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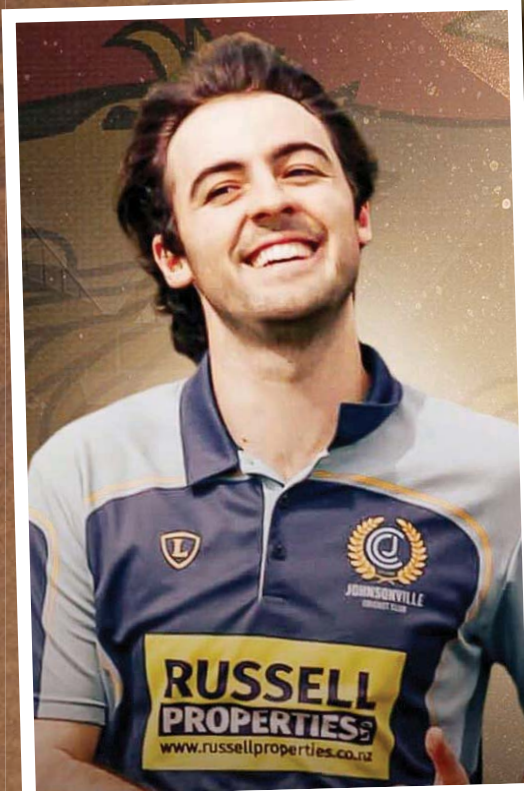
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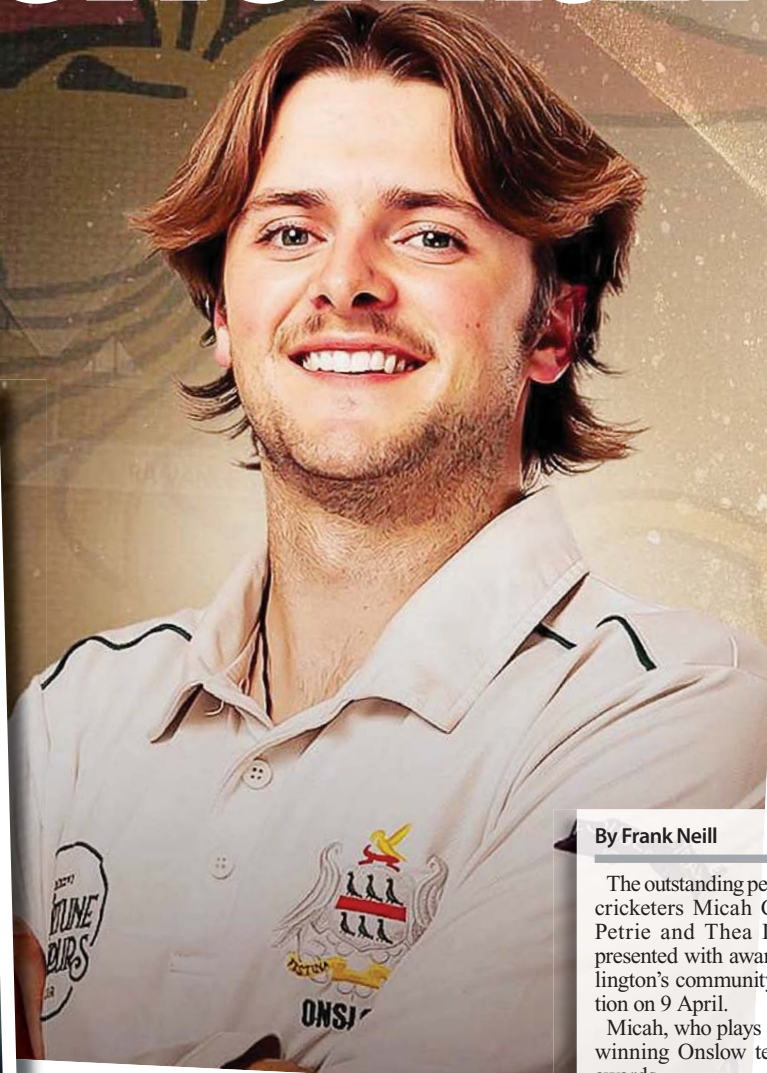
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Best performance



Cricket award winner Maximus Petrie, who plays for Johnsonville. Photo: Supplied.



By Frank Neill

The outstanding performances of local cricketers Micah Conroy, Maximus Petrie and Thea Larsen saw them presented with awards at Cricket Wellington's community awards presentation on 9 April.

Micah, who plays for the Pearce Cup winning Onslow team, received two awards.

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Onslow's Micah Conroy, who won two Cricket Wellington awards. Photo: Supplied.

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Five wickets and a century

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He won the award for the best overall performance of the 2025-26 season.

Micah's victory in this category came when he scored both a century and a five wicket bag in the one match.

