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Waverley Summer Jam bigger than last year!

Grab your cowboy hats and boots! The countdown is on for the next Wanganui Insurance Brokers Waverley Summer Jam - and there are some exciting changes to the event, starting with a date change to 14 February 2026. Host Frankie Stevens says the later date will be much better for concert goers. "We loved the Christmas vibe with our December concerts over the past few years but we always ended up with a cold day, so we have shifted the event to Valentines Day 2026 and have organised a fabulous country/rock line up. It's going to be the best one yet!"

The totally free concert runs from 3pm to 8pm on Saturday 14 February at Dallison Park, Waverley, South Taranaki, and features country music royalty, The NZ Highwaymen, and the iconic Sister's in Country, as well as locally connected, NZ Idol runner-up Michael Murphy and Becs.

Concert goers can bring folding chairs and or picnic rugs and can choose to bring their own food or buy from the many food trucks onsite. As usual there will be loads of things for the younger crowd, from free face painting and glitter tattoos to a free photobooth.

Volunteer Megan Buchanan says a key goal of the event is to get as many locals of all ages and abilities to the concert, to connect with each other and to have a good time. "We know loneliness is a key determinant of health, and the concert provides an important point of connection for the whole community."

Chief organiser Vicki Koubaridis says the event couldn't take place without the generosity of sponsors and a group of dedicated volunteers. "We would like to thank our loyal and generous sponsors and funders, who make this fun event accessible for all. Thank you to Wanganui Insurance Brokers, McBroom Estate, Four Regions Trust, South Taranaki District Council, Toi Foundation, Pub Charity, Summit Electrical, Salad Brothers Ltd, and Waverley Motors Ltd."

The event committee is still working on raising funds for the event. If you or your business would like to contribute or sponsor please email wavsumjam@gmail.com - and remember - save the date! It's going to be a foot stomping good time!

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A Christian
Word

Happy New Year! They're
kinda clicking over like the
kilometers on the car's speedo!!
Personally, no more new year
self-improvement declarations!
For some strange reason they
fade off, rather quietly & quickly!
However, I enjoy greatly, the
writings of the Prophets in the
Old Testament, all the visions,
dreams, & face to face meetings
with Gods Holy messengers
– Angels. All of them are in
harmony, considering their
messages were thousands of
years apart. One message they
spoke about was the return of
Jesus, here upon this Earth,
He will establish law & order,
His Saints will reign with Him.
But! before the appearance of
Jesus, certain prophecies are
to happen, there is something
like 86% of them have all come
true & happened, just as God
said they would! This is startling
statistically, because considering
the time frame over the past
thousands of years, they have
happened, just as predicted! For
me, it excites me, there are a
few more to happen & I will not
elaborate, but cut to the chase.
As mentioned, Jesus will reign
on this Earth, all His enemies,
all the countries that have
endeavoured to throw Israel
into the "sea" have not, nor ever
will. That is an extraordinary
prophecy. We as Gods people,
that is everyone on this Earth
today, have differing views
about this tiny little piece of
real estate, Jerusalem, and for
some strange reason, almost
everyone has ganged up on
them! But, all to no avail, based
purely on the written prophetic

words spoken by Almighty God.
Gods word will never fall to the
dust, as we will, the return of
Jesus is going to happen & what
a day it will be! I imagine this
must be very difficult for some
to believe, like I have said, it is
written – full stop.
So, to me, this is my new year
stance, Jesus is coming back,
and I know that this belief will
never disappoint me, my prayer
is to all, that you may come

to understand and know Jesus as
your personal Lord & Savior – before
he comes back to sort all this chaos
& bitterness out! Tis a very serious
decision, you may be too busy caught
up in lifes pursuits, distracting as it is &
alluring, but it is only temporary, seek
Gods Kingdom, permanent abode for
all eternity. As I have said, your very
life depends upon this decision!
**Come Lord Jesus Edward Reeves
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Pātea gets a mobile Christmas present

By Carl Bates, MP for Whanganui
(including South Taranaki and Stratford)

Connectivity is really important for our rural and provincial communities, as residents of Pātea know all too well. It facilitates access to health and social services, enables business and supports education.

People made me aware of connectivity issues during the 2023 election campaign. Soon after I was elected, the importance of the issue to locals was made real. Popping into a new business in the town, I watched as the owner struggled to get a mobile signal to take a payment by Eftpos.

The incident received a mention in my maiden speech to Parliament the following week in January 2024. Shortly after we launched a petition calling for better connectivity for Pātea.

My team and I also worked with local Community Board member Bronwyn Wattrus and Chair Jacq Dwyer to get locals to document their connectivity issues so we could provide actual data as to the problem. South Taranaki Mayor Phil Nixon and his Deputy Rob Northcott joined the campaign and really supported the mahi, including hosting a public meeting.

Progress came after a meeting with mobile connectivity infrastructure provider Fortysouth Limited. Their CEO Nick Clarke was impressed by our advocacy and the hard data we had collected, and in June announced that his company had obtained a resource consent to build the tower.

Construction began in November and the mobile connectivity tower was switched by Christmas as promised. A fantastic outcome for a period of less than two years after I first picked up the issue.



From left to right Rob Northcott (ST Deputy Mayor), Nick Clarke, CEO of Fortysouth, Jacq Dwyer, (Chair, Pātea Community Board), Mayor Phil Nixon, Dale Cook (landowner), Wes Bonney (Project Manager) Carl Bates and Bronwyn Wattrus (Pātea Community Board)

The tower is apparently the first in New Zealand capable of supporting all three operators equipment. Currently both One New Zealand and Spark have installed transmission equipment at the tower site.

Getting this across the line is a great result for Pātea, and after years of promises of better connectivity it is now a reality. It was a team effort of which we can all be proud.

As 2026 rolls around, I wish everyone in the Pātea-Waverley Press circulation area all the best for the New Year, and for those of you in Pātea, I trust connection issues are now a thing of the past.

Have your say: Council's proposal to close part of Cambridge Street, Pātea

South Taranaki District Council is inviting feedback on a proposal to permanently close a short section of Cambridge Street in Pātea, between Egmont Street (State Highway 3) and Dorset Street, to create a safer and more vibrant pedestrian space at the town's southern gateway.

The proposal is part of the wider Pātea Town Revitalisation Programme, which aims to enhance the town's amenity, safety and community connection. This stage of the programme is known as the Pātea South Development.

The idea for transforming the space was first identified in the 2019 Pātea Town Masterplan, which called for safer pedestrian areas, better public spaces and stronger links between the town centre, river and beach. Since then, the Pātea Co-Design Group made up of iwi, hapū, community

representatives and Council staff has helped shape a vision that celebrates local identity and provides a welcoming entrance into Pātea.

A Traffic Assessment completed in July 2025 found that permanently closing this section of Cambridge Street would have minimal impact on traffic flow, with alternative routes available for vehicles. The study also identified that the closure would improve safety by replacing two crossroads with safer T-intersections. Local businesses and Waka Kotahi NZTA were consulted earlier in 2025 and expressed their support for the proposal.

South Taranaki District Council's community services group manager Rob Haveswood says the project will create a positive change for the community.

"This proposal supports the community's long-

term vision for Pātea by creating a more people-friendly town entrance. It's about improving safety while giving locals and visitors a more attractive public place to gather and connect," says Rob.

Council is now seeking public feedback before making a final decision.

How to Have Your Say
Residents can share their views by completing the feedback form available at:

- Pātea LibraryPlus
- Council's Administration Building, Albion Street, Hāwera
- Or online at www.southtaranaki.com/consultations

Feedback is open from Monday 1 December and closes at 5pm, Saturday 14 February 2026.

South Taranaki's Parking Control and Traffic Bylaw under review

The South Taranaki District Council is reviewing its Parking Control and Traffic Flow Bylaw and would like your feedback.

The review aims to improve accessibility, safety, and efficiency on South Taranaki roads.

Proposed changes include:

- Introducing an interactive Parking Control Register—an online map showing all parking restrictions and their legal status.
- Clarifying definitions and adding new ones for mobility devices and personal transport devices.
- Adjusting clauses to protect pedestrian access and allow flexibility for special events.

Council's senior policy advisor Anne Sattler says the changes reflect evolving transport trends, community expectations, and legal requirements

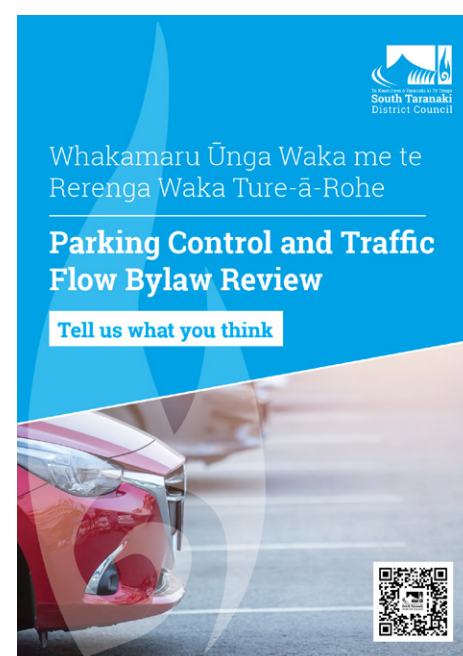
under the Land Transport Act (1998) and Local Government Act (2002).

