

Top finish

By Paul Williams

Karli Westerby of Levin Intermediate School (pictured) displays her No 1 placing after she crossed the finish line in the year 8 girls race at the Grant Isaacs Trophy cross country last week.

Race officials write the finishing order on the hands of runners as they cross the line.

The event is an annual highlight on the inter-primary school sporting calendar, bringing together the best runners from schools in the area, with more than 100 runners competing.

The picturesque course sends runners across freshly grazed paddocks neighbouring Poroutawhao School and back again, and the course last week was largely the same as it had been for the past 15 years.

Karli, 13, did well to take the starting line, having only recently had a plaster cast removed to mend a broken arm. She has won the cross country event in her age division every year except last year, when she finished second.

Keeping fit helps with cross country and in Karli's case she plays in the backline for Shannon in rugby and at scrum half for the Levin Wanderers rugby league team – both in a mixed grades with boys – and she also plays hockey.

Poroutawhao School has hosted the event since 2011, with help from staff at Levin East School. The late Grant Isaacs was a former teacher at both schools. Before that the race had been run for years at Hardy's farm in Denton Road. Grant Isaacs was instrumental in organising the new venue.

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KARLI NO 1



Photo Paul Williams

Spring start for Ō2NL

By Janine Baalbergen

Work will begin in spring on the Ōtaki-Levin (Ō2NL) expressway after NZTA backtracked last week on scaled-down plans.

"We expect main construction work to begin some time in spring, with early enabling works, such as fencing, building demolition and building haul roads and access tracks expected to begin within the next month," an NZTA spokesperson told the *Star*.

The transport agency said late last week that most of the original plans were back on – only the road running past Levin will remain two lanes, rather than four as originally planned.

Local campaigners, residents, the council, and MPs protesting the changes believe their voices have been heard.

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All rugby has been called off this weekend after another referee was abused.

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Spring start for expressway

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Ōtaki MP Tim Costley says he's delighted.

"Ever since I first found out from NZTA that there might be design changes to Ō2NL I haven't let up; I've been fighting hard to save the design of our road.

"I've been very clear from the outset that I was fighting to save three specific changes: the Tararua Road interchange, the Taylors Road interchange, and the Manakau Heights Drive over-bridge.

"I'm pleased to see that NZTA has announced that these will now all be included in the final design.

"This decision shows the value in have strong local advocacy, and strong representatives fighting our local cause in Wellington and across the region."

He thanked the community for their support.

The expressway will be four lanes up to where SH57 splits off. Then it's two lanes north all the way to Cambridge.

Tim says it makes sense to go to two lanes once SH57 splits.

"Otherwise we'd have to give up other changes to keep it to budget (we could have afforded it all in 2018). But it also leaves the door open for where it goes next. [It] could be up current SH1 or could be up towards Palmy or Baines more."

The NZTA Board last week gave the green light for construction, confirming additional funding to ensure the project would go ahead. It dropped most of the proposed changes that were announced on May 18.

Elements of the project to be reinstated include:

- the new highway connection with Tararua Road will be a grade-separated interchange
- the southern connection, near Taylors Road, will include a southbound onramp, allowing vehicles travelling south on the current SH1 to join the expressway north of Ōtaki
- an bridge over the expressway at Manakau Heights.

The decision drew many comments.

Transport Minister Chris Bishop:

"Ōtaki to Levin is a critical project for the government and reflects our strong focus on infrastructure investment to drive economic growth." (*LinkedIn, June 21.*)

Build the Road campaigner Anthony Young:

"The proposed changes to the plan were nonsensical and never made sense. We could all see that and thankfully common sense prevailed.

"We can now look forward to the expressway moving ahead and the needs of the community, businesses and traffic, being served by a road that is fit for purpose and productivity. This is a win for the district."

Horowhenua Mayor Bernie Wanden:

"This is a significant and very welcome moment for Horowhenua. It's not just a good outcome, it's the right outcome.

"It reflects the strength of our community's collective voice and the effectiveness of council's long-standing advocacy to ensure this project lives up to its original promises of safety, efficiency and regional connection.

"These features were not optional. They were essential to community safety, connectivity, and trust. The reinstatement of the Manakau bridge in particular is a win for every person who stood up and said: our safety matters, our voice matters. And I want to say, you were heard.

"Council has been at the table since this project was first conceived in 2012, through governments, delays, and shifting budgets. At every step, we've advocated constructively for an expressway that reflects the needs and realities of our district.

"I'm proud of our role, and I'm even prouder of the people of Horowhenua who never gave up on this project, or on each other."

The final stages of construction for the Kāpiti expressway, in 2022. Horowhenua will have a similar highway, with construction starting in spring.

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Te Kenehi ‘big picture’ man

By Janine Baalbergen

For regional councillor Te Kenehi Teira, his constituency is much broader than a few numbers, or lines on a map.

It encompasses everything, goes right out to sea, and includes ancestors, as well as the sky above. Working with others to bring all strands of knowledge into play is important to him as Māori ward councillor for Horizons. He is a big picture man.

“I always think about cause and effect of everything we do and do not do, and I see the world differently,” he says. “Māori do not look at things in isolation.

“In Te Ao Māori everything has whakapapa that connects to everything else. It’s a panoramic view, rather than a microscopic view of the world around us.”

He says he ran for the Māori ward seat at the regional council because he was concerned about the state of the water in the region. He sees the Manawātū River as the heart of Te Ika a Maui, as are the Tararua Ranges.

“What happens upriver eventually comes down to the mouth. Those living and working upstream must consider those living and working near the mouth of the river.”

He says five rivers begin within the Tararua Ranges: Mangahao, Ōtaki, Ōhau as well as two Wairarapa rivers.

“When you think about environmental measures that have been taken for decades now, it’s all part of the Māori world view, such as carbon credits, keeping stock out of the river, riparian planting.

“Flood is a natural occurrence that we have to deal with. Sediment from further up ends up in



Te Kenehi Teira with his sister, Pania Taylor, at the Piriharakeke Generation Inspiration Centre, part of Te Awahou Nieuwe Stroom Cultural Park. Photo Janine Baalbergen

the Foxton River Loop, for example, when the floodgates open. And it stays there. That problem of the Whirokino Cut still needs to be resolved.

“Foxton for us is more than a town: Te Awahou Kura is a river of peace and prosperity. It’s about finding your place on earth, why you live here.”

He says local and central government, NGOs and locals such as farmers and businesses together hold all the knowledge and resources needed to solve problems.

“If we work together, we ensure we understand each other and we talk to improve the situation, rather than work in isolation.”

Te Kenehi is deputy chair of the integrated catchment committee that deals with biodiversity and flood control, but he thinks civil defence should be part of the committee, too.

He says he worked hard with locals in Tararua to get rid of plans to toll the new road between Manawātū and Tararua. “I stood near the front of those protesting and in the end we won.”

BRIEFS

Rates increases confirmed

Horowhenua District Council confirmed on Wednesday that residential rates would increase on average by 10.2% for the 2025-26 year. Horizons Regional Council on Tuesday agreed that its average rates increase would be 8.8%, which is lower than what was in the Long-term Plan (12%) and what was consulted on earlier this year (11.3%). However, a proposed amendment to the 2024-34 Long-term Plan, which would enable a possible sale of Horizons’ stake in CentrePort, will not go ahead.

Pre-election Report out

Horowhenua District Council has released its *Pre-election Report*, which describes who we are as a district, the council’s overarching vision of enabling what matters for its community, achievements in the past three years, preparing for the future, the challenges to overcome, major projects, and financials. It is essential reading for anyone wishing to stand for a council position. The report is online at horowhenua.govt.nz/stand.

Brass band at Speldhurst

Levin and Districts Brass Band will play at Speldhurst Country Estate at 7pm tonight as it gears up for a national competition in Christchurch from July 2-6. The band will perform two major works, a sacred/reflective item, and their chosen street march music. The programme will also feature the two ensembles who will be competing in Christchurch, along with various soloists with piano accompaniment.

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Danni Davis (foreground), who's featuring at Firebird Café tonight.
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In the Shallows at Firebird

Music lovers are in for a treat with Indie band In The Shallows performing live at Firebird Café in Levin tonight.

Welsh songwriter Danni Davis's new band lineup has played to sell-out crowds on their winter tour so far. It features harp, cello and violin blending in among other instruments, creating "emotionally rich ballads and soaring harmonies" similar to the sound of bands like Fleetwood Mac, The Innocence Mission, The Motels, First Aid Kit and Goldenhorse.

In The Shallows was initially a duo of Danni and Kiwi rock and roller Lance Shepherd. They toured relentlessly, evolving into a band with a more eclectic and intentionally poppier sound, while staying true to the original roots and good old ballads with harmonies.

In The Shallows has given Danni the scope to experiment with new instruments. Initially only singing on stage, she now changes things up and switches between percussion, guitars, bass and keys throughout the live performances as she tries to insert elements that have been woven into the studio tracks that she has written, performed, recorded and produced at her home in Paekākāriki.

Danni also takes care of the admin, marketing, social media, music video production, tour organising, band member wrangling aspect of the band, so if she isn't creating music, she is usually doing one or all of the others.

Born and raised in Wales, Danni came to New Zealand in 2005. Once settled in Wellington she went on to co-write lyrics with Mara Simpson (Mara and the Bushkas) and performed in Wellington band Soul Caravan.

■ In The Shallows, Firebird Café, Oxford Street South, Levin. Tonight at 7pm. Entry \$20.

Barrie steps aside after more than 63 years

By Paul Williams

Well-known electrician Barrie Buck is officially hanging up his pliers.

He'll still be doing "bits and pieces" in his shed, but the time has come to step away from a business he started in 1961.

Barrie was 20 years old and new to town at the time. Following his older brother John north from the Hutt Valley, he arrived in Levin on a Sunday and started work on Monday.

