



Vandals smash AP&I

By Janine Baalbergen

A trail of destruction has been left around Levin by at least one group of teenagers, with the AP&I Showgrounds a particular target.

The showgrounds are a private facility run by volunteers who put thousands of hours into maintaining it and often spend their own money on materials. Long-time AP&I Show volunteer and Shannon farmer Gilbert Timms is outraged.

"It is an absolute disgrace. Now people like me, at 82, have to go in and repair all the damage to a facility that we have looked after for decades."

The show's sheep pens, used every Tuesday by Carrfields Livestock Auctions, had rails kicked in and gates ripped off their hinges only three months out from the 2026 show.

Show administrator Jill Timms says every gate was open, and every hinge ripped off or damaged enough that they could no longer be closed.

"The police were here three times prior to the long weekend, and a lot more has happened since then."

Damage to a large section of iron-panel fencing during storms and the recent tornado meant the showgrounds were visible from Tiro Tiro Road, which allowed locals to report the vandalism while it was in progress.

Vandalism to the show's grandstand has graffiti all over it, and new iron installed at the back has been kicked, dented, and graffitied. At least two places in the grandstand show signs of attempted arson.

In the horse stalls, a pole was ripped out of the ground and dumped elsewhere. There is damage in the pig pens, most severely to the entry gate, which was kicked open with the

locking mechanism still in place.

The showgrounds have had to deal with damage before, as they are open to the public year-round. They are used throughout the week by many community groups, and most weekends for large events such as the Christmas Fair, Age on the Go Show, and the huge AP&I Show at the end of January each year.

It is privately owned and mostly run by scores of volunteers like 82-year-old Gilbert.

"In more than 50 years as a volunteer with the show, I have never seen it this bad," he says.

His family is among many locals who have supported the annual AP&I Show ever since it started in 1907, when it was at the Levin race course. Like many other families, they have been involved for generations, offering their labour, materials, and expertise.

Gilbert is a steward for the show's sheep section – also often winning top prizes – and has been on the show's committee for 50 years.

"I've been involved since I was 17, and my dad was involved in moving the buildings from the race course to the showgrounds. My dad had the contract to paint the roofs. I was in primary school at the time. We have also raised a lot of money for the showgrounds over the years, and to see it treated with such disrespect is heartbreaking.

"I can't believe what they have done. What do they get out of it? There is nothing to steal and sell on," he says.

Levin police have already dealt with several alleged offenders.



AP&I Show administrator Jill Timms by a gate kicked off its posts. Photo Janine Baalbergen

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Elemental takes top cider award

Elemental Cider has been crowned New Zealand’s Champion Producer at the 36th Annual NZ Fruit Wine & Cider Awards, held in Nelson on October 31.

The win cements Elemental’s founder and cidemaker Carmen Gray – New Zealand’s only female cidemaker – as one of the country’s leading innovators in traditional craft cider.

The cidery claimed the top producer title after earning two best in class trophies, two golds, five silvers and a bronze, including trophies for its Pohutukawa Flower (cider with botanicals, spices & hops) and Dry As (bottle-fermented cider).

“Crafting cider is about patience, curiosity, and respect for the fruit,” Carmen says. “To be recognised among the best in the country is incredibly humbling. This award reflects years of hard work.”

Based between Ōhau and Ōtaki, Elemental grows its own specialty cider apples, pressing, fermenting and bottling every drop by hand. Judges praised the cidery’s lineup for “balancing tradition, structure and fresh thinking,” describing its delicate florals, refined dryness

and use of native botanicals as “a benchmark for contemporary cider craft”.

The award caps a standout year for Elemental, known for its authenticity and innovation. Its Pohutukawa Flower cider, made from the red stamens of the native pōhutukawa, has now taken gold and best in class for three consecutive years.

Two new releases are continuing that creative momentum: Wild Ginger, infused with ginger root, native kawakawa and a hint of honey; and Apple Blossom, the first cider made from a new New Zealand-bred apple variety, Pure Blossom.

“Pohutukawa Flower has become our signature – Aotearoa’s summer in a glass,” Carmen says. “Wild Ginger and Apple Blossom build on that story. Each reflects place, patience, and the incredible diversity of New Zealand-grown fruit.”

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Elemental Cider’s Carmen Gray at the NZ Fruit, Wine & Cider Awards. *Photo supplied*



Levin dog breeder Frank Muncey with two of his prized bulldogs. *Photo Paul Williams*

Dogs put through paces at Showground

More than 500 dogs of all shapes and sizes will be on show in Levin tomorrow (Saturday) for the 91st running of the annual Hutt Valley Kennel Club competition show.

The club is using the Levin Showground as the venue for the show this year as their traditional venue in Porirua has been sold. HVKC secretary/treasurer Gary Carleton says the Levin Showground was recognised as an ideal interim venue until they found a new home.

Judges are coming from Sweden, Denmark and Australia to run their eye over an expected 100 breeds of dogs, looking for physical and behavioural traits that make one dog stand out from the rest.

Local dog breeder Frank Muncey, who plans to show four of his bulldogs tomorrow, wasn’t complaining about the venue change.

“It’s just down the road,” he says. Frank has been breeding dogs for more than 20 years. He says he loves his dogs and loves the breed: “It’s always a buzz when you have bred a nice dog. Real dog people love their dogs and you’re careful how you breed them and why you breed them.” Frank currently has 10 dogs at home and is selective about his breeding process in trying to eliminate any undesirable traits and hence is also selective who he sells puppies to. The Best in Show dog wins \$500 cash. The event is free and gates open at 7am.

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It's a philosophy he's carried from the sports field into the workshop.

"You can be at work for eight or nine hours a day, so you might as well enjoy it," Steve says. "Getting the important stuff right really matters – and often it's the little things, like recognition, reward, or even just a 'thank you', that go a long way."

That positive attitude has helped shape a business model built on expertise, integrity, and community.

