



New Knight

By Frank Neill

Thorndon resident Peter Boshier was made a Knight Companion of the New Zealand Order of Merit in the 2026 King's Birthday Honours.

The Chief Ombudsman from 2015 to 2025 Sir Peter was made a knight for services to the state and the judiciary.

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Sir Peter Boshier, who was made a Knight Companion of the New Zealand Order of Merit in the 2026 King's Birthday Honours. Photo: Supplied.



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An immense honour

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He was also the Principal Family Court Judge from 2004 to 2012, when he was appointed a Law Commissioner.

"When you are advised that it has been proposed [that you will be made a knight] you realise just what an immense honour it is," he says.

"I'm filled with deep appreciation.

"And then you think: 'well why?'"

"In the Family Court I think we did so much to modernise the court and worked so hard to change certain things.

"In the Ombudsman's Office again [there were] very, very hard-working teams of people and again we achieved a lot.

"So I think very much it's an acknowledgement of a lot of work that went into making access to justice better for the people who use the systems."

The Family Court, by virtue of statute, used to be closed.

"That led to a lack of trust, particularly by media, so when I came in in 2004, it coincided with the coming into force of the Care of Children Act," Sir Peter says.

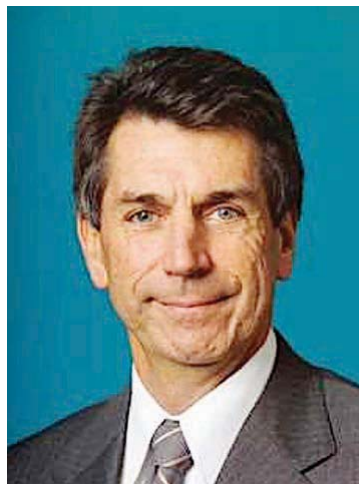
"We went through a very careful process of negotiating the extent to which the Family Court could be open.

"We needed the public to know what was going on, and we negotiated how that was going to happen."

That negotiation was successful and it was "a huge change," Sir Peter says.

"I think people's view of the Family Court and their confidence in the court increased because of the increase in transparency."

The Family Court had to deal with the case of an abandoned toddler, whose father had murdered the mother, put her body in a car and then abandoned the toddler.



Sir Peter Boshier. Photo: Supplied.

"There was tremendous public interest in the case and I happened to be the individual who was doing applications for that in the Family Court.

"The fact that the media could come in and see how the court did its business transformed us into a court of accountability and confidence."

When asked the highlights of his career, Sir Peter said one was making to Family Court open.

He has "huge appreciation for the really hard work and grind, often challenging work the Family Court judges do and which they do so willingly."

He also had huge appreciation that the Family Court judges "were prepared to be led by me in different ways of doing things.

"Then there is the Family Court bar, which is

a really specialised bar and perhaps not rated as much as it should be, because there are really specialised skills lawyers need to have."

Another highlight was his time as the Chief Ombudsman.

There was a "huge increase in numbers" during his time in the role.

"When I started in 2015 there was a staff of about 64.

"When I finished in March last year we had a staff of about 260.

"We spread our accessibility in a whole raft of ways," Sir Peter says.

"A highlight for me was being invited by Kingi Tūhaitia for a formal welcome on Tūrangawaewae.

"It was a very frightening but poignant experience."

"As Chief Ombudsman, Mr Boshier's focus was on a faster and more effective resolution of Official Information Act (OIA) and other complaints, working with government agencies to improve their practices and strengthening his team's investigation and monitoring of prisons, secure aged care and public mental health facilities, and a much greater prevalence of agencies proactively disclosing a range of information on their websites," his award citation says.

"He considered more than 14,000 OIA complaints and conducted 37 proactive investigations of the official information practices of central government agencies.

"He was active in the International Ombudsman Institute (IOI), serving between 2019 and 2022 as President of the Australasia and Pacific Region and then as Second Vice President of the IOI.

"He was elected President of the Association of Family and Conciliation Courts in the United States of America, the only New Zealander to hold that position."



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Last week we saw the annual Budget delivered in Parliament.

This is where the Government outline how they will spend their money for the future. This money comes mostly from taxes. If expenditure is greater than income, the money must be borrowed. Obviously when unexpected events, like the Christchurch Earthquake and COVID occur, then the amount needed to get through these crises will exceed income, so large scale borrowing becomes essential. The goal is to keep the country functioning well, services to the population maintained, and eventually spend the same amount as comes in by way of income, as we all do at home. Before COVID, this was what was happening, but keeping businesses afloat and people in work, and alive and well during this time, was expensive.

Labour was heavily and unfairly criticised for this, and the current Government promised to reduce borrowing. Because they cut taxes, thus their income, as soon as they

were elected, they have actually borrowed more than the previous Government, so they are now looking for ways to save money. They are essentially doing this by reducing public servant numbers, raising rents for most statehouse tenants, and generally reducing services provided to New Zealanders across the board. Those with the least income are generally having to pay for the cost of the Budget.

Labour will now go through the Budget to see how we can ensure we protect the most vulnerable New Zealanders, while still improving our financial situation as a country, and policies to support this will be released soon. A good example is to introduce three free doctors' visits which will be paid for by a limited capital gains tax. This will reduce the workload on our hospitals as well.

It's all about ensuring New Zealanders now and in the future are well housed, affordably fed, and receive good health treatment when required.

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Honoured for services to seniors

By Frank Neill

Glenside resident Johanna (Hanny) Naus was awarded the King's Service Medal in the 2026 King's Birthday Honours.

She received the award for services to seniors and rainbow communities.

When asked her reaction to being awarded a KSM, Hanny says "it isn't my desire to receive an accolade.

"It hasn't been ever throughout my life. "It is the issues that are important to me," she says.

In addition "it is the people at ground level who are really important, not necessarily the leaders.

"I'm not a leader. "I'm an encourager of people in all shades of their life.

"I'm a supporter of people and I advocate for the issues of older people to be heard, to be listened to, to be involved and to be included in society," Hanny says.

"The work I am involved in, which is now centred on elder abuse, is centred on ensuring advocacy for older people."

