



Rāhui, above, who were victorious in 2023, and above right, Foxton, winners in 2024 (photo Dave Lintott Photography).

Pursuits survive test of time

By Paul Williams

The old saying that all men are equal above the turf and below it rings true for rugby and racing – two pursuits deeply rooted in our collective national psyche.

It could be the ability of both pastimes to serve as great levellers that has seen them thrive and survive through generations.

When the whistle blows the barrister is level-pegging with the butcher, and when the starting barriers crash open the \$100 horse is in the same race as the horse bought for a million dollars.

As sporting pursuits, both have survived the test of time.

The first club rugby competition in Horowhenua was in 1893, and there is anecdotal evidence of horse racing being staged along Hokio Beach as early as the 1840s, not long after missionary Samuel Marsden docked with a stallion and two mares in 1823.

Fast-forward to 2025 and the spotlight is once again on rugby and racing as tomorrow the Horowhenua-Kāpiti club rugby finals are at Levin Domain between Rāhui and Foxton, and the Levin Racing Club stages an annual winter racemeeting at Ōtaki.

That longevity could be down to the fact that they double as sporting contests and social events, and can produce memorable moments and incredible theatre.

In recent memory alone the club rugby finals have been



The Levin winter racemeeting in 1955. Photo: Kete Horowhenua

responsible for thrilling contests. In 2020, with no crowds due to Covid-19 restrictions, Hamish Buick kicked a late penalty to give Rāhui a 26-25 win against Shannon in the premier final.

In 2021, the match between Paraparaumu and College Old Boys was the longest ever recorded – 105 minutes and 37 seconds. The lights were turned on at Levin Domain as the game went into extra-extra time.

In 2022, it was another thriller with Waikanae holding out Shannon 37-32, and in 2023 a late penalty saw Rāhui beat Shannon 23-22.

Last year Rāhui looked home and hosed in the mud before veteran Foxton prop Dave McErlean's late match-winning try gave them a 30-27 win.

There have been some incredible players to hail from the Horowhenua-Kāpiti, the likes of Harry Jacob, Christian Cullen, Carlos Spencer, Selica Winiata, Cody Taylor, Tyrel Lomax, Pasilio Tosi, Sam Doyle and Graham Hurunui, among others.

A day at the races has high stakes, too, and tomorrow's meeting features the \$80,000 Phil's Electrical and Gipsy Caravans Levin Ryder Stakes, named in recognition of the contribution made by members of the Ryder family to racing in the region.

The region can lay claim to champion jockeys like W D Skelton and Tony Allan, has produced champion trainers like Chris Waller and Andrew Scott, and a string of champion horses, too.

Although downgraded to Heritage status in recent years, the Levin Ryder Stakes has in the past launched the careers of champions such as Veandercross, Weston Lea and Beechcraft.

While the two codes are no longer the only games in town – both face increasing competition for our affection – they're still strongly threaded in our social fabric. One obvious and necessary evolution to both codes that has served to strengthen that weave has been the acceptance and inclusion of women. It's hard to believe there was ever a time otherwise.

The growth of women's rugby in recent years is exponential and the success of women in racing, both as trainers and jockeys, has been nothing short of phenomenal. And both are the richer for it.

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By Janine Baalbergen

The motorcycle and a car collided on Tuesday about 10.20am on State Highway 1 north of Kuku near Whakahoro Road. Police confirmed the motorcyclist died at the scene and a second person sustained minor injuries.

The road was closed in both directions on Tuesday between Kuku East Road and Whakahoro Road until about 2.30pm to allow the police serious crash unit to investigate the scene.

Tokurehe Marae opened its doors to motorists waiting for the road to be reopened, offering toilets, a safe place to wait, cups of tea and a space for children.

Te Tai Hauāuru MP Debbie Ngarewa Packer was caught up in the traffic and just a few cars back from the accident scene.

"I knew the local mana whenua who helped the first responders and assisted in placing karakia and blessings to the deceased," she said. "They were very caring and respectful."

"They have been extremely concerned about the speed limit increasing. As I saw yesterday they are the ones who care deeply for the safety and wellbeing of all travelling through their area. My view is locals know best and should be listened to."

Horowhenua Mayor Bernie Wanden said the crash was “incredibly tragic”, but it was too early to tell whether speed was a factor.

"I hope not," he said. "It could have had all sorts of causes and I have found travelling at



Busy traffic on a stretch of State Highway 1 near Kuku.

Photo Horowhenua Star

100 km/h on that road often isn't even possible much of the time.

"If speed turns out to be factor, serious questions need to be asked."

Ōtaki MP Tim Costley said it was always tragic to see any deaths or injury on any road in New Zealand.

"It's too early to know the situation or the cause of this awful accident, and it's important to let the police do their important job."

Tim said he was pleased that work had begun on the new Ö2NL expressway.

"This is the ultimate solution to road safety and the completion [planned for 2029] can't come soon enough."

Tuesday's was the first fatal crash to occur on State Highway 1 between Ōhau and Ōtaki since late 2022, when the speed limit was reduced to 80 km/h. On July 1 this year, NZTA Waka Kotahi increased the speed limit back up to 100km/h.

Along with the speed reduction in 2022, safety improvements were also made by NZTA.

Former coroner Philip Comber had said the road had become “a killing field marked like a battlefield with white crosses” over a 25-year period. It was due to a high number of fatal and serious traffic accidents.

The speed limit was lowered on parts of SH1 and SH57 due to safety concerns, including

multiple intersections, driveways, sharp corners, and increased roadside development with pedestrian and cycle activity.

After consultation this year, NZTA put the speed back to 100km/h on many highways. Several roads in Horowhenua were included, after the majority of submitters were in favour of higher limits – the majority of submitters who were local, however, were not in favour.

Horowhenua residents as well as Kāpiti and Horowhenua councils campaigned to keep the limits at 80km/h for safety reasons, citing the state of the road and the many side roads and driveways that connect to it.

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Students trial phone holder

A Horowhenua College student business group has begun a trial of their new phone holder product with the help of local supermarket New World Levin.

The group has formed a company called Accessential, and has spent the past four months testing more than 10 prototypes in a range of conditions.

CEO Liam Roach says the trial is ongoing and will provide valuable market research to validate their product.

“We are in the stages of refining our product, trying to ensure we are meeting the needs of as many shoppers as possible,” Liam says. “This will help us finalise the phone holder and begin to produce it on a larger scale.

“We are incredibly grateful to New World Levin for letting us trial our product in their store”.

Accessential is participating in the Young Enterprise Scheme this year, a nationwide programme for high school students that offers many resources and networking events to students to grow their business knowledge.

Each company has to complete a series of challenges. Accessential received 15/15 marks for challenge 1, product validation, earlier this year, then placed 2nd equal in challenge 2 for the Manawātū Region where each company had to deliver a 5-minute pitch to a panel of judges.

“The model that is currently installed is a metal version that is much stronger than the plastic model. We will continue to develop and improve our product so that we provide the best shopping experience for New World’s customers,” Liam says. “We hope that customers using our product at New World will aid our market research by filling out the feedback forms or emailing us at accessentialsolutionsoffice@gmail.com.”

The phone holders will be on the trolleys at New World for another week while the trial continues.



Liam Roach, Harrison McQuillan and Caitlin Hoy of Accessential.

LETTER

Little understanding of essential services

Once again Prime Minister Luxon, Finance Minister Willis and the Minister for Local Government have shown how little they understand about the provision of essential services by local government and the associated need for funding these. Examination of HDC’s Annual Plan for 2025-26 shows that the average rates increase for properties without access to water and wastewater services is around 1% whereas for properties connected to these services the average increase was around 9%. This clearly shows that rates increases are not being driven by ‘nice to have’ projects as claimed by Luxon but are largely being driven by the need to invest in 21st century water and wastewater infrastructure. It is widely considered that the current model for funding local government services is broken and this is the issue the government should be addressing before they consider introducing rates capping.

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Ratepayer group seeks member boost

By Paul Williams

Horowhenua District Ratepayers and Residents Association is on a recruitment drive to boost numbers and lift voter participation in the October local government election.

HDRRA member Tim Alexander says a well-organised ratepayers and residents group is essential for collaborating with the council leading up to the elections and beyond – and for holding council to account for its decisions. “Our goal is to recruit and engage community members, fostering more inclusive and

positive communities in collaboration with the council,” he says. “We are reaching out to all active community groups and leaders in the Horowhenua district, as well as any residents who feel they can contribute.” The communities that make up Horowhenua district include Manakau, Ōhau, Waikawa Beach, Levin, Hokio Beach, Waitāre Beach, Mangaore, Shannon, Foxton, Foxton Beach, Tokomaru, and Opiki. HDRRA is seeking representatives from each community’s ratepayer and resident groups to report back to the overarching association. “The Horowhenua district is facing significant

changes, including predicted rate rises of 50 percent over the next five years,” Tim says. “It is crucial for all communities to engage and participate in the upcoming elections, understand the issues, and meet the candidates. “Property values have been dropping since the end of 2021 and rents have been going up, impacting the whole district . . . if ever there was a time for the community to come together, it is now. Our aim is to achieve the highest voter turnout Horowhenua has ever seen.” ■ HDRRA is inviting anyone interested in joining to a public meeting at 6pm on Monday (August 28) at the Freemason’s Hall in Parker Street, Levin.



Tim Alexander.

‘Homecoming’ for new principal

By Paul Williams

The appointment of new Poroutawhao School principal Jacqui Coogan represents a homecoming for a passionate educator with deep roots in Horowhenua.

Jacqui has spent the past 10 years leading and teaching in schools throughout China and the King Country and has returned to the region that shaped her both professionally and personally. She says her decision to come home was driven by a desire to be closer to whānau and reconnect with the community she loves. Over the years, she has taught at several Levin schools, including Koputaroa, Levin Intermediate, Levin School and Levin East. It’s fitting that she now returns to Poroutawhao School,

where her mother and aunty once studied, and where Jacqui herself completed an eight-week teaching placement in the junior room during her training. Jacqui says she is thrilled to be joining the “fantastic staff and community” at Poroutawhao School and is looking forward to giving back to a place that has given her so much. “It feels like coming full circle,” she says. “I’m excited to be part of the community again and contribute to the growth and success of Poroutawhao School.” Jacqui and her children have also been active members of the local amateur theatre scene. Many in the community may remember their performances and direction with groups such as Levin Performing Arts, Levin Little Theatre, and the Ōtaki Players.

