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Improving river quality

HEALTH of the Wairoa River is the focus of a target group aiming to improve the iconic river's quality.

Last August the Star revealed three local organisations, Affco, Wairoa District Council and Silver Fern Farms, had breached their discharge water consents nearly 20 times over an 18-month period.

Affco was responsible for 10 breaches relating to water quality.

Affco general manager Andy Leonard said Affco had been working on compliance with all aspects of the discharge.

Part of that work has been activating a 2008 Memorandum Of Understanding (MOU) Affco made with the Department of Conservation which includes liaising with a working party towards sustainable management of the Wairoa River.

Department of Conservation staff were only recently made aware of the memorandum which is now seeing engagement from both parties after nine years of inactivity.

Department of Conservation's Rebecca Lander said current staff were unaware of the MOU until it was recently brought to their attention adding they have had a number of staff changes and restructures since it was signed in 2008.

In March, the Wairoa District Council established a Wairoa River Community Waste Water stakeholder focus group which Affco has joined.

The group is part of the council's consultation process with the wider community for its Wairoa wastewater scheme resource consent renewal.

Wairoa District Council engineering manager, Jamie Cox says the Wairoa wastewater resource consent expires in 2019.

The group will help guide the consultation process with the wider community with representation from council, tangata whenua and individuals from different sections of the community including business, older citizens and youth.

Mr Cox is pleased Affco will be

A range of investigations are underway to help with consultation and decision-making about the future management of wastewater in the Wairoa township.



WATER QUALITY: The health of the Wairoa River is the target of a local focus group.

represented because they, along with council, have resource consent for discharge into the local environment.

"We can learn from each other by sharing information to achieve better environmental outcomes.

"The objectives of the group are to help council's Wairoa Community Wastewater Scheme project team by discussing aspects of the project throughout the consultation process. This will make our consultation with the wider community and stakeholders more effective.

"Council will be better informed as we seek the best practicable option for cultural, environmental, social, and financial sustainability.

"The stakeholder group is not a decision-making entity and it does not replace consultation with the community. It is intended to enhance our consultation process and make it more effective.

"We expect consultation with the community to commence this month with a series of publications, meetings and workshops.

"All interest groups, stakeholders and individuals will have the opportunity to be involved in this important community discussion," said Mr Cox.

Wairoa District Council signalled in its long term plan that work will be undertaken to determine what will happen with Wairoa's wastewater after 2019. A range of investigations are underway to help with consultation and decision-making about the future management of wastewater in the Wairoa township.

Mr Leonard says Affco has a policy of continuous improvement in respect of its operations, including wastewater treatment and will continue to explore ways of improving the quality and reducing the quantity of its discharge.

"The company will continue to operate in compliance with the consent."

Part of their resource consent requires signage, yet to be erected, near the discharge points and also 200m downstream of their diffusion pipe located in the Wairoa River.

The signage was to provide clear identification of the location, nature and timing of the

discharge and the extent of the mixing zone.

Mr Leonard said Affco had undertaken extensive water quality monitoring confirming discharge was operating as required.

"Affco is also conducting surveys of white baiting and other fish species in the estuary.

"Data evaluation indicates that Affco is not having an adverse effect on fish in the estuary."

He said the company was committed to an aspirational target of zero waste, and was committed to a programme of continuous improvement.

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Bilingual town goals on track

THE race is heating up to become New Zealand's first bilingual town with several centres, including Otaki, making their intentions known.

Wairoa launched its Te Wairoa Reorua 2040 strategy on December 10, 2012 which was attended by Maori Party leader at the time Dr Pita Sharples.

Initial drivers of Wairoa's bilingual strategy included kaitiaki from Te Kura Motuhake o Te Ataarangi, Nga Kohanga Reo o te Rohe o Te Wairoa, Te Kura Kaupapa Maori o Ngati Kahungunu o Te Wairoa and Te Taiwhenua o Te Wairoa and the official launch was at Te Kura Kaupapa Maori o Ngati Kahungunu o Te Wairoa.

The groups came together with the Human Rights Commission to work on a strategy to set Wairoa on the path to becoming fully bilingual by 2040.

The Maori Standing Committee has

developed a Te Reo Maori policy, which is designed to develop and promote te reo Maori throughout the organisation.

Council's Maori Standing Committee chairman Kiwa Hammond says the policy is designed to foster positive attitudes and values about te reo Maori among staff so the use of it becomes a valued part of the organisation.

"Wairoa has arguably led the bilingual town conversation over the past five years and continues to lead in terms of local government policy development.

"The passing of the Maori Language Act 2016 underlines the responsibility of the Crown and government agencies to support and promote the proper use of te reo Maori.

"This policy signifies the Wairoa District Council's commitment to the language and acknowledges the important status of te reo Maori in

our community."

One of the Maori Standing Committee's objectives is to empower staff to use te reo Maori by providing access to tools and resources.

Wairoa District Council signs, where it is appropriate to do so, will gradually become bilingual, as resources permit.

"Korerohia te reo, kia tipu, kia puawai — Nurture our language, that it may grow and flourish."

Wairoa Mayor Craig Little congratulated the Maori Standing Committee for having proactive discussions and developing the Te Reo Maori Policy for the council and community.

"We look forward to receiving the policy at next Tuesday's council meeting," he said.

Some of the drivers behind the Otaki bid include a partnership between the Maori Party and Te Puni Kokiri, which advises the Government on Maori issues.

According to the Stuff website, Otaki has a tertiary institution in Te Wananga O Raukawa, as well as two Maori immersion schools and two bilingual units within mainstream schools.

The 2013 census showed 33.4 percent of Otaki's 5778 people identified as Maori, compared with 14.9 percent nationally.

It showed 16.8 percent of Otaki residents spoke te reo, compared with 3.7 percent of all New Zealanders.

In Wairoa 18.7 percent of the population were te reo Maori speakers as at 2013.

Wairoa District Council interim Maori relations manager Duane Culshaw said it was not a competition.

"Gisborne was also aiming to be bilingual and it seems like a movement people are now embracing."

Maori Party co-leader Te Ururoa Flavell was reported as saying discussions had been held with Otaki and Rotorua about becoming bilingual, and Wairoa also had a similar goal.

"This is something that is attainable — Otaki could realise what it is like to be a bilingual town.

"There is potential to partner with government, local government, community and Maori to trial a bilingual approach.

"We'd love for more communities and towns to become bilingual and believe Otaki, and perhaps Rotorua and Wairoa, could become the catalyst for others to follow suit."

MSC to present Te Reo Maori Policy to council

WAIROA'S ratio of residents who speak Maori are six times the national percentage.

Nationally, the percentage of te reo speakers is 3.5 percent compared to 18.7 percent of te reo Maori speakers in Wairoa as at 2013.

In line with Te Wairoa Reorua 2040/Bilingual Wairoa 2040 the Maori Standing Committee has developed a Te

Reo Maori Policy.

The new policy's vision is to encourage a sustainable environment for the promotion and use of te reo Maori in Wairoa communities.

At last month's Maori Standing Committee members agreed the draft Te Reo Maori Policy be presented to the Wairoa District Council on May 9 and then go to public consultation.

Information from the policy states the Wairoa district has the highest proportion of Maori of any local authority area at around 59 percent of the 7890 population. Nationally this proportion is 14.9 percent of the total population of 4,242,048 in 2013.

Last year Te Ture mo Te Reo Maori 2016/ Maori Language Act 2016 reaffirmed the status of te reo Maori as an official language of New Zealand.

In the committee's presentation it states the Wairoa District Council acknowledges the importance and significance of te reo Maori.

