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Dumping rubbish: no trash by 2040

No rubbish to landfills by 2040 – that’s one of the goals of the Ruapehu District’s new Waste Management and Minimisation Plan (WMMP) that was adopted by councillors at their meeting on Friday.

The ‘Zero Waste by 2040’ aspirational vision was one of a number of changes to the draft WMMP that were brought about from the public consultation process.

Liz Brooker, one of the leading submitters on the plan, said she is “absolutely stoked to see the redrafted WMMP Plan finally adopted”.

“The contents of the original draft was poorly advertised and the words ‘zero waste’ weren’t even mentioned, so to actually see these two small words now form a high-level, aspirational vision for waste management in our region is amazing,” said Ms Brooker.

The original consultation period coincided with the Long Term Plan information and was overlooked. Liz Brooker pointed this out to RDC, who extended the consultation and promoted it separately.

Kerbside food waste

Other consultation-driven amendments included allowing for greater community involvement in the solid waste activity and the introduction of kerbside food waste collection.

Ruapehu’s mayor Don Cameron said that it was great to finally have the WMMP adopted following an extensive 12-month development process and an extended public engagement period.

“One of the significant things highlighted by the pro-

Main Trunk Rail co-founder Bob Norling celebrates the installation of the first of seven information panels to be installed around the memorial site at Tangiwai with Ruapehu Lions past president Murray Johns, Ruapehu's mayor Don Cameron, Ruapehu Lions past president Ursula Haeberli, current Ruapehu Lions president and founding member of the Tangiwai memorial site committee (with Lou Fetzer and Brian Dowsett) Fred Collett, Ron Rutherford who created the original plans and vision for the area, Department of Conservation operations manager Bhrent Guy, and Elijah Pue from Ngati Rangī on Monday. Absent, Vulcanologist and Department of Conservation (DOC) science advisor Harry Keys and Ruapehu District Council team leader community property Rebecca Van Orden. Photo: Liz Brooker.

Ambitious Tangiwai project launched

A group of organisations want the official Tangiwai Memorial to be where the disaster happened, rather than in Wellington and they launched an ambitious plan on Monday to upgrade the Tangiwai site to honour those

killed in New Zealand’s worst train disaster.

Bob Norling, the Ruapehu Lions Tangiwai Memorial chairman, said the release of this plan coincides with the 65th anniversary of the disaster, when the Wellington to Auckland

Express Number 626 plunged into the Whangaehu River on Christmas Eve after a lahar had taken out the bridge piers.

The group was given \$40,000 by the

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cess is that Council and the community share the same vision for ensuring that Ruapehu minimizes its waste footprint," he said.

"Like the rest of NZ we have some big challenges ahead in protecting and improving our environment and meeting our national environmental obligations.

"The WMMP now provides the blueprint and necessary flexibility for ensuring we can maintain the development of safe, prosperous rural communities that are able to capitalise on our agriculture, business and tourism sectors while sustaining our beautiful environment."

Mr Cameron noted that the underlying goal driving the WMMP is all about minimising the amount of waste going to landfill.

"Council fully supports the principle of zero waste which requires us to manage our waste issues locally wherever possible."

With the imminent closure of the district landfill, following the expiry of the current consent in 2020, Council will now develop a clean fill site in Taumarunui and transport all other residual waste to a suitable facility outside the district for processing.

Mr Cameron said the introduction of kerbside food waste collection combined with industrial composting is a critical aspect to the WMMP.

"We know from past waste audits that up to 50% of what is picked up kerbside can be compostable material such as food waste."

The kerbside collection regime is proposed to change to having food waste and blue bin recycling collected every week and pink bag rubbish collection only every second week.

Cost break even

Based on current costs people on kerbside collection will see increased charges of \$90 per annum to cover the new food waste service. However, if households use one less pink bag per fortnight this will save them \$98.80 per annum."

Mr Cameron said two areas that the public submitted on but were not adopted are the expansion of plastic recycling from 1 and 2 only to include plastics 3-7 and the introduction of a pink bag subsidy for Community Service Card holders.

"Research found that due to changes in the international plastics recycling market plastics 3-7 are now being stockpiled and some coun-



Zero Waste 2040 campaigner unfurls a banner in the style of her online campaign that featured photos of people who support the plan holding a similar poster. She is helped by Councillor Rabbit Nottage – a keen supporter of the community taking back control of its waste.

cils that previously accepted them for recycling are no longer doing so.

"If the situation changes and Council finds it can have plastics 3-7 recycled in an environmentally friendly, ethical and economically feasible way, the WMMP has the flexibility to allow for this," explained Mr Cameron.

He said the proposed pink bag subsidy for

Community Service Card holders would not be extended because research shows that there is "no hard evidence that it would reduce illegal dumping or burning".

"The WMMP also provides other ways for people to reduce the amount of pink kerbside refuse bags needed, which reduces

household waste costs."

Bigger commitment

Mr Cameron said that if the WMMP is going to be successful they need households and businesses to be prepared to make changes to their behaviour, with a much bigger commitment to reducing, reusing, recycling and composting.

"For many people this will require a change to their current behaviour. However, we don't believe this needs to be difficult or time-consuming with a little organisation and understanding," he said.

Liz Brooker said the Council's shift in thinking "proves that a robust consultation process finally run well can result in Council realigning their thinking to what our communities actually wanted rather than simply assuming we weren't ready yet."

Key points

- Food waste kerbside collection and installation of an industrial composting plant, or plants.
- District clean fill site to be established in Taumarunui.
- Pink bag collection will go to fortnightly (after food waste system is established).
- No extension of subsidy on pink bags.
- No extension of plastic recycling, for 3-7 plastics.

Hostel tops, twice

Ohakune – YHA Ohakune Station Lodge have been recognised as Associate Hostel of the Year for the second time in their five years with the YHA network.

The Award recognises the top-rated among YHA New Zealand's 25 Franchise and Associate partners.

It is measured based on annual guest survey ratings and net promoter scores. The surveys are sent electronically to all guests who have booked on www.yha.co.nz, following their stay.

YHA Ohakune's overall satisfaction score average in post-stay guest surveys was an impressive 4.8 out of 5.

YHA Ohakune owner, Jane Gamble, is thrilled with the award.

"We feel really privileged to be part of the YHA network so we're excited to be recognised for our practices and high service levels," she says.

YHA New Zealand's operations manager Simon Cartwright says he is delighted YHA Ohakune has won this award.

"The hostel is beautifully appointed and Darren and Jane really go the extra mile to make sure they exceed guest expectations, so it comes as no surprise that their guest ratings are so strong."

Guest comments include: "The place was spotless, very clean", "Amazing facilities and very friendly staff!" "This is my second time and I will happily go again." "The atmosphere from the moment of arriving made you feel so welcome it was like being at home"

YHA Ohakune Station Lodge joined the YHA New Zealand network as an Associate partner in August 2013 and won the award in 2015.

LIBRARY HOLIDAY FUN!

