

# Puāwai

*(Noun: To blossom or come to fruition)*

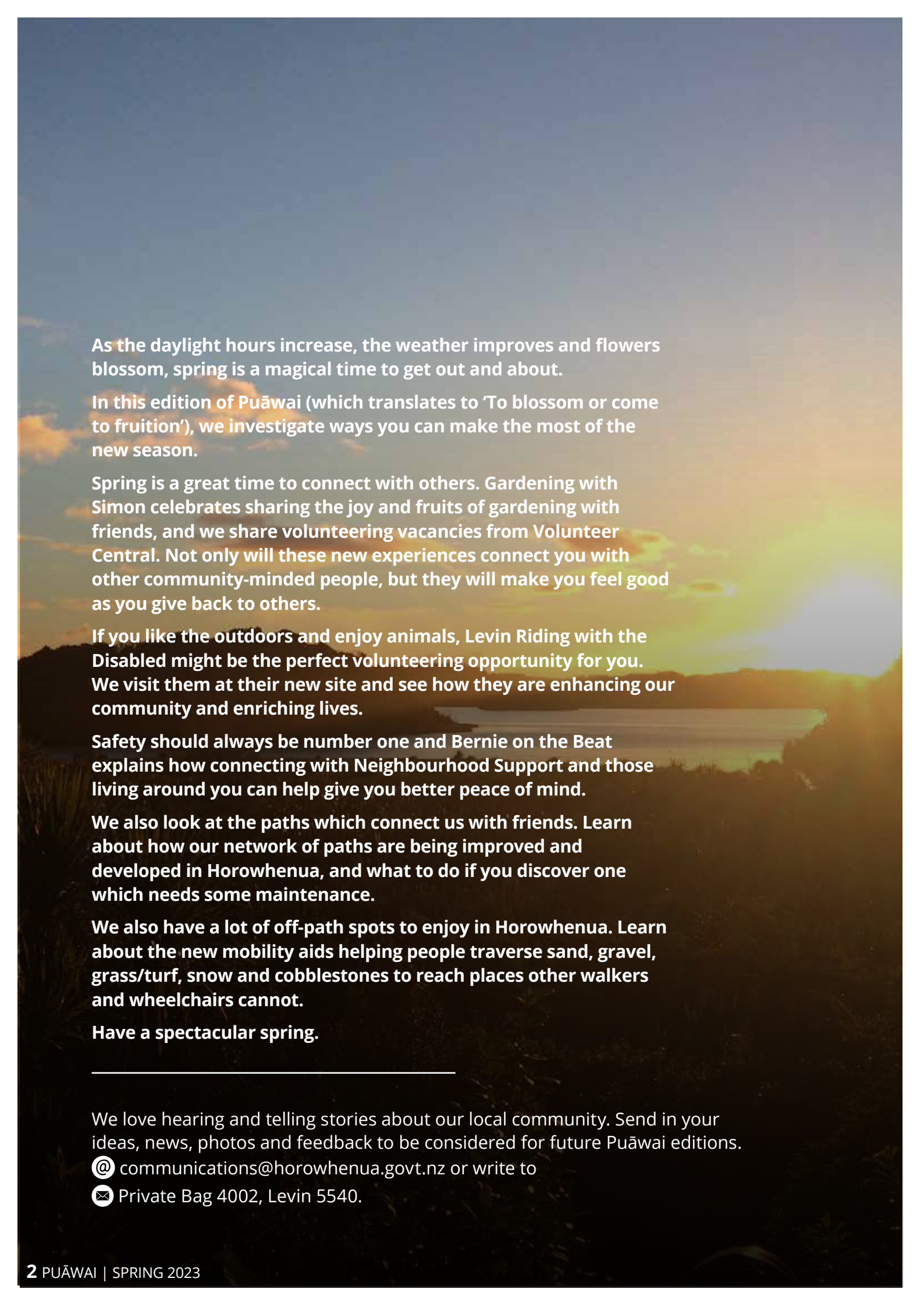
*"Poipoia te kakano, kia puawai - Nurture the seed and it will blossom"*

## Your Local Horowhenua Community Guide

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**As the daylight hours increase, the weather improves and flowers blossom, spring is a magical time to get out and about.**

**In this edition of Puāwai (which translates to 'To blossom or come to fruition'), we investigate ways you can make the most of the new season.**