"They also support safe, equitable access to public spaces and better integration with digital tools," she says.

Public consultation runs from Monday 1 December 2025 to Friday 30 January 2026. Anyone can make a submission on the proposed changes online or by picking up a paper copy at any of the South Taranaki District LibraryPlus centres, or Hāwera Administration Building.

A hearing will be held in February 2026, and the revised Bylaw will be approved in April.

Visit www.southtaranaki.com/consultations to view the proposal and make a submission online.



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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

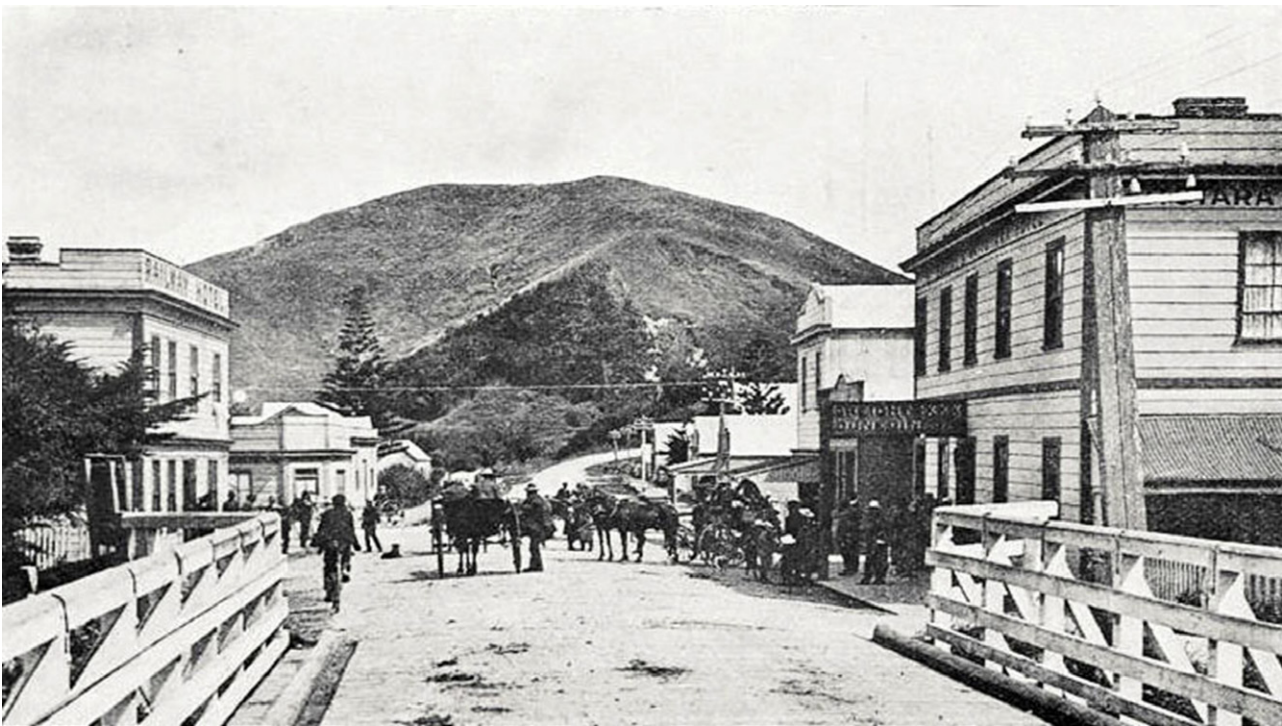
The Forgotten - The Railway Hotel Waitotara

It is unknown who built the Railway Hotel although it is possible it was William Lingard who had been a trooper in the Kai Iwi Cavalry and later owned the Bell Brewery in Wanganui. In 1875 he put out tenders for a hotel at Kai Iwi and as this did not eventuate, it is possible he decided to build at Waitotara instead, the catalyst being the upcoming arrival of the railway. The site chosen was on the corner opposite the established Waitotara Hotel on Kaipo St. In 1879 the licence passed from Lingard to Frederick Eilers who bought the hotel. Eilers, a German, had immigrated to Australia in 1858 and spent four years there before coming to Wellington. He married Anna (Friederich) in 1866 and was known as a kindly man who was in business in Wanganui as a cabinetmaker before going into the Wanganui Railway Hotel.

Of the hotel, the Wanganui Herald 18th March 1879 wrote, “On entering you find yourself in a handsome vestibule with a spacious staircase confronting; on the left is an elegantly furnished sitting room, and in rear a room more plainly furnished for rougher work. On the right a half door communicates with the bar room which is placed at the corner and behind which is the bar parlour, and a cosy one too. At the end of the passage, which runs back, is a spacious dining room immediately connected with the kitchen. On the upper flat are a very elegantly furnished drawing room and ten lofty and well ventilated bedrooms, one of which has direct communication with the sitting room referred to. In the sleeping accommodation no expense has been spared by the proprietor, the beds being fitted with spring mattresses and everything complete and comfortable. The bar is of circular form, and beneath is a capacious cellar. We need not say more, as from the above account it will be seen that the comfort of travellers has been amply provided for, the only extra necessity required is a bath room, which will be attached as rapidly as it can be fitted up. With the excellent guarantee of his own name in charge of the business, we have no doubt that the proprietor, Mr Eilers, will secure a full share of the ever increasing demand for the accommodation of the travelling public and the settlers in the neighbourhood.”

Eilers immediately put out tenders for additions to the hotel no doubt for the missing bathroom. Mrs Eiler’s brother Paul acted as the first barman and in 1879 was taken to court by his wife whom he had married in Germany and had newly arrived in the country. She had been briefly employed as a servant but claimed she had to leave as her husband and his sister were threatening to beat her and turn her out of the house. The claims were disproved in court and the case dismissed.

In May 1880 Eilers put the hotel up for sale advertising it as “a profitable and safe business” claiming that the only reason for the sale was his delicate health and his impending departure for Europe. The hotel did not sell before 7th June so it was put up for auction but few people attended the event and the hotel was withdrawn from sale. It did not appear that Eiler went overseas but instead threw himself into the community. He was a member



In this 1910 photo the Railway Hotel and the Waitotara Hotel sit on the old main road which passed over the old bridge then past the church before curving right to meet up with the present SH 3. The shop beyond the Railway Hotel is still there, but the line of shops beyond the Waitotara Hotel succumbed to fire in 1949. At the time these were a billiard room with living quarters at the back occupied by a Māori family, a shop with accommodation above and a small grocery. The people of the town turned out en masse and saved the contents of the buildings, and fire brigades from Waverley and Wanganui attended. However, their efforts were hampered by a lack of water supply so all they could do was prevent the fire from taking the second Waitotara Hotel. Hurley’s garage (the old stables) is the last building on the right. Photo: Auckland Libraries Heritage Collections. AWNS 19100113-10-04

of the school committee and made his premises available for community events. In 1884 he was involved in an accident in which he broke ribs but other than that his tenancy was uneventful. However by June 1886 he was in financial difficulties due to a falling off in trade, and applied for bankruptcy. He had a deficit of £174 over assets and liabilities which included a secured loan to Robert Bremer of Waverley. He advised his creditors that when he came to Waitotara he had about £1400-1500 in cash. He paid £1,000 for the hotel taking on a mortgage of £1,000, and the balance of his money he spent improving the hotel. The furniture which cost about £1000 was bought on bills. At the end of the first year he had paid off all his bills (except £200) and continued to a good business, but not as good as it had been initially. The Deputy Assignee John Notman took over the licence and put out tenders for the assets in the estate and the hotel was sold to Jonathan Harle and his wife Jane. The Eilers then moved into the Waitotara Hotel with Jane holding the licence.

Harle had spent many years at the Maxwell Hotel and had a reputation as a “good old English sport fond of his dog and gun” who was universally respected. He briefly changed the name of the hotel to the Railway Family Hotel, but it was usually referred to as Harle’s Hotel. Harle was English and like Eilers had immigrated to Australia. He married Jane Hutchison in 1862 and the couple had three children, one of whom, Isabella, was an outstanding pianist making herself available for church and social events throughout their stay in Waitotara.

Harle however, was not a well man. In March 1890 he went to New Plymouth to undergo a serious operation for cancer but this did not go ahead as the cancer was too advanced. In June he left for Sydney to consult with some leading medical men and was given hope for full recovery but this was not to be. He died in Sydney in October 1892 aged 68. His remains returned to Wanganui on the *Stormbird* and he was buried in Wanganui.

