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Raetihi good sorts on the telly

Two women who have been the drivers of the Raetihi Makotuku Walkway Project were in focus for Hadyn Jones's camera for Sunday night's 'Good Sorts' segment.

He gets around 50 nominations a week for the slot at the end of the One News hour, but said Carina McNie and Donna Journeaux's nomination was "a no-brainer".

He said not only have they restored a section of wasteland into a beautiful native walk, but they also helped restore the community's spirit.

Carina owns a plant nursery and was asked to supply the plants and leave, but she stayed to provide a helping hand.

"Carina and I became a team after that," Donna told Hadyn Jones

They persuaded some of the town's digger drivers to help them out.

"I wanted the challenge. I wanted to see if I could create something," McNie said.

As well as the walkway, they and their numerous volunteers have built a BMX track and a "fairy walk". They've also added art pieces along the way, and gained funding to concrete some of the pathways under the Accessible Walkways fund.

Then they discovered 'Snookerbobs' – a place the town had long since forgotten an area that was once the local picnic spot in the 1950s and '60s.

Half the town

Hadyn Jones reported that when the pair call for help, 'half the town shows up' – as they did on Thursday when he was in town for the filming.

Donna said she put a post on a couple of the town's social media pages and messaged all her contacts.

She said it was one of the biggest turn-outs they've had.

As well as individuals, Orautoha School and Raetihi School pupils and teachers helped out. And the supervisor for the Ruapehu Corrections community service crew, who have done a lot of work on the walkway.

The pair are quite humble – a little shy about the attention.

Donna admits she didn't know about the Good Sorts segment and the two thought they were being interviewed about the other receiving the award.

But their nominator, Michael Proude, had nominated them both.

He is a fan of the project too, having helped with surveying boundaries for the land for free.



One News Good Sorts presenter Hadyn Jones captures volunteers – young and old – helping out at the Makotuku Walkway on Thursday. The segment focussed on Raetihi's 'Good Sorts' Carina McNie and Donna Journeaux.

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Jab clinics for Māori being 'swamped by Pākehā'

By Moana Ellis, Local Democracy Reporter
The national strategy of vaccinating against Covid-19 through general and mass events is not working for Māori, with even clinics that prioritise Māori and Pasifika being "swamped" by Pākehā, a Covid-19 researcher says.

Last week, Act Party leader David Seymour tweeted out a vaccine code reserved for Māori, encouraging his supporters to use the code themselves.

The code was sent by Māori health provider Te Whānau o Waipareira via confidential email to its clients as part of a push to lift



Māori vaccination rates that are less than two thirds of the non-Māori rate.

Te Whānau o Waipareira CEO John Tamihere says Seymour was trying to sabotage attempts to make the rollout more equitable. He says his clinics have vaccinated five times as many Pākehā as Māori and Pasifika.

Independent writer, researcher and advisor Rāwiri Taonui, who focuses on Covid-19 in Māori communities, says the story is similar around the country and different strategies are now needed to turn around low vaccine uptake by Māori.

"At the moment our main strategy is to have mass vaccination events and some are prioritised for Māori and Pasifika but what's happening is those events are actually being swamped by Pākehā, quite a lot of them," Taonui said.

"A better strategy would be to collate information about where whānau live or have

whānau gather at marae and have mobile vaccination units go out to the community."

Taonui says another idea would be to bring in booking "navigators" to help Māori, especially kaumātua, who are finding it difficult to book online, and to help whānau book group vaccinations.

In the Whanganui District Health Board region, over 56,000 doses of Pfizer have been delivered – just over 50 per cent of the total due to be delivered in the local rollout. Māori health providers are running clinics throughout the region, including in rural and isolated centres and in marae communities.

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Raetihi good sorts



Left: Hadyn Jones films volunteers clearing blackberry. Right: Marry-Anne Judd explains how the local schools love to help.



Donna Journeaux, at left, and Carina McNie – recognised as 'Good Sorts' on Hadyn Jones' One News segment.

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Donna told the Bulletin she has other ideas for adding more to the area, with details.
"It isn't a small job, no, but it's a very rewarding job," she said.
Hadyn Jones said he was impressed with the women and their project, but the admiration went both ways.
Those at the working bee were impressed with how he worked hard to get footage of lots of the activity and interview a wide range of people.
"It would have been tricky, but I think he balanced it really well," said Donna.
Good Sorts is a one-man band which Jones conducts out of his home in Taranaki.

Ruapehu iSite manager elected to visitor board

Ruapehu's iSite manager Kim Treen has been elected to the Board of the Visitor Information Network, a subsidiary of Tourism New Zealand that administers and promotes the iSite network nationally.

Ruapehu's mayor Don Cameron said that Council congratulates Kim on her election for a three-year term.

"Kim's election by her peers recognises her leadership in championing and promoting the role iSite's can play in adding value to local economies and progressive thinking on their future," he said.

"In Ruapehu, she has overseen the iSite's making an increasingly important contribution toward the support of Ruapehu tourism operators and our wider economy."

He said this has included partnering with the Department of Conservation and NZ Army Museum to deliver iSite services in innovative ways, securing the 2017 national iSite conference, increasing operator and iSite revenue growth, and pivoting iSite resources in support of Covid-19 recovery efforts, amongst other things.

"Her election is a further example of the national leadership role shown by Council's tourism entities following on from the work of Visit Ruapehu in leading regional tourism development.

"Kim's seat at the table on the Visitor Information Network Board will undoubtedly be of benefit to Ruapehu tourism development and our operators.

"With the Covid-19 pressures on the tourism sector and the changes these are bringing, her involvement at such a strategic level will be invaluable."