Council recognises its responsibility to help reinvigorate and sustain te reo Maori usage and bilingual proficiency in Te Wairoa.

The council is also committed to promoting te reo Maori as the indigenous language of Aotearoa and as

a taonga of iwi and Maori, encouraging its use in communications, hui and in its daily operations.

The policy outlines council's intention to recognise tangata whenua preferences for place names within the district and for them to be included in council policies and planning documents.

Written Maori in official publications, letters and on the council website, emails and reports is to be of a high standard and conform to the standard set out by Te Taura Whiri i te Reo Maori (Maori language commission) and local language preferences.

Wairoa District Council material requiring translation or interpretation can be done through approved Maori translation providers and interpreters who are registered and have appropriate experience or qualifications.

The cost of translation work is to be met by appropriate department budgets with the Maori relationships manager co-ordinating all translation and interpretation requests across the council to ensure the criteria and procedure is met.

Some of the procedure could see outsourcing of translation work after the relationships manager has assessed the request and the consultant's quote for the translation work, which will be supplied to the relevant service for approval.

All Wairoa District Council signs will be in Maori and English. These signs will be supported by translation and the process will be carried out in conjunction with Te Wairoa Reorua 2040 and its stakeholders.

The policy will be reviewed formally at least every three years.

Wairoa Club Inc.
'A Step Up From The Rest'

Dig up the treasure

AHOY there me laddies.....the famous Wairoa Club treasure chest is back. Friday nights will never be the same with the making money draw set to be launched soon. Watch this space for the start date and be prepared to dig deep to win big. This is a members only draw, to become a member ask at The Club bar.

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BUY any Tui product to get a stamp and collect six stamps to go in the draw to win a Tundra bushshirt. The draw will be held at The Club at around 7pm on Friday June 2 and entrants must be at The Club to be able to win. Tui....there for mates.

Cold hard cash giveaway going strong.

THE CLUB just loves giving away money. In last month's end of month draw two club members, both regulars, walked away with \$500 each. The next big draw will take place on the last Thursday of this month, May 25. All you have to do to win is participate in the weekly draws over the month of May to have a chance to win big! The special membership draw takes place on the last Thursday of every month with a winner drawn from the yellow tickets filled in by members who have taken part in the weekly draws over the month. The more yellow tickets members fill in on Thursdays means more chance of winning the big draw. To be in to win, head to The Club, enjoy the facilities, enter the draw and you could walk away with \$500 worth of cold, hard cash in your pocket! Thank you

Thank you

THANK you to all those who attended the The Wairoa Club's RSA and ANZAC Day commemorations. The Wairoa Club is always proud to be associated with such a significant event and it is humbling to see people paying tribute to fallen soldiers.

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Cancer Society News

May 2017

Why exercise is important in cancer

Our muscles naturally decrease in size as we age. Exercise helps reverse this trend even if a person is battling cancer. Supervised resistance training through lifting weights and aerobic exercise such as walking, jogging and cycling can help build fitness, improve physical function and increase physical reserve capacity. This means patients are in better shape to receive cancer treatments.

Exercise is important in preventing cancer too. A 2010 study showed that nearly 2,000 cases of bowel, breast and endometrial cancer could be attributed to insufficient physical activity.

Acute symptoms of cancer treatments can include reduction in fitness and strength, and an increase in fatigue. Major professional organisations prescribe at least 30 minutes of moderate intensity exercise up to five days per week to reduce these negative treatment effects.

Moderate and supervised exercise before cancer surgery is safe, beneficial and increases survival time. It costs very little and has the potential to reduce the growing strains and stresses on our health-care system while increasing productivity and reducing early retirement.

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Drive for local police recruits

“LOCAL people as local cops” is the recruitment call from Wairoa Police.

The Government’s announcement that Wairoa’s station will become a 24/7 police response base means four new officer positions will be created in addition to the two current unfilled positions.

Wairoa Police constable Nicki Davies said now was the ideal time for local people to consider a career with the police.

“For people who are committed to Wairoa, it is a great job that pays well and allows locals to enjoy their hometown.

“Moving up to a 24/7 station is good news for Wairoa but the task now is to fill those vacancies.”

Wairoa is currently staffed by 14 sworn officers, including the three out-stations, plus three highway patrol officers.

The nationwide police investment will see 68 additional officers for the Eastern Police District.

“This is a career path opportunity for six local people and it’s fantastic to be able to recruit locally with hometown cops.

“We want people from Wairoa. We get cops here while their children are at primary school but as soon as their children reach high school age they leave town.

“We need more staff consistency and want people who are invested in staying in Wairoa.

“Recruiting from Wairoa will actually grow the district.”

Community constable Davies, who has been a police officer for 14 years, says there are only a handful of local cops in Wairoa at the moment with the rest of the staff in town on secondment or fixed-term tenancy living here during shifts and then going home to other districts.

They also wanted more Maori police officers to better reflect the Wairoa community, she said.

There was also a financial upside to being a cop, especially in Wairoa which was designated a hard-to-fill area.

“The money is up there, it’s hard to pull that size wage in Wairoa otherwise.”

While completing the 16-week training

course at police college, trainees were paid \$1442 gross per fortnight.

Add to that the hard-to-fill allowance of \$6500 per year which was non-taxable.

After being sworn-in officers earn a salary of \$55,002, with a total remuneration of around \$61,560 for the first year out of the college.

Further pay increases depend on your role, shift patterns and promotion.

The average salary for an officer in their fifth year was \$60,000, with an average remuneration of around \$67,000 which included salary, superannuation, life insurance and allowances, plus there was subsidised local rent and access to welfare holiday homes.

Constable Davies said two of the perceived obstacles were the fitness requirement and shift work.

With regards to the fitness, it was not over the top and a fit body helped you keep a fit mind which actually helped sustain the shift work, she said.

“Basically we do a 40-hour week but that can be across a range of shifts. The upside is there is lots of annual leave.”

Police used psychometric testing, a standard and scientific method to measure individuals’ mental capabilities

and behavioural style, she said.

These tests could be completed online and gave people who have been thinking about joining an indication as to whether they were suited or not.

She believed good communication was the biggest skill needed.

There was also a pre-requisite distance learning course which needed to be completed prior to enrolling, which cost \$690.

Constable Davies said policing in a small town had its pros and cons but an aspect she enjoyed was that because she was more likely to know a person, or a member of their family, she could often be more helpful on a personal level because you often had background information.

“There’s a lot about policing that is rewarding, especially from a community perspective.”

For anyone who is interested in a career with the police, contact a local officer and experience a ride-along — and visit www.newcops.co.nz

“There are so many opportunities for the right people. The first step is to contact us and come and see what it’s all about,” said constable Davies.

Moving up to a 24/7 station is good news for Wairoa but the task now is to fill (six) vacancies.

Matariki workshop, book fair, sport



TOMORROW is the first day of a two-day Matariki workshop organised by post-Treaty settlement collective Te Kahui Ohanga O Takitimu.

The workshop will run tomorrow from 10am to 4pm at the Presbyterian Church Hall, and will continue on Saturday from 9am to 2pm at the Wairoa Taiwhenua.

The annual Rotary Club book fair began with a preview evening at the War Memorial Hall last night and continues today and tomorrow from 9am to 5pm and Saturday from 9am to 1pm.

Sports action will continue with senior rugby on the agenda for Saturday.

In home games, Nuhaka will play High School Old Boys at the Nuhaka Domain, kick-off at 1pm, while Tapuae host Mahia kicking off at 2.45pm.

