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The man who saved Sir Ed

NICHOLAS BOYACK

A former climbing partner of Sir Edmund Hillary feels immense pride for helping save the life of the great man on a perilous Himalayan expedition.

Brian Wilkins is not well known outside the climbing world but in 1954 he changed history in a little-known high altitude rescue. Wilkins taught at Naenae College and is a vice-president of the Taita Cricket Club.

Now 90, and living in Kelburn, Wilkins and Hillary were part of a New Zealand Alpine Club attempt on Makalu in Nepal – the world's fifth highest peak – which nearly led to disaster.

The dramatic rescue doesn't feature in TVNZ's *Hillary*, which Wilkins says doesn't accurately replicate the high-altitude climbing scenes, and misses the mark on Sir Ed's tense relationship with his father.

One year after shooting to fame by climbing Mt Everest, Hillary embarked on an expedition which went badly for him from the start.

Burdened with the expectations which came from making history on his Everest ascent, Hillary was under-prepared physically and mentally, says Wilkins.

The situation got worse for Hillary, who by then was Sir Edmund, when he helped rescue Wilkins and another climber after they fell into a crevasse.

Hillary broke some ribs and later became extremely ill.

Wilkins and the other climbers, who included Charles Evans and George Lowe who had been on Everest with Hillary, had to make the decision to abandon the climb to save their leader. Severely dehydrated, vomiting and delirious, Hillary was close to death.

Using pack frames and canvas, they slid and carried him down the mountain to reach lower altitudes and safety.

Looking back, Wilkins admits to pride in helping save a man who would go on to win worldwide fame for crossing the South Pole and for his humanitarian work in Nepal.

Brian Wilkins, centre, with Charles Evans, left, and Sir Edmund Hillary on Makalu in 1954. PHOTO: BRIAN WILKINS

As one of the last people left who climbed with Hillary in the Himalayas, *Hillary*, TV One's top-rating dramatisation of Hillary's life, has stirred up memories for Wilkins.

The six-part series was written by Tom Scott, who was a close friend of Hillary's.

Although Wilkins has enjoyed the show, there are aspects he disagrees with.

"It is hard to convince me that any of the climbing stuff carries much integrity."

Brian Wilkins with his book on the 1954 Makalu expedition.

In early life Hillary is portrayed as a weak character who was dominated by his father before climbing Everest.

Wilkins remembers him as a person "breaking free" from the shackles of his father and who was growing in confidence after doing some significant climbing in the Southern Alps.

"He was shown as something of a wimp, whereas he was a very strong character."

Wilkins felt the way the relationship between Hillary and his future wife, Louise Rose, was portrayed was much more accurate.

The rescue does not feature in the show. Wilkins says Hillary preferred to talk and write about his more successful trips and Makalu had largely been overlooked until Wilkins wrote a book *Among Secret Beauties* on the expedition in 2013.

After Makalu, Wilkins concentrated on his teaching career and had little contact with Hillary, who was a person he liked.

"When we started out in Nepal, the very first night, I spilled a candle and burned a hole in his brand new sleeping bag. He did not complain. When we started off there was no hint of rank, we were all just New Zealand climbers."

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FROM THE EDITOR

It's spring! Not that you would know it, however.

Since September 1 I feel like I have had the heater cranking and worn more layers than in winter.

Last week was a bizarre sight with hail coating the CBD paths and gardens and filling up the awnings.

I also felt for the village of Havelock North where I spent the weekend. On Friday afternoon it was deserted, not just the freezing weather but a hangover from the recent water contamination crisis.

But despite the crazy weather, it is spring. And this week we have a great gardening column about choosing the best fruit trees for spring blossom, P52.

We also continue our local election coverage with profiles on the candidates in the Wainuiomata ward, P12- 13. Five people are vying for just two seats.

Voting documents will be delivered from September 16 to 21. I urge you to engage with the elections and have your say.

- Sharron Pardoe

to do list

1. ROUGH ROLLERS

The first roller derby game to be held in the Hutt, on September 17 at Walter Nash Centre, is going to be tough and rough. Doors 5pm, game 6pm. Door sales, $5 for adults, kids gold coin.

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Are trains the way to rejuvenate CBD?

NICHOLAS BOYACK

Phil Stratford reckons he has the "silver bullet" to rejuvenate Lower Hutt's struggling central business district.

"The answer is very simple – bring in the trains."

Stratford believed trains would be a game changer.

"It will be like bringing water into an arid desert. There will be no more talk of rejuvenation, it will just happen.

Trains will bring more people in to the city and he predicts that hotels, cafes and educational institution will quickly follow.

Hutt City has a stagnating population and Stratford believes that can only be reversed by bold new leadership.

As well as a new train line he is promoting an indoor ski facility in Wainuiomata, an all weather athletics track and an international rowing facility off Petone.

Mayor Ray Wallace agrees the idea of rail has merit.

"I think it is great that Phil is standing, it is good for democracy and it is great that Phil has some big ideas but this particular one is not new."

It was looked at in 2009 as part of the council's Making Places project – a 30-year plan to rejuvenate the central city and turn it towards the Hutt River.

"We investigated it to the extent that in 2011 I met with Kiwi Rail…they said it was not feasible and would cost hundreds of millions of dollars."

There are also technical problems in building a rail bridge at a point where the river is most likely to flood.

The long term plan is to build a new station on the Melling Line, opposite Margaret St, Wallace said. Stratford, however, remains convinced it is possible to bring trains into the city.

"We need a silver bullet and that (trains) is it. It is vital to the future of our city."

Facebook readers like Siby Reinke were not convinced the idea has merit.

"How about a helicopter service? Or long escalators on footpaths especially in Maungaraki.

"I'd also love a free inline skating course for seniors and a time teleporting phone booth like they have in the UK. I have seen it on telly."

Richard Fewtrell was also sceptical. "It's easy to say these things when you're in opposition or trying to get elected to council. But … show me the money."

Mayoral hopeful Phil Stratford believes bringing trains into the city would be a game changer for Lower Hutt.

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Mary Fisher after competing in the Women's 400m Freestyle on day three of the Rio 2016 Paralympics where she came fourth. BUDA MENDES

Two early favourites for HV sports awards

NICHOLAS BOYACK

The final of the Hutt Valley Sports Awards is still seven months away but there are already two standout candidates for overall winner.

Blind swimmer Mary Fisher won gold on Saturday in the Rio Paralympics. She set a new world record on the way to winning the 100m backstroke S11. It was a record she has been close to before.

Breaking records and winning golds is something the former Heretaunga College student Fisher has proved good at.

In 2015, she won five medals at the IPC World Championships in Scotland.

The 2015 Wellington Disabled Sportswoman of the Year was a major performer in a strong New Zealand team effort which, helped secure the country five spots at the Rio Paralympic Games.

Fisher swam her way to three golds and two silvers and combined with fellow star Sophie Pascoe to deliver 11 of the Kiwi team's 16 medals. Fisher has limited sight and swims in the S11 para swimmer category.

Nick Willis is a past Hutt Valley winner and the judges will have to look at him seriously again, after he won bronze in the 1500m in Rio.

The 1500m is a glamour event and Willis became the oldest medallist in Olympic history.

Although Willis lives in America he maintains close links with Lower Hutt.

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The much loved civic fountain is to be replaced with a new water feature.

New water feature for park

NICHOLAS BOYACK

Hutt City is to lose its civic fountain as part of a $9.9 million upgrade of Riddiford Gardens.

City councillors have signed off stage three of the project that was first signalled in 2012 with a budget of $2 million, but has steadily grown in scale and scope.

It has not been without controversy, with the council facing opposition from community groups, park users and architects.

Removing trees, the carpark design and the future of the civic fountain have all proved contentious, as has the cost.

So far $5.4 million has been spent on the Anzac Lawn and Cenotaph, as well as a skateboard area, a basketball court, barbecue, toilets and paving.

The remaining $4.5 million is for paving at the front of the new events centre, a carpark and a sunken plaza.

The existing civic fountain is to be replaced with a new water feature.

Cr Margaret Cousins told the city development committee that getting the design of the new water feature right, would be difficult.

"We need to get that absolutely right. I can't emphasise that enough. We need to excite the imagination. Too often in the past we have had adults designing things for children."

The budget does not cover a proposed glass balustrade that would provide a clear view of the Hutt Bowling Club greens. Officers suggested the idea to provide cafe users in the events centre a view of the bowlers. It would also improve "passive surveillance" of a nearby playground.

Annette Campbell Orphin used Facebook to lament the loss of the much loved fountain.

"First the steel horse at Avalon Park and now the bloody fountain! There goes my childhood memories. The Hutt will never be the same again."

* The art deco-style civic fountain came from the Homewood Estate in Karori, which is the current British High Commissioner's residence.

It was gifted to the city in 1975 and for many years was a well- known landmark with its colourful lighting display.

In August 2011 it was reported the fountain was is in poor condition and required $120,000 to fix a range of faults including leaks and dodgy lighting. Mayor Ray Wallace offered to paint it, to help keep the cost down.

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Encouraging children to a dentist's appointment with the promise of something more exciting is a bit of a cruel old parental trick.

But on Wednesday morning a group of keen young Upper Hutt soccer players found themselves far away from the dentist's chair and up close with an idol.

The eight youngsters had been pulled from their classes under the impression they had an appointment at the dentist or a hearing test.

Instead, they found themselves on the astroturf at Maidstone Park taking part in a training session led by Wellington Phoenix captain Andrew Durante.

The session had been in the works for months after the kids' parents banded together to bid on a charity auction on TradeMe. That auction, alongside others selling a range of sporting memorabilia, was in aid of a Lower Hutt girl requiring medical treatment in Christchurch.

One of the mothers, Rebecca Pickett said she saved the auction to her TradeMe watchlist as soon as she saw it.

''I spoke to a friend and we were like 'we've got to do it', what an experience it would be for them,'' she said.

''The bids were closing at 8.30 on a Sunday night so we put our bid on at 8.29. We won it for $755.''

On the day, Durante turned up with Phoenix midfielder Michael McGlinchey and the pair had a bag of memorabilia to give to the children at the end.

Durante took the children out for a warm-up run, then them through a range of drills, including a two-team shooting contest.

Finally there was an adults vs children mini football match, which the children, of course, won tidily.

Phoenix player Michael McGlinchey watches on as Andrew Durante shows off his skills. BLAKE CRAYTON-BROWN

Happy Feet's X-rays sell on Trade Me for $100

DAMIAN GEORGE

Wellington's most famous emperor penguin was back in the spotlight this week but his happy feet have failed to make much of a splash this time round.

X-rays of the penguin dubbed ''Happy Feet'' were put up for auction on Trade Me on Friday but, despite being labelled as ''a piece of New Zealand history'', sold for just $100 on Monday.

The auction received just one bid, though it comfortably surpassed its reserve price of $50.

Happy Feet was found ailing on the Kapiti Coast eating sticks and sand in 2011, and received months of specialist care and tens of thousands of dollars in donations before he was deemed well enough to return to sea.

He was released into the Southern Ocean after being fitted with a tracking device so Wellington Zoo and the public could follow his progress. However, it stopped working after a week and he has not been heard from since.

The X-rays, listed by a Trade Me member from Levin, were taken by a radiographer who was a friend of the woman.

It was suggested the images of the ''little penguin that captured the nation's heart'' could be used for artworks.

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The Porirua-based sister and brother - Te Aupōuri, Ngāti Haua, Ngāti Porou - teach Level 4 and Level 5 Raranga programmes and say they enjoy seeing students develop throughout the programme.

"For some, it's a real healing thing," Kui says.

"They want to find themselves, connect to their tikanga, that's what really stands out for me. It's not just weaving, it's the wairua of it too."

Kui has taught raranga for more than 10 years and says the programme attracts a wide range of tauira.

"Students come here for many different reasons. Some want to return to their communities to pass on their skills while others may use them in restoration or conservation projects. It's quite open, there are many different pathways they can take. It depends on what the student wants to achieve."

Kui herself is proof of what can be achieved, having been a raranga student herself.

"I came to Te Wānanga o Aotearoa when Sarni Scott was kaiako and I did my degree in raranga. I started as kaiawhina and it all just fell into place," she says.

