Three tribes take on biodiversity

Three Ruapehu tribes and conservation experts have shared with the Minister of Conservation new developments in plans for a major eco-sanctuary project.

Uenuku Charitable Trust (UCT), which represents the people of Uenuku, Tamakana and Tamahaki, is developing ideas for an “inland island” biodiversity restoration sanctuary on ancestral lands in the Erua area near National Park township. The working name for the proposal is Pokaka EcoSanctuary.

The three tribes are seeking to address growing concern about urgent conservation and ecological issues in their ancestral estate, resulting from the decimation of biodiversity following the milling of the Waimarino sub-alpine native forests at the turn of the century and, more recently, poor pest management, continued loss of species, the effects of encroaching farmlands on ecology, and the increasing footprint of tourism.

Uenuku chair Aiden Gilbert said the proposed ecological restoration project would be the first iwi-driven ecosanctuary in Aotearoa, and would be founded upon traditional kaitiakitanga (conservation

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Ruapehu’s Horizons councillor Bruce Rollinson is pleased his council supports the whio programme.

Twelve more whio (blue duck) were released at Ruatiti Domain early in March – part of the Kia Whārite programme that is supported by the regional council, Department of Conservation, Genesis, local iwi, community members and local schools.

Kia Whārite is a collaborative biodiversity project between Horizons and the Department in the Whanganui/Ruapehu districts that is directly contributing to the survival of the native species.

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parking demand. At this stage the provision of any new parking is dependent on gaining planning approvals. In National Park Village a new bus route and timetable for 2019 is aimed at encouraging transport efficiency and reducing on street parking demand.

The remaining years of the pilot will see the on-going improvement of parking facilities and a greater use of technology to provide real time information and for booking services.

“The details and timing around the implementation of the planned actions for the remaining years of the pilot are still being confirmed. This is expected shortly and once confirmed a communications company will be contracted to ensure all stakeholders are fully informed of the plan,” said Mr Furner.

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Three tribes plan

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stewardship) values and mātauranga (knowledge).

“We consider that we face great challenges in the restoration of biodiversity in our whānau, but the hapū of Uemuku, Tamakana and Tamahaki are deeply committed to addressing these significant issues in some small way.

“This will require collaboration and partnership with community and conservation organisations, and commitment from central government.

“We were happy to share our vision with the Minister of Conservation Eugenie Sage, Crown officials and Forest and Bird’s Kevin Hague and Kevin Hackwell to present our aspirations and provide better understanding of our customary role as kaitiaki (guardians),” said Mr Gilbert.

This presentation, on-site, was on Friday 15 March. He said most of their tribal estate was taken by the Crown and much of it is now in National Parks and under Department of Conservation management.

“But we have always been, and will continue to be, the guardians of our ancestral heartland.”

“Minister Sage and the Department of Conservation were able to see first-hand what a precious environment this is, and to consider how they might respectively be engaged in this project.”

A feasibility study has been completed for a 200ha pest-free biodiversity sanctuary in unique plateau forest habitat. A core-halo concept could be created, with a fenced pest-free core area, surrounded by a halo or buffer zone that is intensively pest managed and connected to other large native forest areas. The protected environment would be a regional source of rare forest birds such as hihi and tīeke and other endangered species such as kakapo (hats) and insects that would disperse naturally to surrounding forests.

Investment properties

Ohakune’s only supermarket, leased to New World, has been sold via tender through Dan Walker of Colliers International for $1,905,000, at a yield of 8.85 per cent. The 955sq m supermarket building occupies a 1809sq m freehold site, at 12-14 Goldfinch St. Also on the market is the Ohakune Court Motel, near the Goldfinch St, Shannon Street intersection.

The 18-room property has a range of studio, one, two, and three-bedroom units, plus a manager’s residence. The property is to be auctioned on 10 April through Bayleys Real Estate.

The motel business is tenanted on a 30-year-lease running through to 2044. The motel was built in 1978, with subsequent additions and alterations between 1993 and 2004.

Hats for babies

Amateur and professional sewers including textile teachers Nicole Jaquelin and Marilyn George came together last week to show their support for the Neonatal Trust and Ruapehu Zero Waste 2040 at Ruapehu College. Led by local fashion designer Janelle Minch, the group spent the evening sewing tiny beanies for premature babies from her company’s 100 percent natural fibre off-cuts which will be donated to neonatal units around the country. Photo: Liz Brooker.

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Ruapehu has two of 10 cheapest NZ houses

The second-cheapest house sold in New Zealand in the past year was a one-bedroom house in Gley Street, Ruapehu, according to the Real Estate Institute.

