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Labour and Greens elected locally



By Frank Neill

A left-wing wave swept to the fore in the elections for the three parliamentary seats in the area covered by the 'Independent Herald'.

Labour MP Ginny Andersen won back the Hutt South seat, which included Newlands for the first time this year, ahead of the Hutt South incumbent Chris Bishop.

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Barbara Edmonds, who has moved from being Mana's MP to Kenepuru's first MP. Photo: Supplied.

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Labour wins new Kenepuru seat



Celebrating Hutt South's provisional election lead on 7 November (from left) Marcus Ganley, Larissa McStay, Ginny Andersen and Lucy Mitchell. Photo: Supplied.

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Labour MP Barbara Edmonds won the new Kenepuru seat, which includes part of Newlands as well as Paparangi, Churton Park, Johnsonville, Glenside, Grenada, Grenada Village and rural Ōhariu.

Green MP Tamatha Paul won the Wellington North seat, which includes Broadmeadows, Khandallah, Ngaio, Wilton, Northland, Karori, Kelburn and Thorndon.

Ms Andersen's lead over Mr Bishop in Hutt South in the prelimary result is small, at just 889 votes.

She leads the preliminary result on 17,957 votes, with Mr Bishop on 17,068 votes.

Ms Andersen is thanking voters, volunteers and her family following what she describes as an "encouraging" preliminary election result.

"To everyone in Newlands who opened their door, stopped for a chat and got behind me, thank you," she says.

"I've loved getting to know more of you and hearing what matters to you.

"You deserve someone who listens, turns up and works hard for your community.

"That's what I'm committed to doing."

Ms Andersen was voted in as Hutt South's MP in the 2020 election but lost the seat to Mr Bishop when he was elected the Hutt South MP at the last election in 2023.

Ms Andersen was first elected to Parliament as a list MP in 2017, the same year that Mr Bishop first won the Hutt South seat.

Ms Edmonds held a big election night lead of nearly 10,000 votes over National's Matthew Evetts in the Kenepuru seat.

She had 17,294 votes in the preliminary result, compared with 7,997 for Mr Evetts.

"I was really, really stoked with the win," Ms Edmonds told the 'Independent Herald'.

"I was incredibly proud of our local campaign team.

"They worked really hard for me and for the Labour Party to do everything they could to win the seat.

"That win was a joint win for all of us. It was excellent," she says.

Ms Edmonds was first elected to Parliament in 2020, when she won the election for the Mana seat with a big majority of 16,244 over the National candidate Jo Hayes.

She retained the Mana seat at the next election in 2023, defeating the National Party candidate Frances Hughes by more than 7,000 votes.

Green Party MP Tamatha Paul won the new Wellington North seat, with a provisional margin of just over 3,000 votes.

She had 16,664 votes in the preliminary result, compared with 13.658 votes for the Labour Party candidate Ayesha Verrall.

She was elected to Parliament as the MP for Wellington Central in 2023.

Before that, Ms Paul was a Wellington City Councillor from 2020 to 2023, representing in the Pukehīnau/Lambton Ward.

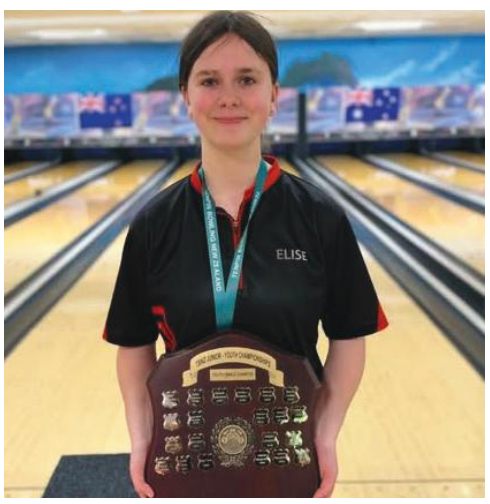
She was President of the Victoria University of Wellington Students' Association in 2019 and 2020.



Tamatha Paul. Photo: Supplied.



Local bowler wins 11 gold medals



Elise Lewis with one of the shields she won as a junior-youth national Tenpin Bowling champion. Photo: Supplied.

By Frank Neill

Onslow College student Elise Lewis performed outstandingly, winning 11 gold medals and a silver medal at Tenpin Bowling New Zealand's National Junior and Youth Championships.

Elise became the New Zealand girls under 18 champion and the New Zealand girls under 21 champion during her dominant display of tenpin bowling.

This is only the third time a bowler has taken out the two titles, and Elise's victories are particularly outstanding given that at 15 years old she is very much younger than the other competitors in the two fields.

