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Anzac Day at Alton

The sun shone down and a crowd of around 150 gathered at Alton to remember our soldiers on Saturday 25 April at 11am. Kate Murdoch was the MC, ANZAC Poems were read by Sophie and Daisy Fowler, an impressive line up of Military were in attendance, and Tutira Tui played the bugle beautifully. The following is the address by Jacq Dwyer.

Tēnā koutou katoa

Before I start, I'd like to acknowledge Mary Doyle, Mary Armstrong, who grew up here in Alton, and always came back to ANZAC day, very sad to lose her just a couple of weeks ago, rest in peace Mary.

Today I'm going to speak about some of the men in this special old photo of the Ball Road Football Club, later to become the Alton Rugby Club - and this spectacular cup they won at the end of the 1914 season. It seems to be a big year in Rugby this year .. with the Patea Rugby Club 150th Jubilee coming up at Kings Birthday weekend, and the 150 th of the Hawera Rugby Club, and the recent unveiling of a headstone at Hawera Cemetery for James Allan who played for the first All Black international tour in 1884, and is infact listed as number 1 All Black.

With the Patea Rugby Clubs Jubilee not far away, we were sorting through archives in the storeroom at the clubrooms in Patea and found this cup looking very tarnished and in 2 pieces. Don Adams fixed it for me and it will be on display for the Patea Rugby Club Jubilee, but today its back on the ground of the team that were the 2nd team to win it – Alton.

The Cup was the Wairoa Sub-Union competition cup, competed for by the Junior or 2nd Division Teams, from Alton to Whanganui, it was first won by Patea in 1913 and the following year was won by Alton. Other teams who won it in the succeeding years were Waitotara, Kai iwi, Pirates, and Ngutuwerā.

This is the earliest photo we have of our local Rugby Team, it formed in 1888 and the last game for Alton was played in 1984. We have the Alton Rugby team photos that were in the Hotel on the walls of the Hall, have a look when you go in for a cuppa. Catherine Koubaridis gave us this photo, as her Dad - Joseph Hurley, known as Joe, he was captain of the team, he's right there in the middle holding the ball. And later in 1914 was the start of a 5-year world war, that would see many of them enlist to fight on the other side of the world, including Joe Hurley.

There are 13 rugby players in this photo – and 8 went to WWI. Another team member – Fred Hodge had died a couple of months before this photo was taken, his arm was cut off in an accident at the Alton Dairy Factory, where he worked, he was recuperating in Patea Hospital and contracted Typhoid and died two months after the accident. Fred's brother Merle is in this photo, he's the tall one at the back. Merle enlisted in the New Zealand Rifle Brigade in 1916 and was killed at the Battle of the Somme in 1918. Their brother Harold is in this picture too, he also went to war, and fortunately returned home.

Another member of this rugby team was Sidney Myles, unfortunately he isn't actually in this team photo. He was the fifth of William and Jessie Myles's

10 children. The Myles family moved to the farm at the end of Makino Road, Hurleyville in 1913. Sidney and his older brother Stanley enlisted for WWI from Hurleyville, and their names are on the Roll of Honour in the Hall at Hurleyville. Sidney was with the Machine Gun Corps and was killed in action on 4 November 1918 aged 22, during the liberation of the village of Le Quesnoy. He was buried at Solesmes Communal Cemetery, Le Quesnoy along with around 30 other NZ Soldiers, 130 NZ soldiers in total were killed in that battle.

The Germans occupied the 'walled town' of Le Quesnoy for almost the entire war, from August 1914 through to its dramatic liberation on 4 November 1918.

The New Zealand troops chose to not fire over the town's fortification, in order to preserve civilian life, they scaled a ladder set against the ancient walls of the town and took the remaining Germans as prisoners, and miraculously no civilians were killed. The liberation of Le Quesnoy was just one of the many campaigns that New Zealanders fought on the Western Front, the line that stretched across northern France and Belgium.

Back to Joe Hurley, the captain of the team, His older brother Jeremiah Hurley, is in the photo too, I think he may have been the coach. Jeremiah's son Tim died in WWII, and is on our War Memorial here. Joe Hurley was a calm, down to earth kind of man. He was 22 when he left Hurleyville in 1917 for active service. He was with the Wellington Regiment and fought mainly in France. When he was wounded and needed knee surgery, he was fortunate enough to have legendary Patea Doctor Wilfred Simmons attend to it. What a sight for sore eyes Dr Simmons would have been for any local boys who ended up in one of his Medic Stations over there.

When the war finished, Joe went to Ireland to meet Hurley family members. His parents Daniel & Bridget had left 40 or so years earlier, and Joe was the first to return to Ireland. The influenza epidemic was rampant when he arrived, and he spoke of the onions they would hang around the house to ward it off. It wasn't until February 1919 that he finally made it home again to NZ. Catherine's older sisters remember their Dad going to the ANZAC Day service every year in Patea with his friend and fellow veteran Frank Thame from Hurleyville, but any other



Alton / Ball Road Football Club 1914, Second Division team, Winners of the Wairoa Sub-Union Junior Championship

Back row: Keith Henry Couchman, Horatio (Ray) Neilson, Merle John Hodge, Walter Tayler (aged 38yrs), John Shaw Dick, Walter Henry Green (both wars), Jeremiah Edward Hurley

Middle row: (Jack) Ernest Gooday (Sec), Kenneth Archibald Carmichael, Harold Henry Hodge, Joseph Hurley, Stephen Couchman, Archibald D Neilson, Lyle Victor Stanley Pentecost, William Henry F Green. (Umpire)

Front row: William George Adams, Laurie Carmichael

day of the year the war was not mentioned, busy farming days, wife Gwen and their four children kept his life full.

The Neilson brothers Ray and Archie are also in this photo. They were both soldiers in WWI, Archie enlisted in 1916 and served 3 years, and Ray a year later and served 2 years, he was a Lance Corporal in the 30th Reinforcements, F Company. Both survived and returned to their family farm, a 200 acre block on Hursthouse Road, now owned by Bruce and Joy Fowlie. It was a dairy farm and the cowshed was at the base of the steep gully, the milk cans were sent up to the road on a continuous cable/flying fox. The Neilson home was near the road on the south end of the farm, Mary Doyle told me she would deliver their mail from the Alton Post Office to their home in the 1940's on her way home from school. The Neilson home had a well swept dirt floor and a pot was always simmering on the coal range. A camellia tree still grows on the site.

The Neilson brothers went out of cows and into sheep in about 1950. Ivan Schultz remembers shearing their sheep that first year. They were 'droved' down to Huston's woolshed on Kakaramēa Road – 1000 ewes. The following year they went up to Schultz's woolshed to be shorn. As Ivan told me "Ray was the one that knew about farming and ran the farm really, Archie (Cabbie as he was known) wasn't a very practical fellow". They owned an old 1926 Chev car, which they didn't take out much. Ivan said they told him once that it had a couple of big

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Liturgy of the Word, St Patrick's, Patea

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School Mass
Thursday 21st May 9.30am

When you read Gods word, Ephesians 5:21-33 is quiet an eye opener, by this, God has laid out a plan for mankind to live by, whether it is just two, a man & a woman, married, or a community, or a nation of millions. There has to be a kind of government in all these relationships, could be digging a bit of a hole here!! What is the ideal form of Government? We in a democratic society have the freedom to choose who we want to govern us, we seem to get it all wrong, so we have another bash at it, again & again! Just never seems to really pan out the way we want it too. There are two forms of Govt. Democracy & Dictatorship, Democracy gives you say, a dictatorship does not! There are problems with both, but in order for peoples to live together, we need to give our vote/trust, to someone to do right, and make right decisions for our welfare. But where you have so many who are trying to have their say & everybody is trying to decide what is right & govern as well, that then there are many conflicts of interest & ideals that sooner or later, there is trouble! And then anarchy & violence, by frustrated people who cannot govern or try to take over! This has happened all over the world, and it seems to me, that it is getting progressively & violently worse! In verse 21 is Gods answer to this question; submit to one another out of reverence for Christ!

What is the ideal form of Govt.? it is a combination of leadership & responsibility. It is not Gods will that everyone should run everything. As I said, tis a very delicate topic, but if the right people are placed in the right positions, for the good of all & not their own agendas, then leadership & responsibility has to govern all. This chapter 5 of Ephesians talks about marriage as being an example of Governing, the husband is the head & the wife is the body, neither is better than the other, they both have individual roles, not to be swapped! Therefore, God has delegated one to be the head & the other to be the body, neither can function on its own! Same with a Govt. we need some to be the head, to make right choices for the body, so that it grows in harmony, be it financial or sociably. It is very clear to me, that Gods blue print is the only one that is ever going to work, however, the way the world is becoming more violent as a means to force their views on

A Christian Word

others, will not get any lasting results, only more angry people, why? Leaders are becoming somewhat more difficult to find to be able to do the best for a group, a country. But, fear not! There is a leader very soon to appear on the world stage, so to speak, and His name is Jesus Christ, soon to appear, soon to set up His government & then this world will know peace, honesty, respect, all because of good leadership by Jesus Christ.

I would like to take this moment to convey a serious and terminal illness that I have been diagnosed with. My days are now but few, I have fought the good fight and will be home with my Lord Jesus Christ – forever! I, on behalf of All Mighty God, extend to you the very same for your lives. Repent and believe in the name of Jesus Christ and you will be saved.

Thank you all for the honour of being able to share the love of my life, Jesus, with you. Shalom.
Come Lord Jesus Edward Reeves Patea

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Anzac Day at Alton

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trips in the years they owned it, once to Whanganui and a couple of times to New Plymouth!

The oldest player in this team is Walter Tayler, he is 38 years old in this photo, in the back row, looking dangerous. I've spoken to his granddaughter Marlene Beer, and she was pleased to see this photo of him, so fit and strong. He farmed where Yvonne and Jake Plumtree are now, and his house set on the hill, had a lovely turret that looked toward the mountain, past the Gibbs homestead.

Another man in this photo is Ken Carmichael he was in the Wellington Mounted Rifles and took his horse to WWI. When he returned in 1919 he continued farming here on the farm which is now Chris and Sarah Rutten's. He married the daughter of the Kakarama School headmaster - Millicent Rogers. Their son's Bruce and Alan farmed here until the late 1960's.

Walter Henry Green is here in the back row, he worked on Sidney Tonks farm at Manutahi- his father William Green is on the end of the middle row, the umpire. Walter served in both WWI & II. He stayed in NZ for WWII and trained soldiers at camp.

John Shaw Dick had been born in Westport and came to Hurleyville as a child. His brother William was the Manager of the Hurleyville Dairy Factory for a few years in the early 1900's. John enlisted with the NZ Rifle Brigade, and was away at War for 4 years.

Jack Gooday was the secretary of the Ball Road Football Club. He also owned the Alton Hotel from 1914- 1920, and started the treasured Alton Soldiers Penny Board, we have here in the Hall. He would have encouraged the men heading off to War to leave a penny on the bar, stamped their initials in it and set it in the bar top. Jack is well dressed in a suit & tie with a watch chain on his waistcoat. Keith Couchman in the row behind is also similarly well dress, he may have been a coach along with Jeremiah.

When you look at their rugby jersey you can see they don't have a matching uniform, it wasn't until the early 1940's that Alton registered royal blue and gold hoops as their colours, this later changed to maroon and gold. The Patea teams were much the same in their 1914 photos, no official uniform. By 1915 there were very few rugby games played due to men enlisting for the War. Of the Patea Club, out of 37 active members in 1915, 32 had enlisted with the NZ Army, 3 had been killed, one died in camp and 16 were wounded.