**Spring is a great time to connect with others. Gardening with Simon celebrates sharing the joy and fruits of gardening with friends, and we share volunteering vacancies from Volunteer Central. Not only will these new experiences connect you with other community-minded people, but they will make you feel good as you give back to others.**

**If you like the outdoors and enjoy animals, Levin Riding with the Disabled might be the perfect volunteering opportunity for you. We visit them at their new site and see how they are enhancing our community and enriching lives.**

**Safety should always be number one and Bernie on the Beat explains how connecting with Neighbourhood Support and those living around you can help give you better peace of mind.**

**We also look at the paths which connect us with friends. Learn about how our network of paths are being improved and developed in Horowhenua, and what to do if you discover one which needs some maintenance.**

**We also have a lot of off-path spots to enjoy in Horowhenua. Learn about the new mobility aids helping people traverse sand, gravel, grass/turf, snow and cobblestones to reach places other walkers and wheelchairs cannot.**

**Have a spectacular spring.**

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**We love hearing and telling stories about our local community. Send in your ideas, news, photos and feedback to be considered for future Puāwai editions.**

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# On the Road to Better Footpaths

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**Choosing walking or cycling as your main form of transportation has massive benefits to your health, the environment and community. Not only is active transport good for your physical and mental health, it also reduces traffic congestion and carbon emissions, worries about parking, and is good for your wallet.**

We also know that having quality footpaths is important to our community. Recent customer satisfaction surveys revealed that only 35% of people were satisfied with footpath maintenance in the district, so Horowhenua District Council has put more focus on improving our network of paths.


We are moving forward in our vision for an active district and are committed to making it easier for people to choose active transport.

There are 230 kilometres of footpaths in Horowhenua and the network is added to each year. Our network is mostly made up of concrete footpaths, and some of our footpaths are asphalt.

Every two years, Council contractors inspect the entire footpath network to check for deterioration. Areas for renewal are selected following the condition inspection.

Short sections of footpaths are replaced when they have been damaged by tree roots or heavy vehicles. To improve safety, the team also make minor improvements to footpaths at intersections such as upgrading pram crossings.

Council is responsible for repairs to Council footpaths. All non-urgent repairs are programmed and completed on a priority basis. If you notice a path which has declined since its last inspection and it needs some attention, please let us know. Urgent faults which are a health and safety issue are repaired as required.

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We encourage people to be mindful of others, particularly those with disabilities, those with prams and pushchairs, and others whose mobility is limited or who need extra space on footpaths, when you put your rubbish bins and recycling crates out for collection. Bins should be placed out for collection as close to the kerb as possible, but clear of driveways, car parking areas, and in such a way that they don't unduly interfere with pedestrian passage along footpaths.

When assessing where new footpaths should go Council Officers consider the population of the street, if a footpath will be used and take people off the road, whether it will connect to an existing footpath or connect a new



*Contractors replacing sections of an unsafe footpath along Dudley Street.*

subdivision to an existing settlement, and/or whether it will allow an existing footpath to be extended to the end of a street.

To develop our network of paths, we've focused initially on getting our tamariki safely to school and have improved shared paths in Levin along Queen Street, Fairfield and Arapaepae Roads, and this year there have been safety improvements made outside Manakau School and St Joseph's School, Levin. We've also improved Palmer Road in Foxton Beach, and added a new footpath in Rata Street, Tokomaru. In Shannon, Graham Street, Whittaker Street, Stout Street, and Julyan Street have been renewed, as well as Ramona Avenue, Waitārere Beach and Levin's Wilton Street and Edinburgh Streets.

Early next year, construction will begin on a number of safety improvements to Queen Street East and Cambridge Street, Levin. You'll notice new raised safety platforms, mid-block

crossings, bollards and refuge islands to make it easier and safer for people to cross – whether they are walking, pushing a pram or on a mobility scooter.

Some of these safety improvements slow traffic and give you a safer space to stop in the centre of the road between the lanes. Some intersections will be narrowed to give drivers more time to see pedestrians before they turn and stop cars drifting around corners.

This work, largely funded by the Waka Kotahi Transport Choices programme, is just one piece of the Horowhenua path improvement puzzle. These sections of paths will connect to Levin's future cycling and active transport network, which will continue to grow and develop as more scheduled work is undertaken.

