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Trevor Colway - Whanganui female aviator who started Whanganui Air Ambulance

BY DOUG DAVIDSON

Trevor Colway (maiden name Hunter) would rank as one of the most significant female pilots from Whanganui, yet there is little current recognition of her achievements.

One of these was setting up the Whanganui Air Ambulance Charitable Trust back in 1996, for which she became the patron. There will be an Open Day of the Air Ambulance Trust facilities on Sunday, 14 April at the Whanganui Airport. Born in 1915, she was named Trevor as her mother was sure that the baby would be a boy. Her second name of Balfour didn't help matters and her son Don, says, "Her

name caused confusion most of her life." She soon developed a love for flying, becoming a member of the Whanganui Aero Club, gaining her pilots licence in 1933, flying solo at age 16. Not long after at age 18, she accompanied Ted Harvie, on his record-breaking flight from North Cape to the Bluff, a distance of 1880km, the longest recorded flight at the time, a record which lasted 28 years.

When Jean Batten became the first woman to fly solo from the UK to Australia in 1934, and then flew across to New Zealand, Trevor was one of four local female pilots (the others were Jane Winstone, Eva Parkinson and June Summerell) who escorted her in their Havilland Gipsy Moth to Whanganui, New Plymouth and Hawera. However, flying didn't make a living and Trevor became a junior partner in the Audrey Hughes-Johnson School of Dance in Whanganui in 1936, then buying it out. In 1941 Trevor applied to join the British Air Transport Auxiliary. Like other women from New Zealand, she had to pay her own way to Britain to be examined. "Even then she almost didn't make it," says Don. "She was told she was too short, to which she raised herself to her full height and said I came all the way from New Zealand to help you." She was the first of four New Zealand women pilots to join.

Don remembers a story of when "she was told not to try a 3 point landing on a DC3. She did and had to pull out and do the landing again." The role of the ATA pilots was to fly planes from their factories to Royal Airforce bases in the UK. She qualified to fly 42 different types of aircraft including Spitfires, Hunters, Warwicks, Mitchells and Wellingtons. They also delivered and collected mail, signals, and secret documents as well as transporting service personnel on urgent duties. Chair of the Air Ambulance Trust, Rex McKinnon, has copies of notebooks which were given out to the pilots. "They are a little like flying by numbers, providing notes on what to do for that particular type of plane." Don tells another story of Trevor's 'can do' approach - "Another story I used to love hearing as a kid was when she was flying (I think) a Wellington Bomber, part of the instrument panel apparently



Jane Winstone, Trevor Hunter (Colway), June Summerell and Eva Parkinson who escorted Jean Batten

dislodged and fell onto her lap. She always said she did not know what to do so she just pushed it back in place and carried on regardless." Flying factory planes could be hazardous. They usually flew solo, radio contact was forbidden,

there were sudden changes in weather and pilots had to be on constant alert for barrage balloons. Her Whanganui colleague, Jane Winstone, also flew for ATA. On 10 February 1944, the engine of her Spitfire failed at 600 feet, and Jane was killed in the

crash. She was one of 16 women from the ATA killed during the war. After the war Trevor returned to Whanganui but not before stopping over in Sydney to sit her intermediate grade ballet examinations. *Continued on page 3*

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I confess, I did not know much about Trevor Colway and her achievements as a pilot and then as the person who started the Whanganui Air Ambulance Service. But thanks to Rex McKinnon, Chair of the WAAS Trust and Trevor's son Don Colway, I am now impressed with Trevor the person and what she achieved (See our front-page story).

There are some interesting events coming up, from the monthly lunchtime organ concert (page 10) to free foot reflexology treatments (page 7), the Koha Shed garage sale (page 6), and an Astronomy lecture on the intriguing topic of Searching for Alien Earths by a professor from Cornell University (page 6).

A few congratulations are in order: to Martin Pennefather for representing New Zealand in the Over



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60's Cricket Tournament in India (page 24), Kylie James for what she has done to the Waverley Café, now called 'Hind-quarters' (page 25), and the Collegiate School choir, soon to be part of the World Choir Games in Auckland (page 3). Thanks to Councillor Michael Law for the thoughtful and helpful article he wrote for us on World Autism Day (page 7).

Visiting historians to give talk on Edwin Fox sailing ship from 1850-1914

Alexander Heritage Talk – The Edwin Fox:

How an Ordinary Sailing Ship Connected the World in the Age of Globalization 1850-1914 with Emeritus Professor Adrian Shubert and Associate Professor Boyd Cothran, York University, Canada

Where – Alexander Heritage and Research Library Te Rerenga Mai o Te Kāuru, Pukenamu Queen's Park

When – Sunday, 7 April, beginning at 2.00pm – FREE admission

Facebook event: <https://fb.me/e/4P5Y3739E>

Alexander Heritage Talk: The Edwin Fox - Whanganui - Eventfinda (To arrange interviews with the authors, please contact heritage librarian Anna Gilderdale on 06 349 3212, Anna@whanganuilibrary.com)

The team at the Alexander Heritage and Research Library Te Rerenga Mai o Te Kāuru is excited to present a talk by visiting Canadian historians Adrian Shubert and Boyd Cothran from York University in Toronto. The pair will be talking about their new book *The Edwin Fox:*

How an Ordinary Sailing Ship Connected the World in the Age of Globalization 1850-1914 and how their research has revealed some surprising Whanganui connections.

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About the Authors



The Edwin Fox pictured in the late-19th century when it served as a mobile freezing hulk around New Zealand

Boyd Cothran is an Associate Professor in the Department of History at York University. His books include *Remembering the Modoc War: Redemptive Violence and the Making of American Innocence* (2014), *Women Warriors and National Heroes: Global Histories* (2020), and *Bridging Cultural Concepts of Nature: Indigenous People and Protect Spaces of Nature* (2021). He has also written for *The New York Times*, *Indian Country Today* and other platforms, both public and academic.

Boyd Cothran radio interview available at: Micro

history and the Edwin Fox - ABC listen

Adrian Shubert is University Professor Emeritus in the Department of History at York University. An historian of Spain in the eighteenth through twentieth centuries, his articles and books have been published in both English and Spanish. His most recent book is *The Sword*

of Luchana: Baldomero Espartero and the Making of Modern Spain (2021). He is also director of the recently inaugurated Virtual Museum of the Spanish Civil War. He has been elected a Fellow of the Royal Society of Canada and twice-decorated by the king of Spain for his contributions to Spanish culture.



Images (courtesy Edwin Fox Ship & Visitor Centre): The Edwin Fox today, in-situ at the Edwin Fox Ship & Visitor Centre, Picton

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Collegiate School preparing for World Choir Games

The Performance Choir of Whanganui Collegiate are preparing to take their place on the world stage of choral singing, and this year, the World Choir Games will be held in Auckland in July.

The World Choir Games – often hailed as the Olympics of choral singing – will involve 250 choirs from New Zealand and around the globe for a celebration of music, diversity and unity. They are likely to come from over 50 countries and total 10,000 singers.

The Performance Choir was formed in September 2023 and has around 26 students, boys and girls aged 13-17 years. Some are members of the Chapel Choir or the girls' a cappella group 'Appassionata', but some have never sung before.

Choir Musical Director and Pianist Sharon Warburton ATCL, Teacher of Contemporary Singing at Collegiate, says, "Our initial focus was to have a lot of fun singing, with the long-term goal of the World Choir Games, which is an opportunity for all of us that may not come round again."

Attendance at the World Choir Games would allow WCS students to briefly become part of a global community without travelling overseas.

Lynn Whiteside, Teacher of Classical Singing and Musical Theatre, is the choir conductor. Both Lynn and Sharon are As-

sociates of the Institute of Registered Music Teachers NZ and Members of the NZ Association of Teachers of Singing and have been part of the Whanganui Collegiate School Music Dept team for many years.

There is, of course, a need for fundraising and Sharon says, "We have several initiatives in place and our biggest fundraiser is a 'Singathon' on Sunday 7th April, where choir members gather sponsors to back them for this endurance event. Every member of the choir will be involved at some stage during the 6-hour duration of the Singathon.

Each person needs to sing at least one song of their choice in the Concert Room as well as Sharon, Lynn and Richard

Ellsworth, HoD of Music. There will be no breaks between songs of more than 30 seconds over the six hour period

They are hoping to encourage anyone who is on campus on that Sunday to come and sing something – "that means other students, teachers, housemasters, dining hall staff, the Headmaster! Parents and members of the public can even come in and sing." Sharon assures everyone that "There won't be an audience apart from whoever is waiting to sing next, but we can't have gaps."

The choir would also "like to hear of anyone in the community who has a passion for music and singing to get behind this exciting opportunity for our students."



The Collegiate Performance Choir with Sharon Warburton on the left and Lynn Whiteside on the right. Photo credit: Mark Brindlecombe

World expert to give astronomy lecture in Whanganui on Tuesday

Professor Lisa Kaltenegger, director of the Carl Sagan Institute for the Search for Life in the Cosmos at Cornell and Associate Professor in Astronomy, will be presenting the 2024 Beatrice Hill-Tinsley in Whanganui on Tuesday 2 April at the Davis Theatre.

Lisa Kaltenegger is a pioneer and world-leading expert in modelling potential habitable worlds and their detectable spectral fingerprint. Her research focuses on how to find life on exoplanets circling other stars.

She has served on the National Science Foundation's Astronomy and Astrophysics Advisory Committee that advises the US Congress, and on NASA's senior review of operating missions.

Lisa was named one of America's Young Innovators by Smithsonian Magazine, an Innovator to Watch by TIME Magazine, and was selected as one of the European Commission's Role Models for Women in Science and Research.

She has received numerous awards throughout the world.

She gives many public lectures including at Aspen Ideas Festival, TED Youth, World Science Festival and the Kavli Foundation lecture at the Adler Planetarium, which was live streamed to 6 continents. Her book "Alien Earths" will be published on April 16, 2024, by MacMillan

Press. Asteroid Kaltenegger 7734 is named after her.

Her lecture in Whanganui is titled 'Searching for Alien Earths.' It is not only educational to all ages and backgrounds but is also entertaining and thoughtful.

The lecture is at 7pm, Tuesday, April 2 at the Davis Theatre. All welcome. Entry by koha.

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She continued flying till 1952 but, as Don says, "She maintained her interest in flying and would come out to the Aero Club on a Sunday and would rate the landings of the pilots." She became a life member of the Whanganui Aero Club and was the first woman to be a patron of a NZ Aero Club.

In 1950 Trevor married a journalist, (and also a pilot) James Colway, who was the editor of the Whanganui Chronicle from 1964 to 1974. She returned to teaching ballet and ballroom dancing until her retirement.

Don has inherited his love of planes but never went solo flying. He has his mother's flying helmet and her original logbooks. They make for fascinating reading especially for the names of planes which have faded from memory such as the Swordfish, the Fairchild 1, 2 and 3, the Gemini, Proctor and Arbacom.

The RCP will feature the Whanganui Air Ambulance Trust Open Day on 14 April in our issue of 3 April.




