

Horizons gone in shake-up

In a proposed shake-up of local government, Horizons Regional Council would be gone.

The central government reforms – described as a once-in-a-generation overhaul – propose to reshape the local government sector so that 11 regional councils, including Horizons, would be replaced with combined territory boards (CTBs). If adopted, CTBs will be made up of mayors from each district and city council in the region who will take over regional council duties, including environmental management, transport planning, civil defence and Treaty settlement responsibilities.

Horizons Regional Council chair Nikki Riley, who would lose her job if the reforms were implemented, is upbeat. She says they present a opportunity to address long-term issues and create positive outcomes for communities.

“The calls for local government reform have been loud, consistent and come from many different parties – including from regional and unitary councils.”

However, she says any change should be in collaboration with regional and unitary councils, given their experience with regional-scale delivery of key services.

“Regional and unitary councils have significant experience in delivering pest control, flood resilience, emergency management, biosecurity and more.”

Nikki says there are multiple examples of this in the Horizons region, like flood protection projects recently completed in the Manawātū, Palmerston North, Rangitikei, Horowhenua and Whanganui regions. Research shows these activities provide the best economic outcomes when delivered at a regional scale, she says.

“Some of the best work we do is in partnership with our communities, outside of the complicated and cumbersome legislation we legally must enforce on behalf of central government.

“Much of the complexity in local government comes from the legislation we operate under. I



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– Horizons chair Nikki Riley

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– Horowhenua Mayor Bernie Wanden



applaud this government for recognising that and for trying to fix it through its resource management reform programme.

“Getting this fix right will create a strong future for regional service delivery and, if done well, create an environment where we can achieve even more with our communities through collaboration thanks to enabling legislation.

“We remain focused on achieving the best outcomes for everyone who lives, works and plays in the Horizons region. This focus will not change, no matter what the future model for regional services delivery ends up being.”

Horowhenua Mayor Bernie Wanden says the announcement is part of a much wider “wave” of reforms that will shape how councils operate over coming years.

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anything local government has seen for decades. But even as that tsunami arrives, our commitment remains the same – to stay focused on our community’s needs, remain open to new ways of working, and make sure we don’t become so swamped by change that we miss the big opportunities ahead.

“Right now, nothing changes for Horowhenua. Our services continue as normal, and we will take the time needed to understand the proposal fully. If there are opportunities to deliver better value, stronger outcomes or more efficient services for our community, then we need to explore those with an open mind.”

The announcement lands parallel with other reforms affecting local government, including the System Improvements Bill, rates capping proposals, resource management replacement

legislation, and the continued rollout of new water entities under Local Water Done Well.

“Taken together, this is a defining moment for the future of local government,” Bernie says. “Our job is to stay steady, open to change, whilst ensuring we position Horowhenua to seize the opportunities ahead.”

Each region will be required to prepare a regional reorganisation plan within two years. These plans could consider shared services, joint delivery models, or more substantial changes, such as amalgamation.

The proposal has been released this week with a public consultation period closing February 20. The government expects the legislation to be introduced mid-2026 and effective by 2027.

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Liam tees off with golf simulator

By Paul Williams

Fancy playing a round of golf at St Andrews in Scotland in the morning, then another at Cape Kidnappers that afternoon?

A new indoor golf simulator has opened in Levin town centre this week that gives visitors the choice of playing any of 400 of the world's top golf courses – without the long walk.

Luna Golf Club owner and avid golfer Liam O'Connor opened the doors to the indoor golf simulator, in the space next to Taper Eatery, on Wednesday after months of preparation.

"I've always wanted to own a golf course, so I suppose this is the next best thing," he says.

Liam assembled the indoor course simulator by researching the best components and piecing them together: "I definitely saved money problem solving and doing due diligence."

The experience is very realistic, where players can tee-off into a 7mm-thick screen and watch the ball as it bounces along the fairway. It measures variables like distance, club head

speed, spin, ball speed and how far the ball is likely to run.

"As a coaching tool it's next level. The professionals use this technology. It is very accurate at measuring distance, so is great for practice," he says.

A playing group can watch on in comfort with refreshments awaiting their turn. Without the walking, a round of 18 holes could be done and dusted in half the time of a normal round.

"Playing 18 holes by yourself only takes half an hour," he says.

Liam has leased the building from Horowhenua District Council and says already there has been a large amount of interest.

Luna Golf Club is licenced and available for group bookings and coaching sessions. Bring your own clubs, or use clubs and balls provided.



Liam O'Connor with his golf course simulator.

Photo Paul Williams

Local government shake-up – what's proposed

The government's sweeping proposals to overhaul the local government system are aimed at simplifying city and regional planning, RMA Minister Chris Bishop said on Tuesday.

The government argues that the current system is bogged down by duplication, disagreements, and decisions that often defy common sense.

Central to the proposals is the introduction

of a new planning system, which aims to strip out duplication, standardise processes, and reduce complexity and compliance costs. Under the new system, there would be fewer plans, fewer consent categories, and fewer consents overall. Regional councils like Horizons would see their roles significantly reduced.

There are two key proposals:

1. *Abolishing regional councillors* – Elected regional councillors would be replaced by

combined territories boards (CTBs), made up of mayors from the region's city and district councils. The government says this would empower mayors to collaborate on regional governance, streamline decision-making, and reduce unnecessary bureaucracy. Decisions would be made through a population-based voting system, ensuring smaller communities' voices are heard. For resource management, a dual threshold aims to ensure both urban and rural interests are represented.

2. *Locally led regional reorganisation* – CTBs would lead the development of regional reorganisation plans, assessing how councils can best work together to deliver efficient infrastructure and services. Options could include shared services, council-owned companies, or merging territorial authorities. Plans would be tested against national priorities and must deliver better services at lower cost. Final plans would be approved by the Local Government Minister.



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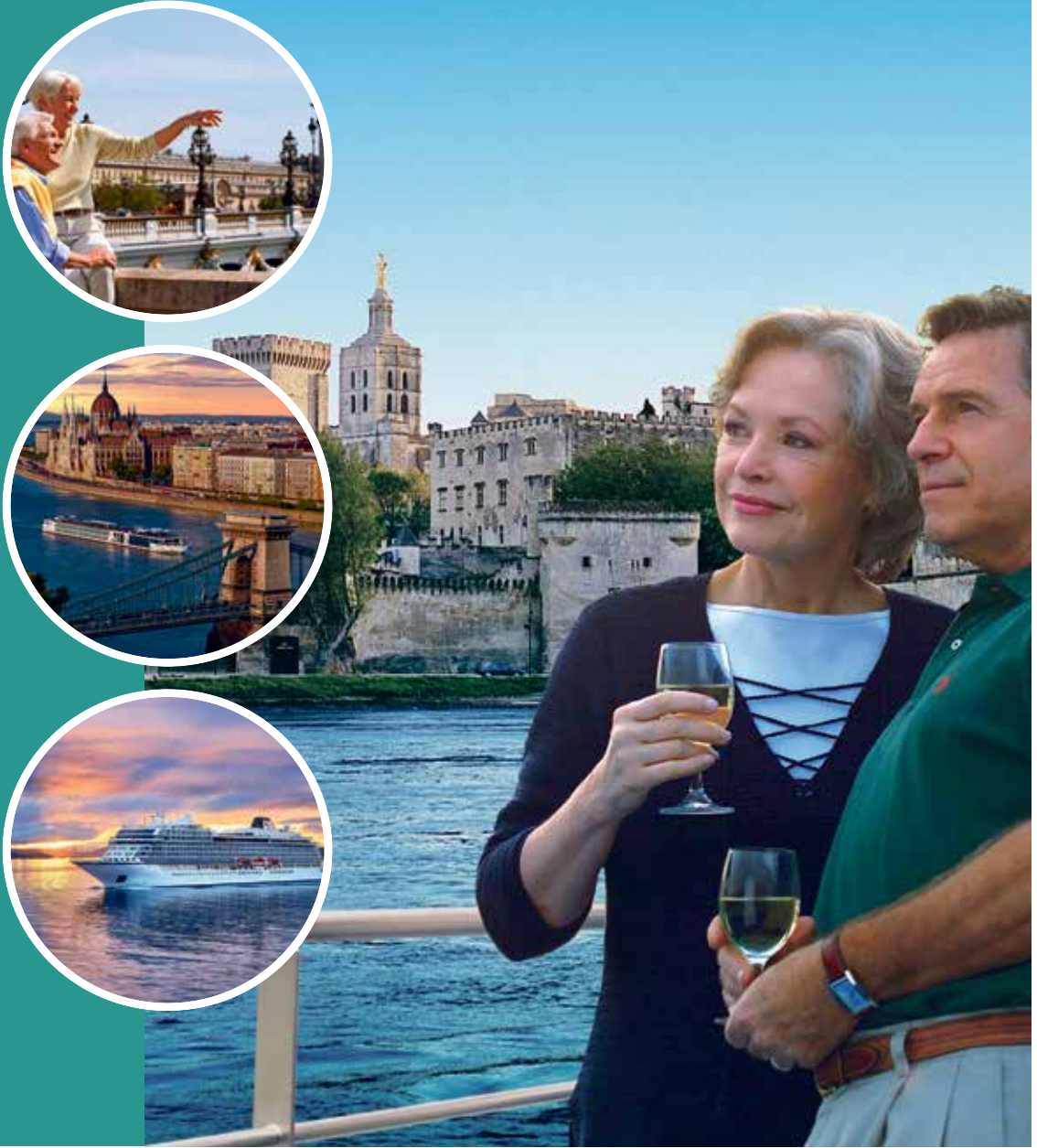
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'Brilliant' students in Imagine

By Paul Williams

A group of students from Foxton Primary School were the first to see an art work on display at Te Awahou Neiue Stroom designed to bring people joy.

