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## Welcome to *Elderberries*, Horowhenua District Council's magazine tailored for older people.

*Elderberries* aims to inform older people in our community about news, issues, events and services relevant to them. It also aims to interest, entertain, and – perhaps most importantly of all – celebrate the positive stories of the good that older people contribute to our community.

We know there are a lot of positive stories out there that we might never hear about, and a lot of people quietly making a difference to the lives of others with their selflessness, kindness and generosity. We need your help to celebrate the good things that are happening in our community and give our everyday heroes the recognition they deserve. If you know of someone who deserves recognition or you hear a positive story that would interest older people in our community, please let us know.

- @ **You can contact us by email to [comms@horowhenua.govt.nz](mailto:comms@horowhenua.govt.nz), or by**
- 📞 **telephone on 06 366 0999.**
- Alternatively, drop by Horowhenua District Council's main office and tell us your story in person.**

*Elderberries* is published on a seasonal timetable; with a new issue each Winter, Spring, Summer and Autumn. Copies are free and available to collect from stands located throughout Horowhenua.

If you are a community group, rest home or business that requires bulk copies for your members, residents, or customers, let us know and we can provide these for you to collect from Horowhenua District Council's main office in Levin.

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# Get your NZ COVID Tracer booklet

Do you want to do your bit to keep your family and community safe from COVID-19 by contact tracing, but don't have a smartphone or don't feel comfortable using the NZ COVID Tracer app?

The NZ COVID Tracer booklet offers a hard copy option for keeping track of where you've been, when you were there and who you met.

Each booklet has 30 pages and will last you for about a month. It's lightweight and a convenient size that will fit in your handbag or backpack.

Contact tracing is important to help stop any future spread of COVID-19 by making it quicker and easier to trace the contacts of anyone who may have been exposed and break the chain of transmission.

- 📍 **Visit any Horowhenua District Council customer service centre to pick up your booklet. You can also download a printable copy of the booklet from [covid19.govt.nz/tracerbooklet](http://covid19.govt.nz/tracerbooklet)**



## Taku puka whai pānga My NZ COVID Tracer booklet

Helping to stop the spread of COVID-19  
to protect our whānau and the community.  
E haukoti ana i te rere a te Mate Korona hei  
tiaki i ō tātou whānau me te hapori.

# Have fun and stay active with croquet

**If you're looking for an enjoyable way to stay active, get outdoors and make new friends, croquet could be for you.**

The Levin Croquet Club has 45 members. Founded in 1915, it moved to Speldhurst Lifestyle Village four years ago and has four lawns.

Members can play two versions of croquet. Golf croquet is played from 1.15pm on Monday, Thursday and Saturday, and is a modern version of croquet that lasts about 45 minutes. The more traditional association croquet can last for up to three hours, and is available from 9am on Tuesday and Saturday mornings.

Sue Dewsnap, Club Vice Captain Golf Croquet Club, says croquet is a great way to socialise, meet people and make new friends.

“For golf croquet, we play two games and then come in for coffee, and those who want to can go out for a third game afterwards. It's very sociable, and in the summer months we run twilight nights and have pot luck dinners, pizza nights and BBQs once a month to make it more of a social thing.”

She says the game is ideal for keeping your mind and body active.

“Anyone can do it. You're out there having fun

and it's amazing how many steps you do. I went out for three games and I'd done 3,500 steps! But it's not strenuous. It's not about how hard you can hit the ball, it's about technique and tactics,” she says.

“I've been playing for six or seven years now and I really enjoy the game. I started in Plimmerton for a fun day and I've never looked back. It can be as social or as competitive as you want it to be, and I think that's what I like about it. Some people just want to play a game and go home, and others want to be competitive, have coaching and play interclub and tournaments.”

The croquet season runs from September to April but, unlike many clubs, the Levin Croquet Club is able to keep its lawns open during the winter, so members can continue playing during the off season.

“It's very affordable for new people to get involved. Membership costs \$93 for the first season and \$180 a year for full membership after that,” Sue says.

“We also offer six coaching lessons for \$30 as part of our Have a Go Days. The Have a Go Days are a great chance for people to come along, try the game, and learn more about it. Our next one is planned for 7 February, but we can arrange impromptu Have a Go Days if there are enough people interested.”

