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Brother and sister travel South East Asia and India together

BY DOUG DAVIDSON

Isaac, aged 22, and his sister Christina Lee, aged 19, decided to travel in Southeast Asia and India together. "I would never have thought of travelling with a sibling," says Christina, but Isaac had been to Southeast Asia before and was keen to go to India as well this time.

They started off in Vietnam, travelling from South to North and thoroughly enjoying it. However, ten hours bus ride away from the capital of Hanoi, Christina developed a bad throat infection which soon morphed into a lump in her neck, the size of a tennis ball. They headed off the next day, a Friday, to Hanoi. "I was able to get into the hospital without an appointment. As they

suspected a tumour, they sent me straight to oncology (cancer ward) for tests and was told to come back on the Monday to get the results." It was a tense weekend as Christina tried to avoid thinking the worst. "It turned out to be a really bad throat infection, which affected my lymph node. I was treated with antibiotics, and it was all gone within five days. I am amazed by the quality of

the hospital care." Christina had another issue before they left Vietnam. She had omitted to send her visa request information to the Indian High Commission, finding out the day before their Vietnam visa expired and the day they were to fly out. Isaac continued to India while Christina flew to Thailand to get the visa. Isaac spent his first day in New Delhi, India, going on a food tour. He had a queasy stomach but was determined to carry on. He soon ended up with a severe case of food poisoning. He says, "The first three weeks in India were miserable with the food poisoning, a sore throat and the high level of pollution."

When Christina arrived in India, they headed off to Rishikesh a major tourist and pilgrimage hub in Northern India for a yoga retreat, and then "to the middle of nowhere," - Karnal in the state of Haryana, to help out on a permaculture farm.

It was a case of don't believe everything you see and read online. "The temperatures were very hot. There were two taps of supposedly drinking water available - but only for 1 to 2 hours a day. The six volunteers had to sleep across two beds with only two mosquito nets available."

The food consisted of rice, chickpeas and spuds. There was no meat or any animal products. "The owner lived 45 minutes away and got us to prune trees. It was supposed to be for a month, but both of us soon got sick, and the whole group left after a week."

However, it wasn't all like that. They started to enjoy India, and Christina "started to enjoy being with Isaac again." As Isaac adds, "India is both my favourite and least favourite place. On the positive side, the people were extremely friendly and wanted to be helpful." This proved to be the case when a local shop-



Up, close and friendly with a snake in Vietnam.

keeper invited them to "my brother's sister's Muslim wedding in Kashmir." The 'brother' was really a brother in general terms, but the invitation also included an offer to stay on the friend's fa-

ther's houseboat on Lake Dal in Kashmir. After visiting tourist sites such as Shimla and the Taj Mahal in Agra, they flew to Thailand. As Isaac says, "Thailand is a comfortable and well-trodden path,

peaceful, quieter and clean." Christina went off on a slow boat trip across Laos and then attended a 'beach party' on an island off the coast of Thailand.

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Marist students doing an Awa Run to raise funds for disadvantaged

On Tuesday, 28 November, 48 secondary school students from the network of Marist Schools around the country, supported by about 25 teachers and helpers, will be doing a relay run from Raetihi, along the Whanganui River, through to Whanganui. It is 105 km and will finish on the Friday, 1 December. The aim is twofold – to raise funds for scholar-

ships for students from remote areas of the country to provide access to education they may otherwise go without – and to learn more about the history of the Whanganui River. The network of Marist Schools includes Cullinane College and schools from as far south as Timaru (Roncalli College) and up to Marist College in Auckland. Each school will have

five year 10 students and one year 12 student. Programme Coordinator Rachel Farrington says, "It's more important than ever that we encourage young people to look beyond themselves and to provide them with opportunities to do things for others." As the local Marist school, Cullinane is the host and is responsible for much of the organisation. This includes arranging stays at Raetihi Marae for their first night, then Hiruharama (Jerusalem), and Parikino Marae. At each stop, the students will be briefed about the communities they are raising funds for and the history of each marae.

The students will run as part of a relay team with each member doing 5km each per day. They will be accompanied by vans and Leif and Te Mana might do a bit of running and/or cycling themselves. There will also be a lead traffic management vehicle provided by Downers. They will skip the section where the River Road meets the Highway but return to running at the Upokongaro cycle/walkway bridge.

As they all return to Cullinane College, they will be welcomed back, given a feed, a final farewell before they return home.

Each student has been asked to raise \$300 for the course with some of them arranging sponsorship.



Te Mana, Bayette, Hinerangi and Leif

Check out what's in this week's RCP

Travelling overseas is booming again including young people doing their 'OE.' It used to be the UK and Europe, but Asia is closer, cheaper and more challenging. This was the case for Isaac and Christina (See our front page article). They experienced plenty of the bad along with the good – but all of it has given them memories for life.



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There are plenty of people in this week's issue to congratulate. They include:

- Alarm Watch. They have grown to be New Zealand's biggest alarm monitoring company (page 7). You wouldn't be aware of this from the outside of their building on Guyton Street, but once inside it is a different world.
- Andrea du Chatenier (and Rick Rudd and Aaron Sythe), who are all finalists for the Portage Ceramic Award, to be an-

nounced Thursday evening (Page 15).

- Cullinane College and the other Marist Colleges, who are doing the 'Awa Run' to raise funds to help students in remote areas (page 2).
- Velo Ronny's Bicycle Store for celebrating ten years in business (page 14).
- Wanganui East Bowling Club for installing a new artificial turf (page 28).

Whanganui Potter's Art in the Garden returns December 2 and 3

Each year, the Whanganui Potters Studio runs a community-focused event called 'Art in the Garden,' a celebration of art and the outdoors. The artwork displays are spread throughout the garden. It will take place, rain or sunshine, preferably the latter, from 9am to 4pm on Saturday/Sunday, 2/3 December. The location is 38 Pauls Rd.

The focus is on ceramic and outdoor (weather-proof) art, but there is always a diverse range of art. It is an opportunity for the public to come, view and purchase artwork.

Members of the club will be demonstrating pottery techniques such as wheel throwing and slab building. There will be activities for the kids with or without the adults. They will be able to create unique clay items under the tutelage of experienced potters. If you wish to keep them, the club will fire them at a later date for free.

This year, they are introducing a 'Lovely Cuppa' initiative. Members have been making unique and quirky keep-cups for the public to purchase at a much-discounted rate. They hope that the new owners will use them instead of disposable cups.

Proceeds from these cups will support the club's ongoing community activities. However, one cup per person as numbers will be limited. Another fundraiser for the Studio is their raku firings. You can purchase and glaze a piece of bisque fired pottery.

Art in the Garden has to include plants. So, there will be a wide range of plants on sale to go with garden art.

Admission is free, but they hope you will buy a fundraising raffle ticket. Proceeds support the Studio, and prizes include a



trip for two on the Waimarie. The property owner has requested no dogs, please.

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Kids' Christmas Grotto part of Arts Society Christmas market this weekend

The Whanganui Arts Society is having a Christmas Market this Saturday and Sunday from 9am to 4pm at the Cooks Gallery, Trafalgar Place, up from Ridgway Street. There will be a good range of paintings, cards, jewellery, fairy cottages made out of driftwood and even punk hats.

As part of the Market, there will also be a Kids' Christmas Grotto at the back of the gallery. The students was Rei Henry's after school art classes were tasked with creating mainly animals to generally fit into the Christmas theme. These animals were made out of paper mache, cardboard rolls etc.

There are all sorts of animals from turtles to dogs to dragons, with the favourite choice being cats. They come with character from the spunky duck to the flying dragon. There is also a boat in the sea, presumably coming home for Christmas linking to a whale.

While a snake probably doesn't fit into the Christmas story (it does with the story of Adam and Eve) it has its place. Its creator told Rei that "the snake has been playing with Mum's makeup."

Of course, you can't have a Christmas grotto without father Christ-



Kids' Christmas Grotto open this Saturday and Sunday at Cooks Gallery

mas, an elf and an angel. They are there alongside a Christmas tree made up of old magazines and a big dragon (not too sure where they fit into the Christmas story, though).

The mothers of the students were there on Saturday setting it all up. As Rei says, "I appreciate their commitment to their kid's learning and what they can achieve."

The grotto, complete with lights, is all about what the kids especially liked. Entry is free.

Fire damages shops in St Johns Hill Shopping Centre



A fire early on Wednesday morning in the St Johns Hill Shopping Centre in St Leonard Street has significantly damaged the Hill Top Fish Supply and has caused smoke damage in the next door Savages Bakery, upstairs in Hair Creations and the Shirley

McDouall School of Dance. St John's Pharmacy was not affected and is open for trade.

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The all-night party can attract up to 50,000, with most of them foreigners. When Christina was there, it was "only 10 to 20,000."

Isaac, meanwhile, flew to the USA to attend 'The Burning Man' event in the Nevada desert. This annual event attracted 73,000 living in tents through to motor homes. It is described as "an experiment in temporary community, and

one that is radically all-inclusive," and this was the case for Isaac, who found a group and was soon provided with a tent, food and drink for the week.

However, the event was later also described as "more of a wash out than a red hot ticket, after freak heavy rain resulted in festival goers being trapped on site, knee-deep in mud and with dwindling supplies." Isaac happily

lived the experience.

