

RUAPEHU Summertime BULLETIN

Priceless newspaper
Summer 2018-19
Your guide to
Ruapehu in summer



Paddling the Kaiwhakauka Stream, between Blue Duck Lodge and the Mangapurua Track. Photo: bennettandslater.co.nz.



ALTOGETHER

READY FOR SUMMER

There are plenty of reasons to warm to a sun-drenched sale.

There are so many elements to a classic Kiwi summer: beaches, baches, barbecues and... buying and selling houses. Encouraged by the glorious weather, sellers and buyers emerge refreshed and revitalised from their Christmas breaks, ready to make the sale rooms sizzle.

If your New Year's resolution is to make a move, contact the sales professionals at Bayleys.

Bayleys Ruapehu | 06 385 0170 | bayleys.co.nz

BARTLEY REAL ESTATE LTD, BAYLEYS, LICENSED UNDER THE REAA 2008

Uenuku Pines: a new place to ride



Action: Greg Prouse hits the big creek jump created at the new Uenuku Pines track.

Road signage to Uenuku Pines is currently been developed for the site, which is over the railway line 4.7 kilometres south of National Park on Forestry Road, Waikune.

Kiwi ingenuity has again come to the fore at the Uenuku Pines with volunteers finding a creative use for old bread crates to assist with one of the river crossings on the new tracks.

Years of hard work by a group of volunteers has seen the Ruapehu's newest mountain bike track, Uenuku Pines, now open to the public.

While local riders have been hitting the logging trails for years, though a lot of passion for their sport and combined with a little old Kiwi ingenuity Greg Prouse, Lyall Crump and Peter Blakeman have seen their dream turn into a ten-kilometre reality.

"The guys from National Park Village had been doing work in there for ages. I was working at TCB in Ohakune and people were always coming in and going 'I've ridden the Old Coach Road, what else is there?'," says Peter.

"It's a bit like Rangataua Forest, there is great riding here but everyone

who goes, especially in the Pines, seemed to get lost the first time.

"I became involved and GPS tracked the trails, started up the Facebook page, helping people have a good ride."

Working with Ruapehu District Council, The Ruapehu MTB Club, Bike Taupō, Land Information New Zealand and New Zealand Forestry Managers, a 'License to Occupy' was approved in late September.

Now the group are working with RDC on better signage and further development of the site.

"There have been trails coming and going in Waikune Forest for decades, built and ridden by locals, but with the huge increase in popularity it was necessary to become legitimate," Peter explains.

"You will now need to be a member of The Ruapehu MTB Club to ride at The Pines.

"This isn't just to get insurance cover – you will actually be trespassing if you're not a member but don't panic! It only costs \$15 per year for membership of the club or \$25 for families."

More information on Uenuku Pines can be found on their Facebook page.



Connect with nature, connect with each other. visitrुapehu.com

 **RUAPEHU**
OUR GREATER OUTDOORS

Turoa trail - later, but better?

It's been about five years since the idea of a cycle trail from Turoa to Ohakune was first mooted and locals and visiting mountain bikers were thrilled to learn earlier this year that the Department of Conservation had signed off on changes to the Tongariro National Park management plan that will allow the track to be built.

Te Ara Mangawhero – the proposed name of the trail – would run from the ski field down to the town, utilising a number of existing tracks as well as re-purposing several old milling tram tracks. Only a small section of brand new track would be needed.

The plan also includes a loop across to Horopito to link up with the Ohakune Old Coach Road, plus the 'Missing Link' that will allow for a trail to National Park Village.

With the previous National Government pledging \$2 million towards the \$4-5 million project, locals were champing at the bit to get started this summer. But setting up a governance group for the on-going management of the trails is yet to be finalised, which means no work will take place during this summer construction season.

The promising news is that the stakeholders in the project are working on an application – due in January 2019 – to the Ministry of Business Industry and Employment to fully fund the project.

If successful, it could mean that the project, although starting later, will be completed in a shorter time frame. Watch this space...



Riding and walking the Ohakune Old Coach Road: new tracks on the way.

ONSITE

DREAM DESIGN BUILD



VIEW OUR PORTFOLIO

www.onsitebuilders.co.nz

MountainBikeStation

OHAKUNE • MT RUAPEHU

MOUNTAIN BIKE RENTAL & SHUTTLES

	ADULT (27.5" & 29")	CHILD (20" & 24" frames)
FRONT SUSPENSION MOUNTAIN BIKES		
2 hrs	\$25.00	\$18.00
1/2 day (4hrs)	\$35.00	\$25.00
Full Day	\$50.00	\$35.00
Multi Day Rental (2 or more consecutive days)	\$40.00 per day	\$30.00
DUAL SUSPENSION & E-BIKES (PEDDLE ASSIST)		
1/2 Day (4hrs)	from \$60.00	
Full Day	from \$90.00	
Multi Day Rental (2 or more consecutive days)	from \$80.00	
Shuttle – Horopito	\$15 minimum of 2	

RANKED #1

All rentals include: Helmet, gloves, repair kit, pump and trail map

Vertigo Adventure Centre
27 Goldfinch Street
Ohakune Shopping Centre
Ohakune
Mt Ruapehu

www.mountainbikestation.co.nz
info@mountainbikestation.co.nz
 -64 6 385 9018
 FREEPHONE: 0800 BIKING

Taking in the Tama



Tama Lakes: a stunning alternative to the Crossing.

By Liz Brooker

The first week of summer was a tough one for anyone looking to trek the Alpine Crossing.

The arrival of four days of gale force winds, sheet rain and snow saw me standing in the Tongariro National Park Visitor Centre having a kōrero with the Department of Conservation's Hoani Taoho.

As I didn't have a guide or wouldn't consider turning back (too stubborn for my own good) apparently there were a couple of other day-trek options.

After politely checking I had hiking boots on, a waterproof jacket and pants along with the obligatory thermals, (I wasn't offended), rather than dashing my plans, the highly knowledgeable Ngāti Hikairo ki Tongariro local suggested a hike up to Tama Lakes.

After an hour to Taranaki Falls and climbing about 100 stairs the track branches off through rolling tussock country and alpine herb-fields. I could neither confirm or deny whether I was winding my way through the one of the country's finest examples of a pristine sub-alpine eco-system, as sheets of rain pelted me from all sides and a number of frowning trampers completing the Northern Circuit trudged past me.

They looked like sad little ninja turtles with Leki poles carrying their homes backs, but I so wished I'd had the forethought to bring a rubbish bag to cover my pack.

An hour further down to the stunning lava flows the view didn't get much better.

As the wind strength increased and I climbed to the lower Tama Lake the only thing that was making me smile was the Jaffas I

Turn to Page 5



ruapehu EXPRESS

**23RD FEB
-2019-**

**MTB
RUN
WALK**

some of the
**COOLEST
TERRAIN**
on the planet!



OLD COACH RD.
trail RUN+WALK




www.ruapehuexpress.co.nz | facebook.com/ruapehuexpress

Presented by **CAMELBAK**

LOCALS...SAVE 10% ON YOUR ENTRY
USE CODE: REXLOCAL

CAMELBAK

WONDERHORN CHATEAU

**tailwind
NUTRITION**

**NZ
MOUNTAIN
BIKER**

**Ruapehu
Bulletin**

StationLodge

**TCB
SKI BOARD BIKE**

Taking in the Tama

From Page 4

added to my scroggin.

Thankfully there was a sign telling me I had arrived because I couldn't see a lake. Then as if by miracle the cloud bank blew through.

The beautiful blue/green waters revealed themselves, but so did the rather foreboding sight of the next part of my hīkoi. Scramble across scoria by following the poles to climb 200-metres across the Tama Saddle – well so the brochure said. I can confirm DOC is not telling porkies and that it most definitely does. The saddle also works well as a wind funnel.

On the plus side this short section can be broken up with a few stunning Insta opportunities and a FB live shout-out.

There are exponentially better photo opportunities of the lower lake further up the track from the signage and cell phone coverage is good over most of the track.

While there is no shame in turning back if conditions on the Tongariro Alpine Crossing get the better of you, can the same be said of the Tama Lakes? At 1440m the Upper Lake is 446 metres lower than the highest point of the Crossing and, while it was definitely warmer, the wind was relentless bordering on dangerous.

I didn't want to deal with the embarrassment of National Park's Constable Conrad Smith and the dedicated volunteers of the Ruapehu Alpine Rescue team having to turn out to save a local who quite simply should have known better.

Having let my partner know my intentions along with the log-in details to the Find my iPhone app, I did a deal with myself. The first time the gale force winds blew me over, I'm turning around and coming home.

The mountain gods were with me and, as Hoani said, it was truly stunning!

Cowering behind a massive rock, clouds parted and the lower snowy slopes of both Ngāuruhoe and Ruapehu were finally revealed.

For the first time in three hours I actually knew where I was in the Park.

