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Move to stop family violence

REXINE HAWES

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There have been more than 500 family violence incidents in Matamata-Piako in the past 12 months, prompting a survey and open day to promote safety at home, work and in schools.

The independent survey was conducted in Matamata by Building Unity for Safer Communities, (BUSC) to gain an understanding of where the community is positioned in terms of family safety, such as where might people may go for help.

BUSC includes representatives of police, local iwi, NGO, "It's not Okay'' champions and independent consultants. Its goal it is to support, educate and prevent family violence.

BUSC representative for the Hamilton Family Safety Network and Starfish Social Services manager Jo McNaughton says she was pleased by the survey results, showing the community was educated about family violence.

"A wide range of answers was given and the diversity of where help might be sought was pleasing to see. This suggests people feel supported by both those one might expect to provide help, as well as those who may be seeking help through a trusted relationship."

She confirmed the high number of family violence related incidents responded to in Matamata-Piako was the reason why the survey was conducted.

Eastern Waikato prevention manager Rod Carpinter says violence isn't just physical harm.

"We strive to work with others to ensure safety in our communities homes, places of work, schools and public space."

To encourage community commitment in raising awareness; and challenging behaviour to reduce incidents of bullying, BUSC has organised a Starfish Open Day and Think Pink Event on August 6.

The global ''Think Pink'' anti bullying campaign was started in Nova Scotia after a young boy became the target of bullying for wearing a pink shirt to school. In protest of the bullying, members of his high school distributed pink shirts to the boys in the school.

Starfish will be holding its open day and Think Pink event at 58 Rawhiti Ave, Matamata. McNaughton says part of the reason they decided to hold the open day in conjunction with the Think Pink event is the misconceptions about plans to build alternative education classrooms on Starfish owned land at 60 Rawhiti Ave.

"There are a lot misunderstandings about what we are doing with the classrooms. We want to invite our neighbours and community, or anyone wanting to know what Starfish is about, so we can show them through and answer questions or concerns."

The Starfish building will be lit up in pink, with various health promoters available to talk to about family safety, as well as activities and food available.

Starfish Open Day and Think Pink event is on Saturday, August 6, from 12-4pm.

The Challenge service station in Matamata.

Thieves raid petrol station

Police are on the hunt for five people who smashed a car through the glass frontage of a service station in Matamata.

Cigarettes were again the target of the smash and grab at Challenge on Broadway on Monday

Four of the five people went into the store at 2am, while one acted as a lookout and driver, Waikato police Senior Sergeant Andrew Mortimore said.

'The car was used to gain

entry to the service station where it appears cigarettes have been targeted."

After grabbing a load of smokes, the group fled, leaving the stolen car on the gas station forecourt.

Another stolen car connected with the raid was found abandoned on a neighbouring street, Mortimore said.

"Five offenders were seen to leave in another vehicle, which we are working to identify. We

have definitely recovered two

One was stolen from Matamata while the other was linked to Hamilton, he said.

There was no description of any of the culprits but they did leave in a light coloured car.

This is the second time Challenge service station has been ram raided in a year.

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FROM THE NEWS DESK

It's coming up election time for our local government politians. New candidates and incumbents have begun to lobby the paper for coverage ahead of polling day in October. There's no doubt the current crop of councillors at the Matamata-Piako District Council have managed a sterling job over the past three-year term. But you would be hard pressed to find anyone under the age of 30 who was a local government politican. That's not just at this council, but at any rural council around the country. You would be hard pressed to find anyone other than those of European desent on council and men certanly outnumber women. Have our communities become so culturally sterile that only middle-aged-to-retired, exbusiness people, are eligible to contest elections? I would like to challenge the youth in our community to think about what they can achieve for the district and make the bold move to contest the elections.

Lawrence Gullery

Matamata Brass: Watch rehearsals at the band pavilion, Huia St, 7pm.

2.

Pilates: Intermediate class 9am -10am; Essential 10.30am - 11.30am; Intermediate 5.30pm - 6.30pm, in the Upstairs Lounge, Memorial Hall, Tainui St.

3.

Matamata Darts club: 7:15pm, at Matamata Club, Waharoa Rd East.

4.

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5.

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Rewarding Wellness. Inside and Out.

REXINE HAWES

To most people, Ruff is a cute stuffed dog, but to Lorraine Price, he is a sweet reminder of a life changing event.

A cervical cancer diagnosis changed Price's life in 2015 and Ruff the dog, a gift from a close friend on her first day of chemotherapy treatment, became the main character for an item on a personal bucket list - to write and illustrate a childrens book.

The book tells the story of Ruff the Dog who has the Big 'C' Gang (active cancer cells) living in his body. It is a child-friendly tool adults can use to explain what cancer is and how it is treated through a range of 'special medicines' which describe chemotherapy and radiation treatments.

"My niece Anika was 6 years old and I wanted something that would explain to her what cancer was. I wanted to reassure her I was going to be okay. I didn't want her to be fearful or anxious. She was more interested in Ruff himself at first, but she did spend time looking through the book processing it. She is now a little cancer expert and talks confidently about the Big C Gang that was living in my body," says

Ruff the dog - so named because Price knew she was going to have 'rough' days - became her constant companion at The CanLorraine Price has written a children's book which educates children about cancer.

cer Society's Lions Lodge where she stayed during her treatment. Price would send photos of Ruff to close friends and family each morning to indicate how the day

was going.

"Some days his photo would show him with the newspaper and a coffee and other days there would be just the tip of his tail sticking out from under the blanket - so, not a good day."

Now in confirmed remission, Price is in no immediate need for ticking off items on her bucket list, but the childrens book she wrote is one of her proudest achievements.

The book was released late last year as a fundraiser for the Cancer Society's Lions Lodge. A sec-

REXINE HAWES/FAIRFAX NZ

ond edition is about to be printed national distribution to fundraise for a range of cancer charities and through Ruff's website ruffsbook.co.nz.

With the Big 'C' Gang gone, Ruff has been looking for a new adventure and his second book should be released this Summer.

Country is her kind of music

KATRINA TANIRAU

Tegan Reid is an up-andcoming country music singer who is making her mark on the music world and will be the guest artist at Te Aroha Country Music club day on July 24.

The Tauranga 20-year-old has been singing since the age of 8.

She always knew she wanted to be a singer, but took a while to discover which genre she wanted to pursue.

"I first started with a little classical training, but didn't like it very much," Reid said. An introduction to her current

singing teacher Bettie Pratt and country music was what Reid needed to break into the country music scene.

Reid has entered many competitions over the years and since hitting the senior section, the rewards have been huge.

She won the highest scoring over 17-year-old at the Auckland awards last year, which gave her entry to compete in the Trans-Tasman Entertainer of the Year in Norfolk

Following her return to New Zealand, Reid went to Gore where she entered the Gore Gold Guitar Awards for the first time and achieved a highly commended for her gospel song.

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Record house sales for Waikato

REXINE HAWES

Waikato is among five regions to hit record high median house prices in June.

Waikato/Bay of Plenty is in its fifth consecutive median sale price of \$438,000 with Matamata's median sale price sitting at \$400,000.

Matamata LJ Hooker owner Gibson Barron says in June 27 homes sold within Matamata with the average sale time of 68 days which is a mixture of buyers moving in for work, retirees moving into the area, first home buyers and local owners scaling up or down as family needs change.

