



Recipients of the Youth Excellence Scholarships with Mayor Bernie Wanden. – Photo: Captured by Get Content

Youth shine at awards

The spirit of Horowhenua shone brightly on Tuesday night as the district gathered to honour its exceptional citizens at the annual Civic Awards.

While long-serving community champions were celebrated for their dedication and impact, it was the remarkable achievements of local rangatahi – recognised through the Youth Excellence Awards – that offered an inspiring glimpse into a vibrant and promising future for the district.

Youth scholarships were presented to 15 local rangatahi who showed outstanding ability in arts and culture, sport, community service and academia. The scholarships recognise the effort, talent and leadership of rangatahi throughout the district by providing practical support as they work toward their goals in their chosen endeavours.

The Arts and Culture recipients also shared performances during the awards evening at Te Takeretanga o Kura hau pō, highlighting the strength of local talent and creativity.

Also recognised were four locals heroes – Mary Davis, Jeffrey Paulin, and Wayne and Debra Kaye – who received Civic Honours, Horowhenua's highest awards, from Mayor Bernie Wanden.

Mary was recognised for her decades of voluntary service and enduring commitment to hockey, heritage, and community life, and her lasting impact on generations of residents in Horowhenua.

Jeffrey was honoured for his decades as a volunteer spanning many organisations, sports, and cultural groups, reflecting a deep commitment to supporting others and strengthening the social fabric of the district. At the heart of his service is Te Whare Mahana Community Hub.

Wayne and Debra Kaye have been pillars of the Levin RSA. Their commitment, leadership,

and volunteer service has spanned 15 years, and has been instrumental in ensuring the survival and growth of an organisation that has been a cornerstone of Levin for nearly a century.

There were also four Certificates of Recognition recipients – Corey Prouting, Frank Taylor, Jack Gibson, and Robert Ropata Remihana.

Mayor Bernie said the awards were an annual highlight for the council since they began 20 years ago, in 1995.

"Tonight is about celebrating you – your remarkable achievements, your dedication, and the positive impact you've made on the lives of those around you," he said. "Our community is stronger, kinder, and more vibrant because of your contributions."

"The energy, commitment and care everyone brings to our community is what makes

evenings like tonight so special. It is a privilege to celebrate these contributions together and to acknowledge the ways in which we all work collectively to make Horowhenua a vibrant and thriving place to live."

He said the awards were a reminder of what could be achieved through generosity of time, passion and perseverance.

Civic Honours: Mary Davis, Jeffrey Paulin, Wayne and Debra Kaye.

Certificates of Recognition: Corey Prouting, Frank Taylor, Jack Gibson, Robert Ropata Remihana.

Youth Excellence Scholarships

Arts and Culture: Haewon Kim, Hunter Kahukuranui Pakau, Pusa Fonoti, Saoirse Williamson.

Community Service: Tyson Jones, Sienna Laplanche, Dycen Taituha, Owen Winstanley.

Sport: William Dunsmore, Fletcher Warren, Anahera Easton, Finn Pedersen.

Academia: Tareesha Kiran, Liam Roach, Youan Salt.

Tim Costley MP for Ōtaki

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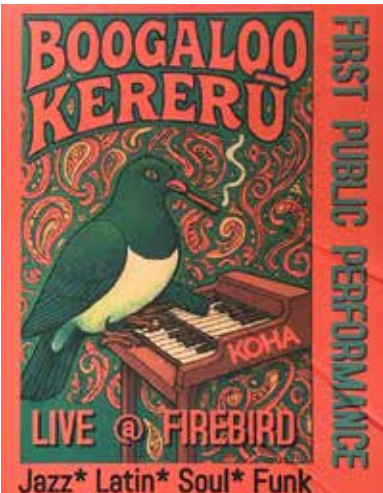


MOCEAN
Firebird Café
7.30pm Saturday (November 22)
Entry \$10

Paekakariki-based soul/reggae band Mocean is playing at Firebird Café in Levin tomorrow night (Saturday). Mocean is fronted by Himiona Grace and Julia Truscott, weaving two-part harmonies, ambient textures, and melodic riffs. They create original music within a variety of genre including reggae, indigenous, and acoustic.

GRAVEL TRAX
 Gravel Trax, featuring local musicians Steve Poulton and Geoff Lewis, are playing at Levin RSA tonight (Friday) from 5.30pm.

BIG SWING BAND
 On Friday night next week (November 28) Levin RSA will host the Manawātū Jazz club's Big Swing Band, starting at 7pm.
 No entry fee.



BOOGALOO KERERU
Firebird Café
6pm tonight (Friday)
Entry free but koha appreciated

A band bringing a unique genre of music will play its first public appearance live in Levin tonight (Friday). Boogaloo Kereru is channelling a unique 1960s Latin music and dance style – Boogaloo. Originating in New York, it was a fusion of American rhythm & blues and soul, and Caribbean mambo and Son Montuno. Songs like Bang, Bang, El Watusi, I Like It Like That and Watermelon Man made artists such as Joe Cuba, Ray Barretto, Pete Rodriguez and Mongo Santamaria famous. Boogaloo Kereru's band members are based in the Kāpiti-Horowhenua-Manawātū area so it makes sense their debut gig is at Levin's Firebird Café. The band includes: Miles Crayford (Hammond organ), James Tait-Jamieson (sax/vox), Robert Kingi (guitar), Ryan Watson (drums).

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On the Main Stage

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Levin and Districts Brass in a recent photo (above), and (above right) the Levin Municipal Band – the forerunner of the current band, in a photo taken in 1964.

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Brass band celebrates 125 years

By Janine Baalbergen

Levin and Districts Brass is celebrating its 125th year and plans to see many more years with a new youth academy that could boost band numbers by at least 30.

The band’s bass trombone player, Mat West, has offered to take over the current youth tutoring programme – the academy would be an extension of that programme. He ran a successful academy in Taupō for several years. President Chris Craddock says the academy could have 30 young people being tutored on brass and percussion weekly.

“The main push for learners will be at the start of 2026 when Mat will visit all schools in the Horowhenua,” he says.

Anniversary celebrations will include a special concert and a fundraising programme for new instruments. The band currently has 31 brass players, three percussionists, a musical director, and a compere.

It was originally called Levin Municipal Band,

established on April 21, 1900. In 1989 the band was renamed Levin and Districts Brass. Chris started with Levin Municipal Band as a 7-year-old learner in 1968. His first national contest with the senior band was in Dunedin in 1974. The longest continuous member of the band is drum major/bass player Nigel Hewit, who started 47 years ago in 1978. The band’s youngest members are brother and sister ?? Maas, 15 (trombone), and Leah Maas, 13 (solo cornet). Their father is musical director Hugh Maas. The oldest playing member is former conductor Colin Honey, 84 (cornet). Recent success nationally means the band can also celebrate moving up from the national C Grade to B Grade. The band will have its anniversary concert at

The Village Hall, Speldhurst Country Estate, Levin, at 2pm on Sunday, December 7, followed by a dinner for current and past members at Speldhurst’s The George restaurant. As the band works towards a busy December, the concert will be the culmination of several days of activities. It starts on Wednesday, December 3, with eight hours of carolling at the Levin New World Christmas Club Day. On Friday, December 5, the band travels to Marton for a 7.30pm concert at St. Stephen’s Anglican Church, and on the Saturday the band will join the Levin Christmas Parade at 2pm, followed by a barbecue and fellowship at the band room. • All past members are invited to the concert and dinner – contact secretary.levinbrass@gmail.com



Levin and Districts Brass president Chris Craddock playing the Eb bass/tuba.

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Waiting for God star ‘found his people’ at Levin theatre

By Paul Williams

Damian Reid knew he’d found his people.

Fairly new to town, he went along to watch the performance of *Stiff* at Levin Little Theatre earlier this year.

The 50-year-old hadn’t been on stage for years, but after seeing the show he wanted in: “They were having so much fun on stage I got the itch to join in and tread the boards, too.”

He successfully auditioned for the part of Tom Bollard in a comedy called *Waiting for God*, which opens tonight (Friday). Alongside co-star Jill Aungiers (Diana Trent) and a talented cast, the show is receiving rave reviews from those who have had a sneak peek of rehearsals.

“You know if the audience laughs as much as we have through the process, we’ll be fine,” he says.

Damian grew up in Masterton and had worked mostly in sales and IT but has always moonlighted with his creative side.

He’s also done some TV, radio and is a celebrant, too. He has hosted corporate murder mystery evenings and quiz nights and was well known as the MC for the annual Armageddon Expo, facilitating Q&As with visiting stars.

But his love for community theatre has always burned bright.

“With live theatre there’s an exchange of energy with the audience that you don’t get from watching YouTube,” he says. “With professional theatre you sometime lose a bit of enjoyment because you have to help promoters bring in the dollars, but with amateur theatre it’s all fun.



Co-stars of Levin Little Theatre’s latest production, *Waiting for God*, Damian Reid and Jill Aungiers – ““With live theatre there’s an exchange of energy with the audience that you don’t get from watching YouTube,” Damian says.

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“It’s a way to meet people and after months of rehearsals and then shows you have lifelong friendships. Everyone plays a part – backstage, costume changes, meals before the show.

“If you make a mistake, you know someone will save you and help you get out of it and that feeling of working together is amazing. You’re always learning from others and seeing things through a different view. It’s a real fun experience.

