruapehu

National Standards provided a universal platform whereby teachers, parents, whanau and caregivers could track a child’s progress. With National Standards it was easy to determine how a child was getting on at school, when intervention was required – or alternatively, when a child showed exceptional ability and needed extension. The system also catered for children who changed schools, because National Standards were universal.

Labour has dropped National Standards. They haven’t got a better idea though, or even an alternative despite nine years to think about it. Apparently the Teachers Union (the New Zealand Educational Institute – NZEI) is happy with the decision.

What this Labour-NZ First-Greens Government seem to have forgotten is one of the main reasons why National Standards were introduced in the first place – to address, amongst other things, widespread concern voiced by teachers regarding their Year 9 students starting secondary school who were well below where they should be in literacy and numeracy levels.

It made it very difficult, they said, to get them up to speed in three years and capable of achieving NCEA Level 1.

The premise behind National Standards was that it drew a line between the point where each individual Kiwi kid started school, through until that same child achieved NCEA Level 2 by the end of their 12th year. Level 2 is required to start an apprenticeship or join the Armed Forces.

By reporting a child’s progress or lack thereof against National Standards, it was possible to ensure they were on the right trajectory. It was also possible, regardless of which or how many schools they attended, to intervene if they dropped below the so-called line.

While it may not have been perfect, it proved a great resource for parents and teachers alike. It had a significant effect on achievement levels.

In 2008, the average pass rates for NCEA Levels 1 and 2 were 71% and 76% respectively. Four years later pass rates for Level 1 were 79% and Level 2 was 84%. By 2016, pass rates increased further to 88% and 90% respectively. This represents a staggering 17% increase in the number of students achieving Level 1 in the space of eight years. In percentage terms it’s impressive. But when you talk about these results in terms of people and families and lives and potential – the difference is huge.

Education is not a tool to be used to play petty politics. It’s far too important. And to get rid of National Standards without a viable alternative – that’s just crazy. It will have a detrimental effect on young New Zealanders as they chart the course of their futures.

Editor’s note: this column is abridged for space.

By Lauretta Stowell, Waangangi Ciuscoce.

It was beautiful to see everybody come together to say goodbye to reggae music legend Carl Perkins, his son Te Omeka Perkins says.

The tangi took place at Raetihi’s Te Puke Marae, with burial at Raetihi Lawn Cemetery, on Saturday. Carl Perkins had died of bowel cancer last Wednesday.

The tangi showed the impact Carl’s music has had on the world, his son said. In 1984 he was a member of Herbs, a pioneering band that set a standard for Pacific reggae, which some feel has never been surpassed.

In the 2000s he went on to found the band House of Shem with his two sons, Te Omeka and Isaiah. House of Shem have toured the world, released three albums and played to thousands at festivals.

Most composer and recording artist Rūia Aperahama said House of Shem were the best reggae band in New Zealand, because their songs always glorified a higher being.

Rūia/Whanganui musician Kai Arahi Hagger was at the tangi and estimated there would have been 1000 people there.

“There were traffic cops on the road. Everywhere was just packed with cars.”

Among those attending were other musicians, including members of Twelve Tribes of Israel, Ardijah and Herbs. Mōtū TV filmed the event.

As well as being a musician Carl was an āpotoro wairua (a lay reader or spiritual counsellor) of the Rātana Church. Rātana āpotoro rēhita Pahi Pene was there for the tangi, and the Rātana choir sang.

There were also two Rātana bands – the yellow-clad Te Whaea o te Katoua band and the blue-clad Te Reo o te Aerepa band.

“It was beautiful seeing the Rātana band there,” Te Omeka said.

Hagger said Carl was a beautiful person, and it was a spiritual and “really loving” tangi.

“The rain put that kind of sadness in it.”

Carl Perkins was born in Raetihi and grew up with parents who were both singers. He spent many years in Whanganui but was living in Hamilton when he died.

Community Activities/Book Group

First Tuesday of the month

This month’s meeting : Tuesday 5 June 5pm – 7pm

At Utopia Café – Barista-made coffee or tea (gold coin donation if you can afford it)

Book topic this month: a short passage to read aloud if you’re comfortable. Anything of interest (description, interesting fact … )

Or bring scrabble, chess set, knitting
Juniors take on Prince series

The final round of inter-business was held on Thursday with results. In division one, Suckers beat Team Campbell 17-1, College beat Burnards 11-8 and Raupuhu Vets beat Laura’s Lot 11-7. In division two, Waiouru beat Bennetts 12-6 and Nizzle beat Titty Growers 15-5. In division three, Hot Shots beat Garth’s Bunch 12-7 and OPS beatOPS 8-4.