Other regions hitting record highs include Auckland at \$821,000, Northland at \$360,000, Otago at \$295,000 and Central Otago Lakes at \$730,050.

Real Estate Institute of New Zealand spokesperson Bryan Thomson says although June is generally a quieter month for the real estate market with the onset of winter, there has been no let-up in the rate of price increase across the country.

With no fewer than five regions recording new record median prices, the 'usual suspects' of Waikato/Bay of Plenty, Central Otago Lakes and Northland once again saw new prices reached, with Auckland and Otago chiming in with their own record highs.

Waikato is among five regions to hit record high median house prices

"Although there is much discussion about the housing market and increasing new build supply, the fact remains that the vast majority of the supply comes from the sale of existing properties. The inventory data continues to show rapid declines in the volume of properties available for sale right across the country, with a number of regions, such as Wellington and Hawke's Bay, recording very

low levels of properties for sale.

"While Auckland continues to be the largest single region, its influence on the national picture is waning due to its own weaker sales and strong growth in sales in other regions, particularly Waikato/Bay of Plenty and Northland. Auckland's peak share of national sales was 39.7% in January 2014, however, its share is now just over 33.8%. Over the same period Waikato/Bay of Plenty's share of national sales has increased from 14.3% to 19.0%."

There were seven fewer farm sales for the three months ended June '16 than for the three months ended June '15. Overall, there were 472 farm sales in the three months ended June '16, compared to 489 sales for the three months ended May '16.

Rugby greats appear for Shield event

REXINE HAWES

Three rugby greats will be guest speakers at a black tie event, held in celebration of the Ranfurly Shield challenge being played in Matamata.

Organiser and United Matamata Sports Club captain Allen Pryor is encouraging businesses to get behind the game and purchase a table at the pre-game dinner at Bedford Park on July 29.

In addition to a delicious meal catered by O'Del'Emz, guest speakers will include UMS player and former Waikato Rugby captain Alex Bradley, iconic rugby great Stan Meads, brother of New Zealand rugby legend Sir Colin Meads and former Waikato Rugby coach George Simpkin.

The Waikato rugby team will defend the Ranfurly Shield against challengers King Country.

The two teams will meet at Bedford Park in Matamata on Saturday, July 30.

If Waikato is successful, it will then go on to offer the Shield up for another challenge, this time to Wanganui and that game will be held in Cambridge on August 6.

Tables for the special black tie event in Matamata cost \$1,500 or \$150 per seat and can be booked by contacting Kimberley McClean 888 8018.

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The programme is run over two days and looks at understanding cancer, managing the side effects of cancer treatment and building self-confidence and self-help skills.

When: Tuesday 16 and 23 August, 10am to 2.30pm
Where: St John building, 30 Burgess Street, Te Aroha

Cost: Free with a light lunch provided

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As well as serving as Matamata-Piako District councillor, Brian Hunter is a former fire chief officer.

Brian keen on second term

REXINE HAWES

"Serving as councillor has been a huge learning curve and I'm still learning, even after two a a half years. Says Matamata-Piako district councillor Brian Hunter of his first term.

Hunter entered the local government scene for the first time three years ago when postal vote elected him as one of four councillors for the district. He claimed the second highest polling candidate for Matamata, behind long standing councillor Leonie Tisch.

Now, with elections looming in October this year, he is hoping the district will back him for a second

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"I feel I've done my apprenticeship and I'd like to continue."

Although Hunter says the job has been a lot more involved than he expected it to be, it's one he has relished and feels very proud

"What pleases me most is we have a very efficient council. The financials are always extremely good - we have been praised by Audit New Zealand, they say we are doing a great job. That's reassuring for the rate payers because some councils throughout the country struggle.

"I'm most proud about how well financially we have

performed at keeping rates low and that's important.

"One of the challenges at the moment is land for building, builders are desperate for it, so it's something we are looking at is making more land available.

Hunter says being involved in local body elections is not going to be a door way for a bigger political career.

'This level is enough. I've had a lifetime of working six to seven days a week. I'd rather have more time for myself and play golf - but that's not happening at the moment."

As well as serving as a councillor, Hunter is an 'it's not okay'

champion, former Matamata chief fire officer, he is now serving in an advisory role, is chair of the Matamata Community Patrol and is involved with Rotary Matamata.

With his background in the New Zealand fire service, Hunter represents the council on Civil Defence.

Hunter has also been asked to write a book for the 100 year anniversary of the fire brigade, formed in 1923. The anniversary is in seven years time.

"I'm wading through a lot of old files, it's going to take a few years. So all in all it keeps me busy," he laughs.

POLICE Thieves targeted both new world and countdown supermarkets over a period of two weeks. From June 23 to July 8, five attempts were made to enter the supermarkets with alcohol being targeted in each attempt. Up to \$1500 worth of damage was made to the supermarkets in each of the burglaries, as thieves gained entry through a window, with \$40-\$60 worth of alcohol being lifted from the scene. The main offender has been apprehended and is in custody, with a co-offender remanded on bail. Police are continuing inquiries to locate other cooffenders. July 15: Thieves entered a rural property and took a small quad bike and petrol container from a garage. July 14: A quad bike and farming equipment was stolen overnight from an Old Te Aroha Rd property. The bike was recovered after it fell of the back of a stolen ute. The ute hasn't been recovered. July 12: A large amount of electrical equipment including a T.V and laptop was taken from a home on Te Poi South Rd between the hours of 5.30am and 4pm.

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Conversations

"Let's look out for each other and help prevent homelessness"

GET IN TOUCH ONLINE

"Breaking the cycle is a challenge and often a finically costly exercise for society"

Long term housing plan needed

PETER HUMPHREYS

We have recently been inundated with stories about the effects of homelessness on our children, our families and our communities. There is an unprecedented state of homelessness here in New Zealand. At least one in every 100 Kiwis was homeless in 2013 (census). The next census is going to be an embarrassing indictment of the homeless situation here in New Zealand.

The expediential growth of homelessness over the past three years will no longer be an anecdotal story; it will be a real hard fact. This is not the New Zealand that I brought my children up in and it is certainly not the New Zealand that I believe and know that any of us want.

The effects of homelessness on children have been well documented and commented on extensively by many.

I recently attended a talk by a south Auckland principal of a primary school who talked about the continuous movement of the homeless children through his school and about the effect that this was having on the community and the long term prospects of the children. At the same meeting a paediatrician spoke about the long term health related issues for children who were in unhealthy homes, garages, cars and in continuous transit and homeless.

What I do know from my time running the night shelter here in Hamilton is that people get caught up in the cycle of homelessness and breaking the cycle is a challenge and often a finically costly exercise for society. What will happen to this current generation of children who have been homeless from an earlier age than many I have met at the shelters?

What I also know about the

Peter Humphreys is the manager of the Hamilton Christian Nightshelter Trust. FAIRFAX N

individuals who come through the shelters is that just putting them behind a front door is often not enough. There needs to be ongoing support for many of our guests or they just end up coming back the shelter or back on to the streets.

There continues to be a band aid approach that is used with no

long term strategy and very little long term thought for those living in the state of homelessness. It is really time for us to put our political colours away and start working on a strategy that will assist people into housing, it is time to give back to New Zealanders and their children the basis of a good life and that is a home

There will be many and varied solutions that we can use and there are people from many different backgrounds who can contribute to solving this problem. There will be people who may have to forego a profit and there may be people who may have to give a little more. This is not going to be totally a political solution, this is going to be a humanistic solution that will require more than a myopic short term approach.

