

# Levin ready to rock!



By Paul Williams

**A lightbulb idea to showcase local music and musicians on stages all over town has become an annual sound extravaganza that celebrates its 10th anniversary tomorrow.**

Apart from missing a year due to Covid-19, the Levin Music Festival has been celebrated every year since 2014, bringing a variety of performers and genres together.

Back then, as owners of a Levin music store, organisers Paul and Eboney King had their ears close to the ground. What they heard was a region brimming with an enormous range of talent. But how to express and share what they were seeing – and hearing?

“The idea of bringing music to our streets began from a visit to a few of our local music clubs,” Paul says. “While there we experienced something that hit the heart and we were amazed by it all . . . the locals who brought talent to each venue.

“That’s where the idea of bringing music to our streets came from.”

The couple, with the help of the late Boy Cornell, funded the inaugural event themselves and leant on volunteers. The result was organic – 200 musicians playing at 14 venues throughout the day. Even Paul and Eboney were amazed at the diverse range of music and musicians that turned out.

“I think we wanted to bring all these musicians and music groups and clubs that we knew of together for a day to celebrate, but even we were shocked at the amount of talent and the range of talent that was out there,” Eboney says. “It really has to be acknowledged and celebrated.”

Since then the event has had support from Horowhenua District Council and the



**Xan Angel FX from Radio Foxton at the Kings Sound Centre stage with Stephen Hofmann, centre, and Paul and Eboney King ahead of the street musical festival in Levin tomorrow. Hundreds of local musicians will be playing at venues throughout the day.** Photo Paul Williams

occasional Creative Communities grant, but it still runs largely on a shoestring and lives off community spirit.

“At every event we’ve had a lot of help from friends and locals who jump on board and give us speakers,” Paul says.

Last year’s event involved 400 musicians who took ownership of their own stage venue

and organised gear, which helps the event run smoothly – people like Keith Murch at Te Takeretanga o Kura-hau-pō and the Levin Folk Club at the Levin Mall stage.

And the popular “drum circle”, run by Bob near the town clock where the public are encouraged to join in and jam with a range of instruments and create wonderful harmonies.

“That’s the direction we wanted to go . . . an event organised by the community, for the community,” Eboney says.

The Kings want the event to keep growing each year with the intention with which it began – to celebrate and share local music and musicians.

The event goes ahead whatever the weather.

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# Anger builds at expressway plans

By Star reporters

The man who led the charge to build the Ōtaki to North Levin expressway is now an angry man.

Antony Young was spokesperson for Build our Road, a campaign to ensure the expressway fulfilled the needs of Horowhenua residents and businesses. He's also chair of the Horowhenua NZ Trust.

Proposed changes revealed by NZTA Waka Kotahi last week include replacing the interchange exit and entrance into Levin into a five-exit roundabout; removing the southern entrance onramp; and cancelling a bridge intended to connect Manakau Heights with the rest of the community.

The changes are troubling and short-sighted, Antony says.

“For a project designed to improve transport efficiency and reduce travel time across the lower North Island, this last-minute change undermines the very purpose of the expressway,” he says. “A roundabout in place of a full interchange [at Tararua Road] will significantly slow freight and commuter traffic, especially for companies like Mainfreight, whose logistics depend on smooth access to their depot.”

He says it also raises concerns for public safety, especially in light of the government's stated intention to raise speed limits to 120km/h on some roads.

Horowhenua's population is projected to nearly double over the next 25 years. Antony says this growth demands smart infrastructure that can handle increased traffic volumes and provide seamless north-south connectivity.

“Instead, we're being handed a solution that seems built to bottleneck, not to flow.”

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– Antony Young

He says communities and businesses have engaged in good faith through almost a decade of consultation, consents and design refinement.

“Now, four months before construction begins, we're learning that a fundamental aspect of the plan has been altered with no meaningful opportunity for input.”

Antony says he understands the need to contain costs, but he's baffled by the logic behind the recent cuts.

“This expressway is to be toll road, decided after the project was approved, consulted on, and signed off. If users are expected to pay, shouldn't they receive the infrastructure they were promised?”

He says now is a once-in-a-generation opportunity to get it right, and is calling on residents to write to Transport Minister Chris Bishop and NZTA chair Simon Bridges with their concerns. Both strongly advocated for the expressway.

The chief executive of Genoese Foods in Levin, Andrew Parkin, says the proposed changes are a “let down”. He says the hold ups between Levin and Wellington got so bad that his firm decided to pull out of Fiji, where they were growing a lot of their basil.

“It just got too hard, so now we grow all our



OPPOSED: Horowhenua NZ Trust chair Antony Young, Infrastructure NZ chief executive Nick Leggett, and Infometrics principal economist Brad Olsen.

basil in New Zealand.”

The chief executive of Infrastructure NZ and former Porirua mayor Nick Leggett says it's concerning if the changes are to cut costs.

“Saving dollars when infrastructure is built by shaving off important components tends to cost money in the long term. Do it once, do it right.”

“The expressway should be better for Levin people, not cause congestion and limit access to the town that could stifle growth.”

Woodhaven Gardens director Emma Clarke says it's madness.

“It is very shortsighted. This will cost future generations dearly. The original plans were consulted on, they were consented, land has been purchased to ensure a four-lane expressway. We need to get what we consulted on.”

Chief executive and principal economist at Infometrics Brad Olsen says the change in approach raises questions about how the

benefits and costs of Ō2NL have shifted.

“Horowhenua's population is expected to continue growing strongly, with more than 20,000 additional people in the next 25 years, and Ō2NL will unlock greater economic opportunities with better links throughout Horowhenua. It's not clear if the change in approach is supported by analysis of anticipated traffic flows, and questions need to be asked about if the new proposal would create a less-useful outcome.”

Ōtaki National MP Tim Costley says a key aim of the road was to get traffic both to and through, or past, Levin.

“I'm concerned about congestion at Tararua Road at peak daily and holiday times with a full grade-separated interchange,” he says.

With a social media banner “I'm fighting for Ō2NL”, Tim is urging people to contact him at [www.national.org.nz/levingateway](http://www.national.org.nz/levingateway)



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# 'Healthy' Justin eyes Kere Kere

By Janine Baalbergen

**Horowhenua (Māori) Ward councillor Justin Tamihana has thrown his hat in the ring for a Kere Kere Ward seat in this year's council elections.**

"It's time for someone younger to take on the Māori ward," he says.

Justin credits his energy to continue with a love for the outdoors – and trekking all 116 trails set up by Kiwi Guardians. The trails are no longer official, but Justin has a medal for each one on his wall at home.

They haven't not been completed alone – he took along his wife and two moko (grandkids) they are raising. The experience, along with a love for fishing and diving, had Justin drop his weight from 208kg.

"Kiwi Guardians was part of my health journey," he says. "It unlocked activity and connected me to the environment.

"I've been gifted health. I was on 7-9 pills a day for all sorts of things, from diabetes, to high blood pressure, and high cholesterol. And now I take none.

"I want to give back by serving my community. A council seat representing Kerr Kere is first on the list."

Justin says he has enjoyed his time at the council table.

"I learnt a lot from fellow councillors like Piri-Hira Tukapua. And I had huge iwi and hapū support, too."

He says he tries to be available to anyone in Horowhenua.

"I try to promote council decisions to the wider public, who seem to be confused about a lot of what we do. I advocate on all issues and



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*Photo Janine Baalbergen*

I have tried to be transparent. That's important to me."

He says he feels the council conforms too much towards anything thrown at it from Wellington – "We should test legalities more vigorously."

One frustration has been the demand from others that he declare a conflict of interest

achieving better outcomes, and spending a week on sorting issues rather than going to the Environment Court and have the case drag on for weeks."

He says his role as a Māori Ward councillor is humbling and he's had no complaints Māori wards from anyone.

"I think we have proved our usefulness. The added value is real and we have saved on external advice, too.

"We have a different perspective on life. We like to explore the bigger picture, while most take a narrow view.

"We also look for better ways to do things and identify what might be wrong.

"We take a bird's eye view, connecting everything, and watching the ripple effect."

He says Māori give a lot to the community, for free, and all they want is to be heard.

"They want to be involved in what happens around them. And Māori wards is one way of doing it."

He's appreciated the support of Local Government NZ, which has a group for Māori ward councillors with representatives from around the country.

He is keen for Foxton to prosper, and admits there's still a lot to do, including fixing the loop, pest control and work at the estuary. Other things that grab his interest are coastal protection and saving endangered species like the long fin eel.

He would like to see more tourism development and more business in Foxton.

"We must give Foxton credit where it is due. Organisations like Save Our River Trust genuinely try to reconnect the town with the river and have revitalisation projects to achieve that."



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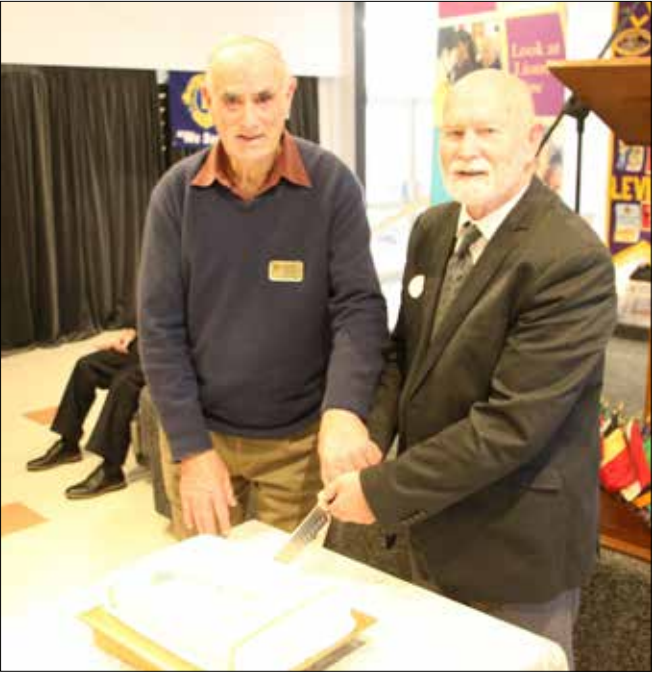
# Smart Renting

If you are working with young people or families, or you are a family member helping younger members find a safe and affordable rental property, this is a great workshop for you. Learn about what renters need to know before they sign a tenancy agreement. Find out about their rights and responsibilities and budgeting considerations which they can't afford to overlook.