The house sold for $60,000, while the cheapest sold was $40,000, in Ohai, near Te Anau.

House prices around the country rose by 3.2% to a median of $560,000, says REI.

Of the 10 cheapest sold in New Zealand, Ruapehu was also the site of the eighth cheapest – a house in Pitt Street, which sold for $140,000.

Both Ruapehu houses are close to Ruapehu School. The others in the list were in Patea, Te Kuiti, Ohaihau, Invercargill, Marton, Dannevirke and Woodville.

Bindi Norwell, chief executive of REI, said the prices might appeal to people who wanted to shift out of bigger centres for more affordable homes.

There was a trend to remote working around the world, which sold for $60,000, while the cheapest sold

Without a job lined up, it would be harder to secure bank finance.

Raetihi and Ohakune are due to be hooked up to ultra-fast fibre by 2022.

Some of the houses could sell to investors, Norwell said.

Nick Gentle, a property investor and owner of iFind-Property, said cheaper properties can be deceptive because fixed costs like rates, insurance and maintenance eat up so much more of the rent income.

“A good way to think of this is how many weeks’ rent does it take to pay the bills. If your rates are $250 per year, it takes five weeks’ rent in a $500 per week house to pay the rates but if your rent is $200 per week, then it will take more than 12 weeks – that’s a quarter of the year gone on just the rates and you still have insurance, maintenance, property management and other costs to come,” he said.

“Replacing the carpet costs the same in very cheap properties as it does in inner-city rentals. Another trap, which may be less of a risk now but certainly was a few years ago, is vacancies. If there are few employers in a town then a property can sit vacant for a while in between tenancies.”

Ruapehu’s snow shuttle pilot continues

Ruapehu’s three-year pilot to improve public transport within the Tongariro National Park (TNP) continues this year, advancing the local council.

The Ruapehu District Council has partnered with the Department of Conservation, Ruapehu Alpine Lifts, Horizons, NZTA and transport providers to trial the system.

The pilot – the Tongariro National Park Integrated Public Transport System – aims to help manage the growth in visitor numbers and reduce congestion, accident, environmental, cultural and social impacts while improving the visitor experience.

Ruapehu land transport manager Warren Furner said developments such as the new Whakapapa gondola, which was scheduled to open later this year and anticipated to bring an additional 300,000 visitors into the TNP is providing an added impetus to the pilot.

“Toward the end of the trial in 2021 the findings will form the basis of recommendations for future public transport options and investments,” he said.

Last year (2018) was the first year of the pilot and established new services and routes.

After the three years of trial, the reporting period will fall in 2021, explains RDC.

While the first year of the trial raised concerns from the existing private transport providers as to disruption to their historic business model, he said it did clearly show that improved co-ordination of operations by, and between operators, could deliver improved levels of service.

For the coming 2019 winter season in Ohakune, he said there have been some tweaks to the bus routes aimed at avoiding CHB congestion while still allowing local businesses to benefit from morning and après ski snow shuttle customers.

In Whakapapa the objective is to provide additional car parking with a public transport timetable to encourage transport efficiency and reduce informal local traffic.

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Letters

Signs danger
- NZTA has several regulations regarding roadside signage. They are there for safety and Ruapehu District Council itself had a sign that blew a couple of years ago.
- The four anti-litter signs on the Raetihi–Ohakune road, break most of those regulations. They are too big, have too many words, and are too close to the road.
- NZTA are allowed to break their own rules for ‘safety’ reasons.
- I trust roadside litterers to beat their rules.

Lucy Conway

RDC replies
- These signs replicate the NZTA state highway litter campaign and have been installed to meet state highway standards and are regarded as motorists information signs designed to manage transport related issues.
- These signs were approved to manage the problem and reduce the frequency of litter patrons on this section of road and are supported by the Waimarino-Waiauru Community Board

Warren Farmer, Land Transport Manager, RDC

Maori at the table
- Last week’s open letter from Mayor Don on the Christchurch terrorist attack is a welcome use of his office to highlight the ethnic and repressive that immigrants and refugees are being given.
- Mayor Don rightly points out the richness and diversity immigration has brought us as a nation, we are in a nation of immigrants.
- We are also, however, a nation of immigrants that has prospered at the expense of Tangata Whenua our own first people, who today we now occupy and the richness of their culture that also shapes us and makes us the country we are today.
- As we turn the spotlight on ourselves and address our embedded prejudices, let us at least address the embedded racism in our local body electoral system and heed the call Maori has been making for a formal seat at the table of local government.