Since opening his first branch in Palmerston North in 2013, Steve has proudly donated every dollar from puncture repairs to Arohanui Hospice. At just \$10 per repair, the initiative has grown



The team at Steve's Tyre Service and Auto Care in Levin, from left, Steve Deans, Clarky Woodley, James Deans, Jason Hunter, and John Tombs.

steadily – doubling in recent years – and has now raised more than \$100,000 for hospice care.

And the giving doesn't stop there. Outside the new Levin store, a dedicated bin collects unwanted sports gear, such as boots, bats, balls, and more, which are

passed on to local kids through the Replay-NZ initiative.

"It's great to see that gear going to families who really need it," Steve says.

Opening the Levin branch has also created new local jobs. The workshop is home to three highly skilled full-time

Every puncture counts – 100% of proceeds from puncture repairs at Steve's Tyre Service and Auto Care goes to Arohanui Hospice.

technicians – John Tombs, Clarky Woodley, and Jason Hunter – who together bring more than 40 years of experience to the floor. They join a wider team of 25 across the Levin and Palmerston North sites, offering a full range of services including tyres, vehicle servicing, and warrants of fitness.

Steve says he believes in Levin town and the future of Horowhenua.

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Equine therapy used to boost mental health

By Paul Williams

It's Gumboot Friday today and a team using horses to improve youth mental health is celebrating it with their equine work colleagues.

Herd by Horses has used equine-assisted psychotherapy to help youth navigate a diverse range of mental health challenges.

Horse specialist Kelly Boyens, registered counsellor Carolyn Brown and their team of horses have been operating for 11 years now.

Their horse courses cater for young people aged between 5 and 25, with school or private bookings, or referrals from the likes of police, Oranga Tamariki, Youth Justice, and Mana Whaikaha.

They currently have 225 registered clients and use a ground-based approach to gaining the trust of horses, using the animals as a metaphor to help clients grow and heal.

Many clients are neuro-diverse, and some are non-verbal. Kelly says horses help young people build confidence, emotional regulation, and trust.

Carolyn says clients project through the horses.

"They might look at the horse and are asked how they think the horse feels and what it is thinking,



Counsellor Carolyn Brown and horse specialist Kelly Boyens with one of the team at Herd By Horses in Levin. Photo Paul Williams

and it starts to open up those conversations," she says.

"It helps with mindfulness, bringing them into the present and focusing on what they can hear, feel and see."

Having the horse perform a set task or negotiate an obstacle often requires co-operation and a calm and soothing approach to have the horse respond.

Kelly says clients each have their own name for their horse to form a connection, and they've come up with names like Chocolate, Pebbles – even Chicken Bone.

"It helps them form that relationship.

"A completely different side can come out," she says.

Kelly says the horse-based approach can have a positive effect on the whole family.

"We often get feedback that there has been a change in behaviour, or things are a lot calmer going back to class, for example," she says.

Herd By Horses says they have been successful in receiving Gumboot Friday funding in the past and were supportive of the annual appeal.

Ōhau celebrates hall

By Janine Baalbergen

Several hundred people celebrated Ōhau Hall's 125th anniversary last weekend.

On Saturday members of the hall committee, Muhunua Rural Women and other gathered hundreds of delicate porcelain china plates, cups and saucers, for a high tea. Several people dressed up in 1900 attire, including Bob Pattison, who came as a hobo.

Built in 1900, Ōhau's hall went through two fires in the 1940s, with the one on May 31, 1942, destroying the building. It was rebuilt in 1944 thanks to community efforts.

"That in itself was an amazing feat achieved by the community in the middle of a war," said hall committee secretary Pauline May.



Helping to celebrate Ōhau Hall's 125th anniversary were (above) Tui Marshall (spotted dress) and her sister-in-law Venna Seymour; and at right, (from left) Delwyn Sanson, Pauline Masters and Pauline May.

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PET FRIEND: DR RACHAEL STRATTON

Loud bangs, quiet paws – tips on how to keep pets calm

Before November rolls around, I always start preparing for one of the most challenging times of year for our pets – Guy Fawkes.

While the bright colours and booming sounds of fireworks delight many of us, it's often a night filled with fear, trembling, and confusion for our furry companions. I've seen firsthand how distressing fireworks can be for dogs and cats. About 40-50% of pets suffer from some degree of noise-related anxiety. Sadly, this fear rarely fades over time – it often gets worse each year if left unaddressed. That's why I encourage every pet owner to plan well before the fireworks start.



Fear doesn't always look the same in every animal. Some pets might pant, pace, hide, tremble, or cling to you, while others refuse food or try desperately to escape. I've even seen dogs injure themselves trying to claw through doors or fences. Cats might hide for hours or toilet inside because they're too afraid to move. These behaviours aren't "bad" – they're signs of panic. It's heartbreaking to see, and it can also

be incredibly stressful for owners. But there's a lot we can do to make the experience easier. A week or two before the big night, I recommend setting up a secure, quiet "den" where your pet can retreat. This could be a covered crate, a small laundry room, or even a wardrobe – wherever your pet naturally hides when scared. Add bedding, close windows, draw curtains, and make sure the cat door is locked. To help muffle the noise, use background sounds – a TV, radio, or even pet-calming music. Continuous noise helps mask those sudden booms that make pets jump. Some animals do better with soothing

tunes; others cope better when the soundscape is slightly busier. Take your dog for a long walk and toilet break before dusk. During the fireworks, distraction is a powerful ally – offer a favourite chew, a stuffed Kong, or a LickiMat to keep them engaged. If you're home, your calm presence will make a world of difference. Pets take their cues from us, so try to stay relaxed. And please, never punish fear-based behaviours like whining, trembling, or toileting indoors. These are signs of distress, not disobedience, and punishment will only make the fear worse. Before Guy Fawkes, double-check that your pet's microchip and

registration details are up to date. Even the most secure pets can bolt in panic, and accurate ID is often the only way they make it home safely. For pets with severe anxiety, talk to your vet as soon as possible. There are safe, effective medications and behaviour plans that can make a huge difference, but they need to be discussed before the fireworks begin. Every year, I see how deeply noise anxiety affects both pets and their people. With a bit of preparation, though, we can turn a frightening night into a manageable one. Wishing you – and your pets – a safe, peaceful Guy Fawkes night. ■ Dr Rachael Stratton is a veterinary behaviourist and owner of PAWsome Vets clinic in Levin.

