No phone fixes any time soon

By Mike Bain

SIMPLY put there’s no answer.
Frustrating as it is, for people living in remote rural areas of the North King Country who experience regular telephone outages, there is no immediate solution to their problems.

But the answer hasn’t pleased affected residents who believe that New Zealanders, no matter where they live, should be able to access 21st Century technology.

Issues for rural communities are two-fold. One is repeated outages for up to a week or more in some areas, the other is non-existent access to cellular coverage.

Unreliable landline telephone systems and breakdowns have frustrated residents and business owners in Marokopa who were without phones during the Easter break (Waitomo News, April 7).

This was followed by a further outage in Kiritehere for nine days and Ngapenga for seven days. (Waitomo News, June 9).

Residents in these areas say they have to drive a minimum of 20 minutes to get cellular coverage.

Ngapenga resident Murray Percy says: “Many of the people who live in these settlements need access to phone connections for the same reasons as those living in urban areas do – safety, emergency, health, employment and business.”

But the issues experienced by rural residents “are not ours” according to telecommunication providers.

Spark New Zealand spokeswoman Lydia Tebbutt says: “Landline issues belong with the Chorus network – a separate company to Spark – which own and maintain the copper network.”

Similar responses have been received from Vodafone and Farmside.

MASSIVE CHALLENGE

Chorus admits it’s a massive challenge to provide a reliable service.

The coastal areas of the North King Country are serviced by radio links serving about 25 residents from each transmitter, but are prone to faults due to adverse weather conditions.

Spokesman Nathan Beaumont says: “These are very remote areas and it’s not currently feasible for them to be serviced by our traditional means (copper fed from roadside cabinets).

“The solution would be to lay fibre optic cable to Marokopa to eliminate the need for radio linking,” he says.

“This has been investigated and the current estimate to complete such a project is in excess of $1.25 million.

“Given the size of the community and the small number of connected residents, this is simply not justifiable from a business case perspective unfortunately.”

TIME TAKEN

Communications Minister Amy Adams has concerns about the length of time it takes to repair some landline faults in rural areas and will be raising this with Chorus.

“The issue of repairs to copper phone lines sits outside the Government’s RBI and UFB contracts and rests entirely with Chorus as a private business and the Commerce Commission which set the required standards and monitor them,” says Ms Adams.

ESSENTIAL TOOL

Federated Farmers believes that fast and effective communications is an essential tool for farming businesses.

Telecommunications spokesman Anders Crofoot says: “Rural folk are being abandoned.

“A decrease in mail volumes has meant postal services have been cut back.

“Online demands have increased. But older technology is falling behind and is unable to deliver modern services. Then there is the question of emergency management.

“New Zealand has fantastic emergency response capability, but it is of no use without the ability to communicate with the call centre.”

With more than 60% of the Waikato population living in rural locations, the Waikato District Health Board (DHB) agrees reliable telecommunications is a problem as it looks to move its services forward using online technology.

DHB community services executive director Mark Spittal says: “Good connectivity for rural people gives them better access to health care.

“It enables us to deliver better services, including innovations like our virtual health initiative, where patients can have a virtual consultation with their hospital doctor from their smartphone or home computer.”
Council seek your input on direction

A STRATEGY is being developed by the Waitomo District Council (WDC) to provide a focused direction for the local economy.

Economic development officer Rachael Laver says the new plan aims to address the many changes rural New Zealand is set to face including rural population relocation [as projected in the 2013 Census] and an ageing population.

“Council is responding to those challenges now and over the next 10 years to achieve our vision for a vibrant and thriving district,” she says.

“The importance of strong economic development has been a council focus for the past three years and is a strategic focus area for the council’s 2015-25 Long Term Plan.”

Mrs Laver says the economic development strategy will be focused on how the council can grow, strengthen and diversify the local economy because:
- the Waitomo district needs to be resilient to changes;
- the district offers businesses opportunities that have not been realised; and,
- the district needs to have the right infrastructure in place to support growth.