Both Kui and Frank hold Bachelor of Māori Art - Maunga Kura Toi degrees from Te Wānanga o Aotearoa.

"It's something not everyone can do and I enjoy sharing that with students. It is much more than just weaving, it's the knowledge gained from it," he says.

"I love the cultural practice of it. It's a very holistic thing. It transforms the way students think and they can take that and apply it anywhere."

Kui says it's the students who give her the most satisfaction.

"Seeing the progress they make and the light in their eyes."

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Isaiah Mansell with his grandparents Win and Wayne Mansell. PHOTOS: ABBY BROWN/ FAIRFAX NZ

St Oran's College student Abby Martin, from Trentham, was a finalist in the national spelling bee.

Hutt Valley students cast winning spell

ABBY BROWN

Hutt Valley students must take words seriously as three of them have made the final of the New Zealand Spelling Bee.

Trentham's Isaiah Mansell hopes his friends will be inspired by watching him compete in the televised final.

''If I can do it, anyone can,'' he said.

The 14-year-old Upper Hutt College student had thought he was just an average speller but in a classroom test he correctly spelt 94 out of 100 words to qualify for the semi-finals which were held in Wellington last month.

The top 200 Year 9 and Year 10 students from around the country advanced to regional semi finals after being graded in classroom tests, in which they had to spell 75 or more words correctly out of 100. This year two students spelt 99 out of 100 words correct.

Isaiah said he spent up to two hours a day studying the supplied lists of 200 words, which included Latin, Greek, Yiddish and Old English words, for the finals. He felt his concentration in his basketball final was affected as the spelling bee national final was the next day but his team still won 43-26.

Charlotte Coulson was in the New Zealand Spelling Bee national final.

The Year 9 student said he had not worried about any specific words ''as this makes me forget them even more. I instead just hoped that they were words that were spelt how they are pronounced''.

Joining him in the final was another Trentham resident, Abby Martin.

From the age of five she was tested by her mum as they drove to school, the 14-year-old said. It was the second year in a row the St Oran's College student had made the finals.

The Year 10 student also researched the most commonly misspelt words and used Google to understand how Russian and French words on the list were pronounced.

Charlotte Coulson from Waterloo said being involved in the bee gave her a better appreciation for English.

''I feel like it helps you understand your own language better, even if what you are doing is studying other languages,'' the Hutt Valley High School student said.

The Year 9 student said before the finals she focused more on the words she sometimes messed up, such as kaitiakitanga, the Maori word for guardianship.

▮ The national final was filmed in Auckland on August 25 and 26. You'll have to watch *Spellbound* on TV One, to find out which of the 36 finalists won the New Zealand Spelling Bee and the $5000 prize.

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Eric Murray and Hamish Bond told an audience at a Lower Hutt luncheon last week.

A special bond with old coach

NICHOLAS BOYACK

If Hamish Bond and Eric Murray defend their gold medal at the 2020 Tokyo Olympics, New Zealand will owe Fred Strachan a big thank-you.

Speaking at a Lower Hutt luncheon on September 7, Bond said he owed everything to his old coach at Otago Boys' High School.

Strachan was in his 80s when he coached Bond and he said the two men had always had a special relationship.

Now in his mid 90s, Strachan has followed Bond and Murray all over the world and had planned to fly to Rio to see them defend their 2012 gold medal in Rio.

Unfortunately, cancer intervened but Strachan recovered and Bond said he was "adamant" that he planned to watch the pair at the Tokyo Olympics.

"So we will have to keep going," Bond told the audience.

The luncheon was to promote their book, *The Kiwi Pair*, and to raise funds for Te Omanga Hospice.

Considered one of the greatest pairs in rowing history, Bond and Murray easily defended their gold medal from the 2012 Olympics at Rio.

Bond also spoke of the gruelling training schedule the pair put themselves through.

For 11 months of the year they focused their entire attention to training twice a day, six days a week.

"It is incredibly tedious and incredibly boring."

Fred Strachan at Lake Karapiro in 2006.

Bond also took the opportunity to answer a question he is often asked.

"People have asked 'what makes us different?' and that is a tough one...I do not really have an answer for that."

They have been incredibly dominant and Bond said preparation and belief was a big part of their success.

At the start of every race, he wanted to be satisfied that he had done everything possible to be better prepared than all the other competitors.

As well as pleasing Strachan, the pair had a special reason to do well at Rio.

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Bond said he did not want the last chapter to be about a pair who had tried and failed.

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Surely it's a question which can be answered with a yes or a no.

The question was asked of all candidates running for Hutt City Council's six wards.

For some council aspirants it was indeed simple, with nine of the 27 candidates answering no - they would not vote in favour of liberalising Easter Sunday trading.

A further two candidates simply said yes. But giving a straight answer proved too difficult for some candidates. Others didn't even bother to respond.

Despite 11 candidates quite happily being able to give a yes or no answer, incumbent councillor Max Shierlaw said it was "not a yes/no type of question".

Fellow Western Ward incumbent Margaret Cousins also failed to give a yes or no, saying she didn't have "any prejudgement on the issue".

Chris Milne, a Central Ward councillor who is this year making a tilt for the Western Ward, said it "would not be right to commit either way at this point" without the public having been consulted.

Harbour Ward councillor Michael Lulich said as a councillor he would have to be objective and make a decision based on information presented to him by councillors. Personally he didn't think there needed to be retail trading on Easter Sunday, though.

Northern Ward candidate Fred Allen proposed an entirely different outcome where there would be a transitional phase where food outlets "cafes to supermarkets" would be able to open. Presently, restaurants are already allowed to trade on the day, although supermarkets are not.

How they would vote

Yes: Josh Briggs, Tania Karaitiana-Ugone.
No: Dina Awarau, Campbell Barry, Lisa Bridson, Karim Dickie, Simon Edwards, Mike Fisher, Kia Houpapa, Mark Leicester, Lynette Vigrass.
Unclear how they would vote: Fred Allen, Margaret Cousins, Michael Lulich, Chris Milne, Max Shierlaw.
Didn't respond: David Bassett, Roger Styles, Mason Branch, Brady Dyer, Gwen McDonald, Leigh Sutton, Leah Clark, Margaret Willard, Joy Skye.

CRASH VICTIM NAMED

The woman who died in hospital after a crash on State Highway 2 near the Haywards has been named as Maree Ann Campbell. The 59-year-old Upper Hutt woman died after a crash between a truck and car at the intersection of Hebden Crescent about 7.30am last Monday. She had to be cut from the wreckage, while the male truck driver was treated for minor injuries at Hutt Hospital. A Wellington Free Ambulance spokeswoman said Campbell was taken to hospital with serious chest and head injuries, but later died. The serious crash unit was investigating.

POLICE BASE CLOSES

A community police base in Waikanae, north of Wellington, will close permanently after it was shut "temporarily" this year. Yesterday police confirmed the closure of the base in Mahara Place after it shut as part of the nationwide front counter safety audit. Kapiti Mana area commander Paul Basham said the decision to close the base was prompted by the expiry of the lease on the premises. No police officers worked out of the base, which was staffed by local volunteers.

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Wainuiomata Ward

Stakes high in Wainui Ward

It's crunch time for Wainuiomata, with a stagnating population and an empty mall.

Five aspirants have put their hands up for the two Wainuiomata council seats, including incumbents Campbell Barry and Margaret Willard.

Community board member Josh Briggs is also pushing hard for a seat, meaning there is the possibility of a new face around the council table.

Barry and Briggs both have links to the Labour Party and have been using social media to raise their profile. Whoever wins will have a tough job.

The decline of the mall mirrors what is happening across Wainuiomata, which desperately needs more people, especially young families, to give it some vibrancy and boost its economy.

It's hard to see the mall having much of a future and one possibility is to rezone the site for housing.

A planned retirement village appears to be on hold with investors spooked by the empty mall and flat economy. The council has spent a lot of money on the Wainuiomata Hill, building a smart new viewing platform and a bridge, as well as extensive mountain bike facilities. The challenge now is to get people using those facilities to visit Wainuiomata.

Kia Houpapa is standing due to a belief there should be more Maori on council. He works for the Ministry of Social Development and is active in coaching local sport. Leah Clark has a background in public health and wants to reduce the number of alcohol outlets in the community. She has been active in anti-smoking campaigns.

We asked all five candidates the following question: **What should council do to rejuvenate the Wainuiomata town centre?**

CAMPBELL BARRY

It has been a privilege to serve as your councillor for the past three years.

Working together, we've been able to achieve a lot in our community.

The installation of the Pukeatua Bridge on the Wainuiomata Hill, securing funding for a shared path over the Hill, expansion of the Wainuiomata Memorial Garden, and the creation of the Wainuiomata Development Plan are just some of the many good things that have occurred.

Saying this, there are still a number of challenges that we must overcome, and opportunities that we need to make the most of.

If re-elected, I'll continue to work hard for Wainuiomata and our city. I'll push for more transparency with your money, for more investment in our infrastructure and community facilities, a build date for a much needed retirement village, and focus on innovative ideas that will revitalise our town centre.

I respectfully ask for your support.

On rejuvenating the Wainui town centre

We need to work with the Mall and get them in a position to sell to a new owner, preferably someone within the region. This must happen alongside council investing in what it can directly control, which is an upgrade of Queen St, the Strand and surrounding community facilities. Having an overall work plan is key. Personally, I would visualise stage one being a revamp of the entrance to Queen St and its surrounding area.

JOSH BRIGGS

I want to be your voice on Hutt City Council.

My wife Aimee, our daughter Ellie, and I are proud to call Wainuiomata our home.

We moved here in 2011. As a new resident, I wanted to contribute, become part of our community, and raise our family.

I wanted to use my experience in community development, governance, and youth work to engage, so I stood for the Community Board in 2013.

Since then, I've become Deputy Chairperson of the Board, and helped with projects such as naming the Pukeatua Bridge. I put the needs of our community first. I listen to, advocate for, and collaborate with many.

I'm proud of what we have achieved, and now feel compelled to take the next step.

Wainuiomata is a diverse community, with voices from many cultures and ages.

With your support, I can bring the voices of our community to the Council table.

On rejuvenating the Wainui town centre

I would prefer to see the current Mall demolished and a purpose built space for shops created that suits Wainuiomata's current and future needs. This would provide the opportunity to reconfigure The Strand, Queen St and the current footprint of the Mall into a vibrant and useful space. Council also needs to make permanent upgrades to Wainuiomata's town centre after seeing what temporary elements from the Seven Day Makeover start to rejuvenate Queen St.

Wainuiomata Ward

KIA HOUPAPA

I've lived in Wainuiomata for nearly 30 years and I am standing because I believe I can make a big difference for the good people of Wainuiomata and Lower Hutt – while being a voice advocating for Maori and Pacific Island constituents and their issues. Nationwide, our society is not being truly reflected in council decision making areas and I wish to help change that. I am a researcher by trade and I am passionate about knowledge and learning. Years of working within government and unions have helped me to be proficient at getting work done to the highest standards. I care about people and I have a great track record of helping people of all creeds and persuasions. There are areas where I believe the council should be thinking outside the square. I want those areas investigated/trialled. I am a Justice of the Peace and my personal interests include family, culture, sports, travel and food.

On rejuvenating the Wainui town centre

The council wants the town centre to be rejuvenated but is facing owners that don't appear prepared to lower rents to either retain existing businesses or attract others. I believe a joint plan between council, owners and community may work where the council reduces rates, owners reduce rents and the community participates in a loyalty scheme to spend their money in Wainuiomata. Only a joint approach with much goodwill between all parties will work to rejuvenate the town centre.

MARGARET WILLARD

I'm standing as a two-term councillor and former chairwoman of Wainuiomata Community Board. I'm a representative who consistently puts in the effort – meeting people in the community, working with others on achieving positive outcomes, and keeping residents informed through a fortnightly newsletter and constructive use of social media. I believe I'm the best candidate for the job because of my proven track record, and because I'll continue to work with integrity to represent you.