■ Peter Humphreys is manager of the Hamilton Christian Nightshelter Trust.

ONLINE CHATTER

Owen McCarthy:

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With use of a dashboard and any smart device, the user can not only see exactly what their system is doing, they can also alter with ease, pump flow rates and timing, all the while recording for compliance purposes what has happened.

Farm owner Rod McKinnon has set up his effluent system to have six zones, with four to irrigation and two to the flood wash

The same Yardmaster Self Priming pump can be used for all duties with fail safes embed in the system to deal with possible issues like a burst pipe etc.

Chief Executive of Reid and Harrison Keith Cooke says Rod was looking for a solution where he could watch what his farm effluent system was doing at all

Also he wanted to really test the performance and flexibility of the equipment.

"As a company we are very aware that dairy farmers are under a lot of pressure to prove and comply with their environmental responsibilities, however until now there really has not been an easy to use solution that helps them with that," says

From here the system is being expanded to include GPS proof of placement for the irrigator, monitoring of milk, water and weather.

"Being able to include all this monitoring in the one HALO dashboard saves the need for multiple systems and infrastructures" adds Cooke.

"Our discussions with our customers highlighted that a connectivity of their farms monitoring was a big advantage from a usability perspective".

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Out & About

Jumpers in the lineout contest the ball against North Waikato, at Memorial Park, Cambridge, on day five of the tournament.

The Matamata Gwynne Shield rugby team before the week-long tournament kicked off on July 10.

Gwynne Shield rugby

The Matamata Gwynne Shield team came 4th overall at this year's tournament held in Cambridge. This is the best result Matamata has recorded in over 10 years. The team also has four players moving on to Roller Mills trials. They are Harlem Hikaiti-Paul, Lyndon Leaf, Kiowa Dilloway and Waata Wharawhara.

RESULTS: Cambridge v Matamata 27-5 to Cambridge; Matamata v Hamilton Eagles 10-5 to Matamata; Morrinsville v Matamata 31-3 to Matamata; Matamata v Hamilton Tigers 29-0 to Matamata; Te Awamutu v Matamata 41-7 to Te Awamutu; Matamata v Hamilton Panthers 22-14 to Matamata; North Waikato v Matamata 12-5 to Matamata; Hamilton Wasps v Matamata 24-7 to Wasps; Tritons v Matamata 15-5 to Tritons. Matamata played Hamilton Wasps in the 3rd v 4th final and Wasps won with Matamata coming 4th place.

In another lineout battle on day four of the tournament, this time with Te Awamutu, which went on to play Cambridge in the final.

Looking to clear the ball from another ruck during the encounter with North Waikato.



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It may have been warmer than usual this winter but there has still been wet and slippery and cold frosty mornings across the district recently, resulting in wet or icy roads and footpaths.

Remember to take extra care on the roads and footpaths on these cold winter days.

The following meetings have been scheduled for the month of August 2016.

Matamata-Piako District Council - Council Chambers, 35 Kenrick Street, Te Aroha on Wednesday 10 August 2016 at 9.15am.

Corporate and Operations Committee Council Chambers, 35 Kenrick Street, Te Aroha on Wednesday 24 August 2016 at 10am.

This notice is made in accordance with Section 46 of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987.

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involved!

WEEKLY MONDAYS

Badminton: Juniors age 8 -16yrs 6pm to 7pm, seniors from 7pm. \$5 per night or season subs Juniors \$40, Seniors \$7.

Walton Boxing Club: For fun and fitness. \$7 per session, first night free. 250 Walton Road, just before the rail bridge in the old scout hall. All Welcome.

Bowling: All Saints Indoor Bowling Club, All Saints Church Hall, 7pm, phone Lorraine 888 7207

Squash: Juniors Night. United Matamata Squash Club, Meura Street. 5.30pm during school term. Email club@unitedmatamatasquash .co.nzHinuera Playcentre: 9.30am-2.30pm, Hinuera Rd, in between Hinuera School and Hinuera Bowling Club.

BMX skills: 6pm, BMX track, Swap Park. Eight week programme. Enquire at Matamata Cycles.

Pippins: Matamata Guide Hall, Rawhiti Ave (Matamata Club carpark), 4.30pm-5.30pm, during school term.

Brownies: Matamata Guide Hall, Rawhiti Ave (Matamata Club carpark), 4.30pm-6.m during school

KEA'S: Scout Den, Broadway, Matamata, 4pm-5pm during term

Matamata Playcentre: 37 Farmers Rd, 9.15am - 11.45am.

Bridge: Matamata Bridge Club on Ngaio St. 7.15pm.

Pilates: Intermediate class 9am -10am; Essential 10.30am - 11.30am; Intermediate 5.30pm - 6.30pm, in the Upstairs Lounge, Memorial Hall, Tainui St.

Indoor Bowls: At the RSA, Ngaio St,

Piarere Young Farmers: Meet at Okoroire Pub from 7:30pm.

Matamata Brass: Rehearsals at the band pavilion, Huia St, 7pm.

WEEKLY TUESDAYS

Boys Rally: 7pm - 8:30pm at Matamata bible church, ages 8 - 12 year olds (during school term) **Badminton**: Headon Stadium Western St, 9.00am to 11.30am. **Bowling**: St Andrew's Indoor Bowling Club, 7.30pm, Matamata Primary School Hall.

Patchwork and Quilting: From 7pm to 9pm in the Matamata College's textile room.

Matamata Men's Shed: Open today from 10am-4pm, located down the allevway between Redoubt and Warehouse Stationery. Visitors welcome.

Matamata Rotary: 5:30pm - 7pm, Tainui Room, Matamata Memorial Centre, Tainui St. Contact mmrotarysecretary@gmail.com. **Golf Croquet**: In winter from 9.30 am, Peria Rd.

Taoist Tai Chi: At St Joseph's Hall,

Put your BMX riding skills to the test at Swap Park.

Hohaia St, 5.30pm-6.30pm.

Matamata Walking Group: Leaves the sports centre at 9am.

JKA Karate Club: 5pm-7.30pm, at the Matamata Intermediate Hall,

Matamata Darts club: 7:15pm, at Matamata Club, Waharoa Rd East. **Badminton**: 9am-11.30am, Headon Stadium, Pohlen Park off Western St. **Meditation Group**: Senior Citizens Hall, Arawa St. 7pm-8pm.

Plunket Playgroup: At the Plunket rooms on Broadway.

Hinuera Playcentre: 9.30am-12noon, Hinuera Rd, in between

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Hinuera School and Hinuera Bowling Club.

Tirau Playcentre: Every Tuesday and Wednesday of the school term, 9.30am - 12 noon, free early childhood education for all 0-6 yr olds and their parents, 9 Goodwin St, Tirau, any queries contact Melissa 0210719181.

Matamata Playcentre: 37 Farmers

Rd, 9.15 to 11.45.

WEDNESDAYS

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Walton Boxing Club: For fun and fitness. \$7 per session, first night free. 250 Walton Road, just before the railbridge in the old scout hall. All

Listings

Our free What's On listings contributions are published subject to space availability. Send listings by 10am Fridays to rexine.hawes@fairfaxmedia.co.nz.

