

Saddle up for music awards

By Paul Williams

Country singers from all over New Zealand will mosey into town for the annual Pounamu Country Music Awards this weekend.

The lure for many is a chance to qualify for the NZ Entertainer of the Year Awards in Rotorua next year, as the winners in each category gain automatic entry.

Long-time Pounamu club member Gordon Fletcher did just that in Nelson last weekend at the New Zealand Sun City Country Music Awards, one of several major qualifying events held throughout the country through the year.

Gordon was crowned overall winner in the veterans

section, singing songs like *Your Song* and *Wine into Water*, while adding a slight twist to another called *Long-Haired Country Boy*.

He made it his own, singing the lyric "Grey-Haired Country Boy", winning the country rock section.

NZ Country Music president Lesley Niania says the song is "a bit sassy and a bit cheeky", and Gordon nailed it, getting a unanimous nod from the eight judges.

"He has a wonderful range. He looks like Kenny Rogers, and has a voice that is recognisable," she says.

Gordon, 71, joined the club seven years ago, having sung mostly "at home and in the car", although he had done a couple of community musicals and a stint with a barbershop quartet.

"You think to yourself you'll go along just for a listen and before you know it you're up there. I think I was up on stage my second night. The club is very welcoming and encouraging," he says.

He'd always liked country music, listening to the likes of Willie Nelson and Kenny Rogers, but credits the music of Garth Brookes for "reigniting" a passion, and he loves the camaraderie and support of the club.

Pounamu secretary/treasurer Marion McMurray says Gordon could be proud. There were 380 contestants there, and he was up against 10 others in his section.

"It is an amazing feat," she says.

Lesley has a theory why country music is

so popular, apart from sounding good.

"It tells a story," she says. "Rap is all about 'tapping that...' and blues is all about 'oh my wife left me and my dog died', but country is all about family, the stories of the people, of falling in love and of heartbreak, and that's why it connects people and connects with people," she says.

Obviously country music is massive in the United States, but there are thriving scenes throughout New Zealand, and a large following in Horowhenua with the Pounamu Club and also the Delta Country Music Club in Foxton, she says.

Lesley says there's some amazing talent around and clubs are always keen to welcome newcomers.

Meanwhile, Gordon won't be performing at the Pounamu Awards, instead taking on a scrutineering role and vetting songs along with partner Roseanne.

But there is plenty of local talent that will be, joined by more than 100 entries from throughout New Zealand for what will be a full weekend of entertainment.

In a coup for organisers, they've secured Michael Tipping and The Bandits as the backing band, while guest performer is Rosemary Hack.

The Pounamu Awards are now in their eighth year and will again be held at the Hudson Room of the Levin Cosmopolitan Club. Heats start tomorrow (Saturday) morning from 8am, with the finals on Sunday starting at 10am.

Gordon Fletcher performing *Grey-Haired Country Boy* in Nelson last weekend. Photo: Paula Connor

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Price pressure on pie production

By Paul Williams

The humble pie is a good example of how squeezed food manufacturers are having to balance increasing supply costs with realistic pricing.

A recent study shows a 2.3% increase in supply charges last month compared with the same period a year earlier, putting pressure on manufacturers and consumers.

Lui Gundersen from Annie’s Bakery in Levin says it forces manufacturers to find efficiencies in production first, like going solar to keep the electricity bill down, rather than hike the price of a pie.

“That’s the last thing you want to do,” he says. He says while butter price rises hog the headlines, increases in the cost of things like meat, cheese, fish, petrol and electricity are all part of the equation.

“Butter is an important taste component but there’s more that goes into making a good pie than just butter,” he says.

“You don’t skimp on taste or quality, so you have to find efficiencies elsewhere. Going solar, for example, has

helped keep pricing down.

“Volume can hide price increases, too, so you really need to concentrate on growing your customer base.”

Lui reviews the operation every six months and says being an owner/operator means he can be responsive to trends and adjust accordingly.

“You can be responsive and make improvements,” he says.

The latest Infometrics-Foodstuffs New Zealand Grocery Supplier Cost Index (GSCI) shows supplier costs have continued to rise in that sector.

Infometrics chief executive and principal economist Brad Olsen says the rise is across the board and more than 3200 products increased in cost from August to September 2025.

The GSCI measures the change in the list cost of grocery goods charged by suppliers to the Foodstuffs co-operatives, taking data from more 60,000 products, making it the largest dataset of its type in New Zealand.

Analysis has shown that supplier costs are the major component of supermarket prices, representing two thirds of the on-shelf price.



Lui Gundersen of Annie's tucks into a pepper steak pie. Photo Paul Williams



New council sworn in

Horowhenua’s new council has officially taken office with a swearing in of elected members on Wednesday night.

The meeting included the swearing-in by the mayor and councillors, and Te Awahou Foxton Community Board members, and the appointment of the deputy mayor. Mayor Bernie Wanden appointed David Allan as deputy for a second term. Members of Te Awahou Foxton Community Board elected Ross Brannigan as their chair, and Irene Wakefield as their deputy.

The first council meeting will be 11am Wednesday, December 10.

Photo: Back row, from left: Irene Wakefield, Jason Davy, Ross Brannigan, Jo Mason, Sam Jennings, Nola Fox, Alan Young, Mike Barker, Nina Hori te Pa, Luka Jansen, Hamish Easton, and council chief executive Monique Davidson. Front: Lani Ketu, Morgan Gray, Deputy Mayor David Allan, Mayor Bernie Wanden, Clint Grimstone, Katrina Mitchell-Kouttab, and Paul Olsen. (See also Horizons council story, page 5)

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Celebrate with the Levin Repair Café: Its 5th Anniversary and winning the Heart of the Community Award

When something's broke, you do not need to throw it away. The Repair Café may be able to fix it for you.

The Levin Repair Café, which celebrates its 5th anniversary on November 8, has 30 volunteers who are able to repair a range of items, including small furniture, bikes, clothing, curtains, toys and garden tools.

