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And the winners are . . .

THERE'S nothing like the New Zealand National Agricultural Fielddays at Mystery Creek to bring out the crowds.

So it was with the *Waitomo News* ANZ Bank Fielddays ticket giveaway we've been running for the past few weeks.

ANZ Bank Te Kuiti branch manager Sarah Hearfield and *Waitomo News* managing editor Sue Sarich drew the lucky winners last week.

They are Rachelle Darlington (Otorohanga), Jacqui Le Grange (Te Kuiti) and Lee Tatham (Taumarunui).

HUGE RESPONSE

"We had a huge response from readers and ANZ customers all vying for the chance to win a double pass in the bank's Otorohanga, Te Kuiti and Taumarunui regions," says Ms Sarich.

"Fielddays is a must attend event for many of our readers every year, so it's been great to be able to help some of them through the gates.

"They'll get to join the more than 120,000 people estimated to attend this year when the four day event gets underway tomorrow."

Mrs Hearfield says: "It was fantastic to have almost 200 people enter and interested, in attending the Fielddays, which ANZ is proud to support.

"As New Zealand's Agri-business Bank of the Year for the third year in a row we hope the winners enjoy our commitment to service excellence for our farmers and rural communities."

GIFT PACKS

As well as a double pass each, the winners also received a gift pack that included umbrellas, caps, bags, pens, pads and polo shirts.

WE'RE OFF: Rachelle Darlington (left) and her mum Jessica were happy to receive the Otorohanga ANZ branch's double pass to this year's 46th New Zealand National Agricultural Fielddays at Mystery Creek and goodie bags from the *Waitomo News* and ANZ Bank.



YOUR LETTERS

'Loving home required'

I was saddened to read this advert in our paper on May 22.

Obviously it is an elderly person having to downsize their home and move to a pensioner flat as well as finding a caring home for a much loved companion.

I agree with Rose Anderson (Letters, *Waitomo News*, May 27) that it's time this issue of no pets was revisited and allow these occupants to keep an existing pet when moving – especially a socialised, house trained cat.

Their cats are their companions, a reason to get out of bed in the morning, something to make a fuss over and care for.

Perhaps a big rethink needs to be done and a sensible decision could be made regarding the future of the elderly and their beloved cats.

Jan Crosland
Te Kuiti

THUMBS UP/DOWN

THUMBS UP to the wonderful ladies from the Otorohanga BNZ for their help and support and St John Ambulance personnel – you are simply the best.

John Jacob
Otorohanga

THUMBS UP to Rangitoto farmers, Daniel and Rebecca Lynch and Sofus and Jacqui Hahn, for letting the interschool cross country runners use your farm paddocks ever year – we really appreciate it – and to all those who competed.

Scott Lincoln, Principal
Rangitoto School

THUMBS UP and sincere thanks to all those who helped my husband when he fell and injured himself – the firewomen, John Burton, St John people and Griff. These people are willing to give their time on a voluntary basis and deserve not only our respect but also our understanding of the jobs they do so freely.

NE Briggs
Kawhia

WDC wants feedback on its gambling policy

WAITOMO District Council wants to know what the public thinks about its Draft Policy on Gambling Venues.

An approved draft was released last month outlining several changes including capping the total number of gaming machines in the Waitomo district to 77 (currently 68) while also limiting the Te Kuiti township to a maximum of five gaming venues.

The policy is reviewed every three years, with WDC's last reviewed in 2011.

The council agreed not to adopt a relocation policy (where a closing business can relocate all its gaming machines to another location) but, they have increased the number of machines a new class 4 gambling venue can install from five to nine – as long as the number of machines in the district doesn't exceed 77.

BALANCED POLICY

Mayor Brian Hanna says the proposed changes hope to draw a balance between reducing the social harm of gambling and financial viability for venue operators.

"The reason we're proposing a cap of a maximum of five gaming venues in Te Kuiti is because the number of people per machine is 61 which is substantially more than the district average of 109.

"The cap has been introduced to discourage any further concentration of venues within the Te Kuiti urban area in consideration of the potential harm gambling can cause."

In relation to increasing the number of gaming machines allowed for new class 4 venues, Mr Hanna

says council agreed the decision was "reasonable".

"Nine is the maximum number of machines permitted by the Gambling Act (2003) and evidence shows financial viability can be achieved for venue operators with that number."

He says the overall purpose of amending the policy is to reduce the harm problem gambling has on the community.

"The cause and effect of gambling is an issue in our area given that the national average is about one person per 120 machines and here it is 109.

"So with that in mind we look forward to the public feedback to ensure the proposed changes are in line with what the community wants."

Copies of the draft policy are available from the council's office, the Mokau Museum, Waitomo Caves Discovery Centre or visit the website – waitomo.govt.nz.

Public submissions close on July 11 and hearings will be held on July 31.

IN BRIEF

More doctors and nurses

LATEST data from the Ministry of Health shows record numbers of doctors and nurses are at the bedside caring for patients in public hospitals in Waikato. As of March 31, there were 679 doctors and 2021 nurses employed by Waikato District Health Board – more than 100 more doctors and 390 more nurses compared to 2008. This includes 52 more senior doctors and 201 more senior nurses.