To identify what is required to improve economic prosperity, the council is developing a district economic profile to understand challenges and assess gaps in the local industry and community.

“Meeting one-on-one with business owners is one way that we are obtaining that information,” says Mrs Laver.

“We also have utilised the Resident Survey channel and added a ‘liveability’ section this year, to gain feedback from across the community.

“At this stage we are completing data analysis and the development of the economic profile with the aim of adopting the economic development strategy before the end of the year.”

Results from the Residents Survey will be available in August.

To provide input into the district’s economic profile contact Mrs Laver on (07) 878 0800.

In brief

Corrections
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Maori Language Week
THIS year’s key message for Maori Language Week, which has been celebrated for 41 years, aims to get more New Zealanders speaking more Maori – Give te reo Maori a go.

Maori Language Week – July 4-10 – is Akina te Reo – Give te reo Maori a go.

Next week’s campaign is aligned with sports as New Zealand is a nation of sports players and supporters, with 74% of Kiwis either players, volunteers or spectators. And three of this year’s ambassadors are sports stars – former silver Fern Jenny-May Clarkson, former All Black Andrew Mehrtens and All Black Nehe Milner-Skudder are backing the campaign along with child actor Julian Dennison of Hunt For The Wilderpeople fame.

Road and garden upgrade
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$23.2 million in SH upgrades

THE Government will fund $23.2 million worth of safety upgrades within the Taranaki-King Country electorate.

It includes a $3.1 million upgrade to SH3 from Ohaupo to Te Awamutu (late 2016); a $2 million upgrade for SH3 between Te Awamutu and Otorohanga (mid-2017); a $1.5 million investment to SH37 from SH3 to Waitomo (work is already underway), and a $3.3 million upgrade to SH3 from SH37 to Te Kuiti (with work to start later this year).

The upgrades include a combination of side barriers, rumble strips, wide centre line treatments and median barriers.

In some areas corners will be softened to improve visibility and road marking and signage highlighting the road environment will be upgraded.

FANTASTIC NEWS

Local MP Barbara Kuriger says: “This is fantastic news for the wider Waitomo, Otorohanga and Waipa districts.

“Investment into upgrading the safety of those state highways will significantly reduce deaths and serious injuries,” she says.

“We know that eight of 10 fatal and serious injury crashes on state highways occur on rural roads and 85-90% of those are head on or where the driver runs off the road.

“I am pleased to see the Government taking a strong lead when it comes to the safety of NZ roads and the recognition by this Government of the importance of SH3.

“It is a treacherous piece of road, and these safety enhancements come off the back of the Government’s announcement earlier in the year of $130 million for the Awakino/Mt Messenger bypass.”

AA RESPONSE

The six upgrades are part of a total $600 million investment into road safety during the next six years.

It is forecast to prevent 900 deaths and serious injuries in the next decade.

Under the programme, 90 high risk sites in 14 regions have been identified where a range of safety improvements will be made.

“The Automobile Association says the investment in improving NZ’s highest risk rural highways is ‘a great day for road safety’.

“This safety investment will save lives – it’s that simple,” says spokesman Mike Noon.

“Our 1.5 million AA members and all road users will be extremely happy to see these improvements.

“We know that things like barriers, wide centrelines, rumble strips and better road marking makes a huge difference in reducing crashes.

“The AA is a leading advocate for balanced road safety and people commonly complain that NZ’s roads, particularly our rural highways, aren’t as safe as other countries. This investment by the Government is going to help improve that,” says Mr Noon.

“The AA has been extremely concerned to see the road toll increase from its record low over the past two years and it is great to see the Government taking strong action that will greatly improve road safety on our highest risk rural state highways.”

Petition presentation

WAITOMO Greypower president Ngarie Grayson will be in Parliament’s debating chamber gallery on Tuesday.

She will be present when NZ First Leader Winston Peters tables a petition to Parliament on behalf of Greypower protesting changes which have abolished free off-peak travel for SuperGold Card holders. The SuperGold Card gives senior citizens and veterans access to government-funded free off-peak transports concessions, along with other discounts and services.