Their smiling faces feature on a work by multi-media artist Warwick Smith titled *Let's Face It, We're All Unique*, part of a collaborative exhibition called Imagine involving 28 artists.

Warwick approached principal Jo How with the idea and says the students were brilliant.

"I couldn't have asked for more," he says. "They were the faces I was looking for. It really blew me away."

The seven students were the first to see the work exhibited and he says their reaction was priceless.

"For me that was the best thing. It's just fun and makes people smile and realise we are beautiful in who we are. There is so much negativity around and it's good just to get people smiling because we need more of it. It was seriously fun.

"What I love about kids is it takes the politics out of it. They're just free and not hung up about adult things and not trying to say something politically. They just get it.

"We get so busy teaching kids to be adults. When you get older the world doesn't seem as much fun as it used to be. We can all learn from kids."

He wanted a work that was "fun" and "hands on". The inspiration came from a recent exhibition involving smells.

"I was taken aback. I thought never again do you have to be passive," he says.



He says art is for everyone. He loved that whānau and locals were checking out Imagine.

Warwick's interest in photography sparked during his time working in industrial design, leading to a career in photojournalism, while using the medium as an artist to explore contemporary social issues.

He says visual storytelling when executed well can inform, educate and sometimes be a catalyst for change.

Te Awahou Nieuwe Stroom's former onsite

manager, Liz Tomescu, came up with the idea and name Imagine, to have fun creating and making art for art's sake, being in the moment and bringing joy.

Exhibit curator and artist Sarah-Jane Shine says there was a huge response after a request for expressions of interest. The final exhibition is a collaboration of works using a variety of mediums.

The exhibition runs until February 20. A series of creative workshops is planned as part



Part of the Imagine exhibition at Te Awahou Neiue Stroom.

Left, students of Foxton Primary School feature in an engaging work and were first to see it on display as part of Imagine exhibition now showing at Te Awahou Neiue Stroom. Back row: Diamond Mickie, Payton Smith, Messiah Cook, and artist Warwick Smith. Front row: Te Atahere Los'e, Tureia Johnstone, Emil Atkins, and Savannah Batt.

Photos Paul Williams

of Imagine with people encouraged to join. Artists involved in Imagine are: Albert McCarthy, Caroline Beaufort-Puna, Helen Lea Wall, Jill Hammond, Karlina Mitchell, Lois Windsor, Pauline Watson, Sarah Wairau, Terina Wairau, Sarah-Jayne Shine, Sherilyn Bury Vilela, Sonja Hart, Stephen Lynch, Sue Lund, Brenda Sullivan, Lynne Holden, Bruce Falloon, Celine Chan, Eilidh Hamilton, Karen Seccombe, Miho Tsumakura, Rachel Campbell, Steven Leurink, Warwick Smith, Hanna Isaac, Amanda Hay, Jane Comben, Clare Thompson.

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Wildlife trust expands services

By Janine Baalbergen

The Foxton Wildlife Trust is expanding its services, especially since its move to larger premises at Foxton Beach.

"It was always the plan for us to start an environmental hub," says trustee Nola Fox.

The trust has moved to 207 Seabury Avenue, just past the bowling club, which is the former Senior Citizens Club. While still providing activities for the over-60s, Foxton Wildlife is hoping to revive its native plant nursery and the wildlife nursery, among other things.

Senior Citizens Foxton Beach will not be re-registering next year and has donated the building to the trust. The building is on reserve land owned by Horowhenua District Council.

For the over 60s there is still pool, boardgames, snooker, mahjong, indoor bowls, board games on Mondays and Wednesdays from 1-4pm.

The building is large enough to be base for other organisations such as Forest and Bird, Save Our River Trust (Sort), the water quality work group, and Foxton Lionesses.

Groups can book the facility as needed.

The building now hosts displays about the Manawātū Estuary, and recycling.

"Things that the kerbside recycling does not take can also be recycled here," says Nola.

"That includes blisterpacks, small batteries, pens and markers, disposable razors and hair products. This is free to the general public, but a small donation would be appreciated as the trust runs on volunteers."

Nola says the trust could also do with some more volunteers,



Foxton Wildlife trustee Nola Fox, and (above right) the recycling facility in the new trust premises at Foxton Beach.



such as a coordinator for the beach litter collections. They can also use help with the activities for senior citizens.

Eventually the native plant nursery will be set up again, which would require more volunteers, too.

"We have found that plants grown elsewhere don't do so well [here]. It's better for us to grow plants here. Their survival rate is much greater."

The trust has a backyard trapping programme along the sunset walkway catching lots of rats and mice. Recently a stoat was

caught in Palmer Road and there are reports of a stoat "shopping" at the Hammer Hardware store in Main Street.

"It could have come in from the Loop, but we don't know," Nola says.

Foxton Wildlife Trust has 3-4 staff and is open three days a week. That will soon be four days, Monday to Thursday mornings.

■ You can find the Wildlife Trust at 207 Seabury Ave, ph 022-684-9813 or email: info@wildlifefoxton.nz, wildlifefoxton.org

Look out for the elusive katipō around the beaches

The breeding season for the katipō spider – the only spider to have a Māori name – is about now, but casual beach-goers are unlikely to see one.

Katipō are on the endangered species list, the victim of shifting sands, rising tides and human activities.

Te Papa's curator of invertebrates, Phil Sirvid, has visited Foxton Beach at the invitation of Foxton Wildlife Trust. He knows quite a bit about the elusive spider, which he shared with occasional *Star* contributor Bruce Falloon.

Katipo latrodectus is a member of the widow family of spiders, which includes black and brown widows, and the Australian redback. It was first being documented in New Zealand in 1870.

Phil said there were two different kinds of

katipō – red and black. The most common is the red katipō.

They like to live among river dunes and their grasses, and around driftwood. Foxton Beach is an ideal environment for them.

The female katipō is larger than the male, about the size of a garden pea with a distinguishing red stripe down the length of the abdomen and a thin white stripe on each side of it.

"The male is slightly smaller and has a pale yellow stripe with a thin white stripe each side of that – this being the difference in identifying both sexes of this spider."

Katipō eat earwigs, slaters, beetles of various types, flies, moths, grasshoppers, wasps any unlucky insects that might be passing by.

Reproduction of the katipō is about during November-December. The egg sacs appear

under the female's abdomen 4-6 weeks after mating. She lays about 10 eggs over the summer period.

Katipō have a reputation as a dangerous spider because of its venom, but bites are rare. It's a shy, timid spider, and no-one has died from a bite since 1923. A bite, however, can lead to intense pain that spreads from the site, causing sweating, nausea, abdominal cramps, headache, fever, and high blood pressure. Symptoms can last a few hours or several days.

Only the adult female is capable of biting humans, and she typically only does so as a last resort if she is trapped or accidentally squashed.

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How the power of our belief systems shapes our logic

From childhood, we are introduced to belief before we are introduced to logic.

The Tooth Fairy, Father Christmas, and early religious stories teach us that unseen forces reward us, watch us, or care for us. As adults, we look back and recognise these as illusions – gentle ones, perhaps, but illusions nonetheless.

Yet the mechanism they establish remains with us. It shapes how we understand reality, how we assess truth, and how we give meaning to the systems around us.

Each person builds a belief system from these early inputs. Some beliefs are grounded in logic, evidence, and lived experience. Others are anchored entirely in feeling – a sense of certainty that feels “real” even when it isn’t. This blend of emotion and logic shapes how we interpret everything: risk, reward, trust, and value.

An example is Lotto. Recently, a \$45 million prize was promoted and 1.2 million tickets were sold. The odds of winning? 1:38,383,800. Statistically insignificant. Yet belief – hope – drives participation.

I personally have absolute certainty that I won’t hold the winning ticket. But 1.2 million people believe they might. Logic takes a backseat to belief when the emotional reward is powerful enough.

Money operates on the exact same principle. Logically, value attaches only to the tangible – things that can be used, consumed, or experienced. Money itself has no intrinsic value. It’s a human invention, sustained only by



collective belief that the numbers printed on paper or displayed on screens represent something real.

But belief makes it function. Belief makes it powerful. Belief makes it central to our very survival.

This is why economists often call money “the most successful story humans have ever told one another”.

The persistence of these beliefs isn’t accidental. Governments, financial institutions, and media reinforce them, because the system depends on it. In this sense, belief is not just personal – It is engineered, cultivated, and continuously maintained.

Once we recognise that many of our most deeply held societal “truths” are held together by shared belief rather than logic, we gain something important – agency.

If the value of money, the meaning of status, the structure of power, and the rules of the economy are built on belief, then they can be reshaped. New systems – co-operative, equitable, sustainable – are possible. They require belief, too, but aligned with collective benefit rather than individual profit.