In Onslow's two-day match against Taita on 21 and 28 March Micah starred with the ball when he took five wickets at a cost of only 20 runs.

He then followed up his great bowling spell with a century when he scored 117 runs.

Micah also won the trophy for scoring the most premier runs during the 2025-26 season.

He amassed a total of 867 runs. Johnsonville Cricketer Maximus Petrie was also among the award winners.

He won the award for the season's best bowling figures.

That came when he took seven wickets at a cost of only 30 runs in Johnsonville's match against Naenaena on 14 March.

City Suburbs cricketer Thea Larsen won the trophy for most wickets in premier women's matches.

Thea took 31 wickets during the 2025-26 season.

Thea's mother Sally Morrison also won a trophy at Cricket Wellington's community awards.

She was presented the Mike Curtis Cup, awarded in recognition of service to club cricket.

Sally's award "is so incred-



Sally Morrison (left) and Thea Larsen with the cups they were awarded at Cricket Wellington's community awards. Photo: Supplied.

ibly well deserved," The Karori Cricket Club says on its Facebook page..

"Sally works tirelessly for our club, for City Suburbs cricket, and for the game right across Wellington.

"Her passion, commitment, and care for the people within it is

something truly special."

Cricket Wellington instigated the Mike Curtis Cup for services to community Cricket in 2010.

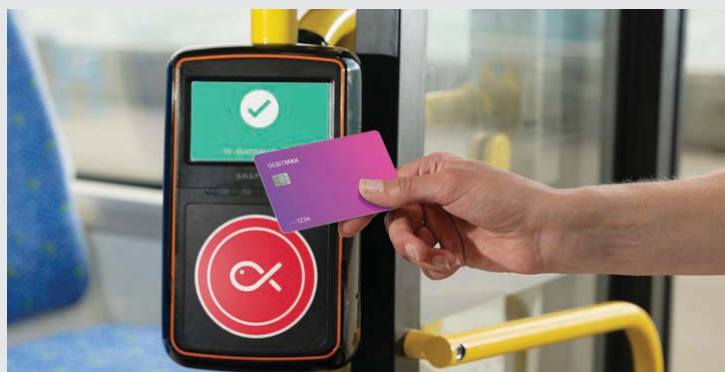
It is presented annually in honour of one of club Cricket's most dedicated servants.

Mike played Cricket for Wellington from 1956 to 1958 and

also spent decades in cricket organisation and coaching.

Mike was the joint first winner of the Bert Sutcliffe Medal, awarded by New Zealand Cricket for outstanding service to the sport. This award was made in recognition of

Mike's work for junior Cricket in the Wellington area.



Paying a fare using a credit card. Photo: Metlink.

Bus and train fare card payment implemented

People using Metlink buses and trains can now pay their fare using a debit card, credit card, or mobile device (including smartwatches).

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buses and train stations have been upgraded to enable debit or credit card payments ahead of the implementation of the National Ticketing Solution Motu Move, planned for the first half of 2027.

Introducing electronic payments now is part of Metlink's transition to the new ticketing system.

Once Motu Move is introduced to Wellington passengers can continue using their credit or debit card to travel or switch to a Motu Move card. A 1.5% contactless surcharge will apply to each credit or debit card transaction – the same fee passengers pay when topping up a Snapper card using the Snapper app or credit or debit cards at a Snapper self-service kiosk.

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REBUS hears about unprecedented floods

Tom Kay, spokesperson for the campaign group "Choose Clean Water", was the speaker at last month's Khandallah REBUS club meeting

Tom introduced the concept of "Making Room for Rivers," a phrase coined in the Netherlands following unprecedented floods they experienced in the 1990s.

Rather than building larger stop banks or floodwalls following the floods, the Netherlands implemented the "Room for the Rivers" programme to widen river channels and to restrict development on flood plains – moving people out of the path of flood waters.

Tom showed the meeting examples of the need for New Zealand to follow this concept and gave many examples of where it is desperately needed.

Tom also showed historic and current images of New Zealand rivers, illustrating the significant area of floodplain we have 'taken' from them by constraining them with stop banks, concrete and willows, leaving them ever narrower areas to flood within.

He explained that when these constrained rivers flood, water has nowhere to go but up, because it can't spill out into a floodplain.

Disaster often occurs when the high volume of water breaks through or over a stop bank, coming down into a community with a huge amount of energy.

Tom made it clear that many of our rivers need more space to flood safely and that if we don't "make room" for our rivers, they may take it during floods.



Tom Kay speaking on flooding at the recent Khandallah REBUS Club meeting. Photo: Supplied.

Some areas of development and some communities may need to be shifted proactively to avoid disaster, since flooding is happening with increasing frequency and intensity as a result of climate change.

REBUS is a social club for seniors, and meets at 10am on the last Friday of the month at the Khandallah Bowling Club, 24 Woodmancote Road.