“And you get to be someone else for a while – for two hours you’re not thinking about the warrant of fitness or the mortgage.”

He’d watched *Waiting for God* on TV growing

up and was a fan of English comedy, with shows like *The Two Ronnies*, *Porridge*, *Last of the Summer Wine*, *Allo Allo*, *The Darling Buds of May* . . . the list goes on.

So he is relishing the role of Tom.

“Technically, the character is 20 years older than I am, so it’s given me a glimpse into my future,” he says.

The spark between Tom, Dianna and the entire cast and crew of *Waiting for God* is electric and it gets top marks.

Directed by Sonya Grimstrup, it runs from November 21 to December 6.

■ Bookings at trybooking.com/nz/ZRT

BRIEFS

Streets closed for Christmas Parade and Carnival

Several Levin streets will be closed for the Horowhenua Christmas Parade and Carnival on Saturday, December 6. The parade will begin at the corner of Victoria Street and Weraroa Road, turning right onto Bath Street before finishing on Salisbury Street outside the Levin Domain. On that day Victoria Street will close from 11am to 2.30pm to allow floats to gather. Residents will be allowed access but will be asked not to park cars on the street. Salisbury Street will be closed between 1pm and 6.30pm for the Christmas Carnival at the Levin Domain. Weraroa Road (between Victoria Street and Bath Street) will be closed from 1.45pm to 2.30pm, as will Bath Street (between Weraroa Road and Salisbury Street), Hannan Street and Carlisle Street.

Delays at roundabout

Motorists can expect detours and delays while the final asphaltting and line marking for the new Arapaepae Road/Tararua Road roundabout is under way. A section of SH57/ Arapaepae Road will be closed between Meadowvale Drive and Kimberley Road, and the eastern and western section of Tararua Road from 7pm to 6am each day, excluding Friday and Saturday nights. The work started on Tuesday and is expected to be finished by Friday next week (November 28).

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Every time you choose your community's retailer, café, or service provider, your dollar goes further. It stays in the community, supporting family-owned stores,



Photo Janine Baalbergen

independent operators, and passionate local creators.

It means more local jobs, more apprenticeships, and more long-term career opportunities for Horowhenua residents. When you shop locally, you're helping to build a stronger future, one purchase at a time.

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If like most people you're concerned about, well, just about everything, buying locally also means fewer delivery trucks, less packaging, and a smaller carbon footprint. Many Horowhenua businesses champion sustainability, offering eco-conscious products and encouraging greener choices that help protect our stunning local environment.

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Puppy ad highlights scam awareness

By Janine Baalbergen
and Paul Williams

This week is the 25th anniversary of International Fraud Awareness Week and with scams increasing people are urged to be vigilant – a bogus advert even sneaking into several newspapers around the country, including Horowhenua Star.

Local reader Liz Tomescu became concerned after her mother, Mary-Lou Cranshaw, began talking about a Yorkshire terrier puppy she was getting after seeing an advert last month for two “adorable” puppies that needed rehoming.

“Raised in a loving home, they are playful, friendly and great with kids, other pets...” the ad said, without any mention of price. Liz says her mother was telling her about a puppy that needed rehoming – it was going to cost \$200.

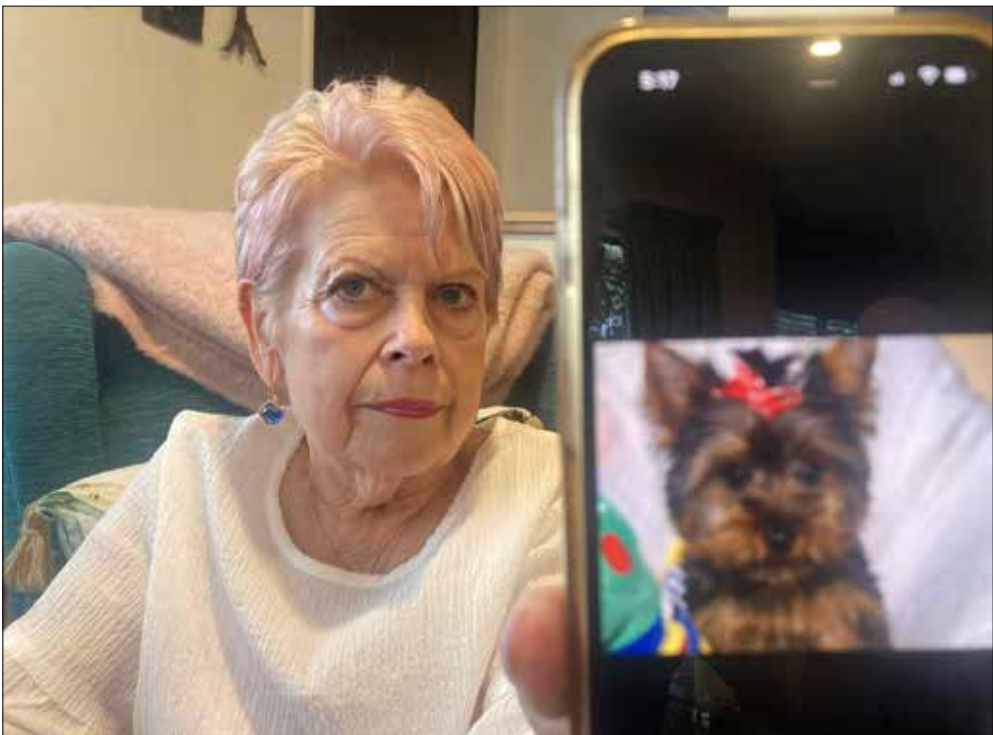
“She had emailed the address in the advertisement and was sent photographs of the couple that supposedly owned the puppies and a photo of the puppy wearing a tiara, which of course was adorable. In the email they said they lived in Levin, but there was no address.”

Mary-Lou says they wanted a \$200 rehoming fee, but she told them she didn’t do PayWave.

“Then they came back with two really cute pictures. I am a sucker for puppies. I gave them my address and said I could drop some money around and would like to come and have a look. The line went dead.”

Liz looked at the photos and they seemed suspicious. On searching further she realised there were similar scams all over the world.

The scam has led the Community Newspapers Association to issue a warning after several papers published the advertisement.



Levin woman Mary-Lou Cranshaw with a photo of the puppy from an email she was sent.
Photo Paul Williams

Convincing scams involving fake apps, professional-looking websites, and persuasive communication have cost unsuspecting New Zealanders an estimated \$2.7 million in just the first quarter of this year. Netsafe received 6601 reports of phishing – people trying to get personal details, non-existent product scams, sextortion (with sexual content), and harassment in the same period.

Elderly, in particular, are targeted by scammers. With 25 percent of Horowhenua’s residents aged 65 or older, local library Te

Takeretanga o Kura-hau-pō is helping people understand what to watch out for.

“The average loss per person is \$7500,” says Horowhenua Libraries services to older adults librarian Henry Gerber, who has teamed up with Leala Faleseuga, who looks after digital inclusion for the libraries. They have combined expertise to set up services to help those unfamiliar with technology to recognise scams.

“We have many queries coming in as the digital space is often still scary and an unknown territory for many,” Henry says.

Leala says scams are crimes.
“We encourage people to use trusted sources like Netsafe to double-check calls from unknown companies or people trying to sell something, and we advise to contact police when they feel threatened.”

Libraries run several courses in which people are told not to answer calls from unknown numbers, and they don’t have to be polite.

“If callers claim to be from the bank, hang up and phone your bank. If they ring at night, be suspicious and wait till morning. Slowing down is a good thing. Scammers will try to hurry you. Take the time to verify what they tell you.

“These days it’s getting harder to see through the scam as messages are accompanied by AI videos that look very real, such as a celebrity or even the prime minister recommending a product or investment scheme. Don’t fall for it. And never send your money overseas.”

Romance and investment scams are rife and scammers can be convincing by using personal information already gathered online.

“Your information, such as address, date and place of birth are your personal property – even names of your kids and grandkids – and are as valuable as your money,” Leala says. “Once scammers have enough info, which they get from social media, they can impersonate you, getting a driver’s licence or a passport in your name. That will allow them to do so much more, like opening bank accounts, buying things online and leaving you with the debt.”

Information can also be sold on to others.

■ *Staying safe online is one course at either Levin or Foxton library – contact leala@horowhenua.govt.nz. Many digital problems can be also discussed with a digi-coach at the library – phone 06 368 1953 for information.*

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By Michael Aitkens

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MAHI MĀRA/Gardening



Many people prefer to buy vegetable seedlings from their local garden shop as they have a head start in comparison to germinating their own seeds at home.

Vegetable seedlings come in three forms: punnets where a number of seeds have germinated and their roots intermingled; six-cell packs that have one or more seeds in each cell that has germinated; and small pots where larger in which more expensive single plants are growing.

GARDENING



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The last is often reserved for the likes of tomatoes, cucumbers, pumpkins, capsicums etc. Experienced gardeners will likely know what I am about to explain but take it as a refresher course.

