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PAEPAE IN THE PARK

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PAEPAE 25 FESTIVAL

Paepae in the Park is a free music festival to celebrate the signing of the Treaty of Waitangi held on Waitangi Day.

February 6th | 2 PM | Aotea Waka



COME ON UP SUMMER TOUR

Paepae 25
Aotea Waka Memorial Gardens

Join us for a truly inspiring day at our local community smoke-free, alcohol-free event on February 6th!

We are thrilled to announce that the Roopu o Taikura, alongside our esteemed local kaumātua, will be opening our event with a heartfelt morning karakia. We are honored to have the support of our South Taranaki mayor, deputy mayor, and other distinguished local leaders who will join us in this uplifting celebration.

Get ready to be moved by the sounds of the incredible local Taranaki band, The Groove Hut, as they take the stage at the paepae. Throughout the day, Whanganui's own elite group, COME ON UP, will be performing, bringing energy and joy to our gathering.

We are excited to welcome the renowned Patea Māori Club, along with Patea Area School, and local talents Jay Rei and his band, Mitch with his guitar, and the fabulous Jo Hopkins, affectionately known as Chicky, who will

all be sharing their gifts with us.

We are also thrilled to announce that the hit sensation REI, with over 12 million Spotify streams, 6 Waiata Māori Awards, and 4 NZ Music Awards nominations, will be gracing our stage! Recently achieving #1 on the NZ Top 20 Hot Singles chart with "Nuku te Āio," REI has captivated sold-out audiences both locally and internationally. Don't miss this chance to see him perform live in Pātea this Waitangi Day!

In addition to the incredible performances, there will be an array of delicious kai and unique craft vendors on-site, alongside health and well-being services provided by Ngāti Ruanui and other local health providers.

Please remember to bring cash, as many of our stalls will be accepting only cash payments.

Lineup List will be on a paepaeinthepark Facebook page

Let's come together to celebrate community, creativity, and well-being—mark your calendars and join us for an unforgettable day!

RAUMATI TOUR

DEC 21	ED ST	PUKEKOHE
JAN 19	MILFORD BEACH	TĀMAKI
JAN 31	WHAMMY	TĀMAKI
FEB 6	PAEPAE IN THE PARK	PATEA
FEB 22	MOON	PŌNEKE



REI



PAEPAE IN THE PARK

THE GROOVE HUT

FEB 6th 2025 LIVE in PATEA From 10am

WAITANGI DAY



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Sunday 26th Jan 10am	Good Shepherd Waverley Rev. Brendan Gibbs

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January 2025 Mass Times

Sunday 5th January	9.30am
Liturgy of the Word, St Patrick's, Patea	
Sunday 12th January	9.30am
Liturgy of the Word, St Francis de Sales, Waverley	
Sunday 19th January	9.30am
Liturgy of the Word, St Francis de Sales, Waverley	
Sunday 26th January	11.00am
Mass, St Patrick's, Patea	

Weekday Mass Times: St Patrick's, Patea
No Weekday Mass during January

Jesus Christ said, "I am the Way, the Truth and the Life." There is Salvation in NO other name.

Waverley Baptist Church

63 Weraroa Road, Waverley. Service at 10am every Sunday.
Email: info@waverleybaptist.org.nz Phone (text or talk): 0273 870 670

Men's Home Group.
Every fortnight. Contact Colin Prentice
06 273 8358 for time & dates. Open to all men.

Op Shop:
Wednesday, Thursday and Fridays,
10am – 1pm.
Come and take a look, or bring along any items
you may have to donate. Contact Cindy Burgess (06) 346 6424.



Community prayer meeting:
At church every Monday at 1.30pm
All very welcome.

Community Foodbank:
We are able to give up to 3 food parcels
through the year to anyone in genuine need.
Please call the church on 0273 870 670.

A ministerial visit to Waverley

By Carl Bates, Member of Parliament for Whanganui

Firstly, Happy New Year to you all. May 2025 be a year of growth and prosperity for everyone in the Patea-Waverley Press circulation area.

Finance Minister Nicola Willis visited the Whanganui Electorate on Friday 6th December for a full day of engagements.

For Minister Willis' visit we wanted her to be able to engage as many constituents across the electorate as possible. This meant the Minister had engagements in Whanganui, Hāwera, Eltham and Waverley.

News of our 'Coffee Connect' at Hind Quarters Cafe in Waverley was posted online and shared with businesses and people around town. We invited locals to join us and were joined, among others, by several farmers. They were keen to tell Minister Willis how pleased they were that the Government has their backs, and how they are already noticing benefits from three interest rate cuts and significant drop in inflation.

There was a couple that had just moved back to New Zealand from Australia. They were surprised to be able to meet both the local MP and the Minister of Finance at a cafe as they passed through Waverley. It was good to hear some of the positive perspectives they had on their return to New Zealand.

After the Minister had finished chatting to patrons of the cafe, we popped over to Dallisons for a quick chat with Kylie James, the owner. The Minister was even able to use this quick stop to buy a baby present for a friend due soon.

As part of the Minister's 'road trip' through the Whanganui electorate we got a tour through ANZCO in Eltham. It was good to hear about the focus on increasing export value of our agricultural products. A special highlight, albeit slightly out of this publication's district, was being the surprise Guest Judge at Eltham's Christmas Parade.



Too many people simply drive through towns like Waverley and Patea. But both towns, and others in the Whanganui Electorate and indeed throughout New Zealand have a rich history if you pause long enough to find out about them. They play an important part in supporting our rural and provincial community, and this 'road trip' was a good opportunity to acknowledge that.

Maybe that's a challenge for summertime driving; do not just drive from A to B as quickly as possible. Instead, allow time to stop and have a cuppa in C, D and the rest of the alphabet, and you might be surprised by what you learn and who you meet.

A Christian Word

The beginning of a new year! How many new "intentions" have you made to yourself, kinda spring cleaning your house! & you know, I think we mean it at the time. Give up smoking, drinking, swearing etc. all with good intentions, but alas! Somewhere suddenly they get de-railed & were back to the old & familiar routine. But, if I could, suggest, or encourage you to exercise this: honesty! Now the Bible speaks about honesty, "speak the truth in love" this verse alone is the crux of the matter, why are we less prone to be honest, say, rather than flattery or some such smoke screen? Pretending, not wanting to hurt or offend? If the truth is spoken in love, then its honesty will be seen & appreciated, a proverb says, "An honest answer is like a kiss on the lips"! (28:26) It has got to be one of the most respectful of behaviours towards another person, how they handle it is really within their control. Sometimes honesty hurts, maybe embarrassing, but if it's done in love then it will cause the person to be set free or healed, make a relationship more sincere as well!

But we don't seem to want to be honest, it's far easier, to say, blame others, rather than be honest with one's self, like; what did I do to contribute to the mess im in? Jesus always spoke the truth, "I am the way, the truth & the life" is one such truth, He often said, "I tell you the truth" It is impossible for God to lie. So therefore, all His works that are so clearly displayed, that is creation, God says," man is without excuse" meaning His creation is truth, His truth to all to see & understand & if you fail to see His truth purely through what His spoken word has created, then you are without excuse when you stand before Him on Judgement Day! That's another truth!! Judgement day. God has spoken truth always throughout the Bible, one of the easiest ways to understand His truth & Him, is to read it! Only through Jesus can you be saved, there is no other name or way under Heaven that you can be saved, again this will be proved true on the day of Judgement! So honesty, God is very honest with us, honest to the point of telling all that is going to happen to you on that Judgement day, so very necessary for you to get honest with yourself this year & find out for yourself, not others opinions, is Jesus the way, the truth & the life? You may well have to go right to the basement of this & ask, seek, If God is who He has said, & then you will find honesty, as I have said, it is impossible for God to lie!! That's the devils job!! & he's not doing too bad a job with you is he?

Honesty; you owe it not only to yourself but to others as well, why do you suppose those born again, Spirit filled believers are so enthusiastic to want to share Jesus with you? & Im not talking about the door knockers!

So, an achievable new year resolution; Honesty!!

Come Lord Jesus Edward Reeves Patea



The Policeman's Cat Book Launch

When a dodgy-looking character with ginger hair entered the hall at the assembly at Waverley Primary School on 27th November last year, asking the children for a place to hide because a mean old lady was chasing him, neither they nor the staff who promised not to tell on him if she appeared, had any idea of the events which were to follow. It turned out to be a very exciting assembly!

The 'mean old lady' was actually his victim and she was hot on his trail. With the children denying they had seen anyone, there was no other option but to call the police breathlessly reporting that she had been pushed off her mobility scooter and that her designer book bag with a precious book in it had been stolen. She asked for immediate police attendance with a big German Shepherd to track the offender.

Within a few seconds Waverley Constable Glen Osborne was on the scene with the offender – or so he thought. Luckily, the children were able to tell him he had arrested the very unimpressed school caretaker by mistake. As if that was not bad enough, he then had to deal with the old lady who was rather worked up, gave a totally inaccurate description of the offender, then complained loudly that he had not bought the police dog she'd specifically requested.

To her disbelief, Constable Osborne then explained to everyone that the police were going out of dogs and into.... CATS!! (They see better in the dark and cost less to feed.) He then produced from his Police Cat Carrier, Fluffy, his rather reluctant Track and Attack Cat. (It was after all, usually his day off.) Fluffy cheered up no end when he saw the children and what followed was hilarious, the pair whipping the children into a state of wild excitement. With their help and Fluffy's excellent tracking skills Constable Osborne arrived at the open door of the kitchen where the offender was hiding and called for him to come out with his hands up. When this was ignored a second command was given with a stern warning of the consequences of ignoring it. When the man still did not appear, Fluffy launched himself from the policeman's arms into the room, and all that could be heard was "Ow! Ow! Ow!" and "Get him off!" before Fluffy dragged the wanted man back along the floor to his handler to be dealt with. What an amazing police cat Fluffy turned out to be!

And the book that had been stolen? It was the first off-the-press copy of THE POLICEMAN'S CAT. This book is unique in that Laraine Sole the writer

and Jenni Corbett the illustrator are from Waverley, the cats in the book were designed by children in the upper classes at Waverley Primary School, and the book features Waverley landmarks. Laraine and Jenni came up with the idea to help local cat rescue, the Kiwi Kitty Kartel, pay for speying and neutering of rescued cats, this being the kitten season. Both Jenni and Laraine own rescued animals themselves.

This funny little story set back in the 1980s tells of how, after the policeman rescues a cat, their lives are changed forever in ways neither could ever have imagined. The book is a good 'read-to' book for all primary age children and would be a read-alone book for intermediate children or good readers below this age. Jenni's vibrant artwork is sure to delight readers of all ages. As this is a one-off print no doubt it will become a treasured item in years to come.

Please help the Kiwi Kitty Kartel by spending \$20 to buy this book. This is the kitten season and resources are needed. Books are available through Keely Howe, Laraine Sole (both on Facebook) and Dallisons, Waverley. They can also be delivered to Patea.



Thanks go to Waverley Primary School who provided the venue (and their awesome children), Waverley Constable Glen Osborne (who is such a good sport and clearly could have a career in acting) and Neil Boyd of Whanganui who made the most delightful thief. I would also like to give a big shout-out to Dot McDermott, also of Waverley, who made Fluffy the Track and Attack Cat especially for the occasion.



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What is HIPPY?

HIPPY (Home Interaction Programme for Parents & Youngsters) is a FREE home-based programme that empowers parents to support their 2-5 year child for life-long success in education.

How does HIPPY work?

- Parents are given storybooks and fun activities to do with their child at home for 15 minutes a day, 5 times a week.
- Activities cover a range of areas including:
 - Books, letters, numbers, colours & shapes
 - Listening and following instructions
 - Logical thinking and problem solving
 - Exploring and experimenting
 - Taking turns
- There is regular support with home visits and the opportunity to meet up with other families who are doing HIPPY.



Why do HIPPY?

