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FEW TEARS FOR MALL

Wainuiomata's rundown shopping mall can't be knocked down fast enough, locals say, after redevelopment plans for the shopping complex were revealed. The plans - pictured at right - will include a central connection through the site linking Queen St and The Strand.

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Sports hub a game changer

NICHOLAS BOYACK

Lower Hutt is the proud new home of the biggest sports hub in the region, with the opening of Fraser Park Sportsville.

Mayor Ray Wallace opened the $12.5 million facility on Monday, and predicted it would be a game changer for sport regionally and nationally.

"Squash courts, softball, football, hockey, rugby, cricket and other multi-sport facilities will attract international, national and local competitors, tournaments and matches," he said.

The Hutt City Council invested $9.25m, with the rest coming from the community, sports organisations, and businesses.

As well as an all-weather artificial turf, the most obvious feature of the new facility is the Ricoh Sports Centre. . It features six squash courts, indoor training facilities, and clubrooms for the sporting organisations based on the ground.

The squash courts were designed with assistance from Squash New Zealand and there is already talk of holding the New Zealand Open at the venue.

The Taita sports hub was first suggested 10 years ago. Getting the clubs on board, however, proved to be challenging.

Much of the hard work of getting the clubs to give up their clubrooms and join the one association was done by Fraser Park Sportsville chairman Mark Heissenbuttel.

The new $12.5 million sporting hub in Taita. NICHOLAS BOYACK/STUFF

The facility, located in one of the poorest parts of the city, would be more than just a sports venue, he said.

"Ultimately, what we are trying to achieve here is a strong community where everyone can participate."

He hoped Fraser Park would become the region's "preferred sport and recreation venue".

There was already a lot of interest from sporting codes looking to hold major events, he said.

At 27 hectares Fraser Park is the biggest sporting ground in the region.

As well as the new clubrooms the ground features an international softball diamond, three lime based and four grass diamonds, five rugby and 11 football fields, nine touch fields, one junior baseball field, three grass wickets and four artificial strips for cricket and a floodlit synthetic hockey turf.

The Sports Centre was built to 130 per cent of New Building Standard and will become a community hub after a large earthquake.

The clubs involved are Avalon Rugby Club, Hutt Valley Dodgers Softball Club, Fraser Park Squash, Mitchell Park Squash, Hutt Valley Softball Association, Lower Hutt City Football Club, Naenae Hockey Club, Taita District Cricket Club and Wellington Regional Hockey Stadium Trust.

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NZ politics keeping things sane

GORDON CAMPBELL
TALKING POLITICS

Political leadership can go very, very wrong with surprising speed.

France's Emmanuel Macron for instance, has recently learned that (a) decisiveness can easily look like arrogance and (b) leaders shouldn't begin their reform programme by offering tax handouts to the rich.

Across the Channel, Theresa May has done no better.

To prove her credentials as a hardline Brexiter, she initially claimed she had "red lines" that could not, would not, be traded away.

These days, she poses as the voice of reason who regards compromise as inevitable if Britain is to avoid the terrible "no deal" outcome that she previously insisted was preferable to a bad deal.

Reluctantly, the Conservatives have decided that May is their least bad leadership option.

In light of how badly things are going elsewhere in the globe, our own political leadership looks relatively sane and resilient by comparison.

A year into her job as prime minister, Jacinda Ardern has shown herself to be extremely adept at juggling the wishlists of the three very different parties that comprise her government.

Credit for this outcome is also due to NZ First leader Winston Peters, who has managed to deftly promote his own party's core issues without upsetting the whole applecart of government.

Even-handedness is much harder than it looks.

Through much of 2018, Ardern has executed the back-room task of keeping partners and policies on track, without losing touch with the wider public. Jacindamania may have abated, but Ardern continues to display the humane responses that fuelled her sudden rise to political stardom.

Last week, for instance, her emotional apology to the family of murdered British backpacker Grace Millane seemed entirely spontaneous.

As a young woman, Ardern did her own OE travelling alone overseas and she's now the mother of a baby girl. Not surprisingly then, she feels a personal stake in New Zealand being a relatively safe harbour from violence of this kind.

Even after a year of hard political grind as prime minister, Ardern hasn't yet exhausted her capacity for empathy.

National Party leader Simon Bridges has also finished a turbulent year in better shape than seemed likely only a few months ago.

For a newly appointed leader in his party's first spell in Opposition for more than a decade, Bridges was bound to have a tough row to hoe. In addition, he had to cope with his rogue colleague Jami-Lee Ross leaking a series of damaging phone recordings.

In all likelihood, though, Bridges will have to work even harder next year.

The jury is still out as to whether National made the right choice for leader. Arguably, given how well National's polling has held up, a less polarising, place-keeping leader (eg Amy Adams) might have been a better choice to keep the focus on the Government, and away from National's internal wrangles.

For much the same reasons, Judith Collins would be the wrong replacement pick, should Bridges fail to have improved his public standing by mid-2019.

Maybe, though, we expect too much of our political leaders.

At Christmas time it could worth recalling that, as Ronald Reagan once said, most great changes start with ordinary people talking around the dinner table.

Even after a year of hard political grind as prime minister, Ardern hasn't yet exhausted her capacity for empathy. ROBYN EDIE/STUFF

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Forest and Bird take council to court

NICHOLAS BOYACK

An environmental headache just keeps getting worse for the Hutt City Council.

Councillors recently rejected a controversial proposal to list Significant Natural Areas (SNAs) on private land on the District Plan.

Now Forest and Bird (F&B) has gone to the Environment Court to reverse that decision.

The council had announced it would map SNAs only on council land, and work with landowners who voluntarily agreed to protect biodiversity on private land.

Following the announcement, F&B said the Environment Court had already rejected the voluntary approach being advocated and that SNAs were a legal requirement.

Hutt City Mayor Ray Wallace subsequently issued an open letter urging F&B to work with the community to find a way of "turning around the crisis facing our native plants and animals".

"You say you are 'the voice for nature in our communities'. We hope you will join with us as we work to design a solution that protects and enhances the important natural environment we have here in Lower Hutt."

On Thursday F&B filed papers in the Environment Court seeking a declaration and enforcement orders.

If successful it would require the council to renew its process of mapping SNAs on private land.

F&B Lower North Island regional manager Tom Kay said the council was failing to meet its legal obligations and that a voluntary approach wasn't enough.

Diana Clark, who is part of a group that opposed SNAs and organised a petition that collected more than 2100 signatures was disappointed F&B had gone to court.

"I think they were a wee bit premature. I don't think they have given the landowners or the council time to put their plan in to action."

Landowners wanted to protect biodiversity but did not want it forced upon them by the District Plan, she said.

As well as a lack of consultation, Clark said the council should have done more to accurately identify biodiversity on private land that was worth protecting.

Hutt City council resilience manager Kim Kelly declined to comment on the legal move.

"It was a council decision not to enforce the officer's recommendations so you need to get some comment from the mayor and councillors."

A spokesman for the mayor said he had a full calendar and referred *Stuff* to the open letter.

Residents object at a council meeting to a proposal to list their land on the District Plan.

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East by West will launch a fully electric ferry next year.

Harbour ferry goes electric

STUFF REPORTER

Wellington's East by West company is set to launch a fully electric harbour ferry, which could be in service by late next year.

Once the company has spruced up its two existing boats, it also promised to add extra trips on its service between Queens Wharf and Days Bay.

Managing director Jeremy Ward said the $4 million fully electric boat should be built by December next year, and enter service shortly afterwards.

It will be built by the Wellington Electric Boat Building Company, set up by East by West in Seaview.

The 19-metre, 135-passenger boat, which will become the company's "flagship" ferry, will add three or four additional round trip services a day at peak times, Ward said.

"The new vessel will be powered by twin electric engines, which will enable a 20-knot operational speed and three return back-to-back peak-hour trips on one charge, before a second one-hour charge is required."

The boat will start operating once testing is completed, enabling the company's two existing boats to be given spruce-ups at separate times.

Once that's happened, there will be three boats in service.

The ferry will have a hull design different to conventional diesel-powered vessels, with a displacement hull made from flat carbon fibre panels and only the lower hulls needing moulding.

"The new ferry will cut through the harbour like the proverbial hot knife through butter."

The company was in discussions to partner with a major New Zealand electricity generator, Ward said.

There was already interest in the boat from within New Zealand and overseas, and Ward expected that to lead to further order requests.

Meanwhile, the company was still discussing plans to introduce a daily city-to-airport service, which would operate between Queens Wharf and a redeveloped Miramar Wharf.

East by West ferries has been operating on Wellington Harbour for almost 30 years.

Daycare inquiry

TOM HUNT

Staff at a Lower Hutt childcare centre have been stood down while an investigation is carried out.

The Ministry of Education (MOE) has confirmed some staff at Hutt Hospital Childcare Centre, which is on Hutt Hospital land but not affiliated with it, have been stood down.

Ministry spokeswoman Katrina Casey confirmed it received a complaint about the centre in November.

It had since received further information and complaints, she said.

"We alerted the centre when we received the first complaint and have been supporting the centre's leadership to investigate the allegations," she said.

"The staff named in the complaints have been stood down while the investigation is underway. The parents of children attending the centre have been informed."

When approached for comment, centre manager Sharon Cooper told *Stuff* to be "very careful" as the complaints were only allegations at this stage.

The centre got a positive Education Review Office report in 2017, with staff-to-child ratios better than minimum.

Hutt Valley health board chief executive Dale Oliff said the centre was its own entity and not run by the health board.

The centre appeared to be closed when visited by *Stuff* on Monday morning.

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An artist's impression of what the new Wainuiomata shopping complex will look like. SUPPLIED

Mall's demise greeted with joy

NICHOLAS BOYACK

Wainuiomata's drab and rundown shopping mall cannot come down quick enough, locals say.

Redevelopment plans for the Wainuiomata Shopping Centre were revealed on Wednesday after *Stuff* reported the mall would be demolished and replaced with a new Countdown supermarket, a refurbished car park and new retail spaces.

The supermarket will cover 3600 square-metres and will feature an in-store pharmacy, as well as wider aisles.

Countdown's general manager of property, Adrian Walker, said construction was earmarked to begin at the end of 2019. The new supermarket would take about a year to complete with the existing supermarket continuing to trade throughout.

The proposed redevelopment would also include a range of tenants, as well as a centralised connection through the site connecting Queen St and The Strand, Walker said.

Once the pride of the Lower Hutt suburb, in recent years retailers have abandoned Wainuiomata's mall in droves. The last four remaining tenants include Coin Saver and a bakery.

Locals spoken to on Wednesday agreed the last straw for the mall was when The Warehouse pulled out in 2016.

Heather Hughes could not hide her delight when shown an image of the new design. "I think everyone will be thrilled by the news."

She moved to Wainuiomata in 1971 and said the mall was the place to be on a Friday night.

Sylvia Judge, a Wainuiomata resident of 23 years, said it had been sad watching the mall steadily decline.

"We used to have a Farmers, Hannahs, a carpet shop with flooring, we had it all."

Lynda Trask said she hoped the new facility would breathe life back into local retailing. "It is a pain in the backside having to go to Lower Hutt."

Craig Cooley said it would be sad to see the existing mall go. But with so few shops left, its demise was inevitable.

"The biggest loss was when they let The Warehouse go. If they could get The Warehouse back that would be cool."