Now back in Whanganui, Christina is hoping to be a river guide again these summer holidays and saving up for her next bout of travel. Isaac is currently travelling New Zealand looking for hidden gems and local food places. He is recording his travels on social media @THEWANDEREROFNZ, YouTube, Instagram and Tik Tok.



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Retired stone mason Doug Fisher returns to hand over his tools



Wade Carniel, Doug and Tony

Doug Fisher worked for Anderson Memorials from 1981 – 2009, 28 years, retiring a number of years ago. Recently he donated his lead lettering tools to the Company. One item is an ebony head mallet dating from 1932. Doug's father, Edward Alfred Fisher, was also a stone mason and Doug would have inherited some of his father's tools.

Lead lettering is still practised on marble gravestones, and Tony Anderson says, "Doug's tools can still be used and are valuable to us as you just can't buy them now." The process included chiselling the letters and numbers and then drilling small holes into which the lead was beaten. It is time consuming and expensive.

"The industry standard now is to use granite with the wording sandblasted with computer-generated inscriptions," explains Tony.

"Cleaning and restoring gravestones is a big part of our business," advises Tony. "We do it for families and for the Ministry of Culture and Heritage."

Deborah Anderson says, "We want to honour Doug's work with us and his generosity in passing on his tools. It is also a fitting precursor to our 110th celebrations of the business in 2024."

Anderson Memorials has five qualified tradesmen, including Tony, one new trainee and three office staff. Head office is in Whanganui, with branches in Feilding and Palmerston North.



What the gravestone looked like before restoration

Join the White Ribbon March this Friday

The annual White Ribbon March or hikoi will take place this Friday, November 24 and spokesperson Mahanga Williams from the White Ribbon team Whanganui, invites as many people as possible to join in.

Please meet in the green space on the corner of Taupo Quay and Victoria Ave (opposite Property Brokers) by 11.45am. Mahanga, who is filling in for Tim Metcalf, will give a briefing, health and safety requirements and following a karakia, the march will start at 12 noon.

Whanganui City College Principal Peter Kaua and students will be participating.

The group will be accompanied by

Māori wardens and police and will be followed by those on motorbikes. The group will reach Majestic Square by 12.15pm. They will be addressed by key speakers promoting the important message of the March – that is, non-violence to women and children. This will be followed by the White Ribbon Pledge.

There will be entertainment and food will be available. Community services involved in this area will have stands with information available.

Mahanga added, "If anyone is available to help, please come at 11am and you will be welcomed. The organisers hope to see as many people as possible promoting a message of hope."

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By this stage, the focus had changed. There were many alarm installers throughout New Zealand who did not do any monitoring, and so Alarm Watch was able to fill this gap. It has now become the largest alarm monitoring company in the country and has become the benchmark. They will answer the phone using the installation company's name if wanted.

Wade Connybear joined the company in 2004 doing alarm monitoring and became the manager

in 2007. "Every year we have grown," he says, "and have worked hard to maintain our professionalism, being rewarded with an A1 Security grading, the highest possible. This means we can monitor bank alarms."

Staff numbers are also increasing each year and currently number around 70, making the headquarters in Guyton Street the largest alarm monitoring centre in the country. On their biggest shift, there would be 25 staff and managers present.

"We monitor around 35,000 alarms New Zealand-wide and could have to respond to 3 to 4,000 events per hour. They can range from a fire, burglary or just a low battery. We have the technical capability of being able to determine the cause and place events in order of priority such as a fire."

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lice with an alarm monitor able to say, "An alarm has gone off, and I can see someone on site."

60% of alarms monitored would be commercial. Wade says, "Buying an alarm system can be a grudge buy and regrettably is done after a burglary and not before."

Alarm Watch installs alarms in Whanganui but monitors throughout the country. It is Whanganui-owned and is the only local alarm monitoring business in the city.



Some of the staff with all the action taking place in the background.

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Towns & Cities Awards

Each award is divided into urban area populations, which are statistically defined and are classified by the size of their resident population.

Of most importance to our readers, of course, was the Most Beautiful Small City (defined as a large urban area 30,000 – 99,999 residents) which was between Whanganui and New Plymouth sneaking in.

The judges' comments were as follows:

"New Plymouth have made huge progress with their environmental initiatives over the past year. thanks to an engaged and passionate community, and the council actively working with local iwi to provide input into environmental changes. Among the ventures, the city is undertaking a large planting, bringing back native species not seen in the area for over 400 years. New Plymouth is

aiming to make the Airport a gateway to the region, with a solar farm and off-grid capability. The local Upcycler Centre diverts 5.5 tonnes of incoming waste from landfill and another 1500 tonnes of food waste annually, while ongoing Ag-recovery efforts have led to local solutions, local facilities and job opportunities."

The other awards were as follows:

Most Beautiful Tiny Town (defined as an urban area 999 residents or less)

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• Awanui, the winner
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Most Beautiful Small Town (defined as a small urban area 1,000 – 9,999 residents)

The finalists were:
• Arrowtown, the winner
• Tūrangi

Most Beautiful Large Town (defined as a medium urban area 10,000 – 29,999 residents)

The finalists were:
• Taupō, the winner
• Whakatāne

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Water safety family fun day this Sunday

As the summer season approaches, Whanganui District Council and Safer Whanganui are gearing up to promote water safety through two initiatives – a water safety family fun day and a video competition for local students.

Water safety family fun day

The community event will be held on Sunday, 26 November, from 12 noon to 3.00pm at Castlecliff Beach, and aims to provide guidance on keeping whānau safe in and around

water. Lauren Tamehana, the council's community wellbeing manager, emphasises the importance of understanding water safety, especially with little ones in tow.

"New Zealanders cherish spending summer by the water. We want to enable everyone to understand the risks and considerations of water safety, particularly families with young children," says Lauren Tamehana.

Families can look forward to a variety of activi-

ties, including a free barbecue, demonstrations by the Surf Lifesaving Club, UV bead making, beach volleyball, cricket, tug of war and other beach games (with prizes to be won). Civil Defence, Coastguard, the council and the Cancer Society will be present, along with ACC's The Thinker statue which encourages people to consider their actions and prioritise safety while having fun in the water. Head to the Facebook event page to keep up-to-date: [https://](https://fb.me/e/1qtLaeBgD)



Come to Castlecliff Beach this Sunday for beach volleyball, cricket, tug of war, lifesaving demos and more

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Video competition

Along with the family fun day, Whanganui school age students are invited to participate in a video competition. Tamariki and rangatahi can create and submit videos about safe swimming practices, with the chance to win prizes.

"Videos need to include our safety messaging on the Awa, the beach, home swimming pools or the Castlecliff wharf. We're excited to see the creative entries that come our way." For details on how to participate, such as safety messages to include in your video, keep an eye on the council Facebook page.

Note that swimming at the Whanganui port site

is currently banned due to ongoing construction. Those who live in the area are encouraged to head to Castlecliff Beach instead – and swim between the flags.

Lauren Tamehana says it's that time of year when people start thinking about buying a pool for their backyard.

"If you do have a pool at home I'd encourage you to check out the Residential Pools page on the council website so you know you're following the rules to keep children safe.

"The council page has all the information you need on home pools, including when you need a fence and pool consents." Visit: Residential pools Whanganui

District Council

Safe Water Messages

Whanganui River

Check the water's depth – water levels change from day to day.

Look out for hidden logs or debris when diving and swimming.

You can use the pontoons as long as you keep clear of rowers getting boats in and out of the water. Keep clear of boats.

Beach

Swim between the flags! Lifeguards are out with flags from 12 noon to 6.00pm over summer.

Watch out for rips – they can look like:

- brown water from stirred-up sand
- a smoother surface with waves breaking either side

• debris floating out to sea

• or a rippled look when the water around is calm.

Castlecliff Wharf

No swimming at Castlecliff Wharf – it's dangerous! Head to Castlecliff Beach instead and swim between the flags.

Home pools

Tamariki under five years old and learners need to be actively supervised around water – keep them within arm's reach. Make sure other children are within your sight at all times.

Make sure your pool has a fence if it's meant to have one – check out the Residential Pools page on the Whanganui District Council website.

WATER SAFETY FAMILY FUN DAY

Join us for a water safety family fun day at **Castlecliff Beach** on **Sunday 26 November** from **12 noon to 3.00pm!**

We'll kick off with demonstrations from the Surf Lifeguard Service then you can enjoy some family beach games (you could win a family beach pack), a sausage from the free BBQ, UV bead making and more!

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A major entertainment attraction will be Frankie Stevens, who lives in Waverley. As a solo artist, his first record, 'My Elusive Dreams', was a major hit in New Zealand. In London, he won the talent show 'Opportunity Knocks' six times in a row and even represented the UK in several song contests. He was also a judge for all three seasons of the reality series New Zealand Idol.

Other performers include:
• Grant Sullivan,
• Diamond Divas from Hamilton. One of Frankie's daughters is part of the group.