Council has yet to bring forward such a proposal because the inherent bias in the legislation that allows only 5% of electors to call for a referendum for the establishment of a Maori Ward in the hope of defeating the proposal has constantly worked to the advantage of those who oppose Maori representation.

We now have an opportunity as a district to choose to bring our first people to the decision-making table and lead the country in addressing the significant issue of Maori representation.

Council could bring forward a referendum on the issue and campaign positively for the proposal at the next local body elections, addressing this long standing issue.

Should Mayor Don take the lead on this he would have our full support.

John Chapman, Pita Pehi, members of National Park Community Board

Ruapehu District Council replies:
- Ruapehu takes its obligations under Section 81 of the Local Government Act 2002 (LGA) that requires Councils to establish and maintain public information facilities that provide opportunities for Māori to contribute to its decision-making processes as well as provide opportunities to build and foster Māori development and capacity in its decision-making extremely seriously.

Council does this not only because it is a requirement of the LGA but because we believe incorporating a Māori perspective into our decision making has benefits for all our communities.

Over 2008/09 we undertook iwihau consultation to establish the best form of representation, in order to meet the interests and needs of Māori.

The proposal supported by local iwihau was for a non-electoral option by way of a committee structure.

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Youth voices to help with Council decisions

Ruapehu’s 2019 Youth Council Ambassadors were sworn-in in front of whanau and friends by mayor Don Cameron at a special ceremony held in Tanatmanui Council Chambers last week.

Mr Cameron said that he was really impressed with the calibre of young people who had put themselves forward for the youth ambassador positions.

“All the new ambassadors need to be congratulated on putting themselves forward to serve on the Youth Council,” he said.

“Council finds youth to be one of the hardest groups to connect and engage with.

“The youth ambassadors play a really important role in providing a vital connection between our young people and Council and ensuring that their views are considered as part of our decision making. “A lot of people complain or comment on things but very few people stand up and are prepared to do a bit of work to put their view across,” says Mr Cameron.

He added that serving on the youth council the ambassadors will learn real life skills on how to discuss and debate issues, gain agreement and then actually take action.

In addition to representing youth views with Council and Community Boards the youth ambassadors will be taking part in some amazing events during the year.

Mr Cameron added that he was sure that the 2019 youth council will continue the fantastic legacy of achievement of the ambassadors who have come before them.

“Anyone interested in the work of the Ruapehu Youth Council and how they can get involved can find more information on Council’s website ruapehugovt.nz,” he said.

Health Board encourages flu vaccination

“Keep well this winter – get a flu shot now”. That’s the message from Whanganui District Health Board (WDHB) as summer slips away and cooler autumn weather arrives.

WDHB infection prevention and control clinical nurse specialist Jacqui Pennefather says autumn is the best time for people to get their annual flu shot or vaccination.

“Getting vaccinated protects you before the flu season strikes and it’s worth seeing if you or your family/whānau, might qualify for a free flu shot.”

Flu vaccinations are free from a doctor, nurse or qualified vaccinating pharmacist from April until the end of December, for those who are:

• Aged 65 years or over
• Pregnant – no matter what their stage of pregnancy

Under 65 years of age (including children) with long-term health conditions such as heart disease, stroke, diabetes, respiratory disease (including asthma that requires regular preventive therapy), kidney disease and most cancers

• A child aged four and under who has been hospitalised for respiratory illness or has a history of significant respiratory illness.

People who don’t qualify for a free vaccination from a doctor or nurse may still be able to get one free from their employer. And flu vaccinations are available from a doctor, nurse or some pharmacists for a fee.

It is worth noting that although flu vaccinations from a practice nurse or doctor are free for people with an ongoing health problem, if a person has a consultation or check-up with their doctor at the same time, a consultation fee may apply.

Mrs Pennefather says research shows a person can infect others with the flu virus even when they’re not showing symptoms themselves.

“So, by being immunised, you can help avoid passing the virus on to others close to you.

“Flu is not the same as a cold. It’s a serious disease that can make other existing conditions, such as breathing or heart problems, even worse, with some people ending up in hospital and some dying.

Because the influenza vaccine is a prescription medicine, people are advised to talk their doctor or nurse about the benefits and possible risks. To find out whether you qualify for free flu vaccination go to www.fightflu.co.nz or call 0800 IMMUNE 0800 466 863.