# Resident Satisfaction Survey 2023

**One of the ways we measure the public perception of how we are performing is through our annual survey of residents.**

The survey was conducted in June and was available online between 2 and 28 June. A total of 2091 surveys were completed, a 48% increase in individual responses compared to 2022.

Thank you to everyone who took the time to answer the survey questions and provide feedback on how we're progressing. Your input will help us determine which areas we need to focus on most.



## Rubbish and Recycling



**90%**  
satisfied  
Kerbside  
rubbish



**66%**  
satisfied  
Recycling  
stations



**78%**  
satisfied  
Kerbside  
recycling



**73%**  
satisfied Shannon  
and Foxton  
transfer stations  
service

## Roads



**58%**  
satisfied  
Parking



**31%**  
satisfied  
District road  
maintenance



**50%**  
satisfied  
Street lights



**35%**  
satisfied  
Footpath  
maintenance

## Water services



**55%**  
satisfied  
Drinking water



**40%**  
satisfied  
Stormwater



**79%**  
satisfied  
Wastewater services

## Council facilities



**94%**  
satisfied  
Library services



**87%**  
satisfied  
Sports grounds



**83%**  
satisfied Cemeteries



**83%**  
satisfied Parks  
and reserves



**69%**  
satisfied  
Swimming pools



## Leadership

45%

45% were satisfied or very satisfied that the Mayor and Councillors display sound and effective leadership.

37%

37% were satisfied or very satisfied with the way Council responds to issues raised by the community.

46%

46% believe that Horowhenua District Council has a good overall reputation.

54%

54% say they are well informed about what Council is doing.

37%

37% say that Horowhenua District Council is open and transparent with our decision making.

## Consulting with our community

**We asked how satisfied you were with processes to provide feedback on Council plans or strategies.**

67%

67% were satisfied or very satisfied with how easy the process was to navigate.

58%

58% were satisfied or very satisfied with the availability of information.

43%

43% were satisfied or very satisfied that Council considered your views.

69%

Overall satisfaction with Council facilities and services for 2023 was 69%.

Alongside customer satisfaction measurements, for the last two years, we've also been measuring Net Promoter Score (NPS) – a customer loyalty and satisfaction metric. NPS can range from -100 to 100.

-8.0

Net Promoter Score (NPS) improved 8.0 points compared to 2022 which was -16.0.

### Method used

The 2023 survey was conducted solely via Ask Nicely an online Voice of Customer survey tool. 10 surveys (broken down by different Council services and facilities) were sent via email to our emailable ratepayer base and via social media post to a broader Horowhenua target audience.

We received 6,051 collective survey responses (those people who completed more than one survey) and 2091 individual responses.

The surveys had a margin of error ranging from 3% to 5% with a 95% confidence level, meaning the sample size is robust and reflective of a cross section of our community, and results are statistically significant.



**Customer service at Aquatics Horowhenua, Te Takeretanga o Kura-hau-pō, Horowhenua District Council Main Office and Te Awahou Nieuwe Stroom achieved 68% satisfaction, with the Library services scoring an overall 94% satisfaction rate.**

*Riding into a new era:*  
**Levin Riding for the  
Disabled Enriching Lives  
at New Site**

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For more than four decades Levin Riding for the Disabled has been enriching lives.





It is one of 50 Riding for the Disabled groups in Aotearoa enhancing the lives of people with disabilities. Through interaction with horses, Levin Riding for the Disabled (Levin RDA) aims to enable and support disabled people to enjoy meaningful participation in, and contribution to, important life activities and roles in the community. They offer specialised therapeutic horse riding through a range of tailored programmes for people living with physical, intellectual, emotional and social challenges.

The charity has helped hundreds of people throughout the years, and is now calling for help themselves as it continues to evolve.

Levin RDA had operated from Kimberley Road, Levin for 35 years, but as the Speldhurst Country Estate was expanding and the land available to graze horses and ponies was reducing, they had to find somewhere else to operate from.

Levin RDA celebrated the official opening of their new site on Mako Mako Road, Levin in March 2023.

The facility also allows people with disabilities to participate in riding therapy in a safe, welcome and nurturing environment, and with a large waitlist of people wanting to experience what Levin RDA can offer, more volunteers are needed.

With wet or windy weather on any one of the days meaning it is unable to run, Levin RDA is looking forward to someday being financially able to build a fully enclosed arena and stables.

Levin RDA president Geoff Kane says, "Supporting our charity is a very rewarding thing to do. You don't have to be a horsey person to help – we would also really appreciate assistance from those with governance experience, or those willing to muck in. Financial contributions would be very much appreciated as well."