Kim said that she feels very proud to have been nominated and voted onto the Board by her peers and to represent the Ruapehu District.



Kim Treen, on board.

Eleventh hour reprieve for bus service

There were grave concerns a well-used Intercity bus service is under threat of having to cancel its service to Ruapehu towns.

Intercity have provided public transport for over 30 years to townships in Ruapehu, Rangitikei and the Whanganui region but are now facing serious financial difficulty because of the ongoing Covid lockdowns.

"This is on top of no real public transport alternatives for our communities," says Ruapehu's regional councillor Weston Kirton.

"With the Northern Explorer no longer stopping in Taumarunui the town would now be completely cut off from the rest of the country by public transport."

Government funding was set to run out at the end of this month, without any guarantee of further support, but a last-minute deal with the Ministry of Transport has kept them running, says Kirton.

This uncertainty is unacceptable. Both Regional and District Councils need to lobby central government and ensure essential public transport is both maintained and improved in our region.

"I will be doing my utmost to lobby the Minister of Transport, through Horizons Regional Council, to ensure ongoing financial support for this essential passenger service into the future," says Weston Kirton.

A host of golden daffodils, but Covid no-show

Peggy Frew cuts some of her thousands of daffodils on Monday - but not for the usual Spring Show for the Ohakune-Raetihi Garden Club, thanks to the Covid-19 lockdown restrictions. The Bev Hiscox Memorial Flower Show was to be held on Saturday. Instead, the Club is planning a summer show to coincide with the Raetihi Christmas Market Day. Peggy said cancelling the Spring Show was a hard decision, especially as this season has seen an amazing show of spring flowers.



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A snowboarder enjoys great snow on Sunday. Those who managed to avoid the mechanical issues were treated to some excellent conditions. Photo: Ruapehu Alpine Lifts.

First Level 2 ski marred with breakdowns

Tūroa and Whakapapa ski areas' first weekend at Alert Level 2 saw "some incredible heights" but also some "once-in-five-season-type challenges", as one of the ski area managers put it.

Sunday's weather was glorious, Whakapapa got off to an epic start. Happy Valley opened shortly after 8am, the Sky Waka soon after and the Valley T by 8:45am.

"We saw some outstanding early runs off the Valley T. The Pinnacles were spectacular and the fresh cord had us all salivating.

"The Delta Chair opened later in the morning after de-icing and avalanche checks, and then the Knoll T for the first time this season," reported Ruapehu Alpine Lifts.

"It has been on and then off and then on and then off as we've weathered the last three storm cycles, which have been particularly hard on the t bars."

Getting the Far West T going was in the team's sights. "But as the incredibly heavy ice released in the morning, it shot the haul rope into the air some 30m before it fell off eight towers. That ended our hopes of getting it away (on Sunday).

At Tūroa, rime ice almost completely enclosed the structures on the High Noon and Nga Wai Heke, so "it was going to be tough to balance the extensive de-icing required while also getting other facilities up and running".

RAL says the team got off to a flying start, with helicopters in and out for avalanche control by 7:30am.

The Alpine Meadow and Parklane were running shortly after 8am, the Wintergarden soon after, before the Giant by 9am.

Mechanical issues with the Movenpick were resolved by 9:30am and it was running again soon after.

"We then saw the start of a very unfortunate cluster of circumstances, which saw the team's well-laid plans derail, right in front of them.

"Breakages occurred almost simultaneously on the Wintergarden, Giant, and then our sewage system."

Under Covid-19 regulations, RAL were unable to have people congregate in areas as they waited for the issues to be rectified, so the call had to be made to close the road and limit any further capacity on mountain.

"The team that were previously working to get the High Noon and Nga Wai Heke jumped over to support, meaning that both lifts were further delayed.

"We needed the High Noon and Nga Wai Heke (along with the others) running to disperse guests effectively to meet Covid-19 regulations and our capacity limit."

The issues were eventually resolved and The High Noon and Nga Wai Heke opened by mid-afternoon – the Nga Wai Heke for the first time this season.

"But we acknowledge that for many, this was too little too late after lengthy waits on the road."

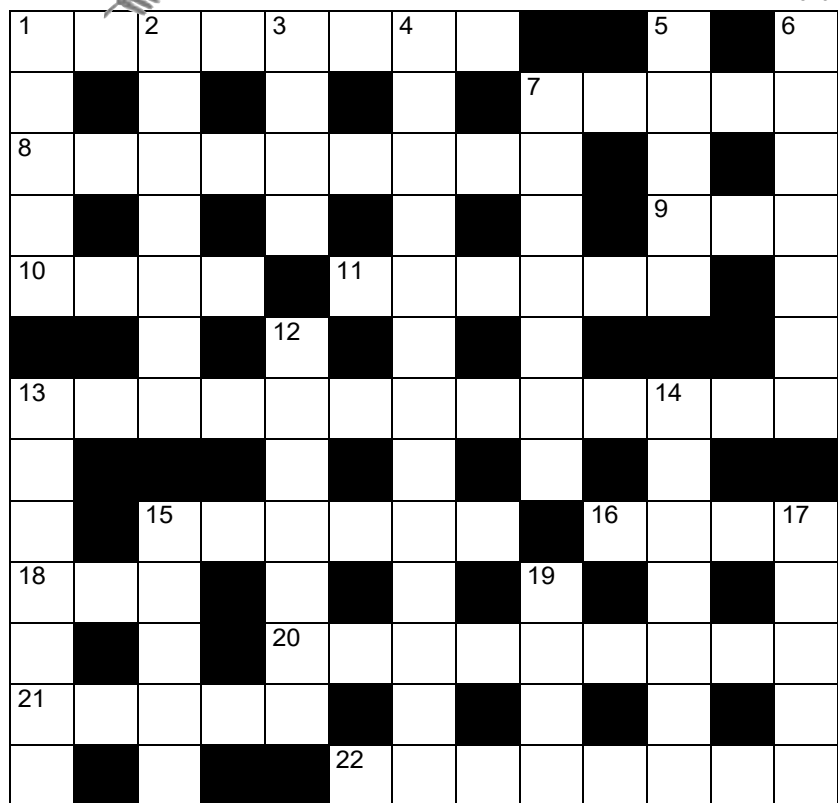
RAL thanked those who waited patiently for the issues to be sorted – who were "rewarded with some of our best conditions".