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Greg Prouse tries out the new 'Pines' track near National Park Village. New mountain biking opportunities are springing up all around the Ruapehu region, ranging from easy grade tracks to more challenging trails such as The Pines. Photo: Martyn Davies for Visit Ruapehu

Even more Top Towners

A new Ruapehu Top Town format will see a record number of locals stepping up to compete against their neighbours this Sunday. Hosted by Ruapehu Whānau Transformation, the annual event kicks off at 9.30am on the Mākotuku Domain and sees hosts Raetihi taking on Ohakune and Waiouru for a year’s worth of bragging rights.

Despite any rumours of retirement, Raetihi captain Barnie Warbrick is back and keen to lead his town to an unprecedented fourth victory.

“I’m getting a bit old now but I just love it!”

“Top Town is heaps of fun and all about comradeship so even if you’re not in a team why not grab some pompoms and come down and show your support for your town.

“Whether for an hour or the day, we’ll have barbeques out and everyone can use them.

“Bring a kai and join the fun.”

With regional pride at the heart of everyone, there has been more than a little interest in just who is taking to the field for the rounds of netball, touch rugby, volleyball and basketball.

“We are more than ready,” Mr Warbrick said.

“I have heard a few rumours about Ohakune but that’s sweet as.

“We’ve always wanted them to be a bit more competitive so I hope they come with a really good team, give us a run for our money and take it out.

“As for Waiouru, well they always show up with a mean team and have a great time but hey, they can call on the Army.”

Primary athletes at Raetihi

Athletics was the reason for the gathering at Raetihi School on Friday. Raetihi School pupils were joined by Ohakune, Orautoha, Waiouru and National Park athletes. Photos: Judy Chevin.

Friday 5 April is Gumboot Friday

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The I Am Hope Gumboot Friday campaign is raising $2,000,000 for free counselling for any kid who needs help. Show your support by wearing your gumboots to work on Friday 5th April. So Gumboot Up New Zealand and donate at www.iamhope.org.nz

Peace runners take an Ohakune break

Sandro Zincarani gives pupils at Ohakune Primary School clues as to where he’s from when he visited recently. He was one of a dozen runners from all around the world who were taking part in the ‘Sri Chinmoy Oneness-Home Peace Run’, a global relay seeking to inspire the creation of a more peaceful world. The annual relay is this year running through 44 Southern Hemisphere countries. The Ohakune pupils correctly guessed that Sandro was from Italy.
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health, while enhancing community and economic wellbeing. “Kia Whārite is one of the largest proj-
ects of its kind in New Zealand in terms of scale and scope,” Mr Dodd says. “It spans over 80,000 hectares and in-
cludes a mixture of private land and parts of the Whanganui National Park, the sec-
ond largest lowland forest in the North Island. This remote area is home to a large popula-
tion of Western North Island brown kiwi and plays host to a number of native bird and plant species.”

Predator control
However, possums, goats, stoats and other predators threatened the health of the forest and put the long-term future of its wildlife in jeopardy. Mr Dodd says to address this threat, the Kia Whārite partners undertake an extensive possum program over 150,000 hectares and other pest control to protect bush and wetlands.

“Horizons contributes $100,000 to the project every year, as well as pest control. This includes protection of whio by em-
ploying a full-time trapper who services 1070 traps on a fortnightly basis through the Retaruke, with the Mangamai o te Ao being serviced by DOC. Genesis also contribute $60,000 a year for predator control on both these river systems.”

“The release wouldn’t have been possible without this extensive predator control. It is integral to taking the pres-
sure off our native species, especially as we keep reintroducing birds to the area to help with population numbers,” says Mr Dodd.

DOC operations manager Tahuinga Hina says with a population of fewer than 3000, this national white security site is one of eight locations identified across the country as being essential for whio recovery.

Fifty pairs
“With the support of Genesis Energy, DOC has been able to sustain a number of whio breeding sites, boost pest con-
trol efforts and enhance productivity and survival of these rare native ducks. The ultimate goal of this security site is to achieve protection to 50 breeding pairs,” says DOC senior biodiversity ranger Sara Treadgold.

“Our most recent bird count reported 28 pairs, 18 singles and 16 fledglings in the area, so the 12 released will hopeful-
ly increase this population and result in more breeding pairs. We will undertake another count in the winter months to see how the birds are doing,” says DOC bio-
diversity ranger and whio lead Laurence Williamson.

Whoio are adapted to live on fast-
flowing rivers so finding them means you have also found clean, fast-flowing water with a good supply of insects. This makes whio important indicators of eco-
system health, as they only exist where there is high quality, clean and healthy waterways.

Horizons councilor for Ruapehu Bruce Rollinson says the success of the programme is enhanced through working collaboratively with DOC, iwi, landowners, and private forestry companies who let Horizons and DOC on to private land to complete pest control work.

