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## Star launches 'Keep it Local' for businesses

**The Horowhenua Star has launched a Keep it Local campaign to encourage Horowhenua residents to shop locally and support local businesses.**

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The Horowhenua Star is a local business,

too, so we're backing other local businesses by encouraging everyone here to Keep it Local. We've got logos (at left and below) that will reinforce the message when we run one of our Business Profile pages. The logos are available to download from our website for local promotions and business marketing material.

So let's all help our businesses and Keep it Local.



# Doc takes ambo on hikoi

By Paul Williams

**A Levin doctor will hikoi from Kaitiāia to the Parliament in an old painted ambulance to bring attention to what he says is a New Zealand health system in crisis.**

Dr Glenn Colquhoun will be joined on the Hikoi for Health: A People's Inquiry by retired Auckland physician Art Nahill, using the symbolism of an ambulance that has a recording studio inside enabling people's concerns and ideas to be recorded.

The hikoi was born from concern that New Zealand's health system had been neglected by successive governments, placing unprecedented pressure on emergency departments, resulting in growing waiting lists and difficulty accessing GP care.

"Art and I have talked over the last three or four years about our concerns about the health system," Glenn says. "Neither of us has seen it so disorientated and struggling so badly in a number of areas."

He says the situation is urgent. For more than 20 years now there have been warnings of a GP crisis. But it's worse

than predicted, and he fears it will get even worse.

"Those that are at the coal face are colliding with an ageing baby boomer population, Glenn says. "So you have a big glut passing through now as a cohort, and attrition in the GP population. More old people, fewer GPs. That was forecast when I was a young GP."

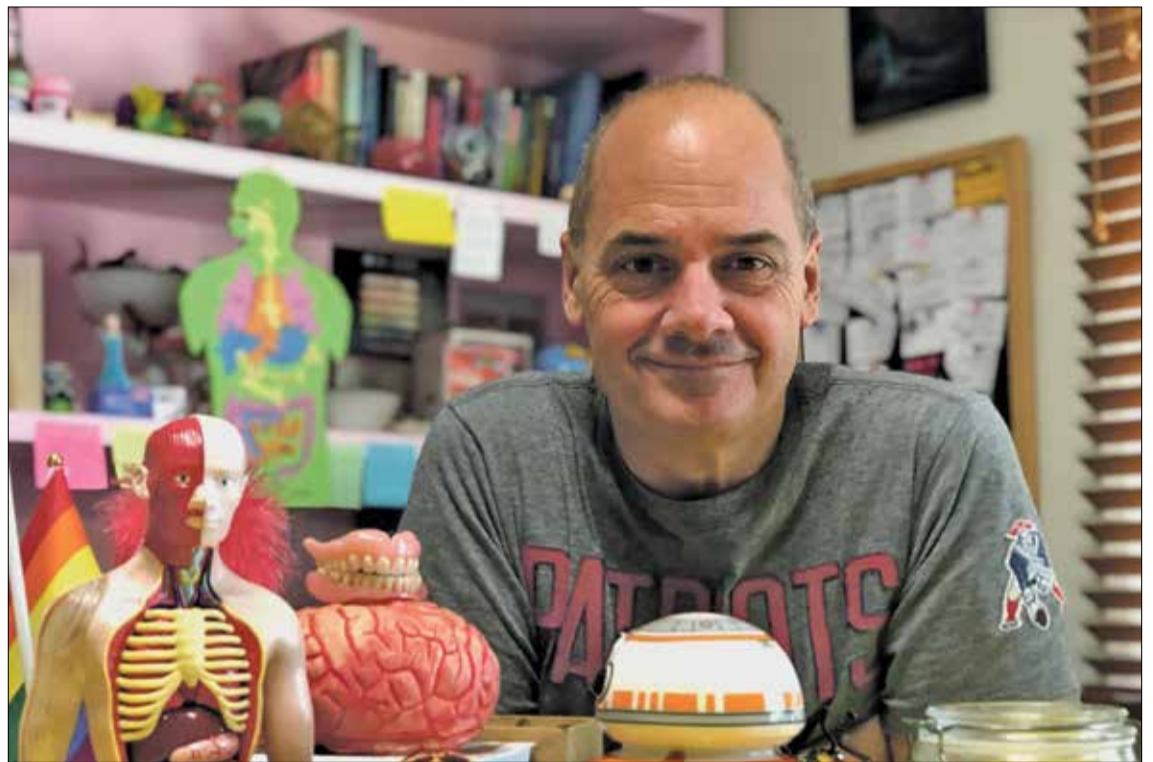
He says successive governments have known this and failed to act; "they've all been complicit in not doing something".

"Around the country it's at a tipping point. It's got to the point now where this is nuts. This is not good.

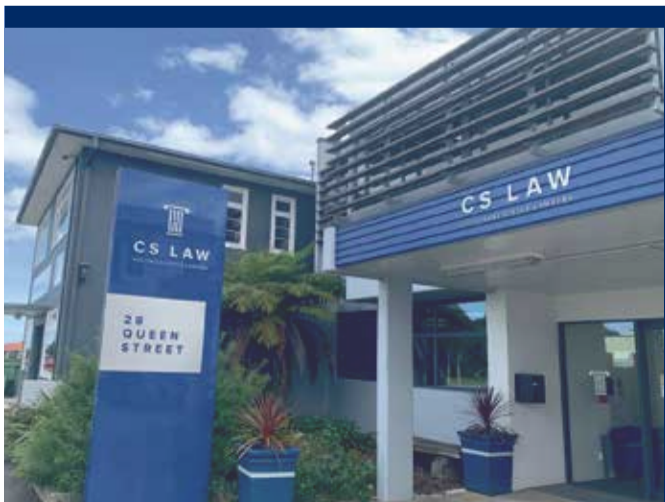
"I'm not digging into the current government, but there are plans to fix it the same way it got broken. There is no imagination.

"That's NZ politics – how do we not achieve what we need to."

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Dr Glenn Colquhoun, who's taking his concerns about the health system to Parliament. Photo Paul Williams



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A motocross rider races across the Moxham farm at Koputuroa. Photo Jonah Blaymires

## Hills alive with the sound of motocross

The distinctive sound of vintage pre-2000 motorcross bikes rang out around Koputuroa at the weekend for the Udderly Organic NZVMZ Grand National event.

More than 165 riders from around the country – including a visiting rider from Australia – took starters orders at a picturesque course on a farm owned by Wayne and Angela Moxham.

The annual event is held every two years at the Moxham farm, as it alternates between North Island and South Island venues each year.

Wayne says the event continues to grow in popularity and this year had the most entries ever. Many competitors and crew stayed at the farm in caravans and motorhomes, enjoying dinner and prizegiving.

Older-model bikes raced on the Saturday to allow for smoother racing before the newer ones lined up on the Sunday.

The course and setting get rave reviews from riders, set against a stunning backdrop of the Tararua Ranges, although the paddocks are a bit churned up afterwards.

"She's a mess now but it comes back again pretty quickly so no worries there," Wayne says.

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# Well-fed kids highlight for principal

By Paul Williams

**Of all the things departing Shannon School principal Nick Julian can be justly proud of, having students eat a freshly cooked lunch made lovingly in the school kitchen from local produce is right near the top of the list.**

Nick says having meals prepared at the school is “absolutely” the best model for providing school lunches. Aside from keeping meals below \$4 a serve, the students and community are involved in all aspects or preparation, from paddock to plate.

Full-time lunches staff Susan Conway and Amy Bairstow can use eggs laid by the school chickens, pick fruit from trees in the school orchard, and harvest vegetables from the school garden, while local businesses often donate produce, too.

At the other end, they wash and dry all plates and cutlery. What the chooks don’t eat goes into the compost bin or the worm farm, which in turn creates manure for the garden.

There are few leftovers as the kitchen can pivot to daily needs working to a whiteboard with a list of personal requirements. The waste is



Shannon School students Maia Skipper, Maia Manu, Miah Joseph-Wade and Harper Macrae, pictured with principal Nick Julian, and Susan Conway, who runs the school lunches team with Amy Bairstow. Photo Paul Williams

so minimal, the entire school accounts for one wheelie bin a fortnight.

The roll at Shannon has grown from 80 to 120 in the past four years. It now also supplies lunches to Tokomaru School down the road, with a roll of

80. The meals are taken there in bulk, to avoid creating extra packaging.

Having students involved in the entire food production cycle only underlines the benefits of the “inhouse” model. They then all

sit down at the same table and eat together, too.

“The students have a hand in what we grow. They plant the seeds. We weed the orchard. We pick the fruit,” Nick says. “The result is amazing

lunches that the kids really enjoy. We are constantly reviewing what they like and don’t like and they’re very much into hot and healthy and fresh.

“We have complete control and can pivot on the wants and needs of the children. It’s very cost-effective, and we’re using locally grown food and employing local staff.”

Local businesses often donate food, or people drop in extra produce, like feijoas, potatoes or apples.

Nick says the school can be proud of some recent achievements, including Te Whareniui providing te ao Māori immersion, and the new Toi Mahi Rakau class. Local iwi Ngāti Whakaterā is involved in leading the Te Kauta Manaaki class, ensuring local stories are told.

Other recent developments are a heated swimming pool and a basketball court.

Students also fundraised to enable a contingent to go on a camping trip to the South Island.

Nick, who started at Shannon in early 2021, is leaving to take a post as principal of Plimmerton School, effective this term. He says he will miss the town of Shannon and is grateful for the time he’s spent at Shannon School.

## Doctor takes ambulance on hikoī to Parliament

from front page

The hikoī kaupapa is to engage communities in a conversation aiming for fundamental reform; “a health system equitable to all New Zealanders, free from political squabbling”.

“Successive governments have used health as a political football. It needs a complete leadership overhaul from the top down. It is being led by people that had long stopped working in the trenches. We need leadership from the bottom up.”

He says efficiencies will come from having the courage to deal with a range of social issues like alcohol availability, smoking, drug and alcohol abuse, obesity, and intergenerational trauma in children and families, housing, income inequality and vaccination rates.

Letting primary care run itself down has been a terrible mistake.

“It’s more important to spend money addressing those things first before building a new hospital,” he says.

Glenn says he and Art are frustrated and angry so there needs to be a vehicle for that.

“We are doctors. We want to fix it, but it’s a system failure.”

“Just to see a doctor now in an expedient way . . . there so many services and is disjointed.”

He says Levin is a prime example, where a new health centre in Liverpool Street was built down the road from an old hospital that was “perfectly functional”. Since then, another one has been



The doctors’ painted hikoī ambulance. Photo supplied

built in Power Street, at Tararua Road, and another one is under way in Durham Street.

“They mothballed the old hospital instead of doing it up and now another generation is doing the same thing again,” he says.

“We seem to build more and more buildings as a response to not having enough staff. Maybe a new health centre will be great. But how do we all work together?”

“I despair that we are not talking to each other. There are gaps in some areas and double ups in others.”

Regions like Levin are being served more and more by

short-term locum doctors, a system that leads to poorer health outcomes, as the benefits of a long-term doctor-patient relationships is proven, especially in whānau.

He says a lot of medical professionals end up working overseas for better pay and conditions – and often they don’t come back. Being a GP has also lost a lot of its mana “as we have got more sophisticated and more toys to play with, it’s become sexier among graduates to get into specialised treatment”.

Glenn says the health system has a mauri (life force).

“Protecting this is at the heart of health. I’m angry that it seems so utterly unappreciated by those who are charged with looking after it. I’m compelled to preserve this mauri,” he says.

He says the health system has never worked for Māori “and there is a huge amount of research showing that”.

Dr Art says the hikoī is not only a protest, but also an opportunity to “shine our passion and ideas so brightly they can’t turn away”.

The hikoī ambulance, painted by artist Nigel Brown, will arrive at The Beehive on May 8.

They’re using symbolism again by asking people to support the kaupapa that day by wearing visible band aids or plasters, calling it Band Aid Day.

They’re also encouraging people to share their health care stories at healthreformnz.org, and plan to speak at the Village Green in Levin on Tuesday, May 6, between 2pm and 4pm.

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# Mark wants bullrush back

By Paul Williams

**A Foxton man is trying to reinvent an adult version of a children's game deemed so dangerous it's been banned at most schools in New Zealand since the late 1980s.**

Bullrush was popular among schoolchildren for generations until a spate of broken bones led to a widespread playground shutdown.

Mark Phipps, 56, comes from a generation who played bullrush during school lunchtime, and he has always looked back fondly on those days.

He says he woke one night with the idea to adapt the game to suit adults, a hybrid version of the original bullrush involving two teams of nine players, two referees, a scorer, and an ambulance.

"Safety will be paramount. Absolutely. We want to do this properly," he says. "There will be injuries though. Of course there will be. It's a contact sport."

Mark put feelers out on social media recently for volunteers to participate, but not enough players turned up to make a team.

Not to be deterred, he's printed team uniforms and wants to now approach rugby and rugby league clubs with the view to staging a game.

"Maybe we need to dangle a cash carrot as an incentive," he says. "Rugby league versus rugby union?"

In inventing new rules adapted for a team version he wanted the game to have structure.