Jane took up the licence and her daughter Elizabeth and her husband Englishman Aubrey Pyemont moved into the hotel to help her. The business appeared to do well with Jane and Aubrey both catering for various functions out of Waitotara. Jane ran the hotel until mid-1896 when she transferred the licence to J. W. McDuff while retaining the ownership of the hotel. It was considered that the Harle’s departure would be a great loss to the district and a number of her daughter Isabella’s friends put on a social for her, presenting their friend with a purse of sovereigns as a farewell present.

McDuff, who was described as a well-known coach builder, did not stay long and in November 1898 the licence went back to Jane Harle who ran it until February 1902 when the licence went to Albert “Bert” Samuel Merson of Wanganui who was well-known on the coast and had recently been in the Whenuakura Hotel.

Jane died not long after at her home in Wicksteed St aged 73, and her children Jonathan and Elizabeth Pyemont became executors of his will, their sister Isabella having died in 1899. The pair

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The Forgotten cont.

retained possession of the hotel which by this stage was rather dilapidated – so much so that it was considered that £300 needed to bring it up to scratch and one of the committee, W. C. Symes, was of the opinion that there should be a new hotel - lock stock and barrel! The Licensing Committee ordered repairs and refurbishing immediately but when Merson applied for the permanent transfer of the licence it was discovered that he had failed to comply with the repairs, although he had bought his own furniture into the house. The Licensing Committee gave him a month to sort matters out, and with the threat of not getting a licence, the work was completed.

In January 1902 Mrs Harle's interest in the hotel for seven years was sold the hotel to Merson who remained in the hotel until July 1903 when he sold out to Robert Davis, a Wanganui builder and contractor with some 38 years in the business. Davis thoroughly renovated the hotel and travellers were assured of every comfort and attention. He also advertised that the railway coach met every train (return fares 1/-) and that he had good paddocking and stabling. In November 1902 Mrs Olliver and Mrs Pulford, both employees at the hotel, and Davis' daughter were thrown from their vehicle when trying to pull up the horse which was gaining speed going down the Waitotara Hill. Mrs Pulford was seriously injured and taken to Wanganui Hospital. Davis was by now suffering from ill-health and in February 1903 sold out to George Donald McKenzie and moved back to Wanganui where he died the following July. Merson still held the lease and this was not transferred to McKenzie until January 1904 as the original documentation had been lost. Jane Harle was still listed as the owner of the hotel. McKenzie was in partnership with William Hurley until 1905 when he took over all liabilities and assets. He advertised that he only stocked the very best wines and spirits and had Wanganui, Christchurch and Dunedin beers on tap. A Mr Brough now owned the freehold of the hotel and at the end of 1904 placed it in the hands of real estate agents but it did not sell. Fred Butterfield was the barman at this stage and both he and McKenzie fell foul of the law when Butterfield, who had already been cautioned by the police that day, sold to inebriated Maori on the Waverley racecourse. The judge was not impressed, slating McKenzie as "one of these sharks eager to pick up stray sixpences and shillings to the degradation of the Maori race" and added that he was "a disgrace to the trade" This was perhaps a little unfair as McKenzie had been serving in another bar at the time. The judge then declared that a "disgusting drunken orgy had taken place" as a result of the drunk people, and fined him a hefty £20 and endorsed his licence. Butterfield was fined £10 and costs, the judge annoyed that he had aggravated his defence by lying in the dock. He also said he would report unfavourably to the Colonial Secretary about the tote permit! Nevertheless McKenzie remained in the hotel until July 1907 when he sold his interests in the hotel to Solomon Cohen, formerly of Wellington and Masterton who renovated the hotel throughout. The hotel sold this year, the new owner being Archibald Pearce of Wellington, a land agent.

Nothing is known of Cohen or his time in the hotel other than in December 1908 he disposed of his interests to John Henry O'Neill of Wellington. O'Neill entered premises which were in a very unsatisfactory condition. One room in particular which the Health Inspector described as "not fit for human habitation" was informed that this had been set aside exclusively for Maori. Although that was appalling, European travellers did not fare much better as the furniture in the hotel was scanty and the bed linen unfit for use. This parlous state of affairs had been noted at the last application for the licence but nothing had been done to remedy the many defects. O'Neill immediately advised the Licensing Committee that he had ordered extensive alterations and he was given four weeks to complete the work, and when this was completed he got his

licence.

Apart from being convicted and discharged for failing to keep a lighted lamp over his door in January 1910, O'Neill's tenure seemed uneventful. In March 1910, O'Neill sold out to Thomas "Tom" Mills of Marlborough who advertised he had "the best of accommodation always", somewhat dubious claim given the age of the building! In July 1912 he sold out to Arthur Martin and went on to the Commercial Hotel in Wanganui. The owner at this stage was James Stellin of Wellington. At this time the hotel was touted as having eighteen rooms exclusive of those used by the licensee.

In March 1914 O'Neill sold out to Englishman Charles Suff whose wife Anna (Moore) had died in Hamilton in 1913. He came from Whatawhata with his eldest daughter and her three younger siblings all helping him in the business. He thoroughly renovated the hotel, papering and painting every room and soon gained the goodwill in the community. The hotel was well-conducted and the locals were sad to see him go in May 1915 when he retired to Hamilton where he had property. He did not enjoy his retirement for long as he took up the Awaturi Hotel in 1917 and died in Feilding in 1920 aged 64. R. J. McCullagh, a shop assistant of Wanganui was now the hotel's owner.

When Edward Dwyer took up the licence, R. J. McCullagh, a Wanganui shop assistant was the owner. Dwyer and his wife Hilda came from Aratapu and he was quick to bring the matter of the terrible state of the asphalt footpaths in town to the attention of the authorities. These were repaired; quite a feather in his cap given that the licensee of the Waitotara Hotel had previously complained without success. His mother-in-law was Isabella Neilson who would later take over the hotel.

In June 1917 the Public Trustees put out tenders for the goodwill and lease of the hotel for five years at a rental of £5 per week. Perhaps this was the catalyst for Dwyer to sell out in April 1918 to Herbert Priest Littlewood and move on to the Fordell Hotel. Littlewood was well known in Wanganui and had come from Raetihi. He immediately advertised for a cook and waitress/housemaid at (30s and 25s a week respectively) citing it as being an "easy place". In October 1918 he met with a motor car accident and was hospitalized then went to Rotorua to recuperate. He advertised that at this time that he would not be responsible for any debts contracted in his name without his written authority. It seemed that he did not take up the lease – just owned the contents of the hotel.

In 1919 he was directed to attend to the toilets to the satisfaction of the police but in September that year when he applied for a renewal of his licence, his application was adjourned to the December meeting so that certain repairs of an urgent nature could be completed – those that had previously been ordered had not been completed with the attention and speed the committee expected. In December 1920 his application was further adjourned to January 1920.

In early February 1920 Littlewood was charged with keeping his premises open for business after hours. When the police arrived there were thirteen or fourteen men in the room under the influence of alcohol. Four of the men were boarders, and three were from the hotel opposite. The meeting with the police was not an easy one as Littlewood abused the constable, threatening to put him out of a job, and accused him of watching his hotel from across the road. Littlewood said that he had not been in the hotel that night and on arriving home went straight to his room before hearing the constable calling for him. He said the bar was closed and only he had the key, his wife at the time being in hospital. Also this was his first offence in 28 years of hotel-keeping. The judge said with some asperity that it was ridiculous to think that he could have entered the building and not been aware of the men in the bar, but as there had been no alcohol exposed for sale he dismissed the charges. In March it was

reported that he had been running the place for some time without a licence and he was given a month to vacate the premises and did so, putting all the contents of the hotel up for auction.

This left the hotel empty and unable to provide accommodation so the Police closed it and held the key. A man named Christensen agreed to purchase the lease, but after paying £100 refused to take possession or accept a transfer of the license when he found that all the stock had gone as well. Thomas Edward Mills took over the hotel but he was unwell and Charles O'Leary was granted a temporary licence until Mills recovered, however Mills had ended up in hospital in Wellington and his recovery took longer than expected.

In May 1921 Mills left for the Commercial Hotel in Wanganui, selling out to Patrick Carr. The owner at this time was P. A. Zohrab of Wellington. Carr did not stay long and in December 1921 the licence went to Isabella Neilson who had been in Hastings and Wanganui before going into the Waitotara Hotel. She was now a widow. In June when she applied for a permanent transfer of the licence the police objected saying that within the knowledge of the licensee, immorality had been permitted in the hotel. Her defence was that the couple had told her that they were married. Evidence as to the good personal character of the licensee and the excellent manner in which she ran her hotel was given by upstanding citizens. Fortunately the Licensing Committee gave her the benefit of the doubt

However a number of factors led to the demise of the Railway Hotel. In June 1824 the Waitotara Hotel burned down and it was only the direction of the wind which saved the Railway Hotel. As the Railway Hotel needed considerable repairs, some thought that with the building of the new Waitotara Hotel only one hotel would be sufficient for the needs of the community. The Licensing Committee directed the owner, Mr Zohrab, to effect repairs and although he invested £330 in doing this (although the repairs requested would have only amounted to £100) the Licensing Committee was still not happy and in September 1924 refused to renew Mrs Neilsen's licence. As Mr Zohrab publicly wrote, "This hotel is in a far better state of repair than it has been for the last ten or fifteen years. Ask any old resident of Waitotara if this is not correct. Ever since the present licensing laws have been in existence, it has always been the rule that if an hotel is in a reasonable state of repair, clean, waterproof and sanitary, the license is renewed every year. The hotel in question answers all the above requirements and had no right to be closed. The closing of this hotel on the grounds given by the chairman is the first that I know of that has occurred in New Zealand. Feeling sure that the license was to go, I sold the hotel to Mr. Stellin at a heavy loss. This gentleman stated in Court on September 18 that, he was prepared to give the committee's architect full power to spend whatever sum he liked so that the house should not be closed, but the chairman refused to hear any further evidence and cancelled the license. Is this justice?"