I'll contribute to decision making without party political influence or any agenda except to come up with the best possible outcome for the circumstances. I'm also standing because I thoroughly enjoy my work with local people in making the most of the community's potential for a vibrant, prosperous community. For a reliable representative, a team player and genuine enthusiasm, vote Margaret Willard.

On rejuvenating the Wainui town centre

Council has begun work to rejuvenate the town centre through our development plan and paid co-ordinator. We will continue to work with mall management and the potential operators of a retirement village, both key to the vibrancy of the town centre. Meanwhile we can attract people to the shops via signage, public art and initiatives like our Seven Day Makeover and the pop-up gift shop I've been working on.

LEAH CLARK

The Hutt News last week asked all Wainuiomata Ward candidates for a photograph to use, brief profile explaining why they were running and an answer to a question about rejuvenating Wainuiomata's town centre. Candidate Leah Clark had not replied to emails or returned phone calls by this paper's deadline yesterday afternoon.

Below is an excerpt from the statement Clark supplied to Hutt City Council:

My contribution to this community includes pushing health priorities and supporting community action such as halting the increase in alcohol outlets.

I have active community links with many community groups including the Marae and rugby league.

My areas of focus will be seeking to improve the health of the Valley, boosting the quality of housing and enhancing care for our elderly.

I will uphold the integrity of the valley while ensuring that important issues are raised and communicated.

Election meeting

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BLAKE CRAYTON-BROWN

Stokes Valley book lovers probably won't need to learn any secret handshakes to get their fix from September 19.

They will need to visit the local Freemasons Lodge Hall to get books out of the Stokes Valley Library, though.

The library is temporarily shifting to the hall, down the road from its current location, ahead of work starting on the Stokes Valley Hub project.

Library opening hours will remain the same at the lodge hall pop-up library - from 10am till 5.30pm on week days and 10am till 2pm on Saturdays.

Hutt City Libraries Manager Sandra Mann thanked the lodge for sharing their space and helping the library maintain its services for the community.

The library will stop operating out of its earthquake prone site this week.

Koraunui, Tawhai and Tui Glen schools will create a human chain between the old library and the hall to help with the move.

The library service is organising a farewell event for the old library and community hall on Saturday September 24, which will include face painting, dancing, and rock 'n roll lessons.

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More candidates than potential voters

NICHOLAS BOYACK

A six metre high seawall along the Petone Esplanade was one of the more unusual suggestions at a council candidate meeting in Lower Hutt.

Northern Ward hopeful Fred Allen said that more people need to live on the hills and that a seawall would combat rising sea levels. Allen also wanted a bridge crossing the Hutt River connecting Stokes Valley with State Highway 2.

Creating interest in the local body election has been a hard slog in Lower Hutt. The Hutt Valley Chamber of Commerce invited all the local candidates but even a free breakfast could not drag out more than a handful of potential voters.

First up was mayoral hopeful David Smith. Clearly nervous, he said the lack of housing for the elderly was one of his "bug bears" and that would change if he was elected.

Next up was Glenda Barratt who promised to do something about the Naenae Shopping Centre. Phil Stratford launched an attack on Mayor Ray Wallace, accusing him of being responsible for over spending on the $9.9 million Ridifford Gardens upgrade.

Maoyoral hopeful David Smith wants better housing for the elderly.

Joy Skye introduced herself as the "mystery" Western Ward candidate.

The latest GDP figures showed, that with growth at 1 percent, compared to a national average of 2.8 per cent, Hutt City was one of the worst performing councils in New Zealand, he said.

The declining population would only be reversed with bold projects like a ski field in Wainuiomata and by bringing the train line into the central city. Wallace agreed that Hutt's economic statistics were not great. That is why the council had a range of projects to rejuvenate the city and he was confident the Urban Growth Strategy would work.

The "number one priority" for him was finishing the Hutt River floodway scheme to protect the city from a catastrophic flood. Western Ward hopeful Karim Dickie suggested turning the historic War Memorial Library into a cultural centre. He noted that the nearby Dowse Arts Museum has a lot of art that it did not display.

Mason Branch also had an out of left field suggestion. The Harbour Ward candidate wanted to take buses out of the city centre and build a bus terminal near the old Kentucky Fried Chicken building in Market Grove.

"I think it is a really good idea to take all the buses away from Queensgate."

The last word went to Simon Edwards who wanted apartments to get people and cafes back into the central city.

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Clarice Fraser
Maungaraki

CHANGE NEEDED

Chris Bishop will have been pleased to see the picture published in the *Hutt News* (September 6) of himself, the prime minister, and children from Naenae School. No doubt he sees it as another step in his campaign to win Hutt South for National at next year's general election.

But what has his Government done for Naenae, and other similar communities in the Hutt Valley?

Only a few days following the Naenae visit the education minister announced extra funding to be spent on students at risk of underachieving.

In response the Naenae College principal said the money would not even start to make a difference. "This is just a token way to go about pretending to do something ..."

We have an ever increasing gap between rich and poor, home ownership declining in lower income groups, chronically underfunded social services, and perhaps most important child poverty. I could also have mentioned rising crime, homelessness, child abuse, and substance abuse etc. all of which relate back to wealth inequality.

The country needs change, not a government that preserves its financial support base with policies of inequality.

Gordon Parr
Eastbourne

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Some Chinese have been taught that all Asians are Chinese and that the collective noun should, therefore, be Chinese.

This ignores the fact that Asia extends to Greece and so the people of Turkey, India, Pakistan, Afganistan etc could be offended at being designated Chinese rather than Asian. Designation by geographical location also removes any discrimination by race, creed or nationality.

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The Garden of Horror, a collection of wearable art by Hutt Valley High Students, was launched at The Dowse on September 6, reporter **Abby Brown** captured the creativity.

Lauren Hutley, 16, with her parents Julianne Hutley and Andre Hutley, said her granddad helped weld the wings.

Ashlene Naidu, 16, made an outfit called Blood and Guts.

Beatrice Jackson, 16, made bones out of rolled up newspaper and plaster.

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Riki Gooch drums on schoolgirl's debut

ABBY BROWN

Not many 17-year-olds can say they have big-name New Zealand musicians on their debut album.

But Angel Rose had Riki Gooch from Trinity Roots and Andrew Bain from Fur Patrol play on her four track EP as part of a school project.

The Rudolph Steiner School Raphael House student said her dad and Gooch became good friends through their hospitality jobs. ''He's like Uncle Gooch to me.''

Gooch took it on himself to hook her up with not only cheaper recording time but also a band. ''I had just envisioned myself with my guitar in the studio.'' Instead it was Gooch on drums, Bain on bass, Quinn Williams on guitar and school student Peter Mitchell on trumpet and flute. After two days of jamming, the band entered the studio.

Gooch also lined up time for Angel at The Surgery with Lee Prebble, who has recorded New Zealand bands Fly My Pretties and The Black Seeds.

Angel was also very flattering of her classmate Sophie Thomson's art that she used for her project. ''She is the girl in art class where you are making art and thinking it's ok and then you look at her art and think 'Well this can go in the fire,''' she said.

The Belmont-based 18-year-old said her photography and film for her project was more about taking a ''snapshot of something that was already there''.

Her photos were of light and shadow. ''I had always noticed the play of light but I wasn't sure if others had,'' she said.

The school encouraged students to explore their artistic talents in sewing and drawing and painting until at least year 11, or class 10 in their system, which was one of the reasons why Paraparaumu-based Angel came to the school. ''Surrounded by art, encouraged by teachers and parents it's hard not to delve into your creativity,'' she said.

The Class 12 students will present their projects at Silverstream Retreat on September 16 and September 17. Every year pupils in their final senior year completed a project in an eight-month period. Free tickets are available from the school office on 27 Matuhi St, Lower Hutt. Angel's music will be available from angelrose.co.nz afterwards.

Angel Rose's band perform in The Surgery.

TIM HILLS AND TIM SIMPSON

Sophie Thomson made a time lapse film of forest shadows over plastic.

"Surrounded by art, encouraged by teachers and parents it's hard not to delve into your creativity,"
Angel Rose

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Dinosaur footprints on show

Evidence of New Zealand's only known dinosaur footprints, preserved in delicate sandstone, are on show in Lower Hutt for a month.

The footprints, thought to be 70 million years-old, were made by the colossal sauropod dinosaurs – the largest animals to have walked on Earth. The herbivores could grow to about 40m in length and weighed more than 100 tonnes.

The prints were found several years ago at about six places along a 10 kilometre stretch of coastline near Nelson by GNS Science geologist, Dr Greg Browne.

Browne then had to work through a lengthy process of elimination to determine the marks were made by dinosaurs.

"While geologists know that dinosaurs were present in ancient New Zealand, the record of their presence is very sketchy," Browne said.

Dinosaur bones have been found at only three locations so far – northern Hawke's Bay, Port Waikato, and the Chatham Islands. The prints mark the first evidence of dinosaurs in the South Island.

The exhibition features replicas of the four discovered dinosaur footprints, which visitors are able to touch.

Lower Hutt will be the last scheduled stop for the exhibition which has been on a national tour since 2014.

Dinosaur Footprints: A Story of Discovery opened on September 5 at the War Memorial Library in Lower Hutt and will run until October 2.

Hutt City Libraries is holding other dinosaur-themed events throughout September in keeping with the prehistoric theme.

This includes public talks, activities for children, a special day for teachers, animation and 3D workshops.

■ **For more information visit library.huttcity.govt.nz.**

Sophie Thomson, daughter of GNS Science staffer Julian Thomson, with one of the sauropod footprints preserved in sandstone in northwest Nelson.

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The Hutt City Council has been forced to delay the opening of the new Avalon Park Playground.

It was to open last Sunday but is now postponed for three weeks.

Contractors have been working hard to have the large-scale contemporary playground ready for the opening.

Council's Parks and Gardens Divisional Manager Bruce Hodgins said it became clear that a critical part of the design would not be finished.

"Despite our best efforts, council and contractors have not been able to meet the deadline to complete it.

After discussions this week, we've agreed that it's best to postpone the opening until October 2."

The council is sorry for any inconvenience caused.

"We did not make this decision lightly as we know that the community is very excited about the new playground.

The playground will be open in time for the second week of the school holidays."

The activities and entertainment that were to be part of the September 11 launch will now take place on October 2, from 10am-3pm.

Thomas Clayton and Frankie Robertson-Brass enjoy a ride at the old Avalon Park

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FAMILY & COMMUNITY

3D Kids Workshops: Print your own simple 3D dinosaur object to take home! Workshops are $10 per pair (one child/one adult). Spaced limited, visit your local library to register. Naenae Library, Saturday 17 September, 11am or 1pm

Association of Anglican Women: ST James Church, September 13, 1.30pm. Guest speaker will talk about growing up on Soames/Matu Island.

Book Launch: Hutt City Libraries, Paper Plus and Potton & Burton warmly invite you to the launch of "From moa to dinosaurs". Join the author Gillian Candler, and illustrator Ned Barraud for an evening celebrating the release. Drinks and nibbles provided. Books will be available for purchase on the night. Tuesday 20 September, 6.30pm

Hutt Lunchtime Toastmasters: Learn to communicate with us every Tuesday at noon. Lower Hutt Baptist Meeting room, 132-146 High St. Phone Dianne 027-677- 4529.

Hutt Valley Writers' Group: Petone Community House, all writers welcome, meets every 2nd and 4th Wednesday, 7.30pm, small cost for room hire.

Hutt Valley branch of the N.Z. Society of Genealogists: Petone Library, September 15, 10am. The New Zealand Army's first attack on the Western Front: Jeffrey Russell will be speaking about the battle as seen through the eyes of the soldiers. $4.

Junior Youth Club: Moera Community Cottage, 105 Randwick Cres, every Sunday from 12.30pm to 2.30pm.

Knitting, Crochet Get Together: Petone Community House, 6 Britannia Street, Do you love to Knit or crochet and would like to have company while doing it? 10am Fridays. Come along for a cuppa and company while knitting for your local school children, prem babies, for your family or anyone else you think may need winter woollies.

Local Body Candidates Meetings: Petone: Thursday September 15, 7.30- 9.00pm. Petone Library meeting room, Britannia St (entrance off car park) Hear from Harbour Ward and Petone Community Board candidates, hosted by Petone Planning Action Group. All welcome.