She also works alongside organisations that work with Rainbow people, with people who have been discriminated against, minority groups, ethnic minorities and people who have become older.

"I appreciate the importance of social inclusion for people who are different."

"Hanny Naus is a social worker contributing primarily to elder abuse and neglect preven-



Hanny Naus, who was awarded the King's Service Medal in the King's Birthday Honours. Photo: Supplied.

tion and advocacy," her KSM citation says.

"Ms Naus has been the Age Concern New Zealand Elder Abuse and Neglect Prevention Professional Education since 2013 spearheading practice development and support for workers, and working directly with professionals and those with concerns over individuals at risk.

"She has trained healthcare providers, law enforcement, financial advisors and com-

munity volunteers to ensure elder abuse is understood across sectors.

"She has had advisory roles with changes to legislation and processes, including working with the family and sexual violence sector with an elder abuse lens on the national strategy for preventing family and sexual violence Te Aorerekura, the Whaimana – Support My Decisions project, and with the Human Rights Commission.

"Her work has extended to rainbow elders (Takatāpui), providing advice since 2022 to Hohou Te Rongo Kahukura to support community research and subsequent advocacy.

"She supported grassroots initiatives in Southland to strengthen advocacy and support for older Takatāpui and rainbow communities.

"Ms Naus is a Life Member and past Board member of the Aotearoa New Zealand Association of Social Workers and previously worked with disabled people through IHC Greater Wellington, ABI Rehabilitation and Hutt Valley District Health Board," her citation says.



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Enjoy lively book discussions, share what you are reading and peruse new and interesting books with like-minded people over a cuppa. New members are always welcome.

Cuentacuentos: Storytimes in Spanish takes place at Te Whare Pukapuka o Te Māhanga Karori Library on Saturday 6 June from 11am to 11:30am.

Buenas noticias! Get ready for engaging storytelling and exciting activities that will entertain the whole whānau.

Join us every first Saturday of the month at 11am.

Read to Kurī @ Waitohi will be held on

Monday 8 June from 3:30pm to 4:30pm at Waitohi Johnsonville Library.

Join us and our doggy guests from Canine Friends Pet Therapy.

You can book a 15-minute session to sit with one of our friendly dogs and read your favourite book, or one you have found at the library.

Read to Kurī aims to help children improve their literacy, self-confidence, and self-esteem in a relaxed, non-judgemental environment.

This programme is perfect for tamariki aged 5 and older who would like to practise their reading skills and make a new canine friend.

To book your session, please call the library

on 04 477 6151, or email johnsonville.library@wcc.govt.nz with your preferred date and time.

Bookings are for 15 minutes only. After you have booked, library staff will be in contact informing you what time to arrive for your session.

Community book chat will be held at Ōtari Wadestown Library on Wednesday 10 June from 11am to noon.

Pop along for a casual conversation about books.

Discuss what you have been reading lately, the books you love, and those you are keen to get into.

One of our librarians will be on hand with recommendations and readers' advisory.



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Critical moment for Wellington City

By Frank Neill

This is a “critical moment for Wellington City,” Wellington’s Mayor Andrew Little said in a speech focused on local government reform he delivered yesterday, 3 June.

It is also “a critical moment for our region,” the Mayor said.

“The future of how we deliver for our communities, plan for the long term and speak as a city is being decided, whether we like it or not.

“I won’t resile from my duty to lead this city through it. I intend to make this threat an opportunity.

“But I can’t do it alone.

“We all need to be a part of it – every community organisation, every business, every union, iwi partner and every Wellingtonian.

“We have 10 weeks to defend our right to determine the future of our own local governments.

“I am confident we can do it, if we do it together.

“My challenge to you is simple: talk. Talk to your communities. Talk to your members. Talk about what you think, what you worry about, and what you hope for.

“And then let us know here at council. Email mayor@wcc.govt.nz with your thoughts.

“Any proposal can only be as strong as the conversation we have around it.

“That conversation starts today. “Let’s do it for this city we love, and for our region which is a family – and one of the best places in the world,” he said.

“For me, the bottom line is this: local people should decide the future of their local governments.”

The government has given a deadline of 9 August for councils to develop regional governance reform. That deadline is just 10 weeks away.

That is “ten weeks to design and submit a proposal for a new council, or councils, covering all of the responsibilities of Wellington City, Hutt City, Upper Hutt, Porirua, the three Wairarapa councils,

Greater Wellington, and potentially Kāpiti Coast and Horowhenua,” the Mayor says.

“Ten weeks to consider services, assets, facilities, rating, fees and debt.

“Ten weeks to have deep, complex conversations in homes, businesses, lunchrooms, sports clubs and community organisations, schools, universities, online and everywhere else.

“Let me be clear. We cannot have this conversation properly in ten weeks.

“The creation of Auckland Council followed a Royal Commission that ran for years.

“The public was deeply engaged. The result was something Aucklanders could understand and respond to.

“I’ve heard the arguments to ignore the government’s deadline.

“I’ve heard that the government has provided no funding, that it’s an election year and a new government might stop it, and that policy is unworkable or unserious.

“Well, I’ve been in Cabinet and recognise they have made a call. And I’m not aware of any party signalling that reversing local government reform would be a top priority in coalition negotiations.

“But here’s the thing.

“My judgement is people in this region were already cautiously open to a conversation about change. That’s reflected in the recent referenda in Hutt City and Porirua.

“My distaste for the government’s deadline is not a reason to surrender to a model imposed from on high – with no community say, no mana whenua representation, and no regard for what makes this place special.

“At serious inflection points a Mayor’s job is to lead.

“That’s why I’m taking the government’s deadline seriously; treating it as an opportunity, even, because I was elected on a promise to talk with Wellingtonians about their perspectives and preferences



Wellington’s Mayor Andrew Little. Photo: Supplied.

on future governance options for Wellington, including regional amalgamation.

“An overwhelming majority of Wellington City councillors backed that promise by writing it into our formal Triennial Plan.

“Wellington City is ready to have the conversation. We’re ready to start today.”

Following the first announcement that councils had to develop plans for regional governance, the region’s mayors and the chair of Greater Wellington came together immediately to consider how to respond and protect local voices.