Professor Lisa Kaltenegger

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American guitarist performing at Whanganui Musicians Club

The live music scene in Whanganui has the power to connect us with the great wide world outside our town. There is no doubt that attracting musicians from around New Zealand and the world beyond our islands provides entertaining and learning experiences that are important to us.

On Friday, 29 March, the Musicians Club welcomes American Jazz Guitarist Russ Spiegel to the stage with Melbourne based Umar Zakaria and Wellington's Mark Lockett holding down the rhythm section. The trio will perform Russ' music, best described as 'groovy, swinging and sophisticated'. Covering a wide variety of styles

from rock and blues to funk and Latin and hard-swinging modern and post-modern jazz, Russ has been garnering rave reviews for his performances all around the world. He explains his thirst for discovery:

I got hit with the travel bug as a teenager when I moved with my parents from a fairly sheltered life

in Southern California to Germany. After the initial culture shock, I discovered I loved learning about new places – the history, art, culture, and of course meeting people from all over. That has continued throughout my career.

Russ is now based in the state of Florida, where he teaches, performs, composes and records his music. His first visit to our shores in 2023 was so successful that he was invited to perform at the Tauranga National Jazz Festival this year. Russ responded:

The warmth of the people and the beauty of New Zealand was just too much to ignore! I am very much looking forward to exploring more of this great country, playing fun and exciting music with



American Jazz Guitarist Russ Spiegel

outstanding musicians, and making new friends.

He will be playing several gigs in Wellington, stopping here en route to

Tauranga. Then he will be performing in Hamilton, Rotorua and Greytown. Friday 29 March, 7:30pm @ Whanganui

Musicians Club, 65 Drews Ave
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New volunteer co-ordinator for Cancer Society

Fatima Khanzada is originally from Pakistan and in 2014 came to New Zealand to marry her husband, who at the time was a General Surgeon based in the Hokianga in Northland.

Hokianga was a bit too remote for Fatima, especially with a new baby, and so they came to Whanganui where her husband is a GP at Aramoho Health Centre. She says, "I really like Whanganui. It is so family orientated."

After her children went to school Fatima decided to look for work and initially volunteered at the Cancer Society as a receptionist. After a year the Volunteer Co-ordinator resigned, and Fatima was offered the role.

Part of her role, which is for 15 hours a week, is to encourage people of



Fatima Khanzada

diverse culture to become volunteers. The Cancer Society has over 70 volunteers, helping out as receptionists, drivers and

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Fatima does all the interviewing for receptionists and drivers. The reality is, for a variety of reasons, the Society always needs more volunteers.

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Bouquet of the Week Koha Shed garage sale fundraiser this Sunday



Headmaster Wayne Brown, Alec and Shane Gaffney, Director of Sport.

A fellow ex-athletics coach and runner contacted us to nominate Alec McNab for a bouquet of the week. Alec was in the news again after George Beamish won the 1500 race at the 2024 World Indoor Championships. Alec coached him and his brother when they attended Collegiate School.

Barry Touzel, current Director of Sport at Collegiate, says, "Alec is probably the most passionate coach at school level I've ever met. He has coached here for 52 years."

Alec formally retired as Director of Athletics (previously he had been Director of Sport for 25 years), in 2020, but continues to coach middle-distance

runners and cross-country runners. He has had other international successes including Olympians Lucie and Holly Van Dalen and numerous cross country internationals at the secondary school level.

"The current New Zealand team of six school cross country runners has four from Collegiate, including the boy and girl team captains," says Barry.

Alec has also had a long involvement with Athletics Whanganui. There would not be many athletes who have not benefited from his advice and coaching.

The RCP surprised Alec at the staff morning tea with a beautiful bouquet of flowers put together by Nicola and her team at the Flower Room.

- Karen Veldhoen, Board Member

The Koha Shed has building maintenance, garden restoration and repairs from vandalism to be done, so is having a huge garage sale to raise funds and clear out accumulated collectables, antiques, and household items. This is taking place on Sunday 31 March, from 12pm to 3pm at the Koha Shed, 88 Duncan Street. There will be no early access, as we need time to set up, so please respect the 12pm start.

The Koha Shed supports those in need by collecting unwanted donated items from the community and redistributing furniture, white-ware, clothing, household items, etc. to them for free. Approximately 500 Whanganui people visit the Shed each week to source the things they can't afford to buy themselves. More recently the Community Fridge has been relocated from the Kai Hub to the Koha



Sherron helping at a previous garage sale at the Koha Shed

Shed, to provide free rescued and donated food, weekdays from 10am to 12pm.

We have been operating since 2012 and rely on the dedication, perseverance, and aroha of a few volunteers. There are a variety of roles that keep everyone busy; including working in the shop, supporting people in need in the community, col-

lecting household items, maintaining the community garden, providing maintenance, fundraising, event management, environmental emergency response, and being on the Board to provide guidance, direction, and accountability. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Sherron on 027 404 0240.

The Koha Shed relies heavily on the support of the community and would like to thank every

person who has donated - without you we wouldn't be here. While most of these donations are given out to whānau in need, we keep aside some items that can be used to raise funds via our garage sales. We look forward to seeing you on Easter Sunday - everything must go, so you will get a bargain!

Please check The Koha Shed Facebook page in case we need to postpone.

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Free foot reflexology treatments next weekend

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Julie Dean, RNZATP, from the school says, "Reflexology is a complementary health therapy which uses a specific pressure technique that works on precise reflex points on the feet, hands and ears which correspond with all areas of the body. This can promote balance and relaxation within the body. Reflexology is holistic and non-invasive working at the physical, mental, emotional, and spiritual levels."



From the left - Miranda, Dee, Michelle and left front- Sarah and Julie

It can be summed in the saying, 'Treat Your Feet, Treat Your Whole Body.' It is believed that during a reflexology treatment more than 7000 nerves in the feet are stimulated helping the body to return to its natural rhythms. This is an opportunity to experience the benefit of reflexology for yourself. Koha to the Women's Network would be appreciated. For more information contact Julie on 027 461 9962.

District Councillor, Michael Law's experience with autism

World Autism Awareness Day is observed on April 2 each year. It aims to raise awareness about people with autism spectrum disorder (ASD) and promote understanding and kindness.

District Councillor Michael Law is autistic and when we asked him to write about his experience, he was very happy to send us the following:

"When I was 28 years old, my doctor delivered a simple yet profound statement that would change the course of my life: "You have High Functioning Autism." At the time, I had sought help for hearing difficulties, but what followed was a rollercoaster of emotions, from disbelief and embarrassment to fear, acceptance, and, ultimately, promotion.



District Councillor Michael Law

Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) is a neurodevelopmental disorder that affects communication and social interaction, and it can present in a wide range of combinations and severity. The fact that ASD is officially classified as a "disorder" highlights the general population's lack of understanding of neurodivergent individuals, or those whose brains work a little differently.

Growing up, I struggled with social cues and loud

public spaces, and I was often criticized for lacking empathy. However, it wasn't until my diagnosis that I realized these challenges were not a result of being a "problem child," but rather a reflection of my unique brain wiring. My brain takes in and processes more information than neurotypical brains, which can lead to autism burnout and not wanting to respond in large social gatherings.

For years, I tried to fit in and "act normal," but

it wasn't until I embraced my neurodivergence as an opportunity rather than a disorder that I began to thrive. Neurodiverse individuals like me are not easily distracted, are less concerned with socializing, and have a keen eye for detail. As a councillor, I leverage these strengths to leave no stone unturned, critically analyse every report, and remain focused on the big picture, even in the face of vocal opposition.

Autistic individuals make up one of the largest minorities in the world. We don't need fixing, and we don't see the value in complaining. Instead, we offer a different perspective on the world around us. So, on this World Autism Day, I encourage everyone to seek to understand and appreciate the strengths and challenges of neurodivergent individuals. It's not always a disability; it's just a different way of experiencing the world."

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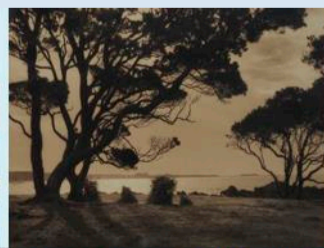
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Dress recalls memories of department stores

- By Karen Hughes

Fashion aficionados are set to be thrilled by the display of a dress from the late twentieth century when Whanganui Regional Museum presents the next *Ko te Kākahu o te Marama - Outfit of the Month*.

The outfit for April is a summery navy-blue and white polka dot sleeveless dress, made from jersey knit fabric. The very short skirt of the dress has accordion pleats which lend it a delightful movement and a chic fabric belt accentuates the waistline.

The dress was purchased from a leading Whanganui department store in 1970 and it was worn right up until 1989. The owner of the dress, Mrs Lila Campbell, donated the dress to Whanganui Regional Museum in 1997.

The *Outfit of the Month* series invites fashion enthusiasts to indulge in the fabulous style of past eras and explore the roots of many modern-day garments.

Pou Arahi/Director, Dr Bronwyn Labrum, will present and discuss the dress with an informal public talk. Members of the public are invited to hear her presentation in the Museum at 12.15pm on Friday 5 April.

Entry to the event is free. Koha for the Museum is always appreciated. No booking is required, all are welcome. The dress will be on display in the Museum throughout April.

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'Mid-season fashion sale' in the haberdashery department at McGruer's Wanganui department store, late 1960s.

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SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS MONTH APRIL 2024

Healing and preventing sexual abuse in our community

Whanganui Safe and Free, formerly Sexual Abuse Centre Wanganui, was founded in 1983. Manager Claire Fahey says the current title is "a positive, holistic name" and this is reflected in its description "Healing and preventing sexual abuse in our Community."

Over the years, Whanganui Safe and Free (WSAF) has supported hundreds of clients to overcome the trauma of being sexually abused. Over the past eight years that Claire has run the Agency, demand for services offered has seen the staff number expand from three to nine, with three Counsellors available in Whanganui and two ACC Accredited Counsellors in the Ruapehu Region.

The Agency also has three Social Workers (Kaiāwhina), who provide practical support and advocacy for clients and their whānau. Support provided can be anything from accompanying a client to an appointment they feel nervous about, helping to resolve day to day issues, to supporting clients at court cases.

As well as supporting clients who approach the Agency specifically for practical support, the Kaiāwhina also provide regular support for clients who are waiting for an ACC Counsellor in the region. There is an extensive waiting time for ACC Counsellors and WSAF has developed a service which provides regular support, whilst also keeping in contact with the ACC Counsellors/Therapists on the client's behalf to book them in with an ACC Counsellor as soon as possible.

All staff receive professional supervision to help support them in their challenging roles. Training and professional development are mandatory to keep up to date and at the cutting edge of the profession. Referrals are made to the Agency by police and social agencies, but survivors of sexual abuse can come direct to WSAF. In addition to counselling and support, WSAF offers preventative education. "Our fantastic preschool programme usually delivered over three short sessions and has very simple messages to teach our children to keep themselves safe. We have a selection of magnets with succinct messages. Our idea is that most homes have a fridge

and that these magnets can be a reminder to everyone who comes and goes from a home to keep our tamariki safe."