He'd already served his apprenticeship, including wiring a large part of Wainuiomata and a long stint working at the Ngauranga freezing works, where he says he gained valuable knowledge of industrial electrical needs.

There was work available with established electricians, but he backed himself to go out on his own.

"It was a gamble in a way and I was told not to do it, but I was single at the time and I could see there was an opening within the trade because in those days there was so much industry in Levin," he says.

"There weren't many into the industrial side of things."

In those pre-Muldoon days Levin was a boom manufacturing town. On Barrie's books were businesses like Pioneer Caravans, Lane's Hosiery, Levin Dyeworks, Penn Elastics, Levana Textiles, KGH Printing, among others.

He even had a hand in wiring up the Levin town traffic lights, and Levin mall when it was built in the early 1970s.

Barrie says a cornerstone to longevity in business is trust.

"There were clients that had been with us for 30 or more years. You build a rapport with people and you develop trust on both sides," he says. "And if you don't



Barrie Buck, now retired. Photo Paul Williams

look after your clients someone else will."

Barrie says he's seen recessions come and go, and says the secret is to "weather them as best you can".

"It's a cycle," he says.

There have been phenomenal changes in technology in that time, too, and one of the things Barrie's always done is try to keep up with those changes.

The business has been a family affair, with his father Roly, wife Mary and children Raewyn, Ally and Andrew all having worked at BG Buck Ltd.

In the early days there was a "cot in the corner". Barrie trained nine apprentices over the years, too.

BG Buck Ltd has officially been sold to B&M Electrical, although it's very much business as usual as all staff have been retained.

"I'd like to wish B&M all the best for the future in the knowledge they will offer clients the dedication and expertise we had the privileged of giving over the last 63 years," Barrie says.

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Students pitch in for estuary plantings

By Janine Baalbergen

Senior students from Foxton Beach School have been pitching in to help restore the ecology at the beach.

The students have been helping Horizons Regional Council and volunteer groups, most recently with a planting day at the Manawātū River Estuary. They have helped to clear weeds and plant some native trees. They got help from locals involved with the Manawātū Estuary Trust, Save Our River Trust, Horowhenua District Council, and Department of Conservation.

Environment experts shared their knowledge with the year 7 and 8 students.

During the past three years, Horizons has been dealing with aggressive weeds at the beach. It has worked on eliminating introduced poplars, identified and prepared areas for planting and then planted native species that will thrive in the coastal environment.

Two Foxton students shared their experience.

Lucas Halliday

It was a fabulously sunny day for a group of kids from Foxton Beach School to go some tree planting at the Manawātū River estuary. We planted ngaio, toetoe, taupata, ti kouka, akeake and harakeke.

We got down to the planting spot at 10am and we had a talk on what to do. Then we started about 10.15am. We started on one side and slowly worked our way down. I planted about 20 trees/plants by myself, and everyone together did 300.

Once all the trees were planted, we all gathered up and started walking back through the area slowly to see if we had forgotten about any plants. It hurt because the bushes were spiky and they stabbed us. But we didn't find any more trees to plant.

If you plant native trees, they attract birds because of their seed and colours. The trees help keep the water clean by trapping nutrients and dirt. This keeps the water healthy for plants and animals that live there.

I look forward to seeing all the trees and plants do well in the future, so kids can say they planted them. We'd love to see the council do this planting with other schools.

Cruz Dunweg

The day was warm and calm, we were ready to get dirty when 10 of our year 7 and 8 students went tree planting.

We got all of our gear sorted, put it all in the van and put on our covered shoes. Once at the estuary we gathered for a quick chat to understand what we were all doing. Then everyone got shovels, gloves, and fertiliser tablets. Some spots had been cleared out so we knew where to start digging.

Once the holes were dug, we placed two fertiliser tablets in each one, and put in the plants. There were two types of plants – one for where it's a little mushy, and up the top where the good dirt is.

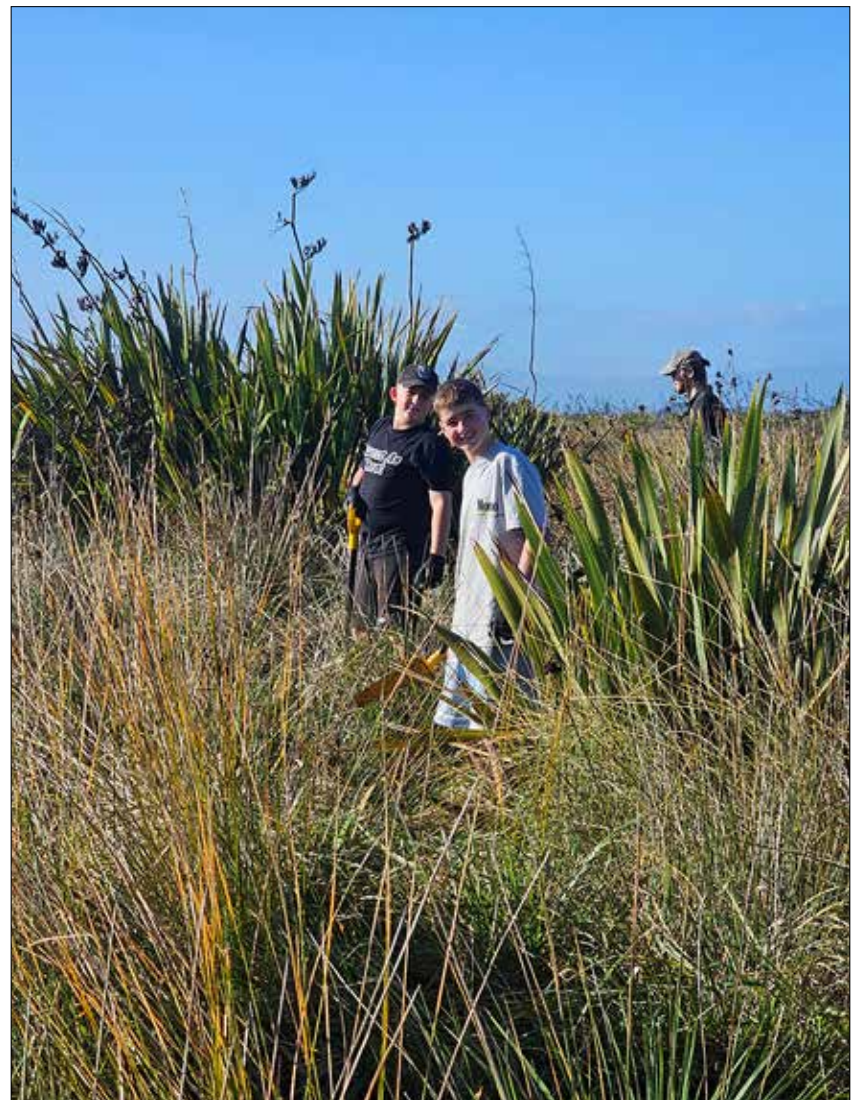
Planting native trees in the Foxton Beach wetlands can really help the ecosystem. Native trees provide homes and food for the native wildlife. Birds, insects and other animals need these trees to survive.

For example, the kōwhai tree has bright yellow flowers that attract birds. The harakeke (flax) plant grows quickly in wetlands and attracts birds with its seeds.

By planting these trees, we're helping the native animals that live in the estuary.

Cruz Dunweg and Lucas Halliday were among the senior year 7 and 8 students from Foxton Beach School who helped to plant native trees at the Manawātū River Estuary recently.

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TE AWAHOU LIGHTS UP

Foxton gets to wrap up the local Matariki celebrations tomorrow (June 28) from 4-8pm around Te Awahou Nieuwe Stroom and the Windmill in Main Street.

Lights Over Te Awahou will be a magical night out with the park transformed by stunning light projections – including a glowing light maze – live music and plenty of food trucks. It's the perfect way to celebrate the season of Matariki together under the Seven Sisters stars of Matariki.

Earlier in the day, Foxton Pool is also hosting Matariki celebrations with a pool party. It's fun for the whole whānau, with inflatables, music and a barbecue.

The splashing good time is in honour of Waiti, the Matariki star connected to fresh water and the creatures that live in our the rivers, streams and lakes.

Photo: Matariki in Foxton during Lights over Te Awahou in 2024.

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B&M Electrical purchased BG Buck Ltd a year ago and now the rebranding of the Levin building and vehicles has made it publicly official.

Not everything changes, however. The six Levin staff all keep their jobs and join the team of 70 staff based at B&M Electrical Palmerston North.

B&M General Manager Matt Procter says it's "an amalgamation of two long-standing and trusted companies coming together as one. BG Buck Ltd started in Levin some 65 years ago and B&M Electrical began in Palmerston North 48 years ago."

Matt says the initial purchase began on receiving a letter one day "out of the blue" from BG Buck founder Barrie Buck, who was wanting to retire and had identified B&M Electrical as an ideal fit as their core values of looking after staff and clients aligned.

There were a couple of meetings over coffee to work out the finer details before the deal was done with a handshake, and the rest is now history.

Matt says the two companies have successfully run independently over the past year, but the time had come to bring the two together.

The amalgamation adds greater efficiencies, diversity of service and an extra layer of support to clients and staff.

A good example was the recent lighting upgrade at Waiopahu College in Levin. Two teams coming together



From left, B&M Electrical Levin service manager Dayle Robbie, office manager Ally Buck, general manager Matt Procter, and Levin manager Dave Noble.

to jet a major local project successfully delivered by a local business.

B&M Electrical is a business that prides itself on its values-based culture and looking after staff, many of whom are shareholders in the company from across the team, not just top-level management either.

"We pride ourselves in doing good local business with good local people!"

Offering apprenticeships was another key focus – much in the same vein as BG Buck – as it was important to focus on the next generation of electricians.