Nurseries supplying these plants are careful to ensure the seedlings have adequate moisture while in their care – they know that if the growing medium dries out the plants will go into stress. They recover when watered, but they’re not well enough to grow to maturity. They will grow on for a little while, they’ll

eventually go to seed. This is disappointing for the home gardener hoping for a good crop for the table. It’s not so much of a problem for plants that flower and fruit (tomato, capsicum, cucumbers etc) – if they’re stressed they will crop earlier and the fruit might not be as good. When buying seedlings look for the younger vegetable plants in cells and punnets. If need be, grow them on under your care till they are ready to plant out. When planting out I have a bucket of water that has had a little manure in it and some Magic Botanic Liquid. I plunge the punnet under the water to watch the air bubbles come out. I do that every day or so while I am holding them, waiting to plant out. They get a good soaking and a bit of food from the solution. When plant out I soak again till they stop bubbling and on a bench I partly turn the punnet on its edge and tap so that the seedlings and the wet mix all fall safely onto the bench. In a punnet where several seedlings have their roots intertwined, then

back to the bucket of water and while holding then underwater I carefully separate them, which means little or no damage to their roots. Now as individual plants I can plant them out or put them into larger containers to grow. In the planting hole I put a little manure (like sheep pellets), a pinch of Ocean solids, biophos, neem powder, Unlocking Your Soil and Calcium & Health – just a small amount of each, which puts the goodness in the root zone. This way I don’t feed weeds by broadcasting the goodies. After planting, keep the area moist, preferable with non-chlorinated water, and best earlier rather than later in the day. A weekly spray of the foliage with Magic Botanic Liquid (MBL) will make the world of difference to the health of the plants and in the end your health, too. If birds or cats are a problem then put crop cover over hoops to keep the seedlings safe and to keep insect pests, butterflies and others off the plants. The crop cover creates an eco-climate and the plants, better

protected from elements such as wind, grow bigger, faster, naturally. Another tip when you bring any plants home is to check them carefully for any insect pests or their eggs. If you find any, rub them off before you plant them. Many insect problems are ones introduced on plants obtained from outside your property. If you buy a punnet of seedlings and there are more than you want to plant out at that time, simply bunch together the ones left over, make a hole and plant them as a clump. This “heeling in” will hold plants nicely and only slowly grow them till you’re ready to lift them and plant more out a couple weeks later. Then you have succession planting without having to buy more seedlings. Enjoy the stress-free hobby of growing your own food as much as possible and the incredible health benefits you will gain in this age-old endeavour.

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Concern at invasive clam’s migration south

Freshwater gold clams have been found for the first time in Taranaki, raising fears the invasive pest species might get into waterways farther south.

They first appeared in the Waikato region in 2023. Horizons Regional Council environmental manager Craig Davey says the Whanganui River Clam Response Group is already working to stop the small and destructive clams getting into the Horizons region.

“With the weather warming up we know that people will be gearing up to get out on their boats and jet skis and move around the motu,” Craig says. “This is why we are urging people to use the ‘Check, Clean, Dry’ method to ensure they’re not transferring any clams across waterways.”

Dispersal by humans is the most likely way gold clams got into Lake Rotomanu at New Plymouth recently, which is why Horizons is stressing the ‘Check, Clean, Dry’ message.

“Check – for what is visible, Clean – for what is not visible, and Dry – to be sure,” he says. “Everything that touches the water, that includes fishing and boating gear and equipment, swimwear, even the dog, needs to be checked, cleaned and dried.”

MPI’s advice for cleaning includes



Gold clams (*corbicula fluminea*) from Waikato River.
Photo Tracey Burton, Toitū Te Whenua Land Information NZ

blasting gear and craft with tap water onto grass, and for absorbent materials:

- soak in hot tap water (50-55C) for at least five minutes, or
- soak in 5% bleach solution (5-litre mix = 250ml bleach in 4.75 litres water) for an hour, or
- freeze until solid (overnight), or
- soak in salt solution at 100ppt (parts per thousand) (5-litre mix = 500g salt in 5 litres warm water) for four hours.

It’s also important that both gear and watercraft are dry to touch both inside and out for 48 hours.

Craig says freshwater gold clams are difficult to control and eradication has

never been achieved overseas. They reproduce quickly (400 juveniles a day), forming massive populations that can turn river and lake edges into ‘clam pavements’. They also clog water-based infrastructure such as electric generation plants, irrigation systems and other water takes.

The clams (*corbicula fluminea*), which are native to eastern Asia.

If you see freshwater gold clams, take a photo, call Biosecurity NZ on 0800 80 99 66 or use the online form at report.mpi.govt.nz. And leave the clam alone – don’t move it!

■ To find out more about freshwater clams and what you can do to stop their spread go to [Biosecurity NZ – bit.ly/4nXxY64](https://bit.ly/4nXxY64)



Ucol award recipient Arnyah McLeod, centre, Ucol’s Hayden Robinson, left, and Dan Hoffman.
Photo Janine Baalbergen

Awards for Ucol students

Three Horowhenua Ucol U-Skills students have been awarded for their efforts this year.

They were: Most dedicated, Megann Martin – Hair, Beauty & Retail L2; most improved, Seinna Hunt – Construction L2; and outstanding, Arnyah McLeod – Hair, Beauty & Retail L2.

Ucol manager secondary tertiary partnerships Hayden Robinson says the recent prize-givings were fantastic events to celebrate the students’ success.

“Our Horowhenua celebration was a real grassroots joy, thanks to our wonderful partnerships with Horowhenua College and Otaki College,” he says.

The majority of U-Skills programmes are delivered on site at the two colleges, and Hayden says Ucol is looking forward to continuing the partnership.

Ucol had 861 students in U-Skills programmes this year – 415 in Manawātū, 170 in Whanganui, 190 in Wairarapa, and 86 in Horowhenua/Kāpiti. U-Skills Academy programmes allow year 11 to 13 students to attend classes at Ucol (or an approved site) one or two days a week to develop industry-relevant skills. Learners work towards NCEA credits or, in some programmes, can earn a tertiary qualification. Many of the U-Skills programmes act as stepping-stones towards further tertiary study.



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Message from the Mayor

Kia ora Horowhenua,

November has been one of those months that reminds me why I'm proud to call this district home. It's been a time of progress and connection, with plenty of moments that show the strength of our community and what we can achieve together.

On 11 November, we paused to honour Remembrance Day in both Levin and Foxton, paying tribute to those who served and sacrificed for our freedom. It was a moment of reflection and respect, reminding us of the bravery and resilience that shaped the communities we live in today.

Levin also came alive this month with the colour and energy of Diwali, a celebration of light, culture and connection that brought people together in joy and friendship. It was wonderful to see our community embrace the spirit of togetherness.

Last week I had the pleasure of presenting Mitre 10 in Levin with a certificate for becoming the first business in our district to become part of the 'Age Friendly' programme. This initiative is about more than just accessibility. It's about respect, inclusion and supporting wellbeing for older residents. Thanks to Mitre 10 and to Horowhenua Grey Power for leading the way. This really is community spirit in action and I look forward to seeing more businesses join in.

On Tuesday evening, we held our annual Civic Awards, a special occasion to recognise and celebrate the incredible volunteers who go above and beyond for our community. These are the people who work

tirelessly behind the scenes, supporting others and always putting community first.

We also had the pleasure of celebrating 15 outstanding young people through the Youth Excellence Awards, acknowledging their achievements in sport, academia, arts and culture, and community service. Congratulations to all our award recipients, your dedication, talent and generosity make Horowhenua a stronger and more connected place for everyone.

Progress in other ways as well. The Government's approval of our joint Water Services Delivery Plan with Palmerston North City Council and Rangitikei District Council is a major step forward. With the new name confirmed as Central Districts Water, this partnership means our water assets will remain locally owned while we work together to deliver safe, sustainable and affordable services for our communities.

The Council Expo at Te Takeretanga o Kura-hau-pō this week was another highlight. The aim of the expo was to support the induction of our newly elected members and give the community a hands-on look at what Council does every day. Councillors had an early viewing before the event opened to the public, giving residents the chance to meet the people behind Council's projects and services. It was a great reminder that local government is, at its heart, people helping people.

Until next time, thank you to everyone who continues to make Horowhenua a connected place to live.

Ngā mihi

Mayor Bernie Wanden

Council Meetings

Council Meeting (First full meeting of new Council)

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

Meeting dates and times are subject to change. Please refer to horowhenua.govt.nz/Council/Council-Meetings for the full meeting schedule, minutes and agendas.



Are you eligible for a rates rebate?

The second Horowhenua District Council rates instalment of the 2025/26 financial year is due to be paid by 15 December, and Council is encouraging ratepayers to check whether they are eligible for a rebate.

You should have received your invoice in your letterbox or inbox by now.

The Rates Rebates Scheme provides a rebate of up to \$805 for low-income earners who are paying rates for the home they were living in on 1 July 2025. Rebates will be calculated based on income, the number of dependents living with you, and the total amount of rates you'll pay from 1 July 2025 to 30 June 2026, including Horowhenua District Council and Horizons Regional Council.

Eligible households can have income up to \$32,210 and get the maximum rebate. Households getting more than this may still get a rebate, but it will be less than the full amount. SuperGold cardholders and their households can have income up to \$45,000 and get the maximum rebate amount.

To apply, you'll need proof of income (before tax) for the tax year ended 31 March 2025 (this includes any interest at the bank), proof of your spouse/ partner's or joint income if living together, and your SuperGold card, if applicable.

If you want your rebate applied to the second rates instalment, you must apply by 5 December 2025. Applications received after this date will have the rebate applied to instalment 3.