“The four metropolitan councils agreed to look at the issues together, along with Greater Wellington.

“The three Wairarapa councils agreed to do the same, but to also work with the metro area.

“Kāpiti has been considering where its interests lie. Horowhenua has interests to the north and the south and has been observing.

“The work has been under way. We’ve been doing it properly.

“We had a plan to bring evidence to the public, to listen to their feedback, and to put options together that people in the region could understand and respond to.

“And then the ten-week deadline dropped.

“While the deadline has changed, my principles have not.

“The principles I bring to this work are the same you’ve seen from me throughout my public life,”

Mayor Little said.

These principles are:

Firstly the public must decide.

Secondly local voice must be protected.

Thirdly we should govern at the scale people actually live.

Fourth any regional solution must respect difference.

Fifth the case must be honest and evidence-based.

Sixth systems of democracy matter, including how it’s funded.

“If a referendum were held today, I would vote for amalgamation,” the Mayor said.

“On the evidence so far, I believe bringing the four metro councils together could give us the scale and co-ordination we are not achieving today.”

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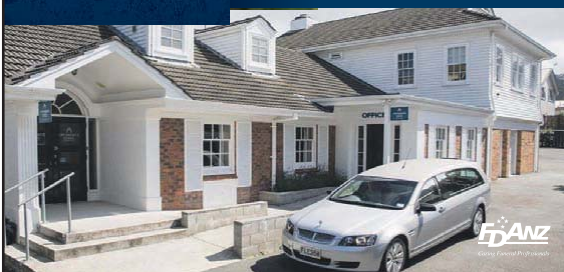
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Howard Anderson's great-grandfather, William John Anderson (1859, Chippendale - 1954, Wellington), possibly wearing an Australian Boer War uniform.

The paths that led to Tawa

The next meeting of the Wellington Branch of the NZ Society of Genealogists will be held at the Johnsonville Bowling Club on Wednesday 17 June at 7:30 pm.

The speaker, Howard Tong, was one of four brothers born in Tawa in the 1950s.

After Howard retired in 2019, he and his brothers began to research their family history, and they published 'The Tong Boys of Tawa' in 2024.

Howard will talk about the journeys his ancestors took which finally brought them to Tawa.

On the Tong side, it was quite straightforward. They sailed from Kent to Alton, Taranaki in 1883.

His mother's family, the Andersons, took a more complicated route.

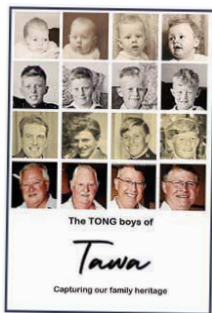
The earliest traceable Andersons were in Kingsbarns, Fifeshire, Scotland, and they travelled through Scotland and Ireland to Australia.

Interesting discoveries include one ancestor who was transported to Australia aboard the Earl Grey in 1836 after receiving a seven-year sentence.

Another was a German grandmother whose parents arrived in Nelson aboard the Skjold in 1844.

Ultimately, this is a story of migration and memory, and a reflection on the journey of researching and creating a family narrative.

Howard's recollections conclude with vivid memories of what life was like for the four Tong brothers growing up in Linden and



The book cover of 'The Tong Boys of Tawa'.

Tawa during the 1950s and 1960s.

Visitors are very welcome at all the branch's meetings, which are held at the Johnsonville Bowling Club, 34 Frankmoore Avenue. Talks are aimed at a general audience and are free.

The talk will begin at 7:30pm. Coffee, tea, and biscuits are available from 7pm, and the branch's friendly members will be happy to chat with you.

"If you would like some help with your own family history research, please ask us at our pre-meeting informal discussion group and help session which starts from 6 pm," the branch says.

The meeting should finish between 8:30pm and 9pm.

For more information on the society, see its website www.wellingtongenealogy.org.

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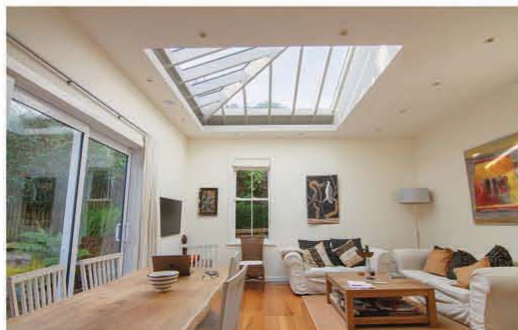
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WCC lowers draft rates rise

Wellington City Council has agreed to progress a draft 2026/27 Annual Plan and budget that will result in an average rates increase of 5.8%, down from the 7.4% proposed during public consultation.

A further \$9.6 million in savings was identified during the consultation period, made up of \$1.9 million in additional savings and revenue mainly through reduced salary costs through vacancy management (not replacing all staff that leave).

Another \$6.4 million in depreciation and \$1.3 million in interest was saved by reassessing assumptions about completion dates for capital projects – projects finishing later than originally assumed leading to reduced interest and depreciation costs.

The draft plan and budget received 2,783 public submissions during the consultation period.

Wellington Mayor Andrew Little says the high number of submissions demonstrates a high level of interest in how Wellington responds to current challenges.

“Wellingtonians have given the Council a clear message to bring expenditure under control and keep the rates rises as low as possible,” he says.

“The Council is making good on our commitment to do this, while continuing to invest in the services and infrastructure that Wellingtonians rely on.

“The starting point for this year’s Annual Plan process was a rates rise of 12.6% but this was unpalatable for most Wellingtonians.

“Through careful analysis of Council spending through the Revenue and Financial Value Working Group and robust deliberations through the Planning and Finance Committee we’ve reached a point that I think many Wellingtonians would find some comfort in.”

Te Taurapa Planning and Finance Committee Chair Cr Diane Calvert says: “I am very pleased the proposed rates increase has been reduced further, from 7.4% to 5.8%.

“We know Wellington has seen significant rates increases in recent years and coupled with the high cost of living, and we have listened to what Wellingtonians are telling us about Council rates and spending.

