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# Prescribing festive cheer

This year 150 miniature chocolate-filled Christmas stockings will be distributed among eight doctors in the Kapiti area to bring delight to their younger patients. The stockings were crocheted by Joanne Ruscoe, a friend of the doctors. "Toddlers and young children love them and become engrossed almost immediately as they explore them with their little fingers," she said. "They consume the small slab of chocolate and still have the stocking to put little treasures in." Pictured: Ella Douglas, 3, and Kapiti Youth Support doctor Sue Wilson.

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#### FROM **EDITOR**

Just when I was starting to feel complacent about our recent quakes and floods, a shake on Sunday night made me start thinking again about how prepared I was for a life-changing disaster

Yes we have water, food, torches, candles and more in case of a major event, even a go-bag.

But I started to think about what my own personal go-bag would contain. The physical things in my life that have been important to me.

I'm not talking about passports or copies of important papers, but things such as photos of my family, presents from my partner and mementos from my childhood and travels overseas.

Yes, these things wouldn't keep me alive if I was fighting to survive, but they are an important part of my life and contain wonderful memories.

The events of the last couple of weeks have made me realise there are little treasures that are worth looking after.

– Amy Jackman, News Editor **Communities** 

#### 1. GREASE

The Levin performing Arts Society's season of Grease is underway. Performances continue until December 10.

#### 2. CHRISTMAS

The Raumati South Village Christmas Market will be held tomorrow from 2-7pm, at the Tennis Court Rd hall.

#### **3. CHE**

Kiwi music icon Che Fu will be performing at the Manakau Hotel tomorrow night.

#### 4. TRAIN

The Christmas Grand Circle Rail Cruise departs from Paekakariki at 7:10am on Sunday, travelling through Horowhenua and Manawatu before returning.

#### 5. COMEDY

Coastal Comedy celebrates its first birthday with a show at Raumati Social Club on Tuesday night. Email Adam for a chance to win a double pass - see our Facebook page for more details.

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#### JOEL MAXWELL

Hidden inside the bigger picture were people, places and even the smiling faces of those who had

A freelance photographer has captured Kapiti Island by creating a mega-landscape made from thousands of photos of the island contributed by Kapiti people.

Murray Short has unveiled The People's Kapiti Island, an 8.2-metre-long ''collaborative 8.2-metre-long photograph" comprising 1200 original contributed photos, some replicated up to 70 times, joined into a complete image.

Inspiration for the work, the length of a bus, came from the likes of Auckland installation artist Tiffany Singh, and British artist David Hocknev.

Hockney, Short said, had declared that the Grand Canyon could not be photographed because of its size and grandeur. Short felt the same could be true of the island.

He said his first emotion when the picture went up on the wall of a local cafe was relief that the giant work actually fitted.

"Then there was elation, that it actually looked as good as it did. It was beyond my expectations."

Each of the 1200 submitted images were fed into the AndreaMosaic program which produced the final work, so large it had to be saved as 81 separate

Murray Short and his completed collaborative photograph of Kapiti Island, taking up the entire wall of Hightide cafe, at Paraparaumu Beach.

'Then there was elation, that it actually looked as good as it did. It was beyond my expectations."

The picture consisted of 10,206 "tiles", each about 5 centimetres by 3cm, with some of the submitted images repeated across the

"Everybody's got a sunset photograph of Kapiti. The ones that appealed to me more were the ones that had personal investment, personal input," Short said.

He included photographs of his late mother-in-law, who died last year, and late brother-in-law, in the final mosaic.

The work was another step towards getting to the heart of capturing the island.

in the centre of today's newspaper

I live right down on the beach and, weather permitting, I see

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Kapiti Island every day, and I always want to go out and photo-

graph it. 'I have got literally thousands of images, most of them look very

Only a few were "keepers", he said.

■ People's Kapiti Island is on display at Hightide Cafe.

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### Green light for new \$330m expressway

#### **JOEL MAXWELL AND ADAM POULOPOULOS**

Transport Minister Bridges revealed on Tuesday that Fletcher Construction had won the contract to build the Peka Peka to Otaki section of the Kapiti expressway, with work on the ground starting in mid-2017.

It is expected to be open to traffic by 2020.

The New Zealand Transport Agency had previously estimated the project would cost \$250m. On Tuesday, both Bridges and the agency said it would cost \$330m.

Neil Walker, the agency's Wellington highways manager, said the \$250m figure was based on the estimate for the construction phase only. The \$330m estimate includes the investigation, design and property costs.

Fletcher would now start detailed design, environmental planning and other works for the

"This will include further com-

munity consultation."

Bridges said the high standard expressway would result in more reliable, safer and efficient travel to and from Wellington through the Kapiti Coast, and would continue to support economic development in the area.

The Peka Peka to Otaki expressway will eventually connect to the southern section of the expressway - a \$630m, four-lane link from Mackays Crossing to Peka Peka - under construction and expected to be finished by early 2017 at the latest.

The Kapiti Expressway is also intended to connect seamlessly

Traffic gets a run over the new Peka Peka overbridge, which has been built as part of Mackays Crossing to Peka Peka.

"The \$330m estimate includes the investigation, design and property costs."

with the \$850m Transmission Gully motorway being built between Linden, north of Wellington, and Mackays Crossing.

Transmission motorway is also expected to be open to traffic by 2020.

Otaki MP Nathan Guy said the expressway would bypass Otaki's township and "help remove one of the worst traffic choke-points in the lower North Island".

The town was a popular destination in its own right and this would continue, he said.

"Less heavy traffic on the streets will be welcomed by many

Kapiti Mayor K Gurunathan said the Peka Peka to Otaki expressway would deliver significant benefits to the area

Reduced travel times and our improved resilience will help unlock the Kapiti Coast's economic potential," he said.

Work started on the McKays Crossing to Peka Peka section of the Kapiti expressway in late 2013.

WILL OTAKI FALL OFF THE MAP?

Cafe Te Horo owner Jackie Wood said she felt positive about the news of progress on the expressway.

The cafe was currently on SH1, about halfway between Otaki and Peka Peka. Once the expressway was complete, drivers would have to get off the expressway at Peka Peka or Otaki to reach her cafe at Hyde Park.

But if Otaki had the right shops to make it a destination then its shopping economy would survive, she said.

"Look at Taupo, I think people were worried there, maybe for the first year it might make a little bit of a difference.'

Otaki ward councillor James Cootes said the local community board had worked hard with the transport agency to achieve the best result for the community.

"We all want to look back at the end of this project and be proud of what has been done," he said.

"The expressway/bypass will relieve the traffic congestion experienced by many and help cement Otaki as the destination it has become. It's exciting times

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### Ex-con plan angers community

#### **JOEL MAXWELL**

A plan to rehabilitate ex-prisoners in a church house in Otaki has angered neighbours, some of whom have gone as far as threatening to torch buildings.

Te Whare O Te Redeemed Fellowship has gained the lease for a building in suburban Waerenga Rd, near a kindergarten and a retirement village, and is planning to make it a house where exprisoners can learn life skills and reintegrate.

When nearby residents heard the news, some took to social media to claim the prisoners would include murderers and rapists from maximum-security jails – which pastor John Stone has assured them is not the case. "You have my word on it," he said.

About four or five men would stay at any one time at the house, which would be a drug, alcohol, violence and swearing-free zone.

Corrections said it was aware of the hostel proposal, but it had no plans for a facility in Otaki in the form "currently being discussed on social media".

Fellow pastor Warren Sanders said the church had not planned to tell the community until after it got the project up and running. Word leaked out anyway.

Stone said the church would now door-knock neighbours, and talk to them directly about what was planned.

Fellow neighbour Shirley Easton said she was still to make up her mind about what would happen

"The first thing my daughter

The former House of Hope building, in Waerenga Rd, Otaki, is set to be leased by Te Whare O Te Redeemed Church.

#### "The first thing my daughter said was, 'It's time to move, Mum'."

**Shirley Easton** 

said was, 'It's time to move, Mum'."

Megan Qaranivalu said the church needed to answer the com-

munity's questions about its plans.

"I am for rehabilitation centres, as I know the positive effects they can have, but they need to be set up with the support of the community and with an open-book vision."

Stone, who would live at the property with his family, said if people wanted to talk about the plans they could head to the church's services, held every Saturday night.

The church would take up the lease from December 22.

Corrections senior adviser Audrey Koti said any prisoners staying with the church would need sign-off "on a case-by-case basis" that would have to meet release conditions, which might include restrictions on employment and living arrangements.

#### **COLLECTION STRONG**

The Christmas spirit arrived early this year for the Kapiti Community Food Bank, with more than 400 banana boxes of food collected in its major annual restock. Appeal organiser Margaret Griffith said the collection, which was vital for meeting increased demand over Christmas and New Year, was the best in several years. The food collection is a joint effort by the five Kapiti Lions clubs from the Kapiti area.

#### **KAPITI RD WORK**

Work to run powerlines underground and create a new 2.5 metre shared path on the south side of Kapiti Rd between Arawhata Rd and Ngahina St is progressing. This weekend, contractors will be on-site, pulling down overhead powerlines and removing power poles to make way for the new path. Infrastructure services group manager Sean Mallon said the work would be carried out tomorrow between 7pm and 5.30am, and on Saturday from 8am to 5pm.

#### YOUTH VOICE SOUGHT The Horowhenua Youth Council

is seeking new members for 2017. The council, also known as Youth Voice, consists of about 12 representatives, aged 13 to 19. They identify and help solve issues that affect young people, through Horowhenua District Council's Youth Action Plan. Youth Voice applications are open, and close on Friday, February 17.

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### Kapiti kapa haka excites

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Kapanui School guitarist Rangi Halbert.

Kapanui School

students Kirsty-Anne McGlynn,

Sylvie Minnaar

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Wremo co-ordinates civil defence and emergency management services for the nine councils in the Wellington region. It also has centres in Masterton, Kapiti, Porirua, Upper Hutt and Lower Hutt.

Wremo has 22 full-time staff but during an emergency it becomes the focal point for hundreds of people.

Shortly after the recent 7.8-magnitude earthquake, a small army of people arrived, including engineers, inspectors, fire service, urban search and rescue (USAR) and police.

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At the heart of the building is the Wellington city operational management centre that activated straight after the quake, responding to tsunami threats and co-ordinating building inspections.

Maps and charts were pro-

jected onto walls, depicting road closures, dangerous buildings, no go areas and plans of action.

Wremo group controller Bruce Pepperell provided the overall guidance to the response.

Dealing with earthquakes, flooding and Tsunami threats at the same time, during the recent unprecedented emergency events, was not something he thought was possible.

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out in public (below).

Handlers swap dogs so they learn to be relaxed and confident no matter who is handling them.

**BOATING SAFETY** 

### Music video released

#### **ADAM POULOPOULOS**

A musician whose love for songwriting first manifested in Paraparaumu has released his first music video alongside his Hamilton-based band.

George Dryburgh and his band, Faded Farewell, released *Light up the Night* last Thursday.

The single will be part of the pop-rock band's second EP, to be released next year.

Dryburgh, a Paraparaumu College old boy, is a singer, songwriter and guitarist.

He started Faded Farewell as

a solo project, before moving to Hamilton to study music in 2012. In 2014 he and four classmates formed the band, and began to play gigs around Ham-

For Dryburgh, the journey began at his Paraparaumu family home.

"I do remember sitting on the deck with my guitar and harmonica and twiddling away. So that's where my songwriting started," he said.

Dryburgh said *Light up the Night* was about overcoming self-defeatist attitudes.

However, most of the band's material references mental illness, aligning with Dryburgh's own experiences.

"There's been a history of mental illness in my family. My

Faded Farewell band members David Miller, Holly Bowen, George Dryburgh, Justin Manuel and Andrew Gould.

#### "Keep an eye out. We're not done

Faded Farewell singer/songwriter George Dryburgh.

mum suffered very badly and I myself have depression, and I've been up and down over the years," he said.

As he has learned to cope with it the songs have taken on a more hopeful tone.

"People tend to gravitate towards depressing songs ... I

try to write songs that start in a place of depression but by the bridge or chorus there's been a resolution."

