

Upper Hutt Leader

Santa sleighs them

The sun came out, a big and happy crowd lined up three and four deep early on and, best of all, after the floats and entertainers had wheeled by there was Santa himself - he was riding high and happy on his special sleigh, as Sunday's Santa Parade along the Upper Hutt Main St route proved the only place to be. The 35 floats, while slightly down in number on last year, all made the most of what was a popular Merry Movie Christmas theme. More photos, page 30.

YOUR PAPER, YOUR PLACE

FROM THE EDITOR

I'm often asked "What's happened to the letters in the *Upper Hutt Leader*?" Or I will receive an email or a call asking "why have you stopped publishing them?"

The *Leader* team love to run letters in our newspaper, we just need you to send them to us.

We know you are the ones close to the issues in your community and we want to hear about them.

Often letters lead to stories, such as the article on the bollards outside the hospice shop on Page 4.

That began when volunteer Carolanne Anderton-Smith sent in a letter saying how awkward they were.

Some letters are unpublishable – they are defamatory or malicious and that's when, as the editor, I use my discretion. Other letters need a right of reply, so there may be a delay in publishing them.

In the last couple of weeks I have received two or three great letters and I would love to receive more.

If you have something to share, as always email me at editor@uhleader.co.nz - *Sharron Pardoe*

to do list

1. BE INSPIRED

Hear Billy Graham, the owner of Naenae Boxing Academy and former New Zealand and Australasian light welterweight boxing champion, speak at the Petone Rugby Clubrooms on December 9 from 6.30pm. Tickets \$10. Book online.

2. GETTING ELEVATION

Help Elevatedance celebrate their 10th birthday at Expressions on December 10, 1pm and 7pm, and December 11, 1pm and 7pm.

3. DEFYING EXPECTATIONS

Check out a new exhibition of ceramics, James Greig: Defying Gravity, at The Dowse on 10 December.

4. SOUNDS LIKE SUMMER

Enjoy Station Gardens' second Sounds of Summer event on December 10 where DJ Shan will perform and Joseph Parker's WBO title fight will be shown live on a big screen outdoors.

5. RAP IT UP

Cheer on local rappers in the DefJam final on December 10 from 9pm at The Grand on Courtenay Place.

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Christmas CD recorded by Frankie

ABBY BROWN

It may be surprising that Frankie Stevens is only now releasing his first Christmas album.

“I have sang a lot of Christmas songs at Coca-Cola Christmas in the Park and on various stages but not in the recording studio,” the former Upper Hutt resident said.

A Beautiful Christmas is also the first album where he sings with his sister Gina Mills.

Frankie was touched by the devastation of the the 2004 Boxing Day tsunami in Thailand and half of the proceeds from the sale of *A Beautiful Christmas* will go to charity Hands Across the Water. Originally established to deal with that natural disaster the charity now also helps Thais to get out of the sex trade. Stevens visited one of Peter Baines’ orphanages called Baan Tharn Namchai, which today houses more than 100 children, and heard their stories.

He said it had been hugely rewarding to be involved with the charity for the last seven years as some of the people they had helped were now in university.

For his musical achievements he has an Upper Hutt street named after him and was also named one of 50 Upper Hutt heroes, along with his brother Jon Stevens.

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Katy Austin at the time of the earthquake rebuild in Nepal.

BLAKE CRAYTON-BROWN

Austin dedicated to the end

COLIN WILLIAMS

Long time Upper Hutt community contributor Katy Austin died on Sunday, December 4, after a short illness.

In October Austin, 70, was elected for a sixth consecutive term on the Hutt Valley District Health Board after first taking her place on the newly established authority in 2001.

A former head of the Occupational Therapy Department at the Heretaunga CIT, Austin came to the DHB with experience in health administration, education and business management.

A long-time resident of Te Marua, Austin was also a former

city councillor, serving two terms from 2004 under current mayor Wayne Guppy.

She finished with city affairs in 2010 after the counting of special votes for the council’s 10th and final position turned an election-night majority of 23 to a two-vote deficit.

After missing out three years later later, Austin concentrated on the DHB role, chairing the community and public health advisory committee.

“That DHB position keeps me focussed on things Upper Hutt, not least because sometimes we have to remind them that Upper Hutt is here, just to the north,” she said to *The Upper Hutt Leader*

in 2010.

Austin was involved with the Te Marua Golf Club, a founding member of Upper Hutt Skating and Canine Friends to Fergusson.

A dog breeder, she was also treasurer of the Central Golden Retriever Club.

Austin and her husband Bruce were also well recognised for their work for Nepal and the sponsoring to New Zealand, and their home, of a family they had met travelling.

In 2006 the Cheboche Area Trust was established to support a small and isolated village in the Himalayas.

The village was later damaged in an earthquake with the trust

raising \$36,000 in relief money from the Upper Hutt community.

Upper Hutt and the wider Wellington community had lost a unique contributor, said Guppy who served alongside her on the DHB for the last 12 years.

“I was at a DHB meeting with Katy a little over two weeks ago. This was all very sudden.

“She was involved in a wide range of organisations. Katy was always one for making sure the voice of the underdog was going to be heard,” he said.

■ A funeral service for Katy Austin will be held at the Heretaunga Christian Centre at Lane St, Upper Hutt on Saturday, December 10, at 10am

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Volunteer slams unwanted bollards

COLIN WILLIAMS

They are dangerous, ugly, unwanted and unhelpful.

Carolanne Anderton-Smith, a long-time volunteer at the Upper Hutt Hospice Shop at the Main St's northern end, is anything but lost for words about the arrival of a two metre-high concrete bollards.

She cannot believe they have been placed right at the pedestrian crossing step-off spot, outside the charity shop's doors.

Their appearance, part of a stylish revamp at the entrance of Main St, had Anderton-Smith angry enough.

Worse was to come when she received a parking ticket while dropping off goods at the hospice shop's back entrance.

She saw even more red about the concrete structures.

"Who makes these decisions?"

"We should not be penalised for doing good in our community," she said of the Hospice Shop.

The "ugly pillars" were not only an inconvenience to the Hospice Shop.

"Customers on mobility scooters or with a pram have very little room to squeeze through.

"People using the pedestrian crossing think they are just ridiculous, a nuisance," Anderton-Smith said.

"And they are dangerous too.

"A child could easily be hidden behind one of them, not be seen and just run out."

Anderton-Smith's \$40 parking ticket was a consequence of the hospice shop having limited park-

Carolanne Anderton-Smith, a volunteer at the Upper Hutt Hospice Shop, is unhappy with the concrete bollards at the Main St pedestrian crossing.

COLIN WILLIAMS

“Customers on mobility scooters or with a pram have very little room.”

Hospice Shop volunteer
Carolanne Anderton-Smith

ing at its rear.

"Okay I was breaking the law there but it's difficult, there is no suitable place to park."

Goods have been picked up and dropped from the Main St frontage since it opened eight years ago with vehicles sometimes reversing onto the footpath.

Upper Hutt city operations director Lachlan Wallach said the bollards were necessary for safety reasons.

"It was a known traffic hazard. We've had trucks parking there and had complaints about that.

"It was done for safety reasons only, we don't have them at any

other pedestrian crossing," he said.

"That's the only reason they are there but it was done as part of the overall look we have at the entrance.

"We were just tying it all together so as to get it right," he said.

Upper Hutt Area 48b Ebdentown Street

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The Envirogroup plant a Totara with Upper Hutt Mayor Wayne Guppy.

Enviroschool goes for gold

ABBY BROWN

Plateau School has become the first GreenGold Enviroschool in Upper Hutt, the highest level of recognition in the national Enviroschool programme.

The school, which has been involved in the sustainability programme for 13 years, is now mentoring other schools through their environmental journey.

“Silverstream, Totara and Pinehaven School have started their journey and are working with us,” Plateau School principal Nigel Frater said.

“Once we attained GreenGold we became a beacon for other schools who want to know how to do that.”

There are 88 Enviroschools in the Wellington region, which is 27 per cent of the schools in the region, and 12 of those schools or kindergartens have gained

GreenGold.

Of the seven schools or kindergartens involved in the programme in Lower Hutt, just one kindergarten has achieved silver.

Plateau became an Enviroschool in 2003 when Victoria University was able to support the school to begin their sustainability journey.

It achieved bronze in 2005 and silver in 2006.

Frater attributed the long gap between the school moving from silver to gold to the programme losing funding but in 2014 Upper Hutt City Council became a funding partner.

“We couldn’t have done it without them.”

The council supplied the school with a house for their chickens and installed a pillar where students gathered to walk to

or from school.

The walking school buses meant 50 less cars were dropping off students each day, which was better for the planet and for the students’ health.

“Some students are walking 4km a day.”

Plateau School gained GreenGold after it was evaluated on 13 years of sustainability. The school recycles, composts, has worm farms, weta hotels and solar power panels.

Frater said the students could see their food scraps being composted and then being used to enrich their greenhouse and orchard’s soil.

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Your agents might be able to write a better ad than you, the home owner, but they can’t write an ad that speaks to the hearts of potential buyers without the benefit of your intimate connection with the property. What sort of things might the agent want to know?

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If you are in Trentham it might be a back gate leading to a track to Trentham Memorial Park where your kids can play without having to walk there by the road, or the number of bird attracting plants in your garden.

These are things your agent might not know, so make sure you jot down these benefits as they occur to you and let the agent use it as a basis for writing the best ad. Don’t expect the agent to use all the material you give them, let them be the judge of which benefits will best appeal to local buyers, and when too much information is counter-productive. The important thing is that the personality of your house shines through in the detail that is revealed, not that no detail is left out

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Hero awards surprise for recipients

COLIN WILLIAMS

Three Upper Hutt "Local Heroes" were recognised at the Kiwibank New Zealander of the Year Awards on Monday night.

Bill Lindsay, Roz Brown and Josh Robertson were in the group of 35 Wellingtonians who were presented with their award medals at a ceremony at Parliament.

Wellington City Councillor Sarah Free presented the medals.

She said it was vital the community continued to acknowledge the contributions they have made.

Trentham's Josh Robertson, a police dog handler, made national headlines in April when his police dog, Gazza, was killed in a siege at Porirua.

For the more unheralded Lindsay and Brown the selections came as a surprise.

Indeed both thought the email communication about the event was a prank or worse.

"I thought it was spam I was getting," Brown said.

Lindsay was kinder. He thought the notification was a prank concocted by a colleague from one of volunteer organisations.

His award follows a decade of contributing to the Upper Hutt Community Patrol.

"For me, it was a humbling experience"

Award winner Bill Lindsay

"Bill has been keeping the people of Upper Hutt safe through his active roles with community patrols," his citation said.

"Bill is secretary of the Community Patrol, he has been involved as a trustee for Hutt Safe City and is secretary for Wellington District Community Patrol."

Lindsay is also a long time volunteer at the Wallaceville Cemetery and a committee member of the Upper Hutt Uniting Parish Centre and the Wesley Centre.

"It was quite an impressive function.

"It was impressive to see people recognised this way and, for me, it was a humbling experience," he said on Tuesday.

Brown also has many years years of volunteering behind her with several groups, including Upper Hutt Forest and Bird.

Her award recognised her lesser known contribution of supporting the Upper Hutt Women's Centre and the Women's Refuge through a variety of classes.

"Roz is a yoga teacher by title but she is so much more to her

Congratulations. Kiwibank New Zealander of the Year Award winners, Bill Lindsay and Roz Brown.

COLIN WILLIAMS

local community," the citation said.

"She provides comfort and support for those in need, a listening and guiding ear, a hug or a phone call for those feeling lonely and she will drop everything to help someone in need."

Robertson's award recognised the policeman's resilience and the humility and professionalism he showed at his time of grief.

"What started out as a regular day on the job was soon met with operational complications and disastrous consequences.

"The incident touched the hearts of kiwis and people internationally.

"Josh continues to be an upstanding police dog handler both on the beat and in the community, visiting schools, helping and educating people."

Local Hero award winner, Trentham policeman Josh Robertson with Gazza. NZ POLICE

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A view of the \$2.4 million improvements to the Upper Hutt railway station/Princes St linkage.

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Railway to shopping improvements to start

COLIN WILLIAMS

Upper Hutt city's long planned overhaul of the area between its railway station and the Main St shopping centre will get under way early next month.

More than \$2.4 million will be spent on a project let to Higgins Contractors and estimated to take 26 weeks, city council operations director Lachlan Wallach said.

While the railway station is close to the retail and commercial centre, the connections for pedestrians via Princes St are poor.

The poor functioning entrance was first identified as a problem by town planning consultants commissioned by the council several years ago.

The delays were, in part, a result of waiting for the completion of a new \$3.5m railway station to which the Upper Hutt council contributed \$1m in co-funding, Wallach said.

A southward repositioning of the station was favoured to improve the city access but was not possible because of a new building needed to house signalling equipment.

But the station's main entry is in a different position and the work includes the realigning of pedestrian crossings opposite this and on Fergusson Drive.

The new layout includes a wide lawn area with trees, seat-

ing and a relocated statue between the two sides of Fergusson Drive.