The Government outlined its proposal to alter funding arrangements for local councils earlier this month which has seen some councils introduce a $10 off-peak HOP Card for public transport. Mrs Grayson says: “We feel once the downgrade is started it will continue to diminish the value of the SuperGold Card. Our local committee felt it’s important to support the petition despite not many local members signing it because it did not impact them, but it does affect others nationally and we want to see the benefits remain for everyone.”

SFF deal default likely

IT looks likely the $261 million deal between Silver Fern Farms (SFF) will default on its sale agreement to China’s Shanghai Maling. The deal is due to go unconditional today. Major shareholder John Shrimpton and Blair Gallagher, representing a group of 80 Silver Fern Farms shareholders, have forced the company to hold a special shareholders’ meeting on July 11 in an attempt to scuttle the deal which gained 82.2% support from farmer shareholders in October. The deal must have an Overseas Investment Office recommendation and ministerial approval before it can proceed. However, recent work on the application has ceased awaiting the applicants to supply further information.

Zero underage sales

POLICE led an alcohol controlled purchase operation on Friday. Volunteers visited 10 off-licence premises in the Waitomo and Otorohanga districts.

No sales were made to the underage volunteers.

Awakino chef among world’s best

A NEW Zealand-born chef’s Melbourne restaurant has earned a spot in a list of the world’s top restaurants. Raised on a farm at Awakino, Ben Shewry is now executive chef at Attica restaurant which has been named Number 33 in the World’s 50 Best Restaurants.

Farmer confidence up

OPTIMISM looks to be returning to New Zealand’s rural sector. The latest quarterly Rabobank Rural Confidence Survey released on Monday shows a significant upswing in sentiment among farmers across all sectors. The overall net confidence reading rebounded to +3% – up from -42% in the last quarter, and is the first net positive reading since the bank’s March 2015 survey.

The latest survey – completed earlier this month – found the number of farmers expecting the rural economy to improve in the next 12 months had climbed to 25% (up from 11% in the previous quarter), while the number expecting it to worsen fell to 22% (down from 53%). A total of 52% were expecting similar conditions (up 34%).

Free online health info

NORTH King Country health workers now have free online access to the latest medical research through a new Waikato District Health Board service.

A wide range of online journals available to DHB staff has been extended to all health professionals including GPs, aged care facility staff and hospice staff.

Waikato DHB library manager Angela Broring says: “With this new service they can access many full articles in the latest medical journals for free online.”

In brief

ISSUES regarding the pricing methodology used by Te Kuiti-based electricity distributors The Lines Company (TLC) will be aired on TV3’s Story programme tonight. Turangi Network Action Group spokesman Denis Greenslade says the group’s long-time issues over pricing were the subject of a story in the NZ Herald on Tuesday and prompted the television interview.

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PIOPIO College student Puhiwaiora Ngawaka loves to perform.

Influenced by a wide range of musical genres, Puhi (16) says growing up around kapa haka and watching others entertain, it was inevitable she would eventually take to the stage herself.

Having been passionate about singing and performing since she was young, it wasn’t until year 9 at Te Kuiti High School (TKHS), she began studying music as a weekly subject specialising mainly in piano, vocals, guitar and drums.

That study continues today as a year 12 student at Piopio College.

Drawn to the stage, Puhi entered a talent quest hosted by the Church of Latter Day Saints in Te Awamutu last month against seven other artists from Te Awamutu and Te Kuiti, all with a variety of different musical skills.

And her effortless ability to combine singing and performing caught the judges’ eyes.

“I felt really nervous and I was shaking because I was the last performer,” she says.

“But as soon as I started, I was fine, and that all went away.

“Then while I was performing, everyone went dead silent, which put more pressure on me, but I had the confidence to get through.”

FIRST PLACE

She performed Say Something by Christina Aguilera while playing the piano and was awarded first prize.