The association of Rugby & War is often compared & analysed. There is the famous "Christmas truce". A series of unofficial cessations of battle that occurred along the Western Front during Christmas 1914. WWI had been going for several months but German and Allied soldiers stepped out of their trenches, shook hands and agreed to a truce so the dead could be buried. The soldiers also used that truce to chat with one another and, some claim, even play a football match. Unofficial truces between opposing forces occurred at other times during World War One but never on the scale of that first Christmas truce. All is fair in a good game of Rugby.

No reira, tena tatou katoa



Representatives of the Airforce, and Army at Alton for Anzac Day.
Back row: Ryan Sain, Ted McFadgen, Callum Mowat, Olivia Manson, Darren Pullen, - , Carl Jones.
Front row: Trista Linn, Abe Abraham, Tash Wineera, Ata Nui, Daniel Moseley.

Thank you for being here and listening to stories of the people who once walked this same ground we walk on today. Let's always remember them and the sacrifices they made.



Abe Abraham and Daz Pullen with the 1914 Alton Rugby Team photo and the Cup they won that same year.



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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 - Waverley's First School

The first school in Waverley was a private one run by a Scottish-born Isabella Home, a sister to early Hawera settler James Livingston. Born in Scotland she arrived in New Zealand with her brother in August 1859. They were soon joined by their mother, sister and brother and a cousin.

In 1866 Isabella married John Home, also of Scotland in Napier. Her first son James was born in New Zealand and her second son George in San Francisco in early 1870. Just what the couple, both in their late thirties was doing there is unknown. San Francisco was a booming town in this era with immigrants flooding in from all parts of the world and it is possible John was seeking a new start there. The family returned to New Zealand shortly after George's birth and family sources suggested that John Home's death occurred on the night of their arrival back in New Zealand.

Isabella with two young children moved to Waverley for reasons unknown. She must have trained as a teacher as in early 1871 she advertised that she was prepared to receive pupils (including boys) under ten years of age. She ran her school in a house close to Freeman R. Jackson's sale yards in Hussey St. it is possible this was the ramshackle little old house which some may remember was owned by George Isbister and later demolished. Scotland had a very good system of education and given that there were many Scottish people in

Waverley, she soon had pupils.

By 1873 the small township had burgeoned with comfortable homes being built, seventy miles of permanent fencing completed and paddocks with English grasses replacing the fern. The education of New Zealand children which until then had been sporadic, became more structured with many schools being established. Mrs Home's school was taken over by the Wellington Education Board and put into the first town hall with Mrs Home as the teacher. Some of the first children included Jack and Mary Howie, William and Robert Dickie and L. T. Symes. Mrs Home's own small children accompanied her to work.

Around 1874 Mrs Home moved to live with her brother in Hawera and it was there her sons were educated. Her teaching position was taken over by Mr Rowland, a bachelor, but it was not until 1875 that a school was eventually built on its present location. One of her sons, George, went to England to qualify as a doctor and after working in Liverpool for five years returned to New Plymouth in 1899 where, with the exception of serving with distinction in World War I, he spent the rest of his life as a surgeon Nothing more is known of Isabella other than that she was a widow living at Okaiawa and that she owned property. She died while in Auckland in 1910, probably while visiting her son James.



Waverley owes its educational beginnings to a woman who existence has been long forgotten, but she set a fine example to all those who would follow her.

Waverley's Forgotten Series

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June 2023	Two Messages in a Bottle		Waverley Railway Stations
July 2023	Early Maori Carvings	February 2025	Three Majors
August 2023	Herewini Whakarua and Iwiora Tamaiparea	March 2025	Syd Oakenfull
September 2023	Waverley's Flax Millers	April 2025	The Town of Richardson
October 2023	NZ Cup Winner Halberdier	May 2025	Waverley's Forgotten School
November 2023	The Wairoa Rifles and The Wairoa Redoubt	June 2025	Ngā Rauru Flour Mill Waitotara
December 2023	The Nukumarū Hotel (Handley's Hotel)	July 2025	Old Town Hall
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July 2024	The Waverley Tragedy	February 2026	Brothers in Law. Part 1 Benjamin O'Brien
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India FTA is good news for the region

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

During the 2023 election campaign, National committed to negotiate a Free Trade Agreement (FTA) with India, on Monday 26th April, it happened. Trade and Investment Minister Hon Todd McClay and Indian Minister for Commerce and Industry Piyush Goyal signed the FTA between our two countries at a ceremony in New Delhi.

This will have hugely positive implications across our entire region. Indeed, the India FTA is a once in a generation step forward for New Zealand exporters into a market of 1.4 billion people. This will deliver significant gains for exporters, cutting or eliminating tariffs on 95 per cent of our exports.

From day one, more than half of New Zealand exports to India will be duty free, rising to 82 per cent when fully implemented – creating growth and jobs at home.

India is an economic powerhouse. Its economy is set to become the world's third largest by 2030, with an estimated GDP of US\$7.3 trillion. Like China when the FTA was signed in 2008, India has a rapidly growing middle class.

We often forget that one in four New Zealand jobs

is tied to trade. By signing this FTA, we are setting businesses up to succeed, boosting Kiwi jobs and enabling economic growth – and that means more money in Kiwis' pockets.

Whanganui and South Taranaki will be large beneficiaries of the India FTA. AFFCO Imlay in Whanganui and Silver Fern Farms at Waitotara process sheep meat, most of which is destined for export markets. Sheep meat and wool gain duty free access from day one of the agreement coming into force.

The forestry sector has also expressed optimism. The Forest Owners Association welcomed the signing, noting that wood and wood products are already New Zealand's largest goods export to India, worth NZ\$134 million in the year to June 2025. This gives them a strong base to build from and is again positive for our region.

Add in products like Mānuka honey, kiwifruit, bulk infant formula and high value dairy preparations and the widespread benefits of this FTA become evident, both within the Whanganui Electorate and nationwide.



With Trade and Investment Minister Hon Todd McClay at a public meeting at the Pakaraka Hall last year

Three years ago, National said we would deliver an FTA with India. People told us it could not be done. Since we came into Government, exports have grown by more than \$17 billion. Growing trade is the key to growing New Zealand's economy. It is part of National's plan to fix the basics, create more jobs, lift wages, and put more money in Kiwis' pockets. All of which will assist in our focus on building the future.

Mason Brothers at Kakaramaea Hall



Wayne Mason is a bit of an "invisible man" when it comes to NZ music. Nowhere near as famous as Dave Dobbyn or Neil Finn, Wayne beat them both to claim NZ's best song in 2001 with "Nature", a hit for The Fourmyula in the 60s, later covered by The Muttonbirds. (Google "Dave Dobbyn Neil Finn" images to see the photo.) He's equally well known as a founding member of The Warratahs and wrote their best song "Hands of my Heart". Both of those Wayne Mason bands have been inducted into the NZ Music Hall of Fame. He may be the only musician to hold this honour.

Alongside his decades of songwriting skill, Wayne is a go-to keyboard player for any musical style. He is still a full-time musician, often appearing in bands with the likes of Andrew London and Laura Collins. In the Mason Brothers he combines with his younger brother and string bass player Paul Bowers-Mason to play the whole history of Wayne's melodic songs, alternating on acoustic guitar and keyboards. The sibling harmonies are sweet, and the brotherly banter is engaging. "The brothers who bonded in a band" was the title of their Taranaki Daily News article.

Wayne is Taranaki-born but has lived in Paekākāriki for many years,

and Paul is based in Eltham, so their sweet spot is playing in country halls in Taranaki. (Paul is the one putting up the posters, delivering flyers, and writing the newspaper articles.) Wayne's range of easy-listening blues, country and pop songs spans six decades now, and he is the ultimate energised professional performer.

In other news, last year the brothers played at the Waverley Bowling Club, and local Frankie Stevens gave Wayne a musical hero's introduction. Frankie was the original vocalist in the Heretaunga College (Upper Hutt) band that later became The Fourmyula. In 2022 the brothers played a gig at St George's Church Pātea, and Paul recently appeared in a different role as the minister, with guitar in hand, invited to take the Sunday service at the Waitōtara School 150th Jubilee weekend.

South Taranaki, let's see if we can make Wayne Mason famous, at least in this part of the world!

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Kiwi music legend Wayne Mason (ex-Fourmyula, ex-Warratahs - both inducted into Hall of Fame), writer of NZ's no.1 song "Nature", is joined by brother Paul Bowers-Mason as they play through 60 years of Wayne's songs. The acoustic feel of guitar and bass, vocal harmonies, Wayne's blues and boogie keyboards, and the stories behind the songs.



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Term Four 12th October to 17th
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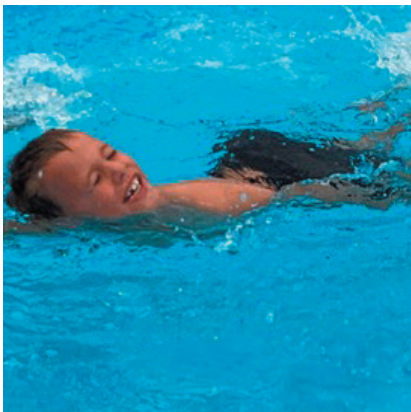
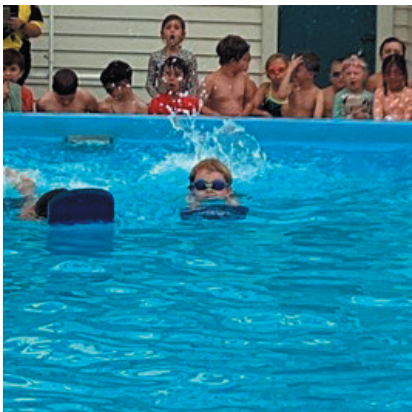


Waverley Primary School



Junior Swimming Sports

Our Junior swimmers did a great job in our recent Junior Swimming Sports competition. With nine different events there was something for everyone. It was great to see the students work through their nerves and compete to the best of their ability. Student volunteers from Rimu Hub showed great leadership skills and really helped the event run smoothly. It was wonderful to see so many family members there to cheer on the students.



Bowls Tournament

Waitotara School invited us to play lawn bowls with them and it was a great event. We are incredibly proud of our students, after just one practice they played like superstars. A special thanks to Alison and the Waverley Bowling Club members for organising this event and for teaching our students all about lawn bowls. Another special thank you also to Whanganui Bowls for their donation to our school. With only one point in it, Waitotara School won the shield. Congratulations to Waitotara Primary School.