Improved lighting, a repositioning of the main traffic roundabout and new kerbing of all the roading are also part of the work.

"We will also provide a shared area in Princes St where the kerb and channel is being replaced with underground drainage," Wallach said.

"This provides a more user friendly space with the footpaths and road surface area at the same level."

The existing angle parking on the street's western side will

become parallel parking to accommodate a wider footpath.

Mayor Wayne Guppy said residents would welcome the start to the long promised work.

"We know it's been in the planning for a long time but delaying things for the railway station build made obvious sense," Mayor Wayne Guppy said.

"And since then there has also been other modifications made, some of which have been very technical."

Wallach said work in the Princes St area would not start before Christmas.

Today's view. Looking to the CBD from the railway station.

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Christmas banner to help hospice

ELEANOR WENMAN

It's a Christmas banner that's been a year in the making but the Taita resident behind it can't wait to see it lit up.

Ray Newton has been planning the banner since the start of the year and wanted to raise money for the Te Omanga Hospice. People have been invited to come and see it in the lead up to Christmas when collection plates would be out.

The banner display would coincide with Christmas light

Ray Newton and Philippa Hoskin by the banner. PHOTO: ELEANOR WENMAN

displays from nearby houses. Knowing what he wanted,

Newton approached Taita College for help. A group of art students stepped up.

"[The art teacher] rang and said 'it's all go'," Newton said.

The students spray-painted the banner and it took Newton a day to put up it. He hoped to illuminate to before the crowds came. He aimed to raise \$3000 over the next three weeks.

■ The banner will be on display at 70 Tawhai Road, Lower Hutt Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday evenings before Christmas.

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Cake auction proves sweet success for family

ABBY BROWN

A cake auction and a sausage sizzle have raised \$2000 for a cancer battler's family.

"We took over \$1000 for the cakes and with the sausage sizzle and the Lions' hot dogs and chips we made over \$2000 for the night's work," organiser Kim Thorsen said. "We are thrilled to bits."

At the Trentham School auction for Cyrus Taylor's family on November 30 a \$200 Go Cake Yourself voucher sold for \$100.

The cake which attracted the highest bid was a Christmas tree cake, which sold for \$55. A blue snowflake cake and a green drip

Some of the cakes had a Christmas theme, while others had a more wintry feel.

cake sold for \$50 each.

There were 25 cakes in the auction, including seven that were made and bought down from

Palmerston North by family and friends of the school.

Cyrus's dad, Steve Taylor, said his family was blown away by the

school and wider community's generosity.

"We wish to extend our thanks to those that organised the fundraiser, those that gave their time to bake cakes for the auction and those that came and showed their support on the day," he said. "Cyrus would like to thank you all for your amazing support through this journey."

The final total will come in once the raffle is drawn on December 13. Tickets are still available from the school office. The first prize is his and hers Michael Hill watches worth \$600 and a \$500 Pak 'n Save voucher. There are also gift baskets to win.

Cyrus was diagnosed in 2014 with an inoperable brain tumour and was flown to Starship Hospital in Auckland to undergo surgery to release pressure from his head.

He was starting to return to having a normal life. However, in October 2015 an MRI revealed the tumour was growing and the decision was made to begin an 18 month course of chemotherapy.

Now 12 months into the chemo, Cyrus has missed a lot of school due to his treatment.

However, he has become an inspiration to many of his friends at school with his positive outlook.

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Swing in to celebrate H2O Xtream's 20th birthday.

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Pool party for birthday

H2O Xtream is celebrating its 20th birthday, on December 12, with a month of events for all ages.

The celebrations started on December 3 with a TeenWave for kids aged eight to 13.

On December 8 t Xtream Toddler Time will be held from 9am to 11am. This event is for under 5 year-olds and will include guest appearances from Santa and his Elf, Kev the Kiwi, a mermaid, and a giant duck.

"On December 12, along with Mayor Wayne Guppy, we will be celebrating, and honouring our longstanding customers who have been with us from the very beginning," council recreation services manager Rachel Jury. said.

A special Wavebreaker's Pool Party for the centre's learn-to-swim customers will be held on December 17 from 11am – 1pm.

The festivities will culminate in the 20th Birthday Pool Party on December 18, from 11am – 3pm. This is open to all ages at 1996 prices—\$2 per person and free slides.

"We've also managed to source our original uniform from when we first opened as the Upper Hutt Leisure Centre," Jury said.

"Staff will be modelling these purple gems from December 10."

New pool toys will be arriving throughout the month, including an Aqua Run inflatable.

The original Aqua Run was the facility's first inflatable, having made the move from Upper Hutt's previous outdoor Maidstone Pool complex.

Sports events go pro-water this summer

Outdoor sports events in the Hutt Valley are going pro-water this summer, with some organisations not only promoting water as the drink of choice at their events but making sure people who attend them can access fresh and free water.

Total Touch Wellington coordinates 2,500 school children in touch rugby modules played at Hutt Park and Fraser Park during the first and fourth school terms.

This year Total Touch worked with Healthy Families Lower Hutt to find a portable hydration station that could be set up at each park.

Total Touch wanted to offer young players, volunteers and supporters fresh and free water every week, to discour-

age them from choosing less healthy sugar-filled options like juice, fizzy drinks and sports drinks.

“We gain a great sense of gratification knowing we can show leadership and make a difference through so many kids in our competitions,” says Total Touch Director, Bronwyn Jahnke.

The hydration station also follows Total Touch to all events they help organise, including the recent Pasifika Choice Fun Family Touch Tournament at Hutt Park, which is owned by Pacific Health Service Hutt Valley.

The Pasifika Choice Tournament is four years into its Smokefree and Fizz Free event kaupapa (policy). Healthy Families Lower Hutt

also worked with Hutt City Council to re-design ‘Player of the Day’ certificates so they promote drinking water, as well giving the child a free entry to any Hutt City Council swimming pool.

The portable hydration station is also making appearances at other pro-water events like Lower Hutt Primary Schools Sports Association’s Interzone Events.

Above: Jodie-Ann Webster and Perise Iupeli warm up the crowd at the Pasifika Choice Fun Family Touch Tournament.

Right: Zoe So’otaga and Mason Henry fill up from the hydration station at a touch rugby module at Hutt Park.

Read more news at www.huttvalleydhb.org.nz

Quick work reassures patient

“It all happened really fast and everything was taken care of for me so I just had to turn up. And I still can’t believe it all cost me nothing.”
- John Quinn

Hutt Valley DHB is working in partnership with other healthcare providers to provide better quality health care for our community.

You can read more stories like John’s in the DHB’s new publication *Striving For Excellence Quality Accounts*. See our website for your copy: www.huttvalleydhb.org.nz.

Wainuiomata man John Quinn (pictured above) had a sore knee for some time and when it suddenly got a lot worse he went to see his Hutt City Health Centre GP who immediately considered the possibility of a blood clot (deep vein thrombosis or DVT) in his lower leg.

John’s GP quickly phoned the Person-Centred Acute Care (PACC) service which organised an urgent blood thinner injection at the After

Hours Medical Centre for him that evening and an ultrasound scan the next day. The service sorted out the appropriate paperwork to ensure the cost of treatment would be covered and assured Jim there would be no charge.

It was good news for Jim that the ultrasound confirmed the problem was a burst cyst and not DVT.

John is feeling better and he’s impressed by how quickly everything was set up for him.

Keep soil safe don’t risk legionellosis

Keep soil safe this summer when you are gardening to protect yourself from catching legionellosis.

Legionellosis is caused by Legionella bacteria, which are often found in compost, potting mix, mulch and soils. You can become infected if you breath in dust or fine water vapour. People at highest risk are the middle-aged to elderly, current and ex-smokers, people with other serious illnesses, or people with poor immune systems.

When working with compost potting mix, mulch and soils:

- work in well ventilated areas
- open bags away from your face with scissors
- wear a secure fitting mask and gloves (the double-strap type with a nose clip)
- dampen the soil before using it
- don’t eat, smoke or touch your face when gardening
- wash hands thoroughly.

Symptoms usually develop 2-10 days after being infected and can include: fever/chills, muscle aches, headache, dry cough, and exhaustion. Although the illness is rare, it can cause severe pneumonia and even death. See a doctor immediately if you develop these symptoms, as antibiotics are effective if given early.

For more information go to: www.rph.org.nz/legionellosis

Earthquakes - pay & tenants

ALAN KNOWSLEY
LEGAL MATTERS

Unexpected events, such as earthquakes, have meant that many employers have not been able to open for business and/or employees have not been able to get to work.

If the interruption is short, many employers will choose to continue to pay employees to preserve goodwill.

However, whether or not you have to continue to pay staff if your business is forced to shut temporarily through outside circumstances depends on the terms of the employment agreement you have entered into.

If you want to be able to not pay workers then this needs to be specifically covered in the agreement with each person. If your agreement does not provide for this, and you unilaterally cut wages, you could face claims for unpaid wages and penalties.

If the situation is not covered by the employment agreement, employees cannot be forced into any changes to their employment agreement made by the employer.

Of course such changes may be bargained for in return for a wage

increase or other benefits the next time you negotiate your agreements. Even if you wanted to protect staff goodwill, could your business afford to keep paying the wages if an earthquake meant you were closed for days or weeks?

As a residential tenant, you are entitled to ask your landlord to provide you with information about the safety of the property you rent from them.

Your landlord will be legally responsible if they fail to provide you with this information and something happens to you or anyone else occupying the property as a result.

Your landlord has an obligation to ensure that the property you rent from them is safe.

If your landlord is aware of any issues, hazards or risks at the property, they must make sure you are notified and that the situation is remedied as soon as possible.

If you identify any issues, hazards or risks yourself, you must notify your landlord promptly so that they can get on to fixing the problem.

Depending on the situation, your landlord might ask you to stay away from the problem area, or even vacate the property temporarily if the situation is

Queensgate in Lower Hutt was damaged and a section of it has been demolished.

PHOTO: CAMERON BURNELL

Your landlord has an obligation to ensure that the property you rent from them is safe.

serious enough.

If you have noticed any damage, such as cracks or movement in the building structure you should advise your landlord right away.

A proactive landlord should visit their rental property soon after an earthquake, to check on its condition and ask the tenant to

tell them about any issues they have spotted.

If your landlord has not arranged to inspect your property and you would like them to, you can ask them to do so at a suitable time.

Remember that your landlord must give you at least 48 hours' notice of their intention to inspect the property, and at least 24 hours' notice that they will be coming to maintain or repair the property, except in an emergency where they are not required to give you notice.

It is your landlord's responsibility to get professional advice about the property, such as

an engineering assessment, to satisfy themselves that it is safe to be lived in.

If your landlord fails to tell you about the safety of the house you rent after an earthquake, whether or not you ask for that information, they will be liable for any damage or harm to you or any other occupants that occurs as a result.

■ Column courtesy of **RAINEY COLLINS LAWYERS**, phone 0800 733 484.

■ If you have a legal inquiry you would like discussed in this column please email aknowsley@raineycollins.co.nz

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Conversations

Tolley says no to state care inquiry

GORDON CAMPBELL
TALKING POLITICS

The ongoing failures in monitoring the fishing industry – on-board cameras that fail, monitoring delegated by the authorities to a firm owned by the fishing industry – is all too typical.

In a country as small as New Zealand, truly independent systems of oversight and review seem difficult to arrange.

Everyone knows everyone, or has worked for them in some capacity or – all too often – they are being paid by the same ministry or industry they are being expected to evaluate.

As a “she’ll be right” nation, we’re not hard-wired to see the necessity for regulatory oversight, either. After all, our Parliament runs on a single chamber with no written Constitution, a simple majority of MPs can pass sweeping laws, and our courts don’t need much reminding of the supremacy of Parliament.

In addition, a climate of cost-cutting within government can readily work against full and

fearless investigations of the state’s failings, especially when the victims may be eligible for compensation.

Last week’s conflict between Social Development Minister Anne Tolley and district court judge Carolyn Henwood illustrated some of these flaws, in full bloom.

As chairwoman of the Confidential Listening and Assistance Service panel, Henwood has heard testimony from more than 1100 people who were abused in state care between the 1950s and 1992, mainly while under the care of Social Welfare.

During that time, more than 100,000 children were reportedly taken from their parents, and placed in state institutions. Significant numbers of them were seriously abused.

After a patient, below-the-radar investigation, Henwood and the CLAS panel recommended that – among other things – an independent public inquiry was required into the processes that enabled this abuse, and also into its ongoing impact, and that meanwhile, the state should issue a general apology for the systemic failures revealed to date.

Tolley has refused on both counts. She has rejected the need (or desirability at this late stage)

for a public inquiry fully independent of the state agency under the spotlight.

No public apology was deemed appropriate because – in Tolley’s view – no systemic failure had occurred, given that only 3.5 per cent of former state wards had complained of abuse.

By taking this stance, Tolley laid herself wide open to the criticism that without a public inquiry, the true extent of the abuse would never be known – a point made by Radio NZ’s Kim Hill in a fiery interview with

Tolley.