Two teams of nine players will play on a zoned field. One player in each

team will be the "bull", while another will have a tackle pad and be the "blocker".

Every other player has the freedom to either take down opposition players or the "bull" through tackling, or by getting to the other side themselves by evading tackles.

Five points are scored for getting the bull across the line, with one point each for every other player to make it home.

Mark, who is a painter/plasterer by trade, says ultimately he wants to create a product that people could watch online.

"I'm really proud of this. It's created huge interest. I think maybe people want to see it in action first," he says.

Players would have to wear mouthguards but headgear would be optional.

The original game of bullrush involved one or two people standing in the middle who tried to tackle the other players as they ran through to the other side.

They pick out one player first. If that player makes it to the other side, that player would yell "bullrush" signalling the other players to run through en masse.

The game originated in New Zealand, though in the great pavlova tradition, it's often claimed by the Australians.



Mark Phipps, who is keen to revive bullrush.

Photo Paul Williams

## No-chill autumn

**Has anyone dug out their winter woollies yet? The answer is likely to be a resounding no, as the region experiences a spell of warm late autumn weather.**

Temperature records were broken this month, with Levin at a sweltering 28.7C on Saturday, smashing the April record of 25.7C set in 1999.

The warmth is set to continue this weekend with temperatures expected to reach 20C, and overnight not below 10C.

Wet weather is on the horizon for the region, with forecasts of showers on Monday and rain for Tuesday and Wednesday, clearing to become fine again next Friday.

MetService meteorologist Michael Pawley says for Anzac Day dawn services around the country, the forecast is generally dry but cold, although Levin was forecast to hit a high of 18C.

"For many of us it will be a dry start to the long weekend," he says.

Around the country there will be an overall change in the weather with Cyclone Tam giving way to more settled weather as high pressure builds. As the winds swing to the cool south, temperatures across the country will drop, he says.



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# Levin track 'vital for safe preparation'

**New Zealand Thoroughbred Racing can ill-afford to lose racetracks like Levin as they are vital for the safe preparation and education of horses for raceday.**

That's the view of one of the country's leading trainers, Kevin Myers, who again brought a large team to trial in the monthly jumpouts this week at the Mako Mako Road racecourse.

Kevin's team were joined by a total of 157 horses entered – much more than your average race meeting – so *Horowhenua Star* asked him why he thought the Levin jumpouts were so popular.

"If you followed the amount of horses entered here that are able to go on with it on raceday, that will tell you," he says.

Kevin says he has often given a horse a Tuesday jumpout at Levin before a raceday assignment that weekend, with great success.

"You don't see All Blacks training on a synthetic football field for a test match, do you?" he says.

A good example was open class galloper Kopua, who had three jumpouts at Levin during his preparation for the \$250,000 TAB Mile at Riccarton in November last year.

"It's important in the education of young horses too. The facilities are good and there's no rush. If a horse needs a bit more time it can go in the next heat," he says. "That focus on safety and welfare is really important. It's vital. They do a great job here and it's important that this track is retained and maintained for the safe preparation of horses for raceday."

He planned to bring a team of 20 horses back to Levin on Monday for point-to-point jumping trials: "It's the same thing again – the safe preparation of horses for raceday."



Horses in jumpout training at the Levin racetrack. At total of 157 horses were entered this week, much more than the average race meeting. Photos Paul Williams

Awapuni trainer Ashley Meadows says the jumpouts provide a vital link between track galloping before going on to either trails or raceday.

"You kind of have to. Horses can come here a couple of times, and then away they go," he says. "Some horses don't cope with the poly tracks."

Race meetings were held at Levin from 1902 until the early 1990s when a decision was made to shift meetings to Ōtaki on the promise that Levin be retained and developed as an all-

purpose equine training hub.

In recent years the club has invested almost \$1 million in new starting barriers and stabling facilities in the interests of horse safety, at no cost to the industry.

**Right – Trainer Kevin Myers, who says: "They do a great job here [at Levin] and it's important that this track is retained and maintained for the safe preparation of horses for raceday."**



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# Foxton work to mitigate flooding

Work under way in Foxton by Horizons Regional Council is aimed at dealing with ongoing flooding, especially in the Kings Canal drain.

“This project is to address the persistent flooding issues in Foxton township,” says Horizons group manager catchment operations Dr Jon Roygard. “These issues are caused by overtopping and seepage from the Foxton East Drainage Scheme.”

The work includes installing sheetpiling along one bank of Kings Canal Drain from Avenue Road to just past Cook Street. The sheetpiling will limit seepage and reinforce the bank. Work is expected to take until about the mid-June.

Jon says collaboration with the community has been a priority throughout the planning and execution of the work.

“We have been in touch with schools, kindergartens, and homeowners in affected areas to minimise disruption and address concerns along the way.”

Tractor pumps have also been ordered that will be used to help remove surface water from Purcell Street during heavy rain, when water can't flow into Piriharakeke Manawatū River loop because of tidal influences.

A range of options have been explored to boost flood protection to Foxton, while the project itself

has been delayed by outside factors such as Covid-19 lockdowns and the Cyclone Gabrielle response.

“Despite these delays, all parties remain committed to creating long-term solutions for the people of Te Awahou Foxton which aim to minimise the impact of future climatic events on the town,” Jon says. “There will also be additional maintenance work in the wider scheme undertaken over the next few months.”

The work is being done under the guidance of a governance group established in June 2024 that includes local iwi and hapū, the community, Horowhenua District Council, Horizons, and the Foxton Community Board.

The work has been made possible through the Covid-19 Response and Recovery Fund, administered by Kānoa – Regional Economic Development & Investment Unit, which Horizons secured \$26.9 million from as part of Budget 2020 for climate resilience and flood protection projects in the Horizons region.

Foxton regularly experiences flooding due to localised heavy rain, causing disruption and damage.



Diggers lift sheetpiling to install on the opposite bank of Kings Canal Drain in Foxton. Photo Horizons Regional Council

## Lui 'mad

By Paul Williams

Every year Levin baker Lui Gundersen grabs a squeaky carrot and dresses up as a pink bunny.

He's donned the bunny suit for the last five Easters now, spending the day hopping around outside his Annie's Bakery, south of Levin, waving out to passersby.

“It's tradition now,” he says.

“It's a bit of fun, isn't it? The kids love it. You could say I'm hopping mad . . . mad as a March hare.”

There's method in the madness. He estimates more than 80,000 vehicle movements past his shop during the long holiday weekend.

That's a big audience to reach, and half the cars toot and wave back.

“The kid all say ‘that's where the bunny is,’” he says.

Easter is always a busy period for Lui and the team. He rosters extra staff to cover the load.

He says there was just one problem though – rabbits don't eat chocolate.

“I had half a cabbage and a carrot.”

Lui Gundersen of Annie's Bakery in his bunny suit.

Photo Paul Williams

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The bikes were stolen in the early hours of Wednesday, April 16, from a lock-up in Bruce Road, Levin, among other items. Police investigating the burglary say they are following lines of enquiries to identify and locate the offenders. If you have any information that could assist the investigation, please contact the police online at 105.police.govt.nz, clicking "Update Report", or by calling 105. Please use the reference number 250416/8617. Information can also be provided through Crime Stoppers by calling 0800 555 111.

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# Community Connection

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## Message from the Mayor

**Kia ora Horowhenua,**

I want to start by saying thank you and acknowledging everyone affected by the tornado that hit Levin on 8 April. It was sudden, damaging and unsettling for many – a real reminder of how unpredictable the weather can be.

But as always, what stood out most was how our community responded: quickly, calmly, with care and compassion. From our emergency services to our own Council teams, contractors, neighbours, and volunteers checking in on each other, thank you. The support was incredible. It's in moments like these that the strength of our community truly shines through.

We activated the Mayoral Relief Fund straight away to support those most affected. By midday Tuesday 15 April, we'd received 20 applications, with just over \$16,000 in funding requested. The Committee met last week to assess the applications and make funding decisions to help get support out quickly. If you're still finding things tough or unsure of what help might be available, please get in touch – our team is here to support you.

Events like this are a good reminder of how important it is to be prepared. You don't need a full kit in the cupboard – just a few essentials and a basic plan can go a long way when the unexpected happens.

We've also got a few important consultations open right now that I encourage you to have a look at. One of them is Proposed Plan Change 6A, which would rezone 22 hectares of land in north-west Levin for new housing, green spaces and a small neighbourhood centre. If approved, this could open the door for 400 to 500 new homes and help guide how Horowhenua grows in the years ahead. Submissions close Wednesday 14 May.

And if you're a dog owner – the Proposed Dog Control Policy and Bylaw is also open for feedback until Wednesday 30 April. We're looking at changes to off-leash areas and how we support responsible dog ownership. It's your chance to help shape the rules that make our parks and public places work for everyone.

A quick reminder too – rates rebates are open until 30 June 2025. If you're on a low income, you might qualify for some help with your rates. You can apply online, or come in and we'll help you through the process.

On Friday 25 April, we commemorate ANZAC Day – a time to reflect on those who served and sacrificed. There are services across the district, from dawn parades to afternoon ceremonies. You can find the full list on Council's website. However, you mark the day, thank you for taking the time to remember.

Lastly thanks to the 16 people who made submissions on the Local Waters Combined Bylaw, and in particular to the three who were able to come and speak about their submissions at a Council meeting last week.

It is always so helpful to us to hear directly from people on matters that are important to them, and it's good to have the chance to address their concerns face to face. Even on a small scale, this really is how democracy works.

Take care, and as always – thanks for being part of such a strong, caring community.

Until next time,

Ngā mihi,

Mayor Bernie Wanden

## Council Meetings

**30** **Extraordinary Council Meeting**  
Wednesday 30 April 2025, 10am  
Council Chambers, 126 Oxford Street, Levin

**30** **Risk and Assurance Committee**  
Wednesday 30 April 2025, 1pm  
Council Chambers, 126 Oxford Street, Levin

**5** **Te Awahou Foxton Community Board Public Forum**  
Monday 5 May 2025, 5.30pm to 6pm  
Foyer, Te Awahou Nieuwe Stroom, 92 Main Street, Foxton, Foxton

**5** **Te Awahou Foxton Community Board Meeting**  
Monday 5 May 2025, 6pm  
Ngārongo Iwikātea Room, Te Awahou Nieuwe Stroom, 92 Main Street, Foxton,

**14** **Horowhenua District Council Meeting**  
Wednesday 14 May 2025, 11am  
Council Chambers, Horowhenua District Council, 126 Oxford Street, Levin

Meeting dates and times are subject to change. Please refer to [horowhenua.govt.nz/Council/Council-Meetings](https://horowhenua.govt.nz/Council/Council-Meetings) for the full meeting schedule, minutes and agendas.

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The three-month trial is being paid for by a government grant, and the compost is made locally and offered to Enviroschools in our district.

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## We will remember them

**ANZAC Day Observances**  
Friday 25 April 2025

[horowhenua.govt.nz/ANZAC](https://horowhenua.govt.nz/ANZAC)

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In event of bad weather, commemorations will move indoors. Some locations will change as indicated. An announcement will be made on our Facebook page on ANZAC Day morning should we need to move to wet weather venues.

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HEADS UP: WAIOPEHU COLLEGE

# Plenty of student achievements to celebrate

By Guy Reichenbach  
Principal, Waiopehu College

*Kia ora koutou, talofa lava, greetings to everyone.*

The end of term saw us celebrating some excellent achievements by many students in the school.

I'm most proud of our waka ama teams in their recent endeavours at the Secondary Schools Nationals last week in Rotorua. Aside from finishing 11th in the senior boys category, and 5th in the junior boys category, the school took out the Laurie Durant Memorial Award. This is awarded to the school that displays "tautoko", a school that supports, assists, encourages, and uplifts during the event.

There were over 2200 students there, and 124 schools, so for our students to be acknowledged with this award voted on by those there indicates how well they represented the school and the community at this national event.

Our volleyball teams also competed in the Summer Tournament in Palmerston North. The boys have raised their national ranking 21 places higher than last year, and the girls finished 7th in their grade, also increasing their grade. Well done to both teams.

AJ Talai and Matthew Feaunati are to be congratulated for their places in the Manawatu under 18's rugby league team playing in the national tournament in Auckland in the school holidays.

We have welcomed back the group of students who spent five days on the *Spirit of Adventure*. All the students who went have learnt lots of new skills, have made lifelong memories and made new friendships with other students from all around the country.

Also learning new skills and team building are our Year 9s who have been participating in education out of the classroom over the past two weeks. These sessions have been run by our senior students as part of their PE and sports and leisure

classes. It has been great to hear about the way the students have supported each other and interacted so well together to achieve the aims of the day. Teamwork makes dream work.

Congratulations to our Relay for Life team, at last count they had raised \$4935 towards our goal of \$5000. This made us the second highest fundraising school in the Manawatu region. We had a team of 18 students and eight staff who took part. A huge thank you to those who ran and contributed to the fundraising. A massive thanks also to Whaea Deb Purchas who organised this on behalf of the school. Planning for next year's event is already under way, and we're looking forward to making a similar contribution to this most worthy cause.