Mr Stellin (who had owned the hotel before) and Mrs Neilsen appealed the decision but lost the case, the judge saying that he could not review the decision of the committee. Mrs Neilsen opened the building as an accommodation house offering morning and afternoon teas, but sold up the following year. What happened to the building after that, and when it was demolished, is unknown.

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We held our last school assembly on Friday for the year to celebrate children in a number of different areas...Kai Iwi Senior Athletics and the Bowling Club candle jar winners. We also celebrated children who have had outstanding attendance this term and for the year. Well done to Josh with the best attendance for the year. Awards were given out for Achievement within Reading, Writing and Maths. We also farewelled children who are leaving our school for new schools - Aeneas, Tom, Bodhi, Fergus and Heidi. We wish you all the best.

Lastly our 2026 School Leaders were announced. Congratulations to Lily and Beaudene.

2026 Dates
Monday 2nd February - office open from 10am to 2pm
Tuesday 3rd February - School starts
Friday 6th February - Waitangi Day (School closed)
Monday 11th March - Taranaki Anniversary (School Closed)
Thursday 2nd April - Last day of Term 1
3rd April - Good Friday
School 150th Jubilee Weekend
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Waitotara School 150th Jubilee

Easter 2026



On Easter weekend 3rd and 4th April 2026 Waitotara School are holding our 150 year Jubilee

We welcome all past and present students/ staff/ board members/ parents and their spouses to register for our Jubilee.

Registrations are now open so please email principal@waitotara.school.nz for an enrolment form. Print out form, fill it out and either scan it back or post it to-

**Waitotara School,
Severn Street, Waitotara 4549.**

If you are local you can also call in and collect an enrolment form and return it to the school office.

Alternatively, you can collect a form from the Waverley LibraryPlus. Any queries please phone the Waitotara School office on 06 346 5957. We would love to see as many as possible at our Jubilee so spread the word to old classmates and family.

We would like to thank our sponsors for their generosity- Cogs Taranaki, Tait and Pearce Accountants, Belton and Smith Associates, Chris Butler, Alex Falkner, Bruce Clifton Builders, Rivercity Tree Services, David & Sue Pearce, Waverley Motors Ltd, Waverley Four Square, Waverley GAS, Clarendon Hotel, Waverley Salad Bros, Mitre 10, Pak'nSave, Columbus Cafe.

We would like to thank Max McGrail for letting us use his sketch for our promotional purposes, this is very much appreciated; Jacky Obrien for allowing us to reprint her centennial book as merchandise; Ann Butler for donating her laptop to our Committee and Rivercity Tree Services - Joe & Siobhan Marshal - for the trailerload of firewood for our raffle.

Scan the QR Code to go to the Waitotara School website

Don't forget... Download the Skool Loop app for notices and reminders.

So far we have around 20 families enrolled

(Due to privacy on the app we can't see the names of who has signed up).

This is how we will send all communication to families so please get onboard



Friday 3rd April 2026

- Registration at Waitotara Hall from 4.30pm
- Wine & Cheese at Waitotara Community Hall 5pm to 9pm, includes 2 free drinks, a hangi meal and nibbles.
- Drinks are \$5 each thereafter

Saturday 4th April 2026

11-2pm

- Walk through Waitotara School at your leisure
- 12noon Tree & Time Capsule planting
- 12.30pm Cutting of the cake
- 1pm Photos
- Please bring a picnic or enjoy a sausage sizzle (fundraiser for Waitotara School) - cash only. Tea and coffee available
- 6pm Dinner and Dancing at the Eulogy Lounge, Whanganui Racecourse. Followed by entertainment 8pm to 12.30. Cash bar available.

Sunday 5th April 2026

- Church Service at St Mark's Church, Kaipo Street Waitotara 10.30am followed by a cup of tea at the Waitotara Hall



Waverley Primary School



Tough Kids 2025

Over 80 Waverley Primary School students took part in the Mitre 10 Tough Kids event at Cooks Gardens and had an awesome time. It is always a much anticipated event, with the Juniors even counting down the years until they are old enough to attend.



Senior Citizens Dinner

Manuka Hub performed a wonderful compilation of songs at the Senior Citizens Christmas Dinner, under the expert guidance of Dianne Sanson. Yet another event where Dianne's involvement will be greatly missed, following on from her recent retirement from full-time teaching.



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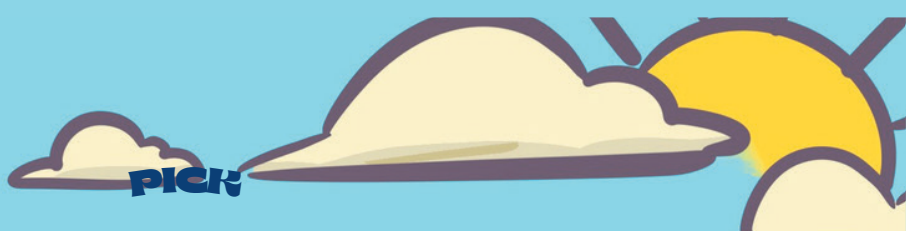
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Mr. Marriott's Fun Day

Mr. Marriott's parting gift was a water-based fun day for all of the students. They got to play some co-operative water games, a modified version of Battleship where they worked in their school houses to try to take out the opposing teams with water balloons launched from a giant slingshot, games in the swimming pool, and a slip 'n' slide. The Waverley students will miss Mr. Marriott's involvement in events like this, now that he has moved to become the new principal at Turuturu School.





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Tuia Taitonga

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He karere tā te Kaunihera o Taranaki ki te Tonga News from the South Taranaki District Council



Council Approves \$5.92m Upgrade for Pātea Water Treatment Plant



South Taranaki District Council has given the green light to a revised budget for the Pātea Water Treatment Plant Enhancement Project, approving up to \$5.92 million to ensure the community continues to enjoy safe, high-quality drinking water. The additional funding of \$2.64 million will allow the project to move into the construction phase without delay, to meet compliance rules set by Taumata Arowai – New Zealand’s Water Services Authority.

Why the upgrade is needed
The Pātea Water Treatment Plant is being upgraded to meet the latest Drinking Water Standards and Water Quality Assurance

Rules. After a successful pilot trial earlier this year, the Council opted for a modern biological filtration system instead of reverse osmosis. This approach delivers excellent water quality, is more efficient, and better suited to local conditions.

What’s changing?
The upgrade will include new treatment components such as:

- Biologically activated carbon filters
- Copper and carbon dioxide dosing systems
- Ultraviolet and chlorine disinfection
- Improved filter cleaning and monitoring systems

These improvements will reduce ammonia levels in the water, helping maintain sufficient chlorine levels and ensuring compliance with drinking water regulations.

A big step forward for Pātea
Mayor Phil Nixon says the decision reflects the Council’s commitment to providing safe, reliable water for the community: “This is a critical investment in Pātea’s future. We know how important a secure and high-quality water supply is for our residents, and this upgrade ensures we meet the highest standards while planning for long-term resilience.”
Tendering for the project is complete, and work will begin late January 2026 with expected completion in December 2026.

January Meetings

- Public are welcome to attend
- Workshop - Resource Management Reform Bill Submission**
Wednesday 21 January, 9am
- Extraordinary Council**
To determine the Remuneration Pool, consider Hawera Cinema 2 request and consider a road closure application
Wednesday 21 January, 11am
- Eltham-Kaponga Community Board**
Monday 26 January, 10.30am
Kaponga Town Hall, Victoria Street, Kaponga
- Te Hāwera Community Board**
Monday 26 January, 4pm
Normanby Hall, Ketemarae Road, Normanby
- Taranaki Coastal Community Board**
Wednesday 28 January, 2.30pm
Rāhotu Domain, Rāhotu Road, Rāhotu

Pātea Community Board
Wednesday 28 January, 4pm
Kākaramea Hall, 2192 Main South Road, Kākaramea

Unless specified, meetings are held in the Council Chamber, Administration Building, Albion Street, Hāwera.



Scan the QR code with your cellphone to be taken to the Meetings Calendar on our website.

Family Fun Day

in Eltham!

