



Hydrabad at Waitāre Beach, probably about 1930, after its remaining mast at the stern toppled into the sand.

Photo courtesy of Horowhenua Historical Society



Hydrabad all but gone

By Paul Williams

The iconic Waitāre Beach shipwreck *Hydrabad* has all but disappeared beneath the sand, 147 years since that fateful storm.

When she ran aground, Mary Holmwood, wife of captain Charles Holmwood, was heard to cry “goodbye old ship” as she was carried safely to shore. Now, it’s time to say goodbye to *Hydrabad* again as shifting sands slowly swallow her stubborn bones.

She won’t be forgotten. Her memory is well and truly alive thanks to the amazing work of some local historians over the years in documenting her history and collecting memorabilia – notably by local men Rex Bowater and Ron Hubbard.

It is a real credit to them both in keeping alive the memory of *Hydrabad* and telling her story. What was a labour of love saw short films made, Ron even painting magnificent artworks of the ship.

It makes sense that beach giftshop owner Sheila Milne should stock and sell *Hydrabad* images and curio. She says she can’t go a day

without striking up a conversation with a tourist about *Hydrabad*.

She hears stories of how the wreck was two storeys high, of how people can remember diving from it, of driving their car inside, of twilight barbecues, and bonfires at night.

“It’s obvious how the *Hydrabad* played a big part in the lives of people here and how they have fond memories,” she says.

The fact that she once lay near the water’s edge gives the illusion that time and tide have pushed her farther from the shore. But that’s not the case.

Horowhenua District Council chief executive Monique Davidson says Waitāre Beach is a central point of a large and active dune system. Sand carried from the Volcanic Plateau by Whanganui, Rangitikei, and Manawatu rivers is driven in a south and east direction by prevailing currents and winds, and accumulates along the Horowhenua and Kāpiti coasts to form dynamic dunes, accruing land at a rate of almost 1.5 metres every year.

So *Hydrabad* hasn’t moved at all – the beach is moving around her.

The fact her wreck has survived so long in the

harshes environs is a tribute to the men who made her, from Scottish Lawmorr cast iron that was folded, layer on layer like filo pastry under great heat. Her iron plates were said to be “of greater thickness than those of any merchant ship afloat”, and she had been dubbed “the strongest ship in the world”.

As strong as her bones were, just as much attention was given to her inner beauty – parts of the staircase were made of gold, there were carved teak panels, ornate cabins lamps and engraved silverware.

She first launched in 1865, a 70m-long cargo and passenger ship displacing 1350 tonnes with three distinctive masts, the tallest 11.3m. At her bow was a huge carved Hindu warrior, bearded and wearing a turban, gripping his sword.

Her hull was black, with a broad white line across her ports and a smaller thin white line painted just below the water line.

A total of 407 passengers were aboard on her previous voyage from Britain to Australia, her 13th voyage between hemispheres. Thankfully, just 35 were aboard when cyclonic winds delivered her to Waitāre the night of June 24, 1878.

She had started the previous day making slow time in calm winds near the top of the South Island, on her way from Lyttelton to Adelaide.

Captain Holmwood’s log tells how the barometer dropped at midnight and the wind stiffened. By morning a cyclone was blowing from the west.

“I fully expected to have got under Kāpiti. Even after the sails were blown away I thought we should get there,” he said. “The sea was so full of foam it was impossible to see anything. I never saw land from the time I left The Brothers until. . .”

At the mercy of the sea and bobbing in darkness toward Waitāre, the captain ordered the crew to “let go the anchors”. But the steel chain snapped like thread, so he veered her toward land to minimise damage to her hull. When she hit the sand he was thrust heavily into the main mast.

The crew made a dash for the lifeboats, but he ordered everybody to stay aboard, assuring them it would be far safer at daybreak. To his credit, no lives were lost.

Numerous attempts to refloat her failed. And so she rests.



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Water plan gets tick

From July 2027 Central Districts Water will deliver water services to residents in Horowhenua, Palmerston North and Rangitikei.

Until then each council will manage its own water services. Once CDW is operational, the councils will retain ownership as shareholders.

The government recently approved the joint Water Services Delivery Plan for the three councils. The plan sets out how drinking water, wastewater, and stormwater services will be delivered.

Horowhenua Mayor of Bernie Wanden says approval of the new entity is “exciting news”. “The partnership will mean water assets remain locally owned, enable councils to meet tougher government regulations, keep costs affordable for our communities, and deliver safe, resilient and sustainable water services.”

The plan needed to be approved by the Department of Internal Affairs, which is



Celebrating the approval of the Central Districts Water Plan at Foxton are, from left, Horowhenua Mayor Bernie Wanden, Palmerston North Mayor Grant Smith, and Rangitikei Mayor Andy Watson.

overseeing the water reform process.

“Our plan only needed minor clarifications prior to sign-off, which shows how well thought out it was. I’m looking forward to working with the mayors, chief executives and councillors of all three councils,” Bernie says.

Recruitment for the governing board of CDW is expected to begin in early 2026.

BRIEFS

How council works

Horowhenua District Council is running an expo next week aimed at explaining just what the council does and how it does it. Enabling What Matters is at Te Takeretanga o Kura-hau-pō on from 10am-2pm Wednesday (November 19) offering a chance not only to find out more about the council, but also to meet the team who make it happen. Mayor Bernie Wanden says most people see the end results of council work, but a lot of teamwork and dedication is behind it. Visitors will get a hands-on experience and see how teams across the council work together, looking after roads, water and wastewater, parks and cemeteries, libraries, community facilities, customer services, environmental care, emergency management and more.

Armistice remembered

By Janine Baalbergen

“We honour the sacrifices made in the pursuit of peace and freedom,” Mayor Bernie Wanden told those assembled at the Levin Cenotaph to remember Armistice Day.

“We are reminded of the immediate impact of World War 1. Millions lost their lives, families were torn apart and nations changed forever. And its effects reach far beyond the battlefield. We are reminded of the cost of war and the value of peace.”

He said he hoped the memory of this Armistice Day, a day of deep significance, would inspire everyone to strive for a world where the devastation of war was a memory, not a reality.

The Armistice was signed at 11am on November

11, 1918. It officially ended the First World War.

This year’s service in Levin was led by Lindsay Duncan of the RSA Executive. Noel MacDonald was the piper, while Andrew Willis was bugler.

Students of Waiopahu College sang the national anthem and its head students, Phoenix Tassell and Flos de Joras, read the poem *In Flanders Fields*.

Derek Kaa read *The Ode* in te reo Māori, while RSA president Bruce Prescott read it in English.

Wreaths were laid after the service.



Linda Fletcher (above) leaves the Cenotaph after laying a wreath, and (above right) Armistice Day bugler Andrew Willis.



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GREENHAVEN HOMES turned heads in the early hours on Tuesday as it moved a large house built in its factory from one side of town to the other. It's the largest house Greenhaven has built. It was moved from its covered construction site on Hokio Beach Road, and made its way across town to its new site in Kebbelle Avenue. The 180-square-metre purpose-built house replaces an existing Kāinga Ora home in the area that was recently removed to allow for construction of the Ō2NL expressway and road connections to the proposed Tara-Ika subdivision.

Photo shows Greenhaven Homes founder and director Todd Strode-Penny at the building yard with the new Kāinga Ora home. Photo Paul Williams

Auditions at Foxton Little Theatre

Foxton's Little Theatre is auditioning from 3pm tomorrow (Saturday) for its next two plays for and about young people.

Theatre president Colleen O'Leary says rehearsals will start in February with performances in April.

Later this month the theatre is to showcase a 1988 video, recently rediscovered, directed by Daphne Hunt and performed by members of the Foxton Little Theatre, entitled *Te Awahou/The New Stream*. The script was written by theatre members and the video features clips of Te Ropū-

Rangitahi performing. It was filmed by Wellington Regional Television and shown on TV1.

"It shows scenes from throughout Foxton history and includes a discussion about a petition held during WW1 to stop the local school from buying a German-made piano," she says.

Showings are from 7.30pm on November 28-29 and 3pm on November 30.

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Repair café celebrates 5 years, another award



Jack, Levin Repair Café's youngest volunteer, gets his 3D printer ready for action. Photo Janine Baalbergen

By Janine Baalbergen

Levin's Repair Café celebrated five years last Saturday, along with the win of another award.

The repair café won the Heart of the Community Award at the recent Electra Business and Innovation Awards. In 2021 it won a Keep New Zealand Beautiful award.