Matt, who has been General Manager at B&M Electrical now for five years, says the company celebrates apprentices coming out of their time and becoming qualified tradespeople. Many have gone on to become

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The cold weather has hit Horowhenua, and with it come the July winter holidays! It's a shocking time of year – from feeling those cold snaps first thing in the morning to realising we're already halfway through the year!

Speaking of which, how are your reading goals? Or your New Year's resolutions? Time really does fly!

But one thing you don't have to worry about is what to do with your spare time. Keep warm and out of the cold by coming into one of our Horowhenua libraries and joining us for the Tales & Trails School Holiday Programme – weekday crafts in Levin and Foxton from 10.30am, with crafts at Shannon Library every Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 2pm.

Do you have children at home who are interested in animals? Jump into the library on Tuesday (July 1), and learn all about hibernation and how it works with Erin Wilson. Or maybe your tamariki are more hands-on and like getting involved – then trek in on July 8 and join the Kotuku Sea Scouts for some fun games and activities. Then, make sure to pick out some interesting books and a copy of the children's reading challenge.

The Winter Reading Challenge will run from Monday, June 23, through to August 4, with the finale at the

end of the month – which is a secret for now, shhh. But if you want to tick off an easy read, then look for our interactive bear hunt in the children's library and follow the signs.

We can't wait to see you in the library these holidays. Come in, explore, and make some winter memories with us.

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.

Aquatics
Foxton Pools – Matariki Pool Party. Celebrate Matariki with a splash at Foxton Pools. Join us for a whānau-friendly pool party featuring music, a BBQ, and inflatables galore.

Te Awahou Nieuwe Stroom
Wrap up Matariki with Lights over Te Awahou! Bring your whānau and friends for a magical evening of delicious food, live music, and dazzling light displays. Wander through a glowing light maze and soak up the festive vibes as we celebrate the season together under the stars. Saturday 28 June, 4pm–8pm.

Exhibitions
Te Takeretanga o Kura-hau-pō Gallery: Our Lives, Our Stories, Our Papers – Newspapers of the Horowhenua (3–31 July 2025). Curated by Kiri Pepene (Library Information Research & Local History Team Lead), Leala Faleseuga (Digital Inclusion Coordinator), and Nicky Jenkins



(Library Communications Coordinator). Horowhenua has a rich legacy of newspapers at the heart of everyday life. This exhibition explores how local papers kept us informed, connected, and thriving – celebrating milestones, reporting world events, and capturing the community spirit. A snapshot of our printed history.

Weekly Events
Fridays (27 June & 4 July)
Friday Live Concert, Te Takeretanga o Kura-hau-pō, 12–1pm.
(4 July only), Tales & Trails School Holiday Programme Activities, Te Takeretanga o Kura-hau-pō &

Te Awahou Nieuwe Stroom, 10.30–12 noon, Shannon Library, 2–3pm.
Saturday (28 June)
Foxton Matariki Pool Party, Foxton Pools, 3–5pm
Lights Over Te Awahou, Te Awahou Nieuwe Stroom, 4–8pm
Mondays (30 June & 7 July)
Tales & Trails School Holiday Programme Activities, Te Takeretanga o Kura-hau-pō & Te Awahou Nieuwe Stroom, 10.30–12 noon, Shannon Library, 2–3pm
Meet Street, Te Takeretanga o Kura-hau-pō, 10–11am.
Tuesdays (1 & 8 July)

Tales & Trails School Holiday Programme Activities, Te Takeretanga o Kura-hau-pō & Te Awahou Nieuwe Stroom, 10.30–12 noon.
Digital Drop-in, Te Takeretanga o Kura-hau-pō, 10–11am
JP Service, Te Takeretanga o Kura-hau-pō, 11.30–1.30pm
Lego Hour, Te Takeretanga o Kura-hau-pō, 3.30–4.30pm
Sensory Sessions, Levin Aquatics, 7–8pm.
Wednesdays (2 & 9 July)
Tales & Trails School Holiday Programme Activities, Te Takeretanga o Kura-hau-pō & Te Awahou Nieuwe Stroom, 10.30–12

noon, Shannon Library, 2–3pm
Friends of Horowhenua Libraries Morning Tea: Speaker Jennifer Walton, Library Engagement Team Lead, Te Takeretanga o Kura-hau-pō, 10–11am, All Welcome
Aqua Tots: Foxton Pools, 10.10–11.15am / Levin Aquatics, 10.30–11.15am
Teen Book Club, Te Takeretanga o Kura-hau-pō, 4–5pm
Pop-Up Eats, Te Takeretanga o Kura-hau-pō Carpark, 5–8pm
Page Turners Kōrero Group, Te Takeretanga o Kura-hau-pō, 7–9pm
Quiz Night, Te Takeretanga o Kura-hau-pō, 7–9pm, \$5.
Thursdays (3 & 10 July)
Tales & Trails School Holiday Programme Activities, Te Takeretanga o Kura-hau-pō & Te Awahou Nieuwe Stroom, 10.30–12 noon.
(3 July only), Tea & Tales, Te Takeretanga o Kura-hau-pō, 10.30–11.30am
(10 July only), Digital Drop-in, Te Awahou Nieuwe Stroom, 10–12am
(10 July only), Digital Learning: MyMSD, RealMe & SuperGold, Te Awahou Nieuwe Stroom, 1.30–3.30pm



HEADS UP: WAIOPEHU COLLEGE

Awesome talent on full display

Kia ora koutou, Talofa lava, greetings to everyone.

Last week saw the school host primary schools from around the region for our annual WHAT show. WHAT stands for Waiopahu Has Awesome Talent. The performing arts department put on a display of amazing acts. The crowd favourites included our incredible magician Mr Maestro (whose tricks had us all wondering how he'd done that) and the musical performances of many of the talented students guided ably by Mr Lynch and Ms Forbes.

Our performing arts students also participated in the Big Sing choral competition last week in Palmerston North. The students thoroughly enjoyed the experience, and I was proud to watch them sing their hearts out on the big stage. Congratulations to Ms Forbes who won the directors award.

Last week also saw us play Te Paepae O Aotea in a sporting exchange. This year we travelled to Hawera to play rugby, volleyball, football, netball and basketball. The overall result was a draw. We look forward to hosting the event next year.

Next term we travel to New Plymouth again to play Inglewood High School. Mr Brown recently held an overnight tramp to the Roaring Stag Hut for the students who are working towards earning their Duke of Edinburgh awards.

The school is incredibly proud of the number of students achieving awards in this internationally recognised

programme. We have recently had two students, who started their Duke of Edinburgh awards at school, complete their Gold Award. Well done Kaedie Stephens and Lydia Read.

Monday saw our Pasifika group take to the auditorium stage for the final dress rehearsal for Pasifika Fusion. The auditorium was packed, and the students performed superbly. A huge thank you to all who attended the Fiafia night. The students are excited to be representing the school to showcase their hard work.

On the academic front some year 12 students attended a STEM day at Massey University with schools from all over the North Island. They were able to participate in different labs and activities during the day. The STEM courses included biology, chemistry, animal and plant science, agriculture, food technology and psychology. Feedback from the students was really positive: "A great day", "I think I'm going to do science at university now", "really interesting".

Finally, we are sad to farewell our two exchange students, Aurora and Thorban, from Italy and Germany respectively. We've loved hosting you and wish you well for your future. Next term we have six exchange students arriving, and we are looking forward to giving them the uniquely Kiwi education experience that we offer here at Waiopahu.

– Kaye Fraser, executive assistant, Waiopahu College



Roll choice deadline for Māori

Māori voters who would like to change electoral rolls before the local elections have until July 10 to make their choice.

If you are Māori, you choose the Māori roll or the general roll when you first enrol to vote. After that, you can change rolls at any time except in the three months before an election.

"You can change the roll you're on for the local elections up until 10 July," says the Electoral Commission's chief advisor, Māori, Hone Matthews. "You can't switch rolls in the three months before the local elections on 11 October.

"The local elections are when we vote for the people who represent us on our city, district and regional councils. Make sure you're enrolled so you can have your say.

"If you're on the Māori roll and your council has Māori wards, you'll vote in a Māori ward. If you're on the general roll or your council doesn't have Māori wards, you'll vote in a general ward."

The elections are run by councils and it's a postal vote. Check your address is up to date so you receive voting papers from your council in the mail.

To change your roll type, go to vote.nz, where you can also enrol and check your details. This year marks 50 years of the Māori Electoral Option, which is the choice for Māori between the Māori or general roll.

The Electoral Amendment Act (1975) defined Māori as a person of New Zealand Māori descent and means anyone who is Māori can enrol to vote on either roll.

COUNCILLOR CORNER: SAM JENNINGS

Framework debate needs a public voice

It's an unfortunate reality of local government that much of council's work goes unnoticed.

Even open discussion at council meetings doesn't always translate into broad public understanding or awareness. That's not necessarily a failure; many council activities are routine or technical. But it does place a clear responsibility on elected members to keep the public informed, particularly when it comes to major policies or significant funding decisions.

One major workstream under way is the development of a Māori Engagement and Partnership Framework. Council is fortunate to have long-standing, positive relationships with local iwi/hapū. In most cases, these relationships are shaped by legacy partnership agreements, with corresponding commitments to resourcing and support.



Council allocates \$839,000 annually to support iwi/hapū participation. Additional funding is also sometimes provided for cultural impact assessments, project input, and through separate side agreements linked to major infrastructure consents (e.g. wastewater projects).

Over the past three years, significant work has gone into understanding the scope of these arrangements. The new framework is intended to provide consistency, transparency, and certainty, establishing the expectations and parameters for how council engages with iwi/hapū as well as how any

resourcing is determined, with the practical detail and delivery worked through individual partnership and resourcing agreements.

At its core, the framework should help council meet its legal obligations under local government legislation.

But why raise this now, and why should it matter to you?