For more information and to apply, go to:

 www.horowhenua.govt.nz/rates

In the Works



Sealed Road Resurfacing

We're underway with our annual road resealing programme. Mangahao Road and Foxton Beach Road are among those which have been completed — each receiving their second seal following last year's rehabilitation work. Over the next two months our contractors will continue resealing roads across the district that have been identified as needing resurfacing. Residents will be notified by letter drop before their street is resealed, and you can see the list of roads due for a spruce-up on our website.

 horowhenua.govt.nz/AnnualReseals

Reinstating Donnelly Park

Now we've moved on to the second stage of replacing the main inlet pipe for the Levin wastewater treatment plant on Mako Mako Road we've also been able to start reinstating Donnelly Park. Parts of the park were closed while the first stage of the pipe was laid. Depending on grass growth we hope it will be open again by the holiday season. Thanks everyone for your patience.

The second stage of pipe renewal runs from the corner of Adkin Avenue and Collingwood Street through to Tiro Tiro Road north of Trafalgar Street. We're engaging with residents, schools and businesses to keep them informed of road or lane closures as we carry out this essential upgrade.



Important Notices

Proposed Temporary Road Closures – Horowhenua Christmas Parade

Horowhenua District Council proposes that several Levin streets be closed on Saturday 6 December 2025 for the annual Horowhenua Christmas Parade.

The parade will begin at the corner of Victoria Street and Weraroa Road, turning right onto Bath Street before finishing on Salisbury Street outside the Levin Domain.

We propose that the following roads be temporarily closed to all ordinary vehicular traffic to enable the parade to travel the planned route:

Victoria Street will be closed from 11am to 2.30pm to allow floats to gather before the parade begins. While resident access along Victoria Street will be allowed, we ask that no cars be parked on the street during this road closure period.

Salisbury Street will be closed between 1pm and 6.30pm for the Christmas Carnival at the Levin Domain.

Weraroa Road between Victoria Street and Bath Street will be closed from 1.45pm to 2.30pm.

Bath Street between Weraroa Road and Salisbury Street will be closed from 1.45pm to 2.30pm.

Hannan Street will be closed from 1.45pm to 2.30pm.

Carlisle Street will be closed from 1.45pm to 2.30pm.

Detour routes will be clearly signposted.

No resident access will be available during the period of these proposed closures.

These closures are proposed under clause 11(e) of the Tenth Schedule of the Local Government Act 1974. The proposed closures will apply to all vehicular traffic with the exception of emergency service vehicles and vehicles directly involved with the events.

Any person objecting to the proposal should lodge written notice of their objection and reasons before 5pm on Monday 24 November 2025 to Horowhenua District Council, Private Bag 4002, Levin 5540 or for any enquiries, please contact Council on:

☎ 06 366 0999

@ enquiries@horowhenua.govt.nz.

41 DAYS LEFT

41 Days left for businesses to apply for a trade waste permit without paying an application fee.

Find out more on our website or contact us at @ tradewaste@horowhenua.govt.nz



No more cash at transfer stations

From 15 December cash will no longer be accepted at the council-run waste transfer stations at Foxton and Shannon.

You'll still be able to pay using EFTPOS and charges are not going up.

The move brings us into line with many other transfer stations, including the privately-run one in Levin.

Currently fewer than ten percent of transactions at the Foxton transfer station are cash.

Help shape accessibility and parking in Levin's Town Centre

We're planning for an easier, safer and more welcoming town centre - and we want your help. Council is developing a new Access & Parking Strategy to guide how people get to and around Levin, especially as Ō2NL will reshape how traffic will move through our community.

Tell us how you access town, what your parking experience is like, and what would make getting around easier for locals, visitors and businesses.

Engagement opened on Tuesday 18 November 2025 and will close on Tuesday 9 January 2026 at 4pm.

For more information visit:

🔗 horowhenua.govt.nz/LevinTownCentreTransformation



Your insights will help us plan smarter for Levin's future. Scan the QR code to have your say.



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Can we sustain the planet that sustains us?

All life exists because the environment sustains it. Humanity exists because Earth sustains us. We endure because our activity – at its best – supports the environment we need.

We are now more than 8 billion people, up from just 1.6 billion in 1900. By the start of the next century, we will be more than 10 billion. The question is not whether the planet can sustain us, but whether we can sustain the planet that sustains us.

The environment provides the fundamentals of life: the sun, the sea, the air, the water (salt and fresh) and the land. These are not ours to own. They can only be shared. We may choose to share equally, or we may continue the long habit of dividing, dominating, and excluding. History tells us the latter always fails.

For millennia, people have sought to dominate through cult, culture, colour, or creed. For three centuries, empires sought domination through wealth, politics, and conquest. All failed, because people ultimately resist domination. Humanity endures only through contribution, cooperation, and connection.

With 8 billion people, we must now learn to manage our environment and resources so that supply meets



demand. If we fail, domination will be the only alternative – and domination has never worked. It is against human nature to expect that it will work in the future.

Politics will not save us. Capitalism will not save us. Money will not save us. These are human inventions, contrived systems built on the intent to dominate others.

Recent history makes plain their failures.

So we must ask: will this century repeat the failures of the past, or will we recognise the patterns and choose alternatives?

Humanity is not condemned to failure. We can share our environment. We can use alternative forms of governance. We can cooperate and manage resources collectively, as we have done at moments throughout history.

The only thing required is commitment – to a better way, to one another, and to the world that makes our lives possible.

■ *Phil is an independent writer and advocate for cooperative systems and sustainable energy. His blogs can be found at Substack.com*

Pay attention to legal issues when a family member dies

When a person in the family dies, attention must be paid to legal issues.

An “estate” is all the deceased’s property, including their personal possessions like clothes and jewellery, money in bank accounts, any house or land they own of co-own (sometimes called “real” property).

A small estate is one that does not include:

- any land (or an interest in land) or
- any financial assets that are worth more than \$15,000 – money in bank accounts, shares, life insurance policies, KiwiSaver funds, government stock, shares in a company.

If the person has died intestate (without a will) things can become a great deal more complicated. The basic order of priority for the distribution of an intestate estate is: spouse, civil union partner, or de facto partner; children; parents; brothers and sisters; grandparents; uncles and aunts.

In general, the deceased’s de facto partner inherits only if they have been together for at least three years. But there are some exceptions. Who receives what, and how much, depends on which family members the deceased has left.

If the deceased left a surviving spouse or partner, but no parents or children, the spouse or partner receives the whole estate. If there are both a spouse and children, the spouse or partner gets:

- the deceased’s personal belongings such as furniture, and appliances
- an amount set by the Administration (Prescribed Amounts) Regulations 2009, currently \$155,000, and

- one third of the rest. The children get the remaining two thirds, divided equally among them.

If the deceased left surviving children but no partner or spouse, the surviving children receive equal share of everything.

If the deceased left no surviving spouse, partner, children, siblings, parents, grandparents, aunts or uncles, the deceased’s estate goes to the state

(the government).

When a partner or spouse dies, the surviving partner or spouse can choose whether to receive:

- what they would get under relationship property rules, or
- what they would get under the rules of intestacy.

If the deceased and the surviving spouse have separated, the surviving spouse receives from the estate what they would have if they had not separated. But not if the Family Court issued them a separation order.

If the deceased had a spouse and a de facto partner when they died, the spouse and the partner share between them what one spouse or de facto partner would have received. This also applies if the deceased had more than one de facto partner.

Stepchildren might also receive from the estate, but this depends on things like their age, their relationship with the deceased, and their financial dependence on the deceased.

This is a complex issue with several pieces of legislation. For further information please ring us at 06 368 9521 or email levin@cab.org.nz

■ *Ginny is chair of Citizens Advice Bureau Levin*



HEADS UP: MANAWATŪ COLLEGE

A week of celebration and pride

It has been a fantastic month of celebration and pride across our school.

Two of our students - Greer Brader and Jayda Millar-Kidd – were recently nominated for the Manawātū Sports Awards through the “See Her Be Her” programme, which focuses on inspiring and creating quality opportunities for females in sport and active recreation. Although they didn’t take away the win, we are incredibly proud of their achievement and the way they represented our school with confidence and pride.

Our senior student leadership team also represented us at the Armistice Day commemorations. They displayed great integrity and mana throughout the event, honouring those who served and reflecting the values we hold dear as a school community.

Meanwhile, our year 9 Outdoor Education students have been stepping outside their comfort zones as they begin their new subject – surfing. This exciting learning opportunity connects them to our local environment and community, helping students develop confidence in the water, learn beach safety, and make the most of the amazing coastal resource we have right on our doorstep.

We are proud of our students’ willingness to engage, lead, and represent our school in such positive ways across all these experiences.
– Toni Kiriona, Tumuaiki o te wa/Acting principal



Manawātū College at Armistice Day in Foxton. From left, Campbell Rodda, Logan Kauika, Savannah Austin, Rhyleigh Perreau-Judd, Shiloh Gyde, and Reed Iwanica.

Below, Amber Manderson and Ruby Crombie join in surfing lessons at Foxton Beach.

Photos supplied



BURNING ISSUES: CRAIG GOLD

Watch for bird nests and prevent vehicle fires

Summer is nearly here. The gardens are coming alive, the days are getting longer, and the birds are busy building their nests.

It’s a lovely reminder that warmer weather is on the way.