Its youngest volunteer, Jack (he didn't want his surname published) was given the honour on Saturday of cutting the birthday cake, together with Mayor Bernie Wanden.

Jack, 17, has been at the café helping fix computers for the past three years and has since wandered into 3D territory. He is studying for a diploma in IT and is hoping to move into the bachelor's programme next year.

He says his two 3D printers can make mechanical parts that turn, as well as flexible things. He made a holder for his can of fizzy drinks as well as a tie, which he wore to the Electra awards dinner.

He is also into cosplay, meaning he is making armour. He says he wanted his computer skills to be useful so he volunteered at the repair café. Among other things he turns several broken laptops into one useful one.

Mayor Bernie told the volunteers he admired their work. "It takes a lot to sustain something like this that started from nothing," he said.

He pointed out that the community paid a lot to get rid of rubbish, so "the more we can divert away from landfill the better. You provide a very valuable service."

At the celebrations, Ōtaki business Go Traffic Management donated a cheque for \$5000. Café co-founder Victoria Gregory said it was appreciated as the koha for repairs had dropped in recent times.

■ Levin Repair Cafe operates at the Senior Citizens Hall on Cambridge Street, Levin, every second Saturday (except January) from 10am to 1pm.



Thomsons focus of talk

The lives of a well-known couple and their contribution to Levin will be the focus of this month's Horowhenua Historical Society meeting.

Society member Kevin Miles says the late May and Noel Thomson (above) made a significant impact on the town during the 50 years from the 1930s through to the 1980s.

They married and moved to Levin from Wellington in the 1930s, and had an orchard on Weraroa Road. Noel, a solicitor, acquired the practice of P H Harper in Levin in 1933, which became Harper, Atmore and Thomson. He was a Levin Borough councillor, and president of the Waiopahu Tramping Club, Federated Mountain Clubs and Levin RSA.

May became the first female teller for the Commercial Bank of Australia in Wellington in 1918. She worked there until her marriage to Noel in 1930. The couple had no children, but were involved in sporting, recreational and social aspects not only of the area but nationally.

"May in particular was flamboyant and contributes to a fascinating story," Kevin says.

■ The society will meet next 2pm on Sunday (November 16) at Thompson House in Kent Street. Gold coin donation appreciated.

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The haul road built near North Manakau Road.

Photo: NZTA

Ute collision knocks out power to 600

More than 600 homes and businesses in Levin were without power around breakfast time yesterday morning (Thursday) after a north-bound ute collided with a power transformer on Main Road South, near Annies Bakery.

Electricity went out just after 7am and was restored to a majority of connections by 8.15am, although more than 60 connections in the immediate area were without power for a further period of time.

There were no reports of injury.

'Age friendly' Mitre 10 recognised

Horowhenua Grey Power is welcoming the willingness of local businesses taking measures to make life easier for elderly and those with mobility challenges.

Everyday tasks many take for granted can be big hurdles for others, and creating an awareness of those challenges is at the heart of the "Age Friendly Business" initiative.

Mitre 10 Levin, which has sought to understand those issues and made changes to mitigate them, was officially recognised as an Age Friendly Business this week, with more businesses expected to follow suit.

Grey Power president Gary Benton says the initiative wasn't just borne with the elderly in mind – the impetus was to make life easier for others, like young mothers with prams, or people with mobility devices.

"Not everyone with a disability is elderly," he says. Sometimes the little things make a big difference, like having staff aware of some of the challenges and having easily readable signage and pricing.

Horowhenua Grey Power, which has 316 members, advocated for elderly locally while networking as a national organisation, with Age Friendly Business idea first born in Kāpiti.

Mayor Bernie Wanden, chair of the Older Persons Network at the council, says while the district has a high number of elderly residents – more than 20 percent are 65 or older – there were also a large number of toddlers, too.

"I want to acknowledge the work Grey Power is doing in identifying business around the town and creating this awareness," he says.

Certification and signage is supplied to businesses taking part.



Horowhenua Grey Power president Gary Benton, left, Horowhenua Mayor Bernie Wanden, and Mitre 10 owner Emma Van Echten.

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Fun runners encourage wellbeing

By Paul Williams

Running groups are popping up all over New Zealand – it’s the in-thing right now - and a local group that started with a few friends has quickly ballooned.

The group was founded by Joanne Blackman, Ann Young, Anna Royal and Briar Moffatt who began by meeting up on Saturday mornings and going for a jog, calling themselves Jog to Run (JTR).
Recognising the benefits to their own physical and mental wellbeing, they decided to appeal to others to join, launching a “Spring Wellbeing Challenge”.
The six-week programme supported almost 30 people to make positive changes in their health and wellbeing, while also strengthening the JTR community connections.
Briar says the programme focuses on three things – fun, movement and nutrition.

“The challenge was well received and saw lots of great outcomes for the participants,” she says. “One squad member says they couldn’t run 1km when they first joined, but before long they felt confident enough to enter a the 5km Waitāre Forest Run, then a 10km event, then a half-marathon.”
JTR is a free community group that encourages movement at your own pace, and toward your own goals. The core values of connection and motivation hold strong.
Briar says it’s all about having people join in – the more the merrier.
■ If you’re keen to join, look for Jog to Run Horowhenua on Facebook, and see where the next meet-up is.



The Jog to Run group at the Queen Street East pathway. Photo Paul Williams

BRIEFS

Parade the showground vandals in front of committee

I was dismayed to see the report of more vandalism at the showgrounds (Star November 7). As a past member of the show committee I can well endorse Gilbert Timms’ comments regarding the time, energy, expense and dedication to the upkeep of the grounds, as well as running the annual show for the benefit of Levin and the Horowhenua. May I suggest the perpetrators of this mindless destruction be paraded in front of the next committee meeting to explain why they did it. Follow this up with attendance at the working bees required to repair and bring the facility back to full working order. Lunch will not be provided. It is gratifying that neighbours were alert and responded, and action was taken, but deeply distressing to the AP&I members who have to, yet again, turn out at a very busy time of the year to effect repairs to such a mindless act.
(Name and address withheld)

Defacing fire trucks

I note with dismay the defacing of public property, by the paid “Yellow Watch”, of the Levin fire appliances. This is a very immature way to make a protest. If you have a point to get across, fair enough. The New Zealand Professional Firefighters Union could buy an advert in the local papers to outline your grievances. Do not deface property that is not yours. Using the Levin fire appliances as a mobile billboard to make your case is not acceptable. Police, nurses, St John, teachers and other well-respected workers have issues as well. They do not lower themselves to the level of the career firefighters by graffitiing publicly owned vehicles or buildings to get their point across. The four-crew Yellow Watch operates Monday-Friday during daytime hours. Therefore volunteers attending after-hour callouts and emergencies have no choice but to use these same fire trucks with the juvenile scribbles adorning them, whether they like it or not. It was said that Levin is unlikely to ever receive a new truck, yet I can remember Levin receiving new trucks. Where are those appliances now? Were they not acceptable to the Yellow Watch to use? I find it hard to understand how the regional and indeed the national commander have let this graffiti go on. I doubt very much that a police officer would last five minutes if they wrote such statements on a police car. If you have a point about the safety or maintenance of your equipment, make it in a mature manner through Worksafe or other such grown up options.
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Sole trader

As a sole trader, you trade as an individual, using your own name or a chosen business name. You don't need to register with the Companies Office; however, you will need to register with Inland Revenue (IRD) for tax purposes. You may decide to get a New Zealand Business Number (NZBN), but it's not mandatory. Your business income is included in your personal income tax return, and you might need to register for GST if your annual turnover exceeds \$60,000.

Pros:

- Simple and low-cost setup: minimal paperwork and few ongoing obligations.
- Full control – you own and control the business, meaning you make all the business decisions and keep all profits.
- straightforward tax reporting – business income is taxed at your personal rate.

Cons:

- Unlimited liability – you and the business are legally the same, you are personally responsible for business debts and legal claims. This means your personal assets, such as your home or savings, could be at risk.
- Limited growth potential – harder to attract investors or outside funding.
- Less formal image – might appear less credible to larger clients or suppliers.

Limited liability company

A limited liability company is a separate legal entity, created by registration with the New Zealand Companies Office under the Companies Act 1993. The company is the one that enters into contracts, owns assets, and can be sued. You will need at least one



shareholder and one director (who must live in New Zealand or Australia).