- Rock the Boat
 - Patea Area School
 - Waverley School Choir, and
 - Whenakura School.
- There will be face-painting, giveaways, a photo booth, a dedicated play area and a visit from

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Unity Food back in business on nearly every Friday afternoon

Unity Food has been giving away free food out of All Saints Anglican Church in Whanganui East but is now based in the lower community hall of Christ Church Anglican Church on Wicksteed Street. Go through the main entrance, and you can wait, while having a cup of tea or coffee in the foyer until it opens at

3pm, almost every Friday. Azian from Unity Food says, "We have people coming well before 3pm, and it can become a great social time as they meet with other people while waiting in the comfortable, warm and dry space. Some people have said it is our only social outing of the week." It does pay to be there on time though, as the food can

be all gone within 20 minutes. There is normally plenty of fresh fruit and veges as Unity Food wants to promote healthy food. Then there is bread, pies and the staples of cereal, rice and flour. They are giving out milk powder as it is difficult to access fresh milk. What else is available is dependent on what is

donated. Last Friday there was teriyaki beef, crackers, prunes, salt, sugar, peanuts as well as mutton flaps complete with a recipe on how to cook it. Unity Food is able to get its supplies mainly from 'Just Zilch' in Palmerston North, the Whanganui City Mission, Savages Bakery and the Whanganui Produce Centre on Taupo Quay. Azian, on behalf of the team thanks the Anglican Church for making this venue open to them. As for "the great team",

there would be, on average, 10 to 12 people helping out each week. Free food supplies are becoming more difficult, and finances more restricted with the ending of special Covid support and a decline in Government assistance. Unity Food is grateful for all the support it gets and welcomes any donations, no matter how small. You can donate through their bank account 38 90240748719 00 and/or contact Azian at unity-food.nz@gmail.com

Unity Food Christmas lunch on December 6

It might not be Christmas Day, but according to European tradition, it is the day Santa starts coming to town. Lunch will start at 12 noon, and there will be a set number. To make sure you are part of the event, you can buy a ticket for \$5 either at the regular Friday free food events (Thursday this week because the venue is not available this Friday or by going to unityfood.nz@gmail.com.) You can also pay on line using the bank account number given in the previous article. When you buy your ticket you are given another ticket – for a raffle. Planning this way ensures that Unity Food can plan for the numbers coming. Lunch will be pork belly with mashed spuds and general veges followed by dessert – and a good time will be had by all.



Azian is to the front right holding a picture of Sunny who was one of the organisers for Unity Food, but sadly died earlier this year.

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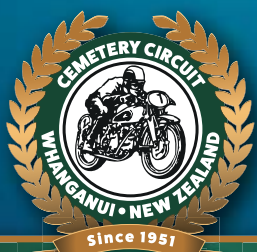
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Velo Ronny's Bicycle Store celebrate 10 years in business

U3A: November film showing open to public

The bicycle shop in Wilson St, Velo Ronny's was set up by Ron and Dorothy Cheatley in November 2013. Ron is well known as one of New Zealand's greatest cycling coaches and was running the importing and wholesaling cycle business Cycle Sport New Zealand.

Cath Cheatley, an ex-international cyclist married to Dayle, also a very successful New Zealand cycling coach, says, "Ron's dream was always to own his own store in Whanganui, having worked in the cycle industry for many years."

Cath and Dayle returned to Whanganui at the end of 2017 and bought both Velo Ronny's in 2018 and Cycle Sport NZ in 2019. She explains - "Dayle loved his job as the Cycling NZ Head Coach based in Cambridge, but the travel was taking a toll. Our families are in Whanganui and the time was right."

In ten years, the nature of cycling has changed considerably. From having mainly a road cycling focus, the industry has changed, and now the focus includes gravel riding, touring, mountain biking and E-bikes. "We are proud of keeping up with this change," says Cath.

Cycling has been boosted by the developments of cycleways, new moun-



Vello Ronny's team: from left - Curtis, Shaun, Dale and Cath.

tain bike parks making cycling that much more accessible, and, of course, the e-bike revolution. "It is amazing to see people going on bikes further and longer, and with e-bikes, it is an opportunity for parents to keep up with their children."

"With the attractions and accessibility of our natural environment, getting out there is becoming more and more popular with all ages," Cath adds.

Velo Ronny's has been fortunate to have qualified mechanics dedicated to cycling. Shaun (Tuck)

Tucker has been with them since the beginning and, apart from cycling, is a half-ironman participant. Curtis Weir has been there for over six years and is especially knowledgeable about e-bikes. As Cath says, "Both of them know their bikes and provide professional, honest and friendly advice."

"The goal of Velo Ronny's", says Cath, "is to help people to be active and enjoy the ride", and they do this by providing support to a wide range of activities, including the Swim Club through

to Tough Kids, from the Masters Games to Awa Cyclocross. They also run their own Tour de Whanganui, encouraging people to ride the river trails and win prizes in the process.

It is a small independent store but has a wide range of bike types and brands and all the bells and whistles to make your cycling experience as good as possible.

They have a strong online presence, and you can also book your bike in for a service online. They also have a pickup and delivery service.



To celebrate their last movie of the year U3A (University of the Third Age) is showing the movie 'Last Film Show,' what is reported as:

"A timeless ode to Cinema," "A love letter from a cinephile to all cinephiles - an unabashed homage to life, light and the almost extinct 35mm experience" and "Feels like childhood distilled."

It is a 2021 Indian Gujarati-language coming-of-age drama film directed

by Pan Nalin. There are English sub-titles.

Samat - a 9-year-old boy in a remote Indian village fights heaven and earth to find light. He wants to catch, control, cut and present light to tell stories. To pursue this dream, he must leave everything he loves. He knows that from light comes films and from them come stories which birth dreams.

This entry into the Tribeca Film Festival of

2021 won the Audience Award at Mill Valley World Film Festival and has a 94% Rotten tomatoes (film critic) rating.

You are invited to join in this celebration of movies at the Embassy on Wednesday, 29 November, at 10.10 a.m. (110mins). Those who would like to, are welcome to lunch together afterwards at Stella.

Queries to Marie 0273562733 or Julie 0278835352

Sports Talk with Jared Smith

Night of the Assassins

It will be another stacked fight card at Springvale Stadium on December 2nd for Night of Assassins 7.

Now Whanganui's premier martial arts event, the show will be a co-promotion between local clubs Assassins Muay Thai and Awa Kings, with 14-15 fights expected to be held on the evening.

The headline matchup should be what is commonly described in fighting terms as a "banger", when Awa Kings' Earl Jay Pehi takes on Whangarei's Kurt 'King of the North' Douglas (Pathai Gym) in a K1 Superheavyweight bout

Event organiser and multiple-time New Zealand champion Kyle Gallacher agreed it will be a very hard-hitting main event.

"Absolutely, this will be a rematch from Night of Assassins 6, which was 'Fight of the Night'."

Douglas previously claimed a very close split decision victory.

"Definitely going to be an explosive fight. Earl will be looking to get that win back, for sure," said Gallacher.

Among the other featured bouts will be Jake Hood of Kyokushin Whanganui Club in a NZ Heavyweight Kyokushin (karate) bout against a South Island opponent.

Back in June, the 19-year-old Hood became the youngest winner of a senior national karate title at the MOKNZ Open National Full Contact Kyokushin championships, held in Christchurch.

Crowd favourite Brian Alderton will also be on the card - the tough, uncompromising brawler who doesn't have fitness but goes non-stop with the pounding from both his left and right hands.

"I don't think he'll ever change his fighting style," said Gallacher.

There will be a women's bout as Assassins' Maia Stier takes on a Taranaki opponent.

Local rugby fans might be keen to watch Cajun Teki, pride of Whanganui Marist RFC, have his first bout.

Now a stable of the late November-early December sporting calendar, since 2016 the Night of Assassins cards has been a labour of love for Gallacher, as his organising team prides themselves on putting on a high quality presentation - with lights, music, food and drink facilities.

The VIP corporate tables in the ring side area always sell out quickly, and the stadium is well set up for the general public to watch as well.

"The stands are still a really good view, it's such a cool night out if you want to bring the whole family," said Gallacher.

It's not always easy - the Covid-years took fight cards off the table for a while and every event brings issues like fighter injuries.

Gallacher himself was gutted as he had been planning a comeback until injuring himself during preparations.

"It's taken a while to get the momentum back, to be training fighters," he said.

However, not competing means he can focus all energy on taking care of other last minute changes - in the rebound from Covid, both Awa Kings and Assassins Muay Thai now have enough fighters on their books that they can fill out the whole card against competitors from the rest of New Zealand, "just like old times".

"Every time we put it on there's a feeling of nostalgia," Gallacher said.

The event starts from 5pm on December 2nd, with \$30 general admission tickets available from Fitzies Cafe & Bakery or UGC Hair & Beauty.

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Andrea du Chatenier finalist for the Portage Ceramic Awards



Andrea working in her studio.

The annual Portage Ceramic Award is New Zealand's ultimate ceramic award and, this Thursday, 23 November, Andrea du Chatenier is a finalist along with two other Whanganui ceramicists, Rick Rudd and Aaron Sythe.

The awards are dedicated to showcasing the vibrant world of contemporary ceramics in Aotearoa/New Zealand, with all the works from the finalists to be exhibited at the Te Uru Gallery in Titarangi, Auckland from 24 November to 3

March 2024.