@ ***The club is keen to hear from people who want to try croquet. If you're keen, contact Sue Dewsnap at [snaps@opal.net.nz](mailto:snaps@opal.net.nz)***



*Levin Croquet member Shelly takes a shot, with fellow players Eric, John and Joe.*

## Affordable broadband scheme extended to older adults

### Do you need internet at home, or do you know of someone who might?

With all that is going on in our world, the ability to be digitally connected with each other has never been more important. Libraries Horowhenua is proud to be a Skinny JUMP partner, and help connect our community.

Skinny JUMP (previously Spark JUMP) is designed for households at risk of digital exclusion, who don't already have a broadband connection at home, or have a connection that is too expensive.

Skinny JUMP is flexible prepaid broadband: Only \$5 for 30GB of data, no contracts or credit checks, and the modem comes free of charge. Just top up as you go.

The eligibility criteria for JUMP have been widened, and now include older adults. Having the internet is so important, it's a vital key to functioning in the modern digital world and staying connected in all situations.

Every New Zealander deserves to have the opportunities to learn and thrive in the modern digital world.

 ***If you would like to refer yourself, or someone you know, contact Renee on 0272024944 or email [reneef@horowhenua.govt.nz](mailto:reneef@horowhenua.govt.nz)***

 ***Find out more: [www.skinny.co.nz/jump/home](http://www.skinny.co.nz/jump/home)***

## Thinking of buying an eReader?

With Christmas coming up and prices becoming more affordable it's a great time to buy an eBook reader. But before you settle on a single device, you have some decisions to make.

Basic eBook readers use monochrome, E Ink screens to display text. E Ink looks a lot like paper, and it's easy on your eyes when reading for long periods. Most eBook readers now include edge lighting that lets you see in the dark.

If you like to read in the bath, by the pool, or on the beach, you might want to consider buying a waterproof eBook reader.

Most devices offer Wi-Fi as long as you don't mind waiting until you're at home or near a hotspot to shop for new books. Every eBook reader nowadays can store more than 1,000 books, so storage shouldn't be an issue.

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On the run up to Christmas look out for our Tech Tryouts where you can come along and try out the various eReader and tablets for yourself.

 ***For more information on our digital platforms: [www.tetakere.org.nz/Your-Library/Digital-Resources/eBooks](http://www.tetakere.org.nz/Your-Library/Digital-Resources/eBooks)***

# Blake legacy celebrated in fond farewell

Horowhenua District Council Chambers hosted a celebration of two of the district's leading benefactors on 1 October.

Helen and Collis Blake made a huge contribution to the Horowhenua community over the years. Many will know them as the driving force behind transforming a derelict site into the Levin Adventure Park, a magnificent playground that has benefited the children of the district since 2001.

"The Park was a great success," said Helen. "We didn't know what we were doing when we started the park, but we knew what we wanted to do. The first thing was to clean up all the rubbish, and that was a huge job in itself. From there we progressed with the help of our oldest daughter Susan, who did the fundraising."

The Park is only part of the Blakes' legacy to the Horowhenua community. They also made invaluable contributions to the Health Centre at Waiopahu College, Te Takeretanga o Kura-hau-pō, Hinemoa House, St John, Rotary, foodbanks and the farming sector. Their legacy even includes the district mayoral chain of office, which Helen and Collis organised and gifted to Council when the local government boundaries were changed in 1989 to create the Horowhenua District.

Collis passed away eight years ago, and Helen is moving north to be closer to family

in Auckland.

Helen said she would miss Horowhenua, after living in the district for all her married life, over 60 years.

Mayor Bernie Wanden thanked Helen for the contribution she and Collis have made.

"I personally witnessed the generosity of Helen and Collis many times in various organisations, and many projects would not even have started without them," he said.

"Your legacy will live on for many years. While you won't live here any more, I hope you are taking with you many fond memories and the satisfaction of the contribution the Blakes have made. Nor will we ever forget it."