Elise also won both titles by big margins.

She won the under 18 title by a huge 384 pins and the under 21 by a big 210 pins.

As well as these two gold medals, Elise also won gold in the under 18 and under 21 singles, under 18 doubles, under 18 and under 21 teams, under 18 and under 21 all events, and the under 18 and under 21 masters.



The big haul of gold medals and shields Elise Lewis won the at the junior-youth national Tenpin Bowling championships. Photo: Supplied.

Her silver medal came in the under 21 doubles.

Her wins as the national under 18 champion and under 21 champion were "convincing," her coach Rob Pollock says.

"Elise has got so much potential, she really has."

One of the features of her performances, Rob says, is that "she has got a very good mental game.

"A lot of the other kids don't have that."

Elise's great performances in the national championships follow her representing New Zealand at the Australian Under 21 championships in July.

She was the only New Zealand girl to make the top 12 cut for the masters competition, where she performed very well.

Four of the bowlers who made the top 12 cut were members of the Australian team who placed third at the World Under 21 Championships in July.

Elise beat two of them and also finished with the third highest aggregate.

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Pottery pop-up

The Wellington Potters Association is holding its annual pop-up pottery market on Saturday 14 and Sunday 15 November.

The market will run from 10am to 3pm in the laneway adjacent to the Botanic Gardens Soundshell and entry is free.

"Browse and buy directly from over 20 local potters, each with their own unique style and approach," Wellington Potters Association says.

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This event is weather dependent. If it rains this weekend, the pop-up will be postponed to 21 and 22 November.

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Grandmother's return to yes

Marion had always been the one organising things. Coffee catch-ups with the girls, Saturday markets with her daughter, the walking group she'd kept going for years. At 72, she was the glue that held her circle together. If something was happening, Marion was behind it.

Then her knees started making decisions for her. And those decisions were always "no".

No to coffee with friends. No to the Saturday market. No to the walking group she loved.

"It wasn't dramatic," Marion explains. "My knees just wouldn't cooperate. I'd wake up stiff every morning. By the time I got going, half the day was gone. By afternoon, I was done."

The invitations kept coming at first. But when you say no enough times, people stop asking.

"That's when I realised my world had gotten smaller. I wasn't seeing friends. I wasn't going places. I was slipping out of my own life without really noticing."

Marion could feel it happening, becoming someone who "used to" do things. Used to meet friends for coffee. Used to go into the mall. Used to take the grandchildren out.

"The 'used to' was the scary part," she admits. "I was 72, not 92. But my knees were making me live like I was much older."

She'd tried various approaches but nothing quite took the edge off when she needed it.

Then a friend mentioned Koru FX over a cup of tea. She'd been using the cream herself and suggested Marion try it.

"I was sceptical," Marion recalls. "But I picked up a bottle that afternoon. More sick of the status quo than anything."

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"I applied it before bed that first night. Again in the morning. I could feel it working before I even got up. It was subtle, but I noticed a difference."

Within a few weeks, Marion's mornings had shifted. She was getting going faster. The afternoon came and went. Small changes that added up to something bigger.

Her world started expanding again.

First came coffee with a friend she hadn't seen in months. A trip into the mall. Then rejoining her walking group for a stroll.

"The real change was saying yes again," Marion explains. "When someone invited me somewhere, I stopped automatically thinking of reasons I couldn't go."

She keeps Koru FX on her bedside table now, using it morning and night.

But it's a recent moment that shows how far she's come.

"My son called about a beach walk. Six months ago, I would have made an excuse. The sand is tricky. But this time I said yes."

Marion beams. "Your world can shrink so slowly you don't notice. But it can grow back. Mine did."

Her advice? "Don't let your knees make your decisions for you. Now when someone asks me to do something, I start from yes. That's everything."



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At the open day for the new Disc Golf course in Newlands. Photo: Supplied.

Open day at new Disc Golf course

By Frank Neill

A Disc Golf open day was held at the new nine-hole Disc Golf course on the grounds of Newlands Intermediate School and Newlands College on 8 November.

The open day "was a great success with a mix of seasoned disc golfers and first timers coming to check out the new facility," Newlands Intermediate School's Sports Co-ordinator Deb Mills says.

The open day, which took place from 10am to 2pm, provided the local community an opportunity to have a go at Disc Golf.

Called "Te Papatākaro o Horokiwi" the course has been funded by the Johnsonville Charitable Trust and installed by the crew at Disc Shop NZ.

It is the first Disc Golf course installed in school grounds in the Wellington region.