Western Ward: Wednesday, September 14. Kelson Community Centre - 5a Timaru Grove, Kelson. 7.30pm. The Kelson Community Association is hosting a Western Ward council candidates' debate. All welcome - light supper provided.

Parkinson's programme: 12 week Parkinson's targeted exercise program. Begins September 19 and runs Monday and Thursday at 9am with a second programme starting on September 22. Free. For details contact Jim Nicolle 027 5058421

Probus Meeting: St Margaret's Church Hall, Dunns Street, Silverstream, guest speaker Sue Chetwin, Chief Executive of Consumer New Zealand, Tuesday, September 13, from 10 am.

Researching Property Records: Property is a popular topic with researchers but the documents can be difficult to locate and interpret. Join Archivist, Jennie Henton, for an introduction and explanation on the types of records held at Hutt City Council Archives. Petone Library, Saturday 17 September, 1pm

RSA: Anzac Lounge, The Petone club: Friday, September 16, 5.30pm. COL [Ret'd] Kevin Arlidge will be giving an address Battle of the Somme - A hard Way to Learn

Scottish Country Dancing: Social dancing, Wednesday evenings 7:30 to 9:30pm, Wesley Centre, Benzie Ave. No partner required, soft shoes recommended. Cost $5. Phone Kath: (04) 970 5751.

Wainuiomata Community Clean-up: Join in a public clean-up of Hugh Sinclair Park on Sunday, September 18, 2pm, at Hugh Sinclair Park, off The Strand, Wainuiomata.

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BARBERSHOP CONCERT TO STOP CLOCK

Barbershop is booming in Wellington. There are three barbershop choruses in Wellington and two are in the Hutt," Harbour Capital Chorus member Stephen Heath said. Those two choruses, which together have 60 singers, will be performing songs by Beatles, Queen, Judy Garland, Dave Dobbyn and more at their Stop the Clock event. The $15 tickets can be bought at the door of Sacred Heart Performing Arts Centre, 65 Laings Rd, Lower Hutt on September 17, the show starts at 7pm.

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Petone Tennis Club: . Open day Saturday, September 17. 8:30- 12:15. 34 Bouverie Street Petone. Great junior tennis programme - Saturday morning coaching. For more information contact Maree 021537480.

Reducing Food Waste: Learn how to reduce your weekly bills significantly by eliminating food waste with Hutt City Council Sustainability Officer, Natalie Hormann. Eastbourne Library, Friday 16 September, 1.30pm

THEATRE, FILM & DANCE

English Country Dancing: St Margaret's Church, Silverstream, Monday afternoons, 1pm to 2.30pm, ph Stella 972 0783 or Ruth 528 8332.

Hutt Valley Scout and Guide Gang Show: Lower Hutt Little Theatre, September 19-23 at 7.30pm, Saturday, September 24 at 2pm and 7.30pm. Fun musical theatre for the whole family presented by the Scouts and Guides of Wellington. For more information see .

EXHIBITIONS

Dinosaur Footprints: a Story of Discovery: Hutt City Libraries is hosting a nationally-touring exhibition of 70 million-year-old dinosaur footprints discovered in coastal sandstone rocks in northwest Nelson. They are the first dinosaur footprints ever found in New Zealand, and the first evidence of dinosaurs found in the South Island. War Memorial Library, 5-30 September. Free

Three Amigos: MIX Gallery, 212 Knights Rd, Peter Hall's Digital Menagerie, Graham Wolf's Nelson Mandela Pop Art and Stacey Hughes' Animal Friends, view by appointment, phone 569 3162.

UNDER THE SAME MOON

Renee Liang's play Under the Same Moon tells the tale of a wayward Hong Kong matriarch who comes to New Zealand uninvited for her grand-daughter's wedding. The play features some confused backpackers, cultural misunderstandings and the woman's family having to face some home truths. The play stars actress Hweiling Ow, who plays three generations of the family all at once. At Expressions, Upper Hutt, Friday September 16, 8pm, tickets $20 for adults.

The Ultimate Collection: From artists Karen Collier and Kyle Creach. Plus prints + jewellery. Exhibition runs until September 30. Viewing by appointment, MIX Gallery 212 Knights Road.

MUSIC & COMEDY

Hutt City Lunchtime Concert: The Kugels (Klezmer Ensemble). St Marks Church, Woburn Rd, Lower Hutt, Wed, September 14, 12.15-1pm. Koha entry.

Hutt Valley Community Choir: Knox Church Hall, 574 High St, mixed choir open to all ages with no experience needed and no auditions, meets Tuesdays, 7pm.

The Hutt Valley Ukulele Orchestra: Hutt Irish Society Club, 12 Raroa Rd, meets Wednesdays, 6.30-8pm and on Thursdays, 7-8.30pm at the Petone Working Men's Club.

Sing Out: The Pettit Centre, Cnr Fergusson Dr and Palmer Cres, the Hutt Valley Singers are keen for new members, rehearsals Mondays, 7.10pm - 9.10pm, call Joanne 526-3091 or email info@huttvalleysingers.org.nz.

Stop the Clock concert: Sacred Heart Theatre, Lower Hutt. Saturday, September 17, 7pm. Ticket $15. The Hutt Valley's two barbershop choruses will combine in a concert featuring songs from The Beatles, Queen, Dave Dobbyn and many others.

Wainuiomata Community Choir: St Stephens Church, 106 Main Road, new members welcome, Thursdays, 7.30-9.30pm, phone Miriam 589-7748

Wellington Country & Western Music Club: Avalon Park Pavilion, new members welcome, meets every second Sunday, 7pm. For more info call Alan on 934 7440.

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The Business Expo 2016 will take place on Tuesday, 20h September from 9am-7pm. Given the success of the last few years and the new venue it has been possible to hold presentations as well as a business breakfast at 7.30 am with the Hon. Michael Woodhouse & Hon. Nicky Wagner before the Business Expo opening at 9 am. If you wish to register for the breakfast http://www.hutt-chamber.org.nz/page/event-details.aspx?id=6913

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AC/DC covered

AC/DC's lead guitarist Angus Young once said "If you can't see us, see Acca Dacca". The Australian cover band's singer Larry Attard almost got to play with the real band after AC/DC's Malcolm Young invited him for a job interview after Bon Scott died. Acca/Dacca are playing at the Angus Inn on the corner of Cornwall St and Waterloo Rd, Lower Hutt, on September 16 at 8pm, $25 tickets are available on eventfinda.

Teen voices issues that affect youth

A Kelson teenager is the youngest member of a new team established to raise the voices of New Zealand girls.

Madeline Arps, 13, was chosen by GirlGuiding New Zealand to be part of their first ranger advocacy panel alongside nine other girls. The oldest is 16.

The panel's purpose will be to raise the issues most affecting their age group, and as a result influence what the 108-year-old organisation would focus on going forward.

Madeline was "ecstatic" about being picked for the panel.

She applied because there were issues important to her that were going ignored, she said.

"I'm passionate about gender equality as well as girls outside New Zealand getting a proper education."

Other topics the panel had discussed included family violence, cyber bullying, and Helen Clark's aim to become secretary general at the United Nations.

Madeline believed everybody had an "opportunity to make a change" and saw being selected for this panel as her's.

To prepare for the role, Madeline attended two workshops.

The first was in Wellington and involved training her to talk to the media while the second, this time in Auckland, was a coming together of many different girl guide workshops.

"It's helping in my everyday life. It's actually changed how I act."

Madeline Arps, Girl Guide ranger advocacy panel

She had started applying the skills she honed through her training to conversations she had outside the panel.

"It's helping in my everyday life. It's actually changed how I act," Madeline said.

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Students bottle up solution for vegans

CHELSEA BOYLE

Four Hutt Valley High School entrepreneurs are trying their hand as chocolatiers in a bid to feed a growing hunger for vegan treats.

Year 13 students Eireanne Millikin, Megan Rea, Ella Steele and Zara Badrick took part in this year's Young Enterprise Scheme and created Ease Coconut Milk – a vegan-friendly chocolate milk.

Millikin, the finance director, says veganism is becoming more of a trend.

"We would all like to go vegan but it's quite difficult and a big change to make."

Two of the girls are vegetarian and are looking for options that enable them to consume less dairy.

"The idea behind it came from us realising that products like this help people slowly move towards veganism."

The team wanted to recreate a flavoured milk as a vegan alternative so they would not have to miss out on anything.

By teaming up with local artisan chocolatier, The Chocolate Story, they have been able to use Belgian chocolate in their coconut milk product.

Millikin says many vegan chocolate milks are made with chocolate powder instead of real dark chocolate, which separates Ease Coconut Milk from similar products on the market.

The idea was well-received by Young Enterprise Scheme judges, who awarded the group second place in the greater Wellington region finals of its Dragons' Den competition.

It seems their peers and teachers enjoy the product as well, as the group sold 80 bottles of Ease Coconut Milk at their school market day in 20 minutes.

It took the four budding chocolatiers 10 hours to come up with 300 bottles worth of product.

Chief executive and communications director Megan Rea says the positive feedback about the product, particularly from the judges, has been a relief.

"We have put so much work and effort into it."

Rea says they always aimed to get the product into supermarkets.

"We don't want to stop until we get there."

The 375-millilitre product is stocked at The Chocolate Story in Jackson St, Petone, and costs $5.

Wainuiomata High School won the top honours in the regional finals of the Dragons' Den competition for its productentry, Prestige Men's Products, which is a natural hair wax for men.

Hutt Valley High School student Eireanne Millikin takes a sip of the vegan-friendly chocolate milk she created with classmates Megan Rea, Zara Badrick, Ella Steele and The Chocolate Story owner Brett Nicholls. PHOTO: ROBERT KITCHIN/FAIRFAX NZ

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Fairfield 4 Norton Park Avenue

Some Homes Simply Stand Out From The Rest

Every time I have driven down the Avenue I would always glance across & see this home out of the corner of my eye, it just has the look! Single storey character home with good, crisp presentation & the inside will meet your high expectations. 4 bdrms, 2 bthrms, one is the master ensuite, modern kitchen with all the mod cons you could want. The living area is open plan & really works for the way we are living today. Fully insulated (underfloor/ceiling/external walls). Fully fenced grounds & just enough for our busy lifestyles, plus garage & off street park. Easy walk to Waterloo train station.

- Open plan living
- Modern kitchen
- 2 bathrooms
- 4 bedrooms
- Great presentation
- Popular address

AUCTION

4 2 1

Online redcoats.co.nz/RED17542

For sale by Auction on site, Saturday 1st October, 12.30pm (unless sold prior)

land area 431 sqm
house area 120 sqm

Mark Phillips
p 04 587 0942 **m** 027 443 8069 **e** mark@redcoats.co.nz

EYEING UP YOUR NEXT MOVE?

Stokes Valley 2 Aratika Grove

A Real Entertainers Style Home

All it needs now is a large family to fill it! Big open plan living that flows on to a fully equipped kitchen, 4 bedrooms including a monster sized master with ensuite & walk in wardrobe, plus a home office. The common bathroom is again a generous size with all the features your expect to find & plenty of room to move around. The home is complete with a double garage with internal access, plenty of additional off street parking, & large decking for entertaining outside in the summer months. For this family it has been a hard call to make but, it is now time to move on. Your time is now!

- Large open plan living
- 4 bedrooms + home office
- Master ensuite
- Double garage with internal access
- Modern & well presented
- Quiet & peaceful location

AUCTION

4 2 2

Online redcoats.co.nz/RED17545

For sale by Auction on site, Saturday 1st October, 11.00am (unless sold prior)

land area 648 sqm
house area 209 sqm

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Stokes Valley 17-21 Evans Street

Amazing Investment Opportunity

Make the most of this fantastic opportunity to invest in eight one bedroom units, situated conveniently close to shops and bus route. All of these units are currently tenanted and couldn't be better sited for the tenants giving access to transport, and making shopping easy. All on one freehold title. Phone now to book a viewing: viewing times Thursday 11am-12pm and Saturday 11am -12pm

- Eight x one bedroom flats
- Close to bus route
- Close to shops
- All currently tenanted
- Rates $5,075
- All on one freehold title

TENDER

8 8

Online redcoats.co.nz/RED17535

For sale by Tender closing at 28 Cornwall St 2.00pm Thurs 6 October

land area 1487 sqm
house area 500 sqm

Lyn Symons
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EYEING UP YOUR NEXT MOVE?