Normally I prefer loop tracks, repetition is boring, but on descent the sun came out and for the first time during my hike my snowboarding jacket came off. It was a whole new world – I finally got to appreciate pristine sub-alpine eco-system.



RUAPEHU RECRUITMENT

☎ 0800 RUAPEHU 📞 021 594 405

💻 INFO@RUAPEHURECRUITMENT.CO.NZ

📍 79 CLYDE STREET, OHAKUNE

TRAINING DEVELOPMENT
WORK PLACEMENT RECRUITMENT

— PROVIDING A SUSTAINABLE WORKFORCE —



Located in the National Park Village, Schnapps Bar is the perfect place to relax, enjoy a delicious meal, 18 Holes of Mini Golf & a few drinks, after walking the Tongariro Crossing or spending the day on the ski field on Mount Ruapehu.

2 Findlay St, National Park
OPEN MIDDAY TILL LATE
WIFI AVAILABLE!
Ph 07 8922 788
www.schnappsbarruapehu.com
f /schnappsbar

Parking changes to control the Crossing

From the beginning of Labour weekend in October to 30 April four-hour parking restrictions are now in place at both ends of the Tongariro Alpine Crossing.

Department of Conservation operations manager, Tongariro District, Brent Guy is urging visitors to the world renowned day hike to use a range of shuttle services from the local towns around Tongariro National Park.

"The suggestion is being made because parking restrictions will be in place at both road ends of the track and the shuttle services will provide safe and easy access to the popular one-day hike.

"The four-hour restriction gives visitors time to enjoy short walks, but people wanting to do the entire hike, which takes an average of seven-to-eight hours to complete, will need to use shuttle transport."



Crossing car parks now restricted: shuttles suggested.

RUAPEHU i-SITES EXPERT LOCAL KNOWLEDGE and bookings throughout New Zealand



SITE



- Information
- Bookings
- Activities
- Accommodation
- Travel
- Coaches
- Trains
- Ferries
- Maps
- Gifts and Souvenirs



Freephone or email : isite@ruapehudc.govt.nz

▶ 0800 647 483

Crossing not always sun and fun

Images of stunning views and rave reviews are inspiring visitors to tackle one of New Zealand's must dos but, the reality can be quite different if not even potentially dangerous.

During the first week of New Zealand's summer, gale-force winds, teaming rain and snow-levels down to 1300-metres by Thursday making the Tongariro Alpine Crossing traverse a challenge for even the most experienced hiker.

Having created a tight itinerary for themselves, Canadians Jonathan

Wong and Eric Poon were celebrating their decision to book a guided tour with local company Adrift Tongariro.

"We were looking online mainly for things we could do and try out in New Zealand," Mr Wong said.

"Because we are only travelling for a couple of weeks, we didn't really have that long and only allowed one day in our itinerary [for the Alpine Crossing] and if we missed it, that would be it.

Turn to Page 9



Canadians Jonathan Wong and Eric Poon (left) join Adrift Tongariro local guide Kenny Grace (right) and other international visitors to traverse through hail and snow on the Tongariro Alpine Crossing in early December.

Need Accommodation?



With us, you can select the size, style, and location of alpine accommodation to suit your needs.

Browse & Book Online
www.ruapehu.co.nz

Ruapehu Chalet Rentals
Ruapehu's largest accommodation centre
Email: info@ruapehu.co.nz
16 Goldfinch St (opp. New World entrance)
Ph: 06-385-8149



www.ruapehu.co.nz



NATIONAL PARK BACKPACKERS

Dorm beds, family rooms and double or twin rooms with ensuites

Challenging Indoor Climbing Hall
Open daily 9am to 8pm



4 Findlay St, National Park.

Ph 07 892 2870 www.npbp.co.nz

Email: nat.park.backpackers@xtra.co.nz



TONGARIRO CROSSING SHUTTLES Dual Heritage Tongariro National Park

Freedom hike over active volcanoes. See ancient lava flows, glacial waterways and smell the alpine forest



Departures: 6am, 7am, 8am, 9am and 10am

Returning: 1.30pm, 2.30pm, 3.30pm, 4.30pm and 5.30pm
(no need to book a return time)
approx. 6-7 hour alpine day hike

\$40pp return (instant confirmation)

www.tongarirocrossingshuttles.co.nz
info@tongarirocrossingshuttles.co.nz

07 892 2993 Located in National Park Village

A summer for trout fishing

It's five years since a major flood in October 2013 severely impacted on the Manganui o Te Ao River trout fishery and it is finally returning to the quality that saw the river awarded a National Water Conservation Order in 1989.

Anglers caught several 'double figure' trout last season along with numerous trout between 2-3 kilograms.

Since then winter flows have been benign and not adversely affected the fishery so it is well worth a visit this summer, says the region's Fish and Game manager Glenn Maclean.

One of the features of this river is that it tends to fly under the radar and, whereas the nearby Whakapapa and Whanganui rivers attract anglers from all over the North Island,

its always possible to find an undisturbed spot here.

Closer to Ohakune, the upper Mangawhero River continues to hold a very healthy population of large brown trout. Often these fish are not very obvious and anglers may initially feel there is not much to be had. However, strike the right conditions and the true numbers become apparent. Often these fish will sit just under the surface and tucked in beside the bank. This makes for challenging casting using small lightly weighted flies or emerging patterns but get the fly in the right place and these trout will usually readily take it.

A feature of this area is the quality evening rise. Particularly on calm warm evenings, pools that looked empty during the day or were full of swimmers suddenly come alive with rising fish and it's a favourite time for many local anglers.

For more information on local rivers and streams and fishing techniques explore angling information for the Taranaki Region as accessed through the Fish & Game website www.fishandgame.org.nz. Finally if heading out then don't forget you need a trout fishing licence available online or through local outlets.



The Manganui o Te Ao trout fishery is getting back to its best. Photo Glenn Maclean

applied innovation



engineers | surveyors | planners

cheal

Ph: +64 6 385 9534

Taupo | Taumarunui | Ohakune | Napier | Hamilton | Rotorua

Crossing not always sun and fun

From Page 7

“Now our advice would be you should allow at least two or three days just in case the weather doesn’t turn out.”

Traversing with three other international visitors, Adrift Tongariro local guide Kenny Grace not only took the time to share his kōrero, legends, facts and figures about the Dual World Heritage area but, constantly ensured his group was safe.

The ever-changeable mountain weather proved challenging with Mr Grace describing the hike as at one stage having “four seasons twice in the space of 40 minutes”.

“At the beginning it was weather dependent if we were even going to get over the Red Crater, that’s the spot where most trouble happens.

“I was up there the other day and 15 people were hanging around for the weather to get better, there were 80-kilometre-an-hour winds.

“Even the best climbers always turn around and come home safely – they make that decision and as we go along we will be constantly assessing and making that decision.”

Thunder and snow and blizzard conditions greeted the group as they entered the Red Crater followed by hail at the Ketetahi Hut before they made their final decent to safely complete the 19.4 kilometre trek.

“The guys were amazed when the weather finally calmed down.

“All in all it was a good day, hard work guiding but that’s where I belong, ki te tihi o Tongariro.”

Hut fees

The changes to a differential charging model for Department of Conservation (DOC) huts along Great Walk tracks has not been implemented round the Tongariro National Park this season.

The new pricing structure sees international visitors paying more than New Zealanders but only applies to bookings made for the Milford, Kepler, Routeburn and Abel Tasman tracks.

During Tongariro peak season, 19 October, 2018 to the end of April, 2019, huts at Mangatepōpō, Oturere and Waihohonu are \$32 for adults and \$15 per adult at the associated campsites.

Locally, for children under 17-years-of age, there is no charge but bookings are required regardless.

The Department is hoping the differential charging trial will provide valuable information on the effectiveness of pricing as a tool to manage visitor pressure and maintain a fair pricing system for Kiwis.

Bookings for any of the huts in the Tongariro National Park can be made online at: doc.govt.nz/parks-and-recreation/places-to-go/online-bookings/



— CHATEAU TONGARIRO — H I G H T E A



Relax and indulge over a high tea, with a selection of delicious finger sandwiches, scones and sweet treats, accompanied by your choice of espresso coffee or our range of gourmet fresh teas.

Available daily between 11am and 5pm

Weekend bookings essential

CHATEAU.CO.NZ | 0800 242 832

TONGARIRO NATIONAL PARK, NEW ZEALAND



Our shuttles operate a daily return shuttle from Raetihi, Ohakune, National Park and Whakapapa Village.