"This has been a dream for a number of years now, and we are excited to see it installed and available for use for our intermediate and college students, our feeder schools, and all families and friends in our community," Ms Mills says.

It is, she adds, a "fantastic community facility."



The historic Halfway House, open for garden tours during the Wellington Heritage Festival. Photo: Supplied.

Halfway House garden tours open

The historic Halfway House heritage garden is currently open for self-guided tours as part of the Wellington Heritage Festival, which runs until 15 November.

The heritage garden is open every day, giving people the opportunity to see the summer flowers in bloom and looking glorious.

"Flowers bloom at different times, so we encourage people who came down several weeks ago to return and enjoy the fresh colour," the heritage garden organisers say.

Halfway House is located at 246 Middleton Road, up the driveway beside the former Twigland Garden Centre.

Old Government Buildings' 150th birthday will be celebrated as part of the Heritage Festival on Saturday 14 November.

It will be celebrated with four hours of tours, talks and activities between 10am and 2pm.

And there will also be birthday cake.

Opened in 1876, this Neo-Renaissance icon is one of the world's largest wooden buildings.

It was once home to the entire Wellington-based civil service, and is now cared for by Heritage New Zealand.

A guided tour of Wellington history, architecture and iconic landmarks will take place from 9.20am to 1pm on Saturday 14 November.

After meeting at the Wellington Museum, 3 Jervois Quay there will a guided tour of the museum.

People will then walk to the cable car, ride the cable car and have refreshments at the Cable Top Eatery.

There will then be a guided tour of the Cable Car Museum, followed by a visit to Space Place and a planetarium show. People need to book for this event.

To discover the full list of Heritage Festival events, visit the festival website at wellingtonheritagefestival.nz/events.

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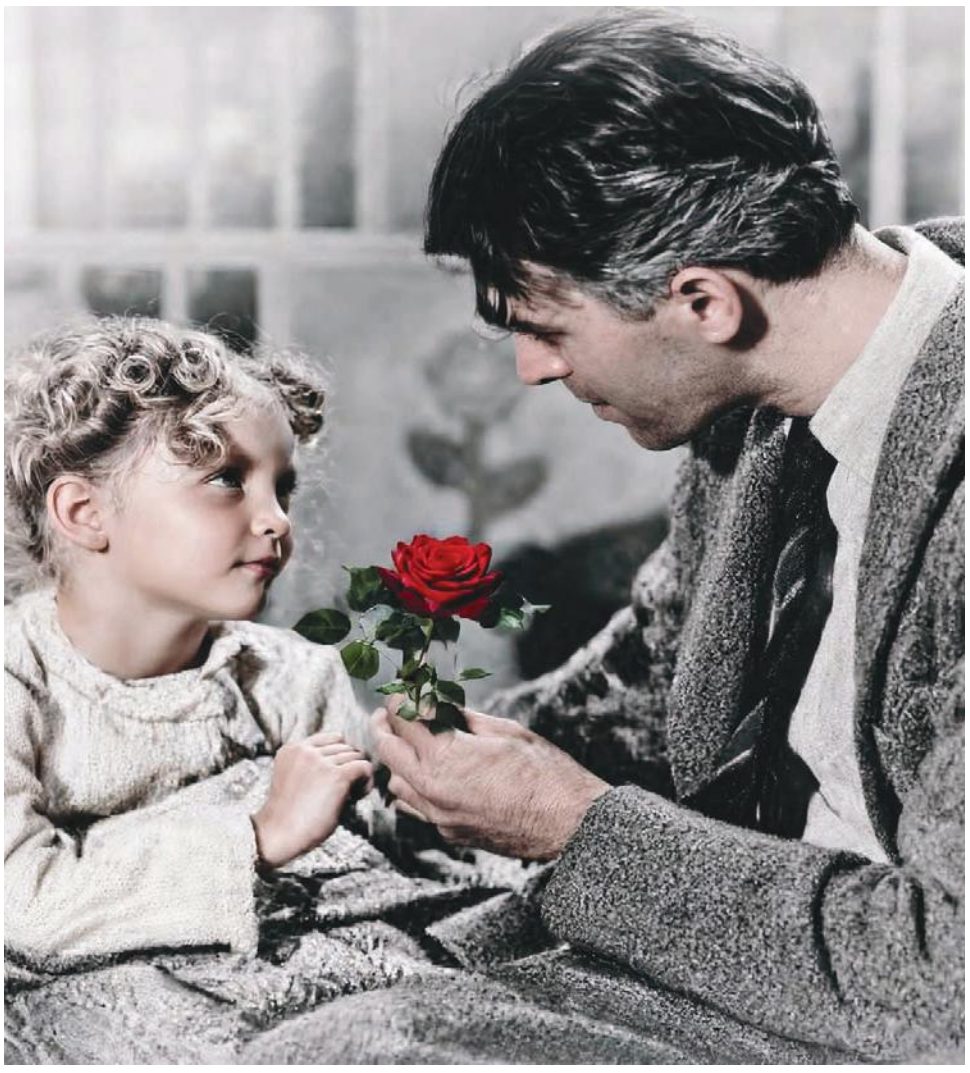
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A scene from 'It's A Wonderful Life' featuring Zuzu's rose. Photo: Supplied.