Those enjoying equine therapy hosted by Levin RDA aren't the only ones experiencing life changing and heart-warming moments.

Mr Kane says, "There is no better feeling than helping others. We have been lucky to have had incredible volunteers throughout the years who rave about the enjoyment they get being involved with Levin RDA. It's truly touching to celebrate with people when they reach milestones and goals which happens a lot here. We are very grateful to our volunteers, and we look forward to welcoming more."


Levin RDA currently has 5 horses, about 38 active volunteers and 50 clients, with a number of people on a waiting list to access its services. Twenty-five people get to ride horses each week on Wednesdays and Thursdays.

Volunteers can help with the riding, cleaning, administration or governance of the charity, and financial contributions are also warmly received.


***Monetary donations can be made to Levin Riding for the Disabled Association Inc. Westpac bank account 03-0667-0269593-000.***

***To volunteer your time, please contact Sharyn Sutton our Volunteer Coordinator sharyn.sutton@rdagroup.nz Cell: 0276775066***

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 levin@rda.org.nz

 rda.org.nz/volunteering/your-local-rda/levin

 levinrda

*Photo caption left: A Levin Riding for the Disabled volunteer helps a client gain confidence on a horse and in life.*

# All Terrain Wheelchairs: Making Horowhenua Even More Accessible

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**Horowhenua has become even more accessible and inclusive to people with disabilities, with four all terrain wheel chairs and two all terrain walkers now available free to use.**

Mayor Bernie Wanden says, “I am delighted that people with disabilities will find it easier to enjoy our stunning Horowhenua beaches and scenic areas. Whether living here, or just visiting, people with disabilities will be able to more easily immerse themselves in the beautiful surroundings that make Horowhenua special.”

The new equipment, funded by a Lottery Community Grant, includes two Hippocampe all terrain beach wheelchairs, a Sandcruiser beach wheelchair and two WheelEEZ® all terrain rollators. The mobility aids can be booked free of charge by visiting [horowhenua.govt.nz/allterrainwheelchairs](http://horowhenua.govt.nz/allterrainwheelchairs), by phoning our friendly Levin Aquatic Centre team on (06) 368 0070 or emailing [levinaquaticcentre@horowhenua.govt.nz](mailto:levinaquaticcentre@horowhenua.govt.nz).

The equipment, which is easily transportable, is valued at \$22,464.62.

“The all terrain wheelchairs mean more people can experience the harder to reach places Horowhenua is rich in. People with disabilities can enjoy these special places with family and friends – something which would have been impossible in the past,” continues Mayor Bernie Wanden.

Horowhenua District Council has a long history of community development and also plays a pivotal advocacy role for the community in relation to social development.

The Community and Social Development Action Plan is informed by the Horowhenua Access and Inclusion Forum and endorsed by Council's Community Wellbeing Committee. It serves as a guide and work plan for championing access and inclusion across the district.

Mayor Bernie Wanden says, “When people with ideas and shared interest work in partnership, amazing things can happen. We encouraged the Forum to tell us what they need and share their vision for an inclusive and accessible district. Council facilitates community initiatives, and this idea, bought to us from a mother with a child in a wheelchair, was one in particular we were especially excited to get behind.”

The all terrain wheelchairs are suited to people of all ages, and are able to be used on surfaces which other wheelchairs can't – sand, hiking trails, gravel, grass/turf, snow and cobblestones. Towed, pushed or self-propelled, the all terrain wheelchairs offer autonomy to the user, and a support person can also assist with its push bar or traction kit.



*Top left: Daphne Barrett tries out one of the wheelchairs during a Access and Inclusion Forum meeting.*

*Top right: One of the new WheelEEZ® all terrain rollators.*

*Bottom: Meet the fleet: Some of the new mobility aids available to hire for free.*

Balloon wheels on the beach wheelchairs allow users to cross sand, get over obstacles and go right into the sea so they can enjoy the water.

The rollators help people to navigate challenging off-road terrains. The wider polyurethane wheels allow a safer more stable base to walk on to experience the great outdoors with ease.

The wheelchairs were designed by specialist paramedics and were tested by people with restricted mobility. Composed of a thick and hydrophobic foam, the seat does not absorb water and dries quickly. The frame is comfortable to the touch and does not heat up in the sun. Sturdy, safe and comfortable, they can be adapted to a person's specific needs and requirements.