Visit our website
www.dempseybuses.co.nz for further information and online bookings

PO Box 39 | 24 Seddon Street, Raetihi

Phone/Fax 06 385 4022
Email info@dempseybuses.co.nz
Web www.dempseybuses.co.nz



Brought to you by



In association with



SUMMER NATURE PROGRAM JAN 2019



Come fly a Kite Day
Join the NZ Kitefliers Assoc. on the Chateau golf course. Whakapapa from 10am to 2pm for FREE Family Fun Day. Organised with Project Tongariro.
Enquires to marketing@tongariro.org.nz



Lake Rotopounamu Walk
Enjoy the bird song as you walk around the beautiful Lake Rotopounamu with Project Tongariro volunteers. Organised with Project Tongariro.
Enquires to marketing@tongariro.org.nz



Tauranga-Taupō Waterfall Trek
Walk into the delightful Tauranga-Taupō Waterfall travelling off track through red beech and mixed podocarp forest. 5 hours walking time.
Bookings and enquires to marketing@tongariro.org.nz



Opepe Open Day
Join Predator Free Taupō and Forest & Bird as we service the traps within Opepe Forest Reserve.
Enquires to marketing@tongariro.org.nz



Whanau Nature Day
Free hands-on fun for parents and kids at Waipahihī Botanical Gardens - Learn to take action for wildlife in your very own backyard!
Enquires to marketing@tongariro.org.nz



Wicked Weeders Day
Join Greening Taupō and get your hands dirty! Come and volunteer for some weeding with the folk who look after our beautiful plantings.
Enquires to marketing@tongariro.org.nz



Te Matapuna Wetlands
Explore the progress of the restoration project alongside Lake Taupō.
Organised with Project Tongariro.
Enquires to marketing@tongariro.org.nz



Bike Taupō Kids Event
Get the kids out on their bikes in the forest trails! Mum and Dad you can tag along too!
See www.biketapu.org.nz for details and booking information.



Kids' Activity Day
For \$10 you can play games, create a masterpiece and catch a fish at Tongariro National Trout Centre.
Bookings open 2nd January. For details and bookings, contact educator@doc.govt.nz



Kid Fishing
Let the kids try fishing in the pool at the Tongariro National Trout Centre at Turangi.
Only \$15 when using code words "Mahi Aroha" and/or printing this poster.



Kids' Activity Day
For \$10 you can play games, create a masterpiece and catch a fish at Tongariro National Trout Centre.
Bookings open 2nd January. For details and bookings, contact educator@doc.govt.nz



Tussock Traverse
This one's for the fit ones! A popular run through Tongariro National Park.
See www.tussocktraverse.co.nz for details and entry information.

See www.tongariro.org.nz/mahi-aroha for details of all activities or email marketing@tongariro.org.nz

Family fun in nature

Family oriented events are the focus of this year's summer nature programme Mahi Aroha, a community collaboration programme aimed at getting people out into nature.

Mahi Aroha has been operating in the Central Plateau for well over 50 years and once again it kicks off on New Year's Day with the family kite flying event at the Chateau Tongariro golf course in Whakapapa Village.

The Department of Conservation, Project Tongariro, Bike Taupō, Greening Taupō, the Tongariro National Trout Centre and Kids Greening Taupō are working together to bring a programme of economical family fun events.

New to the Mahi Aroha programme this year is a guided walk and trapping demonstration day at Opepe Reserve, a Kids Bike Taupō event at Craters of the Moon and a conservation family day at the Taupō Botanical Gardens.

Senior community ranger Nina Manning says the groups have made it easier than ever to take part with no bookings necessary.

"People can just turn up and take part, we have tried to make the process easier and more accessible.

"It's a true collaboration with different events being led by community conservation organisations. It's about working together to encourage families to get out into nature," says Nina.

Old favourites like the Kids Fish Out Days at the Tongariro National Trout Centre, the family Lake Rotopounamu walk and the Tussock Traverse are back along with family activity days at the trout centre.

Greening Taupō co-ordinator Robyn Ellis says this year's activities and events are very family-focused with something for everyone from the toddlers to the grandparents.

"And all we ask for is a donation, which will go to the community



Snack stop on one of the many Mahi Aroha events.

groups involved in each activity or event. So the money goes back to conservation of our special places on show."

Mahi Aroha offer special opportunities to locals and holiday makers to explore the local flora and fauna, cultural and historical sites, and landscapes of the Central Plateau.

"It gets people out into nature to experience and learn about the Tongariro and Taupō areas in ways they never have before. Once again, there is an amazing range of opportunities for the extended family," says Robyn.

For full programme information and bookings go to www.tongariro.org.nz/mahi-aroha.html



MAGIC CHILLI


Fine Indian Cuisine

Tuesday to Saturday 12 – 9pm Sunday & Monday 5 – 9pm

68 Clyde St, Ohakune 06 385 8619

Book your table for dinner!

Burgers Burgers Burgers Burgers
Burgers Burgers Burgers Burgers
Burgers Burgers Burgers Burgers
Burgers Burgers Burgers Burgers
Burgers Burgers Burgers Burgers



THE BLIND FINCH

HAMBURGERIA

29 Goldfinch St, Ohakune, NZ (06) 385 8076

Burgers Craft Beer Brunch Cocktails

40-70% OFF RRP
NEW SUMMER STOCK NOW IN!



VERTIGO
ADVENTURE CENTRE
Ohakune NZ



Marmot
OUTLET STORE



27 Goldfinch St, Ohakune 06 385 9018 www.SLR.co.nz



**KIDS
DRIVING
YOU MAD?**

WE'LL SORT THEM OUT!

HOME FIRES CAFE • GIFT SHOP • KIDZ HQ • RESEARCH LIBRARY

OPEN DAILY 9AM TO 4:30PM

State Highway 1, Waiouru, New Zealand

**NATIONAL
ARMY
MUSEUM**
TE MATĀ TOA

www.armymuseum.co.nz

Daring attack to save a town

In the last few days of World War I, the New Zealand Rifle Brigade, using a rickety wooden ladder, scaled the fortified walls of an occupied village in France, liberating Les Quesnoy without a single civilian casualty.

The latest exhibition at the National Army Museum, Waiouru, *Les Quesnoy: a Liberated Town*, tells the heroic story of the liberation of the French twelfth century town, with fortified ramparts that had been garrisoned by the Germans from 1914 with at least 1800 German troops waiting behind its medieval walls.

The task of capturing the town was given to the New Zealanders. They could smash the walls with heavy artillery but this would lead to civilian casualties so they needed another plan. This would be significant – the daring attack would be New Zealand's last major action in the war and also for the ingenious way it unfolded.

Le Quesnoy was ideally situated dominating the roads needed to get the artillery forward and so it was decided to assault the town. It was suggested that ladders should be used and Major Harold Barrowclough jokingly stated that someone should hand him a copy of Sir Walter Scott's *Ivanhoe* so he could study the ancient means of castle-storming. He later realised this might be the only way to breach the defences.

A small group of New Zealanders led by Barrowclough's intelligence officer Second Lieutenant Leslie Averill, having found the best spot, carefully climbed the ladder and poked his head over the top to see several Germans running away and he hurried them along with his revolver. Hard on his heels were three other soldiers and a Lewis Gun. They were soon followed by Major Barrowclough and the whole 4th Battalion, about 300 men, who all climbed up this one ladder and into the town.

The New Zealand Division advanced nearly 10 kilometres, captured Le Quesnoy and four other villages, along with 2000 prisoners, 60 field guns and several hundred machine guns. 122 New Zealanders were killed during the attack and another 400 wounded, a big price to pay one week before the war would end on 11 November 1918.

Le Quesnoy's population greeted their liberators with great joy and

mobbed the soldiers as they rounded up the German garrison. Today, this gratitude is manifested in the streets of Le Quesnoy many of which are named after New Zealanders in honour of their feat.

The exhibition tells the story through the shop fronts of a replica French street in the town as portrayed in the children's book about the story written by Glyn Harper and illustrated by Jenny Cooper. The exhibition runs until May 2019. The museum is open everyday except Christmas day 9am to 4.30pm.



Crowd around a New Zealand regimental band playing in Le Quesnoy, the day after its capture. Source: Alexander Turnbull Library.

SKI~mojo
.com

DOWNUNDER

Protect your knees

Reduce fatigue

Takes 1/3 of your body weight off your knees & legs

SKI ALL DAY

• FURTHER • FASTER • LONGER

www.skimojodownunder.co.nz

KINGS

ACCOMMODATION | BAR | RESTAURANT

Est. 1913

Iconic Kings offers an inviting menu
by locally renowned chefs

Local craft beer on tap

Bookings welcome

We can cater for small or large functions

(06) 385 8648 3 Rimu St, OHAKUNE
info@kingsohakune.co.nz
www.kingsohakune.co.nz

THE OHAKUNE OLD COACH RD FROM HOROPITO

Phone
06 385 8433
29 Apr St
Ohakune



KEY

- CYCLE TRACK
- ROAD
- RAIL
- PEDESTRIAN TRACK ONLY
- GRAVEL ROAD
- = BRIDGE

TCB ARE HERE

**BIKE RENTAL
• TRANSPORT**
available from
TCB
www.tcb.nz

Ohakune Old Coach Road

The official start is Ohakune but we find it is easier to start at Horopito as you get more downhill sections this way. (Horopito is 170m higher than Ohakune). The trail is 17.5km long.