There are, understandably, differing views about what the framework should include and how far council should go, particularly in terms of extending beyond legal requirements in pursuit of ideological views about the Treaty and its principles in a local government context. While most elected members support a framework that is expansive in its scope and ambition – setting out broad and, at times, loosely defined concepts and expectations for council – others, myself included, believe it's essential we remain grounded in our statutory responsibilities and the

democratic mandate we hold as elected representatives.

A framework that drifts into aspirational territory risks creating open-ended commitments that overstep council's mandate and blur governance roles, and will ultimately undermine relationships rather than strengthen them. Given the framework includes an engagement spectrum that allows for potentially unbounded co-governance and co-management models, it's important the public understands the implications.

My view is simple: if council proposes going beyond its legal obligations – by enabling additional roles, rights, or funding arrangements – this must be done with care, transparency, and clear public support. It's a challenging conversation, but a vital one, to ensure any changes are built on legal clarity, uphold democratic accountability, and carry clear community backing.

Councillor Mike Barker and I have asked for advice on what public consultation could involve; but to proceed, it would require the support of a majority of elected members. If the final draft framework signals a new direction in iwi/hapū relationships and engagement, then residents should be fully informed and be able to have their say and shape that path.

Let me be clear: strong, pragmatic relationships with local iwi/hapū are essential. But they must rest on mutual understanding, clear expectations, and the support of the wider public. Valuing and resourcing iwi/hapū engagement is important – it can deliver real public benefit by saving time, reducing cost and risk, and improving outcomes. However, this must be backed by a clear community mandate, because ultimately, it is the public who enables and funds it.

■ Sam is a Horowhenua councillor

CITIZENS ADVICE: GINNY WILLIAMS

Dealing with bullying at work

From time-to-time CAB will hear a complaint about bullying at work. Often, it's not just one person in a workplace experiencing the issue.

But, of course, it's not only at work, it can happen anywhere.

Bullying can be physical, verbal and social, in person or online (cyberbullying) and occur at any time. Common characteristics include:

- it's on purpose – the bully intends to cause pain or discomfort
- it very often involves a power imbalance – this could be based on, but is not limited to, factors such as status, physical size, age, or gender
- it's a pattern of behaviour over time that leads to fear and anxiety
- it can cause short or long-term physical or psychological harm, so be sure to record times and dates of experiencing bullying.

Common experiences of bullying include:

- you have been socially isolated and made to feel different, ashamed, alone
- your possessions have been damaged on purpose, or taken by others
- someone has repeatedly made inappropriate or discriminatory comments about or to you
- one or more people has repeatedly called you names or humiliated you
- you have been threatened or tripped, pushed, hit, kicked or spat at
- you have been openly excluded from social groups or activities
- your contributions and achievements repeatedly go unacknowledged
- your employer refuses to let you take breaks you are entitled to
- your employer overloads you with work, or takes work away
- your employer makes threats to you about your job security.

To resolve, try to deal directly with the person who is bullying you. You could speak to them in private and bring a support person with you. If you feel uncomfortable doing this, ask your employer or manager to step in informally. They could talk to the bullying person and ask them to stop.

If the matter is not resolved by discussion:

- follow your workplace policy about reporting bullying, harassment or discrimination
- if you belong to a union, ask for assistance.

Early Resolution Service is a phone-based service you and the person bullying you can use to deal with problems before they become too serious. It's a mediation service, so it's only an option if you and the other person involved both agree to use it.

If the behaviour continues, you can make a formal, written complaint to your manager or your employer. If you don't feel comfortable making a formal complaint to your manager, take it to a human resource or health and safety officer. When you submit your formal complaint, your workplace should arrange for an independent investigator to look into the issue. Your record of times, dates, events will help. They should write a report on their findings and recommend a solution to your employer.

As a final resort you could file a personal grievance against your employer if they don't take action after you've made a formal complaint, or it's the management who have been bullying you.

Please contact Citizens Advice if you need help. Phone 06 368 9521 or levin@cab.org.nz

■ Ginny is chair of Citizens Advice Bureau, Levin



THE ELECTORATE: TIM COSTLEY

A good ending for a long story

I'm sure it will be all over the front page this week, but I can't help but write about our road.

Quick history lesson: 2016 National announce they'll continue the Kāpiti expressway north and build the Ōtaki to North of Levin (Ō2NL) expressway once the Peka Peka to Ōtaki section is finished in 2020. The cost was \$820 million. In 2018 Labour announced they're cancelling it.

Now there are a whole string of people who have campaigned and fought ever since. I want to acknowledge everyone who has been part of this. It's a great team effort!

I ran my first petition in 2019 and the road slowly got brought back on the agenda in different forms. In 2020 two of the four lanes were only for public transport (which doesn't exist!). By 2023 Labour was reluctantly pledging \$1.5 billion to build it eventually. While the number was never made public, we knew the cost was likely more than \$2b, but it wasn't fully funded. And most of the property needed to build the road wasn't purchased.



Since coming to government, we have worked hard to speed things up. Almost all the property is acquired, contracts are being signed, money is set aside. But at the same time the truth slowly came out: there was never enough money and it was always known by those involved back to before the election. Our biggest challenge was that this issue wasn't just for Ō2NL; it was hospitals, classrooms, rail, water and more. There were lots of promises made but the reality fell far short.

NZTA did their homework and came up with a plan that would only go over budget by a little over \$100-200m (remember this was an \$800m road in 2018). That involved several changes, and three of

those in particular landed poorly with our community: Tararua Road, Taylors Road and Manakau Heights Drive.

We all accept the need for NZTA to stick to budget and to timelines, but these three changes felt the wrong areas for change, and so I got stuck in fighting for our region.

NZTA weren't taking submissions so I did, collecting over 350. I also highlighted to NZTA that our government had changed the rules so new expressways like Ō2NL could access the contingency funding available through the National Land Transport Fund. I made the case that these three changes should be priority for that fund. Ultimately, NZTA have accepted that argument and reinstated the three areas of concern. Construction will start this year and will result in a safe, world-class expressway.

Thank you to everyone who fought hard for this, who supported me, and who trusted me to get this sorted. I'm so proud of what we've achieved together.

■ Tim is MP for the Ōtaki electorate

ON THE BEAT: SCOTT HARVEY

Plenty of services available for seniors

In the 18 months I've been in the Levin Community Group, I've learnt a lot about older people living in Horowhenua.

I was surprised to find out 35 percent of residents are aged over 65.

I attend a monthly meeting at Age Concern with several other agencies. Age Concern runs several activities for retired people, such as exercise programmes. If you've had your drivers licence medically revoked or have other health conditions that stop you from driving, they can help you get total mobility vouchers that local taxi companies accept.

Every six weeks I attend the older person network meeting at the council, chaired by Mayor Bernie Wanden. More than 20 agencies attend. Discussed is how available services can support people and get them to appointments.

I have spoken to the Levin Probud and over 60s at the Cosmopolitan Club. It's



great to see about 90 people at meetings. I get asked lots of questions. Most are about safety in the community and scammers. Police will continue to provide prevention advice to our community on these matters.

The Community Group does foot patrols through the Levin CBD every week. We're here to prevent or detect crime, but please feel free to approach any of us with concerns you may have.

I get asked about scams at every place I speak. With Levin having a high population of pensioners, they're a target for scammers. A lot of pensioners still have a landline. Scammers know this and it's one

of the reasons older people are targeted.

Courses for older adults about scams and how to use digital devices are run by Henry Gerber, the services to older adults' librarian, at Te Takeretanga o Kura-hau-pō.

If you're retired, don't play bowls or golf and are bored at home, join an organisation to help others that need help. Become a volunteer, join a group like Grey Power, Probud, Menz Shed, or the shuttle service. Making these connections can lead to friendship, coffees and chats.

Horowhenua Neighbourhood Support and police work together to support members of the community to be and feel safe. Joining Neighbourhood Support is free, they send out a weekly newsletter and members are invited to a monthly coffee and chat with a different guest speaker every month. They are always looking for volunteers and street coordinators. This is an easy way to start to get to know your neighbours.

■ Scott is a senior constable at Levin Police

Overseas events a danger to National's vote pitch

This week's turmoil on world markets after the bombing of Iran's nuclear facilities is a clear and present danger to National's pitch to voters for its re-election next year, either outright or as governing coalition leader.

That it saw before the bombing a voter-satisfying political and economic path to success was evident in a mid-June note to selected voters from Finance Minister Nicola Willis.

She said the economy continued to strengthen with 0.8 percent growth in the last quarter of the year. With inflation at 2.5 percent and the official cash rate down from 5.5 to 3.25 percent, she referred to new opportunities arising for first-home buyers and current homeowners.

"More than half of all mortgages are either floating or due to be re-fixed within the next six months, offering real savings for homeowners," she said. "Those with mortgages of \$500,000 over 25 years will be about \$320 better off a fortnight if their mortgage falls by 2.5 percent in line with the official cash rate reductions."

Her projections: "Growth is expected to average 2.7 percent; wages are growing faster than inflation and 240,000 more jobs are expected over the next four years."

New Zealand, she says, is turning a corner.

The finance minister is saying in effect that in her view the public opinion polls that show National behind Labour for ability to manage the economy are wrong and that by election time next year there will be plenty of evidence to back up her opinion.

If households spend mortgage savings and retailers see increased consumer spending,

National's negative polling results might diminish. Support evidence for Willis's position comes in figures from Stats New Zealand. Nine of 16 industry groups measured showed growth in the quarter. Significantly, it was the long-term, wealth-creating manufacturing and equipment sector that led the way. Departmental spokespeople attributed this to higher investment and exports – both government goals.

But the uncertainties that enveloped global markets and international relations after the US strikes on Iran underlined the potential negatives that might impact Willis's forward scenario. These include a prolonged period of high oil prices arising from the Mid-east problems that will spark inflationary trends across a wide spectrum of both industry and consumer goods. A second is the erratic and unpredictable decision making in the White House.