Saturday 10 January

10am - 3pm

Soldier’s Park, Eltham

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HĀWERA

FROM 4.30PM

Have your say! Consultations currently open

Make an online submission to any of the below at: www.southtaranaki.com/consultations



Pātea South Development Consultation
As part of the Pātea Town Revitalisation Programme, Council is proposing to permanently close a section of Cambridge Street (between Egmont Street/SH3 and Dorset Street) to traffic and create a safer, pedestrian-only space at the southern gateway to town. You can submit online or pick up a hard copy consultation form from Pātea LibraryPlus or the Hāwera Administration Building. Closes on Saturday 14 February, 5pm.

Local Alcohol Survey

ALCOHOL SURVEY

Time to spill.

Filling out this survey will help Council understand if the District needs a Local Alcohol Policy. Closes Friday 30 January.

Speed Management Plan

HAWERA

Council is inviting feedback on proposed speed limit changes in the District. Closes Friday 30 January.

Parking Control & Traffic Flow Bylaw

This Bylaw is being reviewed, aiming to improve accessibility, safety and efficiency on our roads. Closes Friday 30 January.

Download Antenno



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Time to Spill! Tell Us What You Think About Alcohol in South Taranaki

It's time to spill!

South Taranaki District Council is asking the community to take part in an anonymous Alcohol Survey to help decide whether or not we need to adopt a Local Alcohol Policy in the future.

The survey seeks feedback on how alcohol affects people, families, and communities in the District.

Council's senior policy advisor Anne Sattler says the information collected will help the Council understand if a Policy is required and, if so, what it should include.

"A Local Alcohol Policy would set rules around how alcohol is sold and supplied in South Taranaki, guiding licensing decisions and ensuring they reflect local needs," she says.

"We're aiming for at least 1,000 survey responses to get a strong picture of community views. The

feedback we get will play an important role in shaping future decisions".

The data pooled from the Survey, combined with information from agencies such as Police and Health NZ, will inform a Social Impact Assessment Report.

"Being informed by local evidence and community perspectives, the Council aims to ensure licensing rules reflect South Taranaki's unique needs," says Anne.

Residents can complete the anonymous Alcohol Survey online, download a copy from the Council's website or pick up a paper-copy from any of the District's LibraryPlus Centres.

The survey is open from 1 December 2025 until 30 January 2026.

For more information or to take part in the survey, visit www.southtaranaki.com/consultations.

Make the most of summer with a day of fun, food and family

Join us at Soldiers Park, Eltham on Saturday 10 January for the Community Family Fun Day—a jam-packed event running from 10am to 3pm.

Bring a picnic and find a pozzi 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.

South Taranaki District Council Events Coordinator Ella Tosland says 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! Bring your togs to head to the swimming pool, or your wheels to enjoy the skate park. There is literally something for everyone.

"This event is such an exciting opportunity for families and whānau to come together and enjoy a truly special day in Eltham," says Ella. "It's not just about relaxing in our beautiful parks and making the most of the fantastic facilities Eltham has to offer—it's about celebrating the incredible community spirit that South Taranaki is famous for. Add to that the thrill of a fast-paced 3x3 basketball showdown in partnership with Basketball New Zealand, and you've got an afternoon packed with energy, connection, and fun for all ages. We can't wait to see everyone there!"

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 10 January, 10am - 3pm, Soldiers Park, Eltham



Family Fun Day in Eltham!

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Concerts in the Park Returns to Hāwera with Cassie Henderson!

On Saturday 24 January, King Edward Park will transform into the ultimate summer stage for an evening of music, sunshine and good vibes.

Kicking things off at 4.30pm, local Party Patrol Duo (favourites Campbell Vibe and Karla Kimi) will warm up the crowd with high energy sing-along covers and feel-good anthems you know and love.

Then at 6pm, brace yourself for an unforgettable performance from one of New Zealand's brightest stars, Cassie Henderson.

From busking on Christchurch streets to smashing airplay records once held by Lorde, Cassie has become NZ's pop storyteller.

Her hits "Whatever" and "Seconds to Midnight" dominated the charts, earned her Best Pop Artist at the Aotearoa Music Awards, and proved she's the voice of a generation

navigating love and life.

South Taranaki District Council Events Coordinator Ella Tosland says Cassie lit up TV screens on The Voice Australia this year and is bringing her signature energy and powerhouse vocals to Hāwera for one night only.

"We're thrilled to bring this incredible lineup to King Edward Park," says Ella. "It's the perfect chance for families and whānau to relax, soak up the summer vibes, and enjoy world-class music right here in Hāwera. Pack a picnic, grab something from our food vendors, and make a night of it!"

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



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Happy New Year!

Wishing you all the very best for 2026

Janene, Editor ~ Patea & Waverley Press

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ALCOHOL SURVEY

Time to spill.

The Alcohol Survey will help the Council determine if a Local Alcohol Policy should be created for the South Taranaki District.

This type of policy sets rules about how alcohol is sold in our district, aiming to reduce alcohol-related harm and reflect what the community wants. The Policy can set guidelines about when alcohol can be sold, where it can be sold, and how many places can sell it.

Everyone is encouraged to complete the survey whether you drink alcohol or not, your experiences and views are important. All responses are anonymous.

To take the survey online, visit www.southtaranaki.com/consultations or scan the QR code.

South Taranaki District Council

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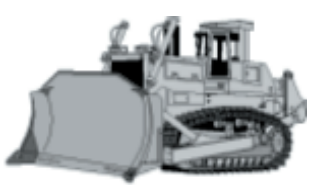


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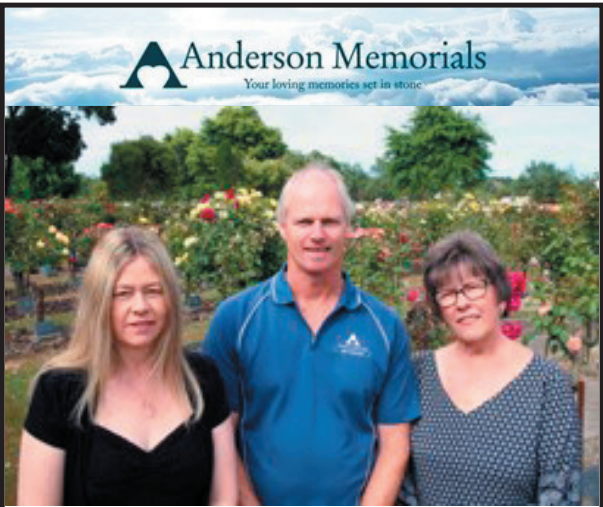
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SAT	03 JAN	10:39	3.1m	23:01	3.0m
SUN	04 JAN	11:30	3.2m	23:53	3.0m
MON	05 JAN	12:17	3.2m		
TUE	06 JAN	00:41	3.0m	13:03	3.2m
WED	07 JAN	01:27	2.9m	13:47	3.1m
THU	08 JAN	02:11	2.8m	14:31	2.9m
FRI	09 JAN	02:54	2.7m	15:15	2.7m
SAT	10 JAN	03:38	2.5m	16:02	2.6m
SUN	11 JAN	04:27	2.4m	16:53	2.4m
MON	12 JAN	05:22	2.3m	17:49	2.3m
TUE	13 JAN	06:28	2.3m	18:52	2.3m
WED	14 JAN	07:38	2.3m	19:57	2.3m
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TUE	27 JAN	04:47	2.5m	17:14	2.5m
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Rainfall - November

KAKARAMEA

Rainfall recorded by Kevin Ford, Spence Rd.
Rainfall for 2025 - 94mm in 9 days
Rainfall for 2024 - 85mm
Average for November - 104mm over 55 years
TOTAL for 2025 - 5mm

WAITOTARA

Rainfall recorded by Marie Hawken, Waitotara
Rainfall 2025 - 87.25mm in 12 days
Rainfall 2024 - 73.25mm in 8 days
TOTAL for 2025 - 958.75mm

WAVERLEY

Rainfall recorded by Stu Buckman, Waverley
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Happy New Year! Relax into 2026 with a cold drink and the puzzle page in the shade



Quick crossword

34

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- Across**
1. Handle (4)
3. Situation (8)
9. Souvenir (7)
10. Swell out (5)
11. Move furtively (5)
12. Teeter (6)
14. Obey (6)
16. Delicate (6)
19. Slacken (6)
21. Conscious (5)
24. Yellow-green colour (5)
25. Courageous (7)
26. Military unit (8)
27. Remain (4)
- Down**
1. Missing familiar surroundings (8)
2. Renowned (5)
4. Particular (6)
5. Member of the aristocracy (5)
6. Dependent (7)
7. Concluded (4)
8. Reveal (6)
13. Lately (8)
15. Berth (7)
17. Operational (6)
18. Bumpy (6)
20. Vapour (5)
22. Separate (5)
23. Grim, sullen (4)

Crossword solution

Across: 1. Haft, 3. Scenario, 9. Memento, 10. Bulge, 11. Side, 12. Seesaw, 14. Compily, 16. Subtle, 19. Loosen, 21. Aware, 24. Olive, 25. Valiant, 26. Regiment, 27. Stay.
Down: 1. Homesick, 2. Famed, 4. Choosy, 5. Noble, 6. Reliant, 7. Over, 8. Unveil, 13. Recently, 15. Mooring, 17. Usable, 18. Uneven, 20. Steam, 22. Apart, 23. Dour.