Heartland Services  
9 Ladys Mile, Foxton,  
Thursday 12 June, 1pm to 2.30pm





# Lions celebrate 50 years

Levin Waiopahu Lions Club celebrated 50 years with a lavish lunch at the Levin Cosmopolitan Club attended by 90 people, including past district governors and past members.

Cliff Heywood, a past international director, told stories of his time in the Navy as a young man. Mayor Bernie Wanden commended the club on its service to the local community.

Member Jim Hunter was awarded a Melvin Jones fellowship for 55 years of service to the communities he had been part of, such as his involvement with the Zealandia Wildlife Sanctuary in Wellington.

Mel Cook was given a plaque celebrating his years of service to the community, including his involvement with the community patrol.

The Melvin Jones Fellowship comes with a

special lapel pin, a plaque and a congratulatory letter.

Melvin was the founder of the Lions movement, in 1917. It was in response to social problems created by the First World War and rapid industrialisation.

Mel Cook and John Brown, the club's longest serving member, had the honour of cutting the cake, made by Diane Hemmingsen.

Club president Kevin Rawlings said it was a great event with many people coming for further afield, including one from New South Wales, to help celebrate.

Photo Janine Baalbergen

## BRIEFS

### Tukorehe speed protest

Ngāti Tukorehe is holding a public protest about the planned raising of the speed limit outside their marae. The protest from 2-5pm on Monday (June 2) will be along the section of State Highway 1 between Ngāti Tukorehe Marae and Ngāti Wehi Wehi Marae at Kuku. NZTA Waka Kotahi said earlier this month it would raise the limit from 80 to 100km/h. The iwi says it's a hazardous section of road running directly past the two marae, a kōhanga reo and sacred urupā. They say the decision was made without meaningful consultation with mana whenua or the local community.

### Rail work nears end

The KiwiRail safety improvements at the level crossing between Cambridge and Oxford streets should be completed by the weekend. Kiwirail says it has been installing two official pedestrian crossings for the first time, which have electronic gates; upgrading the barrier arms and installing more warning lights and bells; and changing the traffic islands to improve turning for large vehicles. The work has taken several week because of the need to upgrade the complex signals system, to accommodate the new safety features. "At the same time, we have taken the opportunity to fix a fault in the rail line at the level crossing, a Kiwirail spokesperson told the Star. "This has required work on the track foundations."

### Workshops address porn

Free workshops will begin next week to address issues raised in hit Netflix show *Adolescence* and the accessibility of online pornography. The show highlights the difficult conversations with young people about digital radicalisation and the effects of online pornography. The Horowhenua Abuse Liaison Team (Halt) is hosting a community workshop on Tuesday (June 3) to equip parents and caregivers with tools and strategies to navigate these conversations. The session will be led by Brett Harvey, an educator and founder of Tāima Kōrero. Brett will also run a session for education providers. For information email [nicole.deans@halt.org.nz](mailto:nicole.deans@halt.org.nz)

### Airport terminal work begins

Construction of Palmerston North Airport's new terminal is about to begin. During the planned two-year construction, users are being asked to allow extra time when visiting the airport. While the temporary terminal is smaller, it will still accommodate all check-in, departures and arrivals. The new terminal is set to open fully in mid-2027.

### Ticket winners

Congratulations to Nina McMinn and Bev Poulton, winners of the Star's double tickets to see The Boss – Bruce Springsteen Experience at Regent on Broadway in Palmerston North tomorrow night: Thank you to all who entered.



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# Puanga Matariki

# Matariki 2025 Calendar

## JUNE

### Matariki Swim Challenge

Take on the free Horowhenua Marae-to-Marae Swim Challenge, where every 0.5km lap brings you closer to a new Marae, complete with a photo and story sent to your inbox.



**Sunday 1st June -  
Monday 30th June**

### Matariki Pōhutukawa Remembrance Walls

Visit any of our libraries to add a paper star to the display boards in memory of loved ones, as we reflect on those we have lost during Matariki.



**Monday 16th June - Sunday 29th June**  
**Te Takeretanga o Kura-hau-pō, Te Awahou Nieuwe Stroom,  
Shannon Library**

### Matariki for Tamariki

Join us in a celebration of Matariki led by Punahau Early Childhood Centre.



**Tuesday 17th June**  
**10.30am - 11.30am**  
**Te Takeretanga o Kura-hau-pō**

### Matariki Day Out

Bus trip from Te Takeretanga o Kura-hau-pō to Tokomaru to celebrate and learn about Matariki. Registrations required. Limited capacity.



**Wednesday 18th June**  
**10.30am - 2pm**  
**Departing Te Takeretanga o Kura-hau-pō heading to Tokomaru Hall**

### Te Putanga mai o Matariki

Wrap up warm and bring the whānau down to join Muaūpoko for a hautapu ceremony to welcome in Matariki.



**Thursday 19th June**  
**5.30am**  
**Cricket Pavillion, Donnelly Park, Levin**

### Matariki ki Ōtauru

Celebrate the Māori New Year in Shannon with Ngāti Whakitere.



**Friday 20th June**  
**9am - 2pm**  
**Te Maire Park, Shannon**

### Matariki Levin Pool Party

Celebration with music, inflatables, hydro slide and free BBQ.



**Saturday 21st June**  
**3pm - 5pm**  
**Levin Aquatic Centre**

### Taitoko Night Market

A vibrant celebration of culture and community. Enjoy market stalls, food trucks, music, fire poi, whakairo displays, traditional Māori games and more.



**Saturday 21st June**  
**3pm - 7pm**  
**Te Takeretanga o Kura-hau-pō and Levin Mall Carpark**

### Puna Kaukau

Join us for a karakia to acknowledge the whetū (star) Waitī, the awa (river) and Matariki before taking a refreshing mid-winter dip in the river.



**Sunday 22nd June (postponement date Sunday 29th June)**  
**5.45am - 7.30am**  
**Gladstone Reserve**

### Pō Kiriata Whānau

A free screening of beloved kids film Coco Reo Māori.



**Tuesday 24th June**  
**6pm - 8pm**  
**Te Takeretanga o Kura-hau-pō**

### Friday Konohe

Enjoy a special Friday concert from a range of groups coming together to perform kapa haka and waiata.



**Friday 27th June**  
**12pm - 1pm**  
**Te Takeretanga o Kura-hau-pō**

### Kapahaka Hapori Kai Night

A free celebration of kapahaka in Taitoko, showcasing talent from our primary school-aged tamariki through to our kaumatua.



**Friday 27th June**  
**5pm - 7pm**  
**Waiopahu College Auditorium**

### Foxton Pool Party

Celebration with music, inflatables and free BBQ.



**Saturday 28th June**  
**3pm - 5pm**  
**Foxton Aquatic Centre**

### Lights over Te Awahou

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**Saturday 28th June**  
**4pm - 8pm**  
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# Blue Light gets lucky kids airborne



Three lucky Horowhenua schoolchildren ready to fly in a Kāpiti Aero Club plane. Photo supplied

## The Take a Kid Flying initiative has given a group of Horowhenua schoolchildren an unforgettable experience.

Fifteen volunteer pilots recently donated their time and aircraft at Paraparaumu Airfield to give 30 children aerial views of the region, flying over Kapiti Island and the new expressway. One student, Cayden Pollock, also won a special 30-minute helicopter flight. The event was run by Horowhenua Blue Light, a branch of the national Blue Light organisation, collaborating with the Kāpiti Aero Club and the Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association. It's now in its 15th year, continuing

to shine a spotlight on positive youth engagement and community collaboration. Sergeant Stephen James from Youth Services says the event not only provided the tamariki with a unique experience, but also fostered a sense of accomplishment and joy that will stay with them for years to come. He says it's a reward for students who exemplify good behaviour and contribute positively at school. "All schools within the Horowhenua region were invited to nominate students who have shown helpfulness and good conduct, and who truly deserve a special treat," he says. "It was a fantastic day, and the

feedback from the kids, their families, and the Aero Club was overwhelmingly positive." Horowhenua Blue Light, a registered charity initiated by the police, has been running youth programmes for more than two decades. Its mission is to provide young people with new experiences, opportunities for growth, and to strengthen the relationship between police, youth, their families, and the wider community. The event was supported by the Kāpiti Aero Club, AOPA, Crichton's Charitable Trust and Goodman Fielder, with special thanks to Horowhenua Blue Light committee members Ally Buck and Joanne Parker.

# Turn up the volume for Music Month 2025

By Grayson Skerman, Events Coordinator.

Ah, music! That universal language that speaks to the soul. Nothing is quite as personal as one's taste in music, and everyone has a preference – that special style that amps you up, calms you down, makes you feel seen, and speaks directly to your heart.

This May marked the 25th anniversary of NZ Music Month, a time when appreciation for homegrown music in Aotearoa is turned all the way up to 11. Powered by the NZ Music Commission, the aim is to shine a spotlight on local music. Over 25 years, the concept has come a long way – hundreds of venues, thousands of artists, and millions of fans across the country have come together to celebrate the music they love.

Regular visitors to Te Takeretanga o Kura-hau-pō will know that we love being a go-to venue for music, with a live lunchtime concert every Friday in our main space, plus special one-off performances sprinkled throughout the year, from local college students stepping on stage for the first time to seasoned artists showcasing their newest singles.

We're supporting NZ Music Month by hosting part of the Levin Music Fest, a day-long musical festival organised by King's Sound Centre, taking place across various locations around town. Paul and Ebz have been putting this event together for 11 years and it's become one of the main highlights in the Levin calendar.

So, tomorrow (May 31), head into town and wander down Oxford Street to immerse yourself in a variety of Horowhenua talent. Bring your bongos and join a drum circle, brave the karaoke stage, or head into Te Takeretanga o Kura-hau-pō – from 10am-4pm, your local library is proud to be bringing the sound!



**Heritage rooms**  
Te Takeretanga o Kura-hau-pō: Tues, Wed, Fri (10am–12:30pm), Thurs (10am–3pm)  
Te Awahou Nieuwe Stroom: Research Librarian available all day Fridays.