HEADS UP: TE PUNA WHAI MĀTAURANGA

‘I no longer sit in the corner at the back of the class’

Leo has embarked on an incredible transformation journey over the past few years, and we are all immensely proud of his progress and growth.

His journey began with our Social Services Youth Mentoring and Support Team, which offered Leo a safe space to explore his interests, discuss his goals, and receive the wraparound support he needed to succeed in his ongoing transformation. After some reflection, Leo realised that a different approach to schooling would better suit his personal needs. At just 15 years and 9 months old, he decided to pursue a different educational path. With the support of his family, our youth services team, and our Education team, Leo made the decision to leave high school and continue his education at Te Puna Whai Mātauranga, a choice that aligns more closely with his aspirations. In 2024, Leo began his education journey in our Future Pathways class, which provided him with the space and support to continue working towards his goals. Leo then enrolled in the Hospitality Level 2 programme. This helped him build confidence in communication and customer service, serving as a

smooth transition into the Level 1 & 2 Foundation Skills Programmes. One of Leo's goals was to obtain his driver's licence and get his own car. During his time at Te Puna Whai Mātauranga, Leo successfully gained his licence through our driving school, with the support of our dedicated driving instructor. When asked how he achieved his goals, Leo will tell you: "I had so many people supporting me." What we would say to Leo is: "You did the work, Leo. You consistently stepped outside of your comfort zone, and by doing so, you learned quickly – that's where real growth begins." From all of us at Te Puna Whai Mātauranga, we congratulate you, Leo. You are an exceptional person, and we wish you every happiness and success. We believe you now have a strong foundation to continue growing. We all feel privileged to have been part of your journey to success. – Sarah Rutter-Smith, Learning & Development Manager.



Leo, pictured with Te Puna Whai Mātauranga staff and supporters. They are, from left, Patricio Contreras, Graham Wright, Leo Lonsdale, and Bex Sherning. Photo supplied

PITO PITO KŌRERO/News

Roimata takes top Pounamu award



Roimata Neilsen with the Supreme Award she won at last weekend's Pounamu Country Music Awards. Photo supplied

By Paul Williams
It was a popular hometown victory at the annual Pounamu Country Music Awards last weekend with talented Levin performer Roimata Neilsen winning the overall supreme award. Roimata, 39, wowed the big crowd and the judges in a popular victory, winning automatic entry for the prestigious NZ Entertainer of the Year Awards in Rotorua next year. Despite having a rich country music heritage, it's just the third time Roimata had competed on stage at the awards. She had won the first time she sang at the awards in 2018, and again when she entered in 2020, so the record speaks for itself. She is a special talent. Roimata says competing wasn't the most important thing for her about performing. "It's not really my thing. I like to do it because I enjoy it," she says. "I enjoy the music and the company and catching up with my people." Roimata's late mother, Doris Neilsen, was a huge fan of country music and a founding member of Foxton's Delta Country Music Club. As a youngster Roimata and her brothers and sisters would follow their mother and watch her and others sing and perform, and were encouraged to join in themselves at every turn. Roimata's father, Greg, likes to joke that he taught his daughter everything she knows, but concedes she inherited her love of music from her mother. "Dad is tone deaf," she says. Roimata, a school teacher at Freyberg High School in Palmerston North, shone out against a big field at the Levin Cosmopolitan Club at the weekend, with performers coming from as far away as Auckland, Gisborne and Nelson. Roimata competed in four sections in the Pounamu Awards. As she made it to the final in each section, she had to sing a total of eight different songs. In the Country Rock sections she sang *Redneck Woman* and *Blue Moon of Kentucky*; in the Female Solo section *When He Leaves You* and *Sweet Memories*; Country Gospel *The Master's Calling* and *This Is My Desire*; and Western *Tumbling Tumbleweed* and *Cattle Call*. Roimata says she loves everything about the country music scene in New Zealand. "Everyone is there to listen, have a good time and encourage everyone else. It's like a community." ■ See horowhenuastar.com for all award results.

BRIEFS

Kids help build Ō2NL lizard habitat

Schoolchildren are helping to create a habitat to protect lizards while the Ō2NL expressway is being built. Led by Ō2NL project iwi partners and EnviroSchools Horowhenua, last week pupils from six schools worked in groups to build lizard homes using natural materials like sticks, logs, rocks and branches. While the fence on the specially designed 4-hectare predator-proof area was completed in August, it had had to remain pest-free for at least 30 days before lizards could move in. The enclosure is tailored to suit different species, including the ornate skink, brown skink, copper skink, and northern grass skink. Any lizards found during vegetation clearance must be safely relocated to a secure, predator-free area. Early site investigations confirmed the presence of several protected species within the project footprint. The area will serve as a long-term sanctuary for the protected species, both during and after construction.

MAHI MĀRA/Gardening



*Labour
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Warmer weather on the way

Image by Thophilong, Pixabay

Let's start by complaining what a poor spring we have had so far, with storms, winds, and rains that put a dampener on many days – and Labour Weekend just gone, the traditional time to plant tender plants like tomatoes and cucumbers.

I remember one wise gardening writer, Nick Scott, used to say it was better to leave the tender ones for a month after Labour Weekend.

He was not far wrong. If the temperatures are not warm enough and the soil is cold, those plants will

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just sit and sulk till conditions improve.

