

Ripper raises \$25,000 for local groups

With record numbers at the Raetihi Ripper in November, the fundraising event was a huge success with \$25,000 going towards a number of local community groups.

The main recipients, Raetihi Primary School and Nancy Winter Early Childhood Centre who received \$12,000 and \$8,000, helped with the food and provided marshals for the event.

“School organisers Helene Dobson and Delwynne Brown and everyone did a fantastic job. It was hard work,” says Robin who is delighted with the fundraiser.

Three other local organisations also benefited from the fundraising event with \$3000 going to Mangaeturoa School, \$500 to Square Rescue Helicopter and \$250 to St John Ambulance.

“We really appreciate all the efforts by the Raetihi Ripper Committee and the team of people behind them – it’s a huge job.

“It’s such a great fundraiser and shows the great community spirit we have,” said Robin, a comment endorsed by Sheena.

Raetihi Primary School plans to put the funds towards upgrading their computers and Nancy Winter will be putting the funds towards a new sleep room.

“We couldn’t do the Raetihi Ripper without the support of the community and their generosity.

“It also wouldn’t be possible without the support of local farmers who give up their land for the event. It’s great to see their overwhelming support and generosity,” says Nick Robb.

This year’s Raetihi Ripper is planned for 22-23 November and organisers will shortly be looking for a number of community organisations who are keen to fundraise and help out with the event providing food or marshals. Contact Nick and Jenny Robb on 06-385-9375 or go to raetihiripper.com for further information.



Nick Robb from Raetihi Ripper presents Delwynne Browne and Robin Olds, Raetihi Primary School, with a \$12,000 cheque and Sheena Fredrick, Nancy Winter Early Childhood Centre with a cheque for \$8000 for their efforts at the Ripper.