But did you know those clever little birds can sometimes cause a big problem?

Every year we hear of vehicles catching fire because birds have tucked hay, straw, or dried grass into places like engine bays or around farm machinery. What looks like the perfect nesting spot for a bird can be a serious fire hazard for us.

When hay or grass builds up under the bonnet or around hot parts of a vehicle, it takes only a quick drive for things to heat up. Engines, exhausts, and brakes all get very hot, and dry material can ignite in minutes.

Once that happens, it can damage or even destroy a vehicle – and worse still, put people and property in danger.

The good news is that there are some very simple steps we can all take to prevent this:

- pop the bonnet and check under there regularly, especially if the vehicle hasn’t been used for a few days
- clear away any hay, straw, or nesting material before you head off
- don’t forget about utes, trailers, or farm equipment – birds like those, too
- if possible, park away from paddocks or areas where birds are busy gathering grass.



It might seem like a small thing, but taking just a minute for a quick look could stop a fire before it starts.

We all know how resourceful birds can be and how they make use of whatever they can find. It’s part of what makes this time of year so special.

But it also means we need to be extra aware. Vehicle fires don’t just cause damage; they can spread quickly and put your whānau and community at risk.

So, while we enjoy the sights and sounds of the season, let’s also keep safety in mind. A simple check under the bonnet could be the difference between a safe trip and a dangerous fire.

Stay safe, enjoy the warmer days, and let’s look out for each other this nesting season. Remember: prevention is always easier than fighting a fire.

■ *Craig is Fire and Emergency NZ assistant commander for Manawātū/Whanganui*

National losing the positive message battle

Political opinion polls suggesting that a majority of the electorate see Labour as a better manager of the economy than National has hurt the government more deeply than probably even a dip below 30 percent in National’s favourability ratings.

It’s why the parties to the coalition need to put their heads together and ensure the message of economic progress is understood across the country.

That its low-key but steady approach to holding down expenditure and development of initiatives to increase exports and build opportunities for offshore investment is often scantily known and appreciated, came through at a recent economic conference in Auckland. More than 150 attendees, almost 100 percent Kiwis, at the annual conference of Economic Development New Zealand, were asked how many knew that the government had recently signed a deal with Malaysian companies to spend \$3 billion here on energy and hotel developments. While the projects would benefit attendees and the country as a whole in coming years, the answer from the conference floor was just three people.

It’s examples such as this, embracing a lack of knowledge of positive government moves among the executives and workers in the sectors benefitting from its actions, which is frustrating to both industry leaders and the coalition’s supporters. But it also represents a failure of support staff to ministers and of government agencies to communicate effectively with business sectors the opportunities created for economic growth.

Responsibility for a better communications performance lies ultimately with individual ministers. While some might argue that “the media isn’t helping”, it is they who need to ensure that the people in their offices, and

within the communications teams of state agencies, are working with sector groups to spread knowledge of fresh initiatives. Daily media is not the end point of political publicity.

Such a communications issue did not arise during the Ardern or Key years. The political acumen of both prime ministers was highly tuned to the need for effective “rounded” communications strategies and their execution

among communities of interest. Each had issues management strategists among the most talented in their specialist areas of private commercial practice who adjusted tactics to meet political needs.

Ardern lacked an individual with the across-cabinet enforcement strength of Heather Simpson in her role with Helen Clark, but Key had the Machiavellian Murray McCully in his cabinet, as well as Wayne Eagleson, arguably the country’s most respected political manager, as his chief of staff.

National can argue with justification that its ability to manage communications across the full range of government activities is

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constrained by its dependence in office for support from NZ First and Act. Both minor parties can hamstring communication strategies of their major partner as much as they can inhibit political initiatives.

But the “blue corner” needs to devise a strategic answer to the communications issue if it is not to surrender the mantle of economic management to its major opponent.

The country has a strong interest. This year it is estimated to spend more than \$9 billion in interest on a debt of \$185 billion, up from about \$4 billion 10 years ago. The \$185 billion is 42.7 percent of gross domestic product (GDP) and this total is projected to lift to \$238.5 billion by 2029 (45 percent of GDP). This year’s tax revenue is forecast to be about \$120 billion.

Shamubeel Eaqub, economist for housing/finance company Simplicity, reckons that for the current budget year this worked out as about \$22,613 per person. He estimates the government gets a further \$7833 per person from “other income” such as ACC levies, fines, and emissions trading.

He says the government would earn about \$30,446 for every New Zealander each year, but spend about \$37,480. The net interest payment made by the government – the difference between the interest on assets like bonds that

the government sells to investors and the money it borrows – is about \$550 per person per year.

“It is not the borrowing per se that is the problem, it’s when you’re borrowing for groceries,” he says. “The last few years we’ve done that repeatedly. It’s not that debt is bad. Debt for stupid things is bad. Debt for high quality infrastructure is good.”

In his view the government could not increase spending without increasing either borrowing or tax revenue.

Bryce Wilkinson of the New Zealand Taxpayers’ Union says: “The first step back should be to stop spending so many billions of dollars so poorly. To do that requires political courage and an ability to lead high-quality public debate. There are always interest groups benefitting from mediocre quality spending who will fight to preserve it. It means remembering that debt borrowed today is tax collected tomorrow from citizens who had no say in its accumulation. Productive people can emigrate.”

As Wilkinson has argued, most families understand the harsh reality of high debt. For New Zealand in the 1950s and 1960s it meant interest rate controls, foreign exchange restrictions, government debt/ratio impositions, and inflation. In politics debt levels tend to become, as Wilkinson has argued, the next government’s problem.

Election 2026 seems set to be one that calls for a clear verdict from voters. Higher taxes or more prudent government to get debt levels under control. Economic management will be the “big issue” of 2026.

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



POLITICS

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FOXTON’S MR PERRAU

Prominent baker had finger in many Foxton pies

Mark Edwin Perreau was about as prominent in Foxton early last century as anyone could be.

He was born in Foxton in 1879 and had all his schooling there. About the age of 18 he set himself up as a baker and pastrycook, later opening a branch shop in Shannon.

In 1902 he married a widow, Jane Ellen Savell, daughter of another baker, John Walls. They opened the first general store and tearooms at Foxton Beach.

In his youth Mark was interested in cycling and rugby. He coached junior rugby and later became president of the rugby, bowling, tennis, and swimming clubs, the Repertory Society, and took a keen interest in athletics and boating.

He always had an interest in civic affairs and was elected first president of the Manawātū Master Bakers and Pastrycooks Association. He was also the first president of the Foxton Retailers’ Association.

Mark called a public meeting to form the Foxton Chamber of Commerce and was its first president. Citizens elected him mayor in 1925, a position he retained for nearly 20 years until his retirement in 1944.

During the 1920s Foxton’s only natural resources were the harbour



A 1904 photo of Mark and Jane Perreau’s bakery in Main Street, Foxton. It shows staff from the bakery lined up on the footpath outside and the horse-drawn delivery cart. To the left is the tailors Heasman and Baker.

Photo: Horowhenua Historical Society Inc.

and flax, which had been a “boom or bust” industry since 1870.

The harbour was not being used to its full extent since the completion of the main trunk railway – which was originally expected to come through Foxton – so local business people got together to persuade the

government to build a factory to make woolpacks from flax fibre.

Mark donated gave the land for the factory to be built on and so NZ Woolpack and Textiles came into being in 1933. Because it was such a labour intensive industry it gave employment to many people.

During the Second World War it manufactured all the woolpacks for New Zealand farmers and made gun mats for the Army. Later the factory turned to the manufacture of hardware “Foxton matting”.

Mark was a member of the Foxton Harbour Board, but the completion

of the Whirokino Cut in 1942 so reduced the flow of water to Foxton that the small coasters couldn’t reach the port. Because other means of transport were available by this time, the day of numerous coastal ships was over.

While chairman of the Beach Improvement Society Mark was responsible for formation of the Foxton Branch of the Royal Life Saving Society and was a member of the Surf Club and Fire Brigade. He served many years on the Palmerston North Hospital Board and on its Welfare Committee.

His civic services were recognised in 1953 with an MBE.

More than £1000 (a huge amount in those days) was spent on a beautifying programme while Mark was president of the Foxton Beautifying Society. During the 1930s Seaview Gardens was well known for its fish pond, fern houses, and many flower beds.

Mark and Jane had four children: Rita, Gordon (who took over Foxton Fizz from founder A Stevenson), Hector and Pat. Jane died in 1961.

In 1967 Mark married his housekeeper, Jessie Muir, who died in April 1973. Mark died on June 4 the same year aged 93.

– Source: Kete Horowhenua

» 5 Nelson Street **LEVIN**

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This gem is the perfect start! Whether you're stepping into home ownership for the first time, or looking for a smart investment, this home on a 657m2 section is one you must see! Fresh, tidy and inviting throughout, the kitchen offers great storage and flows easily to the dining and living area, complete with heat pump for year-round comfort. The bathroom is neat and practical, and the bonus of a separate toilet and separate laundry adds everyday convenience. Both bedrooms are well sized and have their own wardrobes.

