



## CCTV HELPS NAB RACERS

By Janine Baalbergen

CCTV cameras around Levin played a critical role as police swept up offenders in the May 30 street racer event.

Ten people were arrested on the night, and further investigations – assisted by camera footage – has led to 12 more arrests, with more likely.

The cameras that scan key areas of Levin (and other areas of Horowhenua) gave police valuable real-time video footage that helped them deal with the incident. It has proved just as valuable in their subsequent investigations.

As events unfolded on that Friday night, volunteers from the Horowhenua Community Camera Trust immediately manned the cameras, based at the Levin Police Station. Many stayed throughout the night, assisting police as they tracked vehicle movements and incidents around the district.

Sergeant Bernie O'Brien, prevention manager for NZ Police, told district councillors recently the cameras had been a valuable resource.

"Live footage from the trust cameras and the Eagle helicopter allowed us to watch live what was going on," he said.

Police were also able to do significant planning based on social media information.

"Their [racers'] goal was to harm the place," he said. "They asked participants to bring weapons and fireworks and block the police. They were throwing rocks at us, bottles and fireworks, and drove vehicles into our staff."

He was shocked at the number of small children who were brought along by their parents.

Ninety policemen were on the ground that night, including riot police. Several people were injured, as well as two police officers.

Bernie said various attempts had been made to accommodate the street racers in a safe controlled area, but they were not interested for a variety of reasons.

"They want it for free. They are not prepared to pay for road closures or for maintenance. A controlled area also does not allow them enough space to film what they're doing either."

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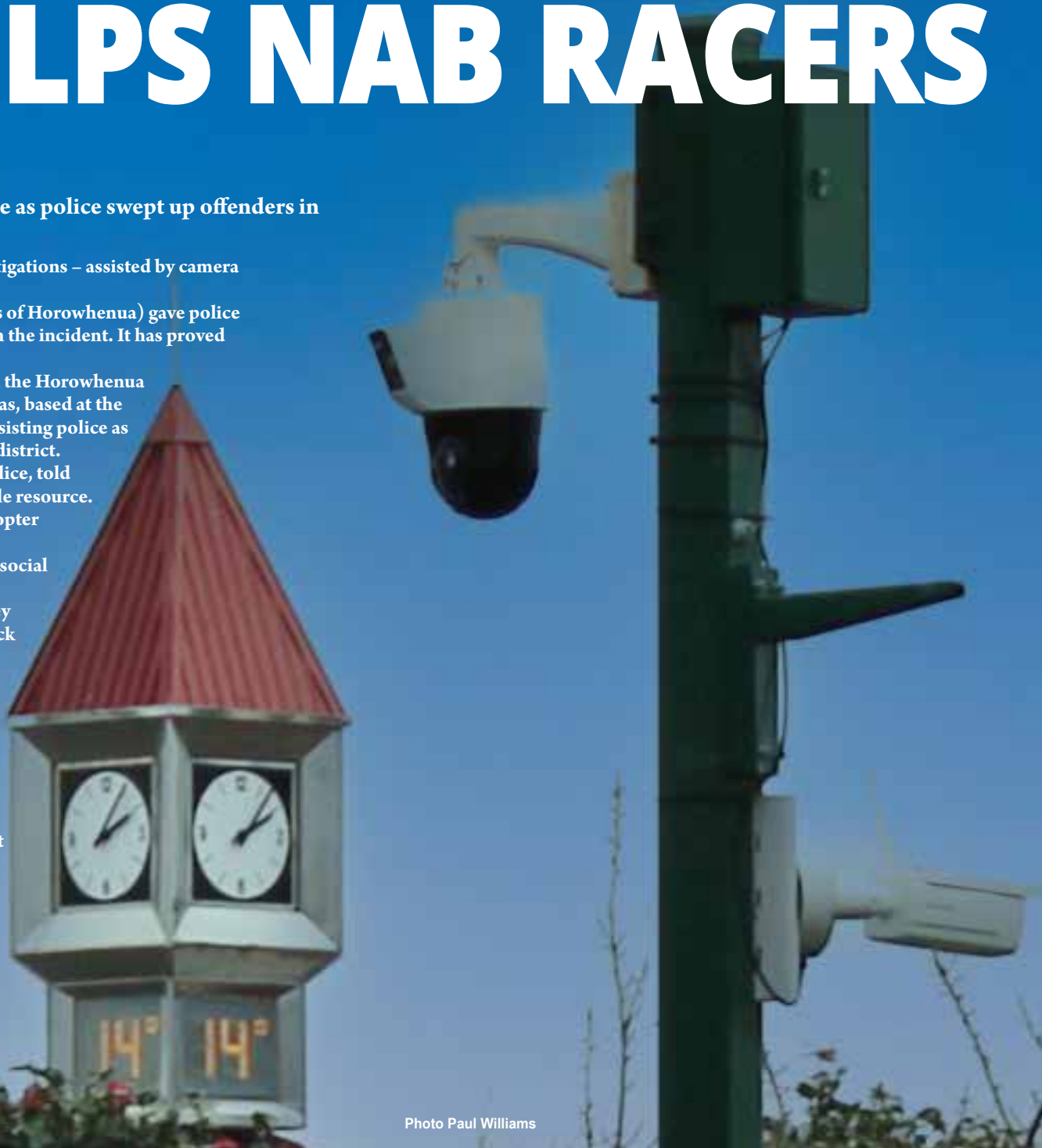


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# Flags ripped down, poles snapped at Kuku

By Ian Carson

**Many of the flags flying prominently along the highway at Kuku have been ripped down and left in the mud.**

In the first of two incidents, five flags were ripped from their snapped bamboo poles on Saturday night just south of Tukorehe Marae. The vandalism was noticed on Sunday morning. At that stage, it was not known who might have been responsible.

“The flags were just left dumped on the ground,” Ngāti Tukorehe spokesperson Tipi Wehipeihana told the *Star*.

He said none of the flags were damaged or defaced but “pulling a flag down is damaging and defacing it”.

He took the flags and re-erected them on the other side of the road.

Then in broad daylight – between 1pm and 2pm on Monday – a man described as “elderly” who was driving south was seen stopping at the marae gates.

“I believe it was the same person who took down the flags on Sunday,” Tipi says. “In his anger, he snapped the poles and left the six flags on the ground.”

He then allegedly attempted to pull down another flag at a property across the road.

Tipi says the man was confronted by an uncle of Tipi’s, but received a tirade of swearing and racial abuse. A nephew noticed the confrontation as he was driving past and received the same abuse.

The two whānau members noted the man’s



The flags flying at Kuku, Tukorehe Marae. Photo: Horowhenua Star

vehicle licence plate, before the man drove off.

“The number on the plate was passed on to our marae committee, and they decided to lay a complaint with police,” Tipi says.

He believes the man lives in the Kuku area.

Tipi says a clue as to the man’s anger might lie in a card found near the fallen flags. It was labelled “Stop Co Governance”. On the card was written: “Radical Māori are taking over our country. Fight back. Join the resistance.”