Their next meeting will be on Friday 24 April and the speaker will be Lawrence Spurdle from Volunteer Service Abroad. Visitors are welcome.

For more information about the club internet search "Khandallah REBUS Club."

Young local standing for Parliament



Young Kelburn resident Josh Harford is standing for Parliament.

The Alliance Party has selected Josh as its candidate for Wellington North in the 2026 General Election.

A lifelong Wellingtonian and hospitality worker, Josh says he is standing because too many young New Zealanders are being locked out of a secure future by a political establishment that offers little more than managed decline.

“I grew up learning about a New Zealand with guts and vision, a country that stood up for what was right internationally and looked after its own people at home,” Josh says.

“I can’t sit back and watch that future be stripped away.

“My priority is fierce advocacy for genuine structural reform that makes an immediate difference in people’s lives.”

Josh says the Alliance Party is offering a clear alternative for voters who want deep change

rather than more tinkering around the edges.

Key Alliance priorities include: tax justice – overhauling the regressive tax system to make it fairer; constitutional and electoral reform – strengthening democratic participation and accountability; criminal justice reform – building a system focused on rehabilitation and fairness; and an independent foreign policy – ensuring New Zealand speaks with a principled and self-reliant voice in the world.

Alliance Party leader Victor Billet welcomed Harford’s selection and said his candidacy reflected growing support for the party among younger New Zealanders.

“Josh will be 20 years old at the time of the General Election on 7 November,” he said.

“It is encouraging to see intelligent, motivated young New Zealanders like Josh coming forward.

“It shows Alliance principles are resonating with a new generation.”



Wellington North candidate Josh Harford. Photo: Supplied.

The Alliance Party, relaunched in 2025, is positioning itself as a democratic socialist alternative in the 2026 election campaign.

Josh stood for the Wellington Mayoralty in last year’s local body

elections.

He stood somewhat tongue-in-cheek for the Aotearoa New Zealand Silly Hat Party.

Josh recently shifted to Kelburn from Khandallah.

Comedy, storytime and tours at libraries

Waitohi Johnsonville Library will run a Teen Improv group performance on Saturday 18 April from 10:30am to 11:30am.

“Get ready for some laughs,” Wellington City Libraries says.

“Watch and giggle as our local teen improv group performs off-the-cuff sketches for your enjoyment.”

The event is recommended for ages five to adult.

Storytime with zoo educator Cat will be held at Te Matapihi ki te Ao Nui Central Library on Saturday 18 April from 10am to 11am.

Cat will lead everyone in karakia and read some books about animals, te taiao (the natural world around us) and how we as kaitiaki (guardians) play a role in looking after it.

The storytime is perfect for the whole family.

Te Nukuaio Wellington Zoo is turning 120 this April and is celebrating all month with Te Whanganui-a-Tara Wellington whānau.

“Celebrate with us and help support the next 120 years of caring for wildlife,” Wellington City Libraries says.

Library tours will be taking place this month at Te Matapihi ki te Ao Nui.

Join a free tour, see how returns are processed in the basement, and learn about te taiao – the natural world – and how it informs the design of Te Matapihi ki te Ao Nui.

Each tour lasts around 60 minutes and can suit any level of accessibility.

Tours will be held from 11am to noon on Saturday 18 April, Tuesday 21 April and



Last year’s Improv Group performing. Photo: Wellington City Libraries.

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The Newlands Post Centre, 8/33 McMillan Court, Newlands, will close on Wednesday 27 May.

Private Boxes will be relocated from Newlands on Wednesday 27 May, and they will be co-located within Johnsonville Box Lobby.

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Awards open

Nominations for the 2026 Wellington Airport Regional Community Awards are now open.

They will close on 31 May.

These awards are made to celebrate volunteers for their valuable contribution to society and to recognise the work carried out by community groups in the wider Wellington region.

Nominations can be made by visiting www.wellingtonairport.co.nz/community-hub/community-awards/community-awards/.



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Bach Choir fine-tunes at Marsden

The Bach Choir of Wellington recently held a workshop day at Samuel Marsden Collegiate School to fine-tune its repertoire for Saturday afternoon's concert at St Andrew's on The Terrace.

In deciding the programme for the 18 April concert local resident and Bach Choir of Wellington's musical director Shawn Michael Condon posed the question: "What happens when composers become each other's teachers, critics, and friends?"

The answer lies in the 14 pieces being performed.

"Their music begins to resonate with ideas travelling in widening circles and carrying forward through time," Shawn says.

Mendelssohn and Schumann, for example, shared a productive working relationship in Leipzig, marked by deep professional respect.

A generation later, Schumann's championing of Brahms as the "future of German music" forged one of the most influential artistic bonds of the Romantic era.