When applicable, they also help people develop skills to do repairs themselves.

The Levin Repair Café is community-based, and promotes environmental sustainability by fixing household goods that may otherwise go to landfill.

This also saves you the cost of buying new. All repairs are done for koha/donation, because of the rising cost of living.

If special parts are needed to fix your items, such as a zip or electrical fittings, you will be asked to supply those – but don't worry, you will be given advice on what to source.

The team has glues, screws and a range of tools available to do small repair jobs, including a 3D printer to make replacement parts, when appropriate.

If volunteers are unable to fix your item,

they can advise you on where to go to get it fixed by a specialist.

Since 2023, about 900 household items have been brought into the Levin Repair Café to be fixed. Of those, over 80% were able to be fixed.

Thanks to these efforts they believe about 1000kgs of household goods were diverted from going into the landfill.

'Don't toss it, fix it' is their mantra!

The Levin Repair Café is open every second Saturday of the month, except for January, from 10am to 1pm. Items must be brought in before 12.30pm, though, to allow for final repair time.

The Levin Repair Café is held at the Senior Citizens Hall, which you can find on Cambridge Street in Levin, on the corner with Montgomery Street.

While the Levin Repair Café is running there are hot drinks and delicious home baking for sale at very reasonable prices.

This means you can sit, meet new people, or bring friends for a catch-up in a friendly atmosphere while you wait for your repair.

The Levin Repair Café is part of a national and international network of Repair Cafés, which was started in

Holland in 2009.

The Levin Repair Café actively supports the right-to-repair movement, and is encouraging lawmakers and manufacturers to increase the possibility of repair as well as supply information on ways the buying public can have household items repaired when needed.

As the Levin Repair Café continues to grow, we are actively seeking new volunteers, particularly those with electrical know-how. Since many of the items brought in are electrical, a big spark of technical magic wouldn't go amiss!

The Repair Café also needs hosts to guide visitors, and organisers to help with promotion, social media, scheduling and reporting.

By volunteering at Levin Repair Café you'll be part of a local movement making a real difference in your community – one repair at a time!

The Levin Repair Café was a finalist in this year's Electra Business and Innovation Awards, winning the 'Heart of the Community' award.

The Repair Café is not open in January

For more info: contact Judy 027 271 7192 or Vic 021 311 686.



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Second Saturday of the Month: Senior Citizens' Hall, Cambridge Street 10am- 1pm

I’m not Batman, Stu says

By Paul Williams

Stu Dunn says he’s no Batman.

The real estate agent from Paraparaumu is somewhat of a reluctant hero after diffusing a potentially serious incident in Levin last weekend.

Stu plucked a butcher’s knife from a street-side domestic argument between a man and a woman, although he says it sounds far more heroic than it actually was.

“I didn’t disarm him,” he says. “It was a well-timed fumble. She pushed him, he fumbled the knife and I got in there as quick as I could and was able to get the knife away.”

“There was nothing fantastic about that.”

A member of the public had driven past a couple that were arguing on the side of the street and, concerned that someone was going to get hurt, asked Stu if he could help.

Stu, who had just finished packing up his signs from an open home, says he simply saw a moment to take the knife away when it was fumbled, and took it: “They were both fixated with the knife. I was just able to get it away.”

With the knife out of the equation he stepped away from the situation knowing police had been contacted.

“My continued presence wasn’t helping.”

Moments earlier he had taken a photograph of the knife behind the man’s back, knowing that police might ask for a description of those involved.

“In those moments you don’t remember stuff.”

Stu says his martial arts background was a big help. In the moment he was able to stay “confident and grounded – otherwise you get dragged into that space and that energy”.

“There was a moment where I thought



Real estate agent Stu Dunne, whose martial arts background helped him stay “confident and grounded” during an street-side domestic incident. Photo supplied

something could happen here. But it didn’t. It passed.”

He says he doesn’t want to pass judgement on why the couple were arguing or who was right or wrong.

“You should never make an assumption on who is the good guy and who’s the bad guy. Then confirmation bias ignores other information.”

Meanwhile, the driver of the car has since contacted Stu and thanked him for what he did.

“I think he wanted to do something too and wanted to help, but had a young child in the car.”

Stu says the man did the right thing in seeking his help and is critical of bystander effect, where people do nothing to help others who might need help, for fear of reprisal.

“It annoys me terribly when people do nothing, pretending it’s nothing to do with them and not their business,” he says.

“I’m not suggesting anyone should put themselves in a life threatening situation, but at least ring the police.”

Police say they were called to reports of an incident in Kings Drive.

In a statement they say while they appreciate well-meaning members of the public, they urge people to call 111 rather than intervene in situations where there is a risk to their personal safety.

Police have spoken with both people involved in the altercation and have taken no further action. There were no reports of injury.

Nikki Riley new Horizons chair

Horizons Regional Council has elected Cr Nikki Riley as chair for the next term of council.

Councillors were sworn in for the next term at Palmerston North on Wednesday, after which they selected their chair. Cr Fiona Gordon was elected deputy chair.

Nikki told the meeting she would be chair of a council that listened, learned and led with purpose at a time when central government ministries might be merging and resource management legislation was being reformed.

“We are at a time of profound change, nationally and regionally,” she said.

“What we deliver around this table for the next three years will not only define our reputation, but the future of regional government.”

She said her vision was for Horizons to become a strategically enabling regional council that used science, data and people to empower action – “A council that sets clear achievable priorities and delivers on them with precision. A council trusted by farmers, iwi, hapū, urban ratepayers and central government.”

“We must work side by side with iwi and hapū, district councils, government ministers, and other organisations which share our goals.”

The councillors are: Luka Jansen and Hamish Easton (Horowhenua), Elijah Pue (Raki Māori), Nikki Riley (Ruapehu), Alan Taylor and Ben Fraser (Whanganui), Bruce Gordon and Gordon McKellar (Manawatū-Rangitikei), Te Kenehi Teira (Tonga Māori), Fiona Gordon, Peter Wells, Jono Naylor, and Wiremu Te Awe Awe (Palmerston North), Sally Dryland (Taranaki).