Andrea completed a Bachelor of Fine Arts in Auckland, followed by a Masters in Melbourne. She has received many grants and awards for her accomplished and challenging work, including selection for the São Paulo Biennale and the Portage Ceramics Residency award in Denmark. In 2022, Andrea was awarded the Blumhardt Foundation Gift for her contribution to New Zealand craft. Here in Whanganui, she won the top award about six

years ago in the Sarjeant Review.

Her connection with Whanganui began when she was awarded the Tylee Cottage Artist Residency in 2000, and the year after, was offered a position at the Quay School of the Arts. She says, "It was a life-changing decision, but Whanganui is a great location with its walks, access to the river, the beaches."

Her work Lemonylime was selected for the Portage. She made it earlier this year as part of a series. (You can see a picture of it at www.andreaduchatenier.co.nz and the rest of the series is in the Peter McLeavey Gallery in Wellington.)

Andrea says, "I'm inspired by the making itself, the possibilities of the medium itself, where I can take this material in a new way." She is attracted by colour and form, and loves the satisfaction gained from using "the beautiful medium of clay."

She has developed a reputation for experimentation and pushing the parameters of ceramic techniques.

Schola Sacra Choir to hold Christmas concert



Schola Sacra choir practicing for their upcoming concert.

On Sunday, 3 December, Schola Sacra performs its 4th concert for the year – a Christmas Concert, which will be quite a contrast to the choir's most recent performance at the end of October. The Christmas concert features a variety of carols – some old favourites and some which might be less familiar, although regular attendees of the concerts may recognise some of them.

The pieces range from some very early traditional carols, such as Coventry Carol, with the tune written in 1591, to modern songs by English composer John Rutter.

The title of the concert, 'Rejoice & Be Merry', comes from a piece composed by Vincent James, a former long-term conductor of the choir. The soloists for the concert will be choir members Roseanna Burgstaller and her brother Gerard.

As usual, there will be some well-known carols for the audience to join in, and the musical items will be interspersed with some readings with a Christmas flavour.

The concert will be conducted by Iain Tetley and accompanied by Alison Stewart on organ. Alison, who is the director of mu-

sic at Huntley School and conducts the Palmerston North Choral Society, has accompanied Schola Sacra at previous concerts.

The concert will be held in Christ Church, 243 Wicksteed St. Whanganui at 2.30pm on Sunday, 3 December. As usual, tickets are available through the Royal Whanganui Opera House outlet, through choir members or at the door. Prices are \$25 adults, \$20 seniors and U-18 free. There will be afternoon tea after the concert.





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Bridge Club results

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Bridge Results Week ending 19 November:

Final Placings after 9 Rounds – Swiss pairs: 1. M Keelty, S Cvitanovich 124 2. S Benefield, N Kennedy 111 3. T Jones, J Richardson 110 4. J Holt, K Coombe 109.

Tuesday Ladder: N/S: 1. R Nightingale, S Smithson 62.50 2. A Thirtle, S Fonseka 56.55 3. J Newman, J Dodds 55.65 4. L Vodanovich, N Bartrum 53.57 E/W: 1.B Franklin-Brown, P Verhoek 55.29 2. C Chesswas, D Nightingale 55.033. L Patrick, N Parker 51.85 4. M Meyrick, M Brewer 50.26 **Overall winner of Ladder:** Don Nightingale

Final Placings after 9 Rounds – Swiss pairs: 1. J Delaney, A Hodges 110 2. V & J Kay, 109 3. M Hicks, K Rainey 104 4. R Bowie, M Dawson 102.

Wednesday Social: N/S: 1. A Thirtle, D Price 54.86 2. J Firmin-Jones, R Story 53.47.

E/W: 1. S Cvitanovich, N Kennedy 62.50 2. S Benefield, N Gale 56.25.

Friday Social: N/S: 1. J Wagstaff, J Rapson 63.60 2. S Pedley, L Vodanovich 60.30,3. Wilma Duncan, S Watson 56.87 4. S Benefield, N Kennedy 56.04 5. J Minchington, S Yeoman 55.63 6. R Bowie, L Eyles 54.67 E/W: 1. D Price, N Gale 61.31 2. N Bartrum, J Newman 58.52 3. P Paterson, D Haynes 58.04 4. P MacDonald, W Pedley 57.14 5. R Sigley, J Dodds 55.08 6. H Jarrett, B Perkins 53.72.





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Daziel Browne	Amelia Lambert	Connor Rooke

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Lennox Brotherton

PRINCIPAL'S ACADEMIC AWARDS YEAR 12

Lucca Benson	Shylah Gill	Ryan Law
Toby Clark	Thomas Gowan	Alice Quigley
Elias Currin	Aidan Hogg	Siobhan Sarkar
Eddie Dewhirst	Nicole Kiddie	Harrison Smith
Kasih Dilloway	Jihoo Kim	

BEST ALL ROUND PUPIL YEAR 12

Toby Clark

ELITE SPORTS AWARDS

Chardonay Ross-Elvin	Charlotte Dickinson Cup for Service to Sport
Manila Malili-Malo-Lauano	Bradley Martin Memorial Sportsmanship Trophy
Callum Fantham	Sloan & Kauika Trophy for Outstanding Leadership in Sport
WHS Girls U18 Novice Coxed Quad Boat #1 and #2	The WHS Cup for Team of the Year
Tuahine Hadfield	Mr Smellie's Cup for Girls' Sport – Dux Ludorum
Charlie Meredith	Mrs Robinson's Cup for Boys' Sport – Dux Ludorum
Chase Morpeth	WHS Principal's Cup for the Most Outstanding Sporting Performance

ELITE CULTURAL AWARDS

Sophia Bedwell	WHS Cup for Outstanding Contribution to the Cultural Life of the School
Tobias Fitzgerald	WHS Cup for Outstanding Leadership in the Cultural Life of the School
Alyssa Hartley	WHS Brown Family Cup for Co-Curricular Involvement in the Cultural Life of the School
Alyssa Hartley	Dux Artium – Female
Tobias Fitzgerald	Dux Artium – Male
Alyssa Hartley	Principal's Cup for Excellence in the Arts

ELITE MAORI AWARDS

Chloe Graham	Alison Gernhoefer Taonga for Student Contributing Most to Maoritanga
Ada Brooking	Maori Dux
Chloe Graham	Marewa Ki Te Rangi Taonga for Maori Leadership - Female

ELITE PASIFIKA AWARDS

Manila Malili-Malo-Lauano	WHS Cup for Outstanding Contribution to Pasifika
Manila Malili-Malo-Lauano	Seunu'u Mau Leleimalefaga Memorial Trophy – Male Leadership Pasifika

SPECIAL AWARDS YEAR 13

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TERTIARY STUDY AWARDS

Sophia Bedwell	Alyssa Hartley	Autumn Lilley	Charlotte Neilson
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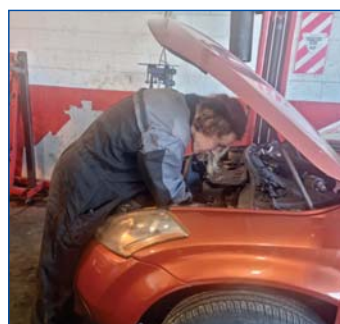
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O'Leary family continue their support of the Wanganui Jockey Club

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A race on the programme will carry their name, and a galloper

who gave their family a high profile, will be on the course when the

O'Learys join racegoers at the Wanganui Jockey Club's meeting on December 2.

So the Whangaehu clan will have a strong presence, and is set for a memorable day, when the club celebrates 175 years of racing.

The programme includes the listed O'Learys Fillies Stakes, which is sponsored by Humphrey and Fiona O'Leary. Their support of the race continues the family association with it. The late Dan O'Leary sponsored it for many years.

Dan was a long-serving committee member and president of the club from 2006 - 2008. The prestigious race he sponsored was previously run in spring for 3-year-olds over 1200m. This year's edition will be run over the longer distance of 1340m.

Horses owned by Dan

included Balmuse, who won the \$1 million HBRI Kelt Capital in 2004. Another of his gallopers Overthriver, twice won the Kumara Gold Nuggets.

The O'Learys have supported local racing for many years, doing so in earnest more than 50 years ago when Humphrey Snr bought a mare with Foxbridge blood. Rata Fox was a key player in what followed.

The O'Learys have raced or bred many winners over the years, with the stayer Who Shot Thebarman achieving cult status in Australasia because of his longevity and his whole-hearted efforts.

It is Who Shot Thebarman who will join the O'Learys at the track on December 2, when he will be part of the Time Parade.

The O'Leary brothers, Shaun, Michael and Danny, and their wives, enjoyed following the stayer who retired in 2018 after earning more than \$A4.5 million.

He had run in 22 races at the elite level in Australia and his extraordinary record included participation in six Sydney Cups, four Melbourne Cups, four BMWs, three Moonee Valley Cups, three Zippering Classics and two Caulfield Cups.

On retirement the 14-year-old gelding stayed at Living Legends in Australia for a couple of years before returning to familiar pastures at Whangaehu.

Humphrey and Fiona own Ladies First, an Auckland Cup winner. Her half-brother Ladies Man has been progressing well too.



