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Whanganui conference campaigns for NZ wool

BY DOUG DAVIDSON

Tom O'Sullivan is the General Manager Advocacy for 'Campaign for Wool NZ'. He recently spoke to members of the NZ Wool Classers Association at their North Island Conference held in Whanganui.

While stating bluntly that the wool industry is in crisis, he remains very optimistic about the huge potential of wool.

But right now, the figures are not good. There is no return for strong wool. It actually costs the farmer \$1 per kilo to have their sheep sheared. With one million kilos per year, this means wool is costing farmers \$1 million.

Tom says, "Farmers can be tempted to cut costs, avoid using a rousie or wool handler and have it packed away, sold at whatever price, but this is not the way to go. The best wool gets the best

price." While fine merino wool hits the headlines, about 85% of New Zealand wools are strong (thicker) wool from cross-bred sheep, and there is renewed hope for the revival of these wools.

He pointed to the "build environment - carpets, rugs, insulation, furniture, drapes, wall coverings - even lamp shade and the arts," where there is new interest as well as keen interest in using wool in planes and cruise ships. There is a swing away from synthetic carpets, especially by younger people.

He gave the example of

research in the UK, which showed that to carpet an average 3-bedroom size house in the UK with synthetic carpet (he prefers the use of 'plastic' - "call them for what they are.") is the equivalent of using 22,000 supermarket plastic shopping bags.

Plastic comes from oil and fossil fuels, and many big brands no longer want to be associated with that. "We have the biggest tailwind for natural products, and we need to get the beautiful story of wool out there."

Why hasn't the word got out there before the industry hit crisis point? Tom admits that the NZ Wool was poorly run by "old, stale and pale men. Massive research was being carried out, but there was not enough development of new products."

Things are changing, and Tom gave the example of T&R Interior Systems, which has developed wool tiles for walls as well as woollen acoustic panels. It has taken three years to perfect, but they are ready to go into commercial production with "huge demand overseas. Look at it this way - we have one



Tom O'Sullivan outside the Whanganui Bremworth factory in Castlecliff

floor and four walls."

Another reason for the lack of promotion of wool has been the fragmentation of those in the wool industry. Tom says, "When I joined in 2019, I was horrified. It was so confusing. Since then, we have launched 'Partner Portal' promoting networking and industry certification and have received financial support from the Ministry of Primary Industries."

Campaign for Wool NZ is part of a worldwide campaign (UK, Australia, Canada, USA and South Africa) with King Charles as its patron. Tom has a dedicated Com's/PR Team, planned monthly activities and an active social media presence. Recently, Tom has been on 7 Sharp, National Radio, and the campaign has been featured on Country Calendar.

Tom has also overseen a push for education about wool in primary schools (they have two containers that are taken to schools and are booked out till the end of 2024), secondary schools starting next year, and a programme directed at tertiary students encouraging them to consider careers in design using wool. There have been missteps, such as the recent, well-publicized one when

the Ministry of Education announced that 600 rural schools were to be carpeted with synthetic carpets. New Zealanders were up in arms, but Tom pointed out that out of 12 tenders, only one promoted wool carpets, and their tender had to be dismissed as they didn't supply the required data. "The Ministry literally could not award them the tender."

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Local needle exchange programme saving lives

The Needle Exchange programme in New Zealand was set up in the 1980s. Its purpose is to swap a used needle with a sterile one for those who are injecting themselves with drugs, either

casually or through to those who could be doing it twice a day.

By doing this, they are preventing the likelihood of drug users getting one of the blood-borne viruses such as Hepatitis C or

HIV/AIDs. As manager of the local exchange programme, Nick Hall says, "It is about harm reduction. Prior to the programme, drug addicts would get needles from wherever they could –

hospitals and vets – and reuse them."

Nick and the other two staff have "lived experience" with drugs, and any advice they give is peer-based. As Nick says, "Drug users are more

likely to listen to someone who has been there, done that." Nick adds, "I have been on methadone for 25 years." (Methadone is a synthetic opioid that gives you 24 hours of relief from wanting to take drugs)

The system is simple. The Exchange Programme is supplied through the Ministry of Health, and two months ago, the minimal charge of 50 cents was dropped. "Every dollar spent on this programme probably saves \$10 to \$20 down the track," comments Nick.

Those who use the services are of both sexes and all ages. "It includes all ethnicities, although the amount of Māori and Pasifika seem far less presented than you might think although (IV) meth use seems to be changing that," advises Nick, "although meths use is starting to break into these groups now."

Nick adds, "Not everyone who comes to see us is the type of person you expect." He is particularly keen to reach out to secondary school students to advise them of the

dangers of drug use.

They have an after hours vending machine that can be accessed via a 4-digit password which staff can provide. Wellington uses a spectrometer to let people know if their drugs are cut, or if they are not what they think. "Here we have collaborated with a group called "Know Your Stuff" to provide the same service," advises Nick, "hopefully that will become a regular occurrence. We give out Naloxone (a drug used to reverse the effects of an opioid overdose) and train people who are interested in its use.

"We also have strips which detect the presence of Fentanyl (a drug roughly 1000 x more powerful than morphine, which caused a number of overdoses a few months ago here in Whanganui) and give out a lot of leaflets and advice regarding everything from overdose and laws surrounding drug use, to vein care and where your nearest exchange is located."

It is a totally confidential service – no questions asked. But if users want to discuss their issues, the

staff are happy to engage with them. Nick emphasises this is dependent on the drug user, new or long-time users and what drugs they are using. They are able to pass on details if permission is given, to other organisations able to help.

All used syringes are eventually "melted down to a grey sludge" and are incapable of harming anyone.

As to the question of whether supplying drug users with clean needles encourages them to continue drug taking, Nick replies, saying, "People will always find a way, whether it is injecting, smoking, snorting or sniffing." He has been the manager for two years, and the numbers have been steady in that time, although with an increase in the Meth users.

They also run a bi-weekly clinic with a nurse testing for Hepatitis C. (Hepatitis C infects the liver, which in a worst-case scenario can lead to liver failure)

For more information, contact the team at 345 9550.

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Check out what's in this week's RCP

I found the recent presentation in Whanganui by Tom O'Sullivan, General Manager Advocacy for 'Campaign for Wool NZ,' fascinating. (See our front-page story) His example taken from the UK, where to carpet an average 3-bedroom house with synthetic carpet is the equivalent of using 22,000 supermarket plastic shopping bags, is eye watering. Tom is very positive about the future of wool with new products and with a greater emphasis on sustainability.

Congratulations to Summerset in the River City for their three wins in the Summerset Villages 'Applause Awards, including both Manager and Village of the Year (page 3).

The Needle Exchange programme in Whanganui contacted me for an article to explain to the community what they do. I learnt a lot and was impressed by the staff and the important service they provide (page 2).

The three Whanganui members of the NZ Women's Roller Hockey Team have just returned



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from competing in China and securing a place in the Worlds in Italy next year. The three include a teacher from Girls College (Jemma) and two 15-year-old students from Whanganui High School (page 24).
- Doug Davidson

Fortnightly doctor visits in Rānana

Summerset in the River City wins three prestigious awards



Nurse Kelly, first client Adrian, and Dr. Praveen.

Earlier this year, TCLT (The Community Led Team) opened the River Valley Community Hub, the first of its kind, located at Mokonui Road in Rānana. This was a huge celebration following five years of community engagement, with the support of external stakeholders. Following a true community led model, TCLT partnered with Sport Whanganui, Ministry of Primary Industries and Department of Internal Affairs to bring this dream to fruition.

Since the official open-

ing in March, TCLT has been engaging with key service providers to target the needs of the residents living in these isolated areas. The Community Hub provides a physical space to alleviate the loneliness that can occur in remote areas, this was particularly evident during COVID 19. Another long-standing issue that has surfaced strongly from the community voice is the need for a regular doctor service. The feedback given to the team was that this would be an impossible task, especially given the doctor

shortage.

However, it was fortunate that TCLT were introduced to Dr. Praveen Thadigiri from Living Waters. His team was willing to take on the challenge to run a rural clinic out of the Community Hub. The Living Waters team has a passion for the health of their community and currently operates two GP clinics, two rest homes and a skin cancer clinic, all located in Whanganui.

The clinic operates fortnightly for those residents that have registered for this service.

Summerset in the River City retirement village won three prestigious awards in the recent annual Summerset Villages' 'Applause Awards' as well as gaining a finalist in a 4th category. As there are 37 villages throughout New Zealand and Australia, with another seven to be developed, these awards are significant.

The awards were:
 • Clinical Nurse Lead of the Year – Helen Bowns
 • Village Manager of the Year – Shelly Walls, and
 • Village of the Year – Scott Harvey was a finalist in the Food Services Person of the Year category.

Nominations for these awards go through a few stages before those nominated can get into the finals, and as for 'Village of the Year', other factors such as levels of residents' satisfaction and internal audits are also considered.