- HIPPY is based on the belief that parents are their children's first and most important teachers.
- HIPPY was established in New Zealand over 30 years ago, with some great results and positive feedback:
 - "I would definitely recommend HIPPY to any families because it really builds the parent-child relationship."
 - "I now have the confidence and know the importance of being involved and supporting my children with schoolwork."

Who is HIPPY for?

- HIPPY is for children who:
- are 2-5 years old.
 - live in South Taranaki.
 - don't attend Kōhanga, Kindergarten or Daycare or who usually only attend for a couple of sessions a week.



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Since I first wrote the Waverley books the internet has exploded giving much more access to research material than could ever be imagined in 1983 when I wrote my first Waverley book. For this reason I intend to write a series of articles called “Waverley’s Forgotten” which will update the information I previously gathered and inform newcomers to the district of aspects of Waverley’s past. Laraine Sole

The Forgotten - The Moumahaki and Waverley Railway Stations

In 1873, Colonial Treasurer Julius Vogel announced an ambitious programme to build railways across New Zealand financed by massive overseas borrowing. Trains were somewhat of a global transport revolution and Vogel envisioned a network of rail over country which, by its very nature, made travel difficult. His goal was twofold – to drive economic development, and bring about the peaceful conquest of the North Island Maori heartland. His plans for a nationwide rail system gained momentum after the provinces, which enjoyed a degree of self-governance, were abolished in 1875. Thus began “the heroic era of New Zealand railway construction” as railway tracks forged ahead relentlessly, connecting even remote rural areas to a network.

The government decided on a national standard gauge of three feet six inches avoiding the problem which arose in Australia where three different gauges were used. The gauge, narrower than others world-wide, was chosen as it was quicker, cheaper, and more suited to New Zealand’s difficult terrain.

To ensure that the maximum length of line was laid using the funds available, Vogel suggested that the least possible amount should be spent on lines and station buildings. This resulted in the Public Works Department developing standard plans of station buildings to keep construction and design costs to a minimum. These were ranked into five classes and the size of the settlement determined the class of station it would receive. A Class 4 station such as the one constructed at Waverley, was reserved for the more important rural towns and were far superior to a Class Five stations such as the one at Waitotara,

Waitotara and Waverley settlers waited with much anticipation for the arrival of the ‘iron horse’ into their towns. It was quite a wait though as even though the line from Aramoho to Kai Iwi opened in June 1879 it was not until March 1881 that the railway line reached Waitotara, and shortly afterwards to Moumahaki and Waverley. The establishment and very early years of each station make interesting reading.

MOMAHAKI

In January 1881 the goods shed at Momohaki was under construction, and the Momahaki Station opened two months later on 23 March 1881. In 1906 the spelling of the name was changed to MOUMAHAKI. The station was a boon to farmers who previously had to drive stock long distances to sales but little is known of the station’s early years. Like Nukumarū it was a flag station and trains only stopped there for to drop-offs or pick-ups. In the years up to the 1920s when the Momahaki Experimental Farm was in full swing, many an excursion train stopped at the station to accommodate visits to and picnics at the farm.

It closed in September 1986

WAVERLEY

Waverley folks who up to 1880 had been driving or riding to Waitotara to catch the train south, were delighted to hear that David Wilkie’s tender had been accepted for the construction of the line from Waitotara to Waverley. Wilkie was known for his efficiency and it was thought that as eh lived in the district and had a vested interest in the project he would push the construction along. He signed the contract on 1 February 1880 with the proviso that his work, including the formation and laying of the permanent way, must be completed within a year. A contract was also let that month for a stationmaster’s and platelayer’s house which was won by local Waverley builders McFarlane and Swinbourn. The estimated cost was £1,125.

David who operated with his siblings as Wilkie Bros., was lucky enough to find a ballast pit within



*A northbound Blue Streak railcar passing through the little Moumahaki station yard on 8th April 1977.
Photo: Graeme McClare*

20 yards of the railway line. Cuttings were formed opened and their sides cut down to widen the embankments, and the Patea Mail of 25 November 1880 reported that the Waverley section of the line was progressing with speed with ballasting within two miles of Waverley. It also pointed out that “the manner in which this section is being pushed on is a marked contrast to the way the Kai Iwi and Waitotara sections were dragged out.” By this time the Waverley station buildings had been completed on their present location.

That November the Waverley-Waitotara Racing Club took advantage of the nearing railhead to advertise that trains would travel to the end of the line which was just one mile out of town. From there patrons could either walk to the racecourse or arrange transport, obviating the need for a long ride or drive by horse and coach.

Meanwhile, the station building was being completed. Constructed with a timber frame, clad in rusticated weatherboards and with an iron roof, the building took the form of a lean-to with a central lobby slightly recessed. To add some interest to this rather plain structure, ornate posts and arched windows were added. Looking from the track, the office was on the left of the lobby and a ladies’ waiting room was on the right with an adjoining toilet. The interior was match-lined and there were sash windows. It must have been a very exposed spot as the building faced south-west into the prevailing wind.

The station was in use at the beginning of 1881 but not officially opened until 23rd March when a public banquet on the day preceded the official opening of the line. Mr Rotherham (manager of the line) ran an excursion train from Wanganui so those who wanted to enjoy the celebrations could. It left at 7:00 a.m. and excursionists were free to explore the town or catch up with friends. At 2:00 pm 50 to 60 gentlemen assembled in the new town hall where Mr Ballam, licensee of the Waverley Hotel had prepared an ample spread. The telegram from the Hon Major Atkinson read, “Accept my best wishes and hearty congratulations at the opening of this railway and my assurance that I will lose no opportunity in getting the gap between Waverley and Hawera completed at as early a date as the funds of the colony will permit.” The only shame was that there was no indication when the main telegraph line would be connected with the Waitotara station. However by



The old handbell from the Waverley Railway Station, now at Steamrail Wanganui

November 1880, the Post and Telegraph section of the railway station building was complete and ready for use. Cattle sidings were also added to the station.

It seems that Mr King was the first stationmaster, followed in 1881 by Mr Cleary who arrived from New Plymouth. He left in 1883 and must have been well-regarded as he was treated to a luncheon at Mrs Price’s Welcome Stranger Hotel in Waverley and presented with a purse of 38 sovereigns – quite an amount in those days – before he left for Feilding.

The next stationmaster mentioned was Mr Bragg, highly regarded for his business-like and straightforward manner, who left in 1888 being transferred to Stratford. He had poor health and died the following year. He was followed by Mr H. E. Burr. Two months after his arrival, an attempt was made to burgle the railway station. Fortunately they disturbed the new stationmaster, whose house was

close to the station, and he scared them away. In their rush to escape they left a skeleton key in the ticket office lock indicating how a burglary at the Patea Station may have occurred the previous week.

Mr H. E. Burr left in 1897 and was replaced by Mr Horswell who had been promoted from a clerk at Palmerston North and he remained at the station until 1900. His departure was occasioned by his wife's ill-health and much regretted.

Later, alterations and additions were made to the station. In 1939 new toilets were provided and in 1956 the open lobby was enclosed with the addition of a swinging door. The ladies' waiting room was also relocated. In 1981 a gang amenity was provided in the building, and walls and partitions were rearranged to make room for lockers, toilets, showers and a communal room.

The Waverley station closed in 1986 and eleven years later tenders were called to remove the station, the goods shed and the tracks. Thanks to the retired, and previous long-serving stationmaster Joss Smith, the complex was retained when he secured a long-term lease. The same year the Friends of the Waverley Railway Station was formed to main and develop the station. In 1992 it was reopened as an historic site and railway museum which ran until 2011.

The increasing popularity and availability of the motor car and the deregulation of the rail industry ended the life of small stations all over the country in the 1980s. Our little station is our only reminder of those heady days when rail brought prosperity to small towns like this.

Waverley has one of the country's oldest surviving station buildings and remains a fine example of a modified Vogel class 4 station. No original examples of a class 4 station exist now making it even more significant. Because of this the Rail Heritage Trust classifies the station as a Category A building. The fact the goods shed also remains along with the loading bank and sidings makes it a visit there a very rare railway experience for railway enthusiasts.



This train with two DE class locomotives on the front is neither an ordinary train, nor an excursion train. It is the Pilot Train which ran about 15 or 20 minutes ahead of the Royal train on 8 January 1954 when the Queen and her entourage were travelling from Palmerston North to New Plymouth. Photographer J. Le Cren, New Zealand Railways.

Waverley's Forgotten Series	
May 2023	Dickie's Flour Mill
June 2023	Two Messages in a Bottle
July 2023	Early Maori Carvings
August 2023	Herewini Whakaruua and Iwiora Tamaiparea
September 2023	Waverley's Flax Millers
October 2023	NZ Cup Winner Halberdier
November 2023	The Wairoa Rifles and The Wairoa Redoubt
December 2023	The Nukumarū Hotel (Handley's Hotel)
January 2024	Rewi Alley
February 2024	An Interesting Life - Ann Elmslie
March 2024	Our Boer War Soldiers
May 2024	Two Heroes: Frederick Keger and James McGregor Elmslie
June 2024	The Genesis of Dallison's
July 2024	The Waverley Tragedy
August 2024	The Early Commercial Hotels
September 2024	The Tragedy at Handley's Woolshed
October 2024	The Naming of Waverley's Streets

SOUTH TARANAKI
LIBRARYPLUS PRESENTS

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SUZY
CATO

Suzy Cato is coming to entertain children (of all ages) in January. This is a free event brought to you by South Taranaki District Council and the Lysaght-Watt Trust.

TUESDAY 21 JANUARY

10am – Hāwera LibraryPlus
2pm – Manaia LibraryPlus

WEDNESDAY 22 JANUARY

10am – Pātea LibraryPlus
2pm – Waverley LibraryPlus

THURSDAY 23 JANUARY

10am – Eltham LibraryPlus
2pm – Ōpunakē LibraryPlus

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A Collaborative Community Effort

A beautiful new seat was unveiled on Friday 13 December at Bourke’s Lookout in Patea

This journey started originally with a desire by Trish to have a bench seat mounted on the concrete plinth at Bourke’s Lookout.

The concept by Trish and Don led to the creation of a bench seat resembling a canoe.

It was appropriate that the side panels were carved by James Davidson, Principal of Patea Area School and students under his tutelage assisted – Luana Hauwaho, Baudy Clark and Crisharna Hollingsworth and Jordan West. James is a qualified carver in his own right and has spent time on sabbaticals to further his training in carving. The school is very lucky to have someone with his skills that can be passed on to interested students.

James and the students were more than happy to do the carving and were given a blank canvas as to the choice of design.

I think they have done the carving justice and with the seat being here for a long time to come the students efforts will become part of Patea history. James and the students should feel very proud of this.

Don and Trish felt it appropriate that the seat be dedicated to the memory of all those who have perished off the coast of Patea and are having a plaque made to put with the seat.

Special thanks to Mike Cole who donated the timber to do this work, to the carvers from Patea Area School who volunteered their time, Johnny Hunger and Summit Pumps and Engineering who did the metal work and installed the seat, and Patea Revitalisation Committee who sponsored the project.



LEFT: Crisharna Hollingsworth, Baudy Clark and Luana Hauwaho under the watchful eye of Principal James Davidson. Missing is Jordan West
TOP: Don Adams, Trish Adams and James Davidson
ABOVE: The seat now resting on top of the plinth



Composting workshop at the community garden

We had a great turn out for our composting workshop on Wednesday the 4th of December. Mieke from Sustainable Taranaki spent over an hour and a half going through the various methods of composting and answering the many questions that were asked. She then helped us build a composting bay for the garden out of pallets.

We now have a 2-bay composting bay where we will layer materials to create compost for the garden. We learned about creating different layers of nitrogen and carbon (also described as greens and browns) in one of the bays, making sure there is good air flow, and even adding yeast in as an activator. Once one side is full, we will turn it into the other bay and start the process again.

We now also have a storage area to the side of the composting bay and have started a liquid compost in two of the old recycling bins - this is where we will put all the noxious weeds that can't go into the normal compost. In time we will make signs explaining the composting bay and what goes where. A big thank you to the team at Fonterra for organising and delivering the pallets for us - it was a huge help and is much appreciated.