The all terrain wheelchairs and rollators were introduced to Horowhenua at a special launch celebration during the 9 May 2023 Access and Inclusion Forum meeting.

Horowhenua has a number of disability accessible playgrounds, with a wheelchair swing at Levin Adventure Park. Of the 28 stand-alone public toilets in Horowhenua, 21 are accessible. Our aquatics facilities provide wheelchairs, a chairlift which can provide access into the pool via a seat, sling or hoist for the aqua wheelchair, and changing rooms for people with disabilities. Opened in December 2022, Horowhenua also has a wheelchair accessible splash pad at Jubilee Park, Levin.



# The Tool Chest

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*Kiri Pepene – Library Information Research & Local History Team Lead.*

**In a workshop, a young lad engaged in a carpentry apprenticeship skilfully constructed his very own tool chest. Using all the skills he had learned, he built the chest with durability in mind. Although it was a plain, heavy, and sturdy box, it was extremely well-made and designed to be an integral part of the young man's working life.**

This young man was Josiah Harvey, born in 1870 in St Cleer, Cornwall, who crafted the chest potentially as far back as the late 1880s. His chest has endured the test of time, remaining fully intact and sturdy to this day.

As Josiah became a working man, the chest would have been a vital part of his working life. Slowly he would have stocked it with the specialised tools he needed, including ones he crafted himself.

Josiah worked as a cabinet maker in England, then sailed across the sea with his trusty tool chest to New Zealand at the age of 40. He settled in Levin and by 1910 he was already part of building the future of Levin.

For the next few decades Josiah built many houses and buildings around the Horowhenua. These included both of the Methodist Church's at Te Horo and Levin, the Levin Fire station, the Ōhau Store and even the bridge over the Hōkio Stream. This is just a small sample of what he contributed to the district. The tools and chest would not have been part of the big builds, instead they would have been in the workshop used to make furniture and other joinery projects. Many of these pieces Josiah created would have been present in the houses of Levin for many years and

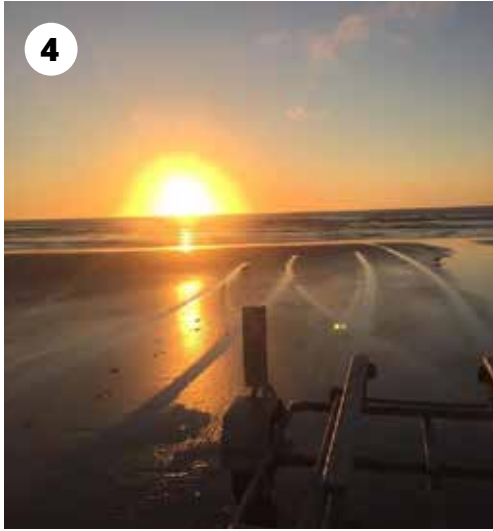
maybe just maybe, some furniture, mantels, and mouldings from that time are still in our buildings today.

An example of this occurred in 1932, when Josiah carved columns for a local lodge. He meticulously chose the timber, and when the columns were on display in Mr. Shaw's window, the Horowhenua Chronicle featured them in an article. Within the article, the following was mentioned: *"Mr Harvey has done very little carving since coming to New Zealand and some of the tools he used on this work were taken out for the first time since he arrived here."* The fact that the chest and tools remained part of Josiah's working life, and perhaps even doubled as a makeshift bench to rest and have his morning smoko, is impressive.

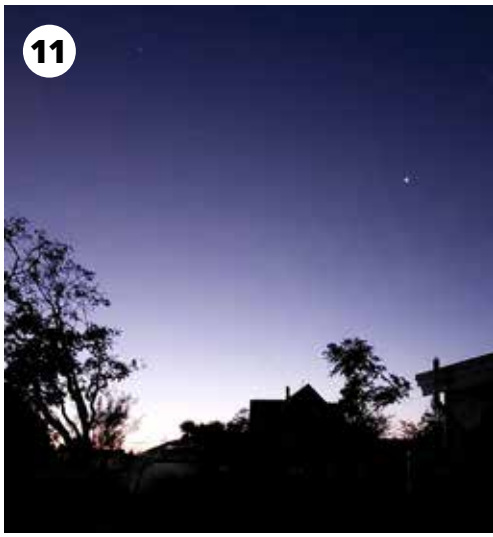
In August, an exhibition held at Te Takeretanga o Kura-hau-pō showcased the tool chest as the star attraction. It drew in many people, who shared their stories of similar chests and tools owned and used by men in their families. As they shared their stories, there was a realisation that objects like this are an important part of family history, invoking memories and connections to the past. We are so lucky that Josiah looked after the chest so well, allowing future generations to experience shared stories.