The two bye teams played each other with Hitaunui beating Parkers 14-5 but both teams awarded 10 points. Final points with remaining 5 point new member bonuses added in were division one – College 62, Suckers 54, Burnards 53, Raupuhu Vets 52, Team Campbell 38 and Laura’s Lot 36. In division two Waiouru 75, Nizzle 58, Bennetts 48, Hitaunui 41 and Titty Growers 26. In division three things were very close coming down to the last game with final points Hot Shots 57, Parkers 54, Garth’s Bunch 48, OPS 46 and OPS 43.

The Club congratulates College, Waiouru, and Hori for winning their respective divisions.

This Thursday around 30 Ohakune players will travel to Taipahi for an inter club competition. The following week on Thursday an internal (inter-house) teams competition starts up, beginner or advanced. If you haven’t already entered your name let John know this week and you will be put in a team.

On Sunday several juniors took part in the Ohakune squash series for 4-grade players on Sunday.

The T42 cycle and trail run was “a fabulous day”, says organiser Pat Lacy and Annette Taylor-Lacy.

“The weather gods where smiling on us for the week leading up to the event and on the event day.”

They said numbers were well up on recent years, with approximately 790 competitors over all the events, around 350 of those in the 48km mountain bike event on the 42 Traverse.

“There was still plenty of mud to contend with, but the smiles on the faces of the finishers said they enjoyed their day.”

She said a “big thank” to the local volunteers who make the event possible.


Ohakune juniors who played in the Prince squash series for 4-grade players on Sunday.

Claudia Zimmer and Shiah Gavegan finish their run with fun in the T42.

Wine tasting follows book & activities launch

After a successful start to the Community Activities/Book Group on 1 May, another community event has been organised.

This time, WPI is partnering with the Powderhorn to host a series of wine tasting events that will include working with the Powderhorn to host a series of tasting events that will include working with the Powderhorn to host a series of tasting events that will include working with the Powderhorn to host a series of tasting events that will include working with the Powderhorn to host a series of tasting events that will include working with the Powderhorn to host a series of tasting events that will include working with the Powderhorn to host a series of tasting events that will include working with the Powderhorn to host a series of tasting events that will include working with the Powderhorn to host a series of tasting events that will include working with the Powderhorn to host a series of tasting events that will include working with the Powderhorn to host a series of tasting events that will include working with the Powderhorn to host a series of tasting events that will include working with the Powderhorn to host a series of tasting events that will include working with the Powderhorn to host a series of tasting events that will include working with the Powderhorn to host a series of tasting events that will include working with the Powderhorn to host a series of tasting events that will include working with the Powderhorn to host a series of tasting events that will include working with the Powderhorn to host a series of tasting events that will include working with the Powderhorn to host a series of tasting events that will include working with the Powderhorn to host a series of tasting events that will include working with the Powderhorn to host a series of tasting events that will include working with the Powderhorn to host a series of tasting events that will include working with the Powderhorn to host a series of tasting events that will include working with the Powderhorn to host a series of tasting events that will include working with the Powderhorn to host a series of tasting events that will include working with

For those who may think they know a lot about wines or for those who know nothing, this event will be fun. It is not pretentious – we want all kinds of people to attend and enjoy trying wines.

The event will launch a monthly tasting series and will focus on wines made with unusual grapes, with different themes each month to keep people interested.

Dr Ward says she is keen to promote responsible drinking and the amount tasted will be a maximum of six wines with 30ml in each glass. Transport options will be available for people to organise themselves and cheese platters will be available.

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Dr Ward says she was inspired when 25 people attended the first community activities/book group earlier this month.
**PUBLIC NOTICES**

**Friends of the Mangapuru Inc**

**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

Saturday 19th May, 11am at the Raetihi Cossie Club.

Contact: friendsofthemangapuruainc@gmail.com

At 1.30pm there will be an address by Dan Steele from Blue Duck Lodge at Whakaroro about the history of the area.

**AGM Meetings**

**At Mangamingi Pa**

Ohakune Road, Raetihi

Saturday 19th May 2018 at 10am

1. Mangamingi Pa Trust
2. Raetihi 2B2B38 (part) DP 0318/5

3. ReuReu 15ub 20a Trust

4. Rapana Paora Family Trust

5. Mangamingi Farm Trust


**AGM**

Public Notice is hereby given, pursuant to Section 26U(3) of the Conservation Act 1987, that for its Election scheduled to be held in October 2018, Taranaki Fish & Game Council has resolved that its region shall comprise three electoral sub-regions. These electoral sub-regions are consistent with the three game sub-regions and are defined as; Waimaramo (Area B), Whanganui (Area A) and Taranaki (Area C).