“We’re really pleased to be associ-
ated with these groups. They all play a key role in the programme as we couldn’t do it on our own and we’re really grate-
ful for their on-going support,” says Mr Rollinson.

Orautoha supports whoio project
Pupils at Orautoha School are continuing their support of the Kia Whārite biodiversity project by help-
ing trap pests in their area. Recently, 31 Orautoha pupils were “well engaged” and enjoyed a pest control and whoio education workshop with Department of Con-
servation biodiversity rangers Tai Edmonds and Laurence “Lorrie” Williamson who were supported by senior community ranger Susan Ni-
chohan and community ranger Jay-
cee Tipene-Thomas.

Eight traps and 10 tracking tun-
nels were loaned to the school for their environmental programme. Later, the pupils witnessed the re-
lease of 12 whoio (blue ducks) at Ruai-
titi Domain, which is downstream from the school. Kia Whārite is a collaborative biodiversity project spanning over 180,000 hectares and including a mixture of private land and parts of the Whanganui National Park, mak-
ing it one of the largest restoration projects in its kind in New Zealand and it is directly contributing to the survival of native species.

Late January over 40 people at-
tended the release of 12 whoio to boost the numbers on the Kaiwhakauka Stream. This day was well support-
ed by the local community, joining critical to tribal identity,” says Aiden Gil-
bert. Paora Haitana said he felt blessed to have his mokopuna attend and re-
lease saying that their joy and excite-
ment warmed his heart.

The two releases added 24 ducks to the whoio population in the project area. See separate story on the Ruaiti whio release in this issue.

Ruapehu TopTown
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Podium spots for Ruapehu waka ama crews

Ruapehu College students were among more than 2000 students who competed in the National Secondary Schools Waka Ama competition held at Lake Tikitapu (The Blue Lakes) in Rotorua last week.

Ruapehu’s teams came 3rd in the Bowl competition for both the girls and Boys J16s. They were some of only 50 students who stood on the podium.

The College thanks Brendon Morgan and the coaches and staff who made taking part in the event possible.

Representatives and top place getters will eventually go to the world competitions, to be held in Australia this year and Hawaii in 2020.

Well-being event

Seventeen students attended Au E a ‘wellbeing event’ in Ohakune last week, along with staff and family. There were a variety of workshops and keynote speakers for taiohi (youth) throughout the day.

Workshops looked at cyber safety, self love talk, positive relationships and suicide awareness.

This event was facilitated through different medium and different agencies: Victoria University, ANZ, Awhi-Oranga, Sons of Zion to name a few. There were make-up tables, free haircuts, drones, photo booths, music, crafts, rongoa (medicines) and lots of other workshops and activities all to promote positive wellbeing.

“The kaupapa (purpose) of the day was to connect taiohi ma with mentors and facilitators increasing their awareness of dealing with the challenges that youth may face today.

“It was a positive day for all involved with positive and inspirational messages and activities,” said Maxine Hakaraia who also attended.

Ruapehu College's waka ama crews made the podium twice at the Nationals at Rotorua.

Ruapehu College students were invited through Ngati Rangi Trust to Au E, which was sponsored by Te Puni Kokiri and run by Te Rau Ora held at Ngā Purapura in Ohakune.

Dylan's scholarship

Dylan Te Kura Bishop (Year 13) has been awarded the Jack Swindells young person scholarship worth $1000. Jack Swindells created an enduring legacy to assist students studying at New Zealand High Schools with their educational expenses so they could achieve their ambitions.

There were a number of criteria for the scholarship, including that it had to be applied for by the principal.

“I recognisied Dylan as an extremely talented student especially in the field of drama,” said principal Kim Basse, “so I sent off an application on her behalf and was delighted to see that she won the award.”

Dylan, who is currently deputy head prefect at the College, intends to go to university.

“I initially wanted to go to Waikato to study drama,” she said, “but I am now considering applying for a Bachelor of Arts at Victoria University”.

It is hoped that this money will assist Dylan’s future education.

“She will need to work hard. We wish her luck,” said Mrs Basse.

Ugli Shakespeare

Ruapehu College enjoyed watching ‘The Taming of the Shrew’ by the Ugli Shakespeare company last week.

This is the second time the ‘Uglies’ have performed at Ruapehu College and the performances didn’t disappoint.

After the show, 21 performing arts drama students took part in an hour-long workshop with the ‘uglies.’

Performing arts is thriving at the College, said Mrs Basse, and arts teacher David Sims is currently directing a show to be performed next term.