This is one of our favourite rides as it has something for everyone. Stunning views, native bush and the restored 45m high Hapuawhenua Viaduct.

This will take from 1.5 hours if you are advanced or 2 hours for intermediate level.

For sightseeing and lunch break allow at least 3.5 hours (beginner).

It's a great idea to start your ride from TCB. Leave your car in the safety of our carpark and we can transport you out to the track start at Horopito.

Get on your e-bike and ride the Park

Both e-bikers and Tongariro National Park stakeholders are celebrating the Department of Conservation decision to allow the new technology to be used.

This year the Tongariro National Park Management Plan 2006–2016 Partial Review 2018 determined it was appropriate to allow electrically powered bikes on all tracks that mountain biking was permitted. E-bikes are now allowed on the Old Coach Road (OCR) from Horopito and the track that runs from the Desert Road to the western bank of the Tongariro River at Pillars of Hercules.

“Bikes are permitted, [on certain tracks] on the basis that effects on other users, park values and the environment are negligible.

“E-bike use will be monitored and managed, and on-going use considered at the next full review of the plan,” the review concluded.

Also included are the OCR loop track, Tūroa-Waitonga falls track, Waitonga Falls-Blyth track and Maungaturuturu link track, (yet to be built).

Local businessman Ben Wiggins from TCB was part of the Te Ara Man-gawhero, a governance group that strongly supports the construction of the new Mountain Road track was delighted the e-bike change was also approved.

“What we asked the Department to consider was everything all in one go.

“The long-term goal for the new mountain road trail is to limit the environmental impact of traffic going up and down the Mountain Road by putting people on e-bikes.

“They are quiet, there is no pollution and give people the ability to go up the road and come down through the trail.

“We’ve been testing e-bikes for 10 years now to try and find bikes that will make it up the Mountain Road.”

Ohakune’s Mountain Road is a grade one climb to the car park and the only place in New Zealand where riders can do it on a sealed road at altitude.

While Mr Wiggins said the well maintained OCR track is achievable on a standard e-bike but suggested other more rugged options could be considered.

“You can get through the Old Coach Road easily on a commuter e-bike if you take it very slowly and preferably with front shocks, but ideally, you would want a bike that has actual mountain bike tyres not city or road tyres.

“Front suspension makes it much more comfortable and full suspension makes it a dream.”

North of Taumarunui, the Timber Trail through the Pureora Forest Park also allows the use e-bikes.



E-bikes are making tracks such as the Ohakune Old Coach Road accessible to a wider range of people.



LICENSED TO THRILL

BUY NOW

Buy your licence online
or at stores nationwide.
Visit fishandgame.org.nz
for all the details.



fishandgame.org.nz



A Hiker's Retreat

With spacious suites, comfortable beds and superb hospitality, Tongariro Crossing Lodge is the ideal retreat to recharge after exploring Tongariro National Park.

*You take care of your adventures -
we take care of you!*



27 Carroll Street, National Park Village

07 892 2688

welcome@tongarirocrossinglodge.co.nz

www.tongarirocrossinglodge.co.nz



ALTOG



Trusted

We love Ohakune, connecting with locals every day. We care about our beautiful region and we see our clients as part of our family. We are strongly vested in promoting and encouraging growth in our communities.

Full Service

We are a full service agency covering all aspects of Real Estate – Residential, Commercial, Rural and Property Services

Adding Value

Negotiating and adding value is at the heart of everything we do. We understand the market and what drives it and that can make all the difference helping our clients to achieve top value for their property

Marketing Expertise

We are marketing experts – We don't just sell your property, we'll market it to achieve the best result.

BAYLEYS

ALTOGETHER BETTER



ETHER

PASSIONATE

Network

We are strong and connected with a massive national and international network that offers our clients unsurpassed reach and support

Ruapehu region is thriving and on the up and up and so is Bayleys Ruapehu. We take pride in being altogether better at looking after our clients. We have all the experts altogether in one place across Residential, Rural, Commercial and Property services working hard to achieve top results for our clients.

**Contact our team today
to experience service that
is altogether in a class of
its own.**

Bayleys Ruapehu

06 385 0170
ruapehu@bayleys.co.nz
bayleys.co.nz

BARTLEY REAL ESTATE LTD, BAYLEYS, LICENSED UNDER THE REA ACT 2008

Residential / Commercial / Rural / Property Services

RELAX. CONNECT. PLAY. ENJOY



Ohakune Ski Chalets *The BEST of both worlds!*

Located just a short stroll from the cafés and restaurants of Ohakune township, Rocky Mountain Chalets has 42, Qualmark 4 Plus rated, contemporary and beautifully appointed alpine style chalets.

Each chalet is either two or three bedroom and consists of open-plan living, full kitchen and laundry facilities, outdoor deck, Sky TV, free WIFI and provisioned with linen ready for you to relax, connect, play and enjoy!

Guests are invited to enjoy the lounge room and soak in the two spa pools onsite after a day walking or mountain biking.



TO MAKE A BOOKING CALL
06 385 9545

EMAIL: info@rockymountainchalets.com
WEBSITE: www.rockymountainchalets.com

SH49, Rangataua Rd, Ohakune
Just past the big carrot

The rescue stats

In July the Mountain Safety Council (MSC) proved what many locals knew with the release of their publication, "A Walk In The Park?".

MSC chief executive officer Mike Daisley said while some incident levels were already known, the comparisons with other regions and visitor types had not been.

The Tongariro National Park has the highest number of rescues of any of the regions studied, followed by Fiordland National Park and Tararua Forest Park.

Twenty five percent of incidents in the Dual World Heritage Park were recorded as being severe with 18 percent occurring at the Red Crater and 19-percent in the last leg of the trek as hikers head down to the Ketetahi Car park.

An estimated 3.9 million, or 80 percent of New Zealanders visit public conservation land and water at least once a year.

In addition, a record 1.75 million, or 52 per cent of all international tourists visited a national park last year, an increase of five per cent.

Numbers on the Tongariro Crossing have exponentially grown to 141,000 visitors hiking the crossing in 2016/17 with the National Park hosting 554,000 domestic visitors alone.

With more Kiwis and international tourists visiting New Zealand's national parks than ever before, Mr Daisley said it's important that the publication isn't seen as the end of the process.

"Actually, it's quite the opposite.

"We'll be taking the issues highlighted in the publication and working with appropriate experts at a regional level to develop targeted initiatives so as to improve the experience for a huge number of participants."



Magnificent Mountain View Lifestyle

Unique Raurimu property, 1910's villa has been loving restored with extensive floor area and decking with five bedrooms, two bathrooms and open plan kitchen/living areas. Attached double internal garage with laundry. Log fire, Heat pump and well insulated keeps the property warm. A well-established lifestyle property with 4.3890ha, three bay workshop and elevated building site that has magnificent mountain and rural views.

For Sale
\$629,000 plus GST (if any)
View by appointment
www.harcourts.co.nz/TN7683

Tim Burton
M 027 5931801
P 07 896 8700
tim.burton@harcourts.co.nz



Stephen Harding
M 027 766 6667
P 07 896 8700
stephen.harding@harcourts.co.nz



ADC Realty Ltd
Licensed Agent REAA2008

Instagram images can be deceiving

The word “Alpine” was added to the title of the Tongariro Alpine Crossing for a very good reason.

Chief executive of the Mountain Safety Council (MSC) Mike Daisley said the temperature difference between local towns and the Red Crater, the track summit at 1886-metres, can catch people unaware.

“Many people may not know there is still deep snow on the ground in many places as well as potential avalanche paths in this region.

“Taupō is at around 360m above sea level, that leads to a ten-degree drop in atmospheric temperature as you climb to the summit.

“So if it’s 15 degrees in Taupo you need to be ready for 5 degrees at the summit.”

Along with air temperature, other factors also need to be considered.

“You’ll also need to factor in ‘wind chill’ of one degree for every ten kilometres per hour (km/h) of wind.

“It’s not uncommon to have 50km/h-plus of wind in exposed places, so there’s five degrees less to add to the equation.

“If you wrap all of this together you’ll need to be ready for zero degrees on the track when you’re standing in Taupō with a coffee in a tee shirt in 15 degrees if there’s a 50km/h wind at the summit.”



The Tongariro Alpine Crossing is absolutely stunning on a good day: but be prepared for it to turn into the worst day.

RUAPEHU ACCOMMODATION

OHAKUNE

ROCKY MOUNTAIN CHALETs

Rangataua Road, Ohakune www.rockymountainchalets.com

Email: info@rockymountainchalets.com Ph: 06 385 9545

Ohakunes finest 4+ star accommodation; this beautiful complex has 42 stand-alone chalets. Each 2 or 3 bedroom alpine style chalet comprises spacious open plan living, full kitchen, sun deck, storage lockers, drying cupboard and undercover parking. Also a guest lounge & sauna/spa pool area to enjoy. Sky TV and WiFi. Great value rates, reducing for multi-night stays!