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By Jennifer Walton, Library Engagement Team Lead

As a librarian, I experience the joy of talking about books with people in the community every day.

I get to see the spark that lights up when someone finds a story that speaks to them. Yet, over the years, I’ve also noticed something else – a quiet hesitation in some readers, a reluctance to share what they truly enjoy reading. Too often, people feel whakamā (embarrassed) about their reading choices, as though certain books are more “worthy” than others.

I’m here to say that fear doesn’t belong in the library, or anywhere else.

There’s a misconception that only non-fiction or “literary” books have educational value, while fiction is dismissed as simply entertainment. But fiction teaches us in ways that facts alone never could. Through stories, we learn empathy, stepping into the shoes of characters whose lives, choices, and challenges differ from our own.

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Mills & Boon publishes more than 700 new titles every year, saying there’s one sold every 10 seconds! Yet, I rarely hear people declaring their love of their M&Bs. A lot of these get whipped through the self-checkout while no-one’s watching. It’s as if the joy of reading them needs to be hidden. But there’s no shame in reading what brings you happiness.

When choosing your next melodramatic suspense, eye roll inducing self-help or steamy romance, ask yourself, will reading this bring

me pleasure? If the answer is no, move on – life’s too short to read bad books. If the answer is yes, continue reading and be confident in the knowledge that reading for pleasure has so much value. It enriches our lives, reduces stress and builds connection, and the title or genre of your chosen read doesn’t matter one bit!

EXHIBITIONS

Te Takeretanga o Kura-hau-pō Gallery – Nature in Oil by Jacinta Parry, October 13 –November 28. This exhibition by oil painter Jacinta Parry invites viewers to immerse themselves in the beauty, colour, and tranquility of nature. Through her work, Jacinta celebrates the interconnectedness of life and art, capturing the vibrant hues and textures of the landscapes surrounding her Waikawa studio. Inspired by the Tararua Ranges, rivers, and coastline, her paintings reflect a deep appreciation for Aotearoa’s natural environment.

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

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Fridays (October 31 & November 7)
Friday Live Concert, Te Takeretanga o Kura-hau-pō, noon-1pm.
Mondays (November 3 & 10)
Storytime, Te Takeretanga o Kura-hau-pō, 10-10.30am.
Meet Street, Te Takeretanga o Kura-hau-pō, 10-11am.
Digi-Coaches, Te Takeretanga o Kura-hau-pō, 10am-2pm.
Smartphone Basics, Te Takeretanga o Kura-hau-pō, 1-3pm.

Tuesdays (November 4 & 11)
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 (November 5 & 12)
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. (5 November only), FOHL Morning Tea, Te Takeretanga o Kura-hau-pō, 10-11am.
(5 November only), eLibrary Discovery Session, Te Takeretanga o Kura-hau-pō, 1-3pm.
(5 November only), Teen Book Club, Te Takeretanga o Kura-hau-pō, 4-5pm.
(5 November only), Page Turners Kōrero Group, Te Takeretanga o Kura-hau-pō, 7-9pm.

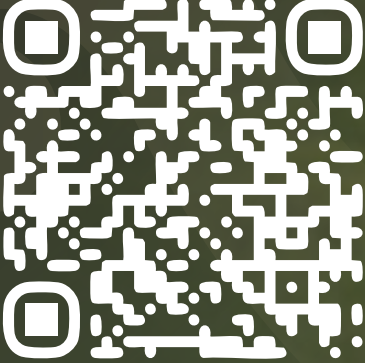
Thursdays (November 6 & 13)
Sewing Workshop, Te Takeretanga o Kura-hau-pō, 9.30-11.30am.
Digi-Coaches, Te Takeretanga o Kura-hau-pō, 10am-2pm.
JP Service, Shannon Library, 2-3pm.
(6 November only), Tea & Tales, Te Takeretanga o Kura-hau-pō, 10.30-11.30am.



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WEDDING DAYS

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WEDDING OF GEMIMA HOWAN AND AUGUSTUS WALSH at Foxton, about 1894. Gemima’s father, Samuel Howan, is on the right with a full beard. He jumped from a Navy ship and changed his name to Howan from Hambleton. He ran the *Ivy* and *Sunbeam* boats on the Manawatū River. The family’s old homestead is in Howan Street. Samuel became a lay preacher with James Duncan. Augustus and Gemima went on to have six children. The eldest, George Augustus (1899–1978), was MP of Tauranga for many years. Gemima’s eldest sister, Mary (1864-1943,) also married a Walsh (top 2nd from right with child). Gemima’s two sisters were bridesmaids.

Photo Foxton Historical Society



STAN AUSTIN’S WEDDING CAKE made and iced by Walls Bakery, Foxton c1920s.

Photo Foxton Historical Society



STUDIO PORTRAIT OF BRIDE ELSIE EDWARDS with two flower girls.

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DORA (THEODORA McCUTCHEON) AND FRANK SWANWICK, on their wedding day in Lawrence, Otago, 1907. Frank served in the Boer war. Frank started as a brewers assistant in Tupeka. The couple moved to Levin where Frank was a baker’s driver. He then moved into poultry farming about 1922. Their son, Francis Corrison (Corrie) was well known as a researcher and writer of Levin’s heritage.

Photo Kete Horowhenua

ROYAL HOME COOKERY knew how to advertise! This is cinema slide found in the Mavtech records at Foxton. Weddings were big business in the 1950s/1960s when this slide was made. With many brides and grooms being in their teens and just starting out on their own, having a firm to handle the catering would have been a big help – and Royal Home Cookery was standing by! After the Second World War it was also common for couples to have a professional photographer at their wedding – before then formal pictures were often taken in a studio before and after the ceremony. The changing trend is captured in this slide.

