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By Frank Neill

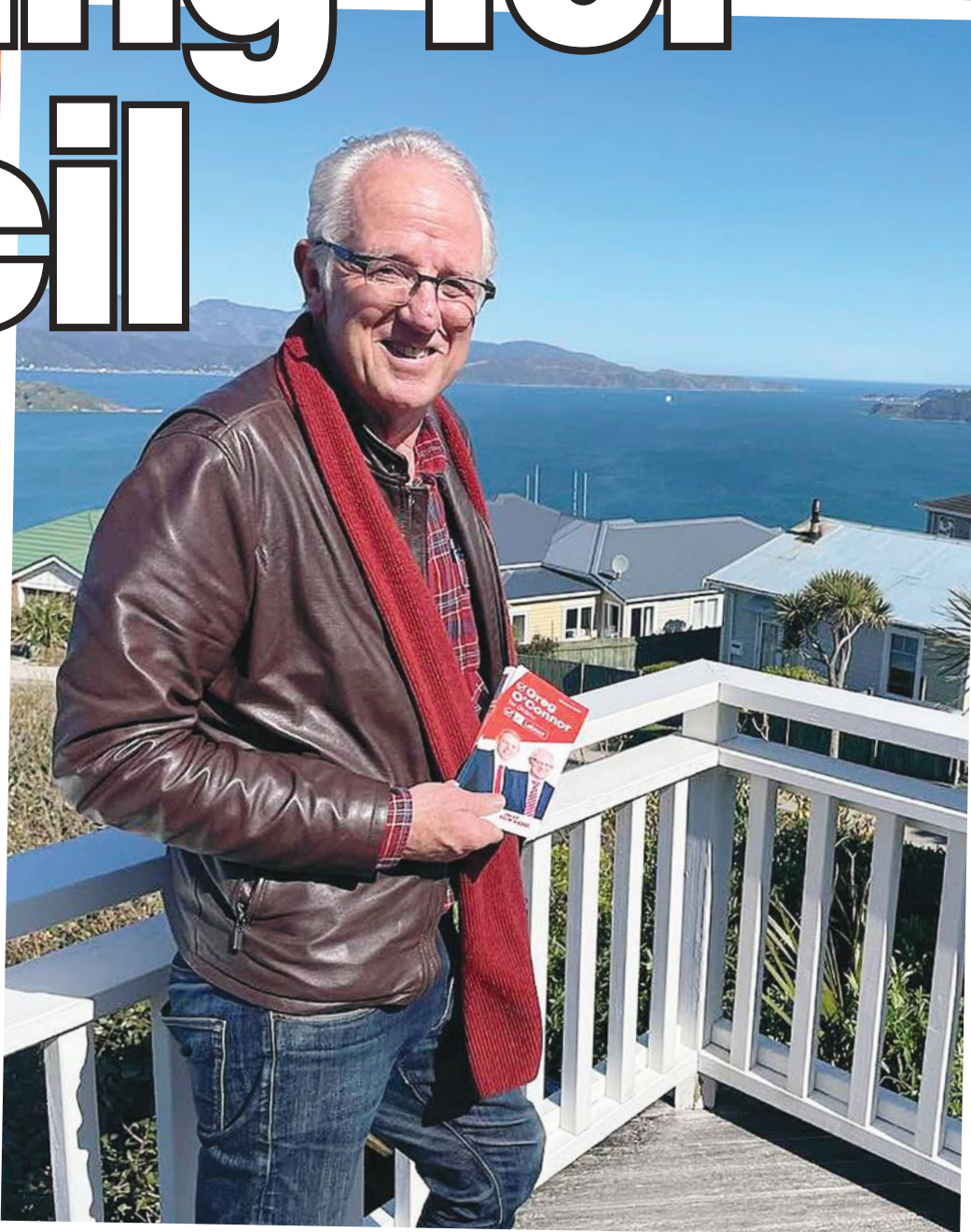
Ōhariu MP Greg O'Connor has decided to stand for election to Wellington City Council.

He made the decision on Monday, 21 September, after considering it for a number of weeks.

He is standing in the by election to decide a new Councillor for the Takapū/Northern Ward following the death of Cr Tony Randle last month.

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Ōhariu MP Greg O'Connor.
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Quite excited to be standing

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"I'm quite excited about it now that I have actually made the decision," Mr O'Connor says.

He made the decision so that he could continue to serve the people of Ōhāriu – and "not only to serve Ōhāriu but also serve the city.

"This is a great city.

"To make sure it thrives we have got to have people in jobs here.

"I do love this city and we are going to have to fight for it.

"I'm looking forward to it now," Mr O'Connor says.

"When it first came up, when Tony died, I got a lot of phone calls from people across the political spectrum suggesting that I stand.

"They were aware I was leaving [national] politics and contemplating my future."

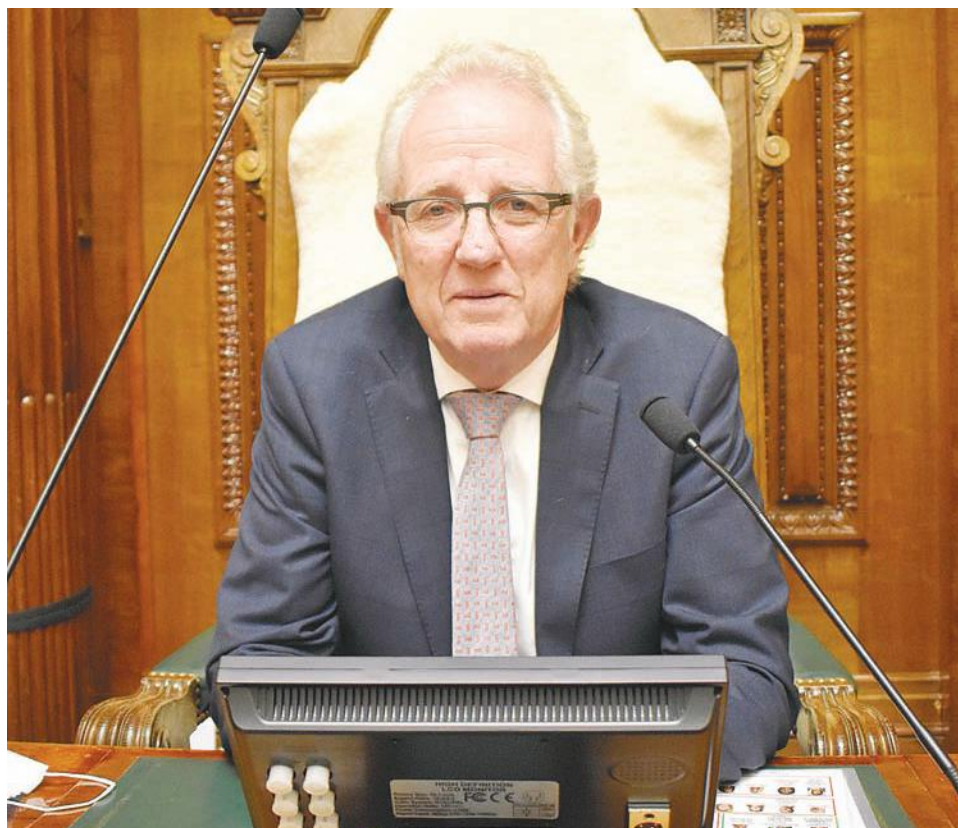
At that stage, first because Cr Randle had just died "and I wanted to leave him some space" and then because he was working on his valedictory speech, Mr O'Connor decided to delay making a decision.