“It was a huge surprise because the other performers were really good and I felt like someone else was going to take it out,” she says.

“So when they announced my name as the winner I was shocked and flattered at the same time.”

Highlighting her love of performing, Puhi is heavily involved with kapa haka, performing in various groups, and plays an integral role in organising the college’s interhouse kapa haka competition.

She was also an entrant in Te Kuiti High School’s Showcase event in 2013 and Waitomo’s Got Talent contest in 2014.

“Because I’ve grown up around kapa haka I’ve had a passion for singing and performing pretty much my whole life,” she says.

“Then when I was in year 9, I entered the high school Showcase event and that’s where I actually realised I liked performing in front of people.

“It’s just a part of me – I love to entertain.”

Inspired by her music teacher at Te Kuiti High School, Emma Hunt, Puhi plans to continue her music training at tertiary level and one day become a music teacher.

PIOPIO musician Puhiwaiora Ngawaka wowed the judges at a talent quest in Te Awamutu recently where she performed Say Something by Christina Aguilera while playing the piano.
The man who for 10 years has played a major role in getting hundreds of young people through their apprenticeship training and into employment in Otorohanga and Te Kuiti, is leaving that job tomorrow.

Ray Hayley of Comet Training has become a ‘legend’ over the years for his work helping to lower youth unemployment statistics in the Otorohanga and Waitomo districts.

But his apprentice support contract with the Otorohanga District Development Board (ODDB) ends today.

Mr Hayley says his departure is due to a major shift from outcome-based to activity-based measurements, along with compliance and key performance indicators, he was unable to make work within the structure he’d developed.

Otorohanga mayor Max Baxter says: “The ODDB and Comet Training have been unable to reach an agreement on the terms of a new contract. Apprentice support will therefore no longer be held in its current form with Comet Training as the provider from the end of June.

“The services provided by Ray over the last 10 years have been of immense value to many employers and apprentices and his contribution will be missed. These services will continue to be provided in the future as soon as a suitable replacement is found.

“We wish Ray well in his future endeavours.”

WORK CONTINUES

Mr Hayley says: “I’ve still got to work in the industry and I value the contribution I am still making to young people through my work at the Otorohanga Trade Training Centre.

“I’ve loved supporting the youngsters as the trades apprentice co-ordinator and I’m disappointed I can’t keep doing that work, but at the end of the day it was my choice not to sign the new, altered contract, so the best thing is just to move forward.”

Mr Hayley is still working part-time at the trade training centre mentoring students and keeping the industry focused on the centre through work experience.

“I will be working on expanding my current business of industry training which includes forklift and machinery training and licensing as well as management training and mentoring.

“I’ll also be offering local solutions for local businesses addressing the new Health and Safety Act plus risk management, procedures and support for staff management and support.

“This could include apprentice support on an individual or collective basis depending on business need.

“I’ll also be running some ITO test nights for the trade centre and Winter.”

SUCCESS STORY

In recent years Otorohanga’s reputation for low youth unemployment has been well-documented. Backed by former Otorohanga mayor Dale Williams, Mr Baxter, Waitomo mayor Brian Hanna, along with the support of North King Country employers who provided work experience and jobs, Mr Hayley helped transform the trade training centre’s model into a national blueprint for youth employment success.

Local apprentices paid tribute to his teaching and mentoring skills in a youth feature published in this newspaper on November 26, 2013.

Mr Hayley’s co-ordinator’s role was created because local employers found it hard to find qualified local workers – a high proportion of young people were leaving the North King Country seeking trades training and not returning.

The few local apprentices who stayed weren’t completing their qualifications due to lack of employer and training support so Mr Hayley started night study classes in 2006 with 12 trainees. By 2012 that number had grown to 46.

With apprentice support, OTTC achieved a 93% success rate of students completing their qualifications and there was a zero youth unemployment rate for 18-19 year olds from 2006-2012.