Tipi says he doesn’t know whether the card was dropped when the flags were ripped down, or deliberately placed to send a message.

“When you come across a card like that at the base of flags just ripped down, maybe it was left there intentionally. I feel it probably was just dropped though.”

The flags were originally installed in November last year supporting the national hikoi protesting the Treaty Principles Bill. The marae hosted hikoi participants. All the flags are on Māori-land, with the consent of the owners.

“They’ve stayed up, and you can’t help noticing them,” Tipi says. “It’s sad that some people don’t see the pride in having our flags flying on our whenua.”

## CCTV nabs street racers

from front page

Mayor Bernie Wanden said groups like the camera trust were essential for allowing the Horowhenua community to feel safe.

“These aren’t secret spies watching our every move. They are dedicated volunteers who help monitor and prevent crime, ultimately making our streets safer,” he said. “As a council, it is collaborations with people and groups like these that make this a great place to live. They truly care about our community and we’re proud to support them.”

HCCT chair Ted Melton said the trust’s governance and operations were run entirely by volunteers.

“Every dollar required is raised or donated,” he said. “Our volunteers offer their time and skills to expand, maintain, and monitor the cameras throughout the district, improving police response to incidents, helping to prevent crime, and monitoring trends.”

The volunteers work with agencies, iwi and community groups. It helps police by recording incidents, detecting problems early, and helping provide quick responses when things go wrong.

HCCT operates and maintains CCTV safety cameras in Levin, Himatangi, Shannon, Waitāre, Foxton, Foxton Beach, and Waikawa.

The council, police and Electra assist the trust in their work, but HCCT could use more sponsors, hosts for cameras, and volunteers.

■ If you can help or want someone to speak to your community group, email [askus@hcct.org.nz](mailto:askus@hcct.org.nz)

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- Susan Ryder

"Sometimes you only get one chance to get it right and this is one of those occasions."

- Chris Hunt

"Yahoo! Congratulations to you & all involved, for persevering on behalf of all who will be appreciating the road in the future."

- Betty and Neil Baldwin

"We didn't expect this outcome and are over the moon! Thanks to Suze for working so hard for our community."

- Alanna

"Thank you for going in to bat so strongly for everyone involved - young and not so young! You clearly have the present and future welfare of all people who call this area their home at heart."

"On behalf of Horowhenua District Council and our community, we want to thank you for your consistent advocacy... Your willingness to raise community concerns... has been invaluable."

- Horowhenua District Council

"Thank you a million times over, for your steadfast efforts on behalf of all residents, businesses, children and young people. You deserve a GOLD STAR!!!"

- Jill Phillips

"Many, many thanks for your hard work with the Ō2NL project!"

- Helen and Clive Foy

"Well done you and us, Tim. Any lesser outcome would have been unacceptable."

- Murray

"This is proof that when community and leadership come together it can really make a difference. Thank you Suze for advocating for us and making our voices heard."

- Lisa

"It is also most reassuring to know that the future dreams and plans of business entrepreneurs have a real champion watching out for their backs."

- Chris Mawby

"You are a warrior Tim, prepared to fight for what is sensible, practical and utterly indispensable."

- Sue de Berry

"It bodes well looking well ahead in the scheme of things rather than the shortsighted version of what Land Transport were dictating to us."

- Logan

"Take a bow! Well done. Also re the hospital shuttle. You deserve every success."

- Martin Setchell

"A most fabulous result Tim, thank you so much for your persistent resolve."

- John Scahill

"I'm glad they saw sense. It will now be a proper expressway."

- Robert and Eileen Smyth

"Thank you for all the hard work you put into this for the community."

- Betty Cornick

*Thank you for all your advocacy and support.*

**Tim Costley** MP for Ōtaki  
**Suze Redmayne** MP for Rangitīkei

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Speldhurst Residents Association chair Roger Parton, who wants NZTA to rethink speeds on Kimberley Road. Photo Janine Baalbergen

# NZTA challenged on speed

By Janine Baalbergen

**Residents of Speldhurst Country Estate on Kimberley Road south of Levin are demanding NZTA toss out the speed limit consultation results and do it again.**

Residents association chair Roger Parton has written to the chair and the chief executive of Waka Kotahi/NZTA telling them they need to redo their homework on the recent speed limit consultation, which resulted in the speed limit going up from 80km/h to 100km/h on many roads, including Kimberley Road.

He told NZTA the questionnaire’s wording was a problem and also accused NZTA of

inconsistent and unfair practices.

Roger believes the questions asked focused on increasing the speed limit while then asking whether the retention of the current speed limit was supported.

“This is designed to confuse,” he says.

He’s also not impressed that Horowhenua locals were not told they could file petitions in support of keeping the speed limit at 80km/h.

“There was no indication that community petitions would be accepted and had we known, the outcome of the consultation would have been different.”

He says petitions led to lower speeds on SH5 at Waipa and SH3 at Whanganui, and that petitions were accepted in six areas around

the country. In three of those, petition were accepted.

He believes Speldhurst alone would have generated well over 1000 signatures.

The country estate is growing and has a cafe and health centre used by residents and people who don’t reside at Speldhurst.

The NZTA website says Kimberley Road has a daily average of 5071 vehicles. Speldhurst residents are nervous about entering or exiting the 100km/h stretch of SH57 outside their gate.

“Each day the speed limits stays at 100km/h, the greater the risk to those entering and existing this retirement village,” Roger wrote to NZTA. “Horowhenua District Council is also unhappy with the results of the consultation.”

## BRIEFS

### Investigation into baby death

Police have launched a homicide investigation after the death of a Foxton Beach toddler. Detective Senior Sergeant Michael Deegan says the 6-month-old was found with critical injuries at a Seabury Avenue house last weekend. The baby was initially airlifted to Starship Hospital in Auckland in a critical condition. Police said on Saturday evening the child had died.

### Residents invited to meeting

The Horowhenua District Ratepayers & Residents Association (HRRRA) is inviting members of the community to a meeting on Monday. With the local government elections in October, the meeting is aiming to “address key local issues, foster dialogue, and strengthen community ties”. There will be an open forum where residents and ratepayers can voice ideas, questions and concerns. Key topics include rates increases, council debt, infrastructure ownership and the Māori Ward referendum.

- Freemasons Centre, corner Parker Avenue and Power Street, 5.30pm Monday, July 14.

### Register dogs by July 31

Dog owners need to renew registration of their dogs by July 31 to avoid a 50 percent late fee penalty. Some of the cost of animal control is covered by rates, the rest is covered by registration fees. Registered at horowhenua.govt.nz/pawsonline, in person or by post. Owners having difficulty paying fees are encouraged to contact the council on 06 366 0999 or email enquiries@horowhenua.govt.nz

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# Forty years of learning and legacy

By Paul Williams

**A Levin Kindergarten named after a woman who gave so much to the sector now has another long-serving teacher in its ranks.**

The ribbon to open The Betty Montford Kindergarten on July 2, 1985, was cut by Betty herself at an opening ceremony that involved Levin Mayor Jack Bolderson. The kindergarten was named in acknowledgement of Betty’s 27 years of work in early childhood education.