If our world is built on shared stories, which stories do we want to keep believing in? And which should we replace with something better?

The answers to those questions determine not just how we understand value today, but the kind of society we could create tomorrow.

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

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■ Ginny is chair of Citizens Advice Bureau Levin

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Awards highlight local excellence

As we head towards the end of another year, plenty is happening both here in the Horowhenua and in Wellington.

With the House sitting under urgency last week, it’s been a busy time in Parliament as we work through important legislation before the summer break. Back home, communities are also in full swing with school prize-givings, community celebrations and local awards. It’s fantastic there is so much happening, and I wish I could make it to everything.

One recent highlight was the Levin Civic and Youth Excellence Awards, which celebrated the many ways people contributed to Horowhenua. Three people were recognised with Civic Honours and another four with Certificates of Recognition. My congratulations to Mary Davis, Jeffrey Paulin, Wayne and Debra Kaye, along with Corey Prouting, Frank Taylor, Jack Gibson and Robert Ropata Remihana.

Fifteen young people received Youth Excellence Scholarships in recognition of hard work and leadership. A big congratulations to Haewon Kim, Hunter Kahukuranui Pakau, Pusa Fonoti and Saoirse Williamson who received Arts and Culture Scholarships; Tyson Jones, Sienna Laplanche, Dycen Taituha and Owen Winstanley who received Community Service Scholarships; William Dunsmore, Fletcher Warren, Anahera Easton and Finn Pedersen who received Sports Scholarships; Tareesha Kiran, Liam Roach and Youan Salt who received Academia Scholarships.

It was fantastic to see Horowhenua NZ Trust’s “Project Lift Horowhenua” among



seven projects to receive support in the first round of the government’s Social Investment Fund. This initial \$50 million investment will back programmes reaching more than 1600 children, from newborns through to 18-year-olds. Alongside colleague Tim Costley it was a pleasure to support the Trust’s bid, and we’re thrilled for Antony Young and his team.

Project Lift partners with 19 schools to help students who have been repeatedly stood down or suspended. Initiatives include re-acclimatisation classes for younger learners, trauma support in secondary schools and an after-school programme.

It’s been encouraging to see some positive national news about our young people recently. A new approach to teaching maths currently being trialled is lifting achievement and showing outstanding early results. In just 12 weeks, years 7-8 students who had been falling behind made one to two years of progress with our intensive support programme.

New research from the Education Review Office also shows our decision to ban cell phones in schools is making a difference. Students are more focused, behaviour has improved and bullying has reduced. Teachers are seeing the benefits, too, with 79% reporting better concentration in class, 61% seeing improved achievement, 77% noting better behaviour and 69% reporting less bullying.

I’m often in Horowhenua on my way to Parliament, so if you’re from a local organisation, school or business and would like to catch up, please get in touch - Suze. RedmayneMP@parliament.govt.nz. You can also follow me on Facebook at [facebook.com/SuzeRedmayneMP](https://www.facebook.com/SuzeRedmayneMP).

■ Suze is MP for the Rangitikei electorate



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MON 1 DEC	-	01:20	07:17	13:47	19:38
TUE 2 DEC	-	02:18	08:17	14:46	20:34
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SUN 30 NOV	05:30	11:42	17:55	-	-
MON 1 DEC	-	00:18	06:32	12:45	18:53
TUE 2 DEC	-	01:16	07:32	13:44	19:49
WED 3 DEC	-	02:12	08:28	14:40	20:44
THU 4 DEC	-	03:06	09:21	15:33	21:37
FRI 5 DEC	-	03:59	10:12	16:25	22:31

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Levin (week ending November 23)

Monday – Speldhurst 9 Hole Stableford: Wayne Kaye 21, Roger Athersuch 18, Mick Thomson 18. **Tuesday** – Men Stableford: Robert Corkill 40, Sam Bartosh 39, Ian King 39. Twos: Robert Forth, Wayne Askew. **Wednesday** – 9 Hole Combined Mixed Stableford Tees: Roger Athersuch 22, Paddy Enright 21, David Douglas 20. Ladies Stableford: Robyn Saulbrey 42, Frances Allen 40, Carol Louisson 33. Twos: Carol Louisson; **Thursday** – Early Men Stableford: John Smith 39, Peter Clarke 37, Mike Tate 37. Late Men Stableford: Greg Spicer 38, David Louisson 37, Peter Bull 37. Twos: Gerald Harpur. **Friday** – 9 Hole Mixed Stableford: Valda Anderson 25, Stu Reid 22, Max Simmons 21. Birdies: Stu Reid Max Simmons, Valda Anderson. Speldhurst 9 Hole Stableford: Wayne Naton 21, Steve Tustin 20, Mike Cashmore 18. **Saturday** – Early Men visited Ōtaki to play for the Russ Baldwin Memorial Trophy Stableford: Congratulations to winner Brett Gordon 40, runners-up Peter Holmes 37, Paul Bagg 37. Twos: Nathan Murray. Ladies Stableford: Judy Prescott 42, Clare Sorensen 35, Robyn Saulbrey 34. Late Men Par: David Louisson 4, John Fisher 2, Gerald Harpur 2. Twos: Robert Ward.

Foxton

Midweek

Thursday (November 20): Joanne Wilton 39, Todd McGuigan 37, Matt Hullett 36, Neville Simpson c/b 35. Twos: Rick Mooney on 7, Barry Graham on 10. **Tuesday** (November 25): Irish Stablefords – Russell Jack 78, Marty Berry 77, Harriet Dewes c/b 76, Lorna Soo 76, Rick Mooney 74, Tyler Minarapa 73.

See scoreboard for Weraroa’s Harry Hall cricket match on page 13.

Countdown begins for launch into election

Chocks away, and cleared for take-off! The political parties are into election mode 10-11 months before the official start for campaigning.

Hopefully by this time next year we will have a clear idea who will steward the country's governance through to the eve of the next decade.

National is in an early festive season policy announcement period. NZ First chips away with a combination of political party pinpricking and encouragement of the public to believe it holds the key to sensible policy implementation. Labour tests the water of policy attractiveness. Act takes a plague on all your policies approach. The Greens try to portray relevance and Te Pati Maori steadfastly keeps on a track of malevolence toward one another that leads to oblivion.

Coherence of messaging appears to lie with the parties of the governing coalition. Labour seemingly knows what it is against but appears unsettled on prescriptions for correcting the ills it believes exist. It faces a hectic six-month period of policy analysis to determine the final shape of its projected policy programme.

Against this background it is imperative that all parties recognise the public demand for clarity of intent. It should be reflected in publication of detailed manifestos setting out their visions for New Zealand and how they plan to achieve it.

As Prime Minister Christopher Luxon has been lambasted by critics for a failure to lead the nation's political conversations on

policy implementation. It would be fair to say, however, that when he spoke last weekend to some 200 National Party members from lower North Island areas, including Horowhenua, no-

one left the Silverstream Retreat with doubts on what he and his colleagues want to achieve.

In talking up an economic programme based around achieving greater productivity and growth he was talking to committed "Nats" fully supportive of the aims he set out.

There was enthusiasm. There was no evidence of dissent in subsequent discussion, formal or informal. Absence in his presentation were a clear statement of "vision" and a placement of intended actions in the context of their contribution to achieving the goal.

These omissions are easily fixed, and need to be for presentations beyond committed faithful.

It is relevant that the governing parties have an information advantage over the opposition trio. While this applies particularly to current government activities it also offers up nuggets of negative background on former Labour administration actions that may come to haunt those who were ministers in the Ardern-Hipkins years of office during the campaign proper.

Among matters other than economic, education and health that may come to the fore as electioneering hots up are defence and foreign policy, often considered as ones that



POLITICS

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fit into the lower echelon of public attention during election campaigns. Kiwi involvement in the Vietnam war, the Clark government's decision to scrap the Air Force fighter wing and David Lange's "no" to nuclear warship port calls were notable exceptions.

But looming as a potential generator of community debate is the nation's acceptance of the role that space technologies will have in defence security. It is a debate that will likely directly encompass elements of defence policy and indirectly impact future nuances of foreign policy implementation. Reality, however, is that space is now caught up in big power rivalry.

New Zealand cannot escape it. The country needs a form of security protection in the South Pacific within the zone to the north-east not directly covered with intensity by Australia and America. This can probably be forthcoming through security exchanges with the United States, utilising America's "eyes in the skies" for surveillance and potentially laser or other highly sophisticated space weaponry.

That New Zealand's own space capabilities

should be absent from such a defence system would seem both unlikely and out of alignment with security needs. But groups within the country have often been outspoken in resisting new lethal defence technologies even though they are regarded internationally as a normal and justifiable reaction to the potential of other nations' military capabilities.

The Greens and Labour may well have differing views to those of the coalition partners on the use of New Zealand's space industry capabilities. And, if so, the stage is well set for a country-wide debate no less feisty than those which accompany policies dealing with asset sales, the health system and capital gains taxes.

With new military aircraft and naval ships costing eye-watering amounts that strain the budgets of countries of New Zealand's size, the attraction of space technology defence systems as an alternative is clear. The fact that the country has one of the world's most advanced space exploration industries adds to that appeal.