Immediately after making his valedictory speech he contracted a bad case of the 'flu that is going around.

"I didn't think I was in a position to make decisions while I was essentially debilitated." However he has now recovered from the 'flu and has made the decision to stand.

"I've realised that the work I have done for Ōhāriu [has meant] I have got to understand and know how it works and people fit in and organisations fit in, and who works together. "You get to know that not only in Johnsonville, you do that in Churton Park and Tawa, and they are quite different communities, as is Newlands.

"It seemed like a bit of a waste just to go when the opportunity was there and the



Greg O'Connor, who is currently Parliament's Deputy Speaker, sitting in the Speaker's chair. Photo: Frank Neill.

continuity was there," Mr O'Connor says. Mr O'Connor was elected to Parliament in 2017, and will have served as an MP for nine years at the end of this Parliamentary term. After being selected as Labour's Ōhāriu candidate that year, he aimed to challenge long serving MP Peter Dunne.

However Mr Dunne withdrew and Mr O'Connor won the seat ahead of National list MP Brett Hudson with a margin of 1,051 votes.

He then retained the seat in the 2020 election with a big margin of 11,961 votes.

At the last election in 2023 he defeated National's Deputy Leader Nicola Willis with a margin of 1,260 votes.

He is currently Parliament's Deputy Speaker, a role he has held since 25 August 2022. Mr O'Connor was in the Police for 41 years before being elected to Parliament, including being elected by Police officers to be the President of the Police Association."

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Greg O'Connor
MP for Ōhāriu

This is the last week of Parliament sitting. Those who heard my valedictory speech will have heard me extolling my view that we need better scrutiny of legislation, and last week certainly convinced me of that. Passing laws is what Parliament does, so the least we can do is do it properly.

Meantime, I hope all Wellingtonians make an effort to get into the city over spring; with WOW and other shows and promotions, the town really is humming. Even just wandering along the waterfront and Oriental Bay is a great experience, especially during the weekends. Someone once said there is no such thing as bad weather, just inadequate clothing. Our city is a great example of that. If you're like me, you'll be getting a bit sick

of people from around the country criticising Wellington as a pariah, and the cause of New Zealand's problems. Nothing could be further from the truth, and it's time for us to push back as Wellingtonians.

It's interesting to read the reports on the failures of the Moa Point Sewerage Plant. I think a common theme running through the three reports is a lack of truly experienced people with the oversight to be able to understand the potential failures.

Sometimes there is just no substitute for experience. Replacing it with lots of technical expertise but without oversight and institutional memory, leaves the sort of gaps identified in these reports, and of course the catastrophic failures.

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Newlands Intermediate's new block blessed

By Frank Neill

Newlands Intermediate School's new two-storey block of nine teaching spaces was officially opened with a dawn blessing at 6:30am on Monday 21 September.

The new building was blessed by Matua Joe McLeod of Ngā Hau e Whā o Paparāangi.

The Minister of Education Erica Stanford, Hutt South MP Chris Bishop and Wellington Mayor Andrew Little were among those attending the ceremony.

Named Te Whānau Mārama, meaning the family of light, the new \$2.3 million block contains four general classrooms and five technology classrooms.

The five technology classrooms are hard material, digital technology, performing arts, textiles and visual arts.

Students and teachers will start occupying these classrooms on the first day of term three – 12 October.

Four days later the classrooms will be open to the public from 3pm to 4pm on 16 October and anyone is welcome to attend.

"We are celebrating a momentous occasion for our kura and our wider hāpori," Newlands Intermediate's Tumuaki/Principal Chris Els said in his speech at the dawn blessing.

"Today we were not just opening the doors to a new whare, we were opening the doors to a long-term moemoeā that has finally come to fruition.

"I know Angela, the previous Tumuaki, and the board spent hours, months, which turned into years seeing this project transition from those early concept designs and planning into the amazing facility we have just blessed this morning.

"I truly want to thank all those



The new \$2.3 million classroom block at Newlands Intermediate School, which was blessed on 21 September. Photo: Supplied.

before me that started this journey in designing what this space could be, through to our current team that has seen this project through to completion.

"It's been nothing short of inspiring," Mr Els said.

"A building like this does not happen by accident.

"It is the result of countless hours of hard mahi and mahi tahi.

"To all the people who have worked tirelessly behind the scenes to create these spaces –

tēnā koutou, thank you.

"Your commitment to getting this right for our people has been phenomenal.

"I particularly want to acknowledge our project managers and the building company Niche.

"You have been an absolute pleasure to work alongside. Your professionalism and communication made a complex process feel manageable.

"I also want to highlight a strategic decision that made a world

of difference: the choice to utilise an offsite build.

"Because of this approach we were able to keep our day-to-day operations running as smoothly as possible," Mr Els said.

The new block is the first two-storey off-site build by Niche, who have been on site since just before the beginning of term two.

Fistly the foundations and then the landing of buildings took place during the April school holidays.

The first cell of the new building arrived on site at 4:45am on 14 July and was the first of the 26 cells craned in by Niche.

"This new whare is a testament to what we can achieve when we work together with a shared vision," Mr Els said in his speech.

"I am incredibly proud of what we have accomplished and I cannot wait to see these classrooms filled with energy, laughter and potential of our rangatahi."



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CAB devastated WCC declines funding

Citizens Advice Bureau Wellington (CAB Wellington) says it is “devastated” that Wellington City Council has declined to provide additional funding to support the organisation's services for Wellingtonians.

Despite the delivery of a petition signed by 10,000 people, Councillors have voted 5-4 against a modest additional contribution of \$12,500, less than 10% of the \$142,000 funding cut made in May 2026.

CAB Wellington says the reduction in Council funding has left the organisation facing difficult decisions about what services it can sustain.

Almost 10,000 people have also signed a public petition calling on Wellington City Council to restore funding to CAB Wellington and commit to a sustainable long-term partnership.

“When 10,000 people sign a petition and another 10,000+ people use our services every year, it's fair to ask whether the value of those services is being fully recognised by the Council,” says General Manager Carin Sundstedt.

“We struggle to understand how a partnership spanning more than 50 years can be diminished without meaningful consultation, transparency or clarity of the full impact on our communities.”

Councillors did support a call for officials to assist CAB with options, including exploring a presence back in the central city library – Te Matapihi ki te Ao Nui.

“Our current central city premises are well located, but are under a commercial lease, so

free premises would be a helpful contribution,” Carin says.

“However, this will not address the huge hole from Council's funding cut.”

CAB Wellington also welcomes Councillors' commitment to advocate for central government funding for CABs, noting that currently local CABs receive no central government funding.

However, until central government funding can be secured, CAB Wellington is looking to the Council as its long-term partner to ensure it has the funding it needs to continue providing its service to Wellingtonians.

“Our clients tell us every day how valuable our services are,” Carin says.

“In an era of misinformation and increasing complexity, trusted, independent, face to face advice is more important than ever.

“This is particularly true for communities we are working hard to reach, including Māori and Pasifika Wellingtonians.

“The Council's contribution has now been reduced to a level that will not allow us to support more than 120 volunteers, five branches across the city, and our core information, advice, and budgeting services.

“The consequences of their decision will be felt most by those who can least afford to lose access to trusted support” Carin says.

Local CABs have been serving people in the city for many years, and last year the Johnsonville CAB celebrated its 50th anniversary on 9 September. Karori also has a CAB.



Mary Mowbray, who was a member of the first Johnsonville CAB committee, cutting the 50th anniversary cake.
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Free Botanic Garden kids events

A series of free events for children will take place at the Wellington Botanic Gardens as part of the Verb 2026 Readers and Writers Festival, which runs from 23 to 27 September.