Fast-forward 40 years, and it was fitting that the birthday milestone celebration last week was attended by current Horowhenua Mayor Bernie Wanden, and a member of the staff who has been an early childhood educator for 28 years.

Whaea Lisa Jack, who dressed up in butterfly wings for the occasion, says it’s a rewarding job and that she has loved working with children and their

families. “It’s so enjoyable and no two days are the same,” she says. “I’m a people person so enjoy meeting people.

“I just really, really enjoy my job. “The way children learn is amazing. It’s not a job when you really enjoy it and we have lots of fun.

“Often you find you’re teaching the second generation and that’s lovely. Some are so similar to their parents. It’s awesome to have that connection.”

Interestingly, another teacher, Whaea Jo Blackman, attended the kindergarten herself in 1987.

Mayor Bernie encouraged the children to ask questions, and one of them thanked him “for fixing the roundabouts in town”.



From left, Lisa Jack, Nikau, Jai, Noah, Reid and Jo Blackman at Betty Montford Kindergarten’s 40th birthday last week.  
Photo Paul Williams

## Grant gets HoroSar new gear

**Horowhenua Search and Rescue (HoroSar) has six new radios thanks to a grant from the Horowhenua New Zealand Trust.**

The grant has helped HoroSar replace six VHF units that have come to the end of their usefulness, enhancing the team’s ability to respond swiftly and safely in critical situations.

The volunteer organisation responds to more than 10 operations annually across the Tararua Ranges, coastal areas, and surrounding urban communities. Their work includes searching for missing trampers, wander searches for people with dementia or autism, and providing safety communications for local adventure events.

HoroSAR spokesperson Rachael Mills says the radios are being issued to the unit’s most active members, enabling them to deploy directly from home rather than returning to Levin Police Station to collect gear.

“This grant came at exactly the right time,” Rachael says. “Six of our older radios had become inoperable. These replacements have not only filled that immediate gap but are helping us move toward a more responsive and mobile model of deployment.”



From left, Jo Mason of Horowhenua NZ Trust, Rachael Mills of Horowhenua Search and Rescue, and Rebecca Kilsby-Halliday (HNZT), with the new radios donated by the trust.  
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HoroSAR is also establishing a new headquarters and training facility on land gifted by the Levin A&P Association. The new base will provide secure storage, a radio operations room, a training space, and areas for family liaison during critical incidents – an improvement over the current setup based out of the police station.

As Horowhenua’s population grows the demand on search and rescue services will inevitably rise. Support from the Horowhenua New Zealand Trust has therefore become critical to ensure that local volunteers remain well equipped and ready to respond when every second counts.



Ben Clisby with his roofing excellence award.  
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## Roofer on national board

**Levin roofer Ben Clisby’s passion for lifting quality and accountability in the industry has seen him voted onto the board of Roofing Association New Zealand.**

The 43-year-old’s work in bringing awareness to the need for industry standards has seen him with a seat on the eight-person RANZ board, while also receiving the bi-annual national award for roofing excellence.

Ben, who has worked in the industry since he was 17, says he wants to see a greater public awareness of the importance of engaging qualified roofers, and for roofers themselves in gaining those qualifications.

He says he tired of seeing disgruntled customers left “out of pocket” and saddled with sub-standard work, and the consumer deserved better.

“The public need to be aware there are different classes of roofer. Some are unlicensed and unqualified,” he says.

He says as an organisation, RANZ can’t police the work of non-affiliated members, but is nevertheless concerned about the wider implications for the industry and the need to protect and restore public trust.

Poor workmanship had the potential to undermine the entire industry, he says.

The licensed roofing practitioner scheme did not apply to residential re-roofing, despite representing a large part of the industry, and this needs to change to help prevent non-compliant or substandard work, he says.

“You don’t see it every day. But it’s a lot more common than you think.”

Ben says poor workmanship is a slight on the entire industry and he’s tired of seeing frustrated customers.

“There is a need for due diligence, and a duty of care to the consumer,” he says.

Ben left school at 17 to serve a building apprenticeship with his father, Dave, and was made a shareholder of Protech Roofing in 2006. Dave retired in 2022.

Protech Roofing has a staff of four.

Ben also features in industry training videos aimed at educating young roofers with industry standards and best practice.

## Honours for Caci clinic



**Caci Levin has won top honours at this year’s Caci annual awards held at Viaduct Events Centre in Auckland.**

The clinic won both the coveted Platinum Award for Clinic of the Year and the Clinic Excellence Award. Clinic owner Jamie Stout (at left) was awarded gold for both Registered Nurse of the Year and Treatment Advisor of the Year.

The Caci awards recognise excellence across its nationwide network of more than 75 clinics covering categories like skin therapist, registered nurse, treatment advisor, and overall clinic performance.

The Clinic of the Year award is judged on multiple aspects of the business, including customer satisfaction.

Jamie says the awards, attended by more than 400 people across the network, were a reflection of the entire Levin team.

## Enrol now for October elections

**The Electoral Commission is urging people to enrol now to make voting easy in the local government elections in October.**

“The local elections are held by a postal vote. It’s important to be enrolled at the address where you live by 1 August to get your voting papers in the mail,” says Anusha Guler, deputy chief executive, operations.

“If you enrol or update your address after 1 August, you’ll need to contact your council and cast a special vote, which takes longer. Enrol or update your details now to make voting easy,” she says.

Enrolment packs were sent to everyone on the electoral roll in April so people could check their enrolment details ahead of the elections.

“More than 100,000 packs have been returned to us because the person no longer lives at that address. If we can’t contact you at the address you’re enrolled at, you could be moved off the electoral roll. Make sure you update your details with us if you change address,” Anusha says.

■ Enrol or update your address online at [vote.nz](https://vote.nz) using your driver licence, passport or RealMe identity. You can also call 0800 36 76 56 for an enrolment form, or text your name and address to 3676 to be sent a form in the post.



CITIZENS ADVICE: GINNY WILLIAMS

# Bankruptcy – when you no longer control your assets

**Times are tough in the business world at the moment and some business people are having to consider bankruptcy.**

Bankruptcy is a last option if you owe at least \$1000 (but best if you owe at least \$50,000) and have no way of paying it back. If you owe less than \$50,000 you should consider a No Asset Procedure or Debt Repayment Order first.

If you are declared bankrupt, you will no longer be in control of your assets. Your possessions, including your home, car, expensive appliances, life insurance policies and super schemes can be sold to repay your debts.

If you're in a business partnership, it will be dissolved as soon as you become bankrupt. Your share of the business will be sold by the Official Assignee (the official person who looks after your bankruptcy) to repay your debts.

Unfortunately, bankruptcy doesn't cancel your debts. You will still be responsible for

court ordered fines, such as parking fines or orders of compensation for your creditors. You will also still be responsible for any child support and your own expenses.

The rest of your debts will cease to exist.

Bankruptcy usually lasts for three years. During this time your assets will be administered by an insolvency office for the Insolvency and Trustee Service (ITS), and the proceeds from anything that can be reasonably sold will be shared among your creditors by the Official Assignee of the ITS. After the first three years your name stays on the Insolvency Register for four more years.