This year the Jockey Club will celebrate its 175th anniversary celebrations with 2 x Christmas at the races meetings with back-to-back weekend racedays on Saturday, 25 November, and Cup Day on Saturday, 2nd December.

Both events are booking-only events. All tickets must be pre-purchased via the Jockey Clubs website: wjc.flicket.co.nz

All hospitality packages are booked out, so the only remaining tickets now available are:

- * 25 November – General Admission \$10/each
- * 2 December – Grandstand \$90/each

Ticket details and entitlements can be found at the above link.

- * NO WALK-UP GATE SALES
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The club encourages attendees to dust off the vintage/heritage-wear to receive random prizes for those who make the effort to be best dressed.

The 2nd December will feature two listed races with \$80k stakes for the Steelform Roofing Group Wanganui Cup and The O'Learys Fillies Stakes.

Thank you to all the businesses that have booked in early to support these celebrations along with all of the club's sponsors, members, supporters, staff and community groups.

The Wanganui Jockey Club's 175th celebrations now has 2 x Christmas at the races events!

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The Wanganui Jockey Club has strengthened its hand as a racing hub as it prepares to celebrate its 175th birthday with a special meeting on December 2.

New Zealand's first straight greyhound track is being placed in the middle of the racecourse.

Jockey Club operations manager Bret Field said the development of the new greyhound track was one of a series of positive steps to make the jockey club nationally relevant "and will strengthen our stature as a racing hub."

Other steps taken to bolster the club's position include track renovations, the creation of a Corporate Room and refurbishing other rooms for private events.

Bret and administrator Anita Smart work in the



Right to left: Anita Smart, Peter Deans, Craig Osman, Malcolm Hill, Bret Field

jockey club's office and are a long-serving and obliging pair.

The club also runs the Function Centre, which is one of the two largest venues of its type in Wanganui.

The centre can host functions and events of all sizes. Bret said its central location, large carpark, good facilities and affordability make it a very popular venue with iconic status in the heart of town.

Managing different business operations and having a diverse range of stakeholders made the jockey club a great place to work, Bret said.

"Our small team does a great job, and we are looking forward to our 175th celebrations and hosting many businesses

and groups for their Christmas function. It has been great to see the surge in sales for both Christmas racedays on 25 November and 2 December and support from the community. It is a pre-ticketing event only, so I encourage guests to get in now for the last available tickets. Bookings can be made at wjc.flicket.co.nz to be part of this special occasion."

Craig Osman is the club's track manager responsible for 70 hectares of tracks and grounds. Bret said Craig's job was often thankless in that not everybody could be kept happy, but the club prided itself on having one of the best all year round tracks in the country. "The extreme weather conditions experienced throughout the country are a huge, ongoing challenge in maintaining turf and providing quality racing surfaces."

Craig and track staffer Malcolm Hill are horse trainers themselves and live and breathe the industry along with fellow track worker Peter Deans (aka PD), whose partner is horse trainer JJ Rayner.

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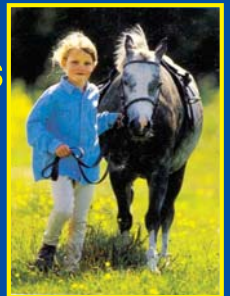


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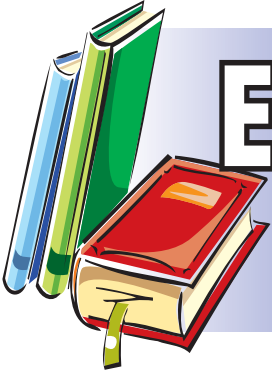
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City College - it's all about Whānau IndiGo contract a boost for Whanganui's commercial pilot academy

Just a few of our students whose whānau were students.



Once again it gives me great pleasure to give you, our community, a snapshot on what makes a great school great.

Whanganui City College is definitely about whānau and being a family. Our school is split into four houses: Alexander, Braik, Pirani and Rees. In each house we have the WHĀNAU CLASSES. The whānau class is made up of students in years 9-13 with 12-15 students in each class. History also plays a part in the selection of Houses and Whānau classes. In some houses we have some families that Grandads, Grandmas, Uncles, Aunts, Brothers, Sisters, and Cousins were in back in the day. Even today, we have siblings in the same whānau class if that is a need. The Whānau Class meet at the beginning of each day for 20 minutes and two, one hour slots in the week. In charge of these classes is the WHĀNAU TEACHER. Their responsibility is the health and wellbeing of their students; they are the connection between home and school and monitor student progress throughout the entire time a student is in their whānau class. Three Whānau hui are held each year and our attendance rate at these is quite

high as Whānau meet with the Whānau teacher. These hui cover Achievement, Engagement, Attendance, Career Pathways, and Hauora (Wellness). This information is tracked, and whānau and school goals are set and reviewed at each hui.

The big difference for us when we engaged in the WHĀNAU CLASS set-up was the rise in the involvement of whānau with the school and their child. Over the years we have had great feedback from our families, who are all saying the same thing – I only have to contact one person at the school now who will know exactly what's happening with my Tamariki/Mokopuna/Child.

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So, if you are wanting a more personalised approach for the last years of compulsory schooling for your child, Whanganui City College is the place for them. - Peter Kaua, Tumuaki

The New Zealand International Commercial Pilot Academy (NZICPA) in Whanganui has successfully struck a deal with leading Indian airline IndiGo to train a further 200 cadets up to December 2026.

NZICPA chief executive, Gerard Glanville, says this solidifies the academy's partnership with IndiGo, extending the collaboration by a further two years.

"The deal will provide a significant boost to NZICPA, with anticipated revenue expected to exceed \$20 million."

Whanganui Mayor Andrew Tripe says the Covid-19 pandemic and resulting border closures dealt a blow to the aviation industry and pilot training programmes so it's fantastic to see NZICPA reach this significant milestone in its growth trajectory.

"So far NZICPA has trained around 500 students and this new contract will bring in another 200 more. Whanganui benefits from the diversity these students bring and the economic benefits are substantial as well.

"We are seeing strong domestic and international interest in our flight



A student marks up his first solo flight at the NZ International Commercial Pilot Academy (photo taken from Facebook).

school and this extended collaboration with IndiGo positions NZICPA well for continued success in the competitive aviation training sector."

Gerard Glanville says NZICPA is the only institution in New Zealand training IndiGo pilots and the airline partners with them for a range of reasons.

"NZICPA offers high quality training and has an impeccable safety record. The flying environment here also gives us an advantage, because it has some complexity with the varied landscape including mountains and the sea."

He says IndiGo knows their students will be well looked after by the friendly NZICPA team, and have a rich cultural experience during their time in New Zealand.

"The young men and women who come here just love it – New Zealand is top of their list.

While they're in Whanganui they get out and about in the community, spending money at local businesses, joining sports clubs and going to social events.

"They enjoy the ability to travel safely and typically their parents come out at least once during their year and travel around the country which also benefits the economy."

School terms for 2024

Term 1 starts between Monday 29 January (at the earliest); and Wednesday 7 February (at the latest), and ends Friday 12 April (90-102 half-days)

Public holidays - Waitangi Day - Tuesday 6 February, and Easter: Good Friday - 29 March, Easter Monday - 1 April, Easter Tuesday - 2 April (a school holiday)

Term 2 starts Monday 29 April to Friday 5 July (96 half-days)

Public holidays - King's Birthday - Monday 3 June, Matariki - Friday 28 June

Term 3 starts Monday 22 July to Friday 27 September (100 half-days)

Public holidays - None

Term 4 starts Monday 14 October, and ends no later than Friday 20 December (up to 98 half-days)*

Public holidays - Labour Day - Monday 28 October

Little Campus Cafe welcomes the public again

By Bex Hill
Training For You's Whanganui Campus Student run café opened its doors on Monday, 13 November, and will stay open for customers until 12 December, 2023. If you would like to check out the students' amazing service, the café's opening hours are Monday to Friday 9am and 2pm.

Tutor Bex Hill says, "Students are serving up all your favourite coffees, frappes, as well as delicious treats. It's very exciting to have our learners involved in such an awesome experience, it's totally invaluable learning that allows them to apply their skills in a great training environment."

Students on the Hospitality Level 2 NZQA approved programme have also been perfecting their frappé skills ahead of summer with creative drinks available, such as the Marshmallow Pink Fluffy Unicorn, Cookies and



Hospitality learners are ready to welcome customers for the final season of 2023. (L-R) Coral Fenerty, Aroha Karaitiana, Trystan Archer, Tyler Fairfax-Brown, Amiah Sunderland

Cream, and many more on offer.

Coffees start at \$3.50 (alternative milks available) also on offer are cheese scones, muffins and other treats. Students will also be fundraising to raise money for the SPCA with a Christmas raffle – so if you have a soft spot for the furry kind, come along and try your

luck! Free customer parking is accessible outside the front gate. A wheelchair ramp is also convenient for those who may need it. Bookings are welcome (but not necessary) and can be booked on 027 448 7641 or 0800 GET T4U, or book online <https://little-campus-cafe.resos.com/booking>

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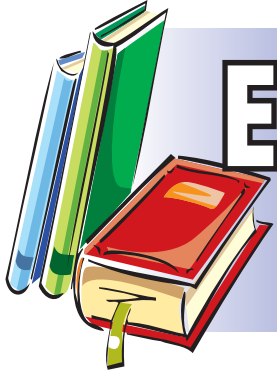
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EDUCATION & ENROLMENTS for 2024

Hanoi student wins scholarship to Whanganui High School



Vu Thi Bang Trang with her father, Curong Vu, mother, Hong Glang Trinh, and Natasha McKee

14-year-old Hanoi student Vu Thi Bang Trang has won an Education New Zealand scholarship to study at Whanganui High School in 2024. It was announced at an Education New Zealand Fair in Hanoi last month, where Whanganui High School's Director of International Students, Natasha McKee, was in attendance.