Pros:

- Limited liability – separate legal entity that exists independently of its owners (shareholders). This means shareholders are generally not personally liable for company debts, protecting personal assets.
- Professional credibility – having “Limited” in your business name can build trust with customers and investors.
- Easier to scale – you can issue shares, bring in investors, and separate personal and business finances.

Cons:

- Higher setup and compliance costs – registration, annual returns, and accurate record-keeping are required.
- Director responsibilities: directors must comply with the Companies Act, including duties to act in good faith and avoid trading while insolvent. If a director breaches their duties under the Act, they can be personally liable.
- Separate taxation: the company pays 28% corporate tax, and any dividends you take may be taxed again personally.

If you're starting small and want minimal admin and limited financial risk, a sole trader structure is often best. However, if you plan to grow, hire staff, or take on financial risk, a limited liability company offers better protection and credibility. Before deciding, it's wise to consult a both an accountant and a lawyer to ensure your choice fits your business goals and obligations.

■ Riana Smith is an associate with CS Law

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Horowhenua business excellence recognised

It was fantastic to see Horowhenua businesses recognised for their excellence, innovation and community spirit at the recent Electra Business & Innovation Awards.

The awards celebrate the outstanding enterprises driving our regional economy.

Nation Beauty NZ, led by Jen Geraghty and her team, took home the Customer Services Award – a testament to their passion for people and service.

Ōhau Gourmet Mushrooms, owned by Brent Williams and Jude Horrill, impressed the judges by showing how food production and environmental care can go hand in hand, earning them the Sustainability Award. Their recent appearance on *Country Calendar* showcased not only their ingenuity but also the growing profile of our region's producers.

Levin Repair Café received a Highly Commended in the Heart of the Community Award for their practical and generous service to others. Levin Top 10 Holiday Park, owned by Debbie and Repi Wright, won the Customer Experience – Horowhenua Award for delivering first-class hospitality that keeps visitors returning.

Congratulations to you all – and to everyone who took part. Strong local businesses are the heartbeat of our communities – creating jobs, opportunities and connections.

Last week, Prime Minister Christopher Luxon represented New Zealand at Apec and the East Asia Summit, meeting with other world leaders and promoting New Zealand as a great place to do business and trade



with. One in four New Zealand jobs are tied to trade, which is why it's a key part of our plan to grow the economy, lift wages and create more opportunities for Kiwis. The work our government is doing on the world stage helps open doors for local businesses like those we celebrated at the Electra Awards.

The first part of Horowhenua's new health hub – Te Pūtahi Ora – opened in late October and it's great to see Taitoko Health and Canopy Radiology now taking up residence at the Durham Street hub. Congratulations to everyone involved in bringing the vision for this outstanding new facility to life.

It was a pleasure to host my friend and colleague, Ōtaki MP Tim Costley, in Feilding last Friday. A familiar face to you all, it was great to wander around our famous Farmers Market, take him to the saleyards and have him speak at a morning tea event. Levin and Feilding share much in common – strong communities, hard-working locals and a clear sense of pride in where we live and what we can achieve together in the heart of provincial New Zealand.

I'm often in Horowhenua on my way to Parliament, so if you're from a local organisation or business and would like to catch up, please get in touch – Suze.RedmayneMP@parliament.govt.nz. You can also follow me on Facebook at facebook.com/SuzeRedmayneMP

■ Suze is the Rangitikei electorate MP

HEADS UP: WAIOPEHU COLLEGE

Former students gather, current student achievements honoured

Kia ora, Talofa lava, Mālō e lelei, Kia orana.

The past few weeks have provided us with many opportunities to celebrate the achievements, spirit, and connections that make Waiopahu College a special place.

Over Labour Weekend we welcomed back students from 1996–2000 for a memorable sports reunion. Past rugby and netball players reunited to reconnect, reminisce, and relive old rivalries – culminating in friendly matches against Horowhenua College. Waiopahu won in both games, but the true success of the weekend was in the renewed friendships and community spirit. On the Friday prior, several of these ex-students spoke to our current students, encouraging them to aim high and reminding us the relationships formed at school often last a lifetime. Our sincere thanks to all who attended and contributed to the occasion.

Just before the long weekend, we held our annual Sports and Performing Arts prizegiving. The evening concluded with the presentation of the Dux Ludorum, awarded to Fletcher Warren in recognition of his outstanding achievements in baseball.

Fletcher is among several of our students who represent New Zealand at national level, and we look forward to following his sporting journey with pride.

Last week, we also celebrated our Senior Academic prizegiving, marking the culmination of the school year before NCEA examinations.

The event highlighted the exceptional academic success of our senior students. Congratulations to Youan Salt, who was named Dux Litterarum for 2025. Youan also performed with his band, Rip the Spineless, during the ceremony, showcasing his talent both academically and artistically.

Other major award recipients included:

- Tashy Haigh – Runner-Up Dux Litterarum
- Keiarliya Jones-Maurirere-Lawson – Omnium Studiorum
- Hunter Pakau and Haven Gripp – He Iti Kahurangi Award (shared)

We were also pleased to announce our 2026 Student Executive Team. We look forward to working with:

- Head Students: Pheonix Tassell & Flos Dejoras
- Deputy Head Students: Fletcher Warren & Wilhelmina Chambers

NCEA examinations are now under way. It has been encouraging to see so many senior students returning to school to study and work with their teachers between exams. Our staff are committed to supporting every learner to achieve their best, and we are proud of the effort and dedication on display.

The year is not yet complete for our junior students. In the final week of term, they will participate in Activities Week, with year 9 and 10 trips to Palmerston North and Wellington.

We will also once again be holding our Colour Run, supporting the Cancer Society. Keep an eye on our Facebook page for updates and ways to get involved.

As always, thank you for your continued support of our students and our school community. We look forward to finishing the year with energy, pride, and plenty to celebrate.

– Guy Reichenbach, Principal



Dux Ludorum Fletcher Warren (top) and Dux Litterarum Youan Salt.

Photos supplied

Narcotics, substance abuse rising as election issues

The approach of major political parties toward narcotics trafficking and reducing the harm of substance abuse experienced by individuals and communities may well be among key issues arising in next year’s election campaign.

Calls by criminology experts to establish a specialised state agency to deal with transnational crime and its confirmed links to the growth of narcotics sale and use in New Zealand and the Pacific Islands have brought the issue to the forefront of political dialogue.

It is an issue politicians of all political stripes can no longer ignore when latest reports disclose cocaine consumption more than tripled in 2024 against a rolling three-year average, while there was a “sharp” increase in methamphetamine (P) use – up 74 percent on that average. Wastewater testing last year estimated a 96 percent increase in “P” use. (The Star reported in April that Horowhenua was in the midst of a meth crisis with testing showing more than double the amount of P is being consumed locally compared with the national average.)

These figures should be considered against figures of the Drug Harm Index of 2023 that showed the total cost of drug harm in New Zealand had increased from \$1.904 billion to \$1.941 billion. Personal harm experienced from substances was \$844.71 million and community harm \$1.096 billion. Measures for the cost of personal harm included premature death and loss of quality of life; harm to family and friends; crime that funds drug purchases; and economic

harm through funds invested into other crime; and a reduced tax base.

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say, however, that a vital need is better co-ordination between the various government agencies that deal with aspects of the illicit drug trade – communications, transport, seizure, and apprehension.

Singapore is often seen as a nation strongly committed to minimising the impact of drug trafficking and use. That this is the case should not be surprising.

As its high commissioner to Australia has said, it is situated on the doorstep of the Golden Triangle of drug producing nations – Myanmar, Thailand, and Laos – an area described by the United Nations as “literally swimming in methamphetamine.”

And like New Zealand, it offers a lucrative market for traffickers, increasingly attracted Down Under because of the prices they can get for their products.

Criticism of Singapore’s approach highlights its use of the death penalty for traffickers, with the possession of 15 grams of heroin being the starting point for imposition. Defenders of the country’s regime say that while the amount may be low the impact is not. Such an amount can

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produce 1200 straws of heroin that can feed the addiction of 180 abusers for a week.

They also point out that when Singapore introduced capital punishment for trafficking in 1990, there was a 66 percent fall over the next four years in the average weight of opium smuggled into the city-state. A study in 2021 among drug traffickers showed that fear of the death penalty was thought by more than 85 percent of those questioned to have reduced the quantity of drugs reaching Singapore, while a slightly lower number thought capital punishment was a more effective deterrent than life imprisonment.

Possession of lesser quantities than that justifying imposition of the death penalty can attract a minimum jail sentence of one year and a maximum of 10 years, with provision also for up to 24 strokes of a cane. A fine of up to \$20,000 can be imposed rather than a jail sentence.