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Softball

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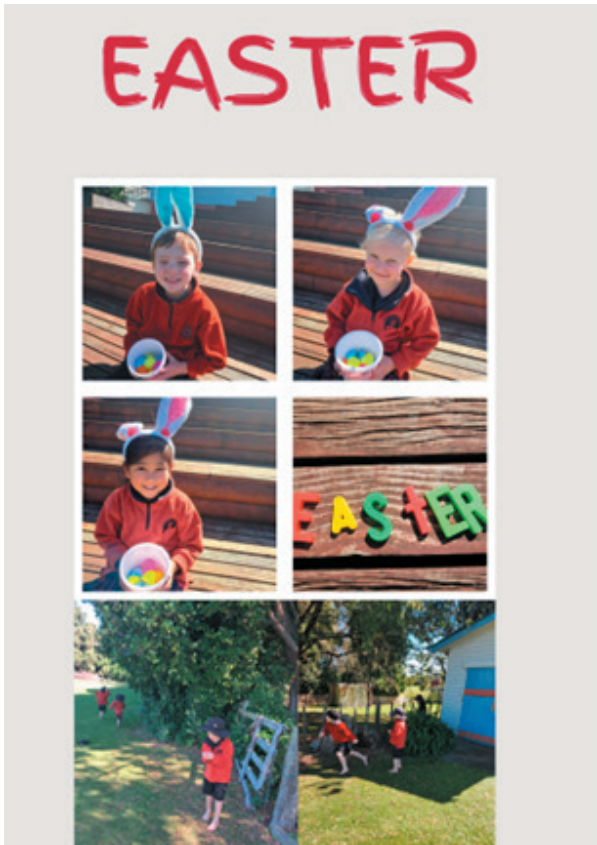
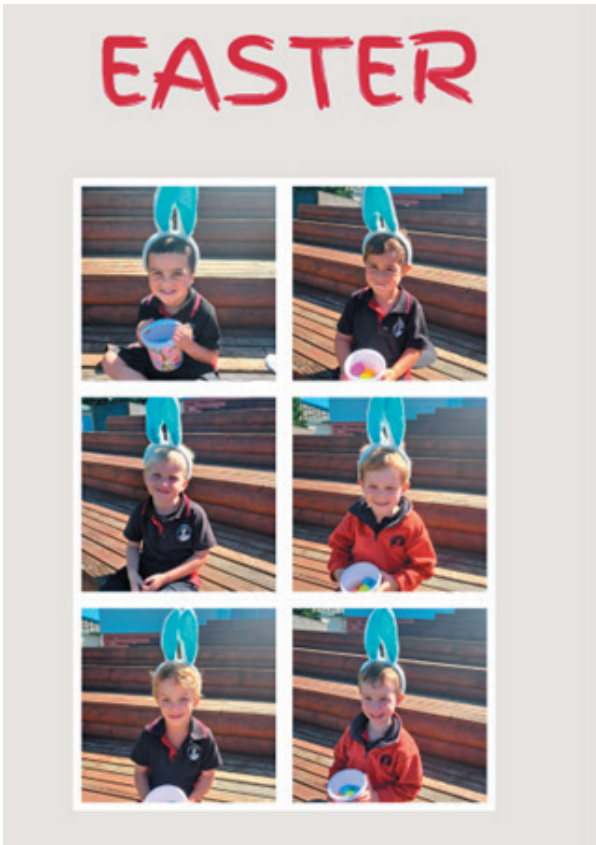


Easter Celebrations

Manuka Hub enjoyed an engaging day celebrating Easter. They created beautiful artwork using glitter and took part in literacy and mathematics activities, including counting exercises using Easter eggs.

A highlight of the day was the Easter hunt, where they first worked together to spell out a word using letters hidden inside the eggs, before enjoying a well-earned treat. The celebration concluded with them taking part in a fun photo session, wearing rabbit ears.

Some senior students organised a thoughtful surprise for Manuka Hub by writing and sharing personal letters, along with gifting Easter eggs. The letters were read aloud, creating a warm and meaningful experience for everyone involved. This gesture was truly special and greatly appreciated. Thank you to Rimu Hub for your kindness and generosity.



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3 1 1

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ROSE COTTAGE - A HOME BUILT TO LAST
124 Weraroa Road, Waverley

3 1 1

For Sale \$398,000

This home is full of character! There are three bedrooms though one has been utilized as a storage room currently. There is further potential to develop upstairs which has a large loft space with windows and enjoys views of the mountain and sea. The home is fully fenced and low maintenance gardens have been planted making attractive spaces to relax in.

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34 Kent Street, Patea

4 1

For Sale \$380,000

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Natural Processes at the Heart of Pātea Dune Protection

Council is reinforcing its long-term approach to protecting the Pātea coastline by using natural processes to stabilise sand dunes, minimise erosion and safeguard beach access for the community. As part of upcoming maintenance work planned for May, Council will need to temporarily close the upper car park and lookout on Taranaki Road, Pātea, for one day. The exact date has not yet been confirmed, and residents will be notified in advance once it is set. For decades, strong winds and shifting sands have caused significant dune instability at Pātea Beach. In the 1980s, wind-blown sand even encroached into nearby homes and roads, partially burying sections in the beach settlement. Council’s environment and sustainability manager, Cindy Koen, says controlled placement of clean greenwaste remains one of the most effective tools for strengthening dune systems in this high-energy coastal environment. “Clean greenwaste helps trap windblown sand, rebuilds dune shape, and provides the structure native plants need to establish. This method is scientifically supported, environmentally safe, and essential for protecting the integrity of the dune system,” says Cindy. Long-term trials and monitoring show that greenwaste plays a crucial role in preventing blowouts and reducing sand drift, which can otherwise place significant burden on nearby homes, public spaces and infrastructure. Stabilised dunes also support local ecology and improve safe access to the beach. Since 2016, greenwaste placement at the site has followed strict controls. Today, only uncontaminated material from authorised transfer stations in Hāwera and Pātea can be used, and it is applied

solely in approved areas under a monitored resource consent. “This is no longer a dumping site. The historic issues with illegal greenwaste and general rubbish were addressed years ago. What happens now is carefully managed, clean, and fully consented,” says Cindy. Council’s resource consent includes 16 conditions covering environmental monitoring, placement practices and safeguards against issues such as odour, runoff, contamination or erosion effects. Taranaki Regional Council regularly monitors compliance. Placement on Bourkes Lookout Road was completed in September 2025, and work is now focused on the top lookout area. On placement days, only the immediate work zone will be temporarily coned off for safety, with no broader access restrictions expected. “Our coastal communities deserve confidence that dune management is both responsible and effective. We’re committed to transparency and to using the best available methods to protect Pātea Beach for future generations,” she says. By mimicking natural dune-building processes, the approach reduces sand encroachment into residential areas, minimises collapse risks in weakened dune sections, and supports native vegetation to take over long-term stabilisation. “The community has a long history of caring for these dunes. Today’s approach builds on that legacy but with stronger environmental safeguards and a focus on long-term resilience,” says Cindy. Council will continue to monitor the site closely and work with iwi, residents and coastal groups to support a healthier and more stable coastline at Pātea Beach.

Upcoming Meetings

Te Kāhui Matauraura
Wednesday 6 May, 10am

Environment and Hearings Committee
Wednesday 6 May, 1pm

Policy and Strategy Committee
Monday 11 May, 1pm

Extraordinary Council
To deliberate and adopt the Speed Management Plan
Monday 11 May, 3pm

Water Services Committee
Monday 18 May, 1pm

Workshop
Risk Management Framework
Wednesday 20 May, 10am

Risk and Assurance Committee (MERCER)
Wednesday 20 May, 11am

Workshop
He Pou Tikanga
Wednesday 3 June, 1.30pm

Ordinary Council
Wednesday 3 June, 4pm

Pātea Community Board
Wednesday 10 June, 4pm
Waverley Golf Club, Ihupuku Road, Waverley

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



Council Confirms Pedestrian Mall for Part of Cambridge Street, Pātea.

Council has confirmed its decision to declare part of Cambridge Street in Pātea as a pedestrian mall, marking a key milestone in the Pātea South Development and the town’s wider revitalisation programme. At its Ordinary Council meeting on Wednesday 15 April 2026, Council resolved to declare the section of Cambridge Street between Egmont Street (State Highway 3) and Dorset Street a pedestrian mall following a public consultation process and public hearing. Consultation ran from 2 December 2025 to February 2026 and attracted 79 submissions, with 73% supporting the proposal and 25% opposed. Community feedback highlighted strong support for improved pedestrian safety and the opportunity to create a high-quality, people-focused public space at the southern gateway to Pātea. Submitters also raised important considerations around accessibility, parking, traffic movements and business access, which Council noted will be addressed through detailed design to avoid disruption as much as possible. Mayor Phil Nixon said the decision reflects both strong community

support and a long-term vision for Pātea. “This project has been shaped through years of planning, co-design and community discussion. Declaring this section of Cambridge Street as a pedestrian mall allows us to move forward with a safer, more welcoming space that supports events, everyday use and the vitality of the town centre,” Mayor Nixon said. The pedestrian mall forms a core part of the Pātea South Development, a transformational project identified through the 2019 Pātea Town Masterplan and reaffirmed in the 2025 Pātea Revitalisation Roadmap. The development aims to strengthen the connection between the town centre, river and beach, improve pedestrian safety, and enhance public amenity. Under the Local Government Act 1974, the decision initiates a one-month appeal period. Submitters will be notified directly, and a public notice of the decision will be advertised. Any appeal must be lodged with the Environment Court within one month of the decision being notified.

Fourth Rates Instalment

Ratepayers are reminded that **Wednesday 27 May** is the final day to pay the fourth rates instalment for the 2025/2026 financial year without incurring a penalty.

McBroom Estate welcomes applications for funding

The McBroom Estate allocates funding for health and disability benefits for the Waverley and Patea communities. The Estate is administered by the Taranaki District Health Trust Funds Committee with local community representation. The Public Trust has allocated \$47,000.00 to this year’s funding round.

The deadline for applications for projects or initiatives that are not ordinarily funded by a Government agency and will show a health and disability benefit to the Waverley and Patea Communities is **01 June 2026**.

Applicants will be advised of the outcome by the 18 July 2026.

Applications must be made on the forms available from:

Taranaki District Health Trust
c/- Health NZ - Te Whatu Ora Taranaki
Corporate Services – McBroom Applications
Private Bag 2016
NEW PLYMOUTH 4340
Tel: 06 753 6139 ext 7617
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Mana Bay Mural

The toilet block/Surf Club at Mana Bay now has a beautiful new mural on all four sides. Dan Mills, from the Czech Republic has returned for the third year in a row to paint another Mural for us in Patea. He has painted one on the wall of McCarty & Hungers and another on the wall of the Chemist in town.

This time we have involved many more children to help Dan paint, learn some techniques from him and be a part of a creation of art. Kakaramaea, Whenuakura and Patea Area School pupils each spent time at the Mural, as well as numerous local children during the last week of the school holidays. Karen Pratt and Bruce Boyd spent time with the children as well, showing them some of the fascinating sea life that life off the coast of Patea. Karen has been sending Dan information and photos

for the last year to help him design the mural from his home on the other side of the world.

Patea Historical Society are once again the organisers of this vibrant enhancement to our beach, so it also incorporates images from our past - shipping days of the early 1900's in Patea. The 'Echo' a scow/flat bottomed ship coming into river mouth in 1909 with a cargo of coal from the South Island. It's in full sail, on the north side of the building, looking toward the long beach. In the shower area in the alcove there's a detailed painting of the 'SS Mana' owned by the Patea Shipping Company, coming into the harbour as the sea walls are being extended in 1904. The crane Mr Leslie Reynolds used to transport the fourteen ton concrete blocks out to extend the wall, can be seen on the left

and the old timber guide pier on the right.

The Mural has coincided with STDC's major clearing of sand from the carpark and picnic gazebo's at Mana Bay. Hayden McColl and his team have done an incredibly good job of restoring this area to how it was when his grandfather Noel McColl excavated the area over 20 years ago.