Further details of this election, including a call for candidates, will be publicly notified in August 2018.

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**RAETIHI OHAKUNE GARDEN CLUB AGM**

Tuesday 22 May, 7.30pm at Peggy Frews, Taipate Rd, Ohakune. All welcome.

**THEATRE ROYAL CHARITABLE TRUST AGM**

To be held at the Theatre Royal, Raetihi Monday 28th May 2018, 6.30pm

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**TARANAKI FISH & GAME COUNCIL ELECTORAL SUB-REGIONS**

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**Council meeting 30 May 2018 Cancelled**

There has been a change to the Ruapehu District Council May meeting dates which were published on 24 April 2018 (Ruapehu Bulletin), 25 April 2018 (Ruapehu Press) and 27 April 2018 (Taranaki Bulletin).

The Ruapehu District Council meeting scheduled for 30 May 2018 in Ohakune has been cancelled.

RDC apologises for any inconvenience this may cause.

If you have any queries please contact us on 07 895 8188.

**PUBLIC NOTICES**

**RANGI AWARD**

This year’s Rangi Award will be presented to a person who has contributed to the community in the Ruapehu District.

Entries close on 13 June.

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**RAETIHI COSMOPOLITAN CLUB INC.**

**Annual General Meeting**

Thursday 7 June 2018 at 6pm

AGENDA:

1. Welcome by President
2. Apologies
3. Stand for a moment silence
4. Minutes of the previous meeting
5. Matters Arising from previous AGM minutes
7. President’s Report
8. Manager’s Overview
9. Adoption of Adjunct Reports
10. Most Valued Member
11. Notices of Motion (if any)
12. Life Membership
13. Election of Officers
14. General Business

Signed, Lindsay Campbell, Secretary
Chalets has an exciting opportunity for a part-time Front of House Receptionist/Reservations Specialist in Taumarunui i-SITE.

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**APPLICATIONS CLOSE 18 MAY 2018**

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- You can work autonomously and sometimes take on sole charge responsibilities when the managers are not onsite
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This is for 10 hours per week in the summer (Nov-May), as you gain experience you will also cover for the managers when they have time off getting paid a daily rate. In the winter (Jun-Oct) it is 20 hours per week as well as covering for the managers as required.

To apply email or drop-off your CV and cover letter to:

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**OHAKUNE KINDERGARTEN**

Thank you to all that supported our fundraiser for the replacement of our safety matting project and big thank you to our community for donating to our Mother’s Day raffle. The Shire Chalet, The Chocolate Eclair shop, Sweet pea Cafe, Golden Time Takeaway, The Mountain Rocks, New World Chaunke, Ohakune Dental Centre, Osteria, Ohakune Take Note Bookshop, Barefoot, Beauty, Eat, The Clyde, Mountain Kitchen, Captain Kunu, TCB, Upthia, Magic Chin, Ohakune Pharmacy, BP, Ohakune Electrical. Winning numbers: 117 Nataki - gift basket, 224 Michelle - fiswood, 384 Ken - gift basket.

**Waimarino Shears AGM**

Tuesday 29th May 2018 7pm at the Depot
It all came together for Ruapehu on Saturday at Rochfort Park, the team having a great win against Whanganui Kaierau Country Club.

The visitors scored in the first five minutes but the try was unconverted. It wasn’t until 30 minutes in that Ruapehu got an unconverted try, with a good run by Taina Wallace. Half-time score was 5-all.

Seven minutes into the second half, Kaierau took the lead, with a converted try. Soon after Ruapehu replied with a try by Dayton Rikihana but failed to convert, 10-12.

With five minutes to go, Ruapehu worked their way up to the in goal area. Matthew Dowman received the ball after a tackle and had enough energy to break through the defence and dot the ball down on the line close to the posts. It was converted to put Ruapehu ahead, 17-12.

Kaierau still had hope but a dashing try from Taina Wallace sealed the victory with two minutes left on the clock, putting Ruapehu clear by ten points to win 22-12.

Standouts were Craig Taylor who worked tirelessly alongside his brother Scott to make inroads into the defence, and the skill of Matthew Dowman to score the try, among some pretty determined all-round team tackling and support.

Seniors win their home rugby game

Wine club

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This group will meet again on Tuesday 5 June and the people who attended decided to bring along a short passage from a favourite book or poem to read at the June event.

“One of the things people enjoyed at the activities/book group was the ability to come and leave whenever was convenient to them in a relaxed space,” said Dr Ward.

“Anyone is free to join the group on whatever activities/book group night they can. You don’t have to be a regular attendee – just whatever suits each individual.”