As a backstop to events conspiring to spoil its forward election winning plans, National will up its game in local politicking. An example was the decision to reverse the unpopular NZTA move to switch from intersection to roundabout on the planned Ōtaki-Levin motorway. Ōtaki MP Tim Costley deserves a pat on the back for strong representations to secure the extra funding required.

Being prepared to act when local views are clearly set against a course of action in their



New Zealand is turning a corner, according to Finance Minister Nicola Willis.

area is a characteristic of NZ First. National will need to match its coalition partner in that area if Willis is to see the stars align for her team in 2026 without the benefit of a significant easing in cost-of-living indices.

Within the Labour Party, leader Chris Hipkins and his finance spokesperson, Barbara Edmonds, face a major conundrum if they are to benefit from negatives impacting on National's plan. It is how to balance public opposition against tax increases, as shown in opinion polls, against demands of the activist left.

Many of the Labour faithful want new taxes from among a group of proposals that include wealth, capital gains and inheritance imposts – enthusiastically supported by the Greens. Hipkins ruled them out before the last election and remains wary of including them in policy positions. He will keep getting admonished from his left side that he must be bold and go for them in one form or another.

The problem his party has might be compared

in reverse to that of Donald Trump and the US Republican Party. Millions of American voters reportedly like Trump's policies. They do not like how he is implementing them. In Labour's case they do not like a policy of tax increases but they like Hipkins.

The advantage for Willis and her party is that they know lower taxes are a vote winner. The downside for Treasury is making up the lost income. Economic growth addresses the need of both party and administrators.

Economists are divided in their predictions of future growth. But there seems close to a consensus that unless there is a major inflation burst overseas, New Zealand interest rates will stay down and possibly even go down a little more. A reversal of the current downward trend as a result of this week's events would be unwelcome news to all parties sharing the Beehive office suites.

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

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These dreamers are supported on stage by the



current Cougarettes Hip Hop team and a talented ensemble. Multi-disciplined dance routines linked with some great music from the eras of swing to hip hop. Prices are: adults \$35; seniors \$30, and under 17 years \$30.

When booking your ticket, options can be added to include a hot savoury platter or



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Ref : www.wiltonandco.nz/WILO1878
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Ref : www.wiltonandco.nz/WILO1905
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» 112A Winchester Street LEVIN

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LOCATION PERFECT

This brick and aluminum home is in a super handy location, just minutes to town and amenities. With a 130m2 floor area, there is a plenty of room, the kitchen has been updated and is modern. For those who like to cook you will love the wall oven, hob and dishwasher. Its flows seamlessly to the dining area and conservatory with access to the rear garden. The lounge has a large glass slider allowing lots of light. Both bedrooms are a good size as is the bathroom with a shower box, bath and vanity, there is a separate toilet. A heap pump ensures for comfortable living year round. There is a fully fenced back yard, perfect for a small dog, and the internal access garage.

Ref : www.wiltonandco.nz/WILO1894
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Tucked away at the end of a quiet cul-de-sac, this architecturally designed home is a true standout - understated from the street, yet breathtaking once you arrive. Set on a generous and private section, this striking property has been crafted with style, light, and modern living in mind.

From the moment you step through the impressive timber front door into the expansive entrance foyer, complete with skylights that flood the space with natural light, you will feel the sense of something truly special. Designed to capture the sun, the north and west-facing living areas are bathed in light, with floor-to-ceiling sliders that blur the line between indoors and out.

Ref : www.wiltonandco.nz/WILO1895
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Ref : www.wiltonandco.nz/WILO1911
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Ref : www.wiltonandco.nz/WILO1912
OPEN HOME SUNDAY 11.45AM-12.15PM

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» 57 Weraroa Road **LEVIN**

BY NEGOTIATION



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» 66 Macarthur Street **LEVIN**

BEO \$689,000



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This eye-catching home delivers instant street appeal with its modernised roughcast exterior over the original brick, offers a fresh, contemporary feel. Step inside to discover three beautifully presented bedrooms, including a master retreat with a walk-in wardrobe and ensuite. A second bathroom caters to the rest of the household with ease. The modern kitchen features a breakfast bar and flows effortlessly into the spacious dining area and light-filled lounge. Large glass doors open onto a sun-soaked patio - perfect for entertaining or unwinding at the end of the day. A standout feature is the separate, versatile studio with its own entrance - ideal as a home office or rumpus room.

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» 9 Ely Place **LEVIN**

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Ref : www.wiltonandco.nz/WILO1913

OPEN HOME SUNDAY 11AM-11.30AM

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» 174 Bath Street **LEVIN**

BEO \$599,000



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VIEW BY APPOINTMENT ONLY

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18A Trafalgar Street, Levin

Fixed Price \$529,000

2 1 1 163

Open Home: Sunday 29th June 11.15 - 11.45am

This low-maintenance townhouse offers the perfect blend of comfort and convenience, just a short stroll from the town centre. With a generous 163sqm floor plan, the home features two double bedrooms and a spacious kitchen with a large pantry and plenty of storage, electric stove and a dishdraw. The north-facing dining area welcomes natural light, while the conservatory provides a warm and inviting space to enjoy the sun during the cooler months. Separate area ideal for a office or computer area. The large lounge is designed for year-round comfort, with both a free-standing wood burner and a heat pump. The bathroom includes a spacious bath and shower, with a separate toilet for added convenience. A single internal access garage with an automatic door also houses the laundry, adding to the home's practicality. Set on a low-maintenance section, this property is perfect for those looking for an easy-care lifestyle. Vacant and ready for a new owner now. Contact Debby Turner - 021 617 482 for more details! Rental Appraisal \$520-\$530PW.



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Fixed Price \$415,000

2 1 1 81

Open Home: Sunday 29th June 12.00 - 12.30pm

An excellent opportunity to secure a brick, 2 Double-bedroom townhouse just moments from Levin's town centre! This home offers an open-plan kitchen and dining area, a spacious lounge with plenty of natural light, and a north-facing orientation to capture the sun. Stay comfortable year-round with the added convenience of a heat pump. Recent updates include -new carpet throughout and a fully renovated bathroom featuring an oversized shower, modern vanity, and toilet. The property also boasts infinity gas hot water, a single garage with workshop storage, and a fully fenced backyard perfect for pets. The Decramastic roof has been re-chipped and there are security doors on both outside doors. Lovely private neighborhood, and an easy walk to the shops. - move in and make it your own! Rental Appraisal of \$480-\$500PW.



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14 Rugby Street, Levin

By Negotiation

2 2 1 149

Open Home: Sunday 29th June 12.30 - 1.00pm

Great location at 14 Rugby Street, Levin. This two bedroom plus office home is a real beauty - approximately 17 years old, low maintenance with easy care grounds. *Main bedroom is extra large with ensuite, shower and toilet, and walk in wardrobe. . The second bedroom is a double with wardrobe. . Office or sewing room .Main bathroom has a bath shower and vanity. . Separate toilet The open plan kitchen is modern with a dishwasher, plenty of storage, a breakfast bar. The dining/family area is spacious and has doors opening out to a north facing sunny out door area. The lounge is separate so there is plenty of room for the family, the house is insulated and has 2 heatpumps for the winter ahead. The small easy care grounds give you more time to enjoy life. The garage has internal access and with a loft for storage and a new door This is a real beauty and would appeal to a wide range of buyers, phone Debby on 021617482 to book a viewing. My vendors are ready to go! .



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223 Heatherlea East Road, Levin

Fixed Price \$855,000

3 2 2 166 5300

Open Home: Sunday 29th June 1.30 - 2.00pm

Prepare yourself for this beauty — located on the outskirts of Levin and zoned for Koputaroa School, this 3-bedroom brick home is ideal for families or couples seeking a small lifestyle block. The vendors are ready to go, so don't muck around! This property is unaffected by the new Expressway and just a 5-minute drive to Levin. The main bedroom includes an ensuite and walk-in wardrobe, while the open-plan kitchen and dining flow to a sunny north-facing outdoor space — perfect for entertaining. The lounge offers peaceful views, and comfort is year-round with a heat pump and Moisture Master system. There's a double internal access garage with excellent storage, plus a large separate shed for the boat, caravan, or hobbies. A generous paddock is ready for a sheep or pony, and a natural spring pond surrounded by native trees and birdlife adds a serene touch. There's even space to build a tiny home. With an RV of \$950,000 and an asking price of \$855,000, this unique property is priced to sell. Make an appointment or visit an open home — but don't delay!



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Businesses urged not to wait for the rebound

Business leaders must stop expecting the market to rebound and instead focus on adapting to permanent structural shifts.

Assia Salikhova (below), managing director of Wellington-based agency Smarketing Lab, says many businesses are misreading the current climate.

“It’s not that marketing doesn’t work. It’s that the way we’re using it needs to evolve,” she says.

The belief that things will soon return to normal has left many firms passive and hesitant. But Assia argues that the pace of change now requires an entirely new mindset.

“We are no longer in a cycle where patience pays. The environment is changing faster than before and waiting it out is no longer a viable strategy.”

This new reality challenges long-standing assumptions.

“What worked five years ago, or even five months ago, is irrelevant if it doesn’t work today,” she says. “Marketing experience doesn’t carry the same weight.”

Unless the campaign you’re referencing ran last month, it may not apply.”

Tip 1: Reassess how you attract customers
Firms relying on past successes or word-of-mouth alone risk being left behind. The question is no longer “Where have the customers gone?” but rather, “How do we adapt to how they now choose and buy?”

Tip 2: Be ready to pivot faster
Assia points to how rapidly big political and technological changes occur today.
“We’re not talking about decade-long transitions. Entire markets can shift in weeks,” she says.
Businesses must test, measure, and decide quickly.