“Our plan this financial year has reduced operational expenditure, increased revenue through lifting some fees, while still continuing with infrastructure projects such as the refurbishment of the Begonia House, Te Whare Wai Para Nuku (the sludge minimisation facility), and Te Whare Whakarauika Wellington Town Hall.

“This Annual Plan and budget has been a complex endeavour that has taken into account transferring water services off our books to Tiaki Wai and preparing for changes signalled as part of local government reform, and factoring in the economic conditions facing the city.”

Alongside the consultation, the Council conducted a representative survey of 524 people.

Feedback on the consultation options were: Short-term accommodation rate

Consultation: 61% strongly support or somewhat support the proposed rate



Cr Diane Calvert, who has welcomed reducing the rates rise. Photo: Supplied.

Representative survey: 72% strongly support or somewhat support the proposed rate

Cycleway changes – feedback for option A and B

Consultation: 37% support keeping the cycleway programme as budgeted in the Long-term Plan; 32% support the option to reduce cycleway programmes for 2026/27

Representative survey: 47% support a reduced cycleways programme for 2026/27 and 34% support keeping the cycleway as budgeted in the Long-term Plan.

Cycleway changes – feedback for ‘none of these options’

Consultation: 30% responded that they did not support option A or option B. Of the 730 comments from submitters who did not support either option, 668 comments supported reduced spending on cycleways.

Representative survey: 14% responded that they did not support option A or option B. Of the 72 comments from respondents who did not support either option, 50 comments supported reduced spending on cycleways.

Contaminated waste fees

Consultation: 60% support increasing the contaminated waste fee incrementally over the next three years

Representative survey: 69% support increasing the contaminated waste fee incrementally over the next three years

Cremation fees

Consultation: 34% support increasing cremation fees by 20%; 33% supported keeping increases to the inflation rate

Representative survey: 39% support keeping increases to the inflation rate; 27% supported increasing cremation fees by 20%.

Other proposals: operational expenditure changes, new fees, fee changes

Consultation: 57% strongly support or somewhat support the operational expenditure changes

Representative survey: 50% strongly support or somewhat support the operational expenditure changes

The draft Annual Plan will be considered for adoption at the Council meeting on 25 June.

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Better Karori bus service planned

A plan to improve the bus service from Karori through the inner city to Miramar is currently open for submissions.

Wellington City Council (WCC) and Metlink (Greater Wellington) are working together on the project to provide better bus connections.

Councillors have prioritised both improving the bus service from Karori through the inner city to Miramar, and making buses more reliable and quicker on busy routes.

They are doing this through WCC's Triennium Plan and Greater Wellington's Bus Priority Action Plan.

The councils are jointly proposing changes to ensure buses run more smoothly, keep up

with growing demand and cause less delays for all road users.

Passenger growth on Route 2 (the largest bus service on the eastern corridor with 3.4 million annual passenger trips on the full route from Karori to Miramar/Seatoun in the 2024/2025 financial year) is continuing to increase.

To meet demand Metlink needs to operate more buses and/or longer buses.

Some intersections need changes to enable the use of longer articulated buses, which is the preferred solution for providing more bus and passenger capacity.

Submissions on the plan, which is available at <https://transportprojects.org.nz/current/bus-improvements>, close on Sunday 14 June.



An articulated bus exiting the Karori tunnel. Photo: Metlink.



The Onslow Historical Society display marking the 70th anniversary of Onslow College.

Onslow College 70th anniversary display

The Onslow Historical Society is marking the 70th anniversary of Onslow College with a display of historical photos and items.

The display is now on and will run until 31 July at the Onslow Historical Society's rooms at 86 Khandallah Road. It is open from 1pm to 4pm on Sundays.

In the 1950s residents and families of the growing northern and western suburbs lobbied for a new college in their area.

Parents had to organise a hard campaign to obtain acceptance of a new school.

At the time there was "a yearning on the part of many for a new liberal education away from the more formal single-sex education that had been generally available".

The school opened in 1956 with 200 students and its first Principal was Colin Watts, who served from 1956 to 1965.

Mr Watts was energetic and sincere with a profound understanding of "modern" educational trends of the time.

"His energy, foresight and vision developed a sound liberal philosophy that became Onslow's raison d'etre" recalled second Principal Dudley Hughes (1966-77).

Mr Hughes recalled in 1981 at its 25th birthday that "the liberal humanism thus established continues and has been broadened and honed by successive staffs."

He recalled that "even the environment was challenging".

Onslow College was built on "a hilly, windswept 'no-man's land' clay site between

Khandallah and Johnsonville and alongside a public tip.

"Education was orchestrated between excavator and hammer but progress was made," he said.

Rapid growth followed with the roll reaching 1,180 by 1969.

Such growth meant constant change in adjustment of courses, additional staff and expansion of facilities.

Mr Hughes recalled that the early staff showed "amazing determination and resilience in combating the ceaseless noise and dust".

The college is presently undergoing a long awaited modernisation of its physical buildings and amenities.

The welcome achievement involved another campaign by parents, college staff and teachers to focus Ministry of Education priorities on the college's aging infrastructure.

As a consequence many new building works are under way which will see the college set up for another historical era of liberal progressive education.

Early in its life the school showed deep concern for students facing particular difficulties whether in learning or personal development.

Throughout the decades since, the school has enabled students to make huge achievements academically and in the arts and culture.

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What's cool in the Wairarapa



Original migration canoe on show at Aratoi

Currently showing at Aratoi Wairarapa Museum of Art and History, Masterton is Tino Rangitānetanga Iwi Exhibition and the Te Waka Wairua o Kurahaupō.

The Kurahaupō canoe was one of the original migration canoes from Hawaiki in East Polynesia to Aotearoa. It completed its journey at Nukutaurua, on the Māhia Peninsula, where it is preserved as a reef.

Whātonga was the commander of the Kurahaupō canoe and his grandson was Rangitāne, the eponymous ancestor of the Rangitāne tribe. The Rangitāne tribe occupied the Wairarapa and neighbouring districts and came to share this area with closely related people from Ngāti Kahungunu who migrated to Wairarapa several generations afterwards.

As part of the 1990 celebrations, a new waka was constructed and named Kurahaupō by the tribes who descended from the original canoe, including Rangitāne. It is this Kurahaupō canoe that is on display here.