Jacqui Coogan, the new principal at Poroutawhao School.
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Holiday parks favoured as tough times hit travellers

By Janine Baalbergen

Tough economic times mean more people are turning to holiday parks for their breaks.

Levin Top 10 Holiday Park owners Debbie and Repi Wright have noticed the trend. While they've expanded holiday options to suit all sorts of travellers, they have noted an increase in demand for tent sites.

"One day last summer I realised that the place where we have people pitch tents was getting crowded, so we opened another field for them," Debbi says.

The park had 10,000 guest nights 12 years ago. That's tripled to 30,000 guest nights a year. Guest nights are calculated per person per night.

While the couple have doubled the park's facilities in size, there is still room to grow. The land totals 5 acres (2 hectares) and only two-thirds is used.

There are sites for caravans, motorhomes and tents, and the park has several different sized cabins with their own bathroom. A reception building near the front of the park is planned, with facilities for new arrivals, places to sit and display information about local events and places to visit.

The current reception area is at the front room to the Wrights' house.

They have owned the park since 2012. It's been on Parker Avenue, beside Playford Park, since 1948 on land donated to the council by Harry Playford. The council still owns the land.

Apart from accommodation, there are shared facilities, including showers, laundry,



Levin Top 10 Holiday Park owners Repi and Debbie Wright.

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kitchen, games room, TV room, a library, and lunchroom. The kids can play on an air cushion and in a large playground.

"When we moved here we had two small children, with the third one born here, so we knew a safe space for kids to play was important," Debbie says.

Both Debbie, who hails from Levin, and Repi, who is from Whakatāne, trained and worked as teachers in New Zealand as well as overseas. Debbie grew up in Ōhau and attended Ōhau School and Horowhenua College.

When they returned from their overseas stint they landed in Auckland, where Repi worked long days in a corporate job.

Being self-employed appealed, they enjoyed hosting people in their home and liked to travel. "When we spotted the 'for sale' ad for the

Levin Holiday Park, we thought it was quirky enough to appeal to us," Debbie says. "The previous owners had been here 14 years and wanted to retire.

“We knew it would take a bit of time and work and love to help grow it, so we decided to see what we could do in 10 years.”

She says she enjoys the variety of work, from administration and accounts to gardening and lawn mowing.

"We spend a lot of time on our feet and staying fit out in the sun and fresh air."

Besides Repi and Debbie, the park employs one full-time receptionist and five part-time cleaners.

Levin Top 10 Holiday Park won the small business award in the 2024 Electra Business and Innovation Awards.

Help to name a Foxton street

Adam Dekker of KPA Properties wants public help to name a new street of eight houses in Foxton.

The development just off Cook Street is in a quiet cul-de-sac.

"The street needs a name," he says. "I have had really good community input into names for previous developments in Feilding and Palmerston North, so I would like to try this in Foxton."

“The name can be anything that reflects local history or topography, such as a name of a person, an event, a place. It can be a Māori name, or a native tree or bird.

“The road needs to be a court, lane, grove, or place. It must be a name not used in either Foxton or Foxton Beach. You’ll have a better chance if you give a good story behind your choice.”

He says the winner will get a \$250 voucher from a Foxton business of their choosing. The names will then be submitted to the council for approval.

Submissions need to be in by August 1.

The winner will not only get to name a street, but also cut the ribbon at the subdivision's opening. Suggestions can be made at the KPA Properties

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The Ramsbotham Cup, the ultimate prize for premier teams in the Horowhenua-Kāpiti club rugby championship.

Read about the history of the cup on page 14.



WHAT

Horowhenua-Kāpiti club rugby finals

WHEN

Saturday, July 26
Senior B kickoff 12.45pm
Premier kickoff 2.45pm

WHERE

Levin Domain

WHO

Senior B – Foxton vs Rāhui
Premier – Foxton vs Rāhui

CUPS

Senior B – Bill Muir Cup
Premier – Ramsbotham Cup

REFEREES

Senior B

Quentin Hathaway
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Premier

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FROM THE CHAIR

Welcome – and enjoy the games

ON BEHALF of the Horowhenua Kapiti Rugby Football Union, I'd like to extend a warm welcome to all players, management, supporters and whānau attending the 2025 club rugby finals.

Congratulations to the Foxton and Rāhui clubs for reaching the finals in both the Bill Muir Cup and the Ramsbotham Cup, a fantastic achievement and a testament to the strength of your clubs.

We wish all four teams the very best as they take the field. Play with pride and enjoy the opportunity to win your respective competitions.

Congratulations to Quentin Hathaway and Sam Taylor, referees of today's matches. Enjoy the occasion of refereeing a club final.

To those players not taking part in today's finals, thank you for your commitment and contribution throughout the season.

If you're considering stepping away from playing, we encourage you to stay involved in the game in a different role. Whether as a referee, coach, or administrator, our game relies on great volunteers who give up their time tirelessly for the betterment of rugby in our Union.

I'd like to acknowledge the hard work of our CEO, Corey Kennett, and the HKRFU staff for their efforts in delivering a successful club season.

A special thank you also goes to our referees and the many volunteers who give their time week in week out.

As the men's club season ends, we now look ahead to the women's club competition and our representative fixtures. Best of luck to all players, coaches and management involved in those upcoming matches.

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Three cousins who will play for the Foxton premier team tomorrow. From left, Connor Paki, Dave McErlean and Dion McErlean.

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Band of cousins turn out for Foxton

By Paul Williams

Whānau links in club rugby teams often run deep, and that's certainly the case in the Foxton team where a band of cousins are playing a big role in their team's fortunes.

Taking the field tomorrow at Levin Domain against Rāhui are first-cousins Dave McErlean (prop), Connor Paki (centre) and Dion McErlean (prop), who have collectively played

almost 300 senior games for Foxton – Dave at a mammoth 185 games, followed by Connor (70 games) and Dion (40 games).

Dave is the senior of the trio at 38 years old, followed by Dion, 26, and Connor, 25, who is also the team captain.

But the whānau links don't end there. Another cousin, Paul McErlean, 32, played a few games at flanker earlier in the season, while Dave's son, Preston, 18, also played a couple of games for the senior team at hooker and

is playing for the senior reserve team in the curtain-raiser tomorrow.


There was one game earlier in the year when all five took the field together – a memorable moment – with a front row of Dave, Preston and Dion, with Paul on the side of the scrum and Connor calling the shots in the backline.

Connor, Dave, Dion and Paul are not only teammates, they also work on dairy farms just out of town. It's the middle of calving season so they would have almost done a decent day's

work before taking the field and they'll have to be on the ball to make the team bus.

They've all got the afternoon off, of course, but will be up again well before down to milk the herd – win or lose.

At 38 years old Dave says he doesn't think about retirement too much and will keep playing as long as he can. He's sitting on 84 representative games for Horowhenua-Kāpiti, too, in a representative career that started back in 2011.



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Rāhui stalwart Sam Gibson looks to wrap up season on a high

By Paul Williams

Rāhui lock Sam Gibson will be playing his 103rd senior game and potentially his last when his team takes on defending champions Foxton in the final of the Ramsbotham Cup at Levin Domain tomorrow.

The 34-year-old first played for Rāhui in 2010 as an 18-year-old before embarking on a rugby safari that saw him play two seasons in Dunedin for Southern, a season in Christchurch for High School Old Boys, and two years playing club rugby in Edinburgh, Scotland.

He returned to his home town of Ōtaki in 2018 and rejoined the Rāhui team, also making the Horowhenua-Kāpiti NPC Heartland team that year where he played six games for his province at lock, also making the representative 7-aside team.

Sam's played every year for the Rāhui team since – including the championship-winning 2020 and 2023 teams. It takes commitment and sacrifice for any player to reach 100 senior club games, and there's many more when you consider the games he's played abroad.

He's not looking too far beyond the weekend as that's were his focus is, although he did hint that tomorrow could be his last game for the red-and-blue.

"It's a great whānau and community orientated club," he says. "It's pretty special and you enjoy representing your club and your community and being part of a team and playing with mates."

There's nothing like winning a title and he hinted that with retirement beckoning, he'd love to see Rāhui win tomorrow and he can bow out on a winning note.

"I'm still really enjoying it, but to be fair this is probably going to be my last run."

Rāhui lock Sam Gibson on the charge in a recent game against Paraparaumu at Ōtaki Domain.

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THE TEAMS

Rāhui Rugby Football Club: Founded in 1924 (revived in 1932). Home ground Ōtaki Domain. Club colours red and blue. Senior championship titles in 1952, 1953, 1954, 1956, 1957, 1959, 1979, 2011, 2020, 2023.

PREMIER

- 1 Hayden Rassmussen
- 2 Liam Tooman
- 3 Edward Northcott
- 4 Makaire Kanavatoa
- 5 Sam Gibson
- 6 Wirangi Parata
- 7 Brodhi Archibald
- 8 Joel Winterburn
- 9 Jeziah Lewis
- 10 Tama Cook
- 11 Hamish Buick
- 12 Regan Verney
- 13 Vaianu Donaghy
- 14 Alizay Roach
- 15 Morehu Connor-Phillips (Capt)
- 16 Piwiki Cook
- 17 Raahiri Connor
- 18 Charles Donaghy
- 19 Lewis Case
- 20 Carl Vanderwiel
- 21 Tonihi Raureti
- 22 Cade Vanderwiel

Coaches: Mark Tooman, Cliff McLennan, Jonathan Fuimaono, Regan Verney

Managers: Brett Karipa, Nathan Kirker

SENIOR B

- 1 Joape Sovea
- 2 Piwiki Cook
- 3 Renata Te Momo
- 4 Lewis Chase
- 5 Ngaronho Selby- Rickit
- 6 Dayton Hakaraia
- 7 Carl Vanderwiel
- 8 Hirini Roa
- 9 Raniera Chapman
- 10 Manupiri Rikihana
- 11 Cade Vanderwiel
- 12 Christian Tahiwī-Macmillan
- 13 Daniel Milosavljevic
- 14 Byron Nansen
- 15 Te Raukarito Baber
- 16 Wiremu Cook
- 17 Luke Housioux - Dustin
- 18 John Foxall
- 19 Noah Growcott
- 20 Wopera Rikihanna
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THE TEAMS

Foxton Rugby Club: Founded: 1880, home ground Easton Park. Club colours yellow and black. Senior championship titles in 1940, 1941, 1945, 1947, 1959, 1961, 1962, 1963, 1986, 1987, 1988, 2019, 2024.