**Aquatics**  
Dive into Matariki celebrations at Levin Aquatic Centre! Join the Horowhenua Marae-to-Marae Swim Challenge – log laps, travel virtually between marae, and receive stories to your inbox. Then make a splash with inflatables and the hydroslide as we honour Waiti, the star of fresh water. Normal pool entry applies.

**Exhibitions**  
Te Takeretanga o Kura-hau-pō Gallery: Ngā Purakau o te Ao Māori by Jared MacDonald (3–27 June 2025). Local artist and Youth Programmes Coordinator at Te Takeretanga o Kura-hau-pō, Jared MacDonald, draws on Māori mythology and traditional carving techniques with a contemporary twist inspired by comic books and hip hop culture. The exhibition, Ngā Purakau o te Ao Māori, celebrates Māori Atua through unique interpretations, featuring key works like *The Creation*, depicting the separation of Rangī and Papa, alongside their offspring Tane Mahuta, Tawhiri Matea, Tangaroa, and Tumatauenga.

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**Te Awahou Nieuwe Stroom Kabinet Art Gallery:** 'Poking Sticks... A Different, Irreverent Reality' (until 8 Jun 2025)  
An exhibition to spark conversation, bring smiles, and challenge conventions. Featuring nine South Island artists, the showcase ranges from vibrant and lyrical to historical, unsettling, and bizarre – including an orange sculpture with carrots sticking out! Curated by Arjan van der Boon. Artists: Rudolf Boelee | Kees Bruin | Janet de Wagt | Saskia Leek | Kim Pieters | Helm Ruifrok | Simon van der Sluijs | Francis van Hout | Ronnie van Hout.  
**Weekly events**  
Friday (30 May & 6 June)  
Friday Live Concert, Te Takeretanga o Kura-hau-pō, midday-1pm  
Saturday (31 May & 7 June)  
(31 May only) Levin Music Festival – Kings Sound Centre, Main Space, Te Takeretanga o Kura-hau-pō, 10–4pm. (7 June only) Shannon Library, OPEN, 10am-midday.  
Mondays (2 June & 9 June)  
(2 June only) King's Birthday, Te Takeretanga o Kura-hau-pō, Te Awahou Nieuwe Stroom, Shannon Library, CLOSED  
Storytime, Te Takeretanga o Kura-hau-pō, 10–10:30am  
Meet Street, Te Takeretanga o Kura-hau-pō, 10–11am

Digital Learning: Smartphone Basics, Te Takeretanga o Kura-hau-pō, 1–3pm.  
Tuesdays (3 June & 10 June)  
Digital Drop-in, Te Takeretanga o Kura-hau-pō, 10–11am  
Storytime, Te Awahou Nieuwe Stroom, 10:30–11am  
JP Service, Te Takeretanga o Kura-hau-pō, 11:30–1:30pm  
Lego Hour, Te Takeretanga o Kura-hau-pō, 3:30–4:30pm  
Sensory Sessions, Levin Aquatics, 7–8pm (3 June only) Samoan Language Day for pre-schoolers, Te Takeretanga o Kura-hau-pō, 10–10:45am  
Wednesdays (4 June & 11 June)  
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  
(4 June only), FOHL Morning Tea: Molly Page, Te Takeretanga o Kura-hau-pō, 10–11am  
(4 June only), Better Digital Futures: Online Safety, Te Takeretanga o Kura-hau-pō, 1–3pm  
(4 June only), Teen Book Club, Te Takeretanga o Kura-hau-pō, 4–5pm  
(4 June only), Page Turners Kōrero Group, Te Takeretanga o Kura-hau-pō, 7–9pm  
(11 June only), Digital Learning: eLibrary Discovery Session, Te Takeretanga o Kura-hau-pō, 1–3pm  
Thursdays (5 June & 12 June)  
Sewing Workshop, Te Takeretanga o Kura-hau-pō, 9.30–11.30am  
Discovering Family History Workshop, Te Takeretanga o Kura-hau-pō, 1–3pm  
(5 June only), Tea & Tales, Te Takeretanga o Kura-hau-pō, 1–3pm  
(12 June only), Digital Drop-ins, Te Awahou Nieuwe Stroom, 10–12pm  
(12 June only), Digital Learning: Staying Safe Online, Te Awahou Nieuwe Stroom, 1:30–3:30pm

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The next decision is what to charge for the tickets and getting a committee of 10 people to agree to these. We need to ensure we are not only covering our costs but making a profit to cover our regular outgoings between shows. Ticket prices are always difficult. We would love to be able to keep prices lower and do our best to keep them affordable. Theatre goes in general seem to be prepared to pay higher prices plus travel for shows out of town but are reluctant to pay a fair price for local shows which are just as good if not better for home grown shows which keep the money in the community. Find us on Facebook or our website at levinperformingarts.com

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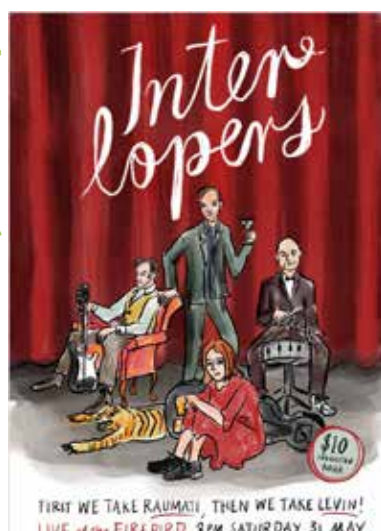
Levin is coming alive this weekend for Music Month 2025. There's a huge range of music to enjoy. The *Star* profiles some of them in the following pages, and on page 14 we have the full list of acts and venues.

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# Cossie Club celebrates 125 years

**Pubs, clubs and hotels have come and gone in Horowhenua but one establishment has stood the test of time and is celebrating its 125th anniversary next week.**

Levin Cosmopolitan Club was first established in 1900 as the Horowhenua Country Club, formed by a group of gentlemen who were refused permission to play darts in the Levin Hotel. So they got together to play their darts in an old tin shed, while still meeting regularly at the Levin Hotel, and from there the “Cossie” was born.

It’s fitting that today, then, among the many social activities Levin Cosmopolitan Club encourages is state-of-the-art darts facilities with the ability to host major tournaments.

There’s been name changes over the years. In 1916 it became the Levin Workingmen’s Club, before adopting the current name Levin Cosmopolitan Club in 1929.

For a time it occupied a premise on Oxford Street near Bath Street before moving to its current Weraroa location in 1971, which has undergone several extensions to accommodate a growing number of members.

Club patron Tom Hayes has led a group of club members in organising activities to celebrate the 125th jubilee, with these activities also running through the week following Kings Birthday weekend.

When asked for the secret to the club’s longevity, Tom says it has stayed true to its ethos as a family-orientated establishment where people can socialise in a friendly environment.

“It’s a safe and family-friendly environment with a degree of decorum, and that is important,” he says. “We do the basics properly and if you look after the

pennies, the pounds take care of themselves.”

While the roots of Cossie is in the working class man, it has always moved with the times and in 1970s allowed female membership. Now, in 2025, the club has elected its first-ever female president in Deb Howell.

Deb says she is passionate about the club as a place where people can relax and socialise in a safe environment.

“Although I was appointed to the role of president after we sadly lost our previous two presidents in the space of a few months, I am immensely proud to be the first female to hold this position and will be standing for election this year in the hope I can continue with a job I am very passionate about,” she says.

“To me, clubs are at the heart of a community. The social activity, fellowship and camaraderie that come from being a club member are what drew me into my first club membership more than 40 years ago. I would encourage anyone – young or old – to find out for themselves what clubs can offer them.”

With more than 1700 current members, the Levin Cosmopolitan Club is in good health and has activities to suit everyone with active adjuncts including pools, darts, indoor and outdoor bowls and fishing.

**Levin Club circa 1890, on the southern corner of Oxford Street and Queen Street West.**



Levin Cosmopolitan Club president Deb Howell and club patron Tom Hayes.  
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Peanut Slab, from left, Foggsta Heke (vocals/percussion), Gary (Guzz E Zee) Hibbs (keys/guitar/sax), Moe Tamaako (guitar), Mark Tui (bass), and Mario Kerehi (drums).

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# Cool Slab playing at Kings

By Paul Williams

**A popular Levin band with the coolest name ever is again supporting Levin Music Festival by playing a free gig in town tomorrow afternoon.**

Peanut Slab – arguably and quite possibly one of the coolest covers band ever, too – will bring their repertoire of reggae, funk and rock to a stage inside Kings Sound Centre.

The band was started by talented multi-

instrumentalist Gary Hibbs, who just put it out there that he was looking to form a band.

Peanut Slab have played together for five years now.

It was Gary that got everyone enthusiastic and started organising gigs. Since then Peanut Slab has played at venues throughout the lower North Island, including weddings, corporate gigs, birthdays, and gatherings of motorcycle enthusiasts.

They travel as far as Taupō, where they were a hit at Finn's Irish Bar on New Year's Eve, while

there was only one band the Taradale Rugby Club wanted to book after the club won the Hawke's Bay club rugby competition.

Drummer Mario Kerehi says the band's ability to play a variety of genres means they can tailor their set to suit the crowd and the mood of the occasion.

"We try to play to a set list, but it doesn't always work so it's good to be able to do that," he says.

Charismatic frontman Rangima Heke knows how to get an audience engaged. He sometimes

tells a crowd the band name wasn't borrowed from Whittaker's – it came from "Whitti-cuz".

The band initially started with Gary, Mario, Rangima and Mark Tui, with lead guitarist Moe Tamaako joining a year later. The band enjoys playing for charity, too, and are not averse to doing fundraisers if it's for a worthy cause. While they enjoy doing covers of all genres, Peanut Slab is starting to work on some original material.

"We just love what we do and enjoy each other's company," Mario says.