"We also appreciate that not everyone could, and we are so disappointed for your experience. If it could have gone wrong today, it appears to have done so.

"These really are the trials and tribulations of working within a World Heritage area, atop the North Island's highest peak, exposed to exceptional weather patterns, and amongst a global pandemic."

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Across

1. Reveal (8)
7. Tree fern (5)
8. Bit by bit (9)
9. Florid (3)
10. Tug (4)
11. Water or wine container (6)
13. New Zealand novel which was made into a 2020 TV series in a collaboration by TVNZ and BBC Two (3,10)
15. Renter (6)
16. Doubtful (4)
18. Pelt (3)
20. Seize the day (L) (5,4)
21. Hair insect (5)
22. Compassion (8)

Down

1. Shabby or untidy (colloq) (5)
2. Bush shirt (colloq) (7)
3. Praise (4)
4. Christian movement which has operated in New Zealand since 1883 (9,4)
5. Trap (5)
6. Summer footwear (7)
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12. Kiln (7)
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Down: 1. Bubble, 2. Mumps, 3. Away, 4. Hiding, 5. Log o' wood, 6. Stubble, 7. Zephyr, 12. Listener, 14. Against, 16. Stylus, 17. Feline, 18. Cereal, 21. Hangi, 22. Scot.

Health awards put on hold due to Covid-19

The coronavirus pandemic has claimed another casualty, with Whanganui's health awards being postponed till next year.

The 2021 Whanganui District Health Quality Awards – Te Tohu Rangaitira – were due to be celebrated at a ceremony at Whanganui racecourse on 1 October.

However, the uncertainty created by the latest community outbreak has forced the decision to postpone the awards until early 2022.

The awards are organised by Whanganui District Health Board but open to every individual and organisation and celebrate those working to benefit the health and wellbeing of individuals, families and communities, including non-clinical and volunteers.

The health awards are still open for entries and will remain so until 31 December. Details and application forms can be found on Whanganui DHB's website -- <https://www.wdwb.org.nz/>



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Ruapehu projects gain biodiversity grants

Horizons Regional Council has awarded 21 grants to community projects from the inaugural Kanorau Koiora Taketake – Indigenous Biodiversity Community Grant.

Horizons chair Rachel Keedwell says that as part of their 2021-31 Long-term Plan deliberations Council approved changes to the biodiversity community programme.

“This included allocating dedicated budget to five iconic biodiversity sites and increasing contestable funding to \$260,000 per annum for community biodiversity projects,” says Cr Keedwell.

“The Kanorau Koiora Taketake – Indigenous Biodiversity Community Grant has enabled a regional-wide approach to Horizons’ community biodiversity work, providing for projects to be assessed on their merits based on specific criteria.

“Council’s vision for this grant is to empower communities to reconnect with and improve biodiversity. This includes providing resources for projects that support connections between nature and people including mātauranga Māori (Māori knowledge).

“The fund was heavily oversubscribed with a total of 37 applications requesting more than \$1 million.

“We were really pleased with the calibre of the applications received. There were some really well thought out proposals that will greatly benefit biodiversity, mātauranga Māori and connecting

our region’s communities with the biodiversity around us. Many of these were either iwi/hapū led projects or had strong community collaborations including some from schools.

“Following a councillor panel decision process, we are pleased to announce that 21 community projects will be funded from the \$260,000 available.

Five projects are from Ruapehu, two from Tararua, three in Horowhenua, four in Rangitikei and eight in Whanganui.

“The diverse range of projects funded include titipounamu (rifleman reintroduction), predator control to protect kiwi, whio, pekapeka (bats) and Powelliphanta snails, and protecting te uru hīnau (hinau groves) along the Whanganui awa and collating mātauranga held about these groves.”

The 21 successful applicants are: Ngāti Rangi/Pauro Marino Trust; Project Tongariro; Bushy Park Tarapurui Trust x 2; Castlecliff Coast Care; David and Harriet Eade; Friends of Taihape Society; Ihaia Tauaki Trust; Kaiwhaiki Pā Trust; Koitiata Wetlands Restoration Group; Lone Pine Property Trust - Maunga Tia Kiwi Restoration Project; Manaaki Ruahine - Mākāretu Restoration Project; McReynolds Trust; Not Even Ltd, Te Uru Hināu; Okoia School; Oti-ranui Guardians; Ruahine Whio Protection Trust; Sally Pearce; Te Kura Kaupapa Māori o Tūpoho; Te Kura o Te Wainui-a-Rua; Koputara Trust.



Trapping for pests features in many of the successful grants applications. Photo: Anthony Behrens.

Waimarino’s winter warmest ever

The Waimarino’s 2021 winter was the warmest on record, as measured at the Ohakune weather station at Ruapehu College.

The area matches the nation-wide data, with all of Aotearoa New Zealand recording its warmest winter ever, surpassing winter 2020 that set the record just last year.