One consolation is that insect pests that started earlier will have been knocked back

so the problems they cause will be less for a while. But you must stay vigilant and at any early signs of insect pests you should spray late in the day, when sun is off the garden, with Super Neem Tree Oil and Super Pyrethrum added together in the same sprayer.

The Super Pyrethrum is so concentrated that you only use 1ml per litre of spray (thats like a drop

into a litre) but at the dilution rate it has tremendous knock-down power, lasting through the night till the sun comes up next day. Then within about two hours it's gone.

Recently we have been selling many packs of 1kg boric acid, suddenly out of the blue. Whenever a sudden demand for a not usual product happens there's always a reason – more often it's because several people have seen something on the internet that has caused them to buy.

I phoned one customer and I was told about an effective method of controlling wasps.

You make up the attractant/bait with a litre of orange juice, add 2 tablespoons of boric acid, and stir to dissolve the powder. Then take an empty soft-drink can and pour in the solution to about one-third full.

Put a straw or stick into the can through the open tab down into the liquid. Place the can outside where there is known wasp activity. The wasps will smell the orange juice and

climb down the stick into the can to take up the sweet solution before flying back to the nest to feed it to the hive. Boric acid is a poison and that's what kills the wasps.

I'm told that honey bees and bumble bees are not attracted to the solution.

Boric acid is used in medicine, pest control, and household products, but its safety depends on the application and amount used. It should be used with care, as ingesting or inhaling large amounts can be harmful.

It's used topically to treat certain infections, like yeast infections and athlete's foot, and as an antiseptic eyewash. It can be used as an anti-fungal ointment or powder and removes any foot odour by applying it inside socks. It is also useful for treating vaginal infections.

Boric acid also acts as an insecticide to control ants, cockroaches, termites and flies, and even mice and rats.

It can be used in cleaning products, personal care items, and as a flame retardant.

For cockroaches simply sprinkle

the powder behind the stove or fridge where the cockroaches will walk through. When they clean the powder off their feet they die.

For ants mix 50:50 with icing sugar and place as dry bait by ant trails or at the entrance of their nest.

Another tip that took my fancy was from a picture of Chinese gardeners placing round, smooth river rocks about 10cm in diameter on top of watermelons coming to maturity. The rocks gather heat during the day and keep the watermelon warm for a while at night, likely speeding up the ripening process.

A reader sent me a clip of Indian farmers obtaining a potent, natural plant food or foliage food spray.

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Message from the Mayor

Kia ora Horowhenua,

No matter how often I do it – and this is the fourth time – there's a particular thrill about an inauguration ceremony that never seems to fade.

Part of it is the pomp and ceremony, which reminds us of the seriousness and importance of the roles we are taking on as elected members. But for me it's more than that. It's the sense of potential that hangs in the air, the feeling that colleagues new and old have won the trust of the electorate and are now preparing to roll up their sleeves and get on with the job.

The old hands know what's ahead of them and are keen to get back to work where they left off. The new members are crackling with excitement, and sometimes a touch of nervousness. I remember that feeling myself. Taking up public office is no small step – it's a leap into a new world of community engagement, meetings, reading, talking, and above all thinking, all the time, about what is going to be best for the community.

And that is what each of the elected members whose faces you see on the next page have in common: a dedication to serving the community – not just those who voted them into office, but every resident of our district. I thank them and I wish them well.

There is, as you know, a great deal to do. Councils around the country are facing unprecedented times, with costs continuing to spiral, new laws and directions from the Government, new ways of delivering services under Local Water Done Well, to say nothing of the uncertainty of climate change and a perilous geopolitical scene.

We don't know what the Government's rate-capping policies will mean, or the implications of being asked to focus on 'core services'. The proposed code of conduct for elected members nationwide is also an unknown quantity.

We face our own challenges in our district too: continuing growth, which is an opportunity as well as a challenge; multi-million-dollar projects to replace aging

infrastructure such as the Levin wastewater treatment plant; and some of the particular problems which affect generally low-income communities as costs continue to rise. We take these challenges seriously and are working hard to address them.

Thank goodness serving the community isn't all government directives, price spirals and broken pipes.

For me a highlight of the job is the many wonderful community events I get to attend – the Waiopahu College Senior Prizegiving, Horowhenua College Services Academy awards, Ōhau Community Hall 125th Jubilee, Foxton Volunteer Fire Brigade honours night. I always feel welcome at these and wonder if I'd feel so much a part of the community if I was a big-city mayor.

It's also heartwarming to congratulate the many local businesses who won prizes at the Electra Business and Innovation awards, and to acknowledge the decades of service of Geoff Kane, local farmer and community leader, whom we've inducted into the Horowhenua Hall of Fame.

It all goes to show yet again what a lovely community we all live in. It's a timely reminder that serving that community isn't just a responsibility – it's a joy. And joy was what I saw on the faces of our elected members, new and returning, at that inauguration ceremony.

Incidentally, have you ever wondered what actually happens behind the scenes at Council? How projects come to life, or what goes into the everyday services that keep our district running?

If so, I'd like to invite you to join us for the Council Expo and meet the people who maintain our roads, protect our environment, support our community and bring local facilities to life. Have a look at the graphic on the next page for time and date.

Because at the end of the day, we're just people working together to make a difference.

Ngā mihi

Mayor Bernie Wanden

Council Meetings

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Wednesday 10 December 2025, 11am
Council Chambers, 126 Oxford Street, Levin
(Live streamed)

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In the Works

Work on replacing the main inlet pipe at the Levin wastewater treatment plant on Mako Mako Road is going at pace. We're about to start on the second stage, from the corner of Adkin Avenue and Collingwood Street through to Tiro Tiro Road north of Trafalgar Street.

We're also upgrading the headworks, which is the first stage of treatment when the pipe enters the plant. The work is urgently needed as the plant is now more than 70 years old, is deteriorating, and needs repairs and upgrades to ensure it meets current needs and is able to accommodate future growth in the region.