All the finalists were flown to Auckland, and the announcements made on the



Scott Harvey, Helen Bowns, Maryke Miles, Eleanor Young. Unfortunately, Manager Shelley Walls was unable to be at the Awards.

night. As they were live-streamed, the Summerset in the River City representatives were getting congratulatory messages straight after their wins.

Maryke Miles, Care Centre Manager, says, "We are planning a big celebration."

Summerset in the River City, in Whanganui East, was the first Summerset Village, established 26 years ago.

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The public response has had its impact on NZ Wools and on the Government, who are keen to ensure the inability to provide the EPD (Environment Product Declaration) will not happen again.

But the driver of a change to using natural products will be the consumer, and once that happens, businesses will respond. Wool has in Tom's view, "a huge opportunity to take advantage of the massive global move from plastics to sustainable and natural products."

He adds, "We will succeed only if we have good prod-

ucts." The price for wool is increasing.

There is strong industry support, and Tom points to Bremworth as "probably the best example of a company committed to strong wool. A couple of years ago, 60% of their products were synthetic carpets. Today, 100% is wool."

Tom adds that he enjoys promoting wool as "it is sustainable, biodegradable, and the animal is unharmed when shorn of its wool."

Note: If buying a carpet, check out <https://www.consumer.org.nz/articles/carpet> for the pros and cons of wool and synthetic carpets.



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Bouquet of the Week Expressions of interest for La Fiesta 2024



After a very successful La Fiesta 2023, the Whanganui Women's Network is seeking expressions of interest for La Fiesta 2024. Described as 'Whanganui's unique celebration of women and community', La Fiesta is also Aotearoa New Zealand's leading and longest-running women's festival.

In 2024, it will be the 15th festival and will be running from 10 February to 10 March.

La Fiesta founder and coordinator, Women's Network Manager Carla Donson, was delighted by the 2023 version, which "was our biggest ever with around 140 events and more than 70 festival partners."

Presenters came from all over New Zealand, and just as important

included local talent. Carla says, "This is a cornerstone of the festival's ethos." She is particularly keen "to hear from wāhine Māori and Pasifika women, as well as women from our diverse cultural communities keen to contribute an activity or event."

One of the focal points of the festival is its celebration of International Women's Day on 8 March each year. 2024 will be its 130th anniversary. Carla says, "With the global impact of Covid-19 disproportionately affecting women, there is much to consider around the ways in which economic, political and social structures continue to result in gender inequities."

So if you would like to run an event in the festi-

val, know someone who does, or simply have some neat ideas about what you'd like to see in the programme, get in touch with Carla. "I am happy to meet up and chat, arrange a time to talk online, or exchange emails. It is always exciting to see what comes forward from the community; it's what makes the festival programme so unique from year to year."

For more information phone 345 6833, or email



womnet.whanganui@gmail.com. You can also explore what past festivals have involved by going to the Women's Network or La Fiesta NZ Facebook pages. You can download an expression of interest form from <http://lafiesta.nz>, but do so before 24 November.

We had a phone call request for a Bouquet of the Week to be given to Rachel Smith for her tech help for seniors in the programme 'Appy Seniors' at the Alexander Library.

Her teaching sessions, limited to a maximum of four people a session, were described as "absolutely marvellous. Rachel goes beyond to help, especially on phones and other devices. She works hard to please everyone, and at times, I have had one-on-one tuition."

The sessions are for one hour, and

currently, they are held as follows:

Tuesdays: Upriver in Ranana for kaumatua. **Wednesdays:** Afternoon session at the Alexander Library. **Thursdays:** Two sessions again at the Alexander Library. **Friday:** Two morning sessions at the Hakeke Centre, Whanganui East.

You can contact Rachel on 027 211 4261 for more information.

The RCP was pleased to surprise Rachel with a beautiful bouquet of flowers put together by Nicola and her team at the Flower Room, an Interflora Top 20 Club member.

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Christmas market at Kai Iwi Beach next Sunday, November 19

Nanogirls promoting science at Whanganui Intermediate

The Nanogirls website states: "We're on a mission to ensure everyone, everywhere, has the opportunity to develop a love of STEM—Science, Technology, Engineering & Maths!"

Dr Debbie Lovegrove from Nanogirls was in Whanganui on Friday, 3 November, spreading that love to students from Fordell, Whanganui Intermediate and St Georges. The RCP turned up to watch.

The session started off with a bang or at least fire (without the brimstone). After briefly mixing some ingredients, Debbie put the substance on her arm and put herself on fire. She did warn the students not to do this at home, and she later explained that because she put her hands in cold water beforehand, her hand could not get burnt.

When she asked whether she should repeat the experiment and "put myself in danger for you once again," there was a chorus of 'yeah.'

Debbie or 'Debbiesaurus' (all Nanogirls have scientific nicknames) studied Palaeontology (think Jurassic Park) and Geology and told the students that "anyone can be a scientist." To demonstrate, she asked three volunteers to blow up a



Debbie with students blowing up the balloons.

balloon, tie it and then try to put a skewer through both sides of the balloon without popping it.

They did start by putting it through where they had tied the balloon, but each failed to get it through both sides. The clue, as she demonstrated it, is not to blow up your balloon too much; go through the top and go directly through. It doesn't work every time, but it did this time.

Yet Malcolm Jensen was there as the representative from the Rotary Club of Whanganui, who cover

the costs of the Nanogirl visit, thanks to their annual and successful trailer raffle (currently selling); said to the RCP that one aid is to put cello tape over where you pierce it through. Malcolm saw a Nanogirl demonstration

about four years, and this led to him and Rotary North inviting them to Whanganui each year.

There would have been many more exciting experiments, but the RCP had to leave for another appointment.

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Mowhanau/Rapanui Community Hall

The Friends of Kai Iwi Beach are organising another Christmas Market at Kai Iwi/Mowhanau Beach, following the success of the markets back in 2019 and in 2022. (There were no markets in 2020/21 due to Covid)

This year's market is on Sunday, 19 No-

vember, from 11am to 3pm at the Mowhanau/Rapanui Community Hall, to the left of the Kai Iwi Beach Holiday Park.

There is already confirmed a wide range of stalls as follows: Art, handmade soaps and candles, jewellery, pottery, speciality chocolate, Christmas baking,

wooden toys, wall art, cushions, beeswax and honey, books, quality Christmas decorations, speciality sauces, driftwood Christmas trees, clothing. You will need to bring ample cash as there will be no eftpos.

There will also be a good array of food options from the café with outside seating to food trucks with coffee, ice cream, 'Olliebollen' (Dutch doughnuts), mini speciality doughnuts and with further food trucks to be confirmed.

There will be ample parking, with the Kai Iwi Beach Holiday Park opening up a grass area for parking as required. Parking wardens will be directing traffic.

The market is a fundraiser to help with the refurbishment of the kitchen and bathrooms of the Community Hall.

While the group is made up mainly of residents of the area, "it is open to anyone who considers themselves a friend of Kai Iwi," Sharron Caseley of the group advises.



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- 10:45 Latin-American Community
- 10:55 Ukrainian Dance Group
- 11:10 Whanganui Highland Pipe Band
- 11:25 IPU NZ Kodama Japanese Drum Team
- 11:40 Born and Raised Pasifika
- 11:55 Indian Dance Performance
- 12:00 NZ Zhengyu Dragon Dance
- 12:15 Talileleia Entertainment Group
- 12:40 River City Filipino Club
- 12:55 IPU NZ Kodama Japanese Drum Team
- 1:10 NZ Zhengyu Dragon Dance
- 1:25 Fulan Dafa Exercise Demonstration
- 1:30 Dance Whanganui - Brazilian Samba
- 1:35 - Raffle Winner Announcement -
- 1:40 Dance Whanganui - Hip Hop
- 1:45 Hula Beatz
- 1:55 Dance Whanganui - Salsa Shines Duet
- 2:00 Camaleón Afro-Latino
- 2:45 Thanks and Closing

Food Stalls

- Born and Raised Pasifika
- Whānau Group - Hangi
- River City Filipino Club
- Ukrainian Educational & Support Trust
- Dos Locos Taco
- Merry Zhong - Chinese Burgers
- Mini Boss Donuts
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- Thai Twist
- Curbside Cafe
- Magic Wok
- Kiwi Cones Ice Cream
- Mogu Japanese Street Food
- Get A Drink - Bubble Tea
- Kaykays Dumplings
- Deliciously Dutch
- The Coffee Man
- Cook Island food
- Sri Lankan food
- South African food
- Argentinian food



Information Stalls

- Amnesty International Whanganui
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Whanganui to celebrate diversity at Fest of Cultural Unity this Saturday

Whanganui is set to celebrate its diverse and vibrant community at the Fest of Cultural Unity on Saturday, November 11th, from

10am to 3pm. The Fest of Cultural Unity is back, and it will be bigger and better than ever! The Fest will feature a

wide range of acts and food stalls, representing cultures from all over the world. Visitors can enjoy live music and dance performances,

sample delicious food, and learn about different cultures through interactive activities and demonstrations.