Welcome.

Matamata United Sports: have hockey practice sessions at 5.30pm at Matamata College. Contact Don Perri on 888 7728.

Association Croquet: 1pm, Peria Rd.

Matamata Scouts: Scout Den, Broadway, 6pm-7.30pm during term

Mainly Music: For preschoolers, parents and caregivers, 10am at the Baptist Church Hall, cnr of Rawhiti and Tower Roads, during the school term.

Guides & Rangers: Matamata Guide Hall, Rawhiti Ave (Matamata Club carpark), 5.15pm-7pm during school term.

Matamata Friendship Circle: Baptist Hall, Rawhiti Ave, 1.30pm-3pm during school term. All lonely and shut in folk welcome for fellowship, entertainment and afternoon tea.

Walton Playcentre: At Walton School, 0 - 6 years, 9.30am - 12pm.

We still need your unwanted books

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A Month of Sundays (M)	10.30am 1.00pm 5.50pm	11.15am 8.00pm	1.30pm 5.45pm	3.30pm 7.00pm	11.15am 8.15pm	11.35am 6.00pm
The Carer (M)	9.50am 6.00pm	11.00am 6.00pm	11.15am 6.15pm	10.45am 7.45pm	11.30am 6.15pm	11.15am 4.30pm 8.30pm
Love and Friendship (PG)	2.20pm	1.00pm	1.15pm 8.30pm	12.45pm	4.00pm	1.15pm 4.00pm
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HARRY AND SNOWMAN (PG)		4.15pm		2.45pm		
Sing Street (M)	12.10pm 8.30pm	5.50pm	11.00am	10.30am 4.45pm	11.00am 8.30pm	12.00pm 6.15pm
Now You See Me 2 (M)		3.15pm	3.45pm	12.45pm	8.00pm	
Me Before You (M)	3.30pm 8.00pm	1.45pm 8.15pm	11.30am 8.00pm	5.30pm	1.15pm	2.10pm 8.15pm
Hunt for the Wilder People (M)	1.50pm	3.30pm	4.00pm	3.20pm	3.45pm	3.20pm
The Papal Basilicas of Rome (PG)	4.00pm				3.30pm	

VOLUNTEERS WANTED!

For the dogs..

Give a couple of hours to help raise funds for an organisation that trains some amazing dogs to help special kids and their families. This is the perfect role for you if you are short on time.

Your "tech skills" is needed to set up a new website. Designing the site, advising on hosting options and training someone to update and upload information is what is required

Track work

Keep the local kids happy by spending a little time each week keeping the BMX track in tip-top shape! A groundkeeper/ maintenance man is just what is needed here.

Volunteer behind the counter to raise funds for our furry friends who are looking for their forever homes. You will get retail and customer service skills to add to your CV at the same time!

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opportunities in your area, phone 07 839 3191 or visit: www.volunteeringwaikato.org.nz

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What's On

Matamata Playcentre: 37 Farmers Rd, 9.15am - 11.45am.

JKA Karate Club: 6.30pm-7.30pm at the Matamata Intermediate Hall, Smith St.

Bridge: Matamata Bridge Club, Ngaio St, 10.15am.

Senior Exercise group: At Fitzone, Meura St, 7.30am - 9am.

Pilates: Intermediate class 9am -10am and 5.30pm - 6.30pm; Essential class 7pm - 8pm, Upstairs Lounge, Memorial Hall, Tainui St.

Yoga: Upstairs Lounge, sports centre, 10.30am - 12pm.

Pilates: 6pm, at the Fire Station Hall. Hinuera Playcentre: 9.30am-12noon, Hinuera Rd, in between Hinuera School and Hinuera Bowling

THURSDAYS

Matamata Bowling Club: Indoor Bowls 1pm

Squash: Weekly Club Night. United Matamata Squash Club, Meura Street. From 5.00pm. Email club@unitedmatamatasquash.co.nz.

Matamata Men's Shed: Open today from 10am-4pm, located down the alleyway between Redoubt and Warehouse Stationery. Visitors welcome.

Matamata Clay Target Club:

Twilight shoots, 5.30pm onwards at the gun club, Mangawhero Rd. Come along and have some fun.

Matamata Playcentre: 37 Farmers Rd 9.15am - 11.45am.

Bridge: Matamata Bridge Club, Ngaio St, 7.15pm.

Road biking: Meet at Matamata Cycles & Sports, Firth St, at 9.30am.

Cycle Group: Meet at Matamata Cycle & Sports, Firth St, at 12.30pm. **JKA Karate Club**: 5pm-7.30pm at the Matamata Intermediate Hall, Smith St.

Waharoa Athletics: At Waharoa Domain from 6pm.

Tower & Back, Winter walking group: Meets 5:30pm at Kea St. Te Poi Playcentre: 5 Temm Rd, Te

Poi, 9.30am - 12pm. HeartFit: Union Parish Hall, 10.30am

Matamata Cubs: Scout Den, Broadway, 6pm during term time. Self Defence classes: 3:30pm-4:30pm, Matamata Intermediate, Smith St.

AA meeting: 7.30pm, All Saints Church Lounge.

Hinuera Playcentre: 9.30am-

12noon, Hinuera Rd, in between

Hinuera School and Hinuera Bowling

The Matamata rose society

meets fourth Monday of the

month a the Anglican Parish

Lounge.

Matamata Kidz Toy Library: hire toys for kids aged zero to 7 years old, open 2.30pm-4.30pm, Tamihana St.

Indoor Bowls: St Joseph's School Hall, 7.30 pm.

FRIDAYS

Club.

Walton Boxing Club: For fun and fitness. \$7 per session, first night free. 250 Walton Road, just before the railbridge in the old scout hall. All Welcome.

Matamata Districts Book Club:

From 12pm-5pm, behind Hinuera hall. Thousands of good quality books with trade-ins welcome.

Livewire: 3:15 - 4:30pm at Matamata bible church, co-ed ages 5 - 10 year olds (during school term).

Golf Croquet: In winter from 9.30

am, Peria Rd.

Matamata Country Music Club: Club night, Matamata Primary School, 7 pm.

Matamata Walking Group: Leaves the sports centre at 9am.

ICONZ4girlz: For ages 8 -12yrs, 4pm - 5.30pm at the Baptist Church Hall, cnr of Rawhiti and Tower Roads, during the school term.

ICONZ Boys: For ages 8 -12yrs, 7pm - 8.30pm at the Baptist Church Hall, cnr of Rawhiti and Tower Roads, during the school term.

Matamata Playcentre: 37 Farmers Rd 9.15 - 11.45am.

Senior Exercise group: At Fitzone 7.30am - 9am.

Golf Croquet: From 9am during summer, Peria Rd.

Taoist Tai Chi: At St Joseph's Hall, Hohaia St, 9:30am-10.30am. **Line Dancing:** Senior Citizens Hall,

Arawa St, 10am. **Matamata Walking Group: Leaves** sports centre 9am.

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A piece of chamber music history ends

KELLEY TANTAU

Expenses and declining audiences have forced the curtain to come down permanently on the Hamilton Chamber Music Society.

Chamber music has been entertaining Hamilton city since the late 1940s but in 2015 members began to talk about the tough decision to close the much-loved organisation.

"One of the big problems we've had is chamber music is not everyone's cup of tea, and it's struggled with an image. The image is that it's elitist," said manager Wayne Robinson.