In senior football, Athletic face Campion at home, kick off at 2.45pm.

In a grading round game, Wairoa College’s first XV will play Lindisfarne first XV at the college, from midday.

In division six, Wairoa College will face Havelock North High School at Wairoa, also at midday.

On Saturday in junior rugby, the Wairoa JAB 11th grade will host a training session at Lambton Square from 10am.

Saturday will also mark the start of the duckshooting season.

Nash at 10 on Labour list

LOCAL Labour Party politician and MP for Wairoa and Napier, Stuart Nash, has been ranked 10th on the Labour Party list announced on Tuesday.

Mr Nash was pleased and a little surprised by the ranking, which he said would have no effect on his future campaign plans.

“It was a pleasant surprise but it won’t change the way I campaign on local issues,” he said.

“My two objectives are to increase the party vote and to be re-elected Member of Parliament for the Napier electorate, which includes Wairoa, so I can continue to represent my constituents.”

The Labour Party’s announcement of its party list, which includes 74 candidates, was largely well received on account of its gender balance, mix of MPs and non MPs, and broad cross-section of candidates who reflected New Zealand’s multiculturalism.

“The party list allows us to bring in a wide spectrum of people with specific competencies and skills to best represent the people of New Zealand,” said Mr Nash.

Labour’s spokesman for police, economic development and forestry, Mr Nash gained the high ranking after having opted out of the last election’s list in favour of winning the support of his electorate.

“I opted out of the list last time as I decided the only way I wanted to return to Parliament was as the member for the Napier seat, and thankfully it worked.”

The party list represents the MPs who



Wairoa/Napier MP Stuart Nash was ranked 10th on the Labour Party list released on Tuesday.

will be brought into Parliament by the party based on the percentage of votes they receive.

Labour Party president Nigel Haworth is excited the party’s strong caucus would be supported by a fresh team of candidates who reflected New Zealand’s diversity.

Jury convicts man, 28, of having meth for supply

TWO Wairoa defendants have appeared in Gisborne District Court recently.

A jury took only one hour to find a Wairoa man guilty of possession of methamphetamine for supply.

Trident Chase Kaimoana, 28, went on trial on Monday in Gisborne District Court for the single charge dating back to 2014.

Presiding judge Warren Cathcart remanded him for sentence on July 11.

Kaimoana had been found at a Kiwi Street, Wairoa, property with a wallet in his pocket that contained methamphetamine.

Counsel Russell Fairbrother QC argued

Kaimoana did not normally reside at the address. He did not know what was in the wallet when he pocketed it to safeguard it from being stolen. It belonged to someone else.

Kaimoana had no involvement with drugs and no prior convictions. He led a quiet life.

The usual occupants of the house were away when police carried out the overnight search, which woke Kaimoana,

Mr Fairbrother said.

For the Crown, prosecutor Megan Mitchell said comments Kaimoana made to police after being found with the drugs proved he knew they were in the wallet.

He intended to supply them to others.

A MAN accused of deliberately setting fire to a Wairoa house, knowing the fire was likely to endanger life, has been further remanded in custody by consent.

Casey Tawhara, 27, made a brief appearance via audio visual link in Gisborne District Court.

Tawhara, who denies the allegation arising out of a house fire on February 28 this year, has elected trial

by jury. The case was scheduled for a Crown case review hearing on July 28.

Judge Gerard Winter said the custodial remand was subject to the outcome of Tawhara’s lawyer’s efforts to have him accepted into a drug rehabilitation centre in Auckland.

Counsel Nicola Wright said the centre Odyssey House was able to take defendants on electronically-monitored bail.

A man accused of deliberately setting fire to a house, knowing it was likely to endanger life, has elected trial by jury.

Staff smelt smoke, evacuated

STAFF were evacuated from their office on Tuesday afternoon due to an electrical light fitting malfunctioning.

The fire service attended the commercial property on Queen Street at around 3pm after the occupants smelled smoke.

All staff were accounted for and an electrician was called.

A vehicle stolen from the Hawke’s Bay area was located at Raupunga on

Tuesday afternoon.

Police are investigating the theft of a substantial amount of confectionary from a local dairy on Monday evening.

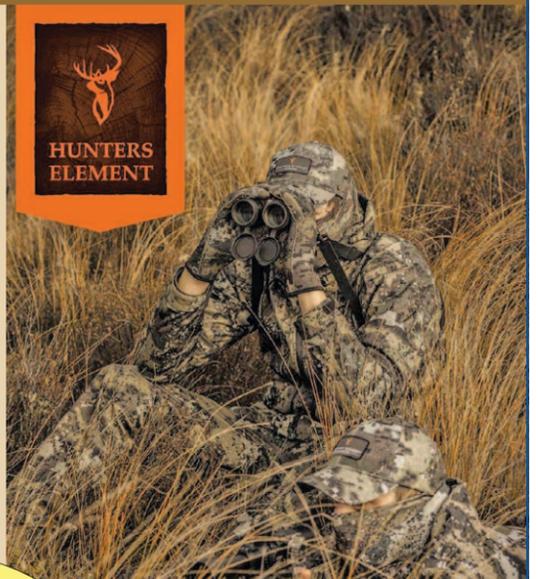
Three men entered the premises and one was seen removing a box of produce.

A yellow dirt bike was stolen from a Campbell Street property overnight on Monday.

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WAIROA DISTRICT COUNCIL ... IN FOCUS

4 May 2017

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our people.

Wairoa showed up and showed out at ANZAC commemorations across the district last week. It was fantastic to see hundreds turn out in force to commemorate the 102nd ANZAC day, despite the rain settling in for a wee bit. What a moving day it was to see our young people in the community paying homage to our military men and women who served for the freedom of

to consider for next year. As usual, the warm hospitality and food filled those who attended quite nicely. I want to take this time to thank the organisers and Wairoa District Council staff members who set up the War Memorial Hall for the civic service ceremony and also Here Nissen and her cadets for being our official flag bearers.

I want to highlight that tomorrow is the last day for the people of the Wairoa district to have their input to help us make decisions around the 2017/18 Annual Plan. This document gives an overview of the impact of our options and projects on rates, debt and levels of service. Council has indicated the options we prefer and this has been included as part of our consultation. You can see what impact these changes will have. Submissions close at 12 noon tomorrow.



Last Thursday, we held our first Community Partnership Committee workshop. This is a united Wairoa leadership approach to supporting whānau across our community, and involves a coordinated approach to providing services for them. One of the key points from this meeting is to develop robust terms of reference and objectives. We also need good strategies and business plans to deliver these services for our whānau. I acknowledge all the members from local community organisations, iwi and Government representatives, who attended the workshop last week. We have a lot of passionate community members with us and look forward to seeing more input from our local whānau.

Firstly, I would like to pay tribute and give thanks to our Returned Service Men and Women who fought for our country. Secondly, a huge thanks goes to the people around the Wairoa District who braved the rain to attend services, including a moving dawn ceremony at Kaiuku Marae in Māhia, Kahungunu Marae in Nūhaka, Taihoa Marae, Frasertown and the Wairoa District Council Civic Service at the War Memorial Hall.