Our Year 10 students participated in the Get-Go day where they had the opportunity to visit local businesses to see potential career opportunities in the Horowhenua. I was impressed with our students' behaviour and engagement with the employers and would like to thank those businesses who took time out of their busy days to host our pupils.

Recently our seniors were in their finery as they attended the school ball. A huge thank you to Jane Masoe who organised the event. Students really enjoyed the evening, looking their best and behaving their best for this much anticipated yearly event. Congratulations to Rueben Sayles who took out the award for best dancer.

Our Year 13s have also been busy meeting with representatives from Massey, Lincoln, Otago, and Victoria universities, as well as the Queenstown Resort College planning their pathways after school.

We look forward to winter sport commencing. Our 1st XV has played their first game against Mana College, winning 57 to 7, to take the Carlos Spencer Trophy.

Wishing all students a restful and peaceful break.



Recipient of the Laurie Durand Memorial Award  
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# LEST WE FORGET



*A special Star feature to remember those who served*

## Anzac Day observances

Friday, April 25



Feature compiled by Janine Baalbergen

### Foxton 28th Māori Battalion Service

5am – St John’s Methodist Church, Avenue Road, Foxton  
5.45am – Walk to Cenotaph for Dawn Service

### Foxton Dawn Service

5.30am – Assemble on Clyde Street outside the Foxton Memorial Hall  
6am – Cenotaph Service

### Foxton Civic Ceremony

9am – Te Awahou Nieuwe Stroom, Main Street  
9.35am – Parade assembles on Wharf Street  
9.40am – Cenotaph Service

### Levin Dawn Service

5.45am – Assemble at corner of Kent and Winchester streets  
6am – Parade moves off  
6am – Cenotaph Service  
6.45am – Return parade

### Levin Civic Ceremony

10am – Parade assembles at Thompson House Gardens, Kent Street  
10.10am – Parade moves off  
10.15am – Cenotaph Service

### Levin Retreat Ceremonies

4.45pm – The Avenue Cemetery  
5.15pm – Tiro Tiro Road Cemetery

### Manakau Special Memorial Service

7.20am – Assemble at Manakau Hall, march to War Memorial, Honi Taipua Street

### Moutoa Civic Ceremony

9am – Moutoa Memorial Gates, Foxton-Shannon Road

### Ōhau Civic Ceremony

3pm – Ōhau Community Hall  
3.30pm – Tea, coffee and Anzac biscuits

### Shannon Civic Ceremony

11.15am – Parade assembles at Vance Street and Plimmer Terrace  
11.25am – Parade moves off  
11.30am – Cenotaph Service

### Tokomaru Civic Ceremony

10am – RSA and Country Club, Matipo Street

### Waitāre Beach Civic Ceremony

8.30am – Tea and coffee at Waitāre Beach Bowling Club  
9am – Service begins

*Note the change of parade route for the Levin and Foxton dawn services.*

### Road closures

There will be temporary road closures during parades and services. Detours will be clearly signposted. Closures apply to all traffic except emergency and event vehicles.

**Levin:** Cambridge and Kent streets from 5am to midday.

**Foxton:** Clyde, Liddell, Wharf, and Ravensworth streets (times vary from 5am to midday).

**Shannon:** Plimmer Terrace, 10.30am to 1pm.

For detailed closure times, visit: [horowhenua.govt.nz/Anzac](http://horowhenua.govt.nz/Anzac)

### Bad weather

If bad weather is forecast, ceremonies will move indoors where possible. Any venue changes will be announced on the council’s Facebook page on Anzac Day morning.



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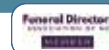


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# Inside Levin Poppy Fields Village

Former Upper Hutt residents Ray and Margarite have been happily living at Levin Poppy Fields Village since July 2023. They love their villa, describing it as spacious, safe, and warm.

Before moving, the couple lived in a 2000-square-foot home. Their search for the perfect independent retirement home led them across the Wellington region, but Levin Poppy Fields Village stood out. It offered the space they wanted while minimising the effort and cost of maintenance.

"The big difference, compared to elsewhere, was the size," Ray says. "Space was a big factor for us, and this one here has got it right."

Their previous home had a large hedge that required frequent trimming, so they appreciated the lower maintenance of the Village.

Safety was another key factor, especially for Margarite, who faces mobility challenges. Finding a home that offered a secure and accessible environment was a priority.

"Margarite has a problem with balance now, and we needed somewhere where she felt safe," Ray says. "The way that the bathrooms and toilets are, it's really nice. Both places we'd seen before only had one toilet."

The couple also enjoy the warmth of their home, thanks to double-glazed windows. Margarite particularly loves the conservatory, where she spends time reading in the sunshine.

"I just like going in there. The sun streams in and it's lovely. It gets very warm," she says.

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# Stained glass window honours an Ōhau local

By Janine Baalbergen

**Ōhau's Anglican church, dedicated to John the Baptist, is one of many churches around the country honouring its war dead with a roll of honour listing the names of the fallen from two world wars.**

It also has a beautiful stained glass window (at right) commissioned by John and Mary Grace Kebbell in honour of their son, Sergeant John Randall St John Kebbell, of the Sixth Wellington Mounted Rifles, who died at Gallipoli on May 30, 1915, from wounds sustained earlier in action.

The same window also honours two of the soldier's sisters, Dorothy Anne, 11, and Katherine Mary, 9, who drowned in the Ōhau River in 1890.

The central panel of the three-pane window depicts the ascension of Jesus Christ with panels on either side depicting St Katherine and St Dorothy. It also shows John the Baptist baptising in the Jordan River.

The window was made in London at the request of the Kebbell family.

The church itself was designed by diocesan architect of the Anglican Church Frederick de Jersey Clere. Frederick also designed All Saints Church in Ōtaki, St Margaret's and St Anne's in Te Horo, St Andrew's in Manakau and the Venerable Bede in Shannon.

He designed more than 100 churches in the lower North Island, along with several schools and houses.

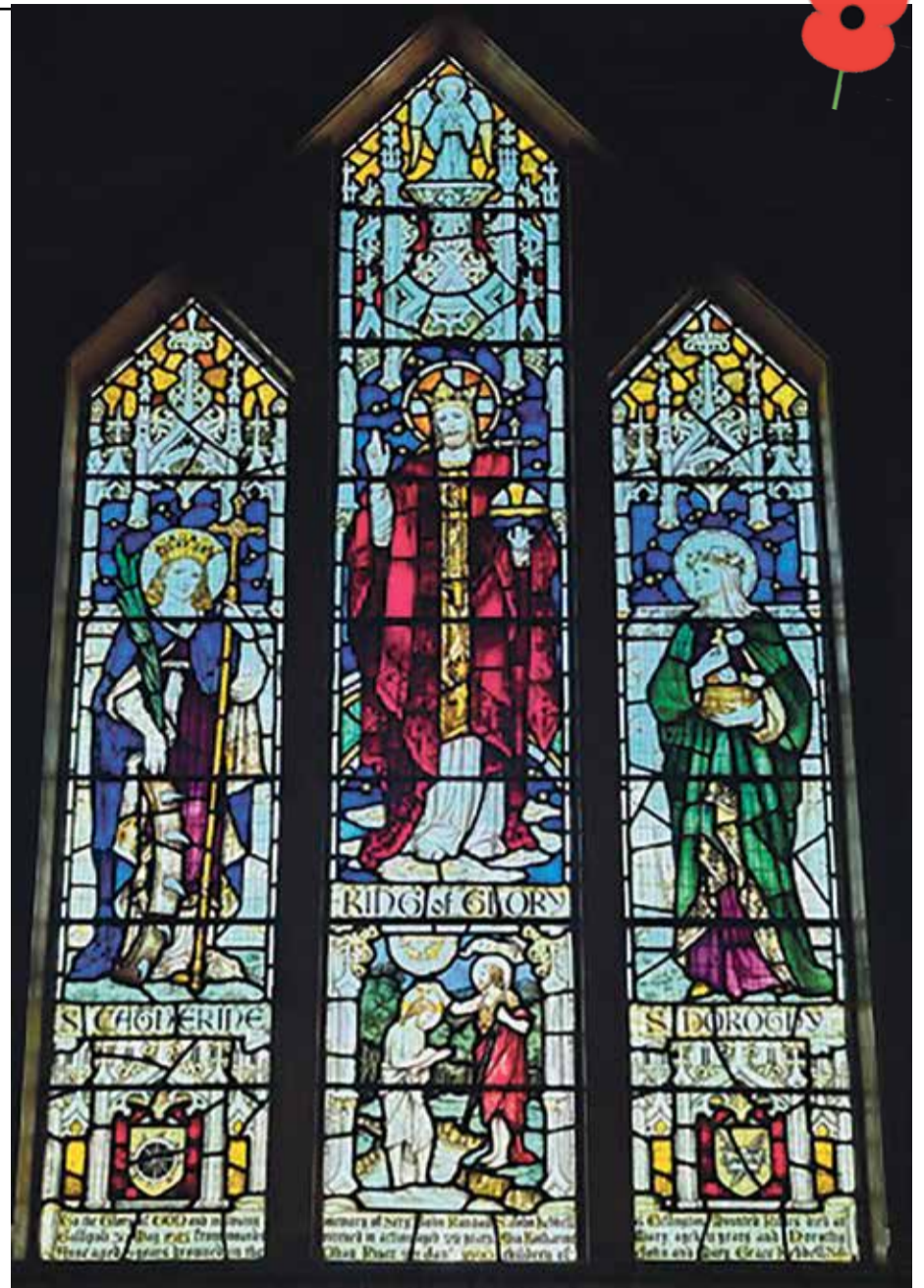
St John's at Ōhau was built in 1901 by a Mr Arcus, a local builder, on land belonging to John Kebbell.

The now demolished Anglican Church of Levin, St Mary's, was home to two stained glass windows

that honoured two of the three locals who died in the Boer wars in South Africa: Trappers John Frederick Hyde Saxon and Henry Strawbridge. The third local Boer war casualty that we know of was Percy Nation of Shannon.



St John's Anglican Church at Ōhau.



## Windows a glimpse into past conflicts

**Many stained glass windows were commissioned and installed after the First World War, as people flocked to churches to remember their fallen loved ones.**

It seemed appropriate that worshippers could have a visual connection to the sacrifice of military and civilian personnel.

Some memorial windows, such as at Ōhau's St John's Church, were donated by members of the public to celebrate the lives of their family members. Others were donated by local regiments, companies or organisations that had lost many of their own members

Dedications to a generation lost in the First World War, still often referred to as the Great War, became common in cathedrals, churches and chapels of all denominations, from big cities to small country churches, throughout the country.

It followed a flurry of activity in Great Britain, where the UK National Inventory of War Memorials lists at least 3000 stained glass war memorials, 1800 of them relating to the First World War.

Jonathan Taylor of *The Conservation Directory* in the UK, says that as well as being of enormous importance to the descendants

of those remembered and to the wider community, these stained glass windows have now acquired great historical importance as products of momentous historic events, providing a physical connection with the past.

"Like all historic stained glass windows, they are also important as historic works of art, illustrating the aesthetic tastes and sensibilities of a particular age, and providing rich and colourful images," Jonathan says.

"Furthermore, many of them contain images of modern warfare that are not only poignant, but also captivating, not least for their incongruity in an ecclesiastical setting.

"The period after the First World War was a particularly interesting one for art and architecture, with new approaches to design emerging.

These changes are particularly evident in the design of stained glass war memorials, which include sumptuous, if a little out-dated Gothic Revival designs, as well as a few more forward-looking examples, some of which clearly display art nouveau influences."

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# How we honour our soldiers on Anzac Day



A wreath laid at Anzac Cove, Gallipoli.

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**A**nzac Day remembrance takes two forms: through commemorative services held at dawn, and through marches in our major cities and in many smaller centres.

Commemorative ceremonies are more formal. You can join them at war memorials around the country.

**Laying of wreaths and flowers**

Flowers have traditionally been laid on graves and memorials of the dead. The poppy has a special significance in relation to Anzac Day in New Zealand – when poppies are traditionally worn.

The Friday before Anzac Day is designated Poppy Day. It's when fundraising efforts are organised by the RNZRSA for the welfare of war veterans and their families.

**Flags at half-mast**

The tradition of lowering flags to half-mast as a sign of remembrance is believed to have naval origins. As a sign of respect for important people, ships would lower their sails, thus slowing the vessel and allowing for the other vessel to come alongside and board if need be.

In time, only the ship's flags were lowered as a symbolic gesture. This practice was also adopted on land.

At wreath laying ceremonies it is customary to half-mast the flag during the playing of *The Last Post* as a sign of remembrance, and then to raise the flag to the top of the masthead as the *Rouse* is sounded.

**The Ode**

Many ceremonies of remembrance include a recitation of *The Ode*. It is the fourth stanza of *For the Fallen*, a poem



Levin cenotaph, the venue of many Anzac commemorations.

Photo Janine Baalbergen

written by Laurence Binyon (1869-1943) in 1914. At all wreath-laying ceremonies it is common for *The Ode* to be recited in the official languages of New Zealand by a veteran.