Helen Kershaw described the mall as a "dead loss" and said Wainuiomata desperately needed a replacement.

"I remember when we had a Whitcoulls, the chemist, Careys. There was such a good variety of shops."

Michael Killey was also looking forward to more shops.

"It think it is a good idea because the mall just seems so old and needs replacing. There are so few shops."

At the local bakery, Shai Jeffs was "definitely pleased" at the prospect of new shops. "There is just nothing here, the mall is dead."

Lower Hutt Mayor Ray Wallace was said he was excited by the prospect of a new supermarket and a network of connected buildings for retail and commercial purposes.

"This is fantastic news for Wainuiomata. The local community has been eagerly awaiting news on the future of the shopping centre complex – what a great early Christmas present this is."

Local councillor Campbell Barry said a lot of hard work had gone on behind the scenes to get to this point. "I am over the moon with the result. Today is a great day for Wainuiomata."

Countdown will be at Wainuiomata Mall on Saturday from 10am until 2pm to talk about the development. and with displays of it current plans.

Heather Hughes recalls the 1970s when Wainuiomata's mall was heaving with people. She is delighted it is to be replaced with a new supermarket and retail complex. NICHOLAS BOYACK/STUFF

Shai Jeffs is looking forward to Wainuiomata getting some new shops. NICHOLAS BOYACK/STUFF

Craig Cooley is saddened the Wainuiomata mall is coming down. NICHOLAS BOYACK/STUFF

Hutt hazards centre to keep country safe

MATTHEW TSO

A team of geohazard analysts will provide an around the clock watch to guard New Zealanders against geological threats.

The National Geohazards Monitoring Centre has been established at the GNS Science campus in Lower Hutt to monitor earthquakes, volcanoes, tsunamis and landslides.

A backup facility has also been established at GNS Science's Wairakei site, north of Taupō.

It is the first time anywhere in the world a service has incorporated a manned monitoring service for all four threats.

At the opening of the centre on Wednesday, GNS chief executive officer Ian Simpson said the purpose built centre was a valuable extension to GeoNet's capabilities.

The team at the centre had access to data from 600 monitoring sites across the country. Information from other parts of the world was also available through the US Geological Survey and the Pacific Tsunami Warning Center.

"We are now able to continuously monitor [those threats]. Previously we had people on call. If something happening in the middle of the night they'd have to start up their laptops and wake up.

"[Now we have] people looking at the screens 24-7."

The service would cut down on the time between a monitored event and the public being alerted which had the potential to save lives, Simpson said.

Minister of Research, Science and Innovation Megan Woods said New Zealand had high levels of seismic and volcanic activity, and landslides were becoming more of an issue following extreme weather. It was critical New Zealanders had access the best quality information available to prepare and respond to events.

"We're bringing together the science and the operations, and we're making sure that we've got the best minds in this field working together."

GNS CEO Ian Simpson, left, and geohazard operations centre manager Benjamin Wylie-Cheer at the new Geohazards Monitoring Centre in Lower Hutt. MATTHEW TSO/STUFF

Pool stayed open despite earthquake risk

NICHOLAS BOYACK

Hutt City Council is defending its decision to not immediately close a popular Lower Hutt swimming pool after it allowed the building to remain open for about two months knowing it could be an earthquake risk.

The council closed the learner's pool at Naenae Pool + Fitness on December 4 – a day after it received a detailed report that found the building, which was added to the main pool building in 1997, was less than 20 per cent of new building standards.

But it emerged on Tuesday that the 20 per cent estimate was included in a report Beca Engineering gave to Hutt City Council on September 26.

That report recommended a more detailed engineer's assessment by carried out, which is what the council commissioned.

Community services manager Matt Reid said rang "first thing" to tell staff to close the pool immediately the day after he received the second report.

But Hutt City councillor Campbell Barry questioned why council staff did not act more quickly.

If there was any doubt about such an important building, it should have been closed immediately, Barry said.

"The public rightly expects council to ensure our buildings are safe and fit for purpose. There are questions to be answered here."

Hutt City Council has closed the Naenae learners' pool. STUFF

But Reid rejected the claim he should have acted quicker, saying he followed expert advice.

"The initial advice was to do a more detailed report and that is exactly what we did."

When asked if the pool roof could collapse in a major earthquake, Reid said he was not an expert but the advice from engineers was the building was in poor shape.

He was getting the engineer's report peer reviewed to help council better understand what state the building was in.

Reid said the council was taking a "cautious approach" by closing the pool because, legally, it could remain open.

The closure had caused some major problems for the council and he was looking at interim solutions to see if it could safely be reopened until a permanent solution was found.

Repairing the building was potentially a very expensive exercise, he said.

The council's Long-Term Plan includes $9 million to upgrade the plant for the main pool, which dates back to 1956.

The plant is in poor condition and needs to be replaced whatever the council decides to do with the building, Reid said.

Lower Hutt Mayor Ray Wallace said he had asked staff to treat the issue as a priority.

It was important that the building be made safe and a long-term solution was found as quickly as possible, he said.

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More social housing on way for Hutt

MATTHEW TSO

An $8.4 million project is set to bring 25 new social houses to Lower Hutt.

The affordable rental homes are part of a development being run by Methodist organisation Wesley Community Action at Wesley Rātā Village in Naenae.

The project was revealed just a week after Housing New Zealand announced plans to build 123 social housing units in Epuni.

Wesley Community Action director David Hanna said the organisation had identified a gap in the market for low cost rented accommodation, particularly for older people who could not afford to get into a rest home or retirement complex.

He said they were becoming concerned with the number of baby boomers entering old age with no permanent home and few assets.

"This land was gifted to us after World War II out of concern for older people at that time. [We wanted to] continue supporting older people here."

While the focus of the project was on providing housing for older people there would be opportunity for younger people and families to access the units.

The houses would be available to applicants on the Government's Housing Register.

Of the 25 modular houses being assembled at the site there would be eight single-bedroom units, 13 double-bedroom units and four four-bedroom units.

The single bedroom units will cost $275 a week, two-bedroom units $350 and four-bedroom units $500. Actual rent paid by tenants will be income based with any shortfall subsidised by the Government.

Work is scheduled to start by February.

Wesley Rātā Village is on the site of the former Wesleyhaven rest home and hospital which closed last year. There are 30 existing housing units on site which are occupied.

Components for the new units are being built by Masterton company EasyBuild and will assembled on-site with help from participants of the Kiwi Can Do programme. The programme gives beneficiaries three to four weeks of practical construction experience before placing them with an employer.

Kiwi Can Do managing director Iain Morrison said assembling modular homes was a good way to start training people who did not have much construction experience.

Hanna said they were trying to create as many positive outcomes from the village project as possible and was pleased to have people from the Kiwi Can Do onboard.

"It's more than just houses, it's about community."

A concept rendering of one of the EasyBuild homes which will be built at Wesley Rātā Village in Naenae. Left, Wesley Community Action director David Hanna.

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The Riverbank Market may have to find a new location as soon as 2021, as the stopbank bordering the current location is to be developed. MONIQUE FORD/STUFF

Council looks for new market site

MATTHEW TSO

A popular fruit and vegetable market could be on the move to make way for a development on the banks of the Hutt River.

Hutt City Council has started searching for an alternative location for the popular Riverbank Market which runs on Saturdays in a carpark between the river and the central business district.

The market, which brings between 5000 and 10,000 people to the CBD each Saturday, could have to make way for the council's RiverLink promenade project by as early as 2021.

The project seeks to develop apartments and retail spaces along the riverbank.

Council city development manager Gary Craig said it was unclear when work on the promenade might start but hosting the market at the carpark would become unsustainable once it did.

Constant construction and earthmoving activity at the riverbank and work to widen the stopbank would not leave enough room for the market.

The council's preference was to keep the market in the CBD because of its central location and ease of access to the motorway.

Craig said available spaces were limited as large open areas suitable for hosting a market often belonged to sports fields or schools which were in use during weekends.

A council report identified four possible alternative locations including Daly St and Andrews Ave, Myrtle St and Stevens Gr, a site south of the Ewen bridge at Strand Park, or on the yet-to-be-developed promenade and new riverbank carpark area.

All would require the market to be scaled down.

The market runs under a licence to occupy which will come up for tender in August 2019.

Market operator Shunila Hamilton said it would be important for whoever won the licence to work closely with the council to ensure a suitable site was found.

The market had become a community hub and was important for shoppers and vendors.

She intended to reapply for the licence.

Blast from the past: milk in bottles, delivered to the gate

MATTHEW TSO

The return of milk delivery in the capital is one step closer with the firing up of a Wairarapa bottling line.

The first 1000 litres rolled out of Eketahuna Country Meats' plant on Friday ready for sale at markets in Lower Hutt and Wellington.

Owners Steve and Pip Olds signalled their intent to bring milk delivery back to the Wellington Region in August.

Following interest in the deliveries Steve expected to be delivering milk in glass bottles and meat in the Wairarapa, Hutt Valley, Wellington and Kāpiti coast by February or March next year.

While many people would remember the sight of milkmen dropping off bottles at letter boxes, he did not think interest was being driven by nostalgia.

Consumers were becoming more conscious of the environment and were looking for alternatives to plastic.

"The important difference is we are reusing, not recycling, and that takes plastic out of the equation."

There was also a lot of interest in the milk itself.

"It's pasteurised but not homogenised and nothing added or taken away."

The first run of bottles would be for sale at Lower Hutt's Riverbank Market and Wellington's Harbourside Market.

Until deliveries started bottles could be returned to Eketahuna Country Meats or their market stalls to be washed and refilled.

Nelson based Milk & More returned glass bottle delivery to the Nelson-Tasman region in 2016. Manager Bill Stansbury said since then they had had to hire new staff and buy new trucks because of demand.

They started off delivering 200 to 300 litres a week. They were now delivering 10,000 litres a week and had expanded into Marlborough.

Stansbury put the popularity of deliveries down to the glass bottles. "People have so much plastic in their lives. It's nearly impossible to avoid it but people feel they can do something [by using glass instead of plastic where they can]."

Head injury on Lime scooter launch day

MATTHEW TSO

A man has suffered a serious head injury after falling from a scooter on launch day of Lime in the Hutt Valley.

The incident occurred near the Upper Hutt brewing precinct, Brewtown, about 8pm on Friday, Wellington Free Ambulance communications advisor Sarah Coulthard said.

However, she was unable to confirm whether or not he was travelling on an electric scooter that belonged to California-based transport sharing company Lime that launched its e-scooter sharing business in Hutt Valley on the same day.

The injured man was treated by paramedics and taken to Hutt Hospital around 9:45pm, Coulthard said.

Police confirmed they had attended the accident at 23 Blenheim St and that the man had been using an electric scooter.

Brewtown business development manager Phil Gorman said he didn't know if the accident had been at Brewtown or if the injured man had been a patron.

But people had ridden Lime scooters into the brewing precinct, he confirmed.

As a result of the incident, a security guard would be posted outside the gate during business hours to direct riders to leave their scooters in a designated parking area.

He said Brewtown management had been caught off-guard by the Lime launch which had not been advertised by the company or the Upper Hutt City or Hutt City councils who had been working with Lime to bring the scooters to the valley.

"Obviously we were caught unaware of it happening. Maybe if we'd been told [beforehand] we could have been better prepared but it wasn't an issue.

"[The scooters] are fun and that's what Brewtown is all about. We don't want to stop people using them to get here but safety is paramount, so we won't be letting people ride them inside the complex."