Of course, we can't forget a few special mentions. It was an honour hosting Petty Officer Nicholas Tickner from the Australian Navy and Major Sergai Davis from the 5th/7th Battalion, Royal New Zealand Infantry Regiment. Both officers travelled with the official party and felt the warmth of Wairoa's hospitality at all services and functions they attended. I wish to publicly acknowledge Wairoa's resident bugler Lynette Tipuna, who with her whānau travel alongside the official party to play the Last Post. They have been doing so for the past 14 years. Lynette is a prime example of young talent we have in the Wairoa community, so it goes without saying that she did a wonderful job in delivering pitch-perfect and moving versions of the Last Post. A special thanks also goes to the tangata whenua of Kaiuku Marae and Taihoa Marae for hosting the official ANZAC service party. I would like to take the opportunity to offer some food for thought; as I mentioned in my speech at the civic service last week, Council is open to the possibility of including other services to its official schedule. It's just something



Wairoa's resident bugler Lynette Tipuna plays the Last Post with grandmother Lynette Snr at her side



Wairoa Returned Services veterans at the Wairoa District Council Civic Service



Representatives of the Australian and New Zealand Defence Forces

FOR YOUR DIARY

COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday, 9 May: 1.30pm

MĀORI STANDING COMMITTEE

Thursday, 11 May: 12.30pm

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Tuesday, 16 May: 1.30pm

FINANCE, AUDIT & RISK COMMITTEE

Tuesday, 23 May: 1.30pm

COUNCIL FORUM

Tuesday, 30 May: 1.30pm



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WHAT'S HAPPENING WHEN?

ANNUAL PLAN 2017/18 CONSULTATION DOCUMENT



Submissions close at 12 noon



Draft Annual Plan Consultation Hearings



Annual Plan adopted

Hard copies of this consultation document can be picked up from the Wairoa District Council Queen Street offices, library and the i-SITE. The consultation document can also be accessed online.

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The Wairoa District Council is reminding the people of the Wairoa district, who haven't had their input to help us make annual planning decisions, that tomorrow is the last day to have your say. Submissions for the 2017-18 Annual Plan close at noon tomorrow.

'Detachment needed to support addicts'

STATEMENT OF FACT

I am a person who has been forced to inherit my family member's substance dependence behaviour.



from the chaos of living with an addict, knowing that detachment is not abandonment but rather reinforcing my own strength, health and my ability to stay the distance.

This is not a letter to the editor about me feeling sorry for myself. It is much more than that.

"It is about all family members who end up in such a place."

Child Youth and Family Services and the family courts are both charged with caring for the entire citizens of Aotearoa, more often than not this ends in a no win situation.

Our nightmare journey becomes more so, when we do not understand the coded language of these departments as well as its in-house culture.

With its enormity snapping one's self-discipline, the horrifying ordeal becomes overwhelming.

The environment that forces families to inherit this kind of abusive behaviour from their off-spring knows no incarceration.

Unfortunately this kind of (everyday) behaviour is on the rise with families unable to sustain the financial abuse and/or emotional abuse.

We are forced to think ourselves into a dark isolation space, not knowing which ways to turn as we finally run out of strength.

At the end of the nightmare journey, with its unmanageable remoteness, our family members depend on substance fixation.

It's all about money, and the self-centred lifestyle they depend on to stay in the sinister shadow of their own confinement.

Name withheld

BEYOND THE USER

The enormity of this problem with its downward spiral, as the user takes us in her grip in this life threatening illness.

Isolated shadows fill most of our days, as focus is on the user and their disease.

While they are the most obvious victim, behind them, hidden in the isolated shadows, is a whole lot of 'others' who 'yes' love them and share their pain and suffering.

THE LAW OF REALITY

A loved one with an addiction affects every member of the family.

I KNOW

I didn't cause my family member's addiction.

I cannot control it, and I cannot cure it.

In other words it's not my fault.

I will lose my sanity and my health if I make it my responsibility to control her substance use or try to force her recovery.

When I stand back and let the consequences of her daily choices play out.

I am not abandoning her, but allowing her to feel the reality of her decision.

This is likely to be the fastest way back to the light.

I must regularly reinforce my commitment to disengage

Group offers help to grandparents bring up mokopuna

A SUPPORT group for family members living with the effects of methamphetamine use is in its beginnings.

Local grandmother Mere Kokiri-Tamanui wants to help other grandparents affected by drug abuse by providing a space for them to talk, vent and share their concerns.

Ms Kokiri-Tamanui said she hoped the news of a new support group would "trigger the interest of the ones who need it most".

In her mission, she is joined by fellow family members of drug users who all believe there is a need for something local.

The aim was to build a support network for grandparents who are now bringing up their mokopuna for many reasons, including methamphetamine, or "P" use.

"There is clearly a need for a support network in Wairoa for grandparents bringing up grandchildren," she said.

The idea was to start with a support group before starting a series of programmes further down the line.

The programmes would initially be aimed at helping the mokopuna of those who use methamphetamine and other drugs to help them with their education and catch-up learning.

She said they could be strongly affected by drug use in the family and may need support in education and getting on a good life path.

"We need to take care of them, and empower the young ones affected in these situations," she said.



Wairoa woman Mere Kokiri-Tamanui wants to help other grandparents affected by methamphetamine and other drug abuse.

Ms Kokiri-Tamanui said kids are a spin-off from methamphetamine and other drug abuse.

"The programme will help them make good choices and it will help move them away from the frontline."

She said being surrounded by drug abuse can affect anyone at anytime in their life.

"Age is not the issue, the mokopuna involved could be affected downstream," she said.

Ms Kokiri-Tamanui says Wairoa Taiwhenua has agreed to

umbrella the proposal until the group is fully established.

She added that the next step for the group is to apply for funding of \$3000 from the Community Organisation Grants

Scheme (COGS).

The funding would then be used to get the group off the ground by establishing a charitable trust, developing a network, establishing access to respite care for both grandparents and mokopuna, and design programmes for school holidays so both can have time out.

Ms Kokiri-Tamanui said money and respite are the two key challenges grandparents face as caregivers.

She said often a grandparent has to give up work to care for the grandchild and they then have to live off the benefit.

More details on the support group and its first meeting will be available in due course.

For help and support with anyone associated with methamphetamine, call the Alcohol and Drug Helpline on 0800 787 797 or visit methhelp.org.nz

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Tuai slip causes major damage

LANDSLIDE: A significant slip at Tuai caused major damage to Tuai Main Road and sub-street infrastructure. The landslide which occurred following Cyclone Debbie caused a large volume of earth to fall into Lake Whakamarino. Currently there is a bypass in place allowing access to Tuai Power station. The damaged infrastructure including power, sewer and water have been restored and further repairs to the affected section of the road will be carried out. Wairoa District Council Communications officer Austin King said: "The road is open to traffic. Repairs depend on funding from the New Zealand Transport Agency."

CCTV a valuable resource

On The Beat

with Community Constable
Nicki Davies



THE CCTV cameras in our town are proving to be a valuable resource for the Wairoa Police. In recent weeks we have arrested people with warrants, fighting, disorderly behaviour, shoplifting and various traffic offences, all because we can see them on CCTV and respond. We can also record the incident and use it for court purposes when necessary. CCTV helps keep an eye on our children. We can see who is hanging around the skate bowl and places where mischief and unseemly behaviour seems to take place. I am aware there are several scams going around at the moment and I urge you all to be careful when thinking about responding to

phone calls, emails or letters. Be wary of people or situations that offer a large benefit for very little in return. You seldom get something for nothing. Think the process through and talk it over with a trusted friend or colleague. An all-of-government initiative has created an online mechanism for reporting of cyber incidents: CERT NZ, which went live this morning. This is their website: www.cert.govt.nz In addition to being a place for individuals, businesses and IT specialists to report cyber incidents, CERT NZ also offers cyber safety information in the form of helpful guides for individuals and businesses. They includes subjects such as phishing, scams/fraud, online identity theft, cyber bullying and malware. My advice to people is if it's too good to be true, then it probably is.