As Hill also indicated, some respondents might well have had misgivings about confiding their experiences to the very agency that had previously failed to protect them.

Tolley’s citing of the percentage of abuse claims seemed particularly mean-spirited. By analogy, only a small percentage of Catholic children have laid formal claims for compensation for abuses committed by Catholic priests. Yet surely, Tolley wouldn’t

attempt to deny that systemic failings occurred within that particular institution.

Reportedly, a public inquiry could leave the government facing major compensation claims, and this prospect may also have been a factor in Tolley’s decisions.

Well, Treaty claims for past wrongs by the state are being compensated, finally.

So far, this shabby episode has done little to reassure the public that Henwood’s findings – and the victims – have been handled fairly.

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Different library hours for different days

COLIN WILLIAMS

The Upper Hutt city library will close its doors at four different times a week from the new year.

The mishmash of closing times follows a review of the library hours including a 10-week trial which introduced a 9.30am opening and ended the long standing 7pm weekday closure

The early weekday opening had proved popular, the city community services director Mike Ryan said.

"We had significantly more people come in and using the library in that first half hour,

many of whom have been new customers."

The library trial encouraged submissions from customers and these had influenced the final decision.

"We've listened to people and we've crunched the numbers. It's all about meeting the requirements of our library users," Ryan said.

One of those was to remain open till 7pm at least evening a week.

"The earlier closing proved to be the most significant issue in the feedback," Ryan said.

"The earlier closing on Friday has had no significant impact as

traditionally it has been the quietest evening of the week," he said in recommending a 7pm finish on Mondays and Thursdays.

Pat Woolley, a member of the Upper Hutt Ukulele Band, was thrilled to learn the library would be reverting to a late Thursday.

The changed hours for the trial had made it difficult for the library-based group to practise, she said.

"I'm very happy they have come to this decision the whole group will be thrilled. We actually lost a lot of members over the change of times," Woolley said.

Woolley and other ukulele players spoke at a council meet-

ing in September and called for a late night to be reinstated.

Most band members worked in Wellington or Lower Hutt and could not get to the library until about after 6pm, she said.

The new hours will be in force from late January after the city library closes for several days for a redesign of its public areas, Ryan said.

The hours at the Pinehaven branch library were also altered for a trial period with the existing late night replaced by two morning openings.

"There was a substantial amount of verbal feedback supporting the morning opening

The new hours

■ City: Monday and Thursday, 9.30am to 7pm; Tuesday and Wednesday 9.30 to 6.30pm, Friday 9.30am to 5.30pm and Saturday/Sunday 10am to 4pm.

■ Pinehaven: Monday, Wednesday and Friday 12.30pm to 4.30pm, Tuesday and Thursday 9.30am to noon and Saturday 10.30am to 12.30pm.

which have allowed for the delivery of preschool and other programmes for children," Ryan said.

Lucky last key takes the car

ABBY BROWN

Kristy Couper had been hoping some of her dad's luck would rub off on her and it did.

The Lower Hutt resident was the fifth and last person to see if her key would successfully open the car being given away by the *Upper Hutt Leader*.

"My dad has always been lucky with this kind of thing and so is my grandad so I was hoping it would rub off on me," she said.

She had brought her dad, Dennis Couper, along to Trentham Race course on December 3 where the Yaris was given away, after entering the draw after shopping at Michael Hill Jewellers in Upper Hutt.

Wellington Communities sales manager Grant Davidson said there had been a great response to the Great Toyota Giveaway. "Once again it was a fantastic promotion with 25,000 entries and 60 local businesses participating," he said.

"This year was really special in the sense we had a huge number of smaller locally owned and operated businesses involved.

"They really got behind the promotion and made it work for their businesses. Special thanks to Richard Devery and the team at King Toyota for their continued support, their contribution is invaluable."

Davidson said the Wellington Racing Club Christmas at the Races was the perfect venue for the Grand Finale and they went out of their way to ensure everything went smoothly and we had a great time on the day."

■ Race day photos page 16.

The Upper Hutt Leader car winner, Kristy Couper, was stoked with her win. PHOTO: PETER MCDONALD

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Children across the region aged 12 and under can now pre-register online for The Big Read or sign-up at any Hutt City Library from December 16. The Teen Read and "Explore. Read. Relax" programme is now under way. Drop in to any Hutt City Library to grab your challenge card.

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Giveaways

Last week of Hydro 2016:

Monday 19 - Friday 23 December.
No Sunday session

First week back for 2017

Monday 9 January, all sessions as normal.

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Thursday 8 December from 8.30 - 11 am
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**Wednesday 28
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5.30am-9pm

**Thursday 29
December**
5.30am - 9pm

**Friday 30
December**
5.30am - 10pm

**Saturday 31
December**
8am - 6pm

**Saturday 24
December**
8am -6pm

**Sunday 25
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**Sunday 1
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Only Swim Night

**Monday 2
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**Tuesday 3
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**Saturday 7
January**
8am - 7pm

**Sunday 8
January**
8am - 6.30pm,
7 -9pm Women
Only Swim Night

**Monday 9
January**
resume normal
trading hours

Out & About

Santa and horses raced

Peter McDonald captured all the colour and fun of a day out at Saturday's Premier meeting at Trentham Race Course.

Supreme Fashion in the Field winner, Lynne Rait from Island Bay, and her partner Barry Morrison from Whitemans Valley who won the Stallion section were "chuffed" with their wins.

Ben Gregg had plenty of support for the Santa race from his ACC workmates.

Adrian Talbot with his grandchildren, Kiri and Ella and Izzy Armstrong.

John McInnes beat the big field of Santas.

Santa Hours

5th – 24th December
 10.30am to 1.30pm daily
 2.00pm to 4.00pm daily

Entertainment

Christmas Dance Performances

Thursday 15th December 6.00pm
 Saturday 18th December..... 11.30am – 12.00pm
 & 12.30pm – 1.00pm

Thursday 22nd December 6.00pm

Carol singers in The Mall

Sunday 18 December at 3.30pm

Holiday Season Trading Hours

12th December	Monday	9.00am - 5.30pm
13th December	Tuesday	9.00am - 5.30pm
14th December	Wednesday	9.00am - 5.30pm
15th December	Thursday	9.00am - 7.30pm
16th December	Friday	9.00am - 7.30pm
17th December	Saturday	9.00am - 5.30pm
18th December	Sunday	9.00am - 5.30pm
19th December	Monday	9.00am - 5.30pm
20th December	Tuesday	9.00am - 7.30pm
21st December	Wednesday	9.00am - 7.30pm
22nd December	Thursday	9.00am - 7.30pm
23rd December	Friday	9.00am - 5.30pm
24th December	Saturday	9.00am - 5.00pm (Christmas Eve)
25th December	Sunday	CLOSED (Christmas Day)
26th December	Monday	10.00am - 5.00pm (Boxing Day)
27th December	Tuesday	10.00am - 4.00pm (Public Holiday)
28th December	Wednesday	9.00am - 5.30pm
29th December	Thursday	9.00am - 5.30pm
30th December	Friday	9.00am - 5.30pm
31st December	Saturday	9.00am - 5.00pm
1st January	Sunday	CLOSED (New Years Day)
2nd January	Monday	10.00am - 4.00pm (Public Holiday)
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Bad sequel offensive in its mediocrity

No, the first *Bad Santa* wasn't a great work of art.

But it took a single joke – the worst Santa ever – and made something agreeably twisted of out of it.

For any curmudgeons who would prefer a lump of coal in their stocking than to participate in heartwarming festive cheer, Billy Bob Thornton's memorably cranky performance as Willie Soke, a sexist, alcoholic, thieving misanthrope, was the ideal whiskey-soaked respite.

This sequel, arriving like a grubby gift no wanted some 13 years later, repeats the same schtick all over again, but ups the ante in political incorrectness to a degree that's frighteningly dull.

Bad Santa 2 can't help but feel exhausted, coming after a whole generation of *Bad Teachers*, *Bad Moms*, *Dirty Grandpas*, and other garden-variety Todd Phillips/Judd Apatow gross-out joints.

From the endless stream of profanities to the now-standard end credits "shocking photo roll" gag, the film is awfully desperate in its desire to make us gasp.

Bad Kathy Bates is occasionally fun, however.

As Willie's butch, tatted-up long-lost mother Sunny, she's a welcome snarling ball of villainy who's somehow even more monstrous than him. But there's a limit to how much the writers can wrest out of her character.

When you get to the point where Bates is taking a crap while watching *The Bachelor*, the novelty's worn off.

Overlong, and criminally unfunny, *Bad Santa 2*'s mix of lazily-written caper antics, breasts and buttocks-ogling sleaze

and unearned, third-act redemption arcs is only offensive in its mediocrity.
– Aaron Yap

Review

Bad Santa 2 (R16)
Directed by Mark Waters
Starring Billy Bob Thornton, Kathy Bates, Tony Cox
92 mins
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Even the charismatic presence of Kathy Bates can't lift *Bad Santa 2* to any great heights.

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Grey Power Upper Hutt: HAPAI rooms, Fergusson Dr, new members welcome, meets the third Wednesday of the month, 1.30pm-2.30pm.

The Koha Cafe: Great Start, 111 Eastern Hutt Rd, fresh and nutritious lunches and treats, Fridays (except during school holidays), 10am-1pm, payment by koha.

Library: Food for Fines. Bring non-perishable food for food bank and you'll get \$5 removed from your library account. All Hutt City Libraries, Dec 1-31.

Lion's Mini Market: Lion Hall, King St, Upper Hutt, a Mini Market is held on the last Saturday every month, 8am - 11.30am, tables \$5 each, inquiries to 5264059.

Lower Hutt Adults Colouring-In Group: Enjoy an hour or two of stress relief and fun, plus a cuppa. Materials supplied to get you started. No Charge. Contact: Julie 566 2006

Lower Hutt Stroke Club: Knox Church Hall, 574 High St, information, support and companionship to people who have

had a stroke, second Tuesday of each month, 1.30pm.

Men's Support Group: Moera Community House, 107 Randwick Cres. Wednesdays, 5.30pm to 6.30pm.

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New Settlers Women's Group: every Friday morning (school term) for fellowship and craft from 10.00am to 12.30pm at Family Works, 4 Exchange Street, Upper Hutt. Any enquiries phone 04 5284 164.

Rainbow Colours: Upper Hutt Library, an adult colouring-in group, Tuesdays, 10am-noon.

Rimutaka Lions Club: 1st and 3rd Monday at 6.30pm. All enquiries to Adrian, 526 3227.

Rural Women New Zealand: Hudson Ave, an Upper Hutt branch of Rural Women NZ has been formed, meetings on the afternoon of the 4th Thursday of each month. Inquiries to Louise on 527 3177.

Santa: Santa will be in his magical Grotto, which will be open 11am-4pm most days, from December 3-21 on 274b Jackson St, free entry and free photos.

Scottish Country Dancing: Social

Shut Up and Dance are at the Indian Cultural Hall in Petone on December 19.

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

Special Christmas Family Service: December 18, 10am, Beacon Hill Church, corner of Hazel Street and Whitley Avenue, Ebdentown. For more information: **Silverstream Lions Club:** Supporting your community. Meets the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month 6.30pm. Inquiries to John 5284429

Sixties Up: Brown Owl, meets at 10 am, 1st and 3rd Friday each month at

St Peter Chanel Centre, cnr Fergusson Drive and Bernadette Drive. Contact 938 3818. Maidstone, meets at 1.15 pm, 2nd and 4th Friday each month at Hapai Club, Fergusson Drive. Contact 526 9459. Moonshine, meets at 1.30 pm, 2nd and 4th Wednesday each month at Masonic hall, Islington Street. Contact 971 3213. Upper Hutt, meets at 10 am, 2nd and 4th Friday each month at the Cossie Club, Logan Street. Contact 528 3337

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Upper Hutt Grey Power: Meet the third Wednesday of the month, 1.30pm-2.45pm, Hapai Clubrooms.

Upper Hutt Save the Children: Wesley Centre, 1 Benzie Ave, meets for morning tea and a speaker, every second Tuesday of the month, 10am, cost \$5, phone Jeanette 528-2750.

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Arthritis Exercise Group: Upper Hutt Cossie Club, gentle exercises specifically designed for people with arthritis, meets on the second and fourth Thursday each month, 10.30-11.30am, \$3 per session, contact irene.james@paradise.net.nz.

Cyclocross (cx) Academy: training clinics every 2nd Saturday of the month, 1pm at Moonshine Park, till May 2017. more info contact Malcolm 526 6269.

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Shut Up & Dance: Pop-Up Event at the Indian Cultural Hall in Petone on December 19, 7.45pm, \$25.

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Walking Group: Petone Community House, 6 Britannia St, mainly flat walks for the over 60s, Thursdays, twice monthly, info: Shirley, 589-8917.

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

Sunday Strum: Expressions, 836 Fergusson Dr, Upper Hutt ukulele group meets for a jam session, listen or join in, on the first Sunday of each month, 2-3pm.

