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End of era for Acting Out

So long and thanks for all the fish!



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2018-2026



The nine shows that Acting Out has presented in Wainuiomata. Image: Acting Out.

An era is about to end for Acting Out, Wainuiomata’s youth theatre.

After nearly a decade of operation, Acting Out’s organisers have decided to take a break.

Acting Out will close its doors at the end of the upcoming season of ‘The Addams Family’.

“It was a tough choice to make,” the three organisers and founding members – Jeremy and Coral Yuile and Emily Weston – say.

“Multiple factors contributed to this decision but the challenge of securing an

appropriate venue in Wainuiomata every year was a big part of it. And we know we’re not the only community group faced with this challenge.

“Whether the closure is permanent or temporary is yet to be determined. All we know is that there won’t be an Acting Out production in 2027.

“We established Wainuiomata’s first youth theatre in 2018 after we couldn’t find an affordable youth theatre option for our own children to attend.

“Since then, we’ve continued to volunteer

our time and talents to Acting Out.

“The aim was to provide the Wainuiomata community with a safe environment where children could learn about all aspects of musical theatre and have the chance to perform.

“With our own children now grown (some with families of their own), it’s time to reassess.

“We’re so grateful for all the opportunities and relationships that being part of Acting Out has given us.” the organisers say.

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"To all the families that have walked through our doors, thank you for sharing your children with us.

"We've enjoyed watching them grow; both literally and in realising their own capabilities.

"We also acknowledge all the work family members have done behind the scenes; from assisting with fundraising ventures to making props, cleaning and transporting large set pieces.

"We've been so very fortunate in the buy-in we've had from our families; it simply wouldn't have been possible without their engagement.

"To all the local businesses that have supported us through sponsorship, raffle donations and discounts, you totally rock! We've been lucky to have some businesses generous enough to oblige our requests year after year and we are so appreciative.

"To all the local schools, the Wainuiomata Library and the Lions Club of Wainuiomata that have assisted us with a venue – sometimes at the last minute – your willingness to help when needed was never taken for granted. Thank you.

"To organisations such as the Wainuiomata Pioneer Church, the Wainuiomata Gardening Group and the Wainuiomata Masonic Retirement Village, it was amazing to partner with you.

"Thank you for providing our children with opportunities to perform outside of our annual production.

"To the Wainuiomata community itself – what a great place to live.

"Thank you so very much for being a fantastic audience and supporting our Acting Out journey.

"There are so many people to thank, from



The cast members of 'The Addams Family'. Photo: Supplied.

our sound and lighting team, Love Wainuiomata, to other Wainuiomata residents that have stuck their hand up over the years and volunteered their time and services as artists, sewers, designers, choreographers and much more.

"Lastly, to our own families who've played a huge role in the background – our parents, siblings, partners and children that have taken on jobs such as costume-making, accounts, front of house, fundraising and stage crew.

"They've helped supervise children, fed our helpers and bought lollies.

"To say we couldn't have done this without their support is an understatement.

"In 2018, we debuted with a junior version of 'The Sound of Music'. It seems only fitting that we leave you with a song lyric from our very first show: 'So Long, Farewell, Auf

Wiedersehn, Goodbye!"

Acting Out's ninth show 'The Addams Family' will be presented between 6 and 10 October at the Wainuiomata High School Auditorium.

After months of practice, the troupe of children aged nine years and over are now ready to showcase what they've learnt and perform a youth version of the musical comedy.

The show features all the Addams Family members that people know and love – Morticia, Gomez, Fester, Grandma, Lurch and Pugsley, along with a few other ghostly Addams ancestors causing mayhem in the background.

And, of course, it includes a version of the famous theme song.

Tickets can be purchased through <https://www.trybooking.com/nz/BEXZ>.

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Regional Council against rates capping

Capping rates increases at 4% would fail to recognise the real cost borne by Greater Wellington Regional Council (GWRC) for protecting communities, maintaining essential services and investing in the region's long-term resilience.