More police as Wairoa goes 24/7

Nash Notes

Stuart Nash
Labour MP Wairoa/Napier



have an impact on this growing scourge. The announcement that Wairoa's police station will move to 24/7 operation means an extra four officers (presumably on top of the two vacancies currently in town) so I'm assuming Wairoa will see an extra six officers around the town patrolling full-time. It doesn't mean the station will actually be open 24 hours of the day, but it does mean officers will be working at the station and able to respond to calls in a more timely manner. Certainly on the surface, this is good for Wairoa.

THERE have been two announcements about policing across the Eastern district and Wairoa recently. Firstly, the Eastern Police District, that stretches from the top of East Cape to the bottom of Central Hawke's Bay, will get an extra 69 police over the next four years. Secondly Wairoa's police station will soon be open 24/7. I am not one to diminish the contribution that 69 more police will make to the district, even though the government's announcement of 880 new police fell 285 officers short of the police estimate of the number of officers needed to get on top of the crime problem and keep communities safe across the country.

I will not be celebrating until I have a better understanding as to where these new officers will be placed and the roles they will be undertaking. If the majority end up in some form of community policing, then we know our communities will have been listened to, because the lack of a police presence in our neighbourhoods is the biggest complaint I receive right across the electorate.

Police have a strategy of 'prevention first', which I completely buy into, however, if there aren't the men and women on the ground who have a deep understanding of what is going on in our communities, then such a strategy will never be fully optimised.

Across the whole Eastern district there are only five officers whose primary responsibility is fighting organised crime.

At a time when 'P' is so prevalent and the gangs are dominant in its distribution, this is woefully inadequate. The number of police in the Organised Crime Squad needs to increase significantly if we are to

If their primary responsibility is community liaison and integration, then that's great, but if it means more cops on traffic duty trying to nab unsuspecting motorists instead of solving crime and getting on top of the gang and drug problem, then I would question the priorities.

However, again, we need to better understand what these officers will be tasked with. If their primary responsibility is community liaison and integration, then that's great, but if it means more cops on traffic duty trying to nab unsuspecting motorists instead of solving crime and getting on top of the gang and drug problem, then I would question the priorities.

So overall, the changes look good for Wairoa. On top of the extra police required to move the station to 24/7, I would also expect Wairoa would be in line for even more police over the next four years as the extra 69 officers are deployed across the region.

All I am saying is let's reserve judgement until we better understand the roles of the new officers and the effect these men and women will have on keeping our communities safe and putting the bad guys behind bars.

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2. Which two countries merged to form Tanzania, with their names used for the new country?
3. Chicago won the Oscar for best picture in 2002. Before that, in which decade did a musical last win best picture?
4. How many gold medals did New Zealand win at the Rio Olympics?
5. What lives in a holt: a badger, fox or otter?
6. What was called the Parson Bird by New Zealand settlers because of its plumage?
7. Which country's currency was the cruzeiro, then the cruzado, and is now the real?
8. What was the only thing left in Pandora's box?
9. The story of the great white whale, Moby Dick, was written by which author?
10. Which city are you in if you are visiting the National Aquarium of New Zealand?

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7. Sweep (5)
8. First New Zealand writer to win the Booker Prize (4,5)
9. Encountered (3)
10. Inclined surface (4)
11. Second in command (6)
13. Grassy field (6)
14. Red wine (6)
17. Element No 53, symbol I (6)
18. Wading bird (4)
20. Assist (3)
22. Straggler (9)
23. Largest Kermadec island (5)
24. Economic project launched by the Muldoon government in 1975 (5,3)

DOWN

1. Trumper (5)
2. Most northerly settlement on the West Coast (7)
3. One (Maori) (4)
4. Murderer (6)
5. Mannequin (5)
6. Event in which Tom Walsh won a bronze medal at Rio (4,3)
7. Charm, enchant (7)
12. Large bag (7)
13. Former All Black Justin Marshall's home town (7)
15. Supporters of the PM in 24 Across (4,3)
16. Grab (6)
17. Fool (5)
19. Gesture of indifference (5)
21. Read quickly (4)

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Across: 6. Ironic, 7. Zodiac, 10. Foveaux, 11. Piano, 12. Rich, 13. Koura, 16. Truth, 17. Judo, 20. Aroma, 21. Oarsman, 22. Knives, 23. Mirror.
Down: 1. Milford Track, 2. Convict, 3. Rival, 4. Compare, 5. Titan, 8. Cross-country, 9. Extortion, 14. Dreaded, 15. Summary, 18. Dob in, 19. Frail.

ANSWERS: 1. Cobb and Co., 2. Tanganyika and Zanzibar, 3. Melville, 10. Napier, 1960s, 4. Four, 5. Otter, 6. Tui, 7. Brazil, 8. Hope, 9. Herman

Gisborne businesses want rail back on track

Congratulations to Wairoa and Hawke's Bay from the Gisborne Rail Co-operative!
The re-opening of the railway line between Napier and Wairoa will give Wairoa an economic boost and make the extension of rail freight operations to Gisborne more achievable.



Photo: Aberail



GENERAL manager of Kaiaponi Farms Ltd, Scott Wilson, says they are growers of kiwifruit and apples which are both experiencing significant regional growth. "Getting our produce to a container handling port, either Napier or Tauranga, is currently all done by road. There are already bottlenecks in the delivery of our produce to port. A rail service was being successfully used prior to its closure and would assist in our regional growth if it was to be reinstated."

□ **Packing apples for export at Kaiaponi Farms Ltd**

Good transport infrastructure needed

PRODUCTS that travel in container loads are well-suited to travelling by rail. Items such as export produce, chilled and frozen goods, chilled lamb, pouch products, landfill rubbish, recyclable waste, bulk wine, fertiliser, aggregate, road metal and processed timber would be suitable. Some of this is seasonal produce but Wood Engineering Technology Gisborne Ltd, will be producing wood products to be transported in containers and this will provide a large tonnage of containerised freight all year round. The managing director of Four Seasons pack house,

Elliot Callender, says his business needs good transport infrastructure so he can have the flexibility to make good business decisions. In the Gisborne Herald Business Quarterly, June 9 2014, "Too many limits to growth", Richard Burke, LeaderBrand managing director says, "It should be easier for people to do business here..." "Business confidence and economic development in the region is limited by the insecurity of getting produce to markets and would be boosted by the availability of a rail freight option."

ADAM Goodwin, Gisborne boning room manager, Ovation, would like to have the option to send containers to Napier port for export. He says this is something they started

looking at prior to the rail line becoming unusable. At present, they are sending all their container loads from Gisborne by road and having the option to use rail could be of great benefit.



□ **Packing squash for export at Coxco**

OMI Badsar, Managing Director Coxco, says their company is very much in support of getting the Napier-Gisborne railway repaired and re-opened as soon as possible. "Our squash season runs from January to April every year and having the line repaired and re-opened would be of

great value to our business as well as other businesses in the area as rail is the most economical transport option. "We believe this rail line is very important for the Gisborne district for businesses and for tourism. Repairing and reopening the line can be nothing but beneficial for our region."

Their handiwork is their memorial

THE RAIL construction period had a significant impact in the Gisborne and Wairoa regions. The railway line was challenging to construct, including many bridges and tunnels. The three kilometre Tikiwhata Tunnel is the fifth longest tunnel in New Zealand and the Kopuawhara Viaduct, a beautiful arch bridge, was the largest concrete railway structure of its type in the southern hemisphere when it opened in 1942.