Called The Wild Ones, the free children's events will take place at the Discovery Garden Te Kaapuia o Te Waoku on Sunday 27 September from 10am to noon.

There will be three events: In Search of Beast from 10am to 10:30am, Taniwha Tales from 10:45am to 11:15am and The Great Garden Trail from 11:30am to noon.

Through joyful readings, games and hands-on activities, Claire Mabey, Giselle Clarkson and Isobel Joy Te-Aho White will bring their stories off the page and into the hands of young readers.

The Verb Readers and Writers

Festival will feature an outstanding line-up of literary powerhouses and exciting new voices from Aotearoa New Zealand, Australia and Ireland.

This year's festival presents 26 events from more than 50 artists.

Between events on Saturday 26 September, audiences can head to The Tasting Room and join A Riot of Words, a lively programme of literary activities led by Sasha Francis.

The Verb team will be returning on 14 November with a one-night-only live literature takeover of some of Wellington's cosiest venues. VerbCrawl will encompass 20 events showcasing local writers in a range of venues in Wellington's CBD.

The Verb programme is live and tickets are available at verbwellington.nz.



A young child interacting with a screen. Photo: Wellington City Libraries.

Spring Festival talk at Central Library

Fungal Action: Earth to Sky – Spring Festival Talk will be held at Te Matapihi ki te Ao Nui Central Library from 5:30pm to 6:30pm on Friday 25 September.

This one-hour talk will dip into the world of fungal mycelium communications and their mechanisms of action, take a glimpse at fungal computers and their possible role in environmental monitoring, review fungus-forest connections and carbon movement, and consider linkages between climate change and global forest systems.

The talk will be presented on Ngā Paikaka Bleachers (Ground Floor) at Te Matapihi ki te Ao Nui Central Library.

The speaker is Reg Harris, a volunteer guide (botany) at Wellington Botanic Garden ki Paekākā.

Reg delivers botany lectures for diverse audiences, delving into plant interactions, adaptive radiation, tropisms, and more.

As a dedicated volunteer guide he pioneered collaborations between Wellington Botanic Garden and Victoria University, organising annual field labs for biology students.

This event is run in collaboration with Wellington Botanic Garden ki Paekākā as part of Te Wā o te Kōanga Spring Festival 2026.

This is a free event and everyone is welcome.

Craft & yap: badgemaking session for teens will take place at Mervyn Kemp (Tawa) Library from 3:45pm to 4:45pm on Friday 25 September.

Drop in and create your own unique button pins using paper, magazines, book scraps, or design your own.

Art materials will be provided. There is no need to register, but supplies may be limited so arrive early.

Craft & yap is for rangatahi (teens) aged 11 and older.

Moon Festival Preschool Storytime will be held at Te Whare Pukapuka o Te Māhanga-Karori Library from 10:30am to



One of the fungi that will feature in a talk at Te Matapihi ki te Ao Nui Central Library on 25 September. Photo: Wellington City Libraries.

11am on Tuesday 29 September.

This event will celebrate the Moon Festival with a special themed story time.

It is recommended for tamariki aged two to four years with their caregivers.

Beyond Screen Time: Helping Families Thrive in a Digital World will take place at Te Matapihi ki te Ao Nui Central Library from 11am to 11:30am on Thursday 1 October.

Screen time advice can leave parents feeling guilty, confused or as though they are constantly getting it wrong.

In this practical and reassuring session, digital wellbeing researcher Dr Alex Beatlie moves the conversation beyond counting minutes.

Parents will explore why the context of children's technology use matters, how needs differ between children and families, and which everyday habits can help technology support rather than take over family life.

People attending will leave with more useful questions to ask, realistic strategies to try and a more confident approach to raising children in a digital world.

Nau mai rā tātou katoa Everybody is welcome.



Homicide investigation in Newlands

Police have launched a homicide investigation following the death of a woman in Newlands on Saturday morning, 19 September.

“Emergency services were called to Gahagan Way at around 4am, where the woman was located deceased inside a property,” Detective Inspector Haley Ryan says.

“Police are currently speaking with a man, who is assisting with our enquiries.

“A scene guard is in place, and residents can expect to see an increased Police presence in the area as enquiries continue.

“There is not believed to be any risk to the public following this incident.

“As part of our enquiries, we’d like to speak with anyone who has any information, or witnessed any suspicious activity in the area overnight.

“Additionally, we’re interested in any CCTV or dashcam footage from Gahagan Way, or surrounding streets, including Newlands Road and Stewart Drive, between 12pm Friday and 5am today.

“Anybody with information is urged to contact Police via 105, either over the phone or online at 105.police.govt.nz, referencing the file number 260919/1067.

“Information can also be provided anonymously via Crime Stoppers on 0800 555 111.”

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WCC approves Harbour Quays plan

Wellington City Council's Te Hoe Matua City Strategy and Delivery Committee voted on 17 September to introduce a new central city public transport route along Harbour Quays.

In a split decision, the committee voted 13-5 for the proposal, with the Mayor Andrew Little and the three pou iwi representatives voting in favour.

Councillors Diane Calvert, Andrea Compton, Ray Chung, Karl Tiefenbacher and Nicola Young voted against the proposal.

Co-funded by Greater Wellington Regional Council, the 'second spine' will connect Wellington Railway Station with Cambridge Terrace and Courtenay Place, following Whitmore Street, Customhouse and Jervois Quays, Cable and Wakefield Streets.

The new route aims to ease congestion and capacity issues along the existing central bus spine between Courtenay Place and Lambton Quay, while providing more direct access to key destinations along the waterfront.

The decision included a direction to undertake a review of the project 12 months after services have been moved onto the new route. Council will also explore options to:

- improve the connection between the Harbour Quays route and the existing central spine with additional bus stops near Whitmore Street; and
- improve pedestrian shelter between the two routes.

New and upgraded bus stops will be provided near key destinations including Queens Wharf, TSB Arena, Franks Kitts Park, Te Ngākau Civic Precinct, Te Papa, Tākina and Embassy Theatre.



An artist's impression of the Harbour Quays proposal around Post Office Square.

The Harbour Quays bus route will give buses priority during peak times, with one peak time bus lane operating in each direction, Monday to Friday, 6.30am to 9.30am and 3.30pm to 6.30pm.

In off-peak times, all traffic may use the bus lanes.

Greater Wellington Regional Council's Public Transport Committee endorsed the project on 10 September.

The Council's Harbour Quays consultation in June received 905 pieces of feedback, of which 53% supported or strongly supported the proposed route, mentioning improved travel times and more reliable services.

43% of the feedback opposed or strongly opposed the proposed route, mentioning increased congestion, pollution, and considering it not to be a priority for Council

spending.

Upgrades to Harbour Quays will be delivered in stages from early 2027, with construction expected to be completed by late 2027.

The total cost of the Harbour Quays project is \$11 million, with costs shared between Wellington City Council (\$5.2 million) and Greater Wellington Regional Council (\$5.8 million).

Huge crowd at Kapa Haka festival

By Frank Neill

Thousands of people descended on Newlands College on Saturday 19 September for the 2026 St Brigid's Kapa Haka Festival.

The college hall was packed for the performances by 16 schools, 15 of them from Wellington's northern suburbs as well as Wilton's Te Kura o Ōtari.

The year's festival was jointly organised by Cashmere Avenue School and Ngaio School. Schools take turns to organise the festival.