We also have had a tap and hose installed so we can water the garden. Over these warmer months if you'd like to pop down to water the garden please do- there's always a reward of a strawberry or two while watering.

There are always jobs to be done in the garden so if you're passing buy then pop in and tie up some tomatoes or pull out a few weeds, hopefully there is a zucchini or a tomato to be picked.



Going forward this year we are going to look at doing regular sessions in the garden, once a month on a Wednesday and once a month on a weekend



day – we'll keep you posted on when but in the meantime the garden is always there for anyone to visit or work in.

Bourke's Lookout Restoration

On Saturday 7 December the final part of the Patea Revitalization Project clean-up of Bourke's Lookout was completed, thanks to a 'big push' by the 5/7 Battalion Royal NZ Army Reserve Force. Sgt Solomon Vaetoru contacted me earlier in 2024 and asked if we wanted a day's worth of volunteer work done in Patea, or course the answer was 'yes please'. We have been working on this area of the Patea Beach, Te Pou a Turi for the last few months and were so grateful to have 18 members of the Reserve Force give their time to us to finish the job.

Bourke's Lookout is named for Kevin Bourke, he was on the Patea Borough Council from 1962 – 1978 and was instrumental in getting restoration work done at the beach and this Lookout made. It was then named for him after he died in office in 1978 aged 63. Kevin and Betty Bourke bought the Kakaramaea Hotel from his parents in 1945 and owned it until 1972. Before that Kevin was a Major in WWII. He enlisted in October 1939 and spent the entire 5 years of WWII serving overseas, mostly in the Middle East. His Aunt and Uncle Ethel and Patrick Bourke lived at the Beach in the 1940's & 50's and their home was below where the Lookout is now, it was covered in sand in the big storm in 1955. This changed the layout of the beach and homes were abandoned and some homes were relocated up to town sections.

Back to now, the Lookout area was in need of a tidy up so with the help of Hayden McColl back in November, it was started. He spent two days clearing the roundabout of 20+ years of weeds and rubbish and the large rocks re-instated around the perimeter. Hayden uncovered a lot of the tarseal that had been covered in sand and kikuyu grass and filled in potholes in the roadway to the Lookout. Big thank you to Fulton Hogan for providing two loads of shell rock for this to be done.

Hayden dug out some large clumps of harakeke/flax which we split up and with Don and Trish Adams planted it in the middle of the roundabout – 70 plants in all. The work that the Army did in one day would have taken our small group of local volunteers weeks to complete. Colin Schrader dug out two trailer loads of flax from various places in town for us the week before the working bee. Out of this we got around 200 plants which we cut the tops off and the soldiers planted in the sandhills below the Lookout. They also cleared the steps that lead down to the carpark of weeds. Greg Burnand generously delivered two tractor trailer loads of wood chip from his calf barns, which the soldiers spread around the flax plants in record time. Marie Dwyer provided lunch. At the end of the day, we congregated by the World War I & II Cenotaph by the Hunter Shaw building and Daniel Pinfold (military historian) gave us a fascinating talk about early history of settlement and conflicts in the Patea area, before they went home to Whanganui.

They are always wanting more recruits in the Army Reserves, or the Defence Force, and I told Sgt Solly I would give them a plug... Go to the website - defencecareers.mil.nz for more information. As it says on the site 'A career in the Defence Force gives you real purpose. You'll work as part of a tight-knit team, protecting your whānau, your country and our environment from harm. And you'll have the honour of representing New Zealand wherever you go'.

Jacq Dwyer, Patea Community Board Chair



'Before and after' of the roundabout at Bourke's Lookout



5/7 Battalion Royal NZ Army Reserve Force. Sgt Solomon Vaetoru running through what is to be done.



The team from the 5/7 Battalion standing in the round about with the newly spread wood chip.

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Pack The Bus

We were extremely happy to once again support the Property Brokers ‘Pack The Bus’ donation day. Thank you so much to all our families who donated items to help others in need this Christmas.



What an amazing year it has been at Waverley Primary School. I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their efforts in making this school the amazing school that it is. I would like to thank all of my dedicated team of education professionals, Hannah Lupton, Ciara Marriott, Dianne Sanson, Renee Munro, Megan Buchanan, Samantha Odendaal and Annette Campbell. I would also like to thank our amazing support staff team of Gabrielle McCullum, Michele Jervis, Henry Scott, Tiff Firmin, Sally Newland, Irene Reece and Jodi Smith. Lastly to our wonderful cleaning team of Heather Whelan and Sarah Hickford who both do an incredible job.

We have had some incredible highs this year. Camps to Wellington and Vertical Horizons, sporting fixtures such as Tough Kids, Rippa tournaments, Super Six school sports, Kerry Rees Golf Cup and school discos, just to name a few. Throughout the year we have had some incredible learning opportunities for our tamariki and the growth in academic achievement results is excellent, especially the achievement of our students who identify as Maori.

I hope you have had a wonderful holiday break and I am looking forward to seeing all of our students at the beginning of the 2025 school year.

Warm regards,

Tim Marriott

Principal

Waverley Primary School

The Policeman's Cat Book Launch

A locally written and illustrated book called The Policeman's Cat had its very own book launch at our school recently. We were treated to a hilarious performance featuring some talented actors, including our very own Constable Glen Osborne. This wonderful book written by Laraine Sole and illustrated by Jenni Corbett also features illustrations from some of our Rimu Hub students. The book is available for purchase and all funds go towards cat and kitten rescue in the area.



School Choir

Our school choir have been very busy this festive season, performing in multiple church services and at the Summer Jam concert. They are a dedicated team of students who love performing and do a fabulous job attending practices. Our school choir is led by our two amazing choir teachers, Gemma Comrie and Renee Ansin. We are so very appreciative to the both of them for the time and effort they put into our children.



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Kia Ora Koutou,

At the end of last year we were busy assessing students and gathering data to prepare their end-of-year reports. Congratulations to all our students for their hard work and the progress they made throughout 2024! While not everyone received a prize at our prizegiving, we acknowledged and celebrated the dedication and effort shown by all students.

Celebrating Community Support

We are incredibly grateful for the ongoing support from our school community. Thanks to a combination of your fundraising efforts and community grants, we've been able to achieve several milestones during this past year:

- Purchased 20 new Chromebooks for the Senior Room, along with a mouse for each student.
- These complement the 20 iPads acquired last year for the Junior Room, complete with headphones for every child.

Careers dress up day



Senior Art



- Secured funding for a new bike track and five new school bikes.

Your contributions have also helped reduce camp donations, making these experiences more accessible for all. Thank you for making these achievements possible!

Looking Ahead to 2025

We're excited to begin 2025 with five new five-year-olds, bringing our projected roll to approximately 38 students. Our teaching staff will remain the same.

School Lunches in 2025

Our free lunch programme will continue in 2025, but we've faced a significant funding reduction. We have worked hard to design a nutritious and delicious menu within a tighter budget.

Have a safe and happy summer.

Ngā Mihi

Polly Devane

2025 TERM DATES

Term One - 3rd February to the 11th April
School closed:
6th Feb (Waitangi Day) & 7th Feb, 10th March (Taranaki Anniversary)
Term Two - 28th April to 27th June
Term Three - 14th July to 19th September
Term Four - 6th October to 18th December



★ Waitotara Stars ★

Principals Awards

Dean James - For showing great improvement in reading, writing and maths
Ellie- Mai Black- For putting effort into her written work

Class Awards

- * Jiah Shine- Grul
- * Kingsley Wright
- * Kharlymn Shine- Kiripa
- * Ivana Watson-Davidson

Awesome work!!!

An Interview with....

Name: Beaudene Age: 10
Favourites:
Colours: Black
Book: The Pied Piper
TV Show/Movie: Jurassic Park

I like Waitotara School because we go on camps and trips.



In November Discover Forestry had been in the South Taranaki region with the Wood is Good Programme. Vince Devane from Forest360, and Chris Purcell and driver, Sid Wyatt, from Total Log Haulage supported the programme.

Together we learnt about Sid's truck, his job and all of the students got to take a turn up in the cab to see what Sid's office is like, and what he can and cannot see. Vince flew his drone to demonstrate this form of technology used in forestry, and he spent time in class telling the students about the cycle of trees, and how they are looked after by foresters.

Sid, Chris and Vince, huge thanks to each of you for giving up your time to share your knowledge and passion for what you do.



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Sounds on the Sand is returning to Ōpunakē Beach this summer.

The South Taranaki District Council is bringing Sonic Delusion to Ōpunakē Beach on Saturday 11 January 2025 from 12noon.

The vibrant Swiss-Kiwi, high-energy performer, Sonic Delusion (Andre Manella) has played over 1,000 live shows at venues and festivals across Switzerland, New Zealand, Australia and Germany over the last decade.

“We are incredibly excited to welcome Sonic Delusion back to Sounds on the Sand this year. We know Andre will have everyone up on their feet dancing in the sun,” says Event coordinator Ella Tosland. “Pack a picnic, or grab some food from the campsite shop, and bring the whole family down for an afternoon of music. Don’t forget sunscreen!”

Sonic Delusion’s happy, funky and groovy indie pop is ‘too funky for folk and too folk for funk’. In his boogielicious live performances, he uses his well worn loop pedal with an array of instruments to skilfully layer and create an incredible sound.

This free community event is proudly brought to you by the South Taranaki District Council.

Sounds on the Sand – Saturday 11 January, from 12noon, Ōpunakē Beach

Catch the family fun fever

Are the kids needing some fun activities to keep them busy these school holidays? How about joining us at Soldiers Park in Eltham on Saturday 18 January for a Community Family Fun Day.

Bring a picnic and find a pozzie in the park or have a look at what some of our delicious food vendors have on offer, sit back and enjoy the sun with whanau and friends.

This event is kicking off at 10am and running until 3pm. Pop in to see some local talent, find a bargain with some of our stall holders, enjoy an ice-cream to cool down and catch our local fire fighters in full demonstration and much more - there is something for all!

South Taranaki District Council Event Co-ordinator Alysha Judson says that the Eltham-Kaponga Community Board were keen to try something different in Eltham this year, instead of the annual Movies in the Park.

“This is a fantastic opportunity to have a relaxing family day out, enjoy the facilities that Eltham has to offer, while enjoying some great local community spirit that South Taranaki is famous for!” says Alysha.

This free community event is proudly brought to you by South Taranaki District Council, with support from the Eltham-Kaponga Community Board.

Community Family Fun Day in Eltham – Saturday 18 January, 10am - 3pm, Soldiers Park, Eltham

Hollie Smith headlining 2025 Concerts in the Park

Popular New Zealand entertainer and singer Hollie Smith will be bringing our premiere Park to life with her power packed show.

One of our popular annual summer events, Concerts in the Park, is returning to King Edward Park in Hāwera on Saturday 25 January 2025.

Entertainment will begin with duo Nana & Petal (Paul Adams and Celine Filbee) kicking things off at 4pm, and the main act will take the stage at about 5.15pm.

Hollie Smith is a singer, songwriter, and performer. Her incredible live performances and powerhouse vocals have made her one of the most sought after acts in the New Zealand music industry. She is best known for her song ‘Bathe in the River’ and ‘Whakaaria Mai’.