"While that's historically been true, chamber music is so magnificent. Once you start listening to it you realise it speaks to the whole of humanity. It talks about the serious things in life; about death and love, and longing and desolation and anguish.'

Chamber music isn't always sombre, Robinson said, with Schumann, Brahms and Schubert notable favourites in the Roman-

"That's where most of the lovers of chamber music start, is with the 19th century," Robinson

Romanticism is his favourite era of chamber music history.

Chamber music is a form of

intimate classical music that is composed for a small group of instruments, traditionally a violin, viola, cello and piano.

Robinson said lovers chamber music need not fear that the decision marks a decline of chamber music performance in

"Today the Conservatorium of Music at Waikato University puts on enjoyable concerts every Wednesday.

"There are also twice-monthly concerts on a Thursday at the [Waikato] museum, and once a month there is a mayor's concert in the City Council Chamber.'

These are in addition to the regular concerts staged in Hamilton by Chamber Music New Zealand, he said.

Hamilton Chamber Music Society divided its remaining funds to organisations who supported musical education, including \$16,000 to the University of Waikato Conservatorium of Music; \$25,000 to Chamber Music New Zealand and \$1000 to Sistema Waikato.

"The decision to bring the society to a close is a reflection of this vigorous scene. It also reflects the natural evolution of how people today access live classical

Wayne Robinson says the disestablishment of the Hamilton Chamber Music Society is "natural evolution".

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Matamata Hospice store volunteers Dale and Kerry Lynch at the opening of the store

Hospice store for Matamata

REXINE HAWES

The Hospice Waikato Matamata store opened its doors to the community last week.

The Hospice Matamata store provides quality used clothing - including an equestrian section, shoes, accessories, bedding, kitchenware, bric-a-brack and larger household furniture.

Hospice Waikato manager of Volunteer Services Karen Mansfield says the store is always seeking new donated goods and it provides a furniture collection and delivery service.

The local Hospice store is operated by twenty-five volunteers but more help is always welcome, especially those able to help with heavy furniture lifting. Volunteers are only required to donate a minimum of three hours per week.

Hospice Waikato owns eight opportunity shops, which generates an income of \$2.8million and is operated by 330 volunteers.

"The Hospice stores revenue help to support our services throughout the Waikato. We receive some funding from the DHB, however we have an annual shortfall of \$2.3million, our fundraising and eight stores offset this deficit," says Mansfield

The funds raised go directly back into the community to help continue the

services Hospice already provides in the Matamata-Piako region for patients and their families.

Mark Begbie Hospice Waikato commercial manager says the first few days have been 'incredibly successful' with a large number of shoppers and people donating goods and huge uptake of

people inquiring about volunteering.

Hospice Waikato has been providing specialist community palliative care and services in Matamata for 10 years. In the last 12 months Hospice Waikato has had 97 new patients from Matamata-Piako district and provides loan equipment for Matamata patients who choose to be cared for at home.

NEW BUREAU SERVICE

Justice of the Peace Clinic

The Bureau is pleased to offer to the citizens of the Matamata/Piako district, a Justice of the Peace Clinic each Friday, commencing on Friday 5 August 2016 from the hours of 11 am to 1 pm.

Anyone who needs to see a JP is welcome to come to the Bureau at Railside during that time.

WE STILL NEED VOLUNTEERS

If you have some spare time and you would like to help our community, please consider volunteering at the Matamata CAB.

Call into the Bureau at Railside-By-The Green to find out more and pick up an application form.

CAB and Health Shuttle booking hours:

Monday to Friday, 10am to 2pm Shuttle Ph 07 888 6040 CAB Ph 07 888 8176 Fax 07 888 8175; or

0800 367 222

Email: cab.matamata@xtra.co.nz

CAB Link

Famous speaker for luncheon

A well known New Zealander will be the speaker at the annual Pohlen Foundation Trust Ladies Luncheon.

Dame Susan Devoy has accepted an invitation to be the guest speaker at next months Ladies Luncheon fundraiser. The Pohlen Foundation Trust fundraising administrator Charlene Conner says they are absolutely thrilled someone as accomplished and motivational as Dame Susan will be a part of the fundraiser.

"Dame Susan is an amazing person who started her career in sport, whilst bringing up four boys and has gone on to become The Race Relations Commissioner."

Among her accolades including being a former world squash champion, Dame Susan became a Dame Companion of the New Zealand Order of Merit, the youngest New Zealander since Sir Edmund Hillary to receive a knighthood. A member and chair of the Halberg Trust, patron of the Muscular Dystrophy Association of New Zealand, Chief Executive Officer and chair of Sport Bay of Plenty and is currently the New Zealand Race Relations Commissioner.

"We thought that she'd be an incredibly interesting person to hear speak and we hope that the guests will be able to be Dame Susan Devoy will be the speaker at next month's Ladies Luncheon fundraiser

inspired and enthused by what she has done in her life so far," says Conner.

The Ladies Luncheon will be held on August 19 at Longlands Restaurant and Farm, tickets are \$85 and are available at Life Pharmacy Matamata. Funds made from this fundraiser will go towards

additional medical equipment for Pohlen Hospital.

The ladies luncheon is in its 10th year and has had a variety of motivational and exciting speakers and has always been very well attended with at least 100 guests per event.

Bird fanciers get yellow fever

MIKE MATHER

Voices were raised in the Hamilton Gardens Pavilion on Saturday and Sunday.

But there was no dispute or anger involved. People were just having to talk loudly in order to be heard over the incessant chirping of 550 birds.

And, Hamilton Cage Bird Club Annual Show manager Robin Archer assured, that chirping was definitely hundreds of conversations taking place between the feathered captives on display.

"They definitely are talking to each other."

Robin Archer

The 64 members currently enrolled in the club were talking to each other too. Bird breeding was an intense passion for those who choose it, if not a lifestyle choice.

"It's the thrill of breeding the best bird," he explained. "I started when I was eight. I got into it because it was my father's passion as well. I'm now getting close to 70. That's a lot of time spent in the aviary."

Archer spends a good 90 minutes with his canaries each morning.

The breed du jour is Yorkshire canaries - the descendants of the birds that went down the coal mines to test for gas leaks. Or at Yorkshire Canaries are the bird de jour.

least the descendants of the surviving birds. Success in detecting a leak was invariably a death sentence for the tester.

For reasons that cannot be fully explained, the Yorkshire birds are experiencing something of a renaissance among fanciers, with the 40 birds entered in this year's show a big increase from the handful a few years ago. They are the biggest of the canaries and their cages at the show were of the

same sturdy shape and design as those carried underground by the English miners all those years ago.

Yorkshire canaries come in both yellow and "buff" (a brownish-yellow) and the exact hue of each feather is a carefully managed thing, with diets carefully chosen and breeding partners even more carefully selected.

Like many animal clubs

GEORGE HEARD/FAIRFAX NZ

around the country, the caged bird club has suffered a steep decline in membership in recent years, and the club managers are scratching their heads over how to increase numbers and make bird fancying attractive again.

But that is a long-term plan. For now, the focus is on shorter term goals and these primarily include having a few wins at the nationals in Feilding on July 28 and 29

Police nab late-night city thief

PHILLIPA YALDEN

Specks of blood led police to a nocturnal prowling burglar who went house to house as Hamilton people slept.