The season began on a particularly warm note, with June 2021 being New Zealand’s warmest June on record. Winter 2021 was also the first winter on record where the temperature anomaly exceeded +0.9°C for all three months, relative to the 1981-2010 long-term average.

Ohakune’s mean air temperatures for winter was 7.3°C, which was 1.3°C above normal. Taumarunui also recorded its second-highest mean air temperature, at 9.3°C or 1.3°C above normal.

Lower Retaruke recorded its fourth-highest mean temperature, at 8.7°C, or 0.8°C above normal.

Ohakune also recorded its warmest-ever mean maximum air temperature for winter: 12.4°C, or 2.5°C above normal.

Taumarunui recorded its second-highest mean maximum: 14.4°C, or 1.4°C above normal.

Ohakune and Taumarunui also recorded their highest-ever winter daily maximum temperature: 19.1°C on 14 June in Ohakune; and 21.7°C on 13 August in Taumarunui.

NIWA says several factors contributed to New Zealand’s record-setting season, including frequent high pressure over and east of New Zealand, warm northerly-quarter wind flows, warmer than average coastal waters, and the influence of a decaying La Nina early in the season, followed by a trend back toward La Nina late in the season.

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Owhango Alive to mark World Rivers' Day

Owhango Alive will be celebrating World Rivers Day once again at the end of September.

"Last year we celebrated the day with a very popular 'Festival' with presentations from a variety of speakers on predator control," said Owhango Alive member Sally Lashmar.

This year the focus will be on planting some more native trees along the banks of the Whakapapa River in the Ohinetonga Scenic Reserve, followed by a presentation from the Department of Conservation at the Owhango Domain pavilion about the local bat population. The day will conclude with a light lunch.

"This will be a great opportunity to learn about the critically endangered pekapeka/long tailed bat," says Sally.

"Some of the locals had mentioned that they had spotted some little creatures flitting about at dusk, so DOC ranger Luke Easton duly arrived to place some bat recorders

around the Ohinetonga Scenic Reserve.

"The recorders were retrieved after 10 days or so and, given that this was in June when the bats are in torpor (semi hibernation) and the weather was foul, Luke was stoked to find that each site had recorded bat calls.

"We now have proof!"

The World Rivers Day event is Sunday 26 September at 10am, meeting at the Whakapapa Bridge to "acknowledge the treasure" that the Whakapapa River/Awa is and how its health keeps the endemic whio/blue duck population healthy.

"Owhango Alive looks forward to seeing you there, planting trees, listening to the bat presentations and generally being involved with protecting our own backyard."

The event is the same day as Daylight Savings starts, so the clocks go forward an hour!
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Luke Easton, DOC biodiversity ranger, uses a recorder to detect bats in the Ohinetonga Scenic Reserve

Outgoing iwi chair leaves Trust with new strategic approach

By Moana Ellis, Local Democracy Reporter

The outgoing Ngā Tāngata Tiaki o Whanganui chair says he is happy to be leaving the Trust with a new strategic approach to support development aspirations put forward by hapū and marae.



Gerrard Albert: "The best succession strategy is an exit one." Photo supplied.

Gerrard Albert, who has led the Trust since its inception, stepped down as chair at Sunday's annual general meeting, when new trustees were due to take up their roles.

The post-settlement governance entity for river iwi and the Whanganui River settlement has paid trib-

ute to his many years of contribution, in particular his "unwavering and committed leadership".

Gerrard Albert signalled three years ago he would exit at the end of the term, saying the best succession strategy was an exit one, providing the room for others to bring fresh ideas and new approaches. But he says his focus will always be on the people of the river.

"There is no other world for me, except to contribute in some way to our people. I'm certainly going to work a lot more on the ground.

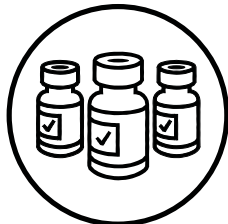
"The salt of the earth people that remain at our marae and our kids – that's where we need to be investing as well, ensuring that they can grow up strong in the knowledge that their reo, who they are as Whanganui,



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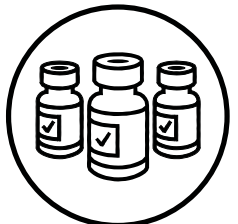
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Central Plateau take a moment for nature

Taking a moment, and a photo, in nature was the challenge laid down to Central Plateau families during last week's Conservation Week.

Families from around the rohe/area entered creative photos of their time in nature for Taupō Environmental Education Collaborative's Whānau Nature Challenge.

Taupō Environmental Education Collaborative (Taupo EEC) representative Krysia Nowak said they were glad to have been able to celebrate Conservation Week in a fun way, despite the challenges of lockdown.

"Each time a new entry came in we'd be grinning ear-to-ear, so it wasn't just the participants enjoying themselves!"

Entries included activities such as the time-honoured classic puddle jumping, to elaborate nature art constructions.

"One was even a tongue-in-cheek reference to Chris Hipkins' 'spread your legs' gaffe!"

"Just because Conservation Week is over, doesn't mean we need to stop getting outdoors – a moment in nature is time well spent for our health and wellbeing."



Conservation Week included a call to 'take a moment in nature' and take a photo. One wag decided to invoke Minister Chris Hipkins' "spread your legs" press conference gaffe.

Ruapehu College reports

EYE ON RUAPEHU COLLEGE, CONTRIBUTED BY STAFF AND STUDENTS

Ruapehu College students were scheduled to be in the midst of benchmark examinations this week to form derived grades, should final examinations not take place in Term 4.