RUAPEHU CHALET RENTALS

16 Goldfinch Street, Ohakune

www.ruapehu.co.nz

Email: info@ruapehu.co.nz

Ph: 06 385 8149

With us, you can select the size, style, and location of alpine accommodation to suit your needs. Browse and book online. www.ruapehu.co.nz

NATIONAL PARK

NATIONAL PARK BACKPACKERS

4 Findlay Street, National Park

Ph: 07 892 2870

nat.park.backpackers@xtra.co.nz

www.npbp.co.nz

Magnificent view of volcanoes right from our doorstep. Rooms for all budgets, from backpacker dorm beds to double and twin rooms with ensuite, off street parking, internet/wifi. Indoor climbing hall with 55 different top rope climbs, beginners to advanced, open daily 9 am to 8 pm. Bus service for hiking and mountain biking. Bookings essential.

SKI HAUS

50 Carroll Street, National Park

Ph: 07 892 2854

skihaus@xtra.co.nz

www.skihaus.co.nz



Ski Haus is an alpine lodge located in a quiet street in National Park. Warm, friendly and clean. Double, triple & 6-share rooms, all shared bathroom facilities, ideal for individuals, families but also for groups. Well equipped communal kitchen, laundry, off street parking, wireless internet. Catering services for groups available. Catering services for groups available on request.

TONGARIRO CROSSING LODGE

27 Carroll St, National Park Village www.tongarirocrossinglodge.co.nz

Email: welcome@tongarirocrossinglodge.co.nz

Ph: 07 892 2688

Experience a warm welcome and exceptional personal service at Tongariro Crossing Lodge - a family-run boutique lodge with a truly unique character. You will feel at home from the moment you arrive, as you unwind in our spacious suites or enjoy our delicious breakfast served with our fresh, homemade bread.



Architectural Design

YOUR HOME
FOR
HOW YOU LIVE YOUR LIFE

www.r-design.co.nz

06 385 8692 or 027 673 0408 | design@richardmilne.com



SEASON PASSES ON SALE

1050

HECTARES

2322

METRES TO TOP

60

KMS OF TRAILS

TWO

SKI FIELDS

ONE

NEW GONDOLA

2019

THIS IS THE ONE

VISIT WWW.MTRUAPEHU.COM NOW

Taranaki Falls, good option for bad weather

Families looking for easy, two-hour walk in the park need look no further than the six-kilometre Taranaki Falls loop track from Whakapapa Village.

It starts 100 metres below the Tongariro National Park Visitor Centre and behind the Chateau Tongariro Hotel on Ngauruhoe Place.

Come rain or shine, this track is well maintained and in excellent condition. It is also popular with visitors looking for a short alternative when weather closes in on the Tongariro Alpine Crossing.

More sheltered on windy days, the lower track passes through tussock and alpine shrublands before entering a lush beech forest where small native birds such as whiteheads, grey warbler and rifleman are commonly seen.

On a clear day Ngauruhoe's symmetrical cone and the older, eroded

mountains of Tongariro and Pukekaikio are visible as the track descends to the Wairere Stream, then climbs alongside it before passing Cascade Falls.

Ambling up the track, the glorious sight of the waterfall comes into view tumbling 20 metres over the edge of a large andesite lava flow, from a Ruapehu eruption 15,000 years ago.

Heading home you hit potentially the toughest part of the walking track, where it climbs up a flight of 100 steps to a forest of mountain toatoa before joining the Tama Lakes Track (see story this issue) and turns right to return to Whakapapa Village through an old lava flow.



Liz Brooker at Taranaki Falls: a good option on a bad weather day.



Rental and sales of hiking and camping gear plus transport bookings for the Tongariro Alpine Crossing

BOOK, PARK & RIDE FROM OUR SHOP

OPEN DAILY
(7.30am - 10.30am and 4pm - 7pm)



**SKI BIZ @
THE ALPINE CENTRE**

10 Carroll St, National Park Village Ph (07) 892 2717
www.thealpinecentre.co.nz

OHAKUNE DENTAL

JANE SHERRIT B.D.S

For beautiful and healthy smiles

OPEN: 9AM - 4PM

TUES. WED. THURS

PH: 06 385 9202

OFFICE@OHAKUNEDENTAL.CO.NZ

NEW PATIENTS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME



• MINIMAL INTERVENTION DENTISTRY

• PREVENTIVE CARE

• TOOTH WHITENING

• TOOTH REMOVAL

• TOOTH REPLACEMENT

• BIODEGRADABLE DENTALCARE PRODUCTS



Ohakune 109 Miro Street

Walk in and enjoy!

This original home comes stylishly decorated with stunning polished floors and comprises three bedrooms. Warmth is a factor here - come home from the mountain to a cosy home that is fully insulated with roaring log fire. Great central location for first home or rental.

Generous 490m² sized yard along with a single garage and adjoining carport.

bayleys.co.nz/1851295

3 1 2

For Sale \$305,000
View by appointment
Jenny Dekker 027 455 5674
jenny.dekker@bayleys.co.nz
BARTLEY REAL ESTATE LTD, BAYLEYS,
LICENSED UNDER THE REA ACT 2008



Ohakune 157 Miro Street

In a class of its own

This stylish impeccably presented two level home will be sure to impress. Set on an easy care elevated site in popular Miro Street it is bound to tick a lot of boxes for the ideal holiday home, or low maintenance family home.

Enjoying all day sun, the open plan kitchen, dining and living area have Mt Ruapehu views.

bayleys.co.nz/1851283

4 2 1

For Sale \$529,000
View by appointment
Jenny Dekker 027 455 5674
jenny.dekker@bayleys.co.nz
BARTLEY REAL ESTATE LTD, BAYLEYS,
LICENSED UNDER THE REA ACT 2008



Ohakune 39 Matai Street

A surprise package

The alpine character of this classic chalet will wow you from the moment you enter. Compact and functional, this is a perfect lockup and leave holiday retreat. Fully furnished with two bedrooms, single loft and two bathrooms.

Nestled beside the Reserve and handy to the Carrot Park and Central Plateau outdoor playground

bayleys.co.nz/1851310

2 2 2

For Sale \$259,000
View by appointment
Jenny Dekker 027 455 5674
jenny.dekker@bayleys.co.nz
BARTLEY REAL ESTATE LTD, BAYLEYS,
LICENSED UNDER THE REA ACT 2008



Ohakune 59 Miro Street

Spacious and stylish

A magnificently 254m² refurbished home set on a 1,931m² section amongst beautiful gardens. Impeccably stylish and roomy with three bedroom plus large upstairs area, great indoor- outdoor flow to the sunny private deck off the kitchen/living area, plus sauna.

Great opportunities for home business or Airbnb.

bayleys.co.nz/1851309

4 2 1 8

For Sale \$574,000
View by appointment
Jenny Dekker 027 455 5674
jenny.dekker@bayleys.co.nz
BARTLEY REAL ESTATE LTD, BAYLEYS,
LICENSED UNDER THE REA ACT 2008

Tongariro Alpine Crossing: no ordinary walk in the Park

By Liz Brooker

Despite the Tongariro Alpine Crossing being undeniably one of the best day hikes in the world, manuhiri (visitors) continue to underestimate the area's potential dangers.

The seven to eight-hour trek is no walk in the park.

Traversing through the stunning and picturesque alpine, volcanic environment, the 19.4-kilometre hike requires a high level of fitness and understanding of local weather conditions.

Senior Constables Barry Shepherd of Taupo advises anyone considering the Crossing to plan ahead, dress appropriately for the conditions and know their personal limitations.

"If the weather is not favourable, do another activity, don't risk your life.

"If it's raining and cloudy down low, it is likely that the scenic views will be obstructed, and it will be wetter and even colder at altitude – it's not fun hiking in cold wet conditions and there are often much safer and still enjoyable alternatives, which can be recommended by i-SITE or Department of Conservation visitor centres."

He is also encouraging all Kiwis to step up and help to reaching out and talk to visitors.



DOC interpretation ranger Ash Shama (left) helps a group of international visitors prepare for a freezing cold day on the Tongariro Alpine Crossing at the start of summer.

"Intervene. Talk to visitors who are in your shops, petrol stations or hotels because we have a collective responsibility to help care for our visitors.

"Ask them their plans, tell them about the New Zealand weather – what cold really means here, what rain really means here and that jeans are not acceptable in any hiking situation.

"If we all take the time to reach out, tell them at different points in time, at difference places, then maybe safety messages will get through.

"We need our visitors to thrive in our country not just survive."