Dryburgh said he wants the band to start touring eventually.

For now, the focus is on writing songs and recording more videos.

"Keep an eye out. We're not done yet," he said.

Light up the Night can be seen on the 'Faded Farewell' Facebook page or YouTube channel.

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Emma Romain, Bella Brewer and Aimee Porter, all 12, from the Paraparaumu Beach School Ukelele Orchestra.

### School bands jam

Seven bands from around Kapiti and Horowhenua got together to perform for each other at Te Horo School last week.

Kapanui School student Ella Bustin sings.

Levin North School guitarist Jamie-lee Fuiono 11.

Singer Lana Whitton, 11, from Te Horo School band 'The Weirdos'.

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### Search for taonga owners

#### **LUCY SWINNEN**

A spring clean out at the Wellington Central Police Station has revealed a taonga box containing more than 80 items of "spiritual significance".

Now staff are searching for the owners of the items that have been handed in to the police over the past decade.

Most items are carved pounamu and bone necklaces, but there are also bibles, family photos, rosaries, carved patu and a plastic Jesus.

Police need to find the owners by the end of January or the items will be passed on to churches and

#### "They created a box ... hoping somebody would come and claim them."

master carvers who may return the items to the land.

"About 10 years ago they created a box and just kept them hoping somebody would come and claim them some day," Customer Services Manager Sharon Johnston said.

Standard procedure for lost items handed into the police station was to auction or destroy the property after three months, she But the taongacollection has

accumulated over the years. The station has only basic information on each item, such as 'a carved bone hook with paua found at Wellington Airport Departure lounge in 2005" and "a pounamu crucifix found on Bowen St in 2002".

Despite the limited information, Johnston was optimistic about reuniting some of the items with their owners.

■ If you think a long lost heirloom may be at the Police headquarters, contact the station and describe the item and bring any supporting information.

Some of the items held at the police station are old wedding and family

### Slow-slip quakes detected

#### **MICHAEL DALY**

Slow-slip earthquakes have been detected in Kapiti and Manawatu, adding to similar activity already seen in Gisborne and Hawke's Bay.

The announcement by GeoNet of the slow slipping in the west of the lower North Island was followed about 9.30pm on Sunday by a widely felt magnitude-4.5 quake 35km west of Paraparaumu at a depth of 27km.

GNS Science duty seismologist Caroline Holden said that quake could be linked to the Kapiti slow-slip event, but could also be an aftershock of the magnitude-7.8 Kaikoura quake, which happened just after midnight on November 14.

It was clearer that a cluster of earthquakes near Porangahau in Hawke's Bay was related to the slow-slip event in that part of the country, given they were further from the area of aftershocks related to the Kaikoura quake, Holden

It is the first time slow-slip movements have been detected in multiple regions since the phenomenon was discovered in 2002.

Researchers were investigating the possibility passing seismic waves from the Kaikoura quake

#### Slow-slip events in this country happen where the Pacific Plate meets the Australian Plate.

triggered the slow slipping.

The discovery of slow slipping on the west of the lower North Island comes as signs emerge that activity in Gisborne and Hawke's Bay may be tapering off, GeoNet said.

Slow-slip events in this country happen where the Pacific Plate meets the Australian Plate.

They take place over weeks or months without people any shaking detectable by seismographs.

Instead they are detected by a network of GPS stations around the country run by GeoNet and Land Information NZ.

By Saturday evening there had been about 15cm of slip across the Hikurangi subduction zone plate boundary in the Gisborne-Hawke's Bay event, equivalent to a magnitude-7.2 earthquake.

The Kapiti-Manawatu slow-slip involved movement across the boundary of 5-7cm in the past two weeks, equivalent to a magnitude-6.8 earthquake.

Also by Saturday, 225 earthquakes had been recorded in the Porangahau area since the Kaikoura quake. Most were smaller than magnitude 3 but did include a magnitude 5.5 quake 65km southeast of Porangahau on November 22.

Multiple slow-slip events could be typical following an event as big as the Kaikoura quake, GeoNet said. It was the first time slow slipping had been monitored after such a large quake in central New Zealand.

### Has your property suffered earthquake damage?

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If your home, land or contents have been damaged by the recent earthquakes, you can make a claim with the Earthquake Commission.

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# Achieving goals no matter what

#### RACHEL GRUNWELL

Can you imagine being legally blind and running fast?

Well, Maree Carson does this. The 32-year-old Wellington travel agent refuses to let her disability stop her from running.

Maree's next event is the Cigna Round the Bays on February 19. Her goal is to step up her speed so she can beat her time of 1hr 46mins from the same event earlier this year.

"I'm quite competitive and so I'm looking forward to doing it again and trying to do it better," she said.

To achieve her goal she will join the Wellington Harrier Athletic Club to help with her training.

Maree also runs with Achilles New Zealand, who support her by teaming her up with a guide to help her along new and unknown courses.

Next year's event will be Maree's fifth half-marathon following her completion of the New York Marathon last month with the help of Achilles guide Josh Thomas, from Wellington. He will also volunteer at Cigna Round the Bays, an event he is a big for of

"It's an easy and flat course,

the water views are beautiful and there are good vibes," he said.

Maree loves the event too and has always run. "I love it. I feel quite free and it gives me a clear head. It makes me feel better. It makes me so happy," she said.

Maree started losing her sight aged 16 through a degenerative eye condition, Retinitis Pigmentosa.

She has less than 5 per cent vision including no depth of vision or peripheral vision. She cannot see in the dark, in shadows, and sometimes Maree Carson and her Achilles guides completing the New York Marathon this year.

"floaters" affect her central vision.

Her commitment to running is an incredible motivation. She's an inspiration.

Achilles is the official charity partner of Cigna Round the Bays. Want to help? If you would like to guide an athlete, or have a disability and would like help to take part in Cigna Round the Bays, contact Achilles at achillesnewzealand.org. Or fundraise for this worthy cause. You can set up a fundraising page as part of your registration.

#### **ENTER NOW**

Register for the event at cignaroundthebays.co.nz and join #stepitupnz.co.nz to be in towin a prize worth \$2500.

■ Column by Rachel Grunwell, Cigna Health and Wellbeing Ambassador - a runner, qualified yoga teacher and director of lifestyle website InspiredHealth.co.nz. Follow her personal journey to get race-ready with her family on Facebook: InspiredHealthNZ and Instagram:

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### Conversations

# Keep community in rebuild loop

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TALKING POLITICS

o far, the attempts at normalisation along the upper east coast of the South Island have followed a similar pattern to what happened in Christchurch - bursts of reconstruction punctuated by aftershocks and misgivings about the daunting scale of the rebuild.

As in Christchurch, normality for the likes of Kaikoura may take years to achieve, not weeks or months.

As the immediate task of repairing and re-opening SH1 around Kaikoura begins, the configuration of rail, road and shipping likely to emerge in the longer term remains uncertain.

Reportedly, about 200 jobs were involved in providing and maintaining the pre-earthquake rail link between Lyttleton and Picton. After an initial flurry of comments by the likes of Prime Minister John Key and Transport Minister Simon Bridges, things have gone relatively quiet on the

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planning front.

Apparently, fixing the rail link between Seddon and Cheviot will be a longer, harder and more expensive task than the reopening of SH1, which will be difficult and costly enough.

Interim freight measures will probably involve a direct ferry link between the North Island and Christchurch.

Last week, Kiwirail was busily constructing a business case to

Once implemented, interim measures have a tendency to harden into semi-permanent solutions.

That new ferry link – if it happens – would displace some of the existing jobs in rail.

Among other things, a direct ferry link would also have an impact on Picton, a town that's already been taking an economic hit from the demise of Solid Energy's planned operations on the West Coast.

Inevitably, Kiwirail's footprint in Picton would diminish, the longer the rail link between Lyttleton and Picton remains out of operation, or under-used.

Across Cook Strait, Kiwirail's business is largely based on its freight operations, given how competitive Bluebridge is with respect to passenger traffic.

Any transport re-configuration that's based – even temporarily - around a North Island to Lyttleton direct ferry link would have economic and employment repercussions across the region.

Presumably, more big trucks would also be running up and down the affected parts of SH1, to help pick up the slack from the missing rail link.

Some telling statements were issued in the immediate

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 $aftermath\ of\ the\ earth quake.$ 

On November 15, Bridges confirmed to the House that a direct North Island ferry link to Lyttelton was being investigated.

The previous day, Prime Minister John Key's ministerial statement appeared to include a firm commitment to the restoration of the pre-existent road and rail links:"We will repair our roads, rail, and other infrastructure, and we will help our affected communities...The financial cost will be significant but we will bear that."

Of course, Key also made similar "bear any burden/meet any cost" noises in the wake of Pike River, and those commitments turned out to be a lot more nuanced and conditional than they'd seemed at first blush.

Given the impact the looming transport decisions will have upon jobs and businesses from Lyttleton to Cheviot to Kaikoura to Seddon to Picton, perhaps those communities should be being consulted right now by government about the options being contemplated.

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### The Kapiti Women's Centre

Closes 16th December 2016, reopens 30th January 2017

2016 has been another great year at the Kapiti Women's Centre. We continue to welcome new women to our place and many women return over and over again to enjoy our support and services. To operate this haven for women, we are grateful for the support and goodwill of our community.

**Thank you to our volunteers:** This place would not exist without the input and dedication of the 43 volunteers who work hard to ensure we open each day and are able to offer a wide range of services to over 8,500 women each year. To you all - thank you, you are the heart and soul of the Kapiti Women's Centre.

Thank you to our community: We would like to acknowledge the Kapiti Observer, and thank the many advertisers who make these fundraising pages possible. Otaki Players once again, very generously, gave us a benefit performance to their annual musical. We also raise funds by registering women for the Kapiti Women's Triathlon. Shoreline Cinema supports our monthly movie nights. Coastlands, New World and Pak and Save allow us to use their space for our annual Street Appeal. L'amour en cage sell Helen's beautiful aprons and bags on our behalf. Throughout the year we do other fundraisers made possible by the generous support of businesses in our community.

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### Magical mayhem and beastly business

The first non-Harry film in the Potter-verse favours a 1926 New York setting that follows characters pivotal to the Harry Potter mythology.

If you're not aware that Newt Scamander (Eddie Redmayne) was a magical zoologist who wrote a textbook or that Gellert Grindelwald fought Dumbledore in an infamous battle for something-or-other, Fantastic Beasts defines itself so well that newbies can easily follow while nerd eyes will soak up all the new details.

JK Rowling feels incredibly intune with her audience, the majority of whom grew up with the Hogwarts Class of 2001. Now these grown-ups are treated to a tale starring adults, centred on Scamander who enters the Big Apple with a (terribly unreliable) suitcase full of beasts while the underground world of wizards deals with an unstable threat that could expose them all.

Redmayne makes for a tender, unique, heart-warming hero who can sometimes seem more Time Lord than wizard (complete with Tardis-like luggage). Aiding him superbly is Dan Fogler, as the muggle who stumbles into the world of magic like a pug in a car wash – bewildered, yet astonished. Alison Sudol also radiates as one-note charmer

It's a damn shame that

Goldstein (Katherine Waterston) isn't as memorable. After being disgraced, she seeks to prove herself to the Statute of Secrecy, but the movie denies her a decent chance to do some magic badassery.

The climax also underwhelms
– as if they put nuts and bolts
inside a CGI blender, threw it
inside a subway, and called it a
fight scene. But that's partly
because everything you see before
that finale is so very visually

fantastical. Special effects can elicit excitement through explosions, but *Fantastic Beasts* is at its best when it elicits wonder through exploration.

Hopefully we'll see more of that in the next four sequels.

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#### **CHRISTMAS**

Arts and crafts fair: St Patrick's School, Hinemoa St, Paraparaumu, organised by Our Lady of Kapiti parish, December 10, 10am-4pm, entry by gold coin, children free.

Arts and crafts night:

Paraparaumu Library, Iver Trask Pl, December 2, 5-7pm, Otaki Library, Main St, December 2, 5-6:30pm.