*Helen Blake (left) receives flowers from Mayor Bernie Wanden.*

## Celebrating Life On Our Own Terms

If you enjoyed 'Life On Our Own Terms', Dr Angela Robertson's book celebrating remarkable men and women who are flourishing in the second half of life, you can now dive into more inspirational short stories of individuals living fabulous, fulfilling lives in their 50s, 60s, 70s and 80s.

Dr Robertson launched her second book, 'Celebrating Life On Our Own Terms' at Horowhenua District Council in Levin on 29 September, in conjunction with the annual

International Day of Older Persons.

The second book in the series features seven Horowhenua locals – Mike Hartle; Thomas Murray Wilson; Kilian de Lacey; Margaret Williams; Shirley and Tony Welch; and Graeme, who owns the coffee cart next to the Z service station.

👉 **'Celebrating Life On Our Own Terms' is available from Amazon at [www.amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com) or from some Paper Plus stores.**

# Gardening with Simon

## Spring in your garden

When 1 September arrived, I went outside and did a 'Spring Has Sprung' dance. Not a pretty sight for the neighbours, I have to admit, but I just love spring. Of course, spring brings a lot more work for the average home gardener. But personally I don't see it as work, more a pleasure. The work aspect is the continuous digging, planting, and weeding. But the pleasure aspect is the joy of going out into your gardens and admiring your handywork, and to be able to pick whatever you like knowing it is spray-free and a darn sight cheaper than the supermarket.

## Preserves

While a lot of home gardeners grow enough vegetables for their immediate family and maybe friends and neighbours, I grow plenty and a lot goes into the making of my preserves, jams and bottling. It is a sideline to my gardening and it puts a couple of dollars into my coffers so I can buy any ingredients I need to make the next lot. I don't sell all of it, but give a lot to family and to people who are unable to make their own.

I enjoy being at my bench preparing the tomatoes and other vegetables for my tomato relish, or my famous-in-Foxton tomato soup, or cooking and peeling beetroot for my bottled beetroot. Another job is the continuous peeling of my garlic for the minced garlic. I have a cubby hole just inside my back door which has five large shelves and in the flush of the season it is generally full to the brim. Sometimes I have to put one jar of produce on top of the other and pray we don't have an earthquake. I have recipes for tomato relish, bottled beetroot, bottled peaches, strawberry jam, minced garlic, and various baking if any of you would like me to email them to you. I stand by my products for quality and taste. My specialties are minced garlic, tomato relish and a very buttery shortbread. If you are worried about your figure, forget about the shortbread!

## My first 2020 garlic update

I love growing garlic, and relish the obstacles put in front of me and my fellow garlic growers by the 'Dreaded Rust' for the last five or six years. But I am happy to report that 2020 is going to be 'No Rust Year for Simon'.

I have attached a photo to give you an idea of the growth. Three years ago they were just tiny little garlic bulbils (seeds). This year, I may need more than a garden fork come harvest time! To say I am obsessed with growing garlic would be a gross understatement. It is the challenge I enjoy, hoping they don't get the rust and the bulbs are bigger than last year.

**Well, that's it for spring. If you'd like one of my recipes or you have any comments, you can reach me at:**

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*My garlic beds ... and Sasha the cat.*

# Recipe of the season

Spring brings with it an abundance of fresh local produce. Here in Horowhenua we are fortunate to have easy access to plenty of delicious and nutritious local produce. Strawberries and asparagus are two seasonal

treats that are available now fresh from local growers.

Why not take advantage of these tasty spring treats by creating this quick and easy salad?

## Asparagus, Strawberry and Rocket Salad

Ingredients	6 Serves
Asparagus (ends trimmed)	2 bunches
Rocket	3 cups
Fresh strawberries (sliced in half, stalks removed)	2 cups
Goats' cheese	50 grams
Spring onion (finely chopped)	1
Sliced almonds	¼ cup
Dressing	
Juice from 1 lemon	
Olive oil	2 tablespoons
Maple syrup or honey	1 tablespoon
Salt & pepper	



## Method

1. Bring a large pot of water to boil, over medium heat. Add the asparagus to the boiling water and cook for two or three minutes. Drain the asparagus and let cool.
2. In a large bowl, combine asparagus, rocket, strawberries, goats' cheese, spring onion and almonds.
3. In a small bowl, mix the lemon juice, olive oil, maple syrup or honey, and salt and pepper.
4. Pour the dressing over the salad and toss lightly.