We're in the final stages of replacing water and wastewater mains on MacArthur Street in Levin. The work has been going since January and has now reached the Fairfield Road end of the street. We're on track to finish in December.

Unfortunately some disruption is inevitable while this important work takes place. Please take notice and follow the temporary traffic management as it might change from day to day, and thank you as always for your patience.

New Mobile Recycling Centre Shannon

We've installed a beautiful new mobile recycling centre outside the Shannon waste transfer station on Thompson Street. It's big, clean and easy to use, and it has steps on one side for people who have trouble reaching the recycling slots. So come on, recycle your bottles, cardboard and plastic – there's no excuse not to! See our website for more details about what you can and can't recycle.



Water conservation

Why do mother kangaroos hate rainy days? Because the kids have to play inside.

Actually water's no laughing matter – it's one of our most precious resources. And even though it has been raining for what seems like forever it's never too early to start saving it.

That way we're not spending so much of your rates money treating drinking water which is literally going down the drain. Did you know that providing safe and reliable water services accounted for more than 85 percent of the rates increase this year?

If we all get into the habit of saving water now it'll be kinder to the environment, and it will make life much easier if we have to bring in restrictions during the warmer months.

So go on – hop to it!

Meet your Councillors and Te Awahou Foxton Community Board Members

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» 18 Argyle Avenue **LEVIN**

DEADLINE SALE



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 basement garage boasts a workshop area and craft room or office area.

Deadline Sale (Unless Sold Prior) Closes 1pm, 11 November 2025, Wilton & Co, 530 Queen Street East, Levin

Ref : www.wiltonandco.nz/WIL01988

OPEN HOME SUNDAY 11AM-11.30AM

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» 53 Duke Street **LEVIN**

DEADLINE SALE



EASY LIVING

Set on a low maintenance section, this beautifully presented three bedroom , two bathroom brick home offers the perfect blend of comfort, practicality, and easy-care living. The spacious open plan kitchen, dining, and living area enjoys a sunny north-facing aspect, while the conservatory extends your living space, capturing natural light and creating the perfect spot to relax all year round. The well designed kitchen provides plenty of bench space, a pantry, wall oven, and hob - ideal for those who love to cook and entertain. Comfort is ensured with a heat pump.

Deadline Sale (Unless Sold Prior) Closes 1pm, 11 November 2025, Wilton & Co, 530 Queen Street East, Levin

Ref : www.wiltonandco.nz/WIL01989

OPEN HOME SUNDAY 11.45AM-12.15PM

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» 58 Highbury Drive **LEVIN**

DEADLINE SALE



SPACE & STYLE IN A SOUGHT AFTER LOCATION

Set among homes of similar calibre, this beautifully maintained family residence combines personality, space, and a hint of 80s charm - perfectly positioned in one of Levin's most sought-after neighbourhoods. The open plan kitchen and dining area connect seamlessly to the generous lounge, creating a welcoming hub for family living. The kitchen has been tastefully modernised, while the warmth of exposed beams and natural light. To the rear of the double garage, a generous additional room with its own ensuite provides flexibility.

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 2PM-2.30PM

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» 10A Queenwood Road **LEVIN**

BY NEGOTIATION



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/WIL01990

OPEN HOME SUNDAY 1.15PM-1.45PM

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» 13A Kawi Road **LEVIN**

BEO \$595,000



PACKED AND READY TO GO

No mucking about here! The house is all but packed and the current owner is ready to move. This creates a blank canvas for you to envisage placing your furniture and moving right in. With a stylish modern kitchen and bathroom, this home offers easy, open plan living that flows effortlessly to not one but two sunny decks. Picture relaxed morning coffees on one and lively BBQs on the other, all while overlooking your private, family friendly grounds, perfect for kids, pets, and entertaining. Inside, there are three bedrooms including a master with walk-in robe and ensuite. The neutral decor, good flooring, and tidy presentation make it move-in ready.

Ref : www.wiltonandco.nz/WIL01981

OPEN HOME SUNDAY 11.45AM-12.15PM

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» 174B Bartholomew Road **LEVIN**

BEO \$535,000



LOW MAINTENANCE MODERN LIVING

Here you get to enjoy the simplicity of a home that's ready to just move in and live your best life. Recently redecorated throughout, this property offers modern comfort with a modern kitchen featuring sleek granite benchtops, an under bench oven, hob, and plenty of storage to keep things tidy. The spacious open plan dining and living area flows effortlessly, complemented by excellent flooring throughout. Two generously sized bedrooms include a master with a large double wardrobe, while a separate toilet and a modern tiled bathroom. Practicality is front of mind with a separate laundry and internal access single garage.

Ref : www.wiltonandco.nz/WIL01964

OPEN HOME SUNDAY 1.15PM-1.45PM

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» 11 Duke Street **LEVIN**

BY NEGOTIATION



MODERN COMFORT MEETS VERSATILE LIVING!

If you've been searching for a home that offers room to spread out, entertain in style, or comfortably accommodate extended family - this one's for you! This well presented property ticks all the boxes with a modern kitchen, open-plan living, and an updated bathroom that brings everyday comfort to the forefront. What truly sets this home apart is the separate wing - complete with its own bedroom, bathroom, and living area, ideal for teenagers, guests, or multigenerational living. With private access to the rear yard, it's a haven of independence and ease. Step outside and get ready to entertain! The dedicated bar area and outdoor space are perfect for summer BBQs.

Ref : www.wiltonandco.nz/WIL01911

OPEN HOME SUNDAY 11AM-11.30AM

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» 115B Bartholomew Road **LEVIN**

ASKING \$580,000



A HIDDEN GEM! EASY LIVING

Tucked away on a private rear section, this light-filled and inviting home is the perfect match for first home buyers or active retirees seeking comfort, space, and convenience. A bright, open-plan living area enhanced by charming chapel ceilings that create a wonderful sense of space. The living flows effortlessly to a sunny north-facing deck, plus there is a verandah, ideal for relaxed morning coffees or entertaining friends.