PREMIER

- 1 George Jacobs
- 2 Jeremy David
- 3 Dion McErlean
- 4 Willie Lander (vc)
- 5 Kale Ericksson
- 6 Alby Hemopo
- 7 Dino Rutter
- 8 Mikaere Harvey
- 9 Tema Tihema
- 10 Kahn Fotuali'i
- 11 Shaun Sue
- 12 Connor Paki (c)
- 13 Joeli Suka
- 14 Josh Sanson
- 15 Arana Murphy
- 16 Massie Harvey
- 17 Tevita Fehono
- 18 David McErlean
- 19 Mike Laursen
- 20 Mason Pakau-Wallace
- 21 Kenny Hill
- 22 Meli Vueti

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Cup just part of Godfrey's benevolence

RAHUI and Foxton will compete for the Ramsbotham Cup tomorrow at Levin Domain.

The trophy was donated in 1927 to what was then the Horowhenua Rugby Football Union (in 1997 it became the Horowhenua-Kāpiti Rugby Football Union) by the late Godfrey George Ramsbotham.

Godfrey was born at Crowborough, Sussex, England, in 1875, and sailed for New Zealand at the age of 17, on the *Aorangi*, leaving Albert Docks on December 8, 1892.

He enlisted in the New Zealand Army and served at Gallipoli. He was wounded twice in service.

After working in various parts of the country, including stints goldmining on the Buller River and sheep farming on Kapiti Island, he finally settled at Levin.

He devoted himself to his community and also the extension of an impressive library and collection of art. At the time his was ranked as one of the finest private collections of books and objects of art in the North Island. Godfrey has a wide range of taste in literature – his favourite subjects included biography, travel, art, animal life, horticulture, and Dickensiana.

His walls were adorned with many original works of art, including examples by Lindauer, Harold Knight, Norman Lindsay and Lucy Kemp Welsh.

The nucleus of the collection was gifted to him by his father, Thomas Ramsbotham, also an avid book lover and collector. Godfrey continually added to his collection until his death.

A generous man and philanthropic by nature, he bequeathed his entire library and art collection to Horowhenua College, of which two Lindauer works still hang in the foyer at the college.

Interestingly, an engraver's mistake saw the name "Ramsbottom" etched on the club rugby champion's trophy, and so it remained until the HKRFU saw fit to have the mistake finally corrected a few years ago.

Before the Ramsbotham Cup came along, the teams initially competed for the Horowhenua Football Challenge Trophy, which went missing for a few years but now, rediscovered, it also takes pride of place at the union's headquarters in Levin.

RIGHT: Godfrey Ramsbotham, who donated the cup that will be contested by the Rāhui and Foxton premier rugby teams tomorrow.

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MAHI MĀRA/Gardening

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GARDENING



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I have viewed some excellent raised gardens over the years and have always been very impressed with the layout and thought that the owners have put into their work.

To obtain really good crops you need about 30cm of good humus-based soil to allow plants to root deep. Deep rooting plants will produce greater amounts of foliage when compared to shallow rooting ones.

When this is applied to brassicas, lettuce, silverbeet and similar foliage crops, the more tops the better harvest. Plants that can root deep require less spacing, giving you greater production on each square metre. Root crops such as potatoes, carrots, parsnips, beetroot etc fair better and bigger when they can easily penetrate deeper into the soil.

A raised garden can be of any height over 30cm tall built on top of the ground in a fairly sunny situation. An ideal height would likely be 70cm and at that a person in a wheelchair can still access.

The width of the raised garden should not be too wide with one metre being ideal as long as you have access from both sides. A metre wide allows three rows of potatoes or brassicas, two of which are planted near the sides with one in the middle.

The length of the raised garden will depend on your needs and the amount of room available.

As with anything new it's better to start in a small way and extend over time as your enthusiasm for this way of gardening increases.

A starting raised garden would likely be a metre wide, 70cm tall and between 1 and 2 metres long.

Roofing iron is a good material to use for the structure. The combination of timber posts and corrugated iron for the sides has the advantage of collecting heat from the sun to warm the growing medium. The added heat will allow harvesting much earlier.

For this structure you simply need two sheets of corrugated iron 1.8 metres long and another one cut into two for the two ends. Using 100x100mm fence posts, cut these to the same width of the corrugated roofing iron sheets – they will be the four corner posts that the roofing iron is screwed on to.

We don't want chemicals from the tanning processed posts leaching into our garden so the first step is to paint them all over with a couple of coats of acrylic paint after the posts are cut to the correct size.

Place the raised garden in a sunny area with one side facing towards the north. Facing north will be best for maximum heat to the growing medium.

Now this is very important . . . either sit the raised garden onto a concrete pad, or if on soil, pour about 50mm of concrete onto the soil on the bottom of the structure.

This will prevent invading roots from trees or plants entering the raised garden and destroying it with a massive amount of feeder roots that will fill the whole raised garden to within about 15cm from the top of the bed. These roots will suck out all the goodness and then nothing will grow in the future.

To fill this structure, firstly place a layer of twigs and thin branches over the bottom, or as I have seen some do, a layer of firewood logs.

This will aid initial drainage and provide carbon. Next cover this with a few centimeters of untreated saw dust or wood shavings to further increase the carbon content. Next a few centimetres of topsoil.



From this point upwards several materials may be used in layers such as straw, animal manures, kitchen scraps, wet newspaper, grass clippings, green waste, topsoil and compost.

Don't fill the raised garden right to the top at this stage – in fact with the materials just mentioned, leave about 30cm from the top of the structure.

Over this spread any animal manures, chicken manure, sheep manure pellets that you have available.

Now sprinkle Ocean Solids, Unlocking your soil, Wallys Calcium & Health and BioPhos for the extra minerals they provide, at the recommended rates on the containers.

Then place a nice layer of bought compost such as my favorite, Value Compost, about 5-10cm deep. The gap between the top of the garden and the growing medium creates a micro climate and wind passes over the structure.

You're ready to start planting seedlings or sowing seeds. If you have a worm farm or worms in the garden, collect some and add them to the raised garden as you are putting in the later layers, but don't put them directly onto lawn clippings or green waste.

When you harvest crops, disturb the growing medium as little as possible. With foliage crops and weeds, cut them off with a sharp knife just below soil level.

Root crops should be carefully lifted with little disturbance. To plant seed potatoes take a round pole 100mm wide with a sharpened point and press this into the mix to a depth of about

20-30cm. Drop the seed potato into this hole and push some mix in to just cover the potato. When the new shoots appear in the bottom of the hole, sprinkle a little compost to just cover.

Repeat till the foliage breaks free of the top of the mix. A little mounding may be done as required after this.

When you harvest, use your hands, so once again the medium has minimum disturbance. The reason not to disturb the soil is to not upset the soil life and beneficial fungi.

When a crop is harvested you simply again sprinkle the products mentioned above, then cover the area with some fresh compost and plant up again.

If you wish to grow tall crops such as corn or tomatoes, place them on the southern side of the raised garden so the lower crops are closer to the north for sun and don't get shaded by the taller plants. You can grow runner beans up the stalks of the corn. Once the corn is up 20cm tall you then plant the bean seeds.

Later on you might wish to construct more raised gardens after you have enjoyed the success of your first one.

Creating a raised garden is a nice project for this time of the year, so that it's ready for spring planting.

■ Wally has owned plant shops, a garden centre and three nursery sites. He operates an online business called Wally's Garden Enterprises. Phone 0800 466464. For garden information and news go to gardenews.co.nz

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Syndicate enjoys the thrills of racing

By Paul Williams

Some people play golf on the weekend. Others might invest in a boat and go fishing. But a group of Levin friends who pitched in to join a racing syndicate are on a wild ride with a racehorse called Peppery.

Peppery is owned by a syndicate that includes local electrician Philip Matenga, Candy Matenga, Kerry Harper, Dave Croot, Lenore Matenga and Wayne Neill, with trainer Ilone Kelly also taking a share.

Having a racehorse isn't cheap – which is why people join syndicates – but Peppery is paying her way, putting money in the kitty, and giving her syndicate massive thrills.

They're lucky enough to have a horse like Peppery, who has now won four races and more than \$100,000 in stake money.

Syndicate manager Philip says he was bitten by the racing bug as a youngster. He started by helping out around the stables,

which led to a jockey apprenticeship with former Levin trainer George Tyree at the age of 15.

At 6ft he was one of the tallest in the jockeys room and eventually rising weight dictated he hang up his saddles after a short career that netted five winners.

But as anyone in the racing game will tell you, he says once you've been bitten and have had an insight into the "Sport of Kings", it never leaves you.

"Once horses are in your life, it stays with you. They're powerful, majestic animals with big hearts and they become your friend. And that excitement of racing just stays with you, I guess," he says.

He says being part of a syndicate allows you to share in those thrills – the highs and the lows. Not every horse is fast enough to win a race. Many don't.

"It's a highly competitive sport but it's not all about the dollars. Don't get me wrong it's good to have a win, but it's also about the fun and camaraderie," he says.

"And if you are lucky enough to have a good horse and have a win, it doesn't matter if it's a maiden race or a Group race, the winning feeling is the same.

"When Peppery is racing, if we can't make it to the races we often meet at someone's house and watch it together, but most of the time we try and get there."