Film event to raise funds for Dementia Wellington

By Frank Neill

Churton Park resident Ian Sharp is running a charity film event to raise funds for Dementia Wellington.

He has hired the Embassy Theatre on 13 December and will screen the film 'It's A Wonderful Life" at 3pm.

This Frank Capra masterpiece stars James Stewart and Donna Reed.

Frank Capra first showed the movie to family and friends on 9 December 1946 in Los Angeles, with the public release in New York on Friday 20 December 1946, with all proceeds donated to the America Boys Club Charity.

Ian Sharp's cinema event will be 80 years to the week after the film premiered.

"Having recently been diagnosed with onset dementia, the Wellington teams have helped me greatly, so I would like to give something back," Ian says.

"Apart from just being a great and seasonally relevant movie, 'Uncle Billy' in the movie (Oscar Winning Actor Thomas Mitchell), is the 'absent minded' and 'scatterbrained' uncle of George Bailey (Uncle Billy himself suffers from dementia in the movie), and it is his forgetfulness that gets The Bailey Brothers Building & Loan Company into it's unfortunate situation with Mr Potter.

"After the Movie, a symbol of hope made by one of our Dementia Friends – a 'Zuzu's' Rose Petal – will be available for you to take home as well.

"You are welcome to make a petal yourself to leave for someone else," Ian says.

"The intention here is that during the next few weeks, the six Dementia Wellington Professional and Practical Advisors, who will be undertaking their routine home visits, will be asking dementia clients, family members and caregivers to write a message of thanks onto a paper Zuzu Rose Petal.

"Each person leaving the theatre after the movie conclusion will be given a Zuzu Rose Petal of thanks, and be invited to write a message in return onto a blank Zuzu Rose Petal.

"These will be distributed to dementia clients, family members and caregivers, by the six Dementia Wellington Professional and Practical Advisors, during subsequent home visits," Ian says.

The Board of Directors of the 'It's A Wonderful Life' Museum in Seneca Falls, USA, are sending a "few ideas" for the organisers to auction during the movie event.

Monica Capra Hodges, the granddaughter of Frank Capra, is sending a pre-recorded video introduction to the movie screening.

Karolyn Grimes, now 89, in the movie aged 9 years old, is also sending a pre-recorded video message for all to share in New Zealand.

It is intended that a selection of USA 1940s and 1950s vintage cars will be placed outside the theatre. For a charitable donation, cinema-goers can have photo opportunities in the vintage cars or be driven in style around the block.

To accompany the movie, fundraising afternoon tea stands, loaded with goodies and treats, will be available for purchase.

A silent auction will be undertaken in person and online.

The movie event has been invited to display a 'It's A Wonderful Life' Christmas Tree at Wellington International Airport throughout December and January.

"There is obviously a lot of community support and enthusiasm across the whole of Wellington (and even beyond), towards this movie event, and in helping Dementia Wellington to provide community-based specialist services for those experiencing dementia, and also their whānau and caregivers across the wider Te Whanganui-a-Tara Wellington area," Ian says.

Tickets to the charity film screening can be booked at events.humanitix.com/it-s-a-wonderful-life-80th-anniversary-screening.

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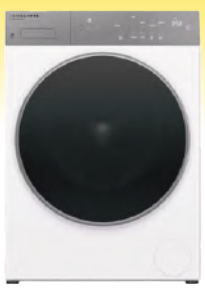
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Big screens show live sporting events and UFC action, creating an electric atmosphere for big games. Racing fans are well catered for, with Kuripuni being the only pub in the Wairarapa with a TAB manned terminal and three SSTs. When the weather is fine, the Outdoor Garden Bar lets guests enjoy drinks while keeping up with the action.

There's plenty to do, including two free pool tables, darts and gaming. Knockout Pool runs Thursdays at 7pm, while Quiz Night is held on the first Wednesday of every month at 7pm.

For food, Re-Burger serves burgers—perfect with a cold drink and good company. It's a relaxed spot for games, laughs, sport and friendly hospitality.