The kitchen is open to the living area, making it easy to stay connected with family or guests. It features excellent bench space, ample storage, and a handy breakfast bar, perfect for casual dining or sharing a morning chat.

Ref : www.wiltonandco.nz/WIL01939

OPEN HOME SUNDAY 12.30PM-1PM

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» 48 Kings Drive **LEVIN**

BY NEGOTIATION



SPACE, STYLE & POOLSIDE LIVING

Set on a private, fully fenced 1400m2 section, this exceptional property offers the ultimate family lifestyle - space to grow, entertain, and unwind in style. At the heart of the home is the beautifully updated open plan kitchen, complete with stone benchtops, flowing effortlessly into the dining and living area. From here, step out to a large covered deck overlooking the sparkling inground freshwater pool - the perfect setting for summer barbecues, family fun, and relaxed evenings with friends. Inside, a separate lounge with inbuilt sliding doors provides a cosy retreat or can be opened up for larger gatherings. The home features three spacious bedrooms

Ref : www.wiltonandco.nz/WIL01927

OPEN HOME SUNDAY 12.30PM-1PM

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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/WIL01960

OPEN HOME SUNDAY 11.30AM-12PM

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» 76A Kennedy Drive **LEVIN**

ASKING \$559,000



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/WIL01979

OPEN HOME SUNDAY 12.30PM-1PM

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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/WIL01957

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» 23 Stirling Street **LEVIN**

BEO \$448,000



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/WIL01953

OPEN HOME SUNDAY 2PM-2.30PM

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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.

Ref : www.wiltonandco.nz/WIL01980

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» 42 Ballance Street **SHANNON**

BEO \$420,000



CHARMING 1915 CHARACTER HOME

Step through the white picket fence and be transported to a bygone era. This beautifully restored 1915 colonial style home captures the essence of timeless charm while offering modern comfort and convenience.

From the moment you arrive, you'll be captivated by its classic character- leadlight windows, natural timber floors, and a welcoming colonial aesthetic. The heart of the home is the well appointed kitchen, complete with modern appliances and stylish finishes. Large timber double doors connect the kitchen to the lounge, allowing for open plan living or private separation as needed. Both bedrooms are generously sized doubles.

Ref : www.wiltonandco.nz/WIL01916

OPEN HOME SUNDAY 12.45PM-1.15PM

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» 53 Nathan Terrace **SHANNON**

ASKING \$120,000



1012M2 INDUSTRIAL SECTION

This 1012 square metre industrial section offers a superb opportunity for small business owners, tradespeople, or investors seeking a well located site with excellent accessibility. Situated right beside State Highway 57 and just a stones throw from the heart of Shannon, this property combines versatility with convenience. The land is flat and usable, making it ideal for light industrial activities, storage, workshops, or as a practical base for operations that need easy transport access. Larger center's such as Levin and Palmerston North are just a short drive away. Whether you're looking to expand an existing business, secure extra space this could be it!

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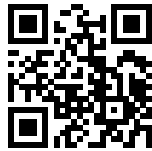
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170 Gladstone Road, Levin

3 bed / 1 bath / 4 car / 3276 m² land



Country calm

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3 Winslow Place, Levin

2 bed / 1 bath / 1 car



Welcome to Winslow

Fixed Price \$477,000

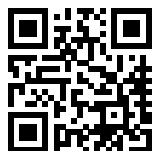
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Lot 3, 116 Mangahao Road, Shannon

7595 m² land



7,595 sq m block

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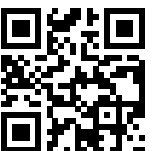
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33 Railway Terrace, Ohau

5 bed / 2 bath / 2 car / 5180 m² land



Home with heart

\$949,000

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The great fire that ravaged Levin in 1898

By Kerry Geertson

On Wednesday February 9, 1898, at 2am a Mr Smithson gave the alarm for a growing fire in the heart of Levin.

The town had not yet acquired a fire bell, so Miss Bowen, the postmistress, got the key to the English church, and with the assistance of a Mr Nation Jn, rang the church bell to warn people. This ended in its own mini disaster with the bell falling down after a few rings. However, many people were roused, and by all accounts, worked hard to save goods and property.

The Levin Hotel stood on the corner of Queen and Oxford streets. South of the hotel was, it is believed, a gap to the privately owned Town Hall. This had a shop and office in the front onto Oxford Street, run by chemist Ernest Levy. Next was the Horowhenua County Council's office in the same building as Mr Barnard's jewellery shop.

Next was Mr James the shoemaker, Frank Keen, a hairdresser and tobacconist with a billiard saloon. He had just sold his business and

was in Wellington to collect payment at the time of the fire.

Then was Frederick Pink, also a bootmaker. His shop was owned by the future borough mayor, Basil Gardner. Next was David Smart's bookshop, which might also have housed the office of solicitor H Fitzherbert.

The fire appeared to have started in the Town Hall and spread to all the above shops, all built of wood with no separation between them. People helped to get stock out of some the shops. It was reported as: "... all along the street a clearance of goods from shops was made just in time, the flames devouring the buildings in rapid succession".

Marco Fosella's general store was next in line to the south, but it was saved by a change in the wind. The Levin Hotel was also saved by the wind change. The wind must have changed to a west-east direction as it was also reported that the Te Aro House branch building (Clarke's) was nearly destroyed. This building is on the opposite side of Oxford Street, so it must have been a strong wind.

The hotel was also saved by the action of several men. It was reported that Walter Gardener stood on the fire-escape landing, and with the help of Messrs Laing, Seales, Leeson, Nordstrom, and Ellis,

used buckets of water on the hotel.