Preventative education is also available for older age groups, and often, this is in one-to-one sessions at the Agency for young people who need some guidance with their behaviour.

"Who Are You?" is an interactive programme available at WSAF and is designed to teach young adults about the importance of looking after their mates in social situations, where alcohol is involved. The Agency also works with the Police co-facilitating the Sophie Elliot-inspired, "Loves Me

Not" to help teach young people about the signs of controlling behaviour in a relationship and how in extreme cases, this can lead to tragedy.

Claire is proud of the work the team at Whanganui Safe and Free does and says, "It is very satisfying and humbling to be part of an organisation

that is making a real difference to its clients and to see clients empowered, happy and enthusiastic about life is what it's all about!"

To get in touch with Whanganui Safe and Free, please ring 06 343 3416 or email: administration@whanganuisafe.org.nz.



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NZ Highwaymen to perform at Whanganui Opera House

Lunchtime concerts in Whanganui and Waverley



Wellington organist, David Dobson will present two lunchtime concerts in the Whanganui area in early April. The first is on Wednesday, 3 April at Christ Church, Whanganui, at 12.15 pm with the second at the Church of the Good Shepherd, Waverley, at the same time the following day.

His Christ Church concert will include works by Johann Walther (a contemporary and cousin of J.S. Bach) a work by Cesar Franck as well as a setting of Psalm 23 by Rowley.

The Waverley concert contains several works

from the Christ Church concert which David says will offer significant and interesting aural differences when compared to the much larger Christ Church organ.

"This is the fifth consecutive year I have presented programmes for the delightful audiences of Whanganui and Waverley," he says. "I enjoy exploring the sounds of the various organs I play."

For many years David has contributed to the liturgical music at the Catholic Parish of Assisi, Johnsonville while regularly playing for services at the First Church of Christ Scientist, Wellington city. "Sharing a love of music and participating in warm ecumenical relationships has always been part of my life," he says.

He has presented many organ recitals through-

out the lower North Island with these two being the 56th and 57th overall.

"I extend a warm welcome to all to attend one or both of these concerts to support the good work of those who care for these respective organs," he says.

Entry to the concerts is free, but a Koha towards organ maintenance would be most appreciated.

Eddie Low, Dennis Marsh Gray, Bartlett and Brendan Dugan

Dennis Marsh, Gray Bartlett, Eddie Low and Brendan Dugan are all legendary country musicians in their own right, but together, they are known as the NZ Highwaymen and will be doing another nationwide tour around New Zealand.

They will be doing 20 shows this June and July and will be in Whanganui at the Royal Whanganui Opera House on Friday, June 21. On Tuesday this week they were interviewed on the TVNZ programme Seven Sharp.

Between them they have recorded over 100 albums, many of which went Gold and Platinum. It's a once in a lifetime opportunity to see four of NZ's most beloved Country artists performing together 'live' on the same stage, performing their biggest hits and unique renditions of country

classics from Johnny Cash, George Jones, and Kenny Rogers.

Over 10,000 tickets were sold when they toured previously in 2023, and it is by popular demand they are coming back in June/July 2024.

Their shows have delighted, and the music is familiar, belting out the biggest hits from international legends along with their own hit songs. It will be a humorous and entertaining show.

The NZ Highwaymen will also be launching a LIVE DVD filmed at the James Hay Theatre in Christchurch. The original home of the TV programme 'That's Country'. The DVD includes performances and interviews and will be on sale at the shows.

Please visit www.nzhighwaymen.com to book tickets and also to order a copy of the DVD.



Organist David Dobson



Five of the 17 in May 1999 - Doug, Audrey, Cis, Valmai, Jack.

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Around 80 people from around New Zealand and Australia will be gathering in Wanganui this Easter weekend to celebrate the O'Hara family, which has its roots in the River City.

The O'Hara Family Reunion will kick off Friday evening, with the main event at the Racecourse Function Centre on Saturday, then winding up over a Sunday brunch.

Emily and William O'Hara, both born in Wanganui in 1893, raised 17 children - the eldest (Thelma) born in 1910 and the youngest (Betty) born in 1936. Emily passed away aged 46 when Betty was only three years old.

At the last reunion held in Wanganui in 2012, Bet-

ty was the only surviving member of the 17 children and emphasised at the time that all 17 children were born to the couple. Betty also remarked how she and her siblings were always well dressed for Sunday School and other occasions.


Co-organiser of this weekend's reunion, Tony Dickason, has huge respect for his mother, Melva, who along with her older siblings, sacrificed much to look after the younger children. Having lots of cousins, Tony also remembers being warned by his uncle Kevin (O'Hara) to be careful who you date in Wanganui, as they could be related.

The O'Hara family grew

up in Wicksteed Street and Sydney Place with the children attending Queens Park school.

There are an estimated 14 descendants still in Whanganui as follows - Craig, Katrina McClelland, Shane, Raye, and Gaye McDonnell, Peter Cunningham, Murray and Alison O'Hara, Sheryl and Robert Lewis, Trevor and Lorraine Dickason, Joy and Roger Goldsworthy.

This weekend's celebrations also provide a wonderful opportunity for the younger members of the O'Hara family to get to know each other a little better to ensure the O'Hara genealogy is carried forward to future generations.



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Monday 29 April
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Kia ora koutou

It has certainly been an action-packed term so far this year, with a huge range of excellent classroom learning activities, education outside the classroom trips, as well as cultural and sporting events for all our students.

Our school roll has continued to grow yet again for another year as we collectively work hard together to provide the very best possible outcomes for well over 1400 teenagers.

At the time of writing this message, our rowers were performing exceptionally well at the Maadi Cup. The photograph below captures the excitement of our team's recent success as winners of the North Island Secondary Schools' Rowing Championships.

I look forward to seeing as many students and parents as possible at our Student Achievement Conferences on Tuesday 9th April and Wednesday 10th April.

Ngā mihi nui
Martin McAllen - Principal



Alice Quigley Yr13

Central North Island Regional Debating Competition; selected as a reserve member of the CNI regional team.

Elias Currin Yr13

Central North Island Regional Debating Competition; Highly Commended Speaker's Certificate.

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Central North Island Regional Debating Competition; Highly Commended Speaker's Certificate.

Campbell Wilkins Yr9

Central North Island Regional Debating Competition; Most Promising Junior Speaker Certificate.

WHANGANUI HIGH SCHOOL DEBATING

MOTOX

Whanganui High School had 2 MotoX riders compete in the All Schools Event in Rotorua at the beginning of March. Leah Bullock and Finn Lennox came away with a 17th placing out of 41 schools. Leah rode well in a mixed women's grade where all bike classes rode together. Finn managed to get 4th in his class.



WHANGANUI SECONDARY SWIMMING CHAMPS

Whanganui High School sent a squad to the WSS Swim Champs on March 4th. Standout swimmers on the day were Ashton Baxter, Regan Hanna, Rachel Pui, Caralie Hanna, Aidan Muir and Paige Conley. Our Junior Boys Relay team won with our Intermediate Girls and Senior Boys coming second. Whanganui High School finished second overall.



WHANGANUI SECONDARY SCHOOL ATHLETICS

Whanganui High School had a strong team of 82 students head to the Whanganui Secondary School Athletics. Runners, jumpers and throwers competed well throughout the day with some of our athletes reaching PB's and winning many events. Whanganui High School came away winning the competition overall. Great wins in the Intermediate and Senior Girls and Junior, Intermediate, Senior and Open Boys. Our relay teams came away with wins in the Junior Boys, Senior Boys and Senior Girls 4x100m Relay and the Boys Swedish Relay Open. A huge thank you to coaches Greg Fromont and Elaine Baker for their tireless work with our athletes throughout the year.



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Alex Czerwanka - locum Chaplain at the hospital

Alex Czerwanka is a retired Anglican Church minister and is currently filling in for Amail Habib, who has returned to his native Pakistan for a couple of months.

Alex's surname is Polish, and his father came to New Zealand as a refugee in 1949. He had been forced to work as a labourer while a teen-

ager away from where his family lived. By contrast, Alex's mother was 4th generation New Zealander.

Although Alex was brought up as a Catholic, at age 21 he joined the Anglicans, once "I had started a personal faith in Jesus."

He says, "I always had a sense of God's calling but

started my working life as an artist. It was when I returned to Whanganui and living in a villa in Tokomaru East that I participated in an Anglican Youth Camp, that led to a rethink of what I wanted to do. 18 months later I formerly joined the Anglicans."

While interested in becoming a church minister, Alex decided "I needed to learn more people skills." He trained as a nurse for three years at Whanganui Hospital, graduating in 1980.

He became a lay preacher in the Church, taking services, before going to St Johns College to study theology. His first church was at St James, Lower Hutt where he was ordained as a deacon in 1986.

However, his first parish as a vicar was in Durie Hill at St Barnabas where he stayed for 5 years. From 1993 to 2003 he was a vicar in Whakatane for a combined Anglican/Methodist church and followed this up by taking on a regional position for 7 parishes in Central and Southern Hawkes Bay, based in Dannevirke. The responsibilities included training local ministry teams and encouraged parishes to consider their futures.

His final parish role was in Rotorua until he retired in 2019. After two years, picking up painting again, he and his wife returned to Whanganui. As he had been on the Inter Church Council Chaplaincy Trust Board for 13 years, the last three as chair, he was familiar with the require-



Alex Czerwanka

ments and was more than happy to relieve Amail Habib.

Alex is still ordained as a priest and takes services for the Christ Church parish, while painting in their garage which he converted into his studio.

80-year-old singer entertains at Summerset Retirement Village



Carl Jamieson

Devastated by the loss of a Covent Garden director who had accepted him for study but who died before he was able to travel to London, a young light baritone remained in New Zealand and found solace in singing in stage shows.

Turning 80 at the end of April, Carl Jamieson is still singing and delighted an audience at Summerset Retirement Village, carrying songs easily.

The audience particularly enjoyed his rendition of "The Music of the Night" from "The Phantom of the Opera." He did not require a microphone.

Carl has had a lifetime of singing, which these days is a hobby he fits around bus driving, the distribution of manuka honey and playing indoor and outdoor bowls.

After he was runner-up in the senior section of a singing contest at Napier Boys' High School, it was suggested that he take lessons from a tutor, but costs ruled them out.

He sang in choirs in Hawke's Bay before finding his niche in shows with the Hastings Operatic Society.

He recalled that his first major role was in "Valley of Song," when his youth led to him being aged so he could match his leading lady.

His stage appearances included those with the "Frivolity Minstrels" in Hawke's Bay and he was in the chorus for performances by the New Zealand Opera Company.

Carl trained as a singer in Napier for nearly 12 years enjoying, especially, musical theatre.

"I loved the theatre and the stage," he said.

Apart from having roles in many shows, he has sung at weddings, funerals and retirement homes.

He was a typewriter mechanic and sold computer systems before finding healing qualities in manuka honey and distributing it.

Carl's bus driving these days includes work with both students and disabled folk.