Fauré and Saint-Saëns sustained a remarkable 60-year friendship, documented in more than a hundred letters.

Saint-Saëns taught Fauré, mentored him, and opened the doors of Parisian musical life, shaping his early career.

Mozart and Haydn were kindred spirits across a generation, admiring each other's craft, playing quartets together, and exchanging works.

Mozart dedicated his six "Haydn" quartets



The Bach Choir of Wellington working towards being performance ready. Photo: Supplied.

to his elder friend – a gesture of profound artistic respect.

Bartók and Kodály discovered a shared passion for Hungarian folk music in 1905, sparking a partnership that transformed ethnomusicology.

Their fieldwork shaped two distinct musical voices and left a lasting imprint on 20th-century composition.

Copland, Bernstein and Barber formed a vibrant American circle. Bernstein regarded Copland as his "only real composition teacher," while Barber shared their artistic milieu. All three worked closely with the

Boston Symphony at Tanglewood.

Holst and Vaughan Williams, the self-styled "committee of two," were lifelong friends and trusted critics.

Their shared ideals and collaboration helped define the sound of English music in the early 20th century.

These are some of the musical friendships that shaped eras and traditions.

Join the Bach Choir for Sounding Boards, to hear choral works shaped by the artistic relationships that defined their time. The concert commences at 2pm with door sales available.

Great book fair on this weekend

This year's Blue Dragon Book Fair will be held in the Ngaio Town Hall in Wellington over the weekend of 18 and 19 April.

This very popular fair is a fundraiser and all proceeds go to the Blue Dragon Children's Foundation.

Last year, the book fair raised a record \$31,000 and trustees of Blue Dragon Children's Trust NZ hope to raise a similar amount this year.

This is the 16th annual Blue Dragon Book Fair.

"At last year's book fair, I enjoyed hearing several people say our book fair is their happy place and that the standard of our

book fair is top shelf," trustee Sue Gifford says.

"A dealer told me it's one of the best book fairs in New Zealand."

Michael Brosowski, Founder and Strategic Director of Blue Dragon Children's Foundation in Hanoi, says the book fair donation will be used to continue its work caring for children and teens who have been rescued from slavery and homelessness.

This includes accommodation, food, psychological therapy and family reunions.

There's great parking at the Ngaio Town Hall.

The book fair runs on Saturday from 9am to 6pm and on Sunday from 9am to 3pm.



A scene from last year's Blue Dragon book fair. Photo: Supplied.

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A linocut depicting a Karori scene that is available in the Karori Arts & Crafts Centre silent auction. Photo: Supplied.

KACC running inaugural silent auction

Karori Arts & Crafts Centre (KACC) is currently running its inaugural Silent Auction, which will reach a climax with a closing night celebration on Saturday 18 April.

The closing night ceremony, which runs from 6pm to 8pm, is open to everyone in the community and aims to raise vital funds for the centre while showcasing the remarkable talents of its members.

“This auction is a wonderful opportunity to celebrate the creativity of our members, bring the community together and support the continued work of KACC,” a spokesperson for the centre said.

A curated display of artwork and handcrafted items is currently being exhibited in the KACC’s main room.

Each piece is accompanied by a bidding sheet, inviting visitors to place their bids. Bidding opened on Friday 10 April and closes on the evening of Saturday 18 April.

People can access what is in the auction at www.kacc.org.nz/silent-auction-2026.

The closing night event on 18 April will have a festive, gallery-opening atmosphere, complete with drinks and nibbles. Successful bidders will be able to take home their winning pieces at the end of the evening.

Whether a seasoned art collector or simply looking for something unique and locally made, the auction offers a wide range of handcrafted works to suit every taste. Entry is free, and all are welcome.

KACC is a community hub dedicated to pro-



An oil painting of a lotus that is available in the Karori Arts & Crafts Centre silent auction. Photo: Supplied.

moting and encouraging artistic endeavours across a wide range of disciplines.

It provides a welcoming space for members and the wider community to explore their creativity.



A series of works available in the Karori Arts & Crafts Centre silent auction. Photo: Supplied.

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Safer and healthier gardening – a few tips and pointers

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However, despite its quiet, healthy image, there are some risks involved in gardening.

Organisms in garden soil, mulches, compost or potting mix

Wash hands thoroughly after working with soil or handling soil-type products, mulches, compost or potting mix. Although soil is rich with many organisms that help the growth of healthy plants, there are also

unwelcome organisms, such as tetanus and legionella. These can be found in garden soils and composted organic material, including commercially prepared products such as potting mix and soil conditioners. These products can be reinfected even after sterilisation.

Poisonous plants

Some common garden plants are poisonous. They can cause a variety of reactions, from mild skin irritation to a severe or even fatal response, although few people do die as a result of plant poisonings. Current medical treatment is highly successful as long as help is found quickly.