There have been a steady stream of visitors to the Mural each day, to see the progress Dan has made and have a chat. We are so fortunate to have an international artist to design and paint this piece of public art for us all to enjoy. Even on a grey day, it's a bright beacon, on the beach, bursting with life, colour and local history.

Jacq Dwyer
Patea Historical Society President.



Karen Pratt and Bruce Boyd from Project Reef Life talk to Kakaramaea School pupils about the sea life out on the reefs off Patea, many of which feature on the mural



Dan Mills painting a scene from 1904, the SS Mana coming into the Patea Port, watched on by Katrina Death and son Bodie, from Hamilton.

A collection item from ‘Aotea Utanganui’
Museum of South Taranaki
‘GANE Milking Machine’
originating from Normanby,
South Taranaki



Prior to the 1950’s, around 50% of dairy herds were still hand milked. Herd sizes were a lot smaller with the average farmer milking only 50 -60 cows. Today we take the operation of milking cows for granted. Herds have grown and milking machines are complex systems, but a major contributor to the development of milking machines lived within our South Taranaki District, in the township Normanby.

In 1908, Cyril Gane, a Taranaki farmer from Normanby, patented improvements to a Milking machine, which had been invented in Scotland, naming his milking machine “The Releaser”.

‘The Releaser’ was an instant success and as well as easing the workload of the hand milkers, it also enabled farmers to increase production.

The first attempt to assist milking was in 1819 when catheters were inserted into each teat to enable milk to flow freely. Not a successful exercise and the dairy industry had to wait until the 1860’s before a partially workable vacuum milking machine came into existence. That machine was far from perfect as the constant vacuum the early machines relied on, caused blood to be drawn into the milk.

Almost 40 years later, 1895, a development in Scotland resulted in the availability of a machine named the ‘Thistle’, which incorporated a pulsator in its operation.

The "Thistle" vacuum milker is considered as the breakthrough to modern milking machines. The built in pulsator enabled an intermittent flow of milk, and that system finally led to a workable milking machine. While the ‘Thistle’ proved an effective milking machine, it presented problems of sanitation.

Cyril Gane’s modifications to the ‘Thistle’ gave the Farmer an efficient machine that proved reliable and overcame the sanitary failings. The reinvented machine, ‘The Releaser’ was successfully marketed within New Zealand and overseas, in fact it won international acclaim at the 1913 Agriculture Show in England.

It is fascinating to see how a local Normanby farmer like Cyril Gane turned a flawed Scottish invention into a global success. By addressing the sanitary issues and refining the pulsator system of the "Thistle," he essentially paved the way for the high-production dairy industry New Zealand is known for today.

The fact that an original ‘Gane Releaser’ is preserved at Aotea Utanganui makes it a significant piece of South Taranaki’s agricultural identity.

Would you like to know more about other local inventions from the Taranaki region, or perhaps more details on the ‘Gane Milking Machine Co.’ itself?
‘Aotea Utanganui’, Museum of South Taranaki, has a wealth of information within its collection.

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Pātea Community Board Meeting

Pātea Community Board Meeting
Notes from the meeting on Wednesday 29 April 2026 at 4pm, provided by the Board Members.
The third meeting for 2026 was held at the Aotea Utanganui Museum, Pātea. Present were: Pātea Community Board members: Jacq, Cheryl, & Charlotte, Brian Rook (Councillor), Phil Nixon (Mayor), Kaya Acero (Governance Officer), Rob Haveswood (Community Development Manager), and several members of the public. The meeting opened with a karakia. Apology from Bronwyn

Open Forum:

- Chopper from ‘Progress to Health’ is running social connection groups around Taranaki, for ‘Progress to Health’ they are meeting at the Patea Library on Wednesdays 12.30 – 2pm, for anyone wanting to have a chat, make friends and strengthen community connections. For a referral go to the ‘Progress to Health’ website, scroll to the end and click ‘Referral’.
- Constable Harley spoke about the ongoing and destructive anti- social behaviour of a few in Patea doing burnouts down to the steel rims in their cars and dirt bikes ripping up a storm all over town and down the beach. He needs the community to help, and call out this as unacceptable, get photos and phone the culprits in. It was decided a community meeting needs to be called to help get an understanding of what can be done.
- Constable Glen from Waverley reported on the current state of things in his area. They too have continuous offending of burnouts and motorbikes. But have an effective group of 49 people on Waverley Watch, (Neighbourhood Support Group) who are in contact with Glen when they have a photo or film of a car, bike etc offending.
- Laraine from Waverley Watch asked if the high corrugated iron fence at Dallison Park can be taken down/lowered. It provides a screen for those doing the burnouts, and before it can be seen, the paddock is ripped up with skids. Laraine is also the Waverley Victims Support officer.
- Steven spoke about possums now coming into his garden in central Patea and eating fruit etc, an undesirable new occurrence. He traps them, but is concerned about his cat getting caught too. He was advised to contact TRC to see if they can assist with a suburban trapping program. Jacq will also contact our local Taranaki Catchment community.
- Dean spoke to us about the current situation of the Patea Surf Club and their building at Mana Bay. He was elected President about 5 years ago, and put a great deal of time into teaching kids to surf up until 2 years ago, with very little support. The building is in good condition, Dean has done a lot of work on it, but the committee has been unfunctional for the last few years. He is at the point where he wants to make it available for other groups or organisations in Patea, as it will fall into disrepair if its not used. Dean will continue to explore this option. He is impressed with mural being painted on the bottom storey/toilet block by Dan Mills at the moment and has helped Dan with some repairs to exterior.

- Laurie informed us that unfortunately, motorbike riders had found a way to get into the newly planted area on the left heading down to the beach. There is a hole in the fence where they maybe getting in. He also pointed out that the area at the start of the seawall on the northside, which is constantly caving in with the tides, needs more large rocks in it. Mayor Phil has looked at it before the meeting and agrees with his advice. This is currently being planned.
- Trish would like to see steps from carpark at Mana Bay down to the beach installed by the lifesaver ring in front of the Surf Club. This is in the area where the rocks are to be put to stop the erosion. She also thanked the Patea Historical Society for making the mural happen, and the Council for removing sand and restoring the Mana Bay area. Cars are now able to park on the

riverside and people are having picnics there again, something that hasn’t been able to happen for decades. Jacq thanked her husband Don for all the work he has done at the Mural.

- Verna from Patea Golf Club informed us that the Patea Golf Club needs a new lawn mower, at a cost of about \$50,000. Various funding organisations were mentioned as worth them applying too. They have very successful Golf lessons for children, up to 25 at a time.
- The sad loss of the Manutahi Hall in a fire in the early hours of Monday 20 April has left the community in shock, especially after the Pihama Hall burnt to the ground the following night. Both are deemed electrical fires, due to the storm which lasted for 4 days. Peter from the Manutahi Hall committee is working with Robynne Harford to clean up the site and possibly get a toilet installed, as this is needed for when funerals are held at the cemetery over the road.
- There is a Patea Skate Jam event at the Patea Skate Park on Saturday 9 May 12-2pm. We need to get the skate Park cleaned up before then, a working Bee will be held in the coming week.

Minutes from last meeting Wednesday 11 March 2026 at the Waitōtara Hall. Opening forum discussion, Still to be followed up on:

- Wendy Derrett asked if the Council could do something about the woolly nightshade that is spreading rapidly at the old Patea Hospital grounds. Council haven’t been unable to do anything about this at present.
- Update of issue of water storage for fire fighting in Waitotara? One 30,000 lt tank is on the Hill past the Hall, it has been filled and is now attached to the hydrant by the old Fire Station and has been tested by the Fire Brigade. Another tank is needed, Jacq will advertise for one to be donated by the community, Brian will get a quote for one.
- Update for Septic tank rebuild at Mana Bay? - due to be rebuilt by July.
- Update on Waverley Beach Boat ramp/access to main beach – Community meeting to be held, Rob was waiting on a date to be confirmed, Charlotte will organise this.
- Pine trees above the Waste Transfer station at Waitotara are still on the list for removal as they are overhanging the main road. At this stage there is no plan by STDC to do this – cost is too high.

Local Discretionary Funding Applications.
\$7,768.92 left in fund, no applications this month for Patea Community Board.

District LibraryPlus Report:

- Pātea Library hosts various activity groups, including Te Mahana residents each week. Patea Library staff visit the Patea Kindergarten fortnightly and Kakaramea school coding club visit the Patea Library fortnightly, with the Library staff visiting the school ever other week. Summer Blast reading program has been well supported at Pātea and Waverley Library by young readers

Environmental Services Report:

- Roaming and barking dog incidents remain high.
- The reforestation team joined the Waverley Town Revitalisation team with planting native trees along the Waverley town belt. New Native tree planting in Harbour Board paddocks on the way to the beach is progressing. Joe Churchman from STDC is leading this project. Gates designed to keep motorbikes out are installed, pathways have been mowed through it, it will be opened soon.

Quarterly Economic Development Report:

- Uber is launching its ‘Ride Share’ service to Hawera.
- Te W’anake/The Foundry celebrated its 3rd birthday in February. Situated in High Street Hawera, it is a shared public office space.
- Venture Taranaki meet with over 60 inbound tour operators in Auckland, show casing Taranaki’s visitor experience and building relationships to encourage inclusion in travel itineraries and increased regional visitation.
- Venture Taranaki hosted visitor hui in February at Port Taranaki, timed with the departure of the Coral Princess cruise ship which bought 1800 visitors to the region. Around 50 operators attended.

Rural Pools – End of Season Report:

- The rural swimming pool season ran from 9 December 2025 to 10 March 2026, opening from 3.30pm to 7pm on school days and 12pm to 7pm on weekends and school holidays. Waverley pool was closed for one day for a planned power outage. Patea pool closed to undergo maintenance.
- Patea Pool had 5,367 swimmers over the summer, Waverley had 2,835 swimmers. Eltham was the busiest pool with 5,710 swimmers.

Upcoming meetings:
Wednesday 10 June, 4pm at Waverley Golf Club
Wednesday 5 August, 4pm at Whenuakura Marae
Wednesday 16 September, 4pm at Hunter Shaw, Pātea
Wednesday 28 October, 4pm at Waverley Community Centre

What’s coming up with the Patea River Catchment Group in May

Coming up in May we have a succession planning workshop which is being run by BDO and Govett Quilliam. If you are farming and are thinking about succession, then this will be a great workshop for you – the idea is to start the process so even if you think this is years away for you, chances are you should be starting to plan today. Further details will be on our Facebook page or contact Tessa for more information – tessa@taranakicc.nz

We now have the beginning of our catchment management plan back for us to review after our workshop in March. This is the start of the plan and is giving us a focus on the direction we should steer the catchment in. From here we will work on the strategy of how to implement this plan – right now we need your feedback, so hop over to our Facebook page to have a read or email Tessa to be sent a copy.

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Quick crossword

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20. Tycoon (5)
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23. Anxious (7)
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17. Cupboard (6)
19. Bishop's headgear (5)
21. Grumble (5)

Crossword solution

Across: 1. Assist, 4. Utopia, 9. Fragile, 10. Abort, 11. Canoe, 12. Lash out, 13. Hardhearted, 18. Foreman, 20. Mogul, 22. Exact, 23. Nervous, 24. Taster, 25. Cynnet.
Down: 1. Affect, 2. Stain, 3. Stipend, 5. Traps, 6. Propose, 7. Astute, 8. Well-meaning, 14. Arrears, 15. Remarry, 16. Effect, 17. Closet, 19. Mitre, 21. Groom.