Ukulele Classes in Naenae: Naenae Community Hall, Everest Ave, Thursdays, 1pm-2.30pm, entry by koha, contact Christine 567 7446.

Upper Hutt Country Music Club: Masonic Hall 27 Islington Street, Trentham, all welcome, meets every second Sunday from 6.30pm.

Wellington Country & Western Music Club: Avalon Park Pavilion, meets every second Sunday, 7pm. Call Alan on 934 7440.

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ELEANOR WENMAN

It's not every day a person gets to watch a bill they inspired become law but that was exactly what Upper Hutt's Sharon van der Gulik spent a day doing recently.

She went to Parliament to hear the third and final reading of the Compensation for Live Organs Donor Bill, which passed unanimously on November 30. Under the new law, donors will receive 100 per cent of their income for up to 12 weeks as compensation.

"It's all happening," she said. "I didn't have a dream of what I started."

About two and a half years ago, van der Gulik was on dialysis and waiting for a kidney transplant. Her grandson, Matt van der Gulik, stepped up to donate his kidney.

However, both of them got a shock when they realised how little he would receive from Work and Income while he was off work to recover - \$206.21 a week, not even enough to cover his mortgage.

"We were lucky. We could cover his wages," Sharon van der Gulik said.

Even trying to get compensation from Work and Income was difficult. Matt van der Gulik said when he first went in to see them he was told they couldn't help.

"They made me feel so little,"

Sharon van der Gulik with National list MP Chris Bishop, left, grandson Matt, husband Harry and Prime Minister John Key.

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"It's all happening. I didn't have a dream of what I started."

Sharon van der Gulik

he said.

Determined to do something, his grandmother went to a "meet the candidates" evening in her area to raise her concerns. "I was shaking, I was so nervous," she said, "But I had to do something."

National list MP Chris Bishop was at that meeting and took up her cause, pushing the member's bill into law.

"It's a huge thrill," he said.

Donors gave the gift of life and the need for proper compensation was urgent, he said.

The new law also grants discretionary allowances for costs incurred during pre-operation tests and check-ups. Compensation will be funded through the Ministry of Health.

Matt van der Gulik said the

new law would make it easier for donors to step up to the plate.

"Now, if they want to help someone, they can," he said.

Sharon van der Gulik received her grandson's kidney 2½ years ago. However, her body began to reject it and she had to have it removed in late 2014. She went back on dialysis and has no plans to get another a transplant.

Truth For Our Times.

Part Twenty Seven.

Continued from part 26, that Satan is a spirit being and not just an evil influence.

Jesus speaking to the Jewish people who opposed Him, "Ye are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it", John 8:44.

In Michael's (Jesus) care over Israel, one of His duties was to prevent the devil from securing the body of Moses. Not all the angels occupying positions in high places were obedient subjects, and some displayed powerful opposition in their efforts to gain control over mankind. The clash between two angelic powers was exhibited in this dispute over the body of Moses. Satan presumably would have had the body given into the hands of the embalmers, and, by so doing, would have enticed the children of Israel to worship him who had been their divinely appointed leader in the exodus from Egypt and in their wilderness journey: to worship his embalmed body as an idol. His evil domination over their minds had already brought them severe punishments during their journey. However, this attempt of Satan to obtain the body of Moses was frustrated; for Michael disposed of the body so effectively that the grave has never been located, Deuteronomy 34:5,6; Jude 9.

In Satan's capacity as being "Prince of this world", John 14:30, God has permitted Satan to give all of the living creation, angels and humans who each have a free will, trials and tests, so each one can either succumb to Satan's evil and wickedness, or to follow after righteousness and holiness.

We read in Matt. 4:8,9, that even Jesus. God's Holy Son, when He was on earth was tempted by that evil one. "The devil tempting our Lord Jesus in the wilderness, offered Him all the Kingdoms of the world. said, All these things I will give thee if thou wilt fall down and worship me", and as we know, Jesus resisted all his temptations and we read in Verses 10, "Get thee hence Satan: for it is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and Him only shall thou serve".

To Be Continued,
A. Carter.

December 7th

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The Rockets team were racing quickly towards the end of their river run.

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Rollicking fun on the Hutt River

Totara Park School's Raft Race was held on Thursday and with 25 homemade rafts and 116 Year 3 and 4 children involved the event is getting bigger and better each year. The colourful and varied rafts, ranging from two seaters to groups of eight, were built by the children with help from parents and friends

over 12 weeks in Term 3. With adults on hand in surprisingly fast running water on a perfect day, the rafts were sent off downstream every minute from near the Maoribank river spot to near the Totara Park bridge. The winning team was Manchester United combination of Ashton, Tate, Harry, Ollie and Ryan.

The Pink Cheetahs keep calm as the river sweeps around them.

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School celebrates 10 years of dance

ABBY BROWN

A dance school is celebrating 10 years of happy feet.

Elevatedance's annual end-of-year show will also celebrate the company's 10th birthday with dancers performing favourite pieces from the past 10 years.

"That includes dancing to *Apologise* by One Republic and songs from *High School Musical*," director Haidee Clark said.

The performers are aged between three and the late 40s. "The coolest thing is that we have still have some dancers with us who were with us from the start which gives it a family feel."

From the school's first two years she estimated there were eight to 10 original members still involved.

"One of the teachers started learning to dance with us at the age of seven and she now teaches the intermediate class."

The dancers started rehearsing at the beginning of August.

The school, based in Wainuiomata and Lower Hutt, offers hip-hop, dancexperiment, jazz and contemporary dance classes and was established in May 2006.

Elevatedance are celebrating their 10th birthday on December 10.

Elevatedance presents "10th Birthday Celebration" at Expressions, December 10, 1pm and 7pm, December 11, 1pm and 7pm, \$22 Adult, \$12 Child/Student tickets at Expressions or their website.

"I know if anything happens to Trevor, I will be looked after."

Judy and Trevor have recently moved into their Summerset retirement villa and say security was their main reason for the move.

Judy was originally concerned she'd find the move from their home difficult. "The transition was a breeze in the end."

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Rapper hopes to wow scout

ABBY BROWN

Gaylon Hindley's early life in South Africa reads like lyrics from a rap song so it is not surprising he has secured a spot in the finals of a rapping competition.

The Capetown-born Upper Hutt resident will perform in The Def Jam New Zealand Showcase on December 10.

"I saw drug deals go wrong as I walked to school, I saw someone get stabbed and I had to duck and dive bullets," he said. "I didn't realise it wasn't normal until I had been in New Zealand for a couple of months and saw how calm it was."

If his tales impress the judge, talent scout Mike Neely from the DefJam label, he could become a rapping superstar like his favourite hip hop artist, Lil Wayne.

American talent scouts normally don't leave the United States for showcases.

"People normally have to pay \$1500 to get a meeting with someone like him," Hindley said.

Whoever beats the 23 other competitors, eight of whom are from Wellington, will get to meet with him and will receive \$250 worth of Ill Magik clothing.

The 27-year-old impressed with his energy at the semi-final.

The Ministry of Social Development employee balances two hours of practicing his rapping, recording an album and his own promotion company which has six artists involved.

"My stage name is DoubleG mAKEAbangA and my son argues with me that that is his name."

Hindley livestreams his performances to his five-year-old as he often played at non-child-friendly times.

He has organised and hosted hip hop and R'n'B showcases nights for the past two years.

He will be releasing his debut single and video in the next two weeks, titled *Hold it Down*, which is self produced and about growing up in Cape Town.

More than 70 performers registered for heats, which were held in Auckland, Hamilton, Whanganui, Wellington, Nelson and Christchurch. Meeting with Neely did not guarantee a recording contract or distribution deal.

■ The Def Jam New Zealand Showcase is on December 10 at The Grand, Courtney Place, Wellington.

Love the life

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Gaylon Hindley has secured a spot in the finals of The Def Jam New Zealand Showcase.

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Embrace the festive season in Upper Hutt

There is no need to travel out of Upper Hutt to celebrate the festive season. Celebrating with great food and good company is easy with what is on offer at local cafes and restaurants - there are options to suit every taste, budget and age group - even an event for dogs! Enjoy the festive season.

Silverspoon Restaurant

Silverspoon Restaurant has earned a reputation for serving excellence - excellent food, service and atmosphere - meaning diners can sit back, relax and enjoy their dining experience while manager Michelle and the team take care of everything. For pre-Christmas events from small group get-togethers to work and club Christmas parties, as well as their full brunch, lunch and dinner menus, Silverspoon Restaurant has a special Christmas lunch a la carte menu with two courses for just \$25 and three courses for \$33. A special Christmas Dinner menu includes its famous bacon-wrapped scallop entree and glazed ham off the bone in sticky Asian style sauce main, served with parsnip and roast garlic puree and wilted spinach, among the varied choices. The dinner menu is \$39 for two courses and \$52 for three. Go to www.silverspoon.net.nz/christmas2016 to see the full menus.

Silverspoon Restaurant is open Tuesday to Sunday 11.30am - 2pm for lunch and from 5.30pm for dinner. Weekend brunch from 9am. It will be open through the festive season (closed only on public holidays).

Silverspoon Restaurant, 7 Kiln St, Silverstream. Phone 528 3344 for bookings or email dine@silverspoon.net.nz

Totara Park Thai Food

Totara Park Thai Food is famous around the Wellington region for its authentic Thai food cooked from the heart by Thai born and trained chef Jeen Gordon. Its main menu features more than 50 dishes, plus it also has a dedicated vegetarian menu. Many dishes can be made vegan by Jeen who understands different dietary needs. Any of these dishes can be incorporated into a banquet for Christmas group bookings. Totara Park Thai Food is always a popular venue for Christmas get togethers. Bookings are still being accepted but Jeen recommends acting quickly as space is filling up fast. For those who don't have time to stop and enjoy the atmosphere of the restaurant in the busy lead up to Christmas, the same delicious food is available as a takeaway option from the dedicated takeaway counter to the right inside the front door or by phoning 526 3546. Closed December 25, 26 and 27, 2016, and January 1, 2 and 3, 2017,

otherwise it is open the normal hours of Tuesday to Sunday 5pm to late.

Totara Park Thai Food, 1 Turon Crescent, Totara Park. Phone 526 3546

The Tote and Furnace

A relaxing afternoon out is promised with a Christmas High Tea available at The Furnace Cafe and Restaurant on Sunday, December 11, from 2-4pm. For only \$25 per person diners can enjoy an afternoon tea of traditional scones, finger sandwiches, cream tarts and more along with a choice of tea or coffee. For just \$10, their choice of a scone (plain, cheese or date) with jam and cream and tea or coffee. A courtesy coach is available for pick up and/or drop off. As high teas are always popular booking for both the high tea and the courtesy coach is essential.

Dogs and their owners can embrace the holiday spirit too, with a special "Doggie Day Christmas" in the front courtyard at The Tote on Sunday, December 11, from noon to 2pm. Owners are invited to dress up their dogs in Christmas attire - there will be prizes for best dressed dog and doggie tricks. Dogs receive their own placemat and owners can select food for them from a special doggie menu. Canine custodians can enjoy a lunch special or sample the full menu.

The Tote and Furnace complex has a Christmas function pack available to help with planning Christmas events. "With a variety of different sized areas available, both indoors and out, we can take care of all the important details that guarantee a memorable party," says complex manager Robyn Maathuis.

"We will organise a theme to suit, decorate, supply crackers, a great array of festive food and make sure you have a darn good time. We can even get hold of the big guy if you want," she says.

The Tote is open every day but Christmas Day, Furnace will be opening special holiday hours. For opening hours and more information check the website www.toteandfurnace.co.nz

The Tote and Furnace, 74 Ararino St, Trentham. Phone 527 1909 (Furnace) 5287 288 (The Tote)

Traditional Thai Restaurant

Traditional Thai owners Nareat and Chanya and their team pride themselves on offering an authentic Thai experience. Tasty food, cooked from Thai recipes by Thai chefs, decorative ornaments from Thailand, Thai music and impeccably dressed, knowledgeable wait staff.

Traditional Thai Restaurant offers an a la carte menu and banquets for a minimum of just two people. Despite being a large

restaurant, some nights are filling fast so booking is recommended. Traditional Thai is still accepting group bookings for Christmas functions - for either a set menu or tailormade banquet.

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Free outdoor gear offer for summer

CHELSEA MCLAUGHLIN

Dave Woulfe grew up enjoying all the adventures Wellington has to offer and now he wants to help everyone else experience the same.

Woulfe runs three outdoors businesses in Wellington: The Boatshed at Days Bay, which hires out kayaks and paddle boards; The Bikeshed Pencarrow, which rents bikes; and Cycle Rimutaka, which arranges trips for people on the Rimutaka cycle trail.

The businesses have just launched Everyone's Adventure, a summer campaign designed to make them accessible to everyone.

Woulfe has figured out the businesses need to bring in \$300,000 this summer to cover overheads, safe practices, rent and staff wages.

Once they've covered the \$300,000, their gear will be free to use for the public for the rest of summer, until Easter Weekend 2017.

