

'Gloves off' say firefighters

By Paul Williams

Cars tooted and people waved as local firefighters and volunteers joined in strike action last Friday in Oxford Street, with teachers and nurses also taking to the streets yesterday.

Striking firefighters aren't just after more pay - they say ageing equipment is preventing them from doing their job properly, potentially putting lives at risk, and Levin is in the thick of it.

Tony Sealey, the New Zealand Professional Firefighters Union president for this region, says firefighters held strike action in 2022 with the same concerns.

"They [Fire and Emergency NZ] said they were going to fix this, yet nothing has changed," he says.

Tony says one of Levin's two fire trucks is 27 years old and has just had \$200,000 spent on it, money that would have been better invested in a newer truck.

"It has broken down on the way to calls. They might look bright and shiny but underneath they are falling apart," he says. "This is dire. We are trying to respond to an emergency, and we can't guarantee a truck is going to start, let alone get to a job. It leaves a pit in your stomach."

Levin is a Yellow Watch station, meaning it operates with a mix of volunteer and paid staff. The four full-time staff rostered weekdays were all striking with support from volunteer crews, who respond to all after-hours and weekend emergencies.

Tony says Levin went Yellow Watch in 2023 due to the growing size and spread of the region covered by the station, and the increasing number of callouts - an average of one a day.

"Levin is probably a classic case of why we are taking this action," he says. "Volunteers have been putting up with it for years. The strike isn't just for career staff, it's for all staff and volunteers."

The union has rejected an offer of a 5.1% pay increase over three years, and Tony says it



Volunteer firefighters, from left, Marty Wilson, Krishna Rangi and Chad O'Hara, joined in strike action in Levin last week to support their full-time colleagues and concerns raised by the Professional Firefighters Union.

Photo Paul Williams

wants fleet and equipment upgrades, and more resourcing, too.

"We are constantly fighting for safe working conditions and safe crew numbers," he says. "It's more than pay. We can't continue the way we are. It needs change and we need investment in the front line, in equipment and people."

The strike included staff working in communication centres and answering emergency 111 calls.

Tony says employees and volunteers are usually governed by strict media protocols, rules that don't apply during strike action.

"The gloves are off," he says. "It enables us to

let the public know what we are dealing with."

He says the strike, aimed at the Fire and Emergency board and senior management, could have been avoided had FENZ leadership showed up to bargaining meetings earlier this month.

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LEVIN CHRISTMAS FAIR
Horowhenua Events Centre and Showgrounds
32 Victoria St, Levin
Saturday November 1, 9am-3pm
Free entry, a brand-new Christmas Fair with local crafters and artisans. The event is not-for-profit and supports Huha.

DIWALI 2025
Gladys Taylor Park, Bath Street, Levin
Saturday November 8, 5-9pm
Diwali is a festival of new beginnings, and for some also coincides with harvest and new year celebrations.

REMEMBRANCE DAY – LEVIN 2025
Levin Cenotaph (Remembrance Park), 4 Kent Street, Levin
Honour and remember those who served and sacrificed for our freedom. A moment of silence will be observed to reflect on the courage and resilience of our servicemen and women.

POUNAMU COUNTRY MUSIC AWARDS
Levin Cosmopolitan Club
47/51 Oxford Street
Heats on Saturday, November 1, 8am.
Finals on Sunday, November 2, 10am.
Michael Tipping and his band The Bandits have been announced as the backing band for the annual Pounamu Country Music Awards in Levin next weekend in what is a real coup for organisers. They've also managed to book Rosemary Hack as guest performer for the weekend. The awards always draw a big crowd to the Levin Cosmopolitan Club, with some amazing local talent joined by performers from throughout New Zealand, as winners gain entry to the coveted NZ Entertainer of the Year Awards. The Bandits will be the backing band for 110 songs during heats on the first day in what promises to be an amazing weekend of entertainment. – Paul Williams



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Please explain, hospital asked

Horowhenua Grey Power is sending MidCentral Health a please explain letter after the late-night discharge of a 99-year-old Levin resident.

Grey Power zone director Terry Hemmingsen says the man was sent home after midnight from Palmerston North Hospital's emergency department in a taxi. The man, who doesn't want to be named, didn't have his Community Services Card, so the taxi driver took him to the ATM before dropping him home in the dark.

"This raises questions for me," Terry says. "Why was he discharged so late at night? Why did hospital staff not check he had a Community Services card?"

Terry says he faced a similar situation himself recently.

"I was taken through to the ED by ambulance and discharged at 11.30pm. The staff ascertained that I was a Levin resident and that I had no way to get home with no-one to come and get me.

"My suggestion to the ED doctor was that they give me a chair in a dark corner and I could wait out the night until the shuttles were running the next morning. I was told that was

not an option so they organised a taxi to bring me home."

"Thank goodness for my Community Services Card as the fare from Palmerston to Levin is more than \$200."

Terry says with motels near the hospital it would be cheaper to pay for a room overnight than pay the taxi fare.

"At the least, for late night discharges the hospital could have a couple of Lazy-boy chairs and blankets in a room.

You Travel soon House of Travel

House of Travel is adding Levin's You Travel to its stable as Pam Hardy, You Travel's owner-operator for the past 18 plus years, is retiring. Pam joined the travel industry after 30 years working in insurance and says it's been a pleasure helping bring clients' travel dreams to life. She is now ready to spend more time with her grandchildren and has plans to add more countries to her list of those already visited. House of Travel will officially take over on Monday, November 3, with Pam supporting the transition throughout the month before retiring in time for Christmas.

'Gloves off' – firefighters

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"They chose not to show," he says.

He says a budget of \$860 million isn't being spent in the areas that need it.

Fire and Emergency NZ (FENZ) had 18 calls during the one-hour strike, most of which were vehicle crashes.

Deputy national commander Megan Stiffler told the *Star* the goal of FENZ was to reach a fair, sustainable, and reasonable settlement with the NZPFU.

"We are bargaining in good faith and doing everything we can to achieve an agreement without disrupting the services communities rely on," she said.

Meanwhile, as of yesterday morning (Thursday), further strike action had been withdrawn as Fire and Emergency NZ and the union agreed to head back to the bargaining table.

A joint statement issued yesterday said the

parties had agreed to reconvene bargaining talks in Christchurch on November 3, 4, and 5.

As a result, the NZPFU has agreed to withdraw strike action planned for October 31, but has indicated a notice for strike action on November 7 has been issued.

"Depending on the progress of bargaining, the NZPFU will consider withdrawing the strike on the 7th and any other notified strike, and FENZ will consider withdrawing its application for facilitation," the statement said.

"Both parties welcome the return to the bargaining table and both are committed to productive discussions in an attempt to conclude negotiations."

Tony says ultimately everyone wants to avoid further strike action.

"This is positive. It's a step in the right direction."



A LARGE AMOUNT of glass, toys, plastics and other refuse was collected from Waitāre Beach last weekend by representatives of the NZ 4WD Association Central Zone. Beach resident Sharon Freebairn, who coordinates the monthly clean-ups, says efforts like this make a big difference to the beach environ. The clean-ups are widely advertised so anyone can join in, the roster coinciding with the council refuse collection that arrives the following day. HDC also provides rubbish bags and gloves. Pictured at the most recent clean-up are 4WD Association members, Darren Pettengell, Katie Pettengell, Dylan Pettengell and Tyler Pettengell, with Manawātū Estuary Management representative Grant Purdie.



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Couple celebrate 60 years together

By Paul Williams

Levin couple George and Judy Tyree have celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary.

George Tyree married Judith Williams at All Saints Church in Foxton on October 16, 1965, arriving in a Ford Zephyr to a waiting crowd of 100 family and friends.

The reception was at the Foxton Memorial Hall where the wedding party danced the night away to a band, and the newly-weds were the last to leave.

They first met on a blind date to the stock cars in Palmerston North two years earlier.

George says he was probably lucky that Judy was patient – and forgiving. He was two hours late picking her up.

“I was at the races and the float was late leaving. By the time we got to Foxton the reception was a bit cool,” he says.

But all was soon forgiven. They hit it off and continued dating regularly afterwards.

After the wedding they honeymooned in various North Island locations before returning home to settle in Levin.

George’s father, Lloyd, was a racehorse trainer and a builder. Father and son worked together in the business for many years, building many houses in Levin’s expanding north-east.

George trained horses successfully himself for many years after a bout of concussions meant he couldn’t tolerate the noise of a hammer. It helped that the horses were going well, too.

Judy was working for the borough council and it helped that she fell in love with the horses, too.

Love and support have played a massive part in their marriage and they’ve been there for each other “through good times and the bad”.

Judy says they both know how fortunate they are to have maintained reasonably good health. They’ve enjoyed travelling and have another trip to look forward to on the horizon, and they’ve both recently taken up pétanque.

Their anniversary day was spent with family and friends.



George and Judy Tyree today (at left), and on their wedding day in Foxton on October 16, 1965.

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In fact, untreated hearing loss is now recognised as the number one modifiable risk factor for dementia, ahead of other major factors like social isolation, obesity, physical inactivity, smoking, diabetes, and alcohol consumption. With dementia cases in New Zealand projected to reach 170,000 by 2050, studies suggest that almost half of these cases might be preventable through better management of key health factors, including hearing loss.

"You can't hear what you can't hear"

Kamea Lessoway, audiologist and owner of Levin Audiology, says hearing health is often overlooked during routine check-ups because hearing loss tends to creep in slowly.

"Unlike vision, where you know when you can't see, you can't hear what you can't hear," Kamea explains. "Just as we can't sit and watch the grass grow, we can't tell if our hearing is degenerating. That's why regular hearing tests should be part of everyone's health warrant of fitness."

Kamea, who is originally from Canada and studied at the University of Canterbury, has worked in clinics across New Zealand before



Kamea Lessoway of Levin Audiology, who believes in helping people have a better quality of life through better hearing.

opening Levin Audiology on Oxford Street in 2021. Her mission is simple: to give people access to quality hearing care and a better quality of life.

"I really like the people here, and people deserve good care," she says. "Helping someone hear well again can completely change their daily life."

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Play explores life after prison

A confronting new theatre work exploring the realities of incarceration for Māori will be performed at Horowhenua College in Levin on Wednesday, October 30.

It brings urgent national conversations into communities with its own deep ties to the issues it examines.

Out the Gate, written by Helen Pearse-Otene and directed by Jim Moriarty, illuminates the lived experiences of Māori who have been through the prison system and are working to reconnect with their whānau and communities.

The production uses Te Rākau Hua o Te Wao Tapu's renowned Theatre Marae methodology – a fusion of marae protocol, Greek theatre structures, choreography and music – to create a powerful communal performance experience.

The Horowhenua performance follows the work's premiere at Pataka Art + Museum in Porirua. Its arrival in Levin carries particular resonance. The Horowhenua district, like many regions, has seen the intergenerational impacts of state care, incarceration, and systemic inequities.

Levin was once the site of big state institutions, including the former centres of Kimberley and Hokio, and has long been part of conversations about the treatment of Māori in state care and justice systems.

"This is about more than just telling stories – it's about facing the systems that shaped those stories," Jim Moriarty says. "Many of these men and women have been in 35 or 40 foster homes. The stats around that are horrible.

"Who helps you navigate that quagmire of early institutionalisation?"

The ensemble cast of more than 16 performers includes people with direct lived experience of incarceration, alongside seasoned theatre practitioners. This intentional mix, Moriarty says, creates a rehearsal and performance space built on care and mentorship, ensuring authenticity on stage.

The play draws on Tiaki, a kaupapa Māori research project supported by the Health Research



Out the Gate writer Helen Pearse-Otene and director Jim Moriarty.



Photos by Tabitha Arthur Photography

Council in 2024, which explored what Māori needed to thrive after their release from prison.

Out the Gate transforms those findings into episodic theatre, blending vignettes, waiata, choreography, physical performance and personal testimony.

The creative team hopes the Horowhenua

performance will act as a catalyst for local reflection and dialogue, particularly among service providers, policy-makers, whānau and rangatahi.

A companion podcast, featuring rehearsal conversations and interviews with Tiaki participants, is expected to launch in 2026.

The work doesn't shy away from hard truths. It traces the ripple effects of childhood trauma, state care, fractured whakapapa, addiction and institutionalisation – while also emphasising that healing and reconnection are possible with

appropriate support.

"We're holding up a mirror, but we're also showing pathways forward," Jim says.

■ *Out the Gate* is at Horowhenua College on Wednesday, October 30. More information at terakau.org/out-the-gate

Old college rivals renew friendships

By Paul Williams

The ability of sport to bring people together is evident this weekend as friendships forged in both rugby and netball are renewed.

The two Levin colleges have always enjoyed a healthy rivalry in all codes, and boots and bibs will be dusted off as the reunion involving players from an era more than 25 years ago take the field or court again.

What started as a get-together quickly grew legs, with a rugby match organised for Levin Domain tomorrow (Saturday) afternoon and a netball match at Donnelly Park in the morning.

Waiopahu's Richie Paul says it's been a great excuse to get fit, but also to check in on old mates.

There are some familiar names; William Raston played NRL league, while several players in both teams played provincial rugby.

RUGBY – The players

Waiopahu: Matt Beisell, Ricky Hurunui, Hayden Woodley, Pere Nepia, William Raston, Jackson Wood, Quentin Ruruku, Fea Feagaiga, BJ Lawton, Daniel Harper, Richie Paul, Cori Roberts, Aleni Feagaiga, Brendon Jones, Josh Hetariki, Atlanta Hetariki, James



The Waiopahu College rugby team of the late 1990s had a reunion trip to Brisbane last year, the catalyst for another reunion and a game against old foe Horowhenua College at Levin Domain tomorrow.

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Karauria, Tony Hurunui, Andre Houston, Marino Ranguia, Trent Dallas, Charlie Rudd, Damien Daly, Nopera Stewart, Dave Barker, Martin Tupara, Wayne Hurunui jnr.

Horowhenua: Michael Ogden, Robin Pratt, Jarrod Ryder, Willie Lander, Whetu Matahaere, Huka Kahu, Paul Tuala, Shane McLeod, Daniel Gillespie, Matt Easton, Ricky Fonoti, Steve Gillespie, Wes Pollock, Shane Cappie, Bernard Orbell, Josh Shaw, Luke Janssen, Stu Greig, Noel Corbett, Sam Hayes, Caleb Stevenson, Carl McLeod, Aaron Pairama, Dion Wahren, Phil Grimstone, Carl Vanderwiel.

NETBALL

Waiopahu: Desiree Tatana, Monique Hetariki, Kahu Hurunui, Renee Hurunui, Natalie Martin, Elaine August, Debbie Wood, Jody Hare, Amber Knight, Jess Strawbridge, Leah Richards-Sciascia, Emma Mitchell, Emma Armstrong, Amme Hayes, Peyton Hurunui, Azaleah Hurunui, Tyrece Karauria, Raylene Tyson.

Horowhenua: Lisa Tucker, Shelly Reid, Samantha Wehipeihana, Natalie Easton, Kelly Williams, Sheena Williams, Nikki Tatana, Rebekah Parker, Paula Hirini-Watson, Courtney Fryer, Stacy Ranish, Alexia Gaby, Sonya Coutts, Holly Crombie, Vanessa Smith.

Narrow margin ends Māori ward

A tiny majority of Horowhenua residents have chosen to remove the Horowhenua Māori Ward, the result confirmed alongside the 2025 local election results.

Of the 11,682 votes cast, the difference was just 188 votes in favour of disestablishing the two wards seats.

The two current Māori wards councillors elected are Nina Hori Te Pa and Lani Ketu.

The Horowhenua Māori Ward was established after community engagement in 2021. At a council meeting in September 2024, Horowhenua District Council voted to retain the ward.

Due to a law change last year, councils with Māori wards not established by a poll of voters were required to either dissolve them or hold a binding poll about their future.

As the council had voted not to dissolve the Horowhenua Māori Ward, a referendum was held alongside the 2025 local body elections.

The ward will remain in place for the 2025-2028 term, with the change taking effect from the 2028 local elections.

HEADS UP: MANAWATŪ COLLEGE

Busy time as students prepare for external exams

Nau mai ki te wāhanga tuawhā o te tau.

Welcome to term 4. We are on the home stretch!

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We had a busy end to term 3. During Te Wiki o Te Reo Māori we proudly participated in our annual Whakawhānauanga Day. Hosted by Horowhenua College, our students faced off against Ōtaki and Waiopahu colleges in the traditional Māori game of āriki. It was fantastic to see the commitment, proving that growth in te reo me ōna tikanga is always the real winner of the day.

We also took the time to celebrate

a true national treasure, our long-standing office administrator, Kerry McGhie. After 30 years of unwavering dedication and service to our school, Kerry will be deeply missed. Her commitment and warm presence were an anchor for generations of students, staff, and whānau. We wish her all the happiness and relaxation she has truly earned in her well-deserved retirement.

Finally, our school ball, held during the term 3 holidays, was an unforgettable evening. This year's Casino Royale theme transformed the hall into a glamorous venue,



At the school ball are Lou-Anne Van Larken, Katrina Tua, Shiloh Gyde and Gracen Thwaites.

creating an atmosphere of elegance and celebration. The traditional red carpet walk was a highlight, with staff, whānau, and community members



Toni Kiriona with retiring office administrator Kerry McGhie.

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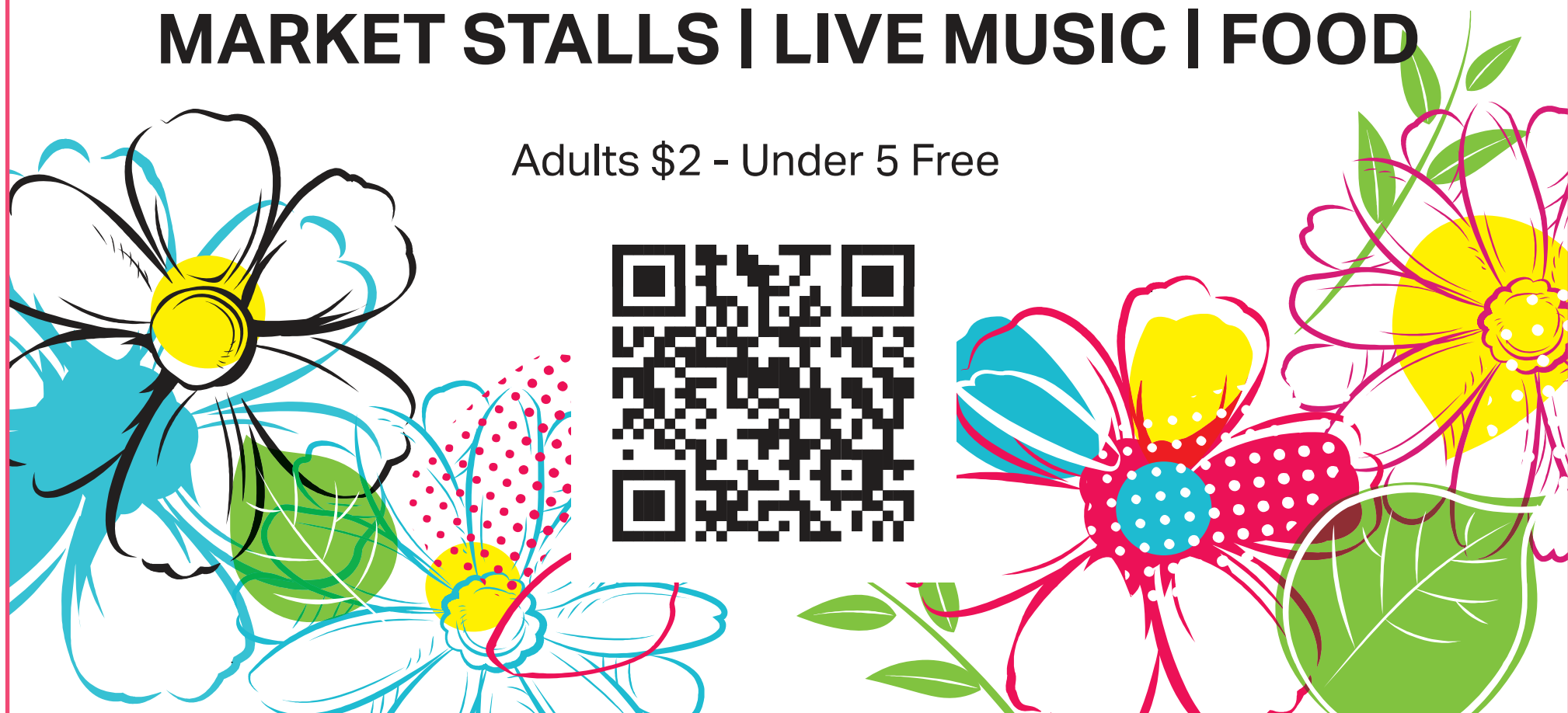
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It's Spring Fling time!

By Paul Williams

When birds start chirping and flowers bloom it can only mean one thing – Spring Fling.

A record-breaking crowd is expected to attend Foxton's annual flagship event on Sunday this holiday weekend.

Organisers have been promoting the event in nearby Palmerston North and Wellington – including billboards in the middle of the capital – and are anticipating an influx of city folk.

Now in its 45th year, the event is organised by Foxton Tourism and Development Association (FTDA). Coordinator Kate Street says while it's difficult to have an exact headcount, an estimated 8000 people attended last year, and if the weather forecast kindly

obliges there could be as many as 10,000 people attending the event this year.

Kate says the inner-city billboards on Courtney Place feature a QR code that can be scanned on a cellphone, bringing up a social media page with boosted adverts and information about the event, all with a Proudly Foxton logo attached.

"We can see how many visits we've had and there is a lot of interest," she says. "We're expecting an even bigger crowd than last year."

Kate says already a record number of stallholders have booked sites. Last year there were 230 stalls selling everything from candy-floss to T-shirts, chopping boards, wooden furniture, even

personalised items that can be made then and there – this year already 285 stallholders are coming.

Foxton has a history of carnivals, parades and community gatherings and Kate says the vast majority of local businesses support Spring Fling in recognising it brings people to Foxton.

"We want to promote Foxton and Foxton Beach businesses – Spring Fling is bringing people into town and they absolutely love it and want to come back," she says.

It costs \$80 to book a 4m x 4m stall for the day, and \$140 for a food-stall or truck. FTDA reinvests any profit into initiatives that promote and support the town, like hanging baskets on the main street.

The hanging baskets were down for a while as the lines were being repaired, but they are back up just in time.

After brief hiatus in 2021, the event returned in 2022 with renewed energy. A large number of market and craft stalls are back, offering artisan products, food, and family-oriented trades.

The event costs more than \$25,000 to put on, helped this year with a grant from Pelorus Trust that goes towards things like promotion, power, toilets, stage hire and face-painting.

A feature of the day will be a petting zoo the library for the first time. There will be a range of animals large and small, including sheep, alpacas, ponies, donkey, tortoise, blue-tongue lizards and birds.

"It's a great drawcard for the children," Kate says.

There's been a big focus on live entertainment this year, with three live bands set to take the stage, which will be set up near Foxton New World – The Clint Taylor Experience, 4UP, and Dilz Hailwood. Last year it was mainly acoustic offerings, so to have live bands is expected to add to the atmosphere.

A bucking mechanical bull has been booked, as have Mac trucks and mini jeeps, while free face-painting is always a big drawcard at Spring Fling.

WHAT: Foxton Spring Fling

WHEN: Sunday, October 26

WHAT TIME: 9am to 3pm

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Moths and their damaging grubs

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A phone call from a local gardener this week prompted me to write about the control of moths and the damage their grubs do to fruit crops.

There are two moths that are problems. The first is the codlin moth, which is active throughout New Zealand but damages only apples, pears and walnuts – their host trees. That makes the problem only seasonal when those trees have maturing fruit on them.

The other critter, the guava moth is mostly active in the upper North Island, especially around Auckland and further north. Unlike the codlin moth, it uses all fruit and nuts as the host plants, including last season as reported to me, tomatoes.

Yes one northern gardener asked me what were these grubs inside the tomatoes.

Nature is smart and there's no point of the moths laying their eggs near the flowers of the fruit or even after the fruit has set till the fruit has grown to a reasonable size – ping pong ball size or larger. Otherwise the grubs that likely eat their equivalent body weight daily, would eat themselves out of house and home and have to find another food source, which would make it vulnerable to birds.

Also, codlin moths emerge from their cocoon only when the weather conditions are favourable.

Thus we can use to advantage a codlin moth trap to monitor when the pests are on the wing by catching some male moths. Then when no

male moths are caught, its over for the season. Codlin moth traps are not an effective control, only a means of finding out the best time to apply controls. There's also no need to put a trap out till the apples/pears/walnuts have set on the tree and grown a bit.

For the guava moth, pheromone traps are a waste of money because the pest is busy most of the year, except in a cold winter or when there are no fruit.

As the name suggests, the guava moth loves guava and also has a liking for feijoas.

Fortunately, both codlin and guava moths are relatively easy to control. First, let's understand how these two pests operate.

Being moths they fly only at night. They find their host tree by the smell of the forming and ripening fruit. So if they can't smell your tree/fruit they will fly on by to a tree they can smell.

So the first step in reducing damage to your fruit by to disguise the smell of the tree/fruit. You need a smell that negates the smell of the tree.

We use Wallys Neem Tree Granules scattered on the ground beneath the tree from the trunk to the drip line. Then by making some little bags out of curtain netting we hang more of the granules in the tree on the lower branches about head high at the four cardinal points.

We do this after flowering and when the fruit has formed to a reasonable size. One application is all that's needed for each crop, as the granules last more than three months.

An Auckland gardener told me also that she cut open old tea bags, removed the tea leaves

and put cat repellent crystals in the bags, stapled them up and hung in her fruit trees. Result: no guava moth damage. As the crystals would be washed away with rain they need an umbrella made out of the round base of a plastic cordial bottle, and hung protected in the tree to last for the whole fruit season.

It's the same as I have suggested in a glasshouse to fool whitefly – having little gauze pouches hanging from the roof to create a smell.

The next step in control is to prevent any grubs that hatch out near your fruit from eating their way into the fruit.

Once a grub enters the fruit you have lost the battle. Even if you use a poisonous systemic insecticide to kill it, what's the point? It's going to die inside the fruit. Not nice to eat.

No, you need a non-toxic substance on the outside of the fruit that will prevent the grub from eating its way in. Wallys Super Neem Tree oil with Raingard is the perfect answer. You spray the fruit, not the tree, so there's a coating of oil on the skin of the fruit, protected from washing off in rain with Raingard (lasts for 14 days before reapplying.)

The neem oil is an anti-feedent – which means when the young grub takes its first bite it will get some neem oil in its gut and will never eat again, starving to death fairly quickly. On your mature fruit you will have a little pin-prick scar where it took its one and only bite.

Just spray the maturing fruit every 14 days. Fruit that are more difficult to spray will likely be eaten by birds later on anyway, and as long as you're getting a nice amount of fruit to harvest

that's all that really matters. Another way to control moth problems is by setting up a moth lure to attract and kill them.

Take a litre of hot water, add 100g of sugar, one teaspoon of Marmite, half a tablespoon of cloudy ammonia and half a tablespoon of vanilla. Mix well and divide the mix between two plastic milk or soft drink bottles.

Punch some holes in the side of the bottles just above the level of the mix. Place on a stand about a couple of metres away from the tree about waist height – like on a small folding table. When several moths are caught, dispose of them and make up a new solution. Cloudy ammonia used to be common in grocery stores, but if difficult to find, try a hardware store.

If you do all three procedures for control or at least the first two then you should be able to once again enjoy your own fruit.

The codlin moth traps are useful because if you monitor them, you'll see they trap the male codlin moths, which tells you it's the time to use the neem tree oil spray on your apples etc.

If after a month you find no new male moths in the trap you can stop spraying as it's all over for the season (that is unless you have guava moths in your region).

By the way, don't hang a codlin moth trap on a branch on your tree as it just encourages moths to the tree. Hang it on or sit it on a pole away from the tree but in proximity.

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Victor takes walks through history

By Janine Baalbergen

Victor Taylor – better known as Matua Victor – held his inaugural walking tour through Foxton last week.

Born and raised in Foxton, Victor is so passionate about the river and the history of his home town that he is sharing his knowledge with 45-minute walking tours for locals and visitors alike.

The first tour ran along the river loop from Nye Cottage to the red shed. Several locals with a strong interest in local history joined the tour, sharing many stories that Victor could add to his repertoire.

All tours are designed for slow walkers and last about 45 minutes.

“We hope to explore different areas eventually, but for now we do the river loop and talk about the wharf, the train station, and the flax industry,” Victor says.

On his daily walks through town Victor and his wife, Eileen, have met many older visitors who are eager to explore the waterfront more, but anxious about exploring on their own.

“On weekends people walk around looking for things to do and see and we thought we could help with a walking tour,” Victor says. “I love to share and listen to everyone else’s memories.”

Wandering along the river loop walkers can see pukeko, a white or grey heron, he says.

“The wildlife is coming back since the walk along the river has been revamped and the river was cleaned up.”



Foxton history buffs were first in line to enjoy Matua Victor’s inaugural walk: Jim and Sarah Harper, Eileen and Victor Taylor, Chrissy Pedersen and dog Jimmy. Photo Janine Baalbergen

On the way he points to foundations of a boiler from one of the town’s many steam-powered flax mills, or the mooring point for boats that’s still visible, and shares the history of Foxton’s Nye Cottage and the man it was named after.

“The river was much deeper and wider when I was young.”

He remembers fishing, white-baiting and even swimming in the loop as a kid. Since then life in and on the river has slowed a lot as the loop has slowly silted over.

In historical archives there is plenty of evidence of the riverside being a hive of activity, especially in the late 18th and early 20th centuries. As evidence, the Flax Stripper

“We hope to explore different areas eventually, but for now we do the river loop and talk about the wharf, the train station, and the flax industry.”

– Victor Taylor

Museum has a photo of a flying fox going across the river.

The current barbecue area in the riverside park was once the site of the Foxton Railway Station, from where products from the booming flax industry were shipped.

“When I was a kid the railway sleepers were still there,” he says.

Victor talks about buildings along the walk, from the iconic windmill and the multi-cultural museum to the Flax Stripper Museum, Nye Cottage, a carver’s workshop, and more. Questions or input from walkers are welcome.

He recounts the fact that Scandinavian settlers landed in Foxton, went through immigration and then moved to Dannevirke and other east coast settlements.

One future option is a walk along the boardwalk at the far end of the walkway, beyond the red shed, where there are the remains of local industry.

This and all future walks start behind the windmill. Book online and pay \$25 per person at the start of the walk, by eftpos or cash. No online payments, to avoid cancellations problems.

To find out more or book a walk, see foxtonguidedwalks.co.nz

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PEOPLE'S POLITICS: PHIL MALPAS

When serving and protecting citizen wellbeing begins to fade

In New Zealand, we follow the Westminster system of government – a framework built to uphold order, stability, and liberty through representative democracy.

Yet increasingly, our political life feels driven by ideology rather than guided by responsibility. When a single view dominates, government risks becoming an echo chamber, and its core purpose – to serve and protect the wellbeing of citizens – begins to fade.

A government's authority comes from the people; its goal is the welfare of those people. But in Aotearoa today, that goal is often obscured by



partisan competition and the hollow performance of fiscal restraint.

The Westminster model relies on individual ministerial accountability and collective cabinet responsibility. It assumes transparency, integrity, and good faith. But in practice, accountability has become ritual. Party discipline shields ministers from real consequences, while bureaucratic layers blur responsibility.

"Taking responsibility" too often means apologising in Parliament, not fixing the problem.

Parliament should be a place of stewardship, of care for the nation's shared future. Instead, it often rewards ideological loyalty over practical solutions. The form of Westminster remains, but its spirit has diminished.

Phrases like "balancing the books" or "getting the country back on track" may sound reassuring, but they often obscure more than they reveal. Government finance is not about virtue-signalling restraint. It's about managing income, expenditure, and borrowing within sustainable limits. Debt is not inherently

a failure, it's a tool. Borrowing to build infrastructure, support education, or improve healthcare is not recklessness; it is investment in collective wellbeing.

The true measure of fiscal responsibility is not a surplus on paper, but a society in which people live safely, productively, and with dignity. Treasury exists to manage public finances, not to dictate moral priorities. Yet political rhetoric often elevates fiscal balance above human need.

Money today is fiat currency – its value derives from trust and government credibility, not from physical backing. The real constraint is not financial but practical: people,

skills, natural resources, and social cohesion.

To cite "budget constraints" as an excuse for underfunding health, education, or environmental resilience is to forget what government is for. These aren't luxuries. They are the foundations of a functioning society.

Democracy must be judged not by debt levels or GDP, but by the wellbeing of its people.

The goal is not simply to balance the books, it is to balance the lives of those who entrusted government with power.

■ Phil has worked in IT consulting and lectured in management accounting and computer studies.

CITIZENS ADVICE: GINNY WILLIAMS

Know your rights with migrant exploitation

What is migrant exploitation and what can I do if I or someone else is being exploited?

A migrant worker is a worker who is in New Zealand on a temporary visa; migrant exploitation is when an employer takes advantage of that position to treat a person unlawfully.



Migrant exploitation can include things like: bullying, taking your passports and air tickets, making someone pay above market rates for things such as food and accommodation, forcing someone to live in substandard accommodation, not paying the right wages (or at all), making anyone pay money to get your job, threatening you or your family members.

A migrant worker has the same minimum employment rights as a New Zealand worker. These rights apply to everyone, even if you're working illegally. They can't be taken away from you.

Your minimum employment rights include that your employer must:

- give you a written employment agreement or contract
- pay you at least the minimum wage for all the hours you work
- pay you in cash, unless you have agreed to receive it in a different way (such as by direct credit)
- not deduct money from your wages unless the law allows it (such as tax and student loan payments), or you have agreed in writing to have money taken out.

Migrant exploitation is illegal. If you or someone else are experiencing any of the abuse described above you should report it by going online to the Employment New Zealand website, or by calling them on 0800 200 088. You can ask to speak to someone in your own language

If you need help or support completing the online form, or you need an interpreter, you can call Citizens Advice on 06 368 9521 or come and visit us or email us at levin@cab.org.nz

If you hold an Accredited Employer Work Visa (AEWV), and want to leave your job because of exploitation, you may be able to apply for a Migrant Exploitation Protection Visa.

The Migrant Exploitation Protection Visa allows you to quickly leave the job where you have been exploited and to legally stay in New Zealand while you search for another job. It is valid for six months or until the expiry date of your current work visa (whichever comes first).

To apply you must first make a report of your exploitation to Employment New Zealand and they will assess your situation. If Employment New Zealand agree that you are being exploited, they will give you a letter stating that you are being exploited. You can then take this letter to Immigration New Zealand to apply for a Migrant Exploitation Protection Visa.

You must make application for the visa within one month of receiving the letter from Employment New Zealand.

A Migrant Exploitation Protection Visa does not automatically entitle you to financial or other support.

If you need some financial support while you look for a job you can try talking to your embassy or your local community for help. You may also be able to get a loan from your bank.

■ Ginny is chair of Citizens Advice Bureau Levin

BURNING ISSUES: CRAIG GOLD

In an emergency, the number's important

In an emergency, every second counts.

Whether it's a fire, medical, or other urgent situation, the ability for emergency services to quickly find your home can make all the difference. One of the simplest yet most often overlooked ways to help is by making sure your house number is clearly visible from the road.

With mailboxes not being used so much, we put less importance on maintaining them, including the number.

Imagine it's dark, raining, and emergency responders are trying to find your address. They slow down to look, squinting through the rain, but your house number is faded, hidden by plants, or missing altogether. Valuable time is lost that could mean the difference between a small fire and a devastating loss, or between getting help in minutes instead of precious seconds too late.

It's something we don't think about often, but visibility really matters. Your number should be easy to read, even in poor lighting or bad weather.



Here are a few quick tips to make sure your house number is doing its job:

- make it big and bold at least 10cm high so it can be read from the road
- use a contrasting colour – black on white, or white on dark colours
- keep it clear – trim bushes or trees blocking the view
- light it up to ensure it's visible at night, or use reflective numbers.

For rural homes, it's especially important that the Rapid (Rural Address Property Identification) number is clearly displayed at the entrance to your driveway and not obstructed by plants or signs.

Emergency services rely heavily on these markers to find properties quickly.

Emergency crews all agree that being able to spot your address easily from the road can save vital time when every moment matters. When you call 111, your address is passed through to the responding crew, but even with GPS, visual confirmation is key. Crews need to see your number clearly to pull up to the right property without delay.

This is a small action that makes a big difference, not only for your own safety but for your neighbours, too. If you notice a friend or family member's house number is missing or hard to see, encourage them to fix it. You might even lend a hand repainting a faded number or clearing a few branches.

So, take a moment this week to step outside and look at your house from the road. Can you see your number clearly from both directions? If not, now's the time to make it right. Because when help is on the way, you want to make sure they can find you fast.

■ Craig is Fire and Emergency NZ assistant commander Manawatu/Whanganui region

A MATTER OF LAW: STEVE LEADBETTER

How to bring parents into New Zealand

With the introduction of the Parent Boost Visitor Visa, designed to unite families and enhance New Zealand's appeal to skilled migrants, New Zealanders have several ways to bring their parents to the country.

Since each visa has unique rules and costs, this summary can help families decide which option is best for them.

Opened on September 29, 2025, the Parent Boost Visitor Visa offers a 5-year multiple-entry visa, renewable for another five years, making it ideal for parents wanting long-term involvement in their family's lives. To be eligible, parents must be sponsored by their NZ citizen or resident child and meet the financial and health insurance requirements. These can be met either by the sponsor meeting an income threshold or by the parents having their own sufficient funds or income.

A key requirement is holding medical insurance with at least \$250,000 in annual cover for emergency care. A



health check is also required after three years. While this visa does not provide a pathway to residence, it is a suitable option for families who prioritise flexibility over permanent settlement.

For parents who prefer shorter, more frequent trips rather than a long-term stay, the visa is a more suitable option. This multiple-entry visa allows stays of up to six months at a time (for a total of 18 months over three years), making it suitable for visiting during important family events. A general visitor visa, which has fewer requirements, is an alternative for shorter family visits.

For parents seeking permanent residence, the Parent Resident Visa is an option, but it comes with important caveats. As a sponsor, the child makes a 10-year legal commitment to provide

accommodation and financial support, and they are responsible if their parents access public services. It's also important to know that Parent Resident Visa applications are subject to a ballot. Due to high demand, even if you meet all requirements, your application is entered into a lottery, with no guarantee of selection.

The final option is the Parent Retirement Resident Visa, which enables parents to gain permanent residence after investing \$1 million in New Zealand for four years, provided all other requirements are met.

Choosing the right visa is a significant decision, carrying long-term financial and legal commitments for you as the sponsor. Each option has a unique set of requirements, including details not covered in this summary, that must be carefully weighed against your family's goals. To ensure you select the best path for your family and fully understand your obligations, we recommend seeking professional legal advice. Contact our firm to discuss your specific circumstances.

■ Steve is a solicitor at CS Law

Jim Bolger 'a pleasure to be with' – Keating

Jim Bolger was a community man of service whose political instincts were used for the betterment of the regions in which he lived and the nation as a whole.

Kāpiti claimed him as its own at the time of his death on October 15 aged 90, but Taranaki and the King Country had good reasons for celebrating with Kāpiti the life of Jim and the contribution he and wife Joan made to their regions. It was from his home town in Rahotu that he honed his debating skills in young farmers' competitions, and Pio Pio where he farmed.

That Ōtaki MP Tim Costley should shed a tear in Parliament when speaking in honour of the former National Party leader summed up the sadness of many at home and abroad.

I had the good fortune to know Jim by reputation in Taranaki as a voice in the young farmers of the province, and subsequently during assignment as political editor of the New Zealand Press Association in Wellington and as an overseas correspondent for NZPA.

Among colleagues of his era – Rob Muldoon, Jim McLay, Brian Talboys, Bill Birch, George Gair and Hugh Templeton to name a number who stood out for the quality of their portfolio stewardship – he achieved leadership for a number of reasons. Among them were his political shrewdness, a willingness to listen to and adopt other viewpoints if they fitted better with the issue before him, a manner that induced rapport from Kiwis one-on-one who may have been awed by his position, and an ability to put aside differences in the interest of resolution of an issue or need.

The first of these became clear when National

caucus members sought to dethrone Prime Minister Rob Muldoon during a period when Muldoon attended a Commonwealth Prime Minister's meeting in New Delhi in 1980. Plotters counted Jim Bolger among their support base. They looked to Brian Talboys to signal a challenge. But as Talboys delayed and delayed a public announcement of challenge, it was Bolger who moved quietly to support Muldoon – a signal that colleagues interpreted to mean a coup was unlikely to succeed.

On the evening that National voted to elect Jim McLay as its leader in 1985, Bolger, with backing from his old friend Birch and North Shore MP Gair, began strategising an opportunity to unseat McLay. The coup when it occurred in 1986 set the stage for his subsequent assumption of the prime ministerial position in 1990. Bolger, in my view, had the political instincts necessary in a party leader that McLay lacked.

Where Muldoon held leadership by force of political will and shrewdness of assessment of his colleagues, Bolger held it through persuasion, conviviality and a blessed "touch of the blarney" contributed by his Irish ancestry. He had the personal strength and judgement to stand up on assumption of office to criticism of his early tough fiscal policies to right a dismal financial situation brought on by a surprise corporate failure of the Bank of New Zealand.

While it went against his better nature, he



Jim Bolger – Leadership by persuasion, conviviality and a "touch of the blarney"

supported Ruth Richardson in her presentation of what she termed "the mother of all budgets" as part of the economic restoration. Appointment of Bill Birch as her successor gave him a sense of satisfaction that the "people oriented" support policies he wanted to implement, rather than programmes of austerity he previously considered necessary, might now get priority.

National Party president Sylvia Wood wrote following his death: "Jim's integrity, pragmatism and deep belief in building a decent and fair society defined his life of public service. He leaves a lasting legacy within the National Party and the country he led with strength and conviction."

She added: "His steady leadership guided New Zealand through a period of profound economic and social change, including the introduction of the MMP electoral system and the advancement of Treaty settlements that

continue to shape our nation today."

While Jim led a centre-right government, he was not hide-bound by ideology. Commonsense solutions that were correct for the issue whether they fitted with "left or right thinking" were his preference. Acceptance of posts as chair of New Zealand Post and Kiwi Bank under the subsequent Labour government of Helen Clark were a surprise to many. But not to those who knew that Labour's Michael Cullen as finance minister shared much of the Bolger philosophies for a fair and decent society.

After leaving politics in 1988, Jim was appointed to the position of New Zealand Ambassador to the United States. It was a position that seemed to me to be very much in tune with his innate political abilities – a Kiwi politician who among those I have known seemed one of a very few who would do well in the hurly-burly and rambunctious American House of Representatives. Its two-year term of office places a high priority on political qualities such as: Connections to and understanding of constituents; capability of persuasion among peers; and a focus on pragmatism to achieve results.

That he continued public service while in retirement in Kāpiti on the issues surrounding beachside properties and climate change speaks volumes for his commitment to communities and neighbourhood, every bit as much as his activities on a higher stage.

Former Australian Prime Minister Paul Keating said: "In my experience he was without a doubt the jolliest and best natured head of government I had come across. Jim was a pleasure to be with."

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

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Bernie Wanden

Message from the Mayor

Kia ora Horowhenua,

It is with a sense of gratitude and pride that I can connect with you again after the Local Body Elections held recently. Thank you to all those who voted in the election as it is important for all elected members to know that they have the support of their community to enable them to positively move into the new term.

Our turnout at over 47% was greater than in 2022 and while that is not the highest in the country it is still well above average. It is also satisfying to see the number of returned councillors, which is a positive sign that the direction of travel we have been on last term has had an endorsement from voters. The continuity and stability that provides the district is only going to be beneficial for the future and I think enable the governance table to have some confidence that together with the organisation we are ready to face the challenges ahead of us.

I would like to acknowledge the councillors who stood down for this election, Jonathan Procter, Rogan Boyle and Ross Brannigan, and thank them for their service to the district. I also want to thank and acknowledge Justin Tamihana for the work that he has done in serving our community as one of our first Māori Ward councillors.

The election has seen the return of former councillor Jo Mason in the Levin Ward, and we have four newly elected councillors: Katrina Mitchell-Kouttab - Levin

Ward, Nola Fox - Kere Kere Ward, Morgan Gray - Waiopahu Ward and Lani Ketu - Horowhenua Māori Ward. A warm welcome to you all, as well as returning councillors from the last triennium.

Can I also welcome those elected to the Te Awahou Foxton Community Board, I look forward to the contribution you will make to the wider Foxton community.

I do wish to acknowledge all those who took the plunge and put themselves up for election and missed out. Thank you for putting your hand up, and for caring about our community.

There is much to look forward to this term, and no doubt some significant challenges, as we navigate the landscape ahead of us. Those challenges may very much depend on what Central Government has in mind for us, especially in relation to rates capping, but we also have much to do in ensuring the Local Water Delivery Plan is implemented well. Alongside that we need to ensure that we have considered and delivered on what the impacts of Ō2NL will be.

Once again, thank you for your support, I along with all elected members look forward to working with you and ensuring that the Horowhenua continues to be a great place to live, work and play in.

Ngā mihi

Mayor Bernie Wanden

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Levin Adventure Park Upgrade

Levin Adventure Park is getting a fresh new look next.

The large timber fort, a favourite for more than 20 years, will be replaced with a modern play module featuring slides, climbing walls, interactive games and junior-friendly steps. A new sand play zone with a digging "worksite" will also be added, giving tamariki even more ways to play.

Most of the park, including toilets and picnic areas, will stay open while the work is carried out. Sections of the playground will be fenced off for safety, and the upgrade will be completed in stages, with the fitness equipment replacement planned for next year.



Any questions?

Will the whole park be closed?

No, only the area around the timber fort will be fenced off. Most of the park will stay open.

When will the work be completed?

We expect the new play module and sand play zone to be finished by late November (weather permitting).

Are toilets and picnic areas still available?

Yes, toilets, seating areas and most of the park remain open throughout construction.

Food Scraps Collection Trial ends

For the last five months some Levin residents have been taking part in a food scraps collection trial.

Selected residents from Queen Street West and Weraroa Road have had the chance to collect their food scraps in a special green bin and put them out for weekly collection.

The food scraps have been sent to a company in Foxton to be processed into compost. In turn, we've been making compost available to local schools enrolled in the EnviroSchools program.

The trial, which was funded by a government grant, has now ended.

Over the five months an average 358kg of food scraps have been picked up per week- which means almost 8.6 tonnes of food scraps have been diverted from landfill and made into compost.

'This has been a wonderful initiative,' says Daniel Haigh, Group Manager, Community Infrastructure.



Water, water, everywhere

But where does our water come from? How do we ensure supplies are safe and reliable? It's never too early to start saving water – that will stand us all in good stead during drier weather, when water can be in short supply. And you can save money too – find out more with our handy infographic below:

Ko Te Wai Te Ora Ngā Mea Katoa Water Is The Life Giver Of All Things

OUR WATER JOURNEY

A precious and limited resource



Our drinking water comes from the
**Ōhau and Tokomaru Rivers,
Mangaore Stream and bores
in Foxton and Foxton Beach.**



We have more than
**300km
of water pipes,**
some of which are more than 60 years old.



On average, each Horowhenua resident consumes
300 litres per day,
compared to the national
average of 195 litres per day.



The Levin Water Treatment Plant is
located on Gladstone Road and can store

**12 million
litres of treated water.**



We have been losing up to a quarter of our supply through leaks.
So, we're installing smart water meters which identify leaks.

**Once the leaks are fixed
we'll be saving up to
2.4 million
litres a day.**



FUTURE PREPARATION

Infrastructure Investment



Planning
to build a reservoir to
increase water storage
capacity for Levin and Ōhau



Upgrading
our stormwater
network



Upgrading
the Levin water
treatment and wastewater
treatment plants



Installing
water meters for Levin,
Shannon and Foxton



Consenting
and implementation of
Tokomaru wastewater
treatment plant



Investigating
reticulated water for
growing settlements such
as Waitāre and Ōhau



Increasing
capacity for wastewater
irrigation and disposal
at the POT and
Foxton wastewater
treatment plant



Investing
in wastewater treatment
plant upgrades at
Waitāre Beach, Foxton,
Shannon and Foxton Beach



Upgrading
the Foxton water
treatment plant

PLAYING YOUR PART

Protecting our District's most valuable asset

Water is precious and every drop counts. Roughly half of the world's population experiences
severe water scarcity for at least part of the year.

The 5 R's of water conservation



Reduce

Look for ways to
use less water



Repair

Fix leaks fast



Replace

Choose water-
efficient appliances



Retrofit

Add products to your
home to reduce water use



Reuse

Re-use your waste water
for your plants

In the Works



The Land Transport team has some good news for Foxton residents.

After a successful trial of the red and white pedestrian crossing on Bath Street, Levin, a new permanent pedestrian crossing will be installed on Main Street Foxton, by the New World. Weather depending, this should be installed within the next couple of weeks. Thanks to the community for the idea, via Foxton Futures.



Over in Levin, contractors are on the final section of the water and wastewater main upgrades on MacArthur Street and are due to be finished by the end of this month.

These renewals are to replace the existing pipes which have reached the end of their useful life, ensuring the water and wastewater system functions as it should and preventing leaks.

In Shannon, work on installing 915 metres of new 300mm wastewater pipe and a new pump station along Bryce Street is expected to be completed by the end of November.

The roading team has also been busy with pre-reseal repairs on Kere Kere Road and Poplar Road, Moutoa, in preparation for resurfacing work



Kere Kere Road

Drain Maintenance

On Hickford Road, Foxton, 300 metres of drain have been cleared, and on Kara Road, Shannon, high shoulder removal has taken place ahead of pavement maintenance.

Footpath Renewal

The asphalt concrete footpath renewal on Ballance Street in Shannon is now complete. Renewal work on Rugby Street, Levin, is continuing.



Mangaore Road

Slips Response

Recently slips occurred on both Heights Road and Mangaore Road, Shannon, due to heavy rainfall. Mangaore Road was significantly affected with two slips. Our contractors responded quickly to restore access. Another slip occurred on Heights Road, but it was cleared promptly with no disruption to residents.

Remembrance Day 2025

Tuesday 11 November

10:30am - Levin Cenotaph
10:40am - Foxton Cenotaph

Members of the public, organisations, groups and businesses who wish to be called up to lay a wreath during the commemorations are invited to register their names with Council's Events Coordinator, Grayson Skerman, on graysons@horowhenua.govt.nz by 5pm Friday 7 November.



» 13A Kawi Road LEVIN

BEO \$595,000



PACKED AND READY TO GO

No mucking about here! The house is all but packed and the current owner is ready to move. This creates a blank canvas for you to envisage placing your furniture and moving right in. With a stylish modern kitchen and bathroom, this home offers easy, open plan living that flows effortlessly to not one but two sunny decks. Picture relaxed morning coffees on one and lively BBQs on the other, all while overlooking your private, family friendly grounds, perfect for kids, pets, and entertaining. Inside, there are three bedrooms including a master with walk-in robe and ensuite. The neutral decor, good flooring, and tidy presentation make it move-in ready.

Ref : www.wiltonandco.nz/WILO1981
OPEN HOME SUNDAY 2PM-2.30PM

Adriana Wilton
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» 53 Duke Street LEVIN

DEADLINE SALE



EASY LIVING

Set on a low maintenance section, this beautifully presented three bedroom, two bathroom brick home offers the perfect blend of comfort, practicality, and easy-care living. The spacious open plan kitchen, dining, and living area enjoys a sunny north-facing aspect, while the conservatory extends your living space, capturing natural light and creating the perfect spot to relax all year round. The well designed kitchen provides plenty of bench space, a pantry, wall oven, and hob - ideal for those who love to cook and entertain. Comfort is ensured with a heat pump.

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

Ref : www.wiltonandco.nz/WILO1989
OPEN HOME SUNDAY 1.15PM-1.45PM

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» 10A Queenwood Road LEVIN

DEADLINE SALE



MODERN COMFORT

A delightful home that seamlessly blends modern living with comfort and style. This inviting three bedroom home boasts a spacious layout, perfect for both entertaining and relaxation. Imagine living in a home that not only meets your functional needs but also enhances your lifestyle. An open plan living area that exudes. The thoughtfully designed layout flows effortlessly from the kitchen to the dining and living spaces, creating an inviting a light and airy atmosphere perfect for gatherings with family and friends.

Deadline Sale (Unless Sold Prior) Closes 1pm, 5 November 2025, Wilton & Co, 530 Queen Street East, Levin

Ref : www.wiltonandco.nz/WILO1990
VIEW BY APPOINTMENT ONLY

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» 48 Kings Drive LEVIN

BY NEGOTIATION



SPACE, STYLE & POOLSIDE LIVING

Set on a private, fully fenced 1400m2 section, this exceptional property offers the ultimate family lifestyle - space to grow, entertain, and unwind in style. At the heart of the home is the beautifully updated open plan kitchen, complete with stone benchtops, flowing effortlessly into the dining and living area. From here, step out to a large covered deck overlooking the sparkling inground freshwater pool - the perfect setting for summer barbecues, family fun, and relaxed evenings with friends. Inside, a separate lounge with inbuilt sliding doors provides a cosy retreat or can be opened up for larger gatherings. The home features three spacious bedrooms

Ref : www.wiltonandco.nz/WILO1927
OPEN HOME SUNDAY 11.45AM-12.15PM

Ryan Watson
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ryan@wiltonandco.nz

» 174B Bartholomew Road LEVIN

BEO \$535,000



LOW MAINTENANCE MODERN LIVING

Here you get to enjoy the simplicity of a home that's ready to just move in and live your best life. Recently redecorated throughout, this property offers modern comfort with a modern kitchen featuring sleek granite benchtops, an under bench oven, hob, and plenty of storage to keep things tidy. The spacious open plan dining and living area flows effortlessly, complemented by excellent flooring throughout. Two generously sized bedrooms include a master with a large double wardrobe, while a separate toilet and a modern tiled bathroom. Practicality is front of mind with a separate laundry and internal access single garage.

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

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» 14 Okarito Avenue LEVIN

BEO \$765,000



A STANDOUT IN OKARITO

Welcome to your new home, where modern comfort meets unbeatable location. Set in a highly sought after neighbourhood and zoned for popular Fairfield School, this spacious four bedroom residence offers the ideal lifestyle for families who want quality, convenience and room to grow. From the moment you arrive you will be impressed. Nestled on a private back section, this two level home combines timeless design with practical features including solar panels to help keep the energy costs down. Step inside and feel immediately at home, the light filled living area is the heart of the home, warm, inviting and perfect for both relaxed family evenings and entertaining guests.

Ref : www.wiltonandco.nz/WILO1960
OPEN HOME SUNDAY 12.15PM-12.45PM

Tracey Fraser
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tracey@wiltonandco.nz

» 115B Bartholomew Road LEVIN

ASKING \$580,000



A HIDDEN GEM! EASY LIVING

Tucked away on a private rear section, this light-filled and inviting home is the perfect match for first home buyers or active retirees seeking comfort, space, and convenience. A bright, open-plan living area enhanced by charming chapel ceilings that create a wonderful sense of space. The living flows effortlessly to a sunny north-facing deck, plus there is a verandah, ideal for relaxed morning coffees or entertaining friends.

The kitchen is open to the living area, making it easy to stay connected with family or guests. It features excellent bench space, ample storage, and a handy breakfast bar, perfect for casual dining or sharing a morning chat.

Ref : www.wiltonandco.nz/WILO1939
OPEN HOME SUNDAY 11.30AM-12PM

Adriana Wilton
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» 11 Duke Street LEVIN

BY NEGOTIATION



MODERN COMFORT MEETS VERSATILE LIVING!

If you've been searching for a home that offers room to spread out, entertain in style, or comfortably accommodate extended family - this one's for you! This well presented property ticks all the boxes with a modern kitchen, open-plan living, and an updated bathroom that brings everyday comfort to the forefront. What truly sets this home apart is the separate wing - complete with its own bedroom, bathroom, and living area, ideal for teenagers, guests, or multigenerational living. With private access to the rear yard, it's a haven of independence and ease. Step outside and get ready to entertain! The dedicated bar area and outdoor space are perfect for summer BBQs.

Ref : www.wiltonandco.nz/WILO1911
OPEN HOME SUNDAY 11AM-11.30AM

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» 42 Ballance Street **SHANNON**

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Charming 1915 character home

Step through the white picket fence and be transported to a bygone era. This beautifully restored 1915 colonial style home captures the essence of timeless charm while offering modern comfort and convenience. From the moment you arrive, you'll be captivated by its classic character- leadlight windows, natural timber floors, and a welcoming colonial aesthetic. The heart of the home is the well appointed kitchen.

BUYER ENQUIRY OVER \$450,000
OPEN HOME SUNDAY 11AM-11.30AM
Ref : www.wiltonandco.nz/WIL01916
Haley Sturt 02102387699



» 76A Kennedy Drive **LEVIN**

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Spacious living

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

ASKING \$559,000
OPEN HOME SUNDAY 11AM-11.30AM
Ref : www.wiltonandco.nz/WIL01979
Adriana Wilton 0297766902



» 4 Rugby Street **LEVIN**

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Great location - modern comfort

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

BUYER ENQUIRY OVER \$599,000
OPEN HOME SUNDAY 11.45AM-12.15PM
Ref : www.wiltonandco.nz/WIL01924
Lynaire Cottle 0272224017



» 197A Tiro Tiro Road **LEVIN**

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Endless Possibilities on 1884m2

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

ASKING \$559,000
OPEN HOME SUNDAY 11.45AM-12.15PM
Ref : www.wiltonandco.nz/WIL01885
Adriana Wilton 0297766902



» 1205 State Highway 57 **LEVIN**

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PRICE REDUCED!

This exceptional residence sitting on 4.4515 hectares, offers space, style, and serenity on a truly impressive scale. With a substantial 412m2 floor area spread across two levels, this striking home sits proudly amid picturesque, well-planted grounds that set the stage for everything from tranquil afternoon tea parties to once in a lifetime celebrations.

BUYER ENQUIRY OVER \$1,249,000
OPEN HOME SUNDAY 1.30PM-2PM
Ref : www.wiltonandco.nz/WIL01954
Lynaire Cottle 0272224017



» 76 Parker Avenue **LEVIN**

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Make Your mark!

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

PRICE BY NEGOTIATION
OPEN HOME SUNDAY 12.30PM-1PM
Ref : www.wiltonandco.nz/WIL01919
Adriana Wilton 0297766902



» 100A Queen Street **LEVIN**

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Discover effortless modern living!

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

BUYER ENQUIRY OVER \$645,000
OPEN HOME SUNDAY 11AM-11.30AM
Ref : www.wiltonandco.nz/WIL01980
Lynaire Cottle 0272224017



» 7 Harlech Street **LEVIN**

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Renovated & Ready

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

BUYER ENQUIRY OVER \$628,000
OPEN HOME SUNDAY 12.30PM-1PM
Ref : www.wiltonandco.nz/WIL01957
Lynaire Cottle 0272224017



» 39 Bristol Street **LEVIN**

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A cut above - Built ahead of its time

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

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



» 121 North Manakau Road **MANAKAU**

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Charming Lifestyle Home on 2.5 Acres

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

BUYER ENQUIRY OVER \$799,000
OPEN HOME SUNDAY 2.30PM-3PM
Ref : www.wiltonandco.nz/WIL01962
Lynaire Cottle 0272224017



» 23 Stirling Street **LEVIN**

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Great opportunity

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

BUYER ENQUIRY OVER \$448,000
VIEW BY APPOINTMENT ONLY
Ref : www.wiltonandco.nz/WIL01953
Adriana Wilton 0297766902



» 224B Cambridge Street **LEVIN**

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For the creative minds

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

PRICE BY NEGOTIATION
VIEW BY APPOINTMENT ONLY
Ref : www.wiltonandco.nz/WIL01835
Adriana Wilton 0297766902



» 3 Cottle Way **WAITARERE BEACH**

Create your coastal paradise!

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

BUYER ENQUIRY OVER \$198,000
VIEW BY APPOINTMENT ONLY
Ref : www.wiltonandco.nz/WIL01965
Lynaire Cottle 0272224017



» 624A Queen Street **LEVIN**

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Great investment - Buy one or more

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

PRICE BY NEGOTIATION
VIEW BY APPOINTMENT ONLY
Ref : www.wiltonandco.nz/WIL01780
Adriana Wilton 0297766902



» 288 North Manakau Road **MANAKAU**

Field of dreams - No Covenants

Unleash your imagination on this incredible block of land in the highly sought after Manakau area! With no covenants to hold you back, you have the freedom to relocate a charming home from a house moving company or create your very own dream sanctuary - your possibilities are endless! Spanning 4.45 acres, this stunning property boasts breathtaking views of lush farmland, all nestled in a serene country setting.

ASKING \$600,000
VIEW BY APPOINTMENT ONLY
Ref : www.wiltonandco.nz/WIL01949
Lynaire Cottle 0272224017



» 53 Nathan Terrace **SHANNON**

1012m2 Industrial section

This 1012 square metre industrial section offers a superb opportunity for small business owners, tradespeople, or investors seeking a well located site with excellent accessibility. Situated right beside State Highway 57 and just a stones throw from the heart of Shannon, this property combines versatility with convenience. The land is flat and usable, making it ideal for light industrial activities, storage or workshops.

ASKING \$120,000
VIEW BY APPOINTMENT ONLY
Ref : www.wiltonandco.nz/WIL01923
Richard Wilton 0211557150

Open Home

RayWhite



Feels New

This immaculate 2-bedroom home feels brand new inside with a new kitchen, carpet, and flooring. Enjoy a north-facing deck, spacious bedrooms, and an open-plan living area. Centrally located with a carport and off-street parking. Well-fenced, easy-care section. Ideal for home buyers and investors. Act now!

For Sale
Buyer Enquiry Over
\$485,000



Roz Wallace
021 346 630

Executive
MEMBER SINCE 2012

View
24 Winchester
Street, Levin
Sunday @
1.30pm-2.00pm

rwlevin.co.nz/LEV30437

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Open Home

RayWhite



CALL TODAY
to secure one of the last sections



Roz Wallace
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021 346 630



Waitarere Lakes - Stage 2

Waitarere Lakes, Waitarere

Have it all at Waitarere: an upmarket home (covenants ensure this) & beach living. Services to the front of the lot include power, fibre & grey water outlet connections. Community fire water tanks reduce the cost to just one for domestic use. A letterbox & fencing are another cost-saving bonus when building your dream home, approx. 1.5km from wonderful Waitarere Beach.

For Sale
No. 3 - PBN
No. 10 - \$305,000



Roz Wallace
021 346 630

Executive
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View
Agent on site Sunday
10.15am - 10.45am
&
3.00pm - 3.30pm

rwlevin.co.nz/LEV30044

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Open Home

RayWhite



3 Bedrooms + Studio

This three-bedroom home features a double garage & a studio. The wonderful sitting tenants have expressed their desire to stay. The bedrooms are spacious, and the undercover deck is perfect for summer entertaining & ideal for drying laundry in winter. The well-fenced yard offers ample space for a trampoline and children to play. The large double garage with a studio, including a toilet & shower, is a substantial bonus for extended family or guests.

For Sale
Buyer Enquiry Over
\$479,000



Roz Wallace
021 346 630

Executive
MEMBER SINCE 2012

View
57 Power Street,
Levin
Sunday @
11.15am-11.45am

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Open Home

RayWhite



Invest In Central Levin

Are you looking for an investment property in central Levin with a reliable tenant? This two-bedroom property offers an excellent opportunity for a savvy investor. The current tenant pays \$495 per week and tells us she would like to stay. This property is located in the sought-after central/north-east area of Levin, within walking distance of the town and the aquatic centre. It is also zoned for Fairfield School.

For Sale
Buyer Enquiry Over
\$297,000



Roz Wallace
021 346 630

Executive
MEMBER SINCE 2012

View
38 Montgomery
Street, Levin
Sunday @
2.00pm-2.30pm



Julie Judd
027 368 5316

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THE HALLAMS OF SHANNON

Compiled by Debbi Carson



JAMES AND GERTRUDE HALLAM with an unidentified woman and two unidentified children in a horse-drawn buggy. James is the driver and Gertrude sits opposite the unidentified woman holding a box camera.
Photo courtesy of Horowhenua Historical Society Inc.



JAMES HALLAM was born in Ashton-under-Lyne, Lancashire, England, in 1869 and died in Shannon in 1951. James married Gertrude Hannah Charles (d. 1958), the granddaughter of a previous employer. Gertrude was also born in Lancashire. The couple emigrated to New Zealand, arriving in Wellington in 1896 and settling in Shannon in 1899. The Hallams were well known for their love of children, but had none of their own.
See "From Bush to Swamp: The Centenary of Shannon, 1887-1987."
Photo courtesy of Kete Horowhenua



NEW YEAR'S DAY PICNIC, Shannon, 1901. This photograph shows eight unidentified people, however the woman pouring tea is believed to be Gertrude Hallam.
Original photo held by Noelene Allan, Whakatane.
Photo courtesy of Horowhenua Historical Society Inc.

Sport/Racing



Ka Ying Rising racing at Hong Kong.

Photo courtesy of Hong Kong Jockey Club

Levin link for world's fastest

By Paul Williams

The first person to put his leg over the fastest racehorse on the planet says it's satisfying to know that world champions can come from anywhere.

Ka Ying Rising, who rose to stardom winning the \$20 million Everest (1200m) at Royal Randwick at the weekend and is recognised as the world's best sprinter, was educated as a young horse in Levin under the watch of former jockey Sean Collins.

Sean taught the horse to accept a jockey onboard and to steer as an early 2-year-old in 2022. He took photos and videos of the horse so his connections were updated with progress reports.

"I remember him turning up. He was quite raw – he was touchy to start with and it took a wee bit to gain his trust," Sean says. "You have to take your time and do the groundwork and gain a horse's confidence."

"He hadn't had a sales preparation so was straight from the paddock, so I remember just having to be patient with him."

"He wasn't a big horse, he was actually quite lightly-framed. But there was definitely something about him."

Sean, 42, retired from raceday riding in 2008 after a successful career as a jockey riding 161 winners, but has kept working in the industry in various roles ever since.

"I was lucky to ride some nice horses, but nothing in that league," he says. "You just never know do ya?"

That's the beauty of this game. The superstars can come from anywhere."

Raceday jockey Zac Purton has messaged Sean since the race, aware of his connection to the horse.

"He just said you're on the journey too, and I know what he means," Sean says.

The same could be said for Marton horseman Fraser Auret, who bred and owned Ka Ying Rising before selling him as an unraced 3-year-old to Chinese interests for \$250,000 on the strength of a jumpout win at Levin Equine Training Facility.

One of Fraser's children actually nicknamed the horse Rocket after watching him galloping around the paddock.

"As it turns out, he really is a rocket," Fraser says.

"I was lucky to ride some nice horses, but nothing in that league, You just never know do ya? That's the beauty of this game. The superstars can come from anywhere."

– Sean Collins

Having bred and raised a horse like Ka Ying Rising from home is giving Fraser the same excitement as training a Group One winner himself – remarkable considering it was his first foray into breeding.

"It gives you that same euphoria," he says. "We all know how hard it is to get there ... it's a massive thrill. A fairytale."

Incredibly, the third horse across the line in The Everest, Jimmystar, was educated at Te Horo's Cavallo Lodge by renowned horseman Chris Rutten.

Sean spent more than a year working with Chris in recent times and the two were able to have a bit of friendly banter before the race.

But all jokes aside, it's incredible to think the two horses were educated down the road from each other.

Ka Ying Rising has now won 14 of his 16 career starts, including the last 13 in succession, earning more than NZ\$23 million.

Last season was a breakout year, winning four Group One level races in Hong Kong and breaking the 1:08min mark for 1200m each time.

He is by the Windsor Park stallion Shamexpress from the Per Incanto mare Missy Moo, who won five races, her last race finishing unplaced in the Wellington Cup.



Levin jockey Sean Collins aboard Ka Ying Rising for the first time in 2022. The horse is now the highest-rated sprinter in the world.

Photo: supplied.

In-form Kahn gets Heartland call

By Paul Williams

Horowhenua-Kāpiti veteran Kahn Fotuali'i has been rewarded for an outstanding season with selection into the New Zealand Heartland XV for their two-game tour of Samoa next month.

The former Samoan and Crusaders halfback debuted for Horowhenua-Kāpiti in 2021 as a loan player from Manawātū, but soon after joined the Foxton club, helping them to back-to-back Ramsbotham Cup titles in 2024 and 2025.

His experience has been a major factor in Horowhenua-Kapiti making it all the way to the Lochore Cup final last weekend and he is a respected mentor for younger players in the team.

Kahn, 44, might be the only Horowhenua-Kāpiti player in the 27-man squad, but there will be some familiar faces on the plane to Samoa.

Horowhenua-Kāpiti coach Aleni Feagaiga is the assistant coach, while HK manager Tom Zimmerman will again manage the NZ Heartland XV for the fourth consecutive season.

Aleni was brought into the fold last season in an observer role so was relishing the



Kahn Fotuali'i, who's been called up for the Heartland XV. Photo Tyler McKnight

opportunity to be involved with the Heartland team.

There are 14 new players named in the Heartland XV which will assemble on October 29 for the two-match tour.

Head coach David Harrison says the squad features some standout performers from the 2025 Heartland Championship season, selected

for their skill, commitment, and leadership. They will play two Samoan representative teams, providing a platform for grassroots talent to showcase their skills and experience the unique culture and hospitality of Samoa.

Steve Lancaster, general manager community rugby, says it will be a career highlight for many players.

NZ Heartland XV: Adam Williamson (Mid-Canterbury), Alekesio Vakarorogo (Whanganui), Anthony Amato (South Canterbury), Cameron Dromgool (Thames Valley), Declan McCormack (Mid-Canterbury), Ethan Robinson (Whanganui), Hugh Mitchell Cameron (Mid-Canterbury), Hunter Stewart (Mid-Canterbury), Jackson Lewis Donlan (Mid-Canterbury), **Kahn Fotuali'i** (Horowhenua-Kapiti), Kaleb Foote (King Country), Kelepi Funaki (North Otago), Kenan Gillson (Thames Valley), Kristian Gent-Standen (King Country), Lesen Huiarangi (Thames Valley), Liam Rowlands (King Country), Logan Allen (Thames Valley), Manasa Samo (Mid-Canterbury), Mataitini Feke (North Otago), Quinn Collard (Thames Valley), Samuel Walton-Sexton (Wairarapa Bush), Sione Etoni (Thames Valley), Thomas Reekie (Mid-Canterbury), Toetu Touli (Mid-Canterbury), Tom Ryan (King Country), Tupou Lea'aemanu (Wairarapa Bush), Uluifalefisi Junior Fakatouffita (North Otago)

Match details
Tuesday, November 4: President's XV vs New Zealand Heartland XV, Taula Stadium, Ulalei Vaiala, Samoa (KO: 2pm).
Saturday, November 8: Manuma Samoa vs New Zealand Heartland XV, Taula Stadium, Ulalei Vaiala, Samoa (KO: 2pm).

Bounce of ball denies HK cup

By Paul Williams

Horowhenua-Kapiti were gallant in defeat in the Lochore Cup final last Sunday against North Otago at Maheno, but came up short in a 64-47 try-fest.

In attempting to win the trophy for the first time since 2018, it was one of those games where everything went the way of the home side – from the bounce of the ball to a 20-point wind that vanished when it was Horowhenua-Kāpiti's turn to use it.

HK were in with a sniff when it was 19-all at halftime, having fought hard into the teeth of the wind, but intercept tries and the 50/50 balls all fell North Otago's way in the second half as the wind died.

There were some massive highlights for HK in the loss, particularly the performance of two young locks, Dallas Wiki, 24, and Mikaere Harvey, 21, who were both rewarded with tries.

Connor Paki had another big game at centre, Pene To'o was again outstanding at flanker, wing Joelli Rauca scored a couple and TJ Barnsley again showed just how valuable his boot is.

Horowhenua-Kāpiti's tries were scored by Wiki, Harvey (2), Jeremy David, Jaxon Aquila, and Rauca (2), with first five-eighth Rory Woollard kicking two conversions and TJ Barnsely four conversions.

North Otago's tries went to fullback Ben Paton who grabbed a couple, wing Sevanaia Druma, centre Matia Qiolevu, left wing Ben McCarthy, halfback Kippe Tanibnaka (2),



Horowhenua-Kapiti locks Mikaere Harvey, 21, and Dallas Wiki, 24, both had huge games in the 64-47 loss to North Otago at Maheno. Photo: Tyler McKnight.

flanker Toni Taufu, lock Ratu Logavatu, while McCarthy added eight conversions and a penalty.

Horowhenua-Kāpiti could rue another slow start – they were 14 points down early – but showed great heart to stay in the game right to

the end. Meanwhile, it was a long trip for the HK team – they didn't arrive home till lunchtime Wednesday. High winds saw them bus from Dunedin to Christchurch, only for their flight to the capital to also be delayed.



Entrance tides October 24-31

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	HIGH	LOW	HIGH	LOW	HIGH
FRI 24 OCT	00:05	06:38	12:23	18:53	-
SAT 25 OCT	00:37	07:11	12:56	19:27	-
SUN 26 OCT	01:12	07:45	13:31	20:05	-
MON 27 OCT	01:52	08:24	14:12	20:51	-
TUE 28 OCT	02:39	09:09	15:02	21:47	-
WED 29 OCT	03:37	10:04	16:06	22:53	-
THU 30 OCT	04:45	11:10	17:19	-	-
FRI 31 OCT	-	00:03	05:55	12:22	18:29

WAITĀRERE BEACH

	HIGH	LOW	HIGH	LOW	HIGH
FRI 24 OCT	-	05:36	11:38	17:51	23:52
SAT 25 OCT	-	06:09	12:11	18:25	-
SUN 26 OCT	00:27	06:43	12:46	19:03	-
MON 27 OCT	01:07	07:22	13:27	19:49	-
TUE 28 OCT	01:54	08:07	14:17	20:45	-
WED 29 OCT	02:52	09:02	15:21	21:51	-
THU 30 OCT	04:00	10:08	16:34	23:01	-
FRI 31 OCT	05:10	11:20	17:44	-	-

RESULTS & FIXTURES

RUGBY

October 19: North Otago 64, Horowhenua-Kāpiti 47.
North Otago: Tries to B Paton (2), S Druma, M Qiolevu, B McCarthy, K Tanibnaka (2), T Taufu, R Logavatu. McCarthy 8 con, 1 pen.
Horowhenua-Kapiti: Tries to Mikaere Harvey (2), Dallas Wiki, Joeli Rauca (2), Jeremy David, Jaxon Aquila. Rory Woollard 2 con, TJ Barnsley 4 con. Halftime: 19-all.

GOLF

Levin
Week ending October 19
Monday – Speldhurst 9 Hole
Stableford: Mole Cashmore 19,

Brian Lange 18, John Griffin 16. **Tuesday** – Stableford: John Saulbrey 35, Ian King 34, Peter Clarke 31. **Wednesday** – 9 Hole Mixed Russian Roulette: Brian Lange + Ray Ferguson 33, Lance Heger + Michael Christensen 28, Helen Latham + Barry Rollinson 25. Ladies Stableford: Anita Davidson 33, Robyn Saulbrey 33, Val Smith 31. **Thursday** – Early Men v Waikanae Stableford: Oliver Son 35, Mike Tate 35, Peter Clarke 33. Twos: Dec Mooney. Late Men Stableford: John Wehipeihana 36, Chris Alum 33, Dene Buckingham 33. **Friday** – 9 Hole Mixed Stableford: David Douglas 21, Wayne Kaye 21, Max Simmons 20. Speldhurst 9 Hole Stableford: Ray Ferguson 31, Brian Lange 19, John Griffin 18;

Saturday – Early Men Stableford: Ian Morby 38, Wayne Askew 35, David Pick 34. Ladies Net: Ani Lochore 77, Frances Allen 77, Robyn Saulbrey 81. Late Men Stableford: Sui Tofa 35, Brian Wicker 34, Dene Buckingham 33. Atkinson Trophy – Mixed Canadian Foursomes Net: Anita Davidson + Geoff Pate 76, Leanne Ward + Robert Ward 76, Nan Sterne + Corey Harris 78. **Coming events:** Pink Blue Par 3 Fun Day Tournament for 18 and 8 hole players on Sunday, October 26; Levin Od Boys Cricket Club / Plumbing World Charity 4 Person Ambrose Tournament on Friday, November 14; and Fundraising fore Fiadh 9 hole Ambrose Tournament on Friday, November 21.

Foxton

Midweek
Thursday: Steve Tickner 41, Rachel Rowe (Feilding) 36, Marty Berry 35, Gary Stratford 34.
Tuesday: Stephen Hanna c/b 37, Huck Baird 37, Mark Hoffman c/b 34, Bill Rodie 34, Marty Berry 33, Ann Hogg 32. Twos: Mark Hoffman on 10, Aloma Jackson on 10.
9 Hole (Wednesday, October 22)
Nett Competition – Neil Thompson 33, Clint Taylor 36, Kevin Young 40, Geoff McBrydie 41, Sylvia Young 42, Eric Cornick 47, Serena Hunt 49.



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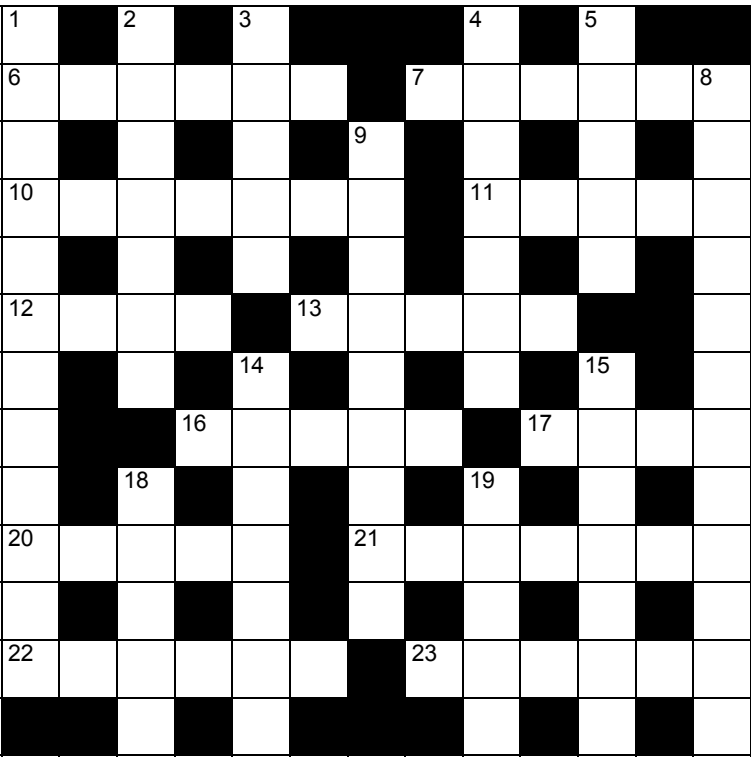
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THE CROSSWORD #NZ1956H (answers below right)



- ACROSS
6. Tree-lined road (6)

7. Bird found at Cape Kidnappers (6)

10. Māori expression meaning 'be strong' (3,4)

11. Wallop (5)

12. Probability (4)

13. Proposal (5)

16. Store away (5)

17. Berserk (4)

20. Province that features the popular rail trail (5)

21. Designate (7)

22. Native spider (6)

23. Ford car model 1952-1972 (6)
- DOWN
1. Gold medallist at 1936 Olympics who died after falling

2. Common feature on NZ villas (7)

3. Common sight in Katikati (5)

4. New Zealand food company founded in 1934 (7)

5. Treaty signed with US in 1952 (5)

8. Ministry of Māori Development (2,4,6)

9. All Blacks coach who had 32 wins in 46 matches while he was in charge (3,6)

14. Argumentative (7)

15. Fellow feeling (7)

18. Trousers (5)

19. Maliciously unkind (5)



FUNNY & SURPRISING QUIZ
Answers below.

1. What was bubble wrap originally invented for?

2. Which animal's milk is naturally pink?

3. What is the fear of long words humorously called?

4. Which country banned time travel in movies?

5. What creature has three hearts and blue blood?

6. What everyday item did ancient Romans use as a form of toothpaste ingredient?

7. Which bird can sleep while flying?

8. Which element's symbol is W due to its German name Wolfram?

9. What's the only even prime number?

10. Which food was once used as currency by the Aztecs?

11. Which mammal lays eggs?

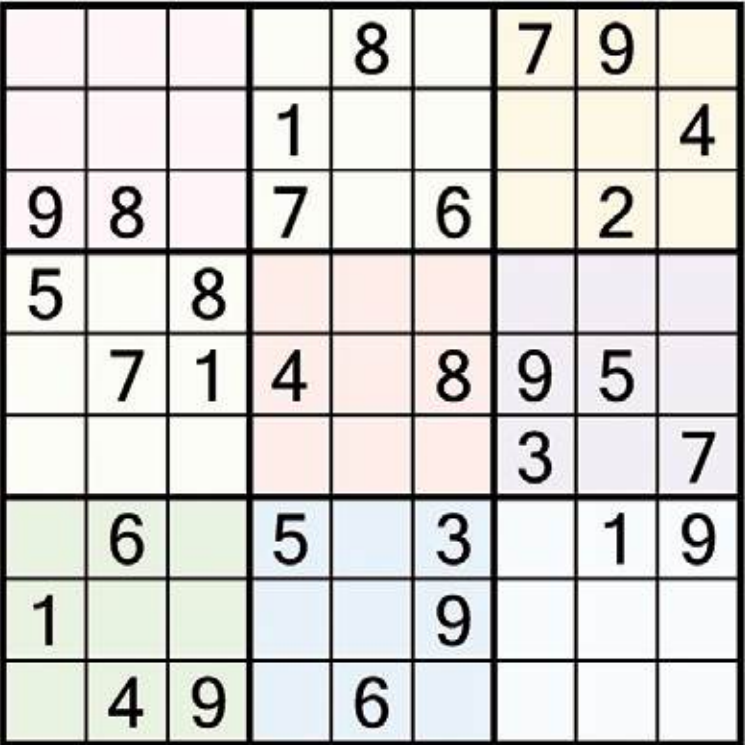
12. Which country has the most official languages in daily national use?

13. Which animal sleeps standing up and can't vomit?

14. What vegetable was once considered poisonous in Europe?

15. Which U.S. president supposedly kept a pet alligator at the White House (briefly)?

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WORD SEARCH ANSWERS

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Because happiness isn't about controlling the weather – it's about learning how to walk gracefully through it.

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HAUGHTINESS BEFORE
A FALL.”
- PROVERBS 16:18

WORD SEARCH: Heritage Horowhenua
answers page 19

L	I	N	D	A	F	L	E	T	C	H	E	R	M
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- FUNNY & SURPRISING QUIZ ANSWERS:** 1. Wallpaper 2. Hippopotamus 3. Hippopotomonstrosesquipedaliophobia 4. China. 5. Octopus. 6. Crushed bones or shells. 7. The common swift. 8. Tungsten. 9. 2. 10. Cacao beans. 11. Platypus. 12. South Africa (11). 13. Horse. 14. Tomato. 15. John Quincy Adams.

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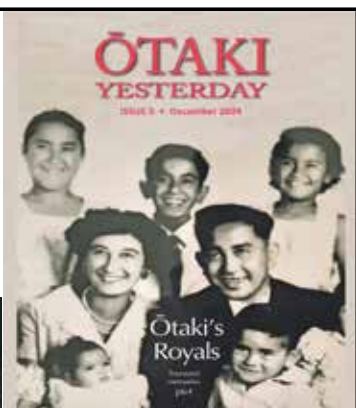
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