There is no simple way to identify poisonous plants. Some plants are entirely poisonous (or toxic), while other plants concentrate their poison in certain places, such as leaves or flowers. Some plants are toxic to animals but not to people. Small quantities of some plant toxins can have a severe effect, while others only irritate if eaten in very large quantities.

Children should be taught not to sample or play with leaves, berries, bulbs or flowers. Store bulbs and seeds out of sight and out of reach of young children.

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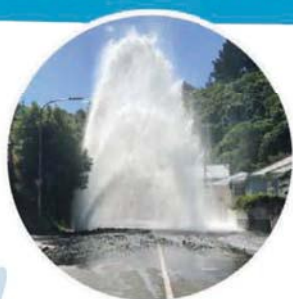
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different from leaving a window open 24/7. Others are only single glazed or just plastic. By upgrading to double glazing you can retain up to 70% more of your heat. A lot of skylights we come across is simply a piece of glass glued to the roof structure of your home – This is by far inadequate for many reasons including thermal properties and condensation issues, as the moisture has no where to go but get absorbed by the structure of your home. We will assess the entire skylight including the flashings (roof flashings

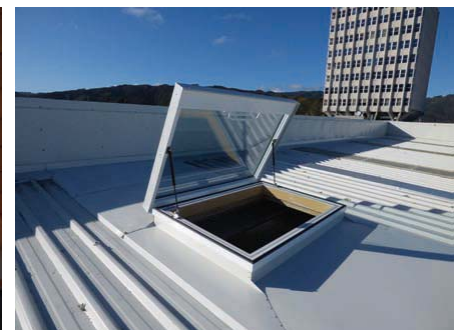
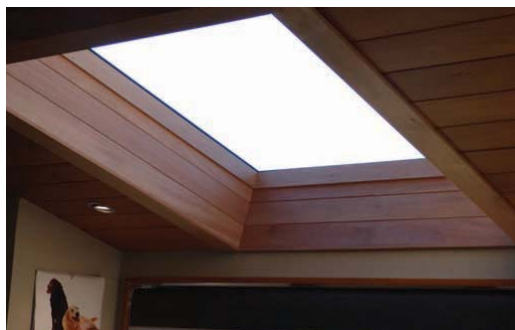
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The new and improved Zampelles in Johnsonville Mall

Zampelles, the very popular café in the Johnsonville Mall, reopened on Monday 30 March after having been closed since mid March for renovations to take place.

Zampelles was given a light renovation to bring the café into the current decade. The café's floor was repaired, the roof

fixed, the lighting repaired and a fresh coat of paint was applied. Two new cabinets were also installed.

"It's been really great," the café's owner Noah Pronk says.

Since reopening on Monday "it's been really nice and busy with a lot of fresh faces," he adds.

Vista Café & Bistro at J'ville Club

If you haven't been to the Johnsonville Club before it's in the heart of Johnsonville at 1 Norman Lane, across the road from Subway and up the driveway which gives us beautiful views over Johnsonville.

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Sunday Roast: Served 5:00-7:00pm, the perfect way to end your weekend. Non-members also welcome!

Outdoor watercolours and easels

The Watercolour New Zealand ('watercolour medium') and the Wellington Outdoor Art Group ('all mediums') is a vibrant community of artists that gathers on the third Sunday of each month to paint en plein air, enjoying the beauty of Wellington's natural surroundings. Known for its laid-back and welcoming atmosphere, the groups have become a regular fixture for both novice and professional artists alike. The sessions are typically held in calm, settled weather, making for a relaxing and productive day.

Artists bring their easels, and many prefer to work on A3-sized boards, making it easy to capture the essence of the landscape while still producing a portable piece of art. The subjects of their paintings often include the stunning waterfront, parks, and the unique coastlines that define the city, offering a diverse range of inspiration for painters. These outdoor settings provide perfect opportunities for artists to hone their skills and experiment with different techniques with an informal yet supportive group.

While the primary focus of the group is painting, the gathering is as much a social event as a creative one. After the session wraps up, members typically head to nearby cafes to relax, chat, and discuss their work. This not only helps bring in a sense of inclusion but also allows artists to share tips, exchange ideas, and offer feedback in a relaxed and friendly way.

The sessions typically attract around 15 people, although this number can swell to as many as 25 on busy days. The diversity of the group, in terms of both skill levels and artistic backgrounds, makes it a rich and dynamic environment. Beginners can count on a warm welcome, receiving guidance and encouragement from more experienced members. This blend of novice and professional artists creates an inclusive atmosphere that is ideal for both learning and personal growth.

One of the key aspects of the two groups is its ability to draw in artists from around the regions. The groups provides a relaxed space for artists to explore their craft and connect with others, fostering both artistic development and a sense of community. This informal approach to creating art, combined with the social aspect, makes the group's schedule worth putting on the calendar.