BAYLEYS



Ohakune 4 Alpine Way, Ohakune

Alpine Flair

Situated in popular Turoa Village, this three bedroom and two bathroom chalet will certainly appeal to the buyer wanting a practical low maintenance holiday home set on a 334m² easy care section. Walk to town, handy to the Carrot Park and bike tracks, also the Turoa Village Reserve – what more do you need?

Wood burner, carport & ample storage

bayleys.co.nz/1851306

3 2 1

For Sale \$310,000

View by appointment

Jenny Dekker 027 455 5674

jenny.dekker@bayleys.co.nz

**BARTLEY REAL ESTATE LTD, BAYLEYS,
LICENSED UNDER THE REA ACT 2008**

SUMMER TRADING HOURS



NEW WORLD
Ohakune

Monday to Thursday – 7am - 8pm

Friday & Saturday – 7am - 9pm

Sunday – 7am - 8pm

Public holidays – 8.30am - 7.30pm



HOW WAS IT FOR YOU?

Help us give you the best possible experience.

- If you are cycling or walking any section of the Timber Trail or the Mountains to Sea Trail this summer please share your insights and experiences with us by taking a few minutes to complete a short survey. Use your smartphone and the QR code to go straight there.
- All completed survey's go into a draw to win either cycle books or a \$50 prezi card.



- *Ohakune Old Coach Road*
- *Fishers Track*
- *Kaiwhakauka Track*
- *Mangapurua Track*
- *Whanganui River Road*



First summer whio arrive

Christmas comes early for the team at the Tongariro National Trout Centre in Tūrangi.

During the second week of December the whio crèche is scheduled to receive their first delivery of new season ducklings.

The native blue duck or whio is only found in New Zealand and is a nationally vulnerable species.

With a current population estimated to be under 3000, it faces more risk of becoming extinct than the kiwi.

The chicks will be the first of many whio expected at the Centre over the summer months.

The facility provides an opportunity for juvenile chicks to experience fast flowing water on a 'river' that has been specially developed to mimic the environment they will be released back into.

This has been shown to dramatically increase the blue duck's ability to adapt to the wild once released.

Department of Conservation (DOC) Central Plateau operations manager Dave Lumley is thrilled to be expecting the new batch of young charges.

"This is the fifth year that the Whio Hardening Facility has acted as a boot-camp for juvenile whio, giving them the best possible chance of survival in the wild.

"The facility also gives the public an opportunity to see this nationally threatened species, who are difficult to see in the wild in their natural habitat".

Captive breeding programmes are one of several incentives currently being implemented around the Tongariro region and with the on-going support of Genesis Energy has helped DOC to double the

number of fully-secure whio breeding sites throughout the country.

Predator control efforts have also increased, enhancing productivity of breeding pairs and the survival of chicks.

The facility is likely to have juveniles in residence until the end of March.

For more information about the centre, viewing the whio and opening hours head to: troutcentre.com.

Venturelodge

...located in Ohakune, at the foothills of stunning Mt Ruapehu, in the centre of New Zealand's North Island.



A superb facility offering accommodation for 50 people with excellent amenities featuring a drying room, spa pool, lounge and dining hall as well as full cooking facilities and a separate meeting hall. Venturelodge is an ideal venue for corporate team building and leisure pursuits and in summer, is a fantastic base for visitors wanting to experience the many outdoor activities the region has to offer – canoeing on the Whanganui River, walking the Tongariro Crossing or in the surrounding national parks or mountain biking around the Ruapehu area.

Please contact Karen Laughton to book Venturelodge
134 Burns St, Ohakune
Phone 0275 385861 Email k.laughton@ags.school.nz



Blue duck boot camp at Tūrangi gives the rare birds the skills they need to survive in the wild.

A great place to work!

Check out www.wpi-international.co.nz

Ride the Skywaka, but not this summer

If you want to take in the Whakapapa sights this summer, you'll have to walk, with Ruapehu Alpine Lifts fully into construction of its new \$25 million gondola.

The up-side to this news for summer sightseers is that in summer 2019-20, there will be a whole new experience awaiting them.

The lift will take passengers from the Top o The Bruce up to the Knoll Ridge Café, in 10-seater cabins.

RAL says it will be "the largest and most technically advanced" lift in New Zealand travelling 1.8km "through one of the North Island's most rugged and spectacular landscapes past waterfalls and snow-laden peaks".

RAL has released information to club lodge members and the public regarding access up the ski area,

Turn to Page 27



Work is underway for the base station for the new Whakapapa gondola – dubbed the skywaka.

RUAPEHU DINING GUIDE

NATIONAL PARK

SCHNAPPS BAR

SH4, National Park Village, Tongariro National Park Ph: 07 892 2788
The perfect place to relax after the Tongariro Crossing, 42 Traverse or skiing on Mount Ruapehu. Panoramic views of the central plateau mountains, enjoy the open fire, with great meals on offer. Big screen TV's, wholesale facilities and garden bar. Function & conference facilities also available. Come and play 18 holes of Mini Golf. www.schnappsbarruapehu.com

OHAKUNE

KINGS BAR & RESTAURANT

3 Rimu St Ohakune Junction Ph: 06 385 8648
Est in 1913, historic Kings offers an inviting menu by locally renowned chefs, a great selection of boutique wines and is the exclusive venue to offer Ruapehu Brewing Company beers on tap. See our Facebook page for what's on and opening times.

LA PIZZERIA

6 Thames Street, Ohakune Junction Ph: 06 385 8558
Ohakune's most famous pizza restaurant. For 30 years we have been cooking Ohakune's best pizza. Come up and see us in the "Junction" at the end of the Old Coach Road and try one of our hot, tasty, handmade pizzas. Open for dinner, takeaway or dine in BYOW and fully licensed. Check us out online at: lapizzeria.co.nz

MAGIC CHILLI

68 Clyde Street, Ohakune Ph: 06 385 8619
Indulge in excellence – enjoy the best Indian cuisine from our qualified chef. We can cater for private functions. Open Tuesday to Saturday 12 – 9pm Sunday & Monday 5 – 9pm.

OCR CAFE & RESTAURANT

2 Tyne St, Ohakune (Bottom of the Mountain Road) Ph: 06 385 8322
UNDER NEW MANAGEMENT! Come and enjoy some of Ohakune's finest in a relaxed cosy atmosphere. Enjoy a delicious platter, wholesome food and NZ wine and craft beers in the garden. Gluten free options available. Excellent kids menu. Fully licensed. Open throughout the holidays. www.ocr.co.nz

SWEET PEA CAFE

19 Goldfinch Street, (next to BNZ), Ohakune Ph: 06 385 8112
Homemade freshly baked cabinet goodies and delicious menu to order from. Family friendly, with kids area and open fire. Open Monday to Saturday 9am – 3pm.

THE BLIND FINCH

29 Goldfinch Street, Ohakune Ph: 06 385 8076
Eggs Bene Coffee Burgers Craft Beer Wine Cocktail Lounge Happiness
Eggs Bene Coffee Burgers Craft Beer Wine Cocktail Lounge Happiness
Eggs Bene Coffee Burgers Craft Beer Wine Cocktail Lounge Happiness
3pm till late Monday to Friday. 9am till late Saturday and Sundays. (Gluten free and vegetarian options available). www.theblindfinch.co.nz

OHAKUNE

THE CYPRUS TREE

79 Clyde Street, Ohakune Ph: 06 385 8857
Contemporary café, bar and restaurant. Come and try our new small plates menu. Enjoy quality wine, craft beer, food and friendly service in our spacious, family friendly establishment. Fireside lounge and children's play area, cosy indoors or perfect alfresco dining with spectacular mountain views. A great place for casual get togethers or special occasions. Open 7 days, 4pm till late.

THE POWDERKEG

Bottom of the mountain road Ph: 06 385 8888
The iconic Powderkeg at the bottom of the mountain road remains Ohakune's most popular venue for all ages. With 28 years' commitment to fantastic food, friendly service and fun times, The Keg is the perfect place to meet friends for dinner, drinks, or a platter on the sunny balcony. Matterhorn open 6.30am – 9.30am daily for breakfast. Powderkeg open 3pm till late daily

RAETIHI

ANGEL LOUISE CAFE

Seddon Street, Raetihi Ph: 06 385 4976
Open 7 days from 7am to 4pm, breakfast until 11am, lunch 11am to 3pm. A fine selection of homemade sweet items and our famous pasties, differing flavours daily. Seasonal lunch menu and a great range of cabinet food. Come and view our growing art collection. Free WIFI available. On site and out catering a speciality, with individually designed menus to suit your needs & budget.

WHAKAPAPA VILLAGE

PIHANGA CAFÉ & T-BAR

Chateau Tongariro Hotel Ph: 07 892 3809
For inexpensive and filling meals day and night, experience Pihanga Cafe and T-Bar located in the heart of Whakapapa Village. Open from 8am to late in the evenings, 7 days a week. Tables allocated upon walk-in.