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

Koha turns 25 – A world-class Horowhenua invention

By Wendy Fraser
Library Services Manager

Not everyone in Horowhenua might know this, but one of the world's most widely used library systems was created right here in our district.

Twenty-five years ago our local library service launched Koha, the world's first open-source library management system. What began as a practical response to the Y2K challenge is now powering libraries in more than 50 countries, including the British Library in the UK, as well as libraries throughout the United States, Canada, Singapore, and Turkey.

Back in 1999, Horowhenua libraries were facing serious technology limitations. The system we were using was outdated and expensive to maintain, and it wasn't going to survive the turn of the century. After exploring commercial options that proved either unaffordable or ill-suited to our community, the decision was made to invest in building something new – something that would work for Horowhenua.

In partnership with Wellington-based Katipo Communications, a new system was developed from the ground up. It was designed to be web-based, adaptable, and flexible enough to support multiple library branches. And in a move that was both visionary and generous, it was released as open source – meaning it could be freely shared and improved by anyone.

Koha officially went live in January 2000. Word soon spread among the library community, and interest grew quickly. Over the years, librarians and developers from around the world have contributed to Koha's development, making it more powerful, more accessible, and more widely used.

The impact of Koha was quickly recognised in Aotearoa as well. In 2000, Koha received New Zealand's prestigious 3M Innovation Award



for outstanding achievement in library and information services — a testament to the bold thinking and practical innovation that made the system possible.

Today, thousands of libraries globally use Koha to manage their collections, memberships, and daily operations. From major institutions like the British Library and the National Library of Singapore to small rural and community libraries, Koha has proven itself to be flexible, reliable, and widely adaptable. Here in Horowhenua, it remains the backbone of our library service. It supports everything from book borrowing to online access, helps us stay modern and responsive to the needs of our community, and continues to be a cost-effective and sustainable solution for managing library resources.

As we mark 25 years of Koha, we reflect with pride on the role our district played in its creation. We recognise the early innovators who saw the need for a better system, and we honour the many library staff who have supported and maintained Koha over the years. Most importantly, we acknowledge the ongoing support of Horowhenua District Council, which continues to invest in innovative, community-

led services like our libraries.

To our local community – thank you for supporting your libraries. Every time you borrow a book, use our catalogue, or access digital services, you are part of a world-leading story that began right here in Horowhenua.

EXHIBITIONS
Te Takeretanga o Kura-hau-pō Gallery – Enchanted Gingerbread Grove | 1 December to 31 December: Step into a festive fairytale as Te Takeretanga o Kura-hau-pō transforms into the Enchanted Gingerbread Grove. Created by the Libraries Horowhenua team, this magical space is filled with twinkling lights, sweet details, and charming Christmas touches. Visitors can enjoy photo opportunities, simple activities, and a few festive treats as we celebrate the lead up to Christmas together.

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

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

HERITAGE ROOMS
Te Takeretanga o Kura-hau-pō: Tues, Wed, Fri (10am-12.30pm), Thurs (10am-3pm).
Te Awahou Nieuwe Stroom: Research librarian available all day Fridays.
WEEKLY EVENTS
Fridays (28 November & 5 December)
Friday Live Concerts, Te Takeretanga o Kura-hau-

pō, midday-1pm: 28 Nov – Sarsh & Ra; 5 Dec – Luna Weather.
Mondays (1 & 8 December)
Storytime, Te Takeretanga o Kura-hau-pō, 10-10.30am.
Meet Street, Te Takeretanga o Kura-hau-pō, 10-11am.
Digi-Coaches, Te Takeretanga o Kura-hau-pō, 10am-2pm.
(1 December only), Photo Editing Basics, Te Takeretanga o Kura-hau-pō, 1-3pm.
(8 December only), Intro to Social Media, Te Takeretanga o Kura-hau-pō, 1-3pm.
Tuesdays (2 & 9 December)
Digi-Coaches, Te Takeretanga o Kura-hau-pō, 10am-2pm.
Storytime, Te Awahou Nieuwe Stroom, 10.30-11am.
JP Service, Te Takeretanga o Kura-hau-pō, 11.30am-1.30pm.
Lego Hour, Te Takeretanga o Kura-hau-pō, 3.30-4.30pm.
Sensory Sessions, Levin Aquatics, 7-8pm.
Wednesdays (3 & 10 December)
Digi-Coaches, Te Takeretanga o Kura-hau-pō, 10am-2pm.
Aqua Tots: Foxton Pools, 10.10-11.15am / Levin Aquatics, 10.30-11.15am.
Pop-Up Eats, Te Takeretanga o Kura-hau-pō Carpark, 5-8pm.
Quiz Night, Te Takeretanga o Kura-hau-pō, 7-9pm, \$5.
(3 December only), FOHL Morning Tea, Te Takeretanga o Kura-hau-pō, 10-11am.
(3 December only), Staying Safe Online, Te Takeretanga o Kura-hau-pō, 1-3pm.
(3 December only), Teen Book Club, Te Takeretanga o Kura-hau-pō, 4-5pm.
(3 December only), Page Turners Kōrero Group, Te Takeretanga o Kura-hau-pō, 7-9pm.
(10 December only), Let's Get Photographing, Te Takeretanga o Kura-hau-pō, 1-3pm.
Thursdays (4 & 11 December)
Sewing Workshop, Te Takeretanga o Kura-hau-pō, 9.30-11.30am.
Digi-Coaches, Te Takeretanga o Kura-hau-pō, 10am-2pm.
JP Service, Shannon Library, 2-3pm.
(4 December only), Tea & Tales: Poet Talk with Janet Newman, Te Takeretanga o Kura-hau-pō, 10.30-midday.
(4 December only), Phone First-Aid & 3G Check-ups, Te Takeretanga o Kura-hau-pō, 2-3pm.
(11 December only), Digital Drop-ins, Te Awahou Nieuwe Stroom, 10am-midday.

» 11 Stuart Street **LEVIN**

DEADLINE SALE

JUST LISTED



A LOW FUSS IN A GREAT LOCATION

If you're all about light, space and location, this one's going to tick a lot of boxes. This three bedroom, two bathroom home has instant vibe - it's bright and airy with five ranch sliders connecting you straight out to patios and decks front and back. The exposed ceiling beams bring a cool retro edge, while the updated kitchen keeps things modern with great cabinetry, electric hob, under-bench oven and dish drawer. The walk-in pantry is huge, so you can actually stock up and stay organised.

Deadline Sale (Unless Sold Prior) Closes 1pm, 10 December 2025, Wilton & Co, 530 Queen Street East, Levin

Ref : www.wiltonandco.nz/WILO2010
OPEN HOME SUNDAY 11AM-11.30AM

Adriana Wilton
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» 5 Nelson Street **LEVIN**

DEADLINE SALE



CHARMING, STYLISH & SO CONVENIENT

If you are looking for a home that is stylish in design, has great indoor/outdoor flow and a private easy care section, then this is it. This delightful home blends charm and comfort beautifully, offering a warm and inviting feel with all the upgrades you're hoping for. A fresh, modern colour scheme, kitchen and tiled bathroom, and the ease of year-round comfort thanks to insulation and a heat pump. The layout includes two well sized bedrooms and a bright, open living area that flows seamlessly out to a fabulous covered deck. **Deadline Sale (Unless Sold Prior) Closes 1pm, 2 December 2025, Wilton & Co, 530 Queen Street East, Levin**

Ref : www.wiltonandco.nz/WILO2000
OPEN HOME SUNDAY 11.45AM-12.15PM

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» 58 Highbury Drive **LEVIN**

BEO \$795,000



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!

Ref : www.wiltonandco.nz/WILO1982
OPEN HOME SUNDAY 12.30PM-1PM

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» 26 Green Avenue **LEVIN**

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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» 18 Argyle Avenue **LEVIN**

BEO \$525,000



SPACE FOR ALL

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

Ref : www.wiltonandco.nz/WILO1988
OPEN HOME SUNDAY 11AM-11.30AM

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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 11.45AM-12.15PM

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» 23 Stirling Street **LEVIN**

ASKING \$420,000



PRICE UPDATE

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

Ref : www.wiltonandco.nz/WILO1953
OPEN HOME SUNDAY 2PM-2.30PM

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» 45 Green Avenue **LEVIN**

BEO \$438,000



THIS IS A WINNER!

This gem is the perfect start! Whether you're stepping into home ownership for the first time, or looking for a smart investment, this 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.

Ref : www.wiltonandco.nz/WILO1999
OPEN HOME SUNDAY 1.15PM-1.45PM

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» 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/WIL01990
Richard Wilton 0211557150
Adriana Wilton 0297766902



» 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/WIL01996
Ryan Watson 0223554790



» 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/WIL01927
Ryan Watson 0223554790



» 44 Kings Drive **LEVIN**

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Classic home in a convenient location

This solid 1960s weatherboard home is a fantastic opportunity for first home buyers, small families, downsizers, or savvy investors. Inside, you'll find two bedrooms plus a sun-filled sunroom across a generous 84 m2 floorplan. The updated kitchen and bathroom combine modern convenience with the home's classic charm, while a mix of polished timber floors, vinyl, and carpet add warmth and style.