He has been an indoor bowler for 60 years - he was runner-up last year in the National Masters' event - and an outdoor bowler for 13.

Carl's singing for retirement home residents in Bay of Plenty has won acclaim from Samantha Martin, a former Events Manager for Metlifecare in the Bay.

Samantha said the quality and clarity of Carl's voice was unsurpassed. "He has a massive range and the quality of his voice for his age is amazing. He's wowed audiences for a number of years."



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Falls are common in older adults. Strength and balance programmes have been shown to be effective in falls prevention.

Steady As You Go (SAYGo) is a community-based prescribed falls prevention exercise class adapted from the home-based Otago Exercise Programme operating since 2003.

The gentle exercises

used in the programme are designed to improve balance, leg strength, general fitness and well-being. Participants begin with a warmup in a chair followed by standing exercises, walking exercises and end with a warm down in a chair. Ankle weights can be used for the leg strengthening exercises and all participants are encouraged to work at their own pace and stop if they feel dizzy or lightheaded. Steady as You Go has been evaluated by University of Otago

researchers. They found the classes not only improved physical function, reduced the risk of falls were fun and provided links with other people in the neighbourhood.

Sixty-minute classes are held each week for 65+ years old in a variety of venues in Whanganui, Marton, Hunterville, Ohakune, Raetihi & Bulls.

If you would like to attend a community-based class to increase your strength and balance, contact Janet Lewis, Age Concern Whanganui. Phone 06 345 1799.

Install Handrails
along indoor and outdoor staircases, hallways, and anywhere you feel you need a little extra support.

Use nonslip mats and treads
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Improve lighting.
Make sure you have adequate lighting in hallways, stairways, and outdoor walkways, and areas in which you're likely to walk in the middle of the night.

Inexpensive fixes.
Remove all floor clutter. Rearrange furniture so that it works well with the flow of traffic. Use double-sided tape to secure the edges of area rugs to the floor, and remove small throw rugs.

Repair steps and flooring.
Repair crumbling outdoor steps, loose wall-to-wall carpeting, and uneven floorboards. Call a handyman to repair stairs or floorboards, or a carpet store to come and tighten wall-to-wall carpeting.

Install grab bars
near showers, bathtubs, and toilets. Avoid grab bars that "stick on" to shower tiles with suction, which are less reliable than metal grab bars attached to wall studs.

Falls are the leading cause of injuries
among older adults, sending more than two million people to the emergency department each year.

Many of the fall hazards are right in our own homes, and a few inexpensive changes could lower your fall-risk.

Home modifications to help prevent a fall.

Standing up to falls

The theme for April Falls Month is 'Better Balance for Fall Prevention.' The month is an annual campaign to raise awareness about the impact of falls and to promote the latest best practice fall prevention strategies. Over 300 falls occur every day in New Zea-

land, which has a huge cost and toll on our

healthcare system. Falls can be prevented.

Six steps to prevent a fall

1. Find a good balance and exercise programme – to build balance, strength and flexibility.
2. Talk to your health care provider, especially if you have a history of falls.
3. Regularly review your medications with your doctor or pharmacist – make sure side effects aren't increasing your risk of falling.
4. Get your vision and hearing checked annually and update your glasses.
5. Keep your home safe by removing hazards, increase lighting, make stairs safe and install grab bars in key areas.
6. Talk to your family members. Enlist their support in taking simple steps to stay safe. Falls are not just a seniors' issue.



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Rejoice this Easter



~ The significance of Easter for Christians ~

Easter is one of the principal holidays, or feasts, of Christianity. It marks the Resurrection of Jesus three days after his death by crucifixion as described in the New Testament of the Bible. According to Christian beliefs, Jesus was crucified on Good Friday, and three days later, on Easter Sunday, he rose from the dead, symbolizing victory over sin and death.

For many Christian churches, Easter is the joyful end to the Lenten season of fasting and penitence.

According to the New Testament accounts, Easter Sunday began with the dawn of a new day, following the sorrowful crucifixion of Jesus on Good Friday. As the sun rose, the women who had followed Jesus, including Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome, made their way to the tomb where Jesus had been laid. Upon arrival, they discovered the stone rolled away from the entrance and the tomb empty. This momentous discovery was accompanied by the appearance of angels who proclaimed the astounding news: "He is not here; he has risen, just as he said" (Matthew 28:6). Overwhelmed with awe and wonder, the women rushed to share the incredible news with the disciples. Meanwhile, Jesus himself appeared to Mary Magdalene near the tomb, and later to other followers, including two disciples on the road to Emmaus and to the gathered disciples in Jerusalem.

The resurrection of Jesus Christ on Easter Sunday is seen as the cornerstone of the Christian faith, for most Christians, signifying the fulfilment of God's plan for redemption and offering believers the promise of eternal life.

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Good Friday Pilgrimage

This Good Friday, 29 March, there will be a pilgrimage. Meet in the car parking area under the Dublin Street Bridge, Whanganui East side, by 9am. The pilgrimage will go across the bridge, turning south along Somme Parade, going alongside the river through to the Town Bridge. It will then turn north along Anzac Parade and will go through James McGregor and Kowhai Parks back to the parking space.

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Do rabbits lay chocolate eggs?

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12/4/2024 7:30pm	<u>Taihape Club: Taihape Womens</u>	vs	<u>Kaierau Rugby Football Club: Speedy Signs Kaierau</u>	<u>Taihape: Field 2</u>
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Repair Cafe 'taster' - a lively, industrious affair



Lucas, Ed and Charlie Chaplow watch repairer Caroline Gray working on their mum's merino top, while Lisa Chaplow fills in a feedback form.

Photo credit: Jacqui McGowan

"There was a very happy buzz in the room at the inaugural Repair Café 'taster event,'" said Sustainable Whanganui Trust's honorary adviser, Robin Williamson.

Five sewing machinists and two darners repaired nine soft tech items for seven visitors. These included a man's cardigan, a man's jersey and a puppet.

A very large teddy bear has been entrusted to one of the repairers, as she has better equipment at home to mend it.

A handful of visitors just came for a look.

"Lots of questions were asked, including what happens to all the information the Repair Café collects from visitors," said Robin.

The Chaplow family arrived with a merino top.

"It was great to expose our boys to the concept of repairing rather than throwing away", said Paul Chaplow.

"Lucas even got the hole in his favourite tie-dyed shirt repaired too.

"In the weighing of the clothing, they also really got that we had extended the life of that product and prevented it going into landfill.

"What a great initiative. I hope we can see it grow and thrive."

Data such as the weight of each item is collected during each event and collated afterwards. It can be aggregated with other Repair Café (RC) data to provide the big picture.

The data is used by each RC to support applications for funding, show repairers the difference they are

making and contribute to advocacy for the right to repair.

Repair Café Whanganui is now preparing for its official opening at Harrison Street Church Hall on 27 April.

"A wider range of repairs will be available," says project lead Margi Keys.

"The crew includes general repairers, woodworkers, fixers of musical instruments, sewing machines, stained glass, costume jewellery, ceramics and bikes.

"We are still looking for electricians and book repairers."

Training for the next group of repairers is on 17 April.

For more information, email whanganuirepaircafe@gmail.com or phone 0274 481 581.

Study awards offered to female students

Applications are now being sought for the 2024 Wynne Costley study awards. These awards honour the memory of Wynne Costley, born Wynne Dunkley, who taught at Wanganui Technical College and Wanganui Girls' College in the 1950s and 1960s. Wynne will also be remembered locally for her participation in drama. In the twenty-one years since the inception of the awards sixty-two young women have received either an award or a grant to assist with the costs of their study. The 2023 recipients were Katrina Anderson and Aranga Molijn.

In 2023 Katrina Anderson was in her second year at Massey University studying towards a Bachelor of Arts in Social Policy (major) and Politics and International Relations (minor) and Aranga Molijn was in her third year at Victoria University studying for a conjoint Bachelor of Arts and Laws majoring in Political Science and International Relations while beginning a minor in Māori Studies. Both young women are past pupils of Whanganui High School.

The classified advertisements section of the 28 March edition of this newspaper has more detailed information about the awards and prospective applicants are welcome to contact the secretary, Wanganui Federation of University Women Trust, telephone 345 4292.



Aranga Molijn



Katrina Anderson

Horizons Regional Council's draft Long-term Plan open for consultation

Horizons Regional Council is calling on our community to 'look long-term' and have their say on the proposed 2024-2034 Long-term Plan (LTP), which was adopted for public consultation at Wednesday's council meeting.

The draft LTP is Horizons' plan for the council's activities, including how it will ensure sustainable use of the region's natural resources for the next ten years – and how it proposes to rate for it.

Horizons is proposing a total rate increase of 12.9 per cent for 2024-25, 12.6 per cent for 2025-26, and 9.2 per cent for 2026-27. These rates are averages across the region and will significantly differ from district to district due to factors such as property valuations and targeted rates for programmes such as passenger transport and drainage schemes.

Activities out for consultation include proposed options for levels of service to do with highly productive land mapping, options for taking an integrated catchment management approach, changes to river

management asset insurance, freshwater activities, passenger transport services and cost recovery for the water metering programme. In addition, council have proposed some changes to funding policies, including how drainage schemes are funded.

Horizons Chair, Rachel Keedwell, encourages the community to have their say on any of these issues, or areas of Horizons' work they may be passionate about.

"We have released a comprehensive consultation document which outlines each item for consultation, along with our updated strategic priorities and community outcomes, what we are planning for and what we have already committed to in the coming 10 years," she says.

"The focus for this LTP has been on balancing increased demand on Council by central government, holding the line on progress we have made, meeting community expectations, while also considering increased climate related events and ageing populations. While we, like all councils across the country, are looking at

large cost increases simply to provide our current levels of services due to inflationary pressures, we have also remained prudent in our spending wherever possible."

"Our priority has been to remain true to our core business and aim to deliver what we believe our communities expect of us, ensuring we create a healthy environment where people are thriving."

"This consultation document is a starting point for a conversation with council and we encourage you, our community, to tell us what you think. This is your chance to tell us whether we have got it right, or whether we should be looking at things differently."

The consultation period for Horizons' Long-term plan runs from Friday, 22 March through to Monday, 22 April 2024. Information and submission forms are available online at www.haveyoursay.horizons.govt.nz. For hard copies of the consultation document or submission form, please visit your local Horizons service centre, or call 0508 800 800.



Horizons' Long-term Plan 2024-34 is open for consultation.

Lets look long term for our region at haveyoursay.horizons.govt.nz

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100 years since Whanganui became a city.



100 years since Whanganui was declared a city

April 1, 1924, was a special day for Whanganui, the day on which it was given the status of a city.

The date is recorded in "The Wanganui Story" by M.J.G Smart and A.P. Bates.

The authors noted that, when it became a city, it was the country's fifth largest centre with a population of 24,740.