There are some restrictions and responsibilities if you declare bankruptcy:

- restrictions on where and how you can work
- what you are allowed to own



- you will be required to attend meetings with the Official Assignee
  - inform the Official Assignee about anything important in your financial life.
- Being a bankrupt means:
- you will be listed in the insolvency register, which is publicly available
  - you can no longer direct or own a company until you are discharged by the Official Assignee
  - you will not be able to take out a loan of more than \$1000 without telling the lender that you are an "undischarged bankrupt"
  - providers of utility services (for example, electricity providers) and insurance companies might cancel their service contracts with you, or restrict what services they will offer you
  - your credit rating will be greatly reduced (it can be affected for up to seven years). This can make it hard to:
    - get a loan from a lender, even after you are discharged from bankruptcy
    - find a landlord willing to rent to you
    - find employment where a clean credit record is needed.
  - you will need permission to travel overseas, including on holiday
  - your rights to legal action will be restricted. Any legal action must go through your Official Assignee
  - your partner might be affected if you have joint accounts and your share of the assets need to be sold to repay your debts
    - you can't apply for a student loan until your bankruptcy is discharged.
- If you're considering bankruptcy please consider a call to CAB – open for visits 9.30am-2pm Monday to Friday, Uniting Church, Oxford Street, Levin. Phone 06-368-9521 or email [levin@cab.org.nz](mailto:levin@cab.org.nz)*
- Ginny is chair of Citizens Advice Bureau Levin

PLAIN SPEAKING: IAN CARSON

## When your paper doesn't arrive

**When Horowhenua Star first published in late January, the team made every effort to ensure as many households as possible in the district got a newspaper delivered.**

Poor distribution was identified as an issue for Horowhenua



advertisers, and of course for readers. That's why we included Foxton and Foxton Beach in letterbox deliveries. Along with several bulk drops to key outlets in these areas, the extra numbers total about 2500. That's a lot of papers, that no one else does.

We also beefed up rural delivery, making the total number of *Star* newspapers delivered every week 15,000.

But still some households don't get a paper. It's a nationwide – and probably worldwide – issue. Here's why.

Both newspapers in Horowhenua use a national distributor, Reach Media. It's their responsibility to deliver papers as contracted. They pick up the *Star* about 5am on a Friday morning. The rural couriers also pick up early and begin delivery straight away. It's why papers often get to places like Waikawa Beach before most people in Levin have even woken up.

Reach gets papers to individual "walkers" – the people who deliver into letterboxes – who then begin delivering in their allocated area.

So why do papers occasionally not arrive?

Several things can happen. One common reason is that a walker might become ill overnight or simply not be available for various reasons. Unless they have someone who can cover for them, their papers won't be delivered to them – or to you if you're on their walk.

We know that some walkers – fortunately only a rogue few – also simply fail to deliver. That's been happening for decades. Papers end up in a creek or the bushes. We've noticed a recent trend of dumping bundles of papers in residents' recycling bins. At least they're being eco-friendly, I suppose. If we hear about it, we advise Reach and they take appropriate action.

And as has happened with both papers since they started publishing early this year, trucks picking up the papers from Auckland or Tauranga can get stuck behind an accident, or the delivery doesn't go to where it should. Fortunately in these circumstances we've been able to get the *Star* delivered, if a couple of hours later than we would like.

But remember, you can always pick up a copy from our stands around the district – see page 2 for locations.

■ Ian is managing editor of ID Media

AT THE LIBRARY: WENDY FRASER

## Stay in the loop with children's library emails

By Wendy Fraser  
Library Services Manager

In today's fast-paced world, it can be hard to keep up with everything, especially when it comes to finding fun and educational activities for your kids in our Horowhenua community. To help families stay connected, Horowhenua Libraries offers a dedicated Children's Library Newsletter. This newsletter shares updates on upcoming events, school holiday programmes, and book recommendations tailored for young readers.

Subscribers receive early notices about school holiday activities, allowing parents and caregivers to plan ahead and keep children engaged and entertained during breaks from school. The programmes include storytimes, craft sessions, interactive workshops, and other opportunities designed to support learning and creativity for children of all ages.

In addition to event updates, the newsletter features hand-picked book recommendations each month, spanning genres from fantasy and adventure to heartwarming stories that resonate with young readers. It also highlights special library initiatives such as author visits, reading challenges, and other community events.

The library's website has also been recently updated to provide easy access to a wide range of resources and information for families. Visit [www.tetakeretangaokura-hau-po.org.nz](http://www.tetakeretangaokura-hau-po.org.nz) to explore event details, browse book collections, and find support for your child's learning journey—all focused on what's happening right here in Horowhenua.

Families can sign up for the Children's Library Newsletter through the library website or by visiting any Horowhenua library branch, where staff are happy to assist.

Staying informed through the newsletter is a simple way to ensure children have ongoing opportunities to explore, learn, and enjoy the many offerings of their local library.

**Heritage Rooms**  
Te Takeretanga o Kura-hau-pō: Tues, Wed, Fri (10am–12:30pm), Thurs (10am–3pm).  
Te Awahou Nieuwe Stroom: Research



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**Aquatics**  
Celebrate the end of the holidays at our Hine Takurua Winter Pool Party in Levin! Enjoy a fun-filled afternoon with kai, a DJ, inflatables, the waterslide, and more!

**Te Awahou Nieuwe Stroom**  
Join us at Te Awahou Nieuwe Stroom for a free Burger Blast lunch for rangitahi (12-24 yrs) on Friday 4 and 11 July, from 12–1:30pm. Enjoy a free meal, share your thoughts in a quick survey about accessing food in our community, and enter to win New World vouchers. Thanks to Horowhenua Kai Network and partners for making this happen!

**Exhibitions**  
*Te Takeretanga o Kura-hau-pō Gallery:* Our Lives, Our Stories, Our Papers – Newspapers of the Horowhenua (until 31 July 2025). Curated by Kiri Pepene (Library Information Research & Local History Team Lead), Leala Faleseuga (Digital Inclusion Coordinator), and Nicky Jenkins (Library Communications Coordinator).  
Horowhenua has a rich legacy of newspapers at the heart of everyday life. This exhibition explores how local papers kept us informed, connected, and thriving – celebrating milestones, reporting world events, and capturing the community spirit. A snapshot of our printed history.

**Weekly Events**  
**Fridays** (11 & 18 July)  
Friday Live Concert, Te Takeretanga o Kura-hau-pō, noon–1pm  
(18 July only), Tales & Trails School Holiday Programme Activities, Te Takeretanga o Kura-hau-pō & Te Awahou Nieuwe Stroom, 10.30–noon,



Shannon Library, 2–3pm.  
Burger Blast, Te Awahou Nieuwe Stroom, noon–1.30pm.  
**Mondays** (14 & 21 July)  
Storytime, Te Takeretanga o Kura-hau-pō, 10–10:30am.  
Meet Street, Te Takeretanga o Kura-hau-pō, 10–11am.  
(21 July only), Digital Drop-in, Shannon Library, 1.30–3.30pm.  
**Tuesdays** (15 & 22 July)  
Digital Drop-in, Te Takeretanga o Kura-hau-pō, 10–11am.  
Storytime, Te Awahou Nieuwe Stroom, 10:30–11am.  
JP Service, Te Takeretanga o Kura-hau-pō, 11:30–1:30pm.  
Lego Hour, Te Takeretanga o Kura-hau-pō, 3:30–4:30pm  
Sensory Sessions, Levin Aquatics, 7–8pm.  
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# Island businesses frustrated by aid access

Three years of fruitless argument have not dimmed the enthusiasm of New Zealand’s Pacific exporters to press their case for direct government support as part of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs aid programme for the island countries.