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Raetihi Library Friday 18 January 10:30am - 12 noon
Plus a craft table available all holidays 10am - 2pm

For ages 4-12 years

Geoff & Janet are 2018's top citizens

Geoff Anderson of Raetihi and Janet Hedges were presented their Ruapehu 2018 Citizen of the Year Awards at National Park Village on Friday, to recognise their efforts for their communities.

Waimarino-Waiouru Citizen Award went to Geoff Anderson of Raetihi for his work on various community groups in the town.

The Northern Ruapehu Citizen Award went to Janet Hedges of Ohura for her work for various groups in Ohura.

Ruapehu's Citizen Awards recognise outstanding contributions made by individuals to their communities by performing voluntary, unpaid work over an extended period of time, explained the mayor Don Cameron.

Both Mrs Hedges and Mr Anderson have been

active volunteers for many years across a range of organisations and community groups.

Mr Anderson received the Waimarino-Waiouru Award for his long service to Raetihi including for his work with Raetihi Promotions Charitable Trust in supporting township revitalisation, management of the Raetihi Information Centre, providing leadership for community projects such as the pool solar heating and his support for Raetihi and Ruapehu as a radio broadcaster.

Part of his presentation is the Ruby Parker Candelabra, which was originally presented to Mrs Parker by the council of the time, when she celebrated her 100th birthday. After her death, the family gave it back to the council to be used as a Raetihi citizens award. With the local govern-

ment reorganisation, it was expanded to take in the whole of the Waimarino.

Mrs Hedges has been recognised for her commitment and work with Ohura Valley Primary School notably for her work teaching Te Reo Maori and culture as well as her work in support of the Ohura Memorial Hall, Ohura APH & I Association, Ohura and District Museum, the Cosmopolitan Club and the Ohura Valley Residents Society.

Mr Cameron said that both Janet and Geoff are very worthy recipients of this year's Citizen of the Year Awards.

"Council is very happy to see them both being recognised for the huge efforts they have put into their local communities and, by extension, the Ruapehu district as a whole," he said.

"Volunteer workers such as Janet and Geoff provide the backbone of many of the essential community services and activities that we rely on every day.

"They are great examples of the type of unassuming people who work for many years, quietly behind the scenes, doing many of the jobs that provide the supporting fabric to our communities.

"Without the commitment and dedication of people like them the progress we see in our townships along with many things we take for granted would cease to function."

Mr Cameron said the Ruapehu Citizen Awards are an opportunity to give people like Janet and Geoff the recognition and thanks that they deserve."

First Whangaehu water grants

Six projects to improve the water in the Whangaehu River catchment will receive funds from Horizons Regional Council's new Freshwater Improvement Fund.

The Ngā Wai Ora o te Whangaehu grants programme aims to assist community groups in accessing resources that enable them to complete projects that will help achieve the aspirations of the community in improving the health of the catchment.

Horizons regional councillor and chair of the Ngā Wai Ora o te Whangaehu Governance Group Bruce Rollinson, says six of the seven applications were successful.

"This is a positive result for the programme launch. We hope word of mouth from this year's recipients will encourage others in the community to apply next year," says Cr Rollinson.

"Funding for the Ngā Wai Ora o te Whangaehu grants programme comes from both the Freshwater Improvement Fund (administered through the Ministry for the Environment), and Horizons Regional Council. The funding pool of \$33,333 was completely allocated."

Much of the Whangaehu Catchment covers rural landscape that doesn't otherwise receive much attention in terms

of river access. Three of the projects are focused on improved track access to or around waterways; two are for willow removal and riparian planting, and the last one will focus on stream enhancement in the Thames Street Reserve in Ohakune.

This year's funding was awarded to:

YMCA: to improve the access track from the camp to the Raukawa Falls on the Mangawhero River, and enhancing the experience through planting and signage.

Ohakune 2000 Inc: for development of the stream walkway from the Carrot Park to Burns Street and the track around the Meeting of the Waters.

Raetihi Promotions Charitable Trust: for development and enhancement of walkway next to the Makotuku Stream.

Friends of the Mangawhero Walkway: for willow removal and riparian planting along Mangawhero River.

Mote Katoa Marae: for willow removal and riparian planting along Makotuku River just north of Raetihi.

Ohakune 2000 Inc: to enhance the stream along the Thames Street Reserve area.

More information on the programme can be found at www.horizons.govt.nz.



Janet Hedges of Ohura and Geoff Anderson of Raetihi with the mayor Don Cameron at The Park, on Friday.

NEW YEARS EVE @ THE MATTERHORN

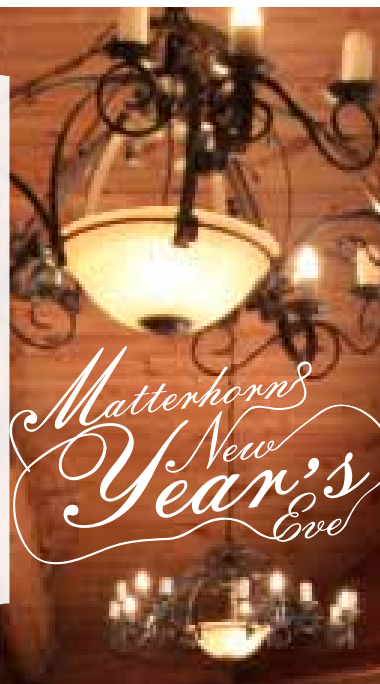
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Ohakune's driest spring

Ohakune recorded its driest spring since records began for the town. Just 161mm of rain fell in the town, which was just 39 percent of normal.

Records for the current station go back to 1961.

Taumarunui experienced its second-lowest mean minimum air temperature, at 5.7°C, which was 1.5°C below normal for spring. Records go back to 1947.

Waiouru recorded its 3rd-highest one-day rainfall, on 4 September when 48mm fell. Records go back to 1950.

Waiouru also saw the equal fourth-highest wind gust: 106km/h on 27 October.

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Sharp gold for Jessie



Jessie Seaman is a winner, as Raetihi already knows. But now all of Seven Sharp's viewers know it too.

Raetihi's community pillar Jessie Seaman received a Seven Sharp ASB Good as Gold Santa Edition Award last week.

She is one of five recipients of the awards given out on TV One's Seven Sharp magazine programme.

"Jessie Seaman is an active member of her community in Raetihi – even at 96 years old," said her nominator Katherine.