The rates capping bill announced by the government does not account for councils' responsibilities, infrastructure pressures and exposure to rising costs, GWRC Chair Daran Ponter says. "If passed into law, the bill could force difficult trade-offs between affordability today and higher costs tomorrow," Cr Ponter says. "History shows that deferring essential infrastructure investment does not make the cost disappear. "It allows problems to grow, transfers costs to future generations and can leave communities facing more expensive, disruptive and poorer solutions.

"New Zealand has seen the consequences of sustained underinvestment in water services. "We must not repeat that pattern across flood protection, public transport, and other essential regional infrastructure.

Cr Ponter says Greater Wellington supports disciplined financial management and greater transparency but cautions against measures that prioritise an artificial short-term target over long-term value.

"Affordability matters," he says.

"Greater Wellington has a responsibility to scrutinise every dollar and demonstrate value to the community. But genuine affordability is not achieved by postponing essential work until it becomes an emergency.

"The Government must design its rates-capping system carefully so that it does not recreate the infrastructure deficit New Zealand is now paying to fix.

"A rates cap must not become an investment or resilience cap," Cr Ponter says.

Constraints on rates revenue could also affect councils' borrowing capacity, increasing financing costs and delaying critical projects, GWRC Deputy Chair Ros Connelly says.

"Because council debt is secured against rates revenue, a cap could weaken our ability to borrow and fund major infrastructure traditionally built and paid for over generations. "A rates cap based solely on CPI inflation would also fail to reflect the actual cost pressures facing councils.

"Construction and maintenance prices typically rise faster than general inflation, while inflationary pressure on unavoidable costs like insurance premiums won't be capped by this bill.

"If revenue cannot keep pace with these costs, councils may need to reduce services, delay renewals, increase fees and charges, or reconsider essential capital investment.

"Those choices can weaken resilience and ultimately cost communities more.

"For public transport, that could mean higher fares, fewer services, or deferred investment. These outcomes would fall hardest on people who rely on affordable public transport to access employment, education, healthcare and essential services," Cr Connelly says. "Rather than imposing a one size fits all approach, we're calling on the Government to work with the local government sector to produce a transparent rates-capping framework region-by-region," Cr Ponter says. "In the Wellington Region, the government is effectively signalling cuts to public transport and flood protection schemes.

"We will leave it to the Minister of Local Government to explain to our communities why their bus and train services have to be cancelled and why they are in danger of flooding."



Monday's Dance Fit class in action. Photo: Frank Neill.

Wainuiomata Dance Fit may close

Wainui Dance Fit may have to close down. This follows a decision by Hutt City Council to start charging the group hall hire for its two weekly sessions at the Wainuiomata Community Hall.

Unless Dance Fit can get free hall hire, other free premises they can use, or sponsorship from a local business, they may not re-open after the school holidays.

In that case, the class held yesterday, 22 September, will be the last.

"I'd be so upset if we had to stop our classes," says Anna Williams, one of the team that runs Wainui Dance Fit.

"You don't get much in life for free these days, so it was a pleasure to be able to do this for free for so many over the years.

"We do it for the love of our community. "It benefits so many people.

"Us coaches don't get paid.

"We do it because we love our classes, our community and being able to provide a free

service for everyone to be able to come along to," Anna says.

"We are passionate about what we do," another of the team that runs the initiative, Dee Rangitoga says.

"The kaupapa for this is to get the community moving."

A wide range of ages are represented by the people attending – "from two right up to people in their 70s," Dee says.

"Putting a price on this restricts who can come.

"Everyone who comes is peeved" that the Council wants to charge hall hire. "They are not happy about it," Dee adds.

Dance Fit runs every Monday and Tuesday from 6pm to 7pm at the Wainuiomata Community Hall.

Interestingly, the communication from Hutt City Council informed Dance Fit that it would start charging hall hire as from October but did not say how much the charge would be.