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SPACE & STYLE IN A SOUGHT AFTER LOCATION

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

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BEO \$539,000



WARM, WELCOMING & WELL LOCATED

Set in a quiet cul-de-sac and positioned perfectly for the sun, this lovely 114m2 family home offers easy living with plenty of space inside and out. The open plan kitchen and dining area flows seamlessly into the inviting lounge, where doors open out to the patio - an ideal spot to relax. The kitchen has been updated and is well-designed for everyday living, while the modern bathroom is complemented by the convenience of a second shower located in the laundry. All three bedrooms are generously sized, giving everyone their own space. A heatpump keeps the home comfortable year-round.

Ref : www.wiltonandco.nz/WILO2001
OPEN HOME SUNDAY 1.15PM-1.45PM

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» 174B Bartholomew Road **LEVIN**

ASKING \$515,000



A GREAT OPTION TO MOVE SWIFTLY

You could be living here before Christmas! This recently redecorated home offers modern comfort with a sleek kitchen featuring 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 with a wall hung vanity and shower box add style and convenience. Practicality is front of mind with a separate laundry, internal access single garage.

Ref : www.wiltonandco.nz/WILO1964
OPEN HOME SUNDAY 11.45AM-12.15PM

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» 76A Kennedy Drive **LEVIN**

ASKING \$539,000



SPACIOUS LIVING

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

A versatile flexi space, perfect as a home office or study, connects to the three bedrooms, including the master with a walk-in wardrobe.

Ref : www.wiltonandco.nz/WILO1979
OPEN HOME SUNDAY 2.45PM-3.15PM

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» 39 Bristol Street **LEVIN**

BEO \$879,000



A CUT ABOVE - BUILT AHEAD OF ITS TIME

From the moment you step through the solid timber door, it's clear this is no ordinary home. Impressive from the street and equally captivating inside, the ground floor offers generous open plan living and dining, enhanced by floor to ceiling double glazed windows that bathe the space in natural light. Step effortlessly out to the rear patio - the perfect place for your morning coffee or laid back alfresco meals.

The stylish kitchen is an entertainer's dream with bifold windows opening directly to the patio, a feature breakfast bar, double ovens and ample storage. Also on this level is an office or fourth bedroom, perfect for those working from home.

Ref : www.wiltonandco.nz/WILO1941
OPEN HOME SUNDAY 1.15PM-1.45PM

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» 42 Ballance Street **SHANNON**

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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.

BUYER ENQUIRY OVER \$420,000
OPEN HOME SUNDAY 11AM-11.30AM
Ref : www.wiltonandco.nz/WILO1916
Haley Sturt 02102387699



» 23 Stirling Street **LEVIN**

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Investor or first home

This three bedroom home offers an excellent opportunity whether you're starting out or looking to expand your portfolio. Featuring a spacious living room and a tidy interior throughout, it's ready to enjoy as is while still offering potential to add your own touches. The family bathroom includes both a shower and a bath, catering for everyday convenience. Located close to schooling, kindy, and a nearby park.

ASKING \$429,000
OPEN HOME SUNDAY 11AM-11.30AM
Ref : www.wiltonandco.nz/WILO1953
Adriana Wilton 0297766902



» 8A Nikau Street **LEVIN**

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Little Gem in Nikau

Discover this delightful two bedroom home, where privacy, low maintenance living, and functional design come together effortlessly. Whether you're stepping onto the property ladder, downsizing, or seeking a solid investment, this is a home that ticks all the boxes. The open plan kitchen, dining, and lounge form a welcoming hub - perfectly sized for relaxed living and easy day-to-day comfort.

BUYER ENQUIRY OVER \$395,000
OPEN HOME SUNDAY 11.30AM-12PM
Ref : www.wiltonandco.nz/WILO2003
Tracey Fraser 0210779062



» 48 Kings Drive **LEVIN**

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Space, Style, Studio and Pool

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 perfect setting for summer

ASKING \$859,000
OPEN HOME SUNDAY 1.15PM-1.45PM
Ref : www.wiltonandco.nz/WILO1927
Ryan Watson 0223554790



» 10A Queenwood Road **LEVIN**

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Near new just for you

A delightful home built in 2022 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. The thoughtfully designed layout flows effortlessly from the kitchen to the dining and living.

ASKING \$765,000
OPEN HOME SUNDAY 12.30PM-1PM
Ref : www.wiltonandco.nz/WILO1990
Richard Wilton 0211557150
Adriana Wilton 0297766902



» 18 Argyle Avenue **LEVIN**

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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.

BUYER ENQUIRY OVER \$525,000
OPEN HOME SUNDAY 2PM-2.30PM
Ref : www.wiltonandco.nz/WILO1988
Adriana Wilton 0297766902



» 14 Okarito Avenue **LEVIN**

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Great location

Where modern comfort meets unbeatable location. 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.

FOR SALE BY DEADLINE SALE
OPEN HOME SUNDAY 12.15PM-12.45PM
Ref : www.wiltonandco.nz/WILO1960
Tracey Fraser 0210779062



» 95 Weraroa Road **LEVIN**

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Mediterranean inspired

This home offers exceptional convenience, for the modern family. Centrally located just moments from Levin's town centre features three generous sized bedrooms with built-in wardrobes, a modern kitchen with pantry, step down from the kitchen into the lounge which features a heat pump for year-round comfort. Plenty of off-street parking with a single garage.

BUYER ENQUIRY OVER \$498,000
OPEN HOME SUNDAY 12.30PM-1PM
Ref : www.wiltonandco.nz/WILO1996
Ryan Watson 0223554790



» 16 Adkin Avenue **LEVIN**

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The ideal starter home

Discover this charming two bedroom, one bathroom home. The open plan kitchen, dining, and lounge area creates a welcoming space, while a separate laundry leads to a delightful private backyard - perfect for outdoor gatherings. In an ideal location not far from Schools or sports field.

FOR SALE BY DEADLINE SALE
OPEN HOME SUNDAY 1PM-1.30PM
Ref : www.wiltonandco.nz/WILO1992
Lynaire Cottle 0272224017



» 197A Tiro Tiro Road **LEVIN**

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A home with space and endless potential

Sitting proudly on a generous 1884m2 section, this spacious 154m2 home has been utilised for commercial purposes for almost 20 years. With residential zoning still in place, the opportunity is wide open, continue as a commercial venture (consent required), reimagine as a unique residential home, or create a work-from-home setup with serious space.

ASKING \$559,000
OPEN HOME SUNDAY 12PM-12.30PM
Ref : www.wiltonandco.nz/WILO1885
Adriana Wilton 0297766902



» 224B Cambridge Street **LEVIN**

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For the creative minds

Tucked away in a quiet, private position, this delightfully different home is brimming with charm and personality - the perfect sanctuary for an artist, writer, or anyone who appreciates unique design. Inside you will be inspired by the soaring high ceilings, incredible natural light, and generous living spaces that invite creativity and calm. A whimsical, storybook-style staircase adds a touch of magic, leading to two bedrooms.

ASKING \$435,000
VIEW BY APPOINTMENT ONLY
Ref : www.wiltonandco.nz/WILO1835
Adriana Wilton 0297766902



» 3 Cottle Way **WAITARERE BEACH**

Create your coastal paradise!

Seize the opportunity to own a fantastic 869m2 section in a serene street at Waitare Beach! With a ready made driveway and power conveniently located at the gate, you're all set to bring your vision to life. Imagine building your dream home, crafting the ultimate beach pad, or even relocating a charming house to this idyllic spot. Embrace the beach lifestyle and make every day a vacation - your coastal oasis awaits!

BUYER ENQUIRY OVER \$198,000
VIEW BY APPOINTMENT ONLY
Ref : www.wiltonandco.nz/WILO1965
Lynaire Cottle 0272224017



» 121 North Manakau Road **MANAKAU**

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Charming Lifestyle Home on 2.5 Acres

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

BUYER ENQUIRY OVER \$799,000
VIEW BY APPOINTMENT ONLY
Ref : www.wiltonandco.nz/WILO1962
Lynaire Cottle 0272224017



» 53 Nathan Terrace **SHANNON**

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 or workshops.

ASKING \$120,000
VIEW BY APPOINTMENT ONLY
Ref : www.wiltonandco.nz/WILO1923
Richard Wilton 0211557150



» 76 Parker Avenue **LEVIN**

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Make Your mark!

With an updated kitchen and bathroom this four bedroom home is set on a 587m2 section. The living room is spacious and flows through to the kitchen, perfect for family living. There's a double garage and private section. Located close to schools and parks. There is also the option to buy (181 Bath Street) a 331m2 section complete with a shed. Buy one or both!

PRICE BY NEGOTIATION
VIEW BY APPOINTMENT ONLY
Ref : www.wiltonandco.nz/WILO1919
Adriana Wilton 0297766902



» 624A Queen Street **LEVIN**

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Great investment - Buy one or more

An exciting opportunity to purchase five, of a collection of ten, two bedroom premium townhouses. Units, 4,5,6,7,8 are available for purchase. The units are all currently tenanted and returning \$2700 per week (gross) collectively . These were built with hassle-free investment in mind, minimal maintenance costs, greater tax efficiency, and easy-care. Contact me for further details.

PRICE BY NEGOTIATION
VIEW BY APPOINTMENT ONLY
Ref : www.wiltonandco.nz/WILO1780
Adriana Wilton 0297766902



» 100A Queen Street **LEVIN**

BEO \$645,000



Act fast - Vendor on the move!

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

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

of the home.