Upper Hutt Mayor Wayne Guppy said Lime was like any other company - the council did not routinely announce the arrival of new businesses in the city.

Lime had been discussed at a council meeting and the minutes were freely available to the public, he said.

About 400 of the e-scooters were deposited on the streets of the Hutt Valley as part of the rollout in the area.

Lime launched its operations in New Zealand in October delivering scooters to Auckland and Christchurch.

The scooters have since come under criticism with Living Streets Aotearoa executive member Gay Richards saying they posed a threat to pedestrians.

In early December, ACC spokesperson James Funnell said between October 14 and November 25 there were 285 e-scooter injury-related claims - 171 in Auckland, 102 in Christchurch and 12 for the rest of the country.

Lime's battery powered e-scooters can travel up to 27kmh and have a maximum range of 48 kilometres.

They are classed as a "low-powered vehicle" by the Transport Agency and can be used on the footpath and road. They do not require a registration or driver's licence.

In October, a Transport Agency spokesman said e-scooters had been allowed in New Zealand since 2004 and there was no evidence to suggest people should be concerned about their use.

About 400 of e-scooters were deposited on the streets of the Hutt Valley as part of the scheme. MATTHEW TSO/STUFF

"We don't want to stop people using them to get here but safety is paramount, so we won't be letting people ride them inside the complex."
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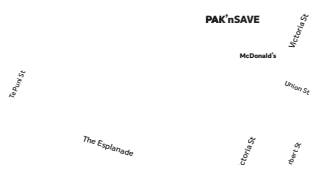

Conversations

GET IN TOUCH ONLINE

Sorting out 2018's biggest turkeys

As you sink into the hammock after the Christmas turkey, spare a thought for those who made turkeys of themselves this year.

You could say law firm Russell McVeagh cooked its goose with its tortuously slow and thoroughly inadequate response to allegations of sexual misconduct that have damaged both the company and the entire legal profession.

Lawyer Steph Dyhrberg, however, showed spirit in the face of criticism from her peers, winning Wellingtonian of the Year for speaking out against the culture of sexual harassment within her profession.

There were a few turkeys on our university campuses this year. Otago University's proctor cleverly, quickly apologised for entering student flats to remove bongs, but Massey's vice-chancellor wasn't backing down for refusing Don Brash entry because of a security threat, even when an OIA revealed that wasn't the reason.

Christmas parades got a bad rap when the Hawera Mt View Lions Club hammed it up with blackened faces at their parade, in Nelson children cried for the "real Santa" when they got a Maori version. BRADEN FASTIER/STUFF

Victoria University, meanwhile, created a debate over changing its name to the University of Wellington – a PR move in itself. It claimed it was differentiating itself from the many universities of the same name overseas, but it was another step in trying to lay claim to being the capital's university. There are, in fact, two other universities resident there.

Politicians are never far from reputational dramas, but to be fair there is a whole workforce of opposition paid to call them out.

National Party Leader Simon Bridges learnt not all his elves were helpers when Jami-Lee Ross released a recording of them both discussing the value of Chinese candidates over Indians. Naughty Bridges promised to be nice when the recording also revealed him criticising colleagues – making turkeys out of them as well.

It's not the incident itself but how you respond to it that has the lasting reputational effect.

I'm giving turkey awards to politicians Clare Curran, Meka Whaitiri and Iain Lees-Galloway, who would have all fared better if they had simply admitted their mistakes. Instead their protestations dragged the stories out for months, leading to the resignation of Curran, the sacking of Whaitiri and Lees-Galloway? He was just a bad look.

Clare Curran – one of three politicians to receive a turkey award.

And it was bad enough that NZTA got caught out for failing to effectively monitor the licensing testing regime but double fail for not thinking to delay launching its expensive campaign promoting vehicle safety. Doh!

Families of the victims of the Erebus crash weren't silent the night they saw Air New Zealand's safety video filmed in Antarctica – the site of New Zealand's worst airline disaster. The company said it wanted to showcase the important climate and environmental science going on there, but was it really worth the risk?

Christmas parades got a bad rap when the Hawera Mt View Lions Club hammed it up with blackened faces at their parade, in Nelson children cried for the "real Santa" when they got a Māori version, while in Auckland the long-term Santa provider was initially dumped after it said it wouldn't hire women.

But the number one turkey award goes to the KiwiBuild programme, which has had a year of public relations nightmares for poor targeting, pricey homes, producing unwanted houses and letting homes be sold on or rented for profit.

There are many more turkeys that had to be culled due to space. But a general theme has been those who admit failure fair better in the long run.

This year has reminded us that part of doing the right thing is understanding and being aware of social change. What people have tolerated in the past just might not be the right thing anymore.

Wishing you all a Meri Kirihimete and happy 2019.

Cas Carter is a marketing and communications specialist.

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LIFESTYLE

Time for a little understanding

Recently spotted on social media: a parent railing against the fact that kids could arrive up to 30 minutes late to an NCEA exam and still be allowed to sit it.

The gist of the complaint?

This sort of nonsense sets up our kids for mediocrity.

I wondered when the complainer had last been late through no fault of their own – a bus not turning up, a traffic snarl-up, a breakdown (vehicle or personal).

And I wondered when they had last cocked up.

A few weeks ago, I booked a return flight that was a whole 24 hours too early and, about 10 years ago, I booked one that was whole month too late – both were errors that whacked the wallet hard.

My daughter once missed an important exam because she got the times mixed up.

We'll never know whether she'd have passed Scholarship Media.

We're reasonably organised at our place, but sometimes human beings make mistakes.

It's usually when there's a lot going on, when the brain's compartments are chocka with the minutiae of life, or a major event paralyses the grey matter responsible for scheduling.

And it's worse towards the end of the year when events and gatherings are more stacked up than White House spray-tan appointments.

I also wondered when the complainer's kids last had to contend with the sort of challenges many young Kiwis of exam-sitting age face: domestic chaos, disrupted sleep, lack of breakfast.

Maybe home is a refuge, a garage or a car.

Not all childhoods are places of structure and order; not all kids come home to a household where education is revered and getting to an exam is a priority. And even though some children are utterly loved, cared for and expected to succeed academically, they have other responsibilities such as earning money to keep the family afloat and getting younger siblings off to school.

Perhaps it's a minor miracle some students get to exams at all, even if they are a bit late.

I'm all for being on time – it's not that difficult when you are born with the uncool early gene.

But in the scheme of things, half an hour's grace – which, by the way, disadvantages no-one except the exam-sitter who is deprived of precious minutes – is not a soft approach.

It is merely recognising that s... happens, human beings make mistakes and not every child arrives at an exam on time, rested, belly full of nutritious food and primed for success.

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Conversations

GET IN TOUCH ONLINE

Have any quake lessons been learned?

It was with interest that I read your page 6 article in last week's *Hutt News* re the closure of Naenae Pool.

I had been wondering why this was the case as no information had been made public.

On the November 28 my daughter's school class took part in a full day's water safety school visit using the learner's pool.

I was somewhat taken aback to hear on Morning Report that the pool was closed due to earthquake concerns and that an interim report provided to the council in September of this year identified these concerns.

If that was the case why was the pool open to the public and children once the earthquake concerns were raised in September?

Given recent issues with Queensgate post earthquake and the action taken by the council it is extremely disappointing that they were quite happy to let this pool remain open post September and to be used by children and schools.

What a shocking decision and exceedingly poor judgement on behalf of the Lower Hutt City Council. Clearly no lessons have been learnt and the decisions makers should be held to account for this poor decision.

Vaughan Clark
Lower Hutt

GIVE PETONE RESIDENTS A BREAK

I am writing in regards to the article in the latest edition of the *Hutt News* re "Petone could end up on the harbor floor".

It really makes me cross with all these predictions as to what will happen in Petone is aired to the public, are we all supposed to up stakes and leave?

I note over the 20-odd years I have lived here, I have never been approached by the council with any proposals they wish to put in place to make the area safer. Yet every three years our rates have risen all out of proportion, and the valuations also have risen to incredible heights, whether improvements had been done or not.

A large earthquake in 1855 actually raised the land between Wellington and the Hutt Valley. So who is to say that it wouldn't happen again.

Anne Hall
Petone

A large earthquake in 1855 actually raised the land between Wellington and the Hutt Valley. Who is to say that wouldn't happen again? STUFF

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The crowd in Dowse Square was treated to festive tunes from the main stage.

Santa gets a hi-five from a young punter at Dowse Square.

Christmas in Dowse Square

Dowse Square was transformed into a beach for a day of entertainment and fun on December 16. Festive activities included giant bubble blowing, marshmallow toasting, musical performances and photo booths. **Masanori Udagawa** was there to capture the action.

Asayo Bellamy, 1, plays in the ball pit.

Locke Ward, 7, makes a Christmas decoration.

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Hockey - Agar Cup

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First in subject: Physical Education 301

TIAKI HURIA
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ESTHER TAULAPAPA SAIPANI
Samoan Parents' Association Cup for Top Year 13 Samoan Student

CubaDupa appears on the horizon

SAM TATTERSFIELD

One of Wellington's biggest street festivals is on the horizon and the acts are already lining up to show off colour and creativity.

CubaDupa is hitting the street in March next year and two acts performing with very different creative bents are Wellington dub, reggae, and soul band Tunes of I, and Auckland disability inclusive performing arts company Touch Compass.

What unites the two groups, other than sharing the Wellington Cuba St stage, and being Kiwis, was having big years.

The 21-year-old dance company has put on parades at Matariki festivals in Auckland for the past two years, as well as this year staging separate performances in Wellington and Auckland to mark International Day of Persons with Disabilities this year.

This was in addition to playing other street festivals, at Te Papa and Auckland's Q Theatre, continuing to teach at professional and hobbyist levels, and film projects - a recent one with Kelston Deaf Education Centre.

Dancers Julie Van Renen and Rodney Bell will perform Touch Compass' piece, *Drift*, a "beautiful, engaging", dance choreographed by Sarah Foster Sproull and performed entirely on wheels - Van Renen on a Segway and Bell in a manual wheelchair.

Cupa Dupa's vibrant umbrellas shield festival-goers from the evening drizzle at this year's festival.

ASA ANDERSEN/MASSEY

Wellington band Tunes of I are fresh from releasing the first single from their upcoming second album.

They've been on tour promoting their song Dangerous around the country, including playing Cuba Street's San Fran recently.

Lead singer and rhythm guitarist Conway Jeune said the last time the band played CubaDupa, in 2016, it was a "relaxed Sunday session" in Glover Park, and while that was a cool one, they hoped to ramp it up a notch this time.

"Fingers crossed for that night slot, get some real party animals out."

Jeune said the band "pride ourselves on our unassuming nature - something that we've always had going", while still caring deeply about the quality of their music, and putting on a show.

Cuba Dupa will once again hit the capital on March 30 and 31 next year. Over 17 hours, punters can catch 250 performances across seven stages as acts from around the world come to play in the coolest little capital.

For 2018's CubaDupa, 100,000 people flooded the streets and next year promises another big event.

BANDS PLAYING

- Cha Wa (New Orleans)
- Tequila Mockingbird Orchestra (Canada)
- Electric Fields (Sydney)
- Hot Potato (Sydney)
- Touch Compass (NZ)
- Alien Weaponry (NZ)
- Tunes of I (Wellington)
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Cultured Purls: Knitting group, meets Monday nights, 7pm-9pm at the River of Life Centre Cnr Lincoln Rd and High St Avalon. Cost $2, call Ange 029 9380746.