So Dance Fit looked on Hutt City Council's website, which said the charge for community groups was \$23.

The Council's website also stated that it offered a "partner rate", which provided between 0% and 50% of the "base rate".

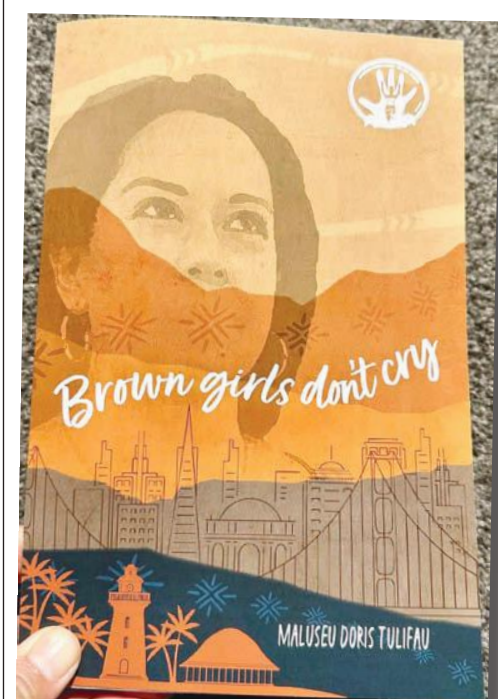
This, the Council says, is for activities that are "open and free to attend", and "deliver strongly to Council's ... focus areas of wellbeing activity". They may, "at officers discretion, be reduced down to 0%".

Dance Fit is applying to the Council to have the hall hire reduced to 0%.

In the event that does not eventuate, Dance Fit would like to hear from businesses or organisations that could provide sponsorship.

People can make contact with Anna Williams by emailing annaw@wainuiomatahigh.school.nz.

Dance Fit would also like to hear about suitable halls that would be available at no charge.



The cover of 'Brown Girls Don't Cry'.

Local help with award winner

'Brown Girls Don't Cry' by Maluseu Doris Tulifau was the winner of the 2026 Manchester University Press Prize for Outstanding Contribution to the Public Understanding of Sociology.

'Brown Girls Don't Cry' is a workbook that combines memoir, Pacific history, survivor tools, journal prompts and culturally grounded approaches to healing.

In the book Maluseu investigates migration, culture, church, trauma, sisterhood and identity to provide an accessible resource for Pacific girls, families, educators and communities.

Mila's Books Ltd provided mentorship and publishing support to Maluseu during the development of 'Brown Girls Don't Cry'.

Dahlia Malaeulu, who lives in Wainuiomata, is the owner of Mila's Books Ltd.

Mila's Books says it was "proud to provide writing mentorship and publishing support to help bring this powerful resource to life."

Maluseu is a Samoan American human rights activist who campaigns against domestic violence in Samoa.

Tiaki Wai billing should have been better

Aspects of Tiaki Wai's billing experience and public communication should have been better, the Tiaki Wai Board Chair, Will Peet, said in his report to the 28 August meeting of Te Komiti Tiaki Wai/Partners Committee.

"While the billing process was largely successful at a technical level, the size and timing of the bills created frustration and concern for many customers," he said.

"Some of that reaction was expected, because customers are now seeing the cost of water services more directly.

"However we also acknowledge that aspects of the billing experience and public communication should have been better, particularly where customers received their water bill before their rates bill and could not easily see that the change was partly a shift from rates to direct water charges, rather than simply an additional cost," Mr Peet said.

"Unsurprisingly, the immediate lesson is that technically correct billing is not enough.

"Customers need clear, timely and consistent information that explains what has

changed, why it has changed, what is within Tiaki Wai's control, what is inherited from the previous year, and where to go for support.

"Aside from our average increase, the bill differences are primarily the product of Council rating policies which it is apparent that many people did not understand, and this represented one of the largest areas of negative feedback.

"We are taking that lesson into the next billing cycle and into the design of the longer-term customer care, billing and pricing work," Mr Peet said.