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“The Pathways programme offers several other practical benefits to them. It also provides Kayli with support and mentoring if she needs it, a common room where out of town students can relax and study between lectures and access to a Google Chromebook laptop. She uses the bus four days a week and is very happy with the free WiFi access onboard so she can study during trips.

“It’s a really good programme with awesome practical benefits for rural students like me who want to study at Waikato,” says Kayli.

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Kayli, in her first year of a Bachelor of Social Science and Spanish degree, says university isn’t an option for some rural students because of the costs of travel, living in the halls of residence or renting.

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ADVOCATING for the disabled is paying dividends for Te Kuiti paraplegic Rodney Bell.

Confined to a wheelchair following a motorcycle crash in 1991, Mr Bell returned to his home town in May last year, but found it was difficult to get around parts of the town’s CBD. (Waitomo News, May 3)

He organised a public meeting last month to learn about the difficulties encountered by other disabled people and as a result he has met with Waitomo District Council’s (WDC) local road manager Johan Rossouw.

“I’m feeling pretty positive as the impression I got is they [the council] have wanted to implement changes but haven’t done so through a lack of understanding of where to start,” says Mr Bell.

“At a meeting four weeks ago Johan gave me assistance with making a simple submission to the council’s Exceptions Annual Plan.”

If accepted by the council, any plans to improve access for disabled people could be included in its 2016-17 financial plan.

“In another meeting attended by CCS Disability Action advocate Geri Pomeroy, we looked at the location and number of mobility parking lips and grades on kerb ramps; street clutter (signage, wares for sale and outdoor furniture).

Mr Bell says other areas which need auditing are the access between the east and west via rail crossings, plus the railway overhead bridge’s entry and exit points.

COMPARISON

A recent audit of Waihi’s township prepared for CCS Disability Action by Hamilton-based Taylored Accessibility Solutions Ltd and presented to the Hauraki District Council recommended the issues be split into three categories.

Major inconveniences were categorised as ‘significant’ and other inconveniences as ‘minor’. The report recommended both could be addressed as part of longer term planning by the council.

Once the audit for Te Kuiti is carried out Mr Bell is confident the improvements suggested will make the town more accessible for everyone with a disability.
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PROVINCIAL pride was on the line yesterday as King Country and Thames Valley union teams battled it out for a spot in the 2016 national Rippa Rugby Championship.

In atrocious conditions in Hamilton, Pukenui School’s year 5 & 6 team competed against St Joseph’s School from Waihi for the honour of representing their province at the championship in August.

And they did it by the narrowest of margins, winning 4-3.

The match, played in 12 minute halves at Swarbrick Park, was the only one played in the Triangular Finals Tournament with the rest cancelled due to the conditions.

King Country Rugby Union’s regional development manager Glynn Meads says the match went ahead as the teams were both top of their respective unions so a winner had to be found to go through to the nationals.

Meads was delighted with Pukenui’s win. “It was absolutely great. It was cold, muddy and wet as anything but these kids played with a lot of heart and pride and now they’re off to Wellington.”

“I was rapt for them. Going to the nationals will be a great experience and they thoroughly deserved their win.”

Pukenui School’s sport co-ordinator Dot Carr says teamwork was the key to success on the day. “The game was intense,” she says. “The other team was well polished with good set plays but our team just buckled down and got through.”

“Our girls and boys have very good basics and they play well together which in the muddy conditions made all the difference.”

In August.

The 6th annual Rippa Rugby Championship is in Wellington from August 22-23.

Twenty teams comprising more than 200 players representing the FTM Cup and Heartland provinces will compete.
**June 20**

An 18-year-old man was arrested and charged with male assaults female, possession of cannabis and cannabis smoking utensils and animal cruelty following an incident in Hauturu. Police were called after the man allegedly punched a female relative in the face. Police searched the property after detecting a strong smell of cannabis finding 793g of the drug. The man told police he had wrapped a belt around a kitten’s neck and tightened it until the animal died. He will appear in the Te Awamutu District Court on July 4.