Waterloo 4 Volkner Grove

Much Loved Family Home

It is with their great regret but your good fortune that the owners part with their family home they had designed and built for themselves 46 years ago. With three double bedrooms, huge bathroom and masses of storage space this is a wonderful home for a family. The kitchen flows through to the dining and the super cosy living, which in turn has views of the hills and valley from the balcony. Add to this a stunning, light and airy formal lounge and internal access double garage with extra work space. This is a truly lovely home - come and view today!

- Three bedrooms
- Two living areas
- Great indoor/outdoor flow to patio
- Double garage
- Work shop
- Great location

AUCTION

3 1 2

Online redcoats.co.nz/RED17537

For sale by Auction at 28 Cornwall St 12.30pm Thurs 6 Oct (unless sold prior)

land area 587 sqm
house area 210 sqm

Lyn Symons
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Child cancer FOUNDATION

TXT 'BOOM' TO 5900

Petone 24 Cuba Street

Character Abounding on Cuba

Personality plus is what you'll find here at 24 Cuba Street. What a treat this charming three bedroom home is - loads of character, off-street parking for two cars and a deck overlooking the cottage garden for outdoor enjoyment. Well situated for the sun and located a short stroll to the foreshore & popular Jackson Street, this endearing property will have wide appeal. Rent out or live in, it will be hard to go past this one. Call me today and see for yourself!

- Great Petone location
- Three double bedrooms
- Off-street car parking
- Heatpump
- Two open fire places
- Deck & good size backyard

AUCTION

3 1

Online redcoats.co.nz/RED17547

For sale by Auction at 28 Cornwall St, 12.30pm Thu 6 Oct (unless sold prior)

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Luke Johnson **p** 04 568 1497 **m** 027 6644 710 **e** luke.johnson@redcoats.co.nz

Alicetown 14 Te Mome Road

Great Home - Great Location

Set on a 503 sqm corner section with three large bedrooms and plenty of sunshine this is a great home in a great location. Spacious entrance and hallway, lovely light open lounge/kitchen with dining area and French doors that open out to a fabulous backyard. Zoned for preferred schooling, this property will appeal to many - you could easily move in and enjoy as is but there is also loads of potential to add value over time. Call me today to take a look.

- 503sqm corner section
- Zoned for Hutt Intermediate & HVHS
- Great location
- Underfloor & ceiling insulation
- Well sited for the sun
- Three large bedrooms

AUCTION

3 1

Online redcoats.co.nz/RED17515

For sale by Auction at 28 Cornwall St, 12.30pm Thursday 29 Sep (unless sold prior)

Shane Brockelbank
p 04 589 9619 **m** 021 459 622 **e** shane@redcoats.co.nz

EYEING UP YOUR NEXT MOVE?

Alicetown 6 Hume Street

Rental or Potential - You Choose

Situated in handy Alicetown with sitting tenants, this property offers a great rental opportunity and subject to prior negotiation the tenants are prepared to stay on. You'll find three double bedrooms, two living areas, a large separate laundry (with second toilet) and loads of character with decorative ceilings, stained glass windows and lead-lights. The enclosed carport (with auto door), lovely established gardens and handy location provide a great place to live with lots of potential to add value. This property is one well worth your consideration. Don't delay, call me today!

- Three bedrooms, two living areas
- Original character throughout
- Large separate laundry, two WC's
- Security alarm, gas central heating
- Ceiling/underfloor insulation, HRV
- Zoned for Hutt Intermediate & HVHS

AUCTION

3 1 1

Online redcoats.co.nz/RED17488

For sale by Auction at 28 Cornwall St, 12.30pm Thu 22 Sep (will not be sold prior)

Shane Brockelbank
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Petone 3 Atiawa Street

Just Move in and Enjoy

Immaculately presented throughout this charming Petone villa has great street appeal and a lovely open feel about it. With a northerly aspect the backyard and deck are perfectly positioned to capture the sun. Three good size double bedrooms, open living with adjacent study, indoor/outdoor flow, two heatpumps, ceiling & underfloor insulation, carport and zoned for Hutt Valley High School. Close to shops, transport and amenities this property is a must see! Call me today.

- Three bedrooms plus study
- Open living stepping out to deck
- Well insulated with two heatpumps
- Character wooden floors
- Carport and fenced backyard
- Popular Petone location

AUCTION

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Online redcoats.co.nz/RED17428

For sale by Auction at 28 Cornwall St, 12.30pm Thu 22 Sep (unless sold prior)

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Auction Reminder

Normandale 168a Miromiro Road

Surround Yourself with Nature

Set on a private established tree-lined section this spacious home has lots of appeal. With three bedrooms upstairs & a large rumpus, 2nd living or 4th bedroom downstairs this home will cater for a variety of family situations. The open lounge, kitchen & dining offers spacious living with a woodburner for cosy ambience plus a heatpump for extra winter warmth. Numerous decks for sunny outdoor living, attractive terraced planting in the front and plenty of flat land at the back - this is a wonderful peaceful environment and one you will love to come home to. Call me today to look for yourself!

- Peaceful private setting with views
- Spacious living with chapel ceiling
- Large laundry plus great storage
- Rumpus, 2nd living or 4th bedroom
- Numerous decks to follow the sun
- Carport plus off street parking

AUCTION

4 1

Online redcoats.co.nz/RED17485

For sale by Auction at 28 Cornwall St, 12.30pm Thu 15 Sep (will not be sold prior)

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Auction Reminder

Waterloo 31a Malone Road

Instantly Appealing!

Situated in popular Waterloo our vendors have found this three-bedroom home to be a great investment property for a number of years. Comfortable sunny open living stepping out to the balcony, three good size bedrooms (two upstairs and one down), a fenced section and single garage. Either as a rental prospect or to live in yourself you won't want to miss this opportunity to own this well cared for property. Call today - viewing highly recommended.

- Three bedrooms
- Sunny open living with deck
- Single garage with auto door
- Well insulated with heatpump
- Excellent Waterloo location
- Zoned for Hutt Intermediate & HVHS

AUCTION

3 1 1

Online redcoats.co.nz/RED17484

For sale by Auction at 28 Cornwall St, 12.30pm Thu 15 Sep (will not be sold prior)

Shane Brockelbank
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EYEING UP YOUR NEXT MOVE?

Woburn 50c Whites Line West

Gobsmacking Gorgeous

In a great location with pristine presentation, the only thing you need to do is enjoy. Outside the roses are pruned ready for a bumper crop, the veggie garden is planted, lawns and edges are neat, and even the roof has been sprayed for moss. Indoors, the story is much the same with everything in immaculate condition with the ranch slider opening onto the patio area. The kitchen and dining are separate from the lounge. There are two double bedrooms, a separated loo, and a stylish bathroom. Enough from me, you simple must view. The vendors loss will definitely be your gain.

- Two bedrooms
- Pristine presentation
- Light and neutral décor
- Close to shops and transport links
- Fully fenced
- Garage and good off-street parking

AUCTION

2 1 1

Online redcoats.co.nz/RED17530

For sale by Auction. 12:30pm Thursday 29 September 2016 at our offices, 28 Cornwell Street, Lower Hutt.

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Chrissy Kibblewhite **p** 04 619 1042 **m** 021 244 6784 **e** chrissy@redcoats.co.nz

Harbourview 16 Panorama Grove

When Size Matters

You must check this out! Upstairs has generous living opening out onto the deck. There are three good styled bedrooms, a bathroom and office. The kitchen and dining area require some finishing. Downstairs there is another large bedroom, second bathroom, rumpus room, laundry and man cave. So No.16 really does boast room for the whole family, including a lawn with space for a trampoline. My vendors are definitely on the move so don't be slow, it's gonna go.

- Four bedrooms plus rumpus room
- Two bathrooms
- Valley views
- Double carport
- Private, quiet location
- Hutt Valley High School zoned

AUCTION

4 2

Online redcoats.co.nz/RED17539

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TXT 'BOOM' TO 5900

Boulcott 843 High Street

Living Big!!

This spacious 5 Bedroom, 1 bathroom (plus 2nd toilet) home is just waiting for the next chapter of its life to begin. Nestled in the heart of Avalon, location just can't be beaten. With 4 double bedrooms and one single, it is perfect for a large family or an investor wanting to get great returns on each room. Off street parking, no worries here with huge double garage, an attached carport plus long driveway. If you are interested please call today!

- Located close to all amenities
- 4 double & 1 single bedroom
- Spacious living
- Gas cooking
- Huge double garage
- Heatpump

AUCTION

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Online redcoats.co.nz/RED17524

For sale by Auction at 28 Cornwall St, Thurs 29 Sept, 12.30pm (unless sold prior)

Ivan Wong Kee
p 04 619 1040 **m** 021585416 **e** ivan@redcoats.co.nz

Avalon 306a Oxford Terrace

Move In And Make Me Your Own

Well looked after 3 bedroom, 1 bathroom ex-state house, with ample off street parking and new double garage. Recently built deck on the front of the house means you take advantage of the afternoon sun. Ideal location with public transport nearby. All you need to do is move in and make it your home. Call today to view!

- Alarm system
- Ample off street parking
- Heatpump
- Wall panel heater
- Double garage with auto door

AUCTION

3 1 1

Online redcoats.co.nz/RED17522

For sale by Auction at 28 Cornwall St, Thurs 29 Sept, 12.30pm (unless sold prior)

Ivan Wong Kee
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EYEING UP YOUR NEXT MOVE?

Normandale 93 Miromiro Road

Views - Private - Sheltered

Owners have thoroughly enjoyed this spacious modern home, but as an architect she now has her sight set on their next project. Spread over four levels with flexible layout options and multiple outdoor areas, this beautiful home offers the perfect mix of entertainers delight and everyday retreat. Come and view this stunning property, once you walk in the door you wouldn't want to leave. Don't miss out, call me today!

- Panoramic valley views
- 4/5 bedrooms
- Private bush setting
- Two spacious living areas
- Double glazed
- Ample storage throughout

AUCTION

4 2 1

Online redcoats.co.nz/RED17514

For sale by Auction at 28 Cornwall Street, Thurs 22 Sept, 12.30pm

Shellene Eksteen
p 04 587 0944 **m** 027 628 7445 **e** shellene@redcoats.co.nz

Epuni 26 Thornycroft Avenue

Wow What A Cutie!

Cute, cosy and convenient perfectly describes this spacious two bedroom home. Set on a generous section in a prime location, it is guaranteed to tick many of your boxes. Open plan Living/kitchen/dining, indoor/Outdoor to decked area, insulated top and bottom, lovely polished wooden floors, generous fully fenced section, heatpump, single garage with auto door, off street parking, close to local shops and public transport. Be in quick, call today to arrange a viewing.

- Insulated top + bottom
- Heatpump
- Lovely polished wooden floors
- Single garage with auto door
- Generous fully fenced section
- Close to local shops + transport

AUCTION

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Online redcoats.co.nz/RED17543

For sale by Auction at 28 Cornwall St, Thurs 29th Sept, 12.30pm (unless sold prior)

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Avalon 5a Rosebank Avenue

Nest Or Invest

Well presented brick home in sought after Avalon. This home offers easy living with two double bedrooms, modern kitchen & bathroom. Single garage, double glazing & fully insulated. Great buying in popular Rosebank Avenue.

Hannah Kilgariff
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TENDER

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Online redcoats.co.nz/RED17552

For sale by Tender closes at 28 Cornwall St, Weds 28th September, 4pm

Taita 10 Pringle Street

Don't Judge A Book By It's Cover

I was always taught not to judge people or things by the outside appearance. This house looks normal & some may even say plain but when you walk through the front door you will be pleasantly surprised. Nicely polished floors, large living space with great indoor/outdoor flow. Main bedroom has ensuite with door opening out on to a sunny deck. Well insulated home. Internal access garage.