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Business Hour Interview: Mayor Ken Laban on Hutt City Council's Long Term Plan

What does the future of Hutt City look like - and who's backing local business to get there? This week, Business Hour sits down with Ken Laban to discuss Hutt City Council's Long Term Plan and what it means for business owners, investors, and the community. Ken breaks down the Council's

priorities, funding commitments, and how local support translates into real growth opportunities for Hutt City businesses. Don't miss this conversation. Tune in to Business Hour, 30 September 2026, Midday, Hutt City FM 106.7FM Tune in live at www.huttcityfm.co.nz. Building Hutt City. Together.

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Dangerous speeding on Wise Street

By Frank Neill

Wise Street has become a “speed track” north of Norfolk Street, local resident Carole Quickfall told the ‘Wainuiomata News’.

Some of the drivers exceeding the speed limit have also damaged property in the area.

This included the fence of one of Carole’s neighbours being damaged by a car travelling into Wise Street from Norfolk Street on 16 September.

“Something has to be done with drivers not driving to the speed limit,” Carole says.

As well as sending the ‘Wainuiomata News’ a photograph of the fence damaged last week, Carole also sent a photo of a car that was written off when it was crashed by a 16-year-old driver on 31 March.

Carole’s family was at her place for lunch on 25 March 2018 when a loud noise frightened her grandchildren.

When they asked what the noise was they were told it was a car travelling faster than the speed limit.

The small children asked what they could do, and so the family made a sign and stood on the roadside for a few hours.

Carole has raised the issue of cars speeding along Wise Street in the past.

“After our first photo printing in the ‘Hutt News’ they put humps down Wise Street years later, but not as far as our way,” Carole says.

“I personally hate the humps as I have a bad back and have to endure them every day I use my car.”



Carole Quickfall’s children with the ‘Slow Down!’ sign they created. Photo: Carole Quickfall.

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The car that was written off due to excessive speed on Wise Street. Photo: Carole Quickfall.

The fence that was damaged by a speeding car on 16 September. Photo: Carole Quickfall.

More funding for community groups

Community organisations can access more funding than ever before through the Bupa Foundation's 2026 Community Grants Programme.

This year \$NZ900,000 is available across Australia and New Zealand to support projects that improve health, strengthen communities and protect the environment.

Previously grants were capped at NZ\$10,000 per organisation, but now eligible organisations can apply for grants of up to NZ\$60,000, enabling successful community initiatives to grow reach and increase impact.

Bupa New Zealand Director of Corporate Affairs and Sustainability Michael Burgess said the increase in funding reflected Bupa's commitment to backing community organisations making a genuine difference.

"This is our biggest Community Grants Programme yet, with significantly more funding available than previous years and larger grants that will help organisations expand successful programmes and increase their impact."

Michael says that the introduction of grants of up to NZ\$60,000 would enable organisations to think bigger.

"If you're a community organisation with a vision for creating healthier people, healthier communities or a healthier environment, we'd love to hear from you."

Applications for the 2026 Bupa Foundation Community Grants Programme are now open.

For more information about eligibility and how to apply, visit the Bupa Foundation Community Grants web page.

David Smith standing as independent

By Frank Neill

Wainuiomata resident David Smith is standing for the Hutt South electorate in the upcoming election.

David announced that he will stand as an independent on Saturday 19 September.

He received a quick reaction to the fact he is standing as an independent.

The day after he lodged his nomination, he was talking to a person he did not know while travelling on a bus.

“As soon as I said ‘independent’ he said ‘you have my vote,’” David says.

He is standing, he says, “for a rejuvenated, vibrant Hutt South”.

With his passion for environmentally sound communities, David would say “no” to bottom dredging of the ocean.

He would also say no to Tiaki Wai in its present form.