Education New Zealand's Van Banh, Market Manager for Vietnam, said scholarships were awarded based on students' outstanding academic achievements and their suitability for international study. The scholarship includes subsidized fees for one year, but many students extend their study period.

Natasha said she had been impressed with Vu's bio supporting her scholarship application. "Her personality really shone through. She showed humour and enthusiasm along with her very strong academic profile. I know that not only will Vu have a great experience at Whanganui High School, she will also enrich the experience of local students and the friends she makes."

At school in Hanoi, Vu studies alongside 4,000 students. She had chosen Whanganui High School as her preferred study choice. She said she wanted to get really involved in all aspects of school life in Whanganui. "When I see the school, I see that they have a lot of sport." She is interested in swimming, basketball and boxing practice.

Vu is also planning to do

volunteer work while in New Zealand, an interest she also has in Vietnam. She was looking forward to working with young children, in care facilities and possibly volunteering with the SPCA.

She was not too concerned about being away from her family and felt lots of online 'Facetime' and communication would make the transition easier. "Of course, I will miss them, but I will make friends."

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Jumbo crossword

- ACROSS**
 1 Do as one pleases
 yet escape punishment or censure (3,4,4,6)
 10 Divides into three (8)
 15 Woman's garment (6)
 16 Snapshot (10)
 17 Agenda (8)
 19 Pickling liquid (7)
 21 Dense (5)
 22 Singers (9)
 25 Reckless (9)
 27 Inquisitive (7)
 29 Picturesque (6)
 33 Annoyed (5)
 34 Intrude unlawfully (8)
 36 Speed up (10)
 39 Vase (3)
 41 Voyage (7)
 42 Jacket (6)
 43 Utter foolishness (6)
 44 Evil giant (4)
 45 Climbs (7)
 48 Lure (10)
 53 Freedom (7)
 57 Female relation (4)
 58 Violent local storm (6)
 59 Large country property (6)
 60 Ship's hooter (7)
 62 Moose (3)
 64 Enhanced (10)
 65 Innocuous (8)
 66 Dark wood (5)
 69 Titillate (6)
 70 Declare free from blame (7)
- DOWN**
 2 Oblong cream puff (6)
 3 Tickle (5)
 4 Unreturnable serve (3)
 5 Cried (4)
 6 Double (7)
 7 Short-sightedness (6)
 8 Very uncommon (4)
 9 Elation (8)
 11 Gun kick (6)
 12 Glasses (10)
 13 Inking (4)
 14 Varnish (7)
 18 Author's text submitted for publication (10)
 20 Friend in war (4)
 23 Mound of stones as a monument (5)
 24 Darkroom apparatus (8)
 26 Watch (7)
 28 Sudden rise (7)
 30 Mistakes (6)
 31 Japanese battle cry (6)
- Writing implement (6)**
Hairdresser's premises (5)
Foe (5)
Fuse together (4)
African river (4)
Flooded (5)
Persuade (8)
Book, film continuing a previous story (6)
Make even worse (10)
Ceramic slab (4)
Russian playwright (7)
Fully ripe (6)
Of birth (5)
Worshipped image (4)
Show (7)
Crowd (6)
Talkative person (10)
Normal (5)
US state (8)
Window ledge (4)
Relished (7)
Trade ban (7)
Trigger (3,3)
Attorney (6)
Argument (6)
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1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40	41	42	43	44	45
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61	62	63	64	65	66	67	68	69	70	71	72	73	74	75
76	77	78	79	80	81	82	83	84	85	86	87	88	89	90

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

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

Easy

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

Previous solution

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

Previous solution

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

Previous crossword solution

ACROSS: 1 Renal, 4 Symptoms, 9 Detach, 14 Tibia, 15 Sight for sore eyes, 17 Close, 18 Din, 19 Girders, 20 Secateurs, 21 Decree, 24 Thesaurus, 25 Pieces, 26 Genius, 29 Pessimists, 31 Rye, 32 Slogan, 33 Bias, 35 Awe, 37 Plea, 39 Newlyweds, 40 Chipolata, 41 Exude, 42 Tapestry, 47 Forehead, 51 Cells, 55 Nostalgia, 56 Personnel, 58 Sate, 59 Ash, 60 Chic, 61 Decays, 62 Eat, 63 Sacrosanct, 66 Credit, 67 Stymie, 69 Respected, 72 Eleven, 73 Scarecrow, 75 Custard, 77 Tin, 80 Salvo, 81 By leaps and bounds, 82 Eyrie, 83 Ornate, 84 Reporter, 85 Thief.

DOWN: 2 Eliminate, 3 Aphid, 5 Yarn, 6 Pioneer, 7 One-way street, 8 Style, 9 Deserve, 10 Tack, 11 Cooper, 12 Abode, 13 Manners, 14 Terrier, 16 Forget-me-not, 22 Warsaw, 23 Rejoice, 24 To spare, 25 Please, 27 Imitate, 28 Casino, 30 Styx, 32 Serum, 34 Shard, 36 Bole, 38 Lea, 42 Tonic, 43 Piscine, 44 Snag, 45 Rugged, 46 Alias, 48 Rule of thumb, 49 Husband, 50 Aft, 51 Canasta, 52 Sphere, 53 Writer's cramp, 54 Boss, 57 Nickel, 64 Cartridge, 65 Diverse, 66 Chatter, 68 Macabre, 70 Sponsor, 71 Feeler, 72 Entry, 74 Ruler, 76 Tough, 78 Coma, 79 Once.

5x5

T	P	R		
L	N			
R	S	S		
V	R			
T	S	S		

Insert the missing letters to complete ten words — five across the grid and five down. More than one solution may be possible.

S	P	I	R	E
M	O	R	O	N
A	L	O	U	D
R	I	N	D	
T	O	Y	E	D

Previous solution



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Wanganui East Bowling Club opens new artificial green

It was difficult getting a car park close to Wanganui East Bowling Club on Wednesday, 15 November as members were all there to open and to play on their new artificial green.

It had become a necessity as those 'pesky nematodes' were making their presence in the old greens annoying, and the groundsman was "running out of chemicals to destroy them before they destroyed the grass."

So, back in June 2021, there were some "bold discussions", and while the decision to go with artificial turf was "not unanimous, it was almost 100%".

Scott Flatt got the job of chair of the committee to oversee the purchase and was praised for his persistence and a good job done. This occasioned a good round of applause as clearly the members appreciated his hard

work.

The club signed a contract in 2022, and it was finally completed this month – taking 29 months. To be fair the serious weather events impacting New Zealand did not help. Perhaps as a sign of the times, when the contract was signed it was noted that the project would take 4 to 5 weeks and start in May 2022.

Of course, it was not cheap, coming in at around \$300,000, and thanks to Graeme and Sue, applications for financial assistance were sent out. At the same time, members were invited to donate, no matter how much and or to buy debentures at \$5000. The end result is the money has been raised with about a 1/3rd each – club funds, grants and member donations/debentures.

Funders included NZCT, the Lion Foundation, Grass Roots Central, the TAB and 4 Regions Trust.

NZ Turf was thanked for their support, described by Scott as "really wonderful."

The new turf is like a carpet, and it is actually sewn together with about 5 or 6 seams. It was woven in Belgium. Scott says, "It will play a bit more slowly until it settles down. In about three months' time the contractors will come back to stretch it in four different ways."

It is not entirely maintenance-free, and the club is applying for another grant to purchase a commercial vacuum cleaner, although a blower can do the job as well.

The club has about 100 members, ("the most in town") with some coming from Hunterville and Marton because their greens are not suitable for winter play. The days of the greens at Wanganui Bowling Club flooding out, at least on the artificial turf, have ended.



Members gathered for a photo on the day.

Wanganui Kyokushin Karate competed for annual Kokoro Cup

On the weekend of 18/19 November, the Wanganui Kyokushin Karate 11-person team, led by national champ Jake Hood, went to Napier for the annual Kokoro Cup.

The team included Patrick Bristol competing for his first time in the Masters division. Oscar Benson and William Collins Lowe in the 16/17 year old Colts division again fought off in the final, with William winning.

Connell Horne backed up his win from the Nationals in Christchurch in June to take out the Intermediate division 14-15-year-olds in an unlikely but well-deserved

final against club mate Ryan MacGregor.

Juniors Koby Sullivan, Lola Benson, Lily Huijs and Houdini Rudolph also competed, while Mutsuo Hatakeyama competed in his first fight in the middle-weight senior novice division.

The final of the day saw Jake Hood winning his two fights by quick KOs. Jake will now prepare for the NZ Kyokushin Karate Ring Title shot at the upcoming Night of Assassins 7 fight night at the Springvale Stadium on 2 December. It will be a tough challenge against a very experienced Sage Reddit from Dunedin, whom Jake lost to last year.