BUYER ENQUIRY OVER \$450,000
OPEN HOME SUNDAY 2PM-2.30PM
Ref : www.wiltonandco.nz/WIL01984
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 11AM-11.30AM
Ref : www.wiltonandco.nz/WIL01992
Lynaire Cottle 0272224017



» 100A Queen Street **LEVIN**

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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 it's 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.

FOR SALE BY DEADLINE SALE
OPEN HOME SUNDAY 11.45AM-12.15PM
Ref : www.wiltonandco.nz/WIL01980
Lynaire Cottle 0272224017



» 4 Rugby Street **LEVIN**

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Like new!

Looking for a warm, low-maintenance home packed with great extras? This one delivers! You'll love the full double glazing, newer roof, cosy Kent fire, and top-notch insulation keeping you comfortable year-round. The fresh interior, updated kitchen, and modern touches mean all the hard work is done. Add in a garage plus multiple sheds for storage, and a location just moments from town.

ASKING \$585,000
OPEN HOME SUNDAY 12.30PM-1PM
Ref : www.wiltonandco.nz/WIL01924
Lynaire Cottle 0272224017



» 1205 State Highway 57 **LEVIN**

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PRICE REDUCED!

This exceptional residence sitting on 4.4515 hectares, offers space, style, and serenity on a truly impressive scale. 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.

BUYER ENQUIRY OVER \$1,249,000
OPEN HOME SUNDAY 1.15PM-1.45PM
Ref : www.wiltonandco.nz/WIL01954
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
OPEN HOME SUNDAY 2.15PM-2.45PM
Ref : www.wiltonandco.nz/WIL01962
Lynaire Cottle 0272224017



» 14 Okarito Avenue **LEVIN**

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PRICE UPDATE

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.

PRICE BY NEGOTIATION
OPEN HOME SUNDAY 11.30AM-12PM
Ref : www.wiltonandco.nz/WIL01960
Tracey Fraser 0210779062



» 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 12.15PM-12.45PM
Ref : www.wiltonandco.nz/WIL02003
Tracey Fraser 0210779062



» 39 Bristol Street **LEVIN**

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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.

BUYER ENQUIRY OVER \$879,000
OPEN HOME SUNDAY 1PM-1.30PM
Ref : www.wiltonandco.nz/WIL01941
Adriana Wilton 0297766902



» 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 12.45PM-1.15PM
Ref : www.wiltonandco.nz/WIL01916
Haley Sturt 02102387699



» 14A Kent Street **LEVIN**

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When location counts!

This is hard to beat. Just minutes walk to town and set on a private, tucked away section, this home delivers convenience. The generous lounge opens seamlessly to a patio, creating a lovely outdoor spot to relax. The dining area also flows to the patio, while the kitchen offers impressive storage with loads of cupboards and drawers, a pantry, and excellent bench space. Two well sized bedrooms, both with double wardrobes.

PRICE BY NEGOTIATION
OPEN HOME SUNDAY 2PM-2.30PM
Ref : www.wiltonandco.nz/WIL02007
Adriana Wilton 0297766902



» 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/WIL01885
Adriana Wilton 0297766902



» 174B Bartholomew Road **LEVIN**

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Ready to move swiftly!

Here you get to enjoy the simplicity of a home that's ready to just move in and live your best life. Recently redecorated throughout, this property offers modern comfort with a modern kitchen featuring sleek granite benchtops, an under bench oven, hob, and plenty of storage to keep things tidy. The spacious open plan dining and living area flows effortlessly, complemented by excellent flooring throughout.

ASKING \$515,000
VIEW BY APPOINTMENT ONLY
Ref : www.wiltonandco.nz/WIL01964
Adriana Wilton 0297766902



Lot 3, 116 Mangahao Road, Shannon

7595 m² land



Versatility

Fixed Price \$299,000

View: By appointment

Jan Sparrow
027 243 3506
jan.sparrow@tremains.co.nz



633a Queen Street East, Levin

4 bed / 2 bath / 1 car / 451 m² land



Packed with Potential

Buyer Enquiries Over \$525,000

View: By appointment

Cher McCartney
022 060 8134
cher.mccartney@tremains.co.nz



57 Weraroa Road, Levin

2 bed / 1 bath / 1 car / 304 m² land

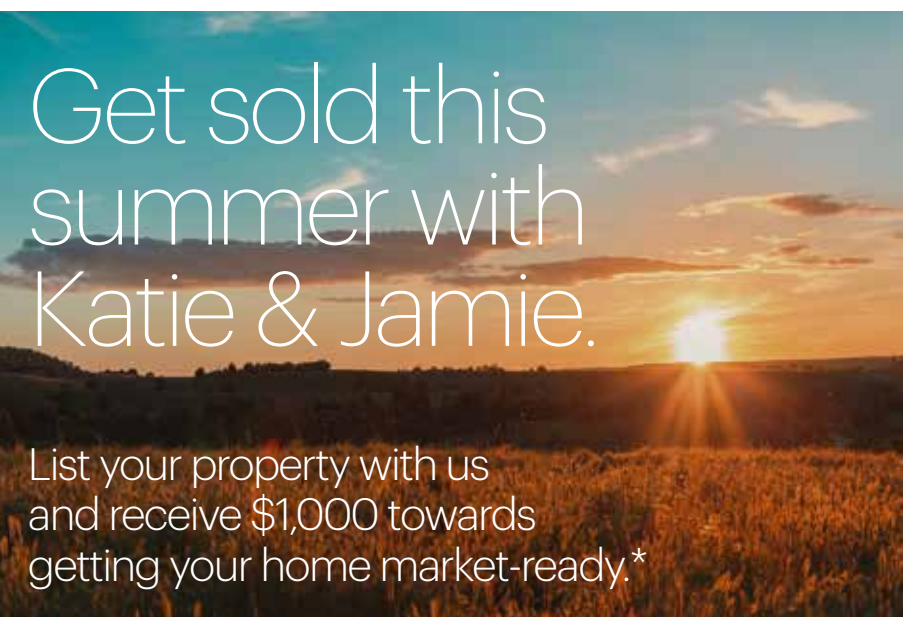


Fresh and Bright

Buyer Enquiries Over \$419,999

View: Sun 30th 1pm-1:30pm

Angela Shaw
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Sport/Racing

Weraroa take historic shield

By Paul Williams

Weraroa have claimed the historic Hugh Hall Shield for the first time since the summer of 2012 with a resounding win against Kāpiti Old Boys at Paraparaumu Domain last weekend.

Sent in to bat by KOB, it was English import Harry Kendal who carried the day – a fine 100 brought up with a scoop shot over the wicket-keeper’s head. He went on to score 106.

Cameos came from Blake De Burgh (49), while a patient 12 from 66 balls by Keegan Maclachlan helped Harry to continue scoring and enabled Weraroa to reach 246 by late afternoon on Saturday.

The Weraroa bowling attack was outstanding in reply. Jaedyn Dawson again was a force with the ball, the speedster ending with figures of 6-65, working brilliantly in tandem with Caleb O’Connell, who bagged 3-62.

The pair have themselves fit and able to bowl long spells, and apart from opener Daniel Franks with 51, the KOB top order were well-contained. They were all out for 170.

Kāpiti captain Zack Benton conceded defeat late in the second day after Weraroa managed to compile a second innings total of 187 runs and their tail wagging stubbornly.

The win was just reward for a nucleus of players who had toiled hard behind the scenes, led by Keeghan Machlachlan and Jamie Marshall, who are also club president and club captain respectively.



The winning Weraroa team. Photo supplied

The pair had worked hard with a committee to grow participation. The club is now in good heart, boasting three senior teams and several junior teams.

The future for Weraroa looks bright – while the average age of the senior team is less than 23, the likes of Locky Spring, Jaydyn Dawson, Blake de Burgh and Caleb O’Connell have years of senior cricket under their belts.

This season has marked a return from serious back injuries for bowler Jaedyn and batsman Blake, both aged 23. Both are talented cricketers and each comeback is a credit to their commitment to rehabilitation, as it was doubtful either would play cricket again.

It was the 115th edition of the Hugh Hall Shield, one of the oldest surviving trophies in New Zealand club cricket. It was first

introduced in 1909 in honour of Levin Borough councillor Hugh Hall. The shield has been contested ever since, with only a brief hiatus during the First World War.