A third thing he would say “no” to is giving developers the green



David Smith. Photo: Frank Neill.

light to decide when and where to build dwellings with no off street parking “and to ignore local input before starting work on developments that will have [an] environmental impact to a real degree that is measurable on the health and wellbeing of the local population of humans,

and native birds, animals, plants and healthy waterways crucial for future sustainability of life.”

New Zealand, David says, “can and should become a world leader in all forms of waste management and water resources for all.”

Among his other policies are removal of alcohol from supermarkets and an end to job cuts in the public sector.

For his detailed policies, people can email davidlsmith5+@gmail.com.

Earlier this year David looked at the possibility of setting up a new political party called the NZ Party of Hope.

He ran a meeting on 24 April to ascertain the level of interest in a new party among people living in Wainuiomata.

However the meeting was very poorly attended, and David did not take the idea of establishing a new party any further.

Tiaki Wai survey on fixes and improvements

Tiaki Wai is inviting feedback from people across Wellington, Lower Hutt, Upper Hutt and Porirua to help it build the next edition of the plan to fix and improve the region’s water services.

People are invited to fill out a short survey at haveyoursay.tiakiwai.co.nz before 4 October to rank priorities across the breadth of work Tiaki Wai is responsible for.

“We want to hear from people about what they think we should prioritise, so we can build our work programme in a way that meets the expectations of the people we serve,” says David Ward, Tiaki Wai Chief Strategy and Planning Officer.

“In March 2027, we will be consulting on our next Water Services Strategy, the document that sets out our work plan and proposed charges for the next 30 years, with a focus on the next decade.

“This will cost many billions of dollars, so we’ll need to space out the work to spread the cost over many

years.

“With your help, we’ll develop a plan for what we should focus on first.

“To build our work programme, we’re looking at the current state of our water infrastructure, the things Parliament and our regulators have told us we have to do, and now we want to add the views of our customers and the people we serve into that mix.”

The online survey, David says, “should take less than five minutes, so we urge you to fill it out and to share it with your friends, neighbours, and colleagues so that everyone can have their say.

“If you need assistance filling out the survey, you can request a callback from our call centre at <https://www.tiakiwai.co.nz/about-us/contact/general-enquiry>.

“We’re planning for a future with better drinking water, wastewater and stormwater services for our region. Thanks for your help,” David says.

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Silver Fern Saviour Tui with some of the primary school players. Photo: Supplied.

Ulalei Netball launch a fantastic success

The launch of the Ulalei Netball Primary School League was a fantastic success, bringing together rangatahi, whānau and the wider Wainuiomata community to support more than 160 tamariki playing netball.

Community support for the Ulalei Primary School League continues to grow, with more organisations coming on board alongside Wainuiomata High School, Ulalei Wainuiomata Sports and Nuku Ora.

Kokiri Marae Health and Social Services generously donated the Player of the Day prizes, while Amilagi Island Cuisine and Tu Kotahi Māori Asthma Trust and Research helped keep players fuelled by providing fresh fruit throughout the day and contributed to supplies for the sausage sizzle.

Wainuiomata High School (WHS) generously opened its netball courts for the competition.

“It is great the netball courts have been utilised by the community,” WHS’s Sports Coordinator Peter Cowan says.

“They have been here for well over 50 years. Some of the parents

played on these courts when they were kids.”

He added that the courts could do with a spruce up, but it was wonderful to see them once again being enjoyed by the whole community.

One of the highlights of the day was seeing rangatahi step up to coach and umpire games, while current Ulalei players took their turn mentoring and coaching the younger players.

Their leadership helped create a positive and supportive environment.

Players were also treated to visits from Silver Ferns Saviour Tui and Central Pulse and New Zealand Secondary Schools representative Fo’i Lemana who shared their skills and experience.

Their presence provided inspiration for the young players and the rangatahi coaches and umpires, showing them what is possible through dedication and hard work.

The successful launch has set the stage for the next four weeks of the league and highlighted how a community coming together can create opportunities for its tamariki to thrive.

