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Dear Manawatu District Council

REF: Application for Road Closure(s), for the New Zealand Silver Fern Rally 2026 Event

The Ultimate Rally Group proposes the attached closures under the Tenth Schedule, Paragraph 11(e) of the Local Government Act 1974.

Although Council may close roads under the Tenth Schedule without calling for submissions, we would like the opportunity for public comment to remain in place. This system has worked well over many years, and we feel that the good relationship the Ultimate Rally Group has established with the residents of the district could suffer if that right was withdrawn.

The Ultimate Rally Group's initial consultation will inform residents of the proposed time and date of the road closure application. We prefer to start this as soon as possible.

The Ultimate Rally Group wishes to be advised of any comments regarding the closure that Council may receive from residents or businesses to re-consult with them to achieve a mutually satisfactory agreement.

Upon approval of the applications, 'Notice Road of Closure' signage will be erected on the proposed roads no sooner than 21 days prior to the event date to advise users of the impending closure. Any new comments will be handled by the Ultimate Rally Group, with Council being advised of the outcome.

A reminder letter will be dropped to residents on the affected roads reminding them of the closure 7 - 21 days before the NZ Silver Fern event. This final letter will detail Emergency Procedures should an emergency arise. **An emergency 0800 number** will be published enabling residents to contact the organisers during the road closure in case of an emergency. The event can then be stopped at any time to allow emergency access. Medical staff are located at the start of each road closure and are there to render assistance if required, including residents. This letter will also advise the residents of our commitment to repair any property damage that may occur by the participants.

In addition, written correspondence will be made to all transport operators, dairy companies, rural delivery, utilities, schools, bus operators and associated organizations that could be affected by the closure, including Police, Fire Service and St John. Every effort is made to enable local schools / community groups to benefit from our event by initiating them to hold fundraising activities.

Could we suggest the following timetable:

- ❖ Ultimate Rally Group visits residents as soon as possible.
- ❖ "Proposal Public Notice" to be published no later than 90 days before event.
- ❖ Comments to be received within 14 days.
- ❖ Council decision finalised no later than 60 days before the event.
- ❖ Advise Ultimate Rally Group of the decisions no later than 40 days before the event.
- ❖ The "Road Closure public notice" is published no less than 21 days before the event.
- ❖ The Ultimate Rally Group to carry out resident mail drop advice and erect "Notice of Event" signs 7-21 days before event.

The New Zealand Silver Fern Marathon Rally Event is primarily for Classic 2WD pre-1987 vehicles with participants coming from all corners of the world. Cars leave at one-minute intervals. All vehicles carry a live GPS tracking device monitored by our HQ. All side roads will be taped and marshalled to ensure public, and spectators remain off the closed road.

The following safety measures for the event include:

- ❖ All area emergency services and their communication centers are informed of the Event.
- ❖ Direct radio communication between start and finish points with HQ.
- ❖ AASA Public Liability Insurance policy of \$50,000,000.00.
- ❖ An FIV (First Intervention Vehicle) will be located at the start of each road closure. This vehicle is equipped with medical, recovery and fire suppression personnel.
- ❖ All closed roads will be cleared for safety purposes by official vehicles with flashing lights and/or a siren immediately before participants can commence.
- ❖ Closed roads re-open behind the official Safety Clearance Vehicle "SWEEP" vehicle who immediately follow the last participating vehicle.

Advertising Criteria:

- ❖ **Only local papers** are to be used. We have found that on rural roads, these papers have the best coverage.
- ❖ Optional community social media pages are encouraged but not required.
- ❖ If the cost of advertising exceeds \$500 collectively, written confirmation must be sought from the Ultimate Rally Group.
- ❖ We ask that each advertisement be kept to the minimum size possible (200mm by 2 columns) by the elimination of repetition, and use of abbreviation. We have found this size to be adequate for communicating up to six Road Stage Closure Applications. Smaller Closure Applications generally only require one column width.
- ❖ Ultimate Rally Group can supply examples of past event advertisements if required.

Please confirm receipt of this application.