During September-October 1939, throughout 10 Allied countries, and upon the suggestion of FIDAC (Inter-allied Federation of Ex-Servicemen), the 25th anniversary of *For the Fallen* was observed. This is one of the most famous and enduring war poems, and it was written at a historic moment – just after the retreat from Mons and the victory of the Marne.

As to how it came to be written, Laurence Binyon, who celebrated his 70th birthday on August 10, 1939, says:

"I can't recall the exact date beyond that it was shortly after the retreat. I was set down, out of doors, on a cliff in Polzeath, Cornwall. The stanza "They Shall Grow Not Old" was written first and dictated the rhythmic movement of the whole poem."

## The Ode

E kore rātou e kaumātuaia  
Pēnei i a tātou kua mahue nei  
E kore hoki rātou e ngoikore  
Ahakoa pehea i ngā āhuatanga o te wā

I te hekenga atu o te rā  
Tae noa ki te aranga mai i te ata  
Ka maumahara tonu tātou ki a rātou.

Ka maumahara tonu tātou ki a rātou.

They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old;  
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.  
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# Railway system critical to war effort

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Along with the rest of New Zealand's public service (including the postal and telegraph systems) and the large fleet of the privately owned Union Steam Ship Company, the rail system and its workforce was one of the most valuable assets available to support the national war effort. Railways were even more important in Europe, where the great powers would utilise the military potential of their extensive rail systems to deadly effect between 1914 and 1918.

While their increasingly short-staffed colleagues maintained essential rail services at home, up to 5000 of NZR's permanent employees (equivalent to almost 40 percent of the 1914 workforce), together with several thousand casual workers, served overseas. They served throughout the New Zealand Expeditionary Force (NZEAF), and some manned rail-operating units in Samoa and Belgium.

One railway worker won a Victoria Cross, and 450 of his colleagues died. This was certainly the greatest loss suffered by any New Zealand employer, and one that would be remembered via a range of distinctive war memorials.

The steam railway was a driving force of the industrial revolution and European imperialist expansion. Its potential as a tool for war was quickly realised; "from the American Civil War onwards, warfare took to the rails with dreadful enthusiasm." Europe's dense, highly efficient rail networks were central to the industrialised warfare of 1914-18 – railways enabled the great powers to mobilise armies on an unprecedented scale, and to maintain them in the field, despite their increasingly complex logistical needs, not just for weeks or months but for years.

## War by timetable

The troop train is an enduring image of the Great War. Germany's war plans were based on a meticulously detailed 16-day mobilisation requiring 11,000 trains. The French railways delivered a million men and 400,000 horses to the front in the first two weeks of the war. In his 1969 history, *War by Timetable*, A J P Taylor even suggested that the great powers' elaborate and (he claimed) irreversible rail mobilisation schemes were to blame for the outbreak of war.

It could also be argued that railways contributed to the stalemate and slaughter of the Great War – in general, rail transport proved of greater benefit to defensive forces, which were able to reinforce their lines more swiftly than attackers could concentrate in areas where retreating armies had destroyed rail lines.



Although they carried a wide range of cargo, the primary function of First World War light railways was to deliver shells to artillery batteries or forward ammunition dumps for final delivery by mule train. From its formation in February 1917 to the end of the Third Battle of Ypres in November that year, the 5th (New Zealand) Light Railway Company transported 138,000 tons of ammunition. This photograph shows an ammunition train hauled by a petrol tractor in the Ypres Salient in August 1917, while horse-drawn wagons and motor vehicles pass by on the road in the background.

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French railways, rather than the fabled Parisian taxis, were the key to the "Miracle of the Marne" that halted the German advance in September 1914.

During the next four years the logistical needs of front-line units would increase tenfold; a 1918 report calculated that each division now required 1000 tonnes of supplies, equivalent to two 50-wagon trains, every day.

## Light railways

As the war on the Western Front settled into a stalemate, rail technology was adapted to new roles. Following the example of the French and Germans, from 1916 the British built extensive networks of light railways (usually of narrow 60-cm track gauge) to link railheads beyond artillery range with their trench systems. These simple trains, hauled by small steam locomotives or petrol tractors, greatly accelerated the supply of ammunition to artillery batteries. They also brought troops, rations, water, coal, timber, wire and other supplies up close to the front lines, often returning with wounded men.

Further forward, trench tramways provided another link in the supply chain, with wagons hauled by mules and manpower. Light



One of locomotive AB 608's memorial nameplates, photographed in 1963. The plates were fitted to the train in 1925 to commemorate the 450 railway workers who lost their lives during the First World War. Courtesy of New Zealand Railway and Locomotive Society. Photo Ken Hoddinott

railways and tramways were also widely used underground in tunnel systems such as those the New Zealand tunnellers helped excavate beneath Arras.

## NZ troops

New Zealand troops serving overseas travelled extensively on railways in Egypt, Britain and France. After arriving in Marseilles

in April 1916, the 15,000 men of the New Zealand Division endured a 58-hour, 1000km train journey to Steenbecque in northern France. Despite the discomfort, many soldiers were enchanted by the scenery. As one wrote: *The journey is quite an eye opener to us all the way we are journeying through beautifully cultivated land; the valley of the Rhone is quite splendid. Green everywhere such a contrast to Egypt.*

## Tragedy on the tracks

In September 1917, 10 New Zealand soldiers were killed in a tragic rail accident at Bere Ferrers in southern England, while en route from Plymouth to Sling Camp.

Even in the Middle East railways were crucial. The Sinai campaign of 1916-17, which involved the 1800-strong New Zealand Mounted Rifles Brigade and New Zealand companies of the Imperial Camel Corps, was based around the construction of a railway and water pipeline across the desert. During the subsequent Palestine campaign in 1917-18, one of the main targets of the British advance – and raids by Arab rebels – was the Ottomans' strategic Hejaz railway, which ran south into Arabia.

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# Wayne ready for another Last Post

**B**ugler and former Levin RSA president Wayne Kaye still has plenty of breath to play at five events on Anzac Day.

Wayne has been the club's official bugler for at least 16 years and never tires of the preparation required to play confidently at Anzac services.

"You have to warm up your instrument first, then play the *Last Post*, after the recitation of *The Ode*, then do the Reveille when the flag is raised from half mast to the top of the flagpole."

Buglers are in demand given the number of Anzac Day services held throughout the country every year. Anyone playing the trumpet in a local band gets roped in to help.

Wayne says bugling the *Last Post* on Anzac Day has been a moving experience for him.

He recently signed off as president of the Levin RSA after 25 years with the club, which made good use of his talent and connections over the years.

He's not a returned serviceman, but his dad was – and he was also a club president for several years.

"Soon after I signed up in around 2000 I was asked to join the house committee, which organises all sorts of social events in conjunction with the executive committee," Wayne says. "We held raffles and dances, among other things."

"Though I was never in the services it was great that they accepted me as a member and then as an executive committee member in 2014."

Before he knew it he was chairman of that

committee. Since he also played trumpet (he still plays with the Swing Jazz Band in Palmerston North) he became a bugler.

"I've done that for at least 16 years as the club's official bugler," he says.

Not every RSA has embraced membership for people who have not served in the military.

Wayne became president in 2016 and though he stepped down from that role late last year he will remain involved as vice-president.

In Levin the Anzac Day services have also involved the local brass band and the Scottish Pipe Band. Members of Horowhenua College Services Academy join in as well as members of the armed services.

This coming Anzac Day the route for both parades on the day will start on Winchester Street, then go down Kent Street to the Cenotaph. Closing a main highway requires a substantial traffic management plan that costs tens of thousands of dollars.

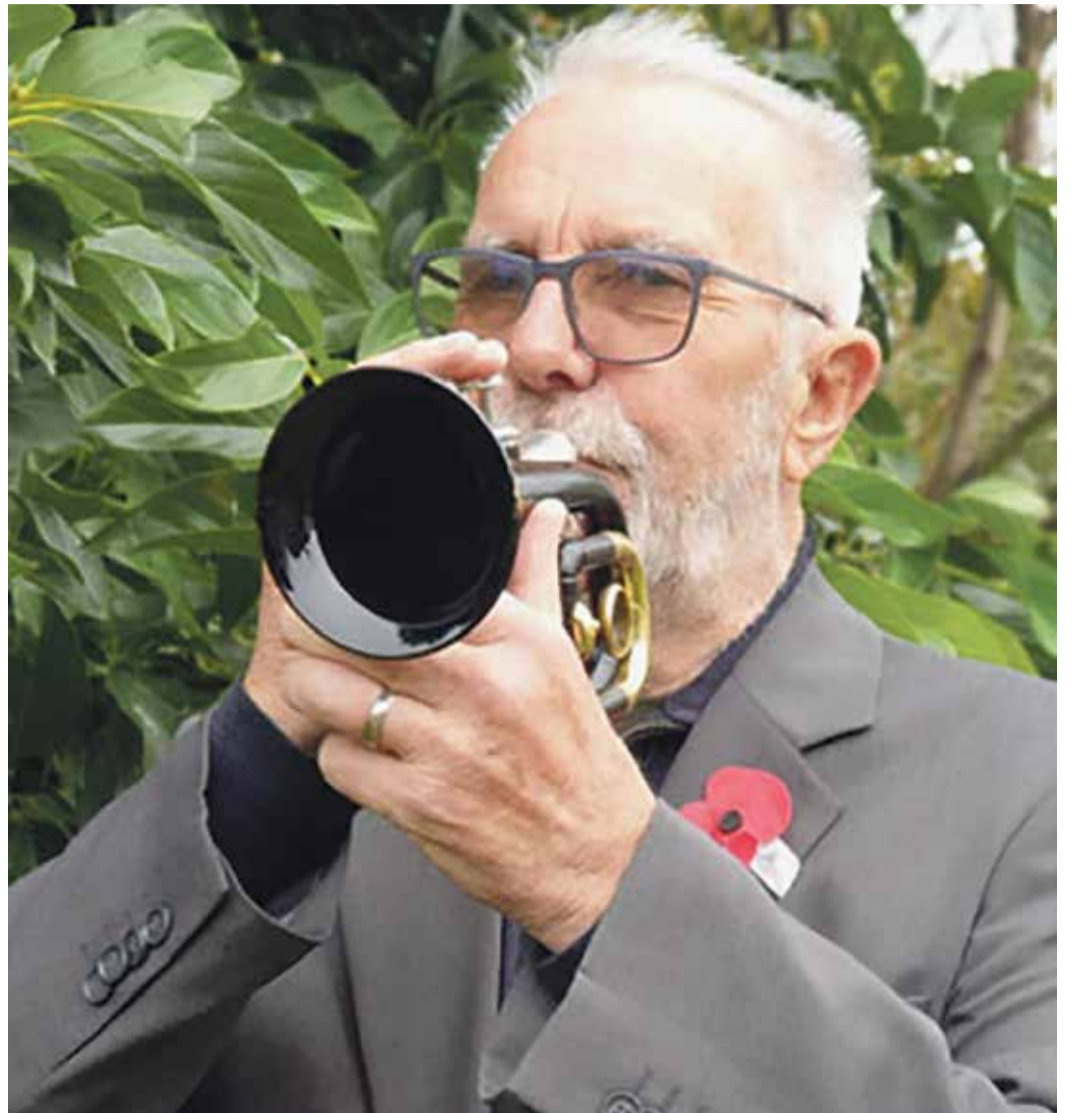
"It is becoming too expensive. It's a big outlay for the ratepayers," Wayne says.

Last year the parade started on Bath Street and had to cross SH1.

Levin's RSA is financially in good nick, but would welcome new and younger members.

A military background is not needed if you wish to join the Levin RSA. It organises club nights on Wednesdays and Fridays from 4.30pm and every alternate Tuesday there's a luncheon for retired people from 11.30am. It costs \$40 to join.

■ To enquire about membership, phone 06 368 3475.



## Join Levin Home for War Veterans This ANZAC Day

Levin Home for War Veterans was first opened in 1959 for soldiers returning from war and is proud to be supporting the older community from all walks of life.

This ANZAC Day, residents and staff invite you to join their ANZAC commemorations, 110 years on from the Gallipoli landings.

Every year, Levin Home comes together to honour not only our war veterans, but also to remember and celebrate the lives of residents we've farewelled in the past year. This event will be an acknowledgement to the service, sacrifice, and the lasting impact they've had on our community.

The morning will include a veterans' parade, opening and closing karakia, and quiet moments of reflection shared by all.

If you have a family member from Levin Home who served and has passed away, and you would like a cross placed in their memory, please feel welcome to contact the admin office to learn more about the process.

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# Merchant Navy kept goods moving

**N**ew Zealand's overwhelming dependence on sea trade and close economic ties to Britain ensured that merchant ships and seafarers played an essential role in the First World War.

The name Merchant Navy, which hints at this civilian industry's wartime importance, was adopted in Britain after the war, in the early 1920s.

It recognised the effort and sacrifice of the British Empire's merchant marine – as it was then better known – during the Great War, in which 2500 ships and 15,000 seafarers were lost.

Many New Zealanders served on the British-owned "Home boats" that linked this country with the United Kingdom. Others worked for Dunedin's Union Steam Ship Company, then the Southern Hemisphere's biggest shipping line.