Image Kete Horowhenua



Spring FLING

Foxton's Main Street was bustling with activity on Sunday during the annual Spring Fling. Thousands came from far and wide to enjoy the food, look at the town's historic buildings, and browse and buy at the many stalls. Live music provided entertainment and there were plenty of things for the kids to do, although the lingering wind on a wild weather weekend didn't make using bouncy castles and other inflatables easy. The Foxton War Memorial Hall was open, hosting many art and craft stalls. Other historic buildings also open to the public included the old courthouse, Mavtech, Foxton Little Theatre, and the Anglican Church. Horowhenua Star's JANINE BAALBERGEN went along and took some photos.



Mavtech volunteers Zeb Mansell and Nola Fox welcome visitors to the audiovisual museum.

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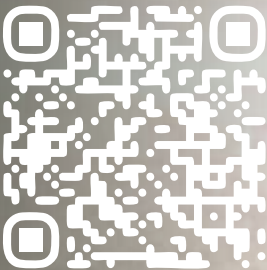
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The season for fireworks is here – keep it safe, and keep it fun

Fireworks are a big part of celebrations for many New Zealanders – a chance to bring friends and family together for a bit of sparkle and excitement.

But behind the bright lights and loud bangs, there's real potential for danger when things go wrong. Every year, Fire and Emergency NZ responds to fires and injuries caused by fireworks, most of which could have been avoided with a few simple precautions. With Guy Fawkes and summer celebrations approaching, now's a great time to think about



how to enjoy fireworks safely and responsibly. First and foremost, it's important to remember that fireworks are dangerous explosives, not toys. They can start fires, cause burns, and frighten animals and wildlife. Always follow the instructions on the box, and make sure a responsible adult is

always supervising the display. If you do choose to use fireworks at home, follow these basic safety tips:

- light fireworks in a wide, open area away from dry grass, trees, buildings, or anything flammable
- keep a bucket of water or hose nearby, just in case something goes wrong
- light one at a time and stand well back once lit
- never try to relight a dud – wait 30 minutes and then soak it in water
- dispose of used fireworks safely by soaking them in water overnight before putting them in the bin.

It's also worth thinking about the

impact on others. Fireworks can be distressing for pets, livestock, and some people in the community. Keep celebrations to a reasonable hour and let neighbours know if you're planning a display. Fire and Emergency NZ also encourages everyone to consider skipping the backyard fireworks and instead attend a public display. These are run by professionals who have the right training and equipment to ensure everyone enjoys the night safely. It's safer, easier, and usually much more impressive! And finally, check your local fire season status before lighting

anything. In dry or windy conditions, even a single spark can start a devastating fire. If your area is in a restricted or prohibited fire season, fireworks should not be used – no exceptions. Let's keep this fireworks season fun, safe, and incident-free. A few moments of preparation and care can make all the difference protecting your loved ones, your property, and your community. So, this year, light up the sky responsibly and remember, safety always comes before sparkle. ■ Craig is Fire and Emergency NZ assistant commander Manawatu/Whanganui

LETTERS

Car parking a positive for Levin – for now

I have been very interested in listening to and reading about the car park situation in Levin. As a relative newcomer to Levin (just over 10 years) I believe I can give objective comments on this issue. One of the things that is a positive about Levin is the availability of car parking. If I had to walk to the council from where I live it would take about an hour. With the large number of older people living here I doubt many of them would do such a walk. As there is no suburban bus service they are therefore going to take their cars. So they need parking which is provided. As I said, one of the real pluses of Levin compared to where I previously lived. Imagine what would happen to the retail sector of Levin if people couldn't find a car park – other than those metered in the main street. Now I have been to many (several hours) functions/public consultations etc at the council chambers. During the day it would be impossible to get parking on the street near the council building for other than a short time. So I used to park in the vacant space now taken up with the new health centre. A lot of people parked there – I imagine quite a few were council staff. Now this area has gone, where do we go? The next closest is the corner park, which the council is trying to sell. In my mind that is a wrong decision. As a suggestion, put a parking machine on the site and charge \$2 for four hours. Staff (of whatever businesses) who parked there all day would have to go back and put another \$2 in after the first four hours. Let's say 50 parks at \$4 per day is \$200, or \$1000 per week, or \$50,000 per year. Even at 50 percent that is a pretty good return. Council staff, please reconsider your thinking on this. Think about the people (your ratepayers) who have to drive to get anywhere around Levin and think about the business staff (including council staff) who need daily parking. Kerry Geertson, Levin

THE ELECTORATE: SUZE REDMAYNE

Camaraderie on an unexpected road trip

I hope everyone enjoyed the long weekend and the extra day to catch up with friends and family, get a few jobs around home done, or just to put your feet up for a well-earned rest.

To those of you who kept working to ensure our cafes and supermarkets, emergency services and hospitals were open for business, thank you! I also hope everyone has stayed safe and dry through the wild weather. Last week in the capital, and across much of the country, was certainly one for the books. The weather caused quite the adventure for a few of my colleagues trying to get to Wellington last week. Tom Rutherford and Sam Uffindell were on a flight from Tauranga on Tuesday when their plane was forced to turn back. Undeterred, they, along with Act's Cameron Luxton and Labour's Jan Tinetti, decided to hire a car and make the trip by road instead. Dubbing themselves the "car-alition," the cross-party crew made it safely to the capital – and by Thursday afternoon, once the sitting week wrapped up, were heading north again, still all friends I'm told. It's a nice reminder that despite the lively debates in the Chamber, there's a fair bit of camaraderie and good humour across the House.

