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Waipipi Community Fund marks five years of local support

It's a huge "thank you" and ngaa mihi to the local people involved with Mercury's Waipipi wind farm community fund. For five years, local knowledge has helped turn Mercury's Waipipi Wind Farm Community Fund into practical support for schools, clubs and community organisations around the wind farm.

Through the applications to the Fund, it's clear that there's a lot of incredible work going on in the community. Across its first 10 funding rounds, the Fund has awarded $170,424 to local projects. It has received 78 applications from 43 different organisations, with 62 applications receiving support.

That funding has helped a wide range of groups, including local schools, community halls, marae, golf and sports clubs, rest homes and the Waverley Summer Jam. Recent grants have supported junior golf coaching, improvements to the Waitotara Hall toilets, storage for Whenuakura School's sports equipment and running costs for the Waverley Community Patrol.

Committee chair Rob Northcott said support for local fire brigades particularly stood out for him.

"These volunteers give so much of themselves to support their communities. It is heartening to be able to give something back."

Behind every funding decision is a panel of local volunteers: Robert Northcott (Chair), Jacq Dwyer, Alva Honeyfield, Mark Nicholas, Don Parkes, Owen Savage and Claire Symes.

Rob said: "Our committee is made up of a good cross section of our community within the Pātea Ward, each with their own interests and involvements. This gives us a good understanding of most applicants, so we can distribute funds in a fair and equitable manner."

These local people's understanding of the area gives them the edge when they assess applications and determine where the Fund can make a meaningful difference. Panel members give their time freely to read applications, discuss local needs and make some difficult choices when requests exceed the funding available. As you might expect, sometimes these well-connected people are also involved with the projects and groups applying for funding. In these cases, the panel members excuse themselves from discussion.

Committee member Jacq Dwyer said: "As a committee, we have a collective awareness of what's going on in our communities, and it's heartening to be able to help organisations get things done."

Mercury would like to thank every panel member who has contributed over the Fund's first five years. Their care, judgement and local insight have helped ensure funding stays focused on projects that benefit the surrounding community.

The Fund began with an annual allocation of $25,000, adjusted each year for inflation. In 2026, $31,285 is available, split across two funding rounds. Over the life of the wind farm, the Fund is expected to contribute more than $1 million to the community.

The spring funding round opens on 1 October. Community groups with projects that will benefit people in the Pātea Ward are encouraged to apply.

For application guidelines and more information head to https://www.mercury.co.nz/about-us/partnerships/community-funds/waipipi-community-fund



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A Christian Word....

GPS

Remember a time back in the day when holiday trips were taken to places we had not visited before? In preparation, out would come the maps and the journey planned as best could be. Sometimes though the trip became stressful when a turnoff was missed or a map was upside down. Alan Pease wrote a book called 'Why Men Don't Listen And Women Can't Read Maps' which explores the funny and real differences in how men and women think and communicate. And usually it was Dad doing the driving while Mum was the navigator! Say no more!

Over 30 years ago, while on holiday in Sydney we were driving a hired car which had to be back to the Hertz airport depot just an hour before our flight check in time. All good until we were stuck in the inside lane of three going around a roundabout. Traffic was nose to tail in all three lanes and we saw to our great dismay the 'Airport, this way' sign requiring an immediate left turn! There was no way we had any chance of crossing those lanes to take the exit. And the clock was ticking! As the stress level started to go through the roof by some miracle we drove on not knowing where we were going but eventually we came back to the same roundabout but this time on the inside lane! Phew!

But today we have 'GPS', the 'Global Positioning System', a satellite-based navigation utility that provides geolocation and time information anywhere on or near Earth. It's free and its use has probably saved lots of stress and got us to our destinations quickly and safely. But in my experience it has not always been reliable! Sometimes it appears to be very random, especially obvious when in a more familiar environment and I know where I'm going. In these situations I ignore the voice and do it my way! This usually leads to urgent messages of "Re-routing..." and "make a U-turn!"

You see, the most critical requirement of any navigation system is that it is reliable. It has to be reliable because we are relying on it, especially at times when we are in unfamiliar places. Sometimes life would be much more simple if we had a GPS for how to navigate life!

The good news is that we do! It's called the Bible. In this amazing book written centuries ago and carefully preserved, the God of the Bible explains to us how to do life in a way that makes sense in the world He created. The Bible says of itself "Your Word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path". Haven't all of us at some time needed some light on the subject, some direction as to what is the best way to go? As we drive off into an unknown and uncertain future on this road called life having a roadmap is essential. We have never been this way before!

But the big question is...is the Bible reliable? Author Grant R Jeffrey in his book 'The Signature Of God' describes how ancient world historians and recent archaeological finds confirm much of what is recorded as truth in the Bible. Recent breakthroughs in astronomy, physics, and medical science have shown that God's Word accurately described the universe and the processes of human life long before scientific research caught up. And hundreds of fulfilled prophesies show that God revealed the future to His prophets in order to strengthen the faith of His people. Both history and prophesy. This book is as ancient as time and as modern as tomorrow! You can rely on it.

Just as the wonders of creation reveal God to anyone who's eyes are open to see the truth, so the Bible is a reliable guide for how to do life. Do yourself a favour... Take that Bible down off the shelf, dust it off and read it!

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Pātea Community Board Meeting

Notes from the meeting on Wednesday 16 September 2026 at 4pm, provided by the Board Members. The fifth meeting for 2026 was held at the Hunter Shaw building, Pātea.
Present were: Pātea Community Board members: Jacq, Cheryl, Bronwyn & Charlotte, Brian Rook (Councillor), Phil Nixon (Mayor), Kaya Acero (Governance Officer), Megan Edmonds (Governance Manager), Rob Haveswood (Community Development Manager), and several members of the public.

Open Forum:

-Allan and Jude from Waiinu Beach would like the Recycling depot at Waitotara to be open more than the current 4 hours a week. They would also like to see a recycling depot at Waiinu Beach. Councillor Brian pointed out that they had tried to arrange this before and it hadn't been viable.

-Constable Glen Osborne gave us an update on current issues in the area at the moment. There has been a series of cars stolen between Whanganui and Hawera, one at least being used for a ram raid and some found burnt out. Glen said there has now been arrests in connection to this. And the NZ Police are linking up cameras in all towns so all over the country, which will include Patea and Waverley. This will make it easier to track offenders vehicles etc as they pass through towns. Glen took a team of four students from Waverley Primary School to Whanganui to compete in the Police Competency Test, and they came first! Great day out for them all. A new 2nd Policeman is about to start at Patea, good news for Harley, who has been there for 2 years now, mostly on his own.

-Sally thanked Waverley Lions for planting the 100km gardens at the South end of Waverley, they paid for the plants and have put them in in the last couple of weeks. New 'Waverley' signs were installed above the gardens by Waka Kotahi in the last few days, unfortunately one has been hit by something, maybe a house being moved, and the sign has fallen down, luckily missing the plants. Sally also pointed out that the gutters and drains are very rarely cleaned out in Waverley. She keeps the drains at her end of town clean, but wants to see all drains cleaned by Council, and the built up dirt scraped out of the gutters.

-Vicki spoke to us about the ongoing problem with sand drifts encroaching on houses and that sand has covered completely the wooden steps built by the Lions about 15 years ago on Bullock Track. The steps need to be dug out to provide safe walking access to Long Beach from the houses. When they are dug out it will make it difficult for motorbikes to access beach through that cutting, which will be good to stop the sand drifts, but it is the only way to get to the beach on a bike of small 4 wheel drive vehicle. Council enviro team have advised planting in that area to stop drifts. Vicki pointed out that this is a moving sand drift, with no dirt for plant to grow in. Local farmers lay hay or silage on sand drifts before they plant. She also asked when Cave Beach Boat ramp will be graded. Logs and branches are built up below it at the moment, so it can't be used. Hopefully this will go in the next few weeks with tides.

-Jo Peacock spoke about the issues that have arisen in the 6 weeks since the Council have put padlocks on the gates at Dallison Park. One of her concerns is if there is a fire or an emergency that it will be a problem to get a key, and there are multiply buildings and people in the area – Bowling Club, Croquet, walkway etc. Christine How also spoke about these problems, Rob Haveswood announced that the padlocks will now be removed.

-Sheena told us about the roaming dogs that are causing havoc with lambs etc. Over 16 lambs were killed on the Patea Golf course recently. Council informed us that they have caught the dog and that it is now deceased.

-Five trees have been cut out along the main street at Waverley, near the Clarendon Hotel. Unsure why. We asked if the community board could be told when and why this kind of thing is done, as we get phone calls from people asking us for information.

Confirmation of Minutes from last meeting – 5 August 2026.

Dallison Park, Gate locked, more keys needed. Fire fighting water tank at Waitotara funding application done for tank. Waverley Beach access, 2 options for new boat ramp pending a decision. Sand blowing onto houses.

Matters Arising:

-The Salt Marsh Look out was opened on Wednesday 9 Sept and the extension to the Waverley Walkway opened on Tuesday 15 Sept. Both are already popular spots to visit and enjoy the views.

-Craig Hyland from the Waverley Lions Club has built a picnic table and 2 bench seats in the shelter shed at Aotea Park, we pass on a big thank you him, as this has been a job we have wanted done for about 6 years.

-There has been an Emergency Pod installed at Tauranga-ika marae by 'First 72' with help from our Civil Defence rep at the Council – Glenn, and the marae committee. This is an important edition to the area, containing many things that would be needed in case of a natural disaster.

-We were informed concrete Blocks will be put in front of the damaged boat ramp at Waverley Beach within the next month.

Local Discretionary Funding Applications.
$24,917.57 in fund. 1 local application –Nga Puawai o te Tonga - $1220 for Flags. Robina Wichman

Full minutes of this and all Council meetings can be found on the South Taranaki District Council Website, under the heading 'Our Council' then go to 'Mayor & Elected members' then 'Community Board - Pātea'. Or view them at Pātea or Waverley Library Plus.

Your Community Board Members are:
Jacq Dwyer (Chair) Cheryl Rook (Deputy Chair), Bronwyn Wattrus, Charlotte Lawrence, Brian Rook (Pātea Councillor).
Meeting Dates for 2026:
Wednesday 28 October, 4pm at venue to be confirmed

We had an amazing September market with over 40 stalls, including some awesome kids who came along to sell their wares. It was really great to see so many people having such a good time, browsing stalls, enjoying the sunshine, grabbing some food and coffee and catching up with friends. That's what this market is all about. We are so grateful to all the vendors and visitors who come along each month.

We run this on a volunteer basis and couldn't do it without the amazing people who help setup and pack down every market, set up signs, change dates on our boards and fetch and carry. We couldn't do it without you and we are extremely grateful.

We have some fun exciting things planned over the next 3 months so will give you an idea of what's happening and add details on our Facebook page as we flesh out our ideas. These next markets are ideal for picking up some unique Christmas gifts and supporting local crafters.

18 October : Breast cancer awareness month – come dressed in pink. Donation boxes will be out as well. We will also be giving away Market Dollars to lucky visitors to spend at the market.

15 November: There will be 2 hampers given away jam packed with all sorts of goodies and treats. Don't miss out

20 December: We will of course have Santa visiting and a lollie scramble. There will also be random give aways during the market and a treasure hunt for the kids. You do not want to miss it.

There will be a number of our vendors doing the A&P show on 17 November as well so get along and support them.

Thanks for supporting the Waverley Craft and Farmers Market
The Market Team

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~ 20th December
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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 - Brian Aiken

I recently had the privilege of helping Brian Aiken assemble his memoirs into a book "Living on the Edge" and thought readers might like to read some of his early memories. I present these excerpts with Brian's permission. He writes, "My parents were Keith and Lily Aiken and I grew up on a farm on Lower Okotuku Rd with my brother Cedric and sister Gillian. The farm is still in the Aiken family.

My parents Keith and Lily Aiken

As soon as I was old enough I used to bring the cows into the cowshed, put them in the bails, leg-rope them and put the cups on. I would strip every cow after the cups were removed. One time I remember we all stayed home from school during a power outage as everyone was needed to milk the 50-60 cows by hand. If I recall rightly it was about 11:00 a.m. when we finished and we started the second milking at 2 p.m. In those days we separated the cream from the milk by hand. We had to turn the handle of the churn till we got it up to a certain speed at which point a bell would ring. That was the speed you had to keep turning it. Too fast or slow, the bell would stop. Man, your arms got tired very quickly.