Both schools performed at the festival, along with Johnsonville, Khandallah, Crofton Downs, Churton Park, St Benedict's, St Brigid's, Rewarewa, West Park and Amesbury Schools, Newlands and Raroa

Intermediate Schools, Onslow and Newlands Colleges and Te Kura o Ōtari.

The festival is not a competition. It is an opportunity for rangatahi in the northern suburbs to display their talents.

The day began with a powhiri at 8:30am.

Matuā Wayne Firmin founded the St Brigid's Kapa Haka Festival in 2001.

"My idea was to get all the schools in the northern suburbs together," Wayne told the "Independent Herald".

To achieve this he initiated the festival.

"It started with five or six schools and has now grown [to 15 schools]," Wayne said.

Each year the name of the host school is engraved on a Mauri, which was hand carved by Eugene Ryder, the well known social worker, who campaigns against violence.



Onslow College's Kapa Haka group – Te Whānau o Tarikākā – in action at the St Brigid's Kapa Haka Festival. Photo: Frank Neill.



Newlands Intermediate Schools' Kapa Haka group – Te Kura Waenga o Horokiwi – performing at the St Brigid's Kapa Haka Festival. Photo: Frank Neill.

Petition seeks elections for water bosses

A petition asking Parliament to restore direct elections for the people who decide compulsory water charges attracted 1,624 signatures.

The petition of Wellington resident Rhonda Fitzpatrick closed on 15 September.

It asked "that the House of Representatives either repeal clauses in the Local Government (Water Services) Act 2025 that allow water organisations to set compulsory water charges for households; or require that the boards of water organisations be directly elected by the residents in the relevant territorial authorities".

"Everyone needs water," Rhonda says in

her reason for the petition.

"I believe NZ has a long-standing constitutional right, that those with power to levy compulsory charges are directly accountable to the public through democratic elections.

"The Local Government (Water Services) Act 2025 lets water organisations set charges.

"In my view, this removed accountability to households and restoring it would enable them to hold decision-makers accountable, protect service affordability and transparency, and give local communities a stronger voice."



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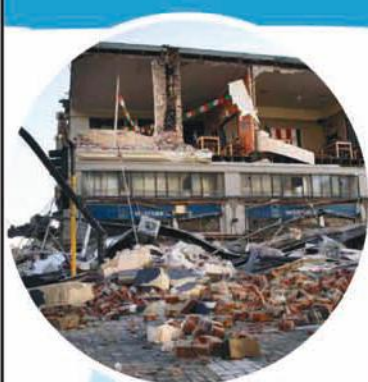
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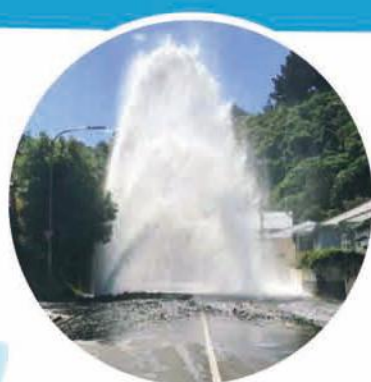
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- ✓ Capsicum
- ✓ Courgettes
- ✓ Melons
- ✓ Chillies
- ✓ Soft fruits
- ✓ Herb garden
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- ✓ Strawberries – feed & maintain
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- ▶ Plant Blueberries, strawberries, feijoas, lemons.
- ▶ In October, tropical fruits and citrus fruits will be ripening and ready for harvesting. Strawberries are also in season.

VEGETABLES

- ▶ Tomatoes can go in this month as well. Work compost into the soil before planting, add stakes at the same time to avoid root damage later, and tie the plants regularly as they grow.
- ▶ Basil and coriander can also be planted now. Pinch the centres to encourage bushier growth and use the fresh tips in your cooking.
- ▶ Feed all vegetables every two weeks with liquid fertiliser while watering at the same time.
- ▶ For potatoes, keep mounding soil around the foliage as it grows and feed them blood and bone fortnightly.

FLOWERS

- ▶ Sow seeds; Alyssum, Californian poppy, marigolds, cosmos, nasturtium, Livingstone daisy, petunia, salvia and gerberas. Transplant to the garden as the weather warms and when they are showing at least two sets of true leaves.
- ▶ Sunflowers can now be planted directly into the soil.
- ▶ Plant for bees: Pineapple sage, bergamot, lemon balm, blue salvia, coreopsis, echinops, eryngium, gaillardia, alyssum, rosemary. They love these simple flowers.
- ▶ Lightly prune roses to remove old flowers and encourage more, follow this with an application of rose fertiliser, water it in to the soil.
- ▶ Feed all flowering annuals and perennials, use an all-purpose fertiliser.

JOBS

- ▶ Keep on top of the weeds around your vegetables when they are small, use a torpedo hoe to nip them off at the roots.
- ▶ Spray for Onehunga weed, it comes in to flower in September and October now is the time to spray for it.
- ▶ Sow new lawn; take advantage of the spring rain and warmth to germinate new seed.

KEY POINTS

- ▶ October is tomato planting time
- ▶ Plant seedlings and seeds of salad crops
- ▶ October is vegetable planting time
- ▶ Finish planting the herb garden
- ▶ Small fruits and berries should be planted now
- ▶ Time to feed all fruiting crops, flowering annuals, perennials and flowering shrubs
- ▶ Plan and plant perennials for summer colour
- ▶ Plant to attract bees into the garden
- ▶ Maintain hedges
- ▶ Spray lawns for weeds.

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Local history – National Art Gallery

By Felicity Wong

The National Art Gallery opened in 1936 on the first floor of the Dominion Museum at Buckle Street (now Massey University). It also hosted the Academy of Fine Arts which had sold its gallery in Whitmore Street and donated the proceeds, and its collection. 1930 legislation created a single board of trustees but separate management committees for the Gallery and the Museum. Annual financial grants were made by the Government, Wellington City Council, the Wellington Harbour Board and regional councils. Works of art were purchased with bequests from Sir Harold Beauchamp and T Lindsay Buick, grants from the Government, WCC and, from time to time, from the T G Macarthy Trust. The main collection was of contemporary paintings, drawings, and sculpture by foreign, and by New Zealand artists. Graphic art was a focus thanks to a gift from Bishop Monrad (1811-1887, a Danish politician who settled in New Zealand) of 600 woodcuts, etchings and engravings by European old masters (including Rembrandt, Hollar, Albrecht Durer and Van Dyck) . Other collections were gifted by advertising man Sir John Illott (1884-1973), and Rex Nan Kivell (1898-1977), a New Zealand born English art collector. The Gallery arranged regular overseas loan exhibitions and an educational programme. In the 1970s a plan by the National Government to shift the Gallery to a new site on Molesworth Street came to nothing. Lawyer politicians of the next Labour Government took the site for a new Court of Appeal instead. In 1985 a report “Nga Taonga o Te Motu Treasures of the Nation” by the National Museum Project Team was completed. It found that the lack of space at Buckle Street “has led to the Collections in the existing institutions being grossly under used: a fact that frequently leads to claims that the nation’s treasures are not available to their true owners, the public.” The report recommended establishing



The former National Art Gallery and Dominion Museum in Buckle Street. Photo: Dave Murray.