The ministry insists that a threshold of \$100,000 per order for exporters to be given opportunities for involvement in overseas aid procurement must be observed for Pacific Island nations.

New Zealand’s annual export trade with the Pacific has averaged \$1.5 billion over the past decade, so it’s unsurprising that about 20 Pacific companies remain frustrated by limited access to aid funds.

New Zealand currently provides about \$500 million in aid funding to the island countries. Some of this goes to specific projects but a good deal is categorised as “budgetary assistance” – wording that has outsiders reckoning that New Zealand is at least paying its share of interest outlaid by island governments on money loaned by China for infrastructure projects.

The exporters want the ministry to allocate an initial 10 percent of the annual island aid budget for exclusive participation by New Zealand firms trading goods and services to the islands. They believe support to that extent would enable a significant jump in the value of Kiwi exports and suggest the allocation should increase to 30 percent within four years.

A review of procurement rules is under way by MBIE. The Pacific export group has been told it is due out next month. They are not expecting much joy – the ministry has told

them that it expects Foreign Minister Winston Peters will back the official stance.

But “tied aid” – that is aid given to a developing country with a caveat that it must be spent on goods and services from the country

making the gesture – is common. Japan and China, in particular, have made an art form of it.

New Zealand has frequently over past decades had arguments between one side claiming tied aid is no aid and it should be left to the recipient country to determine its destination; while the other side has claimed that too often “untied” aid becomes a source of corruption, useful as a political tool for pet projects of local

politicians or a blandishment for influence. The decision of President Donald Trump to shut down USAid has taken more than \$40 billion out of circulation in assistance to developing countries. European actions are likely to lower European Union aid commitments by 28 percent. A result, especially in the Pacific, is likely to be more pressure on New Zealand and Australia to at least maintain commitments. Neither of the two Tasman countries seem in a mood for greater contributions. The EU set a tone by redirecting to defence expenditure the money saved.

And while Pacific aid and the methodologies of distribution are an issue, the foreign minister has also to look after the question of what to



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do about the Cook Islands. He has suspended grants that are understood to have totalled more than \$190 million over the past three years while dealings with the island nation are resolved. This follows the signing of a strategic partnership with China by the Cook Islands without giving New Zealand prior notice of its intention to contemplate such a move.

Discussion around the Beehive has noted the sums allocated to the Cook Island with a population of under 14,000 people work out in the area of \$5000 a head annually. Many Kiwis in today’s economy would be happy to have the coalition government handing them even \$1000 a year by way of a donation!

It may well be that the Chinese government involvement in the Cook Islands means the NZ funding assistance becomes less important to the island nation. But a question arises as to whether deals the islands’ government makes with Beijing in assisting with development of seabed and fishing resources provide sufficient

income to meet the cost of infrastructure required.

To date there seems no public detail of what the Sino-Cooks arrangements involve. In the absence of this it would not seem to be out of order if New Zealand were to get a more public outline of just where its assistance money has gone, and where any future aid will be spent.

Public disclosures of where aid funds are to be spent and disclosures of follow-up monitoring would give greater assurance of value for money, especially as the term “budgetary assistance” can cover a multitude of sins, as well as mutually useful outcomes.

Aid tied to participation of New Zealand providers of goods and services would at least ensure value back to Kiwi shores. And probably shut off a good deal of questioning as to where the money goes within the island nations.

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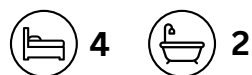


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Todd and Natalie Strode-Penny at the their building hub in Hokio Beach Road.

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With a generous 130m2 floor area, there's plenty of space to spread out. The modernised kitchen is a real highlight for home cooks, featuring a wall oven, hob, dishwasher, and a view of the Tararua

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## Fantastic first home, excellent garaging

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Inside, the open plan kitchen, dining, and lounge area creates a welcoming hub and flows out to a covered deck- ideal for entertaining or enjoying a quiet morning coffee. The kitchen has been freshened

with new cupboard doors, there is a pantry and stove with gas hobs. New carpet throughout gives the home a fresh and inviting feel and a heat pump ensures year-round comfort. The main bedroom opens out to a deck.

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### READY AND WAITING!

Whether you're downsizing, investing, or stepping onto the property ladder, this tidy brick unit is an ideal choice. Perfectly positioned just a short walk to town, this two bedroom home offers comfort, convenience, and low-maintenance living. Freshly updated with new carpet, curtains, and a modern paint palette, the home feels light, bright, and welcoming. The kitchen has been partially modernised, featuring a brand new stove and fresh flooring. A heat pump ensures year-round comfort, while the smart layout maximises space.

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### FOUR BEDROOMS WITH SPACE

Set on a generous 811m2 corner section, this elevated 210m2 weatherboard home offers an exciting opportunity for families needing room to grow or savvy investors looking to add value. Four bedrooms, two bathrooms (including an ensuite), and generous living and dining spaces are perfect for family life. The kitchen enjoys stunning views of the Tararua Ranges and opens out to a deck, ideal for entertaining while overlooking the backyard. A separate rumpus room adds extra flexibility for a playroom, home office, or second lounge. Comfort is assured year round with two heat pumps and HRV ventilation.

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### ARCHITECTURAL ELEGANCE

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### GRAND HOME AND LOCATION

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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Ready for a day at the races in the early 1900s are, from left, Ani Wehipeihana (nee Richardson), Aunty Nano, Uncle Binto and Aunty Akata. Note the talking magpie in front. The photo was taken in front of Ani and Tumeke Wehipeihana's homestead in Kuku.

Photos: Yvonne Wehipeihana Wilson



Ani and Tumeke Wehipeihana, at the AP&I show in Levin.

# Waterways sustained early inhabitants

THE earliest occupants of Kuku, of whom there is any trace or record, were the ancient Waitaha, or moa hunters, Muaūpoko and Ngāti Mamoe.

In the early 1800s the people of Ngāti Tukorehe, Te Mateawa and Ngāti Terangitawhia migrated from Waikato at the invitation of Ngāti Toa chief Te Rauparaha's sister, Waitohi.

They settled in several places through Horowhenua-Kāpiti. A major papakāinga was at Tiro Tiro Whetu, near the Ōhau River mouth. It should be noted that the Waikawa and Ōhau rivers then shared the same estuary. They were separated by the earthquake of 1855.

The rivers and the wetlands around them were major sources of food, providing tuna (eels), perarau (oysters), whitebait, koura (crayfish) and many fish species.

