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OHAKUNE CENTENARY CELEBRATION PREPARATION WELL UNDER WAY

Preparations by the Centenary Committee for Ohakune's 100 year celebrations on Saturday 5th November are well advanced.

Ruapehu District Councillor, Ben Goddard, who is leading the organisation of the celebration arrangements, said that the Centenary Committee is planning a festival type market day with stalls, food, music, and a parade along with other official events to mark the historic occasion.

Mr Goddard said that the Ohakune Borough will officially be 100 years old on 1st November 2011.

'In addition to the 'all day' family festival and parade Mayor Sue Morris will be hosting previous Borough Mayors and Councillors to a Civic Function at Council's service centre in Ayr St," he said.

"The centennial parade led by Mayor Sue will be made up of colourful floats that celebrate Ohakune's amazing history and the various influences and industries that have contributed to the town's development over the years."

"A fly-over by Tiger Moth aircraft will pay homage to aerial top-dressing and the invaluable role that played in the development of farming in the Waimarino."

Mr Goddard noted that previous Ohakune anniversary milestones have been captured in special booklets that were produced for the township's 50th and 75th Jubilees.

"A centenary booklet capturing Ohakune's 100 year history is currently being worked on that we expect will be in huge demand," he said.

"Anyone interested in taking part in the Centenary Festival and/or Parade, or would like to register their interest in supporting the celebrations in anyway, are invited to call me on 027 44 38 194."

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