Tino Rangitānetanga Iwi Exhibition is an expression of identity, belonging and continuity. Presented by Rangitāne o Wairarapa, this exhibition honours their



Credit: Te Waka Wairua o Kurahaupō

whakapapa, their whenua, and the enduring presence of their people across generations.

Through ancestral narratives, pre-colonial landscape mapping, and treasured taonga, the exhibition offers space to reflect on who they are and where they come from. The story of Kurahaupō

waka anchors the journey, connecting past to present and contemporary Māori artistry. Taonga drawn from national collections sit alongside works held within Aratoi creating a quiet weaving of memory, care and connection.

Showing until 19 July.

Hear Miriama Kamo at Wairarapa Arts Centre: "Less Waste, Greater Place"

Come and join broadcaster Miriama Kamo live for a special one-off afternoon at the Wairarapa Events Centre this Saturday

Known for her work on *Marae and Sunday*, Miriama is an award winning reporter and one of Aotearoa's most trusted storytellers.

In this engaging kōrero, she shares her personal journey, the experiences that have shaped her, what matters most to her, and how she's embraced a low-waste lifestyle in a way that's practical, realistic, and grounded in everyday life.

It's a chance to hear her speak in person, ask questions, and walk away with ideas.

Wairarapa Events Centre this Saturday at 1pm.



An Enchanting Celebration of Romance, Rhythm and Remarkable Voices

Operatunity, New Zealand's leading producer of daytime concerts and musical experiences, is performing *Waltz of My Heart* 26 June at Wairarapa Events Centre.

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At the heart of the show are four magnificent tenors: Bonaventure Allan-Moetaua, Benjamin Makisi, Derek Hill, and Kalauni Povalu, each bringing their

rich, expressive voices to both classical and contemporary waltz favourites.

They are joined by the charismatic John Bayne, whose warm baritone brings charm and gravitas, and the stunning soprano Amanda Atlas, whose powerful vocals and magnetic stage presence add soaring drama and elegance to every note.

"This concert is like a musical embrace," says soprano Amanda Atlas. "It's full of romance, nostalgia, and the kind of beauty that touches the heart and soul."

Waltz of My Heart 11am, 26 June at Wairarapa Events Centre.

Matariki Festival

This year's theme of "Matariki herenga waka" is all about inclusion, and encouraging ALL people to celebrate Matariki together. The theme has strong connections to multi-culturalism and the sharing of cultural practices; we can ALL connect to the core values of Matariki and embrace the celebration of the holiday.

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New rail funding welcomed

Greater Wellington Regional Council (GWRC) has welcomed Budget 2026 funding for rail renewals in the Wellington Region.

At the same time, the council is warning that sustained, long-term investment in the Crown's rail assets will be needed to restore reliability and rebuild public trust in the network.

The Government has allocated \$106.9 million for renewals on the Wellington and Auckland Metropolitan rail networks in the 2028-29 financial year.

"It's encouraging to see Budget 2026 continue investment in much-needed rail renewals for the Wellington Region," GWRC Chair Cr Daran Ponter says.

"This funding is important, but it cannot remain piecemeal.

"A longer-term commitment from the Government is needed so KiwiRail and Greater Wellington can plan ahead, get through the renewals programme in a faster more optimised way, and give passengers the reliable rail network they deserve."

Greater Wellington Public Transport Committee Chair Cr Ros Connelly says sustained investment in the Crown's rail infrastructure is critical to improving day-to-day services for Metlink passengers.

"We commend the Government for main-

taining investment in the health of its rail network towards the end of the decade," says Cr Ros Connelly.

"Wellingtonians are tired of cancellations, delays and bus replacements caused by ageing rail infrastructure.

"Like three waters assets, a generation of under investment has left the rail network in poor health and a state of decline."

But to get on top of the backlog of end-of-life rail assets more money is needed before public confidence in the rail network can start to be restored, Cr Connelly says.

"Sustained investment in overdue renewals to return the network to a steady state will grow patronage and our region's economy.

"It will reduce disruptions for existing Metlink services and make our new Tūhono trains a more frequent and reliable option for commuters.

"Funding can then be targeted at upgrades to create a modern, resilient rail network through better asset management and new infrastructure like signalling systems, grade separated level crossings and double tracking.

"In the meantime, we applaud additional funding for rail in Budget 2026 and invite the government to adopt our vision of a consistently reliable rail network for passengers and freight that underpins the economic well-being of Aotearoa New Zealand."



Some of the group at the King's Birthday gathering at Gilberds Bush Reserve. Photo: Andrew Ecclestone.

Gathering to 'save Gilberds Bush'

A group of 88 residents from Newlands, Paparangi, Grenada Village, Tawa, Porirua and Petone gathered for walk through Gilberds Bush Reserve on King's Birthday, 1 June.

A sign saying "Save Gilberds Bush - No 4 Lane R2G Road" was prominent.

The walk took place for people to demonstrate the importance of this and other reserves to their everyday life.

This is a place that the locals love to go with their family for fun, exercise, and relaxation.

Gilberds Bush Reserve will be a casualty if the proposed Petone to Grenada Road goes ahead as currently planned.

A tunnel is proposed under Horokiwi Road West and Pimlico Place, and the road continues through Seton Nossiter Park, with the scale of the earthworks such that it will lead to the loss of many residents' homes.

This is an anxious time for people whose homes are under threat, in limbo for months or even years, uncertain about the maintenance they should carry out, and wondering about their future after assuming they would live out their days in their chosen community.

Shortly, NZTA will be seeking approval to use the Fast-track Approvals Act.

If this is approved, their application for road approval will go to an Expert Panel, to which submissions are restricted by the Fast-track legislation.

Homeowners who may lose their house are entitled to submit to the panel but the community, which has so much at stake, has no automatic right to do so and is unlikely to be heard.

This was another reason the walk took place - to express their disquiet at a process that provides no direct voice to the community.

These are the people who have planted trees, maintained tracks, introduced their kids to nature, walked their dogs, socialised with their neighbours and breathed the fresh forest air.