The hapū then moved inland to Ōhau Pā, Pā Harakeke, and the first Kuku Pā on the bank of the Maungaahau Stream. Another settlement was where Tamati Creek joined the Ōhau River. The site was established under the directive of Raniwhakaripa.

The current Tukorehe Marae (or Kuku Pā) on the main highway at Kuku was opened in 1894. Its construction was orchestrated by Matai Wehipeihana Taharape. Carving work was done by Patuaka Tauehe.

Early in the 20th century, some of the men of Tukorehe and Te Mateawa supported the building of another marae in Te Mateawa, known as the "Top Land". The women objected.

Ani Oriwia Wehipeihana, told granddaughter Yvonne Wehipeihana Wilson, about it:

"A hui eventuated and our kuia Ani, led by Granny, said no to the concept," Yvonne says. "Our kuia said it was hard enough maintaining our existing marae, and that this would split our people, Te Mateawa and Tukorehe."

The kuia threatened to burn the whare down if the men went ahead with their plans. The outcome was that another one was never built.

It was suggested that a flagpole be erected at Tukorehe Marae as a reminder of this, and that it should be named Ani Oriwia in memory of women's strength and wisdom. The flagpole was erected, and a flag was made by the Parewahawaha whānau.

– Source: Sean Ogden



Map drawn by George Leslie Adkin, March 1935.

## OBITUARY: UNAIKI WAIRAKI KEREMIHANA RICHARDSON

Manawatū Standard, August 1, 1935

Mrs Unaiki Richardson, chieftainess of the Ngāti Tukorehe tribe and widow of the late Thomas Richardson of Matahiwi, near Bulls, died recently at her home, now more generally known as Ohakea. The deceased lady's life formed an important link, morally and in practice, in the union of the Pākehā and the Māori people.

Born over 70 years ago, she and her parents were closely associated with such splendid old fellows as Ihakara Tukumarū (Peace Maker) and Nepia Taratoa (Animated Courage), both of whom are still gratefully remembered by the pioneers of Rangitīkei and Manawatū, for it was the firm stand then taken by these two men that prevented a savage attack upon these early settlers by a turbulent section of the all powerful Ngāti Raukawa tribe. But for their good influence, though not generally known at the time, it was subsequently told in confidence to the late John Stevens in full detail that "The Fraser Clan", even then numbering 100 of the earliest white settlers, were to have been wiped off the face of the Earth. This startling fact was discreetly hidden from the intended victims, as the person to whom it was related had every confidence in the two chiefs, and panic

was so often the cause of serious trouble between the races.

True to her people's traditions, Unaiki devoted her life to her family and the less fortunate members of her people. She brought up her nine boys and four girls to be industrious, helpful to those in need, and respected by those who know them best. Most of them still reside in the district, but yielding to the ancestral wish, her remains were taken to Ōhau for burial, as according to one old man of the tribe: "Her spirit could follow the airway taken to the place of departure in the North for the Spirit land of Te Reinga, that course having been marked out by her ancestors for centuries past." Those of us who think the olden time beliefs of the Maori are fading away must surely be mistaken. The mother and the father of her late husband were Anne Fraser and Thomas Richardson, who arrived in Wellington in 1840 and 1842. They were also among the first settlers in Rangitīkei.





# Jockey Evan gets Grand Prospect

By Paul Williams

An amateur jockey series is giving riders working hard behind the scenes the chance to have a winning photo on the wall.

The industry is full of hardworking people that wake early and ride horses in training each morning, only to hand over the reins to a professional jockey come raceday.

Foxton amateur jockey Evan Taiaroa is one of those. He’s ridden horses his whole life, and on weekends he works at the races loading jockeys and horses in the starting stalls.

But come this Sunday, he’ll be holding onto the reins of a horse he rides every morning, when Grand Prospect lines up at the Woodville-Pahiatua meeting.

He’s bullish about Grand Prospect’s prospects, too. He sees the horse every day and reckons trainer Sue Walsh has him fit and well.

“He’s been a tough horse to ride but in the last two months he’s really turned a corner and is going well. He’s quite a tough horse, but he’s starting to behave like a real gentleman,” he says.

As far as a winning photo on the wall goes, it would be a great result for Evan, whose father Arnold Taiaroa is a winning jockey (2 wins), as is his daughter, Temyia Taiaroa (87 wins).

Evan, 47, has had 14 career rides in the past 20 years and has come close to winning

on occasion, including a third placing aboard Grand Prospect at Trentham two weeks ago in an amateur riders race.

“It would be great. No race is easy, but he is going well in his training and feeling strong and probably had one of his best gallops ever the other morning,” he says.

“We’re up against some really good horses but I expect him to go another good race.”

The weights of amateur riders races are raised, as weight is often the primary reason stopping many amateur riders from pursuing fully fledged jockey careers.

Ironically for Evan though, at age 47, he says he’s as fit and as light as he’s ever been and can comfortably achieve Grand Prospect’s carded weight of 65.5kg.

Grand Prospect himself would only have to live up to his breeding to give Sunday’s field a fright. He is the younger half-brother of 2021 Melbourne Cup winner Verry Elleegant.

**RIGHT: Foxton amateur jockey Evan Taiaroa aboard Grand Prospect. The pair will combine again at the Woodville-Pahiatua meeting on Sunday.**

Photo: Race Images Ltd.



## Masters master the mats

A Horowhenua Masters team made full use of home mat advantage to qualify for the New Zealand Indoor Bowls finals, to be held in Christchurch in September.

The team of Bruce Pedley, Paul Kirkby, Robert Hansen and Liz Gardiner (pictured above) won the Zone final at the Keepa Street Hall venue at the weekend, against teams from Hutt Valler, Upper Hutt and North Wellington in the North Island southern zone.

### Zone Final results

MIXED FOURS – Round 1: Upper Hutt (Wayne Tough, Frank McKenna, Maria Tough, Sharon McKenna) 5 beat Hutt Valley (Shelley Jacombs, Jordan Keene, Richard Corry, Anne Cole) 4. North Wellington (Stacey Northover, Steve Preston, Terry Moffat, Christine Crook) 8 beat Horowhenua (Michael Brunton, Wendy McLean, Paul Rybinski, Janet Lewis) 6.

Round 2: Upper Hutt Horowhenua 9-4, Hutt Valley beat North Wellington 9-8.

Round 3: Horowhenua beat Hutt Valley 11-6, Upper Hutt beat North Wellington 14-4.