Some of the highlights of this year's Fest include:
 • Music: Samba ao Vento (Brazilian samba drumming), a Ukrainian dance group, the Whanganui Highland Pipe Band, the IPU NZ Kodama Japanese Drum Team, Born and Raised Pasifika (Māori, Samoan, and Fijian song and dance), and more.

• Dance: Hula Beatz (multicultural dance) and Dance Whanganui (Brazilian samba, hip hop, and salsa).

• Food: Māori hāngī, Mexican tacos, Chinese burgers, mini donuts, Thai food, and more.

• Activities: Fulan Dafa exercise demonstrations and face painting.

The Fest of Cultural Unity is a great opportunity for people of all ages to learn about and experience the different cultures that make up Whanganui. It's also a

fun and festive event for the whole family.

The Fest of Cultural Unity is a free event. So, mark your calendars for

Saturday, November 11th and come along to the Fest of Cultural Unity! It's a day you won't want to miss.



Fest of Cultural Unity previous year.



Samoan based Talileleia Entertainment Group performing at this year's Fest of Cultural Unity

Talileleia is a newly formed entertainment group led by Faitoai Junior and Raewyn Mariner Tofa. Both have represented Samoa as members of the Samoa Tourism Dance Group in Japan (1996-1988), Utah (2001), Germany, Switzerland, France (2005), and Taiwan (2002).

They moved to New Zealand in 2017 and settled in Whanganui, and made it their home. Their love for fine arts, graphic design, fashion and dancing has been revived here as this is what Whanganui is known for – culture, creativity and adventure.

Their children have inherited the talents and are continuing with their passion for creative art, fashion and dancing, learning from their parents transferring valuable tradition and knowledge. Hence, the family formation of the Talileleia Entertainment Group.

They explain Talileleia as follows: "Talileleia is the representation of where the high chief Tofa (surname) resides in Saipipi Savaii, where our father and grandfather originate from. This is a tribute to our family and culture. It is a homebased group ready to provide entertainment



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Talileleia Entertainment Group will perform at this year's Fest of Cultural Unity on Saturday, 11 November.

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Construction of hybrid vessels now possible with Q-West's move to port

When considering the benefits Te Pūwaha and the revitalisation of Whanganui's Port will bring, it is clear that project partners Q-West Boat Builders stand to gain a lot. They are also putting a huge amount on the line. As project partners, Q-West has agreed to take on a loan of \$11 million to move their operation downstream so they can increase their capabilities and essentially keep their business and their staff in Whanganui.

When Q-West moves to the Whanganui Port site, they will have a purpose-built facility alongside a mobile boat hoist with a 380-tonne lift capacity for new builds, repairs, and maintenance services within the Port.

The new facilities will allow for the first of two Auckland Transport ferries to be

moved on site in February 2025, in time for the installation of 168 lithium-ion batteries.

Q-West Chief Executive Colin Mitchell says, "The lithium-ion batteries make the vessel significantly heavier than a similar sized diesel-only vessel, which is why the vessel hoist is integral to this build."

"If we were to install the batteries at the current site, we would be unable to hoist it into the water on our slipway; it just couldn't handle the weight."

The two Auckland electric hybrid vessels are part of a project spearheaded by Fullers360 to decarbonise their fleet of ferries. They will be the first hybrid passenger vessels in New Zealand.

The project is a multi-party collaboration between Q-West, Fullers360,

Incat Crowther (based in Australia) and Hamilton Jet to complete the vessel on behalf of Auckland Transport.

At 34 metres in length and a width of 9.5 metres, both Auckland Transport ferries will have the capacity to carry 300 passengers.

The move to the Whanganui Port site will also provide opportunities to employ new staff, with Q-West indicating an additional 30 could be employed, along with an estimated 80 additional roles with neighbouring businesses.

"Boats need to be refitted and maintained; our customers are more than willing to come back to us for this service, however, in recent years this has become more difficult with the high silt levels in the river and our inability to lift the boats out.

We bring in a multitude of external contractors to take on the fabricating and fitting components, plus we have others who pre-build a lot of the modules."

We are talking about electrical companies, hydraulic manufacturers, interiors, carpet layers, window installers, air conditioning installers, blinds companies, and that's just off the top of my head."

"Many of these are locally based."

Benefits for wider businesses

Castlecliff based metal manufacturers Extol have been subcontracting to Q-West for the past twenty-odd years.

With 28 permanent staff, three of which are apprentices, Extol fabricate and provide pre-assembly work for Q-West's fit-outs. They currently have two staff permanently based at the Q-West site to work on the first Auckland Transport ferry, with another four working on components at Extol.

Extol Managing Director Geoff Bonner sees Q-West's move to the Whanganui Port as nothing but positive.



Auckland transport ferry in production at Q West

"There will be more opportunities, for apprentices to engineers, it's a good project, good for everyone," he says.

"Every Extol apprentice over the years has spent time at Q-West at some stage, it provides them with a different set of skills, so any growth in Q-West offers greater opportunities for Whanganui to produce highly skilled people."

Sports Talk with Jared Smith

Secondary School Sports Awards

It was another glittering occasion at Cullinane College last Wednesday as the 2023 Mitre 10 Mega Whanganui Secondary School Sports Awards winners were announced.

As strange as it may seem nowadays in our post-Covid world, these were the first awards since 2019 that all nominees had the advantage of full, uninterrupted seasons in their various codes to be considered for prizes.

The award criteria will consider the exploits of these athletes across an October to October timeframe rather than the January to December calendar.

As such, the judging panel considered about 65 nominations of individuals, teams, coaches and officials across 13 categories, which included the return of the 'International' sportsman and sportswoman awards, which naturally, due to Covid restrictions had not been included in the 2022 edition, due 2021-22 summer athletes being domiciled domestically.

These two categories proved the toughest to judge – the panel was unable to split the achievements of judo practitioner Lucas Munn and in-line speed skater Micky Zhang, both of Whanganui High School for Junior Sportsman of the Year.

Munn won gold in his Cadet division at the Queensland International Judo Championships, while Zhang claimed two golds at the Oceania In-line Speed Skating Championships.

The International Junior Sportswoman was speed skater Gabriella Valentine of Whanganui Girls College, who also competed at the Oceania championships and earned two golds and two bronzes.

It was a similar story in the Senior International Sportsman of the Year, with WHS's Chase Morpeth once again winning the prize, after he came 11th in the 10km Elimination Race at the World Championships in

Italy, while getting Top 3 placings at events in Germany and Belgium.

Senior International Sportswoman of the Year was steeplechase runner Louise Brabyn of Whanganui Collegiate, who came third at in the Australian Under 17 race and now holds a world ranking of 28th, based on her time at the NZ Secondary School track & field championships.

The other award winners were:

Junior National Sportsman: Mollie King (Whanganui Girls) – Weightlifting & Powerlifting.

Junior National Sportsman: Jake Newton (WHS) – Rowing.

Senior National Sportsman: Pip Scanlan (Whanganui Girls) – Shooting.

Senior National Sportsman: Daniel Sinclair (Collegiate) – Track & Field Athletics.

Coach: Jayden Bailey (Ruapehu College) – Squash.

Disabled Sportsperson: Mason Pye (WHS) – Athletics.

Junior Team: Alexis Toy & Zoe Anderson (Whanganui Girls) – Kayaking.

Senior Team: Whanganui Collegiate School Rowing Under 18 Girls Quad Scull.

Mr Over 50 - Glen Lacy

Finally, it isn't just the young who earned recognition on the national stage recently.

Congratulations to Whanganui's Glen Lacy for winning the Mr Over 50 title at the National Association Body Building Amateurs (NABBA) NZ National Championships in New Plymouth recently.

At his last championships after a decade of winning titles at multiple regional and national events, the 51-year-old Lacy also came second overall when judged against the other division winners.

Now a fulltime personal trainer at City Fitness Whanganui, Lacy thanked his wife Melissa, his sponsors Mayhem Supplements and Audrey McCosh Fitness for all their help.

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Summer swim spot monitoring begins in the region

Horizons Regional Council begins its summer swim spot monitoring programme on Monday 6 November, giving everyone in

the region the ability to check the quality of water at their favourite spots before taking a dip. Every year, from November to May, Horizons

staff collect samples from approximately 80 sites across the Horizons Region, which are then sent to an independent laboratory for testing. Results are then uploaded to www.lawa.org.nz so people can check before they head out.

Horizons environmental monitoring scientist Ian Hurst says staff monitor the levels of faecal indicator bacteria and potentially toxic algae (cyanobacteria) in the water.

"We test for E.coli at freshwater sites and Enterococci at coastal sites to measure faecal contamination," she says.

"The presence of these bacteria in waterways suggests other pathogens, which are harmful to humans, may also be present. E.coli and Enterococci are not visible to the human eye, so we take samples and send them to an independent lab for processing.

"Potentially toxic algae includes cyanobacteria, which appears as black mats on rocks in rivers and as green scum in and above water in lakes. This algae can be toxic to animals and people.