Speaking of road trips, there was outstanding news last week for our national roading network. Transport Minister Chris Bishop announced nearly \$1.2 billion in funding to progress the government's Roads of National Significance (RNS) programme. This will help move several key projects into their next phase of development – projects designed to tackle congestion, improve safety and support economic growth across New Zealand. Everyone in Horowhenua who travels to the capital will be pleased to hear two Wellington projects have been endorsed as part of the RNS programme, complementing our own Ō2NL. The Petone to Grenada and Cross Valley Link projects will bring real travel time savings and better connections across the Hutt and Porirua regions. SH1 Wellington improvements, including a new Mt Victoria Tunnel, have also been confirmed – and anyone who's spent time in the morning crawl into the city will know just how transformational this will be. There was also encouraging news on the law and order front, with the government's



goal of reducing serious and persistent youth offending by 15% by 2029 achieved – and surpassed – four years early. Minister for Children Karen Chhour announced a 16% reduction, an outstanding result made possible through greater investment in transitional support for young offenders, stronger coordination between agencies and innovative community-led re-offending reduction programmes. A huge thank you to our incredible Oranga Tamariki, courts and police teams for their dedication and hard work. Finally, a big shoutout to Horowhenua students who are finishing up their final assessments and preparing for end-of-year exams. I know it's a busy and sometimes stressful time, but your hard work will pay off. Remember to take breaks, get some fresh air and look after yourselves. I'm often in Horowhenua on my way to Parliament, so if you're from a local organisation or business and would like to catch up, please get in touch - Suze. RedmayneMP@parliament.govt.nz. You can also follow me on Facebook – SuzeRedmayneMP. ■ Suze is the Rangitikei electorate MP

HEADS UP: HOROWHENUA COLLEGE

Culture Awards showcase students' creative talents

Kia ora koutou, Talofa lava, Greetings everyone

Our annual Culture Awards is a highly anticipated evening which showcases the cultures and creative talents of our students.

We currently have 65 nationalities represented within our students and staff at Horowhenua College. This is about one third of the countries of the world. The country our ancestors originated from and where we whakapapa to is so important as it reflects who we are. As such, the many cultures represented at our college are celebrated and valued. Not only are the many cultures celebrated at our Culture Awards, but so are the visual and performance arts. The talent and creativity demonstrated by our students in cultural performance, music, dance, drama, painting, photography and design, architecture, speech and song is inspiring. My thanks goes to our staff and tutors from the community who share their expertise and passion to grow the cultural and creative talents of our students. As they work with our students, not only are creative abilities developed, but so are their identities and confidence. As we watch our students perform and showcase their abilities on stage in front of an audience, we also watch

them "grow on the inside", and this is a privilege to witness. Cultural expression and the arts are alive and well at Nua and we all benefit from it. Ngā mihi, tofa soifua, kind regards. – Grant Congdon, Principal



'We have a plan', but it should be for all to see

These doldrum days of the National Party in political polling that have the major partner of the governing coalition flirting with under 30 percent popular support can be placed in perspective by a glimpse of the Bolger government's polling record in the 1990s.

After election in 1990 with a record number of MPs in Parliament, National under the First Past the Post (FPP) system of government, sank to below 20 percent in opinion polling after a series of unpopular measures to correct an

economic crisis. A collapse of the Bank of New Zealand provoked a superannuation surcharge and a sale of several government assets, as well as cuts to social services.

National clawed its way back to the Treasury benches in 1993 with victory over a Mike Moore-led Labour Party by a margin of one seat, compared with a two-thirds majority in the previous Parliament. The path to this slim success was frequently attributed to a widely distributed National Party "vision" document setting out its plans and steps to achieve equilibrium in the economy.

This made it comparatively easy for voters to understand what was intended and how it would be achieved, as well as to place in context legislative, regulatory, and economic measures taken to reach the goals.

Existence of such a document would probably go a long way toward solving a problem besetting Prime Minister Christopher Luxon. His frequent statements that "we have a plan" would hold more resonance if the plan were on paper and circulated for all to see. Content establishing the why, the hows and the goals

would better service his intent to demonstrate what the government is about.

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An example might be a document that sets out the coalition's education goals of introducing structured literacy, evidence-based learning, and a refreshed maths curriculum with one hour a day dedicated to each subject as a means of achieving better learning performance.

Goals or targets covering such achievements as these outlined by the Education Review Office

(ERO) for 2025 might then follow:

"Nearly all schools are now using the refreshed curriculum for the two subjects. Phonics checks show a 'significant improvement'. In term one only a third of students (36 percent) achieved at or above the curriculum expectation. That rose to 51 percent in term two and 58 percent in term three. The proportion of students exceeding curriculum expectation lifted from 20 percent to 43 percent between terms one and three."

ERO continues: "Students are also more engaged in their learning. Almost half (47 percent) of teachers report improved student engagement in English and just under three in

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five (56 percent) of teachers report improved student engagement in maths. Teachers told us that structured literacy approaches have improved attention and behaviour in the classroom. Nine out of 10 students report finding their lessons in English and maths interesting, showing high levels of engagement."

Should that "vision" document cover the health sector with aims and goals it would be much easier for voters to be able to see progress being made – or not – rather than transparency relying on individual progress claims made by ministers, or that they are achieving goals they themselves set.

For example, were such a vision document to have set a target of reducing clinic closures, getting more patients into clinics and reducing the rate of medical practices reducing services, the results might look like these statistics recently from the General Practice Owners' Association:

Only 29 percent of practices have cut services, down from 54 percent two years ago; four out of five practices are taking on new patients; only one in four practices says things are getting worse, compared to four out of five two years ago.

In the absence of benchmarks as set out in a manifesto or vision document, it is far easier for the popular view to become how bad it is that 29 percent of practices have cut services, rather than the upside that progress has been made by lowering the number from a horrific 54 percent. Context is vital and a written document of intention can provide that.

Party manifestos were a feature of electioneering before the vote that brought the David Lange government to power in 1984. But faced with internal differences before the election, and evidence that Labour was a certain winner because of the Muldoon government's unpopularity, the party produced no such written declaration of intent.

The advantage for political parties of that time was that if no promises or goals were set in the "stone" of a manifesto, holding them to account embraced persuasion rather than the evidence of an unquestionable written statement.