"I was lucky enough to grow up in a family with bikes and kayaks available," he says.

He wants to give others the same opportunity to "get outside with their friends and families".

"The biggest buzz that I got was making more adventures accessible for more people who wouldn't be able to afford it and I

really wanted to build this into our business philosophy in a much bigger way," he says.

It's a unique idea but it will be a win for the business, the environment and the community, he says.

He says Wellington offers so much variety in outdoor

adventures and he was keen to help people enjoy it.

"For me personally, I think it's such a ruggedly beautiful part of the country with the dynamic coastline and rolling hills.

"It changes so much and there is just so many variations on offer, it's a great place to be to get

into the outdoors and experience some cool stuff."

Just when the businesses would reach the \$300,000 target and begin offering free hires is dependent on customers.

Woulfe says he hopes it will be by the end of the school holidays, but his team were going to be

pushing Christmas vouchers to help the cause.

Customers can feel good about helping others have experiences they might not otherwise have, he says.

"If everyone gets behind it we could potentially smash it out before Christmas."

Dave Woulfe launched Everyone's Adventure, a campaign to make gear hire free. SUPPLIED

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Volunteers rewarded

Wellington District Victim Support recently hosted its 2016 volunteer graduation and long service awards ceremony. Seven Victim Support Volunteers graduated from their internship programme, which can take over a year to complete.

Victim Support long service awards recognised the dedication and commitment of volunteers to helping victims recover and rebuild their lives. This year two volunteers received two year pins, and eight volunteers received five year pins.

Diana Fisher from Upper Hutt received her 20-year service pin and from Kapiti, Barbara Heaton received her 10 year pin.

Volunteers support victims of crime and trauma to get through a most difficult and unexpected time in their life.

From left: Area Commander Hutt Valley Sean Hansen, Kevin Tso CEO Victim Support, volunteer Diana Fisher, Chris Bishop local National list MP and Michael Dowling, LGC for Kapiti.

DEFENCE STAFF GO NORTH

More than 120 New Zealand Defence Force staff have moved to new offices to Upper Hutt as a consequence of the November earthquake. The staff have vacated Defence House in Wellington, which has been closed since the earthquake, and moved to the New Zealand Campus of Innovation and Sport. “An additional part of the campus has been made available as part of a wider contingency response,” a NZDF spokesman said. “Decisions have yet to be made about how long the premises will be required.”

Has your property suffered earthquake damage?

Here's how EQC can help

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

There's no rush. You have until midnight on 14 February 2017 to make a claim.

You can organise repairs to make your home safe, sanitary, secure and weathertight. Before you move or repair anything, please take photos as a record of the damage. Keep a copy of any repair costs so we can consider these as part of any valid claim you make.

When you are ready to contact us, you can easily lodge your claim online at www.eqc.govt.nz/claims or you can call our free phone number 0800 DAMAGE (326 243).

Everyone with a current private insurance policy for home or contents that includes fire insurance (most do) automatically has EQC's insurance.

EQC covers earthquake damaged homes (up to \$100,000+GST), contents (up to \$20,000+GST) and a defined area of residential land.

We are working with other government agencies to provide support to the most affected communities.

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Junior Cricket: November 26:

Year Two:

JCUH Congdon (48) beat JCUH Edgar (42) POD for Congdon:

Angus Harding; POD for Edgar: Lachlan Finlay

JCUH McKelvey (45) lost to HDCC Broncos (90), POD for

McKelvey: Harrison Muir, POD:

JCUH Vettori (63) beat HDCC Dragons (50): POD: Cody Mason

Year Three:

JCUH Devine 29 (Lucas O'Donnell 2-6, Jonty Beattie 2-7) lost to

JCUH Howarth 88 (Jonty Beattie 21, Keisha Pegg 1-12)

PODDevine Keisha Pegg and James Bloomfield, P.O.D.

Howarth Milan Canak and Lucas O'Donnell

JCUH Southee 48 (Finn McGlinchey 12, Callum Lansdown 12)

lost to Naena Stingers (Liam Bateson 3-7) POD: Hamish

Morrison

JCUH Burgess 57 bet Petone Riverside Vipers 55. P.O.D. Corey

Whitfield (batting), Jonathan Horne (bowling)

Year Four:

JCUH Hadlee played JCUH Williamson Hadlee (110) won, Team

Williamson (86) POD Hadlee James Berry. POD Williamson

Zach Jefferys.

JCUH Astle played Eastbourne. JCUH Astle won 81 to 69. POD

Astle Daniel Bryant; JCUH Chatfield 55 for 7 - Wainui Ninox

Construction 44 for 6. POD - Casey Kyle

Year Five:

JCUH Redmond 84/7 (F Thompson 21) lost to Taita 99/5 POD

F ThompsonYear Six: JCUH Bracewell 25/7 lost to JCUH

Hockley 63/6 (Harry Lamont 24*)

JCUH Turner 64 all out (W Belton 11, M Singh 6, K Rona 2/13)

lost to HDCC Stags 149/2 POD William Belton

JCUH Doull 158/4 (27 overs) (Ollie Bowmar 34 no, M Paanod

26, T Potter 21, Jeremy Pratt 13, Ollie Bowmar 2/9, T Potter 2/15)

beats HDCC Awesome Force 104/7 all out. POD Mark Paanod,

Jeremy Pratt, Ollie Bowmar, Toby Potter.

Year 7/8 and Colts:

JCUH McCullum 112/7 (Oliver Edwards 32, Luke Bidois 15, Huw

Mair 12, Matthew Jensen 12) A Heffernan 2-26 v JCUH yr7 Reid

126-5 C Coetzee 30 NO, GDawson 24 no, POD Reid - A

Heffernan POD McCullum Luke Bidois 15, 3-9

JCUH Greatbatch 186/6 I Campbell 58 D Stewart 33n/o A Curtis

23n/o vs Petone Pumas 79 M Young 2/7 I Campbell 2/12 N

Edmunds 2/14, POD I Campbell

JCUH Gillies Group Premiers match was abandoned after first

innings. We scored 135/9 (Daniel Niclaus 42, Sam Morgan 18,

Phelan Rona 16).

December 3: Year Two:

JCUH Vettori (56) beat Naena Stingers (40) PODs: Ahmed

Hyder, Fergus Gollan and Cody Mason

JCUH Edgar (48) lost to Wainuiomata Cricket Club (54) PODs:

Tristan Slee and Mickey Treacy

JCUH McKelvey (34) lost to HDCC Dragons (50) PODs: Edward

Lingard

Year Three:

JCUH Burgess 63 (Ishaan Adhikari 15) beat JCUH Devine 39

Burgess PODs Ishaan Adhikari and Ben Stevens, Devine PODs

Hunter Wilks and Darrin Martin

Year Four:

JCUH Astle (95) beat Petone Riverside (69). POD Astle, Jack

Mason and Xanthe Watson

JCUH Williamson (96) beat Petone (58). POD Williamson, Riley

Humphrey.

JCUH Chatfield (91/2) beat Hadlee (73/1). POD Chatfield, Taine

Flutey

POD Hadlee, Logan Pitchford

Year Six:

JCUH Bracewell with 143/4 lost to JCUH Yr.6 Coney 147/6 (Ben

Woolf 26 no, Michael Brophy 22 not out, Tyler Craig 2/8, Fraser

Earl 2/17). POD Dustin Miller, Tyler Craig.

JCUH Coney 147/6 beats JCUH Bracewell 143/5 with Ben

Corbett 35 no

JCUH Doull 88 all out (23.3 overs) (Toby Potter 29, Manish

Singh 21, Jacob Fyvie 2/7, M Paanod 1/8 and 2 run-outs) beat

Petone Riverside CC Cougars 79 all out. POD Jacob Fyvie,

Mark Paanod, Callum Rush.

JCUH Hockley 129/6 beats HDCC Volts 110/7 (Ollie Bowmar 38

no, Harry Lamont 31 runs, Christopher Horne 11 runs, Ollie

Bowmar 2/4, Harry Lamont 3/10) POD Harry Lamont.

JCUH Turner 47/7 lost to HDCC Firebirds 94/7 (Shaun Marshall

25 no, Mehtaav Singh 3/7, K Rona 2/13)

Year 7/8 and Colts

UH Gillies Group Premiers 119/5 (Sam Morgan 32 not out,

Harry McMahon 17 not out, Jacob Marshall 13) beat Karori 118

all out (Harry McMahon 2/2, Zak Hussain 2/15, Luke Carey

2/21). POD Harry McMahon

UH McCullum 74/8 Huw Mair 10, Joseph Corrigan 10, Neeraj

Patel 9) lost to UH Greatbatch 126/2 (Matthew Jensen 2/5).

POD Kishanraj Soni

Out & About

The winners:

■ The winner of Best Float in the 2016 Upper Hutt Santa Parade is Maoribank School for the "Hunt for the Wilderpeople" inspired float. They'll take away \$1000 for their efforts.

■ Congratulations also go to Brown Owl Kindergarten and Upper Hutt Dog Training School for their Highly Commended float entries.

■ Vote for your favourite float in the People's Choice Award on the Upper Hutt City Council's Facebook page.

Brown Owl Kindy's Troll-themed float was a colourful and eye-catching addition to the Upper Hutt parade.

Georgia-Rose McLachlan, 7, was colour coordinated.

Parade draws crowd

Colin Williams captured the colourful, creative Upper Hutt Christmas Parade which brought out the crowds on Sunday.

Tana Gray was part of Maoribank School's winning float which was modelled on the movie Hunt for the Wilderpeople.

Katelin Archibald from Youthtown Upper Hutt helped make the Christmas Parade a sweet experience.

Rimutaka Roller Derby members put on their skates and joined the fun.

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of heavy rain last month not only in our region, but also the nerves of those living in the Wellington Region. Upper Hutt were fortunate to have fewer than normal air quality restrictions throughout the week. The durability of our roads is a testament to the work of our contractors and the hard work of our staff in maintaining our roads quickly.

We will continue to work closely with our colleagues around the region to provide support and build resilience in our local and regional communities. We will continue to increase our representation. In addition to our council representation, the events have highlighted the importance of personal representation. The aftershocks may be subsiding, but let's make time to ensure that you and your loved ones are prepared. Have a look at the preparedness website. You will find useful information to help you prepare for an event.

I would like to express my thanks for entrusting me with the Mayorality once again. We welcome new councillors, Ros Connelly and Chris Carson, and I look forward to working with all of our elected members over the next three years.

Plan and Land Use Strategy.

The Pines Street pedestrian link upgrade will begin in the new year and I am excited about the improved connection between our city centre and Upper Hutt Station.

Once again, I have the privilege of serving as Chair of the Wellington Regional Mayoral Forum. I will also now be representing the Wellington region on the executive of Local Government New Zealand. Both of these positions will give us the opportunity to contribute to both the regional and national conversations.

The close of 2016 signals the end of our city's 50th celebrations. I for one particularly enjoyed the Upper Hutt heroes exhibition at Expressions Whirinaki and the pop-up museum at Arkwrights on Main Street. Both exhibitions captured our rich heritage and celebrated those individuals who've made a lasting impression on our history.

The festive season is upon us and I urge you all to take the opportunity to spend quality time with family and loved ones. As the days get longer and the weather warmer, I am reminded of just how fortunate we all are to call Upper Hutt, home. Our city truly is a scenic playground.

I wish you and your family a very Merry Christmas and a happy and prosperous New Year.

Wayne Guppy | MAYOR
/mayor.wayneguppy

The holidays are coming...

The festive season is now upon us, and Upper Hutt has a super line-up of events for you and your family to enjoy over the summer period.

DECEMBER

10: Carols in the Park

JANUARY

14 – 23: Stoneworks

15: Paws in the Park

21, 23, 28: Wellington Cup Carnival events

FEBRUARY

6: Open Day at Orongomai, Family Water Day

11: Super Chevy Picnic

12: British Car Day, Teddy Bears Picnic, Quilt Festival

18: Karapoti Classic, Gypsy Fair, City of Song concert

25: Summer Carnival

MARCH

5: Bike the Trail

7: Mt Climie Sunset Tour

12: Truck and Transport Show

18: March Madness Fair

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Check page 4 for our Christmas and New Year opening hours.

Painted environment

Council's painted environment project is continuing to make progress. We have just launched the *Painted Environment Tour*—one of our new online maps. We're also in the process of including new signage at the various locations throughout the city.

Left to right: Councillors Dave Wheeler, Steve Taylor, Ros Connelly, Blair Griffiths, John Gwilliam, and Paul Lambert, Mayor Wayne Guppy, and Councillors Glenn McArthur, Angela McLeod, Chris Carson, and Hellen Swales

New look Council begins its tenure

Following the 2016 local body elections, Council has two new faces. Ros Connelly and Chris Carson were elected, effectively filling the vacancies left by Mary Amour and Dean Rabbit.

Following swearing in, Council used its first meeting to adopt the 2015 – 2016 Annual Report on 31 October. There have also been several

workshops and a photo session to update our Council and Directors information sheets.