# Capture Your Horowhenua


**Local photographers impressed us with their entries in the 2023 winter Capture Your Horowhenua photo competition.**

A seasonal photo competition, Capture Your Horowhenua gives local photographers an opportunity to have their work displayed each quarter.

The winter theme was 'Matariki – honouring Hiwa-i-te-rangi – the attainment of goals, dreams and aspirations', and the shortlisted entries were displayed in Te Takeretanga o Kura-hau-pō during the month of July 2023.

Congratulations to winner Haley Fryer Webb who received the most votes for her scenic snap and took home a goodie bag full of local treats.

Follow us on our Facebook page for the latest Capture Your Horowhenua updates, entry details and upcoming competition themes.

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- ① by Miraz Jordan
- ② by Haley Fryer (*Winning photo*)
- ③ by Alastair McLellan
- ④ by Daniel Taylor
- ⑤ by Kirsty Bennett
- ⑥ by Miraz Jordan
- ⑦ by Rebecca Dodds
- ⑧ by Bri Ballaney
- ⑨ by Daniel Taylor
- ⑩ by Bri Billaney
- ⑪ by Belinda Chainey
- ⑫ by Kirsty Hyde
- ⑬ by Rebecca Dodds

# Age on the GO



**FREE EVENT**

**Friday 10  
November 2023  
10am – 3pm**

**Horowhenua Events Centre  
Victoria Street, Levin**

Come along to the biggest expo of its kind in Horowhenua to learn about activities and services which focus on good health, fun and support for older people.

**WANT TO  
HOST A STALL?**

The Age on the Go Expo is a great opportunity to promote your products, services, group or agency with our older people in Horowhenua.

Please visit the website below to register your interest

*Registrations close 10am Monday 16 October 2023.*

**Te Whatu Ora**  
Health New Zealand  
Te Pae Hauora o Ruahine o Tararua  
MidCentral

**Horowhenua**  
DISTRICT COUNCIL

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 [horowhenua.govt.nz/ageonthego](https://horowhenua.govt.nz/ageonthego)

Free event



# Diwali

**Diwali celebrates the triumph of light over darkness, good over evil, & renewal of life.**

## Children & Family Crafts



Te Takeretanga o Kura-hau-pō, Main Space  
Wednesday 1 November, 3:30pm - 5pm



Te Awahou Nieuwe Stroom, Main Space  
Thursday 2 November, 3:30pm - 5pm



Shannon Library  
Friday 3 November, 3:30pm - 5pm

**A vibrant cultural day of traditional festival activities.**

## Diwali Festival



Gladys Taylor Park, Village Green  
Saturday 4 November, 5pm - 9pm

Finish off the week with a large event showcasing music, food and dance. Diwali festivities in the Horowhenua will be organised alongside our Indian Community and will aim to educate the wider community on Indian culture.



# *Bernie on the Beat*

## **Neighbourhood Support Connecting Communities**

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**As the famous soap opera theme song goes 'Everybody needs good neighbours'. Working with NZ Police, Horowhenua Neighbourhood Support helps connect you with yours.**

Neighbourhood Support knows that a well-connected community helps to improve safety, resilience, and wellbeing for all.

The best way to have, and be a good neighbour starts with connection. Get to know your neighbours. If you know them you can feel safe and connected. You have someone to go to if you need any assistance and it's not quite urgent enough to warrant an emergency response, or emergency services are busy with a major incident.

Whether you're helping each other following a natural disaster, or you simply need some sugar because you've run out, having a good relationship with your neighbour is always a positive thing.

A free service, Horowhenua District Neighbourhood Support (HDNS) encourages you to connect with your neighbours and provides you with tips and resources that improve household and neighbourhood safety and emergency preparedness, and helps you stay up-to-date with important community news, alerts and events.

They work closely with Police who provide information, crime statistics and topical safety tips which the HDNS team distribute.

They share this information to reduce the risk and fear of crime. They help foster a sense of community spirit, support victims of crime and identify the needs of the people in the neighbourhood and ways to assist each other.