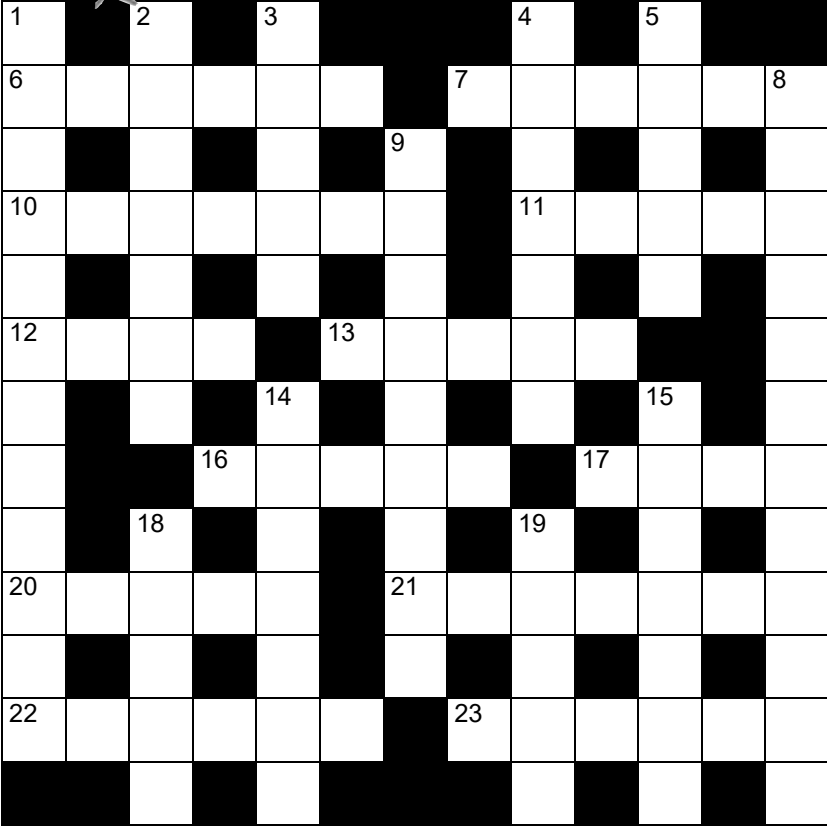
"She provides sandwiches to the junior rugby team, makes all kinds of jams, marmalades and preserves for local

markets (people send her fruit from all round the country!) and Christmas cakes for those in the pensioner flats (many of whom are 20 years her junior).

"From money she was able to raise through her efforts, the local museum was able to expand their buildings to showcase more of their town's heritage."

Jessie was burgled earlier this year and ASB wanted to cheer up her Christmas with a \$4000 ASB Good as Gold Santa Edition Award so she can replace some of her belongings taken.

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ACROSS

- 6. Temporarily hired (6)
- 7. Mountain (Maori) (6)
- 10. Hand or body movement (7)
- 11. Ice house (5)
- 12. Warmth (4)
- 13. Power (5)
- 16. Mathematical chart (5)
- 17. Concluded (4)
- 20. Savoury jelly (5)
- 21. Loosen (7)
- 22. LD __ & Co: company which merged with Lion Breweries in 1988 (6)
- 23. Popular tourist destination in the Bay of Islands (6)

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- 2. Strange (7)
- 3. First appearance (5)
- 4. Sea monster (Maori) (7)
- 5. Small hill (5)
- 8. Title of Barry Crump's first novel (1,4,4,3)
- 9. Northernmost crossing of the Southern Alps (5,4)
- 14. Vital (7)
- 15. Averse to labour (4-3)
- 18. Malice (5)
- 19. Deadly (5)

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Rotary cheques for Jess & Tui

The Raetihi-Ohakune Rotary Club has put some of its fundraising towards two young sportspeople who are on the up in their sporting careers.

Jess Hotter last week shared a presentation with Club members to show her participation in Freeride World qualifiers in Europe.

President Phyl Cameron handed her a cheque on behalf of the club for \$300 to Jess to assist with competition fees.

A similar amount was also given to Tui Wikohika to go towards his training in snowboarding competition.

Each year the Rotary Club, although small in numbers, donates to both local and international projects.

Anyone interested in joining the Rotary Club should contact Phyl Cameron or Jim Bennett.



Tui Wikohika - supported by Rotary for his snowboarding training. Photo: Kim Basse.

Waimarino weather

The temperatures and rainfall since the last published data as measured at the Ruapehu College Weather Station.

Date	10/12	11/12	12/12	13/12	14/12	15/12	16/12	17/12
Max °C	22.1	20.3	20.1	20.9	19.1	23.6	23.9	-
Min °C	6.8	6.1	11.0	8.2	8.5	4.5	6.5	6.2
Grass °C	5.9	6.0	10.2	8.0	8.2	4.5	6.2	5.9
Rain	0.0	3.8	15.2	17.2	12.5	8.2	0.0	-

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Waiouru emergency responder is top soldier

One of the New Zealand Army's outstanding emergency responders, Waiouru soldier Corporal Tom Grant from Thames, has been named Soldier of the Year.

For Corporal Grant, 25, his day job includes equipment checks, training, fitness work and responding to civilian 111 callouts in the Rangipo/Desert Road area.

His tasks can include being first responder to car accidents, providing medical assistance, dealing with hazardous substances and fighting scrub fires.

He is also on call as first responder during military exercises at Waiouru Military Camp, where he is based as shift second-in-command for the Emergency Response Troop of 2nd Engineer Regiment.

"We work alongside Fire and Emergency New Zealand (FENZ), who recognise our fire station and (send) us to any 111 calls in the area," he said.

"It's a big turnout area and we can also support the fire stations in Turangi, Ohakune, and Taihape."

When Corporal Grant left Thames High School he was looking for a challenging career that would keep him active and include travel.

He has got exactly that and his varied day job allows plenty of time for training. Keeping fit is vital, he said.

Both of his grandfathers did compulsory military training with the New Zealand Army and his great-grandfather served in the First World War.

It's not surprising that after hearing

the stories from his military heritage, he decided that a career in the military was a good option.

He joined the Army in February 2011 and excelled from the start. He was top student in his physical training instructors' course and the Senior Command and Control Firefighting course.

"Corporal Grant has clearly demonstrated the New Zealand Army's values of courage, commitment, comradeship and integrity throughout the year, including responding to a motor vehicle accident while off duty and providing life-saving first aid to an injured civilian – for which he received a commendation from the Chief of Army," the Warrant Officer of the NZDF, Warrant Officer Class One Mark Mortiboy, said during the award presentation ceremony.

Corporal Grant is also ranked third nationally among emergency responder. He has competed in New Zealand's Fire Fighter Combat Challenge contests and was selected to compete at the World Fire Fighter Combat Challenge in Sacramento in the United States in October.

His award citation noted: "Corporal Grant is focused on helping those in need while putting himself in danger."

He has shown this trait numerous times when deployed to support international civil agency missions, specifically to Tasmania in 2016, and northern California this year.

In the California fires he was initially deployed to lead a team of 5-10 firefighters, and then was promoted to task force leader, leading 5-10 teams of up to 100 firefighters.



Corporal Tom Grant from Thames, right, receives the Soldier of the Year award from Warrant Officer Class One Mark Mortiboy.

What's the best swim spot?

Summer swim spots in the Manawatu Whanganui Region is being monitored again this summer to help inform the public about potential health risks and highlight over 80 recreational sites.

The annual monitoring programme, run by Horizons Regional Council, runs from November to the end of April and tests bacteria levels for fresh-water rivers and coastal beaches and lakes.

Horizons natural resources and partnerships group manager Dr Jon Roygard says that weekly water samples collected from each site are sent to an independent accredited lab for testing.