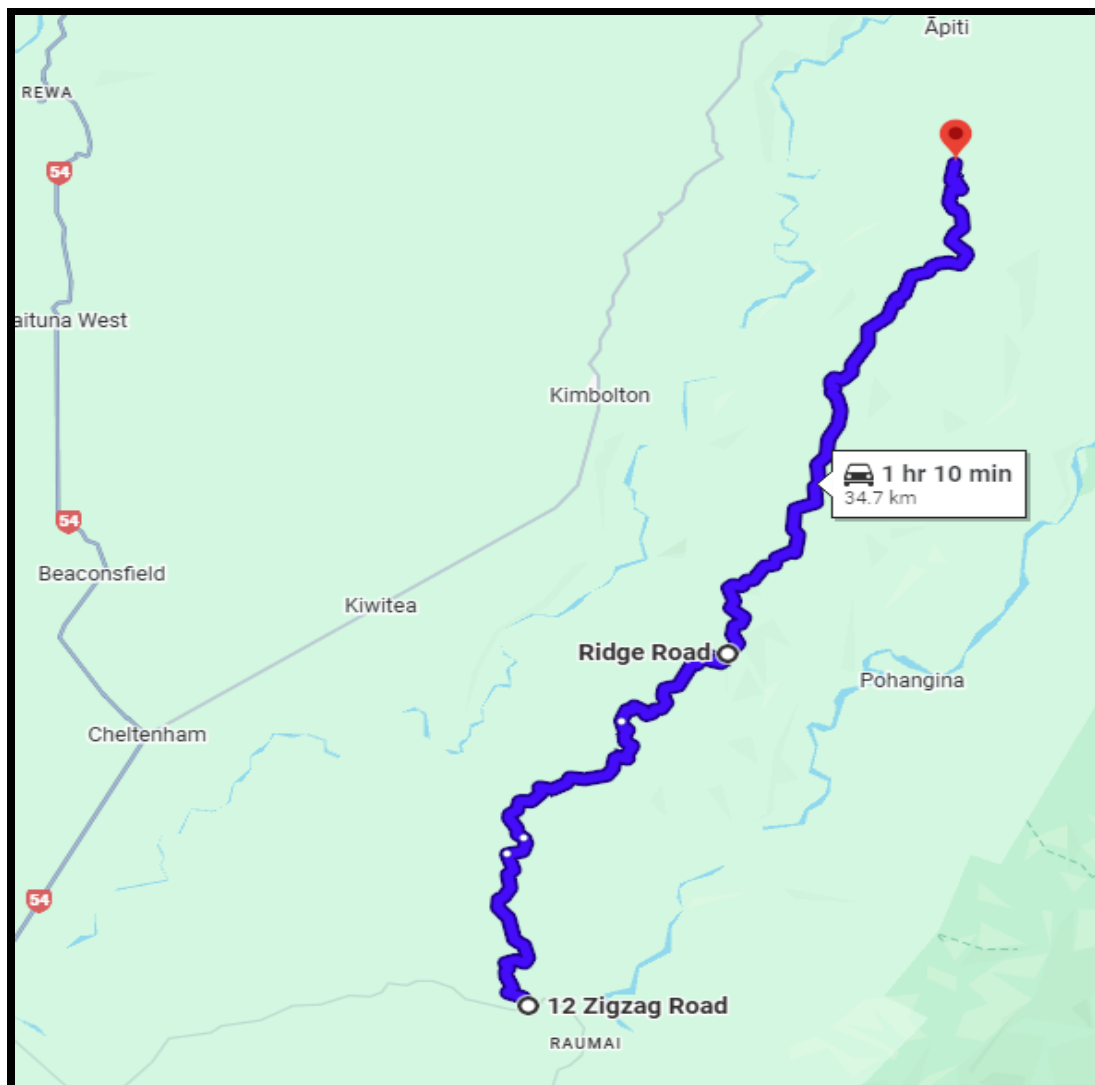
Thank you for your assistance and we look forward to your reply.

Kind Regards,



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Stage 33	ZIGZAG / RIDGE ROAD
Road Closure:	7:30am – 12:00pm Thursday 3rd December 2026
RCA:	Manawatu District Council
Start:	Zigzag Road, 200m from its intersection with Valley Road
	Right onto Finns Road
	Left onto Ridge Road
	Past Pollock Road
	Past Branch Road (no exit)
	Past Coulters Line
	Past Te Awa Road
	Past Londons Ford Road
Finish:	Ridge Road, 1km south of its intersection with Reids Line



Stage 34	PEEP-O-DAY / WAIPURU ROAD
Road Closure:	8:55am – 1:25pm Thursday 3rd December 2026
RCA:	Manawatu District Council
Start:	Peep-O-Day, 200m from its intersection with Rangiwahia Road
	Past Irelands Road (no exit)
	Right into Upper Pakihikura Road (at Waituna Tapuae Road)
	Right into Mangapapa Road (at Lower Pakihikura Road)
	Straight onto Waipuru Road
	Right into Mangamako Road (at Sandon Block Road)
	Past Orangipongo Road
Finish:	Mangamako Road, 2km from its intersection with Otarā Road