For those interested in meeting like-minded individuals and exploring Wellington's artistic side, joining the groups offers an opportunity to connect, learn, and create in one of New Zealand's most inspiring settings. For enquiries please email Martin at ahd11@outlook.com



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The replica of the gun barrel at Wrights Hill Fortress. Photo: Supplied.

Wrights Hill Fortress open day

Wellington's historic Wrights Hill Fortress in Karori is open for public inspection again on ANZAC day, Friday 25 April.

The World War Two coastal battery first opened to the public in 1989 and will be accessible between 10am and 4pm.

On ANZAC Day people are invited to self-guide themselves through the tunnels and gun emplacements.

The walk usually takes about one hour. Bring a torch for some fun.

Visitors will be able to explore the 620 metres of underground tunnels with a free map and history pamphlet.

They will see the engine room, shell stores, plotting rooms and the huge gun pit where Gun Number 1 used to stand, as well as a replica of the 10-metre-long gun barrel.

Also on show will be historic photos, and a DVD of how a 9.2-inch gun operates will be showing as well.

The World War Two Fortress will also have war themed displays and safe blank firing outside. It's only open to the public

on four Open Days a year.

Wrights Hill Fortress was built from 1942 to protect Wellington from Japanese bombardment. In the early 1960s, the guns were cut up for scrap and sold, ironically, to the Japanese.

Admission is \$20 for a family of two adults and three children under 15, or \$10 per adult and \$5 per child (cash only, no EFTPOS).

All proceeds go to the continuing restoration of the Fortress.

Access is via Karori Road, Campbell Street, and Wrights Hill Road. There is limited car parking at the summit of Wrights Hill. People are asked to park sensibly and use walking tracks.

Visitors to the Fortress in Wrights Hill Reserve can also enjoy picnic sites and panoramic views from the top of the hill.

For safety reasons jandals are not to be worn.

For more information and enquiries phone 04 476 8593 or visit www.wrightshillfortress.org.nz.

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MAKARA ANZAC DAY SERVICE

On behalf of the Makara Community Centre Association, you are invited to the Makara ANZAC service at the Makara War Memorial on Saturday 25th April at 10am. This is an opportunity for Makara residents and other members of the public to attend this treasured event to honour local Makara service people who have served New Zealand in the past, and those who continue to do so, and those who have given their lives for our freedom. Following the service there will be a morning tea at the Makara Hall to which everyone is welcome. **Please feel welcome to contribute by bringing a plate. If anyone would like to lay a wreath at the service, you will be very welcome to do so.**



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ANZAC Day

National commemoration

Anzac Day takes place each year on April 25 and commemorates all New Zealanders killed in war, while also honouring returned servicemen and women. April 25 marks the anniversary of the landing of New Zealand and Australian soldiers, on the Gallipoli Peninsula in 1915. The aim was to capture the Dardanelles, the gateway to the Bosphorus and the Black Sea, however, at the end of the campaign, Gallipoli was still held by its Turkish defenders. Among those who lost their lives in the Gallipoli campaign were 2779 New Zealanders, almost one in four of those who served on Gallipoli. As always, ceremonies are held at war memorials up and down New Zealand and in places overseas where New Zealanders gather to pay tribute.

ANZAC DAY SERVICES

- ▶ Dawn Service 6am, Pukeahu National War Memorial Park, Buckle Street
- ▶ Wellington Citizens' Wreath Laying Service 9am, Cenotaph Precinct, cnr Lambton Quay & Bowen Street
- ▶ National Service 11am, Pukeahu National War Memorial Park, Buckle Street
- ▶ Wreath Laying Service 2.30pm, Atatürk Memorial, Tarakena Bay

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- Makara Service**
 10am St Matthias, 379 Makara Road
- Brooklyn Service**
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Pukeahu NWMP, Cenotaph and Atatürk Memorial Services

- Pukeahu NWMP**
 6am Dawn Service Pukeahu National War Memorial Park, Buckle Street, Te Aro
- Wellington Cenotaph**
 9am Wellington Citizens' Wreath Laying Service Wellington Cenotaph, corner of Lambton Quay and Bowen Streets, Wellington Central
- Pukeahu NWMP**
 11am Anzac Day National Commemoration Service, Pukeahu National War Memorial Park, Buckle Street, Te Aro
- Ataturk Memorial**
 2.30pm Atatürk Memorial, Tarakena Bay, 166 Breaker Bay Road, Breaker Bay
- Pukeahu NWMP**
 5pm Last Post, Pukeahu National War Memorial Park Buckle Street, Te Aro

Wellington RSA remembers fallen comrades



Johnsonville and Districts RSA Welfare Trust ANZAC DAY PARADE AND COMMUNITY SERVICE

Saturday the 25th of April 2026 10.00am

The Chairman and Trustees of the Johnsonville and Districts RSA Welfare Trust cordially invite citizens and service and youth organisations in the Johnsonville area to attend the annual ANZAC Day parade and community service to be held in Johnsonville on Saturday the 25th of April 2026. The parade will assemble in Burgess Road at 9.30am, and step off at 9.45am for the march to the service at the Salvation Army Citadel at 125-137 Johnsonville Road at 10.00am.