"Staff use a bathyscope (underwater viewer) to observe these algae in rivers. For lakes, a sample of the water is taken and examined with a microscope.

"Coming into contact with water where these organisms are present in sufficient quantities can lead to conditions such as gastroenteritis, respiratory illness, and ear and skin infections.

We update the LAWA website once we get the results, so people know which sites are suitable for swimming."



Horizons staff member holding a bathyscope (underwater viewer) on their way to check a swim spot

Mr Hurst says people should always check LAWA for water quality results, but there are also other things they should be aware of, especially around and in rivers.

"Please stay out of water if it has been raining heavily within the last 72 hours, as this can create faster-flowing water and contribute to higher levels of faecal contamination.

"It is important to check any swim spot before swimming, but especially after heavy rain, as things may have changed beneath the surface since you were last there. It is especially important to check for large objects.

"Rivers and beaches across Aotearoa New Zealand can be unpredictable and their power easy to underestimate. Do not enter the water alone, actively supervise children, and stay out if you are not a confident swimmer.

"Also avoid swimming close to cliff faces in case of slips, which can occur anytime. Finally, call 111 during any emergency at a waterway.

"Given the number of water-related tragedies we have had in our region during recent summers, it is important we all remember and follow safety advice. Anyone wanting further information about how to stay safe in and around rivers

and beaches can visit www.watersafetynz.org."

Mr Hurst says LAWA's website holds information about the quality of water at swim spots across the country. Swim spots are tagged by a red, amber or green location marker, indicating the

most recent test results and if the water is suitable for swimming based on Ministry of Health guidelines.

"No matter where you go this summer, you will be able to use the website to check results or find a swim spot."

John travels the country while giving free entertainment in retirement homes



John with his dog, Stevie Nicks

It Stevie Nicks in Whanganui? She's a Labrador, and she is travelling the country with her master, John Hert, being a companion as he sings and plays his guitar in rest homes, with Stevie resting at his feet.

Older Whanganui folk have been enjoying his free one-man shows, which are a change of pace for the septogenarian musician.

John worked in the field of computers (IT) before electing to travel in his retirement and taking his guitar and Stevie with him.

John has played at rest homes and outdoor cafes from Kaitaia to Invercargill. He was heading for Dannevirke after playing in Whanganui.

He said he had a nice lifestyle, a good way to travel and met a lot of lovely people in a beautiful country.

The Labrador Stevie Nicks has made Cook Strait crossings with John, who noted Blue Bridge provided for canines. Stevie was eight years old and great company for him, John said. Stevie had had 27 pup-

pies, and they had gone into the Seeing Eye Dog programme.

"I spoil her; she's done her duty," John said.

John Googles resthomes on entering a town or city and makes himself available to them at no charge to play and sing.

He said he played for nothing but his own mental enjoyment. He took pleasure in playing for people, and that included playing in locked-down facilities, with Stevie also present.

He said that playing at outdoor cafes, he had found people putting coins into Stevie's water bowl in appreciation of the music. He had returned the coins to their owners.

John's visit to Whanganui had special significance for him. He said his family's ancestral home was Koroniti. His great-great grandfather had built one of the churches at Jerusalem.

"The family has had reunions there. Koroniti is a big part of our family history. There are hundreds of us now. It's a lovely spot on the river."

John said he could be back in Whanganui in June next year.

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Pride Whanganui celebrates love and inclusivity with wedding giveaway



Pride Whanganui, a leading LGBTQI+ charity, is delighted to announce a heartwarming partnership that celebrates love, inclusivity, and the power of community. Through their commitment to fostering acceptance and equality, Pride Whanganui has organized a remarkable wedding giveaway event, gifting one lucky couple the chance to celebrate their love in a truly special way.

Pride Whanganui is proud to provide this opportunity for a couple to win an unforgettable wedding experience at the 2024 Pride Party – the biggest and final event

in the Whanganui Pride Week calendar.

Couples enter via the Pride Whanganui website or via paper entry form, available from Pride Whanganui, with final applications closing on Friday 24th of November. From the applications received, Pride Whanganui Trustees and Volunteers will identify three couples who will be made public on Saturday 25th of November with an opportunity for the public to vote for their favourite couple. Voting closes on Saturday the 16th of December where the votes will be tallied and the couple with the most votes will be deemed the winner.

In collaboration with generous sponsors and supporters, Pride Whanganui has curated a uniquely different celebration. The winning couple will receive a dream wedding package, including the venue – the Whan-

ganui War Memorial Centre, celebrant services from Scott Phillips aka Married with Metal, photography from the talented Skye Boniface and three nights at The Braeburn – a heritage listed building that overlooks the Whanganui Awa.

“We are thrilled to provide this wonderfully queer opportunity that highlights the importance of love, respect, and acceptance. Love knows no boundaries, and we are dedicated to creating a celebration that truly represents the spirit of inclusivity” said Christina Emery, Manager of Pride Whanganui.

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5 November 2023 Sunday 18 Hole Club Champs: Senior: Perry Schlierike Intermediate: Craig Campbell Junior: Keith Wilson Improvers: Reign Dobbs Ladies: Rita Luke

7 November 2023 Tuesday 9 Hole Putting Round
3. Men's Division 1: Tom Clark 15, Little Paki 16, Trevor Sammons 17. **Men's Division 2:** Bob McIntyre 18, John Deighton 18. **Women's Division 1:** Jan Crossan 15 **Women's Division 2:** Priscilla Fonseka 16, Jean Walsh 18.

Upcoming Events: November 2023 Twilight 2 Person Team 9 Hole Ambrose Friday's Tee off from 3.30pm -5.30pm. Billy Beck's farewell tournament Sunday 12th November 2023 9.00am tee off. Saturday's 9/18-hole \$5 Haggie Tee off 7.30am-12.30pm

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Whanganui Creative Space's exhibition at Yellow House Cafe

Whanganui Creative Space is exhibiting artwork and sets of artist cards at The Yellow House, 17 Pitt Street. As the exhibition runs from Thursday, 7 December through to 4 January, the timing leading up to Christmas and New Year is a good one when considering presents to buy. All the works in the exhibition are for sale.

The exhibition hours are 8am-3pm Monday - Friday; 8:30am-3:30pm on Weekends and 9am-3pm on Public Holidays. The café will be closed from 24 to 26 December.

Whanganui Creative Space is a community art studio in Whanganui working with those with diverse-abilities and mental wellbeing needs. To find out more about them, you can go to their Facebook or check them out on Instagram - <https://www.instagram.com/whanganuicreativespace/>

They are grateful to "the Yellow House Café for working with us. We are delighted to have the use of their sunny and inviting space."



Secret Santa Gift Appeal

If you would like to donate, please drop unwrapped gifts into our office, Monday to Thursday at 164 St Hill Street or call us on 345 1799 and we can pick up. Thanks you!

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Traditional A&P Show continues in Waverley

The Waverley A&P Show is celebrating 101 years of shows on Tuesday, 14 November, with a very full schedule. It caters for both town and country with indoor displays of arts, crafts, cookery and floral, along with school displays. The Show also runs equestrian events, dog trials and boys' and girls' agricultural club events. With trade exhibits, stalls, food and drink along with activities for the children, this is a fun

day out for all of the family. There are sponsors for virtually every category.

The events schedule is very full, especially in the 'Home Industries' section, with major sponsors Wanganui Garden Centre and Waverley Harvesting Ltd.

The 'Cookery' division ("all exhibitors must be amateurs") is split into 'Cookery' of 11 sub-sections ranging from scones, banana cake, shortbread, uncooked slice through to muffins with fruit, 'Cooks of To-

morrow' (up to 13 years of age but one pikelet division just for those aged 5 to 7) and Preserves (pickle/relish, jam, jelly marmalade, preserves and sauces).

The Art & Craft Section is likewise extensive with 17 divisions from knitting, painting, drawing, handmade cards, tapestry, cross stitch, patchwork, woodwork, jewellery, crochet embroidery through to 'Scenic Photo.'

The Rose & Flower sections have 11 separate



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rose divisions as well as divisions for other flowers, including rhododendron, geraniums, irises, hosta leaves, carnations and pansies. The Children's Classes section has to have the greatest variety with divisions for sand saucers, flower arrangements, drawing, creations made out of fruit and vegetables or out of a cardboard roll, LEGO construction, decorated boiled eggshells and a pet rock.

An A&P Show must include animals of course

and the Boys and Girls Agricultural Club members will be able to strut their stuff by leading and calling their lambs and calves.

There will be a sheep dog trial yarding event run in conjunction with the Waverley-Waitotara Sheep Dog Trial Club. Major sponsors in the animal sections included Sandford Rural Carriers, Shadow Downs Polled Hereford Stud, AllFlex, Silver Fern Farms and RuralandifstyleSales.com Ltd.

There is a full range of equestrian events including horses and ponies, from Show Hunter category through to 'Have a go' Hunter Jumping and another section for 'Recreational Junior Riders.' Everyone will be busy.

