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## HIGH ON METH

By Paul Williams

Horowhenua is in the midst of a meth crisis as testing suggests more than double the amount of the highly-addictive drug is being consumed locally compared with the national average.

Wastewater testing results for last year already show a 96 percent increase in methamphetamine use in New Zealand. Alarming, Levin usage samples show a rise more than double that figure again for the same period.

The Manawātū police area commander, Inspector Ross Grantham, says it's impossible to determine whether the increase is caused by more people using drugs or the same number of people consuming more drugs. An increase in drug consumption, however, is due to an increase in supply, demonstrated by massive international and domestic seizures, he says.

"We work hard to disrupt the supply of methamphetamine and other drugs as we see first-hand what impact it has on our communities every day."

The latest wastewater statistics have Horowhenua Mayor Bernie Wanden concerned.

"It's staggering. It's disturbing. It's sad," he says. "An obvious conversation has to be had with police, health agencies and educators to try and understand what is going on. Is it price driven? Is supply the issue? I'd be interested to understand what the drivers are."

"It's a snapshot, so it will also be interesting to see the data from the next quarter."

Bernie says meth use is a nationwide issue.

"I think every community in the country is struggling to come to terms with this. It's a trend across the country. The impact it has on families and being able to provide ... it's very sad."

The National Drug Intelligence Bureau conducts wastewater testing at 61 sites across the country to gauge the amount of methamphetamine, MDMA, cocaine, heroin and fentanyl being consumed. The latest results show New Zealand has gone from consuming 15-20kg of methamphetamine a week in 2023 to 30-40kg a week for most of last year.

Samples are taken every day for a week, once a month, and analysed by the Institute of Environmental Science and Research (ESR). The sites tested account for 76 percent of the population.

Locations with high methamphetamine use per capita were largely regional North Island towns, which also have high rates of socioeconomic deprivation, like Horowhenua.

All districts recorded above-average methamphetamine use when compared with their respective average consumption rates over the previous four quarters.

Testing shows that last year at least 1434kg of methamphetamine, 367kg of MDMA and 215kg of cocaine was consumed nationwide, equating to an estimated annual social harm cost of \$1.66 billion.

While the price of meth is falling in New Zealand, it's still far more expensive here than in other parts of the world, making it a lucrative commodity for gangs.

It is commonly sold by the "point" (0.1 gram), or even smaller amounts. The average price of a point is about \$80 now, and it is cheaper by the gram at \$360.

Organised crime groups profit from the harm being inflicted on the users of methamphetamine, targeting vulnerable members of the community. Police have a strong focus on their operations as disrupting supply takes money out of the hands of criminal groups, while it's also important to support those struggling with addiction to get the help they need.

"We work with a number of agencies, including Te Whatu Ora, iwi, and other addiction services in the community, to address the root problems of addiction, and to get people in our community the support they need," Inspector Grantham says.

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An artist's impression of the new Health and Wellbeing Hub in Levin.



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# Health hub ‘will help attract new staff’

By Janine Baalbergen

**The new Levin Health and Wellbeing Hub has begun rising on Levin’s Durham Street, with building owners Horowhenua Developments Ltd saying it will help attract new medical staff to the region.**

Attracting and keeping staff here has been an ongoing problem.

“We are hoping to set a new standard for improved patient experience,” says Melissa Hanson of Horowhenua Developments (HDL), a wholly owned subsidiary of the Horowhenua NZ Trust.

HDL owns the land and building and are seeing the project through to the end, despite hurdles. Others have tried before and failed to negotiate those hurdles successfully.

The project is a design-and-build with

Homestead Construction. The facility will include space for GPs, a pharmacy, radiology and space for one other tenancy.

Glenn Hoyle of Medispace specialises in medical facilities and says he’s found the Horowhenua Developments approach unique. Medispace has provided expertise and guidance to HDL throughout the project.

Practice manager of Masonic Medical Hannah Watson says its clinic will take up the GP space.

“The clinic has been part of a cooperative network for a long time, such as the after-hours group and the Horowhenua casualty roster,” she says. “This has been long anticipated and it’s great to have several services in one space. It will allow our clinic to expand and diversify.”

Longtime local pharmacist Neville Gimblett will set up his third pharmacy in the town. His experience in setting up new facilities includes

involvement with Te Wai Ora in Foxton 10 years ago.

He says getting qualified staff is a big task. Over the years he’s trained many people and helped staff from China, Philippines, Malaysia and Zimbabwe to get their registration recognised from his pharmacies in Foxton and Levin. Although he retired a few years ago, he has recently stepped back in, revitalising his expertise to remotely oversee the operations of his Levin pharmacies from Christchurch.

Melissa Hanson says that access to health is a top priority for Horowhenua and the company.

“It’s very difficult to do. We’ve had many rethinks and restarts in the last few years to try and make it work.”

She says the facility will have GPs, a pharmacy, and radiology. There’s room for 4-5 tenants, and customer car parking.

“It will be a fit-for-purpose building with

shared facilities, such as a staff kitchen, and a staff breakout space/meeting room.”

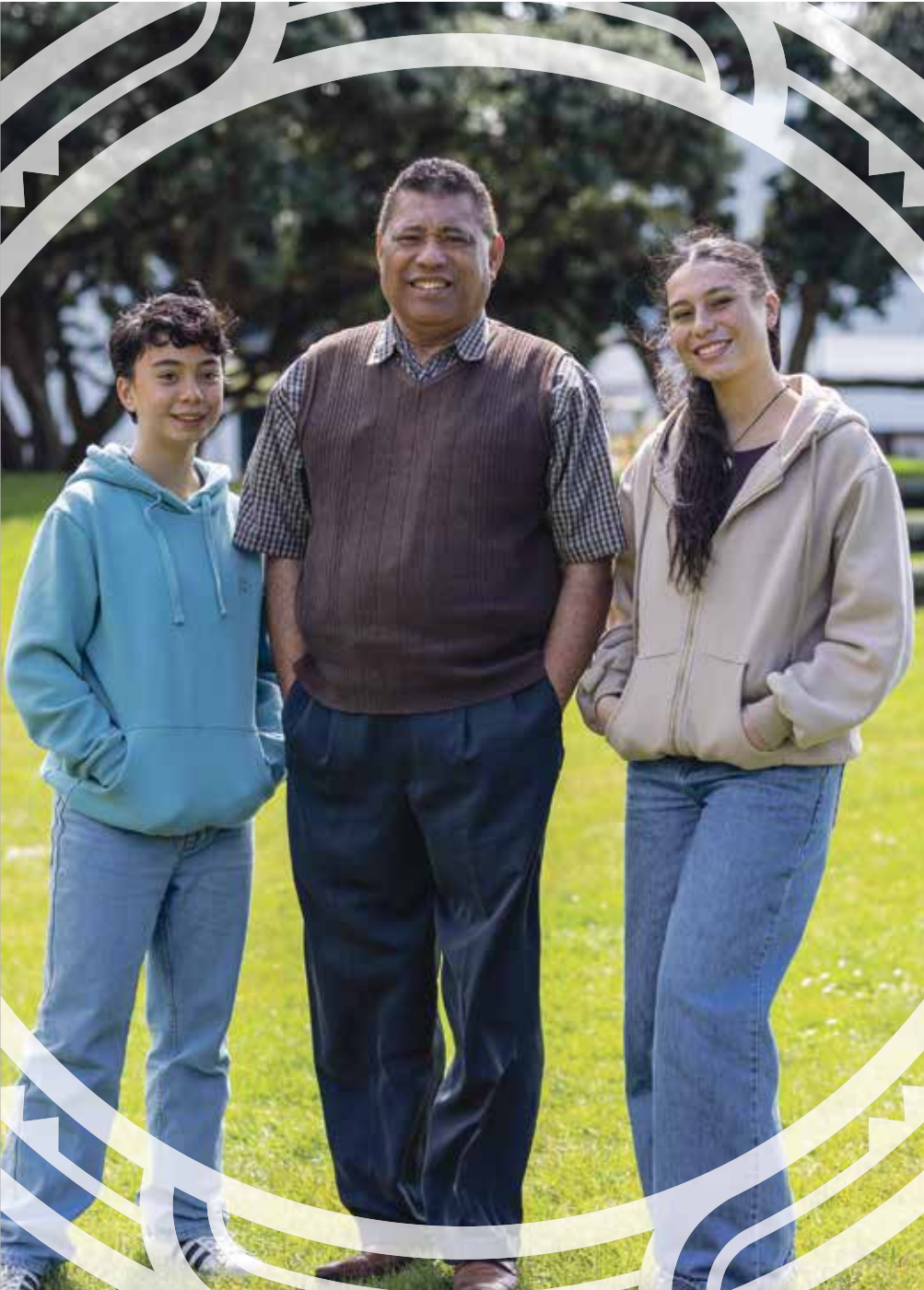
Melissa says the company has picked to join the hub community-minded businesses wanting to improve the patient experience, work with others, and achieve growth in their businesses.

Local iwi are excited about the hub.

“Muaūpoko are pleased to have played a role from the outset of this project,” says Di Rump, He Kura Hokioi – chief executive of Muaūpoko Tribal Authority. “Including the opportunity to share the voice of whānau Muaūpoko and whānau Māori in what accessible health service delivery should look like, representation on the community steering group and our integration into the design team.

“We look forward to a facility of this calibre in Taitoko serving the needs of the whole region.”

The 1100sq m building will open later in the year.