Eastern Hutt Ladies Probus Club: 2nd Tuesday every month. All ladies welcome. Hutt Bridge Club Rooms, Park Ave, 10am. Phone Lyn: 5638432 or Dorothy 9738733.

Fairfield Women's Institute: Welcoming new members to come along and join us on the first Tuesday of every month at 1pm, Knox Church hall, High St. Contact president Yvonne King on 938 4821 for more information.

Family Festive Fun Night: Bring the family for a special evening of festive stories, songs and fun at the library. December 20, 6pm, War Memorial Library, Cnr Queens Drive & Woburn Road, Lower Hutt.

Family Festive Evening: Join us for festive stories and creative card making for your loved ones. Bring a picnic dinner to enjoy at the library. December 19, 5pm, Petone Community Library, 7 Britannia Street, Petone.

Guess Who: Make your very own person card for Guess Who. The best cards will be included in Taita Library's game. January 9, 2pm, Taita Community Library, Walter Nash Centre, Taine Street, Taita.

Hutt Senior Citizens Association: Mondays club day 1pm and Thursdays housie at 12.30pm. All welcome. Ring Pat 566 7995.

Hutt Valley Retired Persons Association: New members welcome, meets on the third Tuesday of every month. Contact Trish 04 972 6640 or 021 2096 201 for details.

Junior Youth Club: Every Sunday from 12.30pm to 2.30pm at the Moera Community Cottage, 105 Randwick Cres.

Kaumatua Tramping Club: Love the outdoors? Join us and explore the Wellington region. Phone: (04) 568 3221 Email: info@kaumatuatc.org.nz for our brochure. HVTC Club Rooms, Birch Street Reserve, Lower Hutt.

Knitting Group: Thursdays 10am to 11.45am Donations of wool welcome. Moera Community House.

Free Playgroup: Creators at-home playgroup. Wednesdays 9.30am-11.30am at Uniting Church Waiwhetu, cnr Grenville and Trafalgar Sts. Koha towards hot drinks.

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Lower Hutt Adults Colouring-In Group: Enjoy an hour or two of stress relief and fun, plus a cuppa. Materials supplied to get you started . No Charge. Contact: Julie 566 2006.

Lower Hutt (Host) Lions Club: Meets at Avalon Park Pavilion (Corner of Fairway and Taita Dr), Lower Hutt on first and third Tuesdays at 6pm. All enquiries to Owen (Pres) 04 569 1592.

Naenae Knitting Natters: Naenae Community Hall Meeting Room every Wednesday from 10am. If you have any wool you would like to donate contact Christine 567 7446.

People with Disabilities Crafts: Fridays 10.30am to 11.30am at Moera Community House.

Pen Haven Writers Group: Second Monday every month. 7pm-8:30pm at Petone Community House, 6 Britannia St, Petone. $3 cover charge. Contact Carol 021825583.

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What's On

FAMILY & COMMUNITY

Posture Plus Pilates: SDA Church Hall, 50 Witako Street - Community weekly sessions for all age groups. Fridays 10.30-11.30am. Learn exercises to help prevent injuries. $5 per session. Newcomers welcome. Seventh Day Adventist Church, 50 Witako St., Epuni.

REBUS Club Petone: Monthly meetings, activities for active older people who enjoy interacting and engaging with others with similar interests. New members welcome. Fourth Wednesday monthly. Contact rebus.pet.@gmail.com or Craig 560-2978. 10am-12pm, Petone Central Bowling Club, Roxburgh Grove, Alicetown, Family and Community

Rimutaka Lions Club: 1st and 3rd Monday at 6.30pm at King Lion Hall, King Street, Upper Hutt. All enquiries to Adrian 526 3227.

Silverstream Lions Club: 1st and 3rd Wednesdays from 6.30 pm at the Silverstream Firestation, Kiln Street, Upper Hutt. All enquiries to John on 5284429. 6pm, Silverstream Lions Club, Kiln Street, Silverstream.

Sixties Up: Brown Owl, meets at 10am, 1st and 3rd Friday each month at St Peter Chanel Centre, cnr Fergusson Drive and Bernadette Drive. Contact 938 3818. Maidstone, meets at 1.15 pm, 2nd and 4th Friday each month at Hapai Club, Fergusson Drive. Contact 526 9459. Moonshine, meets at 1.30 pm, 2nd and 4th Wednesday each month at Masonic hall, Islington Street. Contact 971 3213. Upper Hutt, meets at 10am, 2nd and 4th Friday each month at the Cossie Club, Logan Street. Contact 528 3337.

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Start 2019 with Hutt Timebank: Come along to our first Orientaion of the year and learn how timebanking can enrich your life. Share your skills, make new friends and get help. E-mail: hutttimebank@gmail.com or 02102434953. January 30, 7:30pm, Alicetown Community Centre, 38 Victoria Street, Alicetown.

Stitch in at Expressions: Members of the Upper Hutt Embroiderers welcome others to bring their stitching and join them in the foyer at Expressions third Thursday of every month 1.30pm - 3.30 pm.

Stitches Group: Fridays 9.45am to 11.45am at Moera Community House.

Summer Show featuring Begonias+Fuchsias: Join Hutt Valley Horticultural Society as it shows off sensational seasonal blooms. Saturday 9 February 12 noon to 3:30pm and Sunday 10 February 10am to 3:30pm. Entry $3 (adults) Plant sales available. February 9, 12pm February 10, 3:30pm, Walter Nash Centre, 22 Taine Street, Taita.

Toddler Hop: Victory Christian Centre, 445 High Street, music and movement for 0-5 years, 10am-11.30am, Fridays, $1 per child / $2 per family /$5 professional caregivers.

Upper Hutt Chess Club: Meet at Hapai Building, Fergusson Drive, every Monday at 7.30pm. Enquiries contact Roger Smith 9716528.

Upper Hutt Grey Power: Meet at Hapai Clubrooms on the third Wednesday of the month 1.30pm-2.45pm.

Upper Hutt Save the Children: Wesley Centre, 1 Benzie Ave, meets for morning tea and a speaker, every second Tuesday of the month, 10am, cost $5, phone Jeanette 528-2750.

Upper Hutt Spinners & Weavers: Share knowledge and a cuppa. Meets Tuesdays 9:30am-12pm, Wednesdays 7-9pm, Sundays 1-3pm. Trentham Railway Station.

Upper Hutt Stroke Carers Support Group: Meet fortnightly Tuesdays 10.30 - 12pm. Are you feeling overwhelmed or alone caring for a loved one? Get support from other carers, and gain knowledge through shared experience. Confidential and friendly. For further details contact: Christine 977 5815 Jenny 529 8331 or Virginia 5278371.

WPRR Writing Group: Meets every 3rd Saturday from 11am to 12.30pm at Writers Plot Readers Read Bookshop, 2/893 Fergusson Dr, Upper Hutt (opposite the Railway station). $5 with refreshments provided. Further details phone 5284549.

WELLINGTON CHRISTMAS MARKETS

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What's On

SPORT, EXERCISE & OUTDOORS

Arthritis Exercise Group: Upper Hutt Cossie Club, gentle exercises specifically designed for people with arthritis, meets on the second and fourth Thursday each month, 10.30-11.30am, $3 per session, contact irene.e.james45@gmail.com.

Inline Hockey: Rimutaka Renegades and the Hutt City Hawks are looking for new players. Have a go days in Upper and Lower Hutt. Contact Sandy for more information at sanimmo@xtra.co.nz or 0276634344.

Music and Fitness sessions: Awaken Church, 1048 Fergusson Dr, Upper Hutt, movement and music sessions, Tuesdays, 10am.

Nordic Walking: Maidstone Park Rugby Clubrooms, Mondays, 12.30-1.20pm Free.

Naenae Petanque Club: Welcomes new members for a fun outdoor game, we play on Thursdays and Sundays at 1pm next to the new Bowling Hub, Treadwell St, Naenae or phone Judy 5772582.

Petanque: Maidstone Park Terrain, Fridays 1.30pm and Tuesdays 10.30am, FREE.

Silverstream Petanque: Wednesdays and Sundays 1.30pm. Equipment and coaching provided. Contact Lorraine 5287328 or Claire 9724406. 37 Dunns Street, Silverstream.

Sit and Be Fit Exercises: Tuesdays and Thursdays 1.30pm to 2.30pm at Moera Community House.

Sit & Be Fit: Easy exercise to music, Fridays 10am. Awaken City Church 1048 Fergusson Drive.

Ten Pin Bowling: Social or competitive. Come along and meet new friends, learn to bowl and go into a team. Limited vacancies. WEdnesday mornings 9.30am-noon. Phone Barbara on 567 5194. Also in Porirua on Tuesdays 9.30-noon. Phone 567 5194.

Upper Hutt Walking and Tramping Club: Welcomes new members of all fitness levels. Keep fit exploring tracks in Hutt Valley and neighbouring regions. Meets weekly Sunday AM. Trip list available on www.uhwtc.org.nz OR phone Helen 9702046.

Upper Hutt Petanque: Maidstone Park, Tuesdays 10.25am, Fridays & Sundays 1.25pm.Phone Paul 9762016. Maidstone park, Park St.

Walking Group: Petone Community House, 6 Britannia St, mainly flat walks for the over 60s, Thursdays, twice monthly, info: Shirley, 589-8917.

Walking Group: Open to all ages. For information contact Richard 0275661335. Saturday morning 7.30am meet at the Melling train station, Wednesday nights 6pm Meet at The River Of Life Church car park Lincoln Ave.

Laughter Yoga: To de-stress and have fun, no yoga poses but breathing, laughter and childlike playfulness. Plunket Rooms 21 Tawai Street, every Monday 6.30-7.30. Gold coin donation. Check out www.laughteryoga.org and inquiries to Clare 939-8030.

THEATRE, FILM AND DANCE

English Country Dancing: St Margaret's Church, Silverstream, Monday afternoons, 1pm to 2.30pm, ph Stella 972 0783 or Ruth 528 8332.

Dancing Santas!: Catch a little Christmas cheer. Performance times: 12 noon outside Fresh Bun, Main Street and 2pm Wheeler's Footwear corner of Main/Geange Streets. For more dates, times and locations: https://www.facebook.com/UpperHuttCityCentre/. December 22, 12pm, Upper Hutt City Centre, Main Street, Ebdentown

Scottish Dance Classes: Have a go at Scottish Country Dancing! First night free. Children's class 6:30pm, adults 7:30pm. Visitors and spectators welcome. More info www.lowerhuttscd.org.nz or email lowerhutt@dancescottish.org.nz. 6:30pm-9:30pm, Epuni Community Hall, cnr Mitchell St and Oxford Tce, Epuni.

EXHIBITIONS, MUSIC AND COMEDY

Hutt Valley Orchestra: Hutt Valley Orchestra rehearses Mondays 7.30pm to 9.30pm. More violin players welcome. Visit www.hvo.org.nz or call Angela 021 174 4280. 7:30pm-9:30pm, St Mark's Church, 58 Woburn Rd, Lower Hutt.

Hutt Valley Ukulele Orchestra: Petone Working Men's Club on Thursdays, 7-8.30pm.