Carols - Paraparaumu: St Paul's Church, Kapiti Rd, Paraparaumu, christmas music from Kapiti Chorale, December 3, 2:30pm, tickets \$30/\$10. Email tickets@kapitichorale.org.nz.

Carols - Raumati: Kapiti Uniting Parish, Raumati Rd, children's carols, December 7, 3-4:15pm, free.

Carols - Waikanae: Mahara Pl, featuring Kapiti Brass Band, the Ukes of Wellington and Santa himself, December 17, 10:45am.

Christmas Avenue of Trees:

Salvation Army, Durham St, Levin, trees decorated by businesses, schools and other organisations, money raised for Levin Food Bank, December 16-17, 6:30-8:30pm, December 18, 6-8pm.

Market - Kapiti College: Twilight market, December 2, 6-9pm. Market - Paekakariki: St Peter's Hall, Beach Rd, handmade goods sold directly by craftspeople, December 10, 10am-2pm. Market - Raumati: Tennis Court Rd.

hall, Raumati South, December 2,

2-7pm.

Market - Te Horo: Te Horo hall, School Rd, December 10, 10am-2pm. Once Upon a Christmas: Capital E, Queens Wharf, Wellington,

Christmas workshops and activities, December 1-24. Parade and carnival - Shannon:

Shannon Domain, SH1, December 18, 9am-3pm.

Parade - Levin: Starts from Durham St. December 11, 1pm.

Races: Te Roto Rd, Otaki, Levin racing Club christmas meet, December 15.

#### **MUSIC & COMEDY**

Black Eyed Susie: Salt and Wood Collective, Ngaio Rd, Waikanae, Celtic alt groove duo, December 3,

Che Fu: Manakau Hotel, Honi Taipua St. December 2.

Coastal Comedy: Raumati Social Club, Poplar Ave, Raumati South, 1st birthday show featuring three Wellington Billy T nominees, December 6, 8pm, tickets \$15 from Eventfinda.

Operatunity: Southward Theatre, Otaihanga Rd, Operatunity's 15th anniversary gala, December 13, 11am,

Otaki Live Music Club: Senior Citizens Hall, Rangatira St, club day first Sunday of each month, 7pm-9pm, call 04 9055959 to enquire. **Paraparaumu Country Music** 

Club: Waikanae Chartered Club.

Musicians Wayne Mason, pictured, Adam McGrath and Rob Joass will be sharing songs about love, death and anything in between at Lily's Ranchhouse in Levin

Elizabeth St, the second and fourth Sunday of each month, 1pm. \$4, call

**Pounamu Country Music Club:** Levin Senior Citizens Hall, Montgomery St, Levin, club day, first

The Raskolnikovs and Eb & Sparrow: St Peter's Hall, Beach Rd, Paekakariki, alt-folk and wild faux-Russian polka rock, December 9, 8pm, \$10.

Saturday of the month, 1-5pm.

Words and Music: Lily's Ranchhouse, Fairfield Rd, Levin, featuring Adam McGrath, Wayne Mason and Rob Joass, December 2, 8pm, tickets \$20 from Eventfinda, door sales available.

#### **THEATRE, FILM & DANCE**

**Grease in Levin:** Levin Performing Arts Society, November 25-December 10, bookings available at Camera Place, Levin Mall. Heaven Help Us: Kapiti Playhouse,

Ruahine St. Paraparaumu, a lighthearted comedy set in Paradise, November 23-December 3, tickets from TicketDirect and Coastlands.

#### **EXHIBITIONS**

Backwal Gallery: 99 Atkinson Rd, Otaki, group exhibition featuring Michelle Backhouse, Trevor Pye, Camille Walton and more, opening weekend November 5 and 6, 9am -

#### **Get listed**

Send details for the What's On by noon on Monday to editor@kapitiobserver.co.nz. Include the event name, date, time, venue, cost and contact number.

5pm, thereafter every Sunday 11am-4pm or anytime by appointment.

**Eclectic Impressions**: Taylor-Jensen Fine Arts, George St, Palmerston North, watercolours by Celia Guy, December 3-24.

Kapiti Artist Focus: Mahara Gallery, Mahara Pl, Waikanae, features eight artists with strong links to Kapiti, October 16-December

**Painting and pottery exhibition:** Paekakariki Village Hall, Beach Rd, featuring work by Freddy Bryant and Paula Archibald, December 4, 10am-7pm.

The Collecting Passion - from Pablo Picasso to Sue Soo: Mahara Gallery, Waikanae, December 11-February 5.

#### **FAMILY & COMMUNITY**

Bargain stall: Waikanae Presbyterian Church, raising funds for local and national charities, the first Saturday of each month except January, 9-11am.

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- Get to know your neighbours as they are likely to be the first people to respond to you in an emergency.
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### What's On

#### **FAMILY CONT'D**

**Big Dig**: Waitarere Beach, January 2, 2-4pm, tickets on sale at the beach from noon. **Book group**: Waikanae Library,

Mahara Pl, for men, third Tuesday of every month, 10:30-11:30am. **Car show**: Shannon Domain, SH1, show including more than 500 vehicles, hosted by the Shannon Progressive Association, February

19, 10am-2pm, \$2.

Chronic Fatigue Syndrome
support group: In Waikanae and
Levin, support for those with chronic
illnesses like ME/CFS, Fibromyalgia,
Sjogren's Syndrome and Lupus,
every month, call Sandra Forsyth on
0800600113 for more information.

**Disability get-together**: Freedom Church, Tavern Lane, Cannons Creek, chat with Hutt Valley Disabled Resources Trust and others about what's on for you in your community, every Friday, noon-3pm, call 569 3091.

Five rhythms movement meditation: St Peter's Hall, Beach Rd, Paekakariki, every Monday, 7pm-8:30pm, call 0210424921.

**Healing rooms**: St Luke's Church, Elizabeth St, Waikanae, every Friday, 10am-noon, call 904 3018.

**Kapiti Food Fair**: Mazengarb Reserve, Paraparaumu, December 3, 10am-3pm.

Levin Uniting Church market:

Oxford St, Levin, the first Saturday of each month. 8am-11:30am, Stalls \$10, call 06 368 6977.

**Otaki Historical Society**: Rotary Hall, Aotaki St, Otaki, public meeting launching the 2016 OHS journal, and more, December 6, 7:30pm, free.

Otaki Women's Community Club market: SH1 opposite New World, Otaki, every Sunday, 9am-3pm, call 06 3646267 for a stall.

**Paekakariki Market**: St Peter's Hall, Beach Rd, hand-made gifts, plants, bric-a-brac and more, the first Saturday of every month, 10am-2pm, free

**Pop in:** Kapiti Community Centre, Ngahina St, Paraparaumu, for seniors and newcomers, every Friday, 1-3pm.

**Pottery**: Classes with Nalene

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nalenemorton@gmail.com **Rail cruise**: Paekakariki Railway
Station, Tilley Rd, through
Horowhenua and Manawatu,
December 4, 7:10am-5:45pm. **Senior entertainment**: Senior
Citizens Hall, Ocean Rd,
Paraparaumu Beach, the second
Friday of each month, 2pm, call
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**Spiritual & Awareness Centre:** Levin Red Cross Rooms, Queen St, Levin, the first and third Sunday of each month, 10:30am.

**Spiritual drop-in**: Levin Red Cross Rooms, Queen St, Levin, every Wednesday, 12-4pm.

**Streetfeast**: Te Takere, Bath St, Levin, gourmet street food from

#### **FOOD FIESTA**

There will be more choice than ever before at Saturday's Kapiti Food Fair at Mazengarb Reserve. In total, 165 stalls will be set up, the largest festival since its inception in 2009. As well as food and beverages there will also be kitchenware and other foodrelated products available for purchase. An undercover area and licensed bar will also be on site.

around the world, the second to last Thursday of each month, 5-9pm. Note: The second to last Thursday of each month.

**Tea and Tales**: Waikanae Library, Mahara Pl, morning tea and share an hour of stories from our collection, the third Thursday of every month, 10:30-11:45am.

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**Kapiti Walkers**: Different locations every second Wednesday, call 9042266.

**Kapiti Women's Triathlon**: Raumati, February 26, visit the KWT website to enter and for more info.

website to enter and for more info. **Races**: Otaki Racecourse, Te Roto Rd, Interislander Summer Festival Family Day, January 4, first race 12:20pm.

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Christmas is coming and the best way to get into the spirit is blast some carols and start decorating. This year, try starting with your letterbox.

There may even be some prizes in it. Mike Pero Real Estate and Neighbourly.co.nz have been encouraging people to get out and decorate their letterboxes for Christmas.

"Our letterboxes are blank canvases," Pero said, "We're excited about seeing colourful creations from across the country; letterboxes lit up like Christmas trees, scenes from the North Pole - maybe even Santa's

To enter the competition, neighbours need to upload a snap of their festivelythemed letterbox to their Neighbourly noticeboards with the hashtag #christmasletterbox.

A range of goodies is on offer for the best decorated boxes, including gift hampers and Prezzy cards.

Entries will initially be judged by Pero, along with Neighbourly co-founder Casey Eden. Their favourite selections will be put up in a national poll so the ultimate winner can be decided by communities.

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**OFFICE CHRISTMAS PARTY** (TBC) (2hr)

Errors were found in exams from Level 1 through to Scholarship.

### Inquiry into NCEA math exam errors

#### **LAURA DOONEY**

The New Zealand Qualifications Authority has launched an independent review of its processes after mistakes were made in five separate NCEA math exams.

The authority had to apologise on Friday for an error in a Level 3 statistics exam, and since then errors in four other maths papers have been revealed

While NZQA was promising to make allowances while marking the Level 3 stats exam, teachers could not see how markers could take into account how students felt after being unable to answer questions, and second-guessing themselves for the rest of the exam.

Kapiti College maths teacher Jake Wills said that, in five years of teaching, he had never come across so many errors at such a high level of exams.

He was happy NZQA would look into what went wrong, but said his students had been left frustrated.

'They expect to be able to go in and demonstrate what they can do, but they're going in and sitting exams where they're not able to."

It was disappointing to have students come to him and say they felt as if they knew nothing, when it was the question that was not right.

'This year's been bad, there's

been a large number of errors ... we'd normally see no errors."

Year 13 Kapiti College student Anna Prendeville, 18, was worried the faulty Level 3 statistics exam would jeopardise her chances of getting top marks.

After the exam, she went home and cried, feeling her year's work had been stymied an error that made it impossible to answer. She had not been able to get past

the question, which had "really thrown her" for the rest of the exam. "We came out shocked ... we

couldn't do the entire paper, and we wondered 'What have we done wrong?' NZQA deputy chief executive

assessment Kristine Kilkelly said the only mistake likely to have made an impact on students' ability to answer the question was in the Level 3 statistics exam.

There were also discrepancies in a New Zealand Scholarship statistics exam, a Level 1 NCEA maths exam, a Level 2 calculus exam, and a Level 2 mathematics probability exam.

Markers would assess whether the mistake in the probability exam would have made it harder for students, and would make adjustments if necessary.

The other errors are not expected to have affected students' ability to answer the questions, she said.



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Reputable advice is available to help navigate the process, from government, industry and consumer organisations.

The MBIE (Ministry for Building, Innovation and Employment) website, www.building.govt.nz, covers the lot, from consents, quotes, planning and design, to choosing "the right people" for your type of building. Likewise, Consumer New Zealand (www.consumer.org.nz) offers a raft of valuable free information on the whole process.

Finding, communicating with, and hiring contractors is a biggie, whether you ask friends for recommendation or enlist the help of professional trade organisations.

But remember, you must use a Licensed Building Practitioner (LBP) if you are doing restricted building work, and you should get a qualified tradesperson if your work requires a building consent.

Before you sign on the dotted line, present your project to at least three contractors and review all quotes. And ask for detailed quotes, not just an estimate.

Then discuss your project with them to see whether they will be a good fit. Ask to see past examples of their work and talk to people who have used them, to check their communication skills, reliability, integrity and workmanship. Get an agreement in writing regardless of the size or cost of the work. You must have a contract if your project will cost \$30,000 or more (including GST).

