



Matariki race stars align

By Paul Williams

The only surviving Māori horse racing club in the world is gearing up to stage what has quickly become a highlight in the New Zealand racing calendar.

The annual Matariki meeting at the Ōtaki-Māori Racing Club was first held in 2022 and has grown in popularity since as a chance for the club to celebrate its unique heritage.

OMRC general manager Ben Jamison said initially the club had suggested to the sport's governing body, New Zealand Thoroughbred Racing, that it host a Matariki meeting each season.

"It goes hand in hand with what we stand for," he said. "It's good to see the importance of the day recognised and it's probably our biggest day now. Attendance has tripled in the last three years."

Club stewards will have a mihi whakatau to

start off and explain the day's significance, with a kapa haka group also performing later in the meeting. There will be hangi and traditional Māori kai stalls operating.

"One particular kupu we focus on at the Ōtaki-Māori Racing Club is manaakitanga – which embodies kindness, generosity, and support. It essentially outlines the process of being kind to people, and they will be kind in return," Ben says.

The club is unique in that committee members whakapapa to iwi within its rohe, being Ngāti Toa, Ngāti Raukawa and Te Ati Awa. In observing tikanga, it was effectively governed by representation of the three iwi.

There have been other Māori clubs, like the Akura Māori Racing Club (Wairarapa), the Waiomatatini Racing Club (Poverty Bay) and the Turanganui Native Jockey Club (Gisborne), but none has survived beyond the 20th century.

Missionary Samuel Marsden arrived in Aotearoa with the first horses in 1814, a stallion and two mares. By 1911, the estimated horse population was 400,000.

Māori quickly gained reputation as superb horsemen as racing boomed. While the Ōtaki-Māori club officially formed in 1886, race meetings were held well before that, many along the nearby beach or by Katihiku pā south of the Ōtaki River.

The Evening Post in 1890 reported after a New Year meeting at Ōtaki "that the most pretentious racing club in the colony could not have managed a meeting more satisfactorily".

There were further reports before the turn of that century that the club broke national turnover records and had more tote windows to alleviate queues. There were descriptions of brass bands, Māori cultural groups, picnics, bars and various shops.

The *Weekly Press* reported in 1898 after a Queen's Birthday meeting: "The Ōtaki-Māori Racing Club's hack meeting will be one of the most interesting . . . no wonder it is so popular with the public. The Māori on the West Coast of the North Island have the sporting instinct strong and are among the more enthusiastic patrons of the game. The Ōtaki-Māori conduct their meetings creditably, managing themselves right down to the smallest details, providing their own music . . . the race meetings carried out as they are at Ōtaki have won the admiration of visitors."

Much of the early Ōtaki-Māori Racing Club history has survived through oral account, although in the early 1990s journalist Alastair Bull wrote a detailed history of the club's origins from the early days at the beach.

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Excellence award for Ashley

By Ian Carson

Ashley Huria went straight from Horowhenua College to the local council – 15 years later she’s won a prestigious local government award.

She won the Sheffield Emerging Leader of the Year Award last week at the 2025 Taituarā Local Government Excellence Awards. Taituara represents professionals working in local government. The award is presented to “an up-and-coming leader with a proven track record of designing and delivering innovative and successful programmes, projects, processes, or practices with an identifiable community impact”.

Ashley, who is Horowhenua District Council’s business performance manager, gets to travel to the United States to attend the 2025 American local government conference in Tampa, Florida.

Her current role is a big step up from her first job at the council when she was 17.

She became an administration assistant after finishing year 13 at college, where she was a prefect, receiving the Innovation and Business Women Award at the end of that year and signing a contract with the council while still in school.

“I had planned to enrol into Police College, but never quite got there,” Ashley told the *Star*. “Instead I loved local government and chose to stay.”

Community is clearly at the heart



Ashley Huria at the 2025 Taituarā Local Government Excellence Awards. Photo supplied

of not only her work, but also her “leisure” time. She’s on the board at Fairfield School and is a volunteer firefighter for Horowhenua Volunteer Rural Brigade.

It’s a similar motivation that has kept her at the council, despite the challenges of sometimes vitriolic criticism.

“For me, it’s all about serving the community, the opportunities I’ve received within this council and the ability to grow a career while upskilling in so many different areas and portfolios,” she says. “I love the fact that even if you didn’t go to university, you can still do well and have a great career.”

She says local government offers plenty of opportunities for young

people. She has had about nine different roles at the council where she’s learnt new skills and developed her career.

She also had three months where she was seconded to The Horowhenua Company as acting chief executive.

Ashley says anyone considering a career in local government can expect an exciting ride serving the community.

“There are so many opportunities that as 16 or 17-year-olds we weren’t even aware of.”

She says those opportunities extend beyond individual councils.

“Yes, each council does things slightly different, but you can move anywhere within New Zealand and

even wider. It’s a complex beast, but once you know it, you can go far.”

Horowhenua District Council chief executive Monique Davidson says Ashley has been a rising star since she joined the council in 2010.

“Ashley exemplifies fostering local talent and growing within, she has set a great example for her direct reports and colleagues with her drive and positivity towards our LG sector, showing how a career can be shaped around contribution to her hometown.”

Monique says Ashley is a natural leader who has brought a fresh, innovative approach to project management and strategic development while fostering collaboration, sharing knowledge and increasing engagement by 123 percent.

“Her willingness to serve as a role model saw Ashley play a pivotal role in reshaping the organisation’s strategy in 2023, delivering innovative programmes and initiatives to support the Executive Leadership Team with implementation,” Monique says. “Her proactive involvement in strategic initiatives reflects her commitment to fostering a culture of learning and collaboration.”

- Brent Harvey, the council’s group manager, community experience and services, also won an overseas manager exchange, to Queensland, at the Taituarā awards. He was not available for interview at the time of writing.

Foxton project gets funds

The Foxton Courthouse Museum project has received funding for a feasibility study.

The Lotteries Heritage and Environment Fund has granted \$27,500 for the work, which will provide the basis for applications to funders, including Lotteries, for a future upgrade of the building.

“This grant which will support a further key stage of work towards the community goal of restoring the courthouse,” says Foxton Historical Society co-chair Te Kenihi Teira. “Horowhenua District Council’s ongoing support for the project has already delivered great practical results.”

The society aims to make the courthouse an exciting, well-supported and financially independent settler and Māori heritage centre, as well as a base for family/whakapapa research.

The site has historical importance for iwi as it is land donated by Ihakara Tukumarū, who was instrumental in the founding of Foxton, and has been designated wāhi tūpuna.

It is the second Foxton courthouse building, constructed in 1929, and is one of the very few remaining examples of its type. It is also a rarity in that it retains its original courtroom configuration.

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Marine decision disappoints Muaūpoko

By Janine Baalbergen

The High Court has granted Ngāti Raukawa ki te Tonga customary marine title from Kukutauaki, south of Te Horo, to the Rangitikei River.

It is across the full coastal area claimed. Rights covering certain areas of the coast, however, are to be shared with other iwi.

The Muaūpoko Tribal Authority says it's disappointed with the decision and will be appealing.

Rachael Selby, chair of the Raukawa ki te Tonga Trust, which made the application, says the judgment "confirms that our iwi, hapū and whānau have maintained customary use and occupation in accordance with tikanga of the application area since 1840".

"The decision will give us legal tools to protect our marine and coastal spaces, and affords us rights to be part of certain decision-

making processes that affect our coastal environment."

She says Ngāti Raukawa has been granted shared exclusive CMT:

- with Te Ātiawa ki Whakarongotai, at the Kukutauaki boundary between Raukawa and Te Ātiawa
- with te whānau Seymour and Ngā Ahi Kā o te hapū o te Mateawa, from the Ōhau River to the Waikawa River
- with Ngāti Tamarangi, over the takutai moana from Te Uamairangi to Ngā Manu, and
- with Muaūpoko, over the takutai moana from the Hōkio Stream to Ngā Manu, at the north-western corner of the Waitāre forest.

"Practically this means that we will jointly hold CMT and must collaborate in respect of these particular areas," Rachael says. "Outside of the shared areas outlined above, Ngāti Raukawa was granted exclusive CMT in all other areas between Kukutauaki to the Rangitikei River.

"The CMT awarded to all parties extends just one nautical mile from the mean high-water springs mark, even though the Act allows for recognition out to a maximum of 12 nautical miles. This is an interesting part of the decision and is something we are reviewing.

"We believe, overall, the decision is a positive outcome for Ngāti Raukawa. We consider that the decision is clear and well reasoned in respect of CMT for Ngāti Raukawa, firmly based on the strength of our evidence.

"There is much water to go under the bridge before orders are finalised, including an upcoming hearing on wāhi tapu sites within the marine and coastal areas subject to CMT.

The High Court granted Muaūpoko only a limited order for a small part of the coast at Horowhenua. The iwi had also applied for customary marine title orders along the entire coast from the Rangitikei River mouth south to Kukutauaki.