The country’s policies also contain provision for rehabilitation of substance abusers. Those who have not committed other serious criminal

or drug offences receive rehabilitation without the recording of a criminal conviction against them. The government says the recidivism rate among abusers halved between 1993 and 2022 – from 73 percent to 30.8 percent.

It adds that the stringent approach to drug control has proven highly effective.

“It has successfully kept the drug problem under control and prevented major drug syndicates from establishing themselves in Singapore. The number of drug abusers arrested annually has fallen to about half that in the mid-1990s.”

Debate during the election campaign on varying approaches to dealing with both trafficking and substance abuse may test the public’s approach toward the death penalty. Does the harm caused across families and communities by traffickers warrant such an extreme step? Can more frequent drug seizures and imprisonment function as a deterrent to the surge of trafficking among Kiwi gangs and offshore syndicates from South America and Asia even if a specialised state agency is implemented?

It’s worth noting in this context that the rise of drug trafficking gangs in South and Latin America coincided with a rise in government corruption – among politicians and state agencies. Money talks.

A transparent election debate on how best Kiwi society can contain the intrusion of the global narcotics trade into community life here and in the Pacific may at least highlight that provision of effective rehabilitation policies does not substitute for effective deterrent measures.

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



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If you are looking for a home that is stylish in design, has great indoor/outdoor flow and a private easy care section, then this is it. This delightful two bedroom home blends charm and comfort beautifully, offering a warm and inviting feel with all the upgrades you're hoping for. A fresh, modern colour scheme, kitchen and tiled bathroom.

Ref : www.wiltonandco.nz/WIL02000
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Deadline Sale (Unless Sold Prior) Closes 1pm, 2 December 2025, Wilton & Co, 530 Queen Street East, Levin

Adriana Wilton
0297766902
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» 26 Green Avenue LEVIN

BEO \$539,000

JUST LISTED



WARM, WELCOMING & WELL LOCATED

Set in a quiet cul-de-sac and positioned perfectly for the sun, this lovely 114m2 three bedroom home offers easy living with plenty of space inside and out. The open plan kitchen and dining area flows seamlessly into the inviting lounge, where doors open out to the patio. The kitchen has been updated. There is a garage and carport.

Ref : www.wiltonandco.nz/WIL02001
OPEN HOME SUNDAY 2.00PM - 2.30PM

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» 45 Green Avenue LEVIN

BEO \$438,000

JUST LISTED



THIS IS A WINNER!

This gem is the perfect start! Whether you're stepping into home ownership for the first time, or looking for a smart investment, this two bedroom home on a 657m2 section is one you must see! Fresh, tidy and inviting throughout, the kitchen offers great storage and flows easily to the dining and living area, complete with heat pump.

Ref : www.wiltonandco.nz/WIL01999
OPEN HOME SUNDAY 1.15PM - 1.45PM

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» 58 Highbury Drive LEVIN

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SPACE & STYLE IN A SOUGHT AFTER LOCATION

Set among homes of similar calibre, this beautifully maintained family residence combines personality, space. The open plan kitchen and dining area connect seamlessly to the generous lounge which opens to a patio area. The kitchen has been tastefully modernised. There are three bathrooms and four or five bedrooms - you choose. Within walking distance of Fairfield School, this is a home where timeless design meets modern comfort - full of charm, light, and life. A must view property!

Deadline Sale (Unless Sold Prior) Closes 1pm, 18 November 2025, Wilton & Co, 530 Queen Street East, Levin

Ref : www.wiltonandco.nz/WIL01982
OPEN HOME SUNDAY 11.45AM-12.15PM

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» 18 Argyle Avenue LEVIN

BEO \$525,000



SPACE FOR ALL

This brick home could be just what you have been waiting for. With a 190m2 floor area there is plenty of space for family living. The kitchen flows nicely from the living area, has lots of bench space a walkin pantry and large windows with a nice outlook. All the living areas and master bedroom are north facing, as is the spacious balcony - perfect for morning coffees or family BBQ's. There is also a sunroom and a huge separate laundry. The master bedroom boasts an ensuite and has access to the balcony. The remaining two bedrooms are perfect for children or guests. A logburner provides winter warmth. The basement garage boasts a workshop area and craft room.

Ref : www.wiltonandco.nz/WIL01988
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» 8A Nikau Street **LEVIN**

BEO \$395,000

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LITTLE GEM IN NIKAU

Welcome to this charming two bedroom home, combining privacy, low maintenance living, and practical design. This property is ideal for first home buyers, downsizers, or investors alike. Constructed with durable hardi-plank cladding and fitted with aluminium windows, this home offers long-lasting performance. Tucked away on a private back section, you will appreciate the privacy. A covered carport provides secure parking and easy access to the home. Two comfortable bedrooms offer cosy retreats, with a functional bathroom completing the home. The open plan lounge, dining and kitchen area offer a perfectly formed area for relaxation and comfort.

Ref : www.wiltonandco.nz/WILO2003
OPEN HOME SUNDAY 12.45PM-1.15PM

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» 14 Okarito Avenue **LEVIN**

DEADLINE SALE



THE VENDORS ARE MOTIVATED!

They are ready to see Offers! and want this home Sold!
Set in a highly sought after neighbourhood and zoned for popular Fairfield School, this spacious four bedroom residence offers the ideal lifestyle for families who want quality, convenience and room to grow.
From the moment you arrive you will be impressed. Nestled on a private back section, this two level home combines timeless design with practical features including solar panels to help keep the energy costs down.

Deadline Sale (Unless Sold Prior) Closes 1pm, 26 November 2025, Wilton & Co, 530 Queen Street East, Levin

Ref : www.wiltonandco.nz/WILO1960
OPEN HOME SUNDAY 12PM-12.30PM

Tracey Fraser
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» 23 Stirling Street **LEVIN**

ASKING \$429,000



GREAT OPPORTUNITY

Ready for immediate possession, this light filled three bedroom home is an ideal choice for first home buyers, small families, or savvy investors. Step inside and enjoy the spacious lounge heated by a heat pump and opening to the front patio. Comfortable carpeting, and a tidy interior throughout. Being perfectly move-in ready, there's plenty of scope to add your own style over time. The family bathroom offers both a bath and separate shower for everyday ease, and the practical layout ensures relaxed living. The 736m2 section provides plenty of space for children to play.

Ref : www.wiltonandco.nz/WILO1953
OPEN HOME SUNDAY 11.45AM-12.15PM

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» 76A Kennedy Drive **LEVIN**

ASKING \$539,000



SPACIOUS LIVING

Here's your chance to secure a home in the desirable North/East sector of town, just a short walk to Fairfield School - an ideal spot for families. The home provides generous living spaces designed for comfort and connection. The open plan kitchen and dining area flow seamlessly into a warm, inviting living room with a wood burner. From here, move through to the large lounge, complete with a heat pump and easy access to the rear deck - the ultimate entertaining hub for family and friends.
A versatile flexi space, perfect as a home office or study, connects to the three bedrooms, including the master with a walk-in wardrobe.

Ref : www.wiltonandco.nz/WILO1979
OPEN HOME SUNDAY 11AM-11.30AM

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» 10A Queenwood Road **LEVIN**

ASKING \$765,000



NEAR NEW JUST FOR YOU

A delightful home that seamlessly blends modern living with comfort and style. This inviting three bedroom home boasts a spacious layout, perfect for both entertaining and relaxation. Imagine living in a home that not only meets your functional needs but also enhances your lifestyle. An open plan living area that exudes. The thoughtfully designed layout flows effortlessly from the kitchen to the dining and living spaces, creating an inviting a light and airy atmosphere perfect for gatherings with family and friends.

Ref : www.wiltonandco.nz/WILO1990
OPEN HOME SUNDAY 12.30PM-1PM

Richard Wilton **Adriana Wilton**
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» 7 Harlech Street **LEVIN**

BEO \$628,000



RENOVATED & READY

If you've been waiting for the perfect blend of modern style and family friendly living, this home delivers. Recently renovated throughout, it offers everything you need and more, on a generous section.
The brand new kitchen with wall oven and gas hob flows seamlessly into the open plan dining and living area, creates the perfect hub for family living. Fresh paint and new carpet add a light, welcoming feel, while three well sized bedrooms provide space for the whole family. Two conservatories extend the living space, offering sunny retreats or extra room for family life. The bathroom is new, and the laundry includes the bonus of a second shower and toilet.