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**BUSINESS NOTICES**

**Wanganui EyeCare Centre**
Ross Hardy – Optometrist
For an appointment when next in Ohakune or Taihape, phone: 0800 4 EYESIGHT, (0800 4 39374)

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**PUBLIC NOTICES**

**Waimarino Rest Home Trust AGM**
Trustees and Members
Wednesday 10 April 2pm
at The Lounge, 112 Seddon Street, Raetihi
Annual reports and election of office holders.
And then, at 3.30pm all Raetihitians are invited to a celebration our beautifully re-painted Village, our Film Club and our revitalising town.

**Wanganui River Enhancement Trust Annual Call for Funding Applications**

Formed in 2002 as an agreement between Wanganui District Council, Ruapehu District Council and Genesis Energy, the Trust’s objective is to promote and encourage the enhancement of the waters and catchments of the Wanganui River. The Trust is now calling for funding applications for Wanganui River Enhancement Projects (Social, Economic and Environmental).

For this funding round the Trust will give special consideration to applications for innovative environmental projects that help protect water quality in the Wanganui River Catchment.

For land owners wishing to undertake environmental works, the Trust will consider a subsidy for capital works (e.g. fencing) of $2 for every $1 put in by the applicant.

Specific criteria apply and application forms are available from:

- Wanganui District Council Office -101 Guyton St, Wanganui - 06 349 0001
- Ruapehu District Council Office - 59-61 Huia Street, Taumarunui - 07 895 8188.
- Trust Secretary - c/o Takaunu Power Station, SH47, Turangi - 07 384 7234. Email: Campbell.Speedy@genesisenergy.co.nz

Applications close Friday 19th April 2019

**PUBLIC NOTICES**

**Kaia Hwa Hia! Kaia Hwa Hia! Tamahaki nui tonu**
Nau mai! Haera mai!
All descendants of Tamahaki are invited to a whananga on
Sunday 14 April 2019
Te Puke Marae, 49 Ohakune Road, Raetihi
Wananga programme:
10am Whakatahu
Recommendations from the two chairs of Tamahaki Society and Tamahaki Hapu Kaunihera
WAI555 presentation
Registrations
General business
3pm Karaka whakamutunga
Enquiries:
Paora (Baldy) Haitana 021 062 51015
Paora Toho 021 073 2923

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Personal Health – Nurse – Friday 5, 12 and 26 (9 -11.30)
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Supporting addressing needs of Tangata Whaiao
Drug & Alcohol Intervention
Te Putanga Pukena Program
AH! Emergency – Mental Health Assessment & Treatment Team
(0800 653 358)
Whanau Ora (Tina, Darnella, Margaret)
Wrap around services for those with High Health Needs
Maturity Support, advice & advocacy
Support for GP Practice
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We are looking for that special person who either has a managers certificate or a person willing to learn and be trained to duty manager level.
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For an interview phone the manager 027 385 4089.

**for everything Ohakune, go to www.ohakune.info**

**PUBLIC NOTICES**

**KIWI AVOIDANCE TRAINING FOR DOGS**

Whakamanu Wildlife Trust will be holding a dog kiwi aversion training session
Saturday 13 April 2019
9:30pm – 3:00pm
at SH4 Raetihi just north of the cemetery.

Book by phoning Kerry on 07-3322 975 or 027 4355 456 or email: Whakamanu@xtra.co.nz

Training will be carried out by DOC approved trainers. A microchipping service will be available.

Payment by Koha.

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Be able to work unsupervised, hard working, honest and reliable, have great communication skills, a positive attitude and motivation to get the job done to a high standard.

Contact Brian on 027 436 1075.

Situations Vacant

Electrical Apprentice Opportunity

The pulp mill, in collaboration with the Electrical Training Company (ECTO), is offering an excellent career opportunity based in Ohakune, Central North Island.

If you are looking for a career in the electrical field and you are ready to commit to 3 to 4 years of study, WPI would like to offer the chance to earn while you learn.

Within a general electrical apprenticeship you would be exposed to work that may involve industrial machinery and plant maintenance, programmable logic controls (PLC’s), instrumentation and control systems.

Initially you will be interviewed by WPI and if you are successful you will be required to join the ETCO apprenticeship scheme and they will become your employer with WPI hosting you for the duration of the apprenticeship.

By joining ETCO you are required to undertake a 12 week residential course at their training facility in Rararama, in the Bombay Hills south of Auckland. This induction will cost approximately $3000 with all travel to and from the facility, accommodation and meals included.