Te Papa and noted the 11,290 “paintings, sculptures, ceramics and fine art items” in the Gallery’s collection. It promised that Te Papa would have: “3,300m2 of galleries to adequately accommodate the display and exhibition functions of the National Art Museum and allow for the semipermanent exhibition of over 900 major works (10% of the fine arts collection), and many more in temporary exhibitions.” In 2018 sustained public criticism about Te Papa’s initial paltry 2,430m2 of art gallery led

its expansion to 3,290m2. The “Toi Art” area was opened spanning levels 4 and 5. Since its establishment Te Papa’s art collection has ballooned to 40,000 art works. But the display space remains inadequate, and the promise to display “900 major works” remains elusive. Evidently they are still in storage. Te Papa has yet to deliver the promise “for the first time to present the history of New Zealand painting and sculpture in a comprehensive manner and in such a way that the exhibition will link naturally with the contemporary and allow a much expanded programme of touring exhibitions to be shown”.

Te Papa’s 2026-2030 Statement of Intent has a myriad of overlaying, duplicative objectives but only one relates specifically to art. It says Te Papa aims to “provide a platform for artists and storytellers to share creative endeavours and enterprise”. Te Papa uses a lot of space to show large contemporary works. It’s more about creating new art than displaying our old masters and falls short on exhibiting what the public owns and loves as

an existing or historical cultural reflection. Te Papa is certainly a “storehouse” of art, but can it go better in exhibiting it, as mandated by s7(1)(e) of its 1992 legislation? The Wellington art dealers do a good job of displaying contemporary art and are adept at presenting new art, albeit thence to flow into private homes (with the best works going into Te Papa’s private basement collection). The 1985 report recommended a new institution because the old Gallery was “increasingly inaccessible to the public whose heritage and culture they represent”. With only a fraction of the nation’s art collection on display, that goal has yet to be attained at Te Papa. By contrast, it’s well worth visiting Whanganui’s renewed Sarjeant Gallery, the Govett-Brewster in New Plymouth, Nelson’s Suter Gallery. and the superb small Dunedin City Gallery – each of which is a delight to make repeat visits to, guaranteed to see interesting new exhibitions of both old and newer art. A very welcome use of Takina’s purpose built exhibition space would be a National Art Gallery.

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Kapiti Arts Trail Labour weekend and 31st Oct & 1st November

The Kapiti Arts Trail is set to return in 2026, promising two inspiring weekends for art lovers and the local community. Scheduled for 24th, 25th & 26th October and 31st Oct & 1st November, this annual event will showcase the breathtaking creativity of artists from the Kapiti Coast region.

Visitors can explore a variety of mediums, including painting, sculpture, ceramics, and photography, as they journey through studios, galleries, and pop-up exhibitions.

Artists will demonstrate their techniques, offering a unique insight into their creative processes. The event aims to foster community spirit and support local talent while encouraging visitors to engage with the arts.

This year, special features include guided



tours, workshops, and interactive art installations, making it an enriching experience for all ages.

Organisers are excited to welcome both familiar faces and new participants to the trail, ensuring that the 2026 Kapiti Arts Trail promises to be a highlight on the cultural calendar. Mark it on yours!

Paula Archibald – Ceramics, Pottery, Sculpture

Paula Archibald experiments with different subjects, clays and glazes to achieve a range and variety of effects, from domestic ware, whimsical ornaments to large garden water features.

Pit, raku, wood, and soda firing also fascinates her interest and builds her knowledge of glazing and continues to inspire.

To broaden her craft skills and to be with like-minded people, Paula enjoys learning and attending workshops. She is in the final year of a 4 year Diploma in Ceramics, Art and Design.

Paula is part of the Kapiti Arts Trail this Labour weekend 24th, 25th and 26th October and 31st Oct & 1st November.

Jenny Turnbull potter and ceramicist

Jenny Turnbull is interested in reduction atmospheric firings of salt and soda, using different clays and glazes to achieve interesting surface effects, on porcelain and stoneware.

Also available is gas fired porcelain

domestic ware, framed lithography printed tiles and travel cups and gift boxed pottery – ideal for that very special gift.

Jennifer is part of the Kapiti Arts Trail this Labour weekend 24th, 25th & 26th October and 31st Oct & 1st November.

Six Hands Make Triple Harmony in Waikanae

The Waikanae Music Society will close its 2026 Season with an unusual and entertaining concert for three musicians on one piano. The three highly accomplished pianists, known as “Triple Harmony”, are Italians Matteo Napoli and Flavia Villani, along with Brazilian Camila Oliveira. All three are based in New Zealand.

Although there are not many works composed for six hands on one piano, there will be some original compositions by Rachmaninoff, Czerny (Irish Airs) and Dutch classical composer Carel Fodor. Other works will include arrangements of popular opera music by Mozart, Rossini and Bizet, and to end the concert will be some lively Spanish music by Manuel de Falla.



The concert, in the Waikanae Memorial Hall, will be at 2.30pm on Sunday 11 October. Door sales will be available. Information: www.waikanaemusic.org.nz

Dinner and music at Finn's Paekakariki!

Every month Finn's have their monthly live music gig so it's a great chance to have a good time.

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getaway destination for that weekend away from the pressures of city life and work. It is a boutique hotel of superior studio units with spa baths, king-size beds, microwave, tea and coffee-making facilities so why not book a room for Labour Weekend or the holidays?

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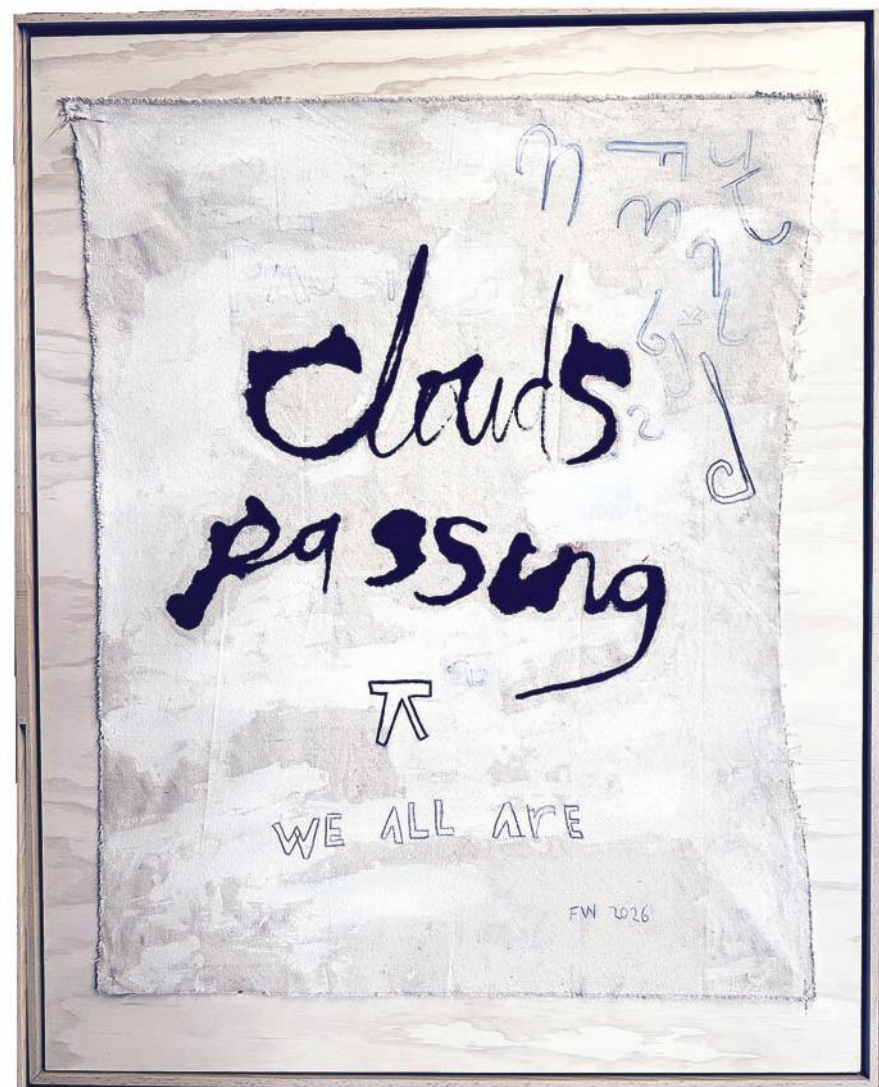
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Fleur Wicks' painting We All Are.