The book says: "Promotion was made possible by the amalgamation with the Borough of Castlecliff and Gonville Town Board district. The amalgamation followed those of St John's Hill (1909),

Aramoho and Durie Hill (1910) and Wanganui East (1913). The Mayor at that time was Mr Hope Gibbons, and city status was duly celebrated with a dinner at The Rutland Hotel. The guest speaker was the Minister of Internal Affairs, Mr Downie Stewart . . ."

One of the biggest crowds ever seen at Cooks Gardens was on hand on March 3, 1927 to welcome the Duke and Duchess of York (subsequently King George VI and Queen Elizabeth).

The crowd was estimated to be 25,000, and spectators watched a colourful display by massed school

children on the oval.

"The Wanganui Story" described Whanganui as an air-minded city and records that the Aero Club was formed in 1929.

"Beginning with limited means, it could do little at first beyond encouraging visiting airmen and searching for suitable landing grounds, as for the flying visit of Charles Kingsford Smith on September 23, a year earlier . . ."

Other famous aviators to visit Whanganui included Francis Chichester in 1930 and Jean Batten in 1934.

Authors Smart and Bates reported that the possibil-

ity of developing the sandy areas beyond Landguard Bluff as an aerodrome was taken up enthusiastically by the new (Whanganui) club.

As the depression deepened and outlets for work for the unemployed became scarce, the City

Council undertook more and more levelling solely with wheelbarrows and shovels until the present airport runway was formed.

"Sheep were used to maintain the turf and the Wanganui Aero Club made fortunate investments both in stock and wool, giving it

a solid foundation, which has enabled them to progress steadily ever since."

The official North Island Air Pageant in 1932 attracted a crowd estimated at more than 10,000, being held "on an area about one-sixth of the area of the present aerodrome."

Whanganui became fully air-minded on November 1, 1954. Extensions to the airport were opened and Whanganui

was incorporated for the first time in National Airways' countrywide network. Planes used were the DC3s.

Changes in Victoria Avenue

Victoria Avenue, 1925.
Photo courtesy of the Whanganui Regional Museum.

Victoria Avenue has long been the centre of the city, and the growth of the street was shown with the installation of traffic lights in 1960.

In the entertaining book on the history of Whanganui, "The Wanganui Story," authors M.J.G. Smart and A.P. Bates say the recognised business centre of the avenue has gradually moved from corner to corner.

The book, published in 1972, said the commercial heart of the city had been slowly moving northwest along Victoria Avenue.

"Originally the corner of Taupo Quay, once known as The Beach, was the focus of commerce. During the 1920s and 1930s the Ridgway Street corner became the centre, but later in the 1940s and 1950s it moved on to the Maria Place corner. In the late 1950s the centre moved a little further up the Avenue.

"In January, 1958, the first of the new motel style accommodation houses was opened in Wanganui, starting a new era.

"Movie enthusiasts were pleased to see the opening of the Embassy Theatre on Labour Weekend, 1950, with the first film shown being 'Cheaper By The Dozen' starring Clifton Webb and Myrna Loy.

"The Regent Theatre, which was still operating, had opened on March 16, 1929, with the Greta Garbo film 'The Mysterious Lady'. This theatre was built in an age of decoration and adornment, and the 600 blending lights inside were a spectacle in themselves . . ."

Whanganui added a War Memorial Hall and Concert Chamber to its indoor amenities after lengthy discussions. The hall was officially opened by the Chief Justice of New Zealand, the Right Hon. Sir Harold Eric Barrowclough on April 25, 1960, the cost of the property being \$380,000.



Cooks Gardens, Royal visit, 1927.
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Bushy Park Homestead retains historic charm

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The design is more formal than most of Natusch's houses due to the influence of Moore, who

preferred a more classical home of a Regency/American Colonial style.

Upon Moore's death in 1962, the home and 220 acres [98 hectares] of surrounding bush, were gifted to the Royal Forest and Bird Protection Society of New Zealand which runs it through a Trust.

The Homestead has

been sympathetically re-stored by the Trust. The stables have been transformed into an interactive classroom and museum and the stables restored, while the homestead has been re-roofed, repainted and re-decked a couple of years ago.

Lessee of the homestead, Dale Pullen adds, a wheel chair lift has been

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Bushy Park homestead interior

City Furniture Exchange serving Whanganui for over 100 years

The City Furniture Exchange in Tawa St, Gonville has been operating in Whanganui for over 100 years having been founded by Mr Tom Windle in 1914.

The second-hand shop has had several owners since then, most recently Tom Keating, who relocated the business to Tawa St in Gonville in 1983, his son John Keating from 1990-2015 and Andrew Gannon, who has owned and managed the City Furniture Exchange since June 2015.

Andrew says he enjoys the challenge of finding quality items that his customers appreciate, such as English made garden



and hand tools and well-made furniture.

He is focussed on sourcing collectible and popular LPs and other interesting vintage and collectors' items.

City Furniture Exchange doesn't sell items online. Their best stock is out on

the shop floor for customers to view - not locked away for out-of-town buyers."

City Furniture has been proud to serve Whanganui for over 100 years and is looking forward to continuing to offer quality items at reasonable prices.

100 years a city

- comments from Deputy Mayor, Helen Craig

Whanganui has a long history of both European and Māori settlement and I felt it was time we acknowledged some of our milestones.

It just so happens that in 1924, Whanganui became a city. At that time, it was New Zealand's largest urban area after the four main centres. There's a nice potted history on the New Zealand History website.

So, 100 years on, it's time for a party and Mayor Andrew Tripe agrees. A very small working group, a mix of Council staff and community members, is discussing what celebrations might look like and we'll let you know more shortly.

I'm keen to hear from anyone with other significant dates we should commemorate and any ideas on how we should celebrate becoming a city. Feel free to email me on helen.craig@whanganui.govt.nz or 021 103 0737.

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What were items worth 100 years ago in Whanganui?

On the day Whanganui became a city, April 1, 1924, The Chronicle of that date included an advertisement for a new Ford motor car. "Come and See The New Ford," said the large advert, placed for the Merewether Motor Company in Ridgway St. "At last, we can show you the new Ford Model. You will be delighted with the advanced design, featuring among other advantages: Larger and higher Radiators, giving increased cooling service.

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Cars were growing in popularity, but the horse continued to play a strong role in the province.

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On April 1, 1924, it was showing for the last night 'The Woman In His House.' It was, "A story of Mother Love, The Love that Stands all Tests."
On that date E Gilbert and Co., on Victoria Avenue, told Chronicle readers to "Arrange Dance Partners in your own home this Easter and all through the long winter months, too."
"It is possible with a gramophone," the advertisement said.
If people wanted to impress their dance partners before playing the gramophone and dancing, they could dine at a seven-piece suite purchased for £16/18/- (\$33.80, or approx. \$1965.00 in today's money) from Wanganui Furniture Manufacturing Company.
The women preparing to dine and dance could well have been wearing Kaiser Silk Stockings, which were available from J.Paul and Company and were "universally worn by Women of Taste."
Men and women with an eye for bargains would

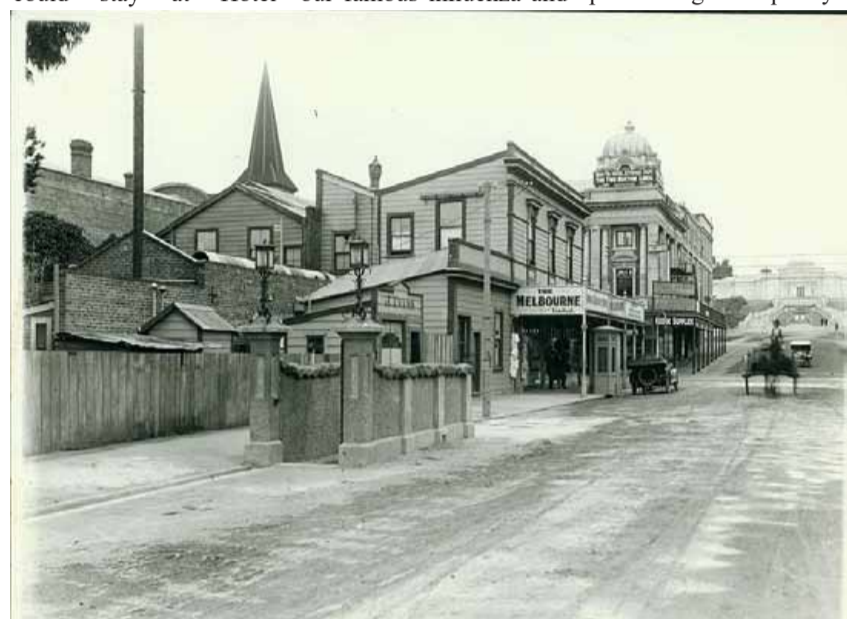
have read that the Keith Street Sample Rooms had a large stock of woollen goods, which included men's all-wool trousers for 17/6 (\$1.75).
Keith Street Sample Rooms described themselves as the cheapest drapers in New Zealand and said they were much cheaper than Avenue prices.
Visitors to Wanganui could stay at Hotel

Parkville in Ridgway St. It was in a "beautiful, healthy locality" and offered hot and cold baths, electric light throughout and comfortable commercial and sitting rooms.
The United Friendly Societies' Dispensary was aware that summer had ended. It said more than 1,000 people in Wanganui "derived benefit last winter by taking a bottle of our famous influenza and

cold mixture." A bottle cost 2/6 (25 cents).
Males who believed whisky had medicinal qualities may have acted after reading an advertisement in the April 1 issue.
The Distillers Co. Ltd in Edinburgh described their Scotch whisky as "A companionable spirit, always kindly smooth to the palate, guaranteed of pre-war age and quality."



Looking towards Durie Hill, 1924. Photo courtesy of Whanganui Regional Museum.



Maria Place, 1920s. Note the underground toilets to the left and the Sargeant Gallery to the right. Photo courtesy of Whanganui Regional Museum.



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J. Williams and Co have been operating in Wanganui since 1903. The shop moved to its current premises in 1912, the expansion of its business demanding bigger premises than the original shop. It was built by local firm Dick & Flyger. Construction took just over 6 months and cost £1,287. Building finished in 1911, outfitting the shop took until February 1912 by cabinet makers, Fry & Treloar of Ridgeway Street.

In 2012 the company celebrated 100 years of being in their purpose-built jewellery shop. Back in 1912 the shop was described as carrying a general stock and as specialists in better class jewellery of which it has a magnificent array. A description which still holds good today.

The owner of the time, James Williams, was described as a "practical man" who spent nearly all his life in the business being thoroughly in touch

with his manufacturers and having the most up to date goods. That is still true today with current owner Philip Sell, having been a jeweller for 53 years; 33 years as owner of J. Williams Jewellers. Philip believes in the principles that have served the business well over 121 years, stocking quality goods, keeping up to date but remaining a traditional jeweller. Many customers remark on the old cabinets and remember purchases made many years ago.



Somme Parade, Aramoho, 1920-1930. Note the tram tracks. Photo courtesy of Whanganui Regional Museum.



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Easter Weekend 2024 services and facilities

Good Friday, 29 March to Easter Monday, 1 April 2024

These are our opening hours for council facilities and services during Easter Weekend 2024. You can still contact us at any time on (06) 349 0001. This number is monitored 24/7, including for urgent enquiries.