Code-Cracker

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25

G

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

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.

Good 10 Very Good 14 Excellent 19+



ANSWERS: aver avers avert averts HARVEST have havers haves raves revs save saver shave shaver starve stove vast vaster vats vert vest vets

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Whenuakura School

Growing Personal Excellence

The 2025 school year has been marked by significant growth at Whenuakura School — not just in learning, but in the character and confidence of our students. We have seen successes in the classroom, on the sports field, and in our collective creative endeavours.

- To Our Students:** Thank you for your enthusiasm, your resilience, and your commitment to the Whenuakura Way. You have embraced every challenge with a positive attitude and demonstrated wonderful kindness to one another. We are thrilled to see you move on to your next adventures, whether staying here or transitioning to year 7 - intermediate.
- To Our Whānau and Wider Community:** Thank you for your unwavering support this year. Whether you were bravely helping out at our memorable Fright Nights fundraiser, devoting time to coaching our sports teams, volunteering to transport students to various events, or working alongside us to support your child with achieving their goals — your active participation has been essential. Your partnership, right down to reinforcing our CORE school values at home, is truly invaluable and critical to the success of every child at Whenuakura School.

- To Our Board of Trustees:** Thank you for your governance and strategic vision throughout the year, and for all the extra mahi you do to ensure our students and staff are well-supported. You tirelessly secure the funding and resources necessary for our teachers to succeed, while also offering practical, hands-on support for our physical school environment whenever needed. Your commitment goes far beyond the ‘boardroom,’ and we are deeply appreciative of your time and dedication.

We look forward to welcoming everyone back refreshed and ready for a brand new year of learning and discovery on Monday 2nd February 2026. Until then, have a safe and peaceful festive season and a very happy New Year.

Year 6 Leavers

Farewell to our Year 6 leavers Dylan Cook, Ethan Bersusa and Charlee-May Jones. We extend our warmest wishes as they prepare for the next step in their education. Well done on finishing your primary years at Whenuakura School. You should be very proud of your achievements and we wish you all the best on your next learning journeys.



Patea Christmas Parade

We had a fantastic turnout of students to represent Whenuakura School at the Patea Christmas Parade in early December. We well and truly shone with our Christmas spirit and our magical Snoopy’s Christmas themed float, taking away a well earned 2nd place! A big thanks to our fabulous crew of parents who go above and beyond every year making sure we nail the theme, creating very cool features that always blow the crowd away. Your time, creativity, and teamwork doesn’t go unnoticed. Moments like these make Christmas extra special.



2026 Classrooms and Staffing

Teina Nest, Year 0-3
Waenganui Den, Year 3-4
Tuakana Hive, Year 4-6

Whaea Ireen Hurley & Mrs Marichen Honeyfield
Whaea Kate Paris, Whaea Raylene Harris & Mrs Bronwyn Jansen
Mrs Joanne England - 4 Days per week

At Whenuakura School, our commitment to providing the best learning opportunities for our tamariki is unwavering. While our current staffing entitlement from the Ministry of Education allows for only two classrooms, the Whenuakura School Board of Trustees is dedicated to enhancing our students' learning environment by reducing class sizes and providing more staff to support our ākonga. Smaller classes mean more individual attention and tailored instruction for each student, which can significantly boost their learning and development.

Our goal is to continue to fund our second learning assistant and part-time third classroom teacher again in 2026. To make this a reality, we need the enthusiastic participation and support of our school families and community. Our upcoming Fright Night event is a fantastic opportunity to come together and raise the necessary funds to maintain a third teacher. Every contribution will directly benefit our students. The continuation of this third classroom depends on the success of our fundraising efforts and teacher availability. Your involvement can make a significant difference!

Junior Big Day In

Before school finished up for the year, our Year 1-4 students celebrated a fantastic year of learning with a 'Big Day In'! Between swimming and jumping on the bouncy castle, they made some very cool Christmas decorations and spent the afternoon diving into an introduction to Forest School.

Making potions, catching bugs and walking the slack line brought plenty of smiles to our students' faces and an abundance of new skills and creative thinking.



Vegetable Garden

We have an abundance of silverbeet, kale, parsley, edible calendula flowers, mint and chives growing in the vegetable garden! Please feel free to pop in over the holidays and take some pickings for your whānau to enjoy.



Mid Week Sports

Well done to our Year 3–6 Touch and Cricket teams on finishing an awesome season! Both groups showed fantastic skill, teamwork, and determination throughout their games.



Left: Touch Team -
absent are
Dylan and Elliot



Right: Cricket Team

Prizegiving

Congratulations to all our award recipients on your well deserved achievements in 2025!
And to every student - your effort, growth, kindness, and resilience throughout the year are equally as important. Every one of you contributes to the spirit of our school, and we celebrate you too.

Cup recipients were as follows:

Duffy Award for Excellence in Attitude
Scott & Katrina Ponting Memorial Sports Trophy
Mitchell Family Cup for CORE Values
Past Pupils Achievement in Maths
Charlotte & Jonathan White Senior Sports Cup
Principal’s Literacy Cup
Wills & Meyer Cup for Music & Art
Obadiah Painters Visual Art Trophy
Tangata Tohu Mana Ao Turoa Cup
Mr & Mrs Wilson Citizenship Cup
Kiihfuss Family Dux Cup

Maggie Newland
Ethan Bersusa
Henry Cook
Dylan Cook
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Year 0/1	Excellence in Numeracy & Literacy Diligence in Consistent Effort & Attitude Personal Excellence in Progress	Pippa Muller Sakura Ferguson Grace Wright
Year 2	Excellence in Numeracy & Literacy Diligence in Consistent Effort & Attitude Personal Excellence in Progress	Evie Williams & Chase Toopi-Jones Aana-Kororia Davis Harper Brunton
Year 3	Excellence in Numeracy & Literacy Diligence in Consistent Effort & Attitude Personal Excellence in Progress	Jock Newland Tommy Cook Jonty McGillivray & Charlie Honeyfield
Year 4	Excellence in Numeracy & Literacy Diligence in Consistent Effort & Attitude Constance Wiki-Thomson & Lincoln Huntley Personal Excellence in Progress	Elliot Cook Lucy Flynn
Year 5	Excellence in Numeracy & Literacy Diligence in Consistent Effort & Attitude Personal Excellence in Progress	Honor Williams Maggie Newland Rosalie Sorensen

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Above:
Whaea Kate Paris presenting
awards to Year 4 students:
Constance Wiki-Thomson, Elliot
Cook, Lincoln Huntley and Lucy
Flynn



Ireen Hurley (teacher) presenting awards to Year 2 students: Chase Toopi-Jones, Evie Williams, Aana-Kororia Davis and Harper Brunton

Right:
Dylan Cook receiving the Past
Pupils Achievement in Maths Cup,
presented by his brother and ex
pupil, Lachlan Cook. Dylan also
went on to receive the Kiihfuss
Family Dux Cup for 2025.



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DECEMBER ROUND UP

KAKARAMEA SCHOOL END OF YEAR ACHIEVEMENTS

In Term 4 we had a wonderful end to the 2025 school year. We held many celebrations and saw our Year 6 Leavers off in true Kakaramaea style. Here are a few highlights of the last few weeks of the 2025 school year.

Our Year 6 Leavers, the Class of 2025. 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 in the near future. We are very proud of them all. Remember to fly that Kakaramaea Flag high!

2025 END OF YEAR PRIZE GIVING FAMILY CUP RECIPIENTS

- Werder Family Cup – Cultural and Arts Cup – Estelle Croot and Wilson Manson
 - Wairua Leadership Award - Wilson Manson
 - Northcott Family Cup – Sportsperson Cup – Matilda Skipper and William McColl
 - Huston Family Cup – Diligence Cup – Frankie Werder
 - Cole Family Cup – Dux – Zola Gibbs and Julian Laracy-Talbot
 - Dwyer Family Cup for Leadership – Charlotte Tate
 - Schrider Family Junior Citizenship Cup – Sophie Tate
 - Principal's Senior Citizenship Cup – Zola Gibbs and Amelia Wakeling
- Congratulations to all recipients once again. Well done to you all.



Richie Reid, Wilson Manson, Charlotte Tate, Estelle Croot, Zola Gibbs, Amelia Wakeling



Back row : Matilda Skipper, William McColl, Wilson Manson, Estelle Croot, Charlotte Tate
Front row: Frankie Werder, Sophie Tate, Amelia Wakeling, Zola Gibbs, Julian Laracy-Talbot

KAKARAMEA SCHOOL

2026 School Year

We welcome all new and returning pupils to the 2026 school year.

The school office will be open for enquiries, enrolments and visits on
Monday 26th January from 9am-1pm

The school year commences on
Monday 2nd February at 8.50am

Reminder: All school stationery is supplied this year and please bring your togs.