The same advice applies when choosing a designer or architect; both sites cover this in depth, from shortlisting designers to signing a contract. Who you get to help you, and the decisions you make now, will determine what and how you build, and the final cost.

To help you design your project, you can use registered architects, architectural designers, architectural draughtspeople, chartered professional engineers, builders, or building companies that provide design packages.

They all have different qualifications, and varying skills and abilities. Choose according to how much help you need deciding what to build, and how complex the job will be.

A designer who is an LBP must design any restricted building work.

If you want to be hands-off, hire someone who can manage your whole project, including securing consents, hiring tradesmen, and organising the final council inspection.

Last, but definitely not least, your budget will dictate all of your decisions, so be clear from the start with everyone, from the designer to the plumber, what your budget is.

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"We've come across a few places where someone has gone in and just filled the crack with silicone and

painted over it and that's just caused more problems. "Our team will make sure your repairs are expertly carried out and that our cladding system is applied according to manufacturer's specifications. Final painting with the correct product is essential for the lifespan of the plaster finish." Texturite was established in 2003 and the team has a long track record in the building sector. The company does a lot of work with monolithic cladding and staff know how to correctly install, repair, paint and maintain it. However, he says, without doubt the ideal solution for a homeowner with direct/facefixed monolithic cladding is to fully re-clad the home and bring it totally up to current building code. This option is becoming more common and Texturite, as well as doing the recladding work, can offer finance arrangements in some situations for this type of work.

Texturite offers a number re-clad options, including expanded polystyrene sheet (EPS), autoclaved aerated concrete (AAC) and ecofriendly exterior cladding systems. But Texturite understands that not everyone is in a position to do this and a lot of the company's work is the maintenance and repairs to cladding on older homes. "Much of Texturite's repair work comes with a seven-year warranty - we go back and check the work every year and if people paint again with us we give them a new warranty so it's an ongoing service." He says with staff being specialist plasterers they know all the ins-and-outs of all types of cladding for both newbuild and re-modelling projects. Texturite also provides a comprehensive record of maintenance that is transferable to any new owners.

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### Building a future

Two first-time home builders share their experiences.

#### Ashleigh, 20s, first home.

When we were on our OE in 2014 we started to think that the next step should be to buy a house. After looking at what we could get for our money, building was the best option. There were limited sections left in the subdivision we looked at. The deciding factor came down to the more expensive section having afternoon sun in the backyard as opposed to the driveway. Best decision we made.

#### How choose a designer-builder?

We looked at a lot of different companies then narrowed it down to three and got each to come up with concept designs and pricing. It came down to getting a bigger house and better inclusions for a cheaper price. I don't think we would use them again, as it was an extremely stressful process. While we are really happy with our final result, it wasn't without major mistakes and delays.

#### **Biggest stresses?**

The sales team were efficient, but the project manager(s) were overworked and underresourced. That resulted in a couple of months of delays and big mistakes. They were fixed, but should never have happened. It was really frustrating.

#### How did you choose everything?

We took a good few months to work out our final design. It took many trips to the show homes, hours going over concept plans and talking to as many people as we could. We measured everything against the house we lived in at the time. It was lucky that we mostly agreed on style. We wanted really simple/neutral, which was easy to achieve.

There were some contentious issues but we managed to work through them without too many tears. The scariest part was waiting to see if the end result matched the ideas in our heads – luckily we were very happy.

#### Did you build for you or resale?

A combination. We did design it with us in mind, but also with the thought that eventually we will sell. It was hard not to upgrade too many things as the costs creep up quickly.

#### Top tips?

- Be ready for a lot of planning, organising and keeping on top of everything. Even with a project manager, you need to know what is happening and make sure it is being done the way you have agreed.
- Take time to get the floor plan right. Visit as many show homes as you can – the best places to get ideas and see things in real life.
- Budget extra for almost everything. We went over our initial budget by \$100,000. A lot of this was due to the more expensive section, but everything you add comes at a cost: extra light switches, power points, kitchen drawers, tiled showers, nicer bricks...
- Pick your battles. You will never agree on everything, but know what you will compromise on and what you won't. A separate toilet was a deal breaker for me, so I gave up the scullery for an office. Turns out we have plenty of room in the kitchen.

#### Worth it?

Yes! I love coming home every day and seeing the home we created.

#### Deborah, 60s, first build.

I'd renovated a nearly derelict villa some years ago: repiled, rewired, reroofed, replumbed, gibbed. New kitchen and bathroom. I thought that prepared me. Here, I wanted to build simply for the creative process of designing a bespoke space just for me. I had some specific requirements I would never have been able to find in an existing house. I wanted a view of the river and stumbled across a great section I could afford. I made a very low cash offer.

#### How choose a designer and builder?

I interviewed five architects before choosing the one who would design the house I wanted, not the house he wanted. With a couple of the others, it would have been a fight the whole way. I interviewed six builders; the one I chose was the only one thoughtful enough to visit the section and do some research and discover some of the problems. For instance, there was no sewage connection. No one else spotted that. So that would have meant major surprises in the middle of the build. I would use both of them again, in a heartbeat.

#### **Biggest stresses?**

If you're not endlessly rich, you have to compromise. I thought I'd be disappointed in the final product, because I compromised damn near everything but the spaces. But they spaces do it for me. And I didn't count on the magic of owning a gully section. I have the view of the river from the front, and the gully from the back.. It's like living in a treehouse.

#### How did you choose everything?

I'm pretty decisive and know my taste very well. Plus the house was Georgian in design, so lots of choices were made for me; outside doors are traditionally black, for instance. Even so, I hit my limit. When it came to paint inside, I just went with white because I simply couldn't make another decision.

#### Did you build for you or resale?

A little bit of both. It's two bedrooms for me – a huge downstairs space is both spare bedroom and sewing room. But for \$5000, I can put in walls and convert it to three bedrooms, adding value to the home.

#### Top tips?

- Force yourself to stay calm. I'm a control freak but I simply planned not to get upset about anything and I didn't.
- Choose architects and builders carefully.
   You'll always have surprises. The budget will
   always be blown. But the more methodical
   those two players are, will save you big time.
   I didn't go with the cheapest.
- Focus on the spaces, not the details. Wall colour and light fittings are changeable. But the spaces you'll have to live with.
- Think about what you're building and the space it will occupy. Beware of trends. You don't want it to be like those weird 1970s chalet things that are so embarrassing now. It's a house that will be there for decades.
- With tradesmen, be prepared for compromise. Give as much room as you can so that if you have to put your foot down, you won't be seen as a harridan.

#### Worth it?

Oh my, yes. I adore it.

Walk all over us. Everyone else does!

## Look: Pink and grey Whoa! Wallpaper are back it's back and better

It's the dark tones that add drama to this pink and grey room. It is often said of fashion, if you wait long enough everything comes back into vogue – and it's a saying that could apply to interior design just as much as apparel.

But if you look carefully, when a trend reappears it's seldom ever exactly the same as it was first time round. There are subtle differences, and the look is often more sophisticated when it is

This summer we are seeing that all-time '80s favourite, pink and grey, making a comeback. And while many of us feel we have only just rid ourselves of the first excesses, there's a whole new generation finding the idea fresh and appealing.

All the summer collections from the homewares stores are including pastels this season, and pink and grey feature large. But rest assured, it's not exactly the same as it was back in the day. Interior designer Nicola Manning says the look is more about "blush and grey", rather than pink.

"It's a very soft and feminine look, but not too pastel. It's definitely more sophisticated – the new pink is warmer and softer than it was in the '80s, and the textures are very different. The materials are a lot more textural and matte.

"The greys are also different. They are muddier, which again gives a softer look. And the addition of metallics adds a finishing touch and brings out a lot of warmth.'

Manning says the blending of grey with brown is a very dominant theme, and was a key look at

the Milan design fair this year. It is also on the shortlist for the Pantone Colour of the Year, to be announced in December.

The designer says if people are a little worried about introducing too much pink, they can use it in moderation.

"I always say to clients, keep the flooring and sofas neutral and then you can have lots of fun with accents and cushions.

Debbie Cavit of Cavit & Co says similar shades are also showing up in high-end furniture brands. "There are a lot of soft greys coming through in furniture pieces, and next week we take a delivery of a pink armchair and mid-grey sofa designed by Jean-Louis Deniot who is the new Parisian designer for Baker Furniture.'

Cavit says the seating will be teamed with black and cream lacquer side tables and a "fabulous Tourmaline mirror".

It's the dark tones that add drama to this pink and grey room.

Still scared by your childhood wallpaper memories - the gaudy floral designs, overwhelming plaids or pastel spring flowers of the 70s and 80s?

Time to get over it. Wallpaper is well and truly back in the home decorating fold.

In recent years there's been a huge resurgence in interesting and inventive wallpaper, with big brands and big names coming on board.

Internationally, celebrities and artists are collaborating with wallpaper creators to create their own designs.

And at home, decor companies are investing in the

Recently The Tile Depot launched a range of bespoke Italian wallpapers, designed to fit your

Some include resins and glitters to create textured patterns that sit off the wall to give touch, feel and a 3D effect

One of the main reasons for wallpaper's new popularity, says Wellington-based Aspiring Walls wallpaper designer David Abbotts, is that all tastes and styles are catered for.

"It's no longer seen as the tired old dowdy look. It's an exciting environment to be involved in, Abbotts says. "It's a case of dressing your walls as opposed to covering [them] with paint." He says it's like when you dress in a favourite item of clothing and feel great "a well-dressed room creates the same effect."

Louise Barker, owner of Christchurch's interior design company Blue Scarlet, is a big fan of wallpaper and admits she's had to "control herself" on how much she uses in her home.

"The feature wallpaper I have running up the stairs is the main event and like art, it creates a talking point. Some people love it; some not so much. It has even been used as a backdrop for a fashion shoot," she says. "We also have some pretty cool Penguin Classics wallpaper in the downstairs loo.

Wallpaper can instantly transform a space, which makes it a wonderful design tool, Barker says

"It can set a tone, it can turn an otherwise dull space into something spectacular," she says.
"Wallpaper is a great way to add 'wow'. It can go in an entranceway for example, or if you are a bit hesitant, you could use it in the laundry, toilet, spare room - somewhere that you can hide away if you're worried it could be seen as too much. Even a piece of wallpaper framed as art can be really effective.

The abundance of wallpaper choice available to consumers is helping its comeback Barker says.

Online shopping means wallpaper designs from around the globe are now available to Kiwi shoppers. People can find anything they like, whether it's vintageinspired, botanical or futuristic designs. It's endless

Buddha wallpaper design the dining room in Relda and Steve Frogely's home features wallpaper from Back to the Wall.

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### Open homes are becoming a blur

#### **Blake Crayton-Brown**

My mind is slowly turning to mush. Sunday afternoons are fast becoming a blur.

It's not that I can't remember what I was doing over a given weekend, I certainly can - trudging through open homes.

I'm just struggling to remember the specifics.

Which house was it again where the floor boards outside one of the bedrooms made a "ga- dooonk" sound when I walked over them?

And which was the house where there was a garage that would be completely inaccessible by cars unless you disassembled them first?

Given that the lion's share of houses we've looked at so far have been older

(1910s-1940s), in the Hutt Valley, on the flat, and with mostly small-ish backyards, they're all starting to fade in our minds individually.

So what can we do to better remember what we love, hate and are bemused by in the houses we look at?

Sometimes when you're rushing between open homes, which almost all seem to overlap during about a two-hour window after midday Sunday, even finding the next house can be a bit of a mission, let alone penning an accurate and thorough description of what we've just seen.

Should we be scribbling down as many notes as we can as we walk through the house?

Getting around all the homes on our list for a Sunday afternoon can be stressful.

Or take some smartphone photos of anything odd that we notice as we go?

Good friends who snagged a house in Wellington last year have made a good suggestion.

They put together a good old fashioned spreadsheet to help keep tabs - not only on the houses they'd been to, but also the ones they missed out on seeing in person over a particular

It's something I'm planning to put together this week ahead of the next fun round of trying to not fall over as I fumble to put my shoes back on in front of sometimes dozens of more co-ordinated and graceful shoeputter-oners.