Suitable applicants must have:

• A class 1 driving licence (minimum restricted)
• Excellent English communication skills both written and verbal
• Level 2 NCEA in English, maths and science

Hours of work are typically 7am to 4.30pm Monday to Thursday and 8.00 – 12.00 Friday.

WPI is committed to ensuring a safe and healthy work environment. As part of the selection process applicants will be required to pass an independently conducted pre-employment health and medical assessment which includes drug testing.

For further information including a job description contact Norm Pointron on 06 385 8545 ext 880.

A written letter of application and CV should be sent to:

Human Resources

Winstone Pulp International
P O Box 48, Ohakune 4660
Or email to jobs@wpi-international.co.nz

Applications close: 10am Monday 8 April 2019

Public Notices

AGM NOTICE POUAKANI TRUST

10.00am Saturday 23 March 2019
Suncourt Hotel, Norwood Street, Tongariro

Chairman’s Address: Kevin Whyte

Election: Election of 2 Trustees by postal ballot
Nominations close 5.00pm, 16 March 2019
Nomination forms from: Kevin Whyte, 027 493 9743
www.pouakani.co.nz

National Park School Board of Trustees

A casual vacancy is available on the National Park Board of Trustees for an elected parent representative. This vacancy is a mid term vacancy and lasts until November 2020. The Board has resolved under section 105 of the Education Act 1989 to fill the vacancy by selection.

If ten percent or more of eligible voters on the school roll ask the board, within 28 days of this notice being published, to hold a by-election to fill the vacancy, then a by-election will be held.

Any eligible voter who wishes to ask the board to hold a by-election should write to: Andy Hoyle, Chairperson Board of Trustees, National Park School

By Tuesday 30 April 2019

Public Notices

INTENTION TO GRANT GUIDING PERMIT

The Minister of Conservation gives notice of her intention to grant a permit under section 17(2) of the Conservation Act 1987 to the Maori Trustee, Pouakani Trust Limited, for the purpose of hunting and gathering in the Tongariro National Park.

Any applications on the application are to be sent to the Director-General of Conservation, Department of Conservation, Christchurch Shared Services, 6/1 Capital Street, Christchurch 8011, Attention: Amanda Edmonds, to be there by 3 May 2019 Email: inten@doc.govt.nz

Submissions will be accepted up to and including 5pm on 3 May, and should include the reference 5526-461.

Submitters’ information is subject to the Official Information Act 1982 and may be released under that Act. If you wish to keep any part of your submission confidential, you need to state this in writing when making your submission.

Hearings Any person or organisation wishing to be heard in support of his/her objection or submission must request (in that objection/ submission) an opportunity to appear before the Director General.

If a hearing is required, it is likely to occur during the week commencing 20 May 2019.

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As an operator you will carry out tasks across the 3 Waters (Wate, Wastewater and Stormwater):
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• Be part of an on call roster which includes weekends and public holidays.

Industry qualifications would be an advantage, but not essential.

The key to your success will be your can-do attitude and a down-to-earth flexible approach. In return you can look forward to joining a friendly team.

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Email your application to Jobs.nz@veolia.com or phone 09 295 1070.

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Piri & Chris on next Tuesday

An episode of “Piri’s Tiki Tour” that features the Ruapehu District and local hunter and rugby stalwart Chris Winter, will screen on Tuesday 9 April.

The television programme on Maori Television features All Black rugby legend Piri Weepu travelling around Aotearoa, meeting and learning from local outdoormen and hunting and fishing legends.

“Devoted family man Chris plays rugby for the Ruapehu Premier Rugby team and has spent most of his life providing for his whanau and the Ruapehu community,” states the programme’s publicity.

“Hunting and gathering is an important part of his and his children’s lives and in an upcoming episode he shares this passion and local knowledge with rugby icon Piri.”

Taumarunui Club tender successful

The Ruapehu District Council has bought part of the Taumarunui Cosmopolitan Club to be used as a community space.

Ruapehu’s mayor Don Cameron said the decision by the Club membership to sell the downstairs area to Council was “great news for the club and the community”.

RDC will pay $250,000 for the downstairs area, with the Club continuing to operate for the benefit of their membership upstears.

RDC will have first right of refusal on purchasing the upstairs area for an additional $150,000, if the Club ceases to trade.

The deal provides a low cost solution to providing a safe community space in Taumarunui, as well as allowing the Club to refocus on building a viable club for their membership.

M Cameron said if the RDC later buys the whole building, it would have a property that would cost more than $3m to build.