Shannon O'Brien
Principal

CHRISTMAS FLOAT

We had a great time at the Pātea Christmas Parade! A huge thank you to Mrs L-T, Jackie Buhler, Mrs Tai and Ms O'B, for creating our 'Rockin around the Christmas Tree' float for us! Thanks also to Jono Hogan for driving 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!

Our rockin' christmas party! Kakaramaea style!



YEAR 6 LEAVERS DINNER

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 Kakaramea! 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!



Our Year 6 leavers
Wilson Manson, Richie Reid
Charlotte Tate, Estelle Croot, Zola Gibbs, Amelia Wakeling



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!



Our Christmas elves Wilson Manson, Charlotte Tate, Frankie Werder and Zola Gibbs

Kakaramea School & District
150 year Jubilee



It will be 150 years since Kakaramea School first opened its doors at Easter weekend 2026. We will be celebrating this amazing milestone on 3,4,5 April at the School and over the road at the Kakaramea Hall, welcoming all past and present students, staff, and people who have lived in Kakaramea over the years to attend our Jubilee.

Express your interest by emailing michelle@dwyer.co.nz or click on the QR Code below so we can collect contact details of anyone who is planning or considering coming to the event. This is so we can communicate updates on the Jubilee directly to you.



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Pukeiti and Tūpare retain top garden ratings

Christmas has come early for regional gardens Pukeiti and Tūpare, with both retaining their high star ratings in the latest New Zealand Gardens Trust (NZGT) assessments.

The independent assessments measure gardens against national and international standards, with judges praising the consistent quality, strong horticultural practices and ongoing development at both sites.

At Pukeiti, judges commended the garden's commitment to research and experimentation in a challenging environment, the introduction of new species and the care taken with hard landscape features that enhance the visitor experience. The garden was noted as sitting just below the six-star threshold.

Tūpare was awarded six stars, the highest possible rating. It was described by judges as a pleasure to revisit, with praise for the craftsmanship of the gardening team, the striking labyrinth on The River Flat and the detailed planting throughout the garden and glasshouse. The assessment also highlighted the value of mentoring between experienced horticulturalists and emerging designers.

Taranaki Regional Council Gardens Manager Stuart Robertson said the results reflect the dedication of the teams behind both gardens.

"Recognition at both a national and international level is a strong endorsement of the work being done across our regional gardens. These results highlight the skill, care and long-term commitment of our gardening teams."

Tūpare Head Gardener Nick Lelean said the assessment acknowledged the garden's continued evolution.

"It's encouraging to see the judges recognise both the restoration of historic features and the innovative work being developed by the team."

Pukeiti Head Gardener Kristian Davies said the feedback was rewarding given the site's unique conditions.

"Having the judges acknowledge our planting design and experimentation confirms we're heading in the right direction."

The NZGT star ratings provide visitors with an independent measure of quality and



help reinforce Pukeiti and Tūpare's reputation as standout gardens within the region.

Project explores Taranaki's future energy scenarios

Taranaki could become an energy powerhouse or lose its national prominence in the sector in scenarios developed by a Taranaki Regional Council-led project looking at what the region could look like in 30 years.

The Taranaki Energy Scenarios initiative brought together the region's four councils, iwi, Te Puna Umanga Venture Taranaki, government agencies, industry and other stakeholders to identify four possible futures for the region's energy sector.

On the positive side, Taranaki could become a National Energy Hub or Regional Energy Innovator, but the downside scenarios would see the region turn into an 'Energy Island' or lose relevance in the Constrained Transition scenario.

Taranaki Regional Council Strategy Lead Finbar Kiddle says the project will help inform the development of a regional spatial plan and the four councils' policy settings.

"While we don't have a crystal ball when looking to 2055, the project has been invaluable in developing some best and worst case scenarios for Taranaki's energy sector," says Mr Kiddle.

"We felt this was a timely initiative given there is a huge amount of uncertainty around energy and changes to the importance of oil and gas to the local economy.

"This will help decision-makers understand how different energy futures might unfold over the next three decades and what these could mean for land use, infrastructure and regional development."

The four scenarios were developed through research, interviews and a workshop involving all the stakeholders and are featured in a report by consultancy firm Beca. The work was also informed by the regional economic development strategy and action plan, Tapuae Roa and the Taranaki 2050 Roadmap.

The four scenarios are:

- The National Energy Hub sees Taranaki becoming a centralised energy powerhouse, hosting large-scale renewable infrastructure such as offshore wind farms, tidal energy, solar arrays, bioenergy and green hydrogen production.
- Regional Energy Innovator sees the region embracing a decentralised model, with distributed energy hubs powered by solar, wind and biogas across towns and rural areas.
- Energy Island sees Taranaki losing its prominence as a national energy hub. Centralised infrastructure loses its prominence, while the more community-scale opportunities around decentralised generation struggle to get off the ground.
- In the Constrained Transition scenario, the region continues to contribute to national energy generation but in a constrained environment. As the region diversifies, the energy sector gradually loses regional relevance.

Recommendations from the work include developing a flexible spatial plan for Taranaki involving all four councils, integrating economic and spatial planning and embedding iwi and community leadership.

"The project underscores that the future of the sector depends on attracting energy-intensive industry, maintaining a high-quality regulatory environment and wider economic diversification to guard against the negative scenarios," added Mr Kiddle.

"It was pleasing to see a high level of engagement with this exercise that shows how committed councils, central government, iwi, industry and stakeholders are to finding a way forward for the region."

Anne Probert, Director of Strategic and Sector Partnerships at Te Puna

Umanga Venture Taranaki, the regional development agency, said the report is an extremely valuable piece of work, and one that shines a light on the possibilities ahead for the region.

"These scenarios give the region a clearer view of what different futures could mean for our communities, our industries, and our workforce," says Dr Probert. "They reinforce why our region must continue to be bold, proactive, and focused on shaping our own energy future."

The final report and summary report can be found at www.trc.govt.nz/council/plans-and-reports/research-and-reviews/regional-priorities-and-economy

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Streamlined routes and some weekend services coming for bus users

Taranaki Regional Council is gearing up for the first stage of improvements to the region’s bus network, set to roll out in April 2026.

These changes are part of a long-term plan to make public transport in Taranaki simpler, more reliable and better connected.

The updates build on community feedback gathered over the past year and respond to what people have said they want – easier routes, better access and more options for getting around the region. They also mark the introduction of the region’s new public transport brand, Te Pahi, and the launch of a dedicated new public transport website to make bus information easier to find.

Council Transport Engagement Manager Cheryl Gazley says the new network reflects local priorities and sets the foundation for a stronger public transport system.

“We’ve heard what people want – a network that’s easier to use, more reliable and better connected,” Ms Gazley says.

“This update addresses some of the community’s aspirations, though it doesn’t cover everything on our collective wishlist. The changes coming in April, however, represent an important first step toward that goal.”

While government funding limits what can be delivered right now, Ms Gazley says this work lays the groundwork for future enhancements as investment grows.

“This is just the beginning. With each phase of investment, we’ll continue to grow and refine the network so it works better for those who rely on it every day and for those who may choose to use it in the future.

“Some of the wins in the April roll-out of new services are improved hospital access and better weekend coverage with the introduction of Saturday services between Hawera and New Plymouth and new Waitara to New Plymouth trips.

“And, of course, we’ll be adding an additional 11 electric buses to the fleet, which is moving us closer to our goal of zero emissions by 2035.”

New public transport website

A dedicated new public transport website will launch at the same time as the new network, offering bus users a mobile-friendly journey planner, real-time bus tracking, service alerts and clearer route information.

Ms Gazley says that this will eventually replace the Transit app currently used by many passengers.

South Taranaki fare zones

As part of the network update, a two new fare zones are being added in South Taranaki to better align with the wider Taranaki network. The Hāwera–Pātea trip will now be classified as two zones, reflecting similar travel distances elsewhere in Taranaki, explains Ms Gazley.

“These updates help ensure the distance travelled per zone is fair and consistent across the region.”

Service adjustments

To make the best use of available funding, some existing services will also be adjusted. These decisions reflect lower ridership on certain routes and times, helping to focus resources where demand is strongest.

Ms Gazley acknowledges that these changes may be challenging for current users of these services.

“Where practical, we are exploring alternative options such as community and on-demand transport to help maintain access.”

Ahead of the rollout, NPDC will begin work to install, relocate or remove some bus stops to support the new network. Any residents affected will be contacted directly.

Full route and timetable details, along with the launch of Te Pahi and the new website, will be shared in the New Year. In the meantime, it’s business as usual for current services and people are encouraged to stay tuned for updates as the project progresses.