Code-Cracker

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Each number in our Code-Cracker grid represents a different letter of the alphabet. For example, today 4 represents T so fill in T every time the figure 4 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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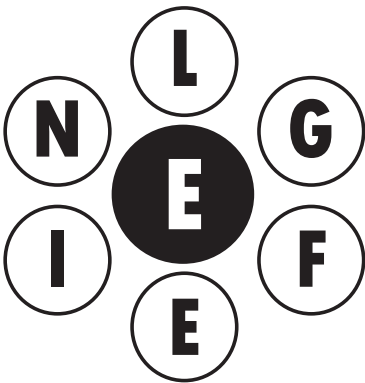
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Circle of Words

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

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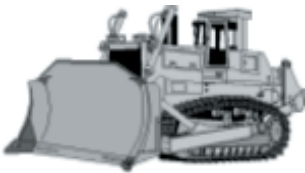
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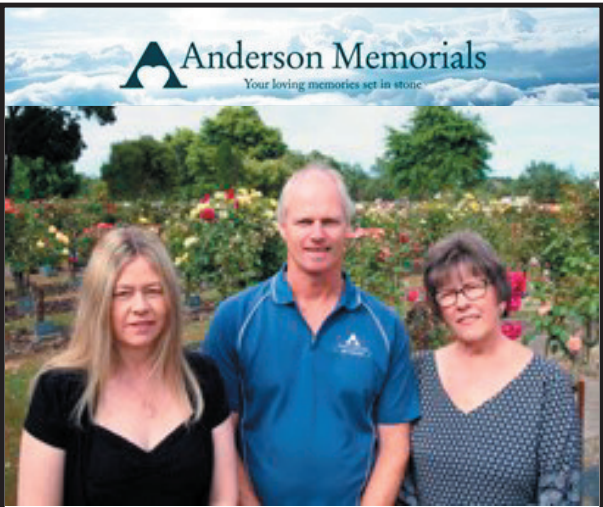
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SUN	03 MAY	10:47	2.8m	23:05	2.9m
MON	04 MAY	11:21	2.7m	23:39	2.8m
TUE	05 MAY	11:58	2.6m		
WED	06 MAY	00:15	2.7m	12:38	2.5m
THU	07 MAY	00:55	2.6m	13:23	2.4m
FRI	08 MAY	01:42	2.5m	14:15	2.3m
SAT	09 MAY	02:37	2.4m	15:14	2.2m
SUN	10 MAY	03:40	2.4m	16:16	2.3m
MON	11 MAY	04:44	2.4m	17:18	2.3m
TUE	12 MAY	05:43	2.5m	18:16	2.5m
WED	13 MAY	06:36	2.7m	19:10	2.7m
THU	14 MAY	07:26	2.8m	20:00	2.9m
FRI	15 MAY	08:14	3.0m	20:49	3.0m
SAT	16 MAY	09:03	3.1m	21:36	3.2m
SUN	17 MAY	09:53	3.1m	22:25	3.2m
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FRI	22 MAY	01:58	2.8m	14:32	2.6m
SAT	23 MAY	03:01	2.7m	15:34	2.5m
SUN	24 MAY	04:07	2.6m	16:39	2.4m
MON	25 MAY	05:11	2.6m	17:43	2.4m
TUE	26 MAY	06:10	2.6m	18:41	2.5m
WED	27 MAY	07:02	2.6m	19:32	2.6m
THU	28 MAY	07:48	2.6m	20:17	2.7m
FRI	29 MAY	08:30	2.6m	20:57	2.7m
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Rainfall for 2026 - 27mm in 4 days
Rainfall for 2025 - 77mm
Average for March - 86mm over 56 years
TOTAL for 2026 - 267mm

WAITOTARA

Rainfall recorded by Marie Hawken, Waitotara
Rainfall 2026 - 43mm in 5 days
Rainfall 2025 - 66mm in 9 days
TOTAL for 2026 - 242.75mm

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Rainfall recorded by Stu Buckman, Waverley
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Te Pahi hits the road as TRC launches improved bus network

A new era has dawned for public transport and connectivity across Taranaki with the launch of Te Pahi, the improved and updated bus network for the region. Today (April 7) marks the start of revamped services with Te Pahi buses now sporting their distinctive green livery and new routes and timetables operational.

Taranaki Regional Council Chair Craig Williamson says the excitement has been building for the launch with staff, drivers, councillors and bus users eagerly awaiting the launch and seeing Te Pahi buses hit the road across the region.

“The launch marks a major milestone on our journey to improve public transport in our region,” says Mr Williamson. “The network has been designed by the people, for the people and we think it’s going to strengthen connectivity in Taranaki, allowing users to easily travel by bus to get to work, school, college, the hospital or to the shops.

“All the improvements come at the same time that there has been a shift away from funding public transport by the government, so it’s been a balancing act to provide an updated network within severe funding constraints.

“Having said that, the list of upgrades is impressive. We think Te Pahi is a great first step on the road to creating a modern, fit-for-purpose and easy-to-use public transport service.”

Key improvements include better Saturday coverage with new trips between Hāwera-New Plymouth and Waitara–New Plymouth and 11 new electric buses added to the urban New Plymouth fleet.

Other boosts to the network include:

- Streamlined urban routes – more direct, faster and efficient services.
- Improved hospital access through Westown and Hurdon via Tukapa and David streets.

- The launch of a new dedicated website – tepahi.govt.nz – with improved real-time tracking and a new way to plan your journey.

- The new unified Te Pahi brand replaces the old Citylink, Southlink and Connector brands.

The launch follows extensive consultation on what the network should look like with feedback shaping the development of services based on the aspirations of the public.

“We’re particularly pleased to see 11 new electric buses now on our roads, meaning our New Plymouth urban fleet is now fully electric. These clean, green vehicles match the green livery of Te Pahi and will be instrumental in helping the Council achieve our goal of zero public transport emissions by 2035,” added Mr Williamson.

“With the new website providing lots of user-friendly features like journey planning and real-time tracking and a recognisable and striking brand, the new network has a strong Taranaki identity we can be proud of.”

Other improvements include a trial Waitara morning loop operating on weekday mornings during school terms to support access to Waitara schools. The service will be available to all passengers. Accessibility in Omata is also being boosted by new bus stops.

There have been a number of service reductions or changes from the old network, mainly driven by low patronage which made the services uneconomical and unsustainable within the current funding environment for public transport. These include:

- The Ōpunake–New Plymouth middle of the day trips reduced from five to two days a week.
 - Hāwera to Pātea once a week (no longer extending to Waverley).
 - Removal of some early morning (7am) services due to low patronage; some 7am trips will continue on select routes.
- Evening services from Monday–Wednesday (6:20pm) will be removed, with Thursday and Friday evening services remaining.
- Minor updates to South Taranaki fare zones to align with the wider network.
 - The Ōpunake–Hāwera route will no longer travel via Kaponga due to low demand.
 - Removal of 6am southbound and 5.20pm northbound trips on the service between Hawera and New Plymouth.

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We are also excited as preparations continue for our Fiji cultural exchange in September. This will be a valuable opportunity for students to grow as leaders, experience a new culture, and represent our kura. The effort and commitment shown so far has been outstanding.

Regular attendance remains a key focus. Being at school every day gives ākonga the best chance to learn and achieve their personal taumata. Thank you for supporting strong attendance habits.

In Term 2, our focus shifts to academic achievement, with school-wide testing helping inform student progress and upcoming reports. We encourage all students to stay focused and give their best.

This term we also acknowledge the retirement of Mrs Singh, our cooking teacher, after 19 years of dedicated service to the kura. We thank her for the care, passion, and skills she has shared with our ākonga over the years and wish her all the very best for her next chapter. We are pleased to welcome our new cooking teacher, Whaea Shayal, who will be joining us at the start of next term.

We are also pleased to introduce our new school counsellor, Whaea Ngairini, who will be available from Tuesday to Thursday each week. This is a valuable addition to our kura, supporting the wellbeing of our ākonga.

We wish all our whānau a safe and enjoyable holiday break, and a happy Easter.

Ngā mihi nui,

Matua James





Swimming Sports Champion

Junior Boys- Charlie Werder
Junior Girls- Ata Taylor
Intermediate Boys- Jack Kelsen
Intermediate Girls- Trixie Davidson
Senior Boys- Quaylen Sisson
Senior Girls- Maearna-Haleigh Leatherby

Field Champions

Junior Boys- Kahn Tangaroa-Smith
Junior Girls- Breezhaya-Jade Tamihana
Intermediate Boys- Jack Kelsen
Intermediate Girls- Magrett Raidaniva
Senior Boys- Quaylen Sisson
Senior Girls- Jamie Waata-Chapman



Track Champions

Junior Boys- Mosese Raidaniva
Junior Girls- Ata Taylor
Intermediate Boys- Jack Kelsen
Intermediate Girls- Quincey Taylor & Enchantress Suguiyao
Senior Boys- Quaylen Sisson
Senior Girls- Jamie Waata-Chapman

Overall athletics Champion

Junior Boys- Kahn Tangaroa-Smith
Junior Girls- Breezhaya-Jade Tamihana
Intermediate Boys- Jack Kelsen
Intermediate Girls- Quincey Taylor
Senior Boys- Quaylen Sisson
Senior Girls- Jamie Waata-Chapman





Haylee Burgess beginning her Outward Bound adventure, stepping outside her comfort zone and into an unforgettable experience.



Our Year 7-8 cluster competitive swimmers represented our kura with pride at the Waverley Cluster Swimming Event. The team showed outstanding effort, determination, and teamwork throughout the day, consistently placing strongly across events. A special highlight was their 1st place finish in the relay.



Above
Hands-on learning in action! Year 9 Science students are using models to understand chemical formulas and identify the types and number of atoms in different substances.

Middle
Ukulele class with Kopa awhina, preparing for our performance.

Bottom
Year 9 noughts and crosses project that incorporated the cross halving joints





PARIROA PĀ VISIT

March 16-18 2026
Year 1–13 Te Reo Māori students recently visited Pariroa Pā in rotations for immersive learning. It was a proud moment for our kura as the event was completely student-led. Our seniors took charge staying overnight—from speaking on the pae to teaching haka—while our younger students showcased their mihi and pepeha. From the front of the wharenui to the ringawera in the kitchen, every student played their part in making the day a success. Well done to all!



After 19 incredible years of service at Pātea Area School, I find myself reflecting on a journey that has shaped me both personally and professionally. To the various members of our Board of Trustees over the years, thank you for your guidance and commitment in providing resources for the Food Technology and Hospitality courses. To our principals, past and present, I have appreciated your support, mentorship and dedication to make Pātea Area School a place of growth, encouraging innovation and an environment where excellence is always pursued.

To the wider community thank you for your support and partnership. Schools do not exist in isolation and it has been rewarding as a teacher to see our students succeed both culturally and academically.

To my colleagues, thank you for the camaraderie, collaboration and friendship over the years. The shared experiences, challenges and successes has made this journey truly special.

To the students past and present it has been a privilege to teach, guide and learn alongside you. Watching you develop cookery skills, working with confidence as the year progressed and having a love for Food and Hospitality has been the most rewarding part of this journey. Keep cooking, creating and experimenting with the wide range of ingredients available these days.

My journey from Fiji to New Zealand has been an amazing one, quite fulfilling after teaching for about 45 years. It is now time to move on to making new memories with family and friends and a little man who will be turning three in July. I am now looking forward to the next phase of my life. Finally I wish all my students an awesome 2026 academic year.