RDC will now revisit the future of the Memorial Hall in Taumarunui.

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Veolia is also active in waste management, providing services such as the collection and recycling of waste. The company has a strong presence in Europe and the Americas, and is expanding its operations in other regions.

Veolia is committed to reducing its environmental footprint and promoting sustainable development. The company has implemented several initiatives to reduce its energy consumption and greenhouse gas emissions, and to improve the efficiency of its operations.

Veolia is also engaged in social responsibility, working to improve the lives of the communities it operates in. The company supports local initiatives and contributes to the development of sustainable projects in the regions where it operates.

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Veolia has a strong presence in various regions around the world, including Europe, North America, Africa and Asia. The company operates in a diverse range of industries, including energy, water, waste, and environmental services.

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Waimarino Golf

With both Pennants teams away on the weekend there was a smaller turnout for the Sunday Hagggle. The lack of power in the area didn’t affect the power players on the course.

With net rounds of 69, John Eades and Dane Rapata shared the honours and the ever consistent Graham Murdie shot a net 72 to finish 3rd.

HaiLong Han still leads the “Race to the Ruapehu Cup” with a fast chasing net 71 to finish 3rd.

Dane Rapata shared the honours and the area didn't affect the power players in the afternoon.

The handicap pennants team of Grant, Parneet, Anton, Krishane, Robert and Kelvin played in Palmerston North on Sunday and, after a number of close matches, eventually succumbed to Matron in the morning rounds and Whanganui in the afternoon.

The B grade pennants team of Wally, Steve G, Adam, Jerty, Steve P and Andy travelled to Linton Camp to play Levin and, with strong showings in both the morning and afternoon rounds, the team followed Wally’s 8 & 7 sub par round win to take the win 7.5 to 1.5.

Last Thursday’s Twilight was the last of this season with a number of great scores being posted. Andy Entwistle edged out the ever-consistent Steve Gray by 2 points to take the Grant Wallace Cup. But the highlight of the rounds went to Parneet Kiwara, scoring a hole in one on the 17th.

A big thanks goes out to the Edmonds family for organising and running Twilight and the sponsors for supporting this season.

Next weekend the presidents team are away in Foxton. A good showing will see the team qualify for the final knock-out rounds.

There will be a normal club day for those not travelling away.

Ohakune Squash

A very successful McCarthy Transport sponsored B Grade tournament was held over the weekend with around 60 entrants. The top men’s division final was won by Bradley Heaven from the Royal Oak Club in Auckland, beating James Gould from the Kapiti club in Wellington 11/9, 11/3, 11/3.

In the women’s top division, local player Serena Budge came out on top after a close competition beating Tessa Anderson from Taupo 17/19, 15/13, 7/15, 15/9, 15/12.

Other division winners were men’s division two winner Nick Hogg (Tawa), runner up Brayden Bryce (Ashhurst), women’s division two winner Georgie Gibbs (Kapiti), runner up Olivia Raubun (Kapiti), men’s division three winner Robbie Guarara (Kapiti), runner up Brett Garrett (Ashhurst), women’s division three winner Jessica Garrett (Kapiti), runner up Rarawyn Signall (Ashhurst), men’s division four winner Sean Drinkwater (Ohakune), runner up Jeremy Demler (Ohakune), women’s division four winner Willie Pou (Ohakune), runner up Mystique Howard (Palmerston North), junior division one winner Jayden Bailey (Ohakune) runner up Josh Gould (Kapiti), junior division two winner Maraea Buckingham, runner up Jeremy Demler (Ohakune).

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Draw for this Thursday is: At 6pm Suckers play Diana’s, Jackie’s Jokers play Allsorts and Disorderly play Misfits. At 7:15pm Drinkhamrobbers play Old Men, Lauren’s Lot play Favourites and McDaid’s play Hori. April leagues are up and running.

Teams are being called for both Central and Ruapehu interclub competitions.

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The team has remained at the lower end of the Senior competition since that time, and coming into this year were struggling for both player personnel and coaching staff.

If there is a silver lining to the disappointment of losing the Ruapehu seniors, it is the Senior and Premier competitions can now be aligned heading into this first season of trilling the three division format.

In June, the top four teams from Senior and the bottom two sides from Premier will form the new middle Division 2 grade, with the remaining Premier sides carrying on as Division 1 and the other Senior teams forming Division 3.

Therefore, all divisions will now have an even six teams, whereas previously Division 3 was planned to have seven, which required a bye.

The Premier competition kicks off on Saturday.

This article (abridged), by Jared Smith, is reprinted from the Whanganui Chronicle.