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# Haewai at Folk Music Club

**Haewai Collective, a 60s/70s folk band, is booked to play at Levin Folk Music Club next Friday night.**

Janine Mitchell (guitar and vocals) is joined by Kevin Ikin (mandolin and harmonica), Jack Binding (lead guitar) and Pete Lamb (percussion), who all enjoy presenting heartfelt, and sometimes upbeat, contemporary folk from the likes of Joan Baez, Bob Dylan, Simon and Garfunkel, and more.

The group also plays some of Janine's originals, which are written about environment and social issues that are close to her heart.

The night will include some of Kevin's original songs, which often take a light-hearted look at current social issues..

■ **Haewai Collective, Friday, April 11, doors open 7pm for a 7.30pm start. Horowhenua Scottish Society Hall, crn Bartholomew Rd/Middlesex St, Levin. Light supper during interval. \$15, members \$10, students \$3. No eftpos.**

# Scholarship for Levin's Ngamahi

**Levin woman Ngamahi Reihana is the recipient of a Te Waiu o Aotearoa Trust scholarship through Westpac Bank worth \$5000.**

Ngamahi (Ngāti Tukorehe and Ngāti Kuia) is in her second year of a bachelor of bicultural social work through Te Wānanga o Aotearoa. As well as studying she works as a rangatahi advocate at Muaupoko Tribal Authority, coaches and manages representative netball, teaches hip hop dancing and kapa haka, and is a busy parent to three children.

“Our family has a big shared calendar,” she says. “And we have really strong communication in our whānau – I always let my kids know where I’ll be and why I’m doing it.”

Ngamahi's studies are a continuation of her determination to have a positive impact on her community.

“I want to uplift whānau and instil cultural pride,” she says.

She was thrilled to learn she had received the TWoA scholarship to support her studies.

“It means so much and takes so much financial pressure off my whānau.”

Westpac's poutiaki/director Māori strategy and indigenous inclusion Fonteyn Moses-Te Kani says this year the number of scholarships awarded doubled from four to eight.

“We had such great candidates it was difficult to choose our winners,” she says. “The whakatauki ‘Kei ōu ringaringa te ao – the world is yours’ seems like a great reflection of this year’s recipients.”



**Ngamahi Reihana.** *Photo: Helen Lea Wall*

## Power station funds help locals with study

**King Country Energy has put some of its profit from the Mangahao Power Station near Shannon towards scholarships for students who have a connection to the area.**

The one-off scholarship was open to anyone enrolled in a New Zealand university, polytechnic or apprenticeship who had a link to the Mangahao River, Tokomaru Stream or Mangaore Stream.

KCE general manager Chris Fiuncham says a large number of high calibre candidates applied for the scholarship.

"Mangahao has had a series of owners, but really we've all just been custodians," Chris says. "This scholarship is a reflection of that idea – that those who benefit from the river also have a responsibility to give back."

Recipients are:

- Ryn Peni – A bachelor of business student at Massey University, majoring in global communication with a minor in security studies. Ryn has strong whānau ties to the Mangahao and is

focused on creating policies that protect Aotearoa's natural resources.

- Emma Wheeler – Emma grew up alongside the Mangahao River and is now pursuing a career as a wildlife veterinary nurse. Her passion for conservation and animal care is rooted in her deep love for the awa and its wildlife.
- Tarleya-Rose Matakatea – A law student at Victoria University of Wellington, Tarleya-Rose hopes to use her skills to support whānau and empower rangatahi, with a strong focus on family law and uplifting community.
- Aaron Christensen – Aaron grew up in Shannon, near the Mangahao River and has always had a strong connection to the land. Now studying a bachelor of agricultural science, he's focused on using his knowledge to contribute to the future of New Zealand agriculture.



**KCE scholarship recipient Tarleya-Rose Matakatea.**





# Estuary passion led to Ramsar status

By Janine Baalbergen

**A local woman’s phone call to Switzerland 20 years ago led to the Manawatū River Estuary becoming an internationally recognised wetland/bird sanctuary.**

That woman was Joan Leckie, and her call ensured protection of the estuary under the international Ramsar Convention, signed in the Iranian city of Ramsar in 1971.

Joan is a passionate conservationist, who felt the estuary with its abundant vegetation and migratory bird life was worth protecting. It was about 2005 when she began on what she soon discovered was a monumental task.

“I just rang the Ramsar headquarters in Switzerland and asked what I needed to do to make the Manawatū Estuary a Ramsar site,” she says. “To my surprise the man who answered the phone said he had been here and watched the birds. He reckoned it was definitely worth saving.”

She was sent a list of things required to apply for the status.

“Though I started this on my own I very quickly had help. We printed leaflets and delivered them to households in Foxton Beach explaining what we were intending to do.”

This was followed by a public meeting where some young men heckled her, saying they wanted to continue running their 4-wheel drives through the dunes and the estuary.

“It was a bit of a shock,” she says, but it didn’t deter her.

She had to gather information, such as water depth and quality, and produce a vegetation and bird list.

“Lucky for me the Ornithological Society had been keeping records for 20 years and they were happy to let me have their list.”

Her paperwork was eventually dispatched



Joan Leckie QSM

to Switzerland. A reply said the local agency for Ramsar was the Department of Conservation.

About two weeks later, in 2006, the application was accepted.

A pōwhiri was held near the marine boating club involving the three iwi who had an interest in the estuary.

The icing on the cake, which to Joan was a bit of a shock, was DoC’s successful nomination of her for a Queen Service Medal.

Joan says she made lifelong friends during her time working on the Ramsar application. Soon after, the Manawatū Estuary Trust was formed.

While she now lives in Hawke’s Bay Joan is still keenly interested in the Manawatū River Estuary and made the trip to Foxton Beach recently to be present at the launch of the newest management plan for the estuary.

The first management plan was from 2007-

2012. A review of that plan resulted in the 2015-2025 version, released late last month.

The focus of the revision has been on strategies that ensure practical activities occur that protect and enhance the estuary. Monitoring will determine the success and need for changes.

The trust now includes representatives from a wide range of organisations. It’s not a formal list of contributing parties, but an open group that welcomes all individuals and groups passionate about revitalising the estuary environment.

Each group has a coordinator who reports to the management team, who compile a report every six months. Some groups focus on flora, some on fauna, pest animals, pest plants, or water quality, tackling a few at the time.

Joan is an avid reader of everything to do with the estuary and the team keep her well informed with copies of newsletters and meeting minutes.

“It is such a thrill to see that the whole community now realises how good the estuary is. I am pleased everyone has seen the light.”

■ For more information, see [metrust.org.nz](http://metrust.org.nz)

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# Tiptoe in and check out monsters in the library

By Samantha Tibbs  
Children’s Learning Librarian

With the weather getting colder, and the nights getting longer it’s the perfect time to tiptoe into the library, pick out a horror to cosy up with and scare yourself senseless.

While not every reader delights in fright, scary is in the eye of the beholder and horror stories are ever popular. Not only are horrors a gripping, suspenseful and page-turning read, but they can also provide a space to explore fear, anxiety and bravery in a safe environment. With their sense of mystery and suspense, horror stories are excellent at activating imagination and critical thinking.

We put ourselves in the shoes of characters experiencing fright and danger but then get to experience the exhilaration and triumph of solving a mystery or orchestrating a dramatic escape!

If the horror genre is up your dark and shadowy street, there is something for every reading level at the library. Kids in particular love the compulsive page-turning required of a horror story, plus they’re often written as a series, which is great to keep reading momentum going.

We have an entertaining selection of slightly spooky series in our First Readers, First Chapter Books and Children’s Graphics collections that are great for newly independent readers. R.L Stine’s *Goosebumps* titles are now being

released as graphic novels. They are great fun and give me a deep sense of nostalgia, however there are amazing newer authors publishing hair-raising horror stories. The novels in Katherine Arden’s *Small Spaces* quartet are heartfelt and filled with horror and scares without being gory. Max Brallier’s *The Last Kids on Earth* mixes the thrill, excitement and terror of horror with a balance of humour, friendship, emotion and bravery. Jennifer Killick’s *Dread Wood* is a hair-raising series for older children that emphasises teamwork and self-acceptance.

We’re thrilled to show our appreciation of the horror genre these school holidays. Creep into the library between April 14-24 for spook-tacular fun celebrating the stories that give kids goosebumps and keep them turning pages.

Join us at Te Takeretanga o Kura-hau-pō, Te Awahou Nieuwe Stroom and Shannon Library for daily eerie activities and a monster-busting scavenger hunt at each library branch. Follow us on Facebook for a daily reminder of what’s on. Plus keep your little monsters reading by joining our latest reading challenge on Beanstack.

**HERITAGE ROOMS**  
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**EXHIBITIONS**  
Te Takeretanga o Kura-hau-pō Gallery: Tararuas – 100 Years of Tramping by Kevin Miles (2–30 April).

Discover a century of tramping in the Tararua Ranges through the lens of Kevin Miles. Inspired by Leslie Adkin’s 1927 journey, this exhibition showcases historical photos, memorabilia, and personal stories, capturing the challenges and beauty of the Tararuas over the years.

**Te Awahou Nieuwe Stroom Kabinet Art Gallery:** ‘Poking Sticks... A Different, Irreverent Reality’ (23 Mar–8 Jun)

An exhibition to spark conversation, bring smiles, and challenge conventions. Featuring nine South Island artists, the showcase ranges from vibrant and lyrical to historical, unsettling, and bizarre – including an orange sculpture with carrots sticking out! Curated by Arjan van der Boon. **Artists:** Rudolf Boelee | Kees Bruin | Janet de Wagt | Saskia Leek | Kim Pieters



| Helm Ruifrok | Simon van der Sluijs | Francis van Hout | Ronnie van Hout.