Basil Gardener found one of the hotel rooms on fire and "... with great exertion suppressed the flames and then fell exhausted".

Lost in the Town Hall was furniture, including a piano, dozens of skates and lots of books. The Foresters, Knights of Labour and Druids lost much of their material, and the Levin band lost quite a few instruments.

No-one knows how the fire started. There had been a dance in the hall the evening before, but that finished at 11pm and nothing seemed amiss by the organisers.

Fortunately all the County Council's valuable papers were in a safe, although they were found to be charred. It turned out the safe wasn't as safe as first thought.

Interestingly, the newspapers – as they did in those days – recorded the insurance cover of each place, including the name of the insurer and the amount of cover. No privacy as it would be today.

It must have been a scary fire. It would have been brave to go into likely burning buildings to rescue papers and stock. However, in the light of day, and even today it could be thought of as foolhardy.



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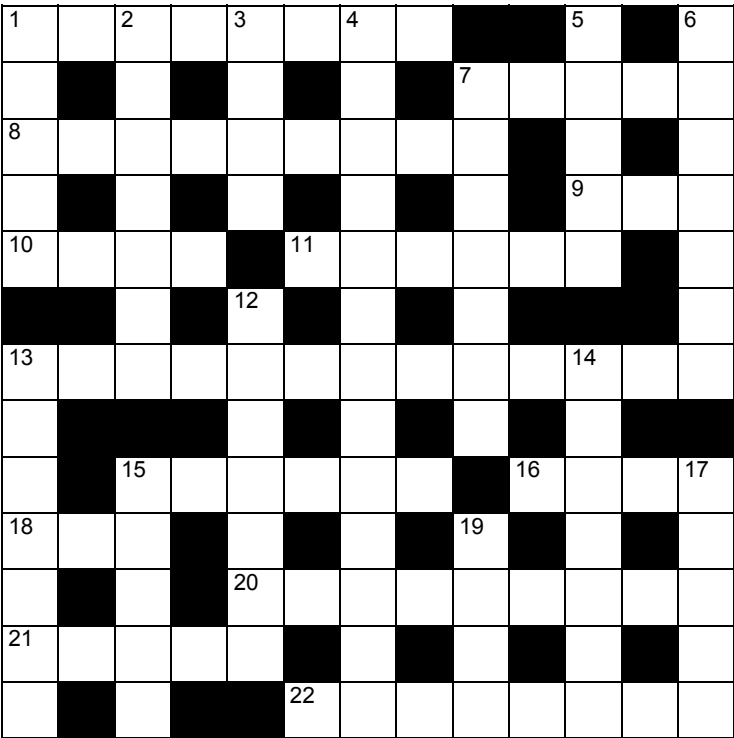
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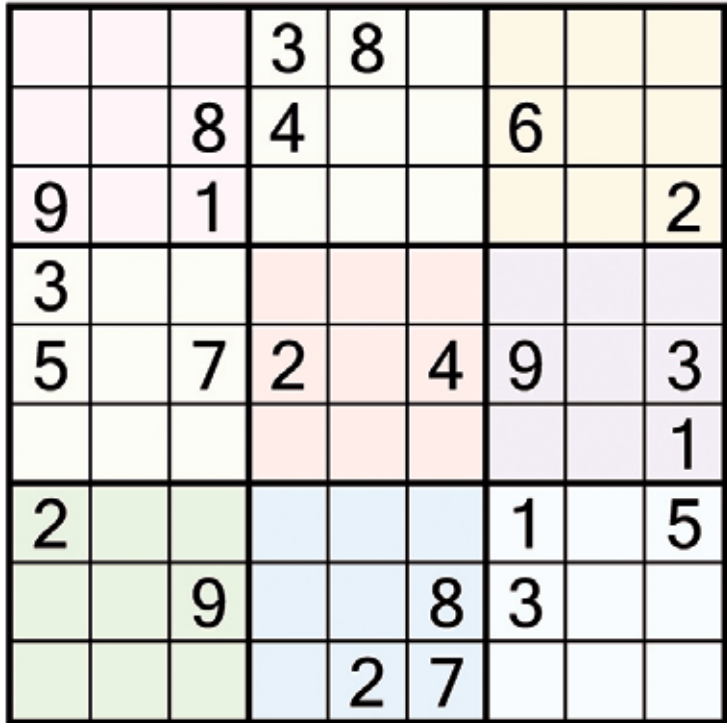
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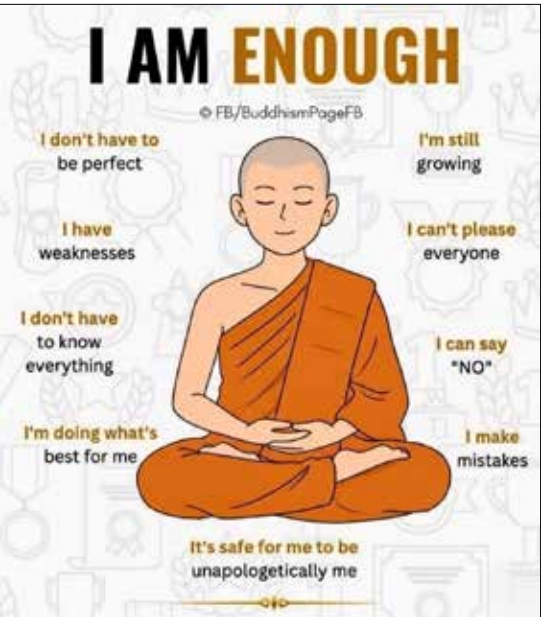
- ACROSS
- DOWN
1. Harangue (8)
1. First appearance (5)
7. Leader of the wolf pack in *The Jungle Book*; also a cubmaster in the Cub Scout movement (5)
2. Substance that stimulates production of an antibody (7)
8. Drinker's toast (7,2)
3. Mass violence (4)
9. Māori word meaning 'peoples' or 'nations' (3)
4. Superior travel accommodation (8,5)
10. Swimwear (4)
- 5/20. NZ swimmer who was world champion in the 400m individual medley in 2024 (5,9)
11. High jinks (6)
6. The government's senior ministers (7)
13. Embarrassing occasion, as depicted in a 1980s-2000s series of adverts (7,6)
7. Fruit whose main production area is central Otago (7)
15. Option (6)
12. Dissolution of marriage (7)
16. Object (4)
13. Projectile (7)
18. Tasman is one (3)
14. Put into someone's care (7)
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15. Tote (5)
21. Singer who released her fourth album, *Virgin*, in 2025 (5)
17. Muffled (5)
22. Various (8)
19. A ban (4)

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CROSSWORD #1958J ANSWERS
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RANDOM QUIZ
Answers bottom of page.