Major road works in Johnsonville

Tiaki Wai is replacing 750m of a major water pipe running through Johnsonville, to provide a more reliable and resilient drinking water supply to Johnsonville residents and businesses.

The current pipe was installed between 1957 and 1960, and is in poor condition. The contractors Wellington Pipelines are splitting the work into sections to reduce disruption to the community.

Construction began this month and will take approximately twelve months in total.

"We will excavate the road to install a brand new pipe underground," Tiaki Wai says.

The first stage of construction will cover Broderick Road, from Bannister Avenue to the Moorefield Road intersection, and is expected to take three months. Working hours will be 8am to 5pm, Monday to Friday. A site office and storage area will be located on Heath Street, with some car parks being removed temporarily.

"We have worked closely with Wellington City Council to create a plan that lets our contractors work safely and efficiently, while reducing the impact on residents and road users," Tiaki Wai says.

"Please note: the specific traffic management setup may change from day to day;

on some days, the road may be closed for short periods between 10am and 2pm;

for the majority of the time, including overnight and on weekends, there will be one lane open with either traffic controllers or detour signs in place to guide road users, including cyclists, safely around the construction area;

footpaths will be kept open, or signs will direct people to alternative routes;

driveway access will not be blocked except for short periods where absolutely necessary and contractors will contact affected residents before this happens; and emergency vehicles will always be prioritised to travel through the site. "This work will create noise and vibration. As it is happening during the day, we hope it will not create significant disturbance.

"However, if you have any health issues or other concerns which may be made worse by these works, please let us know and we will do our best to accommodate you.

"Your water supply should not be interrupted while construction is under way. "There will be scheduled shutdowns to connect the new pipe to the network and to install new connections to private properties. We will give you notice of these.

"If you require continuous access to drinking water for medical or other reasons, please let us know so we can make accommodations for your needs." For further information about the project or to receive regular updates, email engagement@tiakiwai.co.nz or phone 0800 TIAKI WAI (0800 842 549). "If you have urgent concerns to raise while works are under way, please approach the on-site project manager directly," Tiaki Wai says.



The five authors who will present at the poetry extravaganza at Te Matapihi ki te Ao Nui Central Library. Photo: Supplied.

Poetry extravaganza at Central Library

Poetry extravaganza with essa may ranapiri and friends will be presented at Te Matapihi ki te Ao Nui Central Library from 1pm to 2pm on Saturday 14 November.

"Join us for an afternoon of poetry readings from queer Māori rangatahi writers," Wellington City Libraries says.

The poetry extravaganza features Aquila Merewitikau, Kōtuku Nuttall, Midden Rahurahu, Ruby Solly, and essa may ranapiri.

It will take place at Ngā Pou Ruahine (level 2).

This is a free event, and all are welcome.

"We expect this event to be very popular and seating is limited, so please arrive early to ensure a seat."

Aquila Merewitikau is an emerging two-spirit writer of Te Ātiawa, Ngāti Tūwharetoa, Ngati Rangatahi Matakore, W ÁSÁNEĆ, and Pākehā descent.

Aquila is currently a master's student at Victoria University's International Institute of Modern Letters and is working on a novel that explores being brown, queer, and in your twenties in Pōneke Wellington.

Midden Rahurahu (Ngāti Rahurahu, Ngāti Tahu-Ngāti Whaoa) is a writer who was raised by tāngata turi.

They were a co-editor of Te Rito o te Harakeke, an anthology of Māori voices for Ihumātao and were shortlisted for the Michael Gifkins Prize for Poorhara, their first novel (published in 2024 by Te Herenga Waka University Press).

In 2025 Poorhara won the Hubert Church Prize for Best First Book at the Ockham NZ Book Awards.

Kōtuku Titihuia Nuttall (Te Ātiawa, Ngāti Tūwharetoa, Ngāti Rangatahi Matakore, W ÁSÁNEĆ).

She/they live in Te Whanganui-a-Tara with her girlfriend and two small dogs.

Her first book, Tauhou, received the 2020 Adam Foundation Prize and was shortlisted for the 2024 Amazon Canada First Novel Award. Tauhou is published in Aotearoa New Zealand by Te Herenga Waka University Press (2022) and in North America by House of Anansi Press (2023).

Essa may ranapiri (Ngāti Raukawa, Ngāti Maniapoto, Te Arawa, Ngāti Awa, Ngāi Tai, Clan Gunn) is an uri/thing/person living on the lands of Ngāti Wairere.