Summerblast

Raumati Manawawera

Activities on throughout the District during the Summer Blast Reading Programme

Christmas Crafts Tuesday 10 December, 3.30pm Manaia LibraryPlus	Christmas Cards Wednesday 11 December, 3.30pm Ōpunakē LibraryPlus	Make a Memory Card & Christmas Decoration Thursday 12 December, 3.30pm Eltham LibraryPlus	Make a Memory Card & Christmas Decoration Thursday 12 December, 3.30pm Kaponga LibraryPlus	Crazy Christmas Decoration Fun Sunday 15 December, 2pm Hāwera LibraryPlus	Christmas Activity Wednesday 18 December, 10.30am Pātea LibraryPlus
Christmas Activity Wednesday 18 December, 2pm Waverley LibraryPlus	Crazy Christmas Decoration Fun Friday 20 December, 10.30am Hāwera LibraryPlus	Petey's Secret Lab Tuesday 7 January, 2pm Manaia LibraryPlus	Ninja Kid Challenge Tuesday 7 January, 2pm Hāwera LibraryPlus	Inky Octopus Activity Wednesday 8 January, 10.30am Ōpunakē LibraryPlus	Create your own magic wand Wednesday 8 January, 10.30am Pātea LibraryPlus
3D Paper Minecraft character Wednesday 8 January, 2pm Waverley LibraryPlus	Potions and antidote class Thursday 9 January, 10.30am Eltham LibraryPlus	Dragon Eggs Thursday 9 January, 2pm Kaponga LibraryPlus	Mythix Character Creation Saturday 11 January, 10.30am Hāwera LibraryPlus	Supa Buddy Challenges Tuesday 14 January, 2pm Manaia LibraryPlus	Take a page out of HotDog Wednesday 15 January, 10.30am Hāwera LibraryPlus
Pirate Fun Wednesday 15 January, 10.30am Ōpunakē LibraryPlus	Sorting Hats & House Shields Wednesday 15 January, 10.30am Pātea LibraryPlus	Create your own Minecraft keychain Wednesday 15 January, 2pm Waverley LibraryPlus	Wand Creation Thursday 16 January, 10.30am Eltham LibraryPlus	Make Cheesey Geronimo Mouse Traps Thursday 16 January, 2pm Kaponga LibraryPlus	E-Boy Rulz Tech Session Sunday 19 January, 2pm Hāwera LibraryPlus

2024/25 Summer Blast Themes

Hāwera – Anh Doh
Eltham – Harry Potter
Kaponga – Geronimo Stilton & Thea Stilton

Manaia – Dog Man
Ōpunakē – NZ Authors
Pātea – Harry Potter
Waverley – Minecraft

If you've completed 3 check ins you will be invited to the Finale Parties at the end of January

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FEATURING

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SATURDAY 11 JANUARY, 12NOON

FREE FAMILY EVENT

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South Taranaki District Council events coordinator Ella Tosland says she looks forward to hearing the well-known artists songs reverberate around King Edward Park

"We hope families and whānau take the opportunity to enjoy this free event relaxing at this beautiful venue," says Ella. "We encourage those attending to make an evening of it by bringing along a picnic or buying something from the food vendors we will have available."

This event is proudly brought to you by South Taranaki District Council and supported by the Toi Foundation.

Concerts in the Park – Saturday 25 January, from 4pm, King Edward Park, Hāwera

Family Fun Day in Eltham!

FREE COMMUNITY EVENT

Saturday 18 January 2025 | 10am - 3pm | Soliders Park, Eltham

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Quick crossword

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- Across
1. Tie (6)
4. Falsehood (6)
9. Wrestle (7)
10. Unspoken (5)
11. Proportion (5)
12. Make bigger (7)
13. Echo (11)
18. Inactivity (7)
20. Long for (5)
22. Throw (5)
23. Bitter (7)
24. Satisfy (6)
25. Edict (6)
- Down
1. Number (6)
2. Intelligent (5)
3. Detonate (7)
5. Praise (5)
6. Part of a film or book (7)
7. Named (6)
8. Likeness (11)
14. Raise (7)
15. Hermit (7)
16. Chess piece (6)
17. Save (6)
19. Lock of hair (5)
21. Later (5)

Crossword solution

Across: 1. Fasten, 4. Deceit, 9. Grapple, 10. Tacit, 11. Ratio, 12. Enlarge, 13. Reverberate, 18. Inertia, 20. Crave, 22. Heave, 23. Caustic, 24. Please, 25. Decree.
Down: 1. Figure, 2. Smart, 3. Explode, 5. Extol, 6. Excerpt, 7. Titled, 8. Resemblance, 14. Elevate, 15. Recluse, 16. Bishop, 17. Rescue, 19. Tress, 21. After.

Code-Cracker

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EACH number in our Code-Cracker grid represents a different letter of the alphabet. For example, today 1 represents B, so fill in B every time the figure 1 appears. You have one letter in the control grid to start you off. Enter it in the appropriate squares in the main grid, then use your knowledge of words to work out which letters should go in the missing squares. As you get the letters, fill in other squares with the same number in the main grid and control grid. Check off the list of alphabetical letters as you identify them. Visit www.codecracker.co.nz

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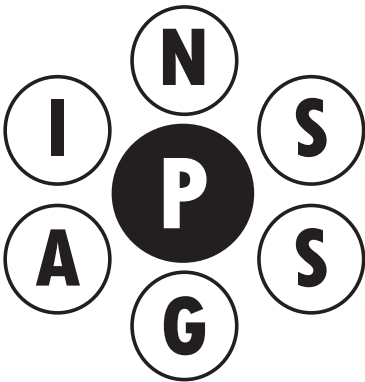
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Circle of Words

How many words of four letters or more can you make? There is at least one seven-letter word. Each letter may be used only once and all words must contain the centre letter. No words starting with a capital, no plurals ending in s unless the word is also a verb.

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A warm welcome awaits at the newly opened Rabbit Hut Farm Shop, now serving the local community at the corner of Upper Waiau Road.

Run by the McAree Family, the shop offers a variety of fresh vegetables and fruit, including their very own Agria potatoes.

This exciting new venture is a labour of love for the McArees, who are passionate about providing the local area with high-quality produce. *"In the coming months, we plan to expand our offerings to include milk, meat, and other locally sourced goods. Plus, we'll soon be offering delivery services to make it even easier for our customers to enjoy our fresh products."*

The Rabbit Hut Farm Shop is committed to supporting local agriculture and encourages anyone with locally grown produce to get in touch. Stop by to experience the freshness for yourself, and make sure to follow the shop's journey on Facebook at Rabbit Hut Farm Shop for updates on new arrivals and special offers.



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Patea Social Exercise Group

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Thursday 16 January at the Hunter Shaw Building, as usual.

Thanks to a generous donation from St Luke's Church, funding woes have been allayed and the group will start the year in good heart with Tiipene as Co-ordinator again.

Marissa, from the Waverley group, will lead for the January sessions while Tiipene is away down south.

The group is designed mostly for the over-60s with exercises to keep moving and limber, followed by social time together.

Come and join in!

Patea & Waverley Press

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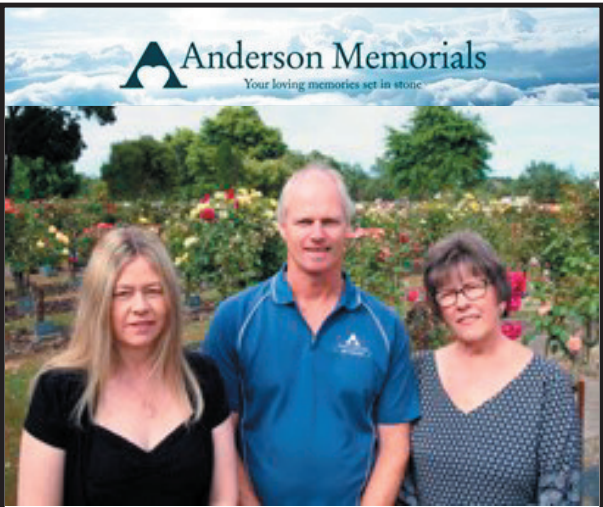
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Plunket
The Plunket nurse attends a Waverley clinic every 2nd Wednesday of month & Patea clinic every Friday. Also available for home visits; for appointments phone Waverley 06 346 5095 & leave a message for Plunket Nurse Alice and Plunket Kaiawhina Shellay or Patea 06 273 8329. The Patea Clinic is in the Health Centre.

Waverley LibraryPlus
Monday to Friday 9am-12.30pm, 1pm-5pm
Saturday 9.30am-noon

Abbotsford Health Centre Waverley - 346 5021
Standby 9.00-11.30 Daily
Leo Brown Podiatrist Monthly
District Health Nurse Daily
Medical Equipment Hire Eg: Wheelchairs Crutches etc
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For more Tide information go to: www.metservice.com/marine



WAVERLEY STANDBY

To book cars for a medical reason only
phone 06 346 5021
9am - 11.30
Monday to Friday

AFTER HOURS
027 944 7060
or 06 346 5149

Try to book appointments in advance.

PATEA STANDBY

For medical appointments book transport by ringing

06 273 8329
9am - 12noon weekdays.

Emergencies only
06 273 8661
06 273 8325
06 273 8665
06 273 8312

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WEEKLY CALENDAR

It is the responsibility of the organisations below to advise any deletions, additions or alterations to this service.

TUESDAY Waverley Bowling Club,
Names in by 1.00pm for 1.15pm start

WEDNESDAY Walking Group St Stephen's Hall 9am

SATURDAY Waverley Bowling Club
All games start at 1.00pm

WAVERLEY BAPTIST CHURCH

Contact 0273 870 670 for more information

Op-shop at back of the church
Opening Wed, Thurs, Friday from 10am - 1pm

Donations readily accepted.

Rainfall

KAKARAMEA
Rainfall recorded by Kevin Ford, Spence Rd.
Rainfall for November 2024 - 85ml in 10 days
Rainfall for November 2023 - 114ml
Average for November - 105ml over 54 years
TOTAL for 2024 - 961.0ml

WAITOTARA - not available at time of print
Rainfall recorded by Marie Hawken, Waitotara
Rainfall November 2024 -
Rainfall November 2023 -
TOTAL for 2024 - 834.25ml (October)

WAVERLEY
Rainfall recorded by Stu Buckman, Waverley
Rainfall November 2024 - 81ml in 13 days
Rainfall November 2023 - 82ml in 14 days
Rainfall November 2022 - 210.5ml in 18 days
TOTAL for 2024 - 956.5ml
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Patea Ward Councillors
Robert Northcott, ph 027 242 6130
Brian Rook, ph 027 942 2757

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Deputy Chair: Cheryl Rook: 027 537 5560
Councillor: Robert Northcott 027 242 6130

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Mr Mark Nicholas JP
Mrs Margaret Prince JP

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7a Hadfield St, Patea. 273 8659
935 Ball Road, Hurleyville. 027 474 0678
5a Fookes St, Waverley. 027 681 9991

Clubs & Organisations

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ALTON & DISTRICTS YOUNG FARMERS
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K Hughes 021 102 8545
ALTON CORONATION HALL
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Secretary: Jacq Dwyer 06 273 4494
ALTON OLYMPIC WRESTLING CLUB
Contact: Thomas Werder 06 273 4473
Club night – Friday 5.30pm
HURLEYVILLE
Hurleyville Hall Society Incorporated
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Secretary: Joy Fowlie 027 485 2961
KAKARAMEA
KAKARAMEA HALL SOCIETY
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Secretary: Marie Dwyer 06 273 8564
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MANUTAH HALL
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PATEA & DISTRICTS
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PATEA FEDERATED FARMERS
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Convenors: Susan Gunn 273 8135,
M Prince 346 6008,
C Rook 06 346 7070
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Club Captain: R Finlay 06 273 8335
Ladies Club Captain: Ev Gibbs
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PATEA SQUASH CLUB
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Patea River Catchment Community

On Thursday the 5th of December we held an informative session up at Hurleyville Hall giving an update on our trapping project and where the newest line will be going along Ball Rd.

It was a great turn out where we listened to Dallas give us an update on how many traps have been put out (close to 350) and how many pests have been caught (944) over the last 2 years. Fi gave us an update on where the Ball Rd line will go (from Petch Rd to Tarere Rd). Sian from Taranaki Kiwi Trust gave us an overview of the work that goes into getting to release Kiwi and Chauncy from Towards Predator-Free Taranaki gave us a rundown on what they have achieved and about the different traps and ways to lure pests into these traps.

It was neat to hear what others in the community are doing ranging from large projects to trapping in their backyard - all of it adds up and takes us toward the same goal.