The Show is at Dallison Park on Chester Street.

There will be plenty of signage.

The importance of the annual A&P Show for rural communities like Waverley cannot be underestimated. With 101 shows, the event is a major feature in the life of the community, both rural and town.

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Waverley A&P Show history

The first Show was on 21 January 1909, when W.W. Wilson was President, but there were years when the show could not be run due to the world wars and epidemics from the flu epidemic in 1918/19 through to Covid, which forced the cancellation of the show for the past three years.

The date was moved to November for the 1957 Show to bring it into line with A&P Shows being held at a similar time in Whanganui, Hawera and Stratford.

Last year, for its 100th the Association prepared a 'Memorial Book' of the Show's history, which was given to invited guests and past members. Association President, Leanne Morrison interviewed several members for the book and for a video that ran in a couple of places at the Show. She said, "The shows created many happy memories for so many. They were special and important to the community. Many locals still have treasured photos, newspaper articles and prize cards as mementos."

A&P Shows have been cut back or dropped throughout the country, and even in Whanganui, the Show will be mainly a horse one. All the more reason to head up to Waverley and check out the attractions of a good A&P Show.

300 Lotto grants given for region

Lotto NZ is going local in a new campaign showcasing the mahi of everyday Kiwi achieving extraordinary things in their communities, with help from lottery funding.

The new 'Local Grants' campaign will roll out across the country this week starting Lotto live draw veteran, Grant Kereama. The campaign builds on Lotto's previous 'Kiwis helping Kiwis campaign' and will spotlight the good work being done locally in communities across New Zealand.

Lotto NZ players have helped raise more than \$376 million in lottery funding for local communities throughout Aotearoa in FY23.

Te Puna Tahua Lottery Grants Board, which is charged with distributing the funds raised, has local people on the ground in communities across the country, fielding and assessing applications for the sought-after funding.

In the 2022/23 financial year alone, lottery funding helped around 4,000 groups made up of community, hapū and iwi across Aotearoa – out of which more than 300 grants were awarded in the Manawātū-Whanganui region.

This means there is a huge opportunity to share the stories of these organisations doing vital work in their communities.

Whanganui's own Community House Whanganui recently received funding to continue their mahi of delivering essential services and support directly to the community and through various community organisations.

Community House Manager, Shelley Loader says lottery funding has helped cover costs associated with keeping their doors open.

"As we experience increased costs and demand for our services, this funding allows our community to work together, share resources and support each other towards the same end - a healthy, vibrant and inclusive community," she says.

Lotto NZ Chief Executive, Jason Delamore says "Since the first live Lotto draw back in 1987, our players have helped raise more than \$5.9 billion for distribution to thousands of local projects and organisations across New Zealand.

"The Local Grants campaign is our way of saying thank you to our players for making this possible and showcasing some of the amazing outcomes that New Zealanders have achieved together," he said.

Lotto NZ exists to return 100% of its profits to Kiwi communities through lottery grants programmes run by Te Puna Tahua NZ Lottery Grants Board.

Horizons Notes

A personal view with
Cr David Cotton

Early 2024, we will be setting our Long-Term Plan (LTP) 2024 – 2034; this is the document that sets the goals and direction of the Regional Council (Horizons) for the next ten years. I would encourage you to keep an eye out for what is proposed in this document, as it will affect you.

For some it will just affect the level of service you do or don't receive, for others it will affect the amount of rates you pay. For most of you it will do both, affect the level of service you do or don't receive from Horizons and the amount of rates you will pay.

We are in changing times, with the change

of government who have signalled a more hands-off approach to local politics, letting more decisions be made at a local level, the freeing up of red tape RMA; we could also see regional and district councils combined.

At the risk of repeating myself, I have made it clear I stand for Rate Restraint; that does not mean - no rate rises, but it does mean evaluation of all the options you have and making informed decisions about what stays in your budget, what new level of service should be added, and most importantly what services can be withdrawn or scaled down to balance the needs (Not just the wants) of our community.

In my view, council has a reluctance to scale back any level of services but is quick to add them on, which in turn is why we have the ever-increasing rate costs, well ahead of inflation.

Just to give you a heads up on the type of decisions you will face.

The Tide Bus Service — should this go from a trial to a fully funded service in Whanganui, there is also a push to extend the level of our bus service into other areas of Whanganui.

Should Horizons be looking to fund Iwi for the work they do? For example, the Port Project is approximately \$500k; or should this be funded directly from Central



Government? I look forward to your feedback when the LTP document is released early 2024.

Remember, I am here to represent you. Contact me at any time. I'm working hard to ensure we have an affordable place to live, work, and play.

- Cr David Cotton,
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WANGANUI SECONDARY SCHOOL NEWS

~ A busy term at WHS ~

Term 4 is always an intense period of time in our very full school calendar for students and staff alike!

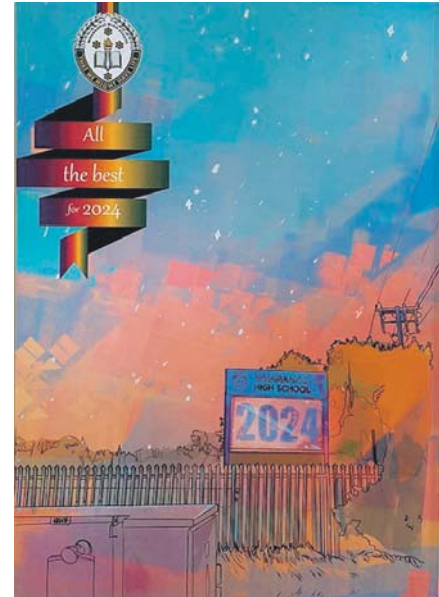
Over the last few weeks, we have acknowledged and celebrated a wide range of student achievements and successes in our Sports Awards, our Arts and Cultural Awards, our Māori Awards, our Pasifika Awards, as well as in our Year 13 Graduation Breakfast and Year 13 Prizegiving, our Year 12 Prizegiving, and our Year 11 Prizegiving.

At the same time, we have prepared our Year 11 to Year 13 students to the best of our combined abilities for their NCEA and Scholarship examinations running from Monday, 6 November, to Friday, 1 December. Year 10 students have also sat their NCEA Literacy and Numeracy Assessments as part of our involvement as a pilot school in the NCEA Change Programme.

During the beginning of this week, our Year 9 and Year 10 students sat their Junior Examinations and also completed their e-asTTle Reading and Numeracy assessments.

We have an interesting series of planned House and School activities to complete before the end of Term 4, and then we will begin preparations to welcome students at the beginning of the 2024 school year.

The back of the year book



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Scott Maury - new skin specialist at Whanganui Skin Cancer Centre

Scott Maury practised medical and surgical dermatology in the United States for over 20 years, but in July he and his wife Karen and children came to Whanganui, where Scott is the skin specialist at the Whanganui Skin Cancer Centre at 163 Wicksteed Street.

He has an extensive background in Dermatology as a Physician Associate. Physician Associates are licensed clinicians who practice medicine in every speciality and setting and is one of 40 practising PAs in New Zealand. This experience includes lecturing for the PA programme at Saint Louis University and speaking for the Society of Dermatology Physicians Associates while being a member of the Society of Dermatology Physician Associates and the New Zealand Physician Associate Society.

"I chose to focus on dermatology as it made sense

Scott Maury

to me. I could recognize patterns and easily understood the concepts. I also like the mix of young to older patients, from doing skin checks to removing growths."

Before coming to New Zealand, he and Karen discussed the pros and cons and then had an exploratory holiday here. During that time, he also had interviews in Palmerston North and Auckland, but they chose Whanganui as they were impressed with the city, and both of them had job offers.

"We like the slower pace of life where almost everything is only 10 minutes away. Opportunities for the children, especially educationally, are great, and Wellington is not that far away."

Scott recommends adults have a skin check every year, pointing out that there are many different kinds of skin cancers – both melanoma and non-melanoma. Melanomas are the least common but are the most dangerous.

As the business grows, he expects they will do more work in general dermatology.



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Once your child is enrolled at a new school, all their personal records will be sent from the previous one.

How do I enrol my child? What paperwork do I need to provide?

You enrol directly with the school or kura. Contact them to find out their enrolment process and to get their enrolment forms.

Documents for enrolling

Check with the school or kura to see what paperwork they want. They will want things like:

- a copy of your child's

birth certificate or passport as proof of age

- a copy of their immunisation certificate (this is in the back of your Well Child book or ask your family doctor for a copy)
- medical information including your doctor's contact details
- any legal documents, for example custody or access agreements the school should know about
- if your child has been enrolled in early childhood education, their National Student Number (NSN), and ECE leaver's record
- contact details – your family phone numbers and address and someone the school or kura can call in an emergency if they can't get hold of you.

Can I enrol my child at any school I like?
Not always. If the school has an 'enrolment scheme', in other words, is zoned, this gives them the authority

Can I enrol my child at any school I like?

to restrict enrolments to families living within the zone. If you want your child to attend a zoned school and you live outside the zone you will have to apply to go into their ballot. You can read more about ballots and zones.