One exciting time was when Jack Lupton brought his traction engine and chaff cutter down the road to his farm to harvest his grain. Another day we saw this thing in the distance coming up the road but could not make it out. As it got closer and closer we saw it was Darcy Mills on a bike, but you could not see the bike for all the rabbits he had tied onto it. He had caught them all in traps down the road. He used to skin them and put them in Heginbotham's butchery to sell to the public. I remember hanging on the counter rails every time we went into that shop and Norrie Heginbotham would give us a cold saveloy.

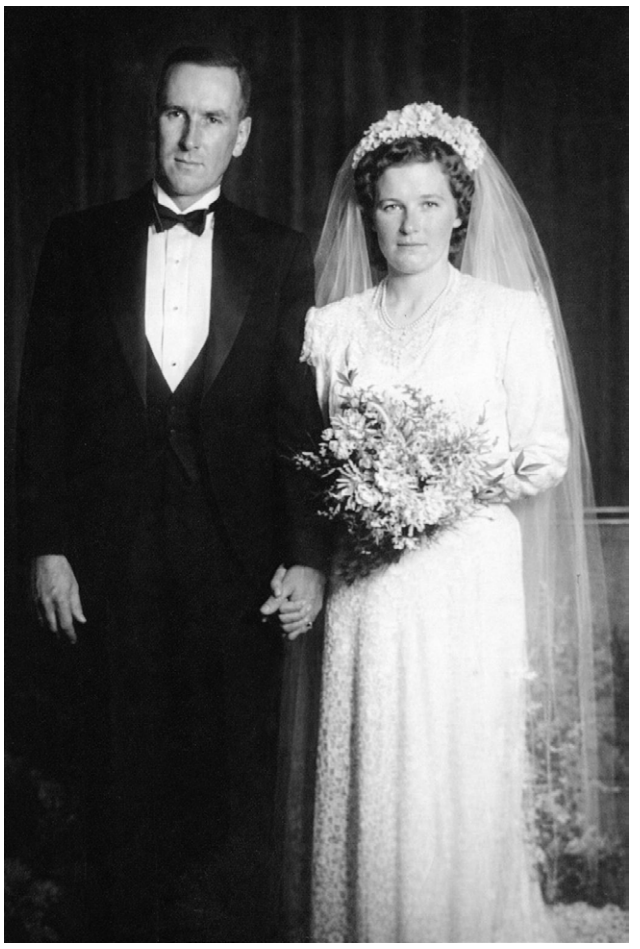
Each year we planted potatoes over at Uncle Pat's place. Dad used his horse 'Red' to pull the plough to cover the potatoes. He would to go to the horse paddock, call Red, open the gate and tell him to go get in the dray. Red would walk himself over to the dray and back into the shafts, and then Dad would get the collar and hames and harness him up and off they would go to load up the hay and get firewood and do other jobs.

We used to go to Waverley Beach and stop with Nana and Pop Aiken. Uncle Bill Powell used to camp down there too with the Colemans, Mitcalfes, Hammonds, McKenzies, Granthams, Bremers, Honeyfields, Bells and Symes, just to mention a few of the families that took up residence there in the summer. The baches used to be in a wagon wheel formation and in the middle of the circle were a slide, swing and merry-go-round. Some of the campers bought their camping gear on wagons pulled by horses and Uncle Pat used to walk his house-cow down and provide milk for the campers. Some of the men used to go fishing off the cliffs when the sea was calm. I remember Darcy Mills, Mana Ross, Jock Rosewarne, Bob Booker and Syd Oakenfull being some of them. At other times, Darcy Mills and Peter Bromiley went fishing in a small clinker boat off the Long Beach. When they returned their boat would be full of snapper and they would sell some to the people who had gathered. By memory the price for one fish was one shilling. Jewell Lupton bought one and put it on the bow of the boat and scaled it with her finger nails starting from the tail and working her way up to the head. I have done it and it is easy to do.

There was haymaking with Uncles Alex and Bill mowing the hay with horses and eight or ten men walking around the field turning the hay with pitchforks. Uncle Bill would be on the back-rake, Uncle Pat on the sweep and Granddad Stan on the stack with Tommy Tallott and Dad clamping the hay grabs and me walking the horse backwards and forwards to lift the hay up to the stack with a rope and release it. I got a day off school to do that job. Later Dad bought a brand new 1949 Fordson tractor and a new McCormack trailing mower and that changed a lot of things about mowing hay for all the neighbours. One day he was driving the tractor through a paddock with us sitting on the trailer when he saw a hare sitting in the grass. He stopped the tractor, took a hammer out of the toolbox and threw it at the hare. He hit it dead centre in the head killing it outright so he cut its throat and bled it and we took it home and Mum cooked it for us. I remember once being on the tractor taking hay over to the cattle in the back paddock after there had been quite a lot of rain. We came to this gate on a bit of a slope and Dad put the brakes on and we just started sliding towards the gates. He was still saying "Whoa! Whoa!" as we smashed the gate in half. I think he thought he was still driving a horse!

There were always ponies in the school paddock – anywhere from six to twelve at times. When I was going to school by myself, Gwen, who lived at Gowanlea, would come up the road on her pony and I would hop on behind her and ride down to the main road to catch the bus where she left her pony tied up till she came home from school. One time we were sitting waiting for the school bus. As it arrived we moved forward and next thing its big back tyre came off and went straight to where we had been sitting then crashed into the fence. If we hadn't moved it could have killed us. Another time we missed the bus and we walked back home to get Mum to take us to school in the car. She just said, "You'd better start walking all the way to Waverley (which was about two miles) and tell the teacher why you are late." We never missed the bus again.

Once my brother and I got a small sugar beet, hollowed it out and put curry powder, chilli and anything else hot Mum had in her pantry into it. We put the plug back in the sugar beet and gave it to the old man's white boar. He scoffed it down straight away. I can still see that big pig standing on the hill with his mouth wide open facing into the wind coming from the west. Another time Mum and Dad had gone out somewhere so we went and got some wheat and soaked it in the old man's whiskey and fed it to the chooks. Man did they get drunk! They were falling over flapping their wings and their feet were going forty to the dozen. They were even falling over on the lawn. I am having a bit of a laugh now thinking of it, but it was not a laughing matter when Mum and Dad arrived home and saw their chooks drunk as skunks. For both incidents we suffered the consequences. Say no more!



"My parents Keith and Lily Alken"

My father once told me that when he was young he used to go along the railway line and put bottles on the fence posts. The fireman on the steam train would throw coal at the bottles to see if he could hit them and then Dad would ride down go once a week and replace any broken bottles and pick up the coal for their coal range. We, as kids, also used to go along the railway tracks and pick up coal and other things. We used to place a halfpenny or threepence on the train line when we were going to school to see how big the trains could flatten them. They used to get quite thin after a few weeks."

Those were the days!

The Series

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The end of the term

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

During the final month of this Parliament, National has worked hard passing laws that will have real benefit here in South Taranaki. These included making it easier to build and get things done, growing export opportunities, and keeping our communities safe.

It included delivering on National's commitment to repeal and replace the no-longer-fit-for-purpose Resource Management Act. This was one of the key promises made in 2023. The new laws create a faster, clearer, and less costly planning system. They will better support primary production, housing, infrastructure, and economic growth, while protecting our natural environment.

For our farmers and growers, the changes remove unnecessary complexity and significantly reduce the need for consents. They better reflect real-world farming and horticultural practices and provide greater certainty for investment and day-to-day operations.

Our rural sector, the backbone of our regional economy, has welcomed these changes. During my time as the MP for Whanganui, I have heard repeatedly the frustrations caused to farmers and growers by the overly prescriptive RMA, and the restrictions on development on their own land. The new planning system is designed to be faster, clearer, and more enabling, while protecting the natural environment.

Growing our export markets was the focus of another law National passed in the last month. Having a new market to sell New Zealand produce to is welcome news. Exporters will be able to use the agreement with India to build new relationships and sell more of our world-class products to one of the fastest-growing economies on the planet.

Tariffs will be removed immediately on sheep meat and wool exports, and 95% of forestry exports will be tariff-free.

Importantly for Taranaki, tariffs on mānuka honey will be cut by 75% over five years, making New Zealand the first country to secure preferential access for honey in any Indian FTA.

Not only did Prime Minister Christopher Luxon deliver on the commitment to sign an agreement with Indian in National's first term, it has now been ratified by both Governments. This means that the FTA will come into force on 20 October, and the benefits can start flowing and support our economic recovery.

All this work is part of National's focus on fixing the basics of our planning laws so we can all get on and get things built. However, there is more to do, and the agreement with India means more income for NZ Inc to support the work we are doing building the future for all New Zealanders.

While Parliament has finished now until after the election, I continue to be active around our community as your MP for Whanganui, including South Taranaki and Stratford. My team and I are here to help. Please get in touch via **carl.batesmp@parliament.govt.nz** if we can help you in any way.



Carl Bates meets Waverley and Whanganui pharmacy owner Shope and his manager Shannon on a recent business visit.



Council seeks feedback on Gambling and TAB Venue Policies

South Taranaki District Council is inviting public feedback on its Class 4 Gambling Venues Policy and TAB Venues Policy as part of a legally required three-year review.

The review gives residents an opportunity to have their say on how gambling venues are managed across the district, including whether current settings should be retained or changed.

The current Class 4 Gambling Venues Policy allows a maximum of 121 gaming machines across South Taranaki and limits the number of machines permitted at individual venues. Eligible venues must primarily operate as licensed premises serving alcohol or alcohol and food, or as sports or community clubs operating under a club licence.

As part of the review, the Council is seeking feedback on a range of options, including maintaining the current approach, introducing more restrictive measures such as a sinking lid policy that would gradually reduce the number of gaming machines over time, or adopting a less restrictive approach.

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For more information, call 0800 111 323 or email policy@stdc.govt.nz

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Opening of Pātea Mobile Connectivity Tower

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School Docs- this is where you can access our school's policies & procedures
www.schooldocs.co.nz
Username- waitotara
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Our Board would love any feedback you have about our policies.

Kia Ora Koutou,

There is lots to look forward to in Term 4, so please keep your diaries up to date with all of our important dates and events, including camps, Pet Day, the A&P Show and Prizegiving. It is always a busy and exciting term!

In the coming weeks, you will receive our Community Consultation Survey. This is an important opportunity for parents and whānau to share their thoughts, ideas and perspectives with us. The Board uses this feedback to help shape our strategic planning and priorities for next year, so we really encourage everyone to take the time to complete the survey when it arrives.

We are delighted with our recent property improvements. Our new carpet and heat pumps have now been installed, making our learning spaces warmer, more comfortable and inviting for our students. The builders are also putting the finishing touches around the school and completing a few final touch-ups before the end of the term.

Unfortunately, our school van is still out of action and is likely to remain off the road for at least the next few weeks. This means we will need to rely on parent transport a little more than usual for upcoming activities and events.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support of Waitotara School. We have a busy few weeks ahead, an exciting Term 4!

Ngā Mihi
Polly Devane
Principal

★Waitotara Stars ★

Principals Awards
*Iyla Fowler- For working hard in all class activities
*Jiah Shine - Grul- For great progress in reading

Class Awards
* Alexis Lafrentz
* Nina Hickman
* Braxtyn Ede
* Kingsley Wright

Awesome work!!!

Good Sorts - Thank You!
Don- For putting up our new basketball hoop
Phil- for all of the odd jobs you've been doing for us
Waverley Motors- For coming to our rescue when the van broke down at the library!
Sid- For mowing our lawns. We appreciate you!
Patea & Waverley Press- For sponsoring our Daffodil Day fundraiser

Term 4 Dates to Remember
12- 14th October - Senior Camp @ Vertical Horizon, Inglewood
13th Oct - Junior overnight @ school
Labour Day- School closed 26th Oct
19th Oct- Pet day
17th Nov - Waverley A & P show
8th Dec- Beach Education, Castlecliff
14th Dec End of year prizegiving 12pm
16th Dec- Last day of school 12pm
Assemblies- 4/9, 25/9
Clubs- TBC Term 4









End of Term 3 Assembly saw us celebrating a great term and lots of hard work.