They do not want their reserves to disappear, nor see their friends leave the neighbourhood.

The cost of the road is enormous, at four or five times the cost per kilometre of Transmission Gully.

"Roading issues have taken precedence over people and nature," one of the organisers of the King's Birthday gathering says.

"Alternative routes that are almost as good exist and have lesser effects on the environment and property.

"There has been little or no exploration of how congestion on Ngauranga Gorge could be eased, with just a little imagination and at a fraction of the cost, for example, by improved public transport.

"The downsides are numerous: properties will be harder to sell, and worth less; traffic noise, emissions, and local road congestion will increase; tracks next to the expressway will lose their appeal; and flora and fauna will be wiped out.

"The panel is likely to decide on whether the road may go ahead in the first half of next year, with the Government then deciding on its priorities and whether there will be any funding for the Petone to Grenada road."

The reserve was named after Ted Gilberd, a developer of properties around Baylands Drive and Colchester Crescent in the 1960s.

The Town Planner at the time was Peter Saxton, one of the King's Birthday group, who had persuaded Gilberd to donate the land for a reserve.

It was, Peter says, "a generous donation".

Peter made the first Gilberds Bush track himself and, in recent years, the Wellington City Council has rapidly expanded the network.

The walking group's presence on 1 June was detected by a counter, placed on the track to record information for the case to transform the reserve into a four-lane expressway.

In the meantime, further walks will be held in other reserves, to familiarise residents with what could be lost, and to make the case as to why it must not be.

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Wellington councils formalise Tiaki Wai transfer

All five greater Wellington councils have now formally agreed to transfer assets worth a total of around \$9 billion and about \$1.6 billion of debt to Tiaki Wai from 1 July.

The shareholding councils are Greater Wellington Regional Council, Wellington City Council, Hutt City Council, Porirua City Council and Upper Hutt City Council.

The Partners' Committee – five shareholding council representatives and two Mana Whenua representatives – met on 29 May and reaffirmed its support for Tiaki Wai.

“There are still some details that will continue to be finalised after Tiaki Wai starts operating, but all the pieces are now in place,” Partners' Committee Independent Chair Dame Kerry Prendergast says.

“We welcome the work the board is doing to set a path that will deliver better water services for all the people who ultimately own and rely on those services.”

While Tiaki Wai will be progressively strengthening its financial position, the five councils have committed to provide up to \$400 million of callable capital as a last

resort if there is an unexpected, significant adverse event.

“This could be major infrastructure failure that is beyond Tiaki Wai's financial ability to manage through normal operating and funding measures,” Dame Kerry says.

“This takes the pressure off Tiaki Wai to manage its path to financial sustainability without needing to increase water charges significantly more to achieve this.”

“We absolutely stand by the need for water reform,” Greater Wellington Regional Council Deputy Chair Ros Connelly says.

“However there are significant risks in this model.

“I want to acknowledge that as we worked through the process, the full implications – including balance sheet separation, guarantees, and uncalled capital – is different from what was originally understood by councillors and the basis of public consultation.”

Despite these concerns, Cr Connelly says Greater Wellington has supported the new entity in the spirit of regional collaboration.

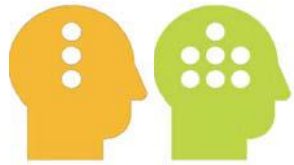
“We support the establishment of Tiaki Wai because it reflects what territorial authorities



signalled as their preferred approach, and we have worked together to deliver a practical outcome for the people of Wellington, Porirua and the Hutt Valley.

“However, practical does not mean preferable.

“There were opportunities for the Government to strengthen the model through a Crown guarantee or director indemnity, which could have provided a more stable foundation for the new entity from day one,” Cr Connelly says.



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Traditionally, many minor wounds were simply covered with a plaster. While plasters are still suitable for small cuts and scratches, a wide range of modern dressings now exists to suit different wound types. It was once believed that wounds should be kept dry, but current guidance recommends keeping them moist. A moist environment helps skin cells grow and move more quickly, allowing the wound to heal faster and return to normal sooner.

The goals of wound care are to stop bleeding, prevent infection and restore healthy tissue. Once bleeding is controlled, the wound must be

cleaned. Clean wounds can be rinsed under warm running water or gently wiped with saline-soaked gauze. If the wound contains dirt, gravel or other foreign material, these must be removed to reduce the risk of infection. In such cases, an antiseptic wash is useful for clearing debris. Your Self Care pharmacist can advise on suitable antiseptics and how to use them.

Infection prevention is essential. If the wound becomes swollen, red, hot or increasingly painful, it may be infected and medical attention is needed, as antibiotics might be required.

Burn wounds can result from sunlight, flames, hot liquids, chemicals or electricity. These should be cooled immediately under cold running water for 20–30 minutes. Ice should not be used. Burns may be superficial or may damage deeper layers of tissue. Blisters should not be burst, and fats, lotions or ointments should be avoided.

Several lifestyle factors influence wound healing, including diet, exercise, medication, dressing choice and warmth. Nutrients such as protein, vitamin C, vitamin A and zinc support the healing process. Regular exercise improves circulation and general health, helping wounds repair more efficiently. Some medications, particularly anti-inflammatory drugs, can slow healing, so speak to your pharmacist if you have concerns.

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Lara Macgregor playing Julia Gillard in a scene from 'Julia'. Photo: Roc Torio.

Standing ovation for Circa's 'Julia'

Reviewed by Margaret Austin

I hope I may be forgiven for being a little confused by two Wellington performances happening within the same time frame and bearing similar titles.

That said, they couldn't be more different.

Nor could the Julias being celebrated be more removed from each other both in time and in nature.

'Julia', currently on at Circa theatre, is about Julia Gillard, Australia's first ever female Prime Minister.

Gillard gained office in 2010 and remained until 2013.

The play, with Lara Macgregor as its sole performer, explores her life leading up to her political career, and in particular the three years that preceded her famous – or infamous? – speech about the misogyny she was subjected to.

On a deceptively simple set consisting of several windows, and a large table, Macgregor enters and sets the scene – Parliament, 172 MPs, question time. All these must be contended with.