The company's large, modern fleet was one of this country's most valuable war assets: its ships served as troop transports, as hospital ships and in many other roles.

Although they were civilians, many New Zealand merchant seafarers found themselves in the firing line, especially in the far-off North Atlantic, where the German U-boat menace threatened to turn the tide of the war.

One of the most famous of the merchant ships was the SS *Otaki*. The *Otaki* was owned by the New Zealand Shipping Company and New Zealanders were among the crew.

The captain, Archibald Bisset Smith, was married to a New Zealander and he was on his way to New Zealand to take up a senior position with the New Zealand Shipping Company when his ship was attacked by the German raider, SMS *Moewe*.

When the *Moewe* fired, to the Germans' surprise, the *Otaki* fired back. Most merchant ships the *Moewe* encountered simply surrendered. Captain Smith tried to outrun the *Moewe*, firing with its single stern-mounted 120mm gun.

The *Moewe* was armed with four 150mm and one 105mm gun, two torpedo tubes and was loaded with 500 mines. Her crew of 235 were highly trained naval personnel.

The *Otaki* scored seven critical hits in the ensuing battle, one causing a fire that lasted three days. The *Otaki* took 29 hits from the *Moewe* before it sank.

Captain Smith ordered that the ship be abandoned, but in the naval tradition, the captain remained on the ship and was last seen heading for his cabin. He was posthumously awarded the Victoria Cross.

The battle led to the formation of the Otaki Scholar scheme.

Meantime, the outbreak of war in 1914 posed special problems for New Zealand because of its dependence on sea trade. Ships on the vital United Kingdom route ran great risks.

The ships of the New Zealand Shipping Company and Shaw Savill & Albion mostly bore Māori names. But they, like those of the Federal Steam Navigation Company and the Port Line, were British-owned. These companies were the "Conference Lines", named for the shipping agreement that fixed freight rates and market shares.

Many Kiwis called their ships "Home boats", after a common term for Britain. New Zealanders travelled to and from Britain in them and depended on them to deliver machinery, vehicles, fashion items, medicines, fancy foodstuffs, toys, books and newspapers. Exporters of the wool, meat and dairy products that paid the country's bills were just as dependent.

The figures were telling. In 1914 about 81 percent of our exports went to the UK and 56 percent of imports came from there.

The job of maintaining this vital 19,000km ocean highway fell not to trained naval crews, but to civilians. Unlike most landlubbers, many would find themselves in the front line, crewing slow, vulnerable ships armed with at most a single defensive gun.

That's why people began to call the merchant marine the merchant navy. Most home boat crews were British, but we also had a big merchant marine of our own in 1914 – more than 5400 New Zealanders earned their living at sea.

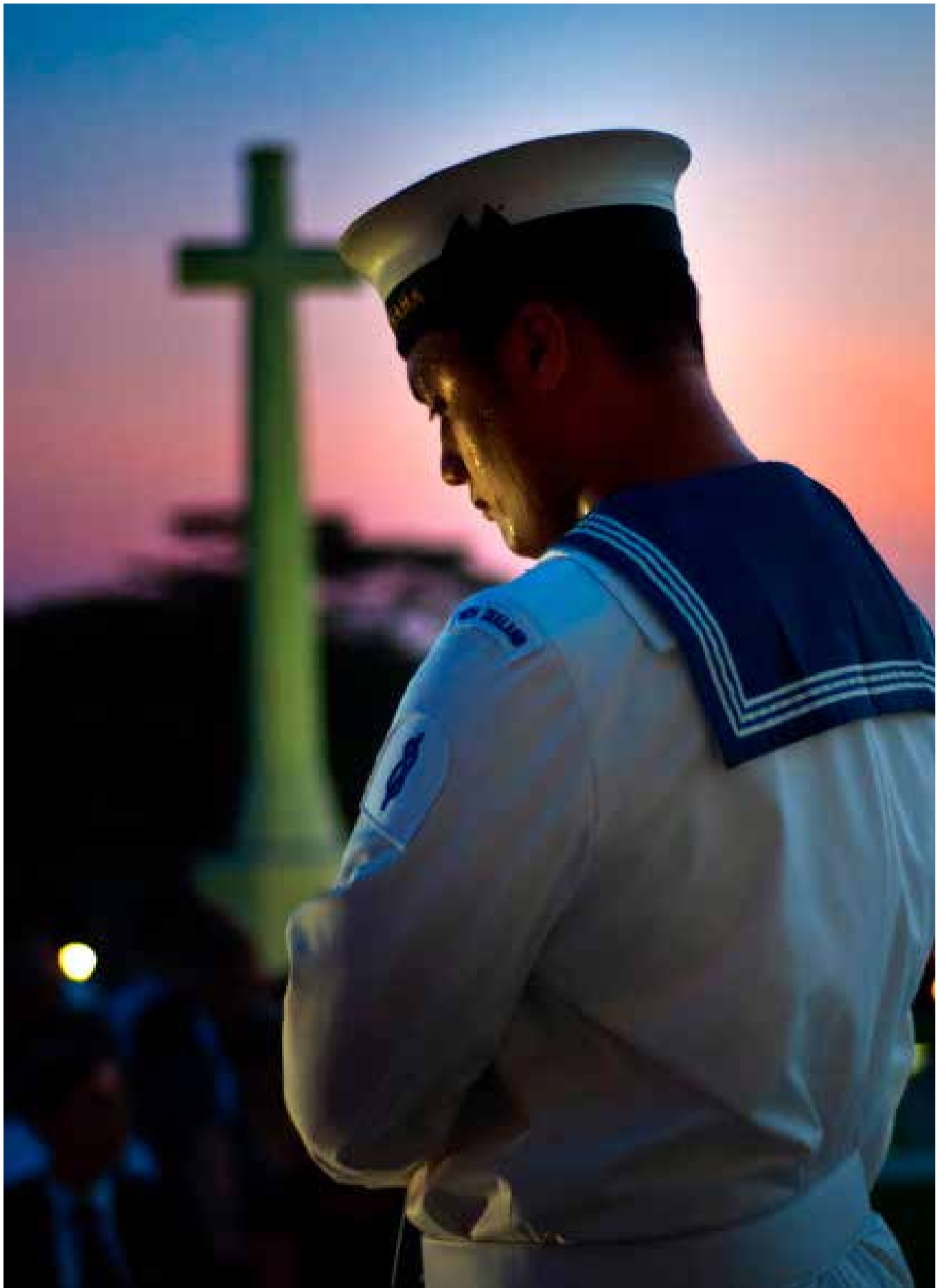
This figure included about 60 stewardesses, about half of whom worked on the Union Company's passenger ships and ferries.

More than half of these men sailed with one shipping line. On the eve of war, Dunedin's Union Steam Ship Company (known as the Red Funnel Line) owned 75 ships with a total volume of 240,553 tons.

That made it bigger than the five largest Australian companies combined. It also gave New Zealand clout in the war effort, with a huge pool of seafarers, managers, and repair and maintenance staff able to adapt ships for wartime requirements.

Between 1914 and 1918, many Red Funnel Line steamers were requisitioned for war service. Most carried troops overseas, but some served in more specialised roles.

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# New Zealanders in Korea, South Africa

**A total of 4700 New Zealanders served as part of the New Zealand contingent – Kayforce – in Korea from 1950-1957.**

About 1300 of them served on Royal New Zealand Navy frigates during the war and for a period after the armistice (1953-1957).

Forty-five men lost their lives serving in New Zealand forces, 33 of them during the war.

Although New Zealand's contribution to the United Nations-led force was not large, the crisis had a big impact on the country's approach to international relations. In New Zealand, as elsewhere, it was assumed that North Korea was acting at the instigation of the Soviet Union, and that firm resistance to communist encroachment was necessary.

The events in Korea provided an opportunity for New Zealand to pursue its goal of obtaining a commitment by the United States to its security. The Anzus Treaty of 1951 was the successful achievement of this objective, and was to have far-reaching implications for New Zealand's international relations in the long term.

The crisis also had a dramatic influence on New Zealand's economy. A wool boom brought great prosperity but also provided a backdrop to the bitter waterfront dispute of 1951.

– Source: [nzhistory.govt.nz](http://nzhistory.govt.nz)

## New Zealand and the South African War

The South African War (also known as the Second Anglo-Boer War) was the first overseas conflict to involve New Zealand troops.

Fought between the British Empire and

the Boer South African Republic (Transvaal) and its Orange Free State ally, it was the culmination of long-standing tensions in southern Africa.

Eager to display New Zealand's commitment to the British Empire, Premier Richard Seddon had offered to send troops two weeks before fighting began. Hundreds of men applied to serve, and by the time the war began in October 1899, the First Contingent was already preparing to depart for South Africa.

Within a few months they would be fighting the Boers.

By the time peace was concluded 2½ years later, 10 contingents of volunteers totalling more than 6500 men (plus 8000 horses) had sailed for South Africa, along with doctors, nurses, veterinary surgeons and about 20 schoolteachers.

Seventy-one New Zealanders were killed in action or died of wounds, with another 159 dying in accidents or from disease.

The South African War set the pattern for New Zealand's later involvement in two world wars.

Specially raised units that included many volunteers were despatched overseas to serve alongside forces from other parts of the British Empire. Their success in battle fostered the idea that New Zealanders were natural soldiers who needed little training to fight well.

Source – [nzhistory.govt.nz/war/south-african-boer-war/introduction](http://nzhistory.govt.nz/war/south-african-boer-war/introduction)



A soldier on horseback at a Halcolmbe Anzac Day commemoration.



A dog from the Defence Force's Military Working Dogs team at a Halcolmbe Anzac day service. Photos Cpl Rachel Pugh



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## BEHIND THE SCENES – WHAT GOES INTO PRODUCING A SHOW

Let's have a look at our current youth production Madagascar Jr. First, there is the decision of what show to do, and what would appeal to a younger cast to audition.

Next, we have to find the creative team – a director, vocal coach and choreographer. Auditioning looks for those who can sing and dance, as well as commit to the three times a week rehearsals for the next three months.

Building a set for the show follows with director and set builders collaborating to design the set. For Madagascar this had to encompass a zoo, a New York Street, the subway, the snowy arctic, a sea voyage and finally Madagascar. Once this is assembled our set painters put the final touches to the scenes.

Meanwhile, the wardrobe and props team is working in the background making or altering a

multitude of costumes and props.

The lighting team are planning the effects the director requires to bring the show to life, and preparing for plotting night when each individual lighting cue is paired with a specific action, word or line of the script.

Then comes the technical rehearsal. All of these elements have to come together with a lot of stop and restart moments. This allows the set crew to add what is needed into the giant jigsaw, and the sound team to coordinate the music and microphones.

Many, many hours of volunteer time willingly given as we strive to bring the joy, creativity and excitement of musical theatre to the Horowhenua.



Find us on Facebook or our website at [levinperformingarts.com](http://levinperformingarts.com)



# Search for the perfect BBQ taste

**A** burgeoning smoky barbecue business exploring the limits of flavour and taste has quickly outgrown the backyard.

The search for the perfect mouth-watering taste has taken Levin man Craig Adsett on a journey that has seen Roa Smoked BBQ expand into a bonafide family business.

It's the reaction of customers – that instant "yum" look they give him – that has always encouraged Craig to keep going the with Roa Smoked BBQ dream.

He started smoking cuts of beef and pork with a small smoker at home a year ago, cooking for family and friends. Word quickly spread and with glowing testimonials, the orders kept coming.

The operation grew to the point where late last year he turned a warehouse in town into a smokehouse.

"I cook to order. Everything is fresh. That's what we pride ourselves in," he says.

After "playing around" with different wood to get the taste right he stumbled across a mixture of mellow oak, apple and fejoa that he says combine to give the right blend of sweet and smoke.

In the quest for flavour, why stop there? He looked at what beef would yield the best results, settling on pasture-fed Hawke's Bay waygu beef for its marbling and how it renders under smoking.

He experimented with different rubs and glazing until settling on blends suited

to the different styles and cuts, like a maple and bourbon glaze for certain pork pieces.

"I put them together and what comes out is primo. It's what gives the taste. It's what people want. You want quality."

He says it's not for everyone though. He had one customer recently who was overpowered by the flavours "but I get that, it's Texan and it's going to have pepper on it."

But he has stayed true to the style of smoking, buoyed by feedback from an early customer who was visiting from Texas.

"He said it was the closest he had ever been anywhere in the world to being at a barbecue in Texas," he says.

Craig has drivers now who deliver from Palmerston North to Paraparaumu to order on cook nights, normally Friday and Saturday.

"Everything has evolved quite quickly, driven by orders, and still is."

Craig says he is driven to work hard and grow the business to hopefully leave a legacy for his our young sons, Hunter, Tyler, Braydon and Mason.

"I'm doing it all for the boys. When I'm gone, I want them to have a legacy to carry on with."

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GREY POWER: TERRY HEMMINGSEN

## Cognitive awareness test for driver licence not a legal requirement

**One of the major talking points when groups of older people get together is that of cognitive awareness testing when applying for renewal of a driving licence.**

At age 75, again at 80 and then every second year, our older citizens are required to have a medical examination to ensure they are medically fit to drive. In recent years we have heard about a cognitive awareness test being imposed on our seniors as a part of the medical exam, which is required by law.