**June 21**

A CHAINSAW was reported stolen from a garden shed on Queen St in Te Kuiti.

**June 23**

A SPATE of petrol-related burglaries ripped through Te Kuiti overnight on June 22. A Queen St couple were awoken by two men with a torch outside their bedroom trying to syphon petrol. They ran off taking an empty petrol container. That same night a padlock was cut from a shed at a SH30 property where the men with a torch entered by smashing a window but nothing was reported stolen. A boot print located at Kiwi Paka matched a print found at Roselands. Forensic tests have been carried out at the scene.

A Kiwi Paka caretaker reported misplacing a 9ct gold necklace with a large gold pendant shaped like a rosebud in the Piopio township.

**June 24**

More than $2500 worth of personal items and alcohol were reported stolen from Roselands restaurant in Waitomo. The items included a television, tablet, GoPro, wallet and digital camera. Forensic tests have been carried out at the scene.

Later that night Kiwi Paka in Waitomo was also broken into. The burglar(s) entered by smashing a window but nothing was reported stolen. A boot print located at Kiwi Paka matched a print found at Roselands. A witness reported seeing two people leaving the scene in a silver station wagon.

A WHITE Yamaha scooter, that was stored in a locked shed at a Broadfoot Pl address in Te Kuiti, was reported stolen.

A DISQUALIFIED driver from Otorohanga was stopped by police while driving on Main North Rd. The 18-year-old’s car was impounded and he was summoned to appear in the Te Kuiti District Court on July 21.

A WOMAN who allegedly stole a Paywave card in Otorohanga was captured on CCTV cameras using it to buy beer at a nearby supermarket. The card was also used twice in Te Awamutu. Police have a suspect in mind.

A WANTED man from Auckland was located in Te Kuiti and arrested. The 25-year-old was taken to Hamilton and appeared in court the next day.

**June 26**

A 23-year-old Te Kuiti man was arrested for disorderly behaviour following an incident on the corner of Lawrence St and Esplanade in Te Kuiti. He was issued with a pre-charge warning.

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Welcome back Golds!

OTO GOLDS 31
HAMILTON OLD BOYS 14

A WELCOME return to form by Otorohanga Golds on Saturday has seen them take one step closer to a semi-finals berth.

Their much needed 31-14 bonus point win over Hamilton Old Boys elevated the Golds from fourth to third on the Waikato premier club rugby table with only two regular season games to play.

But with only five points separating third from sixth place there's still a long way to go.

Golds attack hit top gear running in three unanswered tries in 20 minutes to lead 19-9 at halftime.

The momentum carried through to the second half as Otorohanga scored a further two tries to Old Boys’ one in a dominating performance at the business end of the season.

Try scorers were Anthony Wise, Ross Fenton, Sekove Seriki, Tamaki Kopa and Talis Karaitiana.

Perawiti landed three conversions.

Try scorers were Anthony Wise, Ross Fenton, Sekove Seriki, Tamaki Kopa and Talis Karaitiana.

Manager Merv Carr was most impressed with how the players performed as a team.

“Our form has been a bit inconsistent this season but we've always been capable of a solid all round performance like we produced on Saturday,” he says.

“We dominated the set piece, we definitely dominated the scrum, our lineouts worked well and we played well as a unit from one through to 15.

“I think when the boys put their minds to it and play to their full capability, we can be a very dangerous side.”

Despite being third on the points table Carr says it is still “must win” territory on the road against Fraser Tech this weekend.

“After Saturday’s performance, I’d like to say we’ve found a level of play that we need to stick to for the remainder of the regular season,” he says.

“Our goal this week is to secure five points from the game because the competition is far from over and we still have a lot of work to do before we can qualify for the semi-finals.”

BLAZER GAMES

After the game, forward duo Murray Iti and Turuva Lumelume were presented with their 50-game blazers.

Otorohanga Blues lost to Hamilton Old Boys B 17-15 in Saturday’s curtainraiser to drop to sixth on the premier B table while Otorohanga Colts thrashed Hamilton Old Boys Colts 64-5.