 **Recipe courtesy of the 5+ A Day Charitable Trust. For more inspiration visit [www.5aday.co.nz](http://www.5aday.co.nz) and @5adaynz on social media.**

## Fresh, Delicious 5+ A Day Recipes for One

The 5+ A Day Charitable Trust has a new e-recipe book by food and nutrition writer Niki Bezzant, 'Fresh, Delicious 5+ A Day Recipes for One'. It's great for older people, with a weekly menu and shopping list full of fresh, delicious ingredients and recipes suitable for one or two people. To download a free copy, visit:

[www.5aday.co.nz/media/213905/fresh-delicious-5plus-a-day-recipes-for-one-2020.pdf](http://www.5aday.co.nz/media/213905/fresh-delicious-5plus-a-day-recipes-for-one-2020.pdf)



# MENZSHED offers new purpose for retired men

**MENZSHED brings men of retirement age together to share and learn skills, work on projects, and enjoy fellowship. The idea started in Australia and spread to New Zealand, where there are now 118 Sheds.**

The Levin Shed has been running for 10 years, and has 46 members. A new branch has recently started up in Foxton, too.

To Levin MENZSHED Chairman Paul Russell, it's easy to see why the Sheds caught on.

"It's a great way for retired men to socialise, learn something new, and do good in the community," he says.

Members are always keen to share skills and teach others how to do things.

"Whatever you want to do, there will be somebody who can help you get started. One new member came in with a bedside table to refurbish and we showed him how to take it apart, clean it up, put it back together, re-stain and seal it. With the support of our members, he did a really nice job."

Shed members also repair furniture and equipment that can't be fixed commercially, or make things that can't be found in the shops.

"If we can do a repair it puts something back into use that would otherwise be thrown out.

Or someone will come along with a project and we'll look at what needs to be done and create a solution. We're not taking business from anyone – it's just a chance to socialise and do something practical," Paul says.

Shed members often work together on projects that benefit the community. A major project earlier this year was making duckboards for the Levin Waiopahu Tramping Club. Other community projects include building display stands for the library, making large and outdoor toys for playcentres and kindergartens, refurbishing the reindeer on Santa's sleigh for the Christmas Parade, and donating toys to the Fill a Shoebox project that provides Christmas presents for children who may otherwise miss out.

As well as doing good in the community, MENZSHED provides valuable fellowship.

"We have a breakfast every couple of months, and we involve our partners with a dinner two or three times a year," says Paul.

"We also do visits to see how different organisations operate. We've been to all sorts of interesting places – Swazi, Goodmans in Waikanae, behind the scenes at the museums in Feilding and Waiouru, and Steam Incorporated down in Paekakariki."

New members are always welcome.

"If you want to get involved just come on down to the Shed and one of our members will show you around. You're welcome to sit in for a couple of days and see if MENZSHED suits you," Paul says.

Levin MENZSHED is based at the Levin racecourse, and is open Monday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings

 **For more information, contact 06 367 3517 or email [levinshed@gmail.com](mailto:levinshed@gmail.com)**  




We've created these handy lists to help you see quickly and easily what should go in your recycling wheelie bin, what should go in your green recycling crate, and what should go in your rubbish bag.

For more information about what goes where, visit [www.horowhenua.govt.nz/whatgoeswhere](http://www.horowhenua.govt.nz/whatgoeswhere)

For more information about rubbish and recycling services in general, visit [www.horowhenua.govt.nz/Services/Rubbish-Recycling](http://www.horowhenua.govt.nz/Services/Rubbish-Recycling)

## What to put in your recycling wheelie bin



These items can go in your Council recycling wheelie bin (please make sure all items are clean and empty):

- Aluminium cans
- Cardboard
- Clean plastic food containers – this excludes meat trays (these go in your Council rubbish bag)
- Egg cartons
- Junk mail
- Metal lids from jars and bottles
- Milk bottles (lids removed)
- Newspapers
- Paper
- Plastic drink bottles (lids removed)
- Shampoo, conditioner or body wash bottles (clean plastic)
- Steel food tins and cans
- Takeaway food containers (clean plastic)



**Don't forget to wash and squash!**

Non-recyclable materials can endanger recycling collectors, break machinery or contaminate recyclables. If your bin contains non-recyclable materials, we may not be able to collect it.