The owners of Levin racehorse Peppery celebrate a win from the members stand. Photo supplied



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R1 LEVIN JUMPOUTS SUPPORTERS HANDICAP \$36500 1400m 12:27pm

WIN, PLC, FT4, QLA, TFA, QAD Leg1

| Tote | Form | Name, barrier, trainer | |
|------|-------|-----------------------------------|--|
| 1 | 035X3 | Liquid Les (2) Craig Williamson | Consistent performer; close 3rd over 1200m. Strips fitter, include. |
| 2 | X2423 | Prioreess (4) Suzy Gordon | Game second here. Fought well for third at Taranaki. Another up in distance. |
| 3 | X8411 | Vibration (3) Gavin Sharrock | In-form gelding, won last start at 1400m Hawera, hat-trick likely. |
| 4 | X1197 | Sotirio (1) Matthew Eales | Form dipped after Trentham win; needs improvement to feature. |
| 5 | X3414 | Peppery (7) Ilone Kelly | Won here over 1200m two starts ago; can improve on last run. |
| 6 | X76X7 | Espresso To Go (6) Ken Harrison | Strips fitter second up, drops in trip. Worth including. |
| 7 | 84X13 | Knock Off (8) Gerard Cvitanovich | Debut at this course; 3rd at 1400m, July 15. Top chance here. |
| 8 | 866X4 | Badgeringdawitness (5) Peter Lock | Finished 4th at Hawera; can improve and figure in the top 3 here. |

Star picks: Peppery, Prowess, Liquid Les

R2 QUALITY KEYS HANDICAP \$35000 1400m 12:59pm

WIN, PLC, FT4, QLA, TFA, DBL Leg1, QAD Leg2, TRB Leg1

| Tote | Form | Name, barrier, trainer | |
|------|-------|-----------------------------------|---|
| 1 | 165X7 | Footloose (9) Peter Lock | Improved fitness; decent 7th at Hawera over 1400m. In the mix. |
| 2 | 92519 | Horonuku (3) T & V Keegan | Won at Hawera, ninth at New Plymouth; go again. |
| 3 | X6841 | Revo (10) Peter Fitzgerald | Won maiden at 1400m. Tougher here, but can feature again. |
| 4 | 0X523 | I Don't (1) Allan Sharrock | Going well, fair third last time, but hard to beat now. |
| 5 | 73521 | Lady Performer (4) Lydia Pickford | Won at Hawera over 1400m on heavy. Each way claims again. |
| 6 | 27X5X | Bruno (5) T & V Keegan | Returning from a break, fit from trial; watch market moves. |
| 7 | 9X843 | Five Bells (6) Ilone Kelly | Improved to 3rd at New Plymouth, well-placed to contend again. |
| 8 | 61504 | Turnmeon (7) David Jensen | Finished 4th, 5.5L behind over 1400m. Top-three contender here. |
| 9 | 9027X | My Alibi (8) Matthew Eales | Resuming; 4th in trial. Needs run; use market as a guide. |
| 10 | 002P2 | Mr Fabulous (2) Allen Baker | Winless in 4 years; jumping is his go now. |

Star picks: I Don't, Lady Performer, Footloose

R3 LEVIN TRUCK SERVICES HANDICAP \$40000 1600m 1:35pm

WIN, PLC, FT4, QLA, TFA, DBL Leg2, QAD Leg3, TRB Leg2

| Tote | Form | Name, barrier, trainer | |
|------|-------|------------------------------------|--|
| 1 | 7X795 | Aljay (7) Kevin Myers | Freshened & well beaten fifth at Wellington. Capable at his best. Keep safe. |
| 2 | 21117 | Pacifico (5) Andrew Forsman | Disappointing last run; expecting sharp improvement this time. |
| 3 | 57721 | Pride Of Aspen (8) Johnno Benner | Led last time at this track over 2200m on July 8. Can repeat win. |
| 4 | X5314 | Benefactor (10) Lisa Latta | In form, fit; strong chance after last start 4th at Hawera 1600m. |
| 5 | 319X2 | Urenui (3) Debbie Harris | Raced well at Hawera, finishing close 2nd over 1600m. Consider again. |
| 6 | 45577 | Kick On (9) Kevin Myers | Had a jumping trial before battling here last time out. Place chance in this |
| 7 | 53X31 | Swingit Our Way (2) Allan Sharrock | Won last race over 1600m here; each-way claims again. |
| 8 | X3276 | Wheelitin (1) Anna Clement | Has battled in her last couple. Better than that. Place chance. |
| 9 | 18X92 | Deadly Pony (6) Lisa Latta | Was better when 2nd over 1600m last time. Peaking, a strong chance. |
| 10 | 07911 | He's All Fabulous (4) Buddy Lammas | Going for a third win after a 1.3-length victory on July 8. Include. |

Star picks: Benefactor, Swingit Our Way, Pride of Aspen

R4 DG FARRIERS HANDICAP \$35000 1200m 2:17pm

WIN, PLC, FT4, QLA, TFA, DBL Leg1, QAD Leg1, QAD Leg4, TRB Leg3

| Tote | Form | Name, barrier, trainer | |
|------|-------|---------------------------------|---|
| 1 | 275X3 | Kereti (9) Mike Breslin | Strong third at Awapuni Synthetic on July 4 over 1200m. Include. |
| 2 | 95521 | Stewart (4) Gavin Sharrock | Won at 1200m Hawera; strong form, good draw, expect a big run. |
| 3 | 8X313 | Tolstoy (5) Ilone Kelly | Won maiden here two starts ago; third last time; competitive. |
| 4 | 66381 | Bolt (2) Ilone Kelly | Won maiden over 1100m at New Plymouth; tougher race, include. |
| 5 | 226X2 | Bella Timing (7) Allan Sharrock | Promising runner-up here on June 20 over 1200m; ready to win. |
| 6 | 72017 | Bodacious Kate (8) Allen Baker | Winner on the synthetic two back. Did little last time. This is easier. |
| 7 | 200X9 | Orleans Belle (6) Suzy Gordon | Average first-up run; fitter now with strong second-up potential. |
| 8 | 8X787 | Miss Dixie (3) Anna Clement | Finished seventh, wide run at Awapuni Synthetic; Not out of this. |
| 9 | 6280X | Bikindy (1) T & V Keegan | Out 7 months, and might need the run here. |

Star picks: Bolt, Tolstoy, Miss Dixie

R5 PHILS ELECTRICAL & GIPSY CARAVANS RYDER STKS \$80000 1200m 2:52pm

WIN, PLC, FT4, QLA, TFA, DBL Leg2, QAD Leg2, TRB Leg1

| Tote | Form | Name, barrier, trainer | |
|------|-------|-------------------------------------|--|
| 1 | 2131 | Spandeedo (8) Gavin Sharrock | Won last start at Hawera over 1200m; Hard to beat again. |
| 2 | 422 | Reconvene (2) Tony Furness | Is knocking on the door, placing twice in three races. Stick with him. |
| 3 | 411 | Platinum Diamond (4) Lisa Latta | Won last race here over this distance. The hat-trick beckons. |
| 4 | 1 | Accentuate (9) Andrew Forsman | Impressive debut win, 5 weeks ago at Tauranga, key contender. |
| 5 | 2353 | Brutiful Lass (7) Lisa Latta | Consistent performer; recently third over 1200m here. Include again. |
| 6 | 63061 | Luminance (3) Kurtis Pertab | Won her maiden at Trentham; tougher race, not out of it. |
| 7 | 5 | Cosmopolitan (1) Richardson/Norvall | Only having her second start, but has potential. Top 4 claims. |
| 8 | 8 | Centrefold (5) David Jensen | Did everything wrong in debut run at Hawera. Steps up in class for this. |
| 9 | | Romilly Bee (6) David Jensen | Making debut and placed in trial on Tuesday. Take on trust here. |

Star picks: Platinum Diamond, Accentuate, Spandeedo

R6 UZA BUS HANDICAP \$40000 1100m 3:27pm

WIN, PLC, FT4, QLA, TFA, DBL Leg1, QAD Leg3, TRB Leg2

| Tote | Form | Name, barrier, trainer | |
|------|-------|------------------------------------|---|
| 1 | X39X6 | Waihaha Falls (7) Lowry/Zydenbos | Back after spell, 6th over 1200m at Te Rapa. Good 2nd-up record. |
| 2 | 1314X | Amend (4) Ilone Kelly | Back after 4.5 months; strong first-up; has form here. Include. |
| 3 | X8541 | Caitlyns Wish (8) Stephen Autridge | Won by half a length over 1200m at Te Rapa; may repeat. |
| 4 | 74551 | Tavis Court (6) Anna Clement | Veteran sprinter, 11th win last start in small field, stick with him. |
| 5 | 8X253 | Farravallo (5) Roydon Bergerson | Racing well with two placings; his next win is not far away. |
| 6 | 46X37 | Reign It In (2) Roydon Bergerson | Unreliable; no go when 7th over 1200m at Wanganui. Include. |
| 7 | 22115 | Cleat (1) Danica Guy | Won two back, fifth at Te Rapa. Can atone here. |
| 8 | 60X77 | Durham Lad (3) Matthew Eales | Inconsistent; 7th over 1200m at Wanganui, beaten 12L. Needs more. |

Star picks: Caitlyn's Wish, Reign It In, Tavis Court

R7 HAPPY 65TH BIRTHDAY GRANT & ROBERT LINTON HCP \$35000 2100m 4:02pm

WIN, PLC, FT4, QLA, TFA, DBL Leg2, QAD Leg4, TRB Leg3

| Tote | Form | Name, barrier, trainer | |
|------|-------|--|--|
| 1 | X6233 | King Khan (4) Ken Harrison | Loves heavy tracks; third at Hawera, ready to win now. |
| 2 | 78316 | Piper's Son (17) Tony Dravitzki | Won two starts ago; sixth last time. Has talent, fit, each way. |
| 3 | 7X12 | Tai (14) Joanne Moss | Is lightly tried, recent 2nd at Trentham over 2200m. Go again. |
| 4 | 7X321 | Kwanza (9) Nelson/McDougal | Won maiden over 2100m at Woodville; poised for back-to-back wins. |
| 5 | 95309 | Lincoln Star (3) Lisa Latta | Winless in a year; ninth at Awapuni. Worth including to be safe. |
| 6 | X5221 | Autumn Beauty (11) Caley Myers | Won maiden over 2200m at Trentham; can win again. |
| 7 | X0031 | Grand Prospect (13) Sue Walsh | Won last start at Woodville over 2100m; well-placed again. |
| 8 | 90X72 | Fay Khan It (7) John Bary | Improved to 2nd by 1.3L over 1600m here. Include in all multiples. |
| 9 | 7X031 | Our Lady Brooke (12) Bill Thurlow | Impressive in 10 starts; won by 1.75L at Hawera over 2100m. Contender. |
| 10 | 15X43 | Mugshot (18) Kevin Myers | In form gelding, solid third at Woodville over 2100m, each way. |
| 11 | 2X667 | Subtle Image (6) Roger Allen | Struggling this campaign; 7th by 16L over 1600m last start. Include. |
| 12 | 87X43 | Flying Celebration (16) Shaun and Hazel Fannin | Consistent performer, finished 3rd at Woodville. Big chance here. |
| 13 | 00X14 | Paradis (15) Suzy Gordon | Won maiden at New Plymouth, then fourth over 1800m. Consider. |
| 14 | 00318 | Slick Chick (1) Peter Grey | No go last time out. prior win good. Stick with her. |
| 15 | 08904 | The Finnster (2) Chrissy Bamby | Went too wide too early last start. Ready to win. |
| 16 | 84203 | Cocktail Lad (8) Anna Clement | Improved to place over 2100m at Hawera. Worth including. |
| 17 | 44277 | Tutin Cans (5) J J Rayner | Struggling in this campaign; can challenge on best day. |
| 18 | 002P2 | Mr Fabulous (10) Allen Baker | Winless in 4 years; jumping is his go now. |

Star picks: Our Lady Brooke, Grand Prospect, Autumn Beauty

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Ilone enjoys most successful season yet

Five from stable to race at Ōtaki

By Paul Williams

Levin horse trainer Ilone Kelly has enjoyed her most successful season as a trainer in a career that started in the late 1980s.