Due to Covid-19, these exams have been moved to Week 10 of this term.

Students doing subjects online will be assessed by their online teachers using 'Unexpected Event Grade' guidelines to form their derived grade.

College principal Marama Allen said senior students should be diligent with their study to ensure they reach their potential, because what this last Covid-19 outbreak has shown that circumstances can change in a matter of hours.

The Government has decided that students

disrupted by 16 days of Covid-19 lockdown this year will be eligible to receive Learning Recognition Credits (LRCs). This applies to students of Ruapehu College who will receive LRCs at a rate of one LRC per five credits achieved through assessment up to a cap of eight LRCs at NCEA Level 1, and 6 LRCs at Levels 2 and 3.

The thresholds for being awarded endorsements and University Entrance will remain at their normal levels for students who have not been disrupted for 20 school days.

Also due to Covid-19, final examinations have been moved to start on 22 November.

"Students will benefit from this delay as it will provide additional time, which can be used for further teaching, learning and assessment to enable them to earn their full entitlement of credits and LRCs."

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Iwi chair leaves Trust with new strategic approach

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and actually that their whanaungatanga is right throughout the river.

“That’s NTT’s challenge going forward. We’ve got the strategy to go to our people wherever they are and not just be focused on Awa Tupua implementation or environmental matters, but to assist where our people need help and contribute there.”

Albert says maintaining the position of each hapū on the river is paramount.

“Right throughout the river, people have different views of the history of the river claim and our history and that needs to be maintained.

“The Awa Tupua of course is about ensuring that each can base their voice on that history and actually have it heard through the government and local government changing the way in which they incorporate us into co-deciding and co-designing solutions going forward.”

The newly elected board includes returning trustees Che Wilson, Rāwiri Tinirau and Joey Allen, and newcomers Sheena Maru, Tāwhiao McMaster, Tamahaia Skinner and Elijah Pue.

Ruapehu golf

Ruapehu golf had their first huddle since lockdown on Sunday, with 26 members keen to get in some competitive golf.

It was a beautiful day with a slight wind.

Greenkeeper Jerry Jordan is the Strachan Cup Winner for 2021.

“Our course is looking good thanks to our team of volunteers,” said Club spokesperson Pieta Gilbert.

“There’s a few new tricky pin placements around the course – we love it.”

Sunday’s competition results:

Ladies: 1st Pieta Gilbert with 34 points shooting a 103 off the stick. 2nd Yan Ping Sun 31 points on a countback, shot a gross 99. 3rd Margaret Pikari 31 points, also shot a 103 gross.

Pieta goes through to the finals ladies club Champs.

Intermediates: 1st Wing Young with 38 points, had a gross 83; 2nd Josh Chrystal with 35 points, gross 97; 3rd Harley Gilbert with 34 points gross 86.

Wing played exceptionally well yesterday scoring 39 on the front. Josh, playing the final Junior B Club Champs against Uncle Pat, is 6 up with 18 to play. Harley has been out of the game for a while with injuries but still loves to drive a green every now and again.

Seniors: 1st Steve Gray with 38 points, shooting 75 gross; 2nd Jerry Jordan with 37 points shooting a gross 79; 3rd Wally Hayes with 36 points shooting a 73 off the stick.

Wally got the only 2 for the day on hole 3.

Scott beat Geoff for Club champs and goes through to the quarter finals.

This summer, (Covid-dependant), the Club is running a “Futures” (Juniors) golf programme. Geoff Leahy is taking the lead, assisted by Gareth McGuigan and hopefully many more members and volunteers.

Jerry’s ready to host a junior golf tournament this summer as well.

“Once all the busyness is done with our Classic Tournament and matches, we can get cracking on that.

“If you’ve got kids who are keen golfers, best get them out hitting a ball with you,” says Pieta.

The Ruapehu Classic is on 5-7 November and registrations are open.

“Please support us and share our flyer – tell your friends and family. We’re looking for sponsorship as well – possibly the worst timing for our small local businesses taking a hit from lockdown.