Kaituhi of ransack (2019), ECHIDNA (2022) and Puke (Te Herenga Waka UP, 2026), they are the current writer-in-residence at Randell Cottage.

Ruby Solly (Kāi Tahu, Waitaha, Kāti Māmoe) is a writer, taonga pūoro practitioner, artist, and composer, and also received her PhD in public health for her thesis on the use of taonga pūoro within hauora Māori.

Her books include Tōku Pāpā (2019), and The Artist (2023), both of which are published with Te Herenga Waka University Press. She has a book, an album, an exhibition, and a cake recipe in the works.

This event is in conjunction with essa may ranapiri's Randell Cottage residency.

The Author Event: Africa, Art & Aotearoa - Past, Present, and Future will be held at Te Matapihi ki te Ao Nui Central Library from 5.30pm to 6.30pm on Thursday 19 November.

The African Book Club presents a panel conversation with Tendai Mutambu, Khadro Mohamed and Tunmise Adebowale on African art and literature.

The panellists will reflect on African-New Zealand art and literature in the past, present, and future from their unique perspectives as artists, followed by an audience Q&A.

This event will be held in Ngā Pou Ruahine on level two of Te Matapihi ki te Ao Nui Central Library.

Nau mai – everyone is welcome.

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Wellington North Citizenship Awards



The award winning students with Wellington Mayor Andrew Little (back row from left) Julian Estrada, St Brigid's; Amelie Ellis, Rāroa Intermediate; Joe O'Brien, Rāroa Intermediate; Anneliese Kiernan, Newlands Intermediate; Isadora Piacenti Menna, Newlands Intermediate and Oscar Cakebread, St Benedict's; (middle row from left) Monty Watson-Black, Churton Park; Mac Abrigo, Khandallah; Jordan Paaka, Johnsonville; Maximillian Weber, Crofton Downs; Annabel Holden, Amesbury; Isabella Milosevic, Rewa Rewa; Vaciseva Tikoca, Newlands and Alexis Ah Kuoi, Paparangi; (front row from left) Mia Yin, Bellevue Newlands; Frankie McBride, Ngaio; Mayor Andrew Little; Aida Genet, West Park and Hannah Bonner, Cashmere Ave. Photo: Supplied.

Wellington Mayor Andrew Little joined the celebration of the 18 winners from 16 schools at the Wellington North Primary Schools Citizenship Awards on Friday 7 November.

Primary and intermediate school students from Churton Park to Crofton Downs were presented the awards.

The schools select students who have been outstanding models of good citizenship.

The students are the first to volunteer, do things without being asked, support their peers and more junior students as well as working well at their school work and actively participating in a wide range of activities.

The schools prepared and read a citation for their students and were overwhelmingly proud of them.

The successful students received a trophy, certificate and book token, either sponsored by the Newlands Paparangi Progressive Association or the Rotary Club of Wellington North (Karori to Khandallah).

The schools all have a wooden shield on which is engraved the names of the successful students. Some schools are on to their second shield.

The event was attended by about 180 whānau of the students as well as principals and teachers.

Malcolm Sparrow, Jim Bishop from the Newlands Paparangi Progressive Association, Ōhariu MP Greg O'Connor, Councillors Ben McNulty and Ray Chung were present as well as the Head Students of Newlands College – Sofia Whiteman and Geoffery Brown Jr, who spoke about the value of good citizenship.

The ongoing value and impact of the awards is aptly illustrated as Sofia Whiteman, Head Student and Amelie Ellis (Rāroa Intermediate) had both been chosen for the awards in their last years have both been awardees from Johnsonville School.

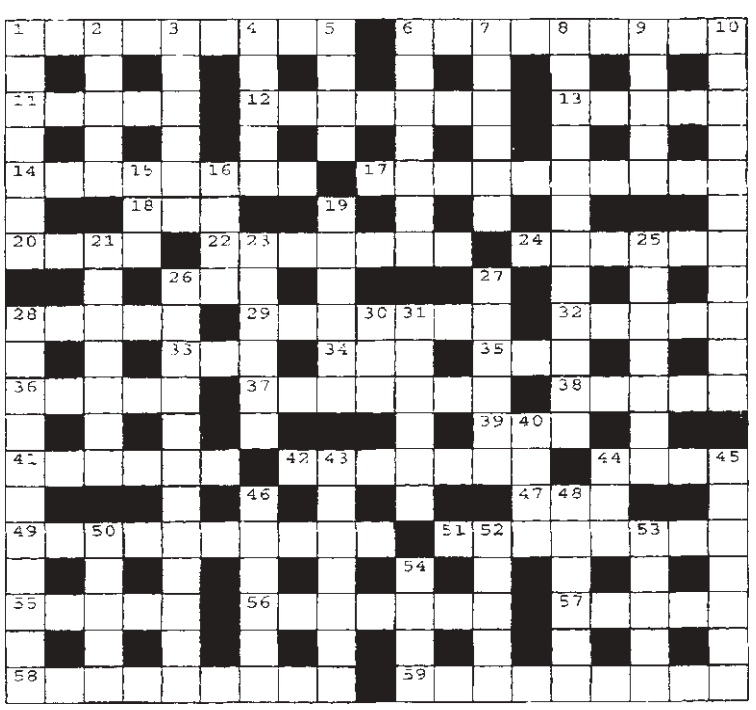
The awards were started in 2015 by the then Northern Ward Councillor, Malcolm Sparrow, but have been sponsored by Johnsonville Rotary for five years and for the past three years also by the Rotary Club of Wellington North.