Let us be very clear though. A cognitive awareness test is not a legislative requirement for a person to get their driver licence renewed.

In a recent letter to Grey Power from NZTA, the following comments were made:

*“... cognitive tests are not used to determine if a patient requires a driving test, they are used to determine potential neurological issues, such as the early stages of dementia. As a general practitioner*



*holds the relationship with their patient, they are best placed to determine what is most appropriate when assessing medical fitness to drive. This may include a cognitive test, but not in all cases. Cognitive tests are not a pass or fail test, and on their own do not preclude a patient from obtaining a driver licence.”*

The letter was dated January 16, 2025.

One comment within the above quotation is important: “This may include a cognitive test, but not in all cases”.

Grey Power is aware of several general medical practices that have “a policy” that everyone must have a cognitive awareness test. As to why, the answer was simple. It was a “cover your a\*\*e policy” in case they make a mistake and someone is killed or injured by an older driver with a cognitive impairment.

Until recently general practices routinely tested patients using the Canadian dementia testing system. That method has now been debunked by the Canadian authorities. New Zealand general practices now tend to use the “mini-ACE” tests. However, there are (or should be) conditions around the use of any cognitive awareness testing.

Your general practice should be holding your clinical/medical records going back several years. If those records show a general decline in your neurological health over time, then clearly you need to sit the mini-ACE test. If not, then

you should not be included in a blanket, cover your a\*\*e exercise.

Some suggestions when going for your medical for a driver licence:

- Take a support person with you and if you are asked to take a cognitive awareness test ask the hard question, “Why should I?” Don’t just comply.
- Download the mini-ACE test and swat up on what you might need.
- If you fail, ask to do the test again. Don’t get sent for an occupational therapy re-test until you have sought further advice. Grey Power can help with that advice.
- If you or your family believe you need to surrender your licence, please do so. We need to keep you, your loved ones and the wider community safe on our roads.

■ Terry is zone director of Grey Power New Zealand

LEGALLY SPEAKING: FRANCES SHAW

## Enduring power of attorney

**It’s great if you’re thinking ahead about the important topic of enduring power of attorney.**



If you ever find yourself unable to make decisions for yourself, having an enduring power of attorney (EPA) in place ensures that someone you trust can step in on your behalf.

The following is a brief overview.

### Enduring power of attorney for property

- This EPA covers decisions about your personal business affairs, such as banking, paying bills, and managing property.
- You can appoint one or more people to this role, and even a successor if needed.
- You can decide if this person can act while you still have capacity, or only after you’ve lost it.

### Enduring power of attorney for personal care and welfare

- Deals with medical and personal care decisions.
- You can appoint only one person at a time, but you can name a successor.
- This role activates only after a doctor confirms you’ve lost capacity.

And remember – your spouse or partner doesn’t have automatic rights to make decisions for you. If you can’t make decisions for yourself and haven’t set up your EPAs, your relatives may have to deal with an expensive and lengthy court process to sort it out.

Choosing someone trustworthy and reliable is crucial. They must be over 20, not bankrupt, and mentally sound. Often, people appoint their partner first and then a successor.

You can also appoint different people for property and personal care, but they must work together in your best interests. You can also instruct that your attorneys keep the wider family informed about what they are doing for you.

To set this up, you’ll need to visit a lawyer or trustee corporation. They can guide you through the process and answer any questions you might have.

■ Frances is an associate at CS Law

CITIZENS ADVICE: GINNY WILLIAMS

## Advice on the hot topic of drink driving

**At Citizens Advice Bureau Levin, we are asked questions about topics across the broad spectrum of experiences in our community.**

One that has occurred in the past couple weeks was around drinking and driving. There was a concern that police made a vehicle stop when occupants of the vehicle felt everything was safe.

The information we provided is as follows:

### Driving while under the influence of alcohol or drugs

The police can stop and breath-test you if they suspect you have been drinking or taking drugs. They can also test any driver at a breath testing checkpoint. It is against the law to leave if you are being tested.

The police can use the following tests to see whether you’ve exceeded the legal alcohol or drug limits:

- passive breath test – this test is done with a device that measures breath alcohol
- breath screening test – this is another breath test using machine analysis.

If you fail or refuse either of the above tests, you will be required to take one of



in court - the blood test results will be used instead.

You may also be required to:

- hand over the keys to your vehicle to the police officer; and
- go with the police officer.

### Drugs and driving

The law says you must not drive if you’ve taken any type of drug that may affect your driving ability. These drugs could be ingredients in a range of prescription medications or illegal drug products.

If you are prescribed medication, you need to understand and follow the instructions given to you by your doctor, pharmacist or the manufacturer of the medication.

If you’re unsure whether your medication may affect your ability to drive, or if you’re experiencing any side-effects, the best advice is: don’t drive.

If you need further information please call at the Citizens Advice Bureau office in the Uniting Church rooms, 87 Oxford Street, for a chat with our duty volunteers or phone 0800-367-222.

■ Ginny is chair of Citizens Advice Bureau Levin

the evidential tests:

- Evidential breath test – this test can be used as evidence in court. It is done using a more accurate machine either at a police station or a mobile breath-testing station.
  - If you refuse to take an evidential breath test, you will be required to take an evidential blood test. You may also be required to take an evidential blood test if no evidential breath testing device is available.
- An evidential blood test is given by a doctor or nurse and can be used as evidence in court.
  - You can choose to undergo a blood test after a positive evidential breath test. If you do, the results of the evidential breath test cannot be used as evidence

THE ELECTORATE: TIM COSTLEY

## Sorting cost of living and economy a priority

**Some good news for Easter – recent inflation figures show it sits at 2.5 percent.**

This demonstrates that our plan to get the cost of living under control is working.

Inflation is way down from the 7.3 percent it reached under Labour because of our government’s sensible economic plan. We’ve reduced wasteful government spending and now we’re going for growth to create more jobs and lift wages.

Helping Kiwis get ahead by sorting the cost of living and the economy is National’s highest priority. To demonstrate the difference we can make, wages are up, tax rates have reduced, and superannuation has increased to the point a couple gets an extra \$120 per fortnight under National.

For someone with a \$500,000 mortgage, a 2 percent drop in their mortgage rates can save about \$300 a fortnight. Our plan is working and we need to stick with it.

This week I’m hosting our regional mayors and council chief executives in the Beehive, with Local Government Minister



Simon Watts. We’re meeting on the eve of Anzac Day to discuss our plans for three waters.

This is all about allowing councils to keep rates lower (it worked in Auckland under this plan), separating out water costs from council debt, and servicing the loans needed to pay for water infrastructure over the life of the assets. It’s a bit like going from a 10-year mortgage to a 30-year one; it means that rates today are cheaper, and everyone who uses water over the next 30 years will pay their fair share of the cost.

On the eve of Anzac Day we’ve made one more important change to support our veterans – changing the legal definition of a veteran. You used to have to have served

overseas in conflict to be considered a veteran in New Zealand.

So, I would be counted because of service in Afghanistan, East Timor, the Solomon Islands and maybe one or two other places. But for many I served with, if they missed these trips, their service, potentially over many years, was not recognised with the simple title of “veteran”. For those who served during the 1980s where there were few deployments, the title became almost impossible to earn.

This important distinction also comes with a national Veterans’ Day. It will not be a public holiday, but will be a day on which we can also recognise and appreciate our veterans.

Recognising and honouring those who have served our country is the right thing to do, and an important part of showing the value we place in all forms of service in this country.

I believe it will help us attract others to serve in the future.

■ Tim is MP for the Ōtaki Electorate

### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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# US-invoked tariff turmoil – it’s not the first time

**New Zealand and the global community have been there before when it comes to international trade and monetary turmoil generated by actions of the incumbent in the White House.**

In August of 1971 President Richard Nixon ordered a 10 percent import tariff labelled a “surcharge” for three months, along with a 10 percent fall in foreign aid, a 90-day wage and price freeze and a closing of the gold window under which the US dollar was freely convertible to gold.

Announcement of these measures was initially made by the then Secretary of the Treasury, John Connally, a tough-talking former governor of Texas, who later in the year, while negotiations continued on the fall-out from the decision, declared: “The dollar is our currency but it’s your problem.”

The spark that unleashed these actions was recognition that the US dollar was over-valued when pegged at a rate of exchange of US\$35 for one ounce of gold – a rate set by the US congress. A surplus of dollars arising from the scale of American aid, foreign investment and military expenditure had contributed to the situation, along with enthusiasm of foreign governments to increase their gold holdings.

There were deep concerns that the US did not have enough gold to cover the volume of American dollars in global circulation at the \$35 an ounce rate of exchange. Effectively, Connally and Nixon wanted the rate up to US\$38 an ounce or comparative revaluations of other major currencies.

In particular, just as the US is incensed at its trade imbalance with China today, its trading

cause celebre in the last 1960s and 1970s was Japan. But Tokyo resisted the White House pressure until, along with European industrial powers, it was forced to react to imposition of the surcharge.



**POLITICS**

**BRUCE KOHN**

The similarities of the situation in 1971 and today are clear from a paper written in November, 2024, by one of President Trump’s major influencers, Stephen Miram, chair of the Council of Economic Advisers.

He wrote: “The root of the economic imbalances lies in persistent dollar overvaluation that prevents the balancing of international trade, and this overvaluation is driven by inelastic demand for reserve assets. As global GDP grows, it becomes increasingly burdensome for the US to finance the provision of reserve assets and the defence umbrella, as the manufacturing and tradeable sectors bear the brunt of the costs.”

In 1971 a prolonged series of meeting of finance ministers through the IMF, the G-10 group of industrial powers and bi-lateral exchanges led to resolution of the turmoil by dropping the US dollar link to gold. Floating currencies were agreed within three months at rates agreed between the major countries of the era, and the 10 percent tariff surcharge dropped.

During the lead-up period to agreement the New Zealand finance minister at the time, Sir Robert Muldoon, and the Australian head of Treasury, John Stone, consistently argued against



global floating exchange rates. They would be bad for smaller countries, they argued, because they had fewer reserves to defend their currencies than the big powers of Europe and Asia.

The new floating rates initially agreed were signalled to the world unofficially in a news item jointly put together by the New Zealand Press Association (NZPA) and Reuters in Washington. The source of much of the information arose from friends of mine in the Washington Rugby Club at the time.

Billions of dollars changed hands on international money markets, just as occurred following Trump’s changes to the scale of his initial tariff cuts. Further international meetings and agreements resulted in the system of floating exchange rates being cemented in during 1973.

These signalled the end of the Bretton Woods monetary deal agreed internationally following the end of the Second World War under which the US\$35 price was set as the peg for all currencies.

Summaries of the American position in 1971 note that Connally, on behalf of the Nixon administration, consistently argued that exchange rate realignment was long overdue, better opportunities were needed for American exporters and that there should be a better sharing of defence expenditure and

development assistance among the Western powers.

Connally was a passenger in the car when former President John F Kennedy was assassinated and was himself seriously injured by two bullets. His forceful presentations led Japanese political figures to christen him “Typhoon Connally”.

There is a slight difference between his demands and those of Trump today, with a greater emphasis now on cheap imports, especially those of China driving American manufacturers out of business, rather than on export opportunities.

And just as Trump today frequently resorts to hyperbole to describe his actions as “the greatest”, Richard Nixon did not 54 years ago forget to declare the importance of the currency agreement reached in 1971. “It was,” he said, “the most significant monetary agreement in the history of the world.”

This time around, the Chinese have more substance in their bargaining position than the Japanese had when faced with the Texan Typhoon. History is again “in the making”.

■ Bruce has been an economics and business editor, and a foreign correspondent in Washington, London and Hong Kong.

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### COUNTRY LIFESTYLE WITH TOWN CONVENIENCE

This fantastic family home set on 8395m2 combines spacious living with country life. Four bedrooms, a spacious open plan kitchen, living and dining area, and second lounge make family living a breeze. The living area opens to a large deck for entertaining while overlooking the rural views. There is the bonus of a large, high stud shed with concrete floors - perfect for the car enthusiast or hobbies. This is the perfect property for those who yearn for space. Call me today to view!

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» 47 Highbury Drive LEVIN

BY NEGOTIATION



### TIMELESS ELEGANCE

From the moment you arrive, you'll sense the distinction of this remarkable five bedroom home. Nestled behind a private brick fence, the welcoming entrance leads through grand double doors into a beautifully light-filled interior. At the heart of the home, the designer kitchen is a dream for any chef, boasting premium finishes, a six-burner gas stove, and a walk-in pantry. Thoughtfully designed for seamless living, it flows effortlessly into both the formal dining room and the outdoor patio. Set on a private 1,412m2 section, the beautifully landscaped grounds create a serene sanctuary.