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**THE WARREN SISTERS:** Three sisters, Diane, Kathy, and Pirihiara are pictured above with The Platters. The Warren Sisters, known for their harmonious voices, came from a musical Levin family – most of their brothers and sisters played and sang in bands.  
*Photos: Kete Horowhenua, unless otherwise stated*



**TALA RECORD:** *Lace Covered Windows* by the Warren Sisters with The Reflections. TALA was one of the smallest record labels in the country. It was set up in Levin in 1957. In the beginning it meant To Assist Levin Artists, but changed to To Assist Local Artists. The label had about 40 releases. Owner Wally Clark was quick to pick up on international trends in music and always found local bands who were playing the right tune. The Warren Sisters were one of Clark's original TALA talents. *Lace Covered Windows* was released about 1968. Wally Clark was also a professional photographer who also cornered the Levin TV hire market.



**CHILDREN REHEARSE FOR 11TH (DISTRICT SCHOOLS) MUSIC FESTIVAL:** Children from district schools gathered in the Regent Theatre in Levin to rehearse for the 11th Music Festival. The photo was taken on Wednesday November 12, 1969.  
(I remember this, I was probably there! – Debbi.)

*Photo: Horowhenua Historical Society Inc.*



**BARNAO'S**, traded in Levin from 1962-1988. It was the passion of Giuseppe Antonio Barnao, whose love of music began when he was given a clarinet in 1942. He worked in a music shop the following year and his talents saw him join dance bands and serve as an Army bandsman. He was a member of Levin bands for decades. Barnao's shop printed advertising sleeves for the records they sold. The reference to "the swinginest music store in town" would date the image to the 1960s/early 1970s. It would have been used to advertise the shop during a film at the local cinema.



**THE LEVIN SALVATION ARMY BAND:** Pictured about 1903, the Levin Salvation Army band was unusual as it included guitars, rather than being purely brass. Salvation Army bands achieved a high musical standard, but their aim was always to use music to draw people to the Christian gospel. They played music only from the book approved by the Army's London headquarters, and never entered band competitions. As in the photo, the Salvationists encouraged women musicians to join their bands.





# Soul sisters a 70s sensation

By Paul Williams

**L**evin was once home to one of New Zealand's best-kept soul act secrets – The Warren Sisters.

They performed for radio and TV and toured with The Platters in 1970, playing at major venues and town halls. The original Warren Sisters were Piri Henare, Diane Warren and Kathy Nahona.

The group had their roots in soul, motown and gospel, and would often perform packed

shows at Levin War Memorial Hall, sing at talent quests, and play for whānau and friends nailing their harmonies.

Along with backing band The Reflections the group released 45-records in 1970 – a cover of the hit *Never My Love* and the hometown hit *Lace Covered Windows* – on a local music label called TALA Records run by the late Wally Clark.

The beauty of modern technology has meant those songs and recordings can now be widely shared.

The backing band included younger brother Jack Warren, and Pat Davison and Gary Stokoe.

The influence of the Warren Sisters continues with whānau that inherited a love for music.

Levin man Eugene Henare, the son of Piri, was one of a generation of whānau who grew up surrounded by music.

He says they were blessed for it. He remembers going to community events where his aunties and mother performed, along with father Arthur and Uncle Jack. One of those events was the opening of the Levin Shopping Mall in 1971.

Even now those songs are sung at whānau gatherings and everyone knows the words.

"They're beautiful songs, with beautiful lyrics," he says. "*Lace Covered Windows* is our family anthem."

He says as kids they couldn't help but want to learn to play, too. Band practice was often in the lounge, and they were encouraged at every turn to express themselves musically.

"Watching them play and perform certainly planted a seed within us all, whether we went on to play instruments or not," he says.

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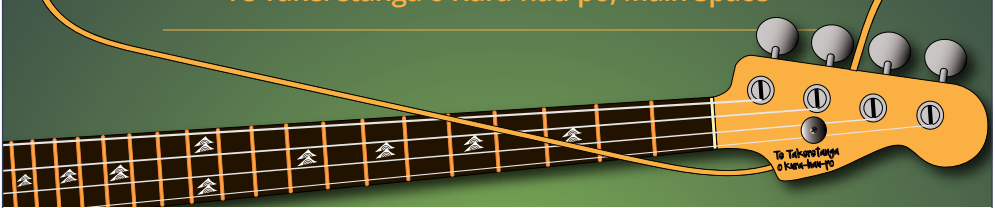
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# Taitoko song dedicated to Rich

By Paul Williams

**A home-grown band called Taitoko will be playing a song that has special meaning tomorrow when they take the stage for the annual Levin Music Festival.**

*Rich Loved The Sea* is dedicated to the late Richard Gilmore, the son of bass player Keith Murch. Richard died in 2021, aged 52, from cancer.

Being in a band can make you attune to what other band members are going through and the rest of Taitoko could see how keenly Keith felt the loss, even now. So lead singer Neil Jensen wrote a song for Keith in Richard's memory. *Rich Loved The Sea* was released this week and recorded live at Trafalgar Studios – The Engine Room.

Music doesn't take away grief, but it can help to acknowledge it, he says.

"I could see the hurt. You write songs about things that are going on around us and decided to change tack and I asked Keith if he would mind."

Neil says the track was purposely unedited in the studio. The imperfections are purposeful. The result is a deeply personal and raw tribute to someone who loved life, the ocean, and those around him.

"They're part of the truth of the moment, just as grief and love are," he says. "This song is for anyone who has lost someone. Whether they're gone or still here in another form."

He says *Rich Loved the Sea* is a song that invites listeners to pause, reflect, and remember.

The Taitoko band line-up this weekend sees Neil on guitar and lead vocals, Keith on bass guitar, Carrie Jensen on backing vocals and Jimmy Warren on drums and backing vocals.

Taitoko will play at Te Takeretanga o Kura-hau-pō Levin Library at 2pm, then take the stage at Levin Adventure Park at 4pm ( wet weather venue: Firebird Café).



Taitoko, from left, Neil Jensen, Keith Murch and Carrie Jensen.

## WHO'S PLAYING WHERE

### KINGS SOUND CENTRE, 210 OXFORD STREET

START	FINISH	BAND/MUSICIANS
10am	10.30am	EBZ
10:40am	11:10am	SKITZ HYDRO
11.25pm	11.55 pm	MOTAWREK
12.10pm	12:40 pm	SHARP DRESSED DAN
1pm	2 pm	PEANUT SLAB
2.10 pm	2.40 pm	THE KNOW NOTHINGS
2.45 pm	3.15 pm	AMBLE
3.30 pm	4 pm	CICERO EXPERIENCE

### TE TAKERE O KURA-HAU-PŌ, BATH STREET

START	FINISH	BAND/MUSICIANS
10am	10.30am	–
10:45am	11:15am	EBZ
11.30pm	Midday	SPELDHURST JAMMERS
12.15pm	12:45 pm	RAMAN HARI
1pm	1.30pm	STATUS FIVE
1.545pm	3pm	TAITOKO

### FIREBIRD CAFE, 60 OXFORD STREET

START	FINISH	BAND/MUSICIANS
10am	–	WET WEATHER VENUE FOR ADVENTURE PARK ACTS
7.30pm	Late	INTERLOPERS

### LEVIN MALL, OXFORD STREET

START	FINISH	BAND/MUSICIANS
10am & 10.30am		LEVIN FOLK CLUB
10.30am	11am	UKULADIES

### SPONGE KITCHEN, 184 OXFORD STREET

START	FINISH	BAND/MUSICIANS
Midday	2PM	MYAH SNOW
2pm		CHRIS RENATA

### TATUM, 850 STATE HIGHWAY 1

START	FINISH	BAND/MUSICIANS
6pm	6pm	A NIGHT IN TOKYO Japanese themed party with entertainment

### CLOCK TOWER, CNR OXFORD-QUEEN STREETS

START	FINISH	BAND/MUSICIANS
10am	Midday	PUBLIC DRUM FEST Bring your bongos, tambourines and shakers – and have some fun!

### THAI COUNTRY CHEF, 198 OXFORD STREET

START	FINISH	BAND/MUSICIANS
10am	2pm	KARAOKE AREA

### ADVENTURE PARK, OXFORD STREET

START	FINISH	BAND/MUSICIANS
Midday		LOADED BRASS
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2pm		MOCEAN
4pm	5pm	TAITOKO
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MANAKAU MATTERS: JUDY WEBBY

# Manakau shocked, blindsided, betrayed and disappointed

On Sunday, May 18, more than 200 concerned Manakau locals gathered at the Manakau Hall to hear NZTA representatives present changes to 20% of the planned, consented, and much-anticipated Ō2NL expressway.

Many residents had heard rumours, but the extent of the changes left the community feeling shocked, blindsided, betrayed and disappointed. The announcement that these changes were going to the NZTA board for approval on June 19 allowed minimal time for the



community to express their concerns, giving the arrogant impression that local input was not required.

A significant concern for residents was removal of the overbridge linking Manakau Heights to the village. The original plan included a pedestrian/cycle bridge, which was later upgraded to accommodate vehicles after representations from emergency

services and locals. Manakau identity Frank Hamlin had donated land to Horowhenua District Council about 2000 to link his subdivision with the village, incurring considerable expense due to higher requirements for a local road, which necessitated deepening the original farm track to meet the required grade. His generosity being rendered ineffective is disheartening to his memory.

Without the overbridge, the village will have only one heavy vehicle entry and exit over the double-tracked railway. This crossing can be closed by trains waiting for a clear track, potentially delaying emergency

services, which could be critical in life-threatening situations.

While there is light vehicle access from SH1 to the village via the underpass on Honi Taipua Street, it is nearing the end of its effective life and cannot be relied upon long-term.

The rationale behind the numerous downgrades is that NZTA must adhere to the budget established several years ago. While the National Party and their local MP Tim Costley had campaigned for the completion of the project, they now appear to overlook the fact that the voters voted for Ō2NL to be completed as originally planned; the various

downgrades do not reflect what was voted for.

The alteration from a full interchange at Tararua Road to a roundabout seems particularly imprudent, given the impending completion of the new Tara Ika suburb development. While Tara Ika will have an alternative access to Levin via the Queen Street overbridge, Manakau will have only one, and that will not be available 100% of the time.

Come on NZTA and government, find the funds to do this once and do it right!

■ Judy is a lifetime resident of Horowhenua and has lived in Manakau for 36 years.

PLAIN SPEAKING: IAN CARSON

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## One for the ref

The big news just keeps on coming. If it's not speed limit changes, it's changes to the expressway.