With just one racemeeting to go in the 2024/2025 calendar, Ilone has saddled up the winners of 18 races from a total of 158 starters, earning total prizemoney of \$548,260.

The season tally eclipses her previous best season, which was last season, where she trained 15 winners for the 12 months ending July 31.

There's a chance to add to the tally at the Levin Racing Club meeting at Ōtaki where the stable is represented by five horses: Peppery (race 1), Five Bells (race 2), Tolsty and Bolt (race 4) and Amend (race 6).

Ilone now has one of the bigger stables in the lower North Island and currently has 37 horses in training.

It adds another chapter to a name synonymous with New Zealand racing. Her uncle and legendary commentator and auctioneer Peter Kelly is inducted into the NZ Racing Hall of Fame and her father Michael raced many successful horses, including former talented galloper Lordship.

RIGHT: Levin horse trainer Ilone Kelly talking to a jockey. Photo: Race Images Ltd



Frenchmen Nizar Fontan, left, and Romain Hatchondo, who are working in Levin with horse trainer Ilone Kelly.

Photo Paul Williams

Frenchmen stamp their mark in Horowhenua

By Paul Williams

Nizar Fontan and Romain Hatchondo could possibly be the only Frenchmen living in Horowhenua.

They've been here for a few months now and haven't come across any of their countrymen, and there is nothing in Census NZ data to suggest otherwise.

Nizar, 24, and Romain, 24, are both horsemen from a town in the south of France called Borderes sur L'èchez. They've come to New Zealand as part of an adventure on the recommendation of a friend and have found employment with local horse trainer Ilone Kelly.

Nizar has applied for his jockey licence and could be riding in races as soon as he receives a clearance from the sport's governing body, New Zealand Thoroughbred Racing.

He has ridden 18 flat race winners in limited career starts in France and is keen to jump in the saddle as soon as he receives clearance to ride.

Nizar and Romain both love their rugby as well as their horse racing and travelled to Hamilton at the weekend to watch the third test between the All Blacks and France.

They can't wait for the weather to warm up so they can go surfing at Hokio Beach.

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And now for a different style of racing!

Compiled by Debbi Carson



ELEPHANT RACE ALONG OXFORD STREET, LEVIN, January 1963. Four elephants with local people riding them dressed as jockeys. Named on the back of the photo, but not identified, are Wally Wise (Mayor), Val Hercus, Ross Smith, and MP Allan McCready. The event was run by the Levin Jaycees. Who remembers this?
Photo: Horowhenua Historical Society Inc.

OUR FACILITIES

More than just a pool – why aquatic centres matter

By Sarajane Siva-Swinton, Aquatics Programme and Events Supervisor

We all have memories of our local pool – summertime cannonballs, sticky ice blocks, the scent of sunscreen, and that tell-tale sting on your shoulders the next day.

Water is a quintessential part of Kiwidadom; we live in it, around it, and for it! But as we grow older, life gets busy. Parents no longer bundling us into the car with towels and togs, and slowly the local pool fades from our minds.

So let us reintroduce you to your local aquatic centre, because it's still everything you remember, and so much more.

Today's aquatic centres are vibrant hubs of community wellbeing. They're not just about weekend swims or school holiday splashes. They are places where babies take their first dip, children learn life-saving swim skills, and seniors find low-impact exercise that supports healthy aging. They support rehabilitation for injuries and chronic conditions, fitness for all levels, and vital water safety education.

They're also social spaces – where new parents connect over baby swim classes, where teens meet friends, where adults rediscover movement in aqua classes, and where older folks share stories in the spa. You'll find early morning lap swimmers chasing personal bests, lunchtime fitness-goers squeezing in a

workout, and after-school chaos with grinning kids and wrinkled fingertips.

There's even more behind the scenes: our aquatic centres provide jobs and training for local youth, offer a safe place to hang out, and create career pathways in recreation, fitness, and community services.

And yes – sometimes you just need a warm shower or somewhere to burn off the kids' energy on a rainy day. We've got you covered.

Whether you're 6 months or 86 years, the aquatic centre is for you. It's here for your health, your safety, your social life, and your sense of belonging. So come back – or come for the first time. The water's warm, the welcome is warmer, and we'd love to see you.

Exhibitions
Te Takeretanga o Kura-hau-pō Gallery: Our Lives, Our Stories, Our Papers – Newspapers of the Horowhenua (3–31 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.

Aquatics
Term 3 Swim School enrolments are still open – don't miss out!
Try a \$1 fitness class on Thursday, 1 August, or sign up for our 6-week fitness challenge, running 1 September to 12 October. Get moving and make a splash this season!

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

Weekly Events
Fridays (25 July & 1 August)

Friday Live Concert, Te Takeretanga o Kura-hau-pō, 12–1pm
Mondays (28 July & 4 August)
Storytime, Te Takeretanga o Kura-hau-pō, 10–10:30am
Meet Street, Te Takeretanga o Kura-hau-pō, 10–11am
Tuesdays (29 July & 5 August)
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
Wednesdays (30 July & 6 August)
Aqua Tots: Foxton Pools, 10:10–11:15am / Levin Aquatics, 10:30–11:15am
Pop-Up Eats, Te Takeretanga o Kura-hau-pō Carpark, 5–8pm
Quiz Night, Te Takeretanga o Kura-hau-pō, 7–9pm, \$5
(6 August only), FOHL Morning Tea, Te Takeretanga o Kura-hau-pō, 10–11am
(6 August only), Teen Book Club, Te Takeretanga o Kura-hau-pō, 4–5pm
(6 August only), Page Turners Kōrero Group, Te Takeretanga o Kura-hau-pō, 7–9pm
Thursdays (31 July & 7 August)
Sewing Workshop, Te Takeretanga o Kura-hau-pō, 9.30–11.30am
(7 August only), Tea & Tales, Te Takeretanga o Kura-hau-pō, 10.30–11.30am.

PLAIN SPEAKING: IAN CARSON

Horror highway lives up to its reputation – again

Another crash, another fatality.

The death of a motorcyclist at Kuku on Tuesday is a stark reminder that being out on the road always brings risks. Tragically, people die.

The latest crash, however, raises some serious questions about the speed limit on this previously notorious road.

For a couple of years, the limit was lowered to 80km/h, down from 100km/h. It was in response to a terrible spate of serious injuries and fatalities on the stretch of road between Ōhau and Ōtaki.

Back in the early 2020s, it seemed that every week another crash happened. And every time it



happened, we knew it was a member of someone’s whānau – most likely local – and their loss would be mourned.

As the boffins at NZTA Waka Kotahi – the transport agency responsible for safety on our roads – looked at their whiteboard in Wellington and noted the number of crashes just an hour’s drive north, they clearly got the shivers. The numbers were horrifying.

So the agency put some resources into safety improvements. Mid-road wire barriers were installed on many stretches, intersection sight lines were improved, turning bays were installed, passing lanes disappeared. And the speed limit came down to 80km/h.

Before you knew it, the road toll on this stretch of road came down – in fact, it disappeared. No fatalities, until Tuesday.

We’ll probably never know whether the safety improvements or the lowered speed limit had the greater effect. But taking one of those factors out of the equation – the speed limit – was playing with fire. NZTA put the speed limit up again on July 1, and within 22 days we had the first fatality for years.

Let’s be clear, I’m not suggesting speed was a factor in this crash. That’s a matter for the serious crash unit to investigate and a coroner to decide. We can only hope it doesn’t happen again soon, or there will be more questions asked.

NZTA said it was bound by majority submissions to its recent proposal to raise the speed limit. But here’s the thing – the majority of total submitters wanted it back up, but the majority of submitters who were also Horowhenua locals, did not.

That tells us that people who drive through just want to get from A to B as quickly as possible. Locals who know the risks are more concerned about safety.

Meantime, my thoughts are with the family of the latest tragedy.

I also think about the people at Tukorehe and Wehi Wehi, the two marae literally on the frontline of the highway.

I was talking to one of their marae committee members recently as they were protesting against what was then a proposed speed limit increase.

“It’s terrible along here,” he said. “When something happens, we’re the ones who hear the crash. We’re the ones who retrieve the maimed drivers and tend to injuries. It’s heart-breaking. We don’t want that again.”

Sadly, it has. More might just be avoidable.

■ Ian is managing editor of ID Media

MATTERS OF LAW: RILEY BOYLE

Conflicts of interest in transactions

In many legal transactions, it might seem practical or cost-effective for all parties to use the same lawyer.



This is an especially common request in small towns like Levin with few law firms, or for property and family dealings where one lawyer has previously acted for everyone involved. However, this convenience is not risk-free. When a lawyer’s loyalties are split, the consequences can be severe for everyone.

The New Zealand standard – New Zealand law is clear about conflicts of interest. A lawyer must not act for more than one client on a transaction in any circumstances where there is a “more than negligible risk” that the lawyer will be unable to fulfil their professional obligations to each client. This threshold is extremely low. Additionally, all parties involved must give their fully informed consent and must truly understand what the conflict is.

An example – A 2018 disciplinary case clearly outlines these rules. In the matter, a lawyer acted for both the seller and the buyer in an agreement for the sale of company shares. The purchase price was to be paid in monthly instalments over three years. Just six months after the deal was signed, the buyer stopped making payments. The seller, now financially exposed, filed a complaint with the Law Society. The Lawyers Standards Committee found that the lawyer had failed to protect the seller’s interests. It was determined that the parties’ interests were in direct competition, and the seller could not have given true “informed consent” because he could not have “proper appreciation” of the conflict or the conflict’s implications.