Hutt Valley Singers: New members are welcome. Contact Sue for more information on info@huttvalleysingers.org.nz or 9767176. 7:10pm, Petit Centre, Fergusson Dr, Upper Hutt.

Sunday Strum: Expressions, 836 Fergusson Dr, Upper Hutt ukulele group meets for a jam session, listen or join in, on the first Sunday of each month, 2-3pm.

Upper Hutt Country Music Club: Masonic Hall 27 Islington Street, Trentham, all welcome, meets every second Sunday from 6.30pm. Enquiries contact Yvonne 528 2793.

Ukulele Classes in Naenae: Naenae Community Hall, Everest Ave, all welcome to play the ukulele, and enjoy a coffee and chat, Thursdays, 1pm-2.30pm, entry by koha, contact Christine 567 7446.

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Only see The Grinch at a pinch

Review

The Grinch (G, 90 mins)
Directed by Yarrow Cheney and Scott Mosier
Reviewed by **James Croot** ★★★

Third time definitely isn't quite the charm for adaptations of Dr Seuss' beloved Christmas tale.

Following in the footsteps of the beloved 1966 Chuck Jones-animated TV version and Jim Carrey's oddly endearing 2000 take, this *Grinch* follows the Illumination Entertainment template a little too closely to truly inspire.

While there's plenty of Seussian-inspired mayhem and wordplay taken directly from the original 1957 book *How the Grinch Stole Christmas*, it's sometimes buried under thick layers of cookie-cutter schmaltz and predictable modern-day animated storytelling.

Like *Despicable Me*, we have a scheming curmudgeon with a diabolical plan and adorable moppets aiming to change his mind. The travails of motherhood and the legacy of childhood trauma are borrowed from *Sing* and there are enough scene-stealing animals here (some of them delightful) to populate a whole new instalment of *The Secret Life of Pets*.

For those unfamiliar with the story, it focuses on a green-furred hermit (voiced by *Sherlock*'s Benedict Cumberbatch) whose hatred of Christmas has grown exponentially in the 53 years he has lived in close proximity to the town of Whoville.

"A town like your town, if your town was a dream", the residents can't get enough of the festive season, devoting three whole weeks to its celebration every year.

But the current mayor's decision to triple their efforts, coupled with a severe bout of emotional eating forcing the Grinch into town at the worst-possible time, finally drives our anti-hero past breaking point.

His solution? Take a little inspiration from Santa Claus, and relieve Whoville of all their presents and Christmas trappings in the early hours of the big day. But what he hasn't reckoned on is a big-hearted little girl who is determined to capture the man in the big red suit so she can ask him to help her struggling single mum.

For all its faults, there is a lot to like about *The Grinch* as diverting holiday season entertainment though.

The animation is top-notch and unlikely to cause as many nightmares as Carrey and company's grotesque prosthetics.

Likewise, Pharrell Williams is an entertaining narrator, while Danny Elfman evokes memories of his work with Tim Burton (particularly on *The Nightmare Before Christmas*) with an eclectic score and soundtrack that includes tunes by Tyler, the Creator and The Brian Setzer Orchestra.

And while most of Whovillians aren't exactly memorable, Cumberbatch brings the right tone of cynicism and decades of hurt feelings to the eponymous Grinch (there's a hint of Larry David about his take).

Benedict Cumberbatch brings the right tone of cynicism to The Grinch.

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GARDENING

Christmas joy in the garden

SHERYN CLOTHIER

I rarely venture into town and have grown to loathe rather than celebrate the cheesy commercialisation of Christmas that seems to start as soon as the weird and irrelevant Halloween decorations disappear. But I do love a party and am thoroughly enjoying the Christmas decorations that are appearing – much earlier this year – in my garden.

Most noticeable is the redcurrant.

Laden with bright red berries under its lush green leaves, it could feature on Christmas cards if anyone sends them any more. They make great garnishes for Christmas party plates or decorations for the table.

I have in previous years dried them to add to fruit cakes and my friend recently told me that she stews and freezes them to make jellies and desserts in winter. Currants have been extremely easy to grow for me in the Waikato.

They prefer a cool climate rather than a hot one and will withstand and even enjoy a winter snow.

They are one of the few plants that enjoy growing in the shade, though they like a bit of morning sun. Cuttings or rooted sticks from friends have all taken without fail for me and they seem to thrive with little care and attention other than the basics of good soil and regular water.

Christmas wouldn't be complete without my big bowl of raspberries to go with the pavlova. I grow a range of varieties which start producing at the beginning of December and I would love to share with you the name of the one that is in full flush at Christmas time but it is a sucker given to me by a friend that has flourished.

Again, raspberries are understorey plants that don't mind dappled shade, and there are some varieties that stay short but send up shoots from the roots some distance away.

To keep these contained, I mow down the side of the row.

Other ones grow tall and straggly but stay in a clump. These I wish I had espaliered along a wall, as my fence is too short for them.

Both need annual doses of compost to keep them healthy and productive and an annual pruning to remove the old wood – they fruit on new growth.

In hindsight, I think I should have copied my uncle who planted his running raspberries in a row in his vegetable garden and allowed it to "walk" sideways.

Always prune the old wood off one side of the plant and allow the new growth to establish on the other.

This allows the plants to colonise new ground which they seem to need and makes them much easier to care for. But the embodiment of Christmas is surely the feijoa flower.

With the conspicuous stamens of the Myrtaceae family echoing our Christmas pōhutukawa, the pretty pink perfumed petals are the perfect decoration on Christmas salads.

And nice to nibble on as you pass by the tree.

Merry Christmas!

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How does your dog greet strangers?

Dog guru Jenna Crow offers her advice to dog owners on interacting with other people.

Now the colder months are behind us, we can start to take advantage of the longer, warmer days, with our dogs finally spending time outdoors, releasing all of that pent-up winter energy.

At the same time, more people are out and about, so we need to be on to it when it comes to our dogs' communications with us when in public.

One thing that can often make or break a walk is when and how strangers greet our canine friends and, with the spotlight on dogs in the community, the more knowledgeable people are, the safer both dogs and humans will be.

I like to "humanise" what I am trying to explain to people as this helps them to understand how the dogs will feel. Imagine meeting someone for the first time, and as they approach, you hold out your hand for a handshake. Then they walk straight past and end up centimetres away from your face while staring into your eyes, or pat the top of your head and boop you on the nose, or even worse, they share a massive hug – pretty weird and intimidating! I know all my natural instincts would be telling me to put my guard up and protect myself.

Just like us, dogs have their own personal space that needs to be respected. They tend to feel more comfortable when they are not on guard or put into a situation where they think they need to defend themselves or their humans.

When a dog allows someone into "his space", we need to let him choose the pace and how long he wants the new person near him. If someone new is approaching, and you notice that the dog has gone from being nice and relaxed to a rigid stance with eyes locked on the person and then he slowly backs up (prior to even meeting the person), that is a huge warning sign that he does not want to meet the person.

However, should the dog remain relaxed and open to the idea of greeting the new person, then we strongly suggest that, as soon as he starts to show positive interest in someone walking towards him, you ask the dog to sit or stay next to you, keeping the lead loose. As the new person gets closer, keep asking the dog to stay. (Once is usually enough, however if you haven't used the command in a while, saying it a couple of times reminds him faster what is required.)

It's a good idea to give the person a treat to offer to the dog (just ask them to hold their hand out and let the dog take it from them), as we all know the easiest way to a dog's heart is with treats. If the dog's body language is still positive, you can then let the person know that it is ok to greet him. To keep the experience positive for the dog, please make sure that the person is not staring directly into his eyes, and that they do not reach over the head or pat him on the head.

Once the new person has managed to initiate a nice greeting with the dog, we ask that you remain relaxed but keep an eye on the dog's body language. If you notice that he is starting to move away from the person, make sure you let him (and provide him with enough space to do so), as that is his way of telling us that he has had enough of the greeting and is now ready to move on.

Please remember that our dogs are able to tell a lot from our body language and the way we hold the lead. If possible, try to remain calm at all times (no matter what is going on), as they will pick up on any changes in our behaviour, and this will put them on high alert.

Finally, never forget that dogs can speak, but only to those who truly know how to listen.

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Jenna Crow's eight-year-old Blue Heeler, Anzac.

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Region's birds show their true colours

AMBER-LEIGH WOOLF

Hundreds of gulls painted in shades or orange, blue and green are now flying above Wellington.

Wellington Airport organised for the black-backed gulls found in the region's landfills to be painted so they could be tracked to see how they contributed to birdstrike.

Head of operations Matt Palliser said the favourable weather enabled the birds to be spray-painted at the Southern, Spicer (Porirua) and Silverstream landfills.

"If it's applied correctly and we've got the right conditions, they will be bright blue, bright apple green and bright orange."

At Spicer and Silverstream, they had already painted about 400-600 birds, and at the Southern Landfill about 200, he said.

Painting started on Monday last week and may continue till this week.

To prepare the birds for their new, coloured finery, gulls at the landfills had been sprayed with water.

The food grade-quality dye used was not harmful to the birds or the environment and is designed to wash off after two to four weeks.

Members of the public have been asked to contribute to the study by reporting sightings of the coloured gulls on Wellington Airport's website.

The study, believed to be the first of its kind in New Zealand, will also help track birds' nesting and migrating movement patterns, subsequently tracked by GPS.

Southern black-backed gulls - one of only two native bird species not protected by the Wildlife Act - are known for posing a threat to aircraft taking off and landing.

"If it's applied correctly and we've got the right conditions, they will be bright blue, bright apple green and bright orange."
Matt Palliser

Southern Landfill operations manager Darren Hoskins sends the orange paint out into the sky. KEVIN STENT/STUFF

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Sola Power fuels results

Athletes from Lower Hutt's Sola Power Throwing Academy were in the medals at the recent Polynesian Championships in Tahiti.

Nathaniel Sulupo (pictured) snagged a gold for Samoa in the senior mens discus with a throw of 53.04 metres and a silver in the senior mens shot put.

Sean Howe, representing New Zealand, earned a pair of silver medals in the boys under 18 discus and boys under 18 shot put.

The academy also had about a dozen athletes compete at the New Zealand Secondary Schools championships in Dunedin this month.

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Pokes at Parker were unjustified

MAD BUTCHER

Poor Joseph Parker just cannot win. He's been slammed in the media for not having enough aggression and for being too nice a bloke to succeed in boxing.

To be fair, you would go a long way to find a nicer bloke, but after back to back losses, he dispensed with Alexander Flores in Christchurch and all the media could write about was low blows.

There was the usual piffle from keyboard warriors about how Flores was so untalented that the win was utterly meaningless but I am pretty confident the guys who write this rubbish never set foot in a ring themselves.

I went down to Christchurch for the fight and I was not disappointed. Sure, Flores may be a step down in class to Anthony Joshua and Dillian Whyte, but you can only fight the guy in front of you, and Joseph demolished the Mexican-American in some style.

And, talking about winning in style, what about Manu Vatuvei in his pro debut? He sent Dave Letele The Brown Butterbean through the ropes in round one and it was a peach of a blow that not too many would have got up from. I had Canterbury Crusaders' Razor Robinson as my guest and he was stoked to meet Manu after his fight, and he also spent a bit of time in line to meet Joseph and he was absolutely thrilled to meet both men.