Weraroa – first innings
Jamie Marshall *b Tristan Cloete* 8
Cameron Jones *c Jayden Rose-Miles b Carter Andrews* 0
Locky Spring *c Carter Andrews b Zack Benton* 6
Harry Kendal *c Daniel Browne b Martin Harrison* 106
Keegan Maclachlan *(c) b Sacha Pickering* 12
Blake de Burgh *b Sacha Pickering* 49
Sean Finlayson *c Zack Benton b Martin Harrison* 62
Richard Trevethick *not out* 30
Caleb O’Connell *c Sacha Pickering b Martin Harrison* 10
Jaedyn Dawson *lbw Martin Harrison* 0
Sam Bruhn *b Martin Harrison* 0
Extras: 19
Total: 246 (77.5 Overs)

Bowling: (overs/maidens/runs/wickets)
Zack Benton *17-4-43-1*, Carter Andrews *12-1-39-1*, Tristan Cloete *14-5-23-1*, Ben Parker *5-0-20-0*, Sacha Pickering *14-1-48-2*, Declan Prentice *4-0-20-0*, Martin Harrison *11.5-0-38-5*.
Kāpiti Old Boys – first innings
Daniel Franks *c Keegan Maclachlan b Jaedyn Dawson* 51
Daniel Browne *b Caleb O’Connell* 24
Tristan Cloete *c Keegan Maclachlan b Jaedyn Dawson* 3
Quinn Weekes *c b Hunter Adsett* 10
Ben Parker *c and b Jaedyn Dawson* 7
Zack Benton *b Caleb O’Connell* 1
Jayden Rose-Miles *c Harry Kendal b Jaedyn Dawson* 1
Sacha Pickering *c Harry Kendal b Jaedyn Dawson* 1
Michael Newell *c Harry Kendal b Jaedyn Dawson* 7
Carter Andrews *not out* 33
Martin Harrison *c Keegan Maclachlan b Caleb O’Connell* 7
Extras: 25
Total: 170 (50.4 overs)
Bowling: Caleb O’Connell *18.4-5-62-3*, Jaedyn Dawson *22-8-65-6*, Hunter Adsett *5-1-13-1*, Sam Bruhn *2-0-7-0*, Keegan Maclachlan *3-2-1-0*.
Weraroa – second innings
Jamie Marshall *c Sacha Pickering b Carter Andrews* 27
Cameron Jones *c and b Sacha Pickering* 31
Locky Spring *b Sacha Pickering* 33
Harry Kendal *c Zack Benton b Sacha Pickering* 24
Keegan Maclachlan *c Sacha Pickering b Declan Prentice* 11
Blake de Burgh *lbw Zack Benton* 18
Sean Finlayson *b Zack Benton* 0
Charlie Ferguson *c Daniel Browne b Sacha Pickering* 11
Caleb O’Connell *not out* 15
Jaedyn Dawson *not out* 10
Extras: 7
Total: 8/187 (67 Overs)
Bowling: Carter Andrews *6-0-21-1*, Zack Benton *12-4-3-22*, Sacha Pickering *29-6-6-74*, Martin Harrison *7-3-22-0*, Tristan Cloete *7-4-12-0*, Declan Prentice *4-0-25-1*, Jayden Rose-Miles *2-0-2-0*.

THE FIELD

LEVIN RACING CLUB at Ōtaki – Sunday 30 November

Left-handed track, 1800m - 400m straight.

R1 KAPITI VALUATIONS HANDICAP \$45000 2100m 12:15pm				
WIN, PLC, FT4, QLA, TFA, DBL Leg1, QAD Leg1				
Total	Form	Name, barrier, trainer	Jockey (allowance) kg (R rtg)	
1	43148	Freddie Time (5) Kelvin Tyler	Liam Kauri (2) 59 (R73)	
2	47X00	Puke Park (12) Fraser Auret	Sam Weatherley 57.5 (R70)	
3	23X57	Myakkabelle (7) B & R Foote	Vinnie Colgan 56.5 (R72)	
4	X1750	Joan's Joker (13) Gary Vile	Kelly Myers 56.5 (R68)	
5	119X7	Northeasterly (11) James/Wellwood	Craig Grylls 56 (R67)	
6	211X2	Zenazed (8) Leanne Elliot	Kate Hercock 55.5 (R70)	
7	6X921	Unleash The Beast (9) Kenny Moore	Bruno Queiroz 55.5 (R66)	
8	48108	Free Spirit (1) Howie Mathews	Erin Leighton 55 (R69)	
9	62081	Call A Friend (3) Mike Breslin	Masa Hashizume 54 (R67)	
10	X6251	Itoje (4) Ilone Kelly	Samantha Collett 54 (R67)	
11	6X355	Rogue Romance (6) Lisa Latta	Amber Riddell (1) 54 (R65)	
12	07664	Phats (2) Chrissy Bamby	Matt Cartwright 54 (R62)	
13	41890	Turnmeon (10) David Jensen	Jasmine Fawcett 54 (R62)	
Expert Picks.... 6-Zenazed 5-Northeasterly 7-Unleash The Beast				

R2 LEVIN THRBRED BREEDERS FORUM MDN \$25000 1200m 12:50pm				
WIN, PLC, FT4, QLA, TFA, DBL Leg2, QAD Leg2, TRB Leg1				
Tote	Form	Name, barrier, trainer	Jockey (allowance) kg (R rtg)	
1	825	Hoorah Henry (10) Lisa Latta	Samantha Collett 58.5 (R52)	
2	373X	Precipice (7) Cody Cole	Craig Grylls 58.5 (R51)	
3	96	Scotty (9) John Wheeler	58.5 (R46)	
4		Indian Pacific (12) Geoffrey Haigh	Toni Davies (2) 58.5 (R45)	
5	2	Kodiak Bear (2) K & S Gray	Bruno Queiroz 57 (R52)	
6	0422X	Sol De Otono (3) Lowry/Zydenbos	Masa Hashizume 56.5 (R54)	
7	3	Bee Precious (8) Lavelle/Rennie	Sarah O'Malley 56.5 (R51)	
8	X9447	Rosa (11) Ilone Kelly	Matt Cartwright 56.5 (R49)	
9	202	Too Darn Sweet (1) Sam Mynott	Sam Weatherley 55 (R54)	
10	536X	Under Orders (5) Lisa Latta	Amber Riddell (1) 55 (R54)	
11		Cricket (4) Johnno Benner	Kelly Myers 55 (R45)	
12	57X7X	Ribella Rose (6) Lisa Latta	Chris Dell 55 (R45)	
Expert Picks.... 5-Kodiak Bear 11-Cricket 9-Too Darn Sweet				

R3 LEVIN JUMPOUTS 2YO SW+P \$40000 1100m 1:31pm				
WIN, PLC, FT4, QLA, TFA, DBL Leg1, QAD Leg3, TRB Leg2				
Tote	Form	Name, barrier, trainer	Jockey (allowance) kg (R rtg)	
1	1	Midnight Dart (4) Lisa Latta	Kate Hercock 57 (R63)	
2		Butler Cabin (2) Johnno Benner	Kelly Myers 56 (R47)	
3		Ka Ron (5) Allan Sharrock	Masa Hashizume 56 (R45)	
4		Kinnaird (3) Walker/Bergerson	Craig Grylls 56 (R45)	
5	25	Miss Twinkle (8) Andrew Carston	Samantha Collett 54 (R52)	
6	3	Tifosi (1) Bryce Newman	Vinnie Colgan 54 (R47)	
7		Hanabell (7) Buddy Lammis	Rohan Mudhoo 54 (R45)	
8	3	Morevino (6) Allan Sharrock	Matt Cartwright 54 (R45)	
Expert Picks.... 2-Butler Cabin 1-Midnight Dart 4-Kinnaird				

R4 KELLY & CO HANDICAP \$40000 1600m					2:08pm
WIN, PLC, FT4, QLA, TFA, DBL Leg2, QAD Leg4, TRB Leg3					
Tote	Form	Name, barrier, trainer	Jockey (allowance) kg (R rtg)		
1	18X53	The Nomad (1) Cody Cole	59 (R63)		
2	326X0	Weneedashock (9) Howie Mathews	Liam Kauri (2) 59 (R63)		
3	71X03	Beetlegeuse (5) Sam Mynott	Sam Weatherley 58.5 (R62)		
4	341X9	Mohi Place (14) Johnno Benner	Amber Riddell (1) 58.5 (R62)		
5	86X0X	Truth Or Dare (13) Walker/Bergerson	Jonathan Riddell 58.5 (R62)		
6	4X274	Fosse (10) Ramsay/Ritchie	Masa Hashizume 58 (R65)		
7	11798	Our Akashinga (12) K & S Gray	Bruno Queiroz 58 (R65)		
8	43175	Perfect Pete (17) Andrew Campbell	Kate Hercock 58 (R61)		
9	X0036	Anushka Shesastar (16) John Bary	Kelly Myers 56.5 (R62)		
10	806X8	Flamenco (8) Hollie Wynyard	56.5 (R62)		
11	57X27	Keeping Time (3) Lisa Latta	Chris Dell 56.5 (R62)		
12	346X1	Lets All Boogie (4) Bryce Newman	Erin Leighton 56.5 (R62)		
13	1820X	Marriage Vows (7) Les Collins	Crystal Lindsay (3) 56.5 (R62)		
14	5X103	Pacific Princess (6) John Bary	Samantha Collett 56.5 (R62)		
15	70734	He's All Fabulous (18) Buddy Lammars	Matt Cartwright 58 (R61)		
16	703X0	Rev It Up Rusty (19) Lisa Latta	57.5 (R60)		
17	16X06	Tuesday (20) Ilone Kelly	55.5 (R60)		
18	90X53	Piercing Arrow (2) John Wheeler	57 (R59)		
19	69035	Market Square (15) Duncan/Jenkins	57 (R59)		
20	65579	Prestissimo (11) McKenzie/Bassett	54 (R57)		
Expert Picks.... 6-Fosse 1-The Nomad 12-Lets All Boogie					