If you live in an area that has a choice of more than one school you can find out what some of your different options might be by reading the section on the different types of schools avail-



able.

What if a school refuses to enrol my child?
First of all, contact the school and ask whether they have an enrolment scheme, and if so, get them to explain how you can apply to enrol. If they don't have an enrolment scheme, they should not turn away any enrolments. If they do, ask the school to put the refusal in writing. You can then contact your nearest Ministry of Education office for advice.



Would you know what to do if someone was injured? Links Training currently offers levels of first aid training for individuals or workplaces. Businesses are welcome to attend their public classes, all of which are NZQA assessed.

Public classes are run at venues throughout the lower North Island, including Whanganui, Palmerston North, Levin, Kapiti, Masterton, and Wellington. The next Whanganui class is scheduled for Monday 4 December. This eight-hour class will enable individuals to have the skills and confidence to assist during a medical emergency.

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- * Keep pens, felts, crayons, pencils and paper handy for your child
- * Make letters of the alphabet out of objects e.g. stones, blocks, buttons, shells, Play-Doh
- * Get outside and draw and write with chalk on concrete, use a stick to write in mud, sand or snow. A paint brush with water on the deck is a lot of fun
- * Cover your fridge in magnetic letters
- * Put labels on important things like the door to their room and their toy box. Or write labels in your first language
- * Go on a word hunt. Show your child how to form the first letter of a word they are interested in, then go hunting in your house for other words that start with that letter or sound, or see if they can find them in a book
- * Say the letters in their name aloud.
- * Get them to 'read' their early writing to you
- * Write the story they tell you under their drawing
- * Let them see you writing – talk about what you are writing about
- * Look together for writing everywhere – street names, shop names, writing on cars and trucks.

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Their Gifted and Talented Education (G.A.T.E.) programme is a significant part of the school's approach to students, and around 60% of them are involved in some way, whether it is academic, cultural or sporting.

Principal Kathie Ellery points out some of these academic successes as follows:

- Tournament of the Mind New Zealand is described as "An educational program challenging the world

to develop problem-solving skills." After winning their category at the Nationals, they have travelled to Australia to compete against the world!

- EPro 8 is a competition where teams of students face engineering challenges. W.I.S. has teams competing in the Regionals held in the Manawātū this week.

- Kids Lit competitions. "Year in and year out our teams win the Regional competitions and head to the Nationals in Wellington."

- Mathex sees a large number of W.I.S. competing. This year, a Year 7 team placed third, and a Year 8 team placed second.

- Girls' Rugby has gone from strength to strength, with the team winning a Central Districts tournament for intermediate schools.



Heemi Gray: Composer of the School Haka and Kapa Haka tutor. Trina Roy: Leader of Kidslit group – 'Spirit of Reading'. Tracey Dent: Leader for Tournament Minds, (just returned from Australia) and EPro 8 taking place this week.. Halim Sheridan – Oversees the schools' GATE programme as well as coordinating weekly writing and maths challenges. Ross Cranshaw: Sports co-ordinator, overseeing tournament and competition arrangements.

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Bowls results

WANGANUI EAST BOWLS

Men's Championship Fours: 1st. L Smith, P Head, P Beumelburg, G Johnston 2nd. N Grant, B Hourigan, K Howard, M O'Donnell.

Ladie's Championship Fours: 1st. R Evans, D Martin, A Richdale, R Firmin 2nd. J Raymond, W Black, M Blinkhorne, C White

Men's Championship Triples: 1st. C Pinker, G Adams, W Pinker 2nd. P Beumelburg, N Grant, T Trotter

Ladie's Championship Triples: 1st. J Raymond, A Richdale, D Clarke 2nd. S Wooding, M Hourigan, S Catchpole

Aramoho Outdoor Bowls Results

Ladie's Gordon Pairs: Winners - Liz Anderson and Ann Kendrick, Runner/up - Diane Stewart and Maria Klitscher **Mens** - Winners - Ian Crighton and Mike Morgan, Runner/up - Kevin Coombe and Aedan Heteka.

Ivan Pervan Trophy: Winners - Kevin Coombe, Brendon Kenny, Robert Hackbarth and John McGee. Runner/up - Keith Slight, Laurie Hunt and John Messent.

Ladies Open Club Championship Singles: Semi-Final - Pauline Pirere bt Maria Klitscher Final - Ann Kendrick bt Pauline Pirere.

Men's Open Club Championship Singles: Semi-Final - Desmond Pirere bt Laurie Hunt, Ray Wilson bt Keith Slight, Final - Ray Wilson bt Desmond Pirere.

Versatile Buildings Labour Weekend Tournament Results: Winners - Desmond Pirere, Pauline Pirere and Maria Klitscher, 2nd - Ray Wilson, Ron Hutchinson and Mike Morgan, 3rd - Gavin Scrivener, Brett Satterthwaite and Joe Power. 4th - Kevin Coombe, John Belliss and Aedan Heketa.

Day One Afternoon Prize - Patrick Spence, Alan Springer and Jim Pullins, **Day Two Morning Prize** - Phil Corney, Lindsay Bourne and Colin Wright, **Day Two Afternoon Prize** - Kaylin Huwyler, Phil Huwyler and Trevor Tutty.

Three Whanganui reps of NZ Women's Roller Hockey team return from China

The New Zealand Women's Roller Hockey team (and Men's and U-19 teams) have just returned from an international qualifying competition in Beijing, China. They included three Whanganui women reps - co-captain Jemma Bates and 15-year-old Whanganui High School students Siobhan Pitkethley and Michaela Ross.

The good news is that although they were 4th out of five teams (the others were China, India, Japan and Australia), they qualified for next year's World's, to be held close to Rome, Italy, in August.

Jemma is well travelled but it was Michaela's 1st trip out of New Zealand while Siobhan had previously been to Australia. China is not an easy introduction to overseas travel, as the two soon experienced. Initially, it was the smog that hit them. "Each morning, we would check the air quality before we travelled two hours to where we played the

games," explains Jemma. "It was always don't get involved in physical exercise out of doors."

Another area of life that was very hard to adjust was the squatting toilets. The less said the better.

Food was good. Normally, a buffet of fried rice, eggs, chickens, mushrooms, sometimes soup. However, breakfast was basically the same as dinner.

Roller hockey is a little like ice hockey. It is played in a gym by two teams of five, each with a goalie, with everyone on quad roller skates. However, you don't wear helmets, which unfortunately meant that Jemma, when she crashed to the ground, had to miss a couple of games due to concussion. Two others ended up in hospital briefly - one with a thumb injury and the other with a split to the eye caused by a stick.

Their hardest game was against Japan, losing heavily. "Ironically, we played really well says



Jemma (back right), Michaela (middle back with black hair) and Siobhan (front left)

Jemma, but the Japanese had been training full time in Spain."

They had a good relationship with the Australians, with both teams cheering for the other. It must have worked in their games with China, which

they won by a big margin. Both the New Zealand Men's and the Under-19 Men's team qualified, winning 6th out of 8 and 3rd out of 5, respectively.

The women's game is strong in Whanganui, with one women's team, an un-

der 19 mixed team, two to 3 under 14 teams and two under 11 teams. There are tournaments every 6 to 8 weeks in New Plymouth, Motueka, Auckland, Hastings, Wellington, and Whanganui.

The team was able to do some hurried sightseeing on the last day, visiting the Great Wall and viewing Tiananmen Square in Beijing.

While Roller Hockey NZ supplied their kit and gear, the NZ coach gifted all members new gloves and knee pads, and World Skating also subsidized their involvement, team members still had to contribute \$3,500 each. With a lot of fund raising, the Whanganui members were able to whittle this down to only \$200 each.

But it is back to school for all three - Jemma teaches art and photography at Whanganui Girls College - until preparations begin in earnest for the Worlds next year.

Castlecliff Golf Club hold major events last weekend

This year's Shand Cup/Sybil Green competition was held at Castlecliff Golf Club (October 28-29) for the first time for 23 years, last being held in the year 2000. The Shand Cup brings the best eight male golfers from Manawatu-Wanganui, Taranaki, Hawkes Bay and Wellington in a match-play competition against the other districts. The Sybil Green is the equivalent competition for women.

After an extremely windy practice round where only a handful of players completed all 18 holes due to the conditions, it was an almost perfect weekend for golf. Saturday was mainly light winds all day. Andrew Searle (#6 for Taranaki) opened his morning round with six birdies in the first seven holes, making the most of the conditions. The Saturday conditions meant

holes won with birdies, and relying on pars, weren't good enough; however on Sunday, there were a lot fewer birdies being had and pars were generally good enough as a strong easterly tested the players.