It is free to join Horowhenua Neighbourhood Support and it is easy to sign up. Often HDNS host stalls at community events giving away merchandise and information, and people can sign up on the spot. Horowhenua Neighbourhood Support is coordinated by Deb Campbell. Her office is based at Levin Police Station on Bristol Street and she welcomes visits when she is in the office. To stay well connected in the community, she hosts information meetings with neighbourhood groups, distributes regular emails and provides updates via their Facebook Group - Horowhenua District Neighbourhood Support.

A nationwide community-led movement operating since 1999, Neighbourhood Support New Zealand is a registered charity made up of a network of community organisations (member organisations) that currently support over 200,000 households (and counting) across the country.


Stay Safe.  
Bernie



*Horowhenua District Neighbourhood Support coordinator Deb Campbell (left) with Sergeant Bernie O'Brien.*



#### **How to contact Horowhenua District Neighbourhood Support**

 (06) 366 0574

 [info@horowhenuansg.org.nz](mailto:info@horowhenuansg.org.nz)

 Horowhenua District Neighbourhood Support

# Gardening with Simon

## Sharing the Joy of Gardening with Friends

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**Gardening brings people together. Whether it's planting a commemorative tree with a group of people, passing on gardening tips to the younger generation, sharing a meal in a garden setting, or sharing kai grown in your backyard, gardening helps us all connect.**

Gardening is one of life's simple pleasures and it can be enjoyed by anyone of any age. Even those without a green thumb can turn gardening into a fun and social activity by inviting others to join in to add fun and laughter as you spruce up your outdoor area. Or maybe you could go walking with your friends around the neighbourhood to admire other people's gardens?

Sharing food you have grown is a heart-felt way of showing someone you care, especially to those without the ability or time to nurture an edible garden.

It could even connect you with others in the neighbourhood who might be interested in swapping crops – or you could host a dinner party to bring people together. Home grown salads always taste best!

Versatile potatoes are always great to have on hand for your next potluck. In New Zealand, potato planting time is between September and December.

*To get the best from my potato crop, I dig a deepish trench, add a layer of homemade compost, a layer of Chicken & Sheep pellets mixed with potato fertiliser, followed by a layer of topsoil.*

*Place certified seed potatoes on top at a distance of nine to twelve inches apart. Carefully put some of the dugout soil on top, being careful not to break the shoots.*

*In a few months you'll be enjoying delicious homemade fries, mashed potatoes, potato salad and more!*

Sweetcorn is another treat for the warmer months. Best planted after the frost of spring has gone, plant sweetcorn in the warmest spot in your garden in a block as it is wind pollinated.

Be extra vigilant if you're planting tomatoes – when they start to grow you will notice little shoots developing between the main stem and the off stems. These are called laterals. You'll need to remove these or you will have a massive plant not achieving a lot. If you do let a few grow, you can plant them in the ground for an added tomato plant.





### What to plant in spring:

- Asparagus
- Beans
- Carrots
- Cauliflower
- Leeks
- Lettuce
- Potatoes
- Strawberries
- Tomatoes
- Sweetcorn

Have a stunning spring.

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*Simon Broad ("Gardening With Simon")*

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**Let's Cook...**

# **Board & Box Afghans**

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Spring delights us with lots of treats – fresh flowers, beautiful views, warmer temperatures... your taste buds deserve a treat too! Try this recipe from Board & Box at your next dinner party.



## Ingredients

Butter	200 grams
Castor Sugar	½ cup
Vanilla Essence	1 teaspoon
Standard Grade Flour	1 ¼ cups
Dutch cocoa powder	¼ cup
Cornflakes	1 ½ cups
Whittaker's milk chocolate	125 grams (Half a block)
	75 grams (Quarter of a block) for topping
Walnuts (optional)	8-12

## Method

1. Preheat oven to 180°C bake.
2. Line a large baking tray with baking paper.
3. In a large bowl, beat butter, caster sugar and vanilla until light and fluffy.
4. Sift in the flour and cocoa. Stir until mostly combined, then add the cornflakes and chopped Whittaker's chocolate and mix well.
5. Scoop out 8-12 tablespoon sized balls, roll them and flatten a little with your hand and lay them out on your baking tray. Bake for 12-15 minutes, until biscuits are just firm to the touch.
6. Leave on trays for a few minutes, then move to a baking rack to cool completely.
7. When Afghans are completely cool, melt Whittaker's chocolate in a small bowl in microwave at 20 seconds at a time until melted and then spoon little circles on the Afghans. Top with walnuts and allow to cool for chocolate to harden or for fast setting results place in freezer for 10-15 minutes.