The Johnsonville Rotary Club and the Rotary Club of Wellington North say they are very proud to organise and sponsor these awards.

They are just one of many community projects both groups are involved in.

Both groups welcome visitors and new members to their events. For more information search online for Johnsonville Rotary and Rotary Club of Wellington North.

CROSSWORD Puzzle



ACROSS
1. Shops' Customers (9)
6. Racing dog (9)
11. Watery vesicle (5)
12. Small dog(of various breeds) (7)
13. Requires (5)
14. Spectacle maker (8)
17. Formed for leaping (10)
18. Zodiac sign (3)
20. Wicked (4)
22. Brimless cap (7)
24. Parish petty officer (6)
26. Flying mammal (3)
28. Fine horsewoman (5)
29. Large wave (7)
32. Month (5)
33. Revolutionary, ... Guevara (3)
34. Mongrel (3)
35. Bushranger, ... Kelly (3)
36. Friend(Sp) (5)
37. Easy target, '... Duck' (7)
38. Correct (5)
39. Once popular person, ... been(3)
41. Permanent glazial mass (6)
42. Sleep(inf) (7)
44. Russian Emporer (4)
47. Edible tuber (3)
49. Tiered structure for spectators (10)
51. Devotees (8)
55. Due (5)
56. Monetary unit of Greece (7)
57. Foolish (5)
58. Heavy burden (9)
59. Drying cloths (3-6)

DOWN
1. Trainmen's car (7)
2. Small island (5)
3. Subtle difference in colour (6)
4. Additional (5)
5. Nobleman (4)
6. Stringed instruments (7)
7. Printing mistakes (6)
8. Throwing explosives (4-8)
9. Body of Muslim religious leaders (5)
10. Ruffled (11)
15. Sick (3)
16. Jot (4)
19. Kidnap (6)
21. Envisage (7)
23. Bear witness to (6)
25. Dims (7)
26. Breakfast meal (5,3,4)
27. Small boat (6)
28. Formal reception area (house) (7,4)
30. Kernel (3)
31. Stiff brush (6)
40. Age (4)
43. Poisonous plant (7)
44. Coarse Indian canvas (3)
45. Bacon strips (7)
46. Artists workroom (6)
48. N.Z. spider (6)
50. African gazelle (5)
52. Philippine plant (5)
53. Angry (5)
54. Mountain pass (4)

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Diamonds slip up at home

By Hamish Wareham

Heading into Saturday's round seven of the National Women's League championship phase, one fixture headlined all the rest as third placed Wellington United Diamonds took on one place above them Eastern Suburbs at Newtown Park.

With only two rounds remaining the winner of this game could arguably have one foot step in the final.

Current golden boot leader Ella McCann gave Suburbs the lead on the half hour mark, before six minutes into the second half Anna McPhie scored the goal that sent the lilywhites home with all three points.

Waterside Karori were back in action following a bye round and headed to English Park in Christchurch to face the winless Canterbury Pride.

A sluggish start saw the home side score twice in the first ten minutes through Margarida Dias and Maclani Michael.

They carried the two goal lead into the 81st minute, before Jessica Woodside halved the deficit for Waterside Karori.

However an equalizer didn't follow and a third straight defeat followed with an even tougher task this Saturday at Martin Luckie Park against powerhouses Auckland United.

The points table after seven rounds is Auckland United 18 points, Eastern Suburbs 15, Wellington United 12, Fencibles 12, West Coast Rangers 9, Wellington Phoenix 6, Canterbury Pride 3 and Southern United 3.

In the men's National League, Wellington Olympic outscored Auckland United men's 4-2 at Wakefield Park with goals from Kailan Gould, Morgan Wellsbury, Josh Zatorski and an own goal to move up to second on the ladder.