Hawkes Bay/Poverty Bay won the Sybil Green for the first time in a number of years, much to the delight of their proud captain, Janie Field. "This is one of the best moments I have had in the thirty years of representative golf. To bring such a young team and to come away with the win is so special", commented Field. Field was also extremely complimentary about the way the event was run by Castlecliff tournament host Rodney Donaldson, greenkeepers (Craig Toyne and Thomas Little), caterers (Darlene Hall) and all the Castlecliff volunteers who did their part to make it a

successful weekend.

Wellington won the Shand Cup unbeaten for the sixth year in a row. Wellington captain Jonathan Cane reiterated Field's words about Castlecliff at the prize-giving. Cane also collected the Stu Smith Memorial Trophy a month earlier (also held at Castlecliff) as the winning captain of the Wellington Over 40's team. He will always have great memories of the course and the success they have had this year.

The Castlecliff Golf Club was a hive of activity on Sunday; whilst the golf tournament was being played, the clubhouse was full of 130 ladies for a Pink Ribbon High Tea fundraiser, organised by Castlecliff members Marlene Gray, Winnie Clark and their team. The event raised over \$8,000 for the Breast Cancer Foundation, and the



club couldn't be happier to be involved in such a great cause.

Club Manager Rodney Donaldson couldn't be more pleased after a very busy weekend. "To have Manawatu-Wanganui ask us to host both these pres-

tigious golf events this year makes me really proud of what we have here at Castlecliff. The next big tournaments we have here are the North Island Chartered Clubs and the NZ National Seniors, both held in 2024".

Golf results

Castlecliff 9 Hole Club

Thursday 2nd November Irish Pairs Nett: Jackie Downes + Rawinia Connors 68, Bryan Cameron + Richard Smith 69, Mike Meyrick + Brian Quinn 70 Raffle: Rodney Mence



Former Whanganui woman becomes All Black's commercial manager

A former Whanganui woman basketballer has been given a high-profile job in New Zealand rugby.

Megan Compain has been appointed the All

Blacks' commercial manager.

Megan is a former Tall Fern and played the game at a high level as a trail-blazing Kiwi in the women's NBA com-

petition in the United States. She represented New Zealand at the Olympics in 2000 and 2004.

Megan, 48, has been involved in marketing

with the global brand Adidas. She worked for New Zealand Rugby between 2010-20 in sponsorship and commercial roles.

As the All Blacks'

commercial manager, Megan will report to Chris Lendrum, New Zealand Rugby's general manager, professional rugby and performance.

The All Blacks are now like Adidas – a global brand attracting big business.

Megan is part of a new era in All Black rugby, with Scott Robertson as

the new coach and Paul McLaughlan to be the next team manager.

McLaughlan has been a manager for the Wallabies and the Highlanders.



Katie Brown donates glass sculpture for Supreme Heritage Award

Glass artist Katie Brown has donated a beautiful glass sculpture (held by Ann Petherick Awards convener) for the Supreme winner of the Whanganui Heritage Awards, which will take place this Saturday.

Sailing Club season runs until April

The Whanganui Sailing Club has been having trouble getting their feet wet so far this season. The El Niño weather system has been causing some days of high winds, which have been unsafe for sailing. Below are some photos of when we did manage to get out for a spot of racing.



These are some of the boats in the club that sailed. If you would like to learn to sail or become involved within the club, please get in touch – secretary@sailingwhanganui.co.nz. We hope that the weather is starting to settle now and we will get some good days to come. The season runs September-April so plenty of days left.



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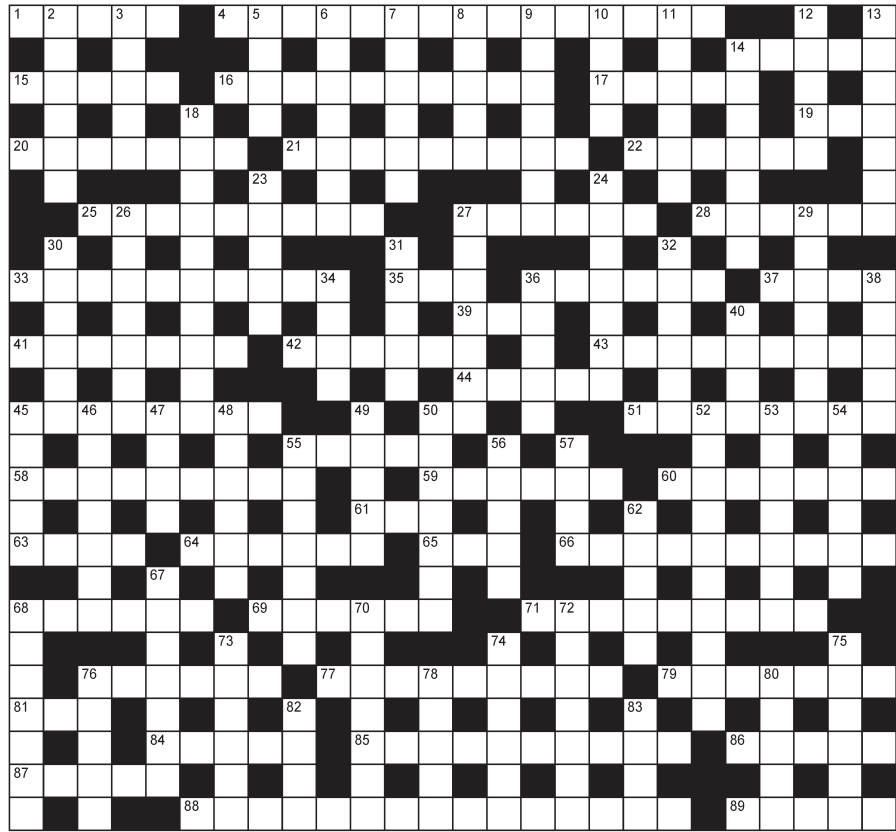
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Jumbo crossword

- ACROSS**
 1 Ceasefire (5)
 4 Become more ambitious (5,4,6)
 14 Investigate (5)
 15 Seller's patter (5)
 16 Good poker hand (5,5)
 17 River freight boat (5)
 19 Boy (3)
 20 Spotted feline (7)
 21 Customer base (9)
 22 Hole (6)
 25 Thwart (9)
 27 Dexterous (6)
 28 Renowned (6)
 33 Place of restricted flow (10)
 35 Jamaican musical style (3)
 36 Undergo pain (6)
 37 Final (4)
 39 Intestine (3)
 41 Tycoon (7)
 42 Thin covering (6)
 43 Financial obligation (9)
 44 Coral island (5)
 45 Mended (8)
 50 Expression of hesitation (2)
 51 Rebel; outlaw (8)
 55 Shepherd's staff (5)
 58 Abundant (9)
 59 Combined (6)
 60 Walk heavily or tiredly (7)
 61 Night flier (3)
 63 Speaker's platform (4)
 64 School non-attender (6)
 65 Go astray (3)
 66 Headland (10)
 68 Meat pin (6)
 69 Stinging plant (6)
 71 Going up (9)
 76 Floor covering (6)
 77 Allowed (9)
 79 Pair (7)
 81 Court (3)
 84 Backbone (5)
 85 Considerate (10)
 86 Soldier's decoration (5)
 87 Throw out (5)
 88 Very difficult to catch, pin down (8,2,2,3)
 89 Penniless (5)
- DOWN**
 2 Sword (6)
 3 Inexpensive (5)
 5 Tiny particle (4)
 6 Bright red colour (7)
 7 Counterbalance (6)
 8 Burst (5)
 9 Learned person (7)
 10 Asian desert (4)
 11 Intimidating remark (6)
 12 Mirthful (5)
 13 Interferes (7)
 14 Fishing bird (7)
 18 Gold seeker (10)
 23 Basket for fish (5)
 24 Hidden or unsuspected difficulty (7)
 26 Circular building (7)
 27 Word puzzle (7)
 29 Egg-shaped musical instrument (7)
 30 Discover the position of (6)
 31 Grey-faced (5)
 32 Partial refund (6)
 34 Was aware of (4)
 36 Bend down (5)
 38 Culinary herb (5)
 40 Conceal (4)
 45 Quick (5)
 46 Childish (7)
 47 Jot (4)
 48 Exertion (6)
 49 Automaton (5)
 50 Stringed instrument (7)
 52 Reduce the number of options (6,4)
 53 Shine wetly (7)
 54 Crave (6)
 55 Meat chopper (7)
 56 Saltpetre (5)
 57 Retain (4)
 62 Pugilist (5)
 67 Thaw (7)
 68 Underwater plant (7)
 70 Playhouse (7)
 72 Add sugar (7)
 73 Story in episodes (6)
 74 Periods in development (6)
 75 Go onboard (6)
 76 Managed (5)
 78 Irritable (5)
 80 Diaphanous (5)
 82 Cry (4)
 83 Untampered (4)




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1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
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A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z

Sudoku

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			1	7			9	5
4						6		
	6	8				5	1	
		2						4
8	3			9	2			
			8					7
	1	4		3				

Medium

Fill the grid so that every column, every row and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1 to 9.