*A family run café, Board & Box at 68 Oxford Street, Levin has delicious cabinet and hot food and is tantalising tastebuds with their sweet treats. They have regular dessert nights with waffles, milkshakes, ice cream sandwiches, and more.*

*Board & Box is open Wednesday to Saturday 10am to 2:30pm, and have dessert nights Thursday to Sunday 6pm to 8pm.*

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# Puzzle Corner

WORDFIND

## Spring in Horowhenua

M	M	H	E	N	V	E	L	E	O	A	E	S	L	U	S	G	E	N	M	S	S	T	N	B
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Spring  
Neighbours  
Footpath  
Explore  
Sunshine

September  
Walking  
Garden  
Horses  
Riding

Volunteer  
November  
Mountains  
Citrus  
Lambs

Flowers  
Outside  
Taste  
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October

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# Volunteer Horowhenua



*A list of volunteer opportunities to get involved in our community.*

## Day Club Volunteers

**Levin**

*Role #2267*

Serve morning tea and lunches, tidy up, participate in light physical and brain games, and reminiscing activities. Police vet check required.

✓ Dates/Hours: Monday, Tuesday and Friday 9.30am to 3pm

## Freestore Volunteers

**Levin**

*Role #2197*

Help sort and distribute surplus food.

✓ Dates/Hours: Different shifts throughout the week

## Financial Mentor

**Levin**

*Role #2089*

Offer budgeting advice to individuals and groups. Volunteers need to be FINCAP trained or willing to undergo training.

✓ Dates/Hours: Weekdays.  
Flexible hours

## Hospital Friends

**Levin**

*Role #2168*

Provide non-clinical support to patients, whānau and visitors in a hospital ward.

✓ Dates/Hours: 12pm to 4pm.  
One shift a week or fortnight for a year.

## Clothing Repair

**Work from home**

*Role #2224*

Make small repairs to resident's personal clothing.

✓ Dates/Hours: Flexible

## Business Setup Support

**Work from home**

*Role #2090*

Help develop a business plan for a social service provider. Review and advise on policy development.

✓ Dates/Hours: Monday to Friday or Sunday. Flexible hours

If you are interested in any of these roles, please contact Volunteer Central.

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# Celebrate Christmas 2023 in Horowhenua!

NOV

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## Santa Paws

Sunday 19 November  
9am to 12pm, Kowhai Park  
Bring your pet to get a family  
photo taken with Santa Paws.

DEC

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## Pop up Eats – Festive Edition

Wednesday 6 December  
3pm to 8pm at Levin Mall  
carpark

Take a night off cooking and  
enjoy food truck kai. Both  
events will feature games, stalls,  
entertainment, and a special  
visitor.

DEC

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## Harvey Bowler Avenue of Trees

Friday 8 December  
6pm to 8.30pm

DEC

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Saturday 9 and Sunday 10  
December, 4pm to 8.30pm  
Levin Memorial Hall

DEC

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Delight in trees decorated  
by community groups and  
organisations at this community  
Christmas experience. Gold coin  
or foodbank donation entry.

DEC

9

## Christmas in the Park

Saturday 9 December  
3pm to 7pm  
Levin Adventure Park  
Bring your family and festive  
spirit to Christmas in the Park  
to celebrate this special time  
of year and enjoy free live  
entertainment, kai, games  
and more.

DEC

10

## Merry Main Street

Sunday 10 December  
9am to 3pm, Main Street,  
Foxton

Feel festive in Foxton at this  
fun annual event.

DEC

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## Pop up Eats – Festive Edition

Thursday 14 December  
3pm to 8pm, Te Awahou  
Nieuwe Stroom

Take a night off cooking and  
enjoy food truck kai. Both  
events will feature games,  
stalls, entertainment, and a  
special visitor.

DEC

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## Shannon Christmas Celebration



Saturday 16 December  
9am to 3:30pm

Come along to experience  
Christmas in Shannon! Expect  
stalls, live entertainment,  
amusement rides, bouncy  
castles, kai and a Christmas  
parade on Stout Street at  
11:30am.





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