Some ideas that were discussed included a trapping day with Towards Predator-Free Taranaki where attendees can learn more about different traps, the best places to place traps and how to make them as "inviting" as possible to pests. We also floated the idea of sponsoring a trap for the Ball Rd line and asked if any volunteers were keen to get involved - we'll keep you updated on all of these but also get in touch if you are keen on any of these ideas!

We have also held 4 out of the 10 FACCT (Farming and Compliance Confidence Taranaki)



sessions. The first 3 were around agricultural greenhouse gases and the 4th was how the geology of the land affects your farm. These sessions have been really popular with 20+ farmers in attendance most weeks, Campbell explains high level concepts so that everyone can understand and take it home to use on their farm.

There is still time join in with these sessions – if there is enough interest Campbell can repeat session 4 as it is an integral part of learning leading on to session 5-10.

If you're keen to come along and learn more then get in touch with Tessa on 021 063 7327.

Sessions are held fortnightly on a Wednesday at the Alton Hall – lunch is provided.



Help keep “disastrous” freshwater clam out of Taranaki

Local boaties heading to Waikato this summer are being urged to Check Clean Dry to help keep the exotic freshwater clam out of Taranaki.

The invasive freshwater clam, also known as Corbicula, was discovered in the Waikato River in 2023 and is known to be in Lake Karapiro – a popular summer destination for water sports.

There is no indication it has yet spread outside the Waikato River and Biosecurity Taranaki chair Willy Harvey wants to keep it that way.

“The stakes are high as this clam has the potential to be disastrous for Taranaki. If it were to become established in one of our lakes or rivers it would be virtually impossible to remove so people really need to take this seriously.”

The clams are prolific breeders, able to produce up to 70,000 juveniles a year. They can clog water-based infrastructure, such as electricity generation plants, irrigation systems and water treatment plants. They also compete with native species for food and space.

Any water users moving from the controlled stretch of the Waikato River (Whakamaru Dam to the river mouth at Port Waikato) must follow strict Check Clean Dry procedures for all watercraft, gear or clothing that has contacted river water.

Taranaki Regional Council Biosecurity Programme Lead Lisa Hardegger says the Check Clean Dry message has been around a while but has never been more important for Taranaki.

“As well as the freshwater clam we have a threat right here in the region. Three South Taranaki lakes – Lakes Herengawe, Rotorangi and Mangawhio – are known to contain hornwort, an aquatic weed that can smother and outcompete native plant communities, as well as impeding recreational access to lakes.

“If you're moving from any of those lakes into another lake or river, please Check, Clean, Dry to prevent hornwort spreading.”

This means checking everything that has been in contact with water, including boat trailers, wetsuits and lifejackets, for weeds or clams.

“Get into the nooks and crannies as it only takes a tiny fragment or clam to stow away and potentially cause havoc.”

Clean gear with tap water onto grass, not a stormwater system or drain. Absorbent materials can be cleaned with hot water, bleach or salt.



For more about the exotic freshwater clam and how to Check Clean Dry see www.biosecurity.govt.nz/check-clean-dry



KAKARAMEA SCHOOL

'E tipu, e rea...grow and keep growing'

DECEMBER ROUND UP

KAKARAMEA SCHOOL END OF YEAR ACHIEVEMENTS

In Term 4 we had a wonderful end to the 2024 school year. We were fortunate enough to be able to hold many of our celebrations and see our Year 6 Leavers off in true Kakaramaea style. Here are a few highlights of the last few weeks of the 2024 school year.



Mason Knight, Kobi Napflin, Cooper Knight, Charlie Werder, Taine Murdoch, Evonne Thompson

(LEFT) Our Year 6 Leavers, the Class of 2024. As Kakaramaea School and Community we would like to wish our Year 6 Leavers all the very best for their next learning journey. We thank them for their outstanding contribution to our school during their time here. We look forward to hearing of their stories and tales of adventure and of course their many future successes. We are very proud of them all. Remember to fly that Kakaramaea Flag high!

2024 END OF YEAR PRIZE GIVING FAMILY CUP RECIPIENTS (RIGHT)

Werder Family Cup – Cultural and Arts Cup –
Estelle Croot and Wilson Manson
Northcott Family Cup – Sportsman Cup –
Charlie Werder
Huston Family Cup – Diligence Cup –
Matilda Skipper
Cole Family Cup – Dux – Zola Gibbs
Dwyer Family Cup for Leadership – Taine Murdoch
Schrider Family Junior Citizenship Cup – Ardie Reid
Principal's Senior Citizenship Cup – Taine Murdoch and Evonne Thompson
Congratulations to all recipients once again.
Well done to you all.



Back row : Taine Murdoch, Evonne Thompson, Estelle Croot, Wilson Manson
Front row: Zola Gibbs, Ardie Reid, Matilda Skipper, Charlie Werder

END OF YEAR PRODUCTION

Our tamariki worked so hard on our production 'Ka Rere te Poi!', and it showed with two amazing performances. We received so much support from our school whānau and wider community so it is impossible to list every name individually, but we would like to thank Alishiba Prime and her whānau as well as Wai Cassidy, Maryanne Broughton and

other members of the Pātea Māori Club for allowing us to tell their story. Thank you to everyone who helped with our set and props, and those who set up the stage. Thank you to Pātea Area School for the use of the stage and thank you to Matua Lewis and Christine Cameron for helping with our performance. Thank you Gary Prentice and Cassandra Fendall

for running the sound and lighting. Thank you to our amazing staff for all of your mahi backstage and bringing the show together. Finally, thank you to everyone who came out to see it and for all the positive feedback!

Our amazingly talented cast!



TOUCH FINAL

We capped off the touch season with wins for both our Year 3 & 4 team and our Year 5 & 6 team! Our Year 5 & 6 team went through the season unbeaten and won their whole grade! We are so proud of our tamariki for their amazing sportsmanship!

A huge thank you to Hāwera Touch Module for running the competition, and to our amazing coaches Jessica Dunlop, Brooke Ngatai, Greg Buhler, Jason Skipper, Jamie Napflin and Nadia Broughton. We couldn't do it without you!



Our Year 5 & 6 Team
Back: Charlotte Tate, Frankie Werder, Evonne Thompson
Front: Taine Murdoch, Mason Knight, Kobi Napflin, Charlie Werder, Cooper Knight, Elijah Lasike, Richie Reid

CHRISTMAS FLOAT

We had a great time at the Pātea Christmas Parade! A huge thank you to Ms O'B, Mrs Manson and Emma for creating Santa's Workshop for us! Thanks also to Jono Hogan for driving, Jo Stevens for painting our amazing backdrop and Aaron and Derek Tosland for the use of their truck. Finally thank you to all the students who participated with such enthusiasm and their whānau for coming along to watch!



Santa, Mrs Claus and their elves

SCIENCE ROADSHOW

Our senior students had the opportunity to think like scientists at the Science Roadshow held at the TSB Hub in Hāwera. Such an amazing hands-on experience for our ākonga and they all had a blast!



Theo Cowley and Julian Laracy-Talbot learn about nutrition

PUKE ARIKI VISIT

A huge thank you to Puke Ariki for hosting us for a visit to their Wawata Exhibition so we could learn more about the life and legacy of Dalvanius Prime ahead of our end of year production. We had the opportunity to perform our school waiata and were gifted our very own gold record! Thank you to the museum staff for organising the day for us and to the whānau who joined us.



Roman Abraham Te Awhe accepted the gold record on behalf of the school as a member of the Prime whānau



Xavier England, Henry Buhler and Richie Reid experiment with physics

SALVATION ARMY GIFT DRIVE

Our student leaders wrapped and delivered donated presents into Hāwera to bring some Christmas cheer to families in need. Thank you to everyone who contributed gifts for this special cause!



YEAR 6 LEAVERS DINNER (LEFT)

We celebrated the growth and achievements of our Year 6 ākonga with their whānau. It was such a special send off and we are so proud of all they have accomplished in their time at Kakaramaea! Thank you to Rough Habits for hosting us and to all the whānau and staff who came to share this time together. We wish our leavers all the best on the next step of their learning journey!



LEFT:
Our Year 6 leavers
Charlier Werder, Mason Knight, Kobi Napflin, Cooper Knight and Taine Murdoch
Absent: Evonne Thompson

RIGHT:
Our Christmas elves Estelle Croot, Charlie Werder, Zola Gibbs and Charlotte Tate

Jeremiah & Mary Sheahan, early settlers of Whenuakura

The great great grandsons of Jeremiah and Mary Sheahan; Kevin and Phil Barker (born Mark and Thomas Sheahan) came to Whenuakura back in July 2024 to visit the old family farm and learn more about their fascinating ancestors in the sunny sitting room at Peter and Sue Crawfords home. Peter's aunt Mary Crawford married Tom Sheahan. Kevin and Phil are the twin sons of Sally Sheahan and were adopted out at birth. Sally was the daughter of Francis and Beryl Sheahan, the great grandsons of Jeremiah and Bessie Sheahan and the great great grandsons of original settlers Jeremiah and Mary Sheahan. Kevin and Phil discovered their origins 38 years ago, and with the help of Sheahan family historian Ben Clare and their uncle Frank Sheahan, they have pieced together the story of this large Irish family and the part they played in the early days of Whenuakura and surrounding districts.

Jeremiah Sheahan and Mary Sullivan were both born in Ireland and met and married in Gippsland, Australia in the mid 1860's. Jeremiah was born in Cork and Mary was born in Killarney, County Kerry. Their first child Jeremiah was born in Victoria, Australia in 1865. By the time they had their fourth child they had left Australia and immigrated to New Zealand to start farming at Whenuakura in 1873. They had ten children, nine survived childhood, six sons and three daughters: Jeremiah Edward b. 1865-1933, Daniel b. 1867-1941, Johanna b. 1869-1880, John Joseph b. 1871-1956, Mary Gertrude b. 1875-1963, Nora b.1876-1947, Patrick Joseph b. 1879-1931, Thomas Michael b. 1880-1956, Cornelius Francis b. 1881-1961 and Katherine Ellen b.1884-1965.

In April 1873 Jeremiah and Mary bought section 18, a small wedge-shaped piece of land on Hukatere Road north, at the Whenuakura Block Sales in Pātea, comprising of 21 ¼ acres, (now owned by the Andrews family). Their neighbours were Edmund Honeyfield, John Duncan and David Strachan. On the other side of Hukatere Road was the large block purchased by Patrick Bourke. The four older Sheahan children (often spelt as Sheehan) were first day pupils at Whenuakura School when it opened in 1877. In 1880 a diphtheria epidemic swept through the Whenuakura block, and the eldest daughter of Jeremiah and Mary – Johanna, died at the age of 11 from this contagious bacterial throat disease on 6 May 1880. An impressive 10 ft tall grey granite tombstone, topped with an urn draped with cloth was chosen for her grave in the Catholic section of the Pātea Cemetery. Jeremiah and Mary were later buried beside their daughter.

Their three other daughters married local farmers - **Mary Gertrude** married Samuel Dunn Johnston, farmer from Waverley in 1899. **Nora** married William Gower farmer at Whenuakura in 1902, she was 26 years old and he was 55. **Katherine Ellen** married James O'Sullivan, farmer from Ōkaiawa. Five of Jeremiah and Mary Sheahans's six sons were farmers, and one was a blacksmith: **Jeremiah Edward** married Bessie Elizabeth Gardiner in 1892. **Daniel** married Maria/Mary Moloney in 1896, owned Blacksmith business at Aria, King Country. **John Joseph (Jack)** unmarried, farmed at Whenuakura, **Patrick Joseph** married Florence Blanche Howard in 1914, farmed at Ohangai. **Thomas Michael** married Mary Ellenora Crawford in 1934, they farmed at Whenuakura, **Cornelius Francis (Con)**, unmarried, farmed at Whenuakura.