## What to put in your green recycling crate

- Glass bottles (lids removed)
- Glass food jars - remove lid, those can go in your Council wheelie bin

## Please don't recycle

- Broken glass
- Light bulbs
- Pyrex and heatproof bakeware
- Window glass
- Mirrors
- Drinking and crystal glasses.



Some types of glass are dangerous to recycling collectors or can't be easily recycled because they melt at different temperatures.

## What to put in your Council rubbish bag

Some items cannot be recycled and will need to be disposed of appropriately.  
The following items can go in your Horowhenua District Council rubbish bag:

- Bedding (poor condition, wet, stained, torn)
- Bubblewrap
- Clothing + shoes (poor condition, wet, stained, torn)
- Corks
- Crockery and cutlery (poor condition, broken)
- Disposable plates
- Fabric (poor condition, wet, stained, torn)
- Glass (broken) - wrap in newspaper and place in your Council rubbish bag
- Glasses / eyewear (broken) - wrap in newspaper and place in your Council rubbish bag
- Hair / fur
- Light bulb (broken, halogen, incandescent, LED) - wrap in newspaper and place in your Council rubbish bag
- Makeup
- Meat trays – plastic and polystyrene
- Mirrored glass - wrap in newspaper and place in your Council rubbish bag
- Perfume bottle - wrap in newspaper and place in your Council rubbish bag
- Pizza boxes
- Plastic bags
- Plastic wrap / Gladwrap
- Polystyrene
- Pyrex glass (poor condition, broken) - wrap in newspaper and place in your Council rubbish bag
- Rubbish (household)
- Soft plastics – these are plastics you can easily scrunch up in your hand, such as bread bags, chip packets, food wrap, and plastic bags
- Takeaway cups (coffee, soft drinks)
- Tissues / paper towels (used)
- Toys in poor condition (mixed material / wood / hard plastic)
- Videos, CDs and DVDs (poor condition, broken)
- Waxed cardboard cartons (plastic-coated cardboard) - takeaway cups, milk or custard cartons
- Window glass (broken) - wrap in newspaper and place in your Council rubbish bag
- Wool

**To check your next kerbside rubbish or recycling collection day, visit**

 [www.horowhenua.govt.nz/checkcollectiondates](http://www.horowhenua.govt.nz/checkcollectiondates)

# Community Support Grant supports 30 community wellbeing initiatives

**Thirty community groups and organisations have received funding from Horowhenua District Council's new Community Support Grant so far this year.**

The Community Support Grant aims to support community initiatives that enhance wellbeing and social connectedness in the wake of COVID-19. The grant is to enable non-profit organisations meeting grant criteria to assist with projects, events and costs associated with responses to the COVID-19 pandemic and support for community recovery.

Funding awarded totalled \$56,672 of the \$160,000 available. The remainder will be distributed in up to four grant application rounds planned for the 2020/21 financial year. Funding awarded varies, with the average grant between \$500 and \$3,000.

Among the recipients was Pasifika for Tomorrow, which received \$4,000 for Pasifika SCENE (Pasifika Seniors Culture Events and Exercise). The programme provides outings and activities for seniors, cultural knowledge transfer, exercise, supports access to healthcare, healthy eating, improved connectedness with regular catch-ups, and help with using computers and the internet.

Pasifika for Tomorrow Coordinator Rasella Fuauli said the programme has been growing in popularity.

"We started with five people coming along to our weekly meetings, and now we typically have between 20 and 30 people every week," she said.

Ms Fuauli said the Pasifika SCENE programme is shaped by the needs of the participants.

"When we started, one of the problems people had was accessing healthcare. They were missing appointments, feeling shy to go to the doctor, or not wanting to hear bad news. So we arranged for a Samoan nurse to come

along to our meetings. She does health checks, helps people to manage conditions like diabetes, and makes referrals when needed," she said.