Seniors shared their sock puppets with us .

Congratulations to our Principal Award recipients... Wyatt and Nevaeh.

Well done to our Class Awards receivers...Lily, Iyla, Geordie and Izac.

Finally, a huge thank you to Tiffany who has supported our Year 7 and 8 students by attending tech with them every Monday in Term 1 and 3 this year. Much appreciated.

Amazing work Lily! Winning the Waitotara speech competition with the topic 'the deep sea' and then presenting to the West Cluster Speech Competition, judged by Whanganui Toastmasters. We are proud of you.

Well done to Axon, Temanea & Lily who competed in the police PCT challenge in Whanganui. Thanks to Charlotte who joined us from Waverley school. We are very proud of your efforts in both the team and individual events.

Congrats to Waverley school for taking out the teams title and great results in the individual races. We'll be cheering for you in the National competition!







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Monthly update for the Patea River Catchment trapping line

24/9/26 Pests caught over the last 30 days

Line	Rats	Hedgehogs	Mustelids	Other
Makino	0	1	0	0
Makino End	0	3	0	0
Ingahape	9	4	2	2
Okis ridge	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Alan Rogers	2	2	1	1
Ball Rd	0	0	0	1
Ōhuarai	3	3	0	0

Scale Ship Regatta returns to King Edward Park for 30th anniversary

Model boats of all types and sizes will once again take to the waters of King Edward Park over Labour Weekend, as Hāwera hosts its annual Scale Ship Regatta on 24 and 25 October 2026.

Celebrating its 30th anniversary this year, the regatta has become a much-loved tradition, attracting model boat enthusiasts from across the North Island. The event continues to grow, with skilled captains bringing an impressive range of scale vessels to showcase on the lake.

Warships, tugboats, fishing vessels and racing yachts are just some of the beautifully crafted models that will be on display and operated using sophisticated remote-control systems. Participants are always happy to share their knowledge and passion for the hobby with spectators, offering a fascinating insight into the design, construction and operation of the craft.

South Taranaki District Council Events Coordinator Hannah Hancock says the regatta is a wonderful opportunity for families to spend time in the award-winning King Edward Park while enjoying a unique and entertaining event.

"The Scale Ship Regatta has been a highlight of the local events calendar for three decades and continues to bring together people of all ages," says Hannah.

"Pack a picnic, find a spot by the lake and enjoy watching these incredible model boats in action. It's also the perfect excuse to take a stroll through our beautiful gardens and make the most of everything King Edward Park has to offer."







Waverley Primary School

Waverley Primary's Got Talent

This term we had our Waverley Primary's Got Talent competition. We are incredibly proud of everyone who had the courage to perform and share their amazing talent. A special thank you to our wonderful judges for generously donating the prizes and giving up their time to support this event.















Netball Final

Our two senior netball teams came head to head in the B grade finals at Laird Park recently. Our Bumblebees took out the top spot, finishing in first place! They started the season in the C Grade and worked incredibly hard to reach the top of the B grade. We are proud of both teams and their amazing effort throughout the season. A big thank you to our coaches and parent support.



School Cross Country

On Friday 21st August, we held our annual school cross country. The weather was fabulous, and it was wonderful to see our students giving it their all, encouraging one another and showing great determination. Congratulations to all our place-getters and to every student who participated. We are incredibly proud of your effort and perseverance!

A special thank you to our wonderful parent helpers and to our amazing PFA for running the BBQ. We are also very grateful to the golf course for allowing us to use their grounds, and to Waitotara School for joining us.

	1st	2nd	3rd
Intermediate Girls	Matilda Lupton	Skylahray Ratana	Leah Honeyfield
Intermediate Boys	Blake Kiff	Quentin Smith	Archie Dobson
Year 6 Girls	Harper Lupton	Harriet McAree	Isla Robertson
Year 6 Boys	Ollie Steenhuisen	Max Wakeling	Tyler Adelberg
5 Year Old Girls	Millie McAree	Zoey Antonio	
5 Year Old Boys	Oliver Cook	Jack Belton	Jahvarn Haapu-Ratana
6 Year Old Girls	Meadow Symes	Chloe Daly	Jenna Bilyard
6 Year Old Boys	Ted Honeyfield	Reggie Thomas	Hugo Lance
7 Year Old Girls	Lilah Milne	Addison Belton	Kehlani Malcolm
7 Year Old Boys	Benji Kiff	Ben Symes	Nico Pennington
8 Year Old Girls	Georgia McAree	Armania Ratana-Ritai	Natalie Bilyard
8 Year Old Boys	Charlie Honeyfield	William Alexander	Spencer Symes
9 Year Old Girls	Mia Milne	Isla Lance	Sarah Archibald
9 Year Old Boys	Jackson Mickleson	Zacharey Mickleson	Ollie Belton
10 Year Old Girls	Charli Neil	Marni-Rae Neil	
10 Year Old Boys	Louis Anderson	Rylee Anderson	

Cluster Cross Country

More than 50 of our students proudly represented our school at the Cluster Cross Country!

We are incredibly proud of the determination, perseverance and positive attitudes shown by every student. They encouraged one another, gave their very best and demonstrated fantastic sportsmanship throughout the day. A huge thank you to Kakaramea School for hosting such a wonderful event, and congratulations to all our amazing runners!





Duffy Role Model Assembly

Waverley Primary School had the privilege of welcoming Tracey Lambrechs, a former New Zealand weightlifter, to present our Duffy Books, kindly donated by the Lions Club. Tracey won a bronze medal at the 2014 Commonwealth Games and a silver medal at the 2015 Pacific Games. She shared her journey with our students, highlighting the importance of reading and how it supported her in achieving her goals.











River City Tree Services

What a special community we have here in Waverley! We had a lovely surprise from Tony and Chelsie Hoeta. Tony works for River City Trees and they had recently run a firewood raffle at the Waverley Markets. River City Trees kindly donated the $500 proceeds from the raffle takings to our school. We are blown away by the kind gesture and generosity - thank you!





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Perfect to Start or Downsize here!

49 Bedford Street, Patea

3 1 1

For Sale $290,000

This three-bedroom home has charm and had some great upgrades which has taken it to the next level with a near new colour steel roof, modernized kitchen and bathroom with open plan living and a large lounge. The garage is single with a workshop and has power. This is priced to sell, call today to book your viewing.

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COTTAGE CHARMER

12 Norfolk Street, Patea

2 1 1

For Sale $280,000

This sweet pea has had some recent upgrades in the last 6 years and is situated just a short distance to the Patea river and walkway to the beach. This is a perfect downsize option or starter home if you are keen on fishing you can launch your boat from the boat ramp at the beach or throw your rod into the river at the end of the road.

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FOUR BEDROOM HOME WITH VIEWS

34 Kent Street, Patea

4 1

For Sale $350,000

This large family home is set up on an elevated site with unobstructed views of the peaceful river valley from the large wrap around deck. The four bedrooms are spacious and allow room for the family or guests. This home ticks a lot of boxes for those who may enjoy outdoor activities then coming home to relax with the views.

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Your Perfect Lock n Leave

26 Leicester Street, Patea

1 1

For Sale $215,000

This neat as a pin set up would suit a motorhome enthusiast looking for a base to park up the motorhome and spread out on the tiered quarter acre section which is close to town but private and landscaped. The property is well fenced and has ample parking for a variety of vehicles while the buildings offer space to call home.

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The Property Ladder Starts Here

31 Wilson Street, Waverley

2 1

For Sale $265,000

This two-bedroom home is vacant and ready to go as your next rental investment or get your foot on the property ladder and enjoy a low maintenance solid investment with scope to add value. The property is well fenced and private and has an impressive front gate making it safe for your children or pets.

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September School Holiday Programme Out Now!

Families across South Taranaki can look forward to another fun-filled school holiday break, with the latest edition of the Happening Holidays school holiday programme out now.
Packed with activities to keep tamariki entertained, from arts and crafts to sports, movies, games and more, we've got the holidays covered. Happening Holidays is South Taranaki District Council's handy guide to what's happening across the district during the school break, featuring activities at all seven LibraryPlus centres, the Hāwera Aquatic Centre, and a variety of community-led events. Whether your tamariki enjoy getting crafty, playing sport, watching movies, trying something new, or simply having fun with friends, there's something to suit every age and interest.
Parents and caregivers are reminded that registrations or permission slips are required for some activities, as outlined in the programme. Bookings can be made at the Hāwera isite, TSB Hub, or at your local LibraryPlus. Some activities have limited spaces available, so early booking is recommended.
The programme can be viewed online at ***www.southtaranaki.com/happeningholidays.***

Council seeks feedback on Gambling and TAB Venue Policies

South Taranaki District Council is inviting public feedback on its Class 4 Gambling Venues Policy and TAB Venues Policy as part of a legally required three-year review.
The review gives residents an opportunity to have their say on how gambling venues are managed across the district, including whether current settings should be retained or changed.
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2026/2027 South Taranaki Community Awards

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Visit *www.southtaranaki.com/communityawards* to read about the ceremony and find all the winning recipients.

2026/27 Greenwaste Kerbside Collection Subscription

Now's the time to renew your Greenwaste Kerbside Collection Service subscription for 2026/27!
Stickers for the upcoming collection year, running from 1 October 2026 to 30 September 2027, are available to purchase now.
Stickers can be purchased at any time during the year, with the price reducing each month, so you only pay for the months you use the service. Gold Card holders can also enjoy a 20% discount on the sticker price.
The fortnightly collection service is available to urban residents, as well as rural residents located on collection routes. To sign up or renew, simply purchase a sticker from Council's administration office in Hāwera, the Hāwera i-SITE, or any LibraryPlus facility across the district, and place it on the front of your 240L green waste wheelie bin.
Please note that from 1 October, greenwaste bins without a current sticker will not be collected.
If you don't already have a bin, you can purchase a 240L greenwaste wheelie bin, with delivery to your door within five working days.

Ārangirangi Pātea Saltmarsh Lookout Opens

This month marked the official opening and blessing of the new saltmarsh lookout in Pātea, bringing to a close a project that has been years in the making and driven by strong local collaboration. The lookout is the result of a shared vision developed through the Pātea Co-design Group and the South Taranaki District Council.
Working alongside iwi and hapū, the project focused on creating a space that reflects the character, history and identity of Pātea, ensuring the design and style felt authentic to the town and its people. What was once an unused piece of road reserve has been transformed into a beautiful contemplative space overlooking the Pātea River and surrounding saltmarsh. The lookout provides a place for residents and visitors alike to pause, connect with the landscape and enjoy one of the district's unique natural environments.
The completion of the saltmarsh Lookout is a testament to the power of partnership and community-led design, creating a lasting legacy that celebrates both the natural beauty and cultural significance of this special part of Pātea.

Upcoming meetings

Policy and Strategy Committee
Monday 28 September, 1pm

Risk and Assurance Committee
Monday 5 October, 1pm

Water Services Committee
Wednesday 7 October, 1pm

Extraordinary Environment and Hearings Committee
Wednesday 21 October, 10am

Ordinary Council
Wednesday 21 October, 4pm

Eltham-Kaponga Community Board
Tuesday 27 October, 10:30am, Rotokare Scenic Reserve, Sangster Road, Rāwhitiroa

Te Hāwera Community Board
Tuesday 27 October, 4pm

Taranaki Coastal Community Board
Wednesday 28 October, 10.30am, Sinclair Electrical and Refrigeration Events Centre, Tasman Street, Ōpunakē

Extraordinary Council - to adopt the 2026/27 Annual Report
Wednesday 28 October, 1.30pm

Pātea Community Board
Wednesday 28 October, 4pm, Whenuakura Marae, 749 Pātea Road, Whenuakura

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

Dog Registration Winners

Congratulations to the 26/27 Dog Registration Draw winners below!