**WEEKLY EVENTS**  
*Friday 4 April*  
Friday Live Concert, Te Takeretanga o Kura-hau-pō, noon–1pm  
*Mondays (7 Apr & 14 Apr)*  
Storytime, Te Takeretanga o Kura-hau-pō, 10–10:30am.  
Meet Street, Te Takeretanga o Kura-hau-pō, 10–11am.  
*(7 Apr only)* Digital Learning: Google Drive and Google Suite, Te Takeretanga o Kura-hau-pō, 1–3pm.

*(14 Apr only)* School Holiday Programme, Te Takeretanga o Kura-hau-pō / Te Awahou Nieuwe Stroom: 10.30–noon, Shannon Library: 2–3pm  
*Tuesdays (8 Apr & 15 Apr)*  
Digital Drop-in, Te Takeretanga o Kura-hau-pō, 10–11am.  
Storytime, Te Awahou Nieuwe Stroom, 10:30–11am.  
JP Service, Te Takeretanga o Kura-hau-pō, 11:30am–1:30pm.  
Lego Hour, Te Takeretanga o Kura-hau-pō, 3:30–4:30pm.  
Sensory Sessions, Levin Aquatics, 7–8pm.  
*(15 Apr only)* School Holiday Programme, Te Takeretanga o Kura-hau-pō / Te Awahou Nieuwe Stroom: 10.30–noon, Shannon Library: 2–3pm  
*Wednesdays (9 Apr & 16 Apr)*  
Aqua Tots, Foxton Pools, 10:10–11:15am / Levin Aquatics, 10:30–11:15am.  
Pop Up Eats, Te Takeretanga o Kura-hau-pō Carpark, 5–8pm.  
Quiz Night, Te Takeretanga o Kura-hau-pō, 7–9pm, \$5.  
*(16 Apr only)* School Holiday Programme, Te Takeretanga o Kura-hau-pō / Te Awahou Nieuwe Stroom: 10.30–noon, Shannon Library: 2–3pm.  
*Thursdays (10 Apr & 17 Apr)*  
Digital Drop-in, Te Takeretanga o Kura-hau-pō, 10–11am.  
Sewing Workshop, Te Takeretanga o Kura-hau-pō, 9.30am–11.30pm.  
*(10 Apr only)* Digital Learning: eLibrary Discovery Session, Te Awahou Nieuwe Stroom, 1.30–3.30pm.  
*(17 Apr only)* School Holiday Programme, Te Takeretanga o Kura-hau-pō / Te Awahou Nieuwe Stroom: 10.30–noon, Shannon Library: 2–3pm.

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# Hilda hits a happy hundred

By Paul Williams

**Levin woman Hilda Rolston celebrated her 100th birthday on April 2 with family and friends in the same house she has lived in since the late 1940s.**

In that time, Hilda has witnessed a town rise up around her.

Her late husband, Bill, built the house “properly”, she says. Theirs was the second house on her street. Now, it’s about as close to town as you can get.

Before building, they lived for four years in a shed on the lawn, saving up for building materials. It had a room to one side with a copper for washing and a bath. A board over the bath would make for a bed when visitors stayed.

She laughs remembering how in the 1940s the Levin wastewater system on her street was a “nightman” emptying a bucket once a week.

Bill and Hilda met in Wellington when she was a dress-maker enlisted to make uniforms for the army war effort. Bill was an apprentice joiner.

They met through a cousin of his. “She said ‘I have this wonderful cousin’. He couldn’t have been too bad. We were together for 62 years,” Hilda says. “It wasn’t always easy, but we had some wonderful times and a wonderful family.”

Bill has been gone 16 years now. Together they had six children: Stanley, Elaine, Graeme, Lloyd, Errol and Craig. There are 23 grandchildren 34 great-grandchildren.



Hilda Rolston, who celebrated her 100th birthday this week.

Photo Paul Williams

“I don’t feel my age,” Hilda says. “It was only when my eldest turned 65 that I thought ‘I’m not as young as I think I am.’”

She has not long given up driving. Although still confident in her driving ability, when she turned 98 she mailed her licence off to NZTA to be on the safe side. Now, she rings Levin Taxis whenever she goes to town and they help her get the groceries inside.

So, what’s the secret to her longevity?

Aside from needing six-weekly

injections for a hereditary eye disease to prevent blindness, and being asthmatic, she keeps good health.

She had a nasty fall and broke her shoulder last year visiting a neighbour, which makes it tough to peg clothes on the line, but other than that she does for herself completely.

“I’ve always exercised and eaten proper meals,” she says.

Hilda grows and cooks her own vegetables, does her own washing, and has no trouble tying her laces. And she says she has her faith.

“God has left me here for a purpose. I agree with having faith in the Lord and his work,” she says.

This week Hilda had cards arrive from the king and queen, the prime minister, governor-general, and the local MP, while Horowhenua Mayor Bernie Wanden visited her at home and dropped in a bouquet of flowers and a card.

Hilda was born on April 2, 1925, at Te Aro, Wellington, to parents Robert and Eva Strong, and had four sisters: Jean, Gladys, Murial and Doreen.

## BRIEFS



### Put clocks back

Daylight time ends at 2am Sunday (April 6) so before you go to bed Saturday night, put your clocks back an hour.



Electra photo

### Crash cuts power

Power was out to 48 homes and businesses in Levin on Wednesday after a car collided with a power pole on Oxford Street shortly after 7.15am. The driver was a Massey University student on her way home after working a night shift at a rest home. A St John’s ambulance took her to Palmerston North Hospital in a moderate condition. Businesses in the immediate area, such as the Mobil service station and Advantage Tyres were unable to operate until power was restored. Electra staff worked to replace the pole and power was restored to the York, Oxford, Tyne and Paisley streets area about 3pm.

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## Horowhenua – a place where people roll up their sleeves

**Community is at the heart of every strong region, and from what I have experienced of the Horowhenua, it is a great place to live, work and play.**

This is a region rich in history, resilience and hard work – from outstanding food production industries to vibrant towns and beaches. This is a place where people roll up their sleeves and get things done.

Getting things done has been a key focus of my friend and colleague Tim Costley, MP for Ōtaki, who is doing a fantastic job advocating for Horowhenua.

Our National-led government has worked hard to bring growth, opportunity, and new infrastructure to your region, and I can assure you this will not change if the proposed boundary changes go ahead. Should I have the privilege of becoming Horowhenua's MP in 2026, I will continue to work with the same commitment and focus.

It's certainly an exciting time for Horowhenua in terms of growth and development, with the new expressway

starting later this year, new trains coming in 2029, new housing developments, and more job opportunities.

The Ōtaki to Levin expressway will bring huge benefits for everyone across the Rangitikei – ensuring commuting to Wellington is faster and attracting new residents, businesses and visitors who appreciate the region's lifestyle and strong sense of community.

Championing regional New Zealand has been a key focus of my role as the MP for Rangitikei, ensuring our communities have the infrastructure, investment, and opportunities they need and deserve – whether it's backing our farmers, growers, and local businesses or advocating for better roads, healthcare, and education.

I'm committed to making sure our region is front and centre. Horowhenua plays an important role in New Zealand's economy and food production, and I'll make sure you continue to have a strong voice in Wellington.

As a farmer and business owner, I understand first-hand the challenges and

opportunities that come with working the land and running a business. And as a mum of three now-adult children with a strong sense of service, I also understand the diverse nature of the communities that make up our fantastic region.

My husband Richard and I farm Tunnel Hill in Turakina, a fifth-generation sheep, beef, forestry, and maize property. We also own and operate Coastal Lamb, a business that partners with 16 other family farms around the North Island's coast to supply top-quality lamb to supermarkets, restaurants and export markets.

So when it comes to food production, supply chains, and rural business, I don't just talk about it – I live it.

Horowhenua has a bright future ahead, and should I have the opportunity to represent you in Parliament, I will work hard to ensure Horowhenua continues to thrive.

If you would like to provide feedback on the proposed new boundaries before they are finalised on August 8, please go to [vote.nz](https://vote.nz) and have your say.

■ *Suze is electorate MP for Rangitikei*



*With likely changes to electorate boundaries for next year's General Election that will bring most of Horowhenua into the Rangitikei electorate, the Star thought it appropriate that Suze have a regular column. She is the current MP for Rangitikei.*

EDITOR'S DESK: PAUL WILLIAMS

## Doing the rounds with the Star

**A mate of mine cracked up when I told him I'd be up bright and early this morning for my paper round, delivering copies of the Horowhenua Star.**

It brought back memories of a job we both had as kids.



Most kids back then had a paper round at some stage. The depot was a hive of activity – bikes everywhere. You'd put the papers in a satchel over the handlebars and head off. We'd pick up our pay in a little brown envelope. It was in a cardboard box with your name on it. Help yourself.

There was \$3.17 each week in mine. I'd put some in the bank through the school banking system and buy a bag of lollies with the rest.

The big money was in the daily morning papers. If you were lucky, when you got a bit older you'd have a milk run, or score a job at a fish 'n chip shop, or a diary.

I started reading the newspaper at a young age. An uncle taught us how to read the racing form. We'd write down our picks on a piece of paper and tally up at the end of the day to see how much money we'd won (or lost).

Learning how to calculate the cost of boxed quinella, or the return from a dollar each way on such and such horse paying \$8.60 and \$3.20, and my maths went through the roof. My reading and writing got better too, due to hours spent with my head in a newspaper reading racing stories, soaking up information to help with my selections.

You got in the habit of reading a newspaper. There was the crossword, you'd check the death notices, and you'd keep up with what was going on. Real estate agencies, supermarkets, hardware stores and clothing shops would all advertise regularly. As newspapers are picked up and put down, read and re-read, it's always been the gift that keeps giving.