These are important issues for our community, and we're right to have a strong opinion – hopefully strong enough to raise your concerns with those who make these decisions.

But what really got my attention lately was the news that the local rugby union was threatening to shut down club rugby for a weekend unless referees were shown more respect. The problems are not new, but the threatened sanction is.

Full disclosure – I've been an active referee for 26 years. I've refereed premier rugby, but the afflictions of age now limit me to the occasional jog along the sideline. I've been shoved in the back, spat at and threatened. Perhaps my relative maturity when I started helped me deal with abuse, and develop a thick skin.

But I shouldn't have to develop that hardened attitude, nor should any referee. I know what it takes to do the job, whether premier or schoolboy – the fitness regime, law exams, weekly meetings, card reports to be filled out when you get home from a game, time every winter Saturday away from family.

It takes a lot, but you know what – I loved it. Refereeing a game you love is a rare experience. It gives you the best seat in the house. If you're good enough, you can have a game humming without interfering in its flow and ebb.

As in life, some referees are brilliant, some not so good. That they give of their time voluntarily needs to be respected. That they make mistakes occasionally is to be expected – and I've made some blinders in my career.

It seems the current issues are not on-field, but from the sideline. So if you're at a game this weekend, have a bit of respect for the ref in the middle.

■ Ian is managing editor of ID Media

## Info on landlord-tenant relationships

Every year several issues that arise in the relationships between landlords and tenants.

In truth, all landlords and tenants have responsibilities under the Residential Tenancies Act 1986. Citizens Advice Bureau has a lot of information on the subject.

**Landlord's responsibilities** – When renting out a property, landlords need to:

- make sure the property is in a reasonable condition
  - let the tenant have quiet enjoyment of the property
  - meet all relevant building, health and safety standards
  - handle any abandoned goods in the correct way
  - inform the tenant if the property is for sale
  - have an agent if they are out of New Zealand for more than 21 days.
- They can't:
- seize the tenant's goods for any reason
  - interfere with the supply of any services to the premises, unless it is necessary to avoid danger to a person or to allow repairs.

**Tenant's responsibilities** – When renting a property, tenants need to:

- pay the rent on time
- keep the property reasonably clean and tidy
- let the landlord know about any damage or repairs straight away
- pay for their own outgoings eg, electricity, gas and internet



- use the property mainly for residential purposes rather than business activities
  - leave the property clean, tidy, and clear of rubbish and possessions
  - leave all keys with the landlord when they move out
  - leave all items that were supplied with the tenancy.
- Tenants must not:
- stop paying rent if the landlord hasn't done repairs
  - damage the premises
  - disturb the neighbours or the landlord's other tenants
  - make any alterations to the property without the landlord's written consent
  - use the property for any unlawful purpose
  - have more than the maximum number of occupants listed in the tenancy agreement.

Both landlords and tenants are responsible for:

- making sure the tenancy agreement is in writing
- keeping their contact details up to date
- not changing the locks without permission.

If you are in a unit title property (for example an apartment or townhouse), you

must also follow the body corporate rules. *Renting to disabled tenants*

Disabled people make up 24% of New Zealand's population. They have a wide range of diverse needs, and it's important they have a safe, accessible place to live. A range of services and support is available that will help landlords on how to provide appropriate housing. These services include:

- Enable New Zealand : provides disability services, equipment and modifications
- Federation of Disability Information Centres : supports local disability information and referral services
- Life Unlimited : supporting disabled people, including their housing needs
- Accessible Properties : provide homes and property management services to people with disabilities, older people and those on low incomes
- CCS Disability Action: a broad range of support services for disabled people, family and whanau.

*Making changes to your rental home*

Recent changes to tenancy law could make things easier for tenants with disabilities. Landlords now can't decline a tenant's request to make changes to their rental property – as long as the change is minor. This change makes it easier for tenants to add fixtures like grab rails, visual fire alarms or doorbells.

CAB holds a good deal of information on tenancy issues so please feel free to call 06 368 9521 or email [Levin@cab.org.nz](mailto:Levin@cab.org.nz)

■ Ginny is chair of Citizens Advice Bureau Levin

LAW MATTERS: RIANA SMITH

## Important to know updates in commercial property lease form

If you own a commercial property in New Zealand, chances are you're using the standard lease form prepared by the Law Association.

In November 2024, it released the seventh edition of this lease, and it's had some important updates. Because this is the most commonly used lease in the country, it's a good idea to get familiar with what's changed. Here's a quick summary:

**1. Rent reviews:** You now have a third choice when setting up rent reviews: fixed increases (eg 2% per year). You can also agree on a maximum and minimum rent, so the rent doesn't go too high or low during reviews.

**2. Outgoings:** The list of outgoings (costs the tenant pays on top of rent, like rates and maintenance) has been updated. Landlords now need to:



- give tenants a budget of these costs each year before the lease anniversary
  - provide documents (like council rates or insurance bills) if the tenant asks.
- 3. Lease security:** There are now different ways for the landlord to secure rental payments under the lease. The landlord and tenant can agree on:
- a bank guarantee
  - a rental bond.

The landlord also needs to confirm whether their bank (or mortgage holder) needs to give

permission for the lease.

**4. Insurance:** The default insurance excess the tenant pays has gone up to \$5000 (was \$2500). If the tenant damages something and the repair cost is less than the excess, they have to cover the full cost themselves.

**5. Seismic information:** Landlords must:

- share the seismic rating of the building with tenants
- keep tenants updated if new information comes to light.

However, landlords don't have to guarantee the rating is correct.

**6. Health and safety:** The lease now spells out that both parties must meet their obligations under the Health and Safety at Work Act 2015.

**7. Emergencies:** If the tenant can't access the building in an emergency (like during a flood or

earthquake), they may get a 50% rent reduction by default. Alternatively, you can agree upfront on a different amount or a "fair proportion" depending on the situation, rather than the default 50%.

**Why this matters**

If you're signing a new commercial lease, it's important to understand these updates and make sure the terms fit your situation.

Also keep in mind: even if you only sign an Agreement to Lease, these new terms will still apply, even if you don't sign a Deed of Lease later.

**Need help?**

It's worth having a lawyer look over the lease with you. That way you can make sure you're getting the right deal and avoiding future surprises. Feel free to contact CS Law if you would like to know more.

■ Riana is an associate at CS Law



# Work to do for Labour post-budget

Budget '25 was carefully crafted to provide a platform that places Labour in an extremely difficult position if it is to satisfy its core constituency and attract sufficient new voters to move beyond the constraints imposed by association with the Greens and Te Pati Maori (TPM).

Without comprehensive increases in taxation it is hard to see how it can restore, as some of its MPs have promised, the pay equity position that existed before budget month and at the same time assemble a prudent balance of expenditure that doesn't add significantly to the nation's indebtedness.

Within the ruling coalition, National received criticism for not taking bolder steps to address deficit spending. Act members had a similar view to National's right flank. NZ first voters seemed satisfied that Winston the Wily had again pulled a rabbit from a hat and had a budget presented that mostly satisfied their middle of the road instincts.

Public opinion polls regularly reflect that the most pressing public concerns are the economy, health, education, law and order. All these itches were scratched: the economy through a better depreciation regime for business capital spending; both the health and education sectors had bigger financial allocations; and police and the defence force needs were catered for with fresh funding.

The coalition parties are broadly in political control. Should a backlash on the pay equity decision prove ongoing in the early months of next year, Budget '26 can address it. Should unemployment be on the rise, room can be made for measures to alleviate it. And while constant sniping by health and education

unions within the public services is certain to continue, the government can emphasise that funding continues to rise year-on-year despite tough economic times.

Labour's path to the Treasury benches is fraught with obstacles. Since budget day Peters has ruled out joining with Labour to make a government as long as Chris Hipkins is leader; TPM and the Greens have shown no sign of easing their rhetoric to attract wider support outside their core constituencies; and acceptance of budgetary restraints by finance spokesperson Barbara Edmonds places constraints on what it can offer unless significant tax increases are a part of its election policy.

Localised rows over government spending, such as the NZTA cost savings amendments to the projected Otaki-Levin highway, will help Labour, and test the coalition's responsiveness. Growing impressions across the country that the coalition feels it can brush off community feelings with impunity can quickly erode the support of all three member parties.

Labour needs a change in apparent public acceptance of the need for careful fiscal management as under the Willis model. It would also be helped by developments abroad that thrust security issues much higher into public consciousness than has happened to date. At the centre of this is divergence of views



POLITICS

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among the country's Western allies on the handling of Russia's war in Ukraine and America's trade war with the EU. Currently the coalition is maintaining its relationship with Washington along "business as usual" lines that encompass the universal 10 percent tariff regime.

Neither New Zealand nor Australia have suffered direct unwelcome policy pronouncements of substance from the US president, although the Australian defence force is nervous about the Americans' timetable for supply of nuclear submarines under arrangements with Canberra.

But should President Donald Trump decide to take the US out of the allied front against Russia over its invasion of Ukraine, and at the same time seek closer business ties between Washington and Moscow, there will be "diplomatic blood".

There is good reason to believe that Trump is breaking down the strengths of American economic might and muscle through his fixation with tariffs on friends and competitors alike.

These imposts and daily, weekly percentage changes disrupt supply chains and create uncertainties. Forced reductions of research and development programmes, including those associated with technologies, contribute further to the picture of an America in decline.

It may be that Trump sees both big business opportunities in Russia and an opportunity for a political initiative that will wrest Moscow away from its close relationship with Beijing. But achieving such a transformation at the expense of the Western European alliance committed to resisting Russian hegemony is more likely to strengthen Beijing's influence in the West and Third World.

Do Kiwi voters have the stomach to outlast the four-year Trump presidency? Can Labour exploit unease about American reliability to electoral advantage? Historically it has a record of burnishing Sino-Kiwi relationships that could be the basis of electoral appeal if strategic security becomes a major issue.

