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## **Ruapehu District Council**



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### **MAYOR'S SENIOR CITIZENS CHRISTMAS PARTY AS POPULAR AS EVER**

Mayor Sue Morris' popular Senior Citizens Christmas Party is taking place this year on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> December at the War Memorial Hall in Taumarunui starting from 1.30pm.

Since the first Christmas Party in 2001 the party has become a much anticipated end of year event for Ruapehu's senior citizens.

Mayor Morris said that this is will be the tenth Christmas Party that she has hosted and from the outset she has received so much positive feedback and heartfelt thanks from Ruapehu's senior citizens that she has committed to holding the event every year.

"I never imagined that the Christmas Party would be as popular as it has become." she said.

"We now have around 200 senior citizens coming along on the day which is just fantastic."

"The Christmas Party has been specifically planned to bring back fond memories for our senior citizens generation."

"Live entertainment will again be provided by the fabulous 'Golden Girls' from Whanganui who will be performing all the much loved hits from yesteryear."

"The Golden Girls never fail to get everyone singing-a-long to the old favourite hit songs from the thirties, forties and fifties."

Mayor Morris said that the afternoon is all about the things that Christmas parties should be about; fun entertainment, good food and great company.

"And of course we always have a visit from the big red man with the white beard which just goes to prove that no ones too old to get a present from Santa," she said.

"Ruapehu senior citizens who want to attend the party just need to turn-up at the Taumarunui War Memorial Hall on Hakiaha St by 1.30pm on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> December."

“For southern Ruapehu senior citizens there is a free return bus service that this year will depart from the Raetihi Cosmopolitan Club at 10:30am and from opposite the Ohakune Police Station at 10:50am.”

“Anyone wanting to book a seat on the free return bus from Raetihi/Ohakune please call Lee Anne Jolly via the Council office in Ohakune on 385 8364.”

“Taumarunui Senior Citizens who require transport to the party can organise a free return taxi ride by calling Ruapehu Taxis on 895 5444.”

Mayor Morris added that out of all the things that she has the opportunity to do as Mayor for Ruapehu communities putting on the Senior Citizens Christmas Party is one of her all time favourites.

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