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River Valley Minor Improvement Works

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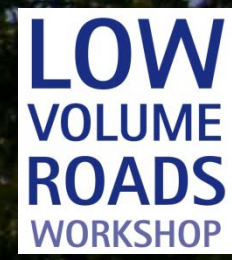
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The Backbone of New Zealand

Ruapehu District's rural community is proud of its contribution to the economic growth of NZ

The Importance of Road Infrastructure as a network supporting economic wellbeing is highlighted in the GPS 2012



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Ruapehu has 13,500 residents (2.1 persons/km²)

8,000 ratepayers share in a \$25m expenditure

55% of ratepayers are non resident

Local Roads

1334 km (low volume)

874 km unsealed (2/3)

460km sealed (1/3)

344 bridges

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Prime Minister John Key “views agriculture as a key driver of New Zealand’s economic engine. When things are going well on our farms, this flows through into small towns, the provincial cities and into our big cities”.



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Primary industry and tourism lead Ruapehu's GDP contribution



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**State Highway networks connect
Ruapehu to provincial markets, major
markets and ports**

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Ruapehu contributes to effective and efficient supply chains from the farm gate to the markets

Taking small but continuous steps toward improving transport productivity and embracing the carbon agenda



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Problems easily Overcome

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Construction supports new rural investment



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Efficient access offers value improvement

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Some risk to connectivity

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River Valley Minor Improvement work demonstrates how small communities respond to value improvements.

Journey time, reliability and safety are key components.

Works are often quite minor and deliver tangible economic outcome for primary producers.

The following DVD is the community response.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mCgNHuihZmk>

What did I learn

- **Governor's are prepared to drive change when confidently informed.**
- **Industry is ready to deliver and embrace change.**
- **We have the knowledge & expertise in our community.**
- **A framework for reform is developing.**
- **Value procurement & whole of life thinking is common.**
- **Integrated teams who share IP delivers productivity.**
- **Collaborative working and earlier involvement minimises risk.**
- **Measuring team performance drives continuous improvement.**
- **Community response demonstrates that this approach works.**

Conclusion ...In many cases less is more in tourism and agriculture.



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