Over two hours one recent night, the 21-year-old man allegedly broke into a series of homes and cars around the suburb of Hillcrest.

The break-ins happened between 11.30pm and 2am, around Berkley Ave, Cedar Pl and Mullane St.

At three of the homes residents heard the prowler and confronted him, Waikato police Senior Sergeant Ray Malcolmson said.

"People were home when he broke in – he was disturbed on three occasions and ran off pretty quickly."

At one house a window was smashed, alerting those inside.

"He then entered another house and was confronted by the occupants, leaving blood stains on the house."

Blood from the man's hand injury was found at the homes, garage and cars he broke into, Malcomson said.

Officers, including dog handlers, tracked the man to Berkley Normal Middle School where he was arrested at 2am.

Police believe there is a strong chance this man is also behind many other crimes in the Hamilton city area.

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- Sharks Crusaders
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Jacob Henderson

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- Last Week 6/9 Waikato Top 10 Leaderboard

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Hayden	Stirling Sports	Matamata	105/135
Paul	Thames Panel Beating	Hauriki	105/135
Paul Dean	Fairview Motors	Matamata	104/135
Derek	O-Del-Emz	Matamata	102/135
Christine	Anderson Street Panel and Paint	Piako Post	102/135
Dean	Jim Wright Nissan	Hamilton	101/135
Derek	Foton Central	Taupo	100/135
Xenon	Bistro Restaurant	Taupo	97/135
Fabes	Tracs Sports Bar	Matamata	97/135
Andrew	Workplace Engineering	Piako Post	97/135

2016 NEW ZEALAND CONFERENCE

TEAM	PLAYED	WIN	DRAW	LOSS	BYE	FOR	AGAINST	DIFF.	BP1*	BP2*	POINTS
Hurricanes	15	11	0	4	0	458	314	144	7	2	53
Highlanders	15	11	0	4	0	422	273	149	4	4	52
Chiefs	15	11	0	4	0	491	341	150	6	1	51
Crusaders	15	11	0	4	0	487	317	170	5	1	50
Rluge	15	8	1	6	Λ	374	380	-6	3	3	40

2016 AUSTRALIAN CONFERENCE

TEAM	PLAYED	WIN	DRAW	LOSS	BYE	FOR	AGAINST	DIFF.	BP1*	BP2*	POINTS
Brumbies	15	10	0	5	0	425	326	99	3	0	43
Waratahs	15	8	0	7	0	413	317	96	4	4	40
Rebels	15	7	0	8	0	365	486	-121	2	1	31
Reds	15	3	1	11	0	290	458	-168	0	3	17
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Stormers	15	10	1	4	0	440	274	166	5	4	51
Bulls	15	9	1	5	0	399	339	60	4	0	42
Cheetahs	15	4	0	11	0	377	425	-48	1	4	21
Sunwolves	15	1	1	13	0	293	627	-334	0	3	9

2016 SOUTH AFRICAN CONFERENCE 2

TEAM	PLAYED	WIN	DRAW	LOSS	BYE	F0R	AGAINST	DIFF.	BP1*	BP2*	POINTS
Lions	15	11	0	4	0	535	349	186	8	1	57
Sharks	15	9	1	5	0	360	269	91	2	3	43
Jaguares	15	4	0	11	0	376	427	-51	1	5	22
Kings	15	2	0	13	0	282	684	-402	1	0	9

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Laying off the late-night snacks

It's frustrating to eat well all day but yet get stuck in this bad habit of snacking on unhealthy foods at night. Any suggestions? Thanks, Gemma.

Hi Gemma. If your evening routine has started to involve eating more than you'd like, it's time to break up the pattern of your night. Simply changing the order of your evening can help, altering the connections between certain activities and eating can help your brain let go of the notion that it doesn't feel "right" not to follow through. Setting up new habits may feel a bit strange at first, but before long, it will become your new normal.

For many people, eating in general, regardless of what time – can tend to be mindless. This is most often the case with late night snacking.

When you start thinking about food as fuel for your body, it can help bring the importance of quality and balance into focus.

Snack foods tend to be more processed which are less likely to help provide the building blocks that go to work to build and repair muscle tissue, maintain a healthy immune system and keep your skin nourished.

A good question to ask yourself before snacking at night is: "Am I actually hungry?" If it was truly hunger driving your snacking your desire to snack at night, your food choices would reflect this. I don't know too many people who snack on broccoli!

Many people use food as a coping mechanism - to try and alleviate feelings of boredom, frustration, sadness, stress - or even eat to enhance feelings of happiness.

Snacking at night is actually really common often particularly with people following strict diet and exercise regimes. It is also generally a time when people are alone and therefore don't feel as conscious of their food choices.

Although there are certainly

Snacking at night is more common often particularly with people following strict diet and exercise regimes.

emotional reasons why you may be snacking at night there can also be biochemical/nutritional reasons, too. These can include actually being hungry – this is particularly common when you cut out a food group at night or have something particularly light such as soup or salad.

It's also more common to snack at night if your food intake over the day has been low and you're

one of those people who "forgets to eat". Bring awareness to when you're drawn to eat at night and ask yourself the question, what do I really want? What is this really about?

Is there a difference between cacao and cocoa? With thanks -Sue G.

Yes there is although often this is

Ask Dr Libby

Email your questions for Dr Libby to ask.drlibby@fairfaxmedia.co.nz. Please note, only a selection of questions can be answered.

mistaken as a spelling error. Raw cacao powder is typically made by cold-pressing unroasted cocoa beans. The process keeps the living enzymes in the cocoa and removes the fat (cacao butter).

Cocoa powder looks the same (although it can tend to be slightly lighter) as cacao powder but it's not. Cocoa powder is raw cacao that's been roasted, typically at high temperatures.

This process reduces or destroys the enzyme content, which lowers the overall nutritional value. Cacao powder has a higher antioxidant content than cocoa and has been linked to a variety of health benefits. As a result, it's best not to heat cacao powder. We do not know whether or not heating raw cacao destroys its antioxidant level, so it's best to avoid heating it if possible.

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ANSWERS ARE INCLUDED ON THIS PAGE

NEW ZEALAND CROSSWORD

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- 1. Hard-luck tale (3,5)
- **7.** Frumpy (5) 8. Begin (9)
- 9. None (3)
- 10/11. Sport in which New Zealander William Trubridge has set multiple
- world records (4,6) **13.** Hanky-panky (5,8)
- 15. Old, unreliable car (6) 16. Mark left by a speck of
- soot (4) 18. Bind (3)
- **20.** Timidly (9)
- 22. Club (8)
- 21. Gesture of indifference

- 1. Small, light boat (5)
- 2. Bird of the heron family, NZ species is extinct (7)
- **3.** Honk (4)
- 4. Engineering feat built between 1905-1908, still used daily by travellers (7,6)
- **5.** Move in an arc (5)
- **6.** Mythical one-eyed creature (7)
- **7.** Shortfall (7)
- 12. Sport in which NZ has won one Olympic gold medal,
- in 2004 (7) 13. Dream (7)
- 14. As a group, together (2,5) 15. Seinfeld's first name (5)
- 17. Attempt to deceive, push your luck (3-2)
- 19. Burden (4)

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THE TOP 10

- 1. Which breed makes up more than half of New Zealand's sheep population?
- 2. What medical term was first used to describe brothers Chang and Eng Bunker, born in 1811?
- 3. The flag of Sri Lanka has which animal on it? 4. In architecture, what name is
- given to the horizontal beam over a door or window? 5. The 2001 book, Loyal, by Phil
- Gifford, is a biography of which All Blacks captain? 6. Robert Parker and Harry
- Longabaugh are believed to have died in Bolivia in 1908. Who are they better known as? 7. Which herb is used to flavour the
- tomato-based sauce on pizza? 8. Hydrophobia is an acute viral infection of the central nervous system. What name is it more
- 9. Which is New Zealand's tallest forest tree, with recorded heights of over 60m: kahikatea, rimu or
- 10. Who earned more than \$50m in 2008, despite being dead?