A "back to the future" approach that adapts some of Jim Bolger's answers to low polling syndrome might help National rise to about the 35 percent level it needs to bring its current coalition partners with it back to government. A popular vote on polling day that hovers about 30 percent leaves National wide open to the wiles of NZ First and "wily Winston".

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

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» 58 Highbury Drive **LEVIN**

DEADLINE SALE

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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, and a hint of 80s charm - perfectly positioned in one of Levin's most sought-after neighbourhoods. The open plan kitchen and dining area connect seamlessly to the generous lounge, creating a welcoming hub for family living. The kitchen has been tastefully modernised, while the warmth of exposed beams, natural light and the cosy

conversation pit - set before a striking brick feature wall, adds a unique touch of character and comfort. To the rear of the double garage, a generous additional room with its own ensuite provides flexibility - ideal for guests, a home office, or a creative studio.

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

Ref : www.wiltonandco.nz/WILO1982
OPEN HOME SUNDAY 1.15PM-1.45PM

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» 16 Glen Street **LEVIN**

DEADLINE SALE

3 1 1 1

Family living at Its finest

Imagine yourself living in this stylishly designed home, where thoughtful details and a practical layout make everyday living effortless. From the moment you enter, you'll appreciate the warmth of timber flooring, plush carpet underfoot, and the abundance of natural light that fills each room. The modern kitchen features sleek appliances and a large window opening to the deck, creating the perfect connection

between indoor and outdoor living. Entertain with ease on the covered deck or unwind on the balcony- ideal for summer evenings with family and friends. Offering three generous bedrooms, a stylish family bathroom complete with both bath and shower, and the convenience of two toilets, this home is perfectly suited to modern family life.

Deadline Sale (Unless Sold Prior) Closes 1pm, 13 November 2025, Wilton & Co, 530 Queen Street East, Levin

Ref : www.wiltonandco.nz/WILO1983
OPEN HOME SUNDAY 12.30PM-1PM

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» 18 Argyle Avenue **LEVIN**

DEADLINE SALE

3 2 1 1 1

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. The living area and master bedroom are north facing, as is the spacious balcony - perfect for morning coffees or family BBQ's. 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 is also home to a workshop area and craft room or office area. There is also a carport and off street parking.

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

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OPEN HOME SUNDAY 11AM-11.30AM

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» 53 Duke Street **LEVIN**

DEADLINE SALE

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Easy living

Set on a low maintenance section, this beautifully presented brick home offers the perfect blend of comfort, practicality, and easy-care living. The spacious open plan kitchen, dining, and living area enjoys a sunny north-facing aspect, while the conservatory extends your living space, capturing natural light and creating the perfect spot to relax all year round. The well designed kitchen provides plenty of bench space, a pantry,

wall oven, and hob - ideal for those who love to cook and entertain. Comfort is ensured with a heat pump, and the thoughtful layout features three bedrooms, including a master with ensuite and walk-in tiled shower. The main bathroom is generously sized, complete with a tiled walk-in shower and a spa bath, plus there's a separate toilet and laundry.

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» 13A Kawi Road **LEVIN**

3 2 2 1

Packed and ready to go

No mucking about here! The house is all but packed and the current owner is ready to move. This creates a blank canvas for you to envisage placing your furniture and moving right in. With a stylish modern kitchen and bathroom, this home offers easy, open plan living that flows effortlessly to not one but two sunny decks. Picture relaxed morning coffees on one and lively BBQs on the other, all while overlooking your private section.

BUYER ENQUIRY OVER \$595,000

OPEN HOME SUNDAY 11AM-11.30AM

Ref : www.wiltonandco.nz/WILO1981

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» 39 Bristol Street **LEVIN**

4 2 2 1

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 11.45AM-12.15PM

Ref : www.wiltonandco.nz/WILO1941

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» 76A Kennedy Drive **LEVIN**

3 1 2

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.

ASKING \$559,000

OPEN HOME SUNDAY 12.30PM-1PM

Ref : www.wiltonandco.nz/WILO1979

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» 10A Queenwood Road **LEVIN**

3 2 2 1

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 spaces, creating an inviting a light and airy atmosphere.

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OPEN HOME SUNDAY 1.15PM-1.45PM

Ref : www.wiltonandco.nz/WILO1990

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» 23 Stirling Street **LEVIN**

3 1 1

Great opportunity

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.

BUYER ENQUIRY OVER \$448,000

OPEN HOME SUNDAY 2PM-2.30PM

Ref : www.wiltonandco.nz/WILO1953

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» 4 Rugby Street **LEVIN**

3 1 1 1

Great location - modern comfort

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.

BUYER ENQUIRY OVER \$599,000

OPEN HOME SUNDAY 11AM-11.30AM

Ref : www.wiltonandco.nz/WILO1924

Lynaire Cottle 0272224017



» 7 Harlech Street **LEVIN**

3 1 2 1

Renovated & Ready

If you've been waiting for the perfect blend of modern style and family friendly living, this home delivers. Recently renovated throughout, it offers everything you need and more, on a generous section. The brand new kitchen with wall oven and gas hob flows seamlessly into the open plan dining and living area, creates the perfect hub for family living. Fresh paint and new carpet add a light, welcoming feel.

BUYER ENQUIRY OVER \$628,000

OPEN HOME SUNDAY 11.45AM-12.15PM

Ref : www.wiltonandco.nz/WILO1957

Lynaire Cottle 0272224017



» 100A Queen Street **LEVIN**

3 1 1 1

Discover effortless modern living!

Built in 2020, this stylish three bedroom brick home combines comfort, practicality, and contemporary flair. Step inside to a fabulous open plan living, kitchen and dining space, the true heart of the home. The sleek, modern kitchen boasts quality appliances, an island bench for entertaining, and seamless flow for everyday living. Beautifully presented throughout, you'll love the modern bathroom, neutral tones, and the generous living area

BUYER ENQUIRY OVER \$645,000

OPEN HOME SUNDAY 12.30PM-1PM

Ref : www.wiltonandco.nz/WILO1980

Lynaire Cottle 0272224017



» 1205 State Highway 57 **LEVIN**

4 2 2 2

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 1.30PM-2PM

Ref : www.wiltonandco.nz/WILO1954

Lynaire Cottle 0272224017



» 121 North Manakau Road **MANAKAU**

3 2 1 1 1

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 2.30PM-3PM

Ref : www.wiltonandco.nz/WILO1962

Lynaire Cottle 0272224017



» 14 Okarito Avenue **LEVIN**

4 3 1

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.