But it's not my only plan ahead of next weekend's open home tour of duty - I'm also going to buy some slip-on shoes.

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### 10 tips for speedy summer clean

#### **COLLEEN HAWKES**

It happens to the best of us. Every year we aim to be fully prepared for the holiday season only to find it has sneaked up on us and spring cleaning the house has been left to the last minute.

It doesn't help when friends tell you they have spent the past few months preparing the house for guests – painting, cleaning, repotting pot plants and sorting out the garden.

But it is helpful to know there are some quick fixes that will make a huge difference to the look of your home, and your peace of mind. Here's a list of handy tips and chores you can share around the family.

- Tidy, tidy, tidy. If we could only give you one tip, this would be it, which is why it is at the top of the list. Get rid of those piles of clutter that gather around the house, on top of the coffee table, tables and benchtops. We're talking about visible clutter. This is probably not the time to sort out the inside of cupboards and drawers that can be done when you are less busy.
- Wash and sweep around the porch and front door. Many of us never even enter the house through the front door, but your guests will. A Christmas wreath will brighten the door and create an inviting entry. Check if a new doormat is required.

 Wash the windows and sills in the kitchen, family and living rooms. You want guests to look through the windows, not at them.

- 4. Spruce up your outdoor living area. Remove weeds from between the paving. Pull out the large weeds and deal to the rest with weedkiller or boiling water (just remember to wear shoes and avoid hot splashes).
- 5. Wipe down the outdoor table and chairs and maybe replace your sun umbrella if it's old and faded. You can pick up a sun umbrella for \$40 at any of the large discount stores and it will provide an instant fix. Put a sturdy, widebased container of fresh flowers on the table aquilegias are perfect and inexpensive, and they simple, cheerful things that always make guests feel welcome.
- Check out the barbecue. Make sure it's clean and ready to use, with plenty of gas in the bottle.
- 7. Take a little time to make the kitchen look good. Everyone ends up in the kitchen at parties. In truth, it's often the first place guests come to, especially if they are bringing a plate or bottle. Wipe down the fronts of the cabinets, the dishwasher, fridge and oven. Even cleaning the inside of the oven needn't be a drag. Modern oven sprays are so good just

With or without Christmas decorations, a clean house creates a welcoming environment for the holidays.

spray on, leave half an hour and wipe clean. If you are lucky enough to have a pyrolytic cleaning function on your oven, use it. Just don't leave it till the last minute. And clear that kitchen bench. If there are items sitting on the bench that you don't use on a daily basis, find somewhere else to store them.

- 8. Freshen up the bathroom with nice soaps and towels, including a hand towel for guests, and ensure all personal items are hidden away.
- 9. Vacuum everywhere, and don't forget to look up to clear any cobwebs.
- Sit back and relax, unless of course you've yet to do the Christmas shopping.



### Future-proof

There's more to building a "sustainable" home than adding a heat pump or solar water heating.

If you are serious about building an energy-efficient home, you have to look at numerous aspects – and call in the experts.

A truly "passive" house is designed to keep occupants at a comfortable temperature using the home's physical structure and site conditions alone, requiring little or no extra energy for heating, cooling and ventilation. Although specific design approaches may differ, the core elements are the same: good solar management, good insulation, well controlled ventilation and careful use of high-mass material.

Such a home will improve your quality of life and save money in the long run, even if it is a little more expensive to achieve. It is also easier and cheaper to get it right from the start, than to make changes once it is built.

The key is to choose a designer and tradesmen familiar with sustainability principles – after doing your homework and getting several quotes. Consider using resources like Homestar – which accredits buildings with energy ratings – to ensure you are working towards a certain efficiency standard.

General design features:

- House sited to harness the sun's free heat and avoid shade.
- Shape simple to reduce thermal weak points (corners).

- Above-code, snug-fitting insulation.
- Built on an insulated concrete slab.
- Energy-efficient lighting.
- Solar, wetback or heat-pump water heating.
- Most glazing to the north; minimal to the east, west and south.
- All glazing, including skylights, double, low-E and argon-filled, with thermally broken aluminium frames.
- Doors and windows tightly sealed to exclude draughts.
- Roof designed to allow for solar hot water and photovoltaic panels.
- Overhangs and other exterior shadings exclude summer sun.
- Living areas sited to the north or west; bedrooms and kitchens east; garages, laundries and toilets south.
- Cross-flow ventilation across the width of the building.

However, getting it right is not simple. For instance, achieving the right amount of "solar access" to warm the house in winter, but not overheat it in summer, means balancing location, orientation, room layout, window design and shading. Ditto light; large windows that admit high levels of light can overheat the room, especially if they cast light on a thermal mass.

If your preferred site does not have good solar access – for example, where the north face is narrow – compensate with building features and design strategies:

- Draught-proof house to minimise heat loss.
- Total window less than 20% of the floor area.
- Insulating drapes to improve window efficiency.
- Higher window sill heights and high clerestory windows.
- Lower thermal mass.

For detailed information on building a sustainable or truly passive home, see the experts.

Useful references:

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### It's gardening time!

#### So what are the hot trends for the 2016/17 summer garden?

#### The home herb garden

Growing your own fruit and veges has been a popular garden trend in recent years, but now it is all about the herbs.

There's nothing like picking a few fresh sprigs for your home cooked meal – like fresh mint with tomatoes and balsamic vinegar or crushed mint in your favourite summer drink

Even better, you don't need a garden to take advantage of this trend.

Herbs are ideal for containers on the deck or pots in a sunny kitchen window.

#### **Smaller water features**

People are moving towards smaller water features and away from large ponds.

Heavy metal fountains and features made of natural stone are popular this year.

The industrial look of big, natural products such as concrete and steel is set to be big this summer.

#### Outdoor bath and shower

A growing number of homeowners are now installing outdoor baths or showers in their gardens so they can lie back and watch the stars overhead or listen to the birds in the trees while in the shower.

A big advantage of outdoor baths over spa pools or hot tubs is you don't need chemicals because you refill the bath each time. And outdoor showers are very useful in summer for cleaning up messy toddlers and dogs, washing off sand if you live near the sea, or washing off dirt after an especially hard day in the garden.

#### **Planting flowers for bees**

The dire plight of our bees has woken us all up to the need to restore as much of their natural habitat as we can.

Flowers are returning to gardens, wildflowers are popping up along verges and in parks, and beehives are the must-have item for urban gardeners.

Many of us have realised the harm that chemical sprays can do to bees also, and are finding other alternatives.

#### **Vertical gardening**

Vertical gardening means more trellises, arbours, wall-gardens and climbing plants that flourish in small containers.

The trend has come about because more and more people live in less and less space and it makes sense to go up rather than out.

#### Wide weave wicker furniture

The outdoor sofa is here to stay! Expect to see chunkier outdoor settings and the larger weave designs offer a more inviting look with a unique style that really stands out from the crowd.

A growing number of homeowners are now installing outdoor baths

This year, patio furniture with curves is coming through.

**Container gardening** will remain hugely popular in 2017 with people now growing everything from herbs to blueberry shrubs in beautiful pots.

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Auction: Saturday 10th December 2016 1.00pm Onsite Open: Sun 4th Dec 2pm-2:30pm Address: 47 Kahukura Avenue

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### Backyard Beachfront! - Deadline Sale 7/12/16

Driven by great weather, lifestyle & a new expressway the Kapiti Coast has seen some exorbitant prices paid for beachfront property. This prime property in a friendly street is set amongst sand dunes at the North end of Otaki Beach & presents a rare opportunity for those aspiring to a superb location before prices really start to rise. Coming to the market for the first time in almost 40 years, bright & fresh, with new carpet & flooring & the potential to upgrade & develop further this 2-bdrm house with 1-bdrm apartment offers a host of different living & lifestyle options. With large garage plus a workshop & ample off st. parking for the cars or boat as well as large section (bordered on two sides by reserve) for the overflow. RV\$400,000

Open: Sat 3rd & Sun 4th Dec 1pm-1:30pm Address: 11 Moana Street View Online: www.dwre.co.nz/POT11666

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Hens Teeth Alert! - By Negotiation

Easy-Care Living Starts Here! - Deadline Sale 20/12/16

- O Lot 1 Ihaka Hakuene St, 2023m2, LV = \$141,000 Rates 813.93 Lot 2 Tame Porati S, t2017m2, LV = \$141,000, Rates \$1603.39 A rare opportunity to purchase land without covenants on two very desirable
- o streets within the beautiful historic village of Manakau. Established trees, narrow roads & berms with no kerb and channels help to maintain the scenic historic & rural character setting of the village. Only 5 min from
- o scenic, historic & rural character setting of the village. Only 5 min from stunning Waikawa Beach, 5 minutes north of Otaki & 15 minutes South of Levin its easy to see why Manakau is emerging as a trendy new place to live!
- So, if building new while maintaining a sensitivity to old world charms is what you've got in mind then one of these sections is for you.
- Perfect home for a first home buyer, active retirees or an investor as our lovely long-term tenant would love to stay on. With loads of homely little features including the sunny conservatory, this will make an extremely
   comfortable home for a very lucky family..
- 1 With a private rear garden and fully fenced flat section there is plenty of space to enjoy. Located very close to all the amenities of our town centre, you really need to put this one on the list.
- Call me anytime to view or come to our open homes on Saturday or Sunday.

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#### AN ABSOLUTE FIND - Auction

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Hidden from view for privacy and sheltered from the weather this beautifully presented 3 bdrm home is an absolute find and a privilege to market. Walk in the front door and you are instantly impressed with the open plan living, walk through to the dining area with ranch-sliders opening to the outdoor living area. The modern kitchen makes cooking for family & friends a breeze. Walk down the hall to the 3 bedrooms with splashes of colour, sep bathroom, sep toilet, & sep laundry. A double garage sits on a fenced 1,136m2 section. This is a real gem.

**Auction:** Saturday 10th December 2016 2.00pm Auction - On Site(will not be sold

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**Margaret Benton** 

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Brand New in the Rise - Auction

Terrific Townhouse - BEO \$345,000

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- 3 If you have been dreaming of a change in your lifestyle, then here is your chance. A just completed, brand spanking new, 3 bedroom home with double garage on a 3922 s.m well fenced section, with the addition of a
- 2 large utility shed of approx. 30 s.m. awaits you. The view from the modern kitchen allows you to be part of family and friends while you entertain them.
- The section is a blank canvas which gives you the opportunity to put your own style to this block, with the option of a couple of paddocks or mass plantings. With Wellington seemingly getting closer, now is the time to 1 consider your move.

**Auction:** Saturday 10th December 2016 3.00pm 686 Waitarere Rise(will not be sold prior) **Open:** Sun 4th & Sun 4th Dec 1pm-1:45pm

Address: 686 Waitarere Rise Avenue View Online: www.dwre.co.nz/PLV13016

**Margaret Benton** 027 447 7466 06 367 9333 margaret@dwre.co.nz

- This much loved brick, tile and aluminium townhouse is just 9 years young and situated in a great location. Offering open plan living and with amazing views out to the Tararua Ranges, a well equipped kitchen with wall oven,
- 1 ceramic hob and dishwasher plus 3 good sized bedrooms. The home has wonderful indoor/outdoor flow with access to a veranda being conveyed
- through ranch sliders off both the lounge and 2 of the bedrooms. There is a bathroom with a bath, shower and vanity and also the convenience of a separate toilet. Heating is provided by an efficient heat

1 pump and the home also has the added bonus of a moisture master system and a security alarm.

Open: Sun 4th Dec 2:30pm-3pm Address: 45 Bowen Street View Online: www.dwre.co.nz/PLV13009

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#### An investment that could pay off! - Deadline Sale

#### 07/12/2016

Here's your chance to invest in this diamond in the rough. The house is located on the front half of a large section in a top location -Raumati Beach. Just minutes' walk to cafes, pub, schools, college, the beach, and the park. The owner said that he's had enough of tenants. Just sell it. See its' potential++ with a possible opportunity to develop the back half of the section. This 1950's house has great bones, open plan living with relaxing views over the park and back to the hills.