I enjoy delivering the paper a lot more now than I did as a kid. It was a bit of a chore back then. But I never missed a letterbox.

It's also a chance to hear feedback and to hear what people want from their local community newspaper. And it's heartening to hear people say they really enjoy reading the Horowhenua Star.

The Horowhenua Star is printing 15,000 copies each week and is doing its best to get to as many homes and businesses as possible. If you don't receive a copy, please text or call 027-241-1090.

■ *Paul is editor of the Horowhenua Star*

COUNCILLOR'S CORNER: MIKE BARKER

## A good day to be a lizard in Horowhenua

**It's a good day to be a lizard. And an even better day to be part of the Horowhenua community.**

Native lizards are to get a purpose-built 4-hectare predator proof enclosure at the intersection of Arapaepae Road and Queen Street East. They're getting the new pad as part of the Ō2NL expressway construction kicking off.

The much needed, on again off again autobahn linking the region to the capital city is about to go live.

Excitement is in the air.

This project, when completed in 2029 (fingers crossed) will be a game changer for the development of our region.

Travelling times will be slashed, it'll be a massive boost for employment, and business opportunities will abound.

And that's just the beginning.



Meanwhile, the 2 square kilometre Tara Ika residential development is also under way, and the long-awaited Levin Town Centre redevelopment is coming alive.

Infrastructure is being renewed and improved, houses and retirement villages are getting built hand over fist, and it's not even spring yet.

It is conservation, development, lifestyle and cultural enrichment.

I'd call this a good day to be alive in the beautiful Horowhenua sunshine. Yes, there

are challenges as well, but challenges can be just another word for opportunities.

One thing that has stood out for me as a first-term councillor is this very idea: A problem or challenge is literally an opportunity. An opportunity to reflect, to challenge my own thinking, my attitude to an issue or problem.

In the words of the immortal captain Jack Sparrow: "It's not the problem that's the problem. It's your attitude to the problem that's the problem."

So, our problems and challenges can with a small shift of focus become solutions - strong opinions, loosely held.

Change my mind. It's a great day to be a lizard in the warm Horowhenua sunshine.

■ *Mike is a Horowhenua councillor*

THE ELECTORATE: TIM COSTLEY

## Māoriland Film Festival a tremendous success

**The Māoriland Film Festival in Ōtaki has finished, and what a tremendous success!**

I really enjoyed my time at the festival, and the highlight has to be the world premiere of *Shrek* in re reo Maori. It was so much more than I expected. It wasn't just a literal translation, but incorporated culture and tikanga, like when all the fairytale creatures arrive and Donkey says "He pōwhiri?" That got a big laugh!

Ngā Purapura was packed full, not just with our local community and the cast, director and producers, but with people who had come from throughout New Zealand, and in some cases around the world. I want to give my sincere thanks and a huge "well done" to all of those who put on the festival for us each year.

I met *Shrek* director Tainui Stephens at Māoriland on the Wednesday. Tainui is a Kiwi screen icon and along with the whole crew, and Dreamworks in the US, did an amazing job.



Dreamworks weren't the only visitors in town. At the pōwhiri I was amazed at how many international visitors were here. For many it would be the only pōwhiri they might experience in their lifetime, and how special to have that taking place in our town.

Also arriving in Ōtaki recently was the new Fresh Choice supermarket, in place of the old green one.

You may have seen our National government is focused on bringing cheaper grocery prices to you. One way is by breaking up the supermarket duopoly. We want to find easier ways for new supermarket operators, including Kiwi-owned ones, to enter the market. More options means more

competition, and more competition means cheaper prices.

We're taking action so Kiwis pay less at the checkout and keep more of their money. Fruit and vege prices dropped in 2024 thanks to our government's focus on cutting inflation, reducing interest rates, and spending government money in areas where it adds value, like health and education.

I'm proud that we're making progress but we want to go further.

Whether the new supermarkets are owned by iwi, The Warehouse, or someone overseas, what matters most is that we reduce the cost of living for every Kiwi household.

Thanks to our government, mortgage rates are cheaper, business loans are cheaper, and supermarket prices are getting better, too. The cost of living for every family in Ōtaki is our number one priority.

■ *Tim is MP for the Ōtaki electorate*



# Merits in not going it alone for water services

**Horowhenua District Council homeowners with water connections may have good reason to cheer when they consider the value they can achieve from a consolidation of the water services into a Council Controlled Organisation (CCO), with Palmerston North City Council and the Manawātū and Kapiti district councils.**

The council’s documentation on options for water services going forward under the government’s favoured proposal discloses that by 2027-28 ratepayers could be expected to pay \$735 less than were the area’s water supply to be managed as at present.

But documentation provided by the four cities to the south – Porirua, Wellington, Upper Hutt and Lower Hutt – show in graphic form that the lowest indicative average water charge under multi-council CCO ownership would be thousands of dollars higher, although cheaper than the status quo.

Concerned consumers point to the “indicative” price paths in the documentation on possible new scenarios and an associated absence of the services and infrastructure projects on which these prices are modelled.

They ponder how water consumers in the four cities can have confidence in any of the proposals when there is no clear estimate of what the various models outlined will deliver, and therefore the basis on which the cost estimates have been established.

Just how relevant their queries are comes

into focus when the graphs provided covering average water charges per water connection show prices ranging from about \$2000 a year in 2027 to a \$6000-\$8000 range in 2034.

The types of questions that are not answered include why the surge in consumer charges is so high? What new works – water reservoirs, sewage outfalls, treatment plants and the scale of projected new commercial and domestic connections – are covered?

Do the costs cited stack up against the investment required? And what is the scale of investment needed?

A question asked is whether the figures for the region were modelled by Wellington Water, a company with at least a questionable record of performance that is now under the watch of the Commerce Commission.

Graphs covering indicative average water connection charges put out by the councils show two potential scenarios. One is the status quo and the other a multi-council owned Council Controlled Organisation (CCO) in which each of the participating councils would hold shares. Only Wellington City Council has included an extra scenario – sole ownership by the council of its own water undertaking.

Hutt shows that in the period 2027-2034 its charges would increase from about \$2500 to more than \$9000 if there is no change. With a change to a CCO the increase is to slightly above \$6000. Porirua goes from \$2000 to nearly \$12,000 without a change but with a multi-owned CCO the rise is about \$8000.

Upper Hutt faces \$2400-\$8000 under the



status quo and to about \$5600 under a change to CCO. Wellington City confronts a status quo rise of about \$2500-\$9000; to \$8000 if the water operations are taken into full council control and about \$7000 if the CCO model is adopted.

The “city” documentation discloses, as with Horowhenua, that consolidation under the CCO model is clearly a less expensive choice for water users. But the prospect of lower consumer costs in Horowhenua under the multi-council CCO model compared with the huge increases in the south suggests there are good grounds for cheering north of Porirua.

Authority has been granted the Commerce Commission to maintain an oversight role on Wellington Water. The commission may well have better prospects than ratepayers in the south at working out the justification for the indicative charges. By comparison, Horowhenua’s council makes it clear that future spending in relation to the district’s water will be for upgrades and investment to keep up with the growth of the 10th fastest growing district in New Zealand.

The government is using special advisers who have considerable experience in water management to assist councils. The Horowhenua council and colleague councils in the region are using these services to work through the requirements and implications of switching to a multi-council CCO.

Councillors have identified the benefits of greater operational and financial scale with an attendant capability to access lower interest rates for major projects. The estimated saving looks much more appealing than the increases facing Wellingtonians!

During 2024-25 Horowhenua council estimates that connected residential ratepayers pay \$500 for drinking water; \$724 for wastewater and \$206 for stormwater. By comparison Wellington City ratepayers pay about \$2500 in total for the three services.

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



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# WHAT'S ON IN HOROWHENUA

**APRIL – MAY 2025**
● Levin Event ● Foxton Event ● Shannon Event ● Ōhau Event ● Manakau Event ● District Wide

**Pop Up Eats Levin**

Every Wednesday 5pm – 8pm  
Te Takeretanga o Kura-hau-pō carpark


**Quiz Night**

Every Wednesday 7pm – 9pm  
Te Takeretanga o Kura-hau-pō  
\$5 entry


**Creative Hands**

Every Wednesday 10am – 1pm  
Levin Senior Citizens Hall  
\$2 Entry


**Levin Senior Citizens Association**

Every Third Thursday of the month 1.30pm – 3.30pm  
Levin Citizens Hall  
Membership fees apply


**Friday Concerts**

Every Friday 12pm – 1pm  
Te Takeretanga o Kura-hau-pō


**Levin Repair Cafe**

Every Second Saturday of the month 10am – 1pm  
Levin Senior Citizens Hall


**Levin Monthly Market**

First Saturday of the month 8.30am – 12pm  
Uniting Communities Centre


**Te Whare Mahana Monthly Market**

Last Saturday of the month 8.30 – 12pm  
Te Whare Mahana Community Centre, 32 Bristol Street, Levin


**AquaTots Levin**

Every Wednesday, 10.30 – 11.15am  
Levin Aquatic Centre  
\$2.50 child, caregiver free


**AquaTots Foxton**

Every Wednesday, 10.30 – 11.15am  
Foxton Pools, 61-63 Main Street, Foxton  
\$2.50 child, caregiver free


**Sensory Sessions**

Every Tuesday 7pm – 8pm and Saturday 9am – 10am  
Levin Aquatics Centre  
Regular pool entry


**Tararuas – 100 Years of Tramping by Kevin Miles**

On throughout April  
Te Takeretanga o Kura-hau-pō, 10 Bath Street, Levin


**Poking Sticks... A Different Irreverent Reality**

On throughout April and May  
Māpuna Kabinet Art Gallery, Te Awahou Nieuwe Stroom,  
Main Street, Foxton