Make faster decisions based on data, not legacy experience.

Tip 3: Update your offer, not just your channel
It’s not the channel that’s broken; it’s often the relevance of the offer.

“We hear people say nothing works any more. But it’s not about the *Yellow Pages* versus Facebook. It’s about whether what you’re offering still makes sense.”

She gives the example of a petrol station struggling as travel habits change and fuel prices rise. Advertising alone won’t drive foot traffic.

“But transforming into a convenience hub – adding a pharmacy, a café, or specialty retail – shifts the value proposition,” she says.

Understanding demand is now critical.
Choice saturation means novelty no longer guarantees success.

“We used to be able to rely on curiosity; new barbecues, spas, restaurants. But now, almost everything is surplus.”

In a surplus market, your offer must meet a real need, not just be new.

Empathy is still a competitive edge
Assia also urges businesses to listen more closely to their customers.

“Understand their changing needs. Walk in their shoes. Build your offers around them, not just around what you want to sell,” she says.

Even small steps, such as adjusting your newsletter strategy, can matter if they align with real customer timing and interests.

The upturn might never arrive in the form many expect. The more productive approach is to change what you can control: revise your offer, your expectations, and your speed of response. In uncertain markets, relevance (not history) wins.

■ Assia is managing director of Smarketing Lab See smarketinglab.co.nz



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85 Ohau Terraces, Ohau

By Negotiation

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5 Big Sky Drive, Ohau, Horowhenua.

DEADLINE



Rural Retreat



Enjoy the perfect balance of modern comfort and rural serenity in this beautifully finished, brand new four-bedroom home, tucked away on a quiet private street with sweeping views of the Tararua Ranges. To be sold by deadline sale (by 22 July).

Open: Sun, 29 July 12:45 pm - 1:15 pm

9 Big Sky Drive, Ohau, Horowhenua.

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4-Bedroom Home with Tararua Views



Escape to the country without compromising on style or comfort! This stunning, newly built four-bedroom home is perfectly positioned on a quiet, private street in a peaceful rural setting — offering breathtaking views of the Tararua Ranges. To be sold by deadline sale (by 17 July).

Open: Sun, 29 July 12:00 pm - 12:30 pm

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Discover the perfect blend of peacefulness and modern living with this brand new, spacious 3-bedroom property. Nestled in the serene surroundings of Ohau, this home offers the ultimate lifestyle living without the hassle of maintenance. **Price by negotiation. Viewing by appointment only.**

3 Railway Terrace, Ohau, Horowhenua.



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Start now for early crops

A still life painting featuring a large, woven wicker basket filled with various autumnal vegetables. In the foreground, a large, bright orange pumpkin sits on the left, surrounded by several smaller red and orange pumpkins. To the right of the large pumpkin is a large head of green cabbage. The basket is overflowing with various root vegetables, including potatoes, carrots, and squash. The background is a warm, textured wash of yellow and orange, suggesting a rustic setting. The overall style is painterly and detailed, with visible brushstrokes and a rich color palette.

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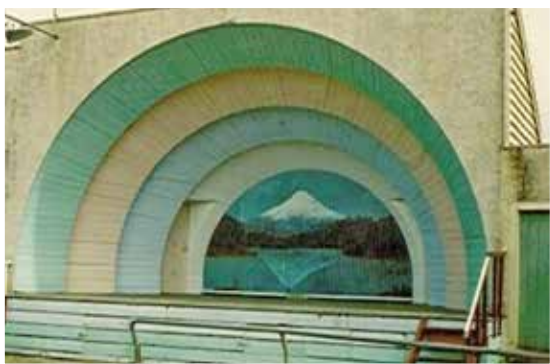
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CRESSWELLS BLACKSMITH SHOP, FOXTON, 1925: The blacksmith shop was on the corner of Main Street and Cook Street. This photograph shows three men and a youth along with horses and carts. Harold Cresswell is the man wearing the leather apron. The Cresswell family lived in corner house opposite the blacksmith shop.

All photos: Foxton Historical Society

Right: OLD FOXTON IDENTITIES Bob Heath, Bill Neville Snr, Jack Kelly, Bing Healy and Arthur Bloomfield outside Heath’s shop, Main Street, Foxton, c1930.



FOXTON BEACH SOUNDSHELL AND SKATING RINK
The carnivals at Foxton Beach have become holiday memories for many people. The skating rink was completed in 1945 and many international stars performed under the spotlight at the beach.



MUAŪPOKO TRIBAL AUTHORITY INC (MTA)

Notice of Elections 2025

In accordance with Muaūpoko Tribal Authority Inc (MTA) rules, (17.0 & 19.0) the MTA Board now calls for suitably qualified candidates to fill the following vacancies on the Board of Trustees:

In accordance with clause 17.0 of the Constitution for ordinary Board members and 19.0 of Constitution for Alternate Members, the following positions are open to be filled:

Ngāti Hine - Board Member (3 Year term) & Alternate (3 Year term)

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Punahau – Board Member (3 Year term) & Alternate (3 Year term)

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Retiring Board members may stand for re-election.

Call for Nominations

Nominations will open **Friday 11th July, 2025** and close at **5pm Friday 25th July, 2025**.

Candidates must be registered with Muaūpoko Tribal Authority in the Hapū they wish to stand for and must complete the official nomination form.

Each nomination must be supported by two adult members of Muaūpoko Tribal Authority registered in the same Hapū electorate for which the candidate is nominated.

Nomination forms and Candidates Handbook can be requested through –

Email: returningofficer@muaupoko.iwi.nz or

Phone: Muaūpoko Tribal Authority to request one be posted out to you on **(06) 367 3311**

WEB: Can be downloaded from Muaūpoko Tribal Authority website www.muaupoko.iwi.nz

These may also be collected from the registered office of Muaūpoko Tribal Authority, 306 Oxford Street Taitoko (Levin)

Election Details

A list of the confirmed candidates will be posted with the election voting forms.

Call for Registration

The Board of Muaūpoko Tribal Authority Incorporated invites anyone with appropriate tribal and hapū affiliations, who is not already enrolled or any members wishing to update their details, to do so.

NZ’s rarest stamp to go under the hammer

Ōtaki stamp and coin auctionhouse Mowbray Collectables will put New Zealand’s rarest stamp under the hammer later this year.

It was subsequently referenced at several international shows and in sales lists until finally, in 1998, it was bought by NZ Post for \$125,000 to coincide with a centenary commemoration reprint of the 1898 Pictorials issue. It has been on long-term loan with The Museum of New Zealand Te Papa Tongarewa since 2010.

NZ Post head of stamps and collectables Antony Harris says it’s an exciting moment for the philatelic community.

“It’s been a privilege for NZ Post to have cared for the Taupō invert for the past 27 years,” Antony says. “We’re thrilled to have the opportunity to facilitate a landmark event for stamp collectors with its public auction.”

The Taupō Invert will be auctioned by Mowbray Collectables in Wellington on September 20.

Entrance tides June 27-July 4

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No rugby after more ref abuse

By Paul Williams

Enough is enough.

Horowhenua-Kāpiti Rugby Football Union has taken the unprecedented step of postponing all rugby this weekend in the wake of another incident of serious referee abuse at the weekend.

Less than a month ago the union issued a warning to all affiliated clubs and schools that games would be postponed if there were further incidents of referee abuse, after an incident where a match official was hit with a corner post and threatened by a spectator with stabbing.

Last weekend a referee officiating a college match was subjected to serious verbal abuse and physical intimidation, the union told the *Star*.

“Abuse was directed at the referee throughout the match by multiple visiting individuals,

culminating in a situation so concerning that members of the public felt compelled to escort the referee to his vehicle following the game, for his safety.”

The union is reluctant to name the clubs or teams involved, instead suggesting the game of rugby needed an entire culture shift in the way officials were treated. While the vast majority of players and spectators toed the line, the level of sideline abuse from a fringe spectator element had heightened and would not be tolerated.

“Horowhenua-Kāpiti Rugby Football Union is appalled by this behaviour and stands with our match officials. This conduct has no place in our game, at any level and will not be tolerated.”

HKRFU had warned all clubs that further instances of serious referee abuse would

trigger immediate and decisive action. That statement, endorsed by the union’s board, rugby committee, all member clubs and affiliated associations, made clear that the safety and respect of referees were non-negotiable.

In line with that commitment, the union has postponed all junior, college-grade and club matches this weekend.

Union chief executive Corey Kennett says the decision, while difficult, is necessary.

“This will provide time to reflect and consider what kind of rugby environment we are creating and enabling,” he says. “We must take collective responsibility to protect our referees, uphold the mana of our game, and ensure that rugby remains a safe and respectful environment for everyone involved.

“The standard you walk past is the standard you accept. Stand up and show your support for our match officials.”

HKRFU chair John Cribb has also condemned the incident.

“The HKRFU board is united in its condemnation of this behaviour,” he says. “It is unacceptable and not what we expect from anyone involved in rugby. Whether you’re a player, coach, parent, or supporter, you have a responsibility to uphold the values of our game.

“Referee abuse undermines everything we stand for and will not be tolerated. We expect better, and our referees deserve better.”

The union says it will work with clubs, schools, and the wider rugby whānau to ensure that sideline culture reflects the spirit of the game.

Promising Bruno rides a Platinum winner

By Bruce Falloon

Hugely promising Brazilian jockey Bruno Queiroz rode Platinum Diamond to win the feature race at the Ōtaki-Māori Matariki meeting last week, the \$80,000 John Turkington Castletown Stakes.

Bruno, 23, left his native Brazil to ride for Kiwi trainer Stephen Gray when he was based in Singapore. In May this year he teamed up again with Stephen, who is now back in New Zealand training at Rongotea.

Bruno has already gained considerable international experience, winning two champion jockey titles in Rio de Janeiro, and he’s already ridden more than 1100 career winners. He’s has been described as a talented jockey with a big future.