"And some of our people are very good with music and creating their own songs in their native language, so we incorporated that into the programme. People write their songs and teach them to the group so we learn about other Pacific languages and cultures."

Each meeting also includes exercise and morning tea.

"The grant funding means a lot and gives us the resources to do this for the people. We'll use it to help provide transport to the programme for people who couldn't get here otherwise, and to provide resources like paper, pens, guitars, ukuleles, and providing healthy food," Ms Fuauli said.

 **For more information about the Community Support Grant, visit [www.horowhenua.govt.nz/grants](http://www.horowhenua.govt.nz/grants) or contact Council on 06 366 0999 or [enquiries@horowhenua.govt.nz](mailto:enquiries@horowhenua.govt.nz).**



The poster features a circular wreath of holly leaves and orange berries framing the text "Tea & Tales". Below the wreath, a clock icon indicates the time "10:30 - 11.30am" and a calendar icon indicates the date "10 December 2020". The text below the date reads: "Join us at Te Takeretanga o Kura-hau-pō for a festive morning tea, treats and an hour of Christmas Tales". At the bottom, the "libraries" logo is on the left, and contact information "06 368 1953" and "info@horowhenua.govt.nz" is on the right.



# What's On

## in and around Horowhenua

Event details are correct at the time of publication. For further details and other events, visit [www.horowhenua.govt.nz/events](http://www.horowhenua.govt.nz/events)

Is your club or organisation holding an event? You can add it to the Events Calendar on Horowhenua District Council's website free of charge. Visit [horowhenua.govt.nz/events](http://horowhenua.govt.nz/events) to submit your event.

### First Saturday of the month Repair Café

10am to 1pm, Te Whare Mahana Community Hub, 32 Bristol Street, Levin

Bring your small broken or damaged items to be fixed on the spot by local volunteer repairers. If it can't be repaired on the spot, we'll try to put you in touch with an organisation or business that can help.

**Small koha per item. Contact Te Whare Mahana for more info. Email [info@tewharemahana.org.nz](mailto:info@tewharemahana.org.nz) or phone 06 368 1195.**

### Fun with Food

- Tuesday 10 November, 6pm to 8pm
- Saturday 21 November, 1pm to 4pm
- Tuesday 8 December, 6pm to 8pm
- Saturday 12 December, 1pm to 4pm

Learn hands-on cooking skills with cost-effective seasonal food.

**To register, contact Te Whare Mahana. Email [info@tewharemahana.org.nz](mailto:info@tewharemahana.org.nz) or phone 06 368 1195.**



### Saturday 17 October to Sunday 13 December

#### Parallax: Shine and Shadows – Spelen met Licht

Open daily, Te Awahou Nieuwe Stroom, 92 Main Street, Foxton. The art in the Parallax exhibition is about illusion. The shine and glitter of jewellery will play with your imagination. Shadows and colourful hues of moody paintings will evoke your emotions.

**Free.**

### 17 Tuesday 17 November Zane Goode – Retro Auto Art – Exhibition

Open daily, Te Takeretanga o Kura-hau-pō, Levin. **Free.**

### 22 Sunday 22 November Kāpiti Indoor Market

9am to 3pm, Waikanae Memorial Hall, Pehi Kupa Street, Waikanae

Come along and enjoy a variety of locally made quality products - arts and crafts, coffee and food trucks, bouncy castle - there is something for everyone!

**Entry: Gold coin donation supporting Waikanae Volunteer Fire Brigade.**

### 28 Saturday 28 November Christmas Carnival

- Christmas Parade from 4pm, Oxford Street, Levin
- Christmas Carnival from 4:45pm, Levin Adventure Park
- Christmas Lights for Christmas Nights, lights switched on at approximately 9:10pm.

Join us for a day of festive family fun. Bring a blanket and your own picnic or grab your eats from a shop nearby. Sit back, relax, let the kids play, be entertained, and wait for the magic of the lights.

**Free.**

### 10 Thursday 10 December Christmas Tea & Tales

10:30am to 11:30am, Te Takeretanga o Kura-hau-pō, Levin

Join us for a festive morning of tea, treats and Christmas tales.

**Free.**