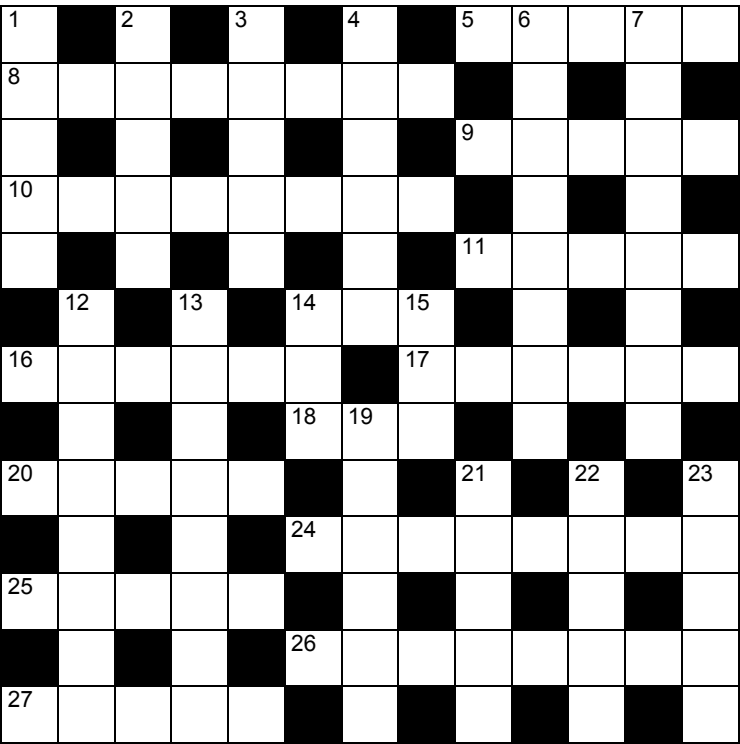
R5 LEVIN TRUCK SERVICES STAKES OPN HCP \$80000 1200m 2:40pm				
WIN, PLC, FT4, QLA, TFA, DBL Leg1, QAD Leg1				
Tote	Form	Name, barrier, trainer	Jockey (allowance) kg (R rtg)	
1	0X56X	Mercurial (7) Stephen Marsh	60 (R91)	
2	726X1	Platinum Attack (8) Lisa Latta	Craig Grylls 59.5 (R90)	
3	X5212	Bold Belle (6) Bryce Newman	Jim Chung (2) 59 (R93)	
4	520X4	Infndoubtgetout (4) Tracey Bliss	Elle Sole (3) 57 (R85)	
5	341X1	Ima Brazen One (1) Mike Breslin	Toni Davies (2) 55.5 (R86)	
6	21153	Cosentino (5) K & S Gray	Rohan Mudhoo 54.5 (R80)	
7	655X6	Idyllic (3) K & S Gray	Bruno Queiroz 54 (R83)	
8	738X7	Fancy Like Lass (9) Thompson-Brown/Brown	54 (R82)	
9	19X20	Rareza (10) Cody Cole	Samantha Collett 54 (R82)	
10	1132X	Dealt With (2) James/Wellwood	Masa Hashizume 54 (R77)	
11	463X2	Azeezle (12) B & R Foote	Vinnie Colgan 54 (R76)	
12	836X4	The Stoney One (11) Lowry/Zydenbos	Kelly Myers 54 (R76)	
Expert Picks.... 2-Platinum Attack 10-Dealt With 11-Azeezle				

R6 ILONE KELLY RACING STABLES OPN HCP \$50000 1600m 3:20pm				
WIN, PLC, FT4, QLA, TFA, DBL Leg2, QAD Leg2, TRB Leg1				
Tote	Form	Name, barrier, trainer	Jockey (allowance) kg (R rtg)	
1	86625	Belardo Boy (4) Lisa Latta	62 (R98)	
2	60X40	He's A Doozy (1) Lisa Latta	Amber Riddell (1) 58 (R90)	
3	11X09	Doctor Askar (2) Joanne Moss	Liam Kauri (2) 57.5 (R89)	
4	0X080	Electron (11) Sam Mynott	Sam Weatherley 54 (R86)	
5	49X93	Talisker (3) Walker/Bergerson	Craig Grylls 54 (R82)	
6	52421	Tisse (6) Allan Sharrock	Kelly Myers 54 (R78)	
7	X6610	Bourbon Proof (7) Stephen Marsh	Matt Cartwright 54 (R77)	
8	14X54	Keegan (8) B & R Foote	Vinnie Colgan 54 (R77)	
9	01129	Mizella (10) Hollie Wynyard	54 (R76)	
10	58080	Duncan Creek (9) Patrick Campbell	Kate Hercock 54 (R71)	
11	9X042	Mr Jay Eight (5) Stacey Dougan	Toni Davies (2) 54 (R69)	
Expert Picks.... 6-Tisse 5-Talisker 9-Mizella				

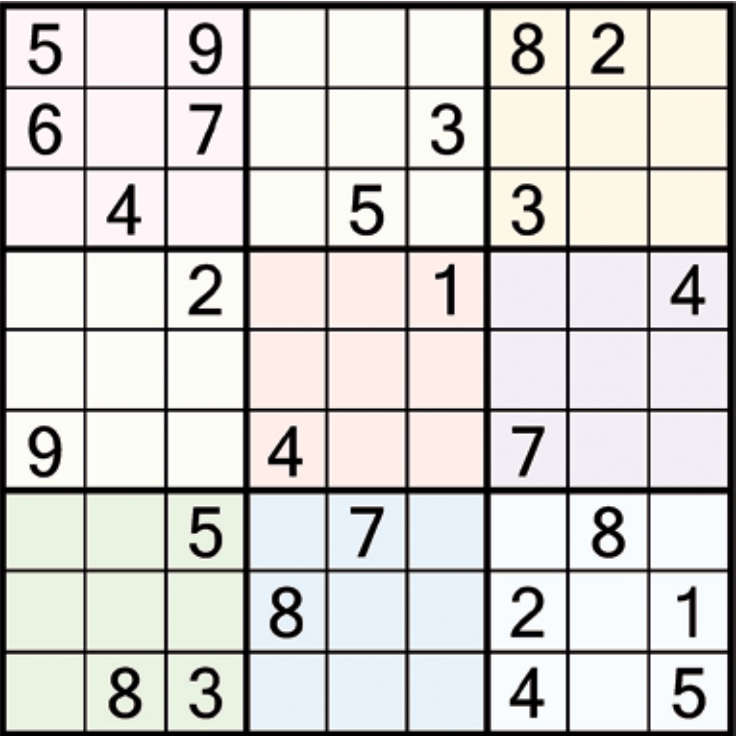
R7 JENNIAN HOMES WELLINGTON STAKES \$100000 1600m 4:00pm				
WIN, PLC, FT4, QLA, TFA, DBL Leg1, QAD Leg3, TRB Leg2				
Tote	Form	Name, barrier, trainer	Jockey (allowance) kg (R rtg)	
1	32623	Belzoni (3) Lisa Latta	Jonathan Riddell 57 (R67)	
2	18452	Landman (8) Bill Thurlow and Sam O'Malley	Samantha Collett 57 (R65)	
3	X7X41	Ammirati (2) Stephen Marsh	Matt Cartwright 57 (R63)	
4	71	Road To Paris (10) James/Wellwood	Masa Hashizume 57 (R63)	
5	8X1	Savvysuper (5) Cody Cole	Craig Grylls 57 (R63)	
6	9X148	Tulsa King (9) Aaron Bidlake	Chris Dell 57 (R62)	
7	5	Mount Cook (6) Thompson-Brown/Brown	57 (R47)	
8	X6741	Abbakiss (7) Bryce Newman	Kate Hercock 55 (R69)	
9	5X531	Kawakawa (4) K & S Gray	Bruno Queiroz 55 (R63)	
10	2331	Sweet Talkin Gal (1) Hollie Wynyard	55 (R63)	
11	X6419	Cirque Du Rose (12) Sam Mynott	Sam Weatherley 55 (R62)	
12	X5322	Sierra Leone (11) Johnno Benner	Kelly Myers 55 (R58)	
Expert Picks.... 3-Ammirati 2-Landman 1-Belzoni				