His godfather is internationally renowned jockey Joao Moreira.

It hasn’t taken him long to settle in New Zealand either, with 13 wins from 76 rides, earning more than \$330,000 in stakemoney. A jockey’s cut is 5 percent.

Bruno was full of praise for the effort of Platinum Diamond.

“She is a lovely horse to ride. I just sat in behind them, and moved up on the inside along the rail, which at that stage she was just cruising,” he says. “As we turned into the straight, and still travelling well, we then got a gap at about the 300m mark and we went through and she responded very well, and raced away comfortably and won easing down at the line by about a length.”

Awapuni trainer Lisa Latta says she hadn’t decided yet on where the daughter of Hello Youmzain would head next.

“She’s a lovely filly to train, she just keeps going forward in the right direction, and just keeps improving,” she says. “We’ll just wait and see how she pulls up today to see where we head to next.”

Earlier on the programme, Pipers Son won the Foxton Cup ridden by Elle Sole and trained at Stratford by Tony Dravitski, who also shares in the ownership.

Meanwhile, Ōtaki-Māori Racing Club chief executive Ben Jamison said the crowd

numbers were well up on previous years and the track held up well after staging extra meetings last year when Trentham, Awapuni and Hastings were out of action.

“We had a lot of racing,” he says.

There was also an incident in May this year when vandalism had caused a meeting to be postponed.

“We’d never experienced that before, and I wouldn’t wish that on any club, that’s for sure,” he says.



Bruno Queiroz on Platinum Diamond after the Castletown Stakes win.
Photo Bruce Falloon

RESULTS & DRAWS

RUGBY

No games tomorrow (Saturday)

Saturday, June 11

Bill Muir Cup (Senior Reserves) Rāhui 63, Paraparaumu 23.

Rāhui: Tries to M Rikihana 2, L Nansen 2, P Cook 2, T Baker, N Fleming, J Sovea, D Hakaraia, CVanderwiel. M Rikihana 4 conv. *Paraparaumu:* Tries to C Voullaire, T Van Shaik, S Duseigneur. T Snow conv, pen. C Voullaire pen.

Foxton 35, Levin COB 24

Foxton: Tries to J Henare 3, K Murphy, R Kreeger. K Murphy 5 conv. *Levin COB:* Tries to P Toeileu, N Fiu, S Ma’asi, G Levave. L Salu 2 conv.

Athletic 34, Levin Wanderers 5

Athletic: Tries to T Ulutoa 2, F Hala, L Scarrett, P Tudravu. M Easton 3 conv.

Wanderers: Try to C Chard.

Ramsbotham Cup (Premiers)

Rāhui 34, Paraparaumu 23.

Rāhui: Tries to J Ashford, A Roach, V Donaghy, T Donaghy, M Connor-Phillips. H Buick conv, A Roach 2 conv, pen.

Foxton 68, Levin COB 33

Foxton: Tries to K Eriksson 2, T Tihema, M Laursen, J David, J Rauca, J Sanson, M Harvey 2, C Paki. A.Murphy 9 conv. *Levin COB:* Tries to N Tafolo, M Pesamino, H Fonoti 3. C Salu 4 Conv

Levin Wanderers 16, Shannon 14.

Wanderers: Tries to T Himiona-Hyland, M Tansley. M Masoe pen, A Taiapa pen.

Shannon: Tries to P Carroll, J Woodmass. S Page 2 conv,

GOLF

Levin (week ending June 22)

Monday: Speldhurst 9 Hole Stableford: Steve Tustin 19, Brian Lange 16, Mike Cashmore 15. Twos: Brian Lange.

Tuesday: Men Net: Bruce Mehrtens 70, Ian King 73, Klass De Graff 74. Twos: Bruce Mehrtens. *Wednesday:* 9 Hole Mixed Ambrose: 1st Mike Dalley + Dave Douglas + Karen Smith + Hutchings, 2nd Cecily Archer + Carrol Jordan + Max Simmons + Sid Richardson; Ladies Net: Leanne Ward 75, Val Smith 75, Anita Davidson 75; *Thursday:* Early Men Stableford: Tony Johnston 35, Mike Tate 34, Kevin Campbell 34. Twos: Mike Tate. *Friday:* 9 Hole Mixed Stableford: Lance Heger 20, Paddy Enright 20, Eric Smith 19. Speldhurst 9 Hole Stableford: Steve Tristin 16, Brian Lange 16, Neville McRae 15. *Saturday:* Early Men.

Foxton 9 Hole, June 25.

Stableford Competition: Mahes Naran 23, Kevin Young 20, Charlie Matenga 16, Geoff McBrydie 17, Karen Marshall 17, Carol Kupa 14, Chris Lee 13, Elaine Pedersen 13, Christine Lee 13, Neil Savage 12, Clint Taylor 12, Serena Hunt 11.

9 Hole, June 18

Nett Competition Neil Savage 38, Steve Kupa 38, Kevin Young 39, Serena Hunt 40, Geoff McBrydie 40, Christine Lee 40, Sylvia Young 42, Jennifer Sexton 42, Ruth Williams 43.

Midweek, June 19

Joanne Wilton 37, Paul Hansen 36, Barry Graham 35, Lorna Soo 33.

FOOTBALL

Fixtures: Saturday, June 28

Levin AFC Sports - Bye.

Levin AFC Reserves v Feilding Utd AFC Men’s Reserves, 12:30pm at Donnelly Park.

RSM Legends v Levin AFC Social, 2:45pm at Celaeno Park.

Levin AFC Masters - PN Marist Dunshaegans, 2:45 at Donnelly Park

Levin AFC v FC Western 2:45 at Donnelly Park.

RSM Wrinklies v Levin AFC Colts, 2:45pm at Skoglund Park.

Levin AFC Womens Reserves v Dannevirke Sports Club Valkyrie, 1pm at Donnelly Park.

PN Marist Mayhem - Levin AFC Women’s Prems, 1pm at Hokowhitu Park.

Results:

Levin AFC Women’s Prems 0, NP Rangers AFC Women’s 1sts 2.

Woodville AFC Women 1, Levin AFC Womens Reserves 8.

Levin AFC Social 6, DSC Rangers 0.

Wanganui Marist Wanderers 4, Levin AFC Masters 0.

Levin AFC 4, Wanganui City FC 1sts 0.

Levin AFC Sports 4, DSC Vikings 2.

Levin AFC Colts 5, Takaro United 4.

Levin AFC Reserves 1, Whanganui Athletic Reserves 6.

PN Marist Women’s Reserves 2, Levin AFC Women’s Prems 0.



CROSS COUNTRY

Grant Isaacs Trophy

Year 4 Boys: 1 Louis Brooke (Ōhau), 2 Alexander Giannoutsos (St Joseph’s), 3 Jayden McArtney (Levin East) 4 Shelby Campbell (Levin) 5 Hendrix Pearson (Levin East).

Year 4 Girls: 1 Tanje Ozkan (Koputaroa), 2 Christa Rasmussen (Levin North), 3 Davina Surjoopersad (Levin), 4 Laila Moore (Fairfield), 5 Tākiri Paku (Poroutawhao).

Year 5 Boys: 1 Troy Scarrett (Fairfield), 2 Harry Easton (Poroutawhao), 3 Aiyah Apaapa-Nepia (Ōhau), 4 Beau Whiley (Levin East), 5 Angus Easton (Poroutawhao).

Year 5 Girls: 1 Alexia Farmer (Ōhau), 2 Aeryn Richardson (Fairfield), 3 Alexis McLeod (Koputaroa), 4 Scarlett Ogilive (Ōhau), 5 Millar Adlam (Koputaroa).

Year 6 Boys: 1 Kingston Togatama (Levin East), 2 Isaac Smith (Koputaroa), 3 Ngarongo Tamihana (Poroutawhao), 4 Layton Jones (Ōhau), 5 Ky-Mani Hansard (St Joseph’s).

Year 6 Girls: 1 Evie Blyton (Fairfield), 2 Priya Shaw-Law (Koputaroa), 3 Ingrid Hall (Koputaroa), 4 Kora Windley (Levin North), 5 Niah Chen-Cootes (Levin North).

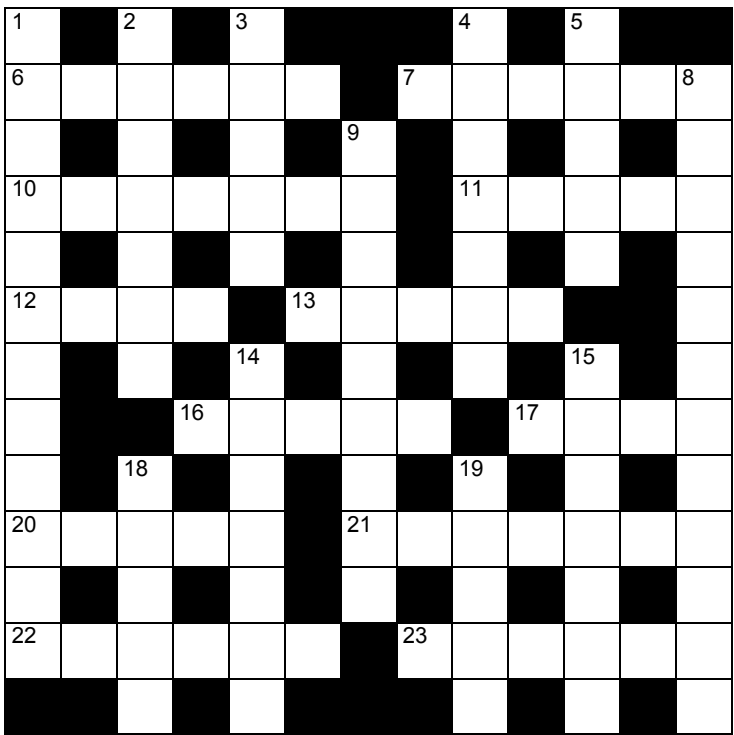
Year 7 Boys: 1 Charlie Wright (Fairfield), 2 Connor Trevethick (Koputaroa), 3 Charlie Meaclem (Levin Int), 4 Samson King (Taitoko), 5 Karter Fifita-Tovo (Taitoko).