You can also report non-urgent issues to us by using the free Antenno app – download at: www.whanganui.govt.nz/antenno

Council Customer Services, Guyton Street	CLOSED	Good Friday to Easter Monday
Council Infrastructure Office, St Hill Street	CLOSED	Good Friday to Easter Monday
Whanganui & Partners, Innovation Quarter, St Hill Street	CLOSED	Good Friday to Easter Monday
isite Whanganui Visitor Information Centre, Taupo Quay	OPEN	Good Friday and Easter Monday – 9.00am-3.00pm
	OPEN	Saturday and Easter Sunday – 9.00am-4.00pm
Whanganui Regional Museum, Watt Street	CLOSED	Good Friday
	OPEN	Saturday, Easter Sunday and Easter Monday – 10.00am-4.30pm
Archives		Open by appointment only Please email archives@wrm.org.nz
Royal Whanganui Opera House Box Office, St Hill Street	CLOSED	Good Friday to Easter Monday
Whanganui War Memorial Centre, Watt Street	CLOSED	Good Friday to Easter Monday
Cooks Gardens, St Hill Street Events Centre and velodrome Track and field	CLOSED	Good Friday to Easter Monday
	OPEN	Good Friday to Easter Monday
Davis Library, Pukenua Queen's Park	CLOSED	Good Friday, Easter Sunday, Easter Monday
	OPEN	Saturday – 10.00am-5.00pm
Gonville Library, Abbot Street	CLOSED	Good Friday, Easter Sunday, Easter Monday
	OPEN	Saturday – 10.00am-2.00pm
Alexander Library Te Rerenga mai o te Kāuru, Pukenua Queen's Park	CLOSED	Good Friday to Easter Monday
New Zealand Glassworks, Rutland Street	CLOSED	Good Friday, Easter Monday
	OPEN	Saturday, Easter Sunday – 10.00am-4.30pm
Splash Centre, London Street	CLOSED	Good Friday
	OPEN	Saturday, Easter Sunday, Easter Monday – 10.00am-5.00pm
Durie Hill Elevator, Anzac Parade	OPEN	Good Friday to Easter Monday – 10.00am-5.00pm
Whanganui Airport terminal and cafe, Airport Road	OPEN	OPEN one hour before departures and 30 minutes before arrivals for scheduled Air Chathams flights.
		For all Air Chathams enquiries, please call 0800 580 127
Animal Pound, Airport Road	CLOSED	The facility is closed but you can still call the animal management team on 06 349 0001 for all animal-related enquiries.
		Normal hours resume on Tuesday, 2 April (open 11.00am-1.00pm)
Whanganui Resource Recovery Centre, Maria Place	CLOSED	Good Friday
	OPEN	Saturday – 9.00am-4.30pm (drive-in area)
	OPEN	Easter Sunday, Easter Monday – 10.00am-3.00pm (drive-in area)
		Please note: The front part of the centre is open 24/7 for drop-off of glass, paper/cardboard, cans and recyclable plastics 1, 2 and 5

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Representing NZ over 60's cricket in World Champs in India

Martin Pennefather played cricket for New Zealand in the over 50's competition including a world Cup in Sydney, so when he turned 60 in December last year, it was no surprise that he was selected for the over 60's.

The timing was good as the World Cup in this grade took place recently in Chennai, India. He was the only Whanganui representative in the 17-man squad. Martin is a batsman and a spin bowler.

He says, "There were 12 countries represented - all the major ones apart from Pakistan and Bangladesh, who according to the Indians "had visa issues."

After a warm-up the team played 8 games over 2 and half weeks. The teams were in two pools of 6 with New Zealand coming second and having to meet Australia in the semifinal. England won the final and New Zealand beat Sri Lanka for 3rd place.

Martin played all 9 games as "three of our team went down with hamstring troubles."

Games started at 9.30am, finishing at 4.30pm and after formalities went back to their hotels. "It was hot and humid. The hotel swimming pool kept us sane." Says Martin. "I have worked in some very hot conditions in Australia, but I felt so hot and exhausted, especially when batting. We would drink 6 to 8 litres of wa-



Martin batting

ter, which we sweated out and then another up to 4 litres."

It was not a problem for the locals. They told the others that this was the cold season. "We had a physio assigned to the team. She wore a track suit."

The pitches were great for batting taking very little swing, seam or spin. "But concentrating was the issue." The games were 45 overs with 9 overs maximum per bowler. There were some natural hazards such as dogs and cows, which gave a new meaning to the cricket shot to 'cow corner.'

Martin's wife, Jacqueline, came on tour as did a lot of the wives and partners. Players and others were required to pay for everything - travel, hotels, food and so on. The good thing is they

were not sick. They were told though to keep their mouth shut while having a shower and to wash their teeth in bottled water and to say no to salads.

The food was of a high standard and mainly vegetarian. "I ate red meat about once and it was buffalo." Shopping for items like clothing was good with dress shirts half to third of the price. Driving in taxi or tuk tuks was something else. "Using a horn is vital and lanes are almost irrelevant. You will get cut off, but no one gets angry."

But as an Indian member of Martin's cricket club in Whanganui told him - "India is not for beginners." Martin explains - "You get sensory overload - the different smells, sights, differences. It was a trip of a lifetime but we are pleased to get home back to normality."

The junior softball season ended on a high on Monday night with the finals of the Secondary school slowpitch and U17 competitive league finals.

During January - March, the junior softball scene has been buzzing with the junior teeball and softball, keeping the grounds full on Saturday mornings and the continued support of the slowpitch and competitive fastpitch on Monday nights.

It was another great finish to the U17 competition, with Angels taking out the final against Yankees 8 - 1 and the Red Sox keeping their composure to narrowly beat the Mets for 3rd place, 3-2. The introduction of U17 competition has been a huge success. Each half season, players register individually and are placed into teams in their preferred positions. The focus is development, and as the teams gel together over the season, the games start to get really close. The introduction of this league, in its current format, has made a big impact on player numbers for this age group at softball. The teams, Yankees, Angels, Mets and Red Sox, have been full with 48 players, boys and girls, taking part in the weekly competition.

The competition is a great feeder for representative softball, and this season Whanganui sent U15 boys and girls and U17 boys and girls teams to national and regional tournaments. All teams were competitive, punching well above their size



Angels (red uniform) vs Yankees (grey uniform) Whanganui softball players who were in the final of the U-17 grade on Monday night.

for a regional association. Development of the players from the Monday night competitions and Saturday senior ball was evident as all teams bettered their placings from last year. The girls teams have had huge success and individuals have been selected for national honors this year. Ngārongokaumoana Ponga, Taylah Waitokia and Poppy Priddle were selected for a Junior White Sox regional team who played against Queensland at the end of last month, and at just 14, Priddle has been selected for the Junior White Sox to travel to Brazil in July for the WBSC U18 World Cup Qualifier. Ponga and Waitokia are also travelling overseas for top level softball, having been picked up by the Australian Bears to play in the USA in July at the Babe Ruth World Series 2024.

Whanganui sporting legends

Whanganui has certainly made an impact in the sporting world over the 100 years since it became a city.

A River City netballer, Eileen Anderson, is among sporting identities from here who achieved extraordinary heights in their sporting endeavours. Eileen is unique in her popular game. She not only played for both the North Island and the South Island teams. She captained sides from each island.

That record may never be beaten because North versus South fixtures are no longer played in netball.

Another Whanganui athlete who excelled in her chosen sport was hockey's Robyn Matthews. A long-serving women's hockey player for New Zealand, Robyn continued to contribute to the game after her retirement, moving to coaching and administration.

Whanganui contributed a national cricket captain in Harry Cave, who contributed strongly with the ball when New Zealand had its first-ever Test cricket win against the West Indies at Eden Park in the mid-1950s.

On softball diamonds, Eric Wilson was both an electrifying Black Sox pitcher and a national coach.

As a jockey, Brent Thomson was the James McDonald of the Australasian racing world.

Gary Anderson was on the dais as a track cyclist at the Olympic Games, and not long after Whanganui became a city, a former Kaierau rugby player, Tom Heeney, fought for the world heavyweight boxing title.

In the wrestling ring, having grown up in Raetihi, Pat O'Connor progressed to the world heavyweight title in the United States.

On the bowling green, Peter Belliss had the distinction of winning a world singles title and doing so overseas.

Yet another sportsman to make an impact overseas was Rod Coleman, who hurtled around the Isle of Man for a memorable win on that famous circuit.

The major sporting venue in Whanganui, of course, is Cooks Gardens, where Sir Peter Snell broke the world mile track record.

Famous All Blacks associated with Whanganui include the flying wing Peter Henderson and the Osbornes, Bill and Glenn.

New Zealand's best-known sports writer, Sir Terry McLean, was born in Whanganui.

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still competitive. Whanganui Hockey is kindly opening their clubrooms for our after-match functions. We put on free food once a month and have an awesome prizegiving at the end of our season. We are all about returning all funds raised back to our players. Our season kicks off on the 6 April at the

Gonville domain with a 2.30pm kick-off.

A special thanks to our Sponsor, Rob Moore from Moore Law and our supporters Fleetline Marking, and Super-value.

If you want to register for a team or get a bit more information contact Ian at ross-webe@gmail.com or txt

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Footnote: After 50+ years of playing football, Ian is finally listening to his knees.....so the next step is the new phenomena of walking football. Google it....it is a lot of fun and still a serious workout. We will have some sessions up and running soon..... contact us if you are interested.

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Savings made as council closes Holdings company

Whanganui District Council has now completed its review of council-controlled organisations (CCOs) and made final decisions in a closed council meeting on Tuesday 26 March, 2024.

Mayor Andrew Tripe says, "Further to bringing our economic development agency Whanganui & Partners in-house, the council has also decided to close down Whanganui District Council Holdings."

He says subsidiary companies such as GasNet, the Port companies and the New Zealand International Pilot Academy (NZICPA), will now report directly to the council's CCO Committee.

"Including the \$118k saved from the Whanganui & Partners decision and a reduction in the number of directors at the port companies, we're now looking to save about \$380k per year as a result of these moves to simplify and streamline our CCOs," says Mayor Andrew.

"The CCO review aligns with our six-point plan to keep rates increases affordable," he says. "We're looking at growing Whanganui's population, improving efficiency, looking for alternative funding for projects, cutting council services, selling assets to repay debt and identifying sources of non-rates

revenue.

"The council has already locked in \$700k of service level cuts across other council services as well as another \$1 million of efficiencies from the council's back office functions bringing the total savings to more than \$2 million so far.

"We are also about to start public consultation on our Long-Term Plan 2024-34 and will be seeking feedback from the community on additional service cuts that could be made to reduce costs and minimise rates increases."

The CCO Review was undertaken to identify cost and efficiency savings and Mayor Andrew says, "One recommenda-

tion was for the council to ensure its investments are delivering enough of a financial return to be worth the associated investment risks – higher-risk investments should have a higher return on investment.