Dave is no mug, and while he uses boxing as a promotional tool for his life-changing work with people suffering from obesity, I have a nagging suspicion he might have taken the former Vodafone Warriors winger a bit lightly, especially with a lot of people writing about how they were none too sure about the value of the fight, fearing Manu might take a bit of a pasting.

Manu's former teammate Monty Betham schooled him up and was in his corner, and fair play to Monty, he did it out of love and respect for his friend, not for a pay-day.

I spoke to Dave after the fight and again on Sunday, and he is fine, just his pride a bit wounded, but he is already raring to go and get back into helping others.

Meanwhile, it was a big week for rugby league too, with the NZRL awards announced, with Jared Waerea-Hargreaves Kiwi of the Year and Honey Hireme the best Kiwi Fern.

Rooster Waerea-Hargreaves had one of his best seasons in the black and white, and was crucial in the Kiwis' historic 26-24 win over Australia.

Kiwis coach Michael Maguire says Waerea-Hargreaves puts a lot of time into discussing the growth of the Kiwis, with his experience invaluable in mentoring younger players.

Hireme won the same award back in 2012 and the Dragon was typically modest, recognising the efforts of the other finalists, Kimiora Nati and Aieshaleigh Smalley, teammates, family, management and coaching staff.

Vodafone Warrior Ken Maumalo won Rookie of the Year after earning his Kiwis call-up in Denver and going on to play in all five 2018 Kiwis tests, scoring four tries.

Joining Maumalo in playing her first test, Onjeurlina Leiataua was rewarded for her break-out season with the Warriors women's team, and for the part she played in the Kiwi Ferns' narrow loss to Australia as the women's game's top rookie.

Isaiah Papali'i won Junior of the Year for the second year, having got his Kiwis debut in England after leading the Junior Kiwis.

All that leaves me is the obvious. Have a great Christmas and be safe out there.

Canterbury Crusaders coach Razor Robinson joined the Mad Butcher for fight night and was delighted to meet league legend Manu Vatuvei, who fought on the undercard.

Merry Christmas to all – the Mad Butcher.

Students from BLENNZ, a school for low vision children, at Wellington's Circa Theatre ahead of a special audio-described performance. CIRCA THEATRE, CAMERON BURNELL/ FAIRFAX NZ

Accessible theatre visits on the increase

ELEANOR WENMAN

What kind of mandarin is it? Is it puffed up, easy to peel? Or wrapped tightly in its skin?

Describing something perfectly – either with your voice or in sign language – can be a difficult job, but it's one that is growing in museums and theatres around the country, opening art to everyone, including people with low vision, low hearing or learning difficulties.

Paralympic swimmer Mary Fisher spent her weekend with students from the low vision school BLENNZ, taking in an accessible version of *Puss In Boots* at Circa Theatre.

She said for comedies especially, visuals were important and she could recall sitting in theatres, not understanding why everyone else was laughing.

But a Touch Tour before the show, and a trained audio describer, made a real difference for low-vision audience members.

"It's really satisfying when you can engage meaningfully with something you wouldn't be able to normally," she said.

"Having access to all parts of society, be it education, employment or participating in the arts, all those things lessen isolation and get people engaged in the community."

Trained audio describer and Te Papa host Judith Jones has described everything from events, artworks and now plays.

She described the *Puss In Boots* pantomime for Fisher and the BLENNZ students, speaking into their ears through headphones, seeking the right gaps in the dialogue to explain what was happening.

"The key thing in theatre is using these tools to make what's already happening a really rich experience for people," Jones said.

To that end a Touch Tour was included in the performance, where students could get up close with costumes and props, and meet actors and their characters.

"I think people are just really getting to understand there is an option that works for as many people as possible.

"Some people are still amazed that this is happening."

Circa Theatre's Georgia Latief said the number of accessible performances, including sign language shows and "relaxed" performances for young people with learning difficulties, were on the rise.

The theatre has hosted more than half a dozen performances over the last year and requests have already rolled in about adding more for its 2019 season.

"We want everything to feel welcome," Latief said.

From Bats Theatre to the Royal New Zealand Ballet, more and more theatres and art groups are adding accessible performances to their runs to feed a growing demand. For Jones, there was no question why art should be accessible to everyone: according to the Office for Disability Issues, 25 per cent of Kiwis are limited by a physical, sensory, learning, mental health or other impairment.

"Theatre's a social thing, coming to the museum is a social thing," she said.

"I think it's lovely to have everyone able to come, sit back and enjoy it."

She also hosts sensory tours at Te Papa incorporating smells and touch into an exhibit.

"They can make a really rich exhibition for themselves."

Creating accessible theatre and tours was a work of collaboration: from education with groups like Arts Access Aotearoa, to listening to feedback from people who attended, the scene is constantly evolving.

"A normal theatre experience you just sit and watch," Latief said. "We want to provide a fuller experience."

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OPINION: The clock is ticking. You can watch the seconds tick down before the transaction is cancelled. You have to make a decision.

Oh, no! Two hundred and five people are currently looking at this item, and there are only three left in stock.

To buy stuff online is to witness some of the most manipulative sales practices Kiwi shoppers are exposed to.

Every type of retailer has its scientifically tested tricks to get you to buy things on their terms.

They quickly become so ubiquitous, they don't even seem abnormal after a time. I mean, imagine the Briscoes checkout operator telling you: "People who bought plates today also bought mugs and doormats."

"When it comes to money, less (stuff) is actually more (money)."

You'd laugh at how ridiculous that was, wouldn't you? Yet that formula is normal online.

But for me, the nastiest and most manipulative of the online shopping tricks is the transaction countdown clock.

I am inclined to see it as horribly fake. It has only one aim, which is to pressure people into making a purchase.

I'd always assumed this was a pet hate of mine alone. But the Commerce Commission's *Consumer Issues* report, published this month, shows me I'm not alone.

"Some traders, especially those selling online, have developed marketing techniques that some consumers tell us have caused them to make hurried, spontaneous purchases," the report says.

"For example, an accommodation site may state that only one discounted room remains available, introduce a price-hold for only a few minutes or represent constant purchases by other consumers.

"Consumers describe finding it difficult to verify the accuracy of these representations. These techniques are also used on some travel sites and ticket reselling sites. Consumers report that, as a result of such representations, they have made hasty purchase decisions that they regret."

I've developed my own e-commerce strategies, and I am sure I am not alone in this. These are my self-imposed rules.

Trusted sites: I buy only from a very limited number of websites run by real businesses I know. It takes a lot to make me trust an online retail business. I do trust a small number of international e-commerce giants, but for small retailers I need a legitimate New Zealand business, which I can call, whose directors I can identify as living here, and which has a physical premise I could drive to.

Assumption of fakery: I assume the clocks, the limited offers, the sales, the "205 people are looking at this item" type claims, are all fake. The more I feel pressured, the more likely I am not to buy from a retailer. I'm a bit bolshie like that.

Ticket resales: I hate the idea of being rorted so much, I would never, ever let someone else profit from reselling their ticket to me. I'd much rather go without.

No browsing: I do not browse for fun. I got over wanting to own more stuff (except books) years ago. When it comes to money, less (stuff) is actually more (money). But, I recognise the world is full of good stuff, and I know window-shopping is a good way for me to see things I might want, but not need.

Browsing shopping sites is a dangerous hobby. 123RF

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Dividing up a trust after separation

ALAN KNOWSLEY
LEGAL MATTERS

If income in a relationship is tied up in a trust it can be hard for one party to access income or assets after a relationship breakdown.

However, the court does have the power to make orders in certain circumstances.

In a recent example a couple were married 12 years ago but had recently separated. During the marriage, the main source of income which the parties relied on was from a business.

The business was established shortly before the parties were married, and the shares of the business were transferred to a trust so as to protect the parties from future business creditors. The husband was the sole trustee and beneficiary of the trust, but both spouses worked in the business.

After the parties separated, the wife wanted to know if she was entitled to any income from the business.

The Family Proceedings Act allows the court to make orders in relation to "nuptial settlements", but only after the marriage is dissolved. (Parties have to be separated for at least two years before a marriage can be dissolved). In the meantime it might be necessary to therefore make an application for spousal maintenance.

A nuptial settlement is not defined in legislation but the courts have held that a nuptial settlement will usually cover trusts created during a marriage or civil union, and can also include trusts settled in contemplation of marriage.

If a court finds that a particular trust is a nuptial settlement, it can then investigate whether, as a result of the marriage breaking down, one of the parties' expectations of provision from the trust has been defeated.

The court could then make orders to remedy that loss of expectation.

The orders the court is likely to make will depend on the length of the marriage, when the trust was settled, the original source of the assets, the contributions from either or both parties to the trust property, and the interests of the parties' children.

The couple were married for 12 years before they separated.

After the parties separated, the wife wanted to know if she was entitled to any income from the business.

In 2016 the Supreme Court decided a similar case. In that case a lengthy marriage broke down and most of the parties' assets – built up over the course of their marriage – were held in trust. The parties eventually settled out of court but the Supreme Court's judgement was that it would have resettled the nuptial settlement in question equally on two new 'his and hers' trusts.

This will not always happen when a marriage breaks down, and in some cases (for example, when a trust was an inheritance trust settled by a parent) the court has refused to make orders.

In the example here the parties eventually agreed that the wife had a reasonable expectation that the trust would continue to provide her with some level of financial support.

The parties accepted that a court could make an order that the trust be varied or assets resettled to ensure that the wife continues to be provided for even after the marriage has ended. Subsequently, the parties agreed that she would get a larger share of the family home, to compensate her for her lost expectation of support from the trust.

Just because assets are owned by a trust, does not always prevent you from accessing them. You should seek legal advice if your marital assets are in trust and your marriage has broken down.

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Parenting

WITH AUTHOR AND MOTHER OF FOUR BOYS **MARY-ANNE SCOTT**

My stepdaughter is flirting with me

Q: I have three young daughters and one stepdaughter who is older. My stepdaughter is always trying to make me look at her. We all get along well, everyone's happy and stuff, but my stepdaughter comes into my room wearing her underwear or really skimpy clothes and she hangs around trying to be grown-up. She's only 13 but she can pass for 18. She tones it down when my wife is around. I've told my wife, but she said just ignore her, she'll grow out of it.

A: This is your problem to sort and you'd better sort it quickly, because if anything goes wrong in this situation you'll be completely to blame.

It doesn't matter if this young girl can pass for 18 because she's not 18, she's a child.

You've talked about this with your wife which was wise, but that hasn't actually helped, so you need to be certain of your direction and completely in charge.

As the adult you should tell her, "go and get dressed", or, "I'll talk to you in the kitchen", or "wait out of my room, please".

This child may be testing her newly-developing adult skills, she may be completely unaware of how she looks and how she's acting, she may be compensating for a situation regarding her real father, she could be trying to prove a point to her stepsisters, or she might be subconsciously trying to get a point across to her mother.

There are any number of complex reasons as to why she's acting as you say, but there's one thing for sure: it's not about her liking you in "that way". Don't fool yourself for one minute that she's flirting with you in an adult sense.

If you avoid the word flirting, it will help you keep your head straight. Her actions are making her vulnerable and you have a duty to protect her. She may be craving attention or reassurance so think of ways to acknowledge her maturity, while still keeping you both safe.

A stepdad needs to keep his stepdaughter safe and trusting.

Your wife has said, "ignore it, she'll grow out of it". I'm not sure that's right. Explain to your wife that life is good and you want the status quo to remain stable and happy. The situation is making you uncomfortable and you intend dealing with it in such a way.