1. What language has the most native speakers?
2. Which metal is most commonly used for electrical wiring? .
3. What's the chemical symbol for gold?
4. What's the term for animals that maintain a constant body temperature?
5. Which philosopher wrote *The Republic*?
6. Which ocean current warms Western Europe?
7. What's the SI unit of electrical resistance?
8. Which dynasty is associated with the Terracotta Army?
9. Which planet has the most moons in the Solar System?
10. Which mammal lays eggs?
11. What is a group of crows called?
12. Which US city is widely considered the birthplace of jazz?
13. Which singer has the most Grammy awards of all time?
14. Which 1977 album is the best-selling of all time worldwide?
15. Which detective did Agatha Christie create who loves "little grey cells"?
16. What is 12³?
17. What is the next prime after 97?
18. What device is used to take a picture of your screen?
19. Which novelist wrote *Beloved*?
20. What is the pen name of Mary Ann Evans?

WORD SEARCH: NZ FEMALE AUTHORS
Answers below left. thewordsearch.com

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Over the last 12 months, and now having completed 7 years of operation, the Trust has continued to work for the betterment of the Horowhenua community. In an ever-changing climate, the Trust has made positive progress; our mission remains focused on improving the economic and social wellbeing of the people of Horowhenua.

We're proud to announce several achievements this year.

These include:

- The Trust has invested in the Health & Wellbeing Hub, Te Pūtahi Ora located on Durham Street, Levin
- We have given five distributions to various organisations – Horowhenua Health Shuttle, Foxton Beach Community Centre, Horowhenua Events Centre, Horowhenua Land Search and Rescue, and Ngātōkawaru Marae
- We have continued advocacy for the Ō2NL project
- HN2T continue to see outstanding support provided to local businesses through the work of the The Horowhenua Company Ltd.

To find out more, come along to our AGM:
5pm Thursday 20th November 2025

Te Takeretanga o Kura-hau-pō, 10 Bath Street, Levin

Our full Annual Report is now available on our website www.thcl.nz/hnzt
Antony Young, Chair of the Horowhenua New Zealand Trust

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

LEVIN RACING CLUB AGM

Sunday, November 23, 2025 at 10.15am. To be held at Te Takeretanga o Kura-hau-pō, 10 Bath St, Levin. Apologies should be emailed to: info@levinracingclub.co.nz

Horowhenua DISTRICT COUNCIL We are. LGNZ.

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Salisbury Street will be closed on Saturday 8 November from 3pm to 9.30pm, between Queen Street and the Levin Mall entrance (near Focal Point), to allow the Diwali Festival of Lights to take place safely.

Please plan your travel accordingly and follow all traffic management and detour signs in place.

For more information, please contact Council on (06) 366 0999, or email: enquiries@horowhenua.govt.nz

LEVIN PLAYCENTRE INC Annual General Meeting

Notice is hereby given that the AGM of members of the Levin Playcentre Inc will be held on November 27, 2025 at 7.30pm, and online, at the Levin Playcentre, 17 Paisley St, Levin. levin@playcentre.org.nz

Francesse Middleton
President

Horowhenua Community Health Service

HOROWHENUA DISTRICT HEALTH TRANSPORTATION TRUST

NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
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GOLF RESULTS

LEVIN

(Week ending Nov 2)

Monday – Speldhurst 9 Hole Stableford: Mick Thomson 18, Steve Tustin 16. **Tuesday** Men Stableford: Vili Tia 33, Colin Finlayson 32, Robert Forth 32. **Wednesday** – 9 Hole Stableford: Barry Rollinson 18, Eunock Kim 16, Paddy Enright 16. **Thursday** – Early Men Net: Peter Clarke 73, Ivan Franklin 74, Peter Holmes 74. Twos: Sam Bartosh; Late Men Stableford: Graeme Cliff 39, Leslie Marshall 36, Dene Buckingham 35. **Friday** – 9 Hole Mixed Stableford: Wayne Kaye 22, Cecily Archer 20, Paddy Enright 18. Speldhurst 9 Hole Stableford: Mike Cashmore 20,

Ray Ferguson 19, Wayne Nation 19. **Saturday** – Early Men Irish

Stableford: Geoff Pate 82, Brett Gordon 80, Robert Forth 75. Twos: Tony Newling; Ladies Russian Roulette: Robyn Saulbrey + Anita Davidson 66, Leanne Ward + Clare Sorensen 58, Mary Keenan + Chris Newling 48; Late Men Stableford: Dene Buckingham 40, Graeme Cliff 39, Pete Greig 38. Twos: Robert Ward, Brian Wicker, Phil Beale. **Coming events:** Levin Od Boys Cricket Club / Plumbing World Charity 4 Person Ambrose Tournament, Friday November 14. **FOXTON** 9 hole (November 5) Stableford Competition: Elaine

Pedersen 22, Stephen Hannna 21, Rae Jack 20, Sylvia Young 20, Neil Thompson 20, Carol Kupa 19, Jennifer Sexton 19, Steve Kupa 19, Ruth Williams 17, Mahes Naran 16.

Thursday, November 30
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