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Ruapehu District Council

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COUNCIL CALLS FOR 2011 CITIZEN AWARD NOMINATIONS

Ruapehu District Council has begun calling for nominations for the Waimarino-Waiouru and Taumarunui Citizen Awards for 2011.

The Ruapehu District Citizen Awards are split into the Taumarunui Award covering northern Ruapehu communities including National Park, Taumarunui and Ohura and the Waimarino-Waiouru Award covering southern Ruapehu communities.

The Citizen Awards recognise outstanding contributions made by either an individual or a group to their community by performing voluntary, unpaid work over an extended period of time.

Ruapehu District Mayor Sue Morris said that the Citizen Awards provide important recognition of the value the Ruapehu District places on volunteer workers in the community.

"Volunteer workers provide the backbone of many of the essential community services that we rely on everyday," said Mayor Morris.

"Without the commitment and dedication of these people many aspects of the community would cease to function," she said.

"Often these volunteers have worked for years, quietly behind the scenes, doing many of the jobs that provide the supporting fabric to our communities."

"The Citizen Awards are an opportunity to give some of these people the recognition and thanks that they deserve."

Council would like to receive nominations from the public for people who fulfill this description.

The nomination form including the criteria for nominees is available from Council offices, by calling Council, or via the website, www.ruapehudc.govt.nz. Any questions please call Suzanne Carter at Council.

The closing date for nominations is Friday 14 October 2011.

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