Open: Sat 3rd Dec 2pm-2:30pm & Sun 4th Dec 12:30pm-1pm Address: 16 Tui Road

View Online: www.dwre.co.nz/PKP12582 Elizabeth Scollay 04 297 2019 021 032 8040 04 212 5283

#### WELLINGTON CITY FRINGE - LANDMARK PROPERTY - By Negotiation

Set on a sunny elevated site, this classic 1930's property has only had 2 owners since built and retains the 1930's charm with plenty of scope to move it into the 2000's, or simply move in as is and enjoy the 1930's lifestyle.

The dwelling has an easy care lawn and garden, with many private outdoor living areas. Fronting the road is a secure single garage plus roadside parking for visitors

Open: View By Appointment Only Address: 24a Waipapa Road View Online: www.dwre.co.nz/PKP12579 Ray Turner 021 468 759 ray@dwre.co.nz Elizabeth Scollay 021 032 8040 elizabeth@dwre.co.nz

#### 4000sqm Rural - No Covenants - \$147,000 GIST Inclusive

Approximately 1 acre of flat alluvial land, well Approximately 1 acre of flat alluvial land, well fenced and sheltered with power and phone to the boundary. The site is private and the location only 5 minutes from town boundary of Levin. Ohau village is nearby with a cafe, vineyard and a popular primary school which the property is zoned for. With no restrictive covenants this is a rare find and won't last long on the market. long on the market.

**Open:** View By Appointment Only **Address:** 401 Arapaepae Road View Online: www.dwre.co.nz/PLV13026 **Les Tilbury** 06 367 9333 06 367 9553 les@dwre.co.nz

#### Charismatic Cutie - Deadline Private Treaty

Located in close proximity to town this little beauty encapsulates the charm of its era. Light & bright and well maintained it offers a quaint open plan kitchen & dining area, a sep sunfilled lounge 2 dble brms, bathroom with bath & s/box whilst outside there is a generous garage/w/shop & an adjoining carport all set on f/fenced 506m section Deadline sale 4.pm 20th December

Open: Sun 11th Dec 1pm-1:45pm Address: 108 Winchester Street View Online: www.dwre.co.nz/PLV13029
Shelly Bruce
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#### Build the Dream & Turn the Key - Easy! - \$559,000

An opportunity to build a 140m2 home including garage on a sunny & elevated 819m2 section in a new & developing subdivision, surrounded by other quality homes. Most of the hard work has been done, the section has been secured, the builder is in place & the specifications have been drawn up it's just awaiting your input for the final touches. And if 140m2 isn't enough choose from there are other options! Land and new builds in this location are rare so don't miss out!

Open: View By Appointment Only Address: 12 Duncans Way View Online: www.dwre.co.nz/POT11671 Sarah Lange 06 364 7720 022 317 7613

#### Distinctive Retirement - \$249,000

Young spacious 2 double bedroom unit perfectly presented, new kitchen appliances including dishwasher. Heatpump and amazing bathroom. There is an internal garage and a very easy care section. You will be surprised. Call Anne 0274 501 819 to view today.

Open: Sun 4th & Sun 11th Dec 1pm-1:30pm Address: 41B Keepa Street View Online: www.dwre.co.nz/PLV13022 Anne Riach 06 367 9333 027 450 1819 06 367 9097 anne@dwre.co.nz

#### LITTLE BEAUTY - \$219,000

This little beauty is light, bright and full of character and has everything you need.
Comprising of two good sized bedrooms, separate lounge with an efficient wood burner a combined kitchen/dining area with large windows affording views out to the stunning park like gardens, an updated bathroom with shower and vanity plus the added convenience of a separate toilet. covered deck to the rear of the house allows you to enjoy indoor/outdoor living.

Open: Sun 4th Dec 1pm-1:30pm Address: 28 Kings Drive View Online: www.dwre.co.nz/PLV13027 **Gay Leahy** 06 367 9333 027 224 2829 gay@dwre.co.nz

#### A Little Bit Cheeky - \$369,000

Part of the Trackside Villas community, this spacious unit title home is looking for a new owner to thoroughly enjoy living here! This two double bedroom unit with double garage has a little bit of colourful flair that the others don't - are you young enough at heart to take up the challenge? With spacious lounge & dining, excellent kitchen, large outdoor patio area for sun lounging or star gazing & plenty of storage. Start enjoying the lifestyle living here provides!

Open: View By Appointment Only Address: 49/91 Makomako Road View Online: www.dwre.co.nz/PLV13024
Faye Hiko-Barr
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#### Nest or Invest - \$179,000

Nestled on a 296sqm section this lovely 2 brm unit offers a modern kitchen to enjoy, a separate lounge with ample heating to suit most over those long winter days. Also an excellent single garage to park those essential wheels in.

Open: Sun 4th Dec 1pm-1:30pm Address: 8 Eton Place View Online: dwre.co.nz/PLV13007 Contact: Eunice Tansley - 027 248 7156

#### Sunsets and Sounds of the Surf - \$150000

Desirable Waitarere Rise Avenue section for sale. Get away from the hustle of city life to the peace & quiet. This section sits on 4685m2 of interesting contour, lake views & next door to Waitarere Rise Reserve.

Open: View By Appointment Only Address: 964 Waitarere Rise View Online: dwre.co.nz/PLV13003 Contact: Denyse Howell-Styles AREINZ - 027 445 5106

#### The Ultimate Family Home - \$366,000

Easy care construction and located in an excellent street in Levin's popular north east quadrant this fabulous family home offers space and versatility for any growing or extended family.

Open: View By Appointment Only Address: 42 Kennedy Drive View Online: dwre.co.nz/PLV13028 Contact: Shelly Bruce - 021 421 960

Calling all Bowlers - \$205,000

Two minutes to town & through the back gate to the local bowling club. What more could you want as a perfect retirement option? Charming 2 Bdrm unit fastidiously maintained, freshly decorated, bright warm & inviting.

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» 23 Kitchener Street TE HORO BEACH

**RV \$445,000 | DEADLINE SALE** 



#### **BEACH HOME & LARGE STUDIO AT TE HORO BEACH**

Let staggering views and a laid back beach lifestyle inspire you at this three bedroom beach home & studio at Te Horo Beach. Set close to the beach, your escape will be complete at a home that includes:

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- 3 spacious bedrooms
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- Rumpus room on the ground floor
- Plus a detached studio perfect for entertaining as a games room, an artists studio, or just some extra space for extended family to crash
- Secure and private gardens designed for easy care maintenance.

This is an excellent opportunity for family and friends to enjoy a classic kiwiana lifestyle in the warm micro-climate of Te Horo Beach. With the new expressway opening this month, and Transmission Gully underway - this quiet beach town is all set to boom. Call now and be in for your first Christmas at Te Horo Beach!

Deadline Sale Closes 1pm, 6 December 2016, Voyle & Co Realty Ltd, Raumati Beach

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» 58 Ames Street PAEKAKARIKI

**RV \$470,000 | DEADLINE SALE** 

#### ABSOLUTE BEACHFRONT SECTION

With very few sections available on the Kapiti Coast, and even less with views to die for, this stunning Paekakariki 1083 sqm (source: LINZ) elevated site is sure to excite.

58 Ames Street has the most spectacular views and access directly to the beach. The current owners have had planning approved\*\* to construct a three-bedroom home on this absolute beachfront site; They are happy to include the design plans in the sale of the section. Currently there is a basic wooden bach and a sleepout with very few amenities provided which are to be sold as is where is!

An easy stroll to Paekakariki village with all its seaside charm, cafe's & shops and an easy commute to the city - a rare opportunity waits for you to join this community & build your dream home right here overlooking the coast.

\*\* KCDC Planning consent lapses August 2019

Deadline Sale Closes 1pm, 14 December 2016, Voyle & Co Realty, Raumati Beach

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» 2 Nugget Grove RAUMATI BEACH

RV \$385,000 | BEO \$500,000



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Ready now, this newly renovated three bedroom brick & tile home is the ideal choice if you are on the hunt for a solid modernised home in a great location! Extensively made over, there is not a stone unturned here. Featuring:

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- Modernised bathroom and separate shower room with WC located off the separate laundry
- Conservatory to enjoy your morning coffee in
- New carpet & curtains throughout
- Separate garage of good size, with room for a workshop, or storage, and an additional large carport for more undercover parking; giving plenty of space to potter for gardeners and hobbyists alike
- Fully fenced with established garden
- Situated in a quiet street on a corner section
- Easy walking distance to local shops, schools and the beach

There is nothing to do but put down your furniture and relax, you could even be in for Christmas!

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Bring the bubbles and let's celebrate! Your dream home has finally come onto the market!

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# OH HOW OPPORTUNITY KNOCKS!

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Your unique three bedroom home has everything you need. Offering spacious open plan living, a light & bright modern kitchen, stunning family bathroom and a fabulous undercover deck that you can use all year around! And.... so much room to entertain whilst the kids can run and play!

Close to a great local school, café, local markets, award winning winery and much more. The whole family is sure to love life in the country!

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#### **INVESTORS, TAKE NOTE**

Purchased as a project several years ago, the vendors have decided to move on and give someone else the opportunity to add value to this tidy 3 bedroom home. Sitting on a flat 632sqm section, the property has potential in the hands of the right buyer. Give it some décor upgrades or breathe a complete new life into this property...

either way, the beautiful wooden floors throughout will be the perfect base of a potentially stunning makeover.

The property is located close to the hospital and has quick access to the main highway.

Take advantage of good-buying, increasing property values in Horowhenua and good tenants. Contact me now to view.

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REFURBISHED AND READY TO GO!

Perfect for the 1st home buyer or investor, this recently redecorated home, located only 25 minutes south of Palmerston North, is your haven away from the hustle. With 4 bedrooms and 1 bathroom, you'll enjoy a simpler lifestyle in a beautiful home that feels just like new. Spend your weekends pottering around the garden, creating the outdoor space of your dreams. Enjoy all day fun in the sun and bbq's in the yard. There's plenty of room for the kids to play in the large, flat, 1012sqm, fully fenced section. There's enough space for the extended family to pitch a tent or park up a caravan during the summer holidays.

The refurbishment includes new carpet and new insulation, to keep you warm and dry in the colder months. With a refreshed kitchen and polished wooden floors, the kitchen will truly feel like the heart of the home. This is an excellent opportunity to get into your first home and what better way to do it than to feel like you've wound the clock back to a time when life was simpler... with the bonus of a moving into a freshly redecorated home.

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An abundance of activities for both the young and young at heart, with the beach, parks, marina, rail, shops, café's, bars, restaurants and a number of top sporting clubs all within easy walking distance. Call me now and seize your opportunity at the kind of lifestyle that creates treasured memories for years to come.

Builder and LIM reports available.

Deadline Sale closes Wednesday 7 December 2016 at 1pm (unless sold prior)

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# Celebrating 75 years in Grand Cherokee style

#### **ROB MAETZIG**

It's easy to have a soft spot for Jeeps.

They have such impressive history, you see. They go right back to the darkest days of World War 2 when the United States military invited car manufacturers to develop a newgeneration light reconnaissance vehicle.

Three companies responded to the invitation and created their own prototypes of such a vehicle. One such company was Willys-Overland, and after thorough testing of its prototype, in 1941 the military appointed it as its primary manufacturer.

The short and stubby little vehicle with its rectangular-shaped body and fold-down windscreen quickly became known as the Jeep - probably from the letters GP as in General Purpose - and thanks to its exploits during the remainder of the war, it soon began to enjoy legendary status.

In the late 1940s Willys took advantage of the Jeep's military popularity and developed a civilian CJ - as in Civilian Jeep model, and this vehicle marked the beginning of today's very successful recreational 4WD genre.

Of course they days the Jeep brand is a lot more than one vehicle. The CJ has evolved into the Wrangler, and other models have been created by the brand's owners, including at present the Renegade, Cherokee and Grand Cherokee that we can buy in New Zealand.

But all these models do owe their existence - and in a number of respects their design - to that original military Jeep. And that's why it's appropriate that the brand owner Fiat Chrysler Automobiles Grand Cherokee offers chinky styling, complete with the traditional seven-slot grille.

has this year celebrated all of that by producing a trio of 75th Anniversary special edition versions of the Wrangler, Cherokee and Grand Cherokee.