RUAPEHU RESTAURANT

Chateau Tongariro Hotel Ph: 07 892 3809
Open to casual visitors, the Ruapehu Restaurant provides a timeless and memorable dining experience. The Chateau Tongariro's well trained and respected Chefs & Service Staff combine tradition with a magnificent dining setting. Indulge in the highly acclaimed Chateaubriand for two. Absorb the ambience and history of the Chateau Tongariro. Reservations are essential and tidy dress is required (no shorts or tramping boots).

TUSSOCK BAR & RESTAURANT

100m below Chateau Tongariro Hotel Ph: 07 892 3809
Enjoy a full view of the mountains from the comfort of the Tussock Bar & Restaurant. Have a game of pool in the ambience of the alpine-themed bar, enjoy the range of Draught Beer and order from our great selection of gourmet pizzas, burgers and other hot foods. Tussock – the bar and restaurant with altitude. Open 7 days over summer.

WE ARE PRESENTLY CONSTRUCTING A NEW GONDOLA FOR THE UPCOMING 2019 WINTER!

For your safety we have defined some **construction zones** that have **restricted access**. We have also **marked out a number of safe trails** to provide you with **safe access to clubs and the upper mountain**.

CONSTRUCTION ZONES

- ZONE 1** Carparks 5,6,7,8
Restricted for staging, construction, helicopter operations
- ZONE 2** Drive Station Leithner Poma Site Office & Whakapapa Business Office
- ZONE 3** Hut Flat Staging
Material Roadway & Waterfall Express line work
- ZONE 4** Return Station
Material Roadway, Waterfall Express line work & Knoll Ridge Café site

TRAILS & ACCESS

- TRAIL 1** Meadows Wall via Happy Valley Elevator (access 9am-5pm)
- TRAIL 1b** Eastern Rockgarden Clubs Walking Access
via Happy Valley Elevator & Meadows Wall
- TRAIL 2** Tennants access to Hut Flat & Yankee.
- TRAIL 3** Tennants to Yankee Trail
safe uninterrupted access to Upper Mountain & Crater
- TRAIL 4** Rock Garden
DOC permitted or RAL or Leithner Poma supervised access only

Any visitors to the work site must report to the Leithner Poma Site Office accessible from the western entrance.

Anyone here on RAL business will have access via the western entrances of both offices.

We thank you for your patience & co-operation

HAZARDS

- ⚠ Heavy Equipment
- ⚠ Blasting
- ⚠ Helicopter Loads
- ⚠ Working at Heights
- ⚠ Open Trenches
- ⚠ Material Roadway

WARNING SIGNAGE



From Page 26

while the construction is under way.

Steve Manunui, RAL Whakapapa operations manager, has provided a map and general information for people who want access to clubs and the upper mountain for the upcoming summer.

He said that it has been “challenging as we have been finalizing the details around our construction management plan and the timelines for key dates in the project”.

Mr Manunui said access up Salt Ridge will be as usual and access to upper west clubs above Salt Ridge will be via Tennants Valley (trail marked with green markers)

Access to Hut Flat will be via Tennants Valley to the Whanganui Club track (trail marked with green markers) RSC members can then access the club and lodge from the top of Hut Flat.

Access to the upper mountain will be from the Whanganui Club and up the Yankee.

“There is no access up the Waterfall Express line/route,” said Mr Manunui.

Access to the eastern Rockgarden Clubs will be via Happy Valley, up the Meadows Wall track and then via Aorangi to clubs in between Christiania and up to the Pinnacle Ski Club. The elevator will be open most days for Happy Valley access.

There is no access through the Top o’ The Bruce.

The new gondola, due to open in early June next year in time for the 2019 ski season, runs from a two-level drive station between the Top o’ The Bruce building and the Rangitikei Express drive station. It will run directly to the Knoll Ridge Café.

Fifty 10-person gondola cabins will feature floor to ceiling glass, internal ski racks, audio and lighting and individual leather seats “offering business-class luxury to passengers befitting of the UNESCO Dual World Heritage status of Whakapapa Ski Area”.

The Knoll Ridge café building will undergo a refurbishment to “better utilise the lower level” including a new deck overlooking the Pinnacles.

Tutor Required for 2019 Ski Season

Must be experienced with the Cambridge Curriculum, specifically IGCSE one-on-one tuition/part time support each week for all of term 3 – July to September 2019.

Contact 0274 328514



La Pizzeria

Ohakune's best pizza for 31 years!
The longest serving restaurant in Ohakune
Licensed and BYOW

at 6 Thames St
Ohakune Junction
06 385 8558

Check us out on lapizzeria.co.nz or on facebook



The Cabin protects its inhabitants from the elements.



123 Boucher Ave
Te Puke
021-2801780
design Ltd.
architecture drafting interior



ADNZ
Thinking of building?
Contact us to visit our Ohakune showhome



www.mnmdesign.co.nz

Ski cabin wins architecture awards

A small ski cabin in Ohakune won two awards in the Taranaki/Whanganui/Manawatu ADNZ & Resene Architectural Design Awards this year.

Maurice Regeer of MnM Design won the award for 'Residential Compact New Home up to 150m²' and also the 'Residential Interiors Architectural Design Award', with his Kowhai Cabin.

The judges recognised the uncomplicated but striking wooden cabin with its raw form and finishes.

They were impressed by the interior of the Ohakune cabin; a mix of different textures and colours designed to make inhabitants feel protected and warm in winter and cool and sheltered in summer.

"At 112 sqm, Kowhai Cabin is energy efficient and space efficient for a three bedroom house. It is well considered, unpretentious and delivers at a high level," the judges said.

"Protecting its occupants from the elements, its warm interior provides a hideout for all seasons while also enjoying the outdoors. An untreated Siberian larch cladding is combined with charred larch in feature areas, cutting into the main areas. Bi-fold screens corner off the entry area when the house is unoccupied but can be transformed into a lockable storage area or a carport.

The cabin is essentially a cube box, modified with recessed decks and sliding timber screens, which can be closed when not in use. It sits on a small section to suit the mountain views.

The judges said the cabin has a striking yellow and black entrance that welcomes visitors – a mix of different textures and colours designed to make inhabitants feel protected and warm in winter and cool and sheltered in summer. Dark and light blue with pops of yellow work in synergy with rough concrete walls with smooth velvet fabrics, warm timber and cool concrete floors.

It has traces of Dutch heritage, with an ancient Japanese technique Shou-sugi-ban - charred timber, 100-year-old rimu and repurposed furniture.

"The success of this alpine cabin lies in its simplicity. The interiors have been well thought out and a concrete internal spine provides effective thermal mass. It is comfortable to hunker down in. Services are housed in the centre and all the other rooms have windows to frame the surrounding mountain views."



The interior of the cabin also won praise and an award.



the gym
Ohakune

SUMMER SPECIALS NOW ON!





Physio Direct
Rural physio at YOUR doorstep

NOW AT THE GYM OHAKUNE.

For bookings contact 0800 55 55 123
Or book online at www.physiodirectnz.com

Station crafty place offers more

Ohakune Junction's artisan outlet at the railway station is open more often now, following fashion designer Janelle Hinch's decision to move her workshop to the building.

The Craft Haus is home to a number of brands, including Janelle's merino fashions, Opus Fresh outdoor wear, Ruapehu Brewing, plus several other local creative types selling their wares.

The 'Wellandgood' brand covers a small creative collective "making little things that make life more liveable" – all limited edition items made locally "with respect for people and planet".



Janelle Hinch at work in the Craft Haus.

Janelle is passionate about using natural fibres in her creations and the Wellandgood collective fits with that ethos.

"Every dollar you spend is a vote for the kind of world you want to live in," says Janelle.

She uses New Zealand merino fabric, woven and knitted, manufactured in the country where possible.

Ruapehu Brewing operates in the station building, creating single barrel batch beer, in 150 litre batches, which is released each Friday and "usually sells out by Sunday", says Janelle.

The beer is available at several bars around Ohakune.

Until recently, the Craft Haus was open a few days a week, but with Janelle working on her fashion designs in the building, they can now open six days a week. They're closed on Tuesdays to match the train timetable (no trains that day).



the cyprus tree
OHAKUNE

Cafe - Restaurant - Bar

Happy Hour everyday from 4-6pm

Open 7 days from 4pm

**Cnr Miro & Clyde St, Ohakune.
06 385 8857 thecyprustree@gmail.com
www.cyprustree.co.nz**

BUYING OR SELLING? THEN CALL



Bill Te Karu
Office 06 385 8402
027 4144 031



Ken George
Office 06 385 8402
027 7516 365

Email: thewatsonsruepehu@xtra.co.nz **Goldfinch St, Ohakune.**
Local knowledge and passion for our region

THE WATSONS
ROSS WATSON REAL ESTATE MREINZ
Licensed Real estate agent 2008

Build, Renovate, Decorate

dreams and schemes

amanda mcconachy
advanced trade certified painter/decorator

- interiors/exterior • wallpapering/borders
- stencilling • special paint effects • waterblasting
- colour concepts • decorating advice • free quotes

john andrews
licensed building practitioner

- plan drawing • new/old builds
- landscape structures • pergolas • fences • gates
- gib stopping • concrete placing

027 321 4050/027 627 4984

Electrician

Are you looking for an electrician who:

- Turns up on time?
- Keeps his promises?
- Offers efficient service & sound advice?