"Results are received within 48 hours and are updated on Horizons' dedicated Safe Swim Spots' webpage where an interactive online map shows each of the swim spots marked by a red, amber or green location maker to indicate that week's bacteria results," says Dr Roygard.

"The traffic light system used is part of the Ministry of Health and Ministry for the Environment guidelines that provide guidance to Councils and District Health Boards regarding how they should act when certain levels of indicator bacteria or algae are detected.

"For our lakes and rivers, green/should be safe to swim indicates a sample is less than 260 E. coli per 100ml, amber/

could be a health risk is 261-550 E. coli per 100ml and red/avoid swimming is greater than 550 E. coli per 100ml. If a site falls into the red category, information is provided to the public that the site is considered unsuitable for recreational use.

"Gravel bed river sites and lakes are also tested for cyanobacteria, which is an algae that can be potentially toxic. Horizons will be keeping an eye on this during summer and also reporting these results on the website. However, we do urge public and their animals to stay out of the water if they are at a river and see black,

slimy mat-like growth on the stones that may also be musty smelling. In lakes, potentially toxic algae are visible as bright green "blooms" with surface scum often found at the lake edge."

Horizons swim spot campaign includes the competition 'Swim, Splash and Share Your Region', which encourages the public to post a photo of their favourite swim spot along with the hashtag #swiminourregion and the site's location tagged to Facebook, Twitter and Instagram. Entries are automatically in the draw to win a \$1500 adventure package.



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Kindy kids have the whole Waimarino to play with



Ohakune Kindergarten children pictured with their new floor painting of the Waimarino, complete with the towns and roads in between. Photo: Judy Chevin.

Children at Ohakune Kindergarten now have the towns of the Waimarino to play with, after local artist Paula Charlton and her team have painted the towns on the floor.

The new feature was blessed last week and a ribbon cut by Ngāti Rangī Trust chief executive Kemp Dryden.

Centre manager Whaea Linda said it had been a two-year project with Creative Communities giving them the funding to "achieve this amazing space".

"Our Waimarino community is depicted and brought into our environment in a way that creates and extends

discussions and knowledge with our tamariki," said Whaea Linda.

"Our project manager Paula Charlton co-ordinated artists of all ages from our wider community to paint a piece of our floor," she explains.

She said it was her idea of fixing the problem of a draughty space by thinking outside of the box has resulted in brining the community together by mana tangata (contribution) and mana reo (communication) providing mana aoturoa (exploration), mana whenua (belonging) whilst maintaining their mana atua (wellbeing).

McKelvie's bill to stop livestock rustling adopted

Local MP Ian McKelvie's Sentencing (Livestock Rustling) Amendment Members Bill has been adopted by the Government as a Supplementary Order Paper on the Crimes Amendment Bill.

"Stock rustling is a crime that cuts to the heart of many rural families and the farming community," says McKelvie, who represents the Ruapehu District as MP for the Rangitikei electorate.

"Theft of livestock from farms or property is estimated to cost the farming community over \$120 million a year. More recently, the risk to farms of Mycoplasma bovis spreading through stock theft has added strength to the call to take action.

"This activity is not only a threat to farming businesses, but it also creates a risk to people's safety in rural parts of New Zealand, as rustlers are often armed and equipped with tools to assist them.

"Farming families can also suffer psychological effects from stock thefts, and it can even lead to mistrust among fellow locals.

"My Members Bill had its First Reading in Parliament in February. I have been working alongside the Government through the Primary Production Select Committee to make sure this law change can be progressed in the fastest way possible."

The law change proposes two new offences to be added to the Crimes Act. Theft of livestock or other animal, carrying a maximum penalty of seven years imprisonment. It also introduces a new offence of unlawful entry to land used for agricultural purposes, where the offender intends to steal livestock or act unlawfully against specified things, such as buildings or machinery, on that land, that carries up to 10 years imprisonment.

"I want rural New Zealanders to feel safe and to reassure victims of livestock rustling that there is an additional deterrent in place to discourage this type of crime.

"This law change sends a strong message to potential rustlers that these acts are abhorrent, and that if caught, you can expect the full treatment."



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Spring growth causing footpath hazards

New spring growth is seeing Council starting to field calls from people who have either tripped or been impeded by vegetation that has spread across footpaths creating health and safety hazards.

Group manager community services Margaret Hawthorne said that spring and summer always meant the start of complaints and requests for service associated with vegetation growth.

"Complaints are usually around new vegetation such as hedges, other boundary plants or overhanging branches spreading across footpaths causing tripping or clearance problems," she said.

"As summer starts to get hotter for longer we then start receiving more complaints about overgrown sections and potential health risks that this poses."

She said Council will check the complaint out and, if a risk exists, will notify the property owner requesting that they cut and remove any overgrown vegetation.

"If no action has been taken Council's Parks and Reserves contractor will be

instructed to do the work and an invoice will be forwarded to the property owner."

Mrs Hawthorne said that overgrown vegetation can pose real hazards and people should be mindful of the risks.

"People should also keep a watch on tree growth and power lines as they can be liable for any outages that trees on their property cause," she said.

Ohakune councillor Cynthia Dowsett said a number of people have contacted her directly to complain about footpaths that are being overgrown.

"For the young and the fit this isn't normally a problem but for older people and especially anyone using a mobility aid, this can be a real health and safety concern."

She said in many cases plants grow so fast at this time of year that things can become a problem in a week or two.

"I'd like to ask anyone ... to keep an eye on it and ensure that any overhanging branches or spreading vegetation is cut back and there is a clear path for pedestrians," she said.



Councillor Cynthia Dowsett is asking property owners to check their footpath boundaries and ensure that they are free from any overgrown vegetation that can cause tripping and other hazard issues especially for older or less able pedestrians.

Kids get power bikes for Christmas

Christmas came early for 40 King Country children, including some from National Park Village, who headed home last week with a brand new bike.

The bikes and helmets were purchased and donated by The Lines Company (TLC) to Variety – the Children's Charity as part of a 'Bikes for Christmas' campaign. TLC staff raised \$12,117 for new bikes and helmets.

The bikes went to Ruapehu District schools including National Park School, Ngakonui Valley School, Owahango School, St Patrick's Catholic School, Tarrangower Primary School, Te Kura Kaupapa Maori o Taumarunui and Taumarunui Primary School, plus four Waitomo District schools.

The children were nominated by their teachers or others for their efforts throughout the year, or because they wouldn't otherwise have the chance to own their own bike.

They were described by their nominees as role models, leaders and some of the most positive kids, despite the challenges many endure. One child will now be able to hang up his rusty scooter, another was described as being a 'role model to all' and one was put forward as a reward

for an overwhelming improvement in behaviour.

TLC chief executive Sean Horgan said he was proud of the efforts TLC staff had made to raise the money.

"We're part of this community and it feels good to do something that's pretty simple but really makes a big difference for local kids and families."

Lorraine Taylor, Variety's chief executive officer, said Variety supports many children from the region.