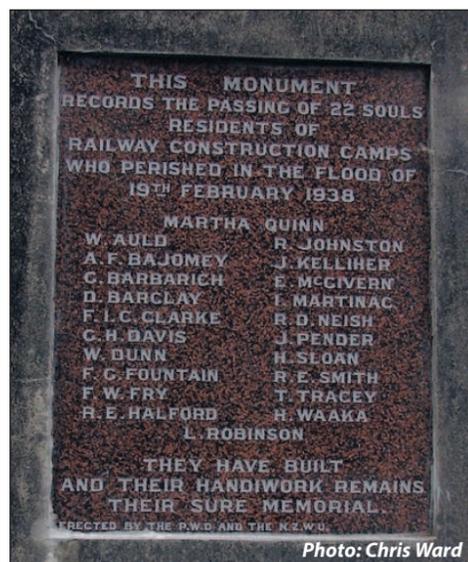
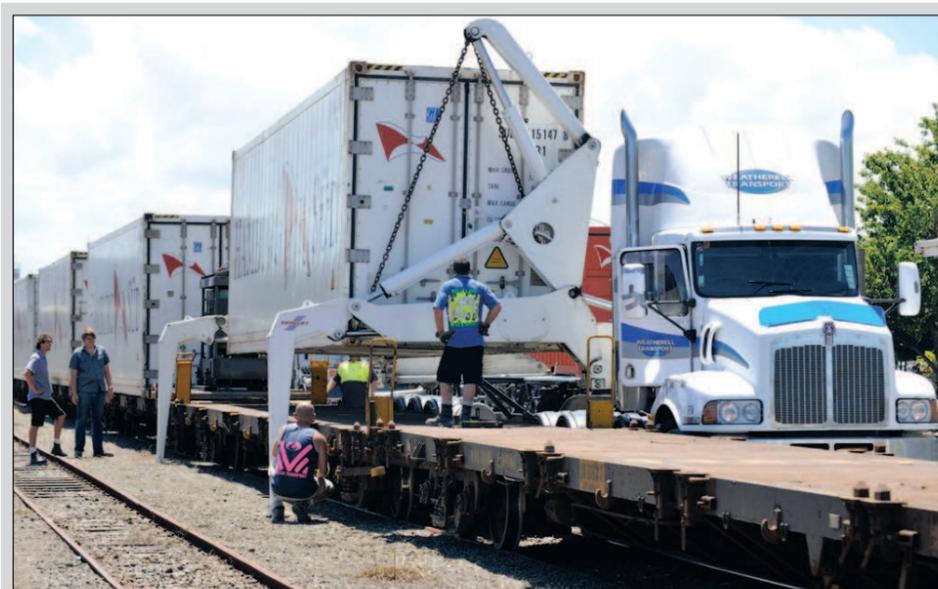


Photo: Chris Ward

The construction of the line also involved a huge investment from the local labour force, and included the death of 22 people in 1938 in a flood in the Waiuu Valley. The inscription on their memorial plaque at Kopuawhara reads, "They have

built, and their handiwork remains their sure memorial." In honour of these people and their families, many of whom still reside in these regions, the railway line should be appreciated as a valuable asset and an essential part of the transport infrastructure of the region, and country. It should continue to be used for the purpose for which it was designed.

Gisborne Rail Co-operative hope to run a rail freight and rail tourism operation between Wairoa and Gisborne. The group welcomes the opportunity to share the rail corridor with Rail Bike Adventures, KiwiRail's preferred contender for use of the line north of Wairoa.



□ **A Weatherell Transport truck at Gisborne Railway Station**

WEATHERELL Transport showed how well chilled fresh produce for export - squash, sweetcorn, kiwifruit, apples etc, could be handled travelling by rail in early 2012. Unfortunately, this operation was only able to run for three months before the

heavy rain event damaged the line. Managing director of Weatherell Transport Ltd, Steve Weatherell, says if the rail is repaired, investment and growth will come.



Photo: John McLean

□ **Gisborne City Vintage Rail's historic steam locomotive, Wa165, and restored carriages, and excursion train trips by Mainline Steam and Steam Incorporated have been extremely popular. Mainline Steam has scheduled several excursion train trips from Napier to Holts Forest/Arboretum later this year, after the line north of Napier is reopened.**

Solutions to river flooding sought

CONCERNS about eroding Wairoa River banks and repeated flooding at Ngamotu and Kihitu when the Wairoa River bar is blocked were aired at the April Maori Standing Committee meeting.

Hawke's Bay Regional Council's Mike Perry was invited to explain the council's procedures for opening the river bar when water levels were high.

He said the biggest trouble for the Wairoa River was the low flow rate.

"A lack of rain upstream causes the situation where we don't have water pushing out against the sea.

"Dry southerlies over summer and a high tide have the effect of pushing sand up against the river blocking the bar.

"A low flow rate is not enough to shift it and it builds up in the town and this can go on for weeks and weeks.

"We have to put up with that until it properly blocks and you have to wait for that.

"When the bar is really shut off, then we can get gear ready and allow the river to build up a head of water which is when you see it lapping around the bottom of the yacht club so when we let it go, we get a bit of a rush and we get a few days of the river being open."

The waiting game also needs a flat sea and tides at the right time and a dropping tide which gives six hours to operate the machinery safely and release water if wet weather is coming to keep the water flowing and bar open.

The bar opening and shutting needs a head of 500 metres to build up behind it to push it open.

Mr Perry said telecommunications in the upper reaches lets them know what's coming down and how long it will take to get here.

Maori Standing Committee member Whaiora Maindonald said when it built up, it eroded the river banks badly.

Mr Perry agreed saying Wairoa was a silt plain and when the banks became saturated the water went out fast and the banks failed.

They needed eight hours before the wet weather came and they could open the bar because they knew that it was coming.

Other members asked about the



possibility of dredging the river because they had heard anecdotally there was a sand bar 200 metres up from the Takitimu Marae.

Mr Perry said cross sections of the river were done every six years to see where the silt had built up.

Wairoa district councillor Jeremy Harker asked if the railway bridge measures allowed the regional council to make good decisions at the town level.

Mr Perry said they could tell from the railway bridge river levels, if the bar was open or not.

Maori Standing Committee member and Matangirau representative Paul Kelly said residents at Kihitu were the ones being flooded, with paddocks inundated as the water backed up and rats ran out ahead of the downpour.

Mr Kelly asked what was a better way of reporting on the river and of keeping it open.

Wairoa had the biggest catchment in Hawke's Bay and he didn't think enough was being done to look after that body of water.

Ngamotu whenua residents from Kihitu also spoke at the meeting with Heta Kaukau remembering when the stopbank broke at 3am one day in 1970.

"Since then water has backed up there and it was not just the rats but crap too.

"What volume of water do you really need to open that bar?"

"Sometimes it just sits there and we can't do a thing about it.

"My grandfather used to open the bar with a shovel or horse and plough — nowadays it's a bull dozer.

"I know it takes money and the playground is all silted up when the water is high."

Marae chairperson at Kihitu, Naomi Wilson said when that water built up, it affected Ngamotu and one kuia had to leave but there was no car so they had to set up a plan to safely pick her up.

"When it gets to Kopu Road, my nan's house is under water and four houses are gone and we are moving cattle and they are drinking that stagnant water when they go back.

"It affects us because we are at the

mouth and our people have been putting up with this since the stopbank broke."

Another resident said the water rose seven times last year, coming up through their paddocks and sometimes coming up to the houses.

"I had to get the cows out on a boat. "Why was the bar not opened before it got that high?"

Mayor Craig Little suggested it would be good to have the chairman of the regional council come and see what was happening and hear from people at the Kihitu Marae.