Amy Hall - Shilo

Katelyn Schrader - Hugo

Stephanie Lane - Mickey

Summer Sparkes - Milo

Shirley Wells - Lily

Simone Entwisle - Griffin

Tracy Hinton - Ruby

Ray Hackett - Mack

Laura Hill - Bonnie

Rae Karipa - Misty

Two Patea recipients for Community Awards:

Local volunteers and community champions were celebrated on Thursday 17 September at the South Taranaki Community Awards, held at the Hāwera Memorial Theatre. The awards recognise individuals who have made a significant contribution to their communities through leadership, dedication, and service to others. The last Awards night was three years ago, and this year Patea had two nominations: Nick Williams and Graeme/Jimmy Hughes. Both men have strong connections, through generations, to Patea.

Nick is a tireless volunteer for Pātea Rugby Club and Pātea Golf Club and Pātea in general. He is responsible for much of the work required to keep the rugby field ready for games, mowing and painting the lines as well as maintaining the club rooms. He has also worked on the local walkways around the Patea Beach, clearing areas that are overgrown and ensuring that the walkways are safe for the locals that rely on them for their exercise. He is a real community man, always on the look out for issues that could become a problem and either dealing with them personally or letting the right people know.

Graeme is a local veterinarian who consistently goes above and beyond to support not only the animals in his care, but the people who dedicate their time to helping them. He is incredibly supportive of local animal rescuers, providing vaccinations, medications and treatment at little or no cost. He has opened his clinic outside of working hours to provide urgent care when it is needed. He has personally adopted dogs that have needed homes and refers potential adopters to help homeless dogs find loving homes. Graeme is a generous supporter of local fundraising efforts and has donated to local schools and kindergartens. Graeme's compassion, generosity and dedication have had a lasting impact on our community.

"These awards recognise the incredible volunteers who give their time, energy, and skills to strengthen our communities. Their contributions often go unseen, but the positive impact they have on the lives of others is immeasurable. South Taranaki is fortunate to have so many people who are willing to step up, lend a hand, and help our communities thrive," says Mayor Nixon.



Nick Williams with Mayor Nixon



Nick and Sue Williams with their son & daughter inlaw; Paul & Vicki Williams



Graeme Hughes with Mayor Nixon

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Opening of the Ārangirangi Salt Marsh Lookout

Wednesday 9 Sept
The following speech was given by Mayor Phil Nixon



Tēnā koutou katoa.

Firstly, I'd like to acknowledge Ngāti Ruanui and Ngā Rauru, our kaumātua and community leaders, members of the Patea Co-design Group, the Patea Community Board, my fellow councillors, Council staff, project partners, contractors, residents, and everyone who has joined us here today. Thank you for being part of this special occasion. It's always a pleasure to be in Patea and it's especially rewarding when we're gathered to celebrate another project that reflects the pride, energy and vision this community continues to show.

Today is about officially opening the Ārangirangi Salt Marsh Lookout, but it's about much more than a structure or a viewing platform. It's about recognising and celebrating one of the most significant natural treasures we have here in Taranaki. Arangirangi is a remarkable place, rich in ecological value, cultural significance and natural beauty. This lookout gives people the chance to stop, take in the view, learn about the landscape around them, and develop a deeper connection with it. I'd like to pay special tribute to Ngati Ruanui for their guidance throughout this project and for gifting the name Arangirangi to this special place. The partnership between Council and iwi continues to strengthen projects like this, ensuring we celebrate not only our environment but also the stories, history and cultural significance that make these places unique. One thing I've learned as Mayor is that the best outcomes happen when people work together. This project is another great example of that. It has taken the contribution of many individuals, organisations and teams to bring this vision to life. I want to acknowledge and thank Blac Landscape Architects, Waina Civil, DMAC Engineering, TGM, Hayden McColl, our Council Reforestation Team, and our Community Development Team. Your professionalism, expertise and commitment have helped create something the whole community can be proud of. I'd also like to make special mention of one of the most eye-catching features here today, the beautiful bespoke seat overlooking the salt marsh. When people visit this lookout in years to come, many of them will probably spend just as much time sitting there as they do standing here listening to speeches. A huge thank you to Trish & Don Adams, as well as James Davidson from Pātea Area School for creating it. Apologies from James, who wanted to be here today, but urgent school business popped up. Your craftsmanship, creativity and generosity have added something truly special to this space. It's a wonderful example of community contribution and a lasting gift that locals and visitors alike will enjoy for many years to come. This lookout is also another important milestone in the wider Pātea revitalisation journey. Over recent years we've seen a number of projects that have helped strengthen community pride, celebrate local identity and create places where people want to live, visit and spend time. This project fits perfectly within that vision. As we look out across Ārangirangi today, we can see more than just a beautiful landscape. We can see what can be achieved when iwi, community, volunteers, contractors and Council work alongside one another with a shared purpose. That's something worth celebrating. My hope is that this becomes a place where people come to learn, to reflect, to enjoy nature, and to share the stories of this special part of our district with future generations. And as restoration work continues, I know the health and beauty of this salt marsh will only continue to grow. To everyone who has played a part in making this project a reality, thank you. Your efforts have created something lasting for Patea and for South Taranaki.

It is now my pleasure to officially declare the Arangirangi Salt Marsh Lookout open.

Ngā mihi nui ki a koutou katoa. Thank you.

Opening of the Extension to the Waverley Town Belt Walkway

Tuesday 15 Sept
The following speech was given by Mayor Phil Nixon

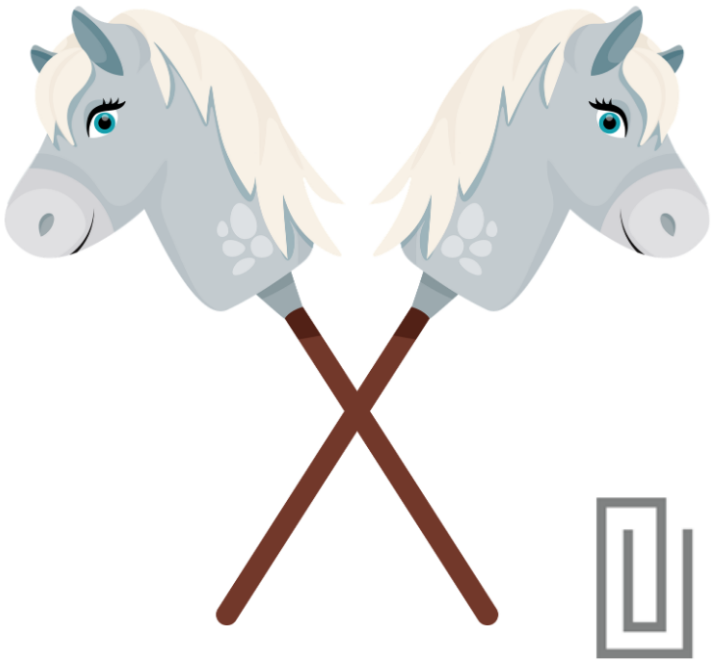
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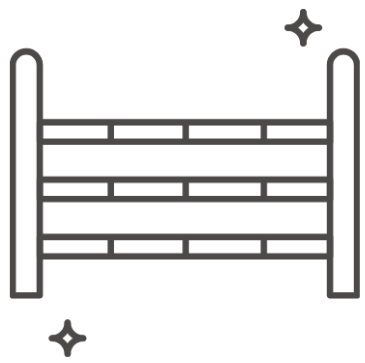
It is a pleasure to be here today alongside Ngã Rauru and Ngāti Tai hapū, our community leaders, the Waverley Co-Design Group, Patea Community Board members, councillors, staff, contractors, students and residents as we celebrate another important milestone for Waverley. Today is about much more than just about planting trees. It's about restoring a special part of our town, strengthening biodiversity and creating something that future generations will enjoy long after we're gone. The Town Belt has been part of Waverley's story for well over a century and today we're adding another chapter to that story. What I particularly like about this project is that it started with the community. Through the Waverley Revitalisation Programme and the Co- Design Group, local people told us they wanted more native planting, stronger environmental outcomes and more attractive green spaces. Today we can see that vision becoming reality. Projects like this only happen when people work together. I want to acknowledge Ngā Rauru and Ngäti Tai for their partnership and guidance, helping ensure we care for this whenua in a way that honours those who came before us and those who will come after us. I'd also like to thank the many people who have made this project happen, especially Joe Churchman and the reforestation team, the Community Development team, Excavat Ltd and the local contractors who delivered the fencing, plumbing and civil works. It's always great to see local businesses helping build a stronger local community. And a special thank you to the students and staff from Waitotara School. You haven't just helped plant trees, you've planted a connection to this place. My hope is that in years to come you'll bring your own families here and be able to point to a towering native tree and



proudly say, "I planted that." The work we see today is only the beginning. Over the coming years this area will grow into a thriving native landscape, providing habitat for birds and wildlife, enhancing biodiversity and creating a beautiful space for the community to enjoy. This project is a wonderful example of what can be achieved when iwi, schools, community groups, contractors, volunteers and council, all pull in the same direction. We're not simply planting trees. We're investing in the future of Waverley. It now gives me great pleasure to officially open and dedicate the Waverley Town Belt Reforestation Area. May it grow, flourish and be enjoyed by generations to come. Ngā mihi nui ki a koutou katoa. Thank you.

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9.30am Lambs start
10.15am Calves start



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Junior – 8yrs and under
Senior – 9yrs and over
Kid Goats can be entered with Lambs
All animals must be presented.
in a natural condition and be
less than 6 months of age.
All Calves must have NAIT tags.
The Association NAIT number is 444057
for movement records.
Parking will be sign posted –
enter at GATE 1



Lambs 9.30am start
1. Junior Leading
2. Senior Leading
3. Junior Calling
4. Senior Calling

Junior and Senior Champion/Reserve
Winners of Classes 1 to 4

5. Most Obvious Pet

Supreme Lamb
Winners of Classes 1 to 4



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Calves 10.15am start
1. Junior Leading Heavy
2. Junior Leading Light
3. Senior Leading Heavy
4. Senior Leading Light
5. Junior Care & Attention Heavy
6. Junior Care & Attention Light
7. Senior Care & Attention Heavy
8. Senior Care & Attention Light



Champion/Reserve Leading
Winners of Classes 1 to 4
Champion/Reserve Care & Attention
Winners of Classes 5 to 8



Best Dairy type
9. Junior
10. Senior



Best Beef Type
11. Junior
12. Senior

Champion/Reserve Dairy Type
Winners of Classes 9 and 10

Champion/Reserve Beef Type
Winners of Classes 11 and 12

Supreme Champion Calf
Champions from Classes 1 to 8

Tuesday 17th November 2026
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Export & Gift Lamb Schedule

Class 1 Gift Lamb

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Waitotara Meat Company has donated Gift Lamb Trophy on the hoof.