"We are so thankful TLC put so much time and effort into fundraising for what is such a worthy and life-changing cause. Having a bike is something many Kiwi kids are fortunate enough to own, but sadly, this is not the case for everyone," she said.

"The bikes presented not only give each and every one of these kids the opportunity to learn a new skill and develop independence, it will allow them to spend quality time outdoors and enjoy taking care of something of their very own."

Through its Bikes for Kids programme, Variety provides hundreds of disadvantaged Kiwi kids with bikes of their very own each year. For further details, see www.variety.org.nz.



Bikes from power firm The Lines Company, along with Variety - The Children's Charity, were given to this group of Ruapehu District children in Taumarunui last week.

Raetihi-Ohakune bus service change

Following a competitive tender process for the Raetihi to Ohakune fortnightly bus service, Horizons Regional Council has awarded the contract to Go Bus Transport Ltd for three years.

Transport manager Phillip Hindrup says Go Bus will begin operating the service from 18 January, but bus users will see no other changes to the service. The new tender sees a change of provider for the first time ever.

Horizons thanked Dempsey Buses Limited for providing the Raetihi to Ohakune fortnightly bus service for the last 14 years.

"Dempsey Buses has been operating the fortnightly shopper service from Raetihi to Ohakune since the service began as a trial in 2004 and have become a part of the local community," says Mr Hindrup.

"Dempsey Buses have been wonderful to deal with over the years, and we would like to thank John and Barbara Dempsey for the care and level of service they have provided both customers and local community whilst operating this service."

Bus timetable information for the fortnightly service is available at www.horizons.govt.nz.

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A sign in time for Raetihi



One of Raetihi's entrance signs has been given a makeover, thanks to two members of the Waimarino Volunteer Rural Fire Force - Pete Pehi (left) and John Chapman (right). The restoration of the sign and plough were "a gift to the town to celebrate the start of the Raetihi Revitalisation process" which is being undertaken by the Raetihi Forum. The Brigade is one of the member organisations of the forum that includes The Uenuku Charitable Trust, The Raetihi Charitable Trust and Raetihi Promotions. Brigade community liaison officer John Chapman, who undertook the restorations said the sign and the plough are symbols of both Raetihi's Maori and agricultural heritage and a symbolic beginning to the townships revitalisation. He thanked Robert Williams (pictured at centre), Apotoro (apostle) at the Raetihi Ratana Church who gave a blessing during the reinstallation. Photo: Robert Milne. Editor's note: we searched our records but couldn't confirm who carved the original panel, but it is believed that Allan Brown donated the totara timber. Please contact us if you have information about the sign's history.

Water kits for summer events

With summer here, community groups often find it easier to get motivated to run events so people can be more physically active, says health promoter Troy Brown.

"An issue we have had in our rohe is access to water at sports grounds and events. Healthy Families Whanganui Rangitikei Ruapehu in collaboration with WDHb public health and the Heart foundation came up with a solution and developed a water only event resource toolkit for community groups," says Troy.

The kit is kept at Te Pae Tata in Ohakune, who have now taken over the system. The art design on the new kit has been developed by Ruapehu rangatahi.

To book the water only resource kit for your next event, you can contact Te Pae Tata on 0800 837238282 or via email on info@ruapehuhub.com

At right: the events drinking water kit set up - complete with signage to make it easy for event participants to find the station so they can quench their summer thirst.



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Ambitious Tangiwai Memorial project launched

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previous Minister of Conservation Maggie Barry, to work on the site.

They have spent roughly half of the amount on plans for redevelopment of the site and half on seven information panels, four of which are in place.

“The new coloured interpretation panels have been designed for the younger generation and visitors to follow as an educational experience,” explains Bob Norling.

Dr Harry Keys, DOC’s scientist who has focussed on the Ruapehu volcano and the lahars for decades, said he was really pleased to be involved in the project.

“It’s a good story to tell and I was in a good position to tell it,” he said of writing much of the information on the panels.”

That story is the “before and after” the Tangiwai Disaster and the lahar that caused it, and “what we’ve learned about it and what we’ve done about it since to learn to live with it”.

“We are learning to live with the lahars and (this project) is a good message,” said Dr Keys.

The information is presented as easy reading, suitable for school projects and to be of interest for young people to follow “and think what it was like to be dumped into such chaos in the black of the night, with little help”.

Four of the new seven panels have been placed in temporary positions until the final site has been approved.

They indicate the timing of the Wellington to Auckland Express No 626 and the Ruapehu Lahar.

Mr Norling said the Tangiwai Memorial Committee have worked for 18 months getting the correct information and text ready.

From the highway, a tree-lined avenue would provide “a sense of arrival” but

spaced to maintain a sense of open space. The current flags will be relocated to the entrance nearer the highway.

A formed car park area would be created, away from the memorial stone, then pedestrian access only to the site.

The central memorial site retains the obelisk with potential for a larger plinth.

A picnic area would be developed around the existing silver birch trees with possibly a children’s play area.

Three new information kiosks are to be built with information panels and seating shelter.

The first would be an entry information kiosk, then leading to the other information kiosks.

A new lahar walkway will take people up to a point where they can see the rail bridge.

A footbridge would cross the Whangaehu River, to take people to the site where Cyril Ellis tried to wave down the train before it plummeted into the river.

The site introduces three interwoven stories.

The first is about the 1953 rail disaster and the 153 people who lost their lives.

The second is of the volcanic Mt Ruapehu and its Crater Lake and the volcanic mudflows – lahars – that flow down the river.

The third is of the iwi Ngāti Rangī who have lived in the area for centuries and speaks of their relationship with the maunga and the river and how people are learning to live in harmony with the volcano and lahars.

The effort has involved the Ruapehu Lions sub committee, Ngāti Rangī, the Department of Conservation, Ruapehu District Council, Main Trunk Rail Ohakune and Kiwi Rail.



The overall plan for a redeveloped Tangiwai Memorial site is launched.

What they said:

“The interpretation is the culmination of a huge community effort and Ngāti Rangī is proud to have been part of this project, honouring those who passed in the disaster while also acknowledging those that played a part in the recovery efforts,” said Ngāti Rangī Trust general manager Kemp Dryden.

“The Ministry for Culture and Heritage has been very pleased to work with the Department of Conservation, and provide assistance towards this project,” said Sarah Ingram commemorations manager for the ministry.

“Tangiwai is an important site in New Zealand’s history. The Christmas Eve accident there was one of those disasters that devastated the country as a whole, and that had an impact on our sense of community and nationhood.”

“There is a very fitting and lovely National Tangiwai Memorial in Karori Cemetery, in Wellington. But there is enormous power in actually recognising and learning about an event where it happened. We’re very supportive of the work being done to enhance the visitor experience at Tangiwai, and to help people understand more about the terrible event that occurred in that beautiful place.”



A start is made: the welcome panel explaining the site – one of four already in place to tell the three stories of Tangiwai.