"ALVIDA"
Mrs Anil K. Singh



Te Kahui Maunga Regionals
Congratulations to Whaea Naiomi, Matua Khyree, and Iraia Davis for their performance with Ngā Waihotanga at Te Kāhui Maunga Regionals in Waitara earlier this term. This fantastic result means they have qualified for Te Matatini 2027. We are so proud of your hard work and this well-deserved success!



Kopa Ahwina TSSSA Swimming held at the Wai o Rua Stratford Aquatic Centre



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As we move further into the year, it's been a busy and exciting time at Whenuakura School. From sporting events and creative achievements to camps and classroom learning, our students have been making the most of every opportunity. Here's a snapshot of what we've been up to lately.

Mana Bay Mural

Last month some of our senior students had the honour of helping paint the Mana Bay mural at Pātea Beach. This hands-on experience was a welcome opportunity for them to connect with art, history and place and taught them lots about the species of fish and sponges from the diverse and abundant reef environment and our local sea life.

A big thanks to Karen and Bruce from Project Reef Life, the very talented Dan Mills, and to Jacq Dwyer for coordinating this incredible opportunity. What an amazing experience to be a part of.



Worm Farm Workshop

Last month we were lucky enough to have Sharon (the Waste Minimisation Officer from the South Taranaki District Council) join us to deliver a hands-on worm farm workshop here at school.

The workshop introduced students to food waste reduction and composting, with a focus on how worm farms help turn organic waste into nutrient-rich compost.

To support the project, Hollard Gardens generously donated worms to establish the school's worm farm, giving students the opportunity to care for the worms and observe the composting process over time. The session provided practical learning experiences that reinforced environmental responsibility and sustainable waste practices.



Thank You to Our Sponsors!

Whenuakura School would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to our amazing local businesses for their generous sponsorship and ongoing support.

Your contributions make a real difference for our students and staff, helping us provide opportunities, resources, and experiences that enrich learning and strengthen our school. We are incredibly grateful to have such strong community backing.

Please join us in supporting these local businesses who so proudly support Whenuakura School — we couldn't do it without you!

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Writing Sensations

Last year, during the creation and performance of our school play, students Maggie Newland and Honor Williams decided they would like to give playwriting a go - and give it a go they did! A few weeks of hard work and one play writing workshop later, their story 'Prank Wars' was born.

The girls did such a tremendous job of writing this humorous masterpiece that we decided to send it into the School Journal and to our surprise, it was accepted for publication. This is an incredible accomplishment for our students as the journal tends to only publish work by adult authors and illustrators.

Maggie and Honor decided to donate half of their earnings for their publication to the school library as a way of recognising the help they have had fostering their talent.

Pictured are the girls on a recent shopping spree at Paige's Book Store in Whanganui.



Thursday Rippa

The rippa season has come to an end but our mixed-grade team thoroughly enjoyed their Thursday evening games in Hāwera last term. It's been fantastic to see the progress the students made each week. So much talent has developed across the team, with skills improving with every game and plenty of great teamwork on display.

Most importantly, the



smiles, laughter, and enjoyment from the kids show just how much fun they are having out on the field.

A big thank you goes to Ross, Kyvarn and Jack, and Marichen and Kate, who have generously volunteered their time as parents and siblings to help support the team. Opportunities like this simply wouldn't happen without people willing to give up their time to coach, organise, and encourage our players.

Vertical Horizon Adventure Camp – A Week to Remember!

What an incredible week our Tuakana Hive students at the end of last term at Vertical Horizon Adventure Camp! From the moment they arrived, excitement was high, and it didn't take long for everyone to jump straight into the action.

The camp provided a fantastic opportunity for students to step outside their comfort zones, challenge themselves, and try new experiences. Activities such as the high ropes, the zipline, grass carts, kayaking, blind walks and team challenges kept everyone busy, active, and smiling throughout their few days away.

It was awesome to see students showing determination, resilience, and courage as they took on each new challenge. There was a constant display of students supporting and encouraging one another. Whether it was cheering from below the high ropes or helping a friend navigate a tricky obstacle, the sense of teamwork and camaraderie was something to be proud of.

Beyond the activities, camp life itself was a great learning experience. Students demonstrated independence, responsibility, and positive behaviour, representing our school with pride. There were plenty of laughs, friendships cemented, and memories made that will last a long time.



Cricket Season

Last term we joined forces with Kakarama School to field a cricket team for a six-week competition.

It was been awesome to see the players grow in confidence, skill, and teamwork during this time with a huge improvement from the very first game right through to the final.

One of the standout moments came in the second-to-last game, where the team secured a brilliant win, with every player giving it their absolute all. Jordan and Xavier led the way with the bat, both putting on impressive performances, while Jock delivered a standout effort with the ball, achieving a wicket maiden — a fantastic accomplishment.

Across the field, all players showed great focus, determination, and teamwork, contributing to a strong all-round performance. Maggie and Aubrey also showed off some top-level gymnastics adding some flare to the field!

A big thank you to Scott for his time and effort coaching and supporting the team throughout the season. It's been fantastic to watch the players develop their skills, encourage one another, and most importantly, have fun along the way.

Here's what some of our players had to say about their season:

Maggie – It was a fun season while it lasted, it was only 6 weeks. The best part was when I got a wicket when I was bowling. I got 4 fours in the season.

Elliot – I got about 12 wickets this season. Over the season I got better at batting and I got 3 fours. Thank you Scott for being my umpire.

Jock – This season I got a wicket maiden which is when it's all dot balls, no runs, as well as a wicket. I felt great because that's really rare and the other coach gave me a high five.

Jordan – I nearly got a hat-trick which is when you are bowling and get three wickets in a row. I'd like to thank Scott for coaching. I got to practice my bowling during practices and at the game.

Lincoln – I had a good season. It's the first time I've played cricket. The best part was when I got a couple of fours. Thanks, Scott, for taking me to cricket each week and being my coach.





KAKARAMEA SCHOOL

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

APRIL ROUND UP

FLAT TRACK 2026!

What an exciting Flat Track activity! Both children and adults had a fantastic time riding together, sharing in the fun and building great connections. The field was full of energy, laughter, and smiles as wheels kept moving and spirits stayed high.

A huge shout out to Chris, Sarah, and the Rutten family for the generous use of their paddocks for this event, our school Events Committee for running this event on our behalf and special thanks to Daryl Hurley at Action Moto and Craig Bailey at Bailey Motorcycles for supporting our event through the generous donation of raffle prizes.

Lastly, a big thank you to everyone who joined in and helped make the event such a success. A truly fun and memorable day.



A true bike superstar in action!



Balance, confidence, and a whole lot of talent!



Community Spirit Shines in Jubilee Preparations

We have had such a busy month with the school being a hive of activity to get ready for the 150th Jubilee at Easter! We are incredibly proud and grateful for our amazing whānau and community. Your support makes a real difference: from helping install the school signboard, to cleaning the shed, and being part of the wider tidy-up and preparation for our Jubilee. Together, you make our Jubilee celebrations possible, memorable, and fun for everyone. What an incredible community we have! We are beyond grateful.

Cluster Athletics 2026

What a fun day in the sun! Cluster Athletics 2026 was a great time to bring together our students for a day full of energy, teamwork, and determination. Throughout the event, our tamariki took part in a variety of athletic activities well organized by Patea Area School showing resilience, enthusiasm, and the WAKA WAY in action. It was a fantastic day where students supported one another, challenged themselves and embraced the spirit of friendly competition.

We would like to extend our sincere gratitude to all the whānau who came along to support and all the staff who were there organizing such a massive day. Congratulations to our winning relay team—what an outstanding achievement! And well done to all of our children who gave their best in every event. We are incredibly proud of your effort, attitude and willingness to give things a go.



LEFT: Our winning relay team: Left to right: Oscar W, Jacob, Azarlea and Matilda
ABOVE: Frankie soaring through the air in the long jump



Bayden Muller donating his time and expertise to install the sign on the fence

Our Wheels Day was filled with excitement, energy, and lots of smiles! Children brought along their scooters, bikes, and roller skates to enjoy a fun-filled day in the playground. They loved zooming around, sharing their skills, and exploring different ways to move on wheels. It was wonderful to see their confidence, balance, and coordination growing as they participated. A fantastic day of active play and learning for everyone!

Weetbix Tryathlon

A huge congratulations to our amazing Weet-Bix Triathletes for their outstanding efforts! It was a fantastic day filled with energy, determination, and lots of smiles. Our students showed great perseverance and sportsmanship as they swam, biked, and ran their way through the course. We are incredibly proud of the courage and positive attitude they displayed throughout the event. Thank you to the whānau and supporters who came along to cheer them on. It truly made the day extra special.

ABOVE RIGHT: Tasting victory—well done, our superstars!
Left to right: Oscar McColl, Oscar Werder, Ruben Werder
BELOW RIGHT: Sophie T, Here comes your well-deserved success!



Pedal, push, and play—what a great day!
What a joy ride with a friend!



Pioneer Village

What a wonderful visit to Pioneer Village as part of our 150th Jubilee celebration! We learnt a lot about a time long ago. The children had lots of fun playing old-fashioned games such as sack racing, stilts, elastics, and skipping. We stepped back in time by experiencing an old-style classroom, giving students a glimpse into what learning was like in the past. A highlight of the day was the fantastic train ride, which brought plenty of excitement and smiles. By dressing in vintage clothing, our children looked so authentically vintage!!

TOP LEFT: Back in time, where learning looked a little different but the curiosity is the same
TOP RIGHT: Lots of hops, and heaps of fun!
BELOW LEFT: Skipping into the past with every jump!
BELOW RIGHT: Rolling through memories and making new ones

Olden day style, timeless smiles



Our little pioneers, ready for a journey through time



Kakaramea School 150th Student Jubilee Celebration

What an unforgettable day celebrating our 150th Jubilee! We stepped back in time by dressing in vintage clothing, burying our time capsule, planting our memory tree, playing olden day games, cutting our official jubilee limo cake and welcoming our beautiful Clydesdales. A very special highlight was a visit from past teacher Miss Marion Beamish on her trusty bike from Pātea. We finished the day with a fun-filled bounce ‘n’ dance party. We truly celebrated 150 years in style! A day to remember, with memories that will last a lifetime.



Celebrating 150 years with a ride to remember



An olden day teacher with today's learners



So much joy in every bounce!



Special thanks to Layered Cakes for the amazing limo cake. It was absolutely delicious!



Olden day games, new day smiles!



Miss Marion Beamish on her trusty bike from Pātea

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Kakaramea School and District 150th Jubilee — A Truly Special Celebration

Our Easter Weekend celebrations were a truly wonderful testament to the enduring strength and spirit of Kakaramea School & District. The current school whānau, staff, and Board would like to sincerely thank all the Jubilee Committee members for their dedication, commitment, and passion over the past 24 months in ensuring our Jubilee was such a wonderful success.

A special thank you to our past students, staff, and community members who travelled from near and far to celebrate, reminisce, and reconnect. The history, memories, stories, and artefacts you shared will be treasured for generations to come.

To everyone who joined us over the three days of celebrations—thank you for your presence and for adding to the significance of this very special milestone in our school and district’s history.

Lastly, to our students and staff of today, thank you for your hard mahi leading up to the celebrations, and for the beautiful kapa haka performance that opened our weekend. The pride, kotahitanga, and mana were clearly felt and seen. Special mention to Matau Louis and Matau Lukey for their guidance, support, and aroha in helping shape us in this space.