The cost of conflict – Even in transactions that appear straightforward, acting for multiple parties can be a gamble. Even if the parties’ interests appear to align at first, a dispute might still arise down the track. A conflict of interest is not just a problem for the lawyer. For clients, the consequences can be significant:

- *Compromised transactions* – the integrity of the deal can be questioned.
- *Inadequate advice* – parties might not receive comprehensive advice on the potential risks of the transaction. This is especially a concern when a lawyer has a long-standing relationship with a particular party.
- *Damaged relationships* – What could have been a simple transaction with independent legal advice can turn into a lasting dispute.

Ultimately, while sharing a lawyer might seem to save time or money upfront, the potential cost is far greater. If at any point you feel there might be a conflict of interest in a transaction you are involved in, you should mention this to your lawyer and request independent legal advice.

■ Riley is a solicitor with CS Law

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THE ELECTORATE: SUZE REDMAYNE

Great to celebrate Ō2NL moving ahead

It was great to be back in Horowhenua recently with my colleague and friend Tim Costley, MP for Ōtaki.



Work on the Ō2NL is moving ahead, and it was fantastic to celebrate this with a visit to the new site office on Tararua Road. We enjoyed meeting the team who are moving at pace to get construction under way on this vital new road.

We caught up with Jay Clarke at Woodhaven Gardens, an outstanding family-run growing operation. It was interesting to hear their perspective on the opportunities and challenges and facing the sector.

I know the team at Woodhaven, along with others in the horticulture industry across the mighty Rangitikei, will have been pleased to hear the announcement from Minister Responsible for RMA Reform Chris Bishop, on Wednesday.

Our government is committed to delivering a new, streamlined resource management system. While this work is under way, we are giving councils clarity on where to focus their efforts so they can prepare for the new system, rather than waste resources and ratepayers’ money on plan changes based on a system soon to be redundant.

Good news for horticulture and the primary sector, as these directives include an extension of the restriction on notifying

freshwater planning instruments for a further two years to December 31, 2027.

Also on Monday, Tim and I visited the Farm Track at Donnelly Park in Levin – a fantastic community asset which is only going to get better with plans to extend over the Arawhata Stream to the golf course. I was interested to learn about its history and development from the committee and Muaūpoko.

We also met up with Mayor Bernie Wanden and group manager infrastructure for the Tara-Ika development, Daniel Haigh, who took us to see the progress on site that will allow 3500 new homes to be built.

I really enjoyed meeting the awesome team and students at Manakau School, catching up with Tim’s fantastic bunch of SuperBlues at the Vintage Car Club, and stopping in to meet Simon Maher and his team at the new Carters branch in Levin. Our new Investment Boost policy has been helping to keep Carters and others in the industry busy. It was great to hear local tradies are making the most of being able to deduct 20 percent of the cost of new assets, on top of standard depreciation.

A full and fantastic day – and I’m looking forward to being back again soon. I pass through Horowhenua on my way to Parliament, so if you’re from a local business, school or organisation and would like to catch up, feel free to drop me a line at: Suze.RedmayneMP@parliament.govt.nz

■ Suze is MP for Rangitikei

CITIZENS ADVICE: GINNY WILLIAMS

Know your rights for holidays

Knowing your rights as an employee can be a bit daunting when you first start work.



However, the rules around leave entitlements are clear. The Holidays Act 2003 sets out clear guidelines.

After the end of each completed 12 months of continuous employment, an employee is entitled to not less than four weeks paid annual holidays.

There might be some reasons why leave is taken before the 12 months is up:

- paid public holidays
- leave under Family Violence Act 2018 arrangements
- parental leave under the Parental Leave Act 1987
- volunteers leave within the meaning of the Volunteers Employment Protection Act 1973
- receiving weekly payments under the Accident Compensation Act 2001 as well as, or instead of, payment from the employer

- unpaid sick leave or unpaid bereavement leave or unpaid family violence leave
- unpaid leave for any other reason for a period of no more than one week.

An employee’s entitlement to annual holidays remains in force until the employee has either taken all of the entitlement as paid holidays, or has been paid out for the leave period in the entitlement year.

Your employer cannot force or pressure you to cash up annual leave. They are not allowed to suggest it or bring it up as part of your conditions of employment or pay negotiations.

If you tell your employer that you don’t

want to cash up your leave, but your employer goes ahead and does so anyway, they are in breach of the law and may face penalties. If this happens, you can call the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment on 0800 20 90 20 for help and advice. If you belong to a union, you could also contact your union representative. It might also be helpful to investigate resolving employment disputes.

If no workplace policy exists for cashing up leave entitlements, the employer must consider every request from employees for cashing up leave. Generally they will use a when and why basis. The employer can say no to a request and doesn’t have to give a reason – but they must advise the employee of their decision in writing, within a reasonable period of time.

The Employment NZ website holds information on this topic as do our team at CAB Levin. Phone 06-368-5921 or email us at levin@cab.org.nz

■ Ginny is chair of Citizens Advice Bureau Levin

Late reports raise issues of transparency

Political party failure to meet the June 30 deadline for depositing annual financial reports and accompanying audits to the Electoral Commission opens the country to questioning about its approach to corruption.

It is not that the failure to comply can itself be taken as evidence of corruption, but that those holding roles in public representation are required as a matter of course to meet transparency obligations imposed by law.

Failure to do so, especially when formal warnings have been issued by the police about the need to conform to the rules, suggests something may be seriously awry in the parties that fail to meet deadlines.

The Labour Party provided the commission with its yearly financial statements but was late in presentation of its audit report. Te Pati Maori failed to meet the deadline with both reports and has still to provide the commission with an audit report on the previous year's accounts.

Most, if not all, parties have at times struggled with the requirement date. It is set in law: Section 10J of the Electoral Act says it is an offence for a party secretary to file a financial statement late or fail to file a financial statement without reasonable excuse.

Labour said it was working with its audit partner to transition to a new set of accounting practices. According to the commission, TMP has said its financial statements, and an audit report, would be filed "soon", and that there is an intention to file the previous year's audit report at the same time.

Non-compliance with the law can be referred to the police. They have previously warned

TPM about the need to be compliant. The question that hovers is whether there will be enforcement or whether, to the detriment of transparency requirements, the ramifications of a clash between law and TPM will take precedence.



POLITICS

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National, NZ First and Act do not have to file an audit report because either their respective constitutions do not require it, or their organisation status is exempt. It may be that TPM should consider their organisation status.

But TPM is, in effect, continuing to challenge cornerstones of New Zealand law and parliamentary requirements. The haka performance in

Parliament was simply a more dramatic, theatre-style of protest than non-conformance with a reporting law.

But just as Parliament was entitled to construe the haka as a challenge to its rules of procedure, so too is the public entitled to ponder the meaning of TPM defiance of transparency law intended to give comfort to voters, investors and institutions that money flows to and from political parties are in accord with legal frameworks.

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And when it comes to issues of public concern, perhaps it is Shane Jones whom Winston Peters can thank for the recent slow but steady climb of NZ First in political public opinion polls. His stands on mining, and oil and gas exploration, are hitting a positive chord with middle New Zealand.

The activist and committed environmentalists gain media space for attention to climate change and the plight of native species. Recessionary-like economic conditions, however, tend to favour the Jones message with voters. The country's economy benefitted significantly from a drop in oil and gas imports when both onshore and offshore wells in Taranaki were producing at peak. The prospect of a similar impact would provoke a dose of desperately needed optimism in business circles.

A find by mining prospectors of rare earth minerals, potentially useable by the IT and

space industries, would probably win a "hallelujah" from economists and government ministers alike. Greenpeace might have a contrary view. But if marginal, or even pristine, conservation land was needed for exploitation it is difficult to contemplate that its approach would prevail in today's economic climate.

Perhaps that climate would be much improved if the taxation debt level reflected a more positive approach by businesses and individuals to compliance. Outstanding tax debt, including student loans, is in excess of \$10 billion, a sum that if paid would be sufficient to restore a much-improved balance sheet to NZ incorporated.

It is up 40 percent since 2023 and probably reflects a "foot off the collection throttle" during the months of the Covid lock-down and post lock-down period. A government emphasis on timely observance of tax obligations would not come as a surprise.

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



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This beautifully renovated home sits proudly on a generous 880m2 section and effortlessly blends timeless charm with contemporary upgrades. Thoughtfully transformed throughout, it retains the warmth of native timber while embracing modern standards of comfort and efficiency. Nearly every aspect of the home has been updated - re-gibbed walls, new insulation in the walls, ceiling, and underfloor, plus

upgraded electrical wiring, plumbing, and stylish new light fittings and a near new roof. A heat pump ensures year-round comfort. Three generously sized bedrooms, a sleek new bathroom complete with a luxurious soaker bath, and a modern kitchen designed for everyday living and entertaining. Outside you will find a fully fenced backyard - private, secure, and perfect for children and pets

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» 79 Kawi Road **LEVIN**

BEO \$599,000

» 11 Duke Street **LEVIN**

BEO \$650,000

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PRICE UPDATE

This home offers great value! Set on an expansive 814m2 section in one of Levin's most sought-after streets, this impressive 210m2 home offers a superb blend of character, comfort, and space, both inside and out. Step inside to discover gleaming native timber floors that enrich the open-plan living area, paired with plush new carpet in the three well-sized bedrooms for added comfort. The updated modern kitchen is a

standout, offering contemporary finishes and great functionality at the heart of the home. Enjoy effortless indoor - outdoor flow with access from the living room to both the private rear courtyard and lawn, as well as the front balcony that takes in sweeping views over neighbouring farmland - the perfect spot for morning coffee.

Ref : www.wiltonandco.nz/WILO1878
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PRICE UPDATE!

If you're seeking a home that combines generous space, sun-filled living, and versatile design, this one delivers it all. Perfectly suited for a growing family, this property has been thoughtfully designed to offer effortless living and entertaining. At the heart of the home is a stylish modern kitchen featuring quality appliances, ample bench space, and a large pantry - the ideal setting for family meals or entertaining friends. The open-plan

dining and living area is bathed in natural light and highlighted by a stunning feature wall, creating a warm and welcoming space to relax and unwind. One of the standout features is the private guest wing - complete with its own entrance, a sitting room, bedroom, bathroom, and heat pump - offering the perfect retreat for teenagers or extended family

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» 35 Elizabeth Street **LEVIN**

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Home plus Flat!