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Jaye Akapita, MA for perseverance in Level 2 Te Reo Maori. Cameron Artz, EAs for Design and Innovation Resistant Materials and Mathematics and receives the Dixon Engineering Cup for practical work in Design and Innovation Resistant Materials, MA for consistent effort and attainment in Social Studies and for perseverance in Physical Education. Keri Baker, EAs for Design and Innovation Resistant Materials and Visual Art. Emma Burnard, EAs for Design in Food and Social Studies, MAs for consistent effort in Science and Mathematics. Chaya Connelly, EAs for Visual Art and Design, Physical Education and Innovation in Textiles, MAs for consistent effort and a positive attitude in Digital Technology and careful application in Mathematics. Jaidyn Foster, MAs for perseverance and improvement in Design and Innovation Resistant Materials and consistent effort and positive attitude in Digital Technology. Korbyn Garland, EAs for Visual Art and Junior Performing Arts. She shares the SIMS Award for excellence in Junior Performing Arts. She also receives the Trophy for the Most Improved Junior Performing Artist, MAs for

improvement in Science, consistent effort in Physical Education and consistent effort and a positive attitude in Digital Technology. Tayla Goff, MA for consistent effort and a positive attitude in Digital Technology. Junior Diploma. Byron Griffin-Chappel, MA for perseverance and improvement in Design and Innovation Resistant Materials. Tristram Griffin-Chappel, MA for perseverance and improvement in Design and Innovation Resistant Materials. Connor Halliday, MA for perseverance in Design and Innovation in Textiles. Ella Hawira, MAs for improvement in Te Reo Maori and perseverance in Physical Education. Junior Diploma. Jenna Jones, MAs for consistent effort and a positive attitude in Digital Technology and consistent effort and attainment in Social Studies and consistent effort in English. She receives the Mowat Voon cup for a student active in both sports and reading. Dalton Jordan, MAs for consistent effort and a positive attitude in Digital Technology and improvement in written presentation in Social Studies, the Junior Production Trophy. Junior Diploma. Brodie Kahukura, EA for Digital Technology, MA for improvement in Physical Education. Achieved Junior Diploma. Sapphire Mapp, EAs for Design in Food and Digital Technology, Social Studies and Junior Performing Arts. She shares the SIMS Award for excellence in Junior Performing Arts, MAs for consistent effort in Science, English, Physical Education and Mathematics. She receives the Most Promising Student in Practical Foods Trophy donated by Marilyn George. Brianna McKenna, EAs for Science and English, MAs for consistent effort and a positive attitude in Digital Technology and consistent effort and attainment in Social Studies and improvement in Physical Education. Tess Morris, Junior Diploma. Caleb Murphy, MAs for consistent effort and a positive attitude in Digital Technology and consistent effort in Performing Arts. Victoria Paoratoho, EA for Design and Innovation Resistant Materials, MAs for consistent effort in Science, consistent effort and attainment in Social Studies and consistent effort and positive attitude in Digital Technology, Junior Diploma. Paige Pearce, MAs for consistent effort in Design in Food and Design and Innovation in Textiles and perseverance in Physical Education, Junior Diploma. Gabriel Pohatu, MAs for perseverance and improvement in Design and Innovation Resistant Materials and consistent effort and a positive attitude in Digital Technology, Junior Diploma. Megan Rollerson, EAs for Mathematics and English. MAs for consistent effort in Science, Performing Arts and consistent effort and a positive attitude in Digital Technology and consistent effort and attainment in Social Studies. Boden Soverel, EA for Science, MA for good application in Mathematics, Junior Diploma. Katerina Treanor-Metekingi, MA for consistent effort in Design and Innovation in Textiles. Allivia Wallace, EA for Physical Education, Junior Diploma. Kyro Wihare-Hansen, EA for Te Reo Maori, MA for consistent effort and a positive attitude in Digital Technology, Junior Diploma. Sayge Wikohika, EA for Social Studies, MAs for consistent effort in Design in Food, and Mathematics, perseverance in Physical Education and improvement in Te Reo Maori.

Achieved Junior Diploma With Distinction Year 9: Samantha Beauchamp, Una Drayton, Brooke Graham, Marama Groot, Kayla Jordan, Danella Marsada, Ella Rowe, Cameron Smith. Achieved Junior Diploma With Distinction Year 10: Cameron Artz, Emma Burnard, Chaya Connelly, Korbyn Garland, Libby Graham, Jenna Jones, Sapphire Mapp, Megan Rollerson, Sayge Wikohika.

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EYE ON RUAPEHU COLLEGE, CONTRIBUTED BY STAFF AND STUDENTS

Ruapehu College had its junior prize giving last Wednesday, which marked the end of term and the last day of school for junior students. The day celebrated the College's top academic and sporting achievements and the award ceremony showcased their outstanding musicians.

Farewell to Louise Beukes

Mrs Beukes is retiring from 16 years' teaching at the College. She started by teaching English, but in the last two years has taught sewing, which she said she has really enjoyed.

"I don't want accolades because I am just an ordinary teacher doing my job," said Mrs Beukes when asked about the highlights over the years at this school.

However, she mentioned the moments when students really understood something and their eyes light up.

She hopes that through her work in the student support area that she has made a difference to someone's life.

Mrs Beukes plans to travel ... she has a few places in mind – Brisbane, Canada, South Africa.

She said she will just go down to the bottom of the drive and flip a coin...

"If it's heads we'll go left and if it's tails we'll go right".

"Good luck, Mrs Beukes, where ever your travels take you," said College principal Kim Basse.



Louise Beukes.

Special Awards

Office Max Award (junior), for outstanding service to the college, Emma Burnard. Te Kaahu Trophy, (donated by Mr & Mrs Murphy-Peehi) for leadership, initiative and dedication in the promotion of cultural activities among juniors at Ruapehu College, Tui Wikohika. The Logan Dixon Cup, for excellence in junior sport, Tui Wikohika. Ruapehu College Junior Citizen Award Cup (Lyon family), for a student of good character, having personal integrity including the qualities of honesty, caring for other people and supporting the peer group, Sapphire Mapp. Jim Perry Prize, most improvement across academic, sporting, social and cultural activities, Paige Pearce. Lila Pakinga Scholarship Grant (\$1000), Jaye Tuaatea Akapita. Year 9 Academic Excellence Award Trophy (Milne Family), for 2018 shared by Una Drayton and Marama Groot. And 2018's Year 10 Academic Excellence Award, Junior Dux (Milne Family). *Ruapehu Bulletin* and a \$100 Laurenson Trust grant) Brianna McKinna.

Sports awards

Athletics: Junior Girl (PTA Cup), Korbyn Garland; Junior Boy (PTA Cup), Mason Richards; Intermediate Girl (Woodward Cup), Chaya Connelly. Cross Country: Junior Girl (Mary Whale Cup), Korbyn Garland; Junior Boy (Herbert Smith Trust Cup), Cameron Artz; Intermediate Girl (ECNZ Trophy) Chaya Connelly. Swimming: Junior Girl, Ella Hawira; Junior Boy (TG Drayton Cup), Winiata Wallace; Intermediate Girl (PTA Cup), Chaya Connelly.