Ref : www.wiltonandco.nz/WILO1957
OPEN HOME SUNDAY 12.45PM-1.15PM

Lynaire Cottle
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» 197A Tiro Tiro Road **LEVIN**

ASKING \$559,000



A HOME WITH SPACE AND ENDLESS POTENTIAL

Welcome to 197a Tiro Tiro Road - an exciting and unusual proposition. Sitting proudly on a generous 1884m2 section, this spacious 154m2 home has been utilised for commercial purposes for almost 20 years. With residential zoning still in place, the opportunity is wide open, continue as a commercial venture (consent required), reimagine as a unique residential home, or create a work-from-home setup with serious space. Inside, the layout offers flexibility with two bedrooms and expansive living areas.

Ref : www.wiltonandco.nz/WILO1885
OPEN HOME SUNDAY 12PM-12.30PM

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» 121 North Manakau Road **MANAKAU**

BEO \$799,000



CHARMING LIFESTYLE HOME ON 2.5 ACRES

Prepare to be captivated by this delightful 1940s bungalow, perfectly positioned in the heart of Manakau's most sought after lifestyle location. Inside you will discover an inviting open plan kitchen, dining, and lounge, featuring original matai floors and a cosy wood burner. French doors that open onto a sun-soaked deck, ideal for enjoying your evening while taking in spectacular sunset views.

This home offers three bedrooms plus a dedicated office. The master bedroom with gorgeous views is a true retreat with a walk-in robe and ensuite. The other bedrooms have a separate second bathroom complete with a spa bath.

Ref : www.wiltonandco.nz/WILO1962
OPEN HOME SUNDAY 11AM-11.30AM

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» 100A Queen Street **LEVIN**

BEO \$645,000



Act fast - Vendor on the move!

Built in 2020, this smart and stylish three bedroom home is the perfect match for those wanting easy living without the hassle of building. The current owner has loved living here, but now its time to move on.

The open plan kitchen, dining and living area is filled with natural light, offering a welcoming space to relax or entertain. Modern appliances and an island bench make the kitchen a practical and social hub

of the home.

Three well proportioned bedrooms and a sleek, contemporary bathroom ensure comfort for family and guests. Outside, you'll find a single garage plus plenty of off street parking - ideal for cars, tools, toys, or storage. The section is fenced. Positioned close to town, schools and everyday conveniences, this property delivers effortless living.

Ref : www.wiltonandco.nz/WIL01980
OPEN HOME SUNDAY 12PM-12.30PM

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» 1205 State Highway 57 **LEVIN**

BEO \$1,249,000



PRICE REDUCED!

The current owners have found their new home and its time for this exceptional residence sitting on 4.4515 hectares to be SOLD!

With a substantial 412m2 floor area spread across two levels, this striking home sits proudly amid picturesque, well-planted grounds that set the stage for everything from tranquil afternoon tea parties to once in a lifetime celebrations.

Inside, the home features four generous

bedrooms, with the luxurious master suite privately positioned upstairs to take full advantage of the panoramic farmland views. Complete with a walk-in robe and tiled ensuite, this master retreat is the perfect place to unwind.

At the heart of the home is a chef's kitchen featuring double wall ovens, hob, centre island, abundant bench space, and bifold windows that open to the deck.

Ref : www.wiltonandco.nz/WIL01954
OPEN HOME SUNDAY 2.30PM-3PM

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» 4 Rugby Street **LEVIN**

ASKING \$585,000



Double glazed beauty

This beautifully kept 1950s home blends timeless character with stylish modern upgrades. Experience year round comfort with full double glazing (aluminium joinery), a new roof installed in 2016, and a cosy Kent Fire. The home is fully insulated with Batts in the ceiling and Mammoth Insulation under the floor, ensuring excellent energy efficiency.

The kitchen boasts a generous pantry and brand-new linoleum flooring, while the

interior has been mostly refurbished with fresh paint and wallpaper throughout. The stylish Thermotech front door enhances both aesthetics and security. Featuring two generous double bedrooms plus a single, it's ideal for families, couples, or smart investors.

Ref : www.wiltonandco.nz/WIL01924
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By Nicola Fish, Customer Services Team Lead

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EXHIBITIONS

Te Takeretanga o Kura-hau-pō Gallery – *Nature in Oil* by Jacinta Parry. Until 28 November. This exhibition by oil painter Jacinta Parry invites viewers to immerse themselves in the beauty, colour, and tranquillity of nature. Through her work, Jacinta celebrates the interconnectedness of life and art, capturing the vibrant hues and textures of the landscapes surrounding her Waikawa studio. Inspired by the Tararua Range, rivers, and coastline, her paintings reflect a deep appreciation for Aotearoa's natural environment.

Te Awahou Nieuwe Stroom: Māpuna Kabinet Art Gallery – *Imagine: Imagine, Spark, Create*: 15 November to 20 February 2026. This summer-long exhibition celebrates the pure joy of creating for the sake of creating, with no pressure, no hidden meaning, and no rules. Just imagination meeting the moment. Imagine transforms the gallery into a lively, ever-changing hub of colour, texture, light, and movement, inviting visitors to explore playful expression and creative joy. From a live doodle wall that grows over three months to sculptural experiments, photography, and digital art, this exhibition invites everyone to embrace curiosity and spontaneity. Expect whimsy, wonder, and plenty of inspiration, a celebration of creativity at its most joyful.

AQUATICS

Summer's on its way and the Splash Pad is back! Open every day from 9am-7pm, including weekends and public holidays, perfect for cooling off and having some fun in the sun. Inflatables are up every weekend from 1-4pm at both Levin and Foxton pools, so come make a splash! Remember, kids under 8 need to be actively supervised by a responsible adult aged 16 or over.

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 (14 & 21 November)
Friday Live Concerts, Te Takeretanga o Kura-hau-pō, midday-1pm. 14 Nov – Skinny Dennis; 21 Nov – Gary Jacobsen.

Mondays (17 & 24 November)
Storytime, Te Takeretanga o Kura-hau-pō, 10-10.30am
Meet Street, Te Takeretanga o Kura-hau-pō, 10-11am.
Digi-Coaches, Te Takeretanga o Kura-hau-pō, 10am-2pm.
Smartphone Basics, Te Takeretanga o Kura-hau-pō, 1-3pm.
(17 November only), Live Concert with Derek Greenfield, Te Takeretanga o Kura-hau-pō, 12.15-1.15pm.

Tuesdays (18 & 25 November)
Council Expo – Enabling What Matters, Te Takeretanga o Kura-hau-pō, 10am-2pm.
Digi-Coaches, Te Takeretanga o Kura-hau-pō, 10am-2pm.
Storytime, Te Awahou Nieuwe Stroom, 10.30-11am.
JP Service, Te Takeretanga o Kura-hau-pō, 11.30am- 1.30pm.
Lego Hour, Te Takeretanga o Kura-hau-pō, 3.30-4.30pm.

Sensory Sessions, Levin Aquatics, 7-8pm.
(25 November only), Tea & Tales, Te Awahou Nieuwe Stroom, 10.30-11.30am.
Wednesdays (19 & 26 November)
Digi-Coaches, Te Takeretanga o Kura-hau-pō, 10am-2pm.
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.
(19 November only), Council Expo, Te Takeretanga o Kura-hau-pō, 10am-2pm.
(19 November only), Intro to ChatGPT and AI, Te Takeretanga o Kura-hau-pō, 1-3pm.
(26 November only), Intro to Trade Me, Te Takeretanga o Kura-hau-pō, 1-3pm.
Thursdays (20 & 27 November)

Sewing Workshop, Te Takeretanga o Kura-hau-pō, 9.30-11.30am.
Digi-Coaches, Te Takeretanga o Kura-hau-pō, 10-2pm.
JP Service, Shannon Library, 2-3pm.
(27 November only), Phone First-Aid & 3G Check-ups, Te Takeretanga o Kura-hau-pō, 2-3pm.

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HĪTŌRIA/History

GEORGE LESLIE ADKIN



GEORGE LESLIE ADKIN was a self-taught scholar with the skills and integrity of a professional. Most of his working life he farmed with little profit or pleasure. His real interest was in geology and archaeology, and in the back room of his small farmhouse he worked late making meticulous records of his work. He was born in Wellington on July 26, 1888, the first of seven children of William George Adkin, a draper, and his wife, Annie Denton. His mother's family were keen naturalists and photographers.