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Class 2 Export Lambs

Three export lambs – any breed.
The individual weight of each lamb is not to exceed 20kgs P or Y Grade, and T if schedule is the same.
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A Challenge Cup (to be won three times in succession or five at intervals)
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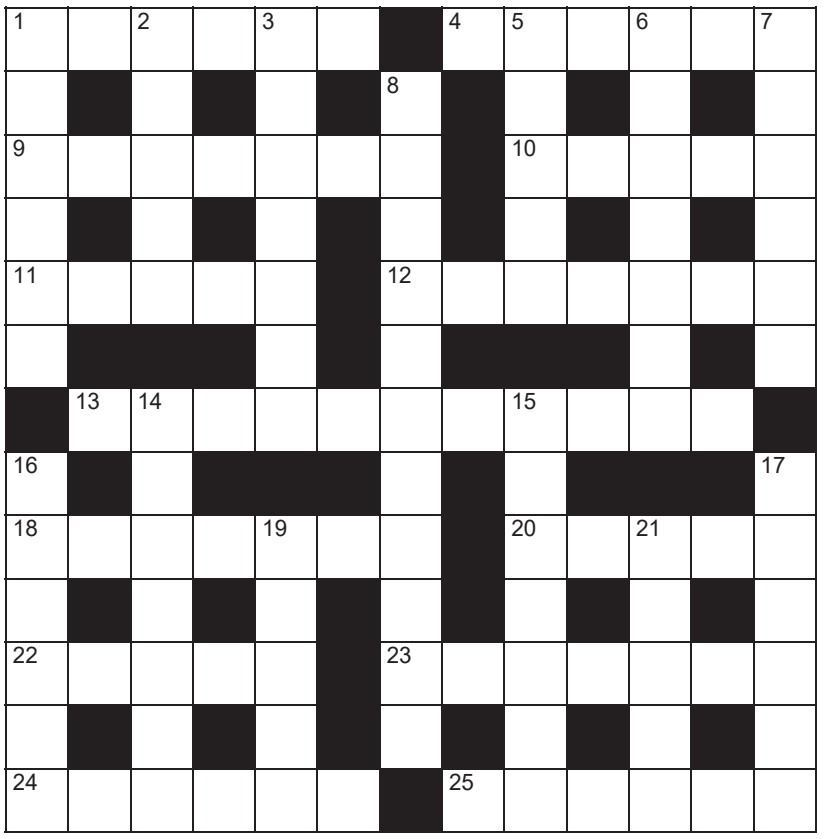
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Quick crossword

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Across

1. Choice (6)
4. Climb (6)
9. Playhouse (7)
10. Loafer (5)
11. Church centrepiece (5)
12. Overshadow (7)
13. Complex (11)
18. Pacify (7)
20. Terminate (5)
22. Cake topping (5)
23. Blood-red (7)
24. Treeless plain in Arctic regions (6)
25. Warmed (6)

Down

1. Expenditure (6)
2. Burglary (5)
3. Protuding rock formation (7)
5. Expertise (5)
6. Oval (7)
7. Soup dish (6)
8. Generosity (11)
14. Speech (7)
15. Greed (7)
16. Run flat out (6)
17. Affected by drugs (colloq) (6)
19. Wrath (5)
21. Beginning (5)

Crossword solution

Across: 1. Option, 4. Ascent, 9. Theatre, 10. Idler, 11. Altar, 12. Eclipse, 13. Complicated, 18. Placate, 20. Abort, 22. Icing, 23. Crimson, 24. Tundra, 25. Heated.
Down: 1. Outlay, 2. Theft, 3. Outcrop, 5. Skill, 6. Ellipse, 7. Tureen, 8. Beneficence, 14. Oration, 15. Avarice, 16. Sprint, 17. Stoned, 19. Anger, 21. Onset.

Code-Cracker

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E	M	B	Z	L	Q	O	A	N	X	U	T	R
14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26
I	D	J	P	W	S	Y	C	F	G	H	K	V

SIMON SHUKER'S CODE-CRACKER Extra

Each number in our Code-Cracker grid represents a different letter of the alphabet. For example, today 21 represents C so fill in C every time the figure 21 appears. You have one letter in the control grid to start you off. Enter it in the appropriate squares in the main grid and solve the starter word. Fill in other squares in the main and control grids with the found letters and look for the next word. Follow the word trail through the puzzle to its completion.

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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** 15 **Excellent** 20+



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Notice of 2026 Annual General Meeting

Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of the Trust will be held on Saturday 14th November 2026, at the Patea Old Folks Association Hall, 137 Egmont Street Patea, commencing 10am.
Beneficial Owners of Taranaki iti 3C2, Otautu 15E and Otautu 16B are invited to attend

Agenda

1. Welcome and Karakia
2. Apologies and Announcements
3. Confirmation of Minutes of Previous Meeting
4. Matters Arising
5. Presentation of 2026 Annual Report
   a) *Chair's Report*
   b) *2027 Business Plan*
   c) *Financial Report*

A resolution is required to adopt each Annual Report item a), b) and c) above

6. Election of two Trustees
   Two Trustees are retiring by rotation. As per Clause 16.6 of our Trust Deed, Trustees retiring by rotation are eligible for re-election. Nominations will be accepted at the meeting for the election of two replacement Trustees.
7. General Business
8. Close of Business and Karakia Whakamutunga.

NOTE

Proxy votes will be accepted at the meeting. For proxy forms please contact the Trust Secretary, Cheryl Simpson at ph. 021-682-008, or email: secretarypawt@gmail.com
Proxy forms must be in the hands of the Chair or Secretary at least 30 minutes before the meeting begins.

South Taranaki Museum Trust Annual General Meeting
7.30pm,
8th October 2026
127 Egmont Street, Pātea
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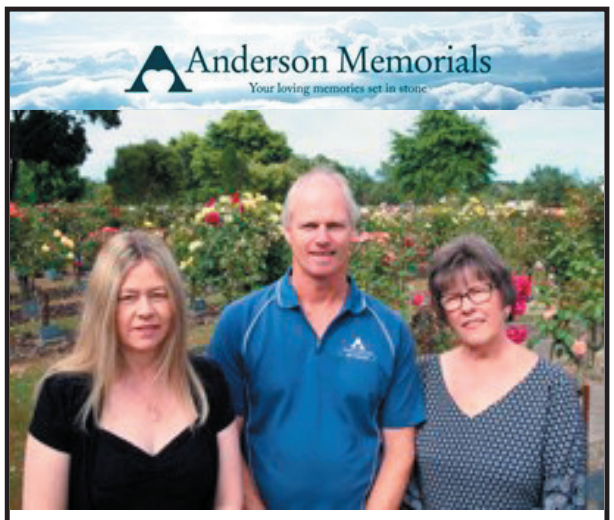
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Rainfall - August

KAKARAMEA
Rainfall recorded by Kevin Ford, Spence Rd.
Rainfall for 2026 - 63.5mm in 12 days
Rainfall for 2025 - 80mm
Average for August - 111mm over 56 years
TOTAL for 2026 - 713mm

WAITOTARA
Rainfall recorded by Marie Hawken, Waitotara
Rainfall 2026 - 72.75mm in 12 days
Rainfall 2025 - 70mm in 11 days
TOTAL for 2026 - 622.5mm

WAVERLEY
Rainfall recorded by Stu Buckman, Waverley
Rainfall 2026 - 91mm in 16 days
Rainfall 2025 - 71.5mm in 14 days
Rainfall 2024 - 146mm in 17 days
TOTAL for 2026 - 689.5mm

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Tide Table - October 2026

THU	01 OCT	01:18	3.0m	13:44	2.9m
FRI	02 OCT	02:07	2.8m	14:37	2.8m
SAT	03 OCT	03:06	2.6m	15:42	2.6m
SUN	04 OCT	04:18	2.4m	17:04	2.5m
MON	05 OCT	05:40	2.4m	18:30	2.5m
TUE	06 OCT	07:01	2.4m	19:43	2.7m
WED	07 OCT	08:10	2.6m	20:39	2.8m
THU	08 OCT	09:04	2.8m	21:26	3.0m
FRI	09 OCT	09:50	2.9m	22:07	3.1m
SAT	10 OCT	10:30	3.0m	22:45	3.1m
SUN	11 OCT	11:07	3.1m	23:21	3.1m
MON	12 OCT	11:41	3.1m	23:55	3.0m
TUE	13 OCT	12:14	3.0m		
WED	14 OCT	00:29	2.9m	12:47	2.9m
THU	15 OCT	01:04	2.7m	13:22	2.8m
FRI	16 OCT	01:43	2.6m	14:01	2.6m
SAT	17 OCT	02:27	2.4m	14:49	2.4m
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MON	19 OCT	04:30	2.2m	17:06	2.2m
TUE	20 OCT	05:43	2.2m	18:20	2.3m
WED	21 OCT	06:52	2.2m	19:21	2.4m
THU	22 OCT	07:49	2.4m	20:10	2.6m
FRI	23 OCT	08:37	2.6m	20:51	2.8m
SAT	24 OCT	09:18	2.8m	21:30	3.0m
SUN	25 OCT	09:58	3.0m	22:09	3.1m
MON	26 OCT	10:37	3.1m	22:50	3.2m
TUE	27 OCT	11:18	3.2m	23:32	3.2m
WED	28 OCT	12:00	3.2m		
THU	29 OCT	00:18	3.1m	12:46	3.1m
FRI	30 OCT	01:07	3.0m	13:35	3.0m
SAT	31 OCT	02:02	2.8m	14:32	2.8m

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Oldest Wooden Artefacts in NZ at Aotea Utanganui Museum

Article by Jim Baker (Trustee)

At Pride of place in Aotea Utanganui – Museum of South Taranaki is a display of ancient wooden artifacts. The radiocarbon results suggest that these articles date to between 1360 to 1590.

At present these are the oldest dated collection of wooden artifacts in New Zealand Aotearoa. They were found at the confluence of a swamp before it flows into the Tasman Sea between the Patea and Whenuakura rivers.

Many of the parts seem to be of a single outrigger canoe. The finds show decorative features like those predicted for the period of transition from New Zealand Eastern Polynesian to classic Māori forms.

One piece demonstrates a style of decoration by chisel punching that is very rare in New Zealand.

All the items recovered are broken, there are 2 trains of thought regarding this, the first being that the area was used as a canoe repair facility and broken parts were thrown in the swamp, this early assumption now has been largely dismissed.

The second thought is that the area suffered a catastrophic tsunami. This being related to John Huston (he was a New Zealand historian and writer who specialised in the history of Taranaki Māori) and published in the Hawera Star on 10th October 1931 with the title “The Coming of the Sands”.

A summary of this article: Tumaki was born near Ōkato, like many others he desired to acquire the treasured Pounamu, the green stone of the West Coast of the South Island. After a long journey he found the greenstone, but unhappily he offended the tapu and duly met his end.

His wife desired his brothers to take her to visit the place where her husband died.

While making enquiries as to the location the place where Tumuaki met his death, the eldest of the brothers Potikiroa met the people of the village whose principal chief was an aged and powerful tohunga, named Mangohuruhuru.

Potikiroa married one of his daughters and decided to stay with his new friends indefinitely.

As time went on, Potikiroa decided to revisit Taranaki. He had often discussed with his new friends the beauties and advantages of his old home but always emphasised the absence of sandy beaches at Taranaki.

The aged tohunga, Mangohuruhuru agreed to accompany Potikiroa and his wife on the visit north, and he decided to make a great gift to Taranaki so that there should be sands on the coast for beaching canoes and to facilitate fishing with nets.

The aged priest laid the groundwork for what was to follow.

The party was well received by Potikiroa’s relatives.

Mangohuruhuru built a large house named Te Tapere-o-tutahi on low land close to the seacoast.

Potikiroa and his wife Puna-te-rito built a house named Te Arai-o-Tawhiti on higher ground.

After warning the people of his intention on bringing the sands to Taranaki Mangohuruhuru climbed to the roof of his house and standing there invoked the gods.

Then in answer to his potent karakia, and the accompaniment of a storm of thunder and lightning, there appeared on the horizon a great cloud laden with sand.

In a moment the storm was upon them; a darkness as of night settled down, illuminated only by the vivid lightning, whilst the wind roared and the rain fell in sheets of water.

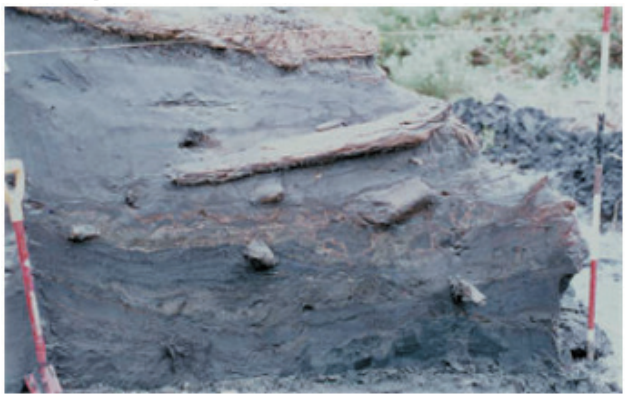
The sands came with the storm and the people in the great black darkness fell where they stood and were buried in the sands.

The house and cultivations and all the surrounding country were buried deep in the sand, and with them the old priest Mangohuruhuru.

Potikiroa and his wife Puna-te-rito escaped the disaster from the fact of their home being further inland and on higher ground.



Anchor stones



Wooden artifacts buried in sand

BELOW: Auckland University archaeologists





Bruce Mcfadgen wrote a book called “Fragile Shores” catastrophic events in New Zealand and their impact on Māori Coastal communities. I accompanied him on his visit to the Waitore site. He showed me his reasoning for his theory that it was a tsunami that caused the damage by pointing out that amongst the sand were stones, if the sand had blown inland there would not be any stones amongst it. In his book he mentions that the artifacts found are at various angles from almost vertical to horizontal. The fish remains found were not freshwater types suggesting that they could have been caught up in the tsunami wave and washed ashore inland.