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

Ref : www.wiltonandco.nz/WILO1980
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» 4 Rugby Street **LEVIN**

ASKING \$585,000



Double glazed beauty

This beautifully kept 1950s home blends timeless character with stylish modern upgrades. Featuring two generous double bedrooms plus a single, it's ideal for families, couples, or smart investors. Experience year round comfort with full double glazing (aluminium joinery), a new roof installed in 2016, and a cosy Kent Fire. The home is fully insulated with Batts in the ceiling and Mammoth Insulation under the floor, ensuring excellent energy

efficiency.

The kitchen boasts a generous pantry and brand-new linoleum flooring, while the interior has been mostly refurbished with fresh paint and wallpaper throughout. This home is like new but with charm.

Ref : www.wiltonandco.nz/WILO1924
OPEN HOME SUNDAY 11.30AM-12PM

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» 1205 State Highway 57 **LEVIN**

BEO \$1,249,000



PRICE REDUCED!

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

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

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

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

Ref : www.wiltonandco.nz/WILO1954
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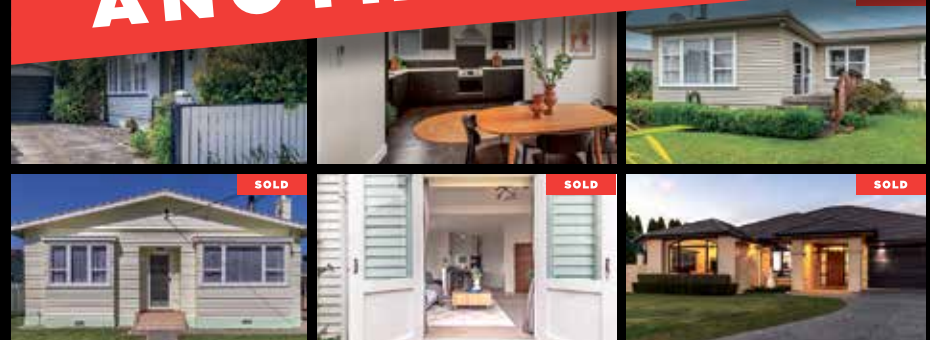
I've been helping homeowners sell quickly and confidently... and I'm not slowing down! Let's get your home noticed and sold.



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ANOTHER SOLD!



Awards for on and off-field success

The annual Horowhenua-Kāpiti Rugby Awards held on Wednesday night was as much about celebrating on-field success as it was recognising the contributions of volunteers off it.

While the achievements of players and teams were recognised, so were volunteers and officials doing the unseen mahi behind the scenes.

More than 120 life members, union committee members and club delegates attended the awards, held in the Hudson Room at Levin Cosmopolitan Club, celebrating everyone contributing to the success of the game.

On the field, the representative team managed a Lochore Cup final, player Kahn Fotuali'i made the NZ Heartland XV, and age grade player Lazzoryss Tovo made a Hurricanes U18 squad.

Both players received awards – Kahn for Heartland Player of the Year and Lazzoryss for Young Māori Player of the Year.

Connor Paki was Māori Player of the Year after a fine season in the midfield for both HK and his Foxton club, while Penesi Taisia was Pasifika Player of the Year. Young lock Mikaere Harvey was awarded Heartland Most Promising Player.

Former player and Heartland and HK manager Thomas Zimmerman won Coach of the Year on the back of the success of Foxton, while HK coach Aleni Feagaiga won Representative Coach of the Year.

Paraparaumu and Rāhui senior club teams won conduct awards in their respective grades – a real badge of honour as the game works hard to stamp out referee abuse and champion volunteers.

Ashton Foote was awarded Club Referee of the Year.

Brian Allan was recognised for his commitment and passion for rugby and his community as Supporter of the Year, while Polu Samuelu and Reuben Butcher were recognised with awards for their volunteer work.



Some of the award winners, from top left: Heartland Most Promising Player of the Year Mikaere Harvey, Coach of the Year Tom Zimmerman, Club Referee of the Year Ashton Foote, Māori Colt Player of the Year Lazzoryss Tovo, Supporter of the Year Brian Allan, Saturday Morning Volunteer of the Year Polu Samuelu, and Māori Player of the Year Connor Paki.

Photos Sinead Barrel

Samuelu and Reuben Butcher were recognised with awards for their volunteer work.

Off the field, Horowhenua-Kāpiti Rugby Union has become a poster child for sustainability, balancing the books again this season in posting its 17th consecutive financial surplus.

It's not by accident. It's something that HKRU chief executive Corey Kennett is aware of, and proud that the union can live within its means.

"It's not to put shade on other unions that aren't, but we're always working really hard in that area and it's reflective of our entire team

and the work they do, and the volunteers that help," he said.

In what is another boon for the union, for the first time it has had more than 5000 players registered – 5110 – meaning it now has the largest participation numbers of all the New Zealand Heartland provinces.

HKRU will be holding its annual general meeting on December 1.

AWARDS AND WINNERS

Kevin De Castro/KB Swain Cup – Rāhui.

Robinson Rosebowl – Paraparaumu.

Club referee of the Year – Ashton Foote.

Supporter of the Year – Brian Allan (Athletic).

Saturday Morning Volunteer of the Year – Polu Samuelu (Shannon).

Samuelu (Shannon).

Volunteer of the Year – Reuben Butcher (Waikanae).

Club Coach of the Year – Thomas Zimmerman (Foxton).

Māori Colt Player of the Year – Lazzoryss Tovo.

Māori Player of the Year – Connor Paki.

Colt Player of the Year – Jacob Keating.

Pasifika Player of the Year – Penese Taisia.

Heartland Most Improved Player of the Year – Brad Reilly.

Heartland Most Promising Player of the Year – Mikaere Harvey.

Heartland Player of the Year – Kahn Fotuali'i.

Representative Coach of the Year – Aleni Feagaiga.

Team of the Year – Heartland.

GOLF RESULTS

Congratulations to the Levin 9 Hole group (at right) who won the annual FLO triangular tournament. The tournament is competed over three rounds against Foxton, Levin and Otaki golf clubs. This was the Levin club's first win in the tournament since 2016. A great team effort leading at the end of all three rounds.

Photo supplied



Levin

Week ending November 16

Usual Club Haggles **Monday** – Speldhurst 9 Hole Stableford: Dick John Griffin 21, Dick Hayward 19, Steve Tustin 18. **Tuesday** – Men Net: Mike Tate 72, Gavin Jones 75, Ian King 76. **Wednesday** – 9 Hole Combined Mixed Stableford Orange Tees: Jeremy Smith 21, David Douglas 21, Wayne Kaye 21. Birdies: Lance Heger, Jeremy Smith. Ladies Stableford:

Val Smith 34, Judy Prescott 33, Nan Sterne 31. **Thursday** – Early Men Stableford: Vili Tia 40, John Smith 38, Ian Morby 37. Late Men Stableford: Greg Spicer 37, Philip Smith 37, Dene Buckingham 35. Twos: Dene Buckingham. **Friday** – 9 Hole Mixed Stableford: Den Hutchings 23, Lance Heger 21, Marilyn McCormick 21. Birdies: Eunok Kim, Den Hutchings. Speldhurst 9 Hole Stableford: Steve Tuistin 20, Mike Thomson 17, Ray

Ferguson 16. **Saturday** – Early Men Stableford: Geoff Pate 36, John Smith 35, Wayne Askew 35. Twos: Geoff Pate, Ernie Leslie. Ladies Stableford: Leanne Ward 34, Clare Sorensen 30, Robyn Saulbrey 30. Late Men Stableford: Dene Buckingham 40, Robert Ward 34, Philip Smith 31. **Foxton**

Midweek, November 18

Rick Mooney c/b 38, Gary Stratford 38, Bill Rodie c/b 37, Lorna Soo 37,

Dave Burmeister 36, Joh Koteka 35. **9 Hole (November 19)**

Stableford Competition: Elaine Pedersen 22, Neil Thompson 20, Sylvia Young 18, Serena Hunt 17, Charlie Matenga 17, Geoff McBrydie 16, Steve Kupa 14, Kevin Young 13.