NZ CROSSWORD

commonly given?

17. Try-on, 19. Load. Fantasy, 14. En masse, 15. Jerry, Cyclops, 7. Deficit, 12. Cycling, 13. 4. Raurimu Spiral, 5. Swing, 6. Smut, 18. Tie, 20. Nervously, 21. Shrug, 22. Bludgeon. **Down**: 1. Skiff, 2. Bittem, 3. Toot,

13. Funny business, 15. Jalopy, 16. Introduce, 9. Nil, 10/11. Free diving, Across: 1. Sob story, 7. Dowdy, 8.

TOP 10

9. Kahikatea, 10. Elvis. dance Kid, 7. Oregano, 8. Rabies, 6. Butch Cassidy and the Sun-Lion, 4. Lintel, 5. Todd Blackadder, 1. Romney, 2. Siamese twins, 3.

SUDOKU Fill the grid so every row, column and every 3x3 box contains 1-9

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JUNIOR CROSSWORD

Across

- **1.** The day before the day three days after
- yesterday (8) **6.** Overdue (4)
- 7. Loud unpleasant sounds (6) 9. Use your nose (5)
- **11.** A thrown weapon with pointed end (5) 12. Sea (5)
- 13. A surround for a picture (5) 16. Between seventh
- and ninth (6)
- 18. Chilly (4) 19. A newspaper employee (8)

SOLUTION

Down

- 1. Look at the stars with this (9)
- 2. A measure of
- length (5) 3. The outer layer of
- bacon (4) Speak very quietly
- (7) **5.** A fifth of five (3)
- 8. Stop fighting and give yourself up to the enemy (9)
- 10. Some shoes are made of this (7)
- 14. Approximately (5) **15.** Large boat (4)
- 17. Liquid in a pen

15. Ship, 17. Ink. Reporter **Down:** 1. Telescope, 2. Metre, 3. Rind, 4. Whisper, 5. One, 8. Surrender, 10. Leather, 14. About, Spear, 12. Ocean, 13. Frame, 16. Eighth, 18. Cold, 19. Across: 1. Tomorrow, 6. Late, 7. Noises, 9. Smell, 11.

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Southern Icon returns to racing

DENNIS RYAN

Big-race ambitions for the new season received a major boost when Southern Icon returned to racing with an emphatic win at Te Rapa on Saturday.

Trainer Alan Tait, his wife Gaylene and fellow owner Mike Collinson have always held the Australian-bred gelding in high regard.

An autumn hat-trick that extended his record to six wins from 17 starts took him through to open company and the way he dealt with his rivals on the weekend sets him up perfectly for feature races in the opening month of the new season.

Southern Icon signed off his autumn campaign with a runaway win over 1400 metres at Hastings and it was more of the same at Te Rapa as regular rider Mark Hills let him bowl along in front and never gave his rivals a

At the line the combination still had four lengths to spare over the runner-up Aaja Nachle.

The performance held further merit given Southern Icon carried 58.5 kilograms and conceded 6.5kg – a full stone in the old measure – to the second placegetter.

It has long been the ambition of Southern Icon's connections to give him a shot at a decent race, and their first chance will be the Gr. 2 Lisa Chittick Foxbridge Plate back at Te Rapa in a month's time.

A win or placing in that \$100,000 feature will set him up for the first Group One race of the new season, the Makfi Challenge Stakes at Hastings in late August.

"We've had races like that in the back of our minds for a long time," says Alan Tait.

"And now that we've got this far it looks like we're on target."

He won off a rating of 92 on Saturday and with the extra points he'll get, he should make the cut for the Foxbridge Plate.

"I know it's weight-for- age and it will be a lot stronger field than what he's been beating, but I think he's earned his chance." he

Alan admits to some nervousness going into last Saturday's important assignment and that situation hasn't eased given what's ahead, but the truth is the hard-working trainer is relishing

"The scary thing is that he seems to have come back even better than last prep. He piled on the weight while he was out and not really knowing how fit he was going into the weekend, I never expected him to do that.

"Still, it's a lot of fun for us all. "As they say, 'Happy wife, happy life', so that'll do me."

On the other side of the world last weekend, Matamata apprentice Anna Jones fulfilled one dream - and almost another when she had her first race ride in England.

24-year-The Englishwoman is on a month's holiday visiting family and friends and when she left she had her heart set on securing a race ride and – dream of dreams – adding to the 90 winners she has ridden during her New Zealand apprenticeship with Karen Fursdon.

Step one was gaining the mount on two-year- old first starter Spinnaker Bay, a filly owned by Anna's first New Zealand employer, Kevin Hickman of Valachi Downs.

In the race at Newbury on

Southern Icon (Mark Hills) makes an impressive return to racing at Te Rapa last

Saturday morning NZT, Anna got to within half a length of a perfect result when Spinnaker Bay, a 25-to- one longshot, was run down in the final stages and crossed the line in second place.

As this article went to press, Anna was booked for another ride, the six-race winner Foie Gras, in a race at Chelmsford scheduled for the early hours of Wednesday.

Weatherley chases home track winners

Young Matamata apprentice jockey San Weatherley will get a chance to catch his breath.

Weatherley has been the name on racing fan's lips recently as the youngster burst on the scene with several wins in quick succession.

His engaging personality and obvious riding talent have made him a hit with punters but they can keep their money in their wallets while he serves his first suspension.

Apprenticed to O'Sullivan and Andrew Scott, he rode his first winner at a home track meeting on June 1 and has quickly reduced his 4kg claim to 3kg with a further six wins.

He hit his first speed bump at Avondale on Friday earning the wrath of judiciary with his ride on Persuasive, trained by his

Stipendiary stewards alleged Weatherley allowed Persuasive to shift in when not clear of Latin Rose which was badly hampered.

Weatherley admitted a breach of careless riding and was suspended from the conclusion of racing at Matamata Wednesday up to and including racing on July 27, four riding

July 27 is also the day Michael McNab returns to the saddle after serving a month's disqualification after pleading guilty to a charge of misconduct.

A day earlier leading South Island Jockey Chris Johnson makes a welcome return after the Judicial Control Authority (JCA) handed down an eight week suspension for his positive cannabis test at the Rangiora trials on May

Meantime Weatherley will forever remember the Ernie Griffiths-trained Maddee Fae after the \$21 longshot provided him with the first winning ride.

The combination can earn a repeat on Wednesday.

The mare is one of seven strong rides for the jockey at his local meeting as he tries to add to his winning tally.

After Matamata, Maddee Fae was unplaced next up at Te Teko but her trainer hopes Weatherley can get her back in the winner's circle.