Winners: Upper Hutt (Wayne Tough, Frank McKenna, Maria Tough, Sharon McKenna)

MIXED PAIRS – Round 1: Hutt Valley (Marcus Trlin, Denise Clarkson) 8 beat North Wellington (Grant Rayner, Stacey Northover) 5. Upper Hutt (Presley Williams, Sheree Holmes) 14 beat Horowhenua (Michael Brunton, Wendy McLean) 4. Round 2: Hutt Valley beat Horowhenua 12-1, Upper Hutt beat North Wellington 10-4. Round 3: Hutt Valley beat Upper Hutt 9-4. North Wellington beat Horowhenua 8-7. Winners: Hutt Valley (Marcus Trlin, Denise Clarkson)

CHAMPION OF CHAMPION SINGLES – Round 1: Horowhenua (Wendy McLean) 14 beat June Wairau (North Wellington) 13, Hutt Valley (Marcus Trlin) 20 beat Wayne Tough (Upper Hutt) 9. Round 2: Hutt Valley beat Horowhenua 17-9, Upper Hutt beat North Wellington 12-11. Round 3: Hutt Valley beat North Wellington 22-5, Upper Hutt beat Horowhenua 17-6. Winner: Hutt Valley (Marcus Trlin)

MASTERS FOURS – Round 1: Upper Hutt (Frank McKenna, Roger Jones, Sharon McKenna, Chris McAdam) 11 beat Horowhenua (Bruce Pedley, Paul Kirkby, Robert Hansen, Liz Gardiner) 4. Hutt Valley (Helen Burnley, Dianne Trlin, Maree Crighton, Frank Basile) 6 beat North Wellington (Tony Walsh, Reece Wickenden, Terry Moffat, Trevor Rayner) 4. Round 2: Horowhenua beat Hutt Valley 8-3, North Wellington beat Upper Hutt 4-2. Round 3: Horowhenua beat North Wellington 9-3, Upper Hutt beat Hutt Valley 8-7. Winners: Horowhenua (Bruce Pedley, Paul Kirkby, Robert Hansen, Liz Gardiner) equal with Upper Hutt with 2 wins apiece. Horowhenua won on a countback of total ends won by 11 ends to 10. The winners of each event will compete in the respective National Finals at “Super Weekend” in Christchurch on September 12-14.

## RESULTS & FIXTURES

### RUGBY

**Draw, Saturday July 12: Ramsbotham Cup (Premier) – 2.45pm:** Levin COB v Levin Wanderers at Levin Domain, Rāhui v Foxton at Ōtaki Domain, Shannon v Waikanae at Shannon Domain. **Bill Muir Cup (Senior Reserve) – 1pm:** Rāhui v Foxton at Ōtaki Domain, Athletic v Waikanae at Playford Park, Levin Levin COB v Levin Wanderers at Levin Domain. (Apologies that we got the draw wrong last week.)

**Standings, after week 14 (one game before semi-finals)**  
**Premier:** Foxton 52, Rāhui 48, Paraparaumu 35, Waikanae 32, Levin COB 15, Levin Wanderers 14, Shannon 12 (Shannon deducted points).

**Senior Reserve:** Foxton 50, Rāhui 50, Athletic 36, Paraparaumu 23, Levin COB 22, Waikanae 18, Levin Wanderers 15.

### Ramsbotham Cup results (July 5)

**Waikanae 40, Levin COB 24.** Waikanae: Tries to S Osmond, S Gouk, A Lahmert, S Gardner, T Hata. C Bond 4 pen, conv. Levin COB: Tries to W Paiaaua, P Iakopo, A Fuauli, T Fonoti. C Salu conv, T Fonoti conv.

**Foxton 30, Paraparaumu 27.** Foxton: Tries to J David, S Visavisawaqa, A Murphy, D Rutten. A Murphy 2 conv, 2 pen. Paraparaumu: Tries to M Tuala, M Hosking, B Reilly. T Barnsley Conv, Pen.

**Levin Wanderers 23, Rāhui 13.** Wanderers: Tries to M Tansley, I Alauni, D Falaniko. M Masoe 2 pen, A Taiapa conv. Rāhui: Try to K Kaihe. A Roach onv, 2 pen.

### Bill Muir Cup (Senior Reserve)

**Levin COB 74, Waikanae 10.** Levin COB: Tries to F Faapito 2, M Ula, J Logan 2, D Toleafoa 3, R Fonoti 2, S Maasi, S Tupe. L.Salu 6 conv, D Lamsam conv. Waikanae: Try to A Rokolacadamu. D Smith conv, pen.

**Foxton 15, Paraparaumu 13.** Foxton: Tries to R Kreegher, I Poate. R Kauri-Warner conv, pen. Paraparaumu: Try to C McKenzie. B Murland conv, pen, J Reddin pen.

**Rāhui 24, Wanderers 20.** Rāhui: Tries to L Nansen, M Rikihana, C Vanderwiel, R Wells. M Rikihana 2 conv. Wanderers: Tries to W Oka-Murray, H Matehaere, R Whakatihi. A Taiapa conv, pen.

### FOOTBALL

#### Results (only one game last weekend)

Levin AFC Women's Premis 3, Massey University FC Women's Reserves 4.

#### Fixtures

**Saturday:** 12:30pm at Donnelly Park, Levin AFC Colts v Massey University FC Good Guys. 12:30pm at Donnelly Park, Levin AFC Social v RSM Hustlers.

12:30pm at Skoglund Park, PN Marist Inter v Levin AFC Reserves. 12:30pm at Donnelly Park, Levin AFC Sports v North End Vets. 2:45pm, at Donnelly Park, Levin AFC v FC Western. 2:45pm at Donnelly Park.

Levin AFC Masters v Whanganui Athletic Cosmos.

**Sunday:** 11am at Donnelly Park, Levin AFC Women's Reserves v Takaro AFC Harlequins. 1pm at Wembley Park Seniors, Whanganui Athletic Women v Levin AFC Women's Premis.

### GOLF

**Levin: Monday** – Speldhurst 9 Hole Stableford: Kuresa Faleseuga 19, Ray Ferguson 18, Steve Tristin 17. Twos: Neville McRae. **Tuesday** – Levin hosted 85 Eagles Society in annual

quadrangular tournament. Man Wang Eagles won the silver for highest average Stableford, Hawke's Bay 2nd, Taranaki 3rd, Wellington 4th. **Wednesday** – 9 Hole Mixed Stableford: Max Simmons 24, Jeremy Smith 23, Graham Cottrell 20. Birdies: Terry Jordon, Max Simmons, David Douglas, Jeremy Smith; Ladies Bisque Par: Val smith 5, Margaret Hooper -1, Leanne Ward -3. Twos: Karina MacDonald. **Thursday** Men Stableford: David Pick 39, Robert Forth 35, Tony Johnston. Twos: Tony Johnston. **Friday** – 9 Hole Mixed Net: Kuresa Faleseuga 39, Sid Richardson 40, Patricia Van Der Velden 41. **Saturday** – Early Men Stableford: Soon Song 33, Robert Forth 31, Brett Gordon 31. Twos: Robert Forth; Ladies Bisque Par: Anita Davidson 3, Ani Lochore -7; Late Men Stableford: Neville Simpson 39, Robert Ward 37, Alistair Finn 36. Twos: Neville Simpson, Robert Ward.

**Foxton:** Mid week (July 8)

John Koteka c/b 36, Rick Mooney 36, Steve Tickner 35, Matt Hullett 34 c/b, Reece Morgan 34, Harriett Dewes 34. Twos: Steve Tickner, Barry Graham, Joanne Wilton on 10, Elliott Olsen on 12.