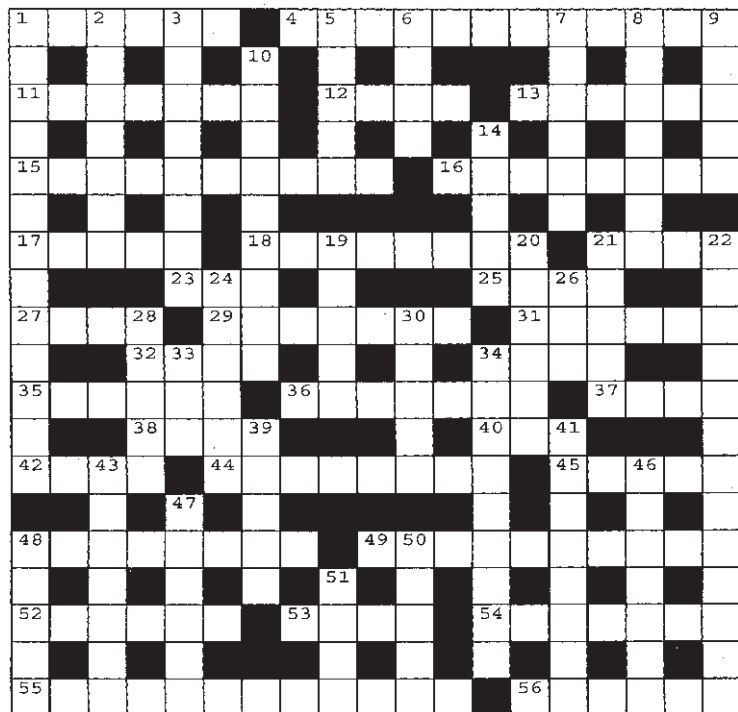


Central Pulse and New Zealand Secondary Schools representative Fo’i Lemana with organisers Lagi Moananu (left) and Lahraine Sagaga. Photo: Supplied.



Central Pulse and New Zealand Secondary Schools representative Foi Lemana celebrating with a young primary school player. Photo: Supplied.

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- Graduate with academic degree (6)
- Person's vulnerable point. (8,4)
- Skull. (7)
- Stack of hay. (4)
- Nunnery's female superior. (6)
- Part of house let separately. (10)
- Deceptive. (8)
- Large forearm bone(pl) (5)
- Final. (8)
- As soon as possible(abbr) (4)
- Brazilian port, ... de janeiro (3)
- Ox(pl) (4)
- Notion. (4)
- Bay Of Islands town (7)
- Craggy. (6)
- Sorrows. (4)
- Male whale. (4)
- Reach (6)
- Mongol conqueror, ... Khan. (7)
- Win & place bet(horses) ... way (4)
- Narrow opening. (4)
- Arable land. (3)
- Sworn to telling the truth, under ... (4)
- Male soprano(pl) (8)
- Nut of the areca palm. (5)
- Old T.v' series, Dr. Findlay's ... (8)
- Reeling. (10)
- Early counting frame. (6)
- Star. (4)
- Pale. (7)
- Female Relative. (12)
- Deadly. (6)

DOWN

- In retreat (13)
- Type of trumpet. (7)
- A captive. (8)
- Gold measurement. (5)
- Former Peruvian rulers. (4)
- Overpower. (6)
- Adversaries. (7)
- Hard cotton thread. (5)
- Hasty. (9)
- Smallest planet. (5)
- Flavour. (5)
- Pardon. (6)
- Aged. (5)
- Relating to the mind. (13)
- Peaceful. (6)
- Cloth measurement. (3)
- Covered with water. (5)
- Traditional saying(pl) (5)

- Petroleum bore, ... well. (3)
- In two languages. (9)
- Forbidden. (5)
- Deny. (8)
- Having left a will. (7)
- Success. (7)
- Nonsensical. (6)
- Coarse. (5)
- Annoy. (5)
- Ark builder. (4)

Solution

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