"A great speech cannot be a prepared speech," she tells us.

Then we backtrack a bit to Julia Gillard's beginnings as a young woman with a father figure she looked up to and a determination not to have children. Shock, horror!

If that is the case, how does she envision her future? In response, Gillard trains as a lawyer.

She recalls the 1980s with its "big hair up" and "Berlin wall down" landmarks and, now in Parliament, recounts the wave

of momentum when she ousts Kevin Rudd as Prime Minister.

Preparations for being the country's top woman are practical and personal.

We get to see Gillard as a vulnerable but strong individual with the words "I will not!" a mantra for behaviour.

Her moments of success and jubilation are met with frequent applause by an audience clearly on the side of courage and self-declaration.

It's difficult not to admire – whatever your political opinions!

"It's traditional for women to uphold men's authority," she reminds us, and this mantra is what underlies her time as PM as she finds herself the target for male contempt.

Sexism is surely at its worst when a woman is condemned for choosing to be childless.

Her rage is at times tempered with humour and even charm – part of what makes this performance so relatable.

The play's last moments consist of Gillard's famous speech, made in response to Tony Abbott, in which she pulls out all the stops fully bears out her earlier statement: "A great speech cannot be a prepared speech."

Lara Macgregor is to be praised for such a faithful rendering of Gillard's character and actions.

The script, written by Joanna Murray Smith, is magnificent, and Mel Dodge's direction strong and effective.

"It is a play about all of us," Dodge declares in her programme note. It is indeed.

A standing ovation was a fitting first night response to 'Julia'.

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Public Notice of Consultation

Wellington City Council and Metlink are consulting on proposed improvements to strengthen Wellington's public transport network and respond to growing passenger demand. These proposals are being made in accordance with the Traffic and Parking Bylaw 2021 and section 22AB of the Land Transport Act 1998.

The proposals include:

Harbour Quays Bus Corridor

Create a second city centre bus corridor along the Harbour Quays to support increasing demand for public transport and improve reliability across the network. The proposed route links Wellington Railway Station with Courtenay Place via Whitmore Street, Customhouse and Jervois Quays, Cable Street, Kent Terrace, Cambridge Terrace, and Wakefield Street.

The proposal includes new bus stops at key destinations and part-time bus lanes operating in peak periods (6.30–9.30am and 3.30–6.30pm, Monday to Friday) along sections of Customhouse and Jervois Quays, and Wakefield and Cable Streets, along with other associated changes. This second city centre corridor will help relieve congestion on the Golden Mile and make bus journeys faster and more reliable.

Eastern Bus Corridor Improvements

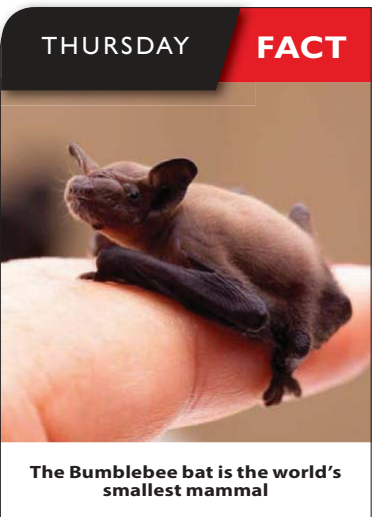
Upgrade bus stops and intersections along

the Eastern Bus Corridor from Miramar bus terminus (Darlington Road) to the central city to improve safety, accessibility, and journey reliability. These improvements are designed to enable more than one standard bus or a longer bus to fit safely into the bus stop which will support more consistent travel times for bus passengers travelling between the eastern suburbs and the city.

Have your say

We are holding a drop-in session at Johnsonville Library, 34 Moorefield Road on Thursday 4 June from 430pm-630pm. Head along to speak to our team and ask questions about the proposed changes. Copies of the full report, traffic resolutions, and accompanying plans can be viewed online at transportprojects.org.nz/bus

Feedback on the proposed changes must be made online, by email to citydesignprojects@wcc.govt.nz, or by requesting a paper feedback form by calling 04 499 4444. Submissions close at 5.00pm, Sunday 14 June 2026. Your feedback will help shape the final proposals, which will be considered by the Wellington City Council Committees before any decisions are made. If approved, changes are expected to be delivered in stages from early 2027, with buses anticipated to be operating in the Harbour Quays corridor and changes made to the Eastern Bus Corridor by late 2027.



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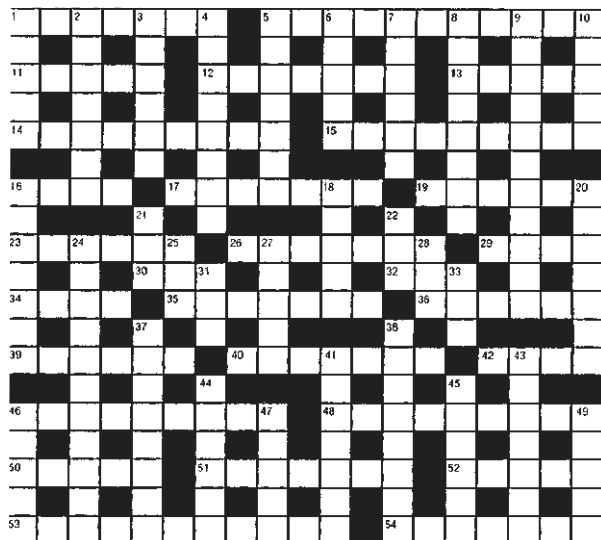
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CROSSWORD Puzzle



ACROSS

- (of a dog) Attacked sheep (7)
- Absorbed in memories (11)
- Fowl perch (5)
- Short curtain (7)
- Custom (5)
- & 42 ACROSS. Guess; (4,2,3,4)
- Spiteful (9)
- Instant(Abbr) (4)
- Parted (7)
- Consider (6)
- Paleness (6)
- Following (7)
- Oven (4)
- Sum of money (3)
- Smear (3)
- Lover (4)
- Wed (7)
- Kind of clay(used as a pigment) (6)
- Wanders (6)
- Ardent (7)
- SEE 14 ACROSS.
- Most careless (9)
- Strike back (9)
- Chances (5)