The application was made in conjunction with other Kurahaupō, Taranaki and Tainui iwi, a spokesperson said.

Chair of the Muaūpoko Tribal Authority Tim Tukapua says it's a disappointing overall outcome.

"Having our people's rights recognised helps us to protect and conserve the coast and our taonga for future generations," he says. "However, we are pleased to see that the court accepted that other iwi made peace agreements with Muaūpoko and Rangitāne as independent iwi in the 1830s.

"The court recognised that Kurahaupō iwi, including Muaūpoko, remained active along the entire coast and offshore areas in and after 1840 when Te Tiriti o Waitangi was signed; including freely trading at Kāpiti Island.

"Despite those findings, the court only granted a limited order, and this is one of the issues we plan to raise in our appeal."



Te Puawaitanga o Hanana Health Centre volunteers busy fundraising in Shannon. Photo Janine Baalbergen

Centre promotes Shannon health

By Janine Baalbergen

Shannon's health and wellbeing centre, run by seven passionate volunteers, has achieved much in the short time they have banded together to attract social and health services.

"We are a low socio-economic town," says Mereama Hemopo. "People are unable to go to Levin, Foxton or Palmerston North to visit their GP, WINZ, IRD and other government services. Many of us have no transport at all, so we are trying really hard to make them come to us."

Te Puawaitanga o Hanana Shannon Health and Wellbeing Centre is an incorporated charitable trust that started in October last year. It aims to increase health and wellbeing for the Shannon community.

Many locals live on or below the poverty line and can't afford to travel to access services, so the trust is trying to bring them to town for a few hours a week or once a month so those that need it can access the services offered.

"We want to lower the thresholds as much as possible for our community to access such services," Katrina Laracy says.

There is an impressive list of services and groups, including men's and women's groups, visits from Levin Age Concern, Levin budget service, Levin Community Law, breast and bowel screening, IRD, safer driving, stop smoking, Alcoholics Anonymous, cancer ladies, knitting and weaving groups, Think Hauora, and Grandparents Raising Grandchildren, health expo, working expo and Healthy Homes. It is also offering meals on wheels.

Garage sales and sausage sizzles help fundraising.

Mereana says they are working on WINZ and the Justice department to come, but there's a lack of bathrooms in the old post office where the service is based and the building is earthquake-prone.

The Shannon Progressive Association and Shannon Four Square have donated funds, and local artists have supplied decorations for the walls and a women's group is making tukutuku panels.

The service was opened in October by Annie Watson and Piki Nga Onga Manga McFadyen, who died soon after at the age of 92.

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Church open to music

By Paul Williams

A Levin church is booking top-class entertainment to ensure its stunning venue is shared widely with the community.

The acoustics inside the Levin Uniting church means it lends itself brilliantly to music.

Earlier this month the talented Wellington-based jazz trio Nick Granville, Lance Phillip, and Rory Macartney delivered a toe-tapping 75-minute set to packed pews in the church, in front of a crowd of nearly 100, who were treated to a night of world-class acoustic jazz surrounded by 800 flickering candles.

More concerts are planned.

The church is planning strategically for the future. Minister Sandra Williams says it's not just the church space itself, but the massive community centre behind that can lend itself to a variety of activities.

The approach has seen significant growth in the past 18 months, with more than 50 organisations and groups having used the space in that time.

"We're holding these concerts because we want our beautiful venue to be available for all," Sandra says.

"As well, with community funding becoming increasingly competitive, we're taking steps to build long-term sustainability for our work. This concert series is a key part of that effort, with all proceeds and sponsorship supporting our community centre activities with direct benefit to Horowhenua residents.

"To that end, we want to thank all who bought tickets and gave donations, and our two great sponsors, Suzanne Cottle from Wilton and Co. and Sally Duxfield from Makahika Outdoor



Jazz musicians from left, Nick Granville, Lance Phillip, and Rory Macartney performed a candlelit inside Levin Uniting Church recently. Photo Paul Williams

Pursuits Centre.

"Beyond fundraising, the series aims to enrich our community by offering opportunities for cultural connection through music, and promoting our beautiful but underutilised church as a versatile space for arts, culture, and events in our district.

"We want to be a place of connection."

The jazz concert is the first in a series of seasonal concerts designed to bring people together through high-quality acoustic music, a warm and welcoming atmosphere, and a shared

sense of community.

If the first candlelit concert is anything to go by, the church is on a winner.

Nick is one of New Zealand's top jazz guitarists and has performed at iconic venues, including the Monterey Jazz Festival and London's O2 Arena, and toured with artists like Dave Dobbyn, Ronan Keating, Delta Goodrem, and the Rodger Fox Big Band, while Lance and Rory are brilliant in their own right.

The next candlelit concert is planned for August 29.

Scholarships awarded to four

Jacob Anderson, Olivia Bedwell, Taimihi Te Waiora Ferris, and Thomas Dunn-Hall have been awarded the Don Linklater Memorial Bursary for 2025 by Horizons Regional Council.

The recipients were selected for their interest in the earth sciences, and resource and environmental planning.

The bursary was established to honour the contribution made to the Horizons region by the late Don Linklater, who was Horizons 'chair from 1989 to 2000.

Jacob is in his second year of studying for a bachelor of commerce in agriculture at Lincoln University. Has been accepted onto an exchange to Colorado State University in semester 2 this year.

Olivia is in her third year of study at the University of Otago for a bachelor of science, majoring in botany and minoring in environmental management, and a bachelor of laws.

Taimihi is a second year student in the bachelor of environmental management programme at Te Wānanga o Raukawa. Her research area includes resource management and environmental planning, focusing on river systems and their function in both natural and man-made environments.

Thoma is studying towards a masters of engineering geology at the University of Auckland. He has completed a bachelor of science, majoring in earth sciences and environmental physics, also at the University of Auckland.

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PUREI HŌIHO/Racing

They're off – racing for Matariki at Ōtaki

from front page

The longevity of the club seems to lie with prudent management, particularly that of first president Hoani Taipua.

Fast forward to today. The club has ambitious plans for a new housing development that would go a long way to ensuring its long-term future, in what is a challenging times for all racing clubs. It recently gained resource consent to build up to 500 residential housing units on mostly vacant land adjacent to the racecourse.

Meanwhile, further enhancing the meeting this year is the inclusion for the first time of the Foxton Racing Club's flagship race, the \$80,000 John Turkington Castletown Stakes.

Foxton Racing Club president Steve Kupa says it represents a desire of local racing clubs – Levin, Foxton and Ōtaki-Māori – to collaborate in an effort to provide support, find efficiencies and combine expertise.

"We still have our own little kingdoms, but it's about working together for the betterment of racing in Horowhenua."

The Foxton club hasn't held a meeting at its course since a fire destroyed its grandstand in 2010. It has been staging its races at Whanganui.

"This is the first time we have had the Castletown Stakes at the Ōtaki-Māori course. It's great to have the race return to Horowhenua, and we now race the Foxton Cup at Ōtaki, too."

Ben says the club is only too willing to work with other clubs in the region.

"We can't operate in our own silos any more and it's great that we can look to share resources and work collaboratively."

This year the club is again partnering with the arts, with a Starglaze exhibition in the Ōtaki Pottery Club's Tote Modern Gallery directly behind the public stand.

Entry, including Starglaze, is \$5. The first of nine races is at 11.30am, the last at 4.12pm.



A photograph from the Ōtaki-Māori Racing Club collection featuring stewards and thought to be taken in 1909. Back row, from left: unknown, unknown, Maui Pomare, Mark Ayre and Pitiera Taipua. Front row: Rere Nicholson, Cooper Hawea, Ben Ling, Hema Te Ao, Rod McDonald, unknown.

Herbie heads past the post for the last time

By Bruce Falloon

Former top jockey Herbert Norman Rauhihi died early last week surrounded by family in Foxton. He was 86.

After a celebration of his life at Poutu Marae, he was given one final lap of the Foxton Racecourse.

"Herbie" as he was known to family and friends, was born in Te Awamutu on February 20, 1939. He left school at 15, as he'd always wanted to be a jockey, to start an apprenticeship in Te Awamutu with trainer Jack McDonald's stable.

His first winner was aboard Flying Enterprise at Paeroa on December 17, 1955.

After completing his apprenticeship, Herbie moved south to Ōtaki where he rode for Hayden Bergerson, Percy Burgess and Clem Bowry. It was then he met his wife Barbara after offering her a ride to work. They married at Poutu Marae in Shannon and settled in Foxton.

He rode Fans to finish third on in the 1969 Melbourne Cup, although it was with Awapuni mare Young Ida, trained by the late Eric Temperton, that he formed a formidable team in the early 1970s. Together they won the Desert Gold Stakes, Great Northern Oaks, Manawatu Challenge Stakes (twice), Manawatu Century



Jockey Herbie Rauhihi meets the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh after winning the Captain Cook at Trentham on March 14, 1970.

Photo Ken Lush, Race Images Collection

Stakes, Awapuni Gold Cup (twice), Thompson Handicap and Whanganui Cup. Young Ida also finished third in the Cox Plate and was placed in the Caulfield Cup.

Other notable wins were the 1959 Great Northern Derby (Gitano), 1963 Grand National

Hurdles (Cretan), 1966 Foxton Cup (Laramie), Canterbury Gold Cup (Baloo.) 1967 Whanganui Guineas (Pasa Doble) and Canterbury Metropolitan Handicap (Fans), 1968 Wills Champion Stakes (Rajah Sahib), 1969 George Adams Handicap (Carlsberg), Hawke's Bay

Cup (Domodossola) and Manawatu Hunt Cup (Agra). He also won the Masterton Cup and Foxton Cup in 1971 on Ayub Khan, the 1973 Winter Cup on Raghmag, the 1974 Gold Trail Stakes on Zarushka, and the following year on Princess Patrice.

In winning the 1970 Captain Cook

Stakes at Trentham aboard Every Post – at odds of 60-to-1 – he got to meet Queen Elizabeth, who presented him with the trophy.

"I always admired Herbie," said long-time friend and champion jockey Noel Harris. "He would show me and tell me what I was doing wrong, and without his help I wouldn't have been the rider I was."

Herbie had a great love for the horses and riding, a passion he would continue well past his retirement as a jockey.

"Even when he gave up race riding, he was still riding trackwork in Foxton," Noel said. "Most people when they give up riding, that was it, but not Herbie. He was a legend to me."

Noel says he was a likeable person and great family man.

"One thing I can remember on the funny side of things, was driving with him one day to the Hawera races. There weren't any riders declared so we turned around and went to the movies, which was a double feature western."

Herbie rode 495 winners – fittingly his 495th was at Foxton.

He is survived by wife Barbara, children Derek and Helen, Leighanne and Shane, Dee and Julia, and grandchildren Jordan, Nelson, Courtney, Jayden, Amy and Tayla.

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R1 New World Ōtaki Maiden 1600. Start 11.30am. MDN 2yo&Up 1600m \$17,000			R4 Ōtaki Tyre Repairs Maiden Start 1.12pm. MDN 2yo&Up 2100m \$17,000			R7 Foxton New World Handicap. Start 3.01pm. Rating 65 Benchmark 1200m \$17,000		
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2 X820X Georgiewood	58.5	Amber Riddell	2 375X4 On Shaw	58.5	Jonathan Riddell	2 80X59 Popsagoosey	59.0	Jonathan Riddell
3 69493 Go Trigger	58.5	Trevor Bau	3 95639 Starpello (Aus)	58.5	Ace Lawson-Carroll	3 10X84 Vibration	58.5	Jim Chung
4 Ballinran	58.5	Kavish Chowdhoo	4 695 Our Jet	58.5	Madan Singh	4 08384 Perfectsister	58.0	Toni Davies
5 Conclave	58.5	Sarah O'Malley	5 Doctor Livingstone	58.5	Mereana Hudson	5 5226X Bella Timing	57.5	Frankie Barrett
6 8X079 He's All Fabulous	58.5	Jonathan Riddell	6 89X79 Ferdie's Secret	58.5	Bailey Rogerson	6 83X44 Poppy's Girl	57.5	Bruno Queiroz
7 Possess (Aus)	58.5	Kelly Myers	7 588X Kamaal	58.5	Amber Riddell	7 8398X Miss Dixie	56.5	Elle Sole
8 29522 Button Ya Lip	56.5	Crystal Lindsay	8 0X868 Keepz Occurring	58.5	Leah Hemi	8 847X5 Shezahappyone	56.5	Mereana Hudson
9 58X33 Weownaranaway	56.5	Chris Dell	9 30273 Sarracina	56.5	Chris Dell	9 160X0 Vanish	56.0	Madan Singh
10 50X Wooing Tree	56.5	Kate Hercoc	10 8X003 Madam Pele	56.5	Joe Nishizuka	10 24190 Gurtlyn	55.0	Ace Lawson-Carroll
11 85X57 Waza Dream	56.5	Ashvin Mudhoo	11 X7200 Owl Celereese	56.5	Kavish Chowdhoo	11 665X5 Covermeinsunshine	54.5	
12 9 Just A Wallflower	56.5	Toni Davies	12 85X44 Sweet Ada	56.5	Elle Sole	12 X9507 Almaceta	54.0	Leah Hemi
13 060 Local Lass	56.5	Jim Chung	13 5 Not So Unusual	56.5	Kate Hercoc	13 64876 Share Power	54.0	Amber Riddell
Star Pick: Button Ya Lip, Weownaranaway, Damiano			14 67X06 Briar	56.5	Liam Kauri	Star Pick: Bella Timing, Perfectsister, Vibration		
			15 X6070 Colin The Fox (B1)	58.5	Toni Davies			
			16 8X079 He's All Fabulous (B2)	58.5				
			17 80X90 Star Time (B3)	56.5				
			Star Pick: Autumn Beauty, Starpello, Sarracina					
R2 Aquashield Roofing Maiden. Start 12.02pm. MDN 2yo&Up 1600m \$17,000			R5 Harcourts Ōtaki Raukawa Cup. Start 1.47pm. Opn Hcp 2100m \$45,000			R8 Cavallo Farms & Chris Rutten Bloodstock Handicap Starts 3.37pm Rating 75 Benchmark 1600m \$17,000		
1 4X972 Crafty Colin	58.5	Crystal Lindsay	1 44557 Kick On	60.0	Frankie Barrett	1 648FX Semper Magico	62.5	Liam Kauri
2 260X5 Primo Attitude	58.5	Liam Kauri	2 648FX Semper Magico	59.0		2 X4577 Pride of Aspen (Aus)	59.0	Trison Moodley
3 Bundy	58.5	Frankie Barrett	3 X0611 Jack Morrison	56.0		3 10X53 Benefactor	58.0	Kate Hercoc
4 Early Times (Aus)	58.5	Jonathan Riddell	4 X4577 Pride of Aspen (Aus)	55.5		4 3X704 Shelbyrock'n	57.0	Elle Sole
5 0000X Finneas	58.5	Sarah O'Malley	5 64238 Boomtown Boy	55.5	Kelly Myers	5 4540X Don't Ask	54.0	Amber Riddell
6 3200X Paradis	56.5		6 870X0 Pinkerton	55.5	Amber Riddell	6 090X0 Lovely Rita	54.0	Madan Singh
7 40X53 Silent Applause	56.5	Chris Dell	7 1PX05 Suliman	55.0	Kate Hercoc	7 57464 Wuruhi	54.0	Jim Chung
8 26X44 Snowflake	56.5	Kelly Myers	8 21X85 Ride The Tide	54.0	Jim Chung	8 0009X Venemo	54.0	Toni Davies
9 676X5 Navy Bride	56.5	Elle Sole	9 77809 Carpe Diem	54.0	Trevor Bau	9 40X80 More To Be Written	54.0	Mereana Hudson
10 Unusual Gem	56.5	Madan Singh	10 X4536 Tramore	54.0	Crystal Lindsay	Star Pick: Benefactor, Shelbyrock'n, Don't Ask		
11 688X6 Jacks Pride	56.5	Joe Nishizuka	11 06783 Piper's Son	54.0	Elle Sole			
12 9X0X Snort	56.5	Kate Hercoc	Star Pick: Pride of Aspen, Ride The Tide, Boomtown Boy					
13 80X90 Star Time	56.5	Ashvin Mudhoo						
Star Pick: Silent Applause, Unusual Gem, Primo Attitude								
R3 Vets on Riverbank Maiden 1600. Start 12.37pm. MDN 2yo&Up 1200m \$17,000			R6 John Turkington Forestry Castletown Stakes. Start 2.22pm. 2yo SW 1200m \$80,000			R9 The Tele Ōtaki Handicap Starts 4.12pm Rating 65 Benchmark 1600m \$17,000		
1 2639X Boy	58.5	Frankie Barrett	1 512 Country Salon	57.0	Kavish Chowdhoo	1 150X6 Textbook	60.0	Leah Hemi
2 75X39 Alcaraz	58.5	Jonathan Riddell	2 46 Escape Room	57.0	Ace Lawson-Carroll	2 0X453 Arcadian Lynx	58.0	Mereana Hudson
3 988X3 Tolstoy	58.5	Kate Hercoc	3 46X Platinum Pantheon (Aus)	57.0		3 24817 Knickerless	58.0	Chris Dell
4 L9X66 Bold	58.5	Liam Kauri	4 23X1 Miss Moet All (Aus)	55.0	Tristan Moodley	4 38610 Timmy	58.0	Liam Kauri
5 24222 Good Craic	56.5	Amber Riddell	5 41 Platimun Diamond	55.0	Bruno Queiroz	5 13X60 Super Gold (Aus)	57.5	Jonathan Riddell
6 00833 Just A Drop (Aus)	56.5	Ashvin Mudhoo	6 66444 Ensign Aria	55.0	Mereana Hudson	6 0487X Flying Celebration (Aus)	57.0	Bruno Queiroz
7 335X Turn It Up	56.5	Bruno Queiroz	7 235 Brutiful Lass (Aus)	55.0	Kate Hercoc	7 X0364 Helluva Return	57.0	Elle Sole
8 3 Our Akashinga (Aus)	56.5	Jim Chung	8 2 Ayumi	55.0	Kelly Myers	8 30859 Jestin Case	57.0	Ace Lawson-Carroll
9 6349X Full Time Lass	56.5		9 42 Portland	55.0		9 86629 Blue Rata Warea	57.0	Jim Chung
10 X6405 Vaporize	56.5	Sarah O'Malley	Star Pick: Country Salon, Platinum Diamond, Ayumi			10 3X186 Pinhook (Aus)	56.5	Triston Moodley
11 5 Sister Mandy	56.5	Madan Singh				11 2304X Smokin Mo	56.5	Toni Davies
12 Solo Mio	56.5	Mereana Hudson				12 32130 Early Bird	55.5	Bailey Rogerson
13 6 Belle's Charm	56.5	Ace Lawson-Carroll				13 27550 Latest Model	55.5	Kate Hercoc
14						14 24150 Whooshka	55.5	Kavish Chowdhoo
15 New York Belle (B1)	56.5	Kelly Myers				15 86639 Redana (B1)	55.0	
16 Liberty Valance (B2)	58.5					16 063X0 Outer Focus (B2)	57.0	Kelly Myers
17 8X Sunshine Ale (B3)	56.5					17 437X0 Our Lady Brooke (B3)		
18 46X Platinum Pantheon (Aus) (B4)	55.5					18 600X0 Moments Like These	55.0	
Star Pick: Good Craic, Our Akashinga, Alcaraz						19 08X00 Let's Get Loose (B5)	54.5	
						20 4540X Don't Ask (B6)	57.0	
						Star Pick: Helluva Return, Outer Focus, Timmy		

A familiar sight at race meetings for decades are Robbie and wife Rosie Lammas (at right). They will again perform clerk of the course duties at the Ōtaki-Māori meeting tomorrow. Robbie has been doing the job for more than 50 years and Rosie almost as long. They're often among the first to arrive at the course and the last to leave. Their role on raceday is an important one. Without them the races wouldn't go ahead – they help lead horses down to the barriers and catch any that might have got away from their riders.



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Levin Racing Club's next meeting: July 26, 2025
Phil's Electrical and Gypsy Caravans Levin Ryder Stakes (\$80,000)
Ōtaki Māori Race Course, Te Roto Drive, Ōtaki ALL WELCOME

BOOKS

Ross tells more Taxi Tales

By Paul Williams

As a taxi driver and ice-cream van operator who spent decades driving the streets of Levin, Ross Follett's face is a familiar one.

In retirement he's found time to indulge in one of his favourite pastimes – telling stories – and there's plenty that feature in his latest book, *Taxi Tales – Book Two*.

Ross, 81, says he often recalls interesting or funny stories and started writing them down. They were coming so thick and fast he even had a notebook beside the bed should a yarn wake him in the night.

"You can have a dry period, but when it comes it can be thick and fast and you have to let the pen go," he says.

Ross, a screen printer by trade, took up taxi driving in 1978 in a 1971 HG Holden before trying his hand as a Frosty Boy mobile ice-cream vendor.

A few years later he was back in the taxi game, converted his Holden to LPG, and continued to drive until hanging up his keys in 2013 due to a dodgy hip.

"You will find a lot of anecdotes and stories of the many people carried in my taxis over the years," he says.

Follett replaces real names with fictional ones in his stories to maintain driver-passenger confidentiality, and he admits to embellishing some of the stories a wee bit where needed.

It's not all about the taxi this time, though.



Ross Follett, whose *Taxi Tales – Book Two* has just been published.

Photo Paul Williams

"The second part of this book is Boyhood Memoirs, recollecting the stories of my growing up, experiencing life at school, adventures on the farm and overseas travel."

Ross's quirky sense of humour comes out in the book.

"I've actually written his book for myself also, as when I'm getting older and probably forgetting stuff I'll be able to read these and hope I can enjoy them."

The book is hot on the heels of the first *Taxi Tales*, published in 2022, and he was encouraged to write another one.

"People were asking 'are you going to do another one' and you turn around and there's another 32 stories," he says. "You don't make any dollars out of it. It's just one of those bucket list things."

Money grab for funds – Greyhound NZ

The government is considering grabbing a savings fund belonging to Greyhound Racing NZ to help pay for shutting down the industry and to rehome greyhounds, Greyhound NZ says.

The organisation says it made Official Information Act requests that revealed cabinet papers showed the fund grab was being considered, which would require a law change to make it legal.

Greyhound Racing New Zealand says it is an incorporated society with funds held on behalf of participants in the sport.

The fund is currently sitting at \$16 million.

"Governments can only forcibly close and appropriate funds of an incorporated society for financial misconduct, insolvency or failure to submit returns," GRNZ says.

"GRNZ has operated impeccably and complied with all requests made of it.

"Therefore, the government will need to pass a remarkable new law to close a society that has done nothing illegal.

"The government would need to declare what happens to the society's funds, but has been suspiciously silent on the matter to date."

Chief executive Edward Rennell says a grab for money rightly owned by the sport and its participants would be contemptible.

"The government will execute the sport on trumped-up charges, and make us pay for the gallows and grave," he says.

"The funds were built up over decades by generations of greyhound sport participants and it belongs to them."

Edward says that there are high cost arising from the government's ban on greyhound racing. It's insisting that a close-down happen faster than greyhounds can be rehomed, requiring long-term kenneling while they wait.

He says any ban must be cost-neutral, where the sport is wound down gradually, using profits and savings to cover costs and compensate participants for loss of assets.

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Brent Tucker, in blue, who started the season with a run of four hat-tricks for the Levin AFC Vets team.
Photo Paul Williams

Three vie for goal scorer glory

By Paul Williams

It’s a tight race on the Levin AFC goal scorers’ tally for the Golden Boot award at the end of the season.

The club keeps a tally of goals scorers across all its senior teams, while also recording “clean sheets” for goalkeepers that manage to help keep the opposition scoreless.

There’s a three-way tie for the leading goal scorer with Olly James, Brent Tucker and Zane Hartwell all having scored 10 goals apiece.

Brent started the season red hot with an incredible early run, scoring three goals in each of the two preseason games and then backing it up with hat-tricks in the opening two games, although preseason goals don’t count towards the tally.

Brooke Langtry and Johan Garcia are next with nine goals ahead of Marco Mestizo with eight goals.

Brooke is the leading women’s goal scorer and was leading the table for the early part of the season, although in recent games has been playing further towards the back for the team.

Way out in front in the leading goalkeeper stakes is

men’s premier team keeper Lathym Easton, who incredibly has had the gloves in seven games with no goals against the team.

The premier team has made a fine start to the season, winning seven of their eight games in the Western Premiership, scoring 23 goals while conceding just five – and they were all in one match against Whanganui Athletic earlier this month.

Next best goalkeeper is Nick O’Brien with four and Jordan Jack with two.

Levin AFC is in great heart with a record number of teams this season – six men’s, two women’s, and eight junior teams competing in Manawātū leagues, and 17 teams competing in junior competitions, in addition to its “First Kicks” programme.

Meanwhile, the Levin AFC premier women’s team has a double header this weekend, playing Marist in Palmerston North tonight, and Rangers at Donnelly Park on Sunday.



Beaudan Haigh, 5, and Ryland Wright, 5, at Saturday morning soccer at Donnelly Park.
Photo Paul Williams

First kicks hit with kids

By Paul Williams

A Saturday morning “first kicks’ introduction to football is kicking goals with youngsters.

Pitched at youngsters aged 4-6 years, there’s no “game” as such. Rather than have just one ball in play, there can be as many as 50 balls involved in game-based drills so that every youngster has one at their feet and can have as many touches as possible.

Levin AFC junior manager Clint Grimstone says early engagement allows for learning basic fundamental movement and skills through positive experience. The skill-based games allow for more chances to score goals and succeed in mini-challenges.

He says the programme relies on volunteer support from the likes of parents Brooke Langtry and Mikayla Allen, while the club also encourages school aged players and senior club players to pitch in, too.

The First Kicks ethos is to have fun and learn how to play football.

“There’s a fun aspect to it. They can learn and pick up the fundamentals and core skills through movement and the game-based drills,” he says.

DRAW & RESULTS

RUGBY
Draw, Saturday June 21
Ramsbotham Cup (Premiers)
Wanderes v Shannon at Levin Doman
Rāhui v Paraparaumu at Ōtaki Domain
Foxton v Levin COB at Easton Park, Foxton
Bill Muir Cup (Senior Reserves)
Wanderers v Athletic at Levin Domain
Foxton v Levin COB at Easton Park, Foxton
Paraparaumu v Rāhui and Paraparaumu Domain



Results, Saturday June 14
Ramsbotham Cup (Premier)
Paraparaumu 48, Levin COB 31.
Paraparaumu: Tries to D Smith 2, J Aquila, B Reilly, J Keats, J Keating. T Barnsley 6 conv, 2 pen. Levin COB: Tries to A Fuauli, J Fuauli, D.Hyde, C Salu. C Salu 4 conv, pen.
Foxton 42, Shannon 10
Foxton: Tries to C Paki, M Harvey 2, J Sanson 2, M.Laursen, J David. A Murphy pen, KFotualii 2 conv.
Shannon: Tries to J Rauhihi, D Hemopo. Waikanae 31, Wanderers 19.
Waikanae: Tries to S Fotu, J Tarrant, C Bond 2. C Bond conv, 3 pen. *Wanderers:* Tries to T Taukiri, S Lomax, M Tansley. H Henare 2 conv.
Rāhui bye.
Bill Muir Cup (Senior Reserve)
Levin COB 48, Paraparaumu 31.
COB: Tries to J Logan, M Ula, N Iosua-Fiu 2, P Toeieiu, S Maasi, D Toleafoa, P Pio. L Salu 4 conv.
Paraparaumu: Tries to T Van Shaik, L Mollison 2, C Voullaire 2. J Reddin 3 conv.
Wanderers 46, Waikanae 27.
Wanderers: Tries to G Lomax 2, C Mcfadyen, S Rangiuiia-Herbert, W Oka-Murray, R Cooper, C Chard. R Foster-Te Anau 4 conv, O Hirini 2 conv.
Waikanae: Tries to B Khanchaleun, H Smylie, A Suitauloa, U Maihi-Ioane. C Adam 3 conv.
Foxton 25, Athletic 17.

Foxton: Tries to P McErlean, J Chambers 2, S Visavisawaqa. K Murphy pen, R Kauri-Warner conv.
Athletic: Tries to K Leugaimafa, F Hala, S Greig. P Taisia conv.
Rāhui bye.
FOOTBALL
Results:
Levin AFC Men’s Reserves 1, Takaro AFC Titans 2. Levin AFC Colts 0, North End Old Boys 15. Levin AFC Sports 3, Takaro AFC Fury 6. Levin AFC Social 2, Takaro AFC Glory 2. Levin AFC Masters 1, Takaro AFC Rebels 2. Levin AFC Women’s Reserves 2, PN Marist Evergreenz 1. AFC goals: Lisa Fletcher, Aaliyah Taniwha. Levin AFC Women’s Prens 0, Takaro AFC X-Force 4.
Draw, Friday-Sunday
Friday: Levin AFC Women’s Prens v PN Marist Womens Reserves, 1pm at Hokowhitu #1.
Saturday: Levin AFC Men’s Prens v Whanganui City 1sts, 2.45pm at Donnelly #1.
Levin AFC Men’s Reserves v Whanganui Athletic Reserves, 12.30pm at Donnelly #1.
Levin AFC Colts v Takaro United, 12.30pm at Donnelly #2.
Levin AFC Sports v Dannevirke Vikings, 2.45pm at Donnelly #3
Levin AFC Social v Dannevirke Rangers, 2.45pm at Donnelly #2.
Levin AFC Masters v Wanganui Marist Wanderers,

2.45pm at Wembley #5.
Sunday: Levin AFC Women’s Reserves v Woodville AFC Women, 11am at Woodville #1.
Levin AFC Women’s Prens v NP Rangers AFC Womens 1sts, 1pm at Wembley #2.
GOLF
Levin (week ending June 15)
Monday – Speldhurst 9 hole Stableford: Don Iggulden 26, Neville McRae 19, Steve Tristin 18.
Tuesday – Men Stableford: Kevin Campbell 38, Brian O’Donnell 35, Soon Song 35. *Wednesday* – 9 Hole Mixed Stableford: Greg Wood 22, Ray Ferguson 22, Sid Richardson 22. Birdies: Sid Richardson; Ladies Net: Carol Louissou 74, Anita Davidson 75.
Thursday – Early Men Stableford: Colin Finlayson 36, Vili Tia 33, Ian King 33. Twos: Ian King; Late Men Stableford: Greg Spicer 36, John Saulbrey 35, Brian Spencer 33. Twos: Nathan Murray. *Saturday* – Early Men Stableford: Ivan Franklin 36, Geoff Pate 36, Soon Song 33 ; Ladies Net: Anita Davidson 76, Carol Louissou 77, Mary Kennan 82; Late Men Stableford: Neville Simpson 39, Philip Smith 38, Rod Batchelar 36. Twos: Gerald Harpur.
Foxton
Midweek, June 12
Rick Mooney 38, Malcolm George 36 c/b, Paul Hansen 36, Marty Berry 34, Joanne Wilton 31. 17/6/25: Charles TePeeti 41, Paul Hansen 38, Ann Hogg 37, Barry Graham 36, Huck Baird 34.

Community Connection

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Horowhenua
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Message from the Mayor

Kia ora Horowhenua,

The big news in recent weeks is that we have chosen a water services delivery model which will give us greater certainty, yet flexibility, for the future. Horowhenua District Council will join Palmerston North City Council and Rangitikei District Council to deliver water services, with Whanganui District Council and Ruapehu District Council as potential willing partners as well.

The bottom line? This decision is projected to save the average Horowhenua household between \$195 and \$300 per year by 2027/28. It's a little bit like when you and your siblings pool your funds to get mum a birthday present she really deserves. This decision to pool resources and work together will give us improved efficiency, lower operating costs, and greater borrowing power. We see this as a move towards more sustainable and affordable water services in the long-term.

I'd like to make special mention of everyone who took part in the community consultation part of this process. It is a big, complex topic but many of you took the time to understand it and give feedback, which was crucial for us at the decision-making table. In the end, we voted unanimously for this option and can now look forward to the future.

Meanwhile, it was great to celebrate the completion of the Manakau Domain upgrades recently. This upgrade, including improvements

to the turf, facilities, and a new toilet block, was funded with \$500,000 of Better-off funding from Central Government and facilitated by Council. During the last two years, Council has been working alongside the Manakau District Community Association, Manakau Football Club and Ngāti Wehi Wehi on how to improve the domain and ensure it is a valuable community asset for years to come. The celebration held on 14 June was a great way to acknowledge everyone's mahi as well as the way the community and Council came together for an excellent result.

Lastly, Matariki is a time to reflect on the past, celebrate the present, and plan for the future, which are all very worthwhile activities. Looking at things through a Council lens, these activities are just as important. We must learn from the past, celebrate the achievements and progress in the present, and of course plan for the future to ensure our district thrives.

I encourage you to attend one of the many Matariki events happening throughout our district. You can see many of these at www.horowhenua.govt.nz/events.

Have a great long weekend and stay safe.

Ngā mihi,

Mayor Bernie Wanden

Council Meetings

25 Council Public Forum
Wednesday 25 June 2025,
10.15am to 10.45am
Council Chambers, Horowhenua District Council, 126 Oxford Street, Levin

25 Horowhenua District Council Meeting
Wednesday 25 June 2025, 11am
Council Chambers, Horowhenua District Council, 126 Oxford Street, Levin

23 Chief Executive Employment and Performance Committee
Wednesday July 23 2025, 10am
Council Chambers, Horowhenua District Council, 126 Oxford Street, Levin

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

Be a paw-some owner and get ready to register your dog

If you're barking up the right tree, you will have ensured your details are up to date and ready for dog registration renewal by now.

So, what's next? You can expect to receive your dog registration renewal in early July. You then have until July 31 to register and pay and avoid any pesky penalty fees.

What do dog fees cover?

- Dog registration fees aid the welfare of dogs and keep our community safe from dog nuisance.
- They help us to investigate dog complaints, such as reports of dog attacks and complaints about dogs barking and stray dogs.
- They help us maintain our dog database and provide dog safety education for children and workgroups.
- Provide a dog pound and shelter services: impounding, animal care and reuniting dogs with their owners.
- Rehoming dogs through our connections with organisations.
- Provide dog safety education for dog owners, schools and the public.
- Enforce compliance with dog owner responsibilities, issue infringements and patrol public spaces such as beaches and parks.



In the works

Our contractors are continuing to lay new water and wastewater pipes in Margaret and Bryce Streets in Shannon. This important work of future-proofing our infrastructure is going well.

In Levin, we're on schedule as we work our way down MacArthur Street, also to replace old water and wastewater pipes.

NZTA overnight road closures at the new roundabout at the intersection of SH57 and Tararua Road are due to end later this month. In the meantime, detours are in place.

Food scraps composting trial going strong

As we near the end of our food scraps composting trial, participants are really getting the hang of it.

During the three-month trial, selected residents of Queen Street and Weraroa Road in Levin have been given small collection bins for food scraps which are picked up every week and taken to a company in Foxton to be processed into compost.

On average the bins contain 3.2kg of food waste – that's about half the weight of the average rubbish bag across our district.

So trial participants are saving more than half of their total weight of rubbish in any given week from going to landfill.

Just think, if everyone participated and composted, half the number of trucks carting waste to landfill would be needed. And landfills would last twice as long.

But that's getting ahead of ourselves. After the trial finishes later this month elected members will vote on whether to implement food scraps collection throughout urban areas.

In the meantime, at least one resident was happy enough to leave us a lovely note – thank you!

The trial is being paid for by a \$25,000 grant from the Government's Waste Levy fund and doesn't cost ratepayers or participants anything.



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LOCAL ELECTIONS

Stand for something. Stand for Council.

Do you want to play a leading role in the future of your district by taking a seat at the decision-making table of local government?

Then you should think about standing to be an elected member at Horowhenua District Council in this year's election!

Nominations open 4 July 2025, and close at 12pm on 1 August 2025.

To be a candidate for an elected member position, you must be:

- a New Zealand citizen
- over 18 years old
- enrolled on the electoral roll.

You don't need any special qualifications. Elected members come from all backgrounds and walks of life.

To be effective you'll need to bring a broad range of skills to the role:

- Decision making and strategic thinking
- Communication and community engagement
- Relationship building and collaboration.

Election Candidate Information Evening

Tuesday, June 24, 2025, 6pm to 7pm,
Horowhenua District Council,
126 Oxford Street, Levin

Want to know more?

This session is for those who are interested in standing to be an elected member to find out more about what that involves.

This informative session covers everything you need to know about:

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11am to 4pm - General session

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KŌRERO MAI | A KUKU: DR HUHANA SMITH

Matariki – a time to remember whānau who have moved on

I’ve taken some time out this working week to attend a Māori staff wānanga from Massey University’s Toirauwharangi College of Creative Arts, Wellington, in Raumati South.

As the suns set across Kāpiti Island this evening I reflect on what the past two weeks have delivered.

Firstly, I acknowledge two renowned Ngāti Tukorehe whānau members who have so recently passed away, leaving their saddened whānau behind as we come into Matariki and Puanga, or the Māori new year period. It never ceases to amaze me the intense power of collective manaakitanga exercised when related hapū or iwi members muster



considerable energies, aroha and resources to care for grieving whānau and to help send their loved ones off in inimitable Ngāti Tukorehe style.

So was the case for Matiaha Toby Lawton, one of the sons of Horace (Cooky) Lawton and Haana Lawton of Kuku. In the week just past, Tukorehe also farewelled Warren Putu. Ahakoa, kua huri o raua tuara i te ao, i tua o Te Arai, kua wheturangitia raua.

While they have turned their

backs on the world, beyond Te Arai, they have become stars. They rejoin whānau and become one again with all those ancestors gone before them.

In the words of a nephew, Karanama Peita, he writes on our Tukorehe face book page:

*Nau mai Matariki te ariki o te rangi!
Kōrekoreko mai rā i ngā puke o Tautoru,
e te whetū o te tau!*

*Matariki whakarauika tangata
Matariki whakakotahi i te iwi
Matariki huraina mai o kura e kōkoi
e ara e!*

This roughly translates as:
Welcome, Matariki, the esteemed star of the sky!

*Come and shine from the hills of Tautoru, as the star of the year!
Matariki, the one who inspires people
Matariki, the one who unites the people*

Matariki, the one who reveals the richness of paths!

Therefore, many whānau of Ngāti Tukorehe are gathering to observe Matariki and Puanga, assessing their brightness or dazzle, which indicates what the forthcoming year might hold or what kind of seasons we might expect for safe food production or what to expect for the wild foods from our environment.

As part of the ritualised hautapu ceremony, we feed the rising stars with the steam emanating from foods we prepare. I am at Tukorehe marae this Friday at 7am for Matariki preparation, up early to observe the constellation, and to take part in ceremony with whānau led by our key tohunga, our kai karakia and leaders of our pā.

And of course, we will acknowledge those no longer with us by reciting their names and holding them and their grieving whānau close in our hearts. And here’s to upholding Māori values and customs within this precarious, geopolitically unstable world over the last fortnight as Māori ways of being are mutually beneficial for everyone.

Oh, I almost forgot to add I also made a lot of extra virgin oil this year from my June 8 harvest. Expect the freshness of Kuku grown and Wairarapa pressed goodness ready to sell from my gate in Kuku or through selected outlets

And Manawatia a Matariki – Happy Māori New Year to each and every one of you.

■ Huhana (Ngāti Tukorehe) lives at Kuku

CITIZENS ADVICE: GINNY WILLIAMS

Insurance for natural hazards

Two tornados have hit our region in the past three years and several people have asked about insurance.

If your household insurance includes cover against damage by fire, you will have cover for:

- your home
- buildings, such as garages
- some of the essential services, such as water, sewerage, power.



However, if your home and property is damaged by storms or flooding, you might have only limited cover. This means you will have to claim against your home insurance for damage to your home and other buildings.

Natural Hazards Cover can cover you for some of the cost of replacing your home if it is damaged in a natural hazard. The amount is capped. The most that you can receive is set out in your insurance policy, and is generally \$300,000 plus GST. Your house insurance will generally provide additional cover, up to the maximum in your insurance policy.

NHCover does not cover for loss of furniture, appliances or any other home contents, or damage caused by storms or flooding – your contents insurance might cover these. Your house insurance can pay out the rest.

Usually, your house insurer will make a claim to the Natural Hazards Commission (NHC) for you.

If your house is damaged by a natural hazard, you need to contact your insurer as soon as possible. In most cases, your insurer will assess and manage your claim, including the NHCover portion, on your behalf. Your insurer is your point of contact for all communication about your claim.

A small number of insurance providers are not able to do this. If your insurer won’t handle your NHCover claim, contact NHC directly.

If you get your insurance through a broker, contact them. No matter with whom you are insured, you will need insurance documentation, and evidence to support your claim.

When you contact your insurer, tell them about the damage and confirm with them what documentation they need from you. For example, they will need your policy number.

Gather evidence to support your insurance claim:

- Take photos of any damage before you repair, move or remove anything, especially if you are disposing of it.
- If you need to get urgent repairs done, talk to your insurer first to check whether your insurance policy will cover the costs. Take before and after photos, photograph anything that is being thrown away and keep a copy of the quotes and invoices for the repairs.
- Put off cleaning up at least until you have done the above (maybe wait until after the insurance assessor has visited). List and photograph the perishable items before you dispose of them.

If, however, you don’t feel your insurance company is treating you fairly, you can ring the office of Insurance and Financial Services (0800-888-222) to discuss the matter. This is a free and independent organisation. Or you may ring us at Citizens Advice Bureau (06 368 9521) and we will assist you to make contact.

■ Ginny is chair of Citizens Advice Bureau, Levin

LAW MATTERS: HANNAH WOOD

Subdivision for investment – getting started

Levin remains one of the most affordable places to buy a home.

With the expressway improving access, more people are moving from Wellington and Kāpiti, driving up demand for housing.

To meet this demand, we need more homes – and that starts with making space for them. This can come through infill housing, apartments, or rezoning land for residential development. All three types are already happening in Levin, and that creates real opportunities for local investors.

If you own land or are thinking about buying in Levin and have never done a subdivision before, this guide is for you.

Do your homework – build a team

Before you commit to anything, get advice from professionals. Your first task is due diligence – understanding the zoning rules, land potential, and true cost of development.

Start with the Horowhenua District Council’s ePlan, a digital tool that shows what’s permitted on a given property. You can also speak directly with council



staff to discuss zoning, overlays, and plans for areas you’re interested in.

Budgeting is key

Beyond the cost of land, you’ll face development expenses: infrastructure, legal fees, surveying, consent applications, taxes, and possibly loan interest. Projects that don’t sell quickly can also become a financial burden. Speak to a local accountant to help you build a realistic budget – including contingency plans and tax advice.

Talk to a bank or broker

Financing subdivision projects is very different from buying a home. Talk to your bank early. If they’re not interested, speak with a mortgage broker who understands development

finance. Be aware of higher interest rates, tighter lending timelines, and potential penalties if delays occur.

Understand the local market

Not all sections are easy to sell, even if the zoning allows it. Some lots struggle due to shape, poor access, or an oversupplied market. Speak with local real estate agents to understand what’s actually selling in your chosen area.

Work with a surveyor and lawyer

Subdivision projects take time. A surveyor will help you assess a site’s feasibility, estimate costs, and outline development timelines. Involve your lawyer early to review land titles, resource consents, covenants, and access issues. They’ll also help to ensure you understand your legal and financial obligations.

Finding the right property

Once you’ve done the groundwork and have your team in place, you’ll be in a strong position to assess land opportunities. Stick to your budget and criteria — and don’t be afraid to walk away if a site doesn’t add up.

■ Hannah is a director of CS Law

THE ELECTORATE: SUZE REDMAYNE

A new highway, Ō2NL and Fieldays

Parliament was in recess last week, which meant I had the chance to get out and about in the community, as well as spend a few days at Mystery Creek Fieldays in Hamilton.

It was fantastic to be at the opening of the new Manawātū-Tararua Highway on June 7 with Transport Minister Chris Bishop. A truly incredible feat of engineering and design. Some impressive numbers: 12km of highway, four lanes and a consistent 10-degree gradient; 6.5 million cubic metres of soil shifted; 2500 workers inducted onto the site, who clocked up 3.5 million hours of work. The new highway, which opened to traffic on June 11, restores a vital connection, improves safety and reduces travel time. Next one up – Ō2NL.

I enjoyed attending and speaking at the Horowhenua District Ratepayers Association meeting in Levin on Monday night alongside my friend, colleague and



MP for Ōtaki Tim Costley. It was great to engage with a motivated group of locals who were clearly passionate about our region. Of course, Ō2NL was a hot topic. Tim has done an outstanding job representing the interests and concerns of residents across the region in Wellington. Together we have met with the transport minister and talked to NZTA. We hear loud and clear your strong concerns about NZTA’s proposed changes to the design. I can assure you we are fighting for Ō2NL, and we’re keen to hear your thoughts and suggestions, so please get in touch; email Suze.RedmayneMP@parliament.govt.nz or Tim.CostleyMP@parliament.govt.nz.

On Tuesday evening I was honoured to be guest speaker at the Levin Community Patrol’s AGM. It was fantastic to celebrate the outstanding service our community patrol provides as they work hard to keep our neighbourhoods safe. Naturally, the recent boy racer event was discussed and analysed – it was clear the response from all our services was exceptional.

My next stop was Fieldays in Hamilton, where I spent an awesome few days celebrating the best of rural and provincial New Zealand. Fieldays is the largest agricultural event in the Southern Hemisphere, with more than 100,000 people passing through the gates over the four days. We say that when farming does well, New Zealand does well, and it’s true. It’s particularly evident and important in rural and provincial towns like Foxton, Levin and Feilding, where so many businesses, large and small depend on a buoyant agricultural sector.

■ Suze is MP for Rangitikei

Dark clouds loom for a divisive president

Amid the carnage and war worries of the Middle East, state-level assassinations, immigration protests and anti-authoritarian gatherings in the US, a stage is being set for the downfall of one of America’s most divisive presidents.

The influence of Donald Trump looms over all these developments, as well as the frenetic activities generated in Western Europe in a bid to hold up Ukraine in the face of Russian territorial aspirations. The need for collective agreements to boost security in Europe is seen as paramount.

It is probably the strength of “the collective” of the West without the US in its ranks that is likely to determine: the course of the Ukraine war; the ultimate result of this month’s outburst of hostilities between Israel and Iran; and the fate of Trump.

About 18 months from now the US mid-term congressional elections will be held. Majorities the Republicans hold in both the Senate and the House of Representatives are in serious doubt in view of the surging unpopularity of the incumbent president. Democratic control of Capital Hill will almost certainly result in efforts to impeach Trump.

But far worse for the president is the prospect that as election time draws near, Republican congressional members up for re-election will start to defect from their party’s need for unity. If re-election depends, as they see it, on being anti-Trump, they will not be siding with him. That means he faces an elevated risk of action to block legislative aims of the White House and potential challenges to his use of executive orders to get things done.

A significant tool in his political armoury is

the ability to cite the existence of a national emergency. It has been used to call out the National Guard and deploy marines for possible use in California, both questionable actions and likely to be extensively challenged in the courts. California Governor Gavin Newsom rejects the

claim of emergency. Vladimir Putin and North Korea’s Kim Il Sung could hardly have foreseen the extent of chaos their cyber-attacks and mis-information programmes beamed to the West have produced. During less than 12 months of the Trump presidency the West and democracy face an array of strategic challenges probably unprecedented in scope and range since the Second World War.

Against this background, Kiwi Prime Minister Christopher Luxon is in Beijing and scheduled to have meetings with Nato. The delicate diplomatic nature of his meetings is placed in context by reports that Nato Secretary-General Mark Rutte has placed China in a group consisting of Russia, North Korea, and Iran as the four biggest contributors to the growing world instability.

Many would argue that Trump as an individual should have been lumped in with this group. It has been his “headlines at any price” style, coupled to his “on again, off again” American sit-com type approach to Vladimir Putin and the manner in which he has dealt with Benjamin Netanyahu, which has provoked



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much of today’s uncertainties. But neither Rutte nor Luxon can afford to risk the wrath of the US president either by naming him in such a group or giving any cause for Beijing to think that the Western democratic union no longer considers Trump and the US a part of the team. China’s leader Xi Jinping knows this. He, along with the leaders of Western capitals, awaits the passing of the seemingly would-be American King so that the globe can get back to dealings on a more normal pattern of diplomatic statecraft. For China, Trump’s approach has been diplomatic gold. Its overall stability under Xi’s leadership stands out. Day-to-day drama is not evident. Its increasing influence in the South Pacific and military presence in the South China Sea are secondary concerns for the West, alongside the issues of Ukraine and Iran-Israel. Luxon, and Foreign Minister Winston Peters, walk a political-diplomatic tightrope. China wants above all acknowledgement of its place now as a global power. That embraces understanding of the positions it has taken, but

not always agreement. Disagreements should highlight issues with the position and suggest solutions. The foreign minister has the formula down to a “T.” The prime minister may return to his playbook for commercial diplomacy while in Beijing. It seems primarily a watching brief for him when dealing with Nato, with Trump in attendance. New Zealand’s decision to diverge from the US regarding the involvement of specific Israeli leaders in Gaza can be understood in light of New Zealand’s stance on resistance to terrorism in the Middle East and other regions. Increases proposed in defence spending will be helpful, but Wellington may well get a nudge to purchase American Seahawk helicopters! Nato will be pleased that New Zealand had units prepared for activities related to Ukraine, in the event that a ceasefire necessitated support from independent countries. ■ Bruce has been an economics and business editor, and a foreign correspondent in Washington, London and Hong Kong.

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EASY TOWN LIVING

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

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» 39 Winchester Street **LEVIN**

ASKING \$529,000



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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» 47 Highbury Drive **LEVIN**

BY NEGOTIATION



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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» 11 Duke Street **LEVIN**

BEO \$689,000



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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» 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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» 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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» 224B Cambridge Street **LEVIN**

BEO \$499,000



FOR THE CREATIVE MINDS

Tucked away in a quiet, private position, this delightfully different home is brimming with charm and personality, the perfect sanctuary for an artist, writer, or anyone who appreciates unique design. Step inside and 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 with one opening to a balcony - the ideal spot for morning coffee, quiet reflection, or capturing a moment on canvas. New carpet brings a fresh and cosy feel, while the warmth of a logburner makes this a true haven in the cooler months.

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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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» 66 Macarthur Street **LEVIN**

BEO \$689,000



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 and light-filled lounge. Large glass doors open onto a sun-soaked patio - perfect for entertaining or unwinding at the end of the day. A standout feature is the separate, versatile studio with its own entrance - ideal as a home office or rumpus room.

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» 9 Ely Place **LEVIN**

BEO \$365,000



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. Leading off from the kitchen you will find a separate laundry. The lounge is a good size and there is an adjoining dining room. The bathroom is clean and well-kept, featuring a shower over the bath, toilet and vanity. Outside, there is a single garage, providing secure parking.

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» 174 Bath Street **LEVIN**

BEO \$599,000



LOW MAINTENANCE TWO BEDROOM BEAUTY

Welcome to this low-maintenance, two bedroom home designed for comfort and convenience. The open plan living and dining area is heated by a log burner and there is a heat pump. The well-appointed kitchen is both practical and stylish, featuring a gas hob, wall oven, dish drawer, and plenty of bench space. It overlooks the street, allowing you to stay connected to the vibrant neighbourhood while preparing meals. Both bedrooms are a good size and the master boasts a heat pump, walk-in robe and ensuite. Constructed with low-maintenance materials such as brick and aluminium joinery, this home is built to stand the test of time while offering easy care living.

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Unit 7 - \$525.00 per week
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» 57 Weraroa Road **LEVIN**

BEO \$410,000



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. A heat pump ensures year-round comfort, while the smart layout maximises space.

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» 24 Grey Street **SHANNON**

BEO \$390,000



COSY STARTER ON A LARGE SECTION

Here's your chance to step onto the property ladder with this two bedroom home situated on a generous 1000m2 (more or less) section, there's plenty of room for kids to run, play, and explore. The galley-style kitchen has been updated, and a warm, welcoming living area is equipped with both a log burner and heat pump for year-round comfort. Whether you're a first-home buyer, or have a flair for DIY, this property is brimming with potential. The bathroom boasts a shower over bath and there is a separate laundry room. Outside, the garden shed and single garage add convenience, while the expansive yard offers endless possibilities.

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» 101 Roslyn Road **LEVIN**

DEADLINE SALE



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LIFESTYLE LIVING CLOSE TO TOWN

Set on the ever-popular Roslyn Road, this solid home offers an exciting blend of space, potential, and character -the perfect setting for growing families who love to explore!

Inside, there's plenty of room to spread out. A generous downstairs lounge sets the scene for relaxed family living, while a unique mezzanine lounge upstairs - complete with its own bedroom and a charming little balcony, adds a touch of adventure, there is also a bathroom. You'll find new carpet throughout, plenty of storage, and a functional layout that includes additional downstairs, a family bathroom.

Yes, there are still some areas that could use a touch of TLC, but that's your opportunity to make it your own and add value over time. Outside is where this property really shines! Kids and pets will love the wide open space to roam, and with three well-fenced paddocks featuring excellent soils, there's real potential for lifestyle living - whether it's hobby farming, a pony, or a few pet sheep.

Deadline Sale (Unless Sold Prior) Closes 1pm, 26 June 2025, Wilton & Co, 530 Queen Street East, Levin

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» 335 Muhunua East Road **OHAU**

BY NEGOTIATION



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BUILT TO IMPRESS

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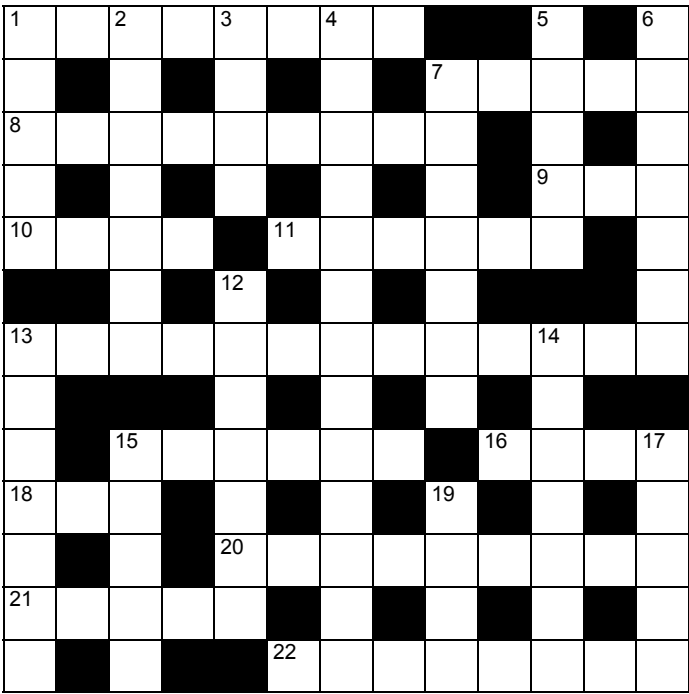
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CROSSWORD #1839J Crossword solution page 31.



- ACROSS
1. Badge (8)

7. Good, well done (Maori) (2, 3)

8. Coconut-covered sponge cake (9)

9. Backchat (inf) (3)

10. Stretched tight (4)

11. Sleepy (6)

13. Species of kiwi (6,7)

15. NZ footwear (6)

16. Swimsuit (4)
18. Glimpse (3)

20. Captain Cook's ship (9)

21. Auckland museum (abbr) (5)

22. Ponga (4,4)
- DOWN
1. Small waterway (5)

2. Kiwi poet (3,4)

3. Criminal group (4)

4. Cook Strait ferry service (13)

5. Fittingly (5)
6. Flowed in waves (7)

7. Knowledge, expertise (4-3)

12. Kiwi organisation supporting young families (7)

13. Supple (7)

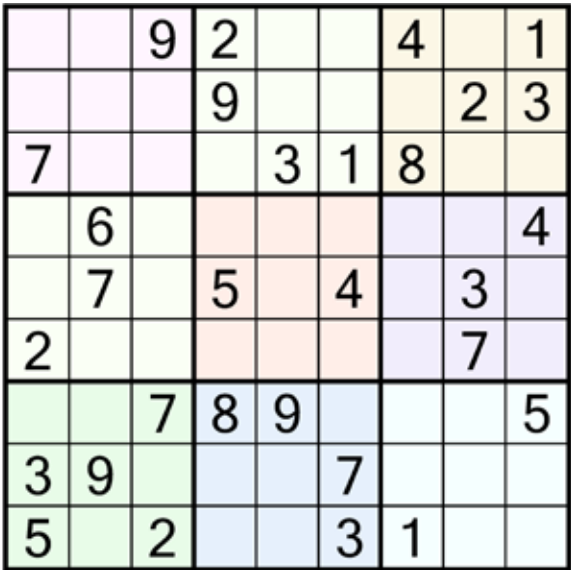
14. Duo (7)

15. Small pier (5)

17. Loud warning device (5)

19. Challenge (4)

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HARD #46E Use logic and process of elimination to fill in the blank cells using the numbers 1 through 9. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and 3x3 block. Puzzle solution page 31.



NEW ZEALAND ARTS QUIZ ANSWERS:

1. Barry Crump.
2. Frances Hodgkins.
3. Dick Frizzell.
4. Ralph Hotere.
5. Hilma af Klint.
6. Raranga (weaving), whakairo (carving), tā moko (tattooing) and peitatanga (painting).
7. Colin McCahon.
8. Colin McCahon.
9. Nature by The Fourmyula.
10. Jennifer Te Atamira Ward-Lealand.



CROSSWORD

SOLUTION #1839J:

- ACROSS: 1. Insignia,
7. Ka pai, 8. Lamington,
9. Lip, 10. Taut,
11. Drowsy, 13. Little Spotted, 15. Jandal,
16. Togs, 18. See,
20. Endeavour, 21. MOTAT, 22. Tree fern.
- DOWN: 1. Inlet,
2. Sam Hunt, 3. Gang, 4. Interislander, 5. Aptly, 6. Rippled,
7. Know-how, 12. Plunket, 13. Lissome, 14. Twosome, 15. Jetty,
17. Siren, 19. Dare.



WORD SEARCH ANSWERS: WW2

SUDOKU SOLUTION EASY #46



NZ ARTS

TRIVIA QUIZ answers below

1. Taika Waititi's hit film *Hunt for the Wilderpeople* was based on a story by which author?
2. In 2019, which New Zealand artist inspired clothing ranges by both Kate Sylvester and Karen Walker – Gretchen Albrecht, Gordon Walters or Frances Hodgkins?
3. Which New Zealand painter made an icon out of the Four Square Man?
4. Which late New Zealand painter, who held an honorary doctorate from the University of Otago, was best known for a series entitled *The Black Paintings*?
5. Which Swedish artist-mystic is currently exhibiting at the City Art Gallery in Wellington?
6. Toi, or Māori art, centres around four primary art forms? Name two of these.
7. Who is considered New Zealand's most famous artist?
8. Whose painting *Canoe Tainui* broke the record for New Zealand's most expensive artwork in 2017, selling for \$1.35 million?
9. What is New Zealand's top selling pop song of all time?
10. Who directed the film *Disrupt*, showing at the Māoriland Film Festival, about a burglary that goes wrong, and a meth addict who must choose between his family and his next fix?

WORD SEARCH: WORLD WAR 2 answers at left



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

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

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

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SAT 21 JUN	05:38	12:18	18:19	-	-
SUN 22 JUN	-	00:51	06:39	13:21	19:23
MON 23 JUN	-	01:54	07:40	14:22	20:23
TUE 24 JUN	-	02:54	08:40	15:19	21:19
WED 25 JUN	-	03:49	09:37	16:13	22:11
THU 26 JUN	-	04:42	10:32	17:04	23:00
FRI 27 JUN	-	05:33	11:24	17:51	23:47

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SUN 22 JUN	05:54	12:19	18:38	-	-
MON 23 JUN	-	00:52	06:55	13:20	19:38
TUE 24 JUN	-	01:52	07:55	14:17	20:34
WED 25 JUN	-	02:47	08:52	15:11	21:26
THU 26 JUN	-	03:40	09:47	16:02	22:15
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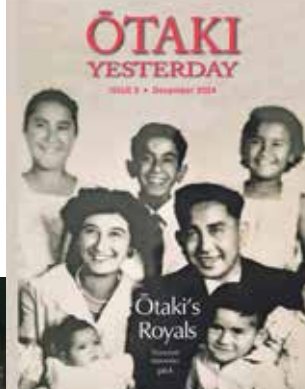
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