In 1889 the Adkins secured 100 acres in the ballot for sections in the Levin village settlement, although it was some years before they settled on the land. During two years as a boarder at Wellington College in 1903-4 Leslie developed an enthusiasm for collecting plants and rocks and learned to process his own photographs. When he returned to work on the farm he began a diary that would be kept to within a month of his death: an account of farm, community and family life, and a record of his travels and scientific observations. Adkin made many expeditions into the Tararua Range, including, in 1909, the first recorded crossing from Levin to Masterton. In 1913 Adkin took over part of his father's farm. As a special constable during the waterfront strike, he formed lasting friendships with fellow "specials" Elsdon Best and Bernard Freyberg.

Geology and tramping were curtailed during his long courtship of Elizabeth Maud Herd, an accomplished violinist, pianist and painter. Adkin's photographs depict her beauty and their life together with delicacy and passion. They married at Hastings on December 14, 1914, and had two children, Nancy and Clyde. When the sport of tramping developed in the early 1920s Adkin became the acknowledged authority on the northern Tararuas. A series of near-tragedies inspired him to join in producing a reliable tramping map and to help found the Levin-Waiopēhu Tramping Club.

He mapped and named mountains, led searches, and set up huts and tracks, acquiring the nickname King of the Tararuas. A new obsession developed in 1926 when Adkin was asked to provide photographs for *Te Hekenga*, an account of Māori life in Horowhenua. With the help of local Māori, he described and mapped hundreds of named Māori sites between the Manawātū and Ōtaki rivers. On Elsdon Best's advice Adkin joined the Polynesian Society, in whose journal most of his ethnological articles appeared.

From An Eye for the Country, The Life and Work of Leslie Adkin, by Anthony Dreaver, 1997, Kete Horowhenua.

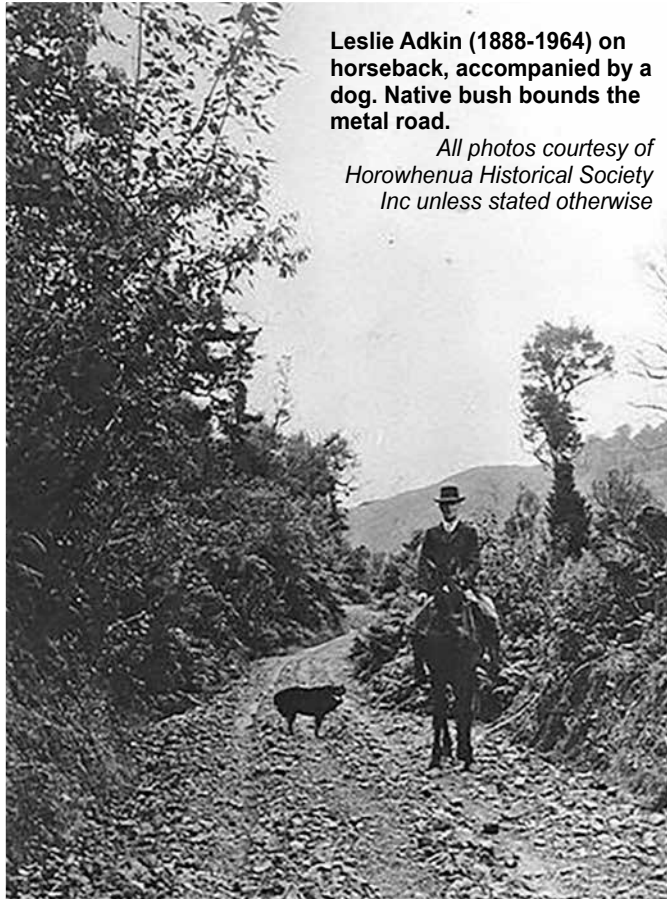


Above left: Five of the seven Adkin children in 1900 – Marjorie (3), Dora (5), Gilbert (7), Clare (9) and Leslie (11). Later arrivals were Vivien in 1900, and Clifford in 1902.

Left: Leslie Adkin at the family home, Cheslyn Rise, on October 15, 1905, aged 17. He is described as wearing a checked knickerbocker suit, white shirt and dark tie, with socks and boots. He holds a straw boater in his hands. The foothills of the Tararua Range are in the background.

Below left: The Adkin Family home, Cheslyn Rise, Queen Street East, Levin, in 1901. A horse-drawn cart can be seen at the right of the house.
Photo: F J Denton

Below right: A formal photograph of Leslie's parents, William and Annie, with their family taken at their home, Cheslyn Rise, in 1913. Their four eldest children, Leslie, Clare, Gilbert and Dora, are standing behind their parents, while their other children, Cliff, Vivien and Marjorie, are seated. Vivian is holding a tabby kitten.



Leslie Adkin (1888-1964) on horseback, accompanied by a dog. Native bush bounds the metal road.

All photos courtesy of Horowhenua Historical Society Inc unless stated otherwise



Ollie scoops sport prizes



Ollie Kennett with a clutch of cups and awards he won at Horowhenua College's end-of-year prizegiving. Photo supplied

Horowhenua College sports prefect Ollie Kennett's successful year in the sporting arena is evident in the number of awards he received at the end-of-year school prizegiving.

The year 13 student excelled as an all-round athlete and was awarded eight sporting awards.

Ollie has twice represented New Zealand – in 2023 as part of the Swimming NZ open water team competing at the NSW open water championships, swimming 5km, and then at the World Triathlon and Multi Sport Championships in Pontevedra, Spain, in June.

Those results and the awards are a just reward for his willingness to challenge himself and put in the training effort behind the scenes, juggling studies, part-time work and volunteer lifeguard duties.

He trained hard for the world event, where he competed in the aquathlon (1km swim/5km run), which involved hours of swimming and run training. Forty-four nations competed in the 30C heat in Spain, but Ollie's experience in open water swimming saw him in the lead pack out of the tidal river water at Larez. He finished a commendable 15th in the under-19 event and was the fifth 17-year-old to finish.

"Representing Aotearoa was an honour and an amazing experience, one I'll never forget," he says. "I'd like to thank my family and awesome sponsors that helped to get me there. I have learned so much throughout the whole experience, especially about how to execute the race in future, and how I need to fuel my body in the heat."

Ollie continues to train and has his eyes set on qualifying for the World Championships in Abu Dhabi in 2026. He will be attending Massey University next year and has been accepted into the Academy of Sport, where he will take advantage of their conditioning and nutrition programmes as well as support to balance his study and sport.

At the college awards night Ollie was awarded: Best all round sport winner, George Simpson Cup; highest sporting achievement, School Council Cup; athletics senior champion, Martin Clifford Cup; 3000m open boys champion, Hardy Cup; 1500m senior boys champion; 800m senior champion; swimming senior boys champion; cross country senior champion.

Hole-in-one for evergreen golfer

Evergreen Waitāre Beach golfer John Saubrey (at right) has hit the headlines again, this time for shooting a hole-in-one.

It's a rare feat. Many golfers can live their lives without one, yet this hole-in-one was John's third, coming on the par-3 second hole on Saturday.

It's generally accepted that the odds of an amateur player achieving the feat is 12,500:1, while those of a pro golfer are relatively better at 2500:1.

Earlier this year the 77-year-old achieved the distinction of carding a score lower than his age – another of golf's holy grails.

John has been a playing member of the Moutere Links course near Levin since his late 20s and currently plays off a 9 handicap.



Bowler Bruce still at the top of his game

Veteran indoor bowler Bruce Pedley is still at the top of his game, notching up his 30th career title last month.

The 82-year-old, who is patron of the local club, gained his first title in the open fours in 1990 and has accumulated many titles for Horowhenua and other districts since.

In 2012 he teamed up with the late Bobbie Pescini, Viv Hudson and Brent Thoms to finish runners-up in the NZ Indoor Bowls mixed fours in Hamilton. More recently he was with Liz Gardiner and Brian Stewart to reach the quarter-finals of the national tournament in the Masters event.

This season Bruce skipped the

winning local team in the regional competition to progress to the NZ finals in the Masters fours in Christchurch, finishing third.

This year he joined Michael Brunton and Paul Rybinski to win the Horowhenua triples event, his 30th title. Bruce and his Levin North Club have also been coaching school children and special Olympics teams to get them interested in the game.

He was awarded a life membership for Horowhenua two years ago in recognition of his success as a player and service as president, selector and coach.