"The draw was dead against her at Te Teko," Griffiths said. "And she didn't handle the track but she's well and can bounce

"But the big fella in the last should be our best show."

Weatherley will put his 3kg claim to good use aboard Cruiseo bringing the topweight into contention with 57kg instead of his carded 60kg.

"The horse is well and he ran a good fourth last start - he's got a bit of ability," Griffiths said.

The young rider wasn't available for Griffiths' third runner on the card, Flying Fantasy, instead he rides Moneybox for Stephen Marsh and Griffiths thinks he will be very hard to beat.

"He's a good young kid," Griffiths said. "He's very obliging and he came over to Te Aroha to ride my team in work when I was short of a trackwork rider.

"He rings me after he rides for me to see how the horses have done and his claim is worth having especially on winter "I've always given the kids a go

on my horses - someone has to and they've won a lot of races for

Weatherley's remaining rides at Matamata are Rock Rose, Theia and Ms Gardonne, Walsburg.

Weatherley's sole blemish on Wednesday last week was acknowledging the crowd cheering him home with an extravagant salute before the finish line stewards acknowledged his excitement and career-first achievement by letting him off with a warning.

Sam Weatherley all smiles as he returns in the Wexford Stable colours on Te Aroha winner Prize Lord.

Masters cricket a big hit

LAWRENCE GULLERY

They hail from rural Waikato with nicknames such as the Geyserland Googlies, Cambridge Antiques and the Limestone Cowboys.

Masters cricket is their game and they're part of a global movement marking record participation in the sport from people over the age of 40.

In the Waikato there are about 12 teams playing in an unofficial over-40s competition during the summer. They organise the competition themselves and supply their own umpires.

Sport Waikato and Northern Districts Cricket are offering the teams help in the hope of developing the age group further. It could eventually mean selection of a Northern Districts masters team, and later on a NZ masters team to

play internationally.

The two organisations met at Seddon Park in Hamilton to speak with some of the teams and clubs playing over 40s cricket. The ideas discussed included setting up a masters competition, a central database of players and support over for 40s Northern Districts representative teams.

Community cricket officer for Sport Waikato, Cliff Dickeson, said over 40s cricket was rapidly increasing in popularity throughThe Cambridge Antiques cricket team during an away match to Clifton.

out the cricketing world.

"We know that in England and Australia there is enormous competition for the over 40s, 50s and 70s. England has actually selected a national team now, for the over 60s."

He said teams playing in the over 40s competition in the Waikato would each have about 25 players to call upon, playing about 12 to 14 games per season. Some were former rep players, others were people looking to reconnect with a sport to become

more active. Men and women were becoming involved.

"We currently have players in this age group, aged from about 40 years to 84. That's why it would be great to develop a player database to keep a record of everyone involved."

Dickeson, who is also Northern Districts spin bowling coach, aims to develop interest in the masters age group further and connect teams with an organised competition, if that's what the teams wanted.

"We've had lots of people interested in getting back into cricket, whether it be as a player, supporter or coming down to umpire."

Dickeson said the players and clubs who met at Seddon Park would now go back to their members to get feedback on the ideas put forward.

If you are keen to be involved as a player, scorer, umpire, or simply a supporter male or female please contact Cliff Dickeson at cliff@ndca.co.nz or on 0274802789 Magic netball team celebrates.

Magic take NZ netball top title

ANDREW VOERMAN

The Waikato-Bay of Plenty Magic pulled off a great southern caper on Sunday, going deep into Southern Steel territory and coming away with the New Zealand conference title for the second year in a row.

Their 59-57 win in Invercargill means they will host a trans-Tasman league semifinal at home in Hamilton, likely next Monday, against the loser of this Monday's Australian final between the Queensland Firebirds and the New South Wales Swifts.

In some corners, they were given no chance of beating the Steel, who, to be fair, hadn't lost all season.

Julie Fitzgerald, the Magic's coach, speaking in triumph, said she could see where that view had come from.

"If you look at our season, and how we started (five straight losses), our form has been up and down a little bit, so I can imagine why. I thought the odds were a little bit strange, but it's made a lot of punters very happy."

It was a performance, she said, that the team knew they were capable of.

"If we could get our team and play some of the netball we were capable of consistently for 60 minutes, then we knew we could be a title contender, but it's a matter of doing it."

The Magic have now won two finals games in a row, and have a maximum of two more in front of them, as they seek a second title

Old Boys, Melville reach club final

JOSEPH PEARSON

Hamilton Old Boys will celebrate their centenary year by playing Melville in the final of Waikato premier club rugby after they won 30-20 at Hautapu on Saturday.

Mungo Mason and Iliesa Ratuva Tavuyara scored doubles either side of Tyrone Te Ruruku's effort as Old Boys ran in five tries to stun Hautapu, who tumbled out of contention for the Breweries Shield title at the semifinal stage after leading the competition for most of the season.

Old Boys will face Melville next weekend, who edged University 13-12 in a thriller at Collins Road, to make it third versus first in the decider. But for Hautapu and University, who finished second and fourth, it was semifinal heartache as Old Boys and Melville now have the chance to claim their first titles in 11 and 35 years respectively.

The Hautapu team hosted the semifinal clash at Memorial Park in Cambridge, in front of a capacity crowd, in windy weather.

The Melville side will have the option to host the final or take it to Waikato Stadium in Hamilton.

Southern United clinched the Division 1A title by defeating Suburbs 29-19 in Tokoroa during the first round of the premier promotion and relegation series, as Te Awamutu beat Morrinsville Sports 31-22 at Albert Park.

Rupeni Tamani tries to break free from Hautapu's Jayden Treviranus during Hamilton Old Boys' semi-final success.

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HALOUMI WITH MUSHROOM RAGU AND FOCACCIA

Mushroom ragu:

1 tablespoon butter 1 leek, white and pale green part only, cut in half length ways and

thinly sliced 2 cloves garlic, roughly chopped 3 tablespoons finely chopped thyme

leaves 250g mushrooms, sliced 1cm ½ cup white wine

½ cup sour cream 1 handful baby spinach leaves

Focaccia and haloumi:

200g focaccia bread (or your favourite crusty bread) 200g haloumi cheese, sliced 1cm

To serve:

1 handful baby spinach leaves 1 tablespoon sliced, toasted almonds

To make:

Preheat oven to 200 degrees Celsius. Line an oven tray with baking paper.

1. Heat a drizzle of oil in a large frying pan on high heat. Add butter, leek, garlic and thyme and cook for 3 minutes, until softened. Add mushrooms and cook a further 2 minutes and season with salt and pepper.

2. Add wine and cook for 4 minutes Stir through sour cream and cook a further 1-2 minutes, until thickened.

3. Remove mushroom ragu from

Haloumi with mushroom ragu and focaccia served on the side.

heat and fold through first measure of spinach. Season to taste with salt and pepper, cover and keep warm.

4. While ragu is cooking, prepare the focaccia and haloumi. Place whole focaccia on prepared tray and bake for 4-5 minutes, until golden and crunchy. Slice into 2-3cm pieces.

5. Heat a drizzle of oil in a medium frying pan on medium heat. Cook

haloumi for 1-2 minutes each side, or until golden and soft.

To serve:

Divide second measure of spinach between bowls. Top with a big spoonful of mushroom ragu, a few slices of haloumi and a sprinkle of almonds. Serve two pieces of focaccia per person on the side.

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