My father Livingston Baker made a point of cleaning the creeks on the farm by hand. He was a keen historian and with the number of Māori occupation sites on the farm he figured that he would find something! This was the only area he found things.

The site got properly investigated by Auckland University archaeologists almost by accident. They were planning to investigate a different site which was not suitable at the time they were able to come. With the archaeologists all booked and nowhere to dig the decision was made that they would investigate the Waitore site. Which they visited on three separate occasions.

The artefacts are in layers of peat covered by up to 6 metres of sand. To remove the overburden of sand my father would keep the stream against the bank and let it erode the sand away. He spent many hours keeping the stream flowing to wash the sand out to the beach. Dad is downplaying in his sand pit mum would jokingly say!

For more information about the Waitore artifacts visit the museum, the knowledgeable staff will be able to show you all the information relating to the data and information about this significant collection.

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Finalists announced for 2026 Ronald Hugh Morrieson Literary Awards

The finalists for the 2026 Lysaght-Watt Trust Ronald Hugh Morrieson Literary Awards have been announced.

More than 180 entries were received across this year's five categories: Open Poetry, Secondary School Poetry, Open Short Story, Secondary School Short Story, and Secondary School True Story/Research Article.

Short Story judge Tracey Slaughter said she was impressed by the quality and variety of entries received from across Taranaki.

"Turning over and returning to each piece yielded fresh surprises and revelations, and I felt the care, craft and concentrated energy you invested in each line," says Tracey.

Poetry judge Glenn Colquhoun said the standard of entries continues to rise each year.

"I don't know whether to thank everyone who entered or moan about how hard you made my job. It is the third time I've judged this competition, and the standard of the entries only continues to rise," says Glenn.

True Story judge Matt Rilkoff praised the honesty and insight shown by entrants, describing the stories as heartfelt and engaging.

"Each piece was refreshingly honest, raw and full of astute observations and vivid descriptions. These are stories told from the heart," says Matt.

Congratulations to all 2026 finalists. Reaching the finalist stage is a significant achievement and reflects the talent and dedication of local writers.

The community is invited to attend the awards ceremony at Te Ramanui o Ruapūtahanga in Hāwera on Thursday 22 October. Doors open at 6.45pm, with the awards beginning at 7pm.

During the ceremony, judges will share insights into their categories and discuss the entries that stood out to them.

Anyone wishing to attend is asked to RSVP with the number attending to entries@stdc.govt.nz by Wednesday 14 October.

Finalists (all categories)

Cole Lobban
Erana Hokopaura-Watkins
Jasmin Kemsley
Kayla Malone
Koren Millar
Lauren Kalin
Lucinda Moorby
Lucy Crowley
Maria Taylor
Marlene Beech
MB Stoneman
Pip Harrison
Stuart Greenhill

The Awards, sponsored by the Lysaght Watt Trust, honour the work of one of New Zealand's most preeminent authors, Ronald Hugh Morrieson (1922 – 1972). Morrieson wrote four novels: a coming-of-age tale The Scarecrow (1963), Came a Hot Friday (1964), Predicament (published in 1975) and his only contemporary novel Pallet on the Floor (1976). Two short stories were published posthumously, in 1974; Cross My Heart and Cut My Throat and The Chimney.

Carlyle Women's Institute

Greetings to all, it has been a while since I have updated what we have been doing. Bridget & Rose attended the 105th AGM Conference in Christchurch at the Chateau on the Park, our venue. The conference was 26th & 27th May, we discussed the future of WI Nationally and we are willing to try and keep this organisation going into the future. The retiring National Executive Committee gave their farewell speeches, and we welcomed the 5 new National Executive Ladies.

9th June we had a catch-up day at the Swiss Club in Kaponga, our President gave a brief talk on the conference. Followed by a delightful lunch of 3 very delicious soups & buns, there was slices, tea & coffee as well. A member demonstrated how to do and eggshell picture, she had done one previously wow it was wonderful. This is one of our competitions this year.

South Taranaki Federation celebrated being 90, on the September 8th, 2026. This is the actual day back in 1936 the federation had their first meeting. The day started with a cuppa, then down to business. The National President gave her speech and thanked us for inviting them. We had a catered lunch, slideshows and a little bit of history over the past 90 years. The day ended with thanks and wishing everyone a safe journey.

Competitions for June:
Handcraft: (Hand warmers) 1st L Hill
Bloom:1st M Meyer, 2nd K McColl, 3rd L Hill
Cooking: (No Bake Slice) - 1st L Hill, 2nd M Meyer
Shrub: 1st M Meyer, 2nd K McColl, 3rd L Hill
Cluster: 1s L Hill t, 2nd M Meyer, 3rd K McColl

Competitions for July:
Handcraft: No entries
Bloom: 1st K McColl, 2nd M Meyer
Cooking: No entries
Shrub: 1st M Meyer, 2nd K McColl
Cluster: 1st B Dwyer, 2nd K McColl, 3rd M Meyer

Competitions for August:
Handcraft: (Pin Cushion) 1st L Hill
Bloom: 1st L Hill, 2nd M Meyer, 3rd K McColl
Cooking: (Scones) 1st M Meyer
Shrub: - 1st M Meyer, 2nd K McColl
Cluster: 1st K McColl, 2nd M Meyer

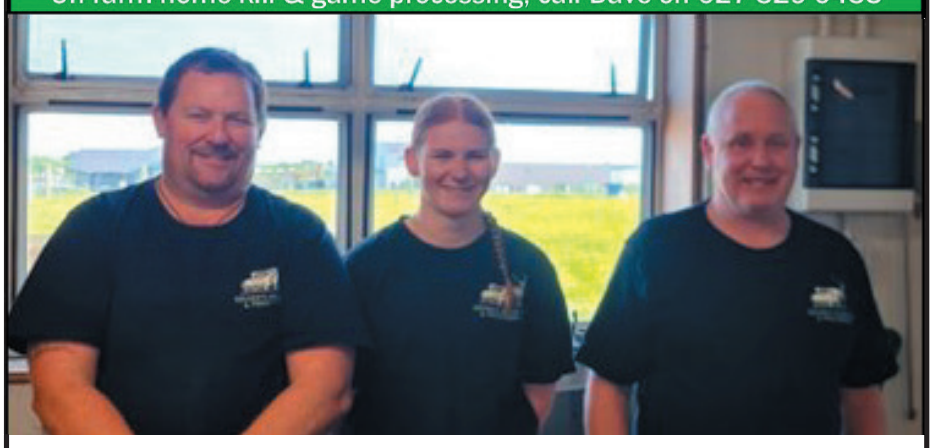
Competitions for September:
Handcraft: No entries
Bloom: 1st L Hill, 2nd K McColl
Cooking: No entries
Shrub: 1st K McColl, 2nd L Hill
Cluster: 1st L Hill, 2nd K M

If you are interested in joining us just socially or want to enter our competitions (they are not compulsory to enter) just a chat and refreshments, come and see what we are all about, first Thursday of each month, 1.30pm at Patea Old Folks Hall.

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Kakaramea School Life in WWII



George & Ellie Dyer, Margaret's parents.

George & Ellie Dyer, nee Hopkins, came to Kakaramea in the early 1930's from England, and bought a small dairy farm on Wilson Road. Ellie trained as a milliner before coming to New Zealand. She was very artistic and an enthusiastic member of Kakaramea CWI, a great sewer and recycler of everything. She made rag rugs with old clothes, preserves with foraged fruit, nothing was wasted. George wore singlets she made from old flour sacks, still with the words 'use no hooks' on them. They were the first people living on the northern end of Wilson Road in Kakaramea to get a telephone installed in their house. It was obvious as there were new lines extending across their front paddock. Previously the people without cars, and living to the south of the Dyer's, had to walk to the store owned by Mr Pope and pay to use his phone.

The following was written by their daughter Margaret Marshall about her childhood in Kakaramea during WWII:

I was born in 1937, two years before the war, so I was in the Primers when a trench was dug by our fathers under a row of Macrocarpa trees to the side of the hill leading to the School. The trench was not very wide, but quite deep. A step was made to the top end which was meant to make it easy to climb down but being only five or six years old some of us just slid into the trench getting quite filthy. We were also to wear a piece of string with a cork strung on it. We were told to put our heads between our knees and bite the cork if the planes flew over!

Also, our mothers had to prepare a small suitcase with our clothes, one change for each member of the family, only four in ours. Boxes of food were prepared as well. Then there was much discussion on whose truck we would travel on. We were to go on Mr. Watt's truck. I later learnt that the trucks were to transport us to the bush in the Alton Hurleyville areas where we would hide. Of course, at that age I thought it was going to be a great adventure and was quite disappointed that the suitcases were emptied and went back into storage, and it never happened! But what a relief it must have been to our parents!

This is one of the stories from the Kakaramea Jubilee Book, soon to be available from Jacq Dwyer



Kakaramea School friends 1943 - Marlene Hobbs, Reg Dyer, Mark Cole, Margaret Dyer, Don Marshall, note the little guns tucked into the top of Reg and Mark's trousers – ready for action!!



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Lions Club Speech Competition

We were very proud of our three students, Honor Williams, Maggie Newland, and Constance Wiki-Thomson, who recently represented Whenuakura School at the Normanby Lions Year 5–6 Speech Competition.

A first time entering for all three students, this was a new experience and a fantastic opportunity to step outside their comfort zones and try something new. While they didn't place on the day, they should be incredibly proud of the effort, preparation and courage they showed in standing up and speaking in front of an audience.



Forest School Fun

Students have loved getting out into their Forest School area throughout this term. While some days were a little too windy to safely enjoy our fire pit, there was certainly no stopping the chopping, hammock adventures and outdoor exploring!

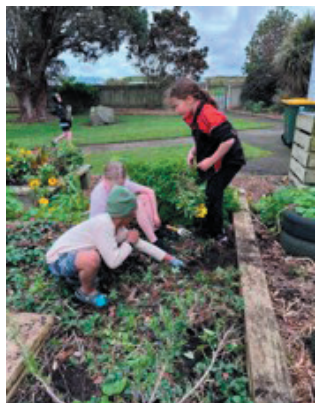
It has been fantastic to see our students' independence growing, their ability to assess and manage risk developing, and their teamwork and cooperation reaching a whole new level.

In our final session of the term, the students lent a hand getting the school grounds looking their best for Pet Day. There was plenty of weeding, sweeping and tidying happening, taking a little pressure off our busy working families. It was lovely to see the pride they took in caring for their school and working together to get the grounds looking great.









School Cross Country

A huge congratulations to all our tamariki who took part in our school cross country!

It was certainly a super windy day, but every student showed incredible perseverance, dug deep and pushed through to the finish line. We were beyond proud of each and every one of them.

A big thank you to Ian and Sophie Honeyfield for kindly allowing us to use their paddocks for the day and for letting us have a practice run through earlier in the week to help prepare. We really appreciate your support.







Cluster Cross Country

There was plenty of tailwind to help our runners across the finish line last month at the Cluster Schools Cross Country held at Kakaramea School.

A fantastic day of effort, determination and school spirit. Well done to our students for getting out there, giving it their all and representing our school with pride. Thank you Kakaramea for hosting another fantastic event.











EPro8 Finals Success!

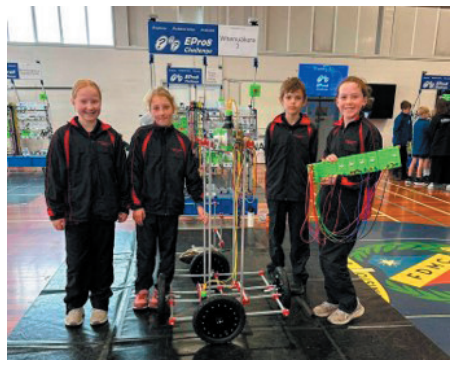
Last month, students Maggie, Jordan, Honor, Rosalie and Aubrey (reserve) headed to Stratford to take on the EPro8 Challenge — and what an awesome experience it was! They put their problem-solving, teamwork and practical skills to the test, coming away with an impressive 4th place and qualifying for the EPro8 Finals in New Plymouth.