Horowhenua indoor bowls triples team of, from left, Bruce Pedley, Michael Brunton and Paul Rybinski. Photo supplied



Entrance tides November 14-21

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SUN 16 NOV	-	02:26	08:24	14:51	20:41
MON 17 NOV	-	03:12	09:09	15:35	21:22
TUE 18 NOV	-	03:53	09:48	16:15	21:59
WED 19 NOV	-	04:32	10:24	16:51	22:35
THU 20 NOV	-	05:08	10:58	17:26	23:10
FRI 21 NOV	-	05:43	11:31	18:01	23:45

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SUN 16 NOV	-	01:24	07:39	13:49	19:56
MON 17 NOV	-	02:10	08:24	14:33	20:37
TUE 18 NOV	-	02:51	09:03	15:13	21:14
WED 19 NOV	-	03:30	09:39	15:49	21:50
THU 20 NOV	-	04:06	10:13	16:24	22:25
FRI 21 NOV	-	04:41	10:46	16:59	23:00

GOLF

LEVIN (week ending November 9) Congratulations to John Saubrey, who on Saturday got his third hole-in-one on the second hole, and Brett Gordon who beat John Wehipeihana to win the Karakamea Cup (match play on handicap). An excellent effort by both members.

Monday – Levin Open 9 Hole. Ladies: Sue Chard (Manawatu) 23, Judy Crawford (Manawatu) 20, Rawinia Connors (Castlecliff) 20, Jo Hawkings (Manawatu) 19, Karen Smith (Levin) 19, Christine Maddock (Manor Park) 19. Men: Jeff Gilbert (Marton) 24, Barry Rollinson (Levin) 23, Graeme Duncan (Kāpiti) 23, Doug

Hipkins (Waikanae) 21, Piets Gordon (Feilding) 21, Lance Heger (Levin).

Monday – Speldhurst 9 Hole Stableford: Dick Hayward 20, Steve Tustin 19, Mick Thomson 17. **Tuesday** – Men Stableford: Tony Johnston 37, Wayne Askew 37, John Smith 36.

Wednesday – Ladies Open 6x6x6, pairs playing 6 holes Ambrose, 6 holes Foursomes, and 6 holes 4BBB. Players from Cromwell to Waitara. Division 1: Clare Sorenson (Levin) & Sue Staples (Manukorihi) 48, Kay Wall & Charmaine Fluker (Ōtaki) 46, Trudie Cooper & Denise Sweetman (Ōtaki) 44. Division 2, Ani

Lahore & Francis Allen (Levin) 42, Sandy Turner (Waikanae) & Nicolette Stephens (Royal Wellington) 41, Carol Louisson & Val Smith (Levin) 40.

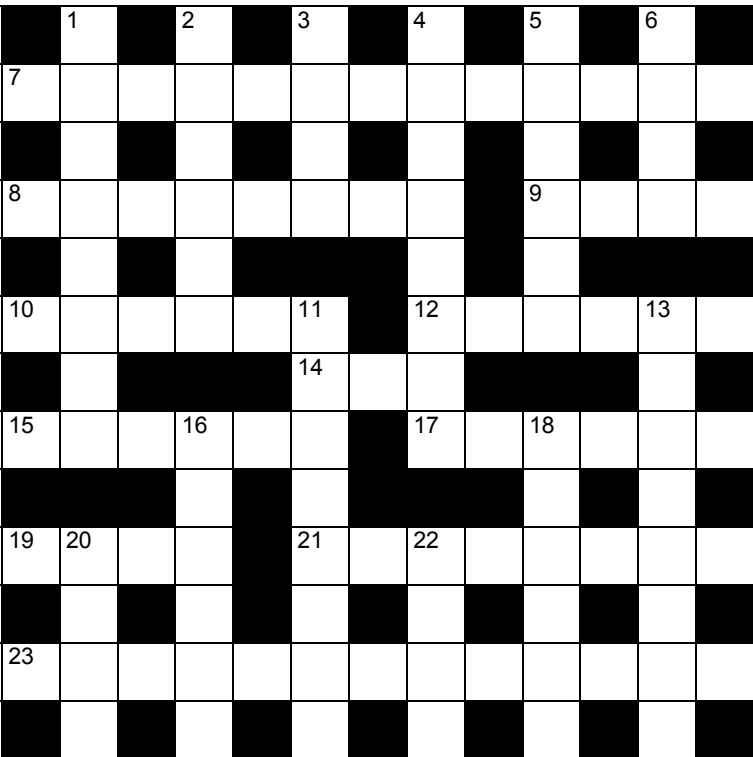
Wednesday – 9 Hole Combined Mixed Net: Lance Heger & David Douglas 68, Paddy Enright & Max Simmons 72, Mavis Yee & Patricia Van Der Velden 73. Birdy: David Douglas. **Thursday** – Early Men Net: Ian King 75, Dean'o Offord 75, Colin Finlayson 76. Twos: Wayne Askew. Late Men Stableford: Craig Stichbury 33, Leslie Marshall 33, Gerald Harpur 33. Twos: Craig Stichbury. **Friday** – 9 Hole Mixed Irish Stableford: Sid Richardson 40, Lance

Heger 35, Wayne James 36. Saturday – Early Men Stableford: Nathan Murray 40, Wayne Askew 38, Robert Fortgh 35, Ladies Stableford: Leanne Ward 34, Clare Sorensen 33, Robyn Saubrey 32. Late Men Stableford: Neville McRae 43, Phil Beale 37, Phillip Smith 37. Twos: Phil Beale, Gerald Harpur.

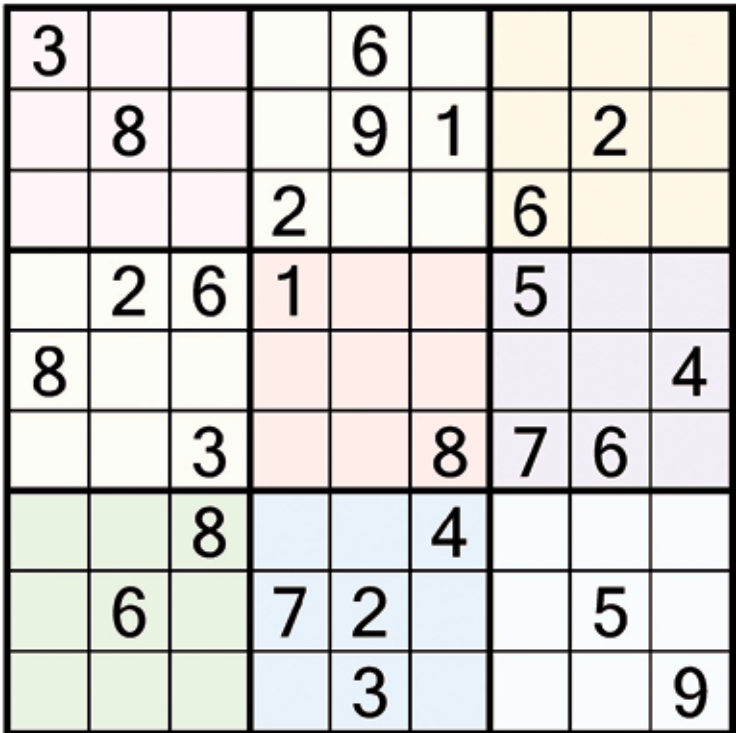
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9 Hole (Wednesday, November 12) Nett Competition: Sylvia Young 33, Neil Thompson 34, Steve Kupa 34, Mike McDowell 36, Ruth Williams 36, Carol Kupa 38, Geoff McBrydie 38, Diane Eveleigh 39, Rae Jack 39.

THE CROSSWORD #NZ1959K (answers below right)



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HARD #102H 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. Answers opposite page.



CROSSWORD #NZ1959K ANSWERS
Across: 7. Alligator pear 8. Scavenge
9. Iced 10. Ararat 12. Rattle 14. Roo
15. Scribe 17. Anchor 19. Blub
21. Agitated 23. Global warming.
Down: 1. Electric 2. Silver 3. Vain
4. Aotearoa 5. Splint 6. Gate
11. Trevally 13. Loose end
16. Imbibe 18. Clammy 20. Lull
22. Ilam.