Ivan Wong Kee
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AUCTION

4 2 1

Online redcoats.co.nz/RED17523

For sale by Auction at 28 Cornwall St, Thurs 22 Sept, 12.30pm (unless sold prior)

Taita 52 Reynolds Street

As Good As It Looks

This 1940's brick and tile home looks great. It provides 3 very good sized bedrooms, exposed timber flooring and a refurbished bathroom. It is well insulated and has an efficient wood burner. Handily located. A separate single garage and large back yard, 'infinity' gas hot water and good sized kitchen with a separate laundry, completes the picture. You will love this.

Tim Belcher
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Online redcoats.co.nz/RED17517

Deadline Sale Weds 21 Sept, 4pm

Stokes Valley 3/3 Kennedy Grove

Downsize in Style

Are you looking to move from your large family home? Then you must come and look at this little beauty. A stylish townhouse, 18 years young and in pristine condition. This property could be the answer to your dreams. Boasting all day sun, it is close to the shops and bus stop, with no lawns but established gardens and trees. All you need to do is move in and enjoy.

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Chrissy Kibblewhite **p** 04 619 1042 **e** chrissy@redcoats.co.nz

TENDER

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Online redcoats.co.nz/RED17527

For sale by Tender. Closing 2pm Friday 23 September 2016.

EYEING UP YOUR NEXT MOVE?

Taita 4 St Michaels Lane

You Can Afford Brand New!

Two bedroom townhouse in a cosy development in Taita, close to schools, shops and transport. Offering open plan living with I/A garaging, move in now and enjoy all the mod cons that come with buying brand new including double glazing and full insulation. On top of that the home is turnkey ready inside and out - just add your soft furnishings and personal touches and make it your own.

NEGOTIATION

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Online redcoats.co.nz/RED17536

For sale by Negotiation

Linette Bradbrook **p** 04 569 0767 **e** linette@redcoats.co.nz
Shane Brockelbank **p** 04 589 9619 **e** shane@redcoats.co.nz

Waiwhetu 12a Waitui Crescent

The One You've Been Waiting For!

Immaculately presented, modern 3 bedroom home in a quiet, peaceful street. Set on a private, sunny rear site with own driveway, landscaped gardens and decking. Open plan living, ensuite, double glazing, quality fittings, tasteful decor, walk in wardrobe and internal access double garaging are just some of the things on offer. Seldom do homes like this become available so call Diane today.

TENDER

3 2 2

Online redcoats.co.nz/RED17513

For sale by Tender closing at 28 Cornwall St, 2pm Thursday 29th Sept 2016

Diane Cummings
p 04 589 9612 **m** 027 603 2513 **e** dianec@redcoats.co.nz

Auction Reminder

Korokoro 57 Korokoro Road

As Far As The Eye Can See!

Stunning panoramic views & huge 200sqm floorplan with single garage. Four bedrooms, sundrenched open living + spacious kitchen! Living areas & large deck on top, bedrooms & bathrooms below, lined basement/workshop underneath. Upper level double glazed. Just a short drive to Petone station & short walk to Korokoro School & playcentre. Make sure you add this substantial home to your viewing list!

AUCTION

4 2 1

Online redcoats.co.nz/RED17486

For sale by Auction at 28 Cornwall St, 12.30pm Thu 15 Sep (unless sold prior)

Shane Brockelbank
p 04 589 9619 **m** 021 459 622 **e** shane@redcoats.co.nz

Waiwhetu 56c Waiwhetu Road

Ready To Move In

This 1960's family home offers 3 good sized bedrooms, open plan living/dining, internal access garage and great outdoor area with deck. The home is in good condition with the added benefit of the gas heating system and DVS system to comfort your family. Conveniently located with just a short drive to Lower Hutt CBD, and within walking distance to Woburn station and local shops.

AUCTION

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Online redcoats.co.nz/RED17494

For sale by Auction on site Saturday 24th Sept, 12.30pm (unless sold prior)

Richard Dong
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Central Hutt 67 Epuni Street

When Size Does Matter

A 4 brm home offering a great opportunity for a family wanting something bigger than average, who are happy to put in some work to make it perfect. Lge open plan living, kitchen & dining spaces, Dble gge/expansive section. Located within reach of public transport, shops & pref school zoning. Take the opportunity to set yourself up with a property thats going to be the right fit for a long time.

Rochelle Forbes
p 04 6191039 **m** 027 222 9097 **e** rochelle@redcoats.co.nz

AUCTION

4 2 2

Online redcoats.co.nz/RED17511

For sale by Auction at 28 Cornwall St, Thurs 22 Sept, 12.30pm (unless sold prior)

Haywards 14 Hugh Duncan Street

Owner Wants Out!

Moving to the Wairarapa, owner needs this one sold asap! Featuring very spacious open plan kitchen, dining, living, and sunroom, this home offers ample space for the whole family. Indoor/outdoor living at its best with a large deck ideal to entertain, soak up the sun and relax while kids and pets play on the supersized section. Huge potential to add value. Call today to view!

Shellene Eksteen
p 04 587 0944 **m** 027 628 7445 **e** shellene@redcoats.co.nz

AUCTION

3 1 1

Online redcoats.co.nz/RED17516

For sale by Auction at 28 Cornwall St, Thurs 22 Sept, 12.30pm (unless sold prior)

Taita 1a Tocker Street

Investor Alert

6 x 1 bedsit units now available for you to buy. Showing a good return. You have to be quick as they are going to be Auctioned at 28 Cornwall St, On Friday 23rd September at 12.30pm. (photos display only one unit)

Terry Dooley
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AUCTION

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Online redcoats.co.nz/RED17544

For sale by Auction at 28 Cornwall St, Fri 23 Sept, 12.30pm (unless sold prior)

Taita 19 Petherick Street

Mortgagee Auction

An ideal starter or investment. Mortgagee auction of this 3 bedroom 1950's family home. It has a separate laundry. All utilities are electric. There is a double carport and fully fenced rear yard. Mortgagee Auction 12:30pm Friday 7th of October at 28 Cornwall Street, Lower Hutt.

Terry Dooley
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AUCTION

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Online redcoats.co.nz/RED17525

For sale by Auction at 28 Cornwall St, 12.30pm, Fri 7th Oct (will not be sold prior)

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Petone 15 Beach Street

Polished Petone Villa

A beautiful early 1900's character villa with high ceilings. Renovated to an extremely high standard. It offers 3 dbl bdrms, modern bathroom, gas central heating, separate formal living room & a contemporary open plan kitchen/family. Situated in highly sought after Beach Street close to public transport, local schools & Petone's cafe culture.

Annette Sliper
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AUCTION

Online redcoats.co.nz/RED17518

For sale by Auction at 28 Cornwall St, Thurs 22 Sept, 12.30pm (unless sold prior)

Auction Reminder

Waterloo 24 Godley Street

Looking For Something A Little Different?

I am sure this home will capture your imagination the way it has captured mine. There is just something about it that I really like with a list of features such as; a separate lounge and kitchen/dining towards the back of the home that leads out to a large deck, 2 bedrooms plus a study, modern bathroom, garage with internal access, a cracker!

Mark Phillips
p 04 587 0942 **m** 027 443 8069 **e** mark@redcoats.co.nz

AUCTION

Online redcoats.co.nz/RED17493

For sale by Auction on site, Sat 17th September, 11.00am (unless sold prior)

7 HEATH GROVE
WAIWHETU
RV - $510,000

18 CUBA STREET
PETONE
RV - $570,000

70 KNIGHTS ROAD
HUTT CENTRAL
RV - $790,000

AUCTIONS THIS WEEK

31A MALONE STREET
WATERLOO

168 MIROMIRO ROAD
NORMANDALE

57 KOROKORO ROAD
KOROKORO

24 GODLEY STREET
WATERLOO

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Watene family takes on taekwondo world

ABBY BROWN

Even with one family member working two jobs to support his son's sporting dreams, the Watenes still need help.

During the day Cole Watene's father and coach, Nick Watene, works as an engineer at Spark and at night he becomes a bouncer to support his son's aims.

Cole, 16, and his cousins Max Watene, 15, and Honestly Morete-Watene, 16, want to be the first New Zealand family to have three members bring home gold medals at The World Junior Taekwondo Championships.

To raise $12,000 to get to the November 16-20 event in Canada they are fundraising for $5000 through their isport.org.nz page and have received $1205. Their page closes on September 21.

The teenagers have decided to fundraise for small amounts so they don't overwhelm people.

They are professionals at fundraising now, since this is Honestly's second time at the event. In their 10 years involved in the sport the family have sold samosas and held hangis and this year they are holding a quiz night at Hutt Valley High School on October 7 and tickets are still available.

The martial art is an expensive sport, with training camps in Korea costing as much as $3500 each and travelling to international competitions such as Max and Cole did with the Oceania championship.

All the fundraising and training was a big sacrifice for the teenagers' families but they said they would rather have the kids focused on taekwondo than getting into trouble or playing on computers.

As well as the three Watenes, there is another Capital City Taekwondo member, Nipesh Prakash, in the New Zealand team.

The teenagers said being in the Olympics had made the sport very popular and that was why the team had increased to 14 members this year, from eight at the last junior world champs.

The event will give the Watenes good practice for their aim of representing their country at the Olympics in 2020, as they will be up against Olympians.

Cole Watene, left, Honestly Morete-Watene and Max Watene are fundraising to fight.

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Gardening

Best fruit trees for blossom

KATE MARSHALL

Earlly blooming trees, which produce flowers In the first few weeks of spring (or even late winter), are at risk of frosts damaging the tender petals and stamens.

Almond trees are notably early in their blossoming time, so are best suited to regions when frosts are not common. They produce a show of white flowers tinged with pink. As well as a feast for the eyes, almond blooms fill the air with the scent of honey.

BEST FOR MID SPRING

Peach and nectarine trees are spring stunners, with soft pink blossoms. The Flatto peach and nectarine varieties are extra prolific bloomers, with up to 50 flowers per metre of branch.

Japanese plum varieties such as 'Elephant Heart', 'Fortune' and 'Santa Rosa' flower with soft white single blooms in mid spring; European types such as 'Damson' and greengages bloom later (and thus are less susceptible to frosts in colder areas).

BEST FOR LATE SPRING

As spring progresses, the later-flowering pome fruit – apples, pears and quinces – get underway with their spring display usually in September. Apple blossoms range from pure white single flowers to pink-tinged, depending on the variety and are born on spurs or the tips of branches. Pear trees all produce single white flowers and some have an unpleasant fragrance. Quinces are richly scented.

The dwarf peach 'Rose Chiffon' has striking claret blossoms.

Japanese plums like 'Fortune' have lovely soft white single blooms.

BEST FOR SMALL SPACES

Even in small gardens or containers, fruit trees can bring brightness in spring. Dwarf peach and nectarine trees are spectacular in bloom with a riot of flowers. Most varieties have pretty light pink-coloured blossoms, apart from the dwarf peach variety 'Rose Chiffon', which has claret pink blossom.

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Thursday, 22 September 2016 @ 1.00pm
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Lower Hutt Central 171 Knights Road

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First time to the market in over 40 years, this cute 120m2 brick bungalow is waiting for a makeover or maybe a Developers next project to possibly sub divide on this medium density residential site. This home is offering 3 double bedrooms, a separate lounge with gas heater and a good sized separate dining room, ventilation system, security alarm and security doors. A large 733m2 flat section is just waiting for the plans to be drawn up on this blue chip section. RV $510,000 (Sept 2013). Opportunity´s like this one in this area don´t come often so act quickly and call Anna today to avoid disappointment. Auction 29 Sept (may be sold prior to Auction).

Auction

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Stokes Valley 110 Manuka Street

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Tender

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Stokes Valley 325 George Street

4 1 1

Are you looking for your next investment opportunity, or to get yourself into the market? 325 George Street located in the heart of Stokes Valley is an opportunity to get your hands on a spectacular rental or first home! A wonderful 4 bedroom, 1 bathroom property with all day sun, this is one you need to snatch up before it's gone! Currently rented at $350.00 per week, with a current rental appraisal of $380.00 per week. The tenant is happy to stay so you could let this property pay for itself, or take the opportunity to roll up your sleeves and add some value with some TLC. On 981m2 of land this home really has a lot to offer for whatever your wants or needs. So don't hesitate, investigate! and call Rupert today.