ASKING \$750,000

OPEN HOME SUNDAY 11.30AM-12PM

Ref : www.wiltonandco.nz/WILO1960

Tracey Fraser 0210779062



» 42 Ballance Street **SHANNON**

2 1 2 1

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 1PM-1.30PM

Ref : www.wiltonandco.nz/WILO1916

Haley Sturt 02102387699



» 224B Cambridge Street **LEVIN**

2 1 1 1

PRICE UPDATE

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



» 11 Duke Street **LEVIN**

4 2 1 2

Modern comfort meets versatile living!

If you've been searching for a home that offers room to spread out, entertain in style, or comfortably accommodate extended family - this one's for you! This well presented property ticks all the boxes with a modern kitchen, open-plan living, and an updated bathroom that brings everyday comfort to the forefront. What truly sets this home apart is the separate wing - complete with its own bedroom, bathroom, and living area.

PRICE BY NEGOTIATION

VIEW BY APPOINTMENT ONLY

Ref : www.wiltonandco.nz/WILO1911

Adriana Wilton 0297766902



» 76 Parker Avenue **LEVIN**

4 1 1 1

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



» 174B Bartholomew Road **LEVIN**

2 1 1

Low maintenance modern living

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

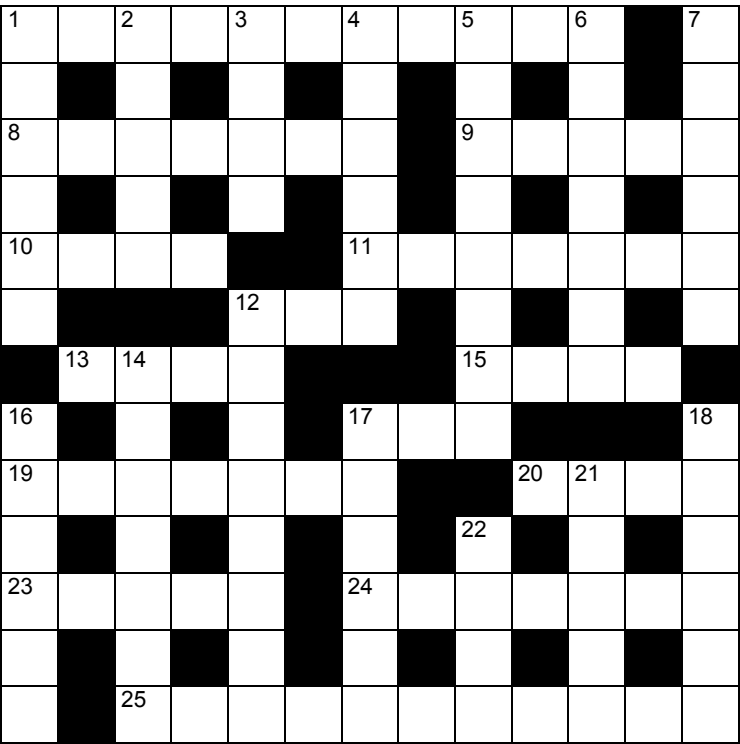
BUYER ENQUIRY OVER \$535,000

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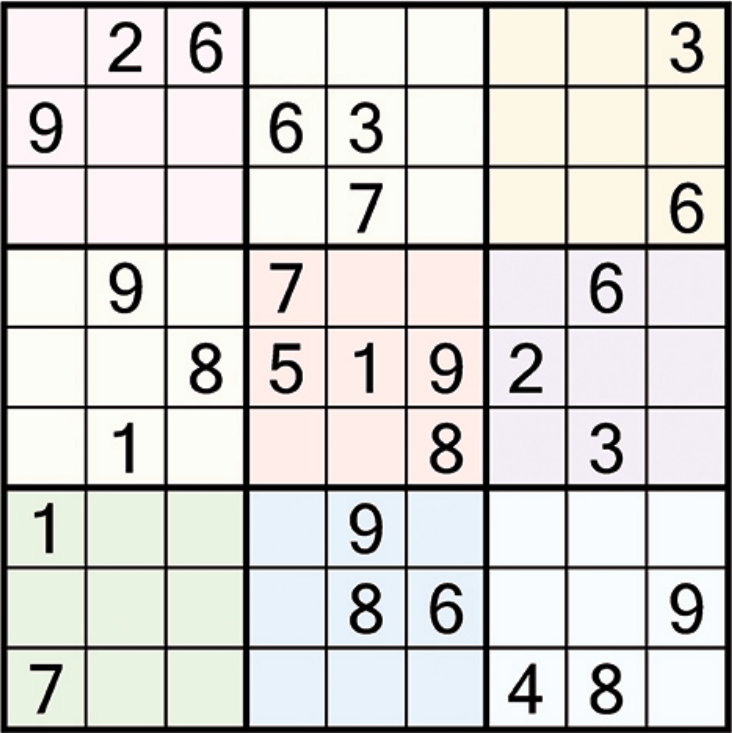
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- ACROSS
- DOWN
1. Essential New Zealand party snack (5,3,3)
1. Wax writing stick (6)
8. Determined (7)
2. Picture (5)
9. Māori name for a Mount Maunganui landmark (5)
3. Break suddenly (4)
10. Cooking chamber (4)
4. Fourmyula song from 1969, re-released by The Muttonbirds in 1992 (6)
11. Search destructively (7)
5. NZ's new status from 1907 (8)
12. New Zealander who won the Boston and New York City Marathon in 1981, Alison ____ (3)
6. Feathers (7)
13. Small island (4)
7. Egg producers (colloq) (6)
15. Comply (4)
12. Actress who starred as the older Whina Cooper in the 2022 film Whina (4,4)
17. Goods vehicle (3)
14. Lacking depth (7)
19. New Zealand creature with links back to the dinosaur age (7)
16. Horse house (6)
20. Region (4)
17. Political party that was the forerunner to the Greens 1972-1990 (6)
23. Underneath (5)
18. Person of dubious character (inf) (3,3)
24. Drive mad (7)
21. Māori youngster in Footrot Flats (5)
25. Barbara Kendall's sport, now called boardsailing (11)
22. Blacken (4)