## Entrance tides July 4-11

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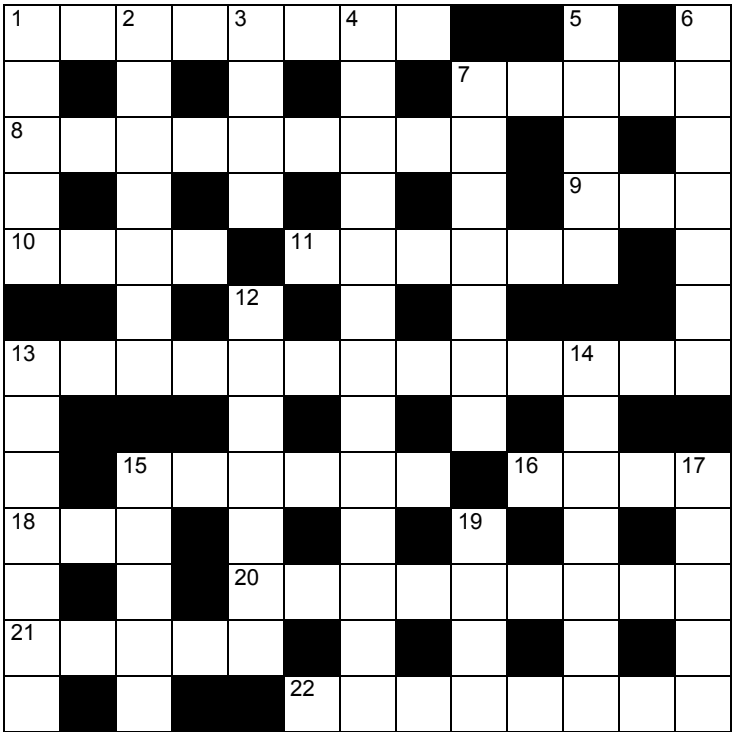
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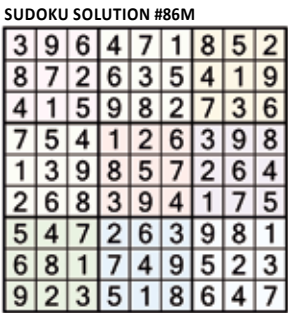
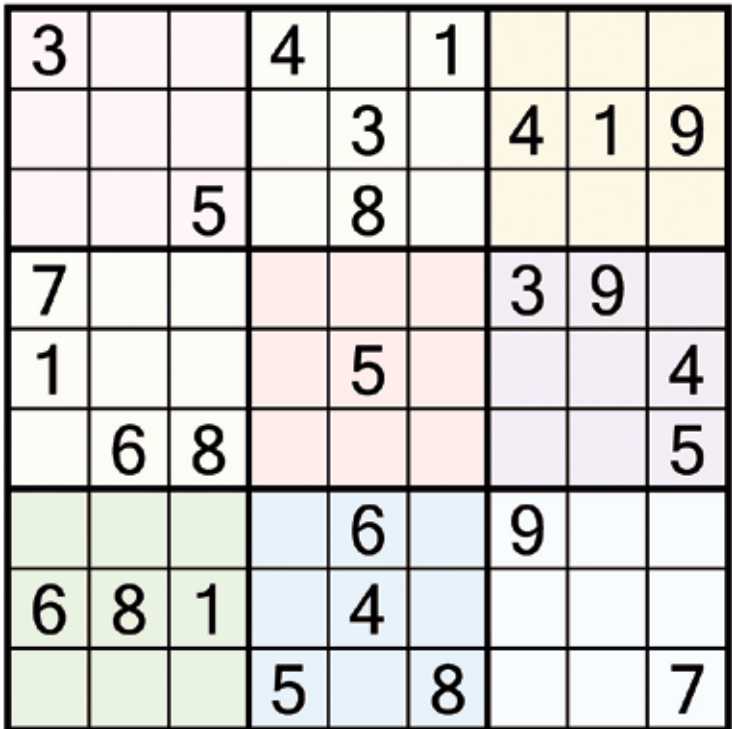
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FRI 18 JUL	02:23	08:45	14:57	21:11	-	



THE CROSSWORD #NZ1943J (answers below right)



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**CROSSWORD #1943J ANSWERS**  
1. Immature 7. Adapt 8. The Chicks 9. Tad 10. Ream 11. Mānuka 13. Grin and bear it 15. Naseby 16. Quit 18. BYO 20. Tributary 21. Essay 22. Ensemble. **DOWN:** 1. Inter 2. Moeraki 3. Tahi 4. Richard O’Brien 5. Pasta 6. Student 7. Assumed 12. Varsity 13. Gobbler 14. Rhubarb 15. Noisy 17. Thyme 19. Dune.

- ACROSS**  
1. Not fully developed (8)  
7. Modify (5)  
8. New Zealand singing sibling duo in the 1960s (3,6)  
9. Bit, small amount (3)  
10. Paper measure (4)  
11. Native plant popular with honey bees (6)  
13. Suffer in a stoical manner (4,3,4,2)  
15. South Island ice festival town (6)  
16. Give up (4)  
18. Option at some restaurants (3)  
20. River or stream flowing in a lake (9)  
21. Composition (5)  
22. A group of musicians playing or singing together (8)
- DOWN**  
1. Bury (5)  
2. New Zealand beach famous for its boulders (7)  
3. One (Māori) (4)  
4. New Zealander who created The Rocky Horror Picture Show (7,6)  
5. Popular meal staple (5)  
6. Scholar (7)  
7. Took for granted (7)  
12. University (abbr) (7)  
13. Nickname for a turkey (7)  
14. Tart fruit usually served stewed (7)  
15. Loud (5)  
17. Herb (5)  
19. Sand hill (4)

**HOROWHENUA WOMEN**  
**WORD SEARCH** answers page 19

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GCHRISTINALNNH	HOLLANDS	WILSON
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**HOROWHENUA QUIZ**  
Answers bottom of page.

- What is the name of the 15-year-old Levin parathlete who was recognised for his dedication to sport last year, receiving two separate awards over seven days.
- Which two forwards moved from Horowhenua Kapiti to Manawatu in the 1970s and later became All Blacks?
- Which Horowhenua rugby player scored 291 test points for the All Blacks, ranking him fourth on the all-time list.
- Which two players were selected for the All Blacks while playing club rugby in Horowhenua Kapiti.
- What is the Walk of Fame in Oxford St, Levin?
- How many plaques are in the Walk of Fame at the moment?
- What year did Horowhenua host the Ranfurly shield challenge, for first time in 30 years?
- When was the last Levin Motor Racing meeting held at the circuit in Makomako Road?
- Why did the motor racing meets end in Levin?
- Where did the motor racing move to?
- What sport was Waiopahu College student Taikato Taniora passionate about playing?
- Which Horowhenua College Year 11 student was chosen for the New Zealand Under-17 team which played against Australia and South Africa in August 2024?
- Who has scored the most runs playing for the HKCA?
- Who is Horowhenua-Kāpiti Rugby Union’s CEO?
- Why has he been in the news recently?

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