"Show them where the water goes and work it out."

Mr Perry said sometimes they could go for a couple of years without having to open the bar.

The mayor also raised concerns about Affco effluent coming in when the bar was shut.

Mr Perry said neither Affco or the Wairoa District Council were meant to let it go when the bar was shut.

"If you want to change this procedure, you need to talk to regional council management and we will be rated for it."

Mr Little asked if the regional council represented the land or the people on the land?

"We have 80 percent of the water and 30 percent of the land in Hawke's Bay.

"We have got to work out the rating better and the operations procedure.

"If we want to change, there is going to have to be some serious talking."

Wairoa District Councillor Charlie Lambert said there was a lot of mauri there that should be looked after as well.

Maori Standing Committee chairperson Kiwa Hammond said these were conversations that had to happen at another level.

"This is an important issue to all of us.

"In June the Maori Standing Committee of the Hawke's Bay Regional Council and council chairman Rex Graham were planning on meeting at Te Mahia.

"That is another avenue to formalise this take with the regional council," Mr Hammond said.

The public forum is at Te Rakato Marae on June 20.

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Wairoa River community wastewater stakeholders focus group, left, back, Neil Cook, Councillor Charlie Lambert, Michelle McIlroy, Gary Mayo, Paul Sullivan, Hamish Lowe, Paul Kelly, Jamie Cox, Duane Culshaw; front left, Naomi Wilson, Moira Barber, Jean Cooper, Beretta Keefe, Katarina Kawana.

Focus group have first meeting

IN March the Wairoa District Council established a waste water stakeholder focus group which had its first meeting last month. The group will help guide council through the consultation process with the wider community for managing wastewater. It is part of council's consultation process

with the wider community for its Wairoa wastewater scheme resource consent renewal. One of its aims is to assist council in understanding the most suitable processes for developing and managing a sustainable wastewater system for the Wairoa community.

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Digital entrepreneurs speak

AN IMPRESSIVE line-up of speakers from a range of businesses involved in digital activities will gather at Mokotahi Hall, Mahia on Monday. Around 14 speakers from around New Zealand will feature including a presentation about farming rockets by George Mackey, the Tawapata South Maori Incorporation spokesperson and innovator and businessman Ian Taylor, "the kid from Raupunga". Wairoa's Curve Technology and ICT club organiser Andrew Hume will also present about connecting community with

technology. Organisers Poutama Digital Cluster is a loose cluster of businesses involved in digital activities. The cluster describe themselves as people coming together for a fun time and to share experiences and ideas and possible business ventures. Businesses in the cluster include software and hardware developers, animators and gamers, film and television producers, app, web and bot developers, drone and GIS operators, crypto-currency traders and keepers of data sovereignty to name but a few.

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Deaths

EVANS, Clinton Scott (Clint). Passed away on Wednesday, April 26, 2017, aged 71 years. Proud father of Christine and Carl (Australia). As per wishes a private service has been held. Messages to the Evans's family c/- P.O. Box 8558, Havelock North 4157.



HORNE, Mason Arthur. February 24, 1930 - April 29, 2017. Peacefully at Gracelands, Hastings. Beloved husband and soulmate of Marge, loved father and father-in-law of Tracy and Greg (Dargaville), Angela and Jamie (Wairoa), and Guy and Leonore (Hastings) and loved Grandfather of Freya-Rose, Nikau and Matai, Calum and Lachie, Joshua, Elise, Alex and Helayna. Special friend of Stacey and Mary. Much loved son, brother and uncle of T.P. and Ella Horne (Deceased), Judith and Jack Tietjen (Deceased), Pat and Donny Witters (Deceased) and their families. In accordance with Mason's wishes a private cremation was held.

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ORDINARY COUNCIL 1.30PM

THURSDAY, 11 MAY 2017
MĀORI STANDING COMMITTEE 12.30PM

TUESDAY, 16 MAY 2017
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Mahia hunt a 'huge success'



THE TINIROTO district was inundated with nearly 300 riders and supporters from all over the country when the Mahia Hunt held a visitors' event as part of the Poverty Bay 125 year jubilee celebration. Mahia Hunt's Gaylene and Paddy Bull said 260 riders enjoyed a great days hunting. "The visitors were amazed by the scenic farmland and most

appreciative of the country hospitality they received." Organisers were delighted the event went off without a hitch as wet weather leading up to the day had caused many headaches. "The most common comment we had was 'huge success'. That summed it up perfectly as we were rapt with the whole day." The hunter trials are on May 21.



On a day made for hunting (left), riders come together for the start of Mahia Hunt's Tiniroto event. The riders regroup again (above) after the hound pack had split.



Huntsman Cory Shepherd (right) and behind him whipper-in Daniel Coop.



The thrill of the hunt is clear as Wairoa rider Chrissy Hayes (left), one of 260 riders, heads out into the Tiniroto hillcountry last Thursday.



Members of Mahia Hunt at the start of the Tiniroto visitors' hunt (from left) Amanda Hodgson, Mahia master - Hilton Alexander, BJ Wilson followed by Jack Tarrant, Gavin Bowen.

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Mahia lose but show the right attitude



Top Mahia ball-carrier, William Albert in action against YMP.

MAHIA lost by only four points in the only senior rugby home game at the weekend.

Mahia scrambled to field a team and borrowed two YMP props until they had their full muster.

The Poverty Bay senior one competition match was played at Kaiuku and was Mahia's home game.

Impact player Sean Hiroki-Kaka in the midfield set up tries at vital times for Mahia.

It was only their second game in the senior ones competition because of two games which were defaulted.

For YMP, it was only their third game.

Referee Wayne Hema said the final score was 24-20 to YMP.

"With the amount of people Mahia had, they still turned up with the right attitude.

"I thought YMP would have had a stronger game, but Mahia were very good at upsetting YMP around the ruck and gaining possession.

"One of their senior players, William Albert, had a solid all round game and was a very strong ball carrier.

"It was awesome watching Albert and his son Clint Taumata playing together. They had a good combination going."

Jamaican born Aaron Roak was playing his first game for Mahia at lock and he impressed onlookers with his quick adaption to the game.

Hema says both teams will need to improve their discipline so they do not give away penalties.



Mahia disrupt YMP, working to get into try-scoring territory in the second half.

The senior ones second round begins on May 20. This weekend Tapuae hosts Mahia, kick-off 2.45pm after Tapuae had a bye last weekend.

Nuhaka have won by default because Horouta have pulled out of the competition.

In the Poverty Bay premier competition Athletic had a close game losing 31-22 to Old Boys' Marist.

Their winger, Hayden Law, was player of the day, followed by first five Sean Taylor and flanker Trevor Tahuri. Midfield back Canning Taumata also impressed.

The half-time score was 18-13 to OBM.

Athletic this Saturday play Waikohu at Te Karaka.

In the Hawke's Bay division 3 competition, YMP played NOBM at Tremain Field coming away with a big win, 41-17 in the Maury Coody Cup.

This Saturday it's the final between the winners of each pool where Flaxmere take on Maraenui at Ron Giorgi Park, 2.45pm.

YMP coach Guy Taylor said it was only their second game after three teams defaulted in the first three weeks of the Maury Coody Cup competition.

"We had been training since February and we would have come into this round much stronger, if we had played those first three games."

The winners of the 2016 Zach Anderson competition will now defend their title in the



Clint Taumata touches down for Mahia on Saturday at Kaiuku.

Secondary draw

SECONDARY school rugby action will hit the fields on Saturday.