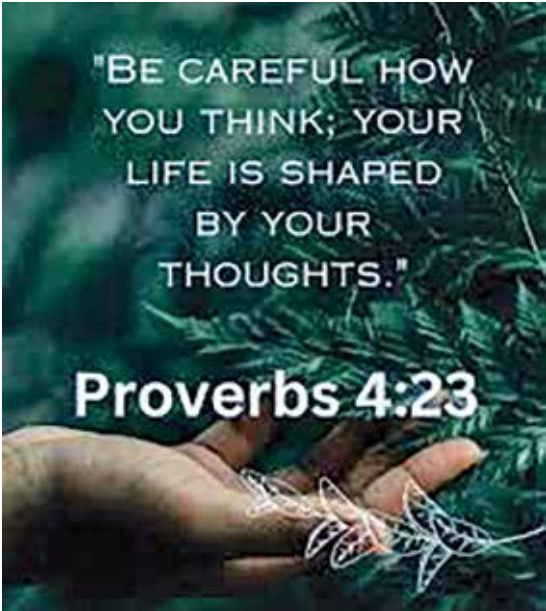
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Down: 1. Crayon, 2. Image, 3. Snap, 4. Nature, 5. Dominion, 6. Plumage, 7. Chooks, 12. Rena Owen, 14. Shallow, 16. Stable, 17. Values, 18. Bad egg, 21. Rangi, 22. Char.

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POP CULTURE QUIZ
Answers below.

1. What company was originally called “Cadabra”?

2. What year was the first iPhone released?

3. What is the highest-grossing film of all time?

4. What luxury brand is known for its iconic interlocking “C” logo?

5. Who has won the most total Academy Awards?

6. What character have both Robert Downey Jr. and Benedict Cumberbatch played?

7. Which 2014 film stars Keanu Reeves as a retired hitman out for revenge?

8. Which film features the song *My Heart Will Go On*?

9. Which film was the first to win the Academy Award for Best Animated Feature?

10. Which 1982 sci-fi film was initially a box office disappointment but later became a cult classic and had a 2017 sequel?

11. Which Italian film won the Best Foreign Language Film Oscar and features a father and son in a concentration camp?

12. Which series about a chess prodigy stars Anya Taylor-Joy?

13. Which Danish-Swedish noir series features detectives Saga Norén and Martin Rohde?

14. Which show features the character Daenerys Targaryen?

15. Which 1990s series popularised the line “No soup for you!”

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IN FILM QUIZ ANSWERS:
1. Amazon 2. 2007 3. Avatar 4. Chanel 5. Walt Disney 6. Sherlock Holmes 7. John Wick 8. Titanic 9. Shrek (2001) 10. Blade Runner 11. Life Is Beautiful 12. The Queen’s Gambit 13. The Bridge (Bron/Broen) 14. Game of Thrones 15. Seinfeld.

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		HIGH	LOW	HIGH	LOW	HIGH
FRI 31 OCT	-	00:03	05:55	12:22	18:29	
SAT 1 NOV	-	01:07	07:01	13:30	19:28	
SUN 2 NOV	-	02:04	07:59	14:27	20:19	
MON 3 NOV	-	02:55	08:51	15:18	21:07	
TUE 4 NOV	-	03:44	09:39	16:06	21:54	
WED 5 NOV	-	04:31	10:25	16:53	22:40	
THU 6 NOV	-	05:18	11:11	17:41	23:28	
FRI 7 NOV	-	06:05	11:58	18:29	-	

WAITARERE BEACH

		HIGH	LOW	HIGH	LOW	HIGH
FRI 31 OCT	05:10	11:20	17:44	-	-	
SAT 1 NOV	-	00:05	06:16	12:28	18:43	
SUN 2 NOV	-	01:02	07:14	13:25	19:34	
MON 3 NOV	-	01:53	08:06	14:16	20:22	
TUE 4 NOV	-	02:42	08:54	15:04	21:09	
WED 5 NOV	-	03:29	09:40	15:51	21:55	
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Wed – 9 Hole Will Cowan
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Net): Paddy Enright + Stu
Reid 37, Helen Latham + Ray
Ferguson 38, Mavis Yee
+ Michael Christensen 38;
Ladies Net: Ani Lochore 74,
Anita Davidson 74, Frances
Allen 79; Friday – 9 Hole
Mixed Stableford (Red Tees):
Jeremy Smith 20, Eunok Kim
19, Mike Dalley 19. Birdies:
Paddy Enright, Stu Reid,
David Douglas, Speldhurst
9 Hole Stableford: Mike
Thomson 21, Wayne Nation

20, Mike Cashmore 16;
Saturday – Early Men Net:
Geoff Pate 68, Peter Holmes
71, Wayne Askew 72; Ladies
Net: Frances Allen 78, Nan
Sterne 78, Ani Lochore 80;
Late Men Stableford: Craig
Stichbury 37, Alister Finn 35,
Sui Tifa 33. Twos: Graeme
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20; Neil Thompson 20; Geoff
McBrydie 17; Clint Taylor
16; Ruth Williams 14; Sylvia
Young 14; Eric Cornick 11;
Serena Hunt 7.
Tue 28/10)
1st Ann Hogg. 36; 2nd Marty
Berry. 34; 3rd Rick Mooney.
32; 4th. Steve Tickner. 30.
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