Entrance tides
November 21-28

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

<https://www.metservice.com/marine/regions/kapiti-wellington/tides/locations/waitare-beach>

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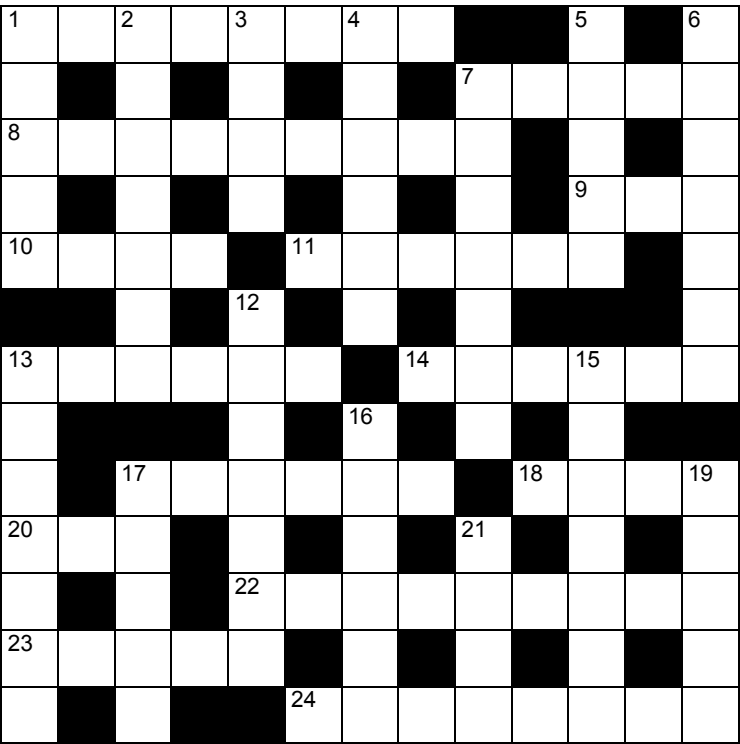
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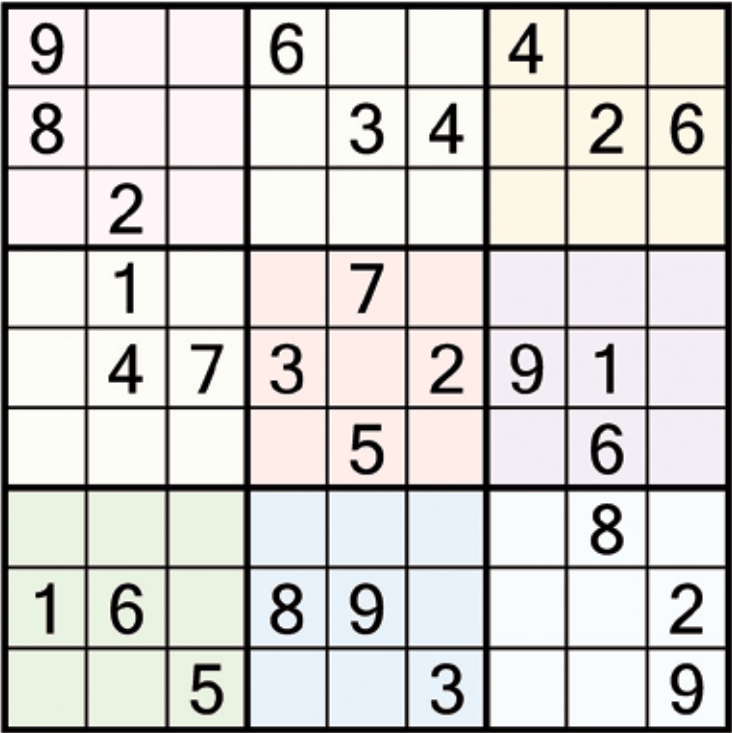
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THE CROSSWORD #NZ1960A (answers below right)



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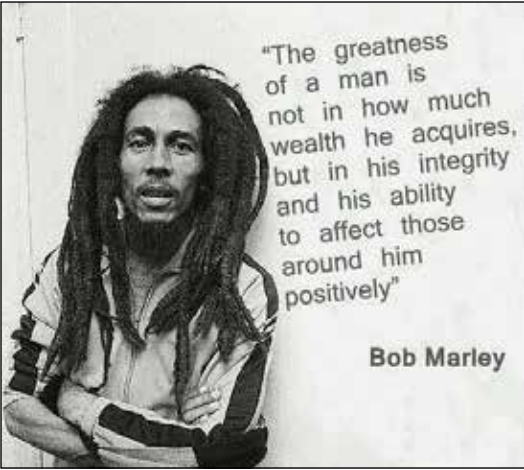
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WORD SEARCH ANSWERS: INTEGRITY



- ACROSS
- 22 Bees' handiwork (9)
- 23 Spacious (5)
- 24 Dead (8)
- 1 Electorate held by Winston Peters from 1984 to 2005, first for National then NZ First (8)
- 7 Māori burial ground (5)
- 8 Home of the Golden Shears since 1961 (9)
- 9 NZ's newest university, created in 2000 (3)
- 10 Sedate (4)
- 11 City with the suburbs Maitai, Moana, and Monaco (6)
- 13 Infuriate (6)
- 14 In Australia, it's a thong (6)
- 17 Annual pay (6)
- 18 Musical instrument (4)
- 20 Nine (Māori) (3)
- DOWN
- 1 Shy (5)
- 2 Rickety (7)
- 3 Prayer ending (4)
- 4 Collect (6)
- 5 Homo sapien (5)
- 6 Distinctive New Zealand bird, piwakawaka (7)
- 7 Out of the ordinary (7)
- 12 Affluent (7)
- 13 Indigenous people of the Chatham Islands (7)
- 15 Unreliable (7)
- 16 Hair feature called bangs in the US (6)
- 17 Hairstylist's workplace (5)
- 19 Implant (5)
- 21 Sensationalism (4)



A fool finds no pleasure in understanding, but delights in airing his own opinions.

Proverbs 18-2

- CROSSWORD #1960A ANSWERS**
- Across:** 1. Tauranga, 7. Urupa, 8. Masterton, 9. AUT, 10. Drug, 11. Nelson, 13. Madden, 14. Jandal, 17. Salary, 18. Oboe, 20. Iwa, 22. Honeycomb, 23. Roomy, 24. Deceased. **Down:** 1. Timid, 2. Unsound, 3. Amen, 4. Gather, 5. Human, 6. Fantail, 7. Unusual, 12. Wealthy, 13. Moriori, 15. Dubious, 16. Fringe, 17. Salon, 19. Embed, 21. Hype.



WORLD FASHION QUIZ

Answers below.

- Who is seen as the most famous female American fashion icon of the 1960s?
- Who invented the LBD (little black dress)?
- Parkers, trenches, bombers and peas are types of what winter wear?
- What fashion fad did the 1983 film *Flashdance* make popular?
- Fashion designer Gianni Versace came from which country?
- What year was the company Nike founded?
- What animal is on Levi's logo?
- Which fashion brand made the "genius jeans" that became part of the Guinness World Records?
- What is the name of the red carpet event where celebrities showcase their designer outfits, often considered the Oscars of fashion?
- In the fashion world, what does "haute couture" refer to?
- What is the traditional Scottish fabric pattern often seen in kilts and other clothing items?
- Which Italian fashion designer is famous for his colourful, bold prints, particularly in silk scarves?

WORD SEARCH: INTEGRITY answers below left



- INTEGRITY
- HONESTY
- TRUST FAIRNESS
- RESPECT
- ETHICS
- MORALS
- IMPARTIAL
- SINCERITY
- RESPONSIBLE
- ACCOUNTABLE
- COMPASS
- ACTIONS
- BEHAVIOUR
- VIRTUES

WORLD FASHION QUIZ ANSWERS: 1. Jacqueline Kennedy. 2. Coco Chanel. 3. Coats. 4. Legwarmers. 5. Italy. 6. 1971. 7. Horse. 8. Gucci. 9. The Met Gala. 10. High-end, custom-made fashion. 11. Tartan or plaid. 12. Emilio Pucci. 13. Louis Vuitton.



270a Rangiorua Road, Otaki

Enquiries Over \$475,000



Convenience in Central Otaki

Situated just a short walk from Ōtaki township, this two-bedroom home combines comfort, practicality, and scope to add value. The compact layout includes open-plan living with a heat pump for year-round comfort and plenty of natural light throughout. A fenced front yard offers privacy and space for pets or children, while the location couldn't be more convenient, close to town, schools, public transport, the river, and beach. Complete with a Healthy Homes Certificate, this property presents a smart opportunity for first-home buyers or investors ready to make their mark.



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Peacefully on Friday November 7, 2025 at Horowhenua Masonic Village, aged 89 years. Dearly loved wife of Barry. Much loved Mother, Step Mother and Mother-in-law of Roger, Helen and Dennis, Paul and Dawn, Matthew and Sally, Gwen and Stu, and cherished Oma to all her Grandchildren and Great Grandchildren. A special thanks to the staff of Unit 3 at Masonic Village for their love, care and support over the years. A family service for Alida was held in Levin on Thursday 13 November. Messages to the Rollinson Family, c/- 284 Oxford Street, Levin 5510.



in memomriam

WINIATA Whiwhi Nepia

1.6.1942 – 21.11.2021
Four years have flown by,
I can still hear your laugh
And your words of wisdom.
Deeply missed.
Bruce

public notices

WERAROA CRICKET CLUB AGM
Tuesday
December 2, 7pm
Weraroa Cricket Clubrooms

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ATHLETIC RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB (LEVIN) INC AGM

Athletic Club Rooms
Sunday December 14, 2025, 11am

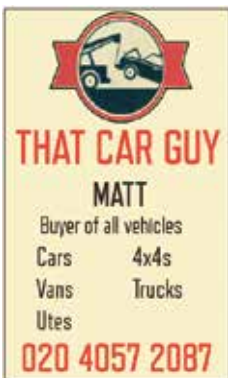
AGENDA
WELCOME
APOLOGIES
MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS AGM
PRESIDENT'S UPDATE
TREASURER REPORT
ELECTION OF OFFICERS

- Patron
 - President
 - Vice President
 - Club Captain
 - Assistant Club Captain
 - Treasurer
 - Secretary
 - Committee members (5 members) including Junior Delegate, Netball Delegate, Hockey Delegate, and HK Delegate
 - LIFE MEMBERSHIPS
 - Table any requests REMITS/CHANGE OF RULES
 - Blazers for Women (to be voted upon)
- GENERAL BUSINESS

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

cars



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