Finals were held a week later with our team coming away with an impressive 3rd place. With only three points between first, second and third, you can imagine the adrenaline that was pumping!

EPro8 is a hands-on STEM challenge where teams work together to design, build and problem-solve their way through a range of engineering challenges.

They worked incredibly hard, and we're so proud of their achievement.





Duffy Role Model Visit



We recently welcomed Tracey Lambrechs, former New Zealand weightlifter, to Whenuakura School to help us celebrate our latest Duffy Books.

Tracey shared some of her story with our tamariki, including her experiences competing for New Zealand and the hard work and determination it took to reach her goals. She also talked about how important reading has been throughout her journey — a great reminder that books can take us places we never imagined!

Tracey qualified for three Commonwealth Games, where she won Bronze. She also competed in two World Championships and the Olympic Games in Rio 2016… so our tamariki certainly had a pretty inspiring role model in front of them.

Native Shrub Planting

A huge thank you to Paper4Trees for their generous donation of native shrubs to Whenuakura School recently.

With the support from sponsors Toi Foundation and OMV, and the wonderful supplying nursery, Te Kahuri Nurseries, we have been able to plant in multiple areas around our school — filling gaps, adding colour and life, and creating a more beautiful environment for our tamariki to enjoy.

Our students have also been able to give our Forest School area some extra love, with new planting helping to make this special outdoor space even more inviting.







Look out Broadway!

We are incredibly proud of our students who took to the stage last month for the Barbara Leydon Junior Drama Festival.

They performed two plays, How Kiwi Saved the Forest, and Prank Wars, bringing both performances to life with plenty of confidence, creativity and character! It was fantastic to see them step into their roles and give it their all on stage.




A huge thank you to the Hawera Repertory Society for putting together such a wonderful opportunity for our young performers, and of course to our amazing Whaea Kate for all the time, energy and encouragement she has poured into our students.

Sewing Session

The classroom was a hive of activity leading up to Pet Day as our senior students were busy creating their final exhibits!

It was an absolute joy listening to the conversations and seeing the connections between our students and the grandparents, mums, friends and whānau who gave up their time to come in, share their skills, lend their sewing machines and offer a helping hand. We are so grateful for the time, patience and encouragement you've given our tamariki.








PET DAY

A massive thank you to the many supporters of our 2026 Pet Day, and to the generous family, friends and community members who came along to cheer on and encourage our students.

To our Judges

– Sue Hunger and Lorraine Honeyfield for the decorated bikes and scooters, Bianca Mitchell and Jacq Dwyer for the indoor art exhibits, Taranaki Vet Centre Pātea for the pets, Trish O'Brien for the lambs, and Kent Myers for the calves and auctioneering – thank you for volunteering your time, sharing your knowledge and supporting our tamariki. We truly appreciate you being part of our special day. It simply couldn't go ahead without you!

To our Sponsors

– Graeme, Barb & Carol from Vet Farm, Silver Fern Farms, Taranaki Veterinary Centre, The Devon Hotel, Bridgestone Tyre Centre Pātea, Sandfords, Pawtea Kennels and Cattery, FMG, Four Square Pātea, Blue Pacific Minerals, Bunnings Hāwera, Blue Pacific Minerals, Honda Hub Hāwera, Farm Source Waverley, FIL, John & Sue Hunger, Kath Honeyfield, Hayden & Liz Cook, Trish Williams, Mobil Pātea, aMAZEme, Redwoods Treewalk, Rotorua Railcruising and All Seasons Rotorua – thank you! Your generosity helps make events like this possible for our tamariki and our wider Whenuakura community. From selling our raffle tickets on shop counters, donating vouchers and prizes, handcrafting goodies for our auction, providing meat for the BBQ, and supporting us through our School Sponsorship Programme – we are incredibly grateful.

Raffle winners were as follows:

Grocery Raffle – #38 – John Hunger

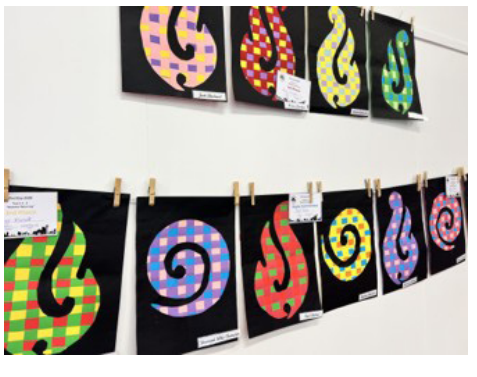
Guess the Number of Lollies – 106 – Emmy Newland and Sioux Malcom-Cook

Accommodation Raffle – #311 – Sophie Honeyfield

And to anyone we may have forgotten to mention – thank you! There are always plenty of helping hands behind the scenes that help make Pet Day happen, and we appreciate every one of them.

It's a pretty special Whenuakura tradition, and we're very lucky to have such a great community behind us.




KAKARAMEA SCHOOL
'E tipu, e rea...grow and keep growing'
SEPTEMBER ROUND UP



A sea of yellow at our kura! Proud to stand together



Three little daffodils, and one big message of support! (From left to right: Charlie, Oliver and Jesse)

Daffodil Day

Our kura was awash with yellow as we came together to support Daffodil Day and the Cancer Society New Zealand! We are absolutely thrilled to announce that we reached our fundraising goal and raised an incredible $511.50! A huge thank you to all our students, whānau, staff and wider school community who helped make this possible. We greatly appreciate the generosity and enthusiasm shown by everyone.

Most importantly, thank you for helping us show our support for the Cancer Society New Zealand and for the families and whānau in our communities who have been affected by cancer.

Ngā mihi nui to everyone who helped make our Daffodil Day such a success!

Cluster Cross Country!

We had a brilliant turnout, with students from across our cluster coming together to compete, encourage one another and enjoy a fantastic day of racing. A huge congratulations to all the runners who took part. We were so impressed by the grit, determination and sportsmanship shown throughout the event.

A special thank you to Chris and Sarah Rutten for generously allowing us to use their farmland for the event. We would also like to thank the Kakaramea School Events Committee and their many helpers for providing a delicious BBQ for everyone to enjoy. Your support helped make the day extra special.

Finally, a huge thank you to the Kakaramea School staff for organising and running the event, as well as all the work that went into the planning and preparation beforehand.

We wish all those runners who have qualified for the Taranaki Cross Country at the end of the term the very best of luck!

We look forward to seeing everyone again in 2027!



Little legs, big achievements!



Proud podium moments! Ka pai, girls!



Full speed ahead! Go, boys, go!

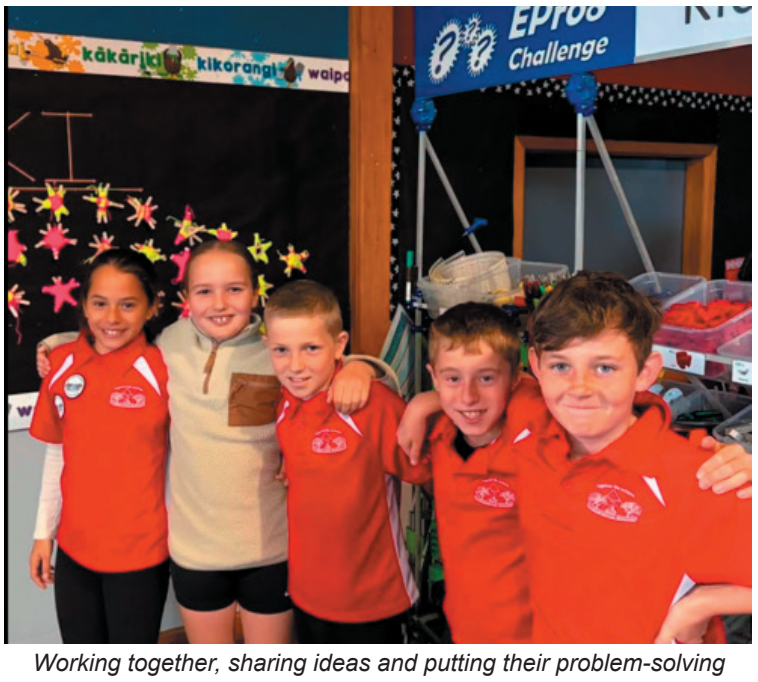
Kakaramea EPro8 Challenge

What a fantastic day for our two incredible EPro8 Challenge teams! The Kakaramea Kreators and the Kakaramea Kids. Both teams showed fantastic teamwork, perseverance, problem-solving and determination. They faced some tough competition from schools across the region and really rose to the challenge!

We are incredibly proud to celebrate the Kakaramea Kreators finishing 2nd overall, while the Kakaramea Kids achieved an amazing 4th place!

What an outstanding achievement for both teams!

A huge thank you to Courtney Werder for supervising and supporting our teams throughout the day. A great day all round!



Working together, sharing ideas and putting their problem-solving skills to the test!



Think, create, collaborate! (From left to right: Ardie, Matilda, Louis and Frankie)

Tātarakihi Kapa Haka Festival 2026

It was a very special day for our kura as we proudly took part in the Tātarakihi Kapa Haka Festival 2026.

The festival provided a wonderful opportunity for our tamariki to share their mahi, celebrate kapa haka and continue growing in confidence as a rōpū. It was made even more memorable with the first on-stage appearance of our beautiful new korowai, gifted to our kura by the School Board as part of our 150th Jubilee celebrations in April.

We are incredibly grateful to Phillippa Ngatai from Jorgoust Boutique and her daughter Mele Ngatai Tuilaepa for their time, skill and care in creating these beautiful taonga. They are a very special addition to our kura, and we feel privileged to have them.

A particular highlight was seeing our kaea, Henry and Frankie, proudly wearing the korowai for the first time as they led our rōpū on stage. Their leadership and confidence made the occasion even more special.

We would also like to extend a huge mihi to Matua Lewis for his continued guidance, encouragement and support. We are incredibly thankful for the knowledge and care he shares with our tamariki and our kura.

The festival marked another special moment in our kapa haka journey — one we will remember with great pride. We look forward to continuing to learn, grow and take the next steps together.



Our kapa haka journey and a moment we will treasure



Our kaea, Henry and Frankie, proudly wearing our beautiful new korowai

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Patea Golf Club News for August and September

4 Way Interclub

The host for this event next year will be Weedons. Start saving for this event by organising your bank payments. We need deposits before 30th November 2026

Patea Cup

The ninth round of the Patea Cup was played on 29th August

1st was Nick Williams with a nett 71 followed by Ray Finlay with a nett 75. In the day haggle Nick was first with a nett 71 followed by Richard Wharehoka with a nett 74 and Phil Cassidy with a nett 74. No twos were scored on the day.

The 10th and final round of the Patea Cup was played on the 5th September

1st was Ray Finlay with a nett 74 on countback followed by Nick Williams with a nett 74. In the day haggle 1st was Bill Tahiwi with a nett 73 followed by Ray nett 74 followed by Nick nett 74 followed by Ryan Finey nett 75. Twos were scored by Shane Rore and Nick Williams but the jackpot was not struck

The five players in the final of the Patea Cup are Nick Williams Ray Finlay Mike Taikato Cyril Faiers and Clayton Hori

Remuera Cup

This was a nett competition played on 12th September.

After a spell off golf Shem Te Ngahue was first with a nett 69 followed by Ray Finlay with a nett 70 and Mike Taiko with a nett 73. Shem scored a two on the ninth hole but failed to draw the jackpot

A nett plus putts competition was played the 13th September.

First was T Simpson scoring 96 followed by Dillon Pullen on 102. No twos were scored

Shootout number two

The second shootout ladder is now full but keep putting those scores in to improve your position on the ladder. Some near the bottom of the ladder are not safe with their scores

100 Club

The tickets have all been sold in our club's major fundraiser for the year. Thank you to everyone who has purchased a ticket and congratulations to every ticketholder who won a cash prize. Thank you to all the sponsors of our 100-club golf tournament. Hughson & Associates Hawera, Ross Whanau, Patea Tyre Centre, Four Square Patea, The HTL Group New Plymouth, Renates Café, and Steve and Kath Honeyfield. On the day of the golf tournament 28 golf prizes 16 raffle prizes and 4 lucky draws were presented. We were lucky to have a fine day for the tournament.