Previous solution

3	7	4	2	1	9	6	5	8
5	8	6	4	7	3	9	2	1
2	9	1	5	6	8	7	3	4
8	5	2	9	4	7	3	1	6
4	1	7	3	8	6	2	9	5
6	3	9	1	2	5	4	8	7
9	6	5	8	3	4	1	7	2
1	4	8	7	9	2	5	6	3
7	2	3	6	5	1	8	4	9

Previous solution

1	B	E	D	I	P	K	A	X	R	N	L	U	C
14	T	G	O	W	F	S	J	Q	H	V	Z	Y	M

Previous crossword solution

ACROSS: 1 Awkward, 4 Restricted, 9 Academy, 13 Link, 14 Grovel, 15 Vienna, 16 Propose, 19 Bassoon, 20 Let sleeping dogs lie, 21 Gazebo, 22 Sticky, 24 Duplicate, 29 Heirloom, 30 Beaver, 31 Sparrow, 35 Contains, 36 Margin, 37 Earl, 38 Camel, 39 Yet, 41 Shell, 43 Seethe, 47 Zebra, 50 Hop, 54 Covet, 55 True, 56 Collie, 57 Triangle, 60 Fiction, 61 Govern, 62 Exhausts, 65 Applauded, 67 Asthma, 68 Savage, 72 Blot on the landscape, 75 Old hand, 77 Attempt, 78 Fathom, 79 Appeal, 80 Silo, 81 Pretend, 82 Ingredient, 83 Airless.

DOWN: 1 Ad-lib, 2 King-size, 3 Daring, 4 Revolution, 5 Split, 6 Rivalry, 7 Clever, 8 Ennui, 10 Carbon copy, 11 Deposit, 12 Mosaic, 17 Double bass, 18 Agile, 21 Grouchy, 23 Compass, 25 Uneven, 26 Cringe, 27 Launch, 28 Bolero, 30 Bugle, 32 Reap, 33 Knot, 34 Urge, 40 Exotic, 42 Lard, 44 Exceed, 45 Talon, 46 Evident, 48 Barque, 49 Avant-garde, 50 Huge, 51 Prelude, 52 Dent, 53 Remote, 58 Rolling pin, 59 Chamber pot, 63 Sushi, 64 Parasite, 66 Patient, 67 Assumed, 69 Slater, 70 Anchor, 71 Sonata, 73 Learn, 74 Adage, 76 Dross.

5x5

P	R		S	
	W		R	
T	L		N	
	I		L	
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Insert the missing letters to complete ten words — five across the grid and five down. More than one solution may be possible.

Previous solution

C	O	P	E	D
O	C	H	R	E
S	T	O	A	T
T	E	N	S	E
S	T	E	E	R

OBITUARY - Lynn Taylor: A noted teacher and actor

By David Scoullar
In a lifetime of teaching and acting in Whanganui, Lynn Taylor impacted the lives of many people. The much-loved teacher's first two years (1960-62) were at Whanganui East School. She and husband Howard, also a teacher, then went to the UK on their OE, with Lynn teaching in London and Scotland. Returning to New Zealand, she taught at Whanganui Girls' College. She and Howard then had three years at Ranana School — "our happiest teaching time," Howard said at Lynn's

funeral in Christ Church. In 1973-74, they took up teaching posts on Niue Island. Howard said, "Being a minority in a community was an interesting and perspective-changing experience." Back in Whanganui, Lynn taught at Kiwi Street School (1975-79) and finally at Mosston School (1980-96).

Describing Lynn as a "wonderful teacher," Howard said, "She loved her pupils and only looked for their 'greatness.' She liked fun and laughter, and each day, put a joke on the blackboard. She spent a

lifetime collecting ideas she could use in class. The number of pupils and others given confidence in themselves and inspired by the smiling, loving Mrs Taylor is immeasurable."

As a child Lynn was keen on ballet, won several championships, got her letters in the Royal Academy and British Ballet and also taught ballet. This was overtaken by a passionate involvement in theatre which began when as a fifth former at Whanganui Girls College she took part in a Whanganui Repertory Theatre production.

Over the years Lynn acted in and assisted in the production of many plays, and was made a life member of Repertory. High points included jointly winning best actor with Kerry Girdwood in the NZ Theatre Federation national competition; playing Lady Bracknell in The Impor-

ance of Being Earnest; and playing Bad Jelly the Witch for Repertory and later Amdram.

Most of Mosston School saw Bad Jelly, and after each performance several parents had to go back stage to show their children that the frightening Bad Jelly was really Mrs Taylor

acting. In The Wind in the Willows, Lynn's Mosston class were the stoats and weasels and she gave the children a wonderful introduction to the thrill of being on stage, Howard said.

Lynn's last public performance at Repertory was a one-liner which brought the house down at an annual general meeting. The secretary stood up to open the meeting and said, "Now, you all have an agenda." Lynn piped up, "Yes, I'm a girl."

Lynn died on 29 September aged 84. She is survived by Howard, her husband of 62 years, and sons Nicholas and Dominic.



Lynn Taylor in a character role with a co-star, the first time a cat had appeared on stage at Whanganui Repertory Theatre.

Horizons retired staff member acknowledged with award

Horizons Regional Council is proud to have Eric Dodd's contribution to pest management recognised after being awarded the Peter Nelson Award.

Horizons environmental manager Craig Davey says he is pleased that Eric's contribution to pest management has been recognised by the New Zealand Biosecurity Institute.

"Eric is the first person from the Horizons Region to receive this award and we couldn't think of a better candidate," says Mr Davey.

"Eric worked for Horizons over a span of almost 40 years and through his experience at Horizons and his roles prior to joining Horizons, he really became a leading subject matter expert in vertebrate pest management.

"Eric was an asset to the team, sharing his knowledge and helping control a variety of pest animals within the Horizons Region.

"His work at Horizons included possum control, leading the Kia Whārite biodiversity project which protected kiwi and whio, as well as overseeing pest plant and soil conserva-



Eric Dodd with the Peter Nelson award.

tion in the Ruapehu District for a period of time as well.

"He spent a considerable amount of energy targeting possum control which was a vital component in the fight to eradicate the incidence of bovine tuberculosis (TB) from cattle and deer herds in the Ruapehu District.

"Eric invested so much in the Horizons Region, and we congratulate him on this achievement, while he may have retired his work leaves a lasting legacy."

Theosophy Whanganui Public Meeting

Usually held 2nd Sunday Monthly. Where: Community Arts Centre, back river entrance in the Awa Room. When: 2pm What: Presentation with respectful discussion and communication. Purpose: No dogma, "Do no harm", explore ancient wisdom to develop self with the universe. Email: theosophywhanganui@gmail.com

The Whanganui Community Choir's Concert - "Together Hand in Hand"

is on 25th November at Central Baptist Church, cnr Dublin & Wicksteed Streets at 2pm, followed by afternoon tea. Musical Director - Caleb Arthur; Adults \$20.00, Seniors \$15.00, Students \$10.00, Children under 12 Free. Family Ticket \$50.00 (2 adults and 2 students over 12) Tickets available from choir members or at the door, or contact: Edwyna 344 7974 / 027 360 1335. Guest artist is Sophie Toyne - NZ Country Music Junior Entertainer of the Year 2023.

USA Spring Lecture Series

continues. Sy Tafel from Massey University talks on how misinformation and disinformation reaches the news media, with examples from history and more recently. Friday, 10th November, 2pm at St Andrews Hall, Glasgow Street. \$5 entry includes tea and biscuits, everyone welcome.

Whanganui Country Music Club

Come and join us this Sunday for our afternoon concert from 1pm to 4.30pm. We meet 2nd and 4th Sundays in November at the Pipe Band Hall, 1E Bell Street. Raffles, afternoon tea, great singing and fantastic band - for all to enjoy. Contacts Terri 021 420 069, Dave 021 061 7282.

Whanganui Creative Space AGM 2023

Tuesday, 14th November, 7pm, at 61 Dublin Street, Whanganui. For information, phone/text Linda, 021-230-4095.

Whanganui Girls College Old Girls Association

Christmas Lunch, Ad Astra Hostel, Anzac Parade, on 18th November 2023 at 12 noon. \$30.00 per head. All welcome. For more info & RSVPs call/text Laura 027 249 0664.

Whanganui Spiritual & Awareness Centre

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Arthritis Whanganui Evening Support Group

Our Next Evening meeting will be held on Wednesday 15th November at 7.30pm. at the Barracks Bar - 170 St Hill Street. The speaker is Dr Singh from MSM Pain Clinic. His topic is 'Pain Management' - What is Pain, how to manage, new developments. Dr Singh will answer some questions at the end of his presentation. The purpose of this group is to offer evening support to those affected by Arthritis. It is envisaged that on arrival at 7.30pm, you buy your own coffee/refreshments/food, with the speaker starting around 7.45pm. All welcome. We would appreciate you registering your interest by phoning David Orr 06 345 0428 or 021 0260 1319 - dorrs1234@gmail.com

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The world has changed, and sadly, the time is right for the curtain to come down on SeniorNet here in Wanganui.
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