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Belmont 202 Hill Road

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LARGER THAN LIFE-STYLE LIVING

This spacious 140sqm four bedroom, split level family home is situated on a very appealing 921m2 section of land. Receiving plenty of sun and is located on the popular Belmont hills.

202 Hill Road is a prime piece of land for peaceful, tranquil living. With the entire house being recently renovated and two massive double garages included - this is an ideal place for you to snap up! Move in & enjoy from the get go! Think new kitchen, two new bathrooms, two livings, four double bedrooms, and just a 5 minute drive to your local restaurants, shops and parks - what more could you need/want?

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Stokes Valley 19 Thomas Street 3 1 2

Freshly renovated throughout, the home is going to be a great lifestyle for someone looking for privacy and space! Nestled on 823m2 land, boasting 4 bedrooms or 3 and office, 2 lounges and a well appointed new bathroom and laundry, main bedroom has a walk in wardrobe space, spacious living downstairs with good indoor/outdoor flow to a well established garden and veggie patch with a fully fenced pool area, well designed chook house, and plenty of great areas to just sit back and relax and entertain in. Double garage and off street parking, your own piece of paradise awaits you. Scheduled viewing times are 5.30-6pm Wednesdays or Saturday and Sunday 1-1.30pm.

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Stokes Valley 23 Tawhai Street 4 1 1

Welcome to 23 Tawhai Street. Don't be an outcast and miss the opportunity to view what must be one of the cleanest and freshest properties in Stokes Valley. Having just been subject to a no expenses spared designer renovation, this property is 100% complete and ready for you to move right in. With beautiful attention to detail and a big sunny section, this is the right choice for your new family home. This is what you have been waiting for. Features; - 120m2 home on 972m2 big back section. - 4 double bedrooms, single garage - Great street in Stokes Valley's "Glen". - Fully renovated with nothing to be done. - Modern and fully landscaped. - Perfect family home.

For Sale

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92b Dowse Drive

You have heard it before, million dollar views that capture or mesmerise you - well here they are!

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15 York Avenue

Born in the 40's however internally revitalised into the 21st century, this art-deco, 4 bedroom and 2 bathroom character home has the best of both eras.

A true family sized home with exceptional indoor outdoor flow from living areas to a fabulous sun-drenched north facing deck and large lawn area, perfect for the kids to play. The double garage finishes off the tick list so all that is now required is for you to call Team Ledger to arrange the viewing of your next home.

As the owners start packing to venture overseas you can be in your new home before Christmas.

GV: $480,000 (UHCC 2013) Buyer interest must be well above this level.

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127 Kamahi Street

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Having had ongoing upgrades and improvements there is still opportunity to add your own flair to this 260m2 home.
With separate and open plan living leading out to a north west facing deck it caters for the entertainer in us all and the massive family kitchen will be the hub for friends and family to congregate.
Owners are downsizing as family have flown the nest so call Team Ledger today to view.

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25B Kingsley Street

A townhouse with sea and river views. Also a single garage and internal access so whether you are a first home buyer, investor, or even downsizing this little beauty will not only surprise you but will have you wanting to own it!
Two bedrooms and a bathroom upstairs boasting fantastic views right through to Wellington City and the sea.
Downstairs there is an additional toilet, kitchen and lounge leading out to north facing sun-drenched decks perfect for entertaining. Everything overlooks Manor Park Golf Course and the hills beyond.
Finally the decent man shed under the house offers space for hobbies, workshop or to store the firewood.
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18 Epuni St, which sold for almost double its CV last month. PHOTO: THE PROFESSIONALS

House in epic auction battle

TOMMY LIVINGSTON AND RACHEL THOMAS

The trend of houses in the Wellington area selling far above their capital value has been highlighted by a property in Lower Hutt being sold for almost double its CV.

The two semi-detached purpose-built flats at 18 Epuni St sold at auction last month for $840,000, which was $360,000 above its CV of $480,000.

The price was forced up by competitive bidding at the auction, Professionals managing director John Ross said.

''There was quite a fight between the last three buyers, and then it was down to two. Because very little of that type of product comes on the market, they tried to give it their best shot.''

The flats were built in 1937 and are let for a combined $690 a week. Each flat has two bedrooms and a study.

On the day it sold, there were 11 registered bidders, who placed 105 bids.

Despite the house selling way above its CV, Ross said the buyers still got the property for a good price.

''The CV is three years old to start with – three years ago we were in a very different market. We were in the middle of a property slump at that stage.

''We are now well into a property boom. The CV should have probably been somewhere in the seven hundreds.''

Rental properties in the Hutt area were always hotly contested, creating the perfect storm for plum prices, Ross said.

''What we have is a real shortage of purpose-built rental accommodation.''

Auctions over the past few months had been extremely popular, reflecting the current booming housing market in the region, he said.

Tommy's manager David Platt said the average sale price in 10 recent sales in Wellington was $702200, despite an average CV of $530500.

''While interest rates remain at the current levels and supply is stretched the market will remain difficult for buyers,'' he said.

In recent months, a Roseneath property in Thane Rd sold at auction for $895,000, with a CV of $520,000, Bayleys Wellington regional manager Grant Henderson said.

In July, a home in Ava St, Petone, with a CV of $510,000 sold for $770,000.

''There's no such thing as a bargain any more,'' Henderson said. ''Those days are gone.''

Wellington already had four suburbs in which the average house price was at least $1m: Oriental Bay, Seatoun, Roseneath and Karaka Bays.

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The modern kitchen and dining area has access outside through sliding doors to a private patio area, perfect for entertaining or alfresco dining. The home is toasty and warm with insulation in the floor, ceiling and most of the walls. The section is fully fenced to keep the kids and pets safe. With bountiful vege-gardens you might never need to venture into the vege-aisle again. The single garage plus extra workshop space will keep the car dry, or its perfect for all your projects. Extra off street parking is taken care of with the carport.
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7 Corrondella Grove, Belmont

Tender - Closes Tuesday 27th September 2016 at 2.00pm, 120 Queens Drive, Lower Hutt

Just a Very Cool Home

It's easy to dream. We all do it, picture ourselves living in a home of generous proportions, sitting in the comfort of a well-spec'd, warm, modern home, enjoying views, sun and privacy - living the kiwi dream!
This property provides an option to realise that dream with this architecturally designed Roger Walker home. Sadly, for the current owners, its time to move on, providing you with a genuinely exciting opportunity! Natural light and exposure to sunshine were clearly an important aspect of the design brief for this home; youll be amazed at the incredible flow with little surprises around every corner.

This tasteful home is packed with features for you to enjoy. Modern bathroom and ensuite, three toilets, walk-in wardrobe, central heating system, Infinity hot water system, two living areas, separate dining room, internal access garage with storage, wood burner and BBQ on mains gas. Designed for those that enjoy entertaining the living areas flow effortlessly onto the outdoor areas where you can enjoy the summer evenings with alfresco dining. The kids or pets can play safely in the fully fence and flat garden area; all in a quiet and peaceful bush setting.

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Open Home - Sun 1.00 - 1.30pm

540 Stokes Valley Road, Stokes Valley

By Negotiation

Private Peaceful Perfect

This stunning, 4 bedroom home has been well cared for and maintained. The exterior was recently repainted and the interior has been redecorated from top to bottom using modern colors and stylish fixtures and fittings, including carpet and light fittings. The kitchen features double door fridge/freezer, five burner gas hob and dishwasher. Theres central heating plus heat pump in second lounge.

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414 Jackson Street, Petone

Tender - Closes Thursday 22nd September 2016 at 2.00pm, 120 Queens Drive, Lower Hutt

ESTATE SALE IN PETONE

This much loved 1920's bungalow will excite first home buyers or those looking to purchase affordability in Petone. Boasting spacious open plan living areas, with gas heating, this adorable home provides a golden opportunity for the lucky new buyer to add their own personal touch. Enjoy the pretty cottage gardens and the benefits of living in a sought after Petone neighbourhood.

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98 Kowhai Street, Naenae

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LOOK....4 BEDROOMS AND A 787M2 SECTION

Built of brick and tile with aluminium windows, this solidly built 1960's home provides the perfect opportunity for a family, first home buyer or investor and is currently rented for $410 per week. There's space for everyone here in this 4 bedroom home which boasts a modern, open plan kitchen/dining room and a sunny separate lounge.

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Stream cleaning a tough job

NICHOLAS BOYACK

The old adage about it being a tough job but someone has to do it, applies to the Friends of the Waiwhetu Stream.

The Friends are responsible for 9 kilometres of the stream that once had the tag of the most polluted waterway in New Zealand. In 2009 the regional council spent $6 million removing a toxic sludge of heavy metals and poisons from the stream. Reports at the time said that the stream was so toxic it once caught fire.

The Friends subsequently began a project to bring the stream back to life by removing weeds and rubbish, as well as planting natives along its banks.

They recently achieved a significant milestone with the planting of the 20,000th plant.

Friends chair Merilyn Merrett said reaching the milestone was significant. "It is amazing to think where we've come from. Only a few years ago the stream was renowned as being the most contaminated stream in New Zealand."

Volunteers have come from St Paul's Church, the English Teaching College and the Wā Ora Montessori School in Naenae.

Planting is not the only hard work the Friends do. Over one weekend in August, a total of 24 bags of rubbish was collected by 25 volunteers.

"It's testament to how much the stream is valued by our local community that so many people give of their time. It's certainly paying dividends when you see the number of people enjoying the stream on a daily basis – it makes all the work we do so rewarding."

While the planting continues to be a major focus, the Friends are looking to embark on a new venture – developing signage plotting the history of the stream.

To volunteer email friends.waiwhetu.stream@gmail.com

The Friends of Waiwhetu Stream have removed more than 500,000 Cape Pondweeds. From left Merilyn Merritt, Nic Vipond, Allan White, Andrew Campbell-Stokes, Franz Hubmann, Matthew Lear in 2014

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Little Cutie
This cute little two bedroom unit is situated in a fabulous location in Moera, so close to the library and shopping area, the home would be great for someone wanting to downsize or get on to the property market.
Offering *Two good double bedrooms with built in storage
*Spacious sunny living area with open plan dining
*Separate kitchen *Bathroom with separate shower
*Spacious laundry *Carport and garden shed for storage.

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C/40 Mahoe Street, Central Hutt
Tender - Closes Wednesday 21st September 2016 at 2.00pm, 120 Queens Drive, Lower Hutt (if not sold prior)

Get Excited.....Get Very Excited!
You will love this very central and spacious two bedroom home.
Enjoying a private position at the rear of two similar properties, this lovely home is conveniently located close to Waterloo Interchange, a short walk to Lower Hutt CBD and zoned for very desirable schools.
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* Single Garage & Off Street Parking * Private Yard

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OPEN HOME
SUNDAY 11.00 – 11.30AM

56 Wai-iti Cres Woburn

This easy to maintain 2 double bedroom unit is situated in a popular Woburn Street within easy walking distance to train and everything Hutt City has to offer. It is surrounded with "High End" Real Estate

The good size dining room opens from one side to the kitchen and the other side to an equally spacious living room made cosy with good insulation in the Ceiling and Underfloor. It also has a heat pump.

The grounds are easy care (with a small vege plot) and there is a carport right at the back door. This would be the ideal investment property, a great 1st home, retirement option or a inner city pad for a very busy business couple.

Don't delay these properties are sought after.

Deadline for Offers 4pm, Wednesday 21st September 2016 (will not be sold prior).

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OPEN HOME
SUNDAY 2.00 – 2.30PM

27 Maire Street, Woburn.

This beautifully presented 4 bedroom home has been renovated and extended to today's modern style without compromising its character. Comprising two spacious living areas, one adjacent to a very stylish entertainers kitchen that allows interaction with the cook and family/guests while still retaining some visual separation from food preparation and the dining area which open out to a private wind protected, landscaped garden.

The 2nd living room is large and separately located at the opposite end of the house and so allows your perfect quiet place to escape to with something nice in a glass and a good book!

The master bedroom has an ensuite and a walkin wardrobe. There is also a full family bathroom.