As the annual cycle continues, officers are now doing preliminary work on the next Annual Plan and preparing for the Long Term Plan 2018 – 2028.

Council's final meeting for the year will be on Wednesday 14 December.

The progress to date has been huge, so we included an entire spread of photos from the various locations in our Annual Report. We'd like to acknowledge and thank local artists Claire Rye, Sean Duffell, Samuel Trimmer, Haunt One, Chimp, and Dan Mills for their support of this project.

A word from Councillor Angela McLeod

Well what a lead up to summer it's been—local body elections, earthquakes, and a fairly decent spring flood. Thank you for taking the time to vote. Upper Hutt voter turnout increased from previous elections, were higher than the national average, and brought two new members to Council. Thank you for caring about the leadership of this great little city. I look forward to working with you to make decisions for the future of Upper Hutt's environment, economy, and community. Let's ensure a future our young people want and need, that builds on the past, whilst taking care of the present. I'm also looking forward to building partnerships with you so that we make decisions that ensure

local businesses—especially family-owned businesses—are successful. We want to make decisions that enable sustainable growth in housing for our growing population and that empower each other to connect so that we can continue to build our social fabric.

Local democracy and decision-making is important to us all and we will continue as a team, to do our best to protect that. The government has extended the reporting time for the Local Government and Environment Select Committee on the Local Government Act 2002 Amendment Bill and we will be keeping an eye on that after presenting a submission expressing our concerns on your behalf.

Upper Hutt is a great place to live and we will keep working to ensure it stays that way. We fared well in the two adverse events in mid-November with the community pulling together to take care of each other and our infrastructure holding up well. We have offered support to businesses who need to work away from their offices in Wellington because of earthquake or storm damage, and we continue to play our part in the region through joint committees, regional committees and events.

I am looking forward to a wonderful summer with a great line-up of events and long warm evenings

to spend with family, friends and neighbours. I hope you are too and let's remember to connect with each other!

Nga mihi

Angela

New online map applications

Council's Information Systems team has been hard at work finding new ways to exploit our Geographic Information Systems (GIS) data. This data is collected and stored as part of Council's infrastructure and asset management. The team is creating new mapping applications for particular uses that leverage the GIS data into something the public can interact with in a meaningful way. Current projects include:

- Painted Environment Tour
- The Birchville Bridge replacement
- Council's 3-year works programme
- A guide to booking parks, sportsfields, and picnic areas in the city
- Roads and city centre areas covered by our graffiti policy
- Hospitality and accommodation (still in development)

Access to these applications is currently via their subject matter on our website, www.upperhuttcity.com. There will also be a maps homepage available soon that will reference and link to all the map applications we have created.

Bylaws review

Council is currently reviewing several bylaws. Information about changes proposed will soon be published for public comment.

The next step will be to consult with the community and this will be publicly notified. The bylaws that will soon be consulted on are:

- Keeping of Animals, Poultry and Bees Bylaw
- Prevention of Vegetation Fires Bylaw
- Traffic Bylaw
- Solid Waste Bylaw
- Community Facilities Bylaw

For more information go to www.consultation.upperhuttcity.com/bylaws-review

Business movements

New

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- Bay Audiology (Princes Street)
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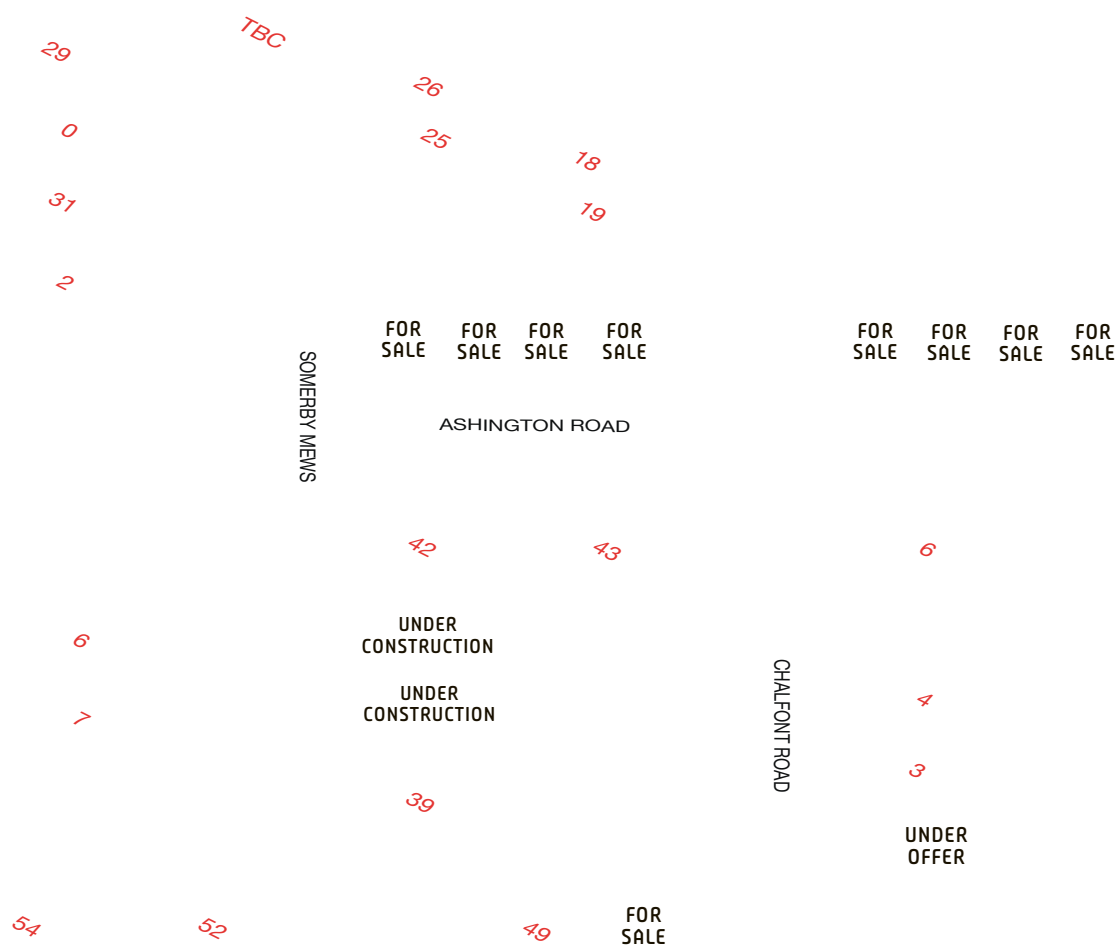


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Dec 12.00-12.30pm

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3A Shanly Street, Brown Owl

1 Kashmir Avenue, Clouston Park

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8I Montgomery Crescent, Clouston Park

22 Mary Crescent, Elderslea

24 Birkinshaw Grove, Riverstone

24 Ararino Street, Trentham

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Fairview Estate

Fairview estate is an exciting new lifestyle subdivision in Upper Hutt. The subdivision provides a unique lifestyle atmosphere with larger sections available for you to build your dream home. This sets it apart from many other developments and sets a unique feel and atmosphere that you will struggle to find anywhere else. Fairview is an exquisite development and takes advantage of its location with views of the valley running both north through Te Marua and south to Wellington. It is elevated on a plateau giving the sites spectacular views and all day sun. Fairview estate offers 26 lifestyle sections with lot sizes ranging between 5000m² - 3ha

VIEW Sun 11 Dec 12.00-4.00pm
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Sun, Views And Location

TICK, TICK, TICK!!! A true stunner and "Quality Home" completed in 2015, this 142sqm 3 bedroom home ticks all the boxes. From the open plan living, to the paved entertaining area through the bi-folding doors, these are what the vendors would consider their 80 percent zone. Tasteful and stylish, comfort and modern; this is how the property has been describe and now it is up to you to decide.

Double glazed, with ceiling and wall insulation and a heat pump in the living area, this house is set to be a crowd pleaser. The master bedroom offers an en-suite with walk-in wardrobe along with easy access out onto the paved entertainment area.



VIEW Sun 11 Dec 2.30-3.00pm
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Fully refurbished for its new owners to enjoy over Christmas and with not a thing to do. Excellent large family living spaces that flow effortlessly out to a deck and secure fully fenced section that gets all the sun. Modern updated kitchen, a super-large family bathroom to die for, and completely repainted and re-carpeted throughout. A top fit-out that will have you impressed. Minutes to bush-walks and the open spaces of Tulsa Park, just around the corner to excellent primary schooling and local shops, and right on the bus route. Easy access to Upper Hutt CBD and the motorway means you can't go wrong with this pristine home for all the family to enjoy.



VIEW Sun 11 Dec 1.45-2.15pm
PRICE **BE0 \$399,000**
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Views, Views, Views!

Contemporary modern build and only a year old, this family home is super impressive. Facing a reserve so you can't be built out and with views of bush clad hills from the lounge, right up the Hutt River from your dining room, kitchen and master bedroom, and all the way across to the Blue Mountains. On one of the most attractive and sunny sites in this exclusive subdivision, this 4 bedroom home has been completed to a very high specification including engineered stone benchtops, full F&P stainless kitchen suite, LED lighting, glass splashbacks in the kitchen and family bathroom, designer grooved doors with high-end hardware, and even carpet in the garage.



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This Is A "Goodie"

This property has been refurbished over the years by the vendors to an extremely high standard both inside and out. The house consists of 100m², three bedrooms, combined kitchen dining, separate lounge, excellent kitchen with separate laundry/scullery, double garage and fully fenced. Immaculate!



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Petone won the toss and batted first scoring 69. JCUH Player of the day Jack Mason took two wickets with his bowling spell, there were also a couple of sharp run outs, and a great caught behind from Cassey Busby /Daniel Bryant of JCUH Astle.

Batting second, Upper Hutt scored 95 runs from our 20 overs. Xanthe Watson had a great innings this week, and Daniel Bryant, Will Bassett and Kegan Sharkey all chipped in some powerful boundary hitting..

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Surviving on WW2 rations

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We've been living on wartime rations for the last two weeks in our household.

It's a family living history project, but it's given me new insights into the cost of convenience and feeding a family.

Like many households, World War II shaped our family's older generations.

My parents lived with rationing in Britain. My dad was evacuated from London. My grandparents were soldiers, or guarded the home front walking their air raid patrols.

So it's been two weeks of eggless ginger cake, cottage pie, apple crumble, root-vegetable soup, porridge, potatoes with everything, and lunches of "National Loaf" rolls made to the wartime recipe dubbed "Hitler's Secret Weapon" by the long-suffering British public.

My two girls (aged 10 and seven) were reluctant war-babes until informed they'd get a sweet ration, which is a big deal in a household which always skips the

GOLDEN RULES

- You can eat for less
- Productive gardens make economic sense
- Keep calm and shop wisely

supermarket confectionary aisle.

Meal planning had to be carried out with scientific detail.

Recipes came from one charming Canadian's wonderful blog, but when you have a limited amount of meat, cheese, butter and margarine, every gramme has to be counted up when planning meals.

Our wartime weekly shop was cheap, around \$40 less than usual, as cheese, margarine, milk, and meat were bought in much-reduced amounts. Veges were in abundance, and we supplemented them out of our vege garden.

Processed foods, which are often laden with hidden sugar were largely absent, except for Spam, which made one household member cry it was so horrid. It was literally against the law to waste food in Britain during the war, so plates had to be cleared.

What sugar there was came in granular form, and we got more than we could use. You literally watched every grain of it go in.

There was hardly any packaging meaning almost no

Piccadilly Circus on VE Day. There's not an obese person in sight.

"Meal planning had to be carried out with scientific detail."

recycling or rubbish.

Big savings were made, and clears lessons learnt on how much of our normal weekly shop could be done without, and actually, wouldn't be much missed. Even living on the wartime diet for one week in every four would result in us saving \$500.

The cost of making National

Loaf, or eggless ginger cake, is about two-thirds of the cost of buying bread and cake.

The difference is the price of convenience, and probably obesity, as wartime recipes were light on sugar compared to modern shop-bought cakes. I spent a lot more time in the kitchen than in a peacetime fortnight.

A household coping with wartime rations needs a "housewife" to do the planning, kneading, peeling, boiling, mashing, weighing and baking.

Despite that, National Loaf,

cottage pie, eggless ginger cake and mince slices were so liked they are set become household staples.

With two in ten New Zealand families living on "Struggle Street", there's a lot of "rationing" going on today. Tragically, scarcity of resources these days is associated with high sugar intake and obesity.

There were few fat people in wartime Britain (rationing never applied to Churchill). Unlike wartime Brits, we have no Ministry of Food to show how to live well on little.

Upper Hutt
Chess Club
A-Grad
winner
Jeremy
Knowles,
left, and
B-Grade
champion
Ray Watling.

DARTS

Upper Hutt Darts results 24 November:
Reynards Kiwis 4, Reynards W.H.A.C 11;
Totara Gold 10, Cossie 5; Family Jewels
7, Mixed Herbs 8; Reynards Chocolate
Fish 10, Maidstone 5. High finish; Jason
Pearce (109) 19-T18- D18.