Toi Marsden logo.

Marsden's art show next month

Samuel Marsden Collegiate School's Artist in Residence, Fleur Wicks, is one of the artists featured the inaugural Toi Marsden – The Marsden Art Show in October.

Ask Fleur how she ended up as Samuel Marsden's Artist in Residence and she'll tell you it started with a bit of serendipity.

"An artist friend said, 'do you know they do this at Marsden?'"

"So, I emailed them and found they were looking for someone. One interview later and it all fell into place."

What followed was something she hadn't had in three decades of making a living as an artist.

"I've been self-employed and making a living through art for 30 years. But my residency was the first time in a long time where I got to just be an artist, experiment and do a lot of new work, all while being in a beautiful space with supportive teachers and amazing students."

"It sounds cliché but it was really fantastic."

As well as having a beautiful light-filled studio to work in, Fleur's residency wasn't just about painting in a room of her own.

It was hands-on, with Fleur running workshops across the school, from senior art students to primary classrooms, and a wider event that brought in other schools from the region.

While she worked most closely with the senior art students, she also loved the reactions of the younger students to what she was doing.

"We are all young inside," she laughs.

"It was a delight to hang out with all ages."

It also taught her something about how a school actually runs.

"At school I wanted to be a doctor," she says.

"I never studied art and had never spent time in an art classroom."

"It was mind-blowing to see how hard the teachers work, and their commitment to the students. A whole different way of making art."

Being embedded in the school didn't just influence Fleur's schedule – it reshaped her style.

The biggest shift, she says, was learning to let go and create for the sake of creating.

"It was a big decision to stop doing the 'business' of art for a few months. But the residency gave me space to think, amazing light to work in, and exposure to the youthful energy from students who would often come up and say something about the work."

"It was amazing what they saw."

"I was doing a lot of experimental stuff, literally throwing paint around. The experience of the residency and the freedom I had to make art has caused a huge shift in my artistic practice."

That shift shows up directly in the body of work that will be on show as

part of Toi Marsden.

"During the time at Marsden I shifted from primarily making digitally based word-work to paintings dealing with glyphs and abstractions."

"The peaceful atmosphere of Marsden, and being around the students, and thinking about what it meant to be a girl and a woman had a direct influence on the artworks I made while I was there."

For Fleur, the programme's value goes well beyond the work she produced.

"The students get to be around an artist who is actually making art, which is different to simply having the tools to create. They got to see me experiment and try new techniques."

"In the workshops I focused a lot on the process rather than the outcome, letting the students feel what they were doing, in themselves and in their hands."

"That's an important part of what being an artist is about: finding out

who you are as a person, and how you feel."

"I appreciate that a lot of the students won't go on to be artists, but there is such value in encouraging the creativity of our young people. It's crucial, especially as the influence of AI grows."

"The ability to be able to think laterally, creatively, is so important, across all subjects and in so many spheres of life and it's marvelous that there are still schools like Marsden who take art seriously and offer a fabulous artistic programme for their students right across all age groups."

The Toi Marsden exhibition will be open at Samuel Marsden Collegiate School in Karori from 10am to 4pm on Saturday 31 October and from 10am to 2pm on Sunday 1 November, with a koha entry supporting Dwell Housing Trust.

For more information visit www.marsdenartshow.co.nz.

Reflections on Women's Suffrage

Four Wellington City Council wāhine toa, including two Councillors who live in the area covered by the 'Independent Herald', reflected on Women's Suffrage 133 years on.

On 19 September 1893, Governor Lord Glasgow signed a new Electoral Act into law.

This law saw New Zealand become the first self-governing country in the world to enshrine in law the right for women to vote in parliamentary elections.

In other democracies, women did not begin to gain the right to vote until a lot later – after the First World War.

The anniversary of Women's Suffrage is celebrated annually on

19 September.

"I am incredibly grateful to the courageous women who came before us and fought for a fairer and more equal future," Takapū/Northern Ward Councillor Andrea Compton says.

"As a woman and an elected representative, I'm very conscious that I have the privilege of standing on their shoulders."

"Their determination opened doors that were once firmly closed to women, including the opportunity to have a seat at the decision-making table."

"Women's Suffrage Day is both a celebration of how far we have come and a reminder that progress

should never be taken for granted," Cr Compton says.

"I never take for granted how important it is to have women in public life, or underestimate the responsibility of being a woman leader and speaking up for respect and understanding in politics," Wharangi/Onslow-Western Ward Councillor Rebecca Matthews says.

"Let's make sure this Suffrage Day that all the young women in our lives are enrolled to vote in the upcoming national election and in our own city by-election."

"Every day I remind myself that it is a privilege to be in this position, because of the many women who

have gone before me doing the mahi so that I can be an elected representative – and that women can vote," Paekawakawa/Southern Ward Councillor Laurie Foon says.

"And it is always important that we remember we were one of the first countries in the world for women to get the vote, and that we use that right and retain that progressive attitude."

"My family has a lot of strong women," Pukehinau/Lambton Ward Councillor Nicola Young says.

"My great grandmother, Jacobina Luke, felt so strongly about women's suffrage that she signed the petition twice – no computers

in those days."

"Nowadays we take our right to vote for granted, but it's vital for democracy that everyone exercises this democratic right to have a say in how we are governed."

Wellington City Council has celebrated many women in local politics including Annie McVicar becoming Wellington's first female Councillor in 1921, Tala Cleverley being sworn in as the first Pasifika Councillor in 1979, Fran Wilde elected as Wellington's first female Mayor in 1992, Jill Day becoming the first female Māori Councillor in 2016, and Tory Whanau was Wellington City Council's first Māori Mayor.



In the kitchen at Newlands College where the RKO medically tailored meals are prepared (from left) volunteer Jo Bell, co-founder Jennifer Neill, volunteer Dianne Isaacson, co-founder Andrew Duncan and co-founder Luke Wilson. Photo: Supplied.

Newlands charity needs volunteers

By Frank Neill

The charity based at Newlands College delivering medically tailored meals free of charge to people with health needs is looking for more volunteers.

Rourou Kai Ora (RKO), which translates into English as “food basket of well-being”, has been delivering the very beneficial meals since it began almost a year ago, on 6 October 2025.

The charity delivers medically tailored meals free of charge to people with issues like heart disease, heart disease risk factors, type 2 Diabetes, being overweight and obesity.

“We are currently looking for more adult volunteers,” RKO co-founder Luke Wilson says.

“Whether you can help regularly or occasionally, in the kitchen, on the road or from home, there is a place for your time and skills. No previous experience is necessary, and support is provided.

“If you would like to meet new people, contribute to your community and help make someone’s day a little lighter, please reach out to jen@rko.nz, or our phone on 022 6160 535. We would love to hear from you.”

Jo is an adult volunteer supporting a range of areas across the charity.

“I just love volunteering,” Jo says.

“It is such a great way to connect with the community and I love that the teens are involved also.”