Then call Jake Fah at

Mountain Electrical

REGISTERED ELECTRICIAN
Ohakune - Raetihi - Rangataua - Horopito - National Park
PH. 06 385 3393

Ph 021 770 123

Builder

PC BUILDERS

HOMES, CHALETs, ALTERATIONS & ADDITIONS

Your local qualified licensed building practitioner

ph.su.couch@gmail.com

Ph 027 271 9308

Appliances

For all your household appliances

Fisher & Paykel & Haier
fridges, freezers, dishwashers, washing machines, stoves.

Your Local 100% Independent Store & Heat Pump Installers. Q Card.

Come see us for all your electrical needs.

Ohakune TV Electrical

Ph 06 385 8700

RUAPEHU SERVICES

Building Supplies

PlaceMakers®

OHAKUNE

FOR ALL YOUR BUILDING PROJECT & DIY NEEDS

MON TO FRI - 7.30AM TO 5PM | SAT 9AM - 3PM

7 BURNS ST (06) 385 8414

Ph 06 385 8414

Therapeutic Massage

MANUKA NATURAL THERAPIES
Health is wealth

Work/Sports injury recovery, prevention, maintenance & relaxation

Clinic & Sauna: 14 Manuka St, Ohakune.
Call-outs: 027-274 4282
Available 12 hours every day

VOUCHERS ALWAYS AVAILABLE

Glyn Hubbard - Massage Therapist Dip. Mass.

Ph 06 385 8507

Landscaping

RFL EARTHWORKS LANDSCAPING

- Drainage
- 5T/3T Diggers
- Road Roller
- All Concrete Work
- Concrete Cutting

RICHARD FLEURY
027 241 3412

DIPLOMA IN LANDSCAPE DESIGN

Ph 027 241 3412

Upholsterers

WestlornE

- Furniture upholstery
- Vehicle upholstery
- Tarpaulins • Canvas & Leather
- Shade sails • Saddlery

Factory SH49, Tangiwai, Ohakune
Mobile 0274 467 289
E: westlorne@xtra.co.nz
www.westlorne.co.nz

Ph 06 385 8487

Furnishers

WANGANUI FURNISHERS
ESTABLISHED 1916

Quality furniture flooring and window treatments for the discerning

Geoff Anderson 33 Victoria Avenue, Wanganui
027 283 9551 email wangafurn@xtra.co.nz

Ph 06 345 4554

Plumbing / Drainlaying

B&M PLUMBING LTD

- Plumbing & Drainlaying
- Pumps - sales, servicing & installation of all pumps
- Fires & Solar
- 5 Ton Digger with Augers, Ditchwitch & Tip Truck

"Your local Registered Certifier"

B&M PLUMBING LIMITED

Call Brian
027 436 1075
Email:
bmfired@xtra.co.nz

Master Plumbers

Ph/fax 06 385 4718

Legal Services

• Trust Law
• Family Law
• Criminal Law
• Wills and Estates
• Relationship Property Law
• Property Law and Conveyancing

Nash Jordan Law
56 Clyde St, Ohakune
Joanna Jordan & Jeremy Nash
Email: office@njlaw.co.nz

Ph 06 385 8321

New road race event

A new event for the Ruapehu District this summer is the Ruapehu Gran Fondo – a 164km road bike race from the Top o The Bruce, to Taumarunui, then Turangi and back to Whakapapa.

The ride includes over 2800m of climbing and is dubbed “not for the faint hearted”.

The event is on 10 March, 2019, details at dynamoevents.co.nz.

As well as the Tussock Traverse, the Ruapehu Express, the T42 and the Raetihi Gutbuster, the Ruapehu Ring of Fire is on the calendar next year – the ultra-trail run that circles Mt Ruapehu on the Round the Mountain Track. There are a number of distance options for the gruelling challenge.



Red Ladybug Gallery

*Mixed Media Exhibitions
Displayed Regularly*

1 GOLDFINCH STREET, OHAKUNE
Located in the NZR Building
021 137 8285



**Open
Monday to
Saturday
9am to 3pm**

**Homemade freshly baked cabinet goodies
and delicious menu to order from.**

Family friendly, with kids area & open fire.

19 Goldfinch St, (next to BNZ), Ohakune
Ph: 06 385 8112

for everything Ohakune, go to
www.ohakune.info
Ruapehu, New Zealand

Ruapehu Events



JANUARY 2019

Mahi Aroha - DOC Summer Programme 1 – 30 January

Join us over the 2019 summer for the Mahi Aroha/Summer Programme that showcases and celebrates the Central Plateau's stunning natural and historical treasures. For further information: marketing@tongariro.org.nz or phone 027 628 8009.

Tussock Traverse

26 January

Offering both keen trail runners and walkers, as well as people new to the excitement of off-road adventures, one of the most scenic and varied courses in New Zealand. The event course cuts across the heart of the World Heritage Tongariro National Park, starting off at the Desert Road on the Eastern side of the Park and takes in the Rangipo Desert and Waihohonu traverse track before finishing at the Chateau Tongariro in Whakapapa to the West. Enter online www.tussocktraverse.co.nz

FEBRUARY 2019

Waimarino A&P Show

16 – 17 February

Home to one of New Zealand's oldest grandstands and with Mt Ruapehu as a stunning backdrop, the historic town of Raetihi hosts the annual Agricultural & Pastoral show. Supported by the local community the annual event is over 100 years old and has featured equestrian, miniature horses, dairy, beef, highland cattle plus sideshow entertainment for the whole family.

Ruapehu Express

23 February

The Camelbak Ruapehu EXPRESS returns in 2019, once again bringing you an opportunity for an epic adventure in the foothills of Mount Ruapehu. The courses are all point to point, with around 1000 adventurers starting at outlying positions then running, walking or mountain biking home to the Powderkeg in Ohakune for a well deserved beverage. Yes it's a race, but you are welcome to just cruise if you want and take in the spectacular scenery - it is a race at your pace! More information phone Nick Reader 021 63272. Enter at ruapehuexpress.co.nz. The event is owned by the Ohakune Events Charitable Trust.

MARCH 2019

Wild Food Challenge

Date TBC

The Local Wild Food Challenge, a culinary adventure founded by Kiwis Bill and Sarah Manson, is to be held in the Waimarino at the Raetihi Cosmopolitan Club. The Challenges are designed to showcase the resourcefulness of people living in communities where wild food is available. For more information www.localwild-foodchallenge.com/waimarino

Ring of Fire

10 March

A new event for the Ruapehu District this summer is the Ruapehu Gran Fondo – a 164km road bike race from the Top o The Bruce, to Taumarunui, then Turangi and back to Whakapapa. The ride includes over 2800m of climbing and is dubbed “not for the faint hearted”. Details at www.dynamoevents.co.nz.

Waimarino Rodeo

16-17 March

Friday Night 15 March – 6pm LOCAL EVENTS ONLY. Food Stalls on grounds. Gate Prices Adult \$10 Child \$5 (Under 5 FREE) Family \$30 Day Pass. Slacks 8am. Rodeo Start time 10am. Secretary: Cathy MacLean 06 385 4636 or 027 240 1090. Email: c_d_maclean@xtra.co.nz. Raetihi Rodeo Grounds, Parapara Highway

APRIL 2019

Raetihi Gutbuster

21 April

Fun, family friendly, challenging cycle ride or run/walk on the fully sealed Raetihi to Pipiriki Road. Central Plateau, New Zealand. Great spot prizes, no speeches. www.rideruapehu.com

MAY 2019

T42

4 May

Run across sections of the 42 Traverse, this track is known by many mountain bikers as one of the best one-day hard-core trails in the country. For serious racers there are 45km mountain bike, 42.2 km trail run or a 24km trail run/walk options with 11 and 6.5km run/walk trails also on offer. www.t42.co.nz

for more details, go to www.ohakune.info

VENDORS !! We Need You.

Considering selling your property?

Now's the time!

And we're the Team



Kath Campbell

Residential Sales
Consultant

027 333 4381

kath@nzs.nz



Jenna Hovelle

Residential Sales
Consultant

021 361 0167

jenna@nzs.nz



Rachel Miller

Residential Sales
Consultant

027 526 5969

rachel@nzs.nz



Frank Broadbent

Lifestyle & Commercial
Sales Specialist

027 273 2522

frank@nzs.nz

Call us, we'd love to hear from you!



NZR Central Limited, 1 Goldfinch Street, Ohakune | Phone 06 385 4466 | www.nzs.nz

LICENSED REAA 2008