Ask for her support and then get on with being the girl's safe, trusted stepdad because that is an honourable, special position.

Mary-anne Scott has raised four boys and written three novels for young adults, all of which have been shortlisted for the NZ Book Awards for children and young adults. As one of seven sisters, there aren't many parenting problems she hasn't talked over. She is not a trained counsellor. Her advice is not intended to replace that of a professional counsellor or psychologist.
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- ¼ teaspoon turmeric
- 3 tablespoons coconut cream
- 1 teaspoon soy sauce
- 2 tablespoons coconut thread

Coconut raita
- ½ telegraph cucumber
- 2-3 teaspoons coconut cream

Greens
- 1 baby bok choy
- 1 teaspoon soy sauce
- 1 tablespoon rice wine vinegar
- ½ bag baby spinach

To serve
- 2 tablespoons coriander leaves
- 2 tablespoons mint leaves

Preheat oven to 220 degrees Celsius.

Cook rice: Combine rice, water, first measure of coconut cream and a pinch of salt in a small pot and bring to the boil. As soon as it boils, cover with a tight-fitting lid and reduce to lowest heat to cook for 12 minutes. Turn off heat and leave to steam, still covered, for a further 8 minutes. Do not lift lid during cooking.

Prep fish: Pat fish dry and remove any remaining scales or bones. Cut any larger fillets in half and season with salt. Bruise lemongrass with the back of a knife, remove tough outer layer and chop very finely. Add to a bowl with ginger, turmeric, second measure of coconut cream and first measure of soy sauce and mix well. Add fish to bowl and coat well. Transfer fish, along with marinade juices, to a lined oven tray and sprinkle over coconut thread. Cook fish in oven for about 6 minutes, until just cooked through and coconut is toasted.

Dice cucumber 1cm and place in a small bowl with third measure of coconut cream. Mix well and season. Separate bok choy leaves and set aside.

Cook vegetables: Heat a drizzle of oil in a medium fry-pan on medium-high heat. Cook bok choy for 1-2 minutes, add second measure of soy sauce and vinegar. Remove from heat and stir through spinach to wilt. Season to taste.

Serve rice topped with vegetables and fish. Dollop with coconut raita and sprinkle with coriander and mint leaves.

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Be money-wise this Christmas

Keep your wits about you to stay debt free this festive season, writes **Erin Reilly**.

With Christmas looming ever closer, it's very tempting to spend the entire contents of our bank account on flashy presents and way more food than we actually need.

During the festive season, many of us hand over our regular financial self-control to the clutches of an evil money-hungry Christmas fairy, forcing us to start the new year in a whole lot of debt.

Christmas is meant to be fun, but that doesn't mean it has to be expensive.

Set a realistic budget based on the number of gifts you want to buy and how much food you'd like in your fridge. (Remember, there should be no have-tos at Christmas time, just want-tos). If you have 10 presents to buy and you set each of them at a maximum spend of $50, that's already $500, so don't put pressure on yourself to spend more than you have.

Agree on your budget with anyone else who has access to your bank account, because no one likes money-related surprises. If you're a credit card kind of person, make it your Christmas resolution to start off the new year debt-free.

Gifting can be problematic, particularly if you have kids or partners with high expectations. If you're the buying type, ask people what they want. You might lose that surprise factor but at least anything you buy won't be a waste of money. I recently discovered a nifty gifting formula for kids – want, need, wear, read – which will cut spend and clutter in your house.

Homemade gifts can take a bit of work but can often be cheaper than their store-bought alternatives. Trawl Pinterest for affordable gift ideas that you can make in the kitchen or get the kids involved with. Buying secondhand then restoring it and making it your own is a great idea, too. Keep an eye out on Neighbourly for other people's trash that you can turn into your own treasure – pre-loved scooters, glass jars or old cubby houses.

Everyone loves a good Christmas party, but hosts frequently find that they spend way more than they really wanted to. The first rule of Christmas parties should always be potluck; getting everyone involved means that the cost is spread across the board. Ask people to bring their own drinks too to cut down on alcohol cost.

If it's too late to save money this year, plan to do things differently next year. Every time you get paid, squirrel a small amount away into another account and let it accumulate so you've got some available cash when Christmas rolls around. If you get rewards on your credit card, save them up for Christmas. And every time you have spare cash after a grocery shop, buy a couple of grocery vouchers that you can put towards your Christmas shop.

With a bit of planning, Christmas doesn't have to be stressful. Make this year the best yet with a bit of self-control and creativity.

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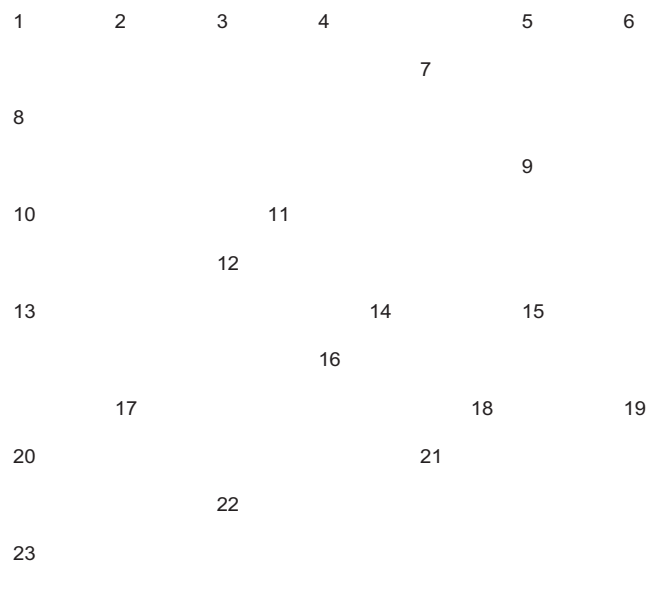
Decide on a budget and stick to it to make your Christmas debt-free.

NEW ZEALAND CROSSWORD



Across
1. Confuse (8)
7. Number of World Cups the All Blacks have taken part in (5)
8. Restrict (9)
9. Long period of time (3)
10. Leavened Indian bread (4)
11. Infer (6)
13. New Zealand exports 98% of this animal product to Asia (6)
14. Push forward (6)
17. Skilled (6)
18. Malevolent (4)
20. Government agency set up in 1950 (3)
22. Unaware (9)
23. Welcome (5)
24. 1977 film which opened in New Zealand seven months after its US premiere (4,4)

Down
1. The B in a BLT (5)
2. One of our most common native birds (7)
3. Tax on imported goods (4)
4. Departs (6)
5. Concur (5)
6. Kitchen tool (7)
7. Ask (7)
12. A long time ago (colloq) (4,3)
13. Height-induced dizziness (7)
15. Its ingredients include sugar and multiple egg whites (7)
16. A flower, a colour and a female name (6)
17. Religious building (5)
19. Leans to one side (5)
21. Finished (4)

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SUDOKU

Fill the grid so every row, column and every 3x3 box contains 1-9

1

2

THE TOP 10

1. For what is Elizabeth Fry mainly remembered?
2. In which athletics event did Bob Beamon hold an Olympic record for over 20 years?
3. In which novel do you meet Bob Cratchit and Marley's ghost?
4. Which game is also known as checkers?
5. Amman is the capital of which country?
6. Who founded the Boy Scout movement?
7. What was the name of the butler in *The Rocky Horror Picture Show*?
8. Where in the United States would you find an 18 metre high bust of President Washington?
9. A man has seven vertebrae in his neck. How many does a giraffe have?
10. In the television series *Heartbeat* what was Nick's job?

SUDOKU **1** **2**

1 Prison reform, 2 Long jump, 3 A Christmas Carol, 4 Draughts, 5 Jordan, 6 Lord Baden Powell, 7 Riff Raff, 8 Mount Rushmore, 9 Seven, 10 Policeman.

TOP 10

Across: 1. Befuddle, 7. Eight, 8. Constrain, 9. Eon, 10. Naan, 11. Deduce, 13. Velvet, 14. Propel, 17. Adroit, 18. Evil, 20. TAB, 22. Oblivious, 23. Greet, 24. Star Wars.
Down: 1. Bacon, 2. Fantail, 3. Duty, 4. Leaves, 5. Agree, 6. Utensil, 7. Enquire, 12. Year dot, 13. Vertigo, 15. Pavlova, 16. Violet, 17. Abbey, 19. Lists, 21. Over.

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9.30am	Stokes Valley Uniting (346 Stokes Valley Road)
9.30am	Waiwhetu Uniting Church (6 Trafalgar Street, Waiwhetu)
10.00am	Wainuiomata Union Church (108 Main Road, Wainuiomata)
11.00am	St John's Avalon, (986 High St, Avalon)

MONDAY 24TH DECEMBER

CHRISTMAS EVE Services will be held at:

8.00pm	Stokes Valley Uniting (346 Stokes Valley Road)
9.00pm	St Marks Wesley Church (58 Woburn Road, Lower Hutt)
7.00pm	Wainuiomata Union Church (108 Main Road, Wainuiomata)

TUESDAY 25TH DECEMBER

CHRISTMAS DAY Services will be held at:

10.00am	Waiwhetu Uniting Church (6 Trafalgar Street, Waiwhetu)
9.00am	St Aidan's on the Hill (Cnr Poto Road & Stratton St, Normandale)
9.30am	Stokes Valley Uniting (346 Stokes Valley Road)
9.00am	Wainuiomata Union Church (108 Main Road, Wainuiomata)

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Our office will be closed from
Friday 21st December 2018 - 12 midday
and we will re-open
Monday 14th January 2019 - 8.30am
We will not be a publication printing on
Tuesday 25th December or
Tuesday 1st January

Have a Fun and Safe Christmas Holiday from the Team at the Hutt News

Hutt City Council hereby gives notice, in accordance with the provisions of section 157 of the Local Government Act 2002, that at its meeting on 11 December 2018, it formally established, **effective 19 December 2018**, the following bylaws:

- Hutt City Council Control of Animals Bylaw 2018
- Hutt City Council Prevention of Nuisance from Fires and Smoke Bylaw 2018

These 2018 bylaws replace the existing Hutt City Council 2008 Control of Animals and Fire Prevention Bylaws.

The bylaws are available on line at www.huttcity.govt.nz or can be viewed at the Council Administration Building at 30 Laings Road, Hutt City.

Tony Stallinger
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Thank you very much for all your support

Public Notices

PUBLIC NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR A ON LICENCE

Section 101, Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act 2012

Racks Ltd T/A Champers Motor Inn has made application to the District Licensing Committee at Lower Hutt for the **renewal of an ON licence** in respect of the premises situated at **6-10 Pharazyn Street, Lower Hutt** known as **Champers Motor Inn.** The general nature of the business conducted under the licence is **Motel.** The days on which alcohol is sold under the licence are **Monday to Sunday 7am to 1am the following day.** The application may be inspected during ordinary offices hours at the office of the Lower Hutt District Licensing Committee at the Council Administration Building, 30 Laings Road, Lower Hutt 5010. Any person who is entitled to object and who wishes to object to the renewal of the licence may, not later than 15 working days after the date of the first publication of this notice, file a notice in writing of the objection with the Secretary of the District Licensing Committee at: **Council Administration Building, 30 Laings Road, Private Bag 31912, Lower Hutt 5040 / email to sol@huttcity.govt.nz** No objection to the renewal of a licence may be made in relation to a matter other than a matter specified in Section 131 of the Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act 2012. **Note:** copies of any objections received will be forwarded to the applicant. **This is the second publication of this notice, first was 11/12/18**

Public Notices

PRAYER TO THE VIRGIN MARY
(Never known to fail)

O most beautiful flower of Mt Carmel, fruit of the vine, splendorous of Heaven, Blessed Mother of the Son of God. Immaculate Virgin, assist me in this my necessity. O Star of the Sea, help me and show me here in you are my Mother. O Holy Mary, Mother of God, Queen of Heaven and Earth, I humbly beseech you from the bottom of my heart to succour me in my necessity. There are none that can withstand your power. O show me here you are my Mother. O Mary conceived without sin pray for us who have recourse to thee (3 times). Holy Mary I place this cause in your hands (3 times). Thank you for your mercy towards me and mine. **AMEN**

This prayer must be said for three days and after that the request will be granted and the prayer must be published.