Offering unmatched versatility for extended families, investors, or those seeking the ideal work from home setup. Live in one, rent the other, or explore the income potential of Airbnb. A low-maintenance brick townhouse featuring three bedrooms and modern comforts throughout with a stylish open plan kitchen. Tucked privately at the rear with its own access is the flat.

This is a one large bedroom plus an adjoining second room or office. There is a modern kitchen and bathroom and a separate lounge for relaxed living. Fully insulated, Infinity gas hot water and garden shed. Whether you are after multi-generational living, an investment portfolio addition, or a home, this is a must see.

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» 190 Tiro Tiro Road **LEVIN**

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Modern, light filled, and move in ready

Step into this beautifully modernised 1970s gem, where timeless architecture meets contemporary style. Fully refreshed throughout, this two bedroom home showcases a modern colour palette and quality finishes that enhance its warm, welcoming feel. Sunlight floods the open plan kitchen, dining, and living area through expansive west facing windows, while doors open effortlessly to a spectacular deck. There is a single internal access garage.

ASKING \$450,000
OPEN HOME SUNDAY 11.45AM-12.15PM
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» 112A Winchester Street **LEVIN**

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Location perfect

If convenience is high on your list, this well presented brick and aluminium home offers the perfect blend of comfort, privacy, and location. Just a short stroll to town, the supermarket, and local amenities, this is easy-care living at its best. 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

PRICE BY NEGOTIATION
OPEN HOME SUNDAY 12.30PM-1PM
Ref : www.wiltonandco.nz/WIL01894
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» 670 Queen Street East **LEVIN**

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It's all done - just move in

This delightful two bedroom home is a beautiful blend of timeless Art Deco character and contemporary style. From the moment you arrive, the inviting sunroom sets the tone, a light-filled space perfect for watching the world go by. A thoughtfully updated interior is sure to please. The spacious, modern kitchen opens out to a rear deck and fully fenced backyard, perfect for entertaining.

BUYER ENQUIRY OVER \$495,000
OPEN HOME SUNDAY 11.45AM-12.15PM
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» 57 Weraroa Road **LEVIN**

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Solid brick unit, walk to town!

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, it 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.

PRICE BY NEGOTIATION
OPEN HOME SUNDAY 11.45AM-12.15PM
Ref : www.wiltonandco.nz/WIL01903
Lynaire Cottle 0272224017



» 174 Bath Street **LEVIN**

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NEW PRICE!

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. Whether its a chilly winters night or a relaxing weekend this home has you covered. The well appointed kitchen offers a practical layout, has lots of bench space, a wall oven, dish drawer

BUYER ENQUIRY OVER \$599,000
OPEN HOME SUNDAY 11AM-11.30AM
Ref : www.wiltonandco.nz/WIL01865
Tracey Fraser 0210779062



» 27 Weraroa Road **LEVIN**

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A Smart Start

Step inside and be impressed - this home has undergone a thoughtful refresh with a modern kitchen and bathroom, fresh paint throughout, and excellent flooring that adds warmth and style. With most of the hard work already done, you can move in and enjoy comfortable living straight away while adding your own finishing touches to make it truly yours.

ASKING \$479,000
OPEN HOME SUNDAY 11.45AM-12.15PM
Ref : www.wiltonandco.nz/WIL01875
Tracey Fraser 0210779062



» 224B Cambridge Street **LEVIN**

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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. Inside you will 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.

ASKING \$485,000
OPEN HOME SUNDAY 1.15PM-1.45PM
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Adriana Wilton 0297766902



» 30A Perth Street **LEVIN**

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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.

ASKING \$409,000
OPEN HOME SUNDAY 1.15PM-1.45PM
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Adriana Wilton 0297766902



» 76 Parker Avenue **LEVIN**

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Double the Opportunity

Positioned on a combined 918m2 (more or less) across two titles, this property includes a spacious four bedroom home set on a 587m2 section and a 331m2 section (181 Bath Street) complete with a shed, both are available to purchase together or separately. The home offers generous living with four bedrooms and a double garage.

PRICE BY NEGOTIATION
VIEW BY APPOINTMENT ONLY
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PRICE UPDATE

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 perfect for family life. The kitchen enjoys stunning views of the Tararua Ranges and opens out to a deck, ideal for entertaining. Come and take a look at all this property offers!

ASKING \$550,000
OPEN HOME SUNDAY 12.30PM-1PM
Ref : www.wiltonandco.nz/WIL01915
Ryan Watson 0223554790



» 39 Winchester Street **LEVIN**

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Fantastic first home, excellent garaging

If you're searching for the perfect first step onto the property ladder, this well-presented three-bedroom home is a standout! Set on a 726m2 corner section with dual access, it offers space and sunshine. 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.

ASKING \$529,000
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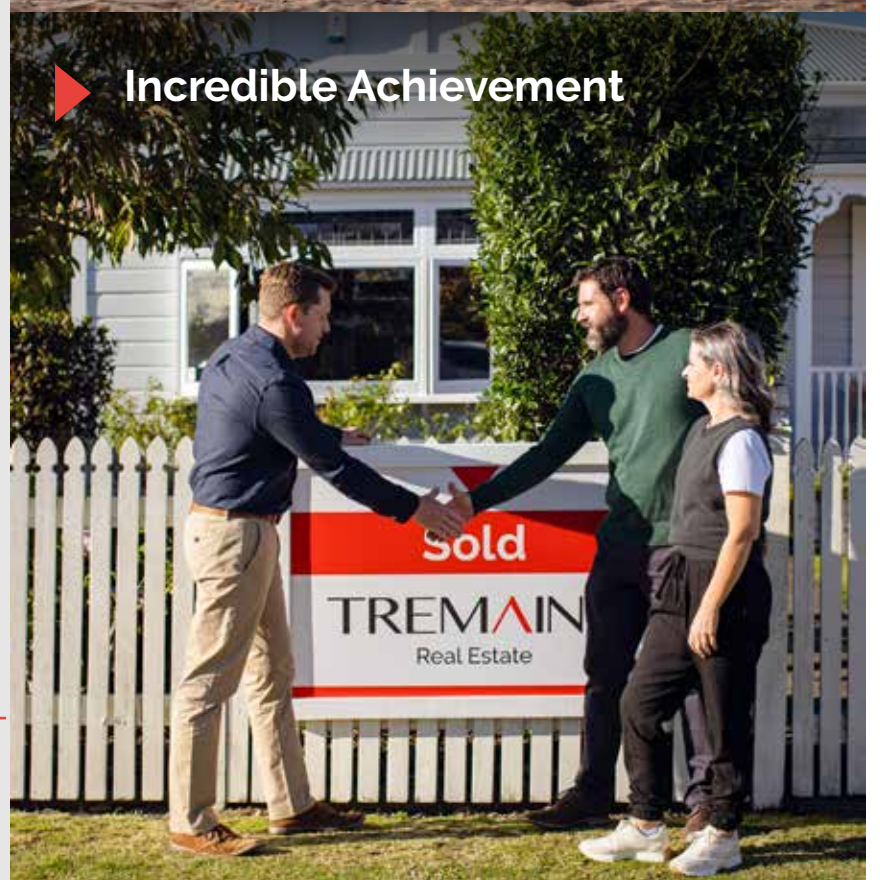
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All Black Don McIntosh dies

Don McIntosh, one of the oldest surviving All Blacks, died last Thursday at the Levin Home for War Veterans.

He was 94. He had a private funeral in Levin.
Don played a total of 13 games for the All Blacks including four test matches – two at home against South Africa in 1956 and two tests on the tour of Australia in 1957, scoring a total of three tries.
The South African tour in 1956 was described as brutal. Don made his test debut in the 10-6 win against South Africa at Carisbrook in 1956 and three weeks later played in the 8-3 loss to the tourists at Athletic Park. Earlier in the tour they beat Wellington 8-6 at the same ground.
The All Blacks were unbeaten on the 1957 Australian tour, retaining

the Bledisloe Cup with wins in Sydney (25-11) and Brisbane (22-9).
Don played for the Petone club and became the first player to reach 100 games for Wellington. He played 120 matches in total for Wellington, many as captain, including matches against a touring Springbok team in 1956 and a British Lions team in 1959.
He captained Wellington to win the Ranfurly Shield over Canterbury in 1956 and was in the team that beat Waikato for the shield in 1953.
The current oldest living All Black is Brian Steele, 96.

Don McIntosh in his official All Blacks photo from the mid 1950s.



No Foxton 15 as sign of respect for Ivan

By Bruce Falloon
No one will be in the Foxton number 15 jersey at Levin Domain tomorrow – the premier rugby team earlier retired the number for the season as a mark of respect for club stalwart Ivan Coley, who died on May 31 aged 89.

Ivan was born on March 12, 1936, and grew up in Foxton. He played rugby for the Foxton club and was in teams that won the Ramsbotham Cup in 1959, 1961, 1962 and 1963. He played a majority of those games at fullback, although towards the end of his career he also played open-side flanker.
A broken shoulder ended his career when he was late tackled. He was in the premier teams from age 18-23.

Former Foxton rugby player and club president Ivan Coley, who died on May 31, aged 89. The club retired his old number 15 jersey for the season as a mark of respect.

Photo: Bruce Falloon

Ivan was a true servant of Foxton Rugby Club and filled roles as coach, club captain, president and patron. He was also a life member.
He earned a lot of respect throughout the Horowhenua rugby community and was always acknowledged by the locals and visitors alike.
Ivan attended school in Foxton and on leaving Manawātū College went to work at the Feltex factory across the road. Later in life he became a carpenter's labourer.
Ivan is survived by his wife Pat, Children Judith, Stephen, grandson Jason Angela Love, Judith Graham (daughter-in-law) and great grand daughter Kaylah Gyde.