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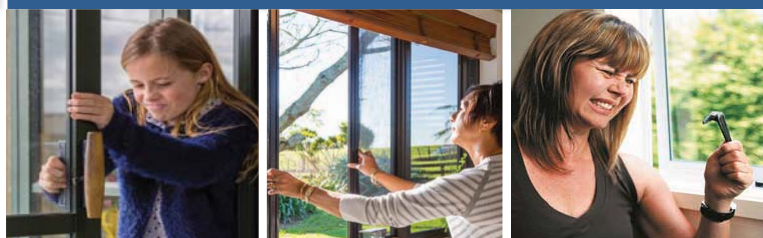
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Waterside Karori women going strong

By Hamish Wareham

After finishing fourth in last year's women's central league, Waterside Karori are back to tip top form in the first few weeks of the 2026 edition.

After beating Seatoun 5-0 in round one, they've since scored 17 goals in their last two fixtures at home, sweeping Miramar a week ago 7-1 then hitting double figures against Palmerston North Marist this past Saturday.

Hat tricks from Renee Bacon, Taylor Cooper and substitute Sherize Concesso as well as a goal from Sophie Burchfield saw Karori run out 10-0 winners over Palmerston North Marist.

Next Saturday, 18 April sees arguably the Karori women's first test of 2026, as they face fellow unbeaten side Petone who on Saturday defeated reigning champions Wellington United 2-1 at Memorial Park.

Back to back home defeats have been the story of the Karori Waterside men's Central League side the past fortnight as, despite a goal from returning attacker Tomas Alvarado, they fell to a 2-1 defeat to Upper Hutt on 11 April.

A Jack Eccles goal in the 14th

minute wasn't enough for Waterside Karori Fusion 5 to outlast an A-League players laden Wellington Phoenix Reserves side who on the back of a Luke Supyk brace emerged with a 3-1 victory.

TFS North Wellington are searching for whatever medicine they took in round one when they defeated Stop Out 4-0 at Alex Moore Park. Being away from home the past fortnight has produced back to back defeats also.

Despite North Wellington scoring first through Lachie Macgregor, Palmerston North United ran in four unanswered goals to secure a 4-1 home win.

Despite domination proceedings this past Saturday, a goal from Jarred Cunniff against his former club wasn't enough to see North Wellington leave Fraser Park with three points as Lower Hutt recorded their first win of the season 2-1.

North Wellington return home at 3pm this Saturday, 18 April, as they host currently winless Wairarapa side Douglas Villa at Alex Moore Park.

Waterside Karori men head to Memorial Park to take on Petone in search of their first Central League win of 2026.



Waterside Karori players celebrating their 10-0 victory over Palmerston North Marist. Photo: C Griffin Photography.

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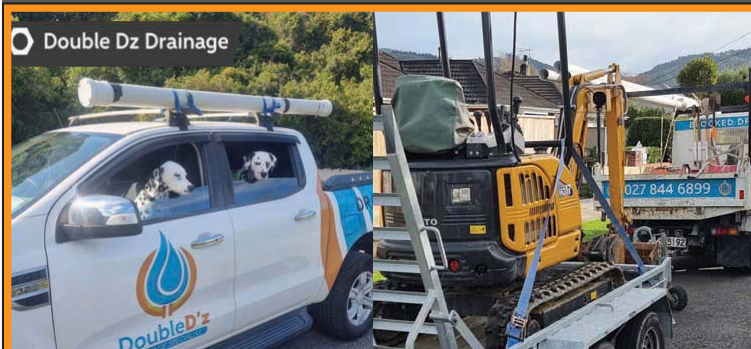
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Johnsonville Rugby's kitchen blessed

The Johnsonville Rugby Football Club held a blessing ceremony to mark the completion of its newly renovated kitchen on 11 April.

This significant project was made possible through the generous bequest of the late Jack Feeny, a highly regarded member of the Johnsonville community, whose long-standing generosity has made a meaningful and enduring contribution to the wider community.

The club records its deep appreciation for the generosity of Mr Feeny, whose legacy will continue to benefit the club and the wider Johnsonville community for many years to come.

The club also wishes to formally acknowledge Brent Comis, President of the Johnsonville Rugby Football Club, for his leadership and commitment in overseeing the successful delivery of the kitchen upgrade.