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» 79 Kawi Road LEVIN

ASKING \$625,000



## SPACIOUS AND SO WELL SITUATED

Set on an expansive 814m2 section in one of Levin's most sought-after streets, this impressive 210m2 home offers a superb blend of character, comfort, and space, both inside and out. Step inside to discover gleaming native timber floors that enrich the open-plan living area, paired with plush new carpet in the three well-sized bedrooms for added comfort. The updated modern kitchen is a standout, offering contemporary finishes and great functionality at the heart of the home. Enjoy effortless indoor - outdoor flow with access from the living room to both the private rear courtyard and lawn, as well as the front balcony.

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» 47 Highbury Drive LEVIN

BEO \$1,180,000



## TIMELESS ELEGANCE

From the moment you arrive, you'll sense the distinction of this remarkable five bedroom home. Nestled behind a private brick fence, the welcoming entrance leads through grand double doors into a beautifully light-filled interior. At the heart of the home, the designer kitchen is a dream for any chef, boasting premium finishes, a six-burner gas stove, and a walk-in pantry. Thoughtfully designed for seamless living, it flows effortlessly into both the formal dining room and the outdoor patio. Set on a private 1,412m2 section, the beautifully landscaped grounds create a serene sanctuary.

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» 60 Easton Way LEVIN

BY NEGOTIATION



## EXECUTIVE EXCELLENCE

For the discerning buyer who values privacy, quality, and space, this immaculately presented four-bedroom residence is the perfect match. Nestled in a quiet, established neighbourhood, this home offers refined living in one of Levin's most desirable locations.

From the moment you step inside, the attention to detail and thoughtful design is evident. A formal lounge provides a quiet retreat, while the open-plan kitchen, living area and dining area all seamlessly flows to a secluded patio featuring an outdoor fireplace - ideal for entertaining or relaxing in style. The kitchen is the heart of the home, complete with an island bench, generous storage, and a clever servery window.

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BY NEGOTIATION



## FANTASTIC FIRST HOME, EXCELLENT GARAGING

If you're searching for the perfect first step onto the property ladder, this well-presented three-bedroom home is a standout! Set on a 726m2 corner section with dual access, it offers space and sunshine. Inside, the open plan kitchen, dining, and lounge area creates a welcoming hub and flows out to a covered deck - ideal for entertaining or enjoying a quiet morning coffee. The kitchen has been freshened with new cupboard doors, there is a pantry and stove with gas hobs. New carpet throughout gives the home a fresh and inviting feel and a heat pump ensures year-round comfort. The main bedroom opens out to a deck.

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» 11 Duke Street LEVIN

BY NEGOTIATION



## FAMILY FIRST WITH GUEST SUITE

If you're seeking a home that combines generous space, sun-filled living, and versatile design, this one delivers it all. Perfectly suited for a growing family, this property has been thoughtfully designed to offer effortless living and entertaining. At the heart of the home is a stylish modern kitchen featuring quality appliances, ample bench space, and a large pantry. The open-plan dining and living area is bathed in natural light and highlighted by a stunning feature wall. With four bedrooms, including the private guest wing with its own bathroom and lounge this home offers so much. Be sure to view!

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» 15 Homewood Avenue LEVIN

BEO \$898,000



## ARCHITECTURAL ELEGANCE

Tucked away at the end of a quiet cul-de-sac, this architecturally designed home is a true standout - understated from the street, yet breathtaking once you arrive. Set on a generous and private section, this striking property has been crafted with style, light, and modern living in mind. From the moment you step through the impressive timber front door into the expansive entrance foyer, complete with skylights that flood the space with natural light, you will feel the sense of something truly special. Designed to capture the sun, the north and west-facing living areas are bathed in light, with floor-to-ceiling sliders that blur the line between indoors and out.

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» 36 Salisbury Street LEVIN

BEO \$569,000



## FOUR BEDROOMS AND STYLISH

This beautifully modernised 119m2 home combines the best of contemporary living with the character of yesteryear. Perfectly positioned close to town, schools, and the supermarket, convenience is just another highlight of this fantastic property. Set on a private, fully fenced 457m2 easy-care section, this home offers a wonderful sense of security and low-maintenance living - ideal for busy families. Step inside and be greeted by gorgeous polished timber floors that add warmth and character, perfectly complemented by a light, modern interior and the bonus of high ceilings that enhance the sense of space. The kitchen is a dream, boasting modern appliances.

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» 197A Tiro Tiro Road LEVIN

ASKING \$599,000



## ENDLESS POSSIBILITIES ON 1884M2

Welcome to 197a Tiro Tiro Road - an exciting and unusual proposition. 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. Inside, the layout offers flexibility with two bedrooms and expansive living areas.

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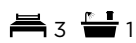
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» 1 Hokio Road **HOKIO BEACH**

AUCTION



## AUCTION! Coastal Project

If you're ready for a serious renovation this tucked-away property just minutes from the shoreline could be your next rewarding project.

Set on a 1,191m2 section at the end of the road, privacy and potential go hand-in-hand here. The 110m2 home is in poor condition - there are some broken windows allowing some extra greenery into the home and the once-loved deck has seen better days. The grounds are

overgrown, and the home needs a full-scale remodel and upgrade, or demolish it to make way for something new. An attached carport adds to the footprint, offering extra space for storage or future plans. The grounds are now mostly clear, with an extra two skip bins filled after our photos were taken. Being Sold "As is where is" No vendor warranties apply.

Auction 10am, 16 June 2025, Wilton & Co, 530 Queen Street East, Levin

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» 14 Awatea Street **LEVIN**



## First home or Smart Investment

Step onto the property ladder in style with this freshly refurbished gem, ideal for first home buyers or savvy investors. Inside, you'll find gleaming polished timber floors and a fresh modern colour palette that instantly feels like home. The kitchen is sleek and contemporary, offering both style and functionality, while the home has been freshly painted throughout, giving it a bright and welcoming atmosphere.

**BUYER ENQUIRY OVER \$445,000**

**OPEN HOME SUNDAY 12.30PM-1PM**

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» 4 Gardener Street **LEVIN**



## A goodie in Gardener

Welcome to this well presented four bedroom home, perfectly positioned in a sought-after area, ideal for family's, first-home buyers, or investors alike. Step inside and you'll be impressed by the spacious layout. The large lounge is warm and inviting, featuring a log burner and heat pump to keep you comfortable all year round.

**BUYER ENQUIRY OVER \$570,000**

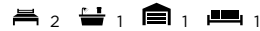
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» 57 Weraroa Road **LEVIN**



## Solid brick unit, walk to town!

Whether you're downsizing, investing, or stepping onto the property ladder, this tidy brick unit is an ideal choice. Perfectly positioned just a short walk to town, it offers comfort, convenience, and low-maintenance living. Freshly updated with new carpet, curtains, and a modern paint palette, the home feels light, bright, and welcoming. The kitchen has been partially modernised, featuring a brand-new stove and fresh flooring.

**BUYER ENQUIRY OVER \$410,000**

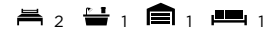
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» 9 Ely Place **LEVIN**



## Convenience and easy living

Welcome to your next home, a cosy and well-maintained, two bedroom unit that offers the perfect blend of comfort, convenience, and easy living. Step inside to find a warm and inviting home with a heat pump that ensures year-round comfort, keeping you warm in winter and cool in the summer months. The kitchen is tidy and functional and is perfect for everyday cooking.

**BUYER ENQUIRY OVER \$365,000**

**OPEN HOME SUNDAY 11.45AM-12.15PM**

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» 6 Elizabeth Street **LEVIN**



## Home + Sleepout + Garage

If you've been searching for a home that offers flexibility and space, this well-presented property is a must-see. Featuring three good size bedrooms all with double wardrobes, and multiple living zones, it's ideal for families, extended living, or those who love to entertain. The open-plan kitchen and dining area flows effortlessly into the lounge and a large, light-filled sunroom - perfect for year-round enjoyment

**BUYER ENQUIRY OVER \$585,000**

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» 30A Perth Street **LEVIN**



## Investors do your sums!

Tucked away on a rear section this three bedroom home is a gem! Currently tenanted paying \$550 per week, on a fixed term tenancy, this is the perfect investment with a great return. The tenant keeps the house like its their own! The kitchen and dining area flows seamlessly to the lounge area which opens through a ranchslider to a private rear yard with a single garage.

**BUYER ENQUIRY OVER \$409,000**

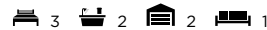
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» 66 Macarthur Street **LEVIN**



## Magic on MacArthur

This eye-catching home delivers instant street appeal with its modernised roughcast exterior over the original brick, offers a fresh, contemporary feel. Step inside to discover three beautifully presented bedrooms, including a master retreat with a walk-in wardrobe and ensuite. A second bathroom caters to the rest of the household with ease. The modern kitchen features a breakfast bar and flows effortlessly into the spacious dining area

**BUYER ENQUIRY OVER \$689,000**

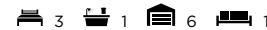
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» 12A Stuckey Street **LEVIN**



## Lots of garaging plus super tidy home

Welcome to this charming three bedroom home just a short distance from town. Boasting two garages - a double garage provides ample space for your vehicles, with additional room for storage, plus there is also a four car garage, perfect for those with multiple vehicles or for someone working from home. A lovely open plan lounge and dining area boasts a heat pump and wood burner. Call today to view.

**BUYER ENQUIRY OVER \$499,000**

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» 14 Twin Peaks Grove **KOPUTAROA**



## IGNORE the RV of \$1,390,000

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**BUYER ENQUIRY OVER \$1,059,000**

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» 69 Stafford Street **SHANNON**



## Lifestyle starter with shed

Looking for a lifestyle property that ticks all the boxes? This four-bedroom home is ideal for families or anyone looking to embrace country living without sacrificing convenience. Be welcomed by the impressive tiled floor entrance foyer with its high ceiling. The heart of the home is the light-filled open-plan kitchen, dining, and living space, designed with entertaining in mind.

**BUYER ENQUIRY OVER \$798,000**

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» 23 Quinn Road **LEVIN**



## Comfort, style and security

Nestled in a peaceful, tree-lined street, this beautifully presented home offers the ideal blend of comfort, convenience, and modern style. Whether you're looking for your first home, forever home, or a low-maintenance base to lock up and leave, this property ticks all the boxes. Step inside and be welcomed by a light-filled, open-plan living space designed for effortless living and entertaining.