Netball: Junior Cup (Checkers Netball Cup) for the most outstanding player, Ella Hawira. Kapai Enterprises Trophy (Ken & Marilyn George), Allivia Wallace. Rugby: Most Consistent Girl Player (DA Loye Cup), Paige Pearce. Squash: Junior Girl Champion (Megan Laurenson Trophy), Sayge Wikohika

Junior Boy Champion (Jackie Laurenson Trophy), Tui Wikohika. Snowboarding: Junior Girl Champion, Jenna Jones; Supreme Snowboarder Award (Callum Green "Pink" Memorial Trophy), Tui Wikohika. Skiing: Junior Girl Champion (Knight Family Trophy), Lola Crump.

Waka Ama: Junior Girl (Maunga Sports Trust Plaque), Sayge Wikohika.

Sports blues awards: Tui Wikohika, Snowboarding; Sayge Wikohika, Squash; Jaidyn Foster, Shooting.

Year Nine awards

Dylan Anderson, Excellence Awards (EA) in Digital Technology, Science, Social Studies and English. Achieved Junior Diploma. Samantha Beauchamp, EAs in Digital Technology and Physical Education. MAs for consistent effort in Design in Food, Science and consistent effort in all class work in Social Studies. Uenuku Biddle-Reedy, EA in Digital Technology. MA for consistent effort in Performing Arts and consistent effort in all class work in Social Studies. Junior Diploma. Charlee Booth, MA for consistent effort in Textiles. Elijah Brown, MA for consistent effort and positive attitude in Digital Technology. Luke Burton, Junior Diploma. Lola Crump, EA for Social Studies. Junior Diploma. Aaliyah Dennison, MAs for consistent effort and positive attitude in Digital Technology and consistent effort in Textiles. Junior Diploma. Una Drayton, EAs for Science, Design Innovation Resistant Materials, Social Studies, English, Mathematics, Physical Education, Digital Technology, Visual Art and Design and Innovation in Textiles and shares the Creative Textile Award donated by M George. Janine Francois, MAs for consistent effort and positive attitude in Digital Technology, most improved and consistent worker in Mathematics and perseverance and improvement in Design Innovation Resistant Materials. Junior Diploma. Brooke Graham, EAs for Mathematics and Design and Innovation in Textiles and shares the Creative Textile Award donated by M George. MAs for consistent effort in Design in Food, and consistent and conscientious work in Social Studies. Keegan Griffin, MA for emerging leadership in Physical Education. Maina Gray, EA in Te Reo Maori, MAs for consistent effort and improvement in English, consistent effort and positive attitude in Digital Technology, perseverance and improvement in Design and Innovation Resistant Materials, consistent work

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PUBLIC NOTICES

Correction to Notification of Weight and Speed Limits on Bridges



In the public notice regarding the weight and speed limit on bridges in the Ruapehu District made on 11 December 2018 (Facebook), 12 December 2018 (Ruapehu Bulletin) and 14 December 2018 (Taumarunui Bulletin), some of the information given regarding the Ruapehu Road Overbridge was incorrect. Please find the correct information below or on our website www.ruapehudc.govt.nz

Bridge No.	404
Name of Road	Ruapehu Road
Name of Bridge	Ruapehu Road Overbridge
Max weight on any one axle (kg)	2500
Gross weight (Max sum of axle weights kg)	5000kg
Max speed (km/hr)	50

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**DEATH
NOTICE**

PRESTON, Jonathan Williams: (Preston/ Kellick). Passed away peacefully on Wednesday 12th December 2018 at Whanganui Hospital aged 90 years. Dearly loved son of the late Mabel Kellick. Adopted son of the late Maggie Preston and Bertha Harriot Williams. 'A passion for the nonsensical maintained for 90 years'. Travel well our friend. In accordance with Jonathan's wishes a private farewell has been held.
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WILLIAMS, ROBERTA ROSE (BERTZ): Robert and whānau wish to sincerely thank the vast number of whānau and friends, those who travelled from the four winds, those who gave their aroha, tautoko and most importantly their time during the sad loss of a much loved daughter, sister, mother, aunt, cousin, friend and Nana. We want to thank everyone who played a part in helping us farewell mum, to our whānau and friends for helping us feed the multitude of manuhiri that walked through our wharekai doors. Whether it be your koha of kai, your prepping of the meat, your setting of the tables or doing the odd dishes here and there. To Lije, Auntie Sheena, Auntie Lau and their many kitchen hands for being there when needed and for working tirelessly behind the scenes to make sure everything was running smoothly. Thank you! To everyone that was on the pae(kaikōrero, kaikaranga, kaiwaiata), to the Apotero Rehita, 8Apotero Wairua, Ngā Awhina and Te Reo o Te Māngai (Ratana Brass Band from Matamata) thank you for your tautoko. To our Nanny Jess, Auntie Ria and Uncle Rob, Auntie Tracey, Auntie Ari, Uncle Pauly, Trent, Simone, Jessica, Keira and Puppy, for taking mum into your home and looking after her and allowing her to rest and heal comfortably. We would also like to extend our thanks to Nanny Pura, Nanny Whetu, Nanny Aileen, Nanny Joanne, Auntie Missy, Auntie Viv, Uncle Whetu and Auntie Flink for your continuous support and aroha. A massive mihi to Auntie Nancy and everyone else who made mums dream of going to Vanuatu a reality, we love you ALL! A special mention to the Palliative care team, Lex Kennedy, the staff at Raetihi Doctors Surgery, Doctors: Jim and Claudia, Nurses: Auntie Chrissy, Catherine, Ann and Gaye. Ngā mihi aroha ki a koutou katoa. The highest tribute paid to mum was reflected in the enormous attendance of love and laughter at her tangi. Words cannot express the love and warmth we feel for you all. For those who have not been named personally and for the many unknown addresses, please accept this as a personal acknowledgement to you all. We love you all so very much! Mā Ihōa e manaaki i a koutou, i a tatou katoa, mā te mangai hei tautoko, aianei ake nei. AE.

Human-sized Christmas gingerbread house wows travellers and locals



Chef and owner of the Rustic Cafe in Waiouru, Tyson Burrows, is pictured with his creation, while travellers from Indonesia, Aurelia Chow and Garvyn Chow (in the window) resist the temptation to take a bite. Tyson said it took three days - with up to six helpers at times - to complete the gingerbread house, including a day of baking the 130 gingerbread panels. The house is two metres long, 1.6m wide and 2.4 metres high. And surrounding the house are numerous other Christmas decorations including 17 Christmas trees that are on loan from Jenni Greener and her 'Granny's Grotto' in Martin.

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Impounding Act 1955 Section 46(2)

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Notice is hereby given that, **unless claimed by the owner by Monday 17 December 2018**, the horse will be tendered.

All tenders will be accepted for perusal and the process will close 20 December 2018 due to the Council office closure and holiday period.

The winner will be notified by 21 December 2018. Please ensure you supply a phone number on your tender.

Tenders close 3:00 pm on Thursday 20 December 2018.