Golf results

TAWHERO GOLF RESULTS

17th November 2023 Friday Twilight 9 Hole Ambrose: Team: Too Much 31.2, Tayne 31.25, Downers 31.4.

18th November 2023 Saturday 18/9 Haggie [STABLEFORD] Mathew Te Patu 24, Sheldon Curtis 22, Bob McIntyre 22.

21st November 2023 Tuesday Monthly Metal Round 3[nett] Men's Division 1: Trevor Sammons 37, Tom Clark 40, Sheldon Curtis 41, Dave Johnston 41. **Men's Division 2:** Bob McIntyre 33, John Deighton 42. **Women's Division 1:** Rita Luke 38, Bernadette Hadfield 49. **Women's Division 2:** Jean Walsh 38, Priscilla Fonseca 41.

Upcoming Events: November 2023 Twilight 2 Person Team 9 Hole Ambrose Friday's Tee off from 3.30pm -5.30pm. Saturday's 9/18-hole \$5 Haggie Tee off 7.30am-12.30pm. Summer membership affiliated \$265 1st October 2023 - 31st March 2024.

Castlecliff 9 Hole Club

Thursday 16 November Tee 2 Green

Ladies: Rawinia Connors 35, Elaine Everitt 36, Marilyn Edmonds 36.

Mens: Sam McGregor 28, Mike Meyrick 29, Richard Smith 32.

Raffle: Richard Smith



Right - Jake Hood after winning the senior heavyweight men's title.

Social table tennis players welcomed

While the local Table Tennis scene is still in full swing, with numbers both young and old continuing to attend the stadium for morning and evening sessions, the National events calendar is drawing to a close. However, there is still one major regional event left, with the New Plymouth Open being held this weekend; a number of local players will attend with hopes for the most success being in the women's field this year. Novi Patterson will contest the open and over 40's events. Novi, along with Rebecca Corson, were both selected for the Central Regional Training Camps this year, which is a very rare honour indeed with only Reina Jones being an attendee in recent years before a 25-year hiatus back to a purple patch in the mid to late nineties with a number of promis-



ing local juniors attending. Training Camps are run by Table Tennis New Zealand and are designed to improve the skills of selected elite players competing at tournament level. This year it was held in Palmerston North

and was run by top National Level Coaches.

Any interested local players wishing to play from social to any level, please contact Larn Sweeney on 0297 768 165 or Jan Purvis on 0274 474 312



SHOPPING ON A Shoestring

THIS Christmas



Grocery shopping on a shoestring budget

It's so expensive to feed the family these days, especially over the holiday period, when expectations are higher – but it is possible to shop on a shoestring budget. Here are 10 tips:

- 1. Buy in Season Produce**
If it can be frozen – so much the better. Use in the off season.
- 2. Buy Cheaper Meats**
There are ways to prepare and cook the cheaper cuts of meat, like using a slow cooker.
- 3. Choose Frozen Veggies**
As much as you may like fresh produce, it's sometimes more expensive.
- 4. Buy More Beans and Rice**
Beans and rice are cheap, but filling.
- 5. Buy Marked Down Items**
Just be sure to check the "best used by" dates so you don't have to throw them out.
- 6. Shop at a Discount Store**
We have a range of them in Whanganui from small to large, e.g. The Warehouse and Crackerjack.
- 7. Buy Marked Down Meat**
Again freeze what you can't use straight away – just remember to use them in time.
- 8. Buy Canned Foods**
Canned and frozen food is as good as, or at least, the next best thing to fresh is best.
- 9. Shop for Unconventional Foods**
This could include not your typical meat cuts.
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Buying second-hand helps to reduce the manufacturing of new goods, which in turn stems the impact on the environment through the use of water, chemicals and excess waste.
- 2. Unique Finds**
By browsing charity shops, you can sometimes find something unique that you just weren't expecting.
- 3. Cost Savings**
We all like to be able to make a saving. This is especially true for items such as designer clothing, high-quality furniture and jewellery.
- 4. Support a Good Cause**

Charity shops are nothing new and now more than ever before they are being recognised as the perfect way to find perfectly wonderful items, without the hefty price tag, whilst giving the money to worthwhile causes.

5. Higher Quality and Longer Lasting
Second-hand items can be sold when they're good quality as they often still have a lot of life left in them. With clothes and shoes, many older pieces are made with good quality materials, meaning they are sturdy and can last for years to come.

6. Support ethical practices
By supporting charity shops, you are likely to be supporting ethical practices.
Some reservations?
• Less than Perfect Condition: You do have to expect slightly imperfect condi-



One of the charity stores Christmas trees decorated in donated soft toys

tions but does it matter when the prices are so low compared to a new item.
• Time-consuming: It might take a little while longer to get what you're after, which may put you off – but browsing can be fun.
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New staff at Widsom is Yours

Wisdom is Yours – Wellbeing Centre has just moved into spacious, new rooms at 59 Victoria Ave and is able to boast two new staff members as well. They are Dylan and Ashley, who are both practitioners of Reiki and also offer deep tissue massage.

Ashley was working in childcare, but “After experiencing great loss, I needed to heal myself and develop a real purpose.” For me meditation was key to my healing process.” Ashley learnt Reiki 1 and 2, but it was training in massage that gave her the satisfaction of helping others.

The deep tissue massage can be a 30-minute massage of back and neck, a one-hour session with legs and feet added, and a 90-minute massage with front-of-body and face included.

Dylan credits Reiki with turning his life around. He has had a heart condition since he was 14 but wasn't living in alignment with his medical condition. He attended a ‘Nourish Your Soul’ Fair in Wanganui in 2017, and an assessment showed that his body and heart were out of balance and that he needed to make some changes in his life.

He was introduced to Reiki, and that made the difference, and that form of healing became his passion.

In 2023 he studied deep tissue massage, and is now able to offer that service as well.

Wisdom is Yours has two therapy rooms and is developing another two upstairs. There is also a big room for workshops.

The shop itself is light and airy with a wide range of health items displayed spaciouly. These include



Dylan



Ashley

crystals, candles, incense, singing bowls, books, oracle and tarot cards, balms, bath bombs, white sage sticks, jewellery and essential oils.

There is a similar long list of wellbeing services available. They include aura drawings (your colours and what they represent), clairvoyant readings, online reading, Rebalance (Reiki) sound/sonic attunement, foot soak and massage, holistic relaxation massage, deep tissue massage, and they have added extra meditation sessions to suit different lifestyles.

Quality sounds from records from the Vinyl Room

Ron Fisher of Vinyl Room has no doubts – ‘You don’t just like vinyl – you love it.’ He remembers well the ritual of listening to records when he was young. ‘I would sit in our brown lazy-boy chair. Put a record on the turntable with headphones on and relax and intentionally listen with enjoyment while studying the sleeve notes that accompany the record, learning about life, culture and music.’

He believes ‘intentional listening’ is important. ‘With vinyl, you are more involved in the process, actively getting the music started and half-way through the album, turning the vinyl over.’

He adds, ‘With vinyl, you can really appreciate the quality of the sound. When you convert a music file digitally, you compress it. The music has less depth. You feel more involved with vinyl as if it is live music.’



Ron relaxing with vinyl music.

During Covid, Ron found music to be a useful stress relief. Seeing music as a kind of therapy, Ron decided to help others find the music they like too and now spends his days finding, selling and listening to vinyl records of all

genres.

He started Vinyl Room in the Rutland building on Victoria Avenue six months ago, after first selling at the Saturday Market and then initially sharing a shop as a way to test the waters. He sells similar numbers of new and used vinyl, bringing in two full crates of new arrivals each week.

For the second-hand vinyl he buys, he machine cleans them, replaces the inner sleeves and if necessary will fix the sleeve to bring them back to their best.

His target demographic is primarily ‘40 to 60-year-olds who appreciate music, are perhaps nostalgic for what they grew up with and who appreciate vinyl collecting as an enjoyable pastime, which can also be very social, with a growing community of vinyl lovers joining the movement. But the next generation is already coming through, with plenty of teenagers getting started with record collecting. Although music tastes have changed

and evolved somewhat, there will always be the classic albums that transcend the generation gap, with the likes of The Beatles and Fleetwood Mac still being among some of the best sellers.”

To get back to enjoying vinyl you need a turntable, an amplifier and speakers. ‘An entry-level turntable with a good stylus,’ he advises, ‘can be bought for \$200, plugged in or simply connected to an existing Bluetooth speaker.’ As your appreciation grows, you can upgrade to better-quality turntables, and, like any hobby, the sky is the limit on what you can spend. Vinyl Room has a range of turntables available, and Ron is happy to give advice to those who want to get started.

If you have an old turntable, you can get it checked out at Ron’s Repair Workshop for free diagnosis and advice. ‘Sometimes the vintage players are still the best you can get for quality and sound.’ Vinyl Room also stocks stickers, posters, t-shirts, cassettes and CDs.