Jo does a range of support for RKO. She prepares and cooks food, as well as offering administration support. She also knits dish cloths.

“I have always worked with charities. I think it is important to volunteer and give back” she continues.

Jo originally connected to the charity as one of her children is a teen volunteer.

Dianne Isaacson is an adult volunteer, supporting preparation and other kitchen needs. She started volunteering because her daughter suggested she come along, after seeing a post on Facebook.

She has been actively involved, bringing along vegetables and stepping into teen mentor roles when others are away.

Dianne enjoys giving back to the community and says she finds this a rewarding way to spend a little part of her retirement.

She thinks others, especially retirees, would really benefit from getting involved and helping out at RKO.

Alex Neill started volunteering right from the beginning of RKO.

“Alex is a jack of all trades,” RKO co-founder Jennifer Neill says with a laugh.

Alex is Jen’s father, but also “a volunteer superstar”.

“Alex will step into any role, from doing the laundry, to delivering the meals, to picking up the vegetables, anything that needs doing really,” Jen says.

He has particularly enjoyed meeting with some of the people who get the food. “They are all so friendly and appreciative.”

He also enjoyed seeing how efficient and engaged the college students are, and to see them turn up even when there is no school that day.

Pauline, Jen’s Mum, has helped fill in, as needed, such as general kitchen help for several hours before school finishes on a Monday.

“I would love to do more in the kitchen but generally find myself doing jobs that can be done at home – washing and drying aprons, tea towels, dishcloths and containers,” she says.

Jemma, Tim, and Helen are the delivery angels, the adult volunteers that deliver the meals into the community.

“We enjoy seeing the participants and hearing (and seeing) about improvements in their health,” Tim and Helen say.

“It’s satisfying to provide them with food that we know is healthy”.

“When Jen started chatting to me about her project I knew I wanted to get involved,” Jemma says.

“Little did I know that a year later I’d be delivering hundreds of healthy and tasty meals to people within our community.

“To be able to connect the hard work of the students in the kitchen to our participants is such a simple act for me but these actions really make someone’s day a little lighter.

“Supporting people reminds me that connection matters, and that even small acts of kindness can create real change. Thank you Rourou Kia Ora for all your hard work to support our community.”

Volunteers make the work of RKO possible. Teen volunteers prepare the food, while adults help with kitchen preparation and mentoring, deliver meals throughout the community, collect produce, wash supplies and provide valuable administrative and practical support behind the scenes.

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Selling books for the Cancer Society

Anne Jay, after running the relay for life team “Allsorts” for 10 years, has branched out into fundraising with secondhand books with her book club friend Rachel Middleton.

The Johnsonville Shopping Centre (often referred to as the Johnsonville Mall) has offered the “amazing possibility to have three days of shop as part of their community programme,” Anne and Rachel say.

Anne and Rachel will run their Re-read for Life, a pop-up book sale, at the Johnsonville Shopping Centre for three days – Saturday 26 September, Wednesday 30 September and Saturday 3 October.

It will be located in the shop formerly occupied by Scheckter’s Deli.

Re-read for Life is a fund-raiser for the Cancer Society’s Relay for Life, hence the shop name Re-read for Life.

All administration costs are being met by Anne and Rachel so 100% of all proceeds will be donated.

“With a flood of donated books from all over, but especially the Eastbourne Lions mammoth book sale, the Tawa squash club, Anne’s own book club and the local com-

munity, we have a shop worth of books,” Anne and Rachel say.

“All are high quality in terms of condition and content. Most books will be offered for a \$5 donation to the Cancer Society. Some new popular titles and valuable books will be individually priced.

“We will also offer a bundle with five books for \$20 dollars.

“Everyone we have asked for any kind of support has said yes. It’s been incredible.

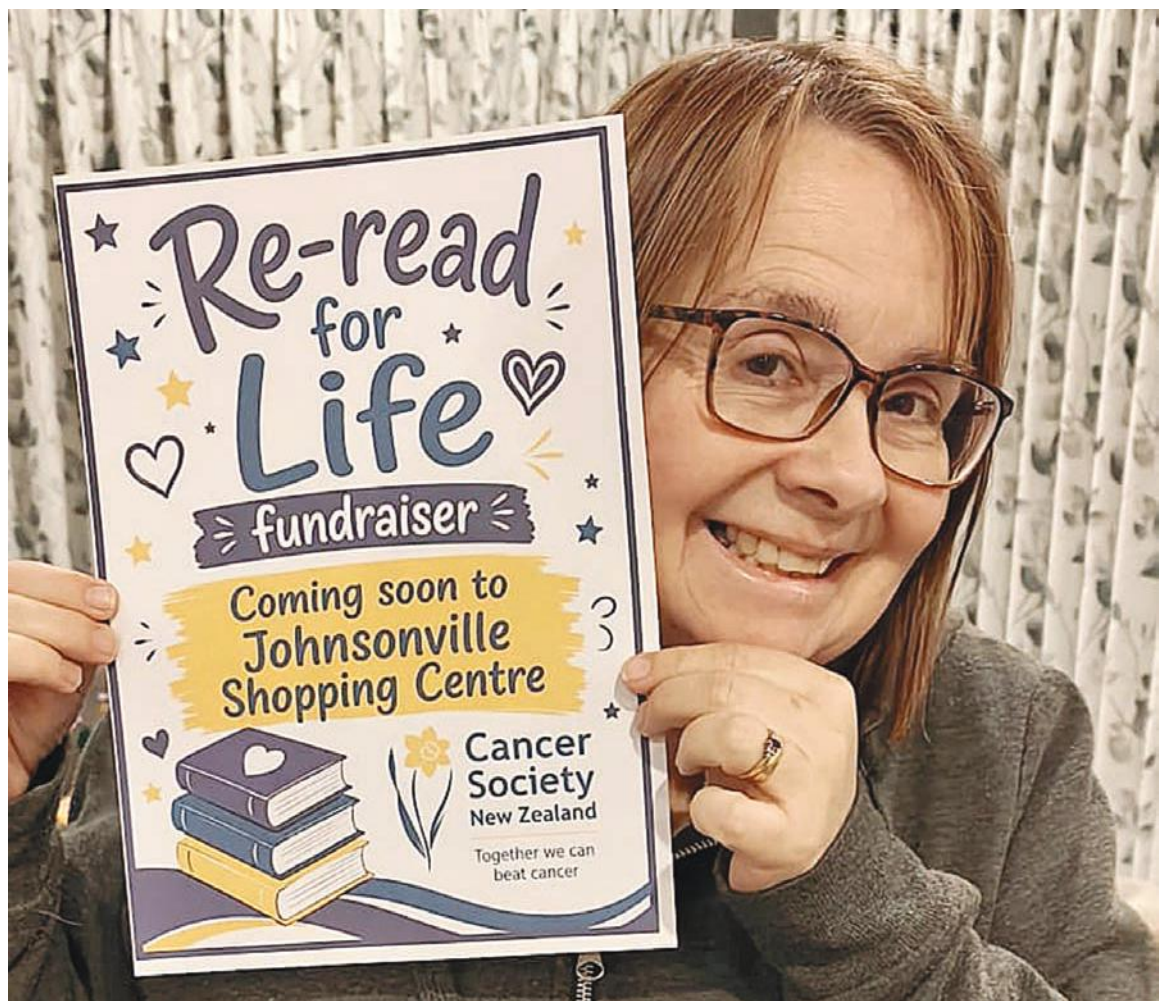
“St Johns Anglican Church have been helping us store the books.

