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Ruapehu District Council

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TAUMARUNUI CHRISTMAS PARADE & FESTIVAL ANOTHER HUGE SUCCESS

The children of Taumarunui turned out in force for the annual Christmas Parade on Saturday (3rd December) with many families then staying on and enjoying the picnic festival in the Taumarunui Domain.

Ruapehu Mayor, Sue Morris, said that it was brilliant to see the huge turn-out for the parade and then everyone enjoying a picnic and the fabulous music, lucky shopper, colouring-in contest, and other fun and entertainment at the festival.

Mayor Morris said she would like to sincerely thank everyone who through their time and effort made it all possible.

"Without the support from local businesses, volunteers and organisers we wouldn't be able to have these fantastic events."

"Very special thanks must be given to Shawn Englebretsen and his team at the Ruapehu Press for supporting the event as they do every year and also a special thanks to my organising team of David Keenan, Karen Ngatai and Lee Anne Jolley."

Mayor Morris said that over 50 local businesses donated more than \$5,000 worth of products and services for the Lucky Shoppers Draw which is now in its fifth year.

"Saturday's Christmas Parade reflected a lot of hard work by float participants who all put in a lot of effort over many hours into the making of their floats," she said.

"The floats were magnificent and a special thank you needs to be made to everyone who took part."

"Congratulations to Rata Street pre-school for winning the 'Best Float' competition."

Mayor Morris said that five 'Lucky Shoppers' each won vouchers provided by local businesses in the 'Lucky Shopper Draw'.

A huge thank you to the following businesses for taking part and making the 'Lucky Shopper Draw' another huge success; Appliance Spot, Bike Torque, Binn Inn, Bowyer Motors, BP, Brian Collins, BubbleZ, Carmichael Motors, Cecil Meat and Vege, Classique, Clayton & Hayes, Colourplus, Country Carpet, Farmlands, Fertco (Fertiliser), Four Square, Gemstones, Gillard Motors, Golden Kiwi Takeaways, Gorjiss,

Honda First, ITM, King Country Glass, Kramers Takeaways, Kydds Paper Plus, La Bella Café, Liquorland, Mahoe Restaurant, Main Street Traders, McDonalds, Mitre 10, No 7 Beauty Salon & Spa, One to One, Partnerz n Hair, PGG Wrightson, Pogues Plumbing, Postie Plus, Radio House, Rapunzel, RSA, Ruapehu Taxis, Ruddies, Sally Lashmar, SAP, Seriously Outdoors, Super Liquor, Taumarunui Vet Clinic, Tool Shed, United Water, Vet Ent, Wakelin Engineering, West End Dairy.

“But most importantly, a huge thank you must go to the people of Taumarunui who came out in force to support this wonderful community event.”

DAVID HAMMOND
CHIEF EXECUTIVE

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Mayor Morris leads the 2011 Taumarunui Christmas Parade down Hakiaha St to the 'Picnic in the Domain' festival.