In a pre-season game Wairoa College's first XV will play Lindisfarne first XV in a home game at midday.

In division three Wairoa will play Napier Boys' High School Red at Napier Boys at midday.

In division six Wairoa College will face Havelock North High School at Wairoa at midday.

second round which begins next Saturday when YMP play Napier Old Boys' Marist in another away game.

"We are back on track. We had those three defaults and we were short of game time.

"Against Marist, we made big improvements in this last game.

"Teamwork and cohesion were more evident in our second game.

"The problem is we are still too strong and we are seriously looking at playing in the second division next season.

"The teams are more committed to playing in that competition."



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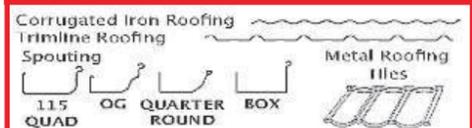
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McKinlay won Mahia women's day

MAHIA Golf Club held its women's open day at the weekend, attracting competitors from Gisborne Park, Patutahi, Mahia, Wairoa and Maraenui golf clubs.

Golfers dressed up for the occasion wearing a black and white theme, making the most of the mild conditions on Saturday.

Best dressed were Jo Kerr as The Joker and Colleen Wesche as a maid.

Results: Overall net winner - Teresa McKinlay (Wairoa), 93-35-60, senior nett - Fairlane Wesche 69, senior runner-up - S Adams 75, senior gross - A Maru 88, runner-up - M Wainohu 89, senior stableford - B Walker 37, runner up - E Westwood 37, senior stableford - M Marino 34, S Spence 33, G Young, W Morrissey and J McKinnon 32, junior nett winner - C Wesche 61, runner up - P Gayford 74, junior gross - S McRoberts

91, runner up - T Paku, junior stableford - M Wesche 38, runner up R Hiko 36, junior stableford - T Lewis 35, V Kyle 34, C Ranford, C Skuse and J Crowley 33, senior long drive - F Wesche, junior long drive - S Spence, approach senior - J Kerr, approach junior - P Gayford, longest putt senior - M Wainohu, longest putt junior - A Ward, twos - J Kerr, M Wainohu, P Gayford, S McRoberts and S Spence.

Results from the Mahia two-man net competition on Sunday: Father and son Wayne and Clay Wesche 123; G. Pitman and B. Crowley 124 and Tom Hema and Bernie Crowley 130.

Results from the men's aces played the previous Sunday saw Peter Bremner net 68, D. Bremner 69 and Wayne Wesche 70.

The Bluck putting went to Wade Wesche on 25. In the ladies Harwood par round Ali Maru was minus one and Viv Kyle minus three.

□ The last group to tee off are left, Teresa McKinlay, Anna Smith, Kath Willis from Poverty Bay and Alison Maru.



Three teams for Coronation Cup

WAIROA has three teams competing in one of the top Hawke's Bay golf competitions, the Coronation Cup. They will contest the zone qualifier against Te Pohue, Puketitiri and Hawke's Bay golf clubs on May 20-21.

Wairoa Golf Club captain Wayne Thompson said this was the premier interclub handicap matchplay competition for Hawke's Bay golf.

He said there were five areas across Hawke's Bay represented in the competition from Dannevirke to Wairoa.

The winner of this qualifier plays the winners of the other division in June.

Wairoa teams: Adam Cassidy, Boston Eaglesome, Shannon Manukau, Donald Carroll; Ray Hawley, Sam Jury, Hemi Tahuri, Mason Birrell; Martin Lunny, Coe Edwards, Robert Hamblyn, and Horo Brown.



□ Zorro (right) came to play at Mahia Golf Club for the women's open day as Ria Waerea tees off.



□ June MacKinnon (left) tees off the number one tee on Saturday.

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Wairoa JAB coaches and parents with rugby development officer for Hawke's Bay, Ellery Wilson (front row, middle).

Coaches needed for junior rugby

EDUCATING coaches on drills and giving the young players tips on tackling techniques were part of a Wairoa JAB coaching day. JAB chairman Andrew Powdrell said the day went well with more than 20 coaches attending. "It was focused around educating coaches in drills which taught the children things like tackling techniques, blowing over the ball and catching and passing, but keeping it enjoyable at the same time," Powdrell said. The session also covered concussion and injuries giving the coaches advice about dealing with these things. "However we still need parents and teachers to come forward and coach as we still have teams without a coach and sadly, if we can't get a coach for a team then it's the children who miss out."

Powdrell said if anyone was interested in coaching a team to contact the JAB committee on jabwairoa.co.nz. "If you can coach a team, now is the time to come forward." The final weigh-in for the 10, 11 and 12th grades will take place at Lambton Square on Tuesday May 9 at 5pm. Powdrell said if anyone missed the previous weigh-in, they would need to attend this one and schools needed to get their teams together and ensure everyone was registered. "The JAB committee has been busy getting the season organised. The fields have been marked and coaches should be getting their teams together for training soon. We are looking forward to kick off on Saturday May 13 and hope to build on the 340 children who played last year," Powdrell said.

Top duck shooting season predicted

DUCK SHOOTERS in the Eastern Region can expect one of the best hunting seasons for some time judging by the latest research into mallard duck numbers say local Fish and Game officers.

This year's season opens on Saturday and senior Fish and Game officer Matthew McDougall said in the Wairoa/Gisborne region they have caught more ducks during their banding operations than they had in many years.

The Eastern Region covers a big chunk of the central North Island, including the East Coast, Tauranga, Taupo, the Rangitaiki Plains, and Rotorua lakes district.

The Mohaka River marks the southern regional boundary for Wairoa hunters and officers said maps and further information on regulations are available on the Fish and Game website.

Geographically Wairoa comes under the Hawke's Bay Region, but for Fish and Game the district falls under the Eastern Region so hunters need to be aware and check when deciding which area to hunt.

Mr McDougall said Fish and Game was predicting the best season in seven or so years.

He said they based this on duck numbers they had trapped in the Eastern region over summer and banding data collected over a 20-year period.

"We trapped 1500 ducks in total which is more than we have in any of the preceding years of trapping and banding."

"The trapping and population modelling tells us there are lots of ducks around in reasonable condition, and we're predicting this opening could be one of the best in years."

Fish and Game's research, which includes aerial flyovers to estimate bird



Saturday marks the opening of the 2017/2018 duck shooting season.

numbers, indicates a mallard population of between 350,000 to 450,000 birds.

The limits were set according to estimated duck numbers, and this year's regionwide estimate fell into the "intermediate" zone in which a six-week season and daily bag limit of eight birds applied, Mr McDougall said.

Anecdotal reports of duck numbers from hunters varied across parts of the region.

"Some hunters have reported good numbers of ducks within their district while others, such as those who hunt in the Galatea and Reporoa areas, believe fewer birds are present," he said.

"In the Wairoa/Gisborne region we've caught more ducks during our banding operations than we have for many years."

Mr McDougall said the numbers of other game bird species, including black swan and paradise shelduck, appeared

to be on a par with previous seasons. Hunters needed to note other changes to the regulations, he said.

This season a three-shot rule applied and hunters were required to plug their shotgun magazines so the gun holds no more than two shots in the magazine and one in the breech, three shots in total.

Mr McDougall said hunters were encouraged to report any banded birds they might harvest to Fish and Game along with their contact details, the band number, and location and date it was recovered. This will assist mallard research programmes, and sustainable management of the species.

It was also timely to remind all hunters to check their Game Bird Hunting Guide booklets and this season's daily bag limits, or go online fishandgame.org.nz prior to getting out on opening day, Mr McDougall said.

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