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» 18 Manchester Street LEVIN

BY NEGOTIATION



### EASY CARE LIVING JUST MOMENTS FROM TOWN

Discover comfort, convenience, and low-maintenance living in this 140m2 brick townhouse, ideally positioned just a short stroll from Levin's town centre. Step inside and enjoy the spacious, open-plan kitchen, dining, and living area - a perfect space for everyday living and entertaining. The seamless flow continues into a sunny conservatory and out to a delightful deck and patio area, the ideal spot to enjoy your morning coffee or relax with a good book. Both double bedrooms are generously sized and feature double wardrobes, with the master bedroom enjoying the added charm of a lovely bay window. The bathroom is centrally located and there are two toilets.

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» 79 Kawiu Road LEVIN

BEO \$649,000



### CHARISMA ON KAWIU ROAD

Beautifully elevated and boasting sweeping views over farmland, this well-presented home is bursting with charm and personality. From the moment you step into the welcoming foyer and ascend the staircase, you'll be greeted by gleaming polished timber floors and a sense of timeless style. Generous living spaces flow effortlessly into one another and out to the front balcony and private backyard, perfect for entertaining or simply relaxing in your own retreat. The modernised kitchen, overlooking the backyard, is both functional and stylish. The expansive lounge offers access to both front and rear outdoor areas, creating the ideal setting for indoor-outdoor living.

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» 7 Heather Street LEVIN

BEO \$425,000



### FIRST HOME BUYER ALERT!

This could be just what you have been waiting for - this is a home you can call your own. With three bedrooms, and open plan kitchen and dining room which flows through to the lounge, heated by a wood burner, and views of the Tararua Ranges. The lounge has a ranch slider while the dining boasts French doors. The front opening to a porch, while the back opens to a larger covered deck perfect for year round entertainment. You can roll down the blinds in the cooler months. The bathroom boasts a shower over bath and there is a separate toilet. The flooring is tidy throughout, you have carpet in the bedrooms and lounge and tiles in the kitchen and dining area.

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» 2 Dorset Street LEVIN

BEO \$469,000



### JUST WHAT YOU HAVE BEEN LOOKING FOR

Whether you're a first-home buyer, downsizer, or savvy investor, this delightful property presents an exceptional opportunity. Offering comfort, practicality, and timeless charm, it's a home that simply feels good to be in. Step inside to discover a well-designed, spacious kitchen that flows effortlessly to the rear yard, perfect for everyday living and entertaining. Thoughtfully laid out with ample storage, the kitchen caters to all your culinary needs. Adjacent, the dining area connects seamlessly to the lounge, complete with a heat pump to keep you warm throughout the cooler seasons. The home is also insulated in both the ceiling and underfloor.

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» 224B Cambridge Street LEVIN

BEO \$499,000



### FOR THE CREATIVE MINDS

Tucked away in a quiet, private position, this delightfully different home is brimming with charm and personality, the perfect sanctuary for an artist, writer, or anyone who appreciates unique design. Step inside and be inspired by the soaring high ceilings, incredible natural light, and generous living spaces that invite creativity and calm. A whimsical, storybook-style staircase adds a touch of magic, leading to two bedrooms with one opening to a balcony - the ideal spot for morning coffee, quiet reflection, or capturing a moment on canvas. New carpet brings a fresh and cosy feel, while the warmth of a logburner makes this a true haven in the cooler months.

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» 24 Grey Street SHANNON

2 1 1 1

**Cosy starter on a large section**

Here's your chance to step onto the property ladder with this two bedroom home situated on a generous 1000m2 (more or less) section, there's plenty of room for kids to run, play, and explore. The galley-style kitchen has been updated, and a warm, welcoming living area is equipped with both a log burner and heat pump for year-round comfort. Whether you're a first-home buyer, or have a flair for DIY, this property is for you.

**BUYER ENQUIRY OVER \$390,000**

**OPEN HOME SUNDAY 11AM-11.30AM**

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Lynaire Cottle 0272224017



» 174 Bath Street LEVIN

2 2 1 1

**Easy living not far from town**

Welcome to this fabulous low maintenance two bedroom home designed for comfort and convenience. Step inside the entrance that leads to an inviting living / dining area, where warmth is guaranteed thanks to a log burner, heat pump and HRV system. The well appointed kitchen offers a practical layout, has lots of bench space. Easy living in this great home.

**ASKING \$650,000**

**OPEN HOME SUNDAY 1.15PM-1.45PM**

Ref : [www.wiltonandco.nz/WILO1865](http://www.wiltonandco.nz/WILO1865)

Tracey Fraser 0210779062



» 21A Chester Street LEVIN

2 1 1 1

**Cracker on Chester**

Welcome to this delightful two-bedroom home, offering a perfect balance of comfort and convenience in a sought-after neighborhood. A spacious verandah welcomes you at the entrance, providing the ideal spot to relax with your morning coffee or unwind in the evening. A light-filled open-plan living and dining area, creating a warm and inviting atmosphere. Outside there is a studio room.

**BUYER ENQUIRY OVER \$510,000**

**OPEN HOME SUNDAY 12.30PM-1PM**

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» 27 Weraroa Road LEVIN

3 1 1 1

**Step beyond the fence!**

You will find a stylish three bedroom home, featuring modern updates and a spacious layout thats perfect for comfortable living. Step inside, and you are greeted by a large lounge with impressive sloping ceilings, giving the space an airy and open feel. The fresh paint inside gives a clean, modern look, and the fairly new carpet adds a cosy touch, as does the gas heating.

**ASKING \$495,000**

**OPEN HOME SUNDAY 11.45AM-12.15PM**

Ref : [www.wiltonandco.nz/WILO1875](http://www.wiltonandco.nz/WILO1875)

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» 4 Duke Street LEVIN

2 1 1 1

**Charming home, great location**

Step into this delightful home, full of cottage charm and nestled on a fully fenced, private 503m2 section. Ideally located within easy reach of town and local schools, this property is perfect for first-home buyers, downsizers, or investors. The modernised kitchen basking in morning sunshine and offering modern cabinetry, ample bench space, a pantry, and a gas hob. The bathroom has also been updated.

**BUYER ENQUIRY OVER \$445,000**

**OPEN HOME SUNDAY 2.15PM-2.45PM**

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» 69 Winchester Street LEVIN

3 2 1

**Winner on Winchester!**

This 120m2 family home with aluminium joinery, offers an exciting opportunity to make it your own, all within a convenient location, not far from town and schools. Step inside and be welcomed by a generously sized lounge, perfect for family evenings or entertaining guests. The functional kitchen boasts ample bench and storage space, a dishwasher, and flows effortlessly into the dining area and out to the sunlit conservatory.

**BUYER ENQUIRY OVER \$499,000**

**OPEN HOME SUNDAY 2PM-2.30PM**

Ref : [www.wiltonandco.nz/WILO1806](http://www.wiltonandco.nz/WILO1806)

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» 12A Stuckey Street LEVIN

3 1 6 1

**Garaging galore!**

Welcome to this charming three bedroom home just a short distance from town. Boasting two garages - a double garage provides ample space for your vehicles, with additional room for storage, plus there is also a four car garage, perfect for those with multiple vehicles or for someone working from home. A lovely open plan lounge and dining area boasts a heat pump and wood burner. Call today to view.

**BUYER ENQUIRY OVER \$499,000**

**OPEN HOME SUNDAY 11AM-11.30AM**

Ref : [www.wiltonandco.nz/WILO1839](http://www.wiltonandco.nz/WILO1839)

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» 624A Queen Street LEVIN

2 1 1

**Invest in the Future**

An exciting opportunity to purchase five, of a collection of ten, two bedroom premium townhouses. Priced from BEQ\$460,000 each. Units, 4,5,6,7,8 are available for purchase. These modern homes are meticulously designed to offer the perfect combination of quality, functionality, and aesthetic appeal. Crafted with durable materials, each townhouse promises long-term value, ensuring minimal maintenance costs in the future.

**BUYER ENQUIRY OVER \$460,000**

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» 66A Weraroa Road LEVIN

3 1 1 2

**Price Reduced! Bring an offer**

Our vendor will consider all reasonable offers! So if you are looking for easy care living and being able to walk to the supermarket, this is it! Convenience is key at this brick and tile townhouse. Nestled just moments away from the supermarket and the heart of town. Step inside to discover the welcoming open-plan kitchen, dining, and living area, complemented by a separate lounge for added versatility.

**BUYER ENQUIRY OVER \$525,000**

**OPEN HOME SUNDAY 12.45PM-1.15PM**

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» 28 Highbury Drive LEVIN

4 2 3

**Space for the family**

Discover the perfect family haven in the desirable North East, zoned for the highly regarded Fairfield School. This beautifully designed home offers space, comfort, and fantastic entertaining areas. Featuring four generous bedrooms, including a spacious master retreat upstairs complete with an ensuite and a private sitting area - perfect for unwinding in peace.

**BUYER ENQUIRY OVER \$619,000**

**OPEN HOME SUNDAY 11.45AM-12.15PM**

Ref : [www.wiltonandco.nz/WILO1861](http://www.wiltonandco.nz/WILO1861)

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» 58A Salisbury Street LEVIN

2 1 1 1

**Brimming with character**

This charming 1930s home beautifully blends original timber finishes with modern conveniences. The open plan kitchen and living area flow effortlessly through French doors to a sun-drenched deck and easy-care garden - your very own private sanctuary. Boasting brand new carpet, a heatpump and near new roof. Outside there is a single garage plus hobby room.

**BUYER ENQUIRY OVER \$445,000**

**OPEN HOME SUNDAY 1.30PM-2PM**

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» 12 Glen Street LEVIN

3 1 2 1

**It's all done here - move in ready!**

Welcome to 12 Glen Street. A fabulous well maintained home where you will find your private haven in the ever popular North East. Double-glazed windows enhance warmth and efficiency, while the heart of the home, a stunning modern kitchen, features polished timber floors, a wall oven, sleek hob, dishwasher, breakfast bar, and abundant storage. It's a space that effortlessly blends functionality and style.

**BUYER ENQUIRY OVER \$629,000**

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» 30A Perth Street LEVIN

3 1 1 1

**Invest in the future**

Investors do your sums! Tucked away on a rear section this three bedroom home is a gem! Currently tenanted paying \$550 per week, on a fixed term tenancy, this is the perfect investment with a great return. The tenant keeps the house like its their own! The kitchen and dining area flows seamlessly to the lounge area which opens through a ranchslider to a private rear yard with a single garage.

**BUYER ENQUIRY OVER \$419,000**

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» 83 Queenwood Road LEVIN

3 2 1 2

**The charm of yesteryear**

Tucked away on a private and picturesque 1536m2 site, this delightful family home seamlessly blends timeless character with modern-day comforts. Surrounded by beautifully established trees and easy gardens that only time can create, this property offers a sanctuary of space, serenity, and style - perfect for families, professionals, or anyone seeking a peaceful retreat in a prime North East location.

**PRICE BY NEGOTIATION**

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» 209 Tiro Tiro Road LEVIN

4 2 2 1

**Charming home on the edge of town.**

This is a home where memories are made. Sitting perfectly on a 4685m2 beautifully planted and private section this gorgeous character home will delight you from the moment you arrive. The large farmhouse style kitchen and dining area creates the heart of the home and through a stunning leadlight door you are drawn out onto a fabulous multi level deck, and down onto the lush lawn.

**PRICE BY NEGOTIATION**

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» 61 and 71 Stafford Street SHANNON

**Two generous sections**

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**ASKING \$230,000**

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6 Chester Street

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**Charming Unit**

This solid weatherboard unit features two double bedrooms with built-in wardrobes, a well-appointed bathroom, and a generously sized kitchen with ample storage, separate laundry, two heat pumps, insulation top and bottom, with a current healthy homes certificate. Beautiful hardwood floors add warmth and style throughout, while a small private backyard offers the perfect space to relax.

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6 Muhunoa West Road

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**Elevated Home & Huge Shed**

Wow, there is plenty of value in this property and the vendor wants you to have it! Three bedroom home plus a one bedroom granny flat, single garage, huge 10m x 12m shed/workshop, elevated views and a stunning Ohau location, zoned for Ohau School. Don't miss out, chances like this don't come around often, schedule a viewing today.

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20 Railway Terrace

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**Outstanding Value in Ohau**

This exceptional property offers a rare blend of lifestyle and practicality and will tick every box.

- Well designed home
- Separate self-contained wing
- Stunning views & peaceful location
- Double garage & three carports
- Single garage with workshop
- Low maintenance home & gardens
- Bore water + town water at the gate
- 5,039 sqm of rural outlook
- Zoned for Ohau School

**Suburb:** Ohau  
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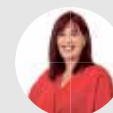
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**Add Value Here**

A charming 1915's home, here's your chance to add value or land bank for the future. A short walk to town, it offers the perfect blend of convenience and comfort. Inside, you'll find a cosy living area with log burner and insulation in the ceiling is a bonus. Outside, the large deck over looks a secure backyard with raised vegetable gardens. A double garage adds practicality. Bring your tools this one needs a handy hand to reach full potential!

