



NZ Silver Fern Rally 2026 Proposed Road Closure

Dear Resident

The Ultimate Rally Group, organisers of the NZ Silver Fern Rally, has applied to the relevant local councils for the temporary closure of several roads in your area for the running of the NZ Silver Fern Rally 2026 Motorsport Event, to be held from Saturday 28 November to Friday 4 December 2026. The NZ Silver Fern Rally has been conducted throughout New Zealand for more than 20 years. During this time, The Ultimate Rally Group has built a strong reputation for working alongside local communities, schools, businesses, service organisations, and volunteer groups. The success of the event relies heavily on community support, and we actively create fundraising opportunities for local groups to become involved. If you know of a school, sports club, community organisation, or service group that may be interested in fundraising, or individuals who may like to volunteer, we will welcome the opportunity to hear from them. The process of obtaining approval for the proposed road closures involves consultation with multiple councils, agencies, and affected communities and can take several months to complete. This letter is intended as an early notification of the proposed road closures and an opportunity for residents to raise any questions or concerns. Once approvals have been granted, a second notification letter will be delivered confirming the approved road closure details, emergency contact procedures, access arrangements, and other important information. This notification is typically delivered between 7 and 21 days before the event.

Details of the proposed road closures are as follows:

Stage Name: PEEP-O-DAY / WAIPURU ROAD

Date and Time of Closure: Thursday 3rd December 2026 8:55am – 1:25pm

Name of Roads:

Peep-O-Day, from house number 793 to its intersection with Upper Pakihikura Road (at Waituna Tapuae Road), including its intersection with Irelands Road (no exit).

Upper Pakihikura Road, from its intersection with Peep-O-Day to its intersection with Mangapapa Road (at Lower Pakihikura Road).

Mangapapa Road, from its intersection with Upper Pakihikura Road to its intersection with Waipuru Road.

Waipuru Road, from its intersection with Mangapapa Road to its intersection with Mangamako Road (at Sandon Block Road).

Sandon Block Road, from its intersection with Waipuru Road to 200m from its intersection with HWY 54

STAGE MAP





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We acknowledge that the proposed road closures may cause some inconvenience to you and your family. However, we hope you will also take the opportunity to enjoy the event and experience some of New Zealand's leading rally drivers and historic rally vehicles in action.

Should the road closure application be approved, signs advising of the closure will be placed throughout the area approximately 7 to 21 days before the event. At the same time, residents will receive a second notification confirming closure times, access arrangements, emergency contact details, and other relevant information.

The event is managed from a central NZ Silver Fern Rally Base, supported by a comprehensive radio communications network, experienced event officials, and dedicated medical services. In the event of an emergency during the road closure period, these resources may also be available to assist residents. Full contact details will be provided in the second resident notification. To ensure the safety of residents and competitors, The Ultimate Rally Group does not permit competitors to undertake practice runs or reconnaissance on event roads before the rally.

If you require access to or from your property during the road closure period, further information will be provided closer to the event. Wherever possible, the NZ Silver Fern Rally Base will facilitate restricted access under escort, subject to event safety requirements.

All relevant organisations, including local authorities, emergency services, school bus operators, rural mail contractors, transport operators, milk tanker operators, artificial insemination technicians, and other rural service providers will be advised of the proposed road closures.

We would also appreciate your assistance in notifying, where applicable, absentee landowners, landlords, tenants, sharemilkers, contractors, and other regular users of the affected roads.

If you have any questions, comments, or submissions regarding the proposed road closures, please do not hesitate to contact The Ultimate Rally Group using the details provided below, quoting the stage name and date referenced in this notice.

The Ultimate Rally Group is proud to support the New Zealand Rural Support Trust. Together, we would like to thank local community groups, volunteers, residents, and businesses for their assistance in making events such as this possible. We greatly appreciate the goodwill and support of your community as we work through the approval process with your local council.

Kind regards

Peter Martin
Event Director