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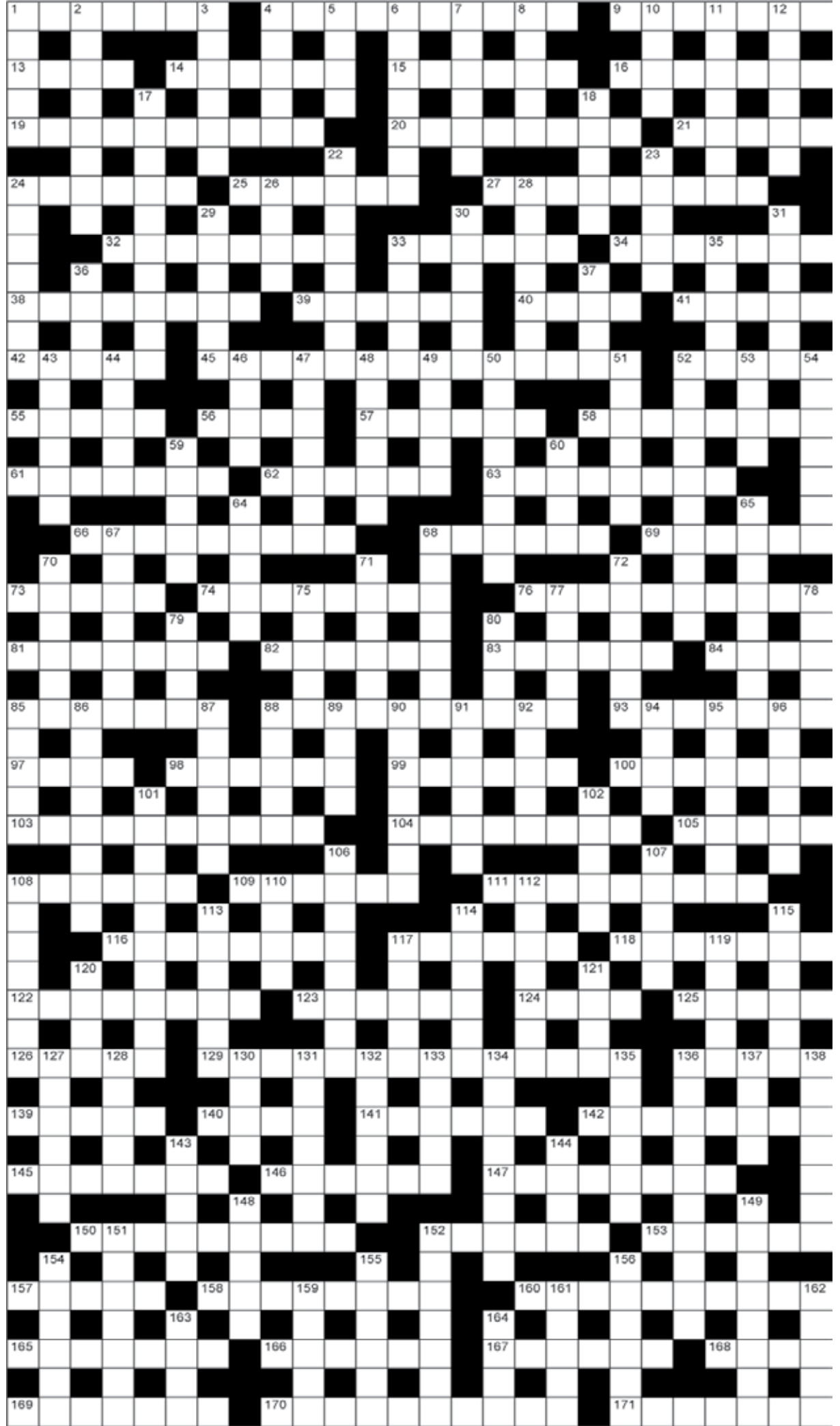
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- 4 Terminate (3,2,3,2)
- 9 Fraudulently alter (7)
- 13 Unreturnable serves (4)
- 14 Abscond (6)
- 15 Suave (6)
- 16 Weapon store (7)
- 19 Outline (10)
- 20 Move (8)
- 21 Distinct (5)
- 24 Contemporary (6)
- 25 Backer (6)
- 27 Gone first (anag)(9)
- 32 Become gradually less (5,3)
- 33 Defective (6)
- 34 Well experienced in life (7)
- 38 Hallway (8)
- 39 Elves (6)
- 40 Skin irritation (4)
- 41 Concur (5)
- 42 African country (5)
- 45 Telling apart (14)
- 52 Court orders (5)
- 55 Take away (5)
- 56 Miss out (4)
- 57 Spasm (6)
- 58 Floating ability (8)
- 61 Reach out (7)
- 62 Group of escorted ships (6)
- 63 Pick out (8)
- 66 Statement made under oath (9)
- 68 Capricious (6)
- 69 Ridiculous (6)
- 73 Earliest (5)
- 74 Curved sword (8)
- 76 Claim (10)
- 81 Cornstalk bundles (7)
- 82 Make (6)
- 83 Ask (6)
- 84 Current of air (4)
- 85 Mollify (7)
- 88 Then do I spy (anag) (10)
- 93 Death investigator (7)
- 97 Has (4)
- 98 False front (6)
- 99 Three-legged stand (6)
- 100 Told (7)
- 103 Drink dependency (10)
- 104 Disparage (8)
- 105 Pilot's badge (5)
- 108 Hypothesis (6)
- 109 Defensive covering (6)
- 111 Sparkling wine (9)
- 116 Sufficient (8)
- 117 Complexion (6)
- 118 Learned (7)
- 122 German miss (8)
- 123 Rubble (6)
- 124 Waterless (4)
- 125 Scorch (5)
- 126 Adhere to (5)
- 129 Noon (6,2,3,3)
- 136 Prowl (5)
- 139 Wrong (5)
- 140 Flaccid (4)
- 141 Admittance (6)
- 142 In the open air (8)
- 145 Use again (7)
- 146 Property (6)
- 147 Meticulous (8)
- 150 Played by plucking rather than bowing (9)
- 152 Pock-marked (6)
- 153 Prejudiced (6)
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- 160 Disguise (10)
- 165 Everlasting (7)
- 166 Elaborately decorated (6)
- 167 Middle East language (6)
- 168 Indigent (4)
- 169 Turns into (7)
- 170 Working industriously, continuously (4,2,1,3)
- 171 Sustain with food (7)