Year 7 Girls: 1 Fleur Turner (Levin Int), 2 Saylor Ratima (Levin Int), 3 Bessie Cooper (Levin Int), 4 Lilibeth Tomescu (Koputaroa), 5 Indie Cooksley (Fairfield).

Year 8 Boys: 1 Noah Kiri (Fairfield), 2 Kaeden Watson (Levin Int), 3 Elyejah Wall-Taniwha (Levin Int), 4 Lenox Smith (Koputaroa), 5 Lissandron Briz (Levin Int).

Year 8 Girls: 1 Karli Westerby (Levin Int), 2 Georgia Adlam (Koputaroa), 3 Niyah Henare-Pearson (Fairfield), 4 Lavender Tafa (Levin Int), 5 Ayla Richardson (Fairfield).

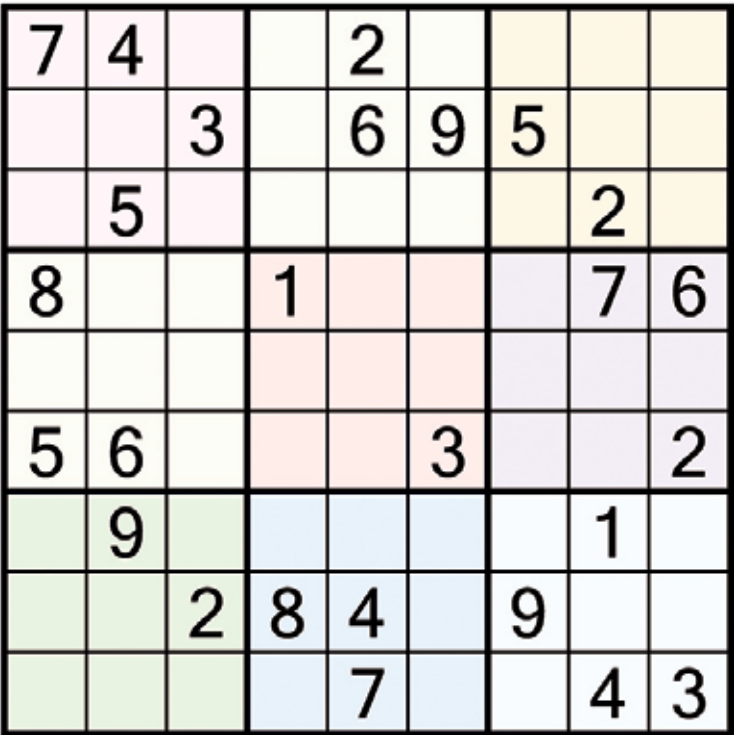
THE CROSSWORD #NZ1941H (answers below right)




- ACROSS**
- 6. Second-hand store (colloq) (2,4)
 - 7. Spider’s handiwork (6)
 - 10. Wiped out species, e.g. huia or moa (7)
 - 11. Ten (M) (5)
 - 12. At hand (4)
 - 13. Devonshire tea staple (5)
 - 16. Tomato or barbecue (5)
 - 17. Element often in sunscreen (4)
 - 20/21. MP for Tauranga and former cabinet minister who left parliament in 2022 (5,7)
 - 22. NZ band which included brothers Marc and Todd Hunter (6)
 - 23. Edible part of a nut (6)

- DOWN**
- 1. Job done! Objective achieved (4,3,5)
 - 2. Tobacco receptacle (7)
 - 3. Number off (5)
 - 4. Warning sign (7)
 - 5. Alert (5)
 - 8. Inflatable structure (6,6)
 - 9. Dice-shaped dehydrated flavouring used in cooking (5,4)
 - 14. Ship bombed in 1985 in retaliation for Greenpeace nuclear testing protests, _____ Warrior (7)
 - 15. Sailing ship’s spars, ropes, etc (7)
 - 18. Greasy mark (5)
 - 19. One who opts out (5)

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KIWIANA QUIZ

Kiwiana celebrates icons that are a part of New Zealand culture and identity. *Answers bottom of page.*

- More copies of this book have been sold than any other book in New Zealand. What is it?
- What Christmas dessert has long been at the centre of a trans-Tasman argument?
- What is the term that epitomises the “kiwi bloke” as someone who can turn their hand to anything?
- Dave Dobbyn’s *Slice of Heaven* reached No 1 on the NZ music charts in what year? a. 1986 b. 1987 c. 1988 d. 1985.
- Known as flip-flops in the UK and US, and thongs in Australia, what do we call them in New Zealand?
- Made of rolled oats, flour, sugar, butter, golden syrup, baking soda and boiling water, and popularised during the First World War, what are these?
- What retro brand of soft drink dating back to 1918 was originally distributed in Foxton and as far south as Ōtaki, and north to Sanson? In 2010 it began enjoying a resurgence in popular cafés and some bars.
- What song by NZ group Pātea Māori Club reached No 1 on the NZ music charts in 1984?
- What is the popular soft drink with the slogan “World Famous in New Zealand since ages ago”?
- The Longest Drink In Town – since 1968. What do dairies and ice-cream parlours use these iconic paper cups for?
- What Pascall sweet was discontinued in 2008 due to a lack of interest?
- What adventure sport was commercialised in NZ in 1986?
- What is a male farmer, hunter or bushman hailing from the deep rural south known as?
- A small holiday home in NZ is also known as?
- What popular NZ chocolate company is based in Porirua?

WORD SEARCH answers page 19

OBNOXIOUS	RAPSCALLION
SCUZZY	CHURLISH
MALICIOUS	DISAGREEABLE
INCLEMENT	NASTY
UNPLEASANT	REPUGNANT
VARLET	PETTY
CAITIFF	OFFENSIVE
ODIOUS	LOATHSOME


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CROSSWORD #1941H ANSWERS Across: 6. Op shop, 7. Cobweb, 10. Extinct, 11. Tekau, 12. Near, 13. Scone, 16. Sauce, 17. Zinc, 20/21. Simon Bridges, 22. Dragon, 23. Kernel. Down: 1. Home and hosed, 2. Ashtray, 3. Count, 4. Portent, 5. Awake, 8. Bouncy castle, 9. Stock cube, 14. Rainbow, 15. Rigging, 18. Smear, 19. Piker.


KIWIANA QUIZ

ANSWERS: 1. Edmonds Cookbook. 2. Pavlova. 3. No 8 Wire. 4. a. 1986. 5. Jandals. 6. Anzac Biscuits. 7. Foxton Fizz. 8. Poi E. 9. L&P. 10. Milkshakes. 11. Sniffers. 12. Bungee jumping. 13. Southern man. 14. Bach or crib. 15. Whittakers.




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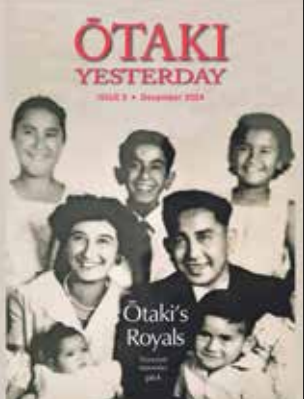
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ENROLMENTS FOR TERM 3&4 2025

The School Board invites applications from parents who wish to enrol their children at Poroutawhao School.

Enrolment at Poroutawhao School is governed by an enrolment scheme, details of which are available on our website.

Enrolments for students within zone would be appreciated to assist with our planning.

The board has determined that up to 15 places are likely to be available for out-of-zone students in 2025.

The exact number of places in any term will depend on the number of applications received from students who live within the school's home zone.

The enrolment period runs from Monday July 14 to Wednesday December 17, 2025. For students seeking enrolment within this enrolment period, the deadline for receipt of applications for out-of-zone places is Friday June 27, 2025.

If the number of out-of-zone applications exceeds the number of places available, students will be selected by ballot.

If a ballot for out-of-zone places is required, it will be held on Monday June 30, 2025.

Parents will be informed of the outcome of the ballot within three days of the ballot being held.

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Notice of AGM and Election Result
The Trust AGM will be held on
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Registration from 10am

AGENDA

1. Financial Reporting
2. Trustee operations of the last year
3. Trust Project Updates
4. Resolutions regarding support for the three nominees
5. General Business
6. Presentation on Review of Trust from Renika Siciliano & Baden Vertongen (Court Appointed Counsel)

Documents available prior to the hui can be found on the trust website and Facebook page. **Note that this is the 2024 AGM for the Trust.** The delayed scheduling has been approved by Judge Warren of the Māori Land Court.

Notice of Election Result

The Horowhenua 11 Part Reservation Trust gave notice inviting nominations to fill 6 trustee positions. The Registrar of Māori Land Court Aotea, as Returning Officer, has confirmed three nominations were received: Selena Hunt, Marokopa Wiremu-Matakatea, Jonathan Proctor. Judge Warren has confirmed that, as there were just three nominations for the six positions, no election is required. However, Judge Warren requires indications of support for each of the three nominees by way of resolution and a show of hands at the AGM.



LEVIN COSMOPOLITAN CLUB INC

NOTICE OF MEETING

Notice is hereby given that a Special Meeting of Members of the Levin Cosmopolitan Club Incorporated will be held in the Hudson Room, Tuesday July 15, 2025 at 4pm.

BUSINESS

To adopt our updated Constitution to enable us to re-register as an Incorporated Society.

This will be the only topic for discussion. The Constitution will be available to read on the Levin Cosmopolitan Club website and hard copies will be available at the Club.

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