R8 KEEP IT SIMPLE HANDICAP \$40000 1400m 4:39pm				
WIN, PLC, FT4, QLA, TFA, DBL Leg2, QAD Leg4, TRB Leg3				
Tote	Form	Name, barrier, trainer	Jockey (allowance) kg (R rtg)	
1	5543X	Titled (3) Leanne Elliot	Liam Kauri (2) 61.5 (R78)	
2	050X0	Belle's Echo (18) Lisa Latta	Toni Davies (2) 60.5 (R80)	
3	2X415	Wingman (15) Roydon Bergerson	59.5 (R74)	
4	X75X1	Bridal Train (2) Allan Sharrock	Sima Mtothwa (3) 59 (R77)	
5	X2211	Complex (11) Ilone Kelly	Kate Hercock 59 (R73)	
6	216X2	Omega Boy (7) Peter and Trent Didham	Matt Cartwright 58.5 (R72)	
7	211X6	Read About It (8) Robbie Patterson	Craig Grylls 58.5 (R72)	
8	212X6	Truce (5) Allan Sharrock	Matt Cartwright 58.5 (R72)	
9	1359X	Kabugee (19) Walker/Bergerson	Jonathan Riddell 57.5 (R70)	
10	15204	Vibration (9) Gavin Sharrock	Jim Chung (2) 57.5 (R70)	
11	16144	Freebello (17) Robbie Patterson	Kelly Myers 57 (R73)	
12	111X5	French Doll (12) Mike Breslin	Masa Hashizume 57 (R73)	
13	43X95	Charmer (4) B & R Foote	Vinnie Colgan 56 (R71)	
14	X6360	Dramatic Miss (13) Stephen Marsh	Sam Weatherley 55.5 (R70)	
15	16X82	Special Sakura (1) Janella Millar	55 (R69)	
16	13X68	Renovations (14) Cody Cole	54.5 (R68)	
17	0118X	Mister Fletcher (6) Bill Thurlow and Sam O'Malley	56 (R67)	
18	5X15X	Cut Loose (16) David Haworth	56 (R67)	
19	31X01	Sunshine Ale (10) Lowry/Zydenbos	54 (R66)	
20		Mr Jay Eight	Scratched	
Expert Picks.... 5-Complex 6-Omega Boy 7-Read About It				

THE CROSSWORD #NZ1961B (answers below right)



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CROSSWORD #1961B ANSWERS

Across: 5. Loopy, 8. The Block, 9. Mocha, 10. Tiki tour, 11. Feral, 14. Ask, 16. Tasman, 17. Erebus, 18. Tag, 20. Clout, 24. Innocent, 25. Marae, 26. Campbell, 27. Skier.
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ACROSS

- 5 Silly (colloq) (5)
8 Reality show whose 10 series from 2012 and 2022 were all hosted by Mark Richardson (3,5)
9 Type of coffee (5)
10 Go sightseeing or take a roundabout route (colloq) (4,4)
11 Wild (5)
14 Enquire (3)
16 Dutchman, born 1603, whose name is on multiple South Island locations (6)
17 World’s most southerly active volcano (6)
18 Signature work of a graffiti artist (3)
20 Hit hard (5)
24 Blameless (8)
25 Formal gathering place in Māori culture (5)
26 John Logan _____, Auckland politician

who donated Cornwall Park to the city (8)
27 Snow sport proponent (5)

DOWN

- 1 Nation, country (5)
2 Irritating (5)
3 Fabric (5)
4 Youth organisation that began in NZ around 1908 (6)
6 Meter showing distance travelled (8)
7 The Tui brewery at Mangatainoka is on the outskirts of this town (8)
12 Queue of traffic (8)
13 Cut off (8)
14 Colony insect (3)
15 Beer barrel (3)
19 Yearly (6)
21 ACC payment (colloq) (5)
22 Push back, resist (5)
23. Coral island (5)



SUMMER QUIZ Answers below.

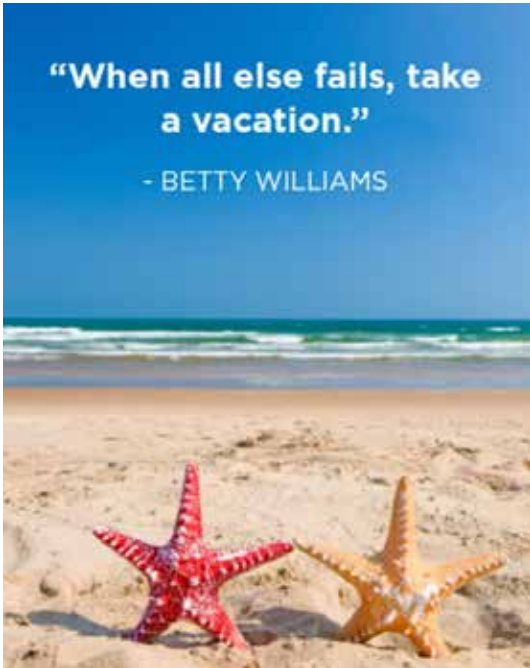
1. A margarita consists of tequila, lime juice, and _____? a. Triple sec b. Midori c. Limoncello?
2. What liquor is used in a pina colada? a. Vodka b. Tequila c. Rum.
3. Where do Mojitos originate from? a. Puerto Rico b. Cuba c. Dominican Republic
4. A capirinha is _____’s national drink. a. Chile b. Brazil c. Argentina.
5. A Sea Breeze is made with vodka, cranberry juice, and _____? a. Lime juice b. Orange juice c. Grapefruit juice.
6. Harry Style’s hit single *Watermelon Sugar* was released as part of his second album ____? a. Golden b. Lights Up c. Fine Line.
7. Which band produced the classic summer hit *Walking On Sunshine*? a. Katrina and the Waves b. The Bangles c. Mel & Kim.
8. Which Taylor Swift album has the song *Cruel Summer* in it? a. Reputation b. Fearless c. Lover.
9. *Summer Nights* is performed by Olivia Newton-John and John Travolta in *Grease*, released in _____? a. 1978 b.1980 c. 1982
10. *Summer Of ‘69* was released by which artist? a. Bon Jovi b. Bryan Adams c. Rod Stewart.

WORD SEARCH SUMMER: answers page 19



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SUMMER QUIZ ANSWERS: 1. a. Triple sec. 2. c. Rum. 3. b. Cuba. 4. b. Brazil. 5. c. Grapefruit juice. 6. c. Fine Line. 7. a. Katrina and the Waves. 8. c. Lover. 9. a. 1978. 10. b. Bryan Adams.



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MUAŪPOKO TRIBAL AUTHORITY INC.

Hui-a-Tau - AGM SECOND NOTICE
Annual General Meeting

Muaūpoko Tribal Authority Inc (MTA) invites members to our Hui-a-Tau to be held at 11am on Sunday, December 14, 2025, at Kohutūroa Marae, 306 Hokio Beach Road, Taitoko (Levin).

Members must register to attend the hui and obtain their ballot paper from 10:30am at Kohutūroa Marae. Hui starts at 11am.

1.0 AGENDA
Karakia/Mihimihi
1.1 Apologies
1.2 Previous AGM Minutes
1.3 Matters Arising from previous AGM minutes

2.0 Muaūpoko Tribal Authority Inc. (MTA)
2.1 Chairperson's Report
2.2 Chief Executive's Report
2.3 Muaūpoko Tribal Authority Board Annual Plan
2.4 Presentation

3.0 Muaūpoko Trading Company (MTC)
3.1 Muaūpoko Trading Company Report & Annual Plan 2024
3.2 ACE Quota - period ending 31st March 2024
3.3 Traded Fish Stock - period ending 31st March 2024

4.0 Group Consolidated Financial Reports (MTA & MTC)
4.1 Group audited accounts – period ending 31st March 2024
4.2 Muaūpoko Trading Company audited accounts – period ending 31st March 2024

5.0 Muaūpoko Tribal Authority Strategic Business Plan
5.1 Muaūpoko Tribal Authority Inc. 5-year Business Plan
5.2 Muaūpoko Trading Company 5-year Business Plan

6.0 Appointment of Auditor

7.0 He Kōrero – General Business
7.1 Te Waipupu o Punahau – Kura update
7.2 Changes to MTA Rules and MTC Constitution due to Incorporated Societies Act 2022 and the Māori Fisheries Amendment Act 2024
7.3 Resolution regarding the MTA Rules and MTC Constitution Changes
7.4 Ballot Vote for changes to the MTA rules

8.0 Karakia whakamutunga

9.0 Kai – Following the hui, whānau are invited to share kai and whanaungatanga.

A copy of the AGM information pack will be available for download from the MTA website – muaupoko.iwi.nz. Hard copies of the AGM pack can be picked up from our MTA whare at 306 Oxford Street, Taitoko Levin, during normal business hours. A summary of the rule changes and the proposed version of the new rules/constitution will be included in the AGM pack. If you plan to attend the Hui-a-Tau in person or wish to join the hui online, please register by 5pm on Friday 12th December 2025 by calling the whare on (06) 367 3311 or register at www.muaupoko.iwi.nz. For all other enquiries, please contact the whare.

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A private notice and ballot paper will be posted to every registered adult member of MTA from November 17, 2025. UPDATE: Voting has been extended to now close 5pm December 19, 2025. You may cast your vote by:

1. Posting your completed ballot paper to MTA, PO Box 225, Taitoko/Levin (must be received by 5pm, Friday December 19, 2025).
2. Dropping your ballot paper into the locked ballot box at the MTA Whare, 306 Oxford Street, Taitoko/Levin by 5pm, Friday, December 19, 2025.
3. Bringing your ballot paper to the Hui-a-Tau/AGM at Kohutūroa Marae on Sunday, December, 14, and placing it in the ballot box by 11am.

A Returning Officer will be appointed to manage the ballot voting process.

An information pack to support members re the MTA rule and MTC constitution changes will also be available to download from the MTA website or a copy can be requested by phoning the MTA whare at (06) 367 3311.

The information pack includes:

- the original MTC Constitution (circa 2012)
- tracked changes to the original MTC constitution
- the summary table of changes to MTC constitution
- the proposed new MTC constitution
- the original MTA Rules (circa 23/11/2012)
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- the summary table of changes to the MTA Rules
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