Mary Sheahan died 21 May 1912 aged 70. Jeremiah died 6 years later, on 15 April 1918 aged 78. His obituary in the Pātea Mail on 17 April 1918 read as follows: *'We regret to have to record the death of one of the oldest and most respected settlers in the district Mr Jeremiah Sheahan. The deceased was apparently in his usual health and went out on Monday to assist in drafting some sheep, during the operations he suddenly collapsed and in a few minutes passed peacefully away in his son's arms, death being due to heart failure. The late Mr Sheahan was born in Ireland in 1840 and came to the colonies when quite a youth, living in the*



Jeremiah & Mary Sheahan with the 3 eldest children Jeremiah, Daniel & Johanna.

Gippsland district in Australia for some years where he was married. He was among the first settlers to take up land in the Whenuakura block arriving in the district 44 years ago residing in his present homestead ever since. The deceased who was one of the best known settlers in the district was well liked and deeply respected by a very large circle of friends, his kindly nature endearing him to all. He is survived by a family of six sons and three daughters, the sons being Messrs Jeremiah Sheahan-Stratford, Daniel Sheahan-Te Kuiti, Patrick Joseph Sheahan-Ohangai, John and Cornelius Sheahan Whenuakura and Trooper Thomas Sheahan who is present in the firing line in Palestine. The daughters are Mesdames Gower, Whenuakura, Johnston Moumahaki and O'Sullivan Matapu'.

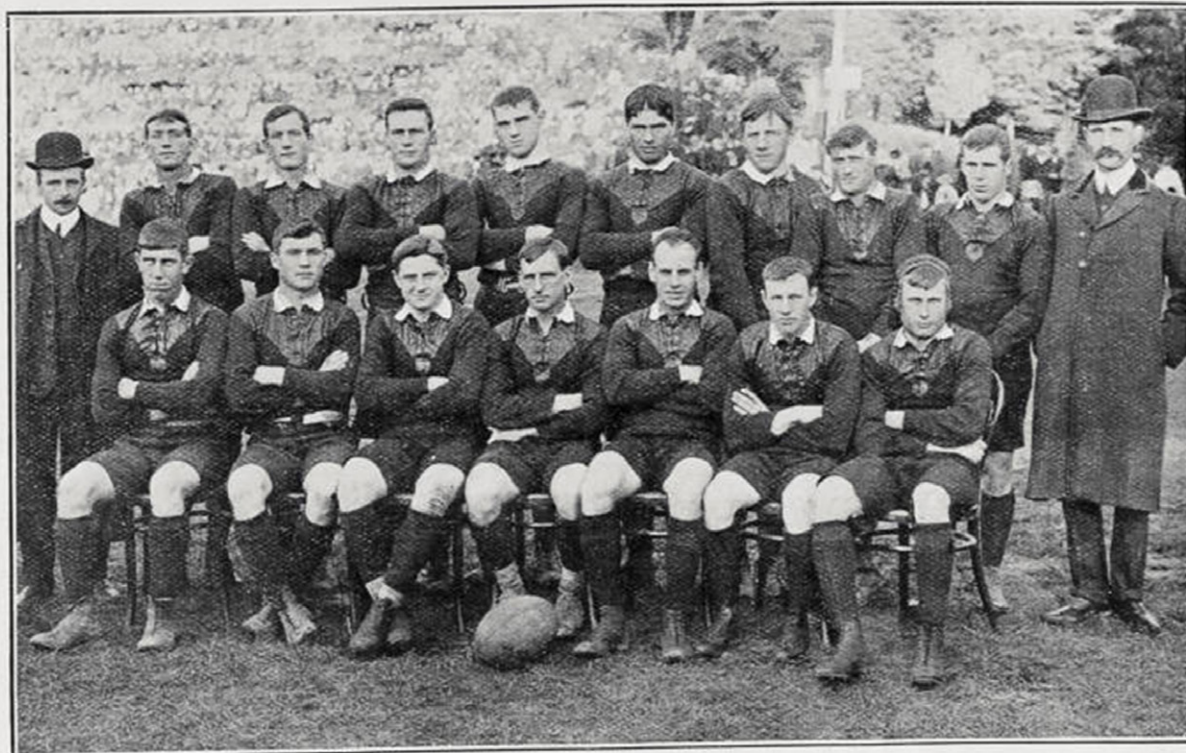
Energy and athleticism was strong in all the Sheahan's, but in particular the second son Daniel, who shone out as an all-round top sportsman. He was well known at sporting events for his skill at boxing, wrestling, sprints, hurdles, high jump and swimming. There is a detailed article in The Hawera Star on 2 June 1928, listing the numerous sporting achievements of Dan Sheahan. To follow is a small piece of the story: *'An old-time Athlete, another good man from Patea – Dan Sheehan – Champion Wrestler, Aged 62 years and still going strong. As an athlete, Dan Sheehan made his first-bid at his home town, Patea, on Boxing Day 1889 when he ran second to Alf Wilson in the mile and second to George Broughton in the steeplechase, about 1 ½ miles... About the time he first competed at athletic sports; Sheehan gave promise of great things at swimming, especially over distances, but for lack of opportunity did not take it seriously. Competing at one aquatic sport which took place in the Patea river, he was second in the obstacle race, won the duck hunt, the back race, and the long dive, establishing an under-water record for the Patea river. As an all-round athlete, the name of Dan Sheehan must be*



Grave of Jeremiah & Mary Sheahan, and their 11 year old daughter Johanna at the Patea Cemetery.

added to the lengthy list of Taranaki's sons who have upheld its prestige at home and abroad'.

Dan was working as a Blacksmith in Stratford at the time of his marriage aged 28 to Maria Moloney in 1896. Before that he had spent 5 years in the Upper Thames gold fields, Karangahaki Gorge during the gold rush, as a blacksmith. He also became well known for his ability to get splinters of rock out of the miners eyes in that same newspaper article: *'Since those early days Sheehan has made his home in many places, nearly always working at his trade. In several places in which he has resided his services have been enlisted as handicapper and starter, in which capacity he acts in the Te Kuiti district. While residing at the Upper Thames goldfields in the good, old days, he did not do a great deal of running, but he had several wrestling matches, which he won. He stayed there about five year's, while the boom was on, and witnessed many exciting competitions of various kinds amongst the diggers, who he found, a fine class of men. Dan became well known to all the miners at Karangahaki for he became famous as an eye specialist. He was an expert at taking "fire" out of their eyes. To the uninitiated I may explain, that what were termed sparks would fly from the drills and picks when working in rock. When this occurs the pain to the eye is intense. Many a miner, out of gratitude, would lay a pound mote or a sovereign on the anvil for Dan for taking a "fire" out of his eye, and ten bob was quite common. But Sheehan never once accepted payment for that kind of thing. He used to say he did it for humanity's sake, and consequently he was regarded by those rough and ready men with respect and gratitude. And woo betide the man who belittled Dan Sheehan'.* Dan worked in the blacksmith trade in various north island towns before settling in Aria near Te Kuiti, with his own Blacksmith shop, where he was still working a long full day hammering on the anvil in his early 60's when the above article was written.



THE TARANAKI RUGBY FOOTBALL TEAM WHICH DEFEATED THE BRITISH TEAM AT NEW PLYMOUTH BY 5 TO NIL, ON JULY 15, 1908.

Taranaki Rugby Football team at the Pukekura Park Sports Ground, 15 July 1908.

The team defeated their British opponents by 5 points to nil 1908. Back row: A Humphries (Manager), Tom Sheahan, Con Sheahan, A Smith, J D Crowley, Tanin, J C Sullivan, A Hardgreaves, E Dive, T Bellringer (President Taranaki Rugby Union).

Front row: M Cane, H Rosher, J Colman, Jimmy Hunter (Captain), H J Mynott, D Cameron, H G Whittington. Auckland Weekly News, 23 July 1908

The Sheahan brothers' contribution to Rugby for Pātea and Taranaki is also to be celebrated. Patrick, Tom and Con all played for the Pātea Senior Team. They played with great skill and strength and were always favourites on the field. Con played 23 games for Taranaki, 1907 to 1911, and Tom played 25 games for Taranaki, 1906 to 1911. On 15 July 1907 Tom and Con were playing for Pātea I against Hāwera I, the game was a draw, with no points scored by either side and the Pātea Mail reported that: *'The general opinion of the spectators at the Patea-Hawera senior match on Saturday was that it was one of the best games of the season.... C Burke and Con Sheahan appearing to be everywhere. It was difficult to know which to admire most, the dash of the attack or the 'defence. Tom Sheahan and Reg Hamerton did good work for Patea as wings.... Con Sheahan, though handicapped by a bad shoulder, played a sterling game'*. The following year the Pātea team were victorious against Hāwera with the Sheahan brothers both performing well as reported in the Patea Mail, 1 June 1908 – *'The Patea-Hawera senior match is usually a very fine game to watch, and Saturday's match was no exception. From start to finish play was of an open nature, first one then the other side being in the ascendancy. The brilliancy of the nippy and clever Hawera backs was met with the deadly tackling of the Patea. rear guard. Playing with superior combination Hawera kept up an attack till Con Sheahan cleared the line with a long kick. Play surged up and down the field. From mid-field Tom Sheahan broke away and Con Sheahan who backed up smartly, picked up and on being tackled transferred to Roscoe who scored between the posts. Tom Sheahan played a very fine game on the wing. Final score was: Patea 11, Hawera 3'*.

Con Sheahan was playing for Taranaki against Otago in New Plymouth in September 1908 and once again played a fine game and was well mentioned by the Pātea Mail correspondent: *'Sheahan, Otago players and supporters don't know so much about. Well, he is, at the outset, a genial Irishman with a pretty wit who doesn't know his own strength, and believes that no one else does, Con Sheahan works on a farm 50 miles from the foot of Mount Egmont on the road less north, and to see his hands one can appreciate what it means when he "gets to holts," and why it is whispered of him that no man ever got past Con Sheahan'*. Con also had a fine singing voice and was often called upon to sing

at community events in the numerous rural Halls around the district.

John Joseph (Jack) Sheahan lived in the large old Gower Homestead on Kaharoa Road with his nephew William Samuel (Bill) Gower, until his death in 1956 aged 85. Bill Gower married in 1946 aged 35 to Frances Havergal Cooke aged 25 at St Marys Catholic Church in Whanganui. They had 3 children, two girls and a boy. Sadly, Bill died 13 years later in 1959 aged 48. The Gower farm is now owned by the Simson family. Jack Sheahan was a keen horseman and even though cars were common on the roads by the 1930's, Jack was one of many back then still content to ride his horse the 20km from Kakarama to Whenuakura on the roads now shared with vehicles. Unfortunately, on a dark winters night in 1935 this resulted in an accident, as reported in the Pātea Mail on 8 July 1935: *'Mr Jack Sheahan was the victim of an unfortunate accident on Saturday shortly before 7pm. He was returning to his home at Whenuakura after attending the meet of the Egmont-Wanganui Hunt Club at Kakarama, and when, near the Patea Bridge he was overtaken by a car driven by Mr. H. Bremer, with the result that the car struck the horse ridden by Mr. Sheahan, throwing Mr. Sheahan on to the roadway on his head and shoulders. Dr. Simmons was quickly on the scene, and after attending to Mr. Sheahan and inserting a couple of stitches in a wound in his head, Mr. Sheahan was able to proceed to his home. Mr. Bremer, who was greatly distressed at the accident, explained that he did not see the horse until he was close upon it, when he immediately put on his brakes and pulled up, but not before the horse had been struck. The horse galloped off and was found later near the Whenuakura Hall and ridden home'*. Years earlier Jack also saved

a young girl from certain death at the Railways Station at Pātea - Pātea Mail 4 July 1913 *'Mr J Sheahan just saved a girl from being drawn under the express train as it ran into the station. The girl had lost her balance, and the matter of a second or so would have seen her crushed under the wheels. Mr Sheahan who is a son of Mr Sheahan, of Whenuakura is deserving of commendation for his presence of mind'*.