BRIDGE

Bridge Club results for week ending
25/11: Mon N/S M Fowke, K Wood; E/W J
May, J Godfrey; Wed: N/S I Benjes, P
Sharon; E/W J Sherring, J Godfrey;
Thurs:N/S J Bodinetz, J May; E/W C
Dick, R Flaws;

Thursday Juniors N/S V Port, H
Weston; E/W E Blumsky, C Butland;
Fri N/ J Sherring, D Lynn; E/W F
Turner, D Polglase.

Bridge Club results for week ending
2/12: Mon N/S M & G Dick; E/W K Wood,
M Fowke; Wed N/S D Lynn, J Sherring;
E/W F Turner, F Smith; Thur N/S J
Bodinetz, R Flaws; E/W M Simms, B
Pritchard;

Thursday Juniors N/S M Speir, C
Colpman; E/W B Jenner, P Williamson;

GOLF

Te Marua Golf Results Mid-Week Men
29 November 1st Gerry Birch 45, 2

Duncan Forman 41, 3 Jeff Rigby/Alastair
Corbett 39, closest pin #2 Michael
Baines, closest pin #15 Dave Anderson,
Hidden Partners Peter Cunningham/
Dave Fildes, holes in two Brian
Cockburn #15: 1 December Mid-Week
Men's Shootout Final Winner Alastair
Corbett, Runner-Up Adrian Browne
Saturday: mixed stableford Mick
Dearmer 41, Con Rogers 38, holes in
two Con Rogers #6.

4 December men's stableford Blake
Taylor-Menzies 44, Chris Brooks 43,
Paul Hammond 42, Alex Ross 41, Mick
Dearmer 38, Allan Faye 38, Nigel
Messenger 37, Jeff Rigby 37, Steven
Needham 37, Clinton Codyre 37, Russell
Oliver 37, women's stableford; Mary
Penrose 39, Faye Turner 37, Audrey
Messenger 33, holes in two; Clinton
Codyre #15, Russell Oliver #9, Dave
Anderson #11, Brian Cockburn #6, Allan
Faye #6, Meka Boynton #15.

4 December Golfer of the Year
Winner Net Chris Brooks 64, runner-up
Paul Hammond.65. Winner of the Pope
Cup stableford Chris Brooks 43, runner
up Allan Faye 38. Winner of the
Hastwell Cup stableford Blake Taylor-
Menzies 44, runner up Paul Hammond
42.

This home offers open plan kitchen and dining with a door opening out to the back yard creating indoor/outdoor flow. The lounge is light and spacious with plenty of room for the whole family.

Perfectly positioned to take advantage of all day sun, this home has four bedrooms plus an office with separate entry. It also has 2 bathrooms, one an ensuite with a wet area floor (fully compliant for disabled access). The garage has a rear roller door providing vehicle access to the back yard, separate laundry and neutral décor and gas central heating complete the inside. Nice flat yard and easy care section.

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MEANWHILE, OUTSIDE AUCKLAND

Are we in the same country?

RACHAEL KELLY

The yawning gap between our biggest city and the rest of the country was highlighted recently when a national newspaper printed a list of Influential Aucklanders.

I'm not sure I should have used capital letters there.

Apparently this elite group of people are influential because they 'attend, network and put together the best parties and events on the social calendar'.

Basically, the list is made up of people who have a lot of money, are good at sport, or dress well.

That's what makes you an 'A-lister' in the City of Sails.

Jaime Ridge gets a nomination as a 'fashion and luxury girl' because she is the "official spokesperson" of luxury brands Moët and Chandon and Tiffany.

If she ever gets made redundant, I'd line up for her job. Swanning around at parties in

expensive jewellery while squaffing bubbles sounds ideal.

Mike Hosking made the list for his Christian Louboutin shoes and \$1000 embellished shirts, which apparently are 'back in vogue'. What?

A city councillor, Desley Simpson, gets a nod for having a strong work ethic, but it's also mentioned that she makes the grade because she's immaculately dressed and is married to someone rich.

True, they didn't ask to be on this list - but is it an achievement to be a mover and shaker on the social scene?

Is Auckland so far removed from the rest of the country that dropping a grand on a shirt makes you influential? Are we living in the same country?

I don't think they'd mix in that well in the 'social scene' at my local pub.

Hosking's Ferrari would look out of place amongst the mud-covered utes outside for a start, and I'm guessing he wouldn't be keen to swap those shoes for gumboots and norsewear socks. Beer is served in big botts or jugs -

"Is Auckland so far removed from the rest of the country that dropping a grand on a shirt makes you influential?"

there's no millennial craft-beer drinkers leaning on the bar.

But in a city in the grip of a housing crisis, where people spend half their lives stuck in

traffic and struggle to get ahead, where on the list are the people who are really making a difference helping the people in their communities who are sleeping in cars?

The people who are working to make the environment a healthier place?

The people who work to improve the plight of others?

It got me thinking about who would make a list of Influential People where I live.

Perhaps the 88-year-old fella who mows everyone's grass verge in my town would be a start.

There are people in communities all over the country, like Lions Club members, who are influential because they quietly go about bettering the lives of others.

ROBYN EDIE

Or the old boys at the local Lions club, who have raised \$1m for our community.

The parents who give up their time to coach their kids' sports teams or lead the local Scout group.

The lady that I see every Friday morning picking up rubbish from the side of the road.

There are people in communities all over the country who are influential because they quietly go about bettering the lives of others, not wanting accolades, and without fear of scuffing their Louboutins.

Auction

Silverstream 8 Sutherland Avenue

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Totara Park 21 California Drive

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This sun drenched home located on 21 California Drive is the property that will get all buyers excited from its opportunities.

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GARDENING

Cleome a great plant bug catcher

BARBARA SMITH

PLANT MORE CLEOME

Cleome are one of the best “catch plants” for attracting green vege bugs away from your beans and tomatoes. They are tall (around 1.5m), robust flowers that don’t seem to be too badly affected by the bugs if you pick them off regularly. Their botanical name, *Cleome spinosa*, gives a warning, so watch out for the prickly stems. The thorns on mature stems can easily pierce a gardening glove.

As well as their bug patrol duties, cleomes are worth growing for the pink, mauve or white flowers as they bloom for months – right through to late autumn. Sow seeds (from Kings Seeds) directly in the garden or in trays in spring.

Grow in full sun or semi-shade. I plant mine close together (25cm) and let them grow tall and slim at the back of the border. You’ll get more flowers on stockier plants if they’re planted 50cm apart and you pinch out the growing tips when the seedlings are 6-10cm tall.

The best time for hunting green vege bugs is first thing in the morning when they are sluggish. As cold-blooded insects they need the heat of the sun in order to warm up enough to move quickly. Knock them into a jar of soapy water or stomp on them when they land on the ground.

MAKE YOUR OWN DIY FLY TRAP

I know flies have a useful role to play in the great circle of life, but I would rather they weren’t circling round my kitchen. The first blowfly of summer buzzed in last week so it’s time to refresh the fly traps. A female blowfly can lay 150-200 eggs at a time and around 2,000 eggs over the course of her lifetime. Hopefully, disposing of flies in early summer will cut down the numbers in the coming months. For the past two years I’ve used a McGregor’s Bye Bye Bugs Fly Trap from Bunnings. The supplied bait is a

smelly brew that attracts the flies but is non-toxic. The flies can get in the holes in the lid but can’t fly back out. They eventually die and fall into the liquid. The water level needs topping up when it dries out and the traps need to be emptied when they start to fill up. When the supplied bait ran out, I used a mixture of yeast, a little sugar and some warm water. After a couple of days building up a stink it worked just as well as the commercial product. Other ideas for bait include a small piece of meat or rotting fruit, and dog or cat poo – if you have a particularly strong stomach! The base of the old trap was cracked but luckily the top fitted a jam jar so it’s been pressed into service for another year.

I’ve made a couple of new DIY versions too (pictured). Cut across a plastic fizzy drink bottle about one third of the way down from the top. Add the bait of your choice into the bottom section. Invert the top. Use a hole punch or a heated metal skewer to make holes for a handle. Thread fine wire or string through the holes. Hang where flies tend to congregate – usually in sunny, sheltered spots – but where the smell won’t bother you or the neighbours. Make another trap to

use inside. Bait with red wine, fruit juice, apple cider vinegar or a piece of banana floating in water. Add a drop or two of detergent and place the trap by the fruit bowl. That cloud of fruit flies hovering over your ripening fruit will be lured to their doom.

GROW GRAFTED EGGPLANTS

Grafted eggplants are worth their weight in gold. They are a tropical plant and need 3-5 months of warm weather to produce a

decent crop. It’s too late to start eggplants this season (sow in August next year) but there are grafted plants in garden centres now. Grafted plants, where a regular eggplant has been attached to a vigorous rootstock, grow and fruit faster, meaning they can be grown in climates where they’d otherwise be marginal. Although the plants are more expensive, the harvest is vastly better in quantity and quality. Grow in the sunniest,

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most sheltered spot in the garden or plant in pots where soil will be warmer than in the garden. Keep well watered. Eggplants have large leaves that lose a great deal of moisture through transpiration. If plants suffer from lack of water, fruit can turn bitter and the stressed plant will be more vulnerable to pests. Feed weekly with tomato fertiliser and stake firmly to support the fruit.

WATCH OUT FOR THE WIND

Last weekend in Auckland was particularly windy – even in my usually sheltered garden. I rigged up a temporary shelter for young tomato and cucumber plants with clear polythene sheeting but this was only a temporary solution for a particularly bad day. On a sunny day it could get too hot inside and the foliage could burn where it is touching the polythene. The most effective wind protection doesn’t trap the wind with a solid barrier – it slows it down and disperses it.

A slatted fence or a trellis with a climber growing up it is a better long-term solution and so are hedges. In a garden that is regularly blasted by wind, keep the soil about 20cm below the top of raised beds. The bed itself provides protection for plants while they’re establishing.

Backyard banter

Embrace family camping holidays

Keep an open-mind about camping under canvas this summer, writes **Erin Reilly**.

This summer, my husband and I are taking our son camping for the first time.

At first read, that might sound lovely. You might even have let a little “nawwww” escape from your lips. But I am petrified about the prospect. You see, our son will turn one while we’re away. What were we thinking?!

We booked our campsite way back in July. Bubba had been sleeping through the night regularly so we’d thought, “Yeah, we’ve got this.” Then teething happened and our nights have never been the same. Multiple wake-ups, inconsolable screaming, hastily made warm bottles and lashings of Pamol, all in an attempt for all of us to enjoy even just three hours of uninterrupted sleep.

My husband and I freaked out a few weeks back. Tent walls are not very insulated. “What if we become ‘that’ family that no one likes because we keep everyone

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awake?” we wondered. We even flirted with the idea of hiring a campervan (until we saw the prices they’re charging over summer). Now we’re embracing the inevitability of camping under canvas with a sub-one-year-old by being as organised as we can beforehand.

We don’t have a massive tent so we’re borrowing a friend’s. We need room to change nappies, prepare food and, oh yeah, sleep, so we’ve gone for one of those canvas mansions with three

Go camping with the family to chill out and enjoy a new experience. PHOTO: 123RF

rooms and lots of space to swing a cat.

This might seem like cheating, but we’ve booked a powered camping site. No, that doesn’t mean we’re taking a microwave with us, although if we had more room in the car I’d seriously consider it. I figure having the ability to charge our phones in

case of emergencies is worth the few extra bucks a night.

Our campsite features a basic but perfectly functional kitchen and bathroom complex, and because camping dinners revolve around nachos, spaghetti Bolognese, sausages and burgers, I’m planning on packing containers of freezable and

fridgeable food to make cooking a little easier.

We’ve making sure we have camping-friendly versions of things bub uses frequently too. We’re not taking his highchair, but we are taking a mini camping chair. The same goes with nappy changes; a camping table can double as a change table if our backs can’t handle the ground. We’re swapping our ginormous stroller for Granny’s small pushchair, and we found a cheap portacot for sale on Neighbourly.

We don’t want to tempt fate but we’re prepping for rain. Raincoats, gumboots and brollies are non-negotiables, and if Murphy’s Law pulls through then the weather should be glorious.

Finally, we’re being open-minded. Camping with a small child might be awesome, or it might be so awful we never want to go on a family holiday again. The opportunity to go on family holidays should be embraced, so whatever happens we’re determined to go with the flow and chill out. It’s a holiday, after all.

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Community cookbook

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Lamb kofta full of flavour

Form your kofta ahead of time to make for a speedy weeknight meal.