Stay up to date with the latest bus news and updates on our website here:

www.trc.govt.nz/buses-transport

Summary of network changes effective April 2026

Additions to new network:

- Streamlined urban routes – more direct, faster and efficient services.
- Improved hospital access through Westown and Hurdon via Tukapa and David Streets.
- Better weekend coverage, with weekend trips between Hawera-New Plymouth and new Waitara–New Plymouth trips.
- New bus stops in Omata, improving reach and accessibility.
- A trial Waitara morning loop will operate on weekday mornings during school terms to support access to Waitara schools. The service will be available to all passengers.
- Eleven new electric buses joining the fleet, advancing our goal of zero-emission public transport by 2035.
- Two new South Taranaki fare zones added (there are no changes to fares or zones in North Taranaki).

Service reductions or changes:

- Ōpunake–New Plymouth midday trips reduced from five to two days a week.
- Hāwera to Pātea once a week (no longer extending to Waverley).
- Removal of some early morning (7am) services due to low patronage; some 7am trips will continue on select routes. Evening services from Monday–Wednesday (6:20pm) will be removed, with Thursday and Friday evening services remaining.
- Minor updates to South Taranaki fare zones to align with the wider network.
- Ōpunake–Hāwera route will no longer travel via Kaponga due to low demand.
- Removal of 6:00am southbound and 5:20pm northbound trips on the service between Hawera and New Plymouth.

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Sports News & Results



Patea Golf Club News December 2025

Challenge Ladder

The shootout was on the 14th December. After a chip off by 3 payers on the 2nd hole Nick Williams was the first player eliminated. On the 3rd hole Clayton Hori went out of bounds and he was eliminated. On the 4th hole a three-way putt off resulted in Ray Finlay being eliminated. On the 5th hole Mike Taikato was eliminated in a 3-way chip off. On the 6th hole Gerald Rutten was eliminated in a 2 way putt off. On the 7th hole Cyril Faiers was eliminated in a 3-way chip off. On the 8th hole Bill Tahiwī 3 puttred to be eliminated so the finalists were Shem TeNgahue and Phil Cassidy. Both players scored net pars so a chip off was required and Phil was the victor. Well done Phil.

Junior Golf

Large numbers of children have e turned up for the junior coaching lessons at Patea. The fist session 22 juniors participated and the 2nd session had 19 juniors participating. Great numbers. Keep coming along to improve your golf skills

Junior coaching will re start Thursday 8th January 2026. Please assemble at 3.30pm so coaching can start on time. Ivan Howe is be the professional golfer taking the lessons

Flying Nine

Will be played on Thursday nights from 4.30pm. Visitors and non-golfers are welcome

Business House Golf

Business house golf is being played on Wednesday nights. The first night was postponed due to bad weather but playing conditions for the next 2 nights were perfect and many good scores recorded.

Business will restart Wednesday 14th January 2026

Roger Rei Open Memorial Golf Tournament 2026

Roger Rei 18 hole open memorial golf tournament will be played on 24th January 2026. This will be the 25th tournament. Write the date on your calendar and book your annual leave. Thank you to the sponsors who have returned their sponsorship forms and made payments.

Mini Tournament

A mini stableford tournament was played on Saturday 20th December.

First was Phil Cassidy with 42 points. 2nd Win Finlay 38 points and 3rd Barb Hill 36 points. Barb also score the only two and also drew the correct number to win the jackpot twos

Upcoming events

Sat 3rd January	Summer Cup
Sun 4th January	Garnett Family Trophy
Foursomes plate please	
Sat 10th January	Summer Cup
Sat 17th January	Summer Cup
Sat 24th January	Roger Rei Memorial Open
golf tournament 18 holes	
Sat 31st January	Club Opening Day
Canadian Foursomes Plate please	
Sun 1st February	Interclub v Waverley at
Patea plate please	
Sat 7th February	Watt Cup 18 holes nett
Sun 8th February	Park Farm Cup 18 holes
stableford	

Patea Golf Club Closed Xmas Hamper 2025 Results

A good field of 48 members participated in the Patea closed Xmas Hamper played on Saturday 13th December. The weather was fine but once again windy. The course and greens were in very good condition and some good scores were returned.

Best Gross Total field	A Hughes	72
Best Net total field	T Katene-Faiers	67
Ladies 1st Net	E Gibbs	70
Men Div(1)	L TeNgahue	68

Men Div(2)	S Rore	69
Ladies 1st Stableford	B Hill	38
Men Div(1)	C Hori	40
Men Div(2)	R Whanau	40
Ladies 2nd Net	W Finlay	72
Men Div1	R Finey	69
Men Div(2)	R Finlay	70
Ladies 2nd Stableford	G Hughes	34
Men Div(1)	D Faiers	38
Men Div(2)	H Gibbs	38
Men Div(1) 3rd Net	C Faiers	72
Men Div(2)	J Bright	76
Men Div(1) 3rd Stableford	W Cole	37
Men Div(2)	S TeNgahue	32
Men Div(1) 4th Net	J Faiers	73
Men Div(2)	S Honeyfield	76
Most Honest Lady	C Davidson	
Most Honest Man	W Newbold	

Accuracies

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1st Green	T Katene-Faiers
7th Green	B Hill
10th Green	T Katene-Faiers
15th Green	G Davidson

A delicious afternoon tea was served before prizegiving. Further competitions played on the day included a five-hole skimmers competition and the boiled egg competition.

The day concluded with an evening barbeque. Thanks to Clayton and the team for doing the cooking and to all the members for the delicious salads provided

Patea Golf Club End of Year Prizegiving 2025

S Honeyfield	1st Garnett Family Trophy,
1st She Cup,	2nd Junior Matchplay Championship
K Honeyfield	1st Garnet Family Trophy,
1st She Cup,	1st Senior Ladies Strokeplay Championship
R Finlay	2nd Garnett Family Trophy,
1st Summer Cup,	2nd She Cup, 1st Flying Nine
C Northcott	2nd Garnett Family Trophy,
1st Limit Matchplay Championship	
C Hori	2nd Summer Cup
R Edgecombe	1st Oakes Memorial,
2nd Flying Nine,	1st G Oakley Trophy,
1st Roots Vase	
C Simpson	2nd Oakes Memorial,
1st Intermediate Ladies Matchplay Championship	
B Hill	1st Williams Cup, 1st Watt Cup,
2nd Wayne Railton Trophy,	2nd Logan Trophy
R Bourke	2nd Williams Cup
R Wharehoka	2nd Watt Cup
N Williams	1st W Railton Trophy,
1st Adams Trophy	
C Whanau	1st W Railton Trophy,
2nd Intermediate Matchplay Championship	
S Te Ngahue	2nd W Railton Trophy,
1st Moody Mugs,	1st G Oakley trophy
W Finlay	2nd She Cup,
1st Junior Ladies Strokeplay Championship	
D Faiers	1st Senior Men Matchplay and
Strokeplay Championships	
A Hughes	2nd Senior Men Matchplay
Championship	
M Kanara	1st Intermediate Matchplay
Championsip	
S Rore	1st Junior Matchplay Championship,
2nd Moody Mugs,	1st Junior Strokeplay
Championship	
B Rio	2nd Limit Matchplay Championships
P Cassidy	1st Matchplay 1st Round Loser's
Cup	
R Finey	2nd Matchplay 1st Round Loser's
Cup,	1st Park Farm Cup, Most Improved Junior
C Faiers	1st Black & White Cup,
1st Logan Trophy,	1st Remuera Cup,
2nd Intermediate Strokeplay Championship	
K Faiers	2nd Black & White Cup,

1st Logan Trophy	
M Taikato	2nd Logan Trophy,
2nd Remuera Cup,	2nd G Oakley Trophy,
1st Patea Cup	
L TeNgahue	1st Mood Mgs
J Close-Adams	2nd Moody Mugs
J Faiers	2nd Adams Trophy
N Cameron	2nd Senior Strokeplay
Championship	
T Katene-Faiers	1st Intermediate Strokeplay
Championship	
B Tahiwī	2nd Junior Strokeplay
Championship	
Ev Gibbs	1st Intermediate Strokeplay
Championship	
T Simpson	2nd G Oakley Trophy

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The Doff Lupton Cup was played. It was well contested. The winner was Jacqui Boon, runner up was Keri Baker and third went to Cathy Roydhouse. Congratulations to all three. Other achievements are Hole in Ones: September 5, October 8, November 17 a good month. December 5. Jumpshots achieved October 5, November 9, December 3. A good effort. We are now having a break over the festive season and resuming on Saturday 10th January.

Up and coming events.

Wednesday 21st January Hawera Park Club will be visiting our Club

Saturday 31st January Club Doubles will commence.

Waverley Croquet Club wish all a happy and active New Year.

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*Above: Winner of Doff Luptin Cup
Jacqui Boon middle, on right Keri Baker
On left Cathy Roydhouse.*



*Above Right:
Jacqui Boon with Club Captain Helen Fairweather.*

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2nd	Aiken Farms	Lanacree Farm
3rd	Pete Richardson	Guy Lennox
4th	Angus Wilson	S&K Rainey
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Export Lambs		
	Hoof	Hook
1st	Longview (BJ)	Ian Symes
2nd	Aiken Farms	Ashmore Farm
3rd	Longview (Jack)	S&K Rainey
4th	Ian Symes	Myola Farms



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