The club extends its sincere appreciation to the following individuals and organisations for their valued contributions to the project: Perry Barbar Construction; Hello Sparky Electricians; 180 Flooring; Chas Lawrence Flooring; Scott Sherbourne Cabinetry; Buntings (Luke and James); and Mr Richard Joyce and Mr Adrian Douglas (Executors of the Estate).



Some of the group that attended the kitchen blessing. Photo: Supplied.

Johnsonville Hawks lose in last minute

By Frank Neill

After racing to a 19-0 lead in their Swindale Shield Rugby match against Northern United, the Johnsonville Hawks ended up losing the match in the final minute of play on 11 April.

Playing on their home ground of Helston Park, the Hawks ended up watching Norths claim a 29-22 win.



The Johnsonville Hawks scrum in action. Photo: Supplied.

First half tries to centre Aukuso Tuitama, wing Jacob Kennedy and number eight Regan Herbert, and two conversions by Kayd Parate saw Johnsonville score 19 points before Norths had any points on the scoreboard.

Norths, however, began a second half revival, which saw them finally draw level with the Hawks with just four minutes to play.

With one minute to play, Norths scored a converted try to win the match.

Johnsonville gained their only second half points when Kayd added a penalty to his two earlier conversions.

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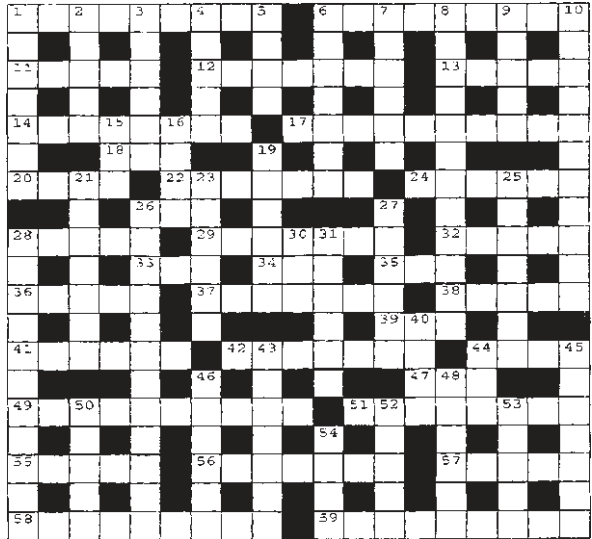
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APRIL

April brings shorter days but they are often still warm, so this month is ideal for tidying up and nourishing the garden ready for winter crops. While it still fairly mild, watch out for the transition to winter in the air.



PLANTING

- ✓ Tulip bulbs
- ✓ Autumn flowers
- ✓ Potted colour
- ✓ Japanese anemones
- ✓ Camellias
- ✓ Winter veges
- ✓ Regenerate nitrogen in empty beds



MAINTENANCE

- ✓ Compost finished plants
- ✓ Reduce watering of chilli plants
- ✓ Protect veges from caterpillars
- ✓ Guard against frost
- ✓ Divide summer perennials



KITCHEN GARDEN

- ▶ Sow green crops of lupin and mustard in any empty spaces of your vegetable garden for digging into the soil for green manure.
- ▶ Harvest the last of summer crops.
- ▶ Remove all finished vegetable plants from the garden; put them in the compost bin rather than digging in to the soil.
- ▶ Prepare for winter crops by adding compost and sheep pellets to the top layer of soil.
- ▶ Sow seeds: beetroot, broccoli, broad beans, cabbage, carrots, onions, radish, spinach, silverbeet. Transplant to the garden as the weather warms and when they are showing at least two sets of true leaves.
- ▶ Broad beans can be planted directly in to the soil, stagger the sowing for a continuous harvest.
- ▶ Plant seedlings: broccoli, brussels sprouts, cabbage, cauliflower, celery, leeks, lettuce, silverbeet and spinach.
- ▶ Garlic and shallots can be planted in warmer regions.
- ▶ Get a last crop of peas in before winter, in warmer areas you can also get away with snow peas.
- ▶ Dust your cauliflowers, broccoli and brussels sprouts with Derris Dust to protect them from white butterfly and diamond back moth.
- ▶ Protect seedlings from slugs and snails, scatter bait around each plant.



KEY POINTS FOR THIS MONTH

- ▶ Continue to plant winter vegetable crops.
- ▶ Sow seed and plant winter flowering annuals.
- ▶ Get spring flowering bulbs in the ground – early April is the last opportunity to do this. If it gets too late consider tulips as they can be planted as the weather cools.
- ▶ Landscape your garden. April is the perfect time for this as it's not too hot or too cold and you can plant trees and shrubs.
- ▶ Prune existing hedges and plant new ones.
- ▶ Do a final clean-up in the garden before winter sets in.
- ▶ Maintain lawns and sow new ones before the weather gets to cold and wet.

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