Welcome back Golds!

Otorohanga's Joe Perawiti returned from a two-month injury break on Saturday to help lead his team to a 31-14 win.

Both senior teams travel to Mill St in Hamilton on Saturday to face Fraser Tech and Fraser Tech B. The Blues kick off at 1pm followed by the Golds at 2.45pm.

Waikato RFU
Premier Points Table

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This Week’s Games

1pm: U21 v HBHS 2nd XV
Field 3 Hamilton Boys, Hamilton

1pm: McKenzie Strawbridge Blues v Fraser Tech B

2.45pm: OTC/Freight Lines Golds v Fraser Tech A
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The hosts of the event said they were “very pleased” with the turnout.

“It was, again, a wonderful community event with lots of organisations supplying support including the Otorohanga District Council, police, Inframax and Otorohanga College,” they said.

A donation of $1000 was made to Otorohanga College for sports.

HISTORY was made at the Otorohanga Domain on June 22, competitors ranging in age from 3-77, took part in several different distances from the 5km walk to the blue ribbon 10km run.

First across the line in the 5km walk were Jarna Pound (women) and Barry Woods (men) while Dot Carr claimed top prize in the women’s 5km run category alongside men’s winner Wayne Robinson.
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Duncan, experienced in removing tree branches and down break fences, dusting breaks and other calf rearing, moving stock, feeding out, putting up temporary with ACRs. No feed required.

Please phone Duncan – 027 284 8610

**165 reared Fr calves plus bobbies**

**• 16 hrs a day**

**From July 15**

**• Be quiet with stock and in cowshed**

**• Have experience, prefer experience,**

**• Please phone Duncan – 027 284 8610**

For any further information contact Jayson to: jays.stac@vodafone.net.nz

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• Have experience in farm accounting

• Have experience in farm machinery sales

• Have a good knowledge of the farming industry

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Applications close July 7, 2016. Please apply via our website www.nolfnz.co.nz or email to david@toplink.co.nz

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**FARM VACANCIES**

**ADVERTISED BY**

**Gilmour Engineering Services**

**Tyre Technician / Fleet Service**

We are currently looking for an honest, reliable, locally based truck and trailer driver to undertake on-call deliveries. This position is on a part-time, casual basis, starting immediately.

You will need to have the following skills and attributes:

• Have a clean Class 5 truck and trailer licence (experience essential).

• Good communication skills and ability to relate to a variety of customers.

• Must be a proven team player, as well as being able to work alone and unsupervised.

• Good time management and organisational skills.

• Be able to handle early morning starts, work weekends and rights as required.

• Be physically fit as heavy lifting may be required.

• Be safety oriented.

• Be able to pass a drug and alcohol test, as we do pre-employment as well as random testing.

Please contact our office for application details or send your CV to: wayne@gilmourt.co.nz or gilmuirengineering@gmail.com

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**WANTED**

**DEAD OR ALIVE**

$335 TOP CASH $$

$355 PAKO $$

Hao, Hillus, Corolla, Landcruiser, Limestone, Towance, Trucks, Nizzan vans & sites. From $200 to $5000. Same day pick up.

Ph 0800 551 7004

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**WANTED**

**COWS FOR SALE**

500 cow farm at Rangitoto, fixed term from August 1, 2016

Accommodation available

Phone Nick 027 243 1333 or Email nick@amef.co.nz

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**CARS, TRUCKS, VANS, SUV’s**

Hiace, Hilux, Corolla, Landcruiser, Liteace, Sushi, K20, 860, Caravans, 4WD, 4x4, 4x2, 4x4, 4x2

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**WOMEN’S RUGBY LEAGUE**

**JUNIORS**

**SOUTH WAIMAK RIVER**

**SITTING COURT**

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**WINTER OPEN TOURNAMENT**

**SOUTHWEST VICTORY**

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**SPORTS NOTICES**

**WAITOMO GOLF CLUB**

**Winter Open Tournament**

Saturday, July 2

7.30pm til late

All Welcome

Enquiries to 027 236 4686.