The youngest of the Sheahan siblings, Tom and Con Sheahan lived together in the first Sheahan homestead on the original 21-acre block on Hukatere Road, until Tom was married in 1934 at the age of 54 to Mary Crawford and they moved to their own farm on the main road. Tom and Mary had three children: Crawford, Michael and Maryanne. Crawford in particular was an accomplished sportsman like his father. After Con's death in 1961 the original Sheahan 21 acre Sheahan block was leased by Nick Williams snr, it is now owned by the Andrews family. The Sheahan's also had a 60 acre block up at Opaku, there was never a house on it, but it was a productive piece of land for them. After Tom's death in 1956 the Opaku block was leased by Leo Crawford (Mary's brother) and later to Tom and John Crawford (Mary's nephews) Then bought by Heatley Huston, then Edgecombe's and now owned by George Kihfuss.

After their marriage in 1934, Tom and Mary Sheahan took over a 130 acre west coast lease farm on the main road, on the left at the top of the hill heading down toward the Whenuakura bridge and moved into the well positioned timber homestead with a large glass sunroom at one end. The homestead was relocated in the 1990's, unsure where it was taken too. The Honeyfield's now have this block. There is a lone pohutakawa tree set back in the paddock where the house was. They milked 26 cows through a 2-bale walk through shed and took the milk to the Whenuakura Dairy Factory in milk cans on the back of their Land Rover. Micheal took over this job when his father died, until the Whenuakura Factory changed to tankers and they ceased milking due to the small herd not being viable. Keiran Dwyer remembers the Sheahan's at the Hibernian Society gatherings at the Whenuakura Hall. This was a Catholic organisation that thrived in Pātea with all the large families in the 1950's & 60's. Mary Boyle was the secretary from 1942 until she died in 2001, although it had gone into recess by then. The Bourke's, Parson's, Steffert's, Dwyer's Back's, Crawford's, and Hickey's were some of the families involved in this organisation. Comradery, welfare and financial help were the main objectives. There is a quaint story about Micheal Sheahan told by the late Dan Dwyer, when Micheal returned from

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Tom & Mary Sheahan's home on the main road at Whenuakura, on left before hill down to bridge, house relocated in the 1990's.

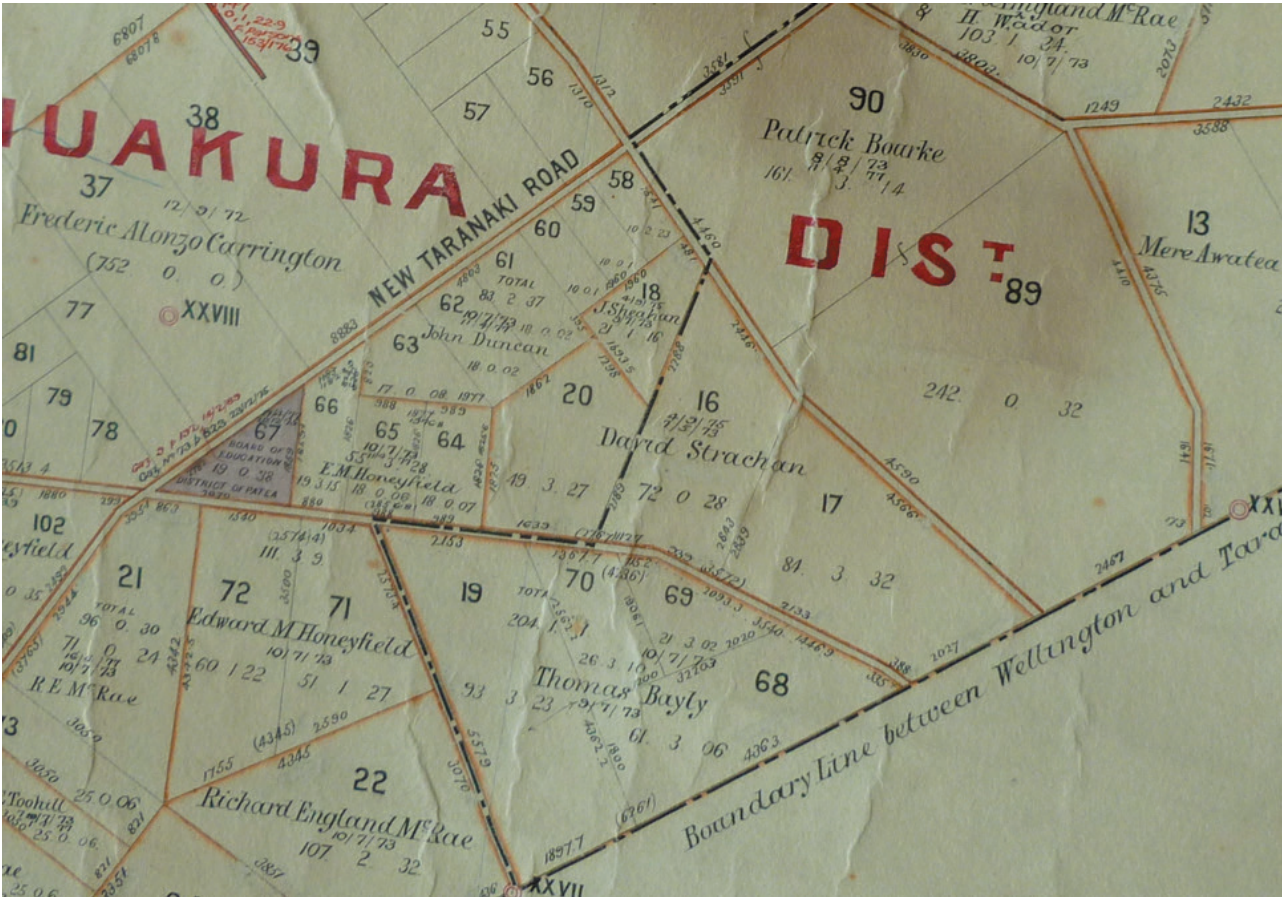
Jeremiah & Mary Sheahan, early settlers of Whenuakura cont...

a trip to Neville Steffert’s farm on Kent Road, New Plymouth, Dan asked what did Neville say when he saw you Michael? Michael’s reply was: ‘Chri christ !! here’s bloody Sheahan’. Those who knew Micheal will smile at this and those who knew Neville will recall the slight stutter and exuberant personality he had!!

The Sheahan family name has gone from the Whenuakura district, but their contribution over the years to the farming community which they were a big part of, will always be remembered.

The Sheahan Family Tree: The 10 children of Jeremiah & Mary Sheahan:

1. Jeremiah Edward b.1865 -1933. Born Victoria, Australia, buried Karori, Wellington. m. Bessie Elizabeth Gardiner b.1867-1938, buried Hillsborough, Auckland. They had 6 children: Francis, Thomas, Leonard, John, Elizabeth, Veronica.
2. Daniel b. 1867 - 1941 Born in Ballarat, Australia. Owned Black Smith business in Aria, King Country. m. Maria/Mary Moloney in 1896 at Waverley, died Tokanui, Waikato on 16 Oct 1941 aged 74, buried Te Kuiti. They had 6 children: Frances Kathleen Elliot b. 1900-1996, Monica Hemphill 1901-1970, Mary/ May McManus b. 1904-1994, Mona Bearl, b. 1905-1979, Lillian McLeod b.1909-1957, Eileen Gertrude McManus b. 1912-1991.
3. Johanna b. 1869 – d. 1880 aged 11 of diphteria, buried at Pātea plot 5602.
4. John Joseph (Jack) b. 1871 – d.1956, unmarried, buried Pātea in plot 6135.
5. Mary Gertrude b. 1875 - 1963, m. Samuel Dunn Johnston in 1899. They farmed at Waverley and buried at Waverley cemetery plot 73, they had 4 children: George Rowland b.1900, Myra Constance b. 1903, Reginald Samuel b. 1905 and Noel Rua.
6. Nora b. 1876 - 1947, m. William Gower in 1902 (b.1847-1907), they had a daughter in 1903 – Marion Treser. They farmed part of the Whenuakura farm after his mother - Mary Ann Gower died. William was on the Patea West Road Board, Patea Bowling Club and a prominent member of the Patea Racing Club. William died on 17 July 1907 aged 59 due to complications with measles. Nora then married his brother Samuel Gower in 1910. They had a son – William Samuel Gower in 1911. Samuel died on 3 November 1922 aged 76. Nora died on 22 September 1947 aged 73. She is buried beside her two husbands in plot 5667.
7. Patrick Joseph b. 1879 - 1931, went to Boer War 6373, buried Hāwera in plot 63, m. Florence Blanche Howard in 1914. Patrick was a well known athlete and rugby player, farmed at Ohangai from 1907, director of the Meremere Dairy Company, Chairman of Ohangai School Committee for 18 years. They had no children but bought up Blanche’s niece Mavis Rogers. They are buried Hāwera plot 11035.
8. Thomas Michael b. 1880 - 1956, went to WWI 54606, enlisted for the last year of WWI, fought in Palestine. Married in 1934 at the age of 54 to Mary Ellenora Crawford (b. 1903-1971). They had 3 children: Michael Crawford Anthony b. 1935, Thomas Michael b. 1940, & Mary Ann Monica b.1942. Tom is buried in RSA section at Pātea cemetery, Mary died in 1971, buried in Plot 5837 at a time when wives were not allowed to be buried with their husbands in the RSA section
9. Cornelius Francis b. 1881 - 1961, (unmarried) Accomplished athlete, rugby player and later bowler. He had a fine singing voice and was often called upon to sing at community events. Buried in Pātea in plot 5762.
10. Katherine Ellen b.1884-1965. m. James Michael O’Sullivan in 1911, he was a farmer from Ōkaiawa and All Black 1905-07, President of Taranaki Rugby, they had two daughters: Irene and Kathleen. Buried in plot 9358 at Hāwera.



The original ‘wedged shaped’ Sheahan farm of 21 acres in the middle of the map, on Hukatere Road, Section 18.

The 6 children of Jeremiah Edward (b.1865 -1933) & Bessie Elizabeth Sheahan (b.1867-1938) are:

1. Francis Daniel Sheahan b 1892 or 1893, Staff Sergeant training soldiers during WWI, but never left NZ. He was a plumber and an accomplished sportsman, playing rugby for Auckland, South Taranaki and Canterbury and Rugby League for Canterbury and the South Island for 12 years in the Marist A League. Frank as he was known, had 5 children in two marriages. 1st marriage in 1915 to Fanny Gertrude Alice Hudson – Fanny died in 1944 aged 57. 2nd marriage in 1945 to Beryl Monica Jessica Fanning. Francis & Fanny had 3 children: Norah Elizabeth b.1915, Francis Leonard Patrick b. 1917, Thomas Jeremiah William b. 1924. Francis and Beryl had two children Sally Mary (birth mother to twins Kevin and Phil) and Francis Bernard.
2. Thomas Jeremiah Sheahan b. 1894. (WWI 10/516). Published the Catholic newspaper The Zealandia. Thomas played lawn bowls for NZ. He married Mabel Carmella Finnerty in 1926, a very wealthy woman. They had 3 children. Patrick James in 1928 and twins in 1930 – Elizabeth Mary and Margaret Mary. Thomas died in Auckland.

3. Leonard b. 1895, (WWI 2/607) He returned from War, but died in 1932 at the age of 36 of war wounds in Timaru, his sister Mimi moved there too to nurse him.
4. John Bernard Sheahan b 1896, (WWI 44238). Married Mary Eleanor Alexandria Leatham b.1908-1999) in 1932. They had 2 children: John Leonard b. 1933-1974 and Brigid Ann Cotter b. 1936-2012, John Leonard was a priest, and he died in Toronto, Canada.
5. Elizabeth Mary Gertrude Sheahan b 1897. Known as Mimi or Auntie Mimi. She married a Llewellyn Gordon Wood and was known as Lyn Wood in 1928. They divorced around 1950. Mimi had a daughter Mary Teresa Patricia (Mollie) Sheahan. Mollie married Douglas William Walker and is buried at Hāwera. Mimi is the sister who nursed Leonard according to family legend.
6. Veronica Kathleen born 1912, known as Von, married Alexandra Bridges Coburn. Veronica later married Clement Schollum and is buried in Hāwera Cemetery.