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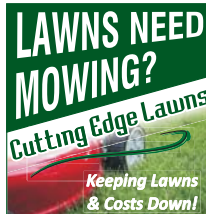
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Alcoholics Anonymous
Phone 0800 229 6757. If you have a drinking problem maybe we can help. AA Whanganui area meeting list: Sunday, St Johns Lutheran Church Hall, 51 Liverpool Street, Whanganui, 9am; Monday, Friendship Hall, Morris Street, Marton, 7.30pm; Tuesday, St Johns Lutheran Church Hall, 51 Liverpool Street, Whanganui, 9am; Wednesday, St Luke's Church Hall, 34 Manuka Street, Castlecliff, 7.30pm; Thursday, St Johns Lutheran Church Hall, 51 Liverpool Street, Whanganui, 7.30pm; AL-Anon (family support) Friday, Gonville Library meeting room, 12.30pm. Ph 0508 425 266.

Diabetes Support Group
Speaker: Sandra and Kim from Health 2000. Talking about blood sugars, food cravings and mood swings. When: 25th November. 2023 Time: 1pm - 3.30 pm. Where: 60 Ridgway Street, Whanganui, in the boardroom on the 1st floor.

Deaf Access Centre
On 25th November, 1.00pm-4.00pm. We will gather together for a catch up and news. New deaf or hard of hearing people are welcome to join the fun. Please bring small plates of finger foods to share. Where: 48 Alma Road, Whanganui.

Do You Have Questions About the Bible?
Come and join us at the Christadelphian Hall on Tuesday night at 7:30pm for Bible-based discussion and a cup of tea. All are most welcome. 138 Great North Road. Email: wanganui.ecclesia@outlook.co.nz / www.thisisyourbible.com

Grey Power Christmas Lunch
at Club Metro on 29 November, starting at 11.30am, with a Country and Western Music Club trio to entertain us. The cost of lunch is \$25. Because it is a special price only for Grey Power members, please bring your Grey Power membership card as proof.

Jigsaw Exchange
Last meeting for this year held on Saturday 25th November, from 10 am to 11.30 am. Venue is the Central Baptist Church in Wicksteed Street. Contact Jack, 06 343 1404 or 021 0277 5391 or email rega21@xtra.co.nz.

Schola Sacra Choir presents "Rejoice & Be Merry" – songs and readings for Christmas
Including carols for the audience to join in. Conductor Iain Tetley, Organist Alison Stewart. Sunday, 3rd Dec., 2.30pm Christ Church, 243 Wicksteed St. Adults \$25, seniors \$20, U-18 free. Tickets at the RWOH or at the door.

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

Whanganui Country Music Club
Come and join us this Sunday for our afternoon concert from 1pm to 4.30pm. We are meeting this coming Sunday 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.

Wanganui Music Society end-of-year concert
Sunday 26th November at 4pm. Featuring Argentinian Brass Trio, Lynn Whiteside's pupils, clarinet & piano items and more. **Venue change:** Christ Church, 243 Wicksteed St, Whanganui. All welcome \$5 entry at the door for non-members.

Wanganui Spiritual & Awareness Centre
Meetings 7pm Sundays, Quaker Meeting Rooms, 256 Wicksteed St. Local or visiting speakers or mediums sharing their spiritual gifts. Join our healing circle, take a raffle, stay for supper and chat. Everyone is welcome. Koha appreciated. See our Facebook page for details. Ph: 027-697-6308.

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.

What's On in the Community Notices
What's On in the Community notices are \$10 for up to 50 words. Contact River City Press, 52 Ingestre Street, Whanganui, by Tuesday 1pm to place your advertisement.

New Whanganui MP Carl Bates is strongly supportive of the arts and design sectors and loves the idea of utilising local creative talent. "Whether it is directly through the arts or in our organisations, industries and businesses, being creative and finding local creative talent is something we can do," he says. That even extends to his MP Christmas card, which will feature artwork from a local student. After a campaign visit to Mosston School with National's Education spokeswoman Erica Stanford earlier in the year, Bates decided to invite students from Mosston to submit artwork for consideration. Carl attended Mosston School for his primary education before going on to Rutherford Intermediate (now Rutherford Junior High) and Whanganui High School. Three weeks ago, several submissions were received from Mosston students, and Carl was especially taken by a design by eight-year-old Elsa Yang. That design will now become the front of the Christmas card he sends out to a wide range of



Carl with Elsa

people over the next month.

Mosston School principal Michelle Watson was delighted that her pupils had the opportunity to create a design for the new MP, and Elsa was excited when Carl came to get a photograph with her.

Whilst Mosston School was invited to submit designs this year, Carl plans to invite entries from elsewhere in the electorate in future years.

Meanwhile, Carl is in demand, and his diary between now and Christmas

is rapidly filling up with a wide range of engagements, from A&P Shows and School Galas to meetings with social agencies and local businesses. "It's a different type of

busyness to what I've been used to, but I am loving every moment of it and meeting plenty of people from a whole range of backgrounds," Carl said.

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- Neil Eric DAVIDSON**, on 16 November 2023, aged 80 years.
- Vivienne Francis LABONE**, on 19 November 2023, aged 75 years.
- Allan William ROBERTS**, on 16 November 2023, aged 84 years.
- Christopher Noel WALLER**, on 18 November 2023, aged 64 years.
- Kerry Esma (nee Bovey) WATSON**, on 10 November 2023, aged 60 years.

BEREAVEMENT NOTICE

GEOFF HORNE
aka the Piano man, the Beetroot man and the Pie man.



Passed away quietly on Sunday morning 12th November, aged 63.

Geoff fought to survive surgical complications while in Auckland hospital but after three weeks slipped away with his family surrounding him. He was a much loved partner, brother, father of four, grandfather of four, great-grandfather of one and friend of many. A skilled musician singer songwriter and pie tester who loved beetroot in his burgers, he will be greatly missed by all those who knew and loved him.

Gone to be with his Lord, RIP Geoff.
A funeral service will be held in Auckland and a memorial service held in Whanganui, for close friends and family.

Epilepsy Seminars
11th December 2023 - 1.30pm - 2.30pm Community House, 32 Leach Street, New Plymouth & 12th December 2023 - 1.30pm - 2.30pm Community House, 60 Ridgway Street, Whanganui (Tea, coffee & biscuits provided) RSVP Email: taranaki@epilepsy.org.nz or phone/txt: 027 221-3657. Seminar covering Seizure Types, First Aid, Triggers and Seizure management.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

SECTION 101 SALE AND SUPPLY OF ALCOHOL ACT 2012

Laird Park Bowling Club Incorporated, 92 Peat Street, Whanganui has made application to the District Licensing Committee at Whanganui for the **renewal of a Club Licence** in respect of the premises situated at 92 Peat Street, Whanganui, and known as Laird Park Bowling Club.

The general nature of the business conducted under the licence is a sports club.

The days on which and the hours during which alcohol is sold under the licence are **Sunday to Wednesday, 8.30am to 8.00pm; Thursday, Friday, Saturday and public holidays, 8.30am to 12 midnight.**

The application may be inspected during ordinary office hours at the office of the Whanganui District Licensing Committee at 101 Guyton Street, Whanganui.

Any person who is entitled to object and who wishes to object to the issue of the licence may, not later than 25 working days after the first date of the publication of this notice, file a notice in writing of the objection with the Secretary of the District Licensing Committee at DLAdministration@whanganui.govt.nz.

No objection to the issue of a licence may be made in relation to a matter other than a matter specified in section 131 of the Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act 2012.

This is the only publication of this notice.

SECTION 101 SALE AND SUPPLY OF ALCOHOL ACT 2012

Sunlaw Investments Limited, 2 Bell Street, Whanganui has made an application to the District Licensing Committee at Whanganui for a renewal of an On Licence in respect to the premises situated at 2 Bell Street, Whanganui and known as the **Commercial Hotel**.

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Supermax Limited, 47 Abbot Street, Whanganui has made application to the District Licensing Committee at Whanganui for the renewal of an Off Licence in respect of the premises situated at 47 Abbot Street, Whanganui known as **Super-value Whanganui**.

The general nature of the business conducted under the licence is a supermarket.

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'Backbeat' Mobile Disco comes to your venue

Dave Cook has been involved in entertainment "most of my working life" as a DJ, in night clubs and radio. Currently, he is a DJ with his own mobile disco, 'Backbeat'; operating out of Waikanae, but expecting soon to be based in Whanganui.

He will take his equipment to your venue, whether it is a wedding, a 21st or whatever function where an experienced DJ is needed. As he has a full system, Dave comes with his trailer load - two main speakers, sub-woofer, all the gear for a laser and light show and a large enough computer to hold his 10,000 songs

plus, and so on. "Over the years, I have listened to all my songs and continue to find

songs to add to the list," he says. If you are into quizzing, avoid challenging him on the music of

the second half of the 20th century.

Dave caters mainly to the music of the late

1950s through to the 80s, with some early 90s. He loves the music and is adamant about not playing RAP, Trance, Electronic, Gangster or Grunge.

His approach is to get involved with the crowd, conversing and having fun, saying, "I love to create a positive atmosphere to go with the music and this includes the

laser and light show."

While finishing up in Waikanae, Dave is available to come up to Whanganui for a show. In the past, it has usually been on a Friday or Saturday with the odd Thursday, but now it can be any night of the week.

You can contact Dave at the_raven@slingshot.co.nz.



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