Olympic faces a big couple of fixtures in the next two weeks against Cashmere and Birkenhead.

The points table after seven rounds is Cashmere Technical 13 Points, Wellington Olympic 13, Birkenhead 13, Auckland City 12, Miramar 10, Napier 10, Auckland United 8, Eastern Suburbs 7, Ferrymead Bays 7, Wellington Phoenix 4 and Auckland Football Club Reserves 1.



Wellington Olympic's Kailan Gould (in the blue) clashes with Auckland United's Tiahn Manuel. Photo: Wareham Sports Media.

Rain sees Cricket abandoned

By Frank Neill

The Onslow, Karori and Johnsonville Premier Cricketers saw all their matches abandoned on Saturday 7 November because of the heavy rain that fell.

The Onslow Premiers did take to the field and bowled 15 overs before the rain stopped play.

They were playing Upper Hutt at Narinville Park, and the visiting team was 61 without loss when the Premier division 1 match was abandoned.

Onslow's next match is agianst Eastern Suburbs at Kilbirnie Park on 14 November, starting at 10.30am.

Karori was scheduled to play Hutt District at Karori Park in the Wellington Premier 1 one day competition and there was no play possible.

Their next match is against Victoria University of Wellington at Kelburn Park on 14 November, starting at 10.30am.

The Johnsonville Premiers did begin their Premier division 2 match against the Lions Sports Club at Alex Moore Park on 7 November.

Just eight overs and two balls were delivered before the rain stopped play, and Johnsonville had scored 14 runs without loss.

Johnsonville's next match is against the Wellington Collegians Cricket Express at Anderson Park on 14 November, starting at 10.30am.

The Johnsonville women's team also saw their 8 November match against Petone Eastbourne abandoned.

The two teams were scheduled to play at Grenada Park in the women's Premier 2 competition.

Johnsonville's next match is against Upper Hutt United at Trentham Memorial Park on 15 November, starting at 11am.

Celebrating Kaiwharawhara

Trelissick Park will come alive with a free family event to celebrate Kaiwharawhara this Saturday 14 November.

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

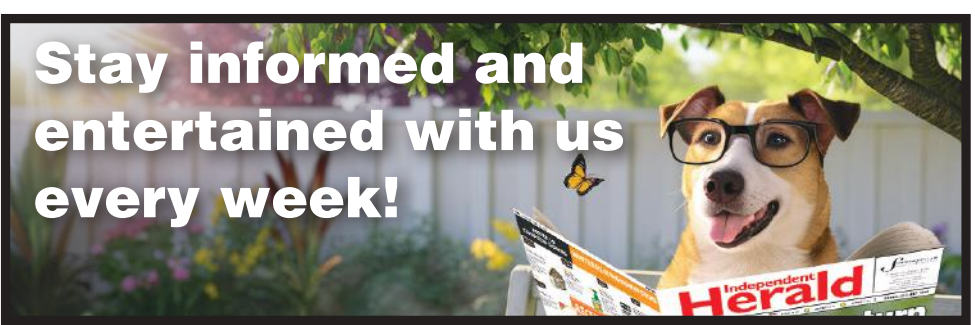
Entrance to this heritage site is via Gate 6, Kaiwharawhara Road.

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.

This event was originally scheduled to take place on Saturday 17 October, but was postponed due to forecast rain and wind.





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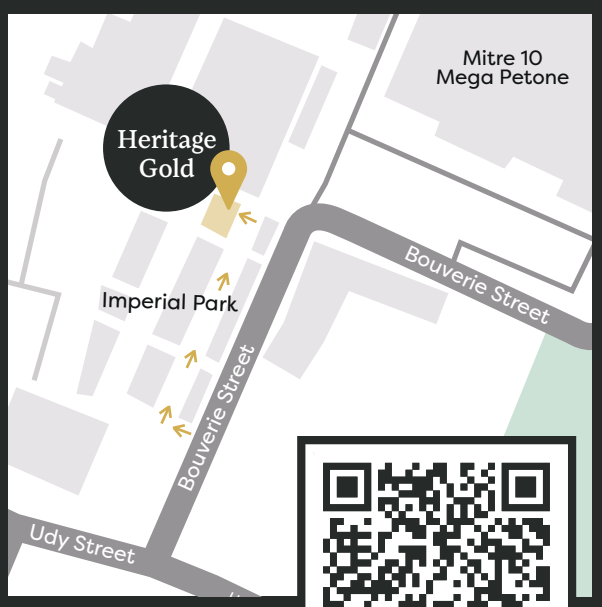
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