As our school motto proudly states, “Together we Achieve!” This celebration weekend was a true reflection of that.



Kapa haka in action—showing our pride and mana



Sitting together as one—celebrating culture, history, and community



Sitting where many journeys began—cherished memories in every seat



Back together where it all began



Together in song, together in spirit—our whānau united



A huge thank you to our very generous Jubilee sponsors. Your contribution is deeply appreciated.

Connecting, sharing, and celebrating together



The Kakaramea School & District 150 Year Jubilee

What a fabulous weekend we all had celebrating 150 years since Kakaramea School began. We had over 270 registrations for the three-day Jubilee over the Easter Weekend. Catching up with so many brilliant old friends, neighbours, classmates, and teaching staff was incredibly rewarding and made the two years of planning worth it all. As well as Shannon O'Brien, the current Principal, there were two other Head Teachers from earlier times – Mr Doug Hayward, from 1979 – 1986, and Val Sutherland, from 1999 – 2015. Val is the longest serving Principal at Kakaramea School at 16 years in the role.

People came from far and wide to attend this memorable event. We had the children of workers at the dairy factory, publicans at the Kakaramea Hotel, storekeepers at the busy Kakaramea Store, farmers, and past pupils of the school. Some hadn't been back since they left decades ago. The conversations were of what antics they had all got up to in those heady days when Kakaramea was the centre of their universe.

The Jubilee began on Friday night with a 'meet and greet' event in the Kakaramea Hall, which could have gone all night if we didn't have to save ourselves for the rest of the weekend and remind a few it was time to go home! The Memorabilia Room that was set up in the new storage room, was like a little lounge for people to gather and reminisce amongst photos and objects of times gone by.

On Saturday morning former teacher and resident Molly Cole opened the Jubilee in front of a large crowd on the courts at the school. Kakaramea School pupils in full costume performed an impressive Kapa Haka performance. Speeches

were given by David Werder - Chair of the Jubilee Committee, Robert Northcott - Deputy Mayor of South Taranaki, Carl Bates - MP, Shannon O'Brien, Jason Skipper - Board of Governors Chair, Jacq Dwyer – local historian, Tupito Maruera - Pariroa Pā Kaumatua. A special presentation of a framed photo of the 1961 Kakaramea Inter-School relay team, the Flying Squadron swimmers, was made by Barry Rangihaeata, one of the Kakaramea champion swimmers.

A picnic lunch was then available to collect from the school and eat out in the playground or in the vintage classroom set up by Shannon. Decade photos were taken on the field in terraced seating by photographer Kevin Bone, and Michelle Woollett was busy making coffees in her sweet little coffee cart set up below the pool.

Saturday evening began with a hearty dinner served in the Marquee beside the Hall, as the sunset glowed through the windows behind the buffet table. Shaun Campbell from Campbell Live entertained us in the Hall with live music, which got a good many up dancing. The Pātea Rugby Club, who are fundraising for their 150th Jubilee on Kings Birthday Weekend, were busy serving drinks at the Bar.

On Sunday morning the sun was still shining as we went to Pariroa Pā, where we were officially welcomed on to the marae. Past Kakaramea School pupil, Marama Taiwhati led the karanga as we walked on. to the marae. The wharenuī was full for the monthly Karakia church service led by Hemi, Cass and Kata. Afterwards we went to the Dining room for a lovely lunch, and as we walked in in single file, there was a symphony of music and poi, as lines of people connected to the Pā sung for us.

It really was astounding and we were so happy when they also sang Poi e. This was the perfect ending for our magical weekend. It was hard to say good-bye to the old friends we had rekindled friendships with, and the new people we met, who all felt that Kakaramea was such an important part of their lives.

We have a few more thank-yous to mention... behind the scenes there were so many hard workers who made the weekend the success it was. Apologies if we have missed anyone out...but a fair few honourable mentions... The Kakaramea Hall Committee for the multiple working bees cleaning the hall and surrounds from top to bottom, inside and out. It likely hasn't been so clean since the last jubilee, 25 years ago! Marie Dwyer and Trisha Edgecombe for meeting and greeting every attendee and providing their registration packs, and for doing a stella job selling commemorative tea towels and cookbooks.

Our resident historian Jacq Dwyer for creating the "History Display". It was the most popular place in the hall for sharing memories and stories. We look forward to the Kakaramea history books that will be published later this year by Jacq. Special thanks to Celeste Cole for styling the space with curated furniture and vintage items. Daniel Lehrke for designing the commemorative tea towels, and Bronwyn Gwynn for compiling the recipes for the Kakaramea Recipe Book. *these are both still for sale if you want to purchase more! Robert Morrison from Sydney, and Jason Skipper, for taking turns as security guards sleeping in the marquee overnight. Can't have been the most restful sleep! Shannon O'Brien and her team for getting the school looking so fabulous. And the Kapa Haka performance from



The crowds enjoying the Kapa Haka performance on the court at Kakaramea School on Saturday at the Jubilee.

The Kakaramea School & District 150 Year Jubilee

the children was just brilliant.

The Patea Rugby Club for staffing the bar on Friday and Saturday nights and Gavin Vanner for arranging the liquid refreshments. Andersons Catering for providing all the meals for the Jubilee. The team at Pariroa Pā for hosting the manuhiri (visitors) on Sunday at their monthly service and a banquet of kai for afterwards. We were fortunate to be entertained by the Pariroa Pā Singers, both in the Wharenuui and in the Whare-kai, before our meal. Wendy Vanner and Clare Ford for the beautiful flowers in the hall and marquee. Daniel McColl for building the new post and rail fence in front of the hall. Dobson's Marquee & Party Hire for the marquee hire, tables, chairs and lighting. Kevin and Clare Ford for letting us use their front paddock to erect the marquee. And Donovan Croot for making his paddock available for parking at the school. Chris Perrett Electrical for the last-minute late-night callout to sort out our electrical "issues" and make sure we had power for the marquee. Kevin Bone Photography for his patience in taking multiple decade photos. Wendy Vanner for organising the class photos, with assistance from Eva and Bernie Vanner, and Anna Cole.

Michelle Dwyer for coordinating the registrations and making the Jubilee cake... and to Sue Huston for the amazing cake decoration. John Hogan for cooking up the bbq for the children's lunch on Saturday. The Māori wardens for providing security and parking. Linda Lehrke for recording the ceremonies at the school and pa... and for being our "IT consultant", putting together the historic films we had on the televisions at the school and the hall.

And especially the Jubilee Committee, who have been planning the festivities for the last two years. David Werder (Chair), Lois Werder (Secretary), Marie Dwyer (Treasurer), Waimarie Cassidy, Trisha Edgecumbe, Shannon O'Brien, Laura Maruera, Gavin and Wendy Vanner, Molly Cole, Quinten Werder, Jacq Dwyer, Vera Kershaw, Janine Ngatai, Michelle Dwyer, Bronwyn Gwynn. It's been a privilege to organise the reunion and we are so proud at how well it turned out. It was worth it all to see multiple generations reconnecting and reminiscing over their shared history.



Three Principals from Kakaramea School – Val Sutherland, Shannon O'Brien, Doug Hayward.



The Divane girls in the school corridor at the Jubilee: Kathleen, Cushla, and Frances, with Frances's daughter inlaw Annette behind

And last but not least, everyone who attended the Jubilee, from near and far. It was a brilliant time, you all helped make it an incredible and memorable weekend.

The Memorabilia Room at the Kakaramea Hall was a popular spot during the Jubilee to sit down to read through our local history or have a chat. Left to right: Robyn & Karleigh Moir, Sandra Richards, Celeste Cole, Liberty Van Voorthuysen.



Kakaramea School Kapa Haka group perform for the Jubilee attendees.

\$5.92 million Pātea Water Treatment Plant Upgrade Underway

Work is now underway on a major upgrade of the Pātea Water Treatment Plant, following the award of a \$5.92 million construction contract to improve the town’s drinking water quality and treatment capacity.

Pre-construction activities have begun on site, with contractors currently working on bulk excavation for the main building, before foundations, drainage and pipe installation begin. The project remains on track for completion by the end of 2026.

The site was formally blessed on Friday 27 March, marking an important milestone for the project and the Pātea community.

The upgrade is required to ensure the treatment plant meets the current Drinking Water Standards and Water Quality Assurance Rules set by Taumata Arowai – New Zealand’s Water Services Authority. After a successful pilot trial earlier this year, Council opted for a modern biological filtration system because it reduces naturally occurring ammonia in the groundwater source and helps deliver consistently high-quality drinking water.

The project includes the installation of several new treatment components, including biologically activated carbon filters, copper and carbon dioxide dosing systems, ultraviolet (UV) disinfection, chlorine gas disinfection and storage, and improved filter cleaning and monitoring systems. Together, these upgrades will reduce ammonia in the source water, making it easier to maintain effective chlorine levels right across the water network and helping ensure the supply meets drinking water requirements. In December 2025 the Council approved a revised project budget of up to \$5.92 million, including an additional \$2.64 million, to allow the project to move into the construction phase without delay.

Mayor Phil Nixon says the upgrade is a critical investment in the future of Pātea.

“This project is about making sure our community continues to have access to safe, high-quality drinking water,” says Mayor Nixon.

“By investing now, we’re meeting today’s drinking water standards while building a more reliable and resilient water supply for the future.”

The Pātea Water Treatment Plant upgrade is a key part of Council’s ongoing programme to improve water infrastructure across the district and ensure compliance with national drinking water requirements.



Patea Rugby & Sports Club 150th Jubilee Kings Birthday weekend Saturday 30 & Sunday 31 May 2026

Saturday, 30 May

- 9.00am Junior Rugby, Patea Rugby Domain
- 11.00am Welcome lunch, Patea Rugby Clubrooms
- 12.00pm Senior Women’s game, Patea Domain
- 1.30pm Senior Men’s game, Patea Domain
- 5.00pm Clubrooms close
- 5.30pm Jubilee Dinner, Patea Area School Hall

Sunday, 31 May

- 11.00am Clubrooms open to reminisce the photos
- 12.30pm Invitational XV old timers game, followed by aftermatch in the Clubrooms

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Waverley- Waitotara Sheep Dog Trial Club

The Waverley-Waitotara Sheep Dog Trial Club held its 110th annual trial at 270 Kohi Road, Waverley on Friday 27th & Saturday 28th February 2026. There were 64 dog trialists with 145 dogs competing and 272 runs over the four courses.

Entries were down a little bit as it was a busy weekend with our trials clashing with Raetihi Collie Club and Mangamahu Dog Trial Club on as well.

Our Club gives many thanks to property owners Leith and Margaret Harrop for the Zig Zag Course and new property owners Willie and Simone Symes for the remaining courses. Thanks also to Willie and Simone Symes who supplied the sheep for the three days, which were trucked in by Summit Haulage, Hawera.

A big thanks also goes to Can-Am Marine Services, for providing a can-am and quad bike for the weekend. It was invaluable for getting lunches and smokos out to liberators and judges and moving the sheep to the courses.

We thank the ladies in the kitchen for their superb catering. Also, thanks to Silver Fern Farms and ANZCO for donating and supplying the meat. ANZCO supplied the yummiest meat patties.