Melbourne Cup Sweepstake

Members sweepstake is now full.

Melbourne Cup Tuesday 3rd November

The golf club will be open from 1pm for members and visitors. $10 $5 and $2 sweepstakes will be on sale. Watch the big race live at the golf club. Finger food supplied

Business House golf

We hope to play two Wednesday nights in December and the six nights from mid-January.

Start to organize your teams. Tee times from 5pm to 6.30pm.

Flying Nine

A 9-hole stableford event played on Wednesday evenings from 4.30pm. A good place for beginners to start their golf. Visitors are welcome. Nightly cash prizes and mystery hole. Non golfer's prizes will be drawn

This event will start 30th September 2026

Upcoming events.

Saturday 10th October	**Par and Twos Roots Vase points**
Saturday 17th October	**G Oakley trophy. Nett drawn partners (plate please)**
Saturday 31st October	**Pata Golf Club Open Xmas Hamper, good golf and raffle prizes**
	Tee times 8am to 1pm

100 club golf tournament prize list 2026
Sunday 20th September

1st Nett Total field Men	R Bourke	68
1st Net Total field ladies	V Bourke	69
1st Gross Total Field Men	A Hughes	75
1st Gross Total Field Ladies	G Hughes	87
1st Stableford Men Div(1)	R Finey	36
1st Stableford Men Div(2)	R Whanau	40
1st Stableford Ladies	C Simpson	35
1st Nett Men Div(1)	E Noble	75
1st Nett Men Div(2)	B Tahiwi	71
1st Nett Ladies	K Honeyfield	74
2nd Stableford Men Div (1)	A Nui	34
2nd Stableford Men Div(2)	N Williams	38
2nd Stableford Ladies	E Gibbs	33
2nd Nett Men Div (1)	T Simpson	75
2nd Nett Men Div(2)	R Edgecombe	74
3rd Stableford Men Div(1)	D Pullen	34
3rd Stableford Men Div(2)	M Taikato	35
3rd Nett Men Div(1)	S Hughes	75
3rd Nett Men Div(2)	J Bright	75
4th Stableford Men Div(1)	P Cassidy	32
4th Stableford Men Div(2)	D Nesbit	35
4th Nett Men Div(1)	C Hori	77
4th Nett Men Div(2)	S Honeyfield	75
5th Stableford Men Div(1)	K Cameron	32
5th Nett Men Div(2)	S Manukau	33
Most honest Lady	K Faiers	
Most honest Man	W Sanson	

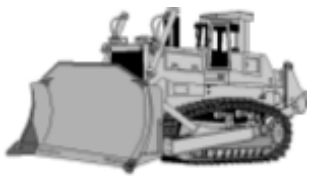
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Junior Border Hockey 2026 Award Winners

Dragons
Team Spirit: Millie McAree
Most Improved Player: Sadie Andrews
Most Valuable Player: Hugo Lance
Divas
Team Spirit: Charli Neil & Olivia Lupton
Most Improved Player: Mackenzie Andrews
Most Valuable Player: Isla Lance
Rockets
Team Spirit: Izzie Ambler
Most Improved Player: Arlo Neil
Most Valuable Player: Tommy Cook
Flyers
Team Spirit: Archer Munro
Most Improved Player: Elie Muggeridge
Most Valuable Player: Harriet McAree
Rebels
Team Spirit: Kahurangi Benseman
Most Improved Player: Aubrey Sorensen
Most Valuable Player: Levi King & Ollie Rutter
Dynamites
Team Spirit: Holly & Chad Van Den Brand
Most Improved Player: Amelia Boyd
Most Valuable Player: Lily Blair
Rangers
Team Spirit: Sam Amon
Most Improved Player: Kelland Buchanan
Most Valuable Player: Temanea Gifkins-Reweti
Special Awards
Dedication & Determination: Jock Newland
2026 Player of Tomorrow: Ralph King

Congratulations to all of the award recipients and to every player who represented Border this season. Whether it was their first year picking up a hockey stick or their final year of junior hockey, everyone has contributed to another successful season.

Looking Ahead to 2027

As the season comes to an end, a special farewell goes to the Year 8 players who will be heading off to high school next year.

We wish them all the very best and hope they continue playing and enjoying their hockey. Perhaps we'll even see a few familiar faces back around the turf in the years to come.

With 65 children involved, additional equipment purchased, new opportunities for younger players and extra support on the horizon, there is plenty to look forward to for Junior Border Hockey.

A final thank you goes to every player, parent, coach, manager, volunteer and supporter who helped make the 2026 season possible.

Here's to another fantastic year of junior hockey in 2027!

Waverley Croquet Club

The Club held its annual AGM and Opening day on Sat 12th September. There was a good turn out of members. All eager to get started on a new season. We held our Election of Officers and all sitting members were voted back into their various positions. They are President : Colleen Hayman.
Secretary : Jacqui Davidson.
Treasurer : Chris How.
Club Captains : Trish Davidson and Helen Fairweather with June Lupton coming through and learning the ropes.
Committee : Sandy Morrison, Gabriel McCullum, June Lupton, Helen Fairweather, Chris How, Jacqui Davidson, Trish Adams, Colleen Hayman.
Hostesses : Fran Harmer and Sandy Morrison.
Grounds / Caretaker : Don and Trish Adams.
Gardens : Colleen and Rob Hayman
Publicity : Colleen Hayman and Chris How.
Bathroom : Sandy Morrison and Fran Harmer.

Many thanks to all above who put themselves forward for these positions, giving up alot of their time to make sure the Club runs smoothly and keep members informed. The first of the seasons competition's takes place Saturday 17th October. It is a two life system 9.30 for 10am start. All subscriptions, which have been left the same as last year, must be paid prior to the day if members wish to play. If anyone is new to the district or just finding their current sport a little to hard for them, then come along and see what Croquet involves. We play twice a week Wednesdays and Saturdays draw is done on the day at 1pm and play starts as soon as it is done. Play is usually completed by 3pm. We have a few from the community doing just that at the moment, so you will not be the only one. All equipment is supplied and we have willing members happy to teach the game.

We are a social and very laid back Club and often host other Clubs and visit them also. These are relaxed and fun days.

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Turi Indoor Bowls

It has been a long while since my last report, wow we have had some great nights bowling.

We visited Normanby 19th May, great bowling again but unfortunately Normanby won, never mind maybe next year Turi, we can do it.

2nd June we had a mini tournament, Ray Finlay & Rose Cowley were on a roll winning 3 games, not far behind were Win Finlay & Lyn Smailes won 2 games, Gillian Bird & Bridget Dwyer had 1 win.

9th June was 20/20, 3 games were played our winners Gillian Bird & Laurie Mildenhall scored 136 pts. 2nd equal Rose Cowley, Bridget Dwyer & John Smailes Apryl Cowley 130pts, 3rd Yvonne Baldwin & Lyn Smailes 124pts, what a fun night it was.

23rd June we had one game of Triples, Whoop, Whoop Yvonne Baldwin, Apryl Cowley & John Smailes with 6 pts narrowly beat Rose Cowley, Jaime Millar & Laurie Mildenhall , 5pts.

30th June, Championship Pairs another great night, winners Win Finlay & Bridget Dwyer runner up Ray Finlay& Rose Cowley.

7th July Searle Cup Pairs winners Ray Finlay & Rose Cowley, runner up Win Finlay & John Smailes.

Monday 13th July Turuturu visit us and the battle was on, Turi won by a tight margin.

21st July was another mini pairs tournament won by Gillian Bird & John Smailes not far behind were Ray Finlay & Bridget Dwyer.

28th July – Handicap Singles winner Peter Clough runner up Yvonne Baldwin

3rd August Turi visited Turuturu, it was a great night followed by a lovely supper

4th & 11th Aug we held our championship singles, winner Win Finlay, Runner up Peter Clough

We are getting near the end of the season our 2nd to last night 18th August match of 2x4x2 saw the Twinkle Toes – Bridget, Rose & Jaime defeat Thunder Bolts – Peter, Ray & Laurie 16pts to 14.

25th August was the last night,

8th September, 14 bowlers & 6 guests met at Renates and enjoyed a 3 course meal, of Leek & Pea Soup (homemade), Roast Beef. Potatoes, Carrots, Broccoli, Califlower served with a wonderful gravy. All dietary needs were met. Last but not least dessert Apple Strudel with cream and Raspberry compote. We were all full after such a delectable meal, yes wer had refreshments, buy your own lol.

We hope to see all our bowlers again next year and don't be shy come along you new bowlers and give it a go.

Rose Cowley
Turi Indoor Bowls



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Junior Border Hockey Celebrates a Successful 2026 Season

Junior Border Hockey has wrapped up another fantastic season, with 65 children involved across seven Whanganui teams and the local Fun Sticks programme.

From Year 1 through to Year 8, it has been a busy year filled with skill development, teamwork, growing confidence and, most importantly, plenty of fun on the hockey turf.

The improvement across all age groups has been fantastic to see, with players developing not only their hockey skills but also their confidence and willingness to give new things a go.

Additional skill sessions for Years 1–4 provided younger players with the opportunity to work on the basics and further develop their abilities throughout the season.

Whanganui Hockey also provided great opportunities for older players to gain additional experience through tournaments and events, helping them continue to develop their skills beyond their regular weekly games.

Volunteers Make It Possible

Behind every successful junior sporting season is a dedicated group of volunteers, and this year was no exception.

Coaches, managers and helpers have once again given up countless hours to ensure local children have the opportunity to get out on the turf and enjoy hockey.

Their time and commitment are greatly appreciated, as junior sport simply wouldn't be possible without them.

This season also saw some exciting additions to the hockey equipment, with new goalie gear and additional Border playing tops purchased.

The extra goalie equipment means there is no longer a need to borrow gear from Waverley Primary School, while the additional playing tops ensure every team can proudly represent Border and allow more players to be accommodated in future seasons.

Half the cost of these purchases was covered through fundraising raffles, with all money raised going directly back into providing hockey opportunities for local children.

A huge thank you goes to everyone who supported the raffles, and congratulations to the seven lucky winners: **Polly Devane, Millie McAree, Karley Amon, Gina Neil, Mary-Rose Seifert, Levi King and Sheryl Chapman.**

Special thanks also go to **Kai Iwi School and Border Rugby Club** for lending playing tops while the new uniforms were on order. Their generosity ensured no child missed out on the opportunity to play.

With an additional team competing this year, another set of trophies was also needed. Three generous families stepped forward to donate these, helping ensure the players' achievements could be recognised at the end of the season.

A New Chapter for Junior Border Hockey

After many years of largely managing its own fundraising, grant applications, equipment and administration, Junior Border Hockey is looking forward to some exciting changes next season.

Border has recently introduced a new **Director of Sports** position to provide additional support across all sports operating under the Border name.



Jerome McCrea has been appointed to the role, bringing previous experience working with junior sporting organisations and plenty of enthusiasm for supporting local sport.

For Junior Border Hockey, the additional assistance will help ease the workload behind the scenes, allowing more time and energy to be focused on developing players and providing opportunities for children to enjoy hockey.

Fun Sticks Brings Hockey to Waverley

While seven teams were busy competing in Whanganui, hockey was also thriving closer to home.

A successful term of **Fun Sticks** was held at Aotea Park in Waverley, giving local children the opportunity to learn basic hockey skills in a fun, relaxed environment.

Unlike regular team hockey, the sessions were open to everyone, regardless of whether they were registered to play in Whanganui.

It was a fantastic opportunity for children to try something new, build confidence and discover whether hockey was a sport they wanted to pursue.

Hopefully, some of these budding young players will take the next step and join one of the Whanganui teams in the coming seasons.

A special thank you goes to Kathy and Codie for generously giving up their time to organise and run the sessions. Their efforts have helped introduce hockey to even more local children.

Celebrating Our 2026 Award Winners

The end of the season provided an opportunity to celebrate the hard work, dedication and achievements of our junior players.

Each team recognised players for their **Team Spirit, Most Improved Player and Most Valuable Player**, while two additional awards recognised outstanding contribution and potential across the wider junior hockey group. *See Page 31...*

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