LAMB KOFTA PITA POCKETS WITH SUMAC YOGHURT

Lamb Kofta

- ½ brown onion, very finely diced
- 1 clove garlic, minced
- 1 tablespoon kofta spice mix (see recipe below)
- 450g lamb mince
- ¼ teaspoon salt
- 1 tablespoon tomato sauce

Chopped Salad

- 2 tomatoes
- 1 carrot
- 1 cos lettuce

Sumac Yoghurt

- ½ cup natural yoghurt
- ½ teaspoon dried sumac (store-bought)
- ½ teaspoon runny honey

To Serve

- 4-5 pita breads (store-bought)
- 3 tablespoons mint leaves (optional, adults)

Each week

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Kofta Spice Mix

- 1 teaspoon ground cumin
- 1 teaspoon ground coriander
- 1 teaspoon paprika
- 1 teaspoon cinnamon
- ½ teaspoon ground ginger
- 1 teaspoon dried mint

Preheat oven to 200 degrees Celsius. Line two oven trays with baking paper.

Heat a drizzle of oil in a fry-pan on medium-high heat. Cook onion and garlic for 2-3 minutes until

starting to soften.

Add kofta spice mix and continue cooking for about 30 seconds until fragrant. Remove from pan and add to a large bowl with all remaining lamb kofta ingredients. Wipe pan clean with paper towels.

Using clean hands, mix lamb kofta ingredients until combined then roll into golf ball-sized balls. Return same pan to medium heat with a drizzle of oil.

Cook lamb kofta for 2-3 minutes until golden. Transfer to first prepared tray and bake for 3-4 minutes until just cooked through. Set aside, covered with foil to keep warm.

While lamb kofta are cooking, slice pita breads in half, place on second prepared tray and bake for 2-3 minutes until warmed through.

Dice tomatoes 1cm; grate carrot; finely slice lettuce; finely

chop mint leaves (if using). Set tomatoes, carrot and lettuce aside on a board or in separate bowls. In a small bowl, mix all sumac yoghurt ingredients together until combined.

To serve, place all ingredients in the centre of the table for everyone to help themselves. Stuff pita breads with lamb kofta and chopped salad. Drizzle over sumac yoghurt and sprinkle with mint (if using).

Lamb Kofta Pita Pockets with Sumac Yoghurt

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Your health

What restores, energises you?

I know my focus for the new year needs to be on incorporating more rest and gentle ways of caring for myself. I've had a terrible year at work and am really feeling the effects. Can you give me some ideas about ways I can get more rest while still getting things done that I'm responsible for? Thanks so much. Leyla

Hi Leyla, firstly, good on you for recognising that your physical and emotional health would be better supported through more rest and gentle ways. Many people would benefit from this. The first thing I'd suggest you explore is what restores and energises you. This can be different for all of us. However, regularly finding space so that you can rest is one of the best health investments you can make. In today's world being "busy" is often worn like a badge of honour; many people see rest as failure. So if you're seeking permission to rest, here it is! Here are some ideas to help you

incorporate more rest and restoration in your life.

WAKE 30 MINUTES EARLIER THAN YOUR HOUSEHOLD

While not technically resting, creating space in the morning can create an unparalleled sense of calm throughout your day. Rise early to make the most of the peacefulness morning brings. Boil the kettle and make yourself a cup of your favourite hot drink – find a comfortable spot where you can sit and ease gently into the morning. This is a beautiful way to set your intentions for the day and allows you time to wake without the interruptions and the hustle and bustle of early morning in your household. Do this for a week and notice how much calmer and more centred you feel before you start your day.

A 15-MINUTE MEDITATION BEFORE BEDTIME

Many of us have little to no

Picking up a book and relaxing is one way of restoring your energy. PHOTO: 123RF

transition into rest. We simply put our head on the pillow and expect to switch off. A simple meditation focusing on your breath is a way to ease into rest. Lie flat on the floor, yoga mat or on the bed, or sit supported in a chair, whatever you prefer. Bring your focus to your breath moving in and out of your nostrils. If you need additional help there are many wonderful guided meditation videos/audios available online. Use these as a guide to help you find what works for you.

PREPARE YOURSELF A NOURISHING MEAL

You can either see preparing your evening meal as a source of stress in your life, another task that needs to be completed or an opportunity to nourish yourself/your family. Preparing a beautiful soup, casserole or slow cook can be meditative if you perceive it that way. Or pre-prepare meals or snacks on a Sunday when you have space to cook with calm. It is amazing how different preparing a meal feels when you consider it a vital part of your nourishment.

Ask Dr Libby

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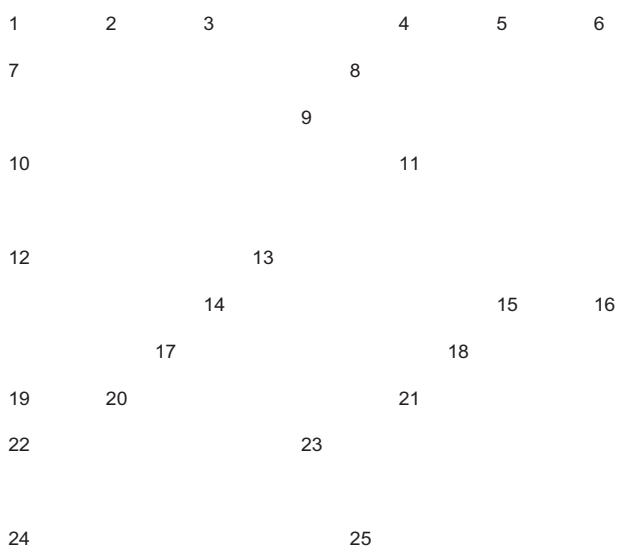
From the more introverted among us there is often nothing more replenishing than a good read. Fact or fiction it doesn't matter – this time spent by yourself can be incredibly restorative. In the age where everything is available digitally you can't beat picking up a physical book, having a break from screens and introverting for a while. Reading before bed is another wonderful way to help transition the nervous system into rest.

NOTICE THE NIGHT SKY

When you take the rubbish out at night, you might like to also spend some time outdoors and soak it up. Notice the moon and the stars or the cloud patterns as this can be so nourishing for your soul.

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NEW ZEALAND CROSSWORD



Across

- 7/8. She played Dame Nellie Melba in an episode of Downton Abbey (4,2,6)
- 10. 1976-90 TV series which made a one-off return in 2009 (3,4)
- 11. Characteristic (5)
- 12. Shove (4)
- 13. Old Man's ___: common name for Clematis vitalba (5)
- 17. Belief (5)
- 18. Oil company which launched its first NZ petrol stations in 1998 (4)
- 22. Command (5)
- 23. 1978 Split Enz song (1,3,3)
- 24. Selected (6)
- 25. Woolshed worker (colloq) (9)

Down

- 1. October, in Maori (7)
- 2. Make a suggestion (7)
- 3. Rose (5)
- 4. Snare (7)
- 5. Deadly (5)
- 6. Flavour (5)
- 9. Not sure (9)
- 14. Obstruction (7)
- 15. Plant called raupo in Maori (7)
- 16. Scrounger (7)
- 19. Sea shell (5)
- 20. Fool (5)
- 21. Evil spirit (5)

THE TOP 10

1. What did New Zealand become the first country in the world to do, in 1893?
2. The Don McLean song that starts *Starry, starry night* is about which artist?
3. What fruit did the Owl and the Pussycat dine upon?
4. What came between the Stone Age and the Iron Age?
5. In which year did the first NZ rugby team tour Britain: 1902, 1905 or 1908?
6. Who was the blacksmith who made the first steel plough in 1837, and whose name lives on in agriculture?
7. If you are in Maastricht, which country are you in?
8. Which classic film contains the line: *Lions and tigers and bears! Oh my!*
9. Who was the British king who abdicated in 1936?
10. Which character has New Zealand actor Karl Urban played three times in *Star Trek* films?

NZ CROSSWORD

- Across: 7/8. Kiri te Kanawa, 10. Bulrush, 16. Bludger, 19. Conch, Taste, 9. Uncertain, 14. Batter, 15. 3. Stood, 4. Capture, 5. Fatal, 6. Down: 1. Oketopa, 2. Propose, 25. Rousie, Order, 23. I See Red, 24. Chosen, 13. Beard, 17. Faith, 18. Gull, 22. Top Town, 11. Trait, 12. Push, 19. Sunset.

TOP 10

9. Edward VIII, 10. Dr McCoy, Netherlands, 8. The Wizard of Oz, Age, 5. 1905, 6. John Deere, 7. Van Gogh, 3. Quince, 4. Bronze

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

JUNIOR CROSSWORD

Across

- 1. Lost speed (6)
- 3. A young sheep (4)
- 7. A piece of metal money (4)
- 8. The top of a mountain (6)
- 10. Sad (7)
- 13. Pointy part of a church roof (7)
- 16. Truthful (9)
- 17. Come to a halt (4)
- 18. A red gemstone (4)
- 19. A day's ending (9)

Down

- 1. Unwell (4)
- 2. Cry when peeling these (6)
- 4. Weapons (4)
- 5. A coating on cooked fish (6)
- 6. Young dogs (7)
- 9. Most rapid (7)
- 11. The writer of a book (6)
- 12. Flat dishes (6)
- 14. A round handle (4)
- 15. Pimple (4)

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SOLUTION

- Across: 1. Slowed, 3. Lamb, 7. Coin, 8. Summit, 10. Unhappy, 13. Steeple, 16. Honest, 17. Stop, 18. Ruby, 19. Sunset.

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The general nature of the business conducted (*or to be conducted*) under the licence is a **Cafe & Function Centre**.

The days on which and the hours during which liquor is sold under the licence are **Monday to Sunday 8.00am to 1.00am the following day**.

The application may be inspected during ordinary offices hours at the office of the Upper Hutt District Licensing Committee at the Civic Administration Building, 838-842 Fergusson Drive, Upper Hutt 5010.

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Buggy walk for fitness fun

RACHEL GRUNWELL

Many parents find it tough fitting in fitness at a gym but getting fit can be easy and free - just put the little one in a buggy and head out to a local park.

This is what I did to build up my fitness gradually and it is soul-lifting to be in nature - for you and your baby.

A popular way to connect with other parents, caregivers or grandparents doing exactly this is through the Mitre10 MEGA Buggy Walks.

These walks take place in parks on the first Thursday of each month around the greater Wellington region.

There's no need to register, just turn up at 10am for a 10.30am start.

You can walk at your own pace for up to an hour and often there are toddlers walking or on scooters too.

There's almost a parade of people and prams as sometimes hundreds attend.

Tania Bartley, 34, from Johnsonville, has been a regular at all of these buggy walks since she first had Isaac, now aged 6 months.

She loves meeting other parents with youngsters.

Isaac loves to hang out with others, rolling around on the grass before and after the walks.

"Isaac loves the fresh air and sunshine and looking at the trees and different light.

"And I love connecting with other people because together we can motivate each other.

"It's really good to be active like this and feel good about yourself - rather than being stuck in the house," says Bartley.

The mum is doing the walks to help step up her fitness for the Mitre 10 Mega Buggy Walk at the

Tania Bartley and her son Isaac, aged 6 months, doing a Mitre 10 MEGA Buggy Walk in Porirua.

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Cigna Round the Bays on February 19.

Entering this event with Isaac and her husband Ed, has given the family a fun goal to strive for.

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Column by Cigna Health and Wellbeing Ambassador Rachel

Grunwell, mum, runner, qualified yoga teacher and InspiredHealth.co.nz director. Follow her personal journey to get race-ready on Facebook: InspiredHealthNZ and Instagram: @Inspiredhealthandfitness.

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New coach brings his all round skills

COLIN WILLIAMS

With just one win, the Upper Hutt cricket premiers are making heavy weather of the 2016/17 season.

However Kedarnath Rajamoney, the club's new player-coach, is anything but down-hearted.

"We're improving every single game. We have our goals and our targets and I believe we are constantly on the improve," the 29-year-old said.

A former first-class player in his home city of Chennai and a Tamil Nadu state representative through the age-grades, Rajamoney is coaching an Upper Hutt team which is younger and more inexperienced than previous seasons.

Rajamoney's appointment, for an initial one season, was made possible through Wellington

Cricket's "One Club" development funding programme.

An off-spin bowler and middle order batsman, Rajamoney, spent the last four seasons in Geelong in Australia.

He has a Certified Level 2 coaching certificate and wants to go the final next level.

Sriram Krishnamurthy, the head coach at the Taita club was instrumental in Rajamoney being made aware Upper Hutt were looking for a coach.

"I was after a different experience, I wanted to play premier cricket and I thought this was too good an opportunity to not take up.

"I had a look on Google to see where it was," he said of his new home.

His introduction to a Wellington summer was sobering with Rajamoney making a rushed debut on the coldest of days in a

game at Kelburn.

"I got off the plane at 8.10, I was met there and had a shower and then I was soon batting. It was very very cold. It was not good," he said.

He prides himself on a good rapport with players and has been impressed with the attitude and work ethic of his 15-strong squad.

His job is about developing their skills and while he believed results would come, they were not everything. "It's a bit of both I think. We can't rely purely on results."

With a Business Administration degree behind him, Rajamoney has turned his cricket into an enviable and attractive lifestyle. "But my parents think I should be settling down," he said.

Rajamoney had success in a beaten Upper Hutt effort on Saturday with 31 runs and a wicket.

New Upper Hutt cricket player-coach Kedarnath Rajamoney.

COLIN WILLIAMS