Advert kindly supported by Prescott Holden

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**SITUATIONS VACANT**

**Te Kuiti Community Childcare Centre Inc**

**‘The Cottage’**

Are you a qualified ECE teacher? Are you passionate about providing quality education and care for children?

We are looking for a dynamic, motivated and energetic person to cover a teacher on maternity leave for 3 months starting Friday September 2016.

This is a position that requires you to work between the hours of 8am-5.30pm, 5 days a week.

We look forward to hearing from you!

To apply, send your CV to manager@thecottage.org.nz

We are always looking for honest, reliable relievers. Please contact us if you enjoy working with children and are available on an on-call basis.

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**OFFICE MANAGER**

Waitomo Club

King St East, Te Kuiti

**LOCAL PAPER ‘FEEDBACK’**

Saturday, July 2

7.30pm til late

Members, their guests and affiliates welcome

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**WAITOMO NEWS**

**Thursday, June 30, 2016**

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KORAKONUI SCHOOL

Korakoni School would like to thank the following businesses and supporters for their contribution to our very successful ‘Winter Wonderland Ball’ school fundraiser held on May 21. Your support is hugely appreciated.


AND our wonderful fundraising committee who helped bring it all together.

Thank you Zac!

We’ve loved the working relationship we have shared with you during the loss of so many of our people. And witnessed your caring nature and compassion, each and every day.

Some of us have experienced this first-hand, when it has been one of our own family. May this next chapter in your life be wonderful.

We wish you, Yvonne and your family, nothing but happy times!

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WAITOMO NEWS

Thursday, June 30, 2016

CLASSIFIEDS DEADLINES | 10am Mon & Wed | Te Kuiti 07 878 1188 | Otorohanga 07 873 7139

WEATHER

12:49
12:21
12:55
6:52
6:32
12°
2°
2 Jul
7:36
8:13
5:10
3:31
6:56
TIDES, SUN AND MOON

Friday, 1 Jul
Saturday, 2 Jul
Sunday, 3 Jul
Monday, 4 Jul

Mainly fine, some morning frosts. Light winds.
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MONDAY:

Moonphases:

New Moon 5 Jul
First Quarter 13 Jul
Full Moon 20 Jul
Third Quarter 27 Jul

Funeral Directors

PROFESSIONAL FUNERAL DIRECTORS

Offering:

- Funeral plans with payment options
- Pre-paid funerals
- Profile register personal Dakota
- Monumental work, new and refurbishments

VJ Williams & Sons

07 878 6010
07 878 6115
v.jwilliamss@cable.net.nz

King St West, PO Box 241, Te Kuiti, 3941.
We know there are still a few of you around who might have a bit of a hearing problem but aren’t aware of it.
Perhaps you know someone who fits this category. This is their chance to get a quick 15 minute hearing check up.
If all is well, no harm done!
If we do pick up a noise induced problem then it’s a good idea to lodge your claim now rather than later.
Under ACC the amount of funding you receive can decline the older you get.

Below is a chart showing different noise levels. If you have ticked yes to one or more of these categories then you may well fit the criteria for a noise induced hearing loss.

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<th>Sound source</th>
<th>Time limit (approx)</th>
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<td>Chainsaw cutting</td>
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<td>Working Tractor (no cab)</td>
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<td>Shearing shed</td>
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Danger levels at the 80dB mark

If you have ticked yes to any of the noise levels above the danger line (or been exposed to similar noise levels) and are over 50, then it is worth getting your hearing checked.

We are doing this for FREE on Friday July 8.
At Wolfe Hearing we use qualified audiologists, and are registered with ACC. We are reserving the initial Hearing Check appointments for those who phone up with noisy occupations, however after that, anyone who suspects they may have a hearing loss is welcome to get their hearing checked!!!!

Phone now for an appointment!
Otorohanga 12 Hinewai Street
Ph: 07 870 2687