"We'll need to ensure NZICPA stabilises and starts to return to profit after the disruption of Covid 19 which interrupted the flow of international students to the academy. The report found NZICPA has a positive impact on the Whanganui economy,

and when student numbers increase it will support nearly 100 jobs and provide \$9.8 million of GDP per year into the local economy."

"GasNet has consistently delivered dividends to its shareholder, but the council needs to balance receiving dividends with a need to reinvest into the development of the business."

He says, "Appointing one board of directors to oversee both port companies has already saved the ratepayer \$63k."

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Refurbished, renamed Waverley Cafe proving popular



Kylie in the Hindquarters Café

You may remember the Waverley Café as 'The Big Sun' or the Mainstreet Café. No longer – it is now the Hindquarter Café under the ownership of Kylie James, the owner of Dallisons across the road. She says, "I bought it for the community. Waverley needs it."

It was closed for seven weeks while it was refurbished, and it is looking good. Already, after being re-opened for just four weeks, it is proving very popular with locals and visitors alike. "It is three times busier than we anticipated," says Kylie.

Kylie adds, "It is really busy because we provide good food, good coffee (Mojo) and good customer service." There is a wide range of cabinet food including scones, all made on-site, plus gourmet pies (think venison, pork belly, chicken and leek and vegetable curry) from a special supplier. They also have a range of gelato flavours available.

Breakfast is well covered with everything from mince on toast to a full Kiwi Breakfast and eggs benedict at very reasonable prices.

"We are trying to source everything as locally as possible," Kylie says. We're using a Hawera baker for bagels and sourdough, Stevo's Distributors Whanganui and even our tea is New Zealand grown."

Hindquarters is open 7 days a week as follows:

- Monday to Wednesday – 7am to 3pm
- Thursday and Friday – 7am to late in the evening
- Saturday – 7am to late in the evening
- Sunday – 8am to 3pm.

The café is fully licensed, and on Thursdays to Saturdays, they are offering a limited dinner menu of two to three choices along with wines and beers. As Kylie explains, "It has already become a good meeting place for all, including families."

It is likely to become a destination stop for many from and to Whanganui as it is the only café on the highway from just outside Whanganui through to Stratford. It's a 25 to 30 minute drive from the northern edge of Whanganui.

The interior is tastefully decorated with pictures on the wall covering the racehorse 'Kiwi' (the statue is in the garden area next to the café), Waverley racecourse and memorabilia of the good old hunting days, as Waverley still has a huge hunt club, as well as stools covered in 'hindquarters.'

Kylie has great plans for continued development of the café, including covering the outdoor deck area for outdoor dining in summer, as well as creating a beautiful garden area at the back.

An extra benefit to taking over the café for Kylie is that many café customers are coming across to Dallisons for shopping.

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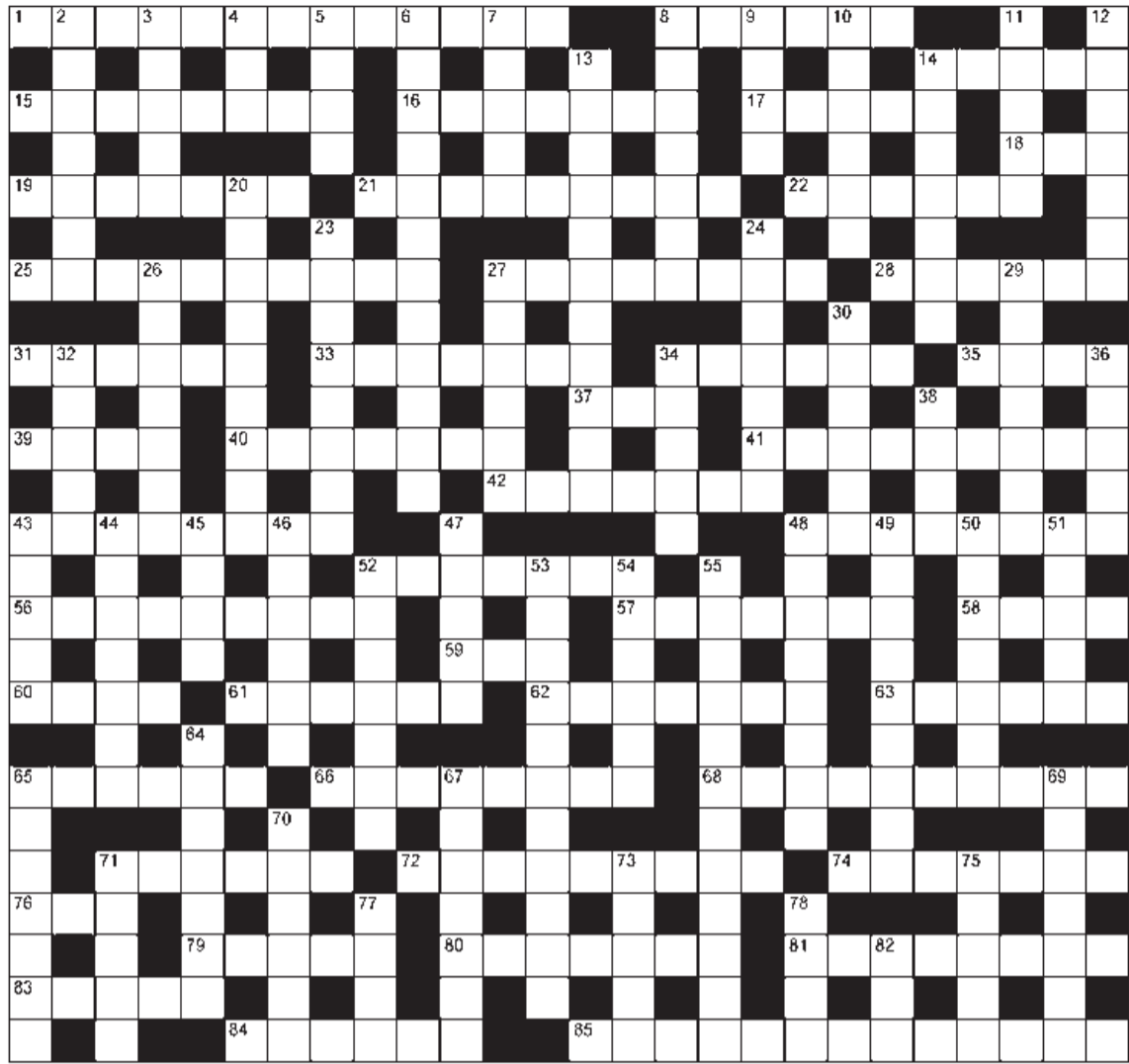
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- ACROSS**
- 1 Deal someone a fatal blow (3,3,5,2)
 - 8 Opportunity (6)
 - 14 Hindu religious teacher (5)
 - 15 Recent arrival (8)
 - 16 Immediate (7)
 - 17 Solo (5)
 - 18 Outlaw (3)
 - 19 Throb (7)
 - 21 Tried (9)
 - 22 Space to manoeuvre (6)
 - 25 Narrow escape from disaster (5,5)
 - 27 Three-wheeler (8)
 - 28 Bypass (6)
 - 31 Oil-rich sultanate (6)
 - 33 Embellish, decorate (7)
 - 34 Fishing weight (6)
 - 35 Pine for (4)
 - 37 Make a choice (3)
 - 39 Indonesian island (4)
 - 40 Porridge ingredient (7)
 - 41 Greenish-blue colour (9)
 - 42 Eternal (7)
 - 43 Boss (8)
 - 48 Bomb fragments (8)
 - 52 Various (anag)(7)
 - 56 Equivalent retaliation (3,3,3)
 - 57 Inconsistent and unpredictable (7)
 - 58 Malarial fever (4)
 - 59 Small round mark (3)
 - 60 Locale (4)
 - 61 Walk laboriously (6)
 - 62 Cynic (7)
 - 63 Favour (6)
 - 65 Shared (6)
 - 66 Take away mathematically (8)
 - 68 Wheeled ride-on (10)
 - 71 Savoury tart (6)
 - 72 Copper rust (9)
 - 74 Layer (7)
 - 76 Large bird (3)
 - 79 Alcove (5)
 - 80 Hold (7)
 - 81 Vision (8)
 - 83 Tie up (5)
 - 84 Sharp (6)
 - 85 Reveal secret information (5,3,5)
- DOWN**
- 2 Of different size, length (7)
 - 3 Carpet nails (5)
 - 4 Deciduous tree (3)
 - 5 Standard (4)
 - 6 Timid (5-7)
 - 7 Children, offspring (5)
 - 8 Table implements (7)
 - 9 Absent (4)
 - 10 Copied genetically (6)
 - 11 Domestic cat (5)
 - 12 Innovator, trailblazer (7)
 - 13 Keyboard instrument (11)
 - 14 Underwater plant (7)
 - 20 Evidence in court (9)
 - 23 Female child (8)
 - 24 Ten laps (anag)(7)
 - 26 Daytime clock (7)
 - 27 Dessert with sponge, custard, jelly, cream (6)
 - 29 Point of view (7)
 - 30 Fireplace floor (6)
 - 32 Domain (5)
 - 34 Scatter (5)
 - 36 Egg's outer covering (5)
 - 38 Wild cat (4)
 - 43 Additional (5)
 - 44 Forbearing (7)
 - 45 Woodwind instrument (4)
 - 46 Whole (6)
 - 47 Escape paying (tax) (5)
 - 48 Weekend day (8)
 - 49 One receiving (9)
 - 50 Sugar pill (7)
 - 51 Ooze (5)
 - 52 Sports arena (7)
 - 53 Owing (11)
 - 54 Mutiny (6)
 - 55 Non-amateur (12)
 - 64 Soldier's food allowance (7)
 - 65 Souvenir (7)
 - 67 Sugar syrup (7)
 - 69 Make coarse (7)
 - 70 Wedges (6)
 - 71 Line (5)
 - 73 Understand (5)
 - 75 Spry (5)
 - 77 Bill of fare (4)
 - 78 Departed (4)
 - 82 Female sheep (3)



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

Previous solution

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

Previous crossword solution

ACROSS: 1 Money down the drain, 10 Moccasin, 15 Renege, 16 Disqualify, 17 Milliner, 19 Pep talk, 21 Fused, 22 Arguments, 25 Therapist, 27 Pliable, 29 Groove, 33 Fancy, 34 Teaspoon, 36 Comprehend, 39 Gas, 41 Odyssey, 42 Sunset, 43 Client, 44 Bare, 45 Antwerp, 48 Family tree, 53 Devoted, 57 Raid, 58 Social, 59 Troops, 60 Mixture, 62 Lid, 64 Wainwright, 65 One by one, 66 Cache, 69 Echoed, 70 Hearing, 71 Associate, 76 Perplexed, 77 Fatal, 78 Tally-ho, 83 Lopsided, 84 Worshipped, 85 Unsure, 86 Designed, 87 Benefit of the doubt.
DOWN: 2 Obeyed, 3 Event, 4 Due, 5 Wide, 6 Tissues, 7 Eluded, 8 Rule, 9 Informal, 11 Olives, 12 Cold turkey, 13 Song, 14 Narrate, 18 Guillotine, 20 Lure, 23 Spiel, 24 Forecast, 26 Hacksaw, 28 Lengthy, 30 Harden, 31 Bonsai, 32 Opened, 35 Sauna, 37 Dread, 38 Dear, 40 Scar, 45 Arrow, 46 Twilight, 47 Phobia, 48 Frightened, 49 Mill, 50 Letdown, 51 Trowel, 52 Empty, 54 Edit, 55 Outlast, 56 Earthy, 61 Sweetening, 63 Union, 67 Gruesome, 68 Visa, 69 Exhaled, 72 Shampoo, 73 Sphere, 74 Tahiti, 75 Cherub, 79 Lasso, 80 Opus, 81 Isle, 82 Adit, 85 Use.