DOWN

- 1 Utter confusion (5)
- 2 Rule out (8)
- 3 Cricket team (6)
- 4 Pigtail (5)
- 5 Kind (4)
- 6 Atom nucleus part (7)
- 7 Bite cautiously (6)
- 8 Uniform jacket (5)
- 10 Well ventilated (4)
- 11 Tumescant (7)
- 12 General layout (6)
- 17 Newspaper employee (10)
- 18 Condition (5)
- 22 Wall scribbles (8)
- 23 Stream (5)
- 24 Handcuff (7)
- 26 Eagerly expectant (4)
- 28 Bird (7)
- 29 Criminal history (6)
- 30 Breakfast fare (6)
- 31 Customer (6)
- 33 Throw (5)
- 35 Beer (5)
- 36 Salver (4)
- 37 Sacred image (4)
- 43 Culpable (6)
- 44 Cut back (5)
- 46 Printing fluids (4)
- 47 Tropical cyclone (7)
- 48 Endemic (6)
- 49 Oneness (5)
- 50 Concise (8)
- 51 Porcine sounds (6)
- 52 Severely off course (3,3,4)
- 53 Hotels (4)
- 54 Thwarted (7)
- 59 Severe (5)
- 60 Business transaction (4)
- 64 Strike (5)
- 65 Performer's test (8)
- 67 Leavens (anag) (7)
- 68 Surrender as a penalty (7)
- 70 Accident (6)
- 71 Tension (6)
- 72 Frantic, turbulent (6)
- 75 Compassion (5)
- 77 Furious (5)
- 78 Point opposite zenith (5)
- 79 Camera part (4)
- 80 Intimate contact (4)
- 85 Smell (5)
- 86 Felt sudden dread (8)
- 87 Make possible (6)
- 88 Finds out (5)
- 89 Quarry (4)
- 90 Month (7)
- 91 Frozen drip (6)
- 92 Occurrence (5)
- 94 Probability (4)
- 95 View (7)
- 96 Get-up-and-go (6)
- 101 Socialist song (3,3,4)
- 102 Airship (5)
- 106 Predict (8)
- 107 Wed (5)
- 108 Street movement (7)
- 110 Harvest (4)
- 112 Transport of goods (7)
- 113 Wriggle (6)
- 114 Cupboard (6)
- 115 Mark of disgrace (6)
- 117 Collector's item (5)
- 119 Condescend (5)
- 120 Hire car (4)
- 121 Passport endorsement (4)
- 127 Clinging shellfish (6)
- 128 Ugly-tempered (5)
- 130 Flower (4)
- 131 Down-payment (7)
- 132 Tooth coating (6)
- 133 Centre of attention (5)
- 134 Pause in doubt (8)
- 135 Jaundiced (6)
- 136 Beef dish (10)
- 137 Otherwise (4)
- 138 Door-strike (7)
- 143 Pottery coating (5)
- 144 Sharpen (4)
- 148 Reprimand (5)
- 149 Tubular pasta (8)
- 151 Conflagration (7)
- 152 Workers in clay (7)
- 154 Sculpture (6)
- 155 Plant study (6)
- 156 Elixir (6)
- 159 Greek island (5)
- 161 Maxim (5)
- 162 Planet (5)
- 163 Confront (4)
- 164 Costume (4)



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SOLUTION

ACROSS: 1 Captive, 4 Put an end to, 9 Falsify, 13 Aces, 14 Decamp, 15 Urbane, 16 Armoury, 19 Silhouette, 20 Relocate, 21 Clear, 24 Modern, 25 Patron, 27 Fostering, 32 Taper off, 33 Faulty, 34 Worldly, 38 Corridor, 39 Pixies, 40 Itch, 41 Agree, 42 Egypt, 45 Distinguishing, 52 Writs, 55 Skip, 57 Twitch, 58 Buoyancy, 61 Stretch, 62 Convey, 63 Idently, 66 Testimony, 68 Fickle, 69 Absurd, 73 First, 74 Scimitar, 76 Allegation, 81 Sheaves, 82 Create, 83 Invite, 84 Wind, 85 Appease, 88 Hypnotised, 93 Corner, 97 Owns, 98 Facade, 99 Thiver, 100 Advised, 103 Alcoholism, 104 Bellite, 105 Wings, 108 Theory, 109 Armour, 11 Champagne, 116 Adequate, 117 Colour, 118 Erudite, 122 Frailein, 123 Debris, 124 Arid, 125 Singe, 126 Cling, 129 Middle of the day, 136 Sneak, 139 Amiss, 140 Limp, 141 Access, 142 Afrisco, 145 Recycle, 146 Asses, 147 Thorough, 150 Pizzicato, 152 Pitted, 153 Unfair, 157 Staff, 158 Blackout, 160 Camouflage, 165 Eternal, 166 Ornate, 167 Arabic, 168 Poor, 169 Becomes, 170 Busy as a bee, 171 Nourish.

DOWN: 1 Chaos, 2 Preclude, 3 Eleven, 4 Plat, 5 Type, 6 Neutron, 7 Nibble, 8 Tunic, 10 Airy, 11 Swollen, 12 Format, 17 Hectic, 75 Mercy, 77 Livid, 78 Nadir, 79 Lens, 80 Kiss, 85 Aroma, 86 Panicked, 87 Enable, 88 Hears, 89 Frey, 90 October, 91 icicle, 92 Event, 94 Odds, 95 Opinion, 96 Energy, 101 The Red Flag, 102 Blimp, 106 Foretell, 107 Mary, 108 Traffic, 110 beam, 53 Inns, 54 Stylied, 59 Acute, 60 Deal, 64 Smack, 65 Audition, 67 Enslave, 68 Forfeit, 70 Mishap, 71 Strain, 72 Lager, 36 Tray, 37 Icon, 43 Guilty, 44 Prune, 46 Inks, 47 Typoon, 48 Native, 49 Unity, 50 Succinct, 51 Gunts, 52 Way off, 55 Minus, 56 Buoyancy, 61 Stretch, 62 Convey, 63 Idently, 66 Testimony, 68 Fickle, 69 Absurd, 73 First, 74 Scimitar, 76 Allegation, 81 Sheaves, 82 Create, 83 Invite, 84 Wind, 85 Appease, 88 Hypnotised, 93 Corner, 97 Owns, 98 Facade, 99 Thiver, 100 Advised, 103 Alcoholism, 104 Bellite, 105 Wings, 108 Theory, 109 Armour, 11 Champagne, 116 Adequate, 117 Colour, 118 Erudite, 122 Frailein, 123 Debris, 124 Arid, 125 Singe, 126 Cling, 129 Middle of the day, 136 Sneak, 139 Amiss, 140 Limp, 141 Access, 142 Afrisco, 145 Recycle, 146 Asses, 147 Thorough, 150 Pizzicato, 152 Pitted, 153 Unfair, 157 Staff, 158 Blackout, 160 Camouflage, 165 Eternal, 166 Ornate, 167 Arabic, 168 Poor, 169 Becomes, 170 Busy as a bee, 171 Nourish.