The Jeep is a large SUV, offering very good interior space.

We've just finished driving the largest of them, the Grand Cherokee, and since we are talking about heritage, its an interesting vehicle in itself.

Its origins date back 34 years when the Jeep brand's then owner American Motors Corporation (AMC) began designing a successor to the smaller XJ Cherokee that had been so successful it lays claim to being the world's first modern-day SUV.

It took until 1992 before the first-generation model was released, because in the intervening years AMC had been taken over by Chrysler, and that company's CEO Lee Iacocca was more interested in first developing a new range of people-movers. But then it was the turn of the Grand Cherokee, and it quickly proved so popular it has since become the most popular Jeep model.

This \$84,990 Grand Che 75th Anniversary is based Limited model in the stan range and it boasts a serie

We're now into the fourth generation of the Grand Cherokee, and it's a beauty - even though it is now close to five years old. Like all the previous generations it features a unibody chassis rather than a heavier-duty body-on-frame setup, but this time around it also has four-wheel independent suspension so it can offer ride and handling that is more competitive against other large SUVs that are now on the world markets.

Given that this model was launched back in 2011, the Grand Cherokee still looks good, too. Maybe it's that heritage aspect. Up front there's the seven-slot grille that all Jeep product is renowned for, and despite the fact it is a modern and large SUV, it retains a chunky and rather masculine

ROB MAETZIG/FAIRFAX NZ

This \$84,990 Grand Cherokee 75th Anniversary is based on the Limited model in the standard range, and it boasts a series of extra bits and pieces that signify that this is a special edition. It has different 20-inch alloys, a different finish around the headlights and grille, some extra black exterior detailing, and the interior has leather heated seats and bronze and tangerine accents.

On the outside there's also one more visual clue to the fact this is an anniversary edition - there's a little bronze-look plate on the front doors that features a stylised Willys Jeep and the numbers 1941. It's a nice touch, which is replicated as embossing on the seating upholstery.

Under the bonnet is Chrysler's well-known 3.6-litre Pentastar V6 petrol engine, which produces 210 kilowatts of power and 347 newton metres of torque. The engine is mated to an eight-speed transmission that replaced a former five-speeder when the model was facelifted a couple of years ago, and they combine well to offer a refined drive.

And talking about refined, I do like the interior of the Grand Cherokee. It feels big and comfortable and with seats large enough to accommodate big American people, and there's a big 8.4-inch centre touch-screen that is used to operate the Uconnect infotainment system that includes satellite navigation.

Down on the centre console there's a large rotary controller that operates the Jeep's Quadra-Trac II active four-wheel drive and Selec-Terrain traction management system that adjusts the 4WD to cope with terrain conditions ranging from snow and sand, to mud and rock.

As should be the case with a vehicle of this size, there's plenty of interior space. Rear seat legroom is particularly good, and the vehicle benefits from being a five-seater rather than a seven-seater by offering an enormous 782 litres of cargo space with all seats in use, growing to 1554 litres with those rear seats folded down. Believe me, that's a big cargo area.

I suppose it could be said that this generation Jeep Grand Cherokee is getting on a bit now, and should be due for full replacement - maybe as early as next year. But the fourthgeneration model remains an enjoyable drive, particularly when the top Limited version is speccedup even more to help celebrate 75 years of the famous Jeep brand.

Maybe you could say the model helps make America great - again.

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# Backyard banter

# Spread some Christmas cheer this year

Have some festive fun but also give a little back to your community, urges Erin Reilly.

anta's currently carbloading his reindeer and making sure the WOF for his sleigh is valid. If you suffer from Serious Noel Overload Worry (SNOW for short), this will be cause for concern. But if Christmas is by far your favourite time of the year, its imminent arrival will be making you jump for joy.

Regardless of what you believe about the stories and traditions that come with this time of year, or what religion you have (if any), Christmas is a great opportunity to have some fun with your

neighbours.

School's out, work has been replaced by long lunches and the sun is (hopefully) shining, which means it's time to throw joy around like confetti and spread some Christmas cheer all over your community.

First things first, pop your head over your fence. Do your neighbours live alone? Are their **Neighbourly** is a NZ-owned social media site creating easy ways for neighbours to talk and connect. Join us at **neighbourly.co.nz** or download our new iPhone and Android apps.

families on the other side of the world? Have they recently moved to your neighbourhood - New Zealand, even? Deliver Christmas cards, drop off a pack of homemade Christmas baking, or squeeze a few extra chairs around the dining table and invite them along to your family's Christmas Day celebrations.

Next, think about people who might not be able to celebrate Christmas the way you can this year. There are hundreds of charities and community organisations all over New

Zealand that work hard to give every Kiwi family the kind of Christmas most of us take for granted. Set aside a portion of your Christmas budget or buy a little extra food next time you're at the supermarket to donate to a worthy local charity.

SuperValue and FreshChoice have launched Give Local - an initiative supporting local charities by inviting customers to place non-perishable food items

Wendy Harpur, **Bhumika** Dhakal, Shelly Hermon. **Emma** Taumoepeau and Mary Ann De Jesus supporting the SuperValue and **FreshChoice** Give Local campaign.

From left.

and health products into an instore food collection trolley. Charities such as City Mission, Salvation Army, Women's Refuge, local food banks and church-based organisations also welcome food and gift donations to support those who experience hardship at Christmas.

If you're big on Christmas festivities, organise a community BBQ at your local park and make it easy for your neighbours to get

to know each other over mince pies and punch.

Your Christmas calendar is probably already looking packed, but check if there's room to squeeze in your local Santa parade or carol service. These kinds of events take a lot of time, money and effort to organise so be  $neighbourly \ and \ go \ along \ to$ support your community leaders.

Decorations shouldn't be limited to fake trees in your lounge; think about organising a best-dressed street competition. We're thinking fairy lights festooned between trees, nativity scenes taking over entire gardens – you could even enter Mike Pero's Christmas Letterbox competition, in association with Neighbourly.co.nz (find out more information at neighbourly.co.nz/ christmasletterbox).

Christmas might not be your favourite time of year but it's definitely someone else's, so make the effort to get involved with your community this year because even the Christmas Grinch discovered some yuletide

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# Your health

# How are vitamins affected by the pill?

I have to stay on the pill for health reasons but I've heard that it interferes with certain vitamins. Which ones do I need extra of to be really healthy? Thank you, Lynette.

Hi Lynette. It is true that the oral contraceptive pill (OCP) can deplete numerous vitamins and minerals in the body. So it's important to know how to best support your body. Here's a list of all the vitamins and minerals that can be affected in varying levels and how to make sure you're getting what you need.

#### **VITAMIN A (RETINOL)**

An important antioxidant and immune system vitamin, studies have shown disruption to vitamin A levels and beta-carotene (the precursor to vitamin A) in the blood of those taking the pill. A deficiency in vitamin A can impair healthy eye function, increase susceptibility to infections, cause dry and scaly skin, reduce appetite and vitality, impact teeth and gum health, and

lead to heavy menstrual bleeding and cervical problems. Betacarotene rich foods include sweet potato, carrots, dark leafy greens such as kale and retinol rich foods include liver.

#### **B GROUP VITAMINS**

The OCP can interfere with levels of vitamins B1, B2, B6 and B12, all of which have important functions in the body. Vitamin B6 is a nutrient critical in the conversion of tryptophan to serotonin, a gut and brain compound that significantly influences our happiness, calm and contentment, our pain response, eating patterns, moods, sleep patterns, psychological drive and sexual desire. It's also needed for blood glucose management. Whole food sources of B vitamins include dark green leafy vegetables, lentils, almonds, pecans, eggs, asparagus, chicken and fish, bananas and shellfish.

The pill increases destruction of

vitamin C inside your body and can reduce levels by up to 30 per cent. A deficiency can result in bruising, spider veins, bleeding gums, loss of appetite, muscular weakness, anaemia, fatigue and a lowered immune response. Amp up your capsicum, dark green leafy vegetable, kiwifruit, broccoli, berry and citrus fruit intake or take a good quality supplement.

#### **FOLATE**

Most problems arise in this deficiency if a woman conceives either on the pill or immediately after coming off it, when the body is still recovering its folate stores. Folate is required by the body to facilitate cell division (a process that begins immediately after

conception) and deficiencies result in greater risk of abnormal synthesis of DNA and congenital abnormalities. Deficiency can also lead to damage to the wall of the small intestine, anaemia and elevated homocysteine levels, which have been associated with heart disease, various gynecological conditions and repeated miscarriage. Folate-rich whole foods include dark leafy greens, asparagus, broccoli, citrus fruits, beans, peas, lentils and avocado.

#### **MAGNESIUM**

Deficiency can cause a variety of premenstrual symptoms, lumpy breasts, muscle cramps, anxiety, sleeplessness, sugar cravings and cardiovascular issues.

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Magnesium-rich foods include spinach, silverbeet, pumpkin seeds, almonds, black beans, avocado, figs and there is even magnesium in pure dark chocolate.

#### ZINC

Lowered levels of zinc can lead to poor blood glucose management, sugar cravings, loss of appetite, lousy digestion, poor resistance to infection, skin infections, lowered fertility, tissue repair, scarring and a wide range of other problems. Zinc rich foods include oysters, beef and lamb, pumpkin seeds, and sunflower seeds. You might also consider taking a good quality supplement if you know you are zinc deficient.

■ Dr Libby is a nutritional biochemist, best-selling author and speaker. The advice contained in this column is not intended to be a substitute for direct, personalised advice from a health professional. Visit drlibby.com.

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### NEW ZEALAND CROSSWORD

8 10 11 13 12 15 17 19

Down

1. Army officer (5)

introduced to NZ (6)

6. Suspiciously (7)

12. South Island national

park, established 1987 (7)

16. 14,000km direct flights

between Auckland and this

city started in 2016 (5)

3. Description of any species

**2.** Rebound (8)

4. Simple (10)

**5.** Seized (4)

**9.** Tutor (10)

11. US state (8)

**14.** Tremble (6)

**17.** Level (4)

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#### Across

20

1. Large tent (7) 4. Additional (5) 7/8. 1936 Olympic gold

medallist in an event which has been won three times by New Zealanders (4,8) **10.** Think again (10)

12. Bay named by James Cook in 1769 (6)

13. Caress (6)

15. New Zealander who has craters on the Moon and Mars named after him (10) 18. Family member (8)

**19.** Clothing (4)

**20.** Change (5)

**21.** Pasta (7)

### THE TOP 10

1. Was New Zealand's first zebra crossing installed at Petone in the 1930s, 1950s or 1970s?

2. What was Africa's largest country until it was divided

3. Nicholas Breakspear is the only Englishman to hold what office?

4. In Greek mythology, what name was given to sea nymphs who lured sailors to their death?

5. Which song contains the lyrics: Don't go around breaking young girls' hearts? 6. Noah's Ark come to rest on which mountain?

7. Which group sang the theme for the 1985 James Bond film, A View to a Kill? 8. What would you do with an ocarina?

9. What is the main ingredient in the dish Angels on Horseback?

10. Florence Nightingale's nurses cared for soldiers during which war?

#### NZ CROSSWORD

16. Dubai, 17. Flat. Colorado, 12. Paparoa, 14. Shiver, 6. Askance, 9. Instructor, 11. Exotic, 4. Elementary, 5. Took Down: 1. Major, 2. Ricochet, 3.

18. Relative, 19. Garb, 20. Alter, 21. Plenty, 13. Stroke, 15. Rutherford, Jack Lovelock, 10. Reconsider, 12. Across: 1. Marquee, 4. Extra, 7/8.

**TOP 10** 

Oysters, 10. Crimean. it - it's a musical instrument, 9. Ararat, 7. Duran Duran, 8. Play Sirens, 5. Billie Jean, 6. Mount 1. 1930s, 2. Sudan, 3. Pope, 4.