5x5

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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.

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

Previous solution

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Shincheonji Church of Jesus celebrates 40th anniversary

On March 14th, anniversary. Over 300 Shincheonji Church of Jesus, Temple of the Tabernacle of the Testimony held a commemorative ceremony and service at the Cheongpyeong Shincheonji Peace Training Center in South Korea to celebrate its 40th anniversary. Over 300 members from New Zealand participated in the event on-site and via a live stream. The church has branches in more than 100 countries internationally and a congregation of more than 300,000 members.

Shincheonji New Zealand was opened in 2015. Shincheonji Church of Jesus Volunteering efforts have been ongoing for 38 years with such activities as helping disadvantaged communities, environmental cleanups, community revival projects,

and supporting sporting events. Blood donation drives began in 2008 with approximately 5,000 volunteers participating every year. Then in 2022, Shincheonji Church of Jesus achieved a Guinness World Record™ for having the most people sign up as blood donors online within one day.

Last year, Shincheonji volunteers launched the "We Are Run" marathon. In New Zealand alone, over 200 runners participated in the event to raise funds and awareness about mental health.

Other volunteering activities in New Zealand included beach cleanups, Auckland flood relief sup-

port, seniors' lunches, and mental health workshops. Members of Shincheonji learn to love and serve through the teaching of the Bible by realizing God's will in the book of Revelation.

Since the establishment of the Zion Christian Mission Center in June 1990, there has been a steady increase in the number of graduates, with over 100,000 graduating in each year of 2022 and 2023.

Starting this year, Shincheonji plans to create a new and brighter world by devoting to regular volunteer initiatives, keeping in mind specific needs and challenges in local commu-

Bridge Club results

Whanganui Bridge Club
Bridge Results Week ending 24 March:
Monday Patrons Pairs:
 N/S: 1: A Sutherland, J Smith - 65.56
 3: R Collins, C Brown - 54.17
 E/W: 1: C Harding, J Richardson - 57.58
 3: B Collins, I Newbold - 56.57
 2: H Jarrett, S Brotherston - 54.72
 4: B Broome, R Bartrum - 53.61
 2: B Annear, J Glenn - 57.07
 4: V Bartrum, J Huwlyer - 55.05
Tuesday Swiss Pairs after 3 rounds:
 1: R & D Nightingale - 51.77, 2: A Thirtle G, MacLachlan 44.50, 3: P MacLachlan, G Mulholland - 37.50, 4: D Haynes, C Pepperell - 36.90
Wednesday Kauri Pairs:
 N/S: 1: R Terrey J, Lupton - 74.10, E/W: 1: D Johnson, C Winton - 64.50, 2: T Gunasekara, J Gillespie - 53.35, 2: L Reuters S, Skill - 63.70
Wednesday Social:
 1: R Bartrum, N Gale - 56.94, 2: A Thirtle R, Story - 54.17, 2: R Bowie, D Price - 54.17
Friday Social:
 N/S: 1: G MacLachlan, J Dodds - 62.57, 3: A Sutherland, R Bowie - 58.58, 5: W Duncan, N Bartrum - 55.77
 E/W: 1: J Botting, P Verhoek - 57.25, 3: K & P O'Callahan - 56.36, 5: S Poff, M Ruby - 56.07, 2: S Cvitanovich, C Raisin - 61.98, 4: R Sigley, D Price - 57.25, 6: P Paterson, B Annear - 51.04, 2: A Hodges, N Gale - 56.95, 4: I Newbold, J Glenn - 56.21, 6: B Franklin-Browne, V Baillie - 54.44



Shincheonji Church of Jesus members at 40th celebrations.

Blind Spot with Marion Hainsworth

A happy Easter holiday weekend to everyone from Blindspot

Our Association of Blind Citizens (ABC) April social afternoons will be on the 4th and the 18th, at 2.00pm, in the 102 Peat Street Rooms.

Blind Indoor Bowls Sunday roll-ups continue, commencing at 1.30pm.

Craft groups continue to meet on Monday and Tuesday afternoon, at 1.30pm.

Recreation Officer, Sarah's walking group continues to meet on Mondays at 10.30am - weather permitting. Her monthly games afternoon will be on the 3rd of April.

Office hours are Mondays to Thursdays, 10am - 1pm - phone 348-4401.

I again remind members that this article is available on the Blind Low Vision telephone information service (TIS) - phone 348-4403, ext. 4541.

And a further reminder that the Whanganui Chronicle is read daily, on phone 349-3290. Thank you to the group of volunteer readers who provide this valuable service.

Marion Hainsworth



Recent Bereavements

Sadly passed away recently...

Judith Margaret Anna ALLEN, on 21 March 2024, aged 88 years.

John Gifford (J.B.) BELLISS, on 20 March 2024.

Glennis Lesley CIMINO, on 22 March 2024, aged 79 years.

William George (Bill) EALES, on 23 March 2024, aged 89 years.

Jean Caroline HARRISON, on 25 March 2024, aged 82 years.

Horace William Poharama HUGHES, on 18 March 2024.

Warwick John LAWS, on 22 March 2024, aged 89 years.

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One of Whanganui's most distinguished citizens - Arthur Porritt

The citizens of Whanganui had reason to celebrate twice in 1924. First Whanganui officially became a city and then Arthur Porritt, born in Whanganui and educated at Collegiate School, won an Olympic track medal, being third in the 100m at Paris.

Arthur Porritt was perhaps Whanganui's most distinguished citizen. Baron Porritt of Wanganui and Hampstead became our first New Zealand-born Governor General in 1967. He had been a surgeon for the British Royal Family.

The son of a doctor, Arthur Porritt was awarded a Rhodes Scholarship to Oxford in 1923. His career as a sprinter was cut short by injury, but he was a long serving sporting administrator.

He managed New Zealand Olympic and Empire Games teams and was an International Olympic Committee member for more than 30 years.

The Porritt name is carried by an athletics stadium in Waikato and a street in Whanganui. Born in 1900, Lord Porritt died in 1994.



Governor General, Arthur Porritt, opening Parliament, 1969. Photo source: NZ Archives.

WHAT'S ON IN THE COMMUNITY

Alcoholics Anonymous

Phone 0800 229 6757. If you have a drinking problem maybe we can help. AA Wanganui area meeting list: Sunday, St Johns Lutheran Church Hall, 51 Liverpool Street, Wanganui, 9am; Monday, Friendship Hall, Morris Street, Marton, 7.30pm; Tuesday, St Johns Lutheran Church Hall, 51 Liverpool Street, Wanganui, 12.30pm; Wednesday, St Luke's Church Hall, 34 Manuka Street, Castlecliff, 7.30pm; Thursday, St Johns Lutheran Church Hall, 51 Liverpool Street, Wanganui, 7.30pm; Al-Anon (family support) Thursday, Quaker Meeting House, 256 Wicksteed St, 7.30pm. Friday, Gonville Library meeting room, 12.30pm. Ph 0508 425 266.

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

Good Friday Pilgrimage

9am start under Dublin Street bridge (W.E side), travel south along Somme Pde, Town Bridge, Anzac Pde, Kowhai Park and back to Dublin Street bridge, 10.30am, Hot Cross buns at St James

church, on the corner of Boydfield and Helmore Streets, at 11am. Contact Maureen on 0274-203-064 for more information.

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

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United finally win the Coastal Challenge Cup with remarkable bowling effort



Property Brokers United with the Coastal Challenge Cup they have been trying to win for nine seasons and six finals. Photo/Jared Smith

There is a saying in sport – “how do you make the nightmares go away? Give them to someone else”.

Property Brokers United’s nine seasons of disappointment and heartbreak were finally ended at Tasman Tanning (Victoria) Park on Saturday as tremendous effort in the field secured a 41-run win in the Coastal Challenge Cup final over first-time finalists Kapiti Old Boys.

Despite being reduced to their second-lowest batting total in six appearances in the Coastal final with only 123, United fought for every inch and crowded the batsmen in the field as Kapiti collapsed under the pressure - dismissed for just 82 in both the shortest and lowest-scoring 50-over final in the competition’s history.

All eleven bowlers used in the match took a wicket, in a game that lasted only 69 overs in total.

For United, if they had been sitting in a room, then the air would have been sucked out of it as after winning the toss and opting to bat, they lost their highest run scorer Greg Smith off just the second delivery of the game - bowled by Zack Benton (2-21).

The relief was evident for Badger that his team had finally defied history, winning the Cup despite yet another poor batting effort.

“It’s a normal, Vic Park, end-of-March pitch, to be fair. It’s low and slow, turns a bit.

“We unfortunately might lose our team now, there might be a few retirements tonight, so we’ll see how we go – we can

all retire happy now,” said Badger.

Cricket Whanganui Premier 2 40-Over Final

The Cricket Whanganui Premier 2 40-Over final went down to the wire, but once again it was the talented young Whanganui High School 1st XI pulling it out in the clutch, defeating top qualifier Matt Burke Engineering Marton Saracens by eight runs.

Having been dismissed in the last over for 192, WHS were looking down the barrel as Saracens entered the last ten overs of their chase on 166-4 at Victoria Park.

But after breaking the key partnership, WHS’s leading pace bowlers took the last five wickets for only 17 runs to make it a club championship double after winning the P2 Twenty20 title in January, as well as a season treble as they also claimed the Central Districts Ross Taylor Bat Championship for secondary schools earlier this month.

The Saracens club stepped up again to host the inaugural Premier 3 30-Over final at Centennial Park with their P3 team taking on the unbeaten Kaitoke Knight Riders.

Victorious Kaitoke Knight Riders captain Merrik Slade commented on how proud he was of his team to claim a Cricket Whanganui club title, the squad having only come together after playing in the NZ Masters tournament in Whanganui four years ago.

Talk already abounds of moving back to Premier 2 in 2024/2025.



Kaitoke Knight Riders completed the inaugural Cricket Whanganui Premier 3 30-Over season undefeated to lift the title. Photo/Supplied

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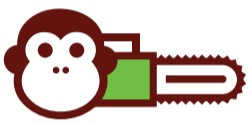
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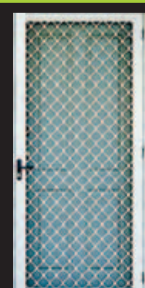
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