Three Ohakune chalets in top 10 holiday homes

One of New Zealand's holiday home websites has released its annual list of New Zealand's top 10 holiday homes, picking three Ohakune chalets for the list.

In the awards' 11th year, the gold, silver and bronze medals were awarded to properties in Northland, Coromandel and Ohakune.

"We are thrilled to announce the 2021 winners of the Bookabach Bach of the Year Awards," says Simone Scoppa, travel expert at Bookabach.

"This year's winners list proves the humble quintessential bach has been forever transformed into some of the country's most sophisticated and stylish holiday homes."

"The winning baches reflect today's travel trends where we're increasingly seeing Kiwis take frequent and sometimes last-minute road trips to private holiday houses. The homes are also reflective of how Kiwis love the great outdoors with popular locations including Ohakune for its surrounding all-season mountain experiences to the beaches of Northland, the Coromandel and Kapiti Coast," added Scoppa.

Winning the 'bronze award' is "a cosy cabin retreat" 10 minutes from Ohakune.

"Nestled amongst trees and paddocks, Redrock Hut is a blend of rustic and modern design with three bedrooms and two bathrooms. Guests are encouraged to bring their hiking boots, skis and mountain bikes to explore the outdoors including one of New Zealand's 10 Great Walks - the Tongariro Crossing," says Scoppa.

The company awarded the gold medal to 'Collies Beach House' in Mangawhai Heads, Northland and the silver to a Hahei home perched on the Pa Hill.

Two other Ohakune holiday homes on the shortlist include: A four bedroom bach named 'Bluebird on Snowmass' - where guests can soak in the spa whilst drinking in views of Mount Ruapehu; and The Purple House in Ohakune, which is "packed with charm given its balance between retro and contemporary".

The awards were based on a judging criteria of bookings over past year, traveller reviews and star ratings and relevance of amenities and the home catering to Kiwi families.



Ohakune's 'Redrock Hut' won bronze in a recent holiday homes list.



'Bluebird on Snowmass' is in the top 10.

Māori researcher calls for targeted campaign against social media anti-vaccination misinformation

By Moana Ellis, Local Democracy Reporter
A Māori academic says the government has underestimated the impact of Covid-19 vaccination misinformation being spread on social media and its influence on young people.

Rāwiri Taonui, an independent writer, researcher and advisor who focuses on Covid-19 in Māori communities, says there needs to be a campaign targeting Māori, and rangatahi in particular, to dispel the fake information being spread online.

He says resources need to be poured into "much stronger" communications messaging to Māori.

"One of the things that has happened is we've underestimated the impact of anti-vaccination misinformation and our young people would be particularly vulnerable to that.

"The nature of the comms that we've had has been encouraging people to get vaccinated but hasn't directly addressed the misinformation content online enough. We need to turn that around. We probably need more funding and a much stronger vaccination message going out to our community."

Taonui says one of the problems is that communications funding has yet to reach some providers from the Government's \$39m Māori



vaccination package announced in March, which included \$2m for iwi to deliver tailored regional and local communications campaigns to their whānau. Taonui says he has been talking to some providers who have been approved for Māori Communications Funding but say that money has yet to arrive.

Council is reviewing how people get elected to council or a community board and what they will do when they get there.



Changes proposed for Council representation

1. A reduction in the number of elected members from 12 to 9

- The proposal is to reduce the number of elected members from 12 to nine. The nine elected members would comprise eight councillors made up of six General Ward, and two Māori Ward councillors plus the mayor.

2. A change in the basis of election of councillors from 'election by ward area' to 'election at large'

- Currently the district is divided into four Ward areas (Ohura, Taumarunui, National Park and Waimarino-Waiouru) for Council electoral purposes. Instead of this the proposal is to have one Māori Ward comprising the entire Ruapehu district called Ruapehu Māori Ward (represented by two Māori Ward councillors), and one General Ward comprising the entire Ruapehu district called Ruapehu General Ward (represented by six General Ward councillors) all elected 'at large' (by all voters).

This would mean that at the next local body election in October 2022:

- Voters on the general electoral roll will elect six councillors at large from one General Ward comprising the entire Ruapehu district called the Ruapehu General Ward
- Voters on the Māori electoral roll will elect two councillors at large from one Māori Ward comprising the entire Ruapehu district called the Ruapehu Māori Ward
- The mayor (who is always elected at large) will be voted for by voters on both the General and Māori electoral roll

We want to know what you think about these proposals which will impact on how decisions get made that will affect day-to-day life in Ruapehu.

For more info inc. on the up-coming community hui in Taumarunui (Wed 22 Sept) and Raetihi (Thu 30 Sept) see Council's website www.ruapehudc.govt.nz

- Copies of the Consultation Document inc. a feedback form are also available from all Council offices. If you are not online and can't come see us call 07 895 8188 and we will send one out to you.

- Hover your smartphone camera over the QR code to go straight to the online feedback form.