BELOW: Phil Barker (Mark Sheahan), Francis Sheahan, Kevin Barker (Thomas Sheahan) at the gate to Tom & Mary Sheahan’s homestead on the main road. The pohutakawa tree which still grows where the homestead was, can be seen behind them





Francis Sheahan, Kevin Barker, Sue Crawford, Phil Barker on the porch.



Sue gave us afternoon tea, beers and family information after our tour around Whenuakura sites connected to the Sheahan Family.

Take care and be aware of other water users, boaties urged

Boaties are being urged to be aware of others when they head out on the water this summer.

Port Taranaki Harbour Master Tony Parr says while it's always great to see recreational boat owners exploring the Taranaki coastline, those at the helm need to take care and avoid collision with other water users, including other vessels, swimmers and foil windsurfers.

"Summer can be a very busy time at the Port. We want everyone who is using the water to stay safe and get home safe," says Mr Parr.

"The message to recreational boat users is to be aware others out on the water. The last thing we want to see is a tragedy which could have easily been avoided. It's a simple message really; we're asking those underway in a boat to keep a good lookout and maintain a safe speed to ensure you're not going to hit anyone else.

"This could include coming into close proximity to big ships entering and leaving the port, and also to swimmers and divers. Slow down to five knots within two hundred meters of a boat with a blue and white dive flag. A windsurfer is technically a sailing vessel, so you need to keep out of its way unless it is overtaking you. The same applies to rowers and paddle boarders. You need to keep out of their way too."

Maintaining a good lookout and a safe speed makes it easier to spot hazards and other users, Mr Parr says. Boaties need to be aware of the five-knot limit in inshore parts of the port area. "Sticking to the speed limit gives recreational boat users time to react and avoid collision with others harbour users."

Maritime New Zealand's rules for navigational safety (Parts 91 and 22) provide further advice. Otherwise there is good information available at:
<https://www.maritimenz.govt.nz/recreational/rules-on-the-water/>

For other rules relevant to Port Taranaki and its approaches, go to the Taranaki Regional Council's Bylaws at:
<https://www.trc.govt.nz/council/plans-and-reports/rules-and-regulations/navigation>

Lastly, there's some really good local information for Port Taranaki harbour users in the Know Before You Go recreational craft guide here:

<https://www.trc.govt.nz/assets/Documents/Environment/Coast/KnowB4YouGo-Nov2019.pdf>

Tony's tips: Staying safe on the water

- Don't leave shore without a fitting lifejacket for everybody on board your boat
- Check and double check the weather before setting out
- Take two forms of communication with you
- Make a Trip Report with Taranaki Coastguard before you set out (VHF Radio Channel 61)
- Watch out for the wake from your boat

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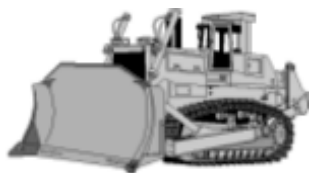
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Local Contractors Shine in Waverley Revitalisation Projects



The South Taranaki District Council's town revitalisation efforts in Waverley have not only transformed the town's public spaces but also provided a significant boost to the local economy. Thanks to lead contractor Waina View Civil Ltd, the projects prioritised employing local subcontractors, showcasing the skills and resources within the Waverley community.

From the State Highway main street upgrade to enhancements at the Waverley Domain, local businesses contributed extensively to the success of these projects.

The commitment to using local subcontractors has created both economic and social benefits for the town. By sourcing services and materials locally, the projects have injected much-needed funds into the community, supported local employment, and strengthened business networks. These efforts have also fostered a strong sense of community ownership and pride in the revitalisation initiatives.

Waverley residents can now enjoy enhanced public spaces, from safer pedestrian crossings and a vibrant café deck on the main street to scenic pathways and green spaces at the Waverley Domain. These improvements have not only beautified the town but also made it more accessible and inviting for residents and visitors alike.



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Sports News & Results



Patea Golf Club News December News

Shootout number two

The first player out was Phil Cassidy after hitting his tee shot up by the stumps close to the out of bounds. The second player out was Jamie Close Adams after shanking his second shot out of bounds. The third player out was Roger Edgecombe beaten in a two person putt off. The fourth player out was Ray Finlay beaten in a four person chip off. The fifth person out was Jeff Bright after two poor chips. The sixth person out was Mike Taikato after many poor shots. The seventh person out was Gerald Rutten after hitting the 7th green with his tee shot but 3 putting. The 8th person out was Ross Whanau after two poor wood shots on the 8th hole so the finalists on the last hole were Nick Williams and Cyril Faiers. Nick put his tee shot in the flax bush and had to take a penalty shot and Cyril played the hole in regulation to be the victor for 2024.

Daylight Saving

We will have one more flying nine on the 8th Jan 2025 and the week later we start Business House golf.

Business House golf

Business House golf will start on Thursday 16th January. Organise your teams and put your entries on the sheet provided in the clubhouse

Patea Golf Club Closed Xmas Hamper

Results follow...

Roger Rei Open golf tournament

The date for this tournament is Saturday 25th January 2025 and the sponsorship letters have been sent out seeking hole sponsors. Thank you to the sponsors who have replied and are keeping their sponsorships and thank you to the new sponsors who have come on board. Keep this day free and book early to get your preferred tee time.

Stableford Tournament

A stableford tournament was played on Sunday the 3rd November and a good field participated. First equal were Jeff Bright and Kalani Rudolph on 38 points, second equal were Casey Whanau and Cyril Faiers on 35 points and 5th was Phil Cassidy on 34 points

Closed Xmas hamper

A reminder to our members to enter your names for our Closed Xmas Hamper on Saturday 14th December. 10am assemble and a 10.30am shotgun start. Afternoon tea will follow the golf and there will be an evening barbeque.

Junior coaching

Junior coaching will start on the 16th January 2025. This will be a 10-week coaching programme for school children. Assemble at 3.30pm and coaching starts at 3.45pm for 1 hour. Ivan Howe will be the teaching professional. Come along to the coaching and then play Business House golf afterwards.

Mini Tournament

A mini tournament was played on Saturday 21st December but rain interrupted play and the tournament was reduced to only nine holes with some good scores returned.

1st Jeff Bright 23 points 2nd Roger Edgecombe 22 points 3rd Ross Whanau 21 points and forth Levi Munn 19 points. Twos were scored by Jeff Bright and Ray Finlay

Red Rock Catering

Thank You to Michelle and Sam for catering the meals at the golf club for the past year.

End of year Prize list for 2024

Results follow...

Upcoming events

Saturday 4th Jan	Summer Cup Net & twos
Sunday 5th Jan	Garnett family trophy
foursomes 18 holes (plate please)	
Saturday 11th Jan	Summer Cup Net & twos
Saturday 18th Jan	Summer Cup Net & twos
Saturday 25th Jan	Roger Rei Memorial 18
hole Open golf tournament	
Saturday 1st Feb	Opening Day Canadian
foursomes (plate please)	
Sunday 2nd Feb	Inter Club V Waverley
at Waverley	

2024 End of Year Prize List

H Gibbs	1st Garnett family trophy	D Pullen	1st Wayne Railton trophy	A Nui	1st Adams trophy
R Finlay	2nd Garnett family trophy	J Close-Adams	1st Wayne Railton trophy	C Hori	2nd Senior Strokeplay Champs
K Jansen	1st Oakes Memorial	G Rutten	2nd Wayne Railton trophy	C Faiers	1st Intermediate Strokeplay Champs
	2nd Watt Cup		1st Intermediate Matchplay Champs	T Katene Faiers	2nd Intermediate Strokeplay Champs
R Whanau	2nd Oakes Memorial		2nd Adams trophy		1st Logan trophy
K Cameron	1st Williams Cup	D Faiers	1st Senior Matchplay Champs	J Bright	2nd Junior Strokeplay Champs
N Williams	2nd Williams Cup		1st Senior Strokeplay Champs		1st G Oakley trophy
	1st Watt Cup		1st Logan trophy	R Bourke	2nd Logan trophy
	1st Junior Matchplay Champs	N Cameron	2nd Senior Matchplay champs	P Cassidy	2nd Logan trophy
	2nd Remuera Cup	S Hughes	2nd Intermediate Matchplay champs	E Gibbs	1st Garnett family trophy
	2nd G Oakley trophy	M Rio	2nd Junior Matchplay Champs		2nd G Oakley trophy
	1st Roots Vase	J Rei	1st Limit Matchplay champs	W Finlay	2nd Garnet family trophy
M Taikato	1st She Cup	R Finey	2nd limit Matchplay Champs	B Hill	1st She cup
	2nd Black & White Cup		1st Limit Strokeplay Champs	K Honeyfield	2nd Wayne Railton trophy
	1st Remuera Cup		Most Improved Junior Member		
	1st Junior Strokeplay Champs	T Simpson	1st Black and White cup		
	1st G Oakley trophy				

Closed Xmas Hamper

Best Gross Total Field	N Cameron	74
Best Nett total field	D Gibbs	67
Ladies 1st Nett	B Hill	69
Men Div (1) 1st Nett	C Whanau	70
Men Div (2) 1st Nett	J Bright	68
Ladies 1st Stableford	E Gibbs	39
Men Div(1) 1st Stableford	C Faiers	38
Men Div(2) 1st Stableford	N Williams	40
Ladies 2nd Nett	K Honeyfield	72
Men Div(1) 2nd Nett	C Hori	74
Men Div(2) 2nd Nett	O Cole	69
Ladies 3rd Stableford	C Simpson	35
Men Div(1) 2nd Stableford	M Taikato	34
Men Div(2) 2nd Stableford	S Te Ngahue	39
Men Div(1) 3rd Nett	J Close-Adams	76
Men Div(2) 3rd Nett	R Finey	71
Men Div(1) 3rd Stableford	S Hughes	32
Men Div(2) 3rd Stableford	A Rudolph	37
Men Div(1) 4th Nett	P Cassidy	77
Men Div(2) 4th Nett	Wallace Sanson	73

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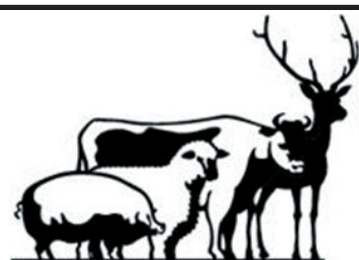
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BSP Netball in Paradise

In the heart of paradise, from November 29 to December 6, 2024, the Patea Masters netball side embarked on their inaugural journey to the BSP Netball in Paradise event in Rarotonga.

The annual tournament, a vibrant celebration of netball and community, welcomed teams across five divisions, including the competitive Open Mixed division where the Patea Masters aimed to make their mark. Despite being newcomers in the tournament, the Patea Masters and their hard work and determination paid off, culminating in an impressive 4th place finish out of 11 teams—a remarkable achievement for a first-time entry.

Beyond the court, the team immersed themselves in the beauty of Rarotonga, participating in lagoon cruises, snorkelling adventures, and vibrant cultural shows that enriched their experience. The Patea Masters didn't just come to compete; they came to connect, learn, and grow, embodying the essence of the tournament.



As the Patea management reflected on this unforgettable journey, they felt immense pride in their team. The bonds formed and the lessons learned would resonate far beyond the scores on the scoreboard. This experience was not just about netball; it was about resilience, teamwork, and the joy of being part of something greater—a true testament to the spirit of the Patea open mixed team.



Patea Social Exercise Group

The Patea Social Exercise Group will start up again after the Christmas break on **Thursday 16 January at the Hunter Shaw Building, as usual.** Thanks to a generous donation from St Luke's Church, funding woes have been allayed and the group will start the year in good heart with Tiipene as Co-ordinator again. Marissa, from the Waverley group, will lead for the January sessions while Tiipene is away down south. The group is designed mostly for the over-60s with exercises to keep moving and limber, followed by social time together.

Come and join in!



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