ACROSS
7. An avocado, in other words (9,4)
8. Collect discarded material (8)
9. Frosted (4)
10. Mountain where Noah’s Ark landed (6)
12. Baby toy (6)
14. Australian marsupial (abbr) (3)
15. Christchurch rapper with the hit Not Many (6)
17. Dairy brand sold by Fonterra in 2025 as part of a \$4bn deal (6)
19. Cry noisily (inf) (4)
21. Worked up (8)
23. Now outdated term for human induced climate change (6,7)
DOWN
1. Plug-in mode of transport (8)
2. Element first used by humans around 7000 years ago (6)
3. Conceited (4)
4. “_____ / Rugged individual / Glisten like a pearl / At the bottom of the world”: Six Months in a Leaky Boat, Split Enz (8)
5. Bone support (6)
6. Marker which kayakers must go through during whitewater slalom races (4)
11. New Zealand species also known as jackfish (8)
13. Detail not yet settled (5,3)
16. Drink (6)
18. Unpleasantly damp (6)
20. Temporary quiet (4)
22. Christchurch suburb and electorate formed in 1996 (4)



COMMONLY KNOWN LATIN WORDS AND PHRASES QUIZ *Answers below.*

1. What does Ad hoc mean?.

2. What are the Latin words for “to the point of sickness; to an excessive degree”.

3. Alma mater’s meaning is?

4. What are the Latin words for “In good faith; genuine”?

5. Carpe diem means?

6. Caveat emptor means?

7. What are the Latin words for “In fact; in reality”?

8. Therefore in Latin is?

9. Et cetera means?

10. “Through my own fault” in Latin is?

11. For the good; for a professional service offered free of charge, in Latin is?

12. The stiffness of death in Latin is?

13. Quid pro quo means?

14. The other way around; with the position reversed in Latin is?

15. I forbid; the power to reject something in Latin os?

16. Cogito, ergo sum means?

17. E pluribus unum means?

18. Status quo means?

WORD SEARCH: The Hyderabad answers below



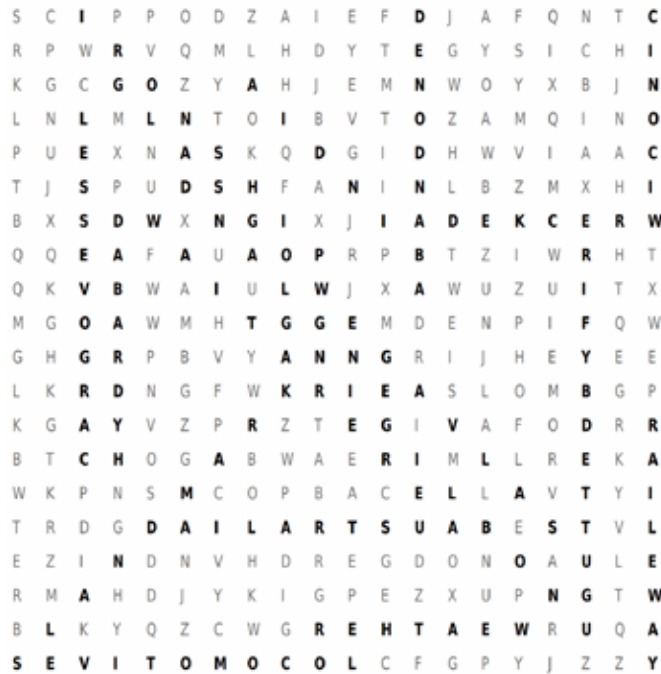
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LATIN QUIZ ANSWERS: 1. Formed for a particular purpose. 2. Ad nauseam. 3. Nourishing mother; one’s college or university
4. Bona fide. 5. Seize the day. 6. Let the buyer beware. 7. De facto. 8. Ergo. 9. And so on. 10. Mea culpa. 11. Pro bono. 12. Rigor mortis 13. Something for something; an exchange. 14. Vice versa. 15. Veto. 15. I think, therefore I am. 17. Out of many, one; the motto of the United States. 18. The existing state of affairs.

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10 Bath St, Levin.
Apologies should be emailed to:
info@levinracingclub.co.nz

**NOTICE OF AGM
FOXTON RACING CLUB**

hereby give notice of their AGM to be held on November 23, 2025 at 1pm on the Race Course Grounds.
Nominations for Vice Presidents and four committee members are also open.
Nominations close November 15.
Nomination forms available from office or email: fxnracing@xtra.co.nz

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MUAŪPOKO TRIBAL AUTHORITY INC.
Hui-a-Tau - AGM
Muaūpoko Tribal Authority Inc (MTA) invites members to our Hui-a-Tau to be held at 11am on Sunday December 14, 2025, at Kohutūroa Marae, 306 Hokio Beach Road, Taitoko (Levin).
Members must register to attend the hui and obtain their ballot paper from 10:30am at Kohutūroa Marae. Hui starts at 11am.

AGENDA
Karakia/Mihimihi
1.1 Apologies
1.2 Previous AGM Minutes
1.3 Matters Arising from previous AGM minutes
Muaūpoko Tribal Authority Inc. (MTA)
2.1 Chairperson's Report
2.2 Chief Executive's Report
2.3 Muaūpoko Tribal Authority Board Annual Plan
2.4 Presentation
Muaūpoko Trading Company (MTC)
3.1 Muaūpoko Trading Company Report & Annual Plan 2024
3.2 ACE Quota - period ending 31st March 2024
3.3 Traded Fish Stock - period ending 31st March 2024
Group Consolidated Financial Reports (MTA & MTC)
4.1 Group audited accounts - period ending 31st March 2024
4.2 Muaūpoko Trading Company audited accounts - period ending 31st March 2024
MTA Inc. and MTC 5-year Business Plan 2020-2025
5.1 Muaūpoko Tribal Authority Inc. 5-year Business Plan
5.2 Muaūpoko Trading Company 5-year Business Plan
6.0 Appointment of Auditor
He Kōrero - General Business
7.1 Te Waipupu o Punahau - Kura update
7.2 Changes to MTA Rules and MTC Constitution due to Incorporated Societies Act 2022 and the Māori Fisheries Amendment Act 2024
7.3 Resolution regarding the MTA Rules and MTC Constitution Changes
7.4 Ballot Vote for changes to the MTA rules
8.0 Karakia whakamutunga
9.0 Kai - Following the hui, whānau are invited to share kai and whanaungatanga

A copy of the AGM information pack will be available for download from the MTA website from 10am Friday, November 14, 2025. Hard copies of the AGM pack can be picked up from our MTA whare at 306 Oxford Street, Taitoko Levin, during normal business hours. A summary of the rule changes and the proposed version of the new rules/constitution will be included in the AGM pack.
If you plan to attend the Hui-a-Tau in person or wish to join the hui online, please register by 4:00pm on Thursday 11th December 2025 by calling the whare on (06) 367 3311 or check our Facebook page to register.
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FOXTON MEETING
Our next branch meeting is at **1.30pm on Monday November 17, at Wildlife Foxton Trust, Foxton Beach Senior Citizens Hall, 207 Seabury Ave, Foxton Beach,** with guest speaker: Bessie Nicholls, Chair of Awahuri Forest – Kitchener Park Trust, on phragmites karka, a highly invasive and adoptive weed found in waterways and coastal areas.
All are welcome to Forest & Bird's Branch Meetings, and to join our guided walks, bird monitoring trips, mornings in our plant nursery, and Prouse Bush working bees.
For more information contact Claudia Mason: (06) 367 0660 or Geoff Ritchie: 027 373 4576
Join Forest & Bird (children can join our Kids Club: KCC), to protect the environment and enjoy the outdoors.



PROPOSED TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURES
Horowhenua Christmas Parade
Horowhenua District Council proposes that several Levin streets be closed on **Saturday 6 December 2025** for the annual Horowhenua Christmas Parade.
The parade will begin at the corner of Victoria Street and Weraroa Road, turning right onto Bath Street before finishing on Salisbury Street outside the Levin Domain.
We propose that the following roads be temporarily closed to all ordinary vehicular traffic to enable the parade to travel the planned route:
• **Victoria Street will be closed from 11am to 2.30pm** to allow floats to gather before the parade begins. While resident access along Victoria Street will be allowed, we ask that no cars be parked on the street during this road closure period.
• **Salisbury Street will be closed between 1pm and 6.30pm** for the Christmas Carnival at the Levin Domain.
• **Weraroa Road between Victoria Street and Bath Street will be closed from 1.45pm to 2.30pm.**
• **Bath Street between Weraroa Road and Salisbury Street will be closed from 1.45pm to 2.30pm.**
• **Hannan Street will be closed from 1.45pm to 2.30pm.**
• **Carlisle Street will be closed from 1.45pm to 2.30pm.**
Detour routes will be clearly signposted. No resident access will be available during the period of these proposed closures. These closures are proposed under clause 11(e) of the Tenth Schedule of the Local Government Act.
We appreciate your patience and understanding.
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