RESULTS & FIXTURES

RUGBY
FINALS, Saturday July 26, Levin Domain
Bill Muir Cup (Senior Reserve) – 12.45pm: Rāhui v Foxton.
Ramsbotham Cup (Premier) – 2.45pm: Rāhui v Foxton.
Semi-final results, July 19
Ramsbotham Cup (Premiers)
Foxton 38, Waikanae 25.
Foxton: Tries to S Lawton-Sue, J Rauca, J Sanson, M Pakau-Wallace.
A Murphy 3 pen, 3 con, 1 drop goal.
Waikanae: J Poutama try, C Bond con, 6 pen.
Rāhui 30, Paraparaumu 23 (in extra time).
Rāhui: Tries to L Tooman, M Connor-Phillips (2). A Roach 3 con, 3 pen.
Paraparaumu: Tries to D McNamara, S Gardiner, C Voulaire. M Barnsley con, 2 pen.
Bill Muir Cup (Senior Reserve)
Foxton 27, Athletic 23.
Foxton: Tries to R Kreegher, M Vueti, S Visavisawaqa, K Murphy. R Kauri-Warner 2 con, pen. *Athletic:* Tries to S Salalaga-Iose, T Ulutoa, S Stout. K O'Brien con, 2 pen.
Rāhui 32, Levin College Old Boys 29
Rāhui: Tries to C R Vanderwiel, C D Vanderwiel, J Sovea, J Foxall. M Rikihana 2 con, pen. *Levin COB:* Tries to D Toleafoa (2), X Purewa, G Levavae. L Salu 3 con, pen.

GOLF
Levin – ending July 20
Monday – Speldhurst 9 Hole Stableford: Steve Tristin 20, Mike Cashmore 18, Neville McRae 17. Twos: John Jarden. **Tuesday** – Men Net: Soon Song 70, Natham Murray 71, Phil Beale 72. Twos: Soon Song. **Wednesday** – 9 Hole Mixed Net: Mike Dalley 35, Den Hutchings

37, Wayne James 37; Ladies Irish Stableford: Val Carol Louisson 63, Leanne Ward 60, Val Smith 59. **Thursday** – Early Men Stableford: David Colin Finlayson 34, Vili Tia 34, David Pick 34. Twos: Soon Song; Late Men Stableford: Ash Spiller 40, David Louisson 38, Barry Judd 37. Twos: Gerald Harpur. **Friday** – 9 Hole Mixed Stableford: Karen Smith 21, Kuresa Faleseuga 21, Lance Heger 19; Speldhurst 9 Hole Stableford: Mick Thomson 20, John Griffin 19, Neville McRae 18. **Saturday** – Early Men Irish Stableford: Ivan Franklin 70, Ian Morby 66, Soon Song 65; Ladies Irish Stableford: Anita Davidson 73, Leanne Ward 70, Mary Keenan 69; Late Men Par: John Saulbrey 5, Craig Stichbury 2, David Louisson 2. Twos: Robert Ward.
Foxton: Mid-week
Thursday July 17: Barry Graham 35, Paul Hansen 34, Lorna Soo 32, Dean Winyard 31, Todd McGuigan 30.
Tuesday July 22: Rick Mooney 38, Matt Hullett 34, Marty Berry 33, Ann Hogg 33, Margaret Chrystall 32, Lorna Soo 32, Tamati McGregor 32.
9 hole (July 23)
Stableford Competition: Geoff McBrydie 21, Neil Thompson 20, Charlie Matenga 17, Sylvia Young 16, Rae Jack 16, Elaine Pedersen 16, Karen Marshall 16, Kevin Young 16, Steve Kupa 16.



Entrance tides July 25 - August 1

<https://www.metservice.com/marine/regions/whanganui-manawatu/tides/locations/foxton>
<https://www.metservice.com/marine/regions/kapiti-wellington/tides/locations/waitarere-beach>

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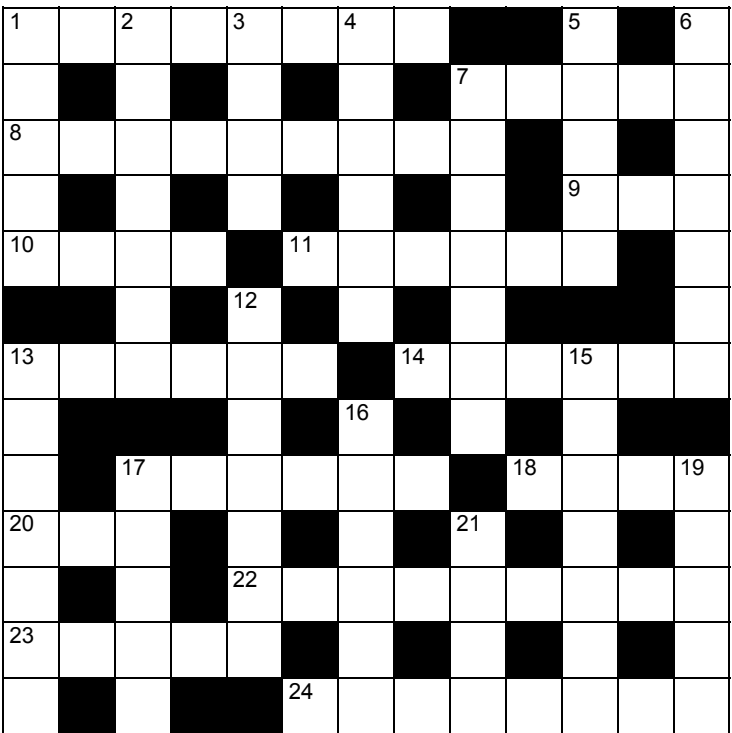
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THE CROSSWORD #NZ1945A (answers below right)



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- 1 Children (Māori) (8)

7 Component (5)

8 Stonefruit grown in Central Otago (9)

9 Oven (Māori) (3)

10 Formal test (4)

11 Post graduate research project (6)

13 Sheepdog (6)

14 New Zealand's highest mountain (6)

17 Irritable (6)

18 Tablet (4)

20 Food (3)

22 New Zealand actor who appeared in Star Trek reboot films (4,5)

23 Female relative (5)

24 Graveyard (8)
- 1 Trace (5)

2/5 NZ doubles tennis player who has won the French Open and an Olympic bronze (7,5)

3 Wander (4)

4 Chess piece (6)

5 See 2

6 King Country town 80km south of Hamilton (2,5)

7 Superannuation (inf) (7)

12 Error (7)

13 Preparing food using heat (7)

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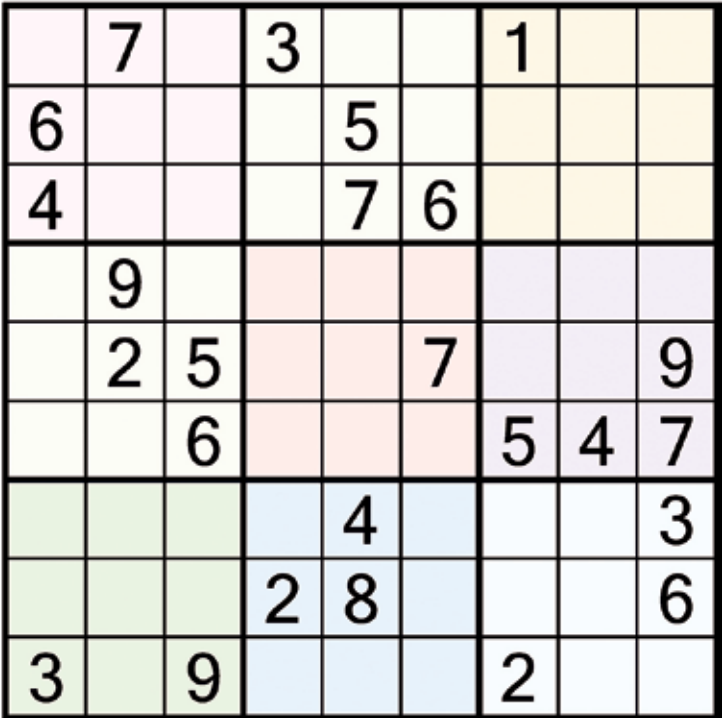
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EASY #88E Use logic and process of elimination to fill in the blank cells using the numbers 1 through 9. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and 3x3 block. See solution pg 31.



QUIZ ANSWERS from above: 1. 1893. 2. 1997 3. Foxton vs Rahui both grade A and B. 4. Horowhenua Kapiti Rugby Union took a stand against serious verbal abuse and physical intimidation of a referee, cancelling all weekend rugby on June 28 and 29. 5. Carlos Spencer. Christian Cullen. Dane Coles, Joe Karam. Gary Knight. Mark Shaw. Tyrel Lomax. Cody Taylor. Terry McCashin. Damian McKenzie. Brian Steele. George Cook. Hohepa Jacob 6. Rugby is named after Rugby School in Warwickshire, England, where the sport is said to have originated. 7. The Māori name for rugby is whutupōro. It's a loan word derived from "football" and is commonly used in te reo Māori to refer to the sport. 8. Gay Boy. 9. Gordon Ryder. 10. The Ryder Stakes has provided juvenile racehorses an opportunity to obtain 'black type' status, important for international thoroughbred breeding standards, before they turn three. 11. Horses, especially fillies and mares, are often referred to as having gained some black type. This means they have won or finished placed in a Listed or Group race. The term comes from how these horses' names appear in bold text in the pedigree pages of sales. 12. Beechcraft, Arctic Wolf, Weston Lea, Finnegan Fox, Veandercross, Egyptian Raine, Bunker, Final Reality, Keep the Message, and Classic Mission.

RUGBY AND RACING QUIZ

. Answers below.

1. When was the Horowhenua Rugby Football Union (HKRFU) established?

2. When did the HKRFU become Horowhenua-Kapiti Rugby Football Union?

4. Which teams are in the rugby finals for Premier and Senior B playing tomorrow, Saturday July 26?

4. Why was a weekend of rugby cancelled recently?

5. Name three Hotowhenua-Kapiti rugby players who have been All Blacks.

6. Why is rugby called rugby?

7. What is the Māori name for rugby?

8. Name the race horse owned by Dick Heppner and trained by J Procter.

9. Who was behind starting the Ryder Stakes racemeet for Levin Racing Club in the 1970s?

10. What is special about the Ryder Stakes race meeting?

11. What does 'black type status' mean for race horses?

12. Name two Ryder Stakes winners of the past.

Death is not the greatest loss in life.
The greatest loss is what dies inside
us while we live.

— Norman Cousins —

SHANNON STREETS WORD SEARCH

answers page 19

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SHANNON STREETS WORD SEARCH
answers



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