In the colder months the heat pump and good insulation will keep you toasty warm whilst on warmer days you will love to take advantage of the bifold doors that open onto the deck to enjoy the full force of the sunshine.

The section is fully fenced and for those of you with multiple parking requirements, there is a double garage and off street parking for two vehicles. This lovely property is situated within easy walking distance from Woburn Station and is very handy to Hutt City.

Deadline for offers close 4pm, Thursday 22nd September 2016 (will not be sold prior).

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JUST MOVE IN & ENJOY

OPEN HOME SUNDAY 2.00 – 2.30PM

113b Waiwhetu Road, Waterloo.

This beautifully presented home would be ideal for singles, couples or young families. Featuring 3 bedrooms, new kitchen, new bathroom and new carpet throughout.

Open plan living flows to dining area which has French doors that open out to a lovely deck that captures the last of the days sun. The fenced rear yard is safe and secure which makes this ideal for children or pets.

Gas infinity hot water, heat pump and insulation top & bottom. Off street parking for 2 vehicles. With shops, schools and public transport in close proximity, this is a property that ticks all the boxes.

For sale by Tender closing 4pm, 22nd September 2016 (will not be sold prior).

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SUPERBLY CENTRAL

6 Milton Street

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I suffer from nausea and someone suggested I use ginger. Why is ginger so great and which way is best to ingest it? Regards, Fliss.

Hi Fliss Traditionally, ginger has been used to alleviate symptoms of gastrointestinal distress. Studies have demonstrated that ginger is also very effective in preventing the symptoms of motion sickness, especially seasickness and nausea. It's often used in pregnancy as a safe treatment for morning sickness. It also has potent anti-inflammatory effects and is often used to help with pain in osteoarthritis or rheumatoid arthritis.

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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.

I've read that you shouldn't eat anything after 6pm because it turns to fat more easily. Is there any truth to this? And should we eat three main meals, or six smaller ones? Thanks, Jay.

Hi Jay. The (incorrect) idea is that if you eat too late and go to bed on a full stomach, your body's metabolism will slow down and instead of burning off the food you just ate, you'll turn it all into fat and gain weight. Your body digests and uses energy via the same pathways morning, noon and night. Food eaten after 6pm doesn't magically turn into fat. However, many people feel physically better and sleep better when they have a smaller meal at night and eat earlier but that's a personal preference. From a digestive perspective it is certainly better not to eat late at night, as this is your body's time to rest and repair.

The factors that have a major effect on your metabolic rate include your muscle mass and thyroid function, and building muscle mass is essential from the age of 30 onwards, to counteract the natural losses that will otherwise occur.

When it comes to meal frequency it is definitely an individual choice. Some people feel better fuelled when they eat smaller meals more regularly whereas others find it easier or that their hunger is supported with three main meals. Digesting a meal raises metabolism slightly, however multiple studies have compared eating many smaller meals against fewer larger meals and concluded that there is no significant difference on metabolic rate.

Whenever possible choose fresh ginger over the dried form. PHOTO: JOHN SELKIRK

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Kaffir lime chicken with rice and Indonesian peanut sauce. PHOTO: SUPPLIED/ MY FOOD BAG

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Coconut Rice

- 1 cup basmati rice
- 1 ¼ cups water
- ¼ cup coconut milk (shake well before opening)
- Pinch of salt
- 1 cup frozen, shelled edamame beans, defrosted

Kaffir Lime Chicken

- 300g skinless, boneless chicken breast (cut any large breasts in half lengthways)
- 2 ½ cups cold water
- 3 tablespoons soy sauce
- 1 teaspoon sesame oil
- 1 kaffir lime leaf

Indonesian Peanut Sauce

- ½ cup coconut milk
- 1 tablespoon fish sauce
- 1 teaspoon soy sauce
- 30g smooth peanut butter
- 1 teaspoon finely grated ginger
- 1 tablespoon sweet chilli sauce

To Serve

- 3 radishes
- 2 tablespoons chopped roasted peanuts
- 100g mung bean sprouts
- ¼ cup picked coriander leaves
- 1 lime, cut in half

Combine all coconut rice ingredients (including edamame beans) in a small pot and bring to the boil. As soon as it boils, cover with a tight-fitting lid and reduce to lowest heat to cook for 12 minutes.

Turn off heat and leave to steam, still covered, for a further 8 minutes.

Do not lift lid at any time during cooking.

Place all kaffir lime chicken ingredients in a medium pot, cover with a lid and bring to a gentle boil on medium heat.

As soon as it boils, turn off heat and leave, still covered, for 15 minutes. The residual heat will cook chicken through.

Add all Indonesian peanut sauce ingredients to a small pot on low-medium heat and cook for about 5 minutes, whisking until smooth.

When rice has finished steaming, fluff up grains with a fork and gently fold to mix edamame beans that have risen to the top back through.

When cool enough to handle, roughly shred chicken using two forks. Thinly slice radishes.

To serve: spoon ¾ cup of cooked coconut rice onto plates.

Top with kaffir lime chicken, mung bean sprouts, radishes and drizzle with Indonesian peanut sauce. Sprinkle over coriander and peanuts.

Serve lime on the side for squeezing.

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AGM

To be held Thursday September 29th 2016

22 Eastern Hutt Road, Wingate, Lower Hutt.

Meeting to start at 1.10pm

All members welcome.

Come and have your say!

Annual General Meeting

Thursday 22nd September 2016, 7.30pm
Petone Library Meeting Rooms,
54 Richmond St, Petone

The AGM will be followed with a talk from:
Karen Fifield, CEO Wellington Zoo.
"The Role of the Modern Zoo"

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF TRUSTEES

Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of the Trustees of the Hutt Mana Charitable Trust will be held at The Dowse Art Museum, 45 Laings Road, Lower Hutt on Tuesday 27 September 2016 at 5.00pm.

Business

1. Apologies
2. Presentation of the Annual Report of the Trustees and the Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2016
3. Election of Officers by the Trustees
   a. Chairperson
   b. Deputy Chairperson
4. Appointment of Auditor
5. Determination of Trustees Fees for the year to 30 June 2017
6. General Business

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Note – Members of the public are invited to attend the meeting and speak but are not entitled to vote. Copies of the Annual Report and Statement of Accounts are available from the Secretary's Office, Phone **569 6113** or on the Trust Website **www.hmct.org.nz**

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Section 101, Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act 2012

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The general nature of the business conducted under the licence is **Wine Store.** The days on which alcohol is intended to be sold under the licence are **Mon to Sun 10am-10pm** The application may be inspected during ordinary offices hours at the office of the Lower Hutt District Licensing Committee at the Council Administration Building, 30 Laings Road, Lower Hutt 5010.

Any person who is entitled to object and who wishes to object to the issue of the licence may, not later than 15 working days after the date of the first publication of this notice, file a notice in writing of the objection with the Secretary of the District Licensing Committee at: **Council Administration Building, 30 Laings Road, Private Bag 31912, Lower Hutt 5040 / email to sol@huttciyt.govt.nz**

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Sunday 18 September 2016
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Swimmers show fine form at nationals

DAVE CRAMPTON

The National Secondary School swimming championships held during the weekend produced some top performances for local swimmers, with several records and national titles.

Held at the Wellington Regional Aquatic Centre in a long course (50m) pool, these nationals are viewed by many top swimmers as a warmup for the National Short Course (25m pool) championships in Auckland next month. These champs also double as a qualifier for the World Short Course Championships, to be held in Canada in December.

Of those at the champs, Chilton St James student Chelsey Edwards, 15, is one of the closest to qualifying for Canada. Her six medals included golds in the 50/100/200/400m freestyle events; her 50m swim was the fastest of all ages. She set a new Wellington age grade record of 26.38 seconds, which is only 0.21 second slower than an Olympic "B" qualifying standard.

She wasn't aware of that.

"That's so cool," she said when told. '

"I want to qualify for the world champs. It would be such a good opportunity (but) a big step up."

It's such a big step, that at 24.82 seconds, Edwards will have to break a Wellington Open record to qualify, a tough ask this year, but she hopes to win all freestyle events, including the 800m, next month.

"I've been doing quite good training – it's been one of my best build-ups yet so I feel that my results will be good."

Sacred Heart student Lucy England, 15, picked up two butterfly medals – gold in the 200m and silver in the 100m.

"We're in hard training at the moment, so I didn't think I'd do as well as I did," she said. "I prefer long course as I feel like I can get into a rhythm."

Other Hutt students to impress included Georgia More,14, also a butterfly swimmer from Sacred Heart. Placed top five in three events she was 3rd in the 200m event. HIBS student Richard Sasse,16, was 4th in 200m breaststroke.

The top swimmer of the champs was Bronson Lloyd,13, from Tawa College, with seven golds, two silvers and four pending national secondary school meet records.

Lucy England won a gold and silver in butterfly at the 2016 New Zealand Secondary Schools Championships.

Chelsey Edwards, 15, won six medals at the secondary school championships. PHOTOS: MARCO KELLER

Rollers get ready to rumble

ABBY BROWN

The first Roller Derby bout to be held in the Hutt Valley is going to get rough.

Roller Derby - where a "jammer" tries to get past four "blockers" of the opposing team and lap them, while the opposition is trying to do the same - is already a rough and tumble contact sport but the Hutt Valley Vanguard Roller Derby League will take it up a notch.

They are the only team in the Wellington area that invites all genders to compete in full contact derby.

"The league was created to fill a need for full contact roller derby in the Lower Hutt region," member Philippa Murdoch said.

The team boasted former rugby players who put their scrum skills to good use in the scrimmage - where the jammers were fighting to get through - but the sport was great for all shapes and sizes.

During their September 17 game, between 10 to 14 of their most skilled and enthusiastic members will play.

Saturday's game is at Walter Nash Centre, doors open at 5pm, the game starts at 6pm. Tickets on the door, $5 for adults, kids are a gold coin.

▮ To sign up for the sport contact the Hutt team on their Facebook page or come along to a training session, held Monday at Wainuiomata High School gym and Thursday at Walter Nash Stadium in Taita from 7pm-9pm.

The Hutt Valley Vanguard Roller Derby League will be holding their first derby game in the Hutt on September 17. PHOTO: ROBBIE BOOTH PHOTOGRAPHY

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Scott Waldrom chasing top sevens job

NICHOLAS BOYACK

Scott Waldrom is a step closer to achieving his dream job of coaching the New Zealand Sevens team.

The position is currently being advertised and Waldrom says his CV is in the mail.

"I am really keen to be involved in any capacity really. Only time will tell if New Zealand Rugby see me as part of their future plans."

The job became vacant after Sir Gordon Tietjens stepped down after New Zealand finished out of the medals at the Rio Olympics.

Originally from Wainuiomata, Waldrom rose to fame with Avalon where he is now the rugby development officer.

Unlike many professional rugby players and coaches, he has never had any interest in playing or coaching overseas.

When he stopped playing, the one-cap All Black signalled that he would like to coach sevens at the highest level.

"Sevens is my passion and that is what I enjoy."

He has enjoyed success with the Wellington sevens and has taken short-term coaching roles overseas, including one with the Dutch national women's team, but has always had his sights set on the top job.

"I turned down offers to go overseas when I was playing because I enjoyed the New Zealand rugby environment and I feel the same with the sevens about coaching here."

Another name that has featured in media speculation is sevens legend Eric Rush

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Rush remains passionate about sevens and told Waldrom he would like to be involved in some form. Waldrom says there are a number of well performed specialist sevens coaches who must be in the mix for the role, including former Black Ferns coach Darryl Suasua and Willie Rickards from Taranaki.

If he misses out on the top job Waldrom would be more than happy with an assistant's role.

"Yes absolutely. I would love to be involved in any capacity."

One subject he is not keen to talk about is the dismal recent form of the men's side.

A year ago they were favourites to win Olympic gold but their campaign ended in disaster, a result he would not comment on.

"That is probably a question I cannot answer."

* Waldrom played one game for the All Blacks against Munster in 2008.

Scott Waldrom has played for the Hurricanes, Chiefs and Crusaders. The one-cap All Black is now hoping to become the next New Zealand Sevens coach.

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