Please submit your tender bid to your local Ruapehu District Council office noting:

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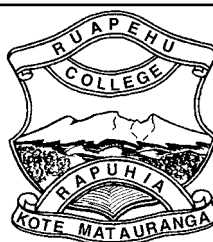
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The 25th Collection will be on the 22nd and the 1st of Jan will be on the 29th Dec.

Taumarunui, Piriaka, Mahoe and Kakahi
Collection will be on Friday the 28 December and Friday the 4 January over the Christmas/New Year period. Will revert back to every Thursday as per normal after this.



PUBLIC NOTICES



RUAPEHU COLLEGE

OPENING DATES 2019 TERM START DATES

Tuesday 29 January – Seniors only years 11, 12 and 13

Wednesday 30 January – whole school years 9, 10, 11, 12, 13

Thursday 31 January – normal classes begin at 8.40am

A powhiri to welcome new students, new whanau and new staff will be held at 9.00am on Wednesday 30 January.

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PUBLIC NOTICES

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Social Worker	reopen Tuesday 8 January 2019
Radiology Dept	reopen Tuesday 8 January 2019
Public Health	reopen Monday 7 January 2019

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

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



Merry Christmas Happy New Year to all

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Saturday 9th March

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- good communication skills
- energetic and motivated
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- a customer-focused team-player with a commitment to ensuring internal customer needs are met
- able to follow instruction and simultaneously self-manage through attention to detail
- sound time management.

Other:

- experience in a general hand or similar role
- NCEA Level 1 (or equivalent) is essential
- train shunting experience would be advantageous
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For further information, telephone Yan Ping Sun on (06) 3858 545 ext.897

To apply, send a letter of application and CV to:

Human Resources

Winstone Pulp International

P O Box 48, Ohakune 4660

Or email to jobs@wpi-international.co.nz

Applications close: 9am Monday 7 January 2019

for everything Ohakune, go to www.ohakune.info

PUBLIC NOTICES

RUAPEHU HEALTH HOURS

Monday 24th December	8.30am – 3pm
Tuesday 25th December	CLOSED
Wednesday 26th December	CLOSED
Thursday 27th December	Normal Hours
Friday 28th December	Normal Hours

Monday 31st December	8.30am – 3pm
Tuesday 1st January	CLOSED
Wednesday 2nd January	CLOSED
Thursday 3rd January	Normal Hours
Friday 4th January	Normal Hours



**Ruapehu
Health Ltd**

If you have repeat medication requirements during closed periods, please ensure that you have all your requests to us before 12 noon on Friday 21st December 2018.

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

**Merry
Christmas to all
our advertisers
and readers.**

All the best for 2019.

Our office will be closed from 5pm on Wednesday 19 December and will re-open Thursday 17 January 2019.

We will be checking our messages and emails regularly so please stay in touch!

Call 06-385 8532 or Robert 027 2311844 – robert@ruapehubulletin.co.nz or Jude 0274 993697 – ads@ruapehubulletin.co.nz

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Ruapehu golf

Thunderbolts and lightning were very very frightening but didn't stop a few brave twilight golfers on Thursday. John Bell dodged the downpours to score 22 points and be closest to the pin on the ninth. Ri Haitana finished second with 20 points. Duane Dixon scored an eagle two on the par four seventh.

On Sunday, a reasonable field of locals and visitors from Taihape, Taumarunui and Apiti played in the Waimarino Christmas Cheer tournament.

Fran Robertson from Taihape had the best net in the ladies division. She was also closest to the pin on the fourteenth and had the longest drive. Teati Cleary had the best gross score. Ann Hawkins had the most stableford points and won the third shot closest to the pin prize.

Wally Hayes had an excellent par 72 round to win the Senior men's division. Wally was also closest to the pin on the third hole. Jerry Jordan had the best net and Steve Pitts scored the most stableford points. Big hitting Michael Cranston revisited his old course and hit a monster longest drive on the fifteenth hole.

The junior men's division was won by Wing Young. Mike Hoeta had the best net score and James Renata scored the most stableford points. Graham Murdie was closest to the pin on the ninth and Mike Hoeta hit the longest drive on the sixth hole.

There will be a normal club day on Sunday, tee off at the new time of 12 noon.

Ohakune's 25 years squashed marked



25th anniversary celebrations: from left, Roger Suckling (president), John Laurenson (men's club captain), Laura Griffin (women's club captain), Sue Laurenson (treasurer). Photo: Kathy Pyatt.

The Ohakune Squash Club celebrated their 25th anniversary earlier this month, with the courts having opened in 1993.

The Christmas Cheer tournament – a fun day for all levels which as always was well supported by Club members – was held at the same time.

“It was awesome to see many of the juniors participating – and a big congratulations to Grace Rowe for a win in her first tournament,” said Club secretary Kathy Pyatt.

Division Winners were: D1 Mat Laurenson, D2 Andrew Burnard, D3 Dani Harto, D4 Chris van der Westhuizen, D5 Archie Mills, D6 Grace Rowe.

Prize list 2018: Primary School Girl Champion (Nola & Wayne Marsh trophy), Grace Burnard. Primary School Boy Champion (Nola & Wayne Marsh trophy), Liam Burnard. J Grade Girl (Trinette Mott trophy), Grace Burnard. J Grade Boy (L & W Simpson trophy), Liam Burnard. F Grade Woman (Trish and Rowan Eves trophy), Shayna Te Riaki. F Grade Man (James Ennis Cup), Nash Jordan. E Grade Woman (Trinette Mott Cup), Sayge Wikohika. E Grade Man (Kenneth Young trophy), Nathaniel Turner. D Grade Woman (K & K Young trophy), Sarah Drinkwater. D Grade Man (K & K Young trophy), Scott Fraser. C Grade Woman (P & K Craig cup), Darnell Watling. C Grade Man (P & K Craig cup), Te Maire Hawira. B Grade Woman (Brian & Marianne Thrupp trophy), Tina Steedman. B Grade Man (Brian & Marianne Thrupp trophy), Dylan Budge. Tenderfoot Woman (Shirley Pepene & Elayne Weller trophy), Kristin Thompson. Tenderfoot Man, Whare Te Riaki. Winter Leagues (Tamati Brookes Trophy), Jack Parker/Liam Burnard. Statisticians (Bevan & Rachel Thompson trophy), Erena Mikaere-Most. Most Improved Junior (Warren & Ainsley Swainson trophy), Nash Jordan. Most Improved Female (Parata Construction cup), Kristin Thompson. Most Improved Male (Triggell Family trophy), Craig Johns. Most Valuable Club Member (Karen & Bruce Cranston cup), Jenny Robb. Junior Girls Champion (Berry's Book Shop), Sayge Wikohika. Junior Boys Champion (The Richards Family), Dylan Budge. Mixed Masters Champion (Andy & Nicola Bennett Trophy), John Laurenson. Runner Up Women (Frank & Lorraine Taylor cup), Shey Maclean. Runner Up Men (Downtown Ski & Board cup), Te Maire Hawira. Open Women's Champion (John & Sue Laurenson cup), Tina Steedman. Open Men's Champion (Bill Scobie cup), Dylan Budge.

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