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# HĪTŌRIA/History

## FOXTON

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**LEFT: FOXTON SCHOOL GIRLS' HOCKEY TEAM, 1914**  
 Winners of the Gillespie Cup. Among those appearing in this photograph are: J Gillispie, S Parlane, A Powell, W Walls, E Thompson, S Easton, M Barber, C Burgess, H Spring, H Thompson, M Reid, E Cummerfield, F Owen, and G McSaveney.  
*Photo: Foxton Historical Society*

Foxton was originally a Māori settlement called Te Awahou, located on the Manawātū River estuary. After the 1855 earthquake, Pākehā settlers moved to Foxton from Paiake, (a settlement at the end of Paiake Road, Koputaroa, Levin). It became a base for missionary work, especially by James Duncan of the Presbyterian Church. The town was formally named Foxton in honour of Premier William Fox in 1866. Foxton thrived during the flax boom of the late 1860s and early 1870s, and later as a gateway to the upper Manawātū region.

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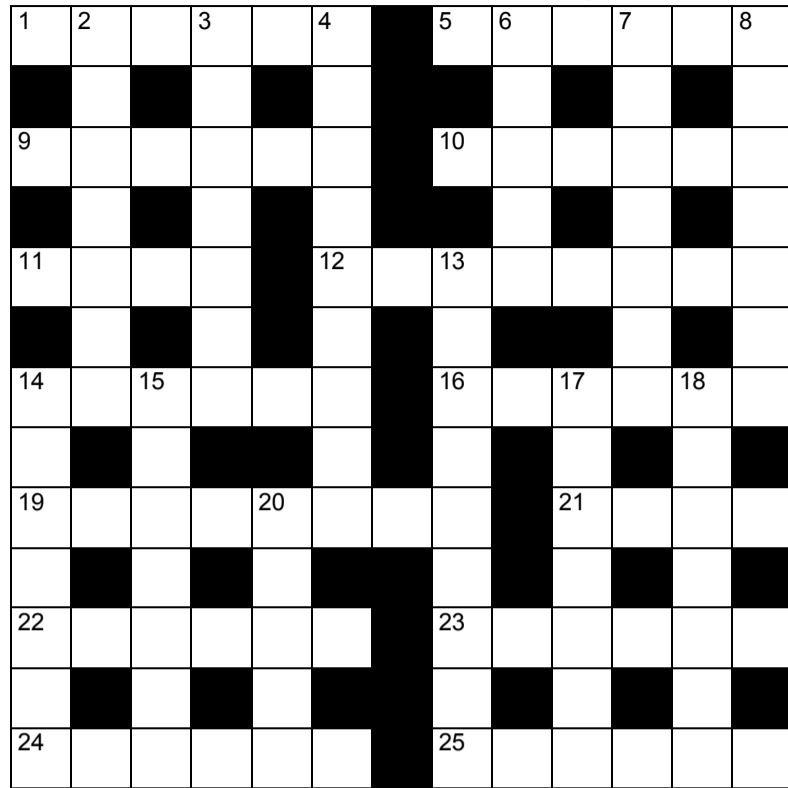
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**THE CROSSWORD #NZNZ1926F** (answers below right)



**ACROSS**

1. Frugally make something last (3,3)
5. Pang (6)
9. Savage, violent (6)
10. District that covers most of South Otago (6)
11. Glide over the surface (4)
12. Mentally defeat (8)
14. Sentimental song (6)
16. Hire (6)
19. Nickname of NZ's Rugby Player of the Century (4,4)
21. Solemn promise (4)
22. Symbolically representative (6)
23. Dame Edna Everage's friend from Palmerston North, Madge \_\_ (6)
24. Bulk liquid carrier (6)
25. Sweet potato (6)

**DOWN**

2. Prayer (Māori) (7)
3. Best, most favourable (7)
4. Formidable task (4,5)
6. NZ scientist, Siouxsie \_\_ (5)
7. The Dame Lois Muir Supreme Award goes to the top player in this sport (7)
8. Precisely (7)
13. Rainbow's End is a (5,4)
14. Religious denomination whose first NZ church was in Nelson, in 1851 (7)
15. Christchurch satellite town, second largest in Selwyn District (7)
17. Difficulty (7)
18. Opposite of indoor (7)
20. Iwi, clan (5)



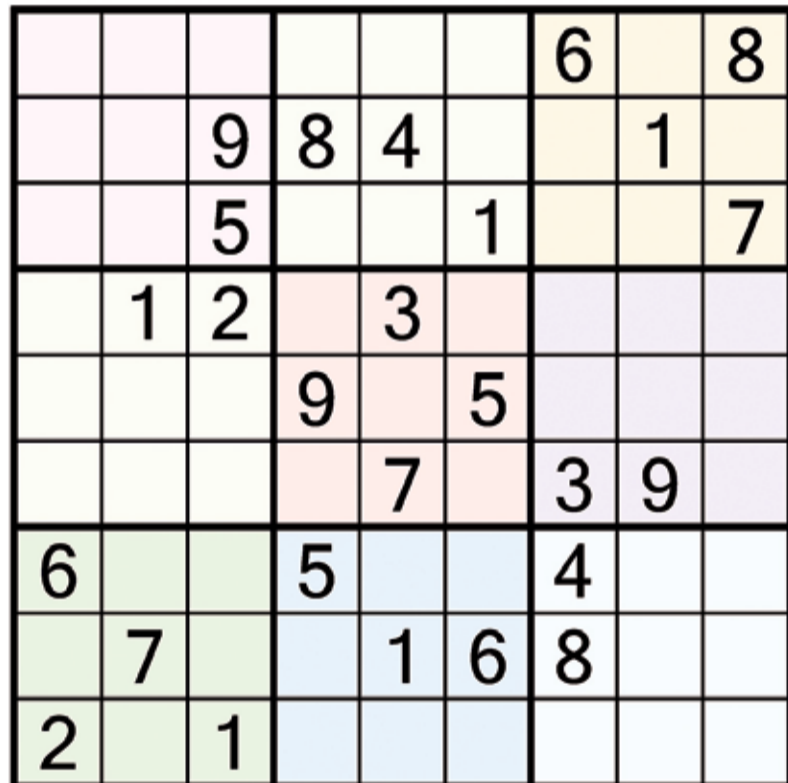
**KIWI TRIVIA QUIZ**

Think you know a bit about your country? Answers below.

1. New Zealand's first capital was in Russell in the Bay of Islands but was moved to which town?
2. New Zealand lies on the boundary of what two tectonic plates?
3. What is the longest river in the South Island?
4. What was the first town in New Zealand to be considered a city?
5. What northern town has a steam locomotive on display, but has never had a railway?
6. Cook Strait separates the South Island from the North Island. If you were to swim directly across it, how far would you travel – a. 28km b. 26km c. 24km d. 25km?
7. What is the name of the New Zealander who allegedly flew a plane about the same time, if not before, the Wright brothers?
8. Which are the two commercial skifields in the Queenstown area?
9. Situated in the Mount Arthur region of New Zealand, what is the name of the Southern Hemisphere's deepest cave system? a. Nettlebed b. Metalhead c. Bettlened d. Tenedeb.
10. Auckland City sits on a field of volcanos all thought to be extinct or dormant. How many volcanos are there in Auckland?
11. New Zealand, an island country with many inlets and bays, is in the top 10 countries of the world with the largest coastlines. True or false?
12. In 1984 the hit song *Poi E* by the Patea Māori Club was on the charts for 22 weeks. Which musician wrote the Kiwi classic?

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**HARD #69H** Use logic and process of elimination to fill in the blank cells using the numbers 1 through 9. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and 3x3 block. Puzzle solution at right..



**WORD SEARCH:** answers below

- MILITARY
- WORLD WAR TWO
- TURKEY
- TRADITION
- SERVICEMEN
- RETURNED
- DARDANELLES
- KILLED
- ANZAC
- FUNERAL
- RECOGNITION
- PAY RESPECT
- TROOPS
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**CROSSWORD #NZ1926F ACROSS:** Across: 1. Eke out 5. Twinge 9. Brutal 10. Clutha 11. Skim 12. Outsmart 14. Ballad 16. Employ 19. Pine Tree 21. Oath 22. Iconic 23. Allsop 24. Tanker 25. Kūmara. **DOWN:** 2. Karakia 3. Optimal 4. Tall order 6. Wiles 7. Netball 8. Exactly 13. Theme park 14. Baptist 15. Lincoln 17. Problem 18. Outdoor 20. Tribe.

**TRIVIA QUIZ ANSWERS:** 1. Auckland. 2. Australian and Pacific. 3. Clutha. 4. Dunedin. 5. Kaitaia. 6. b. 26km. 7. Richard Pearse, a farmer, a self taught inventor and aviator. 8. Coronet Peak and The Remarkables 9. Nettlebed. 10. 53. 11. True. 12. Dalvanus Prime, in 1982 to help young Māori be proud of their heritage.

**WORD SEARCH: answers**



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**ENGLISH GRAMMAR'S 100 WORDS YOU DIDN'T KNOW YOU NEEDED**

Some of these words are still in use today.

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| 21. <b>Donnybrook</b> – a heated argument or fight   | 26. <b>Firkin</b> – a small wooden cask or container                     |
| 22. <b>Doohickey</b> – an unnamed gadget or item     | 27. <b>Flabbergasted</b> – shocked or astonished                         |
| 23. <b>Doozy</b> – something outstanding or unique   | 28. <b>Flibbertigibbet</b> – a frivolous or excessively talkative person |
| 24. <b>Doppleganger</b> – someone's exact double     | 29. <b>Flummox</b> – to perplex someone greatly                          |
| 25. <b>Dulciloquent</b> – speaking sweetly or gently | 30. <b>Folderol</b> – trivial or nonsensical fuss                        |

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**Entrance tides**  
April 25-May 2

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**MANAWATU RIVER FOXTON**

	HIGH	LOW	HIGH	LOW	HIGH
FRI 25 APR -	01:55	07:47	14:23	20:18	
SAT 26 APR -	02:47	08:36	15:12	21:07	
SUN 27 APR -	03:35	09:23	15:59	21:54	
MON 28 APR -	04:22	10:10	16:46	22:40	
TUE 29 APR -	05:09	10:58	17:33	23:26	
WED 30 APR -	05:58	11:47	18:21		
THU 1 MAY	00:14	06:48	12:38	19:10	
FRI 2 MAY	01:05	07:42	13:33	20:01	

**WAITARERE BEACH**

	HIGH	LOW	HIGH	LOW	HIGH
FRI 25 APR -	00:53	07:02	13:21	19:33	
SAT 26 APR -	01:45	07:51	14:10	20:22	
SUN 27 APR -	02:33	08:38	14:57	21:09	
MON 28 APR -	03:20	09:25	15:44	21:55	
TUE 29 APR -	04:07	10:13	16:31	22:41	
WED 30 APR -	04:56	11:02	17:19	23:29	
THU 1 MAY -	05:46	11:53	18:08		
FRI 2 MAY	00:20	06:40	12:48	18:59	



FAMILY NOTICES

deaths

**JENKINS, Sybil Elizabeth** of Arapaepae Road, Levin. On 15 April 2025 at Palmerston North Hospital aged 87. Dearly loved wife and best friend of the late Gordon. Loved father and father in law of Glenys and Garry Anderson (Levin) and Wendy Barnes (Feilding). Loved Nana of Nicole and Gavin Dodd and Casey and Sean Finlayson. Great Nana to Glenys Dodd (dec), Mia Dodd, and Charli Finlayson. AFS host mother of Penny (USA), Kathy (Malaysia), Lucy (Switzerland), Tania (Finland), Mauricio and Karym (Chile/Kapiti), Jeannie (USA), Joanne (Canada), Alana (USA) and Laite (Fiji). Forever Loved. A private family service for Sybil has been held. A memorial service will take place at a later date. Messages c/- 284 Oxford St, Levin 5510.



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**Levin**  
**Monday** Speldhurst 8 Hole Stableford: Wayne Nation 20, Steve Tustin 19, Neville McRae 19. Twos: Mick Thomson.

**Tuesday** - Ladies Takapu Cup Stableford: Charmaine Fluker 38, Clare Sorensen 37, Margaret Radcliffe 37; Men Stableford: Ian King 39, Sam Bartosh 38, Ian Morby 37. Twos: John Saubrey, Vili Tia, Ian Morby, Phil Beale;

**Wednesday** - 9 Hole Mixed American Foursomes Net: G Cottrill + M Simmons 31, J Smith + G Wood 32, J Jardim + M Christensen 33; Ladies Irish Stableford: Ani Lochore 87, Anita Davidson 84, Robyn Saubrey 77;

**Thursday** - Early Men Stableford: Danny Lark 42, David Pick 40. Mark Duston 36; Late Men Stableford: Chirs Allum 36, David Louisson 34, Barry Judd 33;

**Friday** - 9 Hole Mixed Net: David Douglas 33, Barry Rollinson 35, Stu Reid 38;

**Saturday** - Early Men Stableford: Gavin Jones 43, Mark Duston 33, Brett Gordon 33. Twos: Gavin Jones; Ladies Irish Stableford: Leanne Ward 77, Julie Judd 69, Ani Lochore 64; Late Men Stableford: Gerald Harpur 41, Robert Ward 40, Pete Greig 36. Twos: David Louisson, Gerald Harpur.

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