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

#### JUNIOR CROSSWORD

#### Across

1. Not sure (9) 6. Count these in an election (5)

**7.** Pester (5) 9. Mislaid (4) **10.** A car fuel (6)

knight in olden times

**14.** A hire-car (4) 17. Green place in a desert (5) 18. Incorrect (5)

19. Three-sided figures (9)

Down 2. Black dots on sheet music (5) 3. A compass point 4. Go on a journey (6) 5. Opposite of outer

6. Erupting mountain

17

19

SUDOKU

**8.** Shouting (7) 11. The country with Moscow (6) 13. Someone very

mean with their money (5) 15. Overhead (5)

16. A small tree

branch (4)

#### SOLUTION

8. Yelling, 11. Russia, 13. Miser, 15. Above, 16. Twig. Down: 2. Notes, 3. East, 4. Travel, 5. Inner, 6. Volcano,

Petrol, 12. Armour, 14. Taxi, 17. Oasis, 18. Wrong, 19. Across: 1. Uncertain, 6. Votes, 7. Annoy, 9. Lost, 10.

# Community cookboo

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# Easy pulled chicken salad

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- 800g potatoes, scrubbed and sliced 0.5cm ■ 650g skinless, boneless chicken
- thighs
- 2 tablespoons chicken spice mix
- 1 bunch asparagus
- 1 capsicum ■ 2 cloves garlic
- ¼ cup water
- 120-150g baby spinach leaves
- Juice of 1 lemon

#### To Serve

- ¼ cup pumpkin seeds
- 100g basil pesto (store-bought)

#### **CHICKEN SPICE MIX**

- 2 teaspoons cumin
- 2 teaspoons smoked paprika
- 1 teaspoon garlic powder
- 1 teaspoon dried oregano
- 1 teaspoon dried basil
- 1 teaspoon dried tarragon

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Preheat oven to 220C. Line an oven tray with baking paper. Preheat barbecue grill to high (if using).

Toss potatoes with a drizzle of oil on prepared tray and season with salt and pepper. Roast for 25-30 minutes, until golden and cooked through. Turn once during cooking. Heat a dry fry-pan on medium heat and toast pumpkin seeds for 3-4 minutes, until golden and crunchy. Set aside and

#### Pulled chicken salad with basil pesto.

reserve pan. Pat chicken dry with paper towels, toss with chicken spice mix and season with salt and pepper. Return pan to medium-high heat with a drizzle of oil. Cook chicken for 5-6 minutes each side (depending on thickness), or until cooked through. Set aside, covered in foil, to rest. Reserve pan.

While chicken cooks, prepare the rest of the meal. Trim woody ends off asparagus, about 2cm and discard. Cut asparagus spears in half; remove core and seeds from capsicum and slice 1cm; roughly chop garlic. Return pan to medium heat with a drizzle of oil, if needed.

Cook asparagus, capsicum and garlic for about 2 minutes, stirring regularly. Add water and cook a further 2 minutes, until asparagus is bright green and capsicum is tender. Season with salt and pepper.

Remove foil from chicken and shred, using two forks, then toss with any resting juices. Season to taste with salt and pepper then add to a large bowl with asparagus, capsicum, baby spinach leaves and lemon juice. Toss to combine.

To serve: divide potatoes between plates and top with pulled chicken salad. Top with a dollop of basil pesto and toasted pumpkin seeds.

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TUESDAY

SUNDAY 4

PUBLIC NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR OFF LICENCE Section 101, Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act 2012

High 11.56am

High 12.14am

High 12.32pm

High 12.53am

High 1.11pm

High 1.36am

High 1.55pm

High 2.24am

High 2.46pm

High 3.19am

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Long Beach Waikanae Ltd, 40 Tutere Street, Waikanae 5036, has made application to the Kapiti Coast District Licensing Committee for a new Off Licence in respect of the premises at 40 Tutere Street. Waikanae 5036, known as Longbeach.

Longbeach.

The general nature of the business conducted under the licence is that of a Tavem/Restaurant. The days on which and the hours during which alcohol is (or is intended to be) sold under the licence are:

licence are: Sunday - Wednesday, 9am - 10pm Thursday - Saturday, 11am - 10pm. The application may be inspected during ordinary office hours at the office of the ordinary office hours at the office of the Kapiti Coast District Licensing Committee at 175 Rimu Road, Paraparaumu 5032. 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 The Secretary. Licensing Committee at: The Secretary, Kapiti Coast District Licensing Committee, Private Bag 60601,

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This is the second publication of this notice. The first notice was published on 24 November 2016.

Public Notice Of Application for On-Licence Section 101, Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act 2012

The Mad Irishman Ltd 8 Main Rd, Waikanae has made application to the Kapiti Coast District Licensing Committee for the renewal of a onlicence in respect of the premises at 8 Main Rd, Waikanae known as Maison 8 Cafe and Restaurant.

The general nature of the business conducted under the license is a restaurant. The days on which and

the hours during which alcohol is intended to be sold under the licence are:

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No objection to the issue of a renewal licence may be made in relation to a matter other than a matter specified in section 131 of the Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act 2012.

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PUBLIC NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR ON LICENCE
Section 101, Sale and
Supply of Alcohol Act 2012

Ambience Cafe Limited, has made application to the Kapiti Coast District Licensing Committee for the issue of an On Licence in respect of the premises at 36 Marine Parade, Paraparaumu Beach, known as

Ambience Cafe.
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Mon - Sun 8.00am - 5.00pm. The application may be inspected during ordinary office hours at the Office of the Kapiti Coast District Licensing Committee at 175 Rimu Road, Paraparaumu. Any person who is entitled to object and who wishes to object to the grant of the application may, not later than fifteen 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 The Secretary, Kapiti Coast District Licensing Committee

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Date: 8 December 2016 Address: Central PHO, 575 Main St, Palmerston North

5.50 pm

The agenda will be available from Friday 2 of December 2016, from the Central Primary Health Organisation, 575 Main Street, Palmerston North.

The report will cover the period from July 2015 June 2016.

For more information please telephone Lorna Love on 06 350 4543

#### **RATE INSTALMENT TWO -**2016/17

#### **REMINDER OF DUE DATE 6 DECEMBER 2016**

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Pat Dougherty **Chief Executive** 

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To find out more about how you can participate in the future development of Maclean Park including the review of the Maclean Park Management Plan, please visit the Maclean Park refresh page on our website.

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# Kapiti teams secure silverware, survival

#### ADAM POULOPOULOS

They suffered their first loss since early 2014, but Paraparaumu Beach did enough to secure the pre-Christmas premier interclub title anyway.

They were beaten 4-2 by Lower Hutt on Saturday, but held on to win their second successive premier 1 pre-Christmas title, finishing one point above Khandallah in the standings.

Khandallah beat Wellington-Wakefield 4-2. Had they won 6-0, they would have secured enough points to win the title.

Paraparaumu Beach missed usual top seed Leela Beattie, who was playing at the Tennis Canterbury Open. Their team ranged in age from 14-year-old Antonia Lawson to 17-year-old Georgia

Club captain Lane Lawson said they knew six months ago Beattie would be away for this round of

He said he thought two wins would be enough, and Holly and Antonia Lawson delivered singles victories.

He said the players gave a good account of themselves against last year's beaten finalists, a team featuring Amelia Harris, ranked 21st in New Zealand, and veteran Julie Scott.

Maungaraki and Titahi Bay

The Waikanae Beach men's side secured their place in the post-Christmas round with a 7-1 win over Karori United, finishing fifth in their grade.

Captain Steve Joss said the team had exceeded expectations Paraparaumu Beach's Amelia Lawson, Antonia Lawson and Georgia Kingi acquitted themselves well against tough opposition on Saturday.

"To finish fifth with four wins out of seven was more than we expected. " Waikanae Beach captain Steve Joss.

in their first season.

"I thought we'd be a very good chance of staying up, but to finish fifth with four wins out of seven was more than we expected."

Joss said fourth would be a great finish in the post-Christmas round, but he was also looking forward to next season and

With 14-year-olds Patrick and Kurt a year older and stronger, and another top player attracted, the team would be strong enough to compete for the title next season, he said.

In the last three seasons Waikanae have moved from premier 3 to consolidating their place in premier 1, and Joss said that success was crucial in attracting youngsters to the club.

The club's junior coaching programmes, for youngsters aged 5-15, had increased from about 15 players to 50 in the same time.

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#### ADAM POULOPOULOS

After six years of steady improvement, Paekakariki surf life saver has comprehensively won his first world cross triathlon title.

On November 19, Matt Backler took out the 35-39 male race at the ITU Cross Triathlon World Championships in the Snowy Mountains, in New South Wales, Australia.

Backler finished the 1.5 kilometre swim, 30km mountain bike and 10km trail run in 2hr 38min 01sec, six minutes and 14 seconds ahead of his nearest challenger.

He added to his gold with fourth in the mixed relay event. while his wife Sarah's team finished second.

Backler been competing in off-road triathlons for six years, and this was his seventh world championship event. In his first attempt he finished 13th. His previous best finish was fourth.

With the age group races starting in waves, he was not entirely sure he had won straight after finishing.

Nevertheless, he enjoyed the moment.

"I've spent years chasing it," he said. "It was pretty enjoyable running up the nice carpet to the finish line.'

Born in Paraparaumu, Backler was a member of the Paekakariki surf club for 13 years, competitively and as a Matt Backler on the way to winning the male 35-39 age group at the ITU World Crosstri Championships in the Snowy Mountains.

lifeguard. He was also an orienteer.

His background attracted him to cross triathlons, which involve trail running and sometimes ocean swimming.

However, it was the mountain bike leg which had the biggest impact on the race -Backler finished it more than five minutes quicker than any of the 34 other competitors in his category.

During the race his motivation came from fellow Bay of Plenty athletes Hayden Wilde and Lewis Rvan, who secured a one-two finish for New Zealand in the overall age-group race and the male 18-19 age group.

"[They] were in the group in front of me, and the motivation was to narrow the gap."

Backler began preparing for the race in May, working on strength endurance and riding smoothly with Chris Willett from Perimeter Coaching. The bike leg was a fast-paced, flat, undulating course with no descents.

The group training environment was crucial in his success, he said.

"You get the opportunity to train harder with people of a similar ability, but it also takes your mind off the hurt, and the feeling of pain.

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# Bowlers almost secure thrilling win

#### **ADAM POULOPOULOS**

Horowhenua-Kapiti's teenage pacemen came close to securing an unlikely Furlong Cup heist, even after their side scored only 178 runs across two innings.

Taranaki won the match by two wickets, but not before quicks Fraser Bartholomew and Liam Pinfold, both still at Horowhenua College, ripped through a batting lineup featuring three players with Central Stags experience.

Defending 65 in 16 overs, in cold, windy conditions, the pair reduced Taranaki to 30-7.

However, they were not able to complete the job, as Liam Muggeridge steered Taranaki to victory with five balls to spare, with an unbeaten 24 from 21 balls.

H-K player-coach Ramesh Subasinghe, who enjoyed a sixyear first-class career in Sri Lanka, said the game would have been the craziest he had played in if his bowlers had stolen the victory.

He said Bartholomew and Pinfold intimidated the opposition batsmen, including current Stags Will Young and Tom Bruce, and former rep Dean Robinson.

"It wasn't like they were pushing for it [runs]. It was sheer good bowling that got those wickets. They just bowled a good line and

length."

He said the bowlers were reaping the rewards of consistent training, now and through winter.

With 3.3 overs left Taranaki needed 17 runs with two wickets in hand. Instead of spreading the field and playing for the draw, H-K employed several fielders in catching positions and went for the win.

Ball dominated bat throughout the match - the pitch had been under the covers for two days leading up to the match, making it tacky and difficult to drive on.

However, Subasinghe said a par score would have been between 180 and 220, and neither side applied themselves well enough with the bat.

Sent in to bat, H-K recovered to 114 after being reduced to 24-5.

Stags captain Young, who was spoken about as a potential replacement for Ross Taylor before the second Pakistan test, scored a game-high 46 batting at No 3, to give Taranaki the firstinnings lead.

Play started late on day two because of rain. Taranaki declared as soon as they passed H-K's score, and H-K collapsed to 64 in their second innings.

H-K return to Weraroa Domain on Saturday to face Manawatu.

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