- Appease (7)
- Pitchers (5)
- Perversion (11)
- Taught (7)

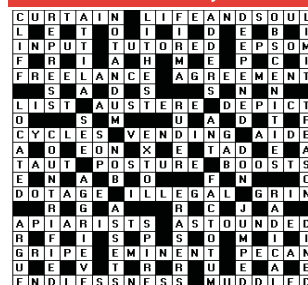
DOWN

- Twists out of shape (5)
- Rebellious (7)
- Know by instinct (6)
- Enthusiasts (8)
- Alleviate (7)
- Down-stroke(writing) (5)
- Irritate (6)
- Assistant cook (4,4)
- Drying up (11)
- Rows (5)
- Hinders (7)
- Ooze out (5)
- Its capital is Copenhagen (7)
- Cut grass (3)
- Finish (3)
- Lavishly (11)
- Sheep (3)
- Tend (5)
- Petrol (3)
- Water barrier (3)

- Huge (3)
- Conference(pl) (8)
- Most ingenious (8)
- Lassos (7)
- Layman (7)
- Assisted (6)
- Although (6)
- Propeller (5)
- Bait (5)
- Comforted (5)

Solution

Last Week: 28 May 2026



Two different tales for Karori

By Hanish Wareham

Regular league competitions were put on hold for round two of both the Chatham Cup and Kate Sheppard Cup last weekend.

The Waterside Karori men headed back on the road to Napier for the second time in three weeks while the women could save on the petrol with a trip just round the corner to take on Victoria University at Boyd Wilson Park.

Three goals in quick succession at the end of the first half and beginning of the second, all but booked a spot in round three for Waterside Karori women.

Goals from Nicola Ross, Margot Ramsay and a brace from Sherize Concessio gave Karori fans a much easier win than the win on the final whistle the week prior at home to the Phoenix Under 18's.

Waterside Karori won the match 4-1.

A round three fixture will be drawn tomorrow morning at 1pm

against any of Petone who beat Te Kotahitanga 4-1, Phoenix Under 18's who outlasted Wellington United on penalties Friday night at Newtown Park or Miramar Rangers who had a 2-1 home victory over Palmerston United.

The women's Central League returns this weekend, with Wharfies in home action will be taking on seventh placed Seatoun at Karori Park with kickoff at 12:30pm.

Unfortunately for the Karori men, a five goal first half burst from

Napier City Rovers made it a long first half for the men in black and white stripes.

That combined with two second half goals, summoned Karori to their second defeat in Napier in three weeks time having suffered a 5-0 loss at the same venue on 10 May.

Elsewhere in the Chatham Cup, Miramar Rangers put a real cat amongst the pigeons eliminating two time defending champions Wellington Olympic 2-1 in their

own backyard.

Stop Out bested Tawa 3-1 at Redwood and Seatoun outlasted Upper Hutt on penalties following a 3-3 draw at the end of normal time.

Men's Central ILeague action returns Saturday 6 May with a home fixture for the harfies who are hosting Island Bay United at Karori Park scheduled for a 2:30pm kickoff. TFS North Wellington will return to action also following a week off, hosting Seatoun at 3pm.



Traffic and parking bylaw review

Wellington City Council is currently engaging on a review of its Traffic and Parking Bylaw 2021.

There are three different Council tools which manage traffic and parking for the city – the Bylaw, the Parking Policy 2020, and Traffic Resolutions.

For this review, it is only the Traffic and Parking Bylaw 2021 that is being considered.

Submissions on the review are now open and close at 5pm on 25 June. They can be made at www.letstalk.wellington.govt.nz/traffic-and-parking-bylaw-review.

The bylaw provides the regulatory and enforcement mechanism for the council in traffic and parking matters.

It enables the council to legally control parking and traffic on roads and parking areas through prohibitions, restrictions, conditions and offences.

The proposed amendments to the bylaw include:

Clarifying definitions and alignment with national rules – updating and clarifying definitions (for example, relating to cycles, footpaths, shared paths, and permits) to better align with the Land Transport (Road User) Rule 2004 and current practice;

Improving workability and enforceability – removing or amending provisions that are difficult to enforce in practice (such as certain time-based parking provisions and distance-based rules) and clarifying how electronic permits and payments operate;

Parking management updates – refining provisions relating to residents' parking, permit parking, motorcycles and trailers, oversize vehicles and long-term parking of motorhomes and similar vehicles;

Vehicle use and road activities – clarifying

controls for shared paths, shared use zones, cruising, engine braking, unformed legal roads and beaches; and

Drafting and legislative updates – updating references to repealed or replaced legislation, improving plain-English drafting and removing redundant clauses.

“The proposed amendments are intended to be targeted and incremental,” the council says.

“They do not introduce new policy directions but are designed to ensure the bylaw continues to function effectively and fairly.”

The bylaw does not prescribe where or when controls apply – Traffic Resolutions do. Traffic Resolutions are the implementation tool.

They apply specific, location-based parking and traffic controls to the city – that is time limits, no stopping, special vehicle lanes. These resolutions are made under the authority of the bylaw and must be consistent with it.

The Parking Policy 2020 is an inter-related but separate document that sets the strategic direction and decision-making principles for how council manages all council-controlled parking.

It establishes objectives, a parking space hierarchy, area-based management approaches and guidance on pricing and allocation of parking supply. It does not create enforceable rules, and it does not override the bylaw.

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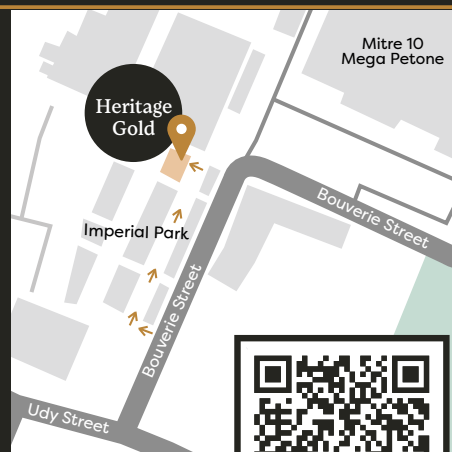
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