Dog Trials are so dependent on the many volunteer workers, often not even competing trialists, who pitch in and give their time unstintingly to set up courses, work sheep, liberate sheep and organise sponsors. The land and sheep owners are at the top of the list allowing people, dogs, bikes, and all manner of things on their properties for three or four days a year. Our sport can never acknowledge them enough.

RESULTS

Event One Long Head (66 runs) Judge: Donovan Morris (King Country)

Open:

1st Steve Murphy (Whangamomona) Edge 97,
2nd Fiona Shaw (Te Kuiti) Flirt 96,
3rd Graeme Northcott (Urenui) Lace 95.5,
4th Lloyd Duffy (Hawera) Fly 95, 5th Peter London (Whanganui) Rush 94.5.

Intermediate:

1st Bryce Jensen (Taranaki) Webb 94,
2nd Peter London (Whanganui) Oppy 93.75,
3rd Bernie Gower (Taranaki) Spike 93.25

Maiden:

1st Fergus Pritchard (Wanganui) SI 93,
2nd Harry Symes (Waverley) Bell 90
3rd Daniel Smith (Taranaki) Hanzo 87

Event Two Shorthead and Yard (69 runs) Judge: Steve Kerkhoff (King Country)

Open:

1st Loyd Bishop (Taranaki) Ridge 97,
2nd Dan Murphy (Taranaki) Nippy 96.5
3rd Bernie Gower (Taranaki) Jack 94,
4th Lloyd Duffy (Taranaki) Fly 90,
5th Derek Lowery (Taihape) Gem 88
Intermediate: 1st Derek Lowery (Taihape) Gem 88,
Brenda O'Leary (Whanganui) Hazel 84,
3rd Murray Elliot (Whanganui) Lee 80
Maiden: 1st Brenda O'Leary (Whanganui) Hazel 84,
2nd Kieran McKenzie (Huntermville) Bee 64,
3rd Wayne Falkner (Whanganui) Tess 63.5

Event Three Zig Zag Huntaway (67 runs) Judge: Brad Bielski (Taranaki)

Open:

1st Hunter Davis (Huntermville) Pound 97,
2nd Derek Lowery (Taihape) Neon 96.75
3rd Paul Martin (Taranaki) Clout 96.5,
4th Wayne Falkner (Whanganui) Day 96,
5th Gus Spence (Whanganui) Cuz 95

Intermediate:

1st Derek Lowery (Taihape) Neon 96.75,
2nd Wayne Falkner (Whanganui) Day 96,

3rd Oliver Dennison (Raetihi) Stacey 94.5.

Maiden:

1st Derek Lowery (Taihape) Neon 96.75,
2nd Oliver Dennison (Raetihi) Stacey 94.5
3rd Jack Kinder (Whanganui) Storm 94.

Event Four Straight Huntaway (70 runs)

Judge: Sam Bishop (Taranaki)

Open:

1st Brad Bielski (Taranaki) Squire 96.5,
2nd Harry Symes (Waverley) Juno 96.25
3rd Stu Stalker (Taihape) Echo 96,
4th Jonathon Smailes (Taranaki) Jagger 95.5
5th Brendon Bishop (Taranaki) Boogie 95

Intermediate:

1st Brad Bielski (Stratford) Squire 96.5,
2nd Brendon Bishop (Taranaki) Boogie 95,
3rd Bryce Jensen (Taranaki) Flo 94.5

Maiden:

1st Oliver Dennison (Raetihi) Stacey 94.25,
2nd Jack Kiner (Whanganui) Storm 94,
3rd Harry Symes (Waverley) Dave 93

Local Prizes

HEADING EVENTS

EVENT I LONG HEAD:

WANGANUI FARM SUPPLIES TROPHY for local Maiden Competitor with maiden dog Harry Symes and Belle 90

J L ELMSLIE STICK for Competitor scoring most points: Harry Symes and Belle 90

EVENT II SHORT HEAD & YARD: WANGANUI FARM SUPPLIES TROPHY for Local Competitor and dog scoring highest points and, RH & T HUGHES Cup & Trophy for Local Competitor, and maiden dog and, CLUB CHALLENGE SALVER for Highest points Local maiden competitor and maiden dog: Harry Symes and Belle 62.5

EVENT II B SHORT HEAD & YARD: WANGANUI AERO WORKS ROSE BOWL, Highest scoring most points Harry Symes and Belle 60.5

ELIZA'S PHARMACY TROPHY, Novice scoring most points in Event 2B: No novices

AGGREGATES FOR EVENTS I & II: RON AIKEN CHALLENGE CUP, Maiden dog scoring most points

Events I & II: Harry Symes and Belle 152.5

WANGANUI FARM SUPPLIES TROPHY for Intermediate/maiden competitor with intermediate/maiden dog in Events I & II: Harry Symes and Belle 152.5

HUNTAWAY EVENTS EVENT III ZIG ZAG HUNTAWAY:

JASON CASKEY BUILDER TROPHY, maiden competitor with maiden dog: Willie Symes and Beer 92

EVENT IV STRAIGHT HUNTAWAY: W JENSEN SILVER MUG, Competitor and dog scoring highest points: Harry Symes and Juno 96.25

AGGREGATES EVENTS 3 & 4: J MEDLICOTT CHALLENGE CUP, Maiden dog scoring most points in Events III & IV: H Symes and Dave 185

ELIZA'S PHARMACY Trophy, for Novice scoring most points in III & IV: Ian Honeyfield and Bell 173

MIKE MCGEE MEMORIAL CUP, for Competitor with most points in III & IV: Harry Symes and Dave 185

WANGANUI FARM SUPPLIES trophy, for Intermediate/maiden competitor with intermediate/maiden dog gaining highest points III & IV: Harry Symes and Dave 185

SPECIAL TROPHIES:

TC SIMSON MEMORIAL TRAY, for highest aggregate with one heading dog and one huntaway dog: Harry Symes and Belle 152.5 + Dave 185 = 337.5

SIMSON FAMILY CUP, Highest aggregate for Maiden Heading Dog: Harry Symes and Belle 152.5 DS & CS SMITH CUP for Competitor with highest run in any one run – any status: Harry Symes and

Juno 96.25

J L ELMSLIE CHALLENGE SHIELD, Highest points for maiden committee member in any one run: Willie Symes and Beer 92

LINWOOD CHALLENGE CUP, Competitor scoring most points in trials (max 3 dogs to count): Harry Symes and Belle 152.5 + Dave 185 + Juno 149.25 = 486.75

TONY HEWTON trophy, for Competitor who has not won a prize – highest points any one run: Wayne Rowe and Heinz 90

ARROWTOWN STONEWORK, Jade Whistle for highest pointed man – one run: Harry Symes and Juno 96.25

ARROWTOWN STONEWORK, Jade Pendant for highest aggregate women competitor: Fiona Shaw (Te Kuiti) and Sky 153

PURINA/TUX/NZSDTA Certificate of Achievement for Top Local Maiden competitor 2026 and voucher: Willie Symes and Beer 92

ALEX ROSS TROPHY donated by Estate Jim Ross, for Taranaki Dog Trial Club Team with highest points: Waverley-Waitotara SDTC TEAM Willie Symes, Ian Honeyfield and Matt Honeyfield

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**ARROWTOWN
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Patea Golf Club News March/April 2026

Challenge Ladder

The first challenge ladder for 2026 is fill. Players now have to improve their scores to keep a position in the top ten to make the playoff.

Flying Nine

1st Mike Taikato 191 2nd Clayton Hori 176 and 3rd Ray Finlay 171

On Good Friday 3rd April

A Mini tournament was played on stableford. First was Barbara Hill scoring 40 points. 2nd was Shane Rore with 36 points. 3rd was Clayton Hori with 35 points and 4th Ata Nui with 35 points. No twos were scored so a draw was done and Ata Clayton and Barbara were the lucky players.

On Easter Sunday 5th April

Another Mini tournament was played on stableford. First was Ray Finlay scoring 38 points. 2nd was Roger Edgecombe scoring 37 points and third Mike Taikato scoring 32 points. No twos were scored so once again a draw was done and the lucky winners were Ross Whanau and Win Finlay

On Saturday 11th April

A drawn partners stableford competition was played

1st were Kath Honeyfield and Jeff Bright with 75 points. 2nd were Phil Cassiday and Bill Tahiwi with 72 points and 3rd were Ata Nui and Ev Gibbs with 66 points. Bill Tahiwi scored the only two but the jackpot was not struck

Four Way Interclub weekend May 30th and May 31st

Patea host the 4 way interclub this weekend. If you want to participate this weekend, please put your names on the sheet provided in the clubhouse and pay entry fee by due date.

Greens Renovations

The greens renovations were done were done on Thursday 16th April.

Upcoming events

Saturday 2nd May	SHE Cup 18 holes
foursomes on stableford. Plate please	
Saturday 9th May	Darts singles competition
Saturday 16th May	Patea Cup qualifying round
Saturday 23rd May	Men V Ladies. Annual Dinner Pot luck tea
Sunday 24th May	Interclub versus Tawhero at Patea 10am. Plate please
Saturday 30th May	4 Way Interclub at Patea
Sunday 31st May	4 way Interclub at Patea

Patea Golf Club

Club Matchplay Championship Finals

Finals day was played on Saturday 28th March and good weather conditions prevailed.

The senior men's finalists were Aarun Hughes and Clayton Hori and this was a very even battle all day. Both players played par golf on the first nine and the match was all square. After 18 holes Clayton had a 2up lead scoring a par round of 73 and Aarun scored 74. After 27 holes Clayton's lead was only one up but over the next three holes, he extended his lead to 3up but once again Aarun fought back and after

34 holes the match was all square. The next two holes were halved with pars so extra holes were required to find a winner. Both players missed the green with their tee shots on the 37th hole and both chipped onto the green with their pitch shots. Aarun putted first but missed his par and then Clayton sunk his 12-foot putt for par to win his first senior matchplay championship. Well, done Clayton and good golf from both players.

The Intermediate finalists were Cyril Faiers and Jamie-Close Adams. After 9 holes Cyril with very good chipping and putting was only 2 over par and had a four-up lead. For the last nine holes Cyril continued with deadly chipping and putting and scored a four over par round of 77. Jamie was scoring close to his handicap but after 18 holes but was 8 down at the lunch break. After lunch play remained very even but Jamie was not able to pull back Cyril's big lead and Cyril won the Intermediate title with a 9/8 victory.

The Junior finalists were Troy Kunaiti and Anthony Rudolph. Anthony played steady golf the first 9 holes but Troy was unable to settle into his golf rhythm and Anthony was 4 up after 9 holes. Anthony dominated the next nine holes and at the lunch break had a commanding 11up lead. Play continued for seven holes after lunch with Anthony winning 2 more holes and went on to win his first junior matchplay title the margin being 13/11.

The limit men's finalists were Jeff Bright and Dan Nesbit. Jeff scored a 2 on the 7th hole and after 9 holes he had a four-up lead. Over the next few holes the game was very even but Jeff won the 14th hole to win the limit title the margin being 5/4.

The bronze 2 finalists were Kathy Faiers and Win Finlay and this match was over 18 holes. Win made a good start and after 9 holes was 3 up but then Kathy started to find better form and she won holes 17 and 18 to square the match and force an extra hole. Both players missed the green with there tee shots and both pitched on with there second shots. Win putted first and missed her par and then Kathy sunk her 12 foot putt for par to win the ladies bronze two championship in a closely fought final.

Thank you to all players who participated in the matchplay championships and congratulations to all the winners.

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