“Other members of Anne’s book club are helping in many ways including setting up and managing the shop, it’s a real community effort.

“Cancer has touched so many lives and the Cancer Society is a great source of support for patients and their families, cancer research and public health prevention programmes.

“Please come to our shop on the next two Saturdays and the Wednesday. You can also bring donations of books as these dates are just the beginning of Re-read for Life.

“Future pop-ups will be organised as opportunities arise,” Anne and Rachel say.



Anne Jay holding the poster for Re-read for Life. Photo: Supplied.

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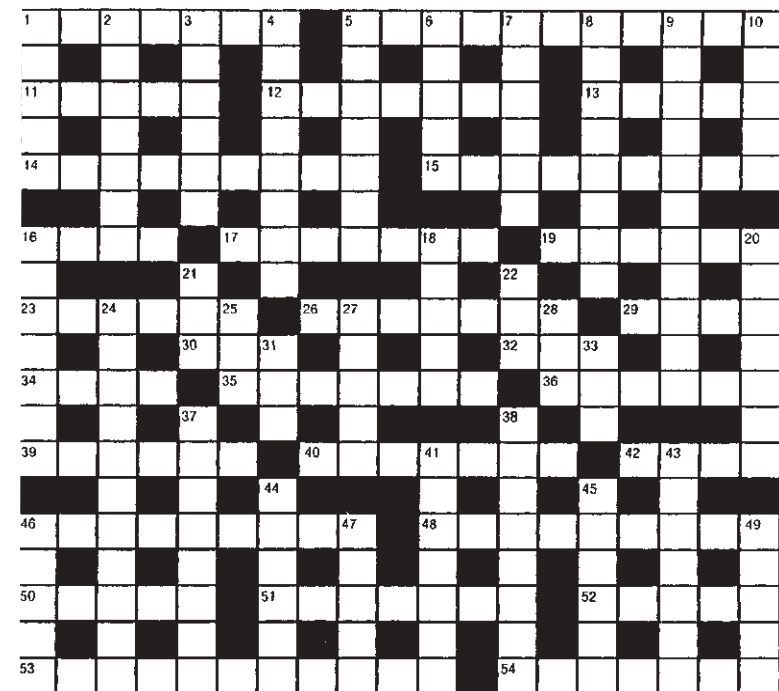
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- Autobiographical record (7)
- Mythological demon(Arabia) (5)
- Lucid (5-6)
- Hard wearing cloth (7)

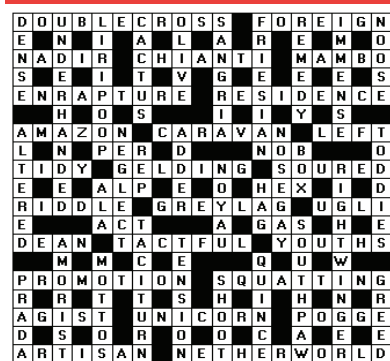
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- Fillip (5)
- Quack medicine (7)
- Type of deodorant dispenser (4-2)
- Uneven contest (8)
- Mediaeval guitar (7)
- Forearm bone(pl) (5)
- Revenue (6)
- Regreted (8)
- Shaman; (5,6)
- Of the country (5)
- Large flat dish (7)
- Leisurely walk (5)
- Degenerate (7)
- Female swan (3)
- Small barrel (3)
- Magician (11)
- U.S. actress; ... Ryan (3)
- Lawful (5)
- Smear (3)
- Cloth measure (3)
- Male cat (3)
- Screen actor (4,4)

- N.Z. novelist, Frank ... (8)
- Erect again (7)
- Make bigger (7)
- Forges' air-blasting apparatus(6)
- Exert oneself (6)
- Comedian (5)
- Wanderer (5)
- Consumed (5)

Solution

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The successful Johnsonville bowlers with their bronze medals (from left) Brendon Gibson, Phil Todd and Wayne Coleman. Photo: Supplied.

Johnsonville bowlers win bronze

Phil Todd, Brendon Gibson and Wayne Coleman of the Johnsonville Bowling Club won the bronze medal in the triples at the Bowls New Zealand National Club Championship.

The Johnsonville trio produced an impressive performance at the national event in Pukekohe in August, earning their place on the podium after a strong campaign against some of the country's top club bowlers.

"It's a fantastic achievement for the three players and a proud moment for Johnsonville

Bowling Club," the club says.

Meanwhile, the club is looking ahead to the new season.

The Johnsonville Bowling Club's opening Have a Go day will be held on 27 September at 2pm, with the new bowling season officially getting under way on 4 October.

Anyone interested in finding out more about the club, getting involved or simply giving lawn bowls a try can visit www.jbcbowls.org.nz or find Johnsonville Bowling Club on Facebook.

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.

Celebrating Kaiwharawhara

Trelissick Park will come alive with a free family event to celebrate Kaiwharawhara on Saturday 17 October.

Te Rā o Te Kaiwharawhara – Celebrating Te Kaiwharawhara will run from 10am to 2pm at Trelissick Park's Kaiwharawhara Powder Magazine Heritage Site.

Entrance to this heritage site is via Gate 6, Kaiwharawhara Road.

Kia Mouriora Te Kaiwharawhara invites

everyone to join them for a spring day of family fun that will feature nature talks, games and music as well as food and more.

The event is suitable for all ages.

The event brought by Kia Mouriora Te Kaiwharawhara, Ahumai Limited, CentrePort Wellington. Mountains to Sea Wellington, Trelissick Park Group, Wellington City Council and Zealandia Te Māra a Tāne.



Road resurfacing, which is planned for State Highway 1 next month, taking place. Photo: NZTA/Waka Kotahi.

State Highway 1 closures

State Highway 1's southbound lanes will be closed from Ngauranga Interchange to Vivian Street between 9pm and 4.30am from Sunday 4 October to Thursday 15 October.

Planned State Highway 1 tunnel closures will take place at the same time to reduce disruption for road users.

Closures will be on Sunday to Thursday nights only, weather permitting, with traffic management set up from 7pm so road users should expect delays from then when travelling towards the city.

Duncan Mundell, Projects and Renewals Manager, says the work is essential for keeping one of the capital's busiest transport routes safe and reliable.

"Our crews will resurface more than two kilometres of the motorway's southbound lanes and complete a wide range of maintenance work, including bridge-joint and pavement repairs, sign and streetlight replacements, drainage work, line marking and safety inspections," Mr Mundell says.

"There is a lot of work to do, and it is essential.

"Over 25,000 vehicles use this part of State Highway 1 every day. It is a high-use corridor [and] must be properly maintained," Mr Mundell says.

All southbound onramps and offramps within the closure area will also be closed.

Drivers travelling within the city will need to use alternative routes and should allow extra time for their journeys.

Northbound traffic will operate as usual, except when separate tunnel closures are planned (see details below).

Seven work shifts are planned. The two-week window includes contingency for bad weather, and the programme may finish earlier if conditions allow.

Mr Mundell says other work is also planned across the network, which people travelling in and out of the city, and to and from Miramar, need to plan for.

"There will be overnight closures of the Terrace Tunnel on Sunday 11 October and Monday 12 October, the Mt Victoria Tunnel on Tuesday 13 October, and the Arras Tunnel on Wednesday 14 October.

"This means there will be a bigger impact on road users during the second week of the motorway works."

More information on tunnel closures can be found on the NZTA/Waka Kotahi website.

"There will be a lot happening, and people will have to be ready for delays and detours. We have planned the work for night-time, when traffic volumes are at their lowest, but some impact and disruption for road users is unavoidable," Mr Mundell says.

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