WE-8266550AC **RB**

Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act 2012 Section 101,

Beare Haven Investments Limited trading as Pak'N Save Lower Hutt in respect of the premises situated at **20 Brunswick Street, Lower Hutt,** has made application to the District Licensing Committee at Lower Hutt for the **renewal of an Off-Licence,** known as **Pak'N Save Lower Hutt.**

The general nature of the business conducted under the licence is **Supermarket.**

The days on which and the hours during which alcohol is sold under the licence are:

Monday to Sunday (7 Days) 7am to 10pm

The application may be inspected during ordinary office hours at the office of the Lower Hutt District Licensing Committee at the Council Administration Building, 30 Laings Road, Lower Hutt 5010.

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Landfill Hours

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Recycling/Refuse Collections

As Christmas and New Year fall on a Tuesday this year, refuse and recycling that would normally be collected on a Tuesday will, over the Christmas and New Year period, be collected on Saturday 22 December and Saturday 29 December 2018.

Please remember to have your bags and bins kerbside by 7.30am.

Please remember the 3Rs over Christmas / New Year and Reduce Reuse, and Recycle your waste.

Tony Stallinger
CHIEF EXECUTIVE

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- **Reynolds Bach Drive from a point 250 metres south of Eastern Hutt Road to the end**

PERIOD OF CLOSURE
Tuesday 1st January 2019
1:00am - 6:00pm

It will be an offence under the above Act for any person otherwise than under authority of an authorised permit, to enter or attempt to enter, be present on, or use a vehicle on the above road during the time of the road closure.

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Owner-operator Xung La opened the Jackson Street restaurant in August. Known to one and all as "Song", he is more than happy with how the specialist steak and seafood restaurant is being received, supported and appreciated by diners.

"So far for us it has been very good and we are very happy with the numbers of locals and people from throughout the Hutt Valley who are coming to us. We are also very satisfied with the large number of return customers we are seeing," he said.

"We are European influenced in our culinary style and our menu offers a wide range of choice for everyone, through all the courses.

"Myself and all the staff here are all about making dining with us a fantastic experience and one to be repeated," Song said. "We refuse to compromise on quality in what we offer and we are also proud that we can deliver the best of experiences at a price range that diners can both afford and enjoy."

In line with the value-for-money approach The Simply Grill Kitchen stakes its reputation on, it offers an Early Bird Special every evening where, from 5pm to 6.30pm, diners can enjoy two 300-gram rump steak meals (with potato gratin, green beans and a choice of sauce) for a combined price of only $40.

Other specials include the top value Sunday Roast (roasted pork with roasted seasonal vegetables and red wine sauce) at just $20 a person, while The Simply Grill also has Happy Hour cocktails every day from 5pm to 7pm.

The Simply Grill Kitchen owner-operator Xung La, known to all as Song.

"Another feature we have is our house-made desserts that are a stand-out for their freshness and unique taste," Song said.

The menu, while premised on steak and seafood grilling combinations, also offers plenty of good-value choice for vegetarian diners with a wide selection including one of Song's personal favourites, a herb and mushroom risotto. "We definitely have people returning for the risotto which I appreciate. We can also provide for vegan diners and are happy to accommodate all dietary requirements."

Song made the move to open The Simply Grill Kitchen at its top location at 230 Jackson Street after more than 15 years as a chef in Wellington.

Tastefully refurbished in a relaxed and welcoming style, The Simply Grill Kitchen seats up to 70 people and is also ideal for private events and functions.

The Simply Grill Kitchen is fully licensed with a comprehensive range of wine and beer, including a top selection of craft beers.

Open seven evenings a week, from 5pm till late, The Simply Grill Kitchen is also open for brunch with a comprehensive menu on Fridays, 10am-3pm, and Saturdays and Sundays 10am-3pm.

The Simply Grill Kitchen, 230 Jackson St, Petone, phone 213-9391. For more, including menus and a photo gallery, see www.simplygrill.co.nz

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Motoring

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DAVID LINKLATER

You wait ages for a petrol-powered Maserati Levante, then two show up at once. An entry-level twin-turbo V6 "350" model has now joined the flagship S (and those diesels of course) in the range.

MAKE ME AN INSTANT EXPERT: WHAT DO I NEED TO KNOW?

Maserati is famous for being very Italian. It's also famous for having an intricate and rather confusing array of models that seem to be constantly multiplying.

So here we go. Hard on the heels of the first petrol-powered version of its Levante SUV, the 321kW/580Nm 3.0-litre V6 twin-turbo S, comes a second petrol version.

It's rather informally called the "350" because that's the number of horses under the bonnet. If you're joining us here in 2018, that's 257kW/500Nm, which is quite a bit less than the S but also saves you $47,810.

In fact, the 350 is the new entry point to the Levante range; the cheapest diesel is nearly $10,000 more.

There must be a catch, right? There really isn't. As expected, it's slower than the S – but only by 0.8 seconds to 100kmh. The 350 is visually identical and the equipment levels across the range are exactly the same.

Maserati justifies the massive price difference by saying that the twin-turbo engines in the 257kW and 321kW models are quite different . . . without being terribly specific.

The powertrain basics are the same: both still made by Ferrari and driving through an eight-speed automatic gearbox, including Maserati's Q4 all-wheel-drive system with mechanical limited-slip differential.

The Q4 system is rear-drive in normal conditions, but it can transfer up to 50 per cent of torque to the front in just 150 milliseconds. There's also torque vectoring by braking at the rear.

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WHERE DID YOU DRIVE IT?

Maserati's media launch for the Levante 350 was a kind of hop-in, hop-out affair as the cars did a bit of a loop around New South Wales and the Australian Capital Territory.

Our bit involved a start at Bathurst, including a very careful 50kmh lap of the iconic circuit (which is a public road when it's not being a world-famous racetrack), then a backroads blast towards the seat of Aussie power in Canberra.

In press-on conditions, the 350 was 90 per cent as enjoyable as the vastly more expensive S. There's barely any less torque in real-world driving (80Nm down, but the peak arrives at lower engine speed), but, more importantly, the exhaust note is every bit as stirring. Pneumatic valves open automatically in sport mode to create proper Maserati music that has to be heard to be appreciated.

Arguably, the biggest downside to the 350 is that you're not gaining a lot in terms of fuel economy. With a combined figure of 10.7 litres per 100km, it's only 0.2 litres more frugal than the more powerful model. But you can buy a lot of petrol for $47,000.

Weather conditions were pretty mixed on our two-day drive and some very wet roads were another chance for the Levante's clever chassis to shine. The air suspension and chassis electronics are a mighty combination: this is a 2.1-tonne SUV that goes very hard.

Integrated Vehicle Control, a kind of predictive stability control, has been added to the range for 2019, but it does little to interfere with the engaging nature of the handling.

WHAT'S THE PICK OF THE RANGE?

The Levante comes in three models: standard, GranSport and GranLusso (sports and luxury themed respectively). The extra bling and posher trim is nice to have, but stepping from the entry car to either of the other two raises the price by a horrendous $22,810.

Maybe Maserati people don't care, but it's really hard to see the value when the cheapest car is still so well equipped, with an identical powertrain and four-wheel drive system.

There's method in these pricing machinations: the $162,800 GranSport and GranLusso sit neatly halfway between the price-leading 350 and the cheapest Levante S petrol. So there's a clear walk up through the range. But it does still seem that when you're finished walking, you empty out your wallet.

So the smart money's on the $139,990 entry model. It's a lot of Italian SUV for the price and the less pretentious trim is a better fit for the Levante's cabin, which is of excellent quality but far from avant garde (and still relies on quite a lot of Jeep switchgear and infotainment OS).

WHY WOULD I BUY IT?

Because it's absolutely the best Levante you can buy in terms of bang for your buck: musical engine, awesome chassis and an exotic badge on the grille. It's also nearly $10,000 cheaper than the equivalent Porsche Cayenne.

WHY WOULDN'T I BUY IT?

Because if you want a Maserati, you want the best (meaning more powerful and expensive) one regardless of how little sense that makes; so you go for the petrol S regardless. It's only $747 per extra kilowatt after all.

Or because the Levante's cabin design and layout doesn't have the cohesive execution and techy ambience of its German rivals, despite some tweaks for the updated 2019 model; so you go for something SUV-shaped from Porsche, Audi, BMW or Mercedes-Benz.

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MOTORING

Fewer prickles, more comfort in new C4 Cactus

DAVID LINKLATER

Citroen wants to return to its roots of comfort and quirkiness. The new C4 Cactus, which goes on sale in New Zealand from January, has a bit of both.

YOU SAY THAT, BUT WHY DOES THIS CACTUS LOOK LESS WEIRD THAN THE OLD ONE?

The new C4 Cactus is technically a facelift but, yes, it does look very different to the outgoing model. And a lot more, well, normal.

There are slightly complicated reasons for this that involve some marketing semantics. Citroen has repositioned the C4 Cactus as a replacement for the now-defunct C4 hatchback – which was quite a conservative family model. Citroen's Corolla, if you like.

So the front and rear styling have come more into line with the French maker's current corporate look and away from the Lego-like design details of the old model. Most significantly, the massive Airbumps along the side have been made smaller and moved downwards, to the point where they're really just rubbing strips like any other car.

Why not just call it the "C4" then? Especially when the one thing that gave the car its Cactus name, the prickly Airbumps that were there to ward off parking dents, have now pretty much gone. It's a good question. The answer might be that there's still a possibility of a new (non-Cactus) C4 in the next few years.

Because it's just a facelift, you do retain some of the wacky design details of the previous model in the cabin. The main dashboard layout is the same as the original Cactus, with two standalone digital screens and a passenger side that looks like somebody's old-school luggage.

As for the rest, Citroen ironed out some of the cabin quirks when it updated the previous Cactus a while back. The move from a four-pot turbo-diesel to three-cylinder turbo-petrol engine also brought a change from a bench-like front seat arrangement to more conventional buckets, and the pushbutton gear selector that went with the old automated-manual gave way to a conventional lever that operated a six-speed automatic.

That powertrain is carried over into the new Cactus.

You might not think so at first glance, but the "new" C4 Cactus is just a facelift.

SO REALLY, IT'S ALL ABOUT THE LOOK. DO WE EVEN NEED TO DRIVE IT?

Hang on there. We're not quite finished, because there have been some significant changes under the skin. Citroen's new thing is a holistic design approach called Advanced Comfort, which is essentially a package of features (depending on model) intended to take the brand back to the cosseting occupant experience it was