**ASKING \$650,000**

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» 174 Bath Street **LEVIN**



## NEW PRICE!

Welcome to this fabulous low maintenance two bedroom home designed for comfort and convenience. Step inside the entrance that leads to an inviting living / dining area, where warmth is guaranteed thanks to a log burner, heat pump and HRV system. Whether its a chilly winters night or a relaxing weekend this home has you covered. The well appointed kitchen offers a practical layout, has lots of bench space, a wall oven, dish drawer

**BUYER ENQUIRY OVER \$599,000**

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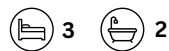


TENDER

#### Your Dream Home Awaits!

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

**Open:** Sat, 31 May 2:45 pm - 3:15 pm



To be sold by tender  
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### 31 Muhunoa East Road, Ohau, Horowhenua.



TENDER

#### Oasis In Ohau!

Step into this impressive, brand new 3-bedroom home, where contemporary design meets the peacefulness of Ohau. This property offers the perfect lifestyle living experience, minus the high maintenance worries.

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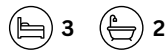


DEADLINE

#### Stylish & Convenient

Welcome to effortless modern living in this beautifully built 3-bedroom, 2-bathroom brick home, perfectly positioned in a sought-after Levin neighbourhood. Designed with families in mind, this home offers comfort, functionality, and style in equal measure.

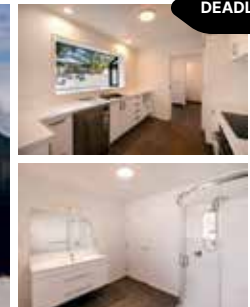
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### 2 Cypress Way, Levin, Horowhenua.



DEADLINE

#### Fully Renovated Classic

Step into timeless charm with a fresh, modern twist at this beautifully renovated 4-bedroom, 1-bathroom home. Lovingly updated from top to toe, this spacious residence blends the character of an older home with the convenience of contemporary living.

**Open:** Sat, 31 May 11:45 am - 12:15 pm



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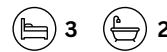


DEADLINE

#### Ideal First Home or Investment Gem

Welcome to this brand new well-appointed 3-bedroom, 2-bathroom home in the heart of Levin, offering the perfect blend of comfort and potential. Whether you're a first home buyer looking to step onto the property ladder or an investor seeking a smart addition to your portfolio, this property delivers.

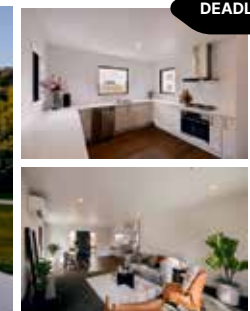
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### 8 Cypress Way, Levin, Horowhenua.



DEADLINE

#### Low Maintenance Family Living

Discover the perfect blend of space, style, and comfort in this brand new 4-bedroom, 2-bathroom home, designed with families in mind. Located in a peaceful pocket of Levin, this home offers everything you need for easy, modern living.

**Open:** Sat, 31 May 1:00 pm - 1:30 pm



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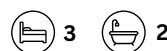


DEADLINE

#### First Home Buyers & Investors – This One's for You

Welcome to this brand new well-appointed 3-bedroom, 2-bathroom home in the heart of Levin, offering the perfect blend of comfort and potential. Whether you're a first home buyer looking to step onto the property ladder or an investor seeking a smart addition to your portfolio, this property delivers.

**Open:** Sat, 31 May 10:15am - 10:45 am



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### 3 Railway Terrace, Ohau, Horowhenua.



DEADLINE

#### Freshly Renovated & Full of Possibilities

Set on a generous section, this beautifully renovated 4-bedroom, 2-bathroom home offers the perfect blend of modern comfort and practical space. Whether you're a growing family, hobbyist, or someone who simply needs room to spread out, this property delivers in spades.

**Open:** Sat, 31 May 3:30pm - 4:00 pm



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# Referee abuse comes to a head

Rugby’s ugly underbelly came to a head at the weekend when an official was hit with a thrown flag post and threatened with stabbing at a Horowhenua-Kāpiti club fixture.

HKRU chief executive Corey Kennett says it is continuing to investigate the incident, which has drawn worldwide attention.

Abuse of officials has become commonplace and is something HKRU and its affiliated clubs want desperately to stamp out.

Referees were volunteers that gave up their weekend- often doing more than one match – only to suffer the indignity of sideline abuse.

Corey says there needs to be a seismic culture shift in the way referees were treated. The equation is simple. No referee – no game.

But he couldn’t ignore that fact that the

vast majority of people are respectful. It was a small minority that had become increasingly abusive, and there is no place on the sideline for them or the abuse.

“It needs a whole-of-community approach. The standard you walk past is the standard you accept,” he says. “We’ve reached a point where we need to make a stand. These people are not welcome.”

HKRFU had front-footed the issue with a statement on social media saying it is “deeply concerned” about the escalating abuse.

That included “recent incidents of verbal



Corey Kennett

threats, threats of physical harm, including being stabbed, and actual physical abuse.”

The post triggered an overwhelming response in support of referees, including messages of support from other sporting codes and from overseas.

The statement says the situation has reached a tipping point and safety of referees was a priority.

“This behaviour is completely unacceptable and stands in direct opposition to the values of

respect, safety, and integrity that underpin our great game.”

Corey says it’s a nationwide issue.

“Referees are essential volunteers to the sport we all love, and they deserve to officiate without fear of abuse or intimidation.

“We all have a part to play. Let’s protect our referees, our game, and each other. Stand up and show your support for our match officials.”

HKRU, with the support of all clubs, has taken the stance that any further incidents of serious referee abuse will see a weekend of senior club rugby cancelled.

“This is not a decision we take lightly, but it is a necessary step to send a clear and unequivocal message – abuse will not be tolerated.”

In the past the union had run a campaign challenging people to “put your whistle where your mouth is”.

The fact is it is hard enough to attract and retain referees due to natural attrition without losing them to sideline abuse.

## Netballers fundraise for new colours

Young players chosen for Netball Horowhenua rep teams this season manned a cake sale at the weekend to raise money for tournament costs and new playing uniforms.

The 2025 dress design features the māngōpare (hammerhead shark), created by toi Māori artist Te Meera Hyde after kōrero shared about the challenges Netball Horowhenua has faced, particularly after Covid. From that came the māngōpare motif, the hammerhead shark symbol significant in te ao Māori, representing resilience, strength, and courage. The previous uniforms were a mix of navy blue, a purple-toned shade, and red and white. Last year the association decided to align the colours with

other Horowhenua sporting codes, hence the shift to royal blue.

“The māngōpare reminds our players they carry more than just talent. They carry whakapapa, potential, and pride in who they are, while honouring those who came before them,” a Netball Horowhenua spokesperson said.

2025 Under-14 Team: MJ Dudan-Moore Seylah Falamoe Ivy-Rose Henare-Pearson Nikitah Johnco Kara Mansfield Nature Matakatea Paige Metcalfe Scarlett Metcalfe Brooklyn Pearce Tyler-Ann Tuoro Reikura Wehipeihana-Reihana  
2025 Under-16 Team: Mere Tuari, Gaby Heke, Ella Jones, Nevaeh McKnight, Pareraukawa Moore, Addison Murphy, Keyleigh Pearson, Wairere Ransfield-Tamaki, Tangikina Tafa, Taizarrah Toeieui, Emerson Walker, Abi Warren.



### Entrance tides May 30 – June 6

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

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#### MANAWATU RIVER FOXTON

	HIGH	LOW	HIGH	LOW	HIGH
FRI 30 MAY	00:01	06:36	12:27	18:55	-
SAT 31 MAY	00:52	07:29	13:20	19:44	-
SUN 1 JUN	01:44	08:23	14:14	20:36	-
MON 2 JUN	02:39	09:18	15:08	21:31	-
TUE 3 JUN	03:36	10:14	16:05	22:29	-
WED 4 JUN	04:34	11:10	17:03	23:31	-
THU 5 JUN	05:30	12:05	18:00	-	-
FRI 6 JUN	-	00:32	06:23	12:58	18:55

#### WAITARERE BEACH

	HIGH	LOW	HIGH	LOW	HIGH
FRI 30 MAY	-	05:34	11:42	17:53	-
SAT 31 MAY	00:07	06:27	12:35	18:42	-
SUN 1 JUN	00:59	07:21	13:29	19:34	-
MON 2 JUN	01:54	08:16	14:23	20:29	-
TUE 3 JUN	02:51	09:12	15:20	21:27	-
WED 4 JUN	03:49	10:08	16:18	22:29	-
THU 5 JUN	04:45	11:03	17:15	23:30	-
FRI 6 JUN	05:38	11:56	18:10	-	-

### RESULTS & DRAWS

#### RUGBY

##### Results, Saturday May 24

##### Ramsbotham Cup (Premier)

Rāhui 42, Shannon 10. Rāhui: Tries to W Parata 2, T Raureti. T.Cook, V.Donaghy. A Roach 4 conv, 3 pen. Shannon: Try to F Fenn. J Rauhihi conv, pen.

Waikanae 41, Paraparaumu 28.

Waikanae: Tries to J Poutama, T Hata 2, K Koto, P Brown, S Fotu. C Bond 4 conv, pen. Paraparaumu: Tries to D McNamara, L McMahon, R Fridd. T Barnsley 2 conv, 3 pen.

Foxton 42, Wanderers 36. Foxton: Tries to J Rauca 2, M Pakau-Wallace 2, D McErlean, D Rutten. A Murphy 4 conv, pen. Wanderers: Tries top

M Tansley, J Henare, T.Taukiri, G MacDonald, A Taiapa. M Masoe 4 conv, pen.

##### Bill Muir Cup (Senior Reserve)

Rāhui 22, Athletic 18. Rāhui: Tries to R Connor, T Baker, N Fleming 2. J Lewis conv. Athletic: Tries to T Gray, L Scarlett. K O'Brien conv, 2 pen.

Waikanae 38, Paraparaumu 22.

Waikanae: Tries to S Kuru, A Knewstubb, E Banuve 3, T Lahmert. D Kennedy 3 conv, C Adam conv.

Paraparaumu: Tries to J Cuthbert, T Van Shaik, J Ross. J Reddin 2 conv, pen. Wanderers 36, Foxton 33. Tries to T Matakatea, H Edwards, B Toto-Foster, J Gilman, R Rudd-Sullivan. T Wilton 4 conv, pen. Foxton: Tries to T Luke,

T Shields, J Chambers 2, A Kauri. K Murphy 4 conv.

#### GOLF

##### Foxton

Mid week (May 22)  
Steve Tickner 39, Joanne Wilton 36, Barry Graham 35. 2s: Joanne Wilton on 3 & 12, Curly Evans on 7, Keith Norris on 10.

Tuesday: Bonus stablefords. Charles TePeeti 79, Ann Hogg 69, Tamati McGregor 68, Rick Mooney 66. 2s: Lorna Soo on 10.

Levin- week ending May 18

Tuesday: Men lost a combined Stableford competition to Waikanae at Waikanae. Wednesday – 9 Hole Mixed Total Putts: Eunok Kim 13, Graham

Cottrill 14, Colin Binns 14; Ladies Net: Karina MacDonald 75, Val Smith 77, Carol Louisson 77. Thursday – Early Men Net: Vili Tia 72, Colin Finlayson 76, Ian King 76. Twos: Ivan Franklin; Late Men Stableford: Nigel Brooke 37, John Saulbrey 36, Phil Fryer 35. Twos: Neville Simpson; Friday – 9 Hole Mixed Stableford: Mavis Yee 23, Cecily Archer 22, Paddy Enright 22; Speldhurst 9 Hole Stableford: Brian Lange 21, Wayne Nation 18, Dick Hayward 17; Saturday – Early Men Irish Stableford: Geoff Pate 75, Robert Forth 72, Pal Bagg 71; Ladies Net: Leanne Ward 75, Ani Lochore 84; Late Men Stableford: Phil Fryer 39, Pete Grieg 37, Robert Ward 37.

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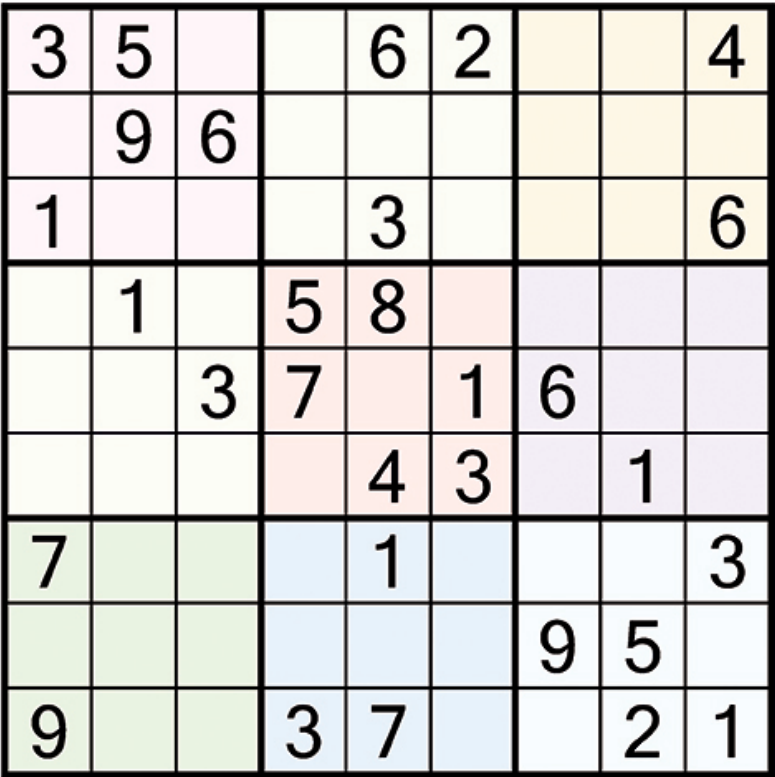
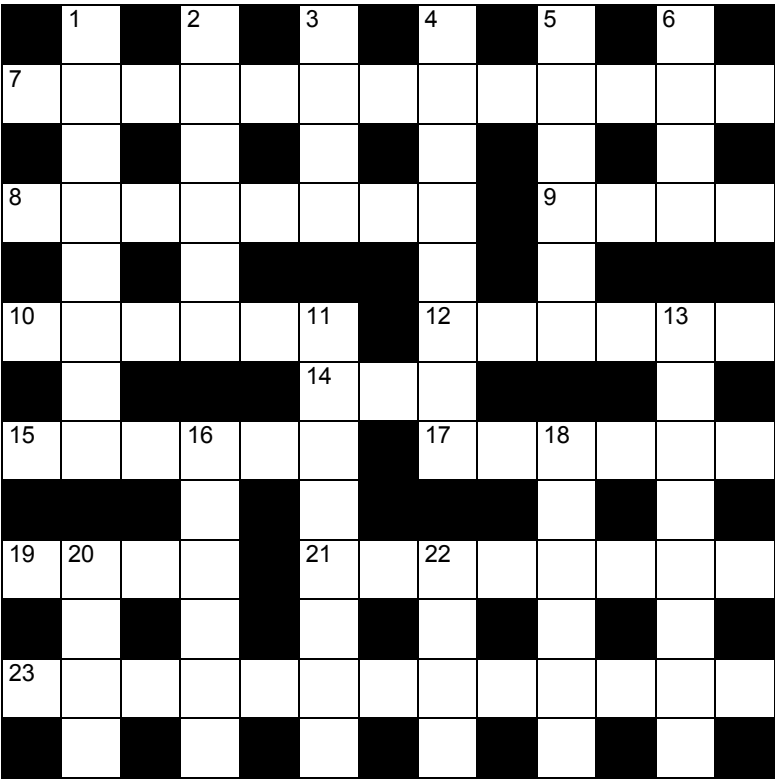
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**ACROSS:** 7. Pain in the neck, 8. Te karere, 9. Exam, 10. Vogel's, 12. Intact, 14. Ono, 15. Astray, 17. Soddan, 19. Port, 21. Aptitude, 23. Larnach Castle.  
**DOWN:** 1. Ravenous, 2. Intake, 3. Once, 4. Cheertios, 5. Ansett, 6. NCEA, 11. Soy sauce, 13. Chesdale, 16. Ratana, 18. Detest, 20. Oban, 22. Tick.

- ACROSS**
- 7. Bothersome person (colloq) (4,2,3,4)
  - 8. NZ's first Māori language TV programme (2,6)
  - 9. Formal test (4)
  - 10. NZ popular bread brand (6)
  - 12. Whole (6)
  - 14. Six (Māori) (3)
  - 15. Off target (6)
  - 17. Waterlogged (6)
  - 19. Commercial harbour (4)
  - 21. Ability (8)
  - 23. Victorian tourist attraction near Dunedin (7,6)
- DOWN**
- 1. Extremely hungry (8)
  - 2. A group enrolled in a year (6)
  - 3. On a single occasion (4)
  - 4. Little red cocktail sausages (8)
  - 5. Airline that operated in NZ from 1987 to 2001 (6)
  - 6. Secondary school qualification phased in between 2002 and 2004 (4)
  - 11. Sushi dipping flavour (3,5)
  - 13. Cheese brand once sold in individual triangles, popular in school lunchboxes (8)
  - 16. Church and pan-iwi political movement with headquarters near Whanganui (6)
  - 18. Loathe (6)
  - 20. Stewart Island town (4)
  - 22. Mark as correct (4)



- A COOKING QUIZ ANSWERS:**
- 1. trumpet of the dead. 2. cooking pot. 3. garlic. 4. silverbeet. 5. Feijoa. 6. March. 7. Southern China. 8. 22L. 9. Wellington. 10. 1969.

### A COOKING QUIZ

Answers below.

- 1. Which of the following wild mushrooms would you NOT eat (not twice anyway)? A. fairy ring champignons B. panther cap C. pine D. trumpet of the dead?
- 2. Marmite is not only a savoury spread. It is also a ...? A. small rodent B. vegetable C. cooking pot D. soup?
- 3. Persillade is a mixture of finely chopped parsley and ...? A. lemon zest B. garlic C. chives D. black pepper?
- 4. What is "chard" or "Swiss chard" more commonly known as in NZ? A. puha B. spinach C. silverbeet D. rocket?
- 5. Which popular autumn fruit is also known as pineapple guava? A. Quince B. Kiwifruit C. Feijoa D. Pear?
- 6. What month does the Bluff oyster season start? A. March B. April C. May D. September?
- 7. The fuzzy (as opposed to smooth) kiwifruit is a native to which country? A. South America B. NZ C. India D. Southern China?
- 8. New Zealanders are one of the world's largest consumers of ice cream. How many litres (L) on average does each person consume a year? A. 6L B. 12L C. 22L D. 32L?
- 9. James Henry Whittaker started Whittaker's chocolate and in the 1890s sold it door to door by horse and van in which NZ city? A. Wellington B. Dunedin C. Christchurch D. Auckland?
- 10. In what year were teabags introduced to NZ? A. 1960 B. 1964 C. 1969 D. 1972?

### FACEBOOK

71. **Salopettes** – waterproof trousers used in skiing

72. **Schadenfreud** – pleasure derived from others' misfortune

73. **Scuttlebutt** – rumour or gossip

74. **Shenanigans** – playful mischief or trickery

55. **Shilly-shally** – to hesitate or be indecisive

### ENGLISH GRAMMAR'S 100 WORDS YOU DIDN'T KNOW YOU NEEDED

76. **Sialoquent** – spitting excessively when speaking

77. **Skedaddle** – to depart quickly

78. **Skulduggery** – trickery or deceitful behaviour

79. **Snickersnee** – a large knife

80. **Snollygoster** – a clever, unscrupulous person

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Young, Hing Kow  
Young, and Hing  
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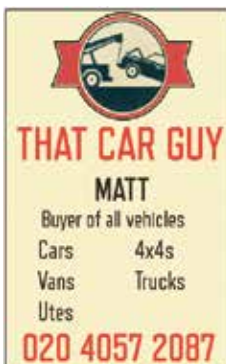


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This finance estimate is calculated based on a 60 month term at 11.95% fixed interest per year – actual interest may differ. \$500 establishment and \$2.90 monthly maintenance fees apply. Lending terms and conditions will apply.\*