**Charlotte Yates & Show Pony**

Saturday 5 April, 7.30pm  
Dale's Acoustic Live, Muhunua West Road, Ohau


**Terry Pratchett's Wyrd Sisters**

Friday 11 April – 26 April  
Levin Little Theatre, 75 Weraroa Road, Levin


**Palace Jam**

Saturday 12 April, 7.30pm – 10pm  
Firebird Café, 58 Oxford Street, Levin


**Cocktail Party at Old Courthouse Eatery**

Saturday 12 April, 6pm  
Old Courthouse Eatery, 85 Cambridge Street, Levin  
\$60pp


**Waitārere Forest Run**

Sunday 13 April, 8am – 1pm  
23 Waitārere Rise Avenue, Waitārere Beach, Levin


**Monsters in the Library School Holiday Programme**

14 April – 24 April, 10.30am – 12pm  
Te Takeretanga o Kura-hau-pō, 10 Bath Street, Levin


**Monsters in the Library School Holiday Programme**

14 April – 24 April, 10.30am – 12pm  
Te Awahou Nieuwe Stroom, Main Street, Foxton


**Monsters in the Library School Holiday Programme**

14 April – 24 April, 2pm – 3pm  
Shannon Library, Plimmer Terrace, Shannon


**Shannon Community Movie Night**

Wednesday 16 April, 5pm onwards  
Hyde Park (wet weather venue: Shannon Memorial Hall)


**Hilarious Hypnosis Show**

Friday 18 April, 7pm – 8.30pm  
Levin and District War Memorial Hall, Chamberlain Street, Levin


**Easter Egg Hunt**

Saturday 19 April, 1pm – 1.30pm  
Levin Aquatic Centre, Corner Queen & Salisbury Streets, Levin


**Foxton Easter Fair**

Sunday 20 April, 9am – 3pm  
Easton Park, Main Street, Foxton


**Mavtech Film Night**

Friday 25 April, 7pm  
National Museum of Audio Visual Technology,  
Avenue Road, Foxton


**ANZAC Day Ceremonies**

Friday 25 April, Services across the district  
For more details, see [www.horowhenua.govt.nz/ANZAC](http://www.horowhenua.govt.nz/ANZAC)


**Big Dutch Day Out**

Saturday 26 April, 10am – 3pm  
De Molen, Te Awahou Riverside Cultural Park, Main Street, Foxton


**Hine Takurua Pool Party**

Saturday 26 April, 3pm – 5pm  
Levin Aquatic Centre, Corner Queen & Salisbury Streets, Levin

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## Presentation key to sale success

**S**elling a home can be both exciting and stressful, especially if you're hoping to sell quickly and for a good price.

One of the most important things to consider is how to present your home to potential buyers. The good real estate agents will advise you on the best way to do this, but if you want to get started before you approach an agent, here are some key presentation tips.

The goal is to make your home as appealing as possible, so people can see themselves living there.

### 1. Start with a deep clean

The first step in preparing your home for sale is to give it a deep clean – every surface, from the baseboards to the ceiling fans. Scrub the floors, wash the windows, and polish any woodwork. The kitchen and bathrooms should be spotless, as these are often the areas buyers focus on the most. If necessary, hire a professional cleaning service to ensure that every nook and cranny is cleaned.

### 2. Declutter and depersonalise

A cluttered home can be a big turn-off. Get rid of the clutter in every room, removing unnecessary items and organising everything. Think of it as creating a neutral canvas. Buyers should be able to imagine themselves in your space without being distracted by your personal nik-naks that mean something only to you.



**Declutter and depersonalise your home so buyers can imagine themselves in your home.**

Depersonalise your space. Take down family photos and personal artwork, but don't leave blank spaces, especially where a picture might have been. Put up neutral artwork if you can. The goal is to make your home feel like a buyer can make it their own.

### 3. Make minor repairs

Once your home is clean and decluttered, walk through it with a critical eye – or take someone with you. Are there any minor repairs that need to be made? Fix any leaky taps, touch up scuff marks on the walls, patch and paint any holes. You don't need to make big renovations, but taking care of small repairs can make your

home feel well-maintained, which will be attractive to buyers.

### 4. Freshen up with a coat of paint

One of the most cost-effective ways to enhance the appeal of your home is by painting the walls. Choose neutral, light colours such as soft greys, whites or beige. These shades make rooms appear larger and brighter, which is important when you're showing your home. A fresh coat of paint can also make your space look updated and well cared for.

### 5. Enhance kerb appeal

The exterior of your home is the first thing buyers see, so make sure it's inviting. Start by

mowing the lawn, trimming hedges and pulling weeds. Add a few colourful plants or flowers to the front porch to make it more appealing. If the front door is looking a little worn, consider giving it a fresh coat of paint or replacing the hardware. A clean, well-maintained exterior can create a great first impression.

### 6. Stage your home

Staging is a powerful tool when it comes to selling a home. Staging makes your home look as attractive as possible while helping buyers see its full potential. You can hire a professional stager or try it yourself by rearranging or hiring furniture to create an inviting and functional layout. Focus on making rooms feel open and spacious, and use accessories like throw pillows, rugs, and artwork to add warmth and character.

### 7. Set the right price

Finally, it's essential to price your home correctly. Work with your real estate agent to work out the right price, often by comparing similar homes in your area. A competitive price can attract more buyers and lead to a faster sale, but if it's too low, you could lose out on better money.

By following these steps, you can ensure that your home is ready for sale and poised to make a great impression. Preparing your home for sale takes time and effort, but the results are worth it. With a little care and attention to detail, you'll be one step closer to selling your home for the best possible price.

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Whether you're a first-home buyer, downsizer, or savvy investor, this delightful property presents an exceptional opportunity. Offering comfort, practicality, and timeless charm, it's a home that simply feels good to be in. Step inside to discover a well-designed, spacious kitchen that flows effortlessly to the rear yard, perfect for everyday living and entertaining. Thoughtfully laid out with ample storage, the kitchen caters to all your culinary needs. Adjacent, the dining area connects seamlessly to the lounge, complete with a heat pump to keep you warm throughout the cooler seasons. The home is also insulated in both the ceiling and underfloor.

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Built in 2019, this beautifully designed townhouse offers modern comfort, privacy, and effortless living conveniently located close to town. Set on a fully fenced section with an automatic gate, security and peace of mind are top of the list. A spacious open-plan living areas that flow seamlessly - perfect for entertaining or relaxing in style. The stunning kitchen is a standout feature, complete with sleek stone benchtops and quality appliances, ideal for those who love to cook. Three generous double bedrooms provide ample accommodation, complemented by a stylish tiled family bathroom with dual access, plus a separate toilet for added convenience.

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### TIMELESS CHARM ON THE EDGE OF TOWN.

This is a home where memories are made. Sitting perfectly on a 4685m2 beautifully planted and private section this gorgeous character home will delight you from the moment you arrive. The large farmhouse style kitchen and dining area creates the heart of the home and through a stunning leadlight door you are drawn out onto a fabulous multi level deck, and down onto the lush lawn. Imagine yourself sipping a drink, or hosting a garden party. The formal lounge, with its log burner and large picture window, offers a peaceful retreat with views of the serene gardens. Three gracious bedrooms all with built in wardrobes, offer a haven of comfort.

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» 79 Kawiu Road **LEVIN**

**BEO \$649,000**



### CHARISMA ON KAWIU ROAD

Beautifully elevated and boasting sweeping views over farmland, this well-presented home is bursting with charm and personality. From the moment you step into the welcoming foyer and ascend the staircase, you'll be greeted by gleaming polished timber floors and a sense of timeless style. Generous living spaces flow effortlessly into one another and out to the front balcony and private backyard, perfect for entertaining or simply relaxing in your own retreat. The modernised kitchen, overlooking the backyard, is both functional and stylish. The expansive lounge offers access to both front and rear outdoor areas, creating the ideal setting for indoor-outdoor living.

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Tucked away on a private and picturesque 1536m2 site, this delightful family home seamlessly blends timeless character with modern-day comforts. Surrounded by beautifully established trees and easy gardens that only time can create, this property offers a sanctuary of space, serenity, and style - perfect for families, professionals, or anyone seeking a peaceful retreat in a prime North East location. Step inside this captivating 171m2 bungalow and feel instantly at home. Rich in character, the home evokes warmth and nostalgia with its exquisite native timber finishes, ornate leadlight windows, detailed ceilings, and arts and crafts woodwork.

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### Stylish living - designed to impress

Discover modern living at its finest in this impeccably designed home, built in 2014. Step into an expansive open-plan living, kitchen, and dining area that seamlessly flows onto a rear deck - perfect for both relaxation and entertaining. The west-facing, floor-to-ceiling windows bathe the space in natural light. The kitchen is a cooks delight, featuring a generous island, abundant storage. Enjoy the deck overlooking a private rear yard.

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» 58A Salisbury Street **LEVIN**

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### Brimming with character

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» 12A Stuckey Street **LEVIN**

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

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Tracey Fraser 0210779062



» 27 Weraroa Road **LEVIN**

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### Step beyond the fence!

You will find a stylish three bedroom home, featuring modern updates and a spacious layout that's perfect for comfortable living. Step inside, and you are greeted by a large lounge with impressive sloping ceilings, giving the space an airy and open feel. The fresh paint inside gives a clean, modern look, and the fairly new carpet adds a cosy touch, as does the gas heating.

**ASKING \$515,000**

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NGĀTI TUKOREHE

Compiled by Debbi Carson

# Iwi with a history of dispossessed land

Ngāti Tukorehe, an iwi affiliated with the Tainui waka, has a history originating in the Waikato region.

In the early 1820s, Ngāti Tukorehe, along with its hapū (sub-tribes) Te Mateawa, Te Rangitāwhia, Ngāti Kapu, and Ngāti Manu, migrated to the Horowhenua and Manawatū regions, where they established their home base at Tukorehe Marae, built in 1894 at Kuku.

Ngāti Tukorehe has strong links to Tainui, Ngāti Raukawa, and Ngāti Porou. The Ngāti Tukorehe area extends from the sea to the mountains between the Waikawa and Ōhau awa systems and their tributaries, encompassing Te Hākari wetlands, dune lakes, coastal estuaries, and native and exotic forests.

For Ngāti Tukorehe, the Ōhau Awa is a source of spiritual sustenance, mahinga kai (food practices), and swimming and camping. It is also of vital cultural, social and environmental importance.

Before the move inland to Kuku, Ngāti Tukorehe lived at the mouth of the Waikawa and Ōhau awa, and were forced to move after the 1855 earthquake separated the rivers at the joint estuary.

A stagecoach service was operating at the time along the beachfront. The move inland to take advantage of trading opportunities and the proposed new road saw the move to Te Whanake then to Kuku Pā located on the current State Highway 1.

Overlapping political and economic issues were festering around the signing of the Treaty of Waitangi in 1840. The New Zealand Land Company and the settler government desperately needed land. There was insufficient supply to satisfy need and the familial structure of Māori society meant there were multiple owners and a process supported by legislation was required to facilitate its transfer.

Within Ngāti Tukorehe there was a clear willingness to not sell land and support any entity that supported that notion. There became two sets of people divided into the sellers and the non-sellers, which later became known as those who supported the Crown – the Queenites – and those who supported the retention of Māori land in Māori hands – the Kingites – and supporters of the Kingitanga movement or the Māori king.

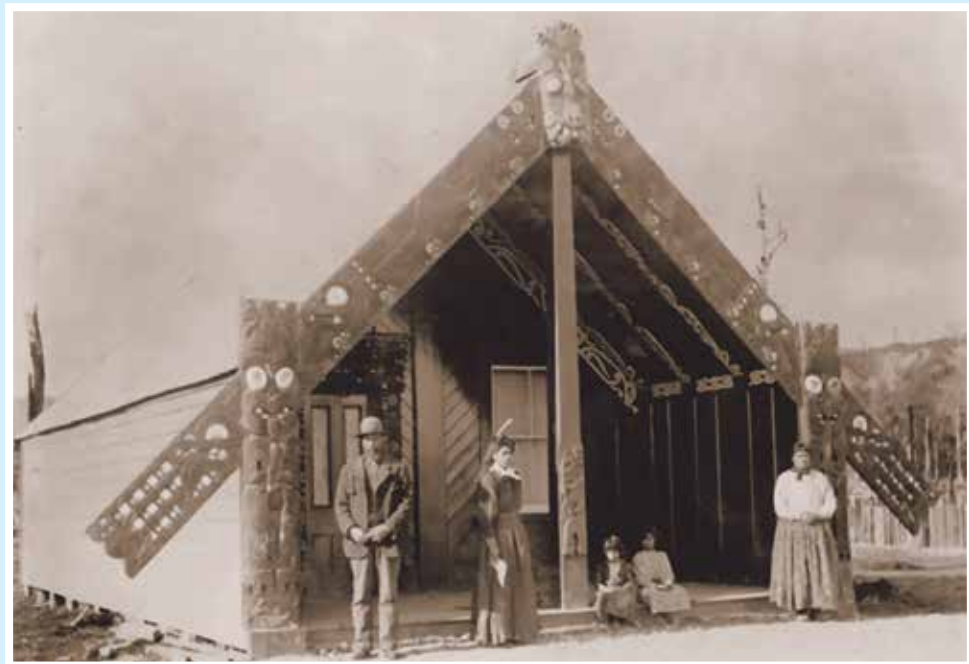
When the land transfer started to slow, the government forced Māori into rebellion to protect their lands, then had the lands confiscated because of it.

The added difficulty of not being able to raise a mortgage on Māori-owned land forced some individuals and whānau to sell tracts of land just to survive or to pay to travel to Māori Land Court hearings far away from the places they were trying to defend their title to. With court cases often going on for months at a time, whānau were forced to sell some of their interests in the land they had been awarded.

They also found that the expense of securing the title, such as court fees, lawyer payments, interpreters, surveyors and hoteliers, that debt entrapment became the standard technique for unscrupulous land speculators. The court largely ignored Māori customs in favour of a simplified set of rules, with little acknowledgement or recognition of tribal tikanga, forcing Māori to compete for the exclusive rights to their own land.

This simplified set of rules was enacted under the Lands Clauses Consolidation Act 1845. Called simplified rules (clothed in words such as protections), such as the right to notice, to object, and to an independent hearing, and certainly from 1870 onwards, as Māori became increasingly marginalised and the settler government became more aggressively intolerant of any perceived Māori challenge.

This attitude of intolerance and superiority was reflected in the Public Works Legislation of 1882, and was designed to meet only the needs of English landowners, with a lowering of priority towards acknowledgement of Māori interests, and the absence of legal requirements to protect them.



An unidentified family at Tukorehe Marae in 1910.  
Photo courtesy of Yvonne Wehipeihana Wilson

– Source: *Te Iwi o Ngāti Tukorehe Trust cultural impact assessment for NZTA/Waka Kotahi Ōtaki to North Levin expressway*, prepared by Lindsay Poutama.

## TAKĀRO/Sport

### SPORTS RESULTS

**CLUB RUGBY** March 29  
**RAMSBOTHAM CUP (Premier)**  
**Foxton 31 v Wanderers 15**  
*Foxton* – K Eriksson, D Rutten, A Murphy, C Paki tries; A Murphy 4 conv, pen.  
*Wanderers* – G Macdonald, M Masoe tries; M Masoe conv, pen.  
**Rāhui 38 v Shannon 5**  
*Rāhui* – M Connor-Phillips, T Cook, B Archibald, J Winterburn, A Roach 2 tries; A Roach 4 conv.  
*Shannon* – No scorer submitted.  
**Paraparaumu 40 v Waikanae 28**  
*Paraparaumu* – D McNamara, J Macneilage, J Aquila, B Reilly 2 tries; T Barnsley 3 conv, 3 pen.  
*Waikanae* – C Bond, S Fotu, K Grey tries; C Bond 2 conv, 3 pen.  
**BILL MUIR CUP (Senior B)**  
**Foxton 50 v Wanderers 33**  
*Foxton* – C Spiers, W Honotapu, T Taomia, C Hapeta-Tekura 5 tries; W Honotapu 5 conv.  
*Wanderers* – B Toto-Foster, H Edwards, E Keith, W Tauhore, E Matehaere tries; T Wilton conv, R Foster-Te Anau 3 conv.  
**Rāhui 42 vs Athletic 10**  
*Rāhui* – L Case, H Winterburn, J Kingi, M Couchman, A Whitikea, P Cook, C Tahiwī-Mcmillan 2 tries; A Whitikea conv.  
*Athletic* – I Ulutoa, KO’Brien tries.  
**Paraparaumu 41 v Waikanae 19**  
*Paraparaumu* – J Huss, F Hakaraia, T Crilley, A Collins-Parker, J Cuthbert, A Thomson tries; J Thomson 4 conv, pen.  
*Waikanae* – D Murray, M Moses, L Beg tries; M Moses conv, P.Brown conv.  
**GOLF**  
**Levin:** Week ending March 30.  
Congratulations to John Saulbrey for shooting 76 gross on Tuesday, one less than his age.  
**Monday 9 hole** – Hunter/Veltman Canadian Foursomes Tournament – Mixed net: F Clark + P Clark 35, P

Wahanui + H Haswell 35, E Pedersen + G McBrydie 36. Ladies Net: R Beaman + J Poole 36, J Hill + Y Ohlsen 39, M Hayvice-Jones + J Sexton 40; Men Net: K Faleseuga + M Simmons 33, G Cottrell + M Christensen 35, P Sharland + A Collins 37. **Tuesday** Men Stableford: John Saulbrey 43, Ian Morby 41, Tony Johnston 40. Twos: Brian O’Donnell, Gavin Jones, Colin Finlayson. **Wednesday** – 9 Hole Mixed Net: Cecily Archer 31, Marilyn McCormick 31, Laure Baines 31. Birdies: Paddy Enright, Laurie Baines. Ladies Stableford: Karina MacDonald 37, Robyn Saulbrey 36, Nan Sterne 33. **Thursday** – Early Men Stableford: Alistair Woodfield 39, David Pick 38, Soon Song 37. Late Men Net: Carey Tuohy 67, Barry Judd 70, Chris Allum 70. **Friday** – 9 Hole Mixed Stableford: Michael Christensen 24, Den Hutchings 22, Valda Anderson 21. Birdies: David Douglas. Speldhurst Stableford: John Jarden 20, Mike Cashmore 18, John Griffin 17. **Saturday** – Early Men Stableford: Mike Tate 38, John Sorensen 38, Geoff Pate 37. Ladies Stableford: Julie Judd 37, Ngairie Hunter 36, Anita Davidson 32. Twos: Ani Lochore. Late Men Stableford: Robert ward 37, Craig Stichbury 37, Ray Harvey 37. Twos: Graeme Cliff.  
**Foxton mid-week – April 1**  
Curly Evans c/b 38 stb, Graeme Ellis 38, Caroline McCartin c/b 36, Lorna Soo 36, Carey Millar c/b 35.  
**Twos:** Margaret Chrystall on 10, Robert Chrystall on 12.  
**Foxton 9 Hole – April 2**  
Stableford points: Eric Cornick 21, Steve Kupa 19, Neil Thompson 18, Sylvia Young 17, Jennifer Sexton 17, Mahes Naran 17, Geoff McBrydie 16, Kevin Young 16 .  
*To include your sport’s results in the Star, email editor@horowhenuastar.com by midday Wednesday.*

# Foxton begin with win over Wanderers

By Bruce Falloon

**Foxton beat Levin Wanderers 31-15 in their premier Horowhenua-Kāpiti club rugby match at Easton Park on Saturday, their first hit-out for the season after skipping the first round with a bye.**

The game started at a quick pace in warm conditions as each team tested their game plan to find their opposite’s weakness. Wanderers took the early lead with a penalty before the locals tightened their defence and started to dominate in the forwards, leading to their first try to take the lead 7-3 after 10 minutes.

The game levelled out with the teams travelling up and down the park with the momentum of the game. Foxton slotted a penalty leading into the break to lead 10-3.

“We’ve had very little possession and we’re behind by 7 on the score sheet,” Wanderers coach Kurt Jackson said at halftime. “We’ve just got to keep working by going back to our structures.”

Foxton captain Connor Paki said: “Keeping to our plan and making sure of tackles. We’re winning and dominating the lineouts, and this is why we must keep the pressure on.”

Foxton started the second half where they left off, by scoring an early try to stretch their lead to 17-3 before Wanderers managed a try of their own. Foxton added a further two tries to take the score to 31-8.

Although Wanderers tried hard towards the end and managed a late converted try, it was too little too late, with



Foxton midfield back Connor Paki tries to slice through a gap against Levin Wanderers during their premier game at Easton Park on Saturday.  
Photo Bruce Falloon

Foxton winning by 31-15. In the early game Foxton Bs beat Wanderers 50-31.

In other premier matches, Rāhui and Paraparaumu kept their unbeaten record with wins over Shannon and Waikanae respectively. Rāhui and Paraparaumu teams also lead the Bill Muir Cup reserve grade competition, both unbeaten in their two outings to date. The clubs clash in round 5 at Ōtaki Domain.

This weekend’s draw (2.45pm premiers, 1pm Senior B): **Ramsbotham Cup:** COB v Rāhui at Levin Domain, Waikanae v Foxton at Waikanae Park. Shannon v Paraparaumu at Shannon Domain. All games 2.45pm. **Bill Muir Cup:** COB v Rāhui at Levin Domain. Waikanae v Foxton at Waikanae Park, Athletic v Paraparaumu at Playford Park, Levin.



# TAKĀRO/Sport



**LEVIN CUP TO ST MARGARET’S:** Christchurch’s St Margaret’s College rowing team, above, won the Levin Cup last weekend at Lake Karapiro. The cup is a prized trophy for girls rowing teams at the New Zealand Rowing annual Maadi Cup regatta for secondary schools. St Margaret’s have won the cup eight times. The Levin Cup was original donated by the late Jack Bolderson when the event was held at Punahau/Lake Horowhenua in the early 1980s. At the time, interest in rowing among women was only beginning to flourish after girls’ events were finally added to the secondary school’s regatta programme in 1973. That same year, Levin Borough Council was celebrating its 75th Jubilee, so Mayor Jack Bolderson put forward the Levin 75th Jubilee Cup for the girls U18 eight. He presented the trophy to winners Wanganui Girls’ College, and it has been hotly contested every year since. *Photo: Sharron Bennett*

## Golfer John, 77, plays a 76 round

By Paul Williams

**Waitarere Beach man John Saulbrey achieved a golfing holy grail by shooting a score lower than his age last week.**

The physically fit 77-year-old (at right) scorched around the Levin Golf Club’s Moutere Links course with a score of 76 – a marvellous achievement.

The former Horowhenua rugby representative prop has always had the ability to give the ball a far whack and currently plays off a 9 handicap.

His best-ever score at Moutere was 69 on the par-72 course: “But that was a very long time ago,” he says.

John says he was introduced to golf in his early 20s by his late father-in-law Bob Williams, and he’d played ever since.

He had been a continuous member of Levin Golf Club for the past 56 years.

As busy as life was raising a family and milking cows, he’d always tried to make time for a game of

golf once a week.

“I was fortunate [wife] Robyn would do the afternoon milking on a Saturday in those days. I’ve been very lucky,” he says. “I’ve never missed a year. Even with the cows and the kids.”

John says he loves golf for the camaraderie and friendship and now enjoys playing golf with some of his grandchildren, who were showing a healthy interest in the game.

“It’s gone full circle now,” he says.

Levin Golf Club president Mark Dustan says the club wanted to acknowledge what was a “sterling effort”. He could recall only one other player achieving the feat at the club in recent memory.

John’s round of 76 included three birdies and a double bogey.



## Top summer for Arliyah



**It’s been a breakout summer for talented young Levin swimmer Arliyah Windley.**

The 14-year-old Horowhenua college student has enjoyed solid performances in the pool, but it’s in open water recently where the medals have been coming.

Arliyah finished first in the U20 womens division in a 3km swim at the Kinloch Festival at Lake Taupō in February and followed it up with a win at the Napier Port Ocean swim (2.5km) in the U15 grade, finishing 4th women overall.

She has shown herself to be a versatile swimmer, winning gold and silver in butterfly events at the Division II NZ age grade competition last year, and holds the Manawātū title for 200m butterfly for her age group.

The results were reward for hours spent training under the tutelage of coach Grant Campbell since the age of 8. Arliyah also plays hockey and is in the Horowhenua U16 representative girls team.

### CLUB RUGBY STANDINGS

After the second round of games last Saturday, Rāhui and Paraparaumu sit atop the table in the Rambotham Cup with 10 points each. Rāhui, however, have scored 93 points with only 12 against; Paraparaumu have 75 for and 62 against. They each have two bonus points. Foxton and Levin COB have played only one game each.

In the Bill Muir Cup, Rāhui and Paraparaumu are also on top with 10 points and two wins apiece, each with two bonus points.

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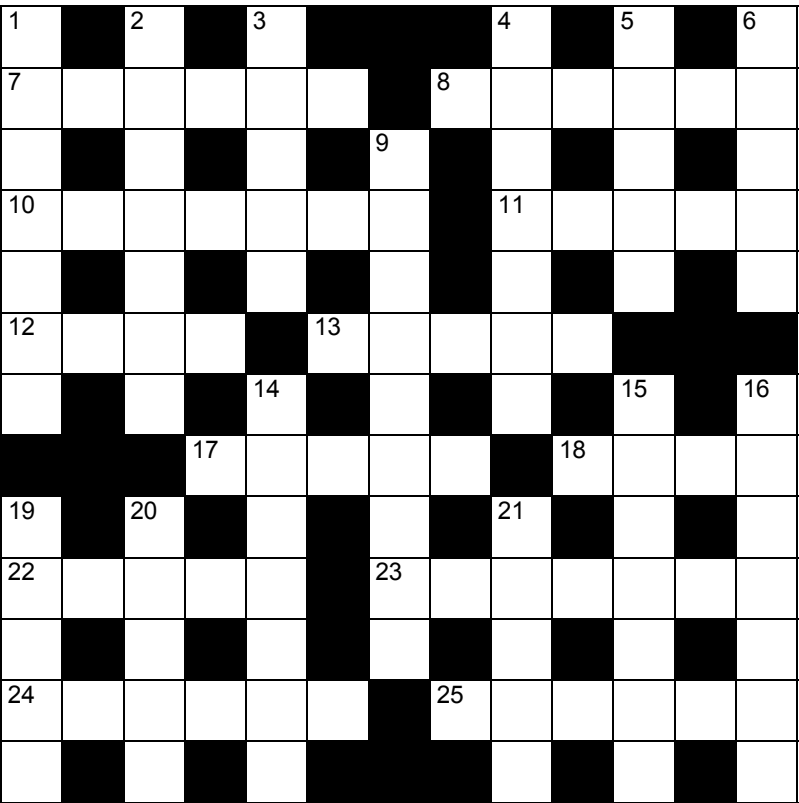
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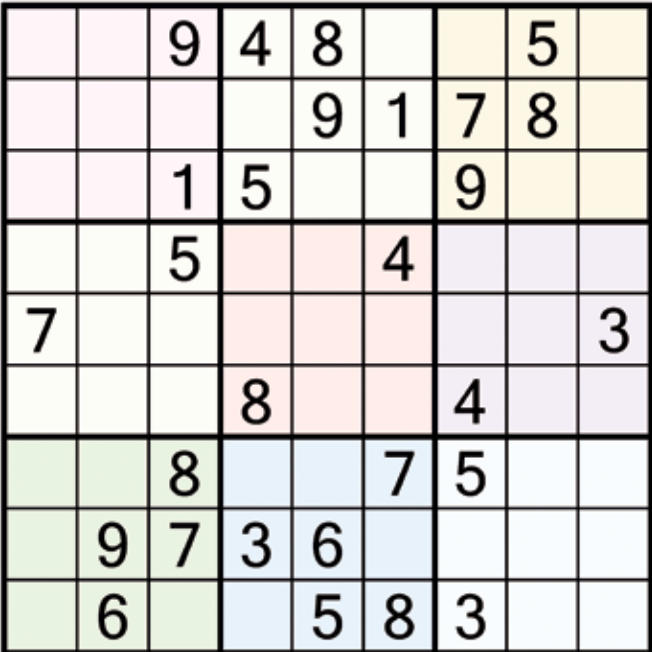
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13. Contempt (5)  
17. Terrible (5)  
18. Run away (4)  
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23. Work enthusiastically (colloq) (3,4)  
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6. Penned (5)  
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14. Self-inflicted setback (3,4)  
15. Ailment (7)  
16. Echo (7)  
19. Predator introduced in 1884 to control rabbits (5)  
20. Cyathea dealbata, or the silver tree-fern (5)  
21. Backbone (5)

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### ANIMALS AT PARLIAMENT QUIZ?

Answers see page 19 in classifieds.

1. Staff used to keep cats at Parliament to work as “mousers” and stop rodents eating the food at Bellamy’s. True or false?

2. Cats have given birth to kittens in the debating chamber. True or false?

3. Pigs and other farm animals have been kept as stock on the Parliament grounds. True or false?

4. In 1939, two rams were brought to Parliament for inspection by the Minister of Agriculture ahead of their travel to England for the Royal Centenary Show in Windsor. True or false?

5. A fishpond once existed behind Parliament, where 5000 goldfish were set free, and members of the public could pick them up and take them home. True or false?

6. In the late 19th Century and early 20th century, politicians walking on Molesworth Street would be serenaded by Charles “Piccolo Charlie” Evans and his terrier on their way to


work. True or false?

7. In 1940, the mascot of the No. 1 Dog of the Second NZ Expeditionary Force and regimental mascot of 19 Battalion and Armoured Regiment, Major Major, was spotted in his unit’s parade around Wellington and on the Parliament Grounds. True or false?

8. In the 1940s pigeons would fly through the windows into the Debating Chamber and roost on the ledges during Parliamentary Prayers. True or false?

9. In 1977, the Parliamentary Library had to close its doors during the session for the first time in history due to a flea infestation in the basements requiring the fumigation of the building. True or false?

10. In 2019, rabbits annihilated an entire vegetable patch planted at Parliament by children as part of a curriculum resource – Dig for Victory. True or false?



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**SMITH Patrica (Pat)**  
Passed away March 28, 2025, peacefully at Horowhenua Masonic Rest Home, Levin, aged 87 years. Much loved wife of Terry. Beloved mum of Phil and Sue, and Nana to Abbey and Rachel. Wonderful sister to Daphne and Paul (dec) in England. Many thanks to the staff at Unit 2 Masonic Rest Home for all your care and support. A celebration of Pat's life will be held at IC Marks Funeral Home, 545 Queen Street, Levin on Tuesday 8th April 2025 at 11am. Any messages C/- 547 Queen Street, Levin.



public notices



**PUBLIC NOTICE OF PROPOSED PLAN CHANGE UNDER  
SCHEDULE 1 OF THE RESOURCE MANAGEMENT ACT 1991**

Horowhenua District Council has prepared the following Proposed Plan Change to the Horowhenua District Plan 2015:

Proposed Plan Change 6A: Levin North West (LNNW1) Growth Area

The following amendments to the District Plan are proposed:

- Introduce a new 'LNNW1 Precinct' to the District Plan with a supporting structure plan and associated objectives, policies, and rules
- Rezone land within the LNNW1 Precinct from Residential Deferred to Residential
- Introduce new subdivision rules for the LNNW1 Precinct in Chapter 2.15;
- Introduce some new bulk and location rules within the LNNW1 Precinct to Chapter 3.2;
- Introduce new rules relating to local retail and open space activities for the LNNW1 Precinct to Chapter 3.2;
- Update Planning Map 24.

Copies of Proposed Plan Change 6A may be inspected at [www.horowhenua.govt.nz/ppc6a](http://www.horowhenua.govt.nz/ppc6a) or in hard copy at the locations below from 5 April 2025 to 14 May 2025 (during usual opening hours):

- Horowhenua District Council office: 126 Oxford Street. Hours: 8.30am to 5pm on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, 9.30am to 5pm Wednesday.
- Te Takeretanga o Kura-hau-pō: 10 Bath Street, Levin. Hours: 9am to 5.30pm on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, 10am to 9pm on Wednesday, 10am to 3pm on Saturday.
- Te Awahou Nieuwe Stroom: 22 Harbour Street, Foxton. Hours: 9am to 4pm Monday to Friday, 10am to 4pm Saturday and Sunday.
- Shannon Library: Plimmer Terrace. Hours: 1pm to 5pm Monday to Friday, 10am to 12noon Saturday (first Saturday of the month only).

If you have any questions about the application, please contact a member of Horowhenua District Council's Integrated Growth and Planning Team on (06) 366 0999 or via email at [districtplan@horowhenua.govt.nz](mailto:districtplan@horowhenua.govt.nz)

The following persons may make a submission on the proposal:

- the local authority in its own area may make a submission; and
- any other person may make a submission but, if the person could gain an advantage in trade competition through the submission, then the person may do so only if the person is directly affected by an effect of the proposal that—
- adversely affects the environment; and
- does not relate to trade competition or the effects of trade competition.

You may make a submission by sending a written or electronic submission to Horowhenua District Council at:

**06 366 0999 (24 hours)**  
**126 Oxford Street, Levin 5510 • Private Bag 4002, Levin 5540**  
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- Dropping in a copy to any of the locations listed above
- By post to: Integrated Growth and Planning Horowhenua District Council Private Bag 4002 Levin 5540
- By email to [districtplan@horowhenua.govt.nz](mailto:districtplan@horowhenua.govt.nz)
- Via the online submission form at [letskorero.horowhenua.govt.nz/ppc6a](http://letskorero.horowhenua.govt.nz/ppc6a)
- The submission must be in Form 5 of the Resource Management (Forms, Fees and Procedure) Regulations 2003 and must state whether or not you wish to be heard on your submission. Copies of this form are available from Horowhenua District Council or online at [letskorero.horowhenua.govt.nz/ppc6a](http://letskorero.horowhenua.govt.nz/ppc6a)

Submissions close on 14 May 2025 at 5pm. Submissions must be received by 5pm on 14 May 2025.

The process for public participation in the consideration of the Proposed Plan Change under the Resource Management Act is as follows:

- After the closing date for submissions, the Horowhenua District Council will prepare a Summary of the Submissions and give public notice of the availability of this summary and where the summary and submissions can be inspected and;
- There will be an opportunity for the following persons to make further submissions in support or opposition to the submissions already made;
  - any person representing a relevant aspect of the public interest;
  - any person who has an interest in the proposal greater than the general public has;
  - the local authority itself; and
- If a person making a submission asks to be heard in support of their submission, a hearing must be held;
- The Horowhenua District Council must give its decision on the Proposed Plan Change (including its reasons for accepting or rejecting submissions); and give public notice of its decision within two years of notifying the proposal and serve it on every person who made a submission at the same time; and
- Any person who has made a submission has the right to appeal the decision on a Proposed Plan Change to the Environment Court if—
  - in relation to a provision or matter that is the subject of the appeal, the person referred to the provision or matter in the person's submission on the proposal; and
  - in the case of a proposal that is a proposed policy statement or plan, the appeal does not seek the withdrawal of the proposal as a whole.





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ANZAC Day commemorates those we've lost to war and honours returned servicemen and women. On Friday 25 April 2025 we propose the following temporary road closures for ANZAC Day commemorations.

**LEVIN DAWN SERVICE**  
The parade will start at 6am on the corner of Winchester and Kent Streets and will travel down Kent Street turning left onto Cambridge Street to the Cenotaph for the service.

5am to 12pm Cambridge Street from Bath Street to Queen Street East  
5am to 12pm Kent Street from Cambridge Street to Winchester Street

In event of bad weather, the service will be held at Levin RSA and the parade will not take place.

**LEVIN CIVIC SERVICE**  
The parade will start at 10am outside Thompson House Park on Kent Street and will continue down Kent Street turning left onto Cambridge Street to the Cenotaph for the service.

5am to 12pm Cambridge Street from Bath Street to Queen Street East  
5am to 12pm Kent Street from Cambridge Street to Winchester Street

In event of bad weather, the service will be held at Te Takeretanga o Kura-hau-pō and the parade will not take place.

**FOXTON DAWN SERVICE**  
Assemble outside the Foxton Memorial Hall at 5.30am on Clyde Street, march off at 5.45am, turn right onto Liddell Street, then left onto Ravensworth Place to the cenotaph where the service will begin at 6am.

5am to 8am Clyde Street from Harbour Street to Main Street  
5am to 8am Liddell Street from Clyde Street to Ravensworth Place  
5am to 12pm Ravensworth Street from Liddell Street to Duncan Street

**FOXTON CIVIC SERVICE**  
Assemble at Te Awahou Nieuwe Stroom by 9am on Main Street for the Civic Service, before marching at 9.35am down Wharf Street, turn right into Harbour Street down Clyde to Liddell Street. Turn right to the Cenotaph at Ravensworth Place where the wreath ceremony will begin at 9.40am.

5am to 12pm Ravensworth Street from Liddell Street to Duncan Street  
9am to 12pm Wharf Street from Main Street to Harbour Street

In event of bad weather, the service will be held at Te Awahou Nieuwe Stroom and the parade will not take place.

**SHANNON CIVIC SERVICE**  
The parade will assemble on the corner of Vance Street and Plimmer Terrace before moving to the Cenotaph at 11.25am for an 11.30am service at the southern end of Te Maire Park.

10.30am to 1pm Plimmer Terrace from Vance Street to Ballance Street

In event of bad weather, the service will be held at Shannon Memorial Hall and the parade will not take place.

Road closures apply to all vehicular traffic, with the exception of emergency service vehicles or vehicles directly involved with the events. Detours will be clearly signposted.

These closures are made in accordance with the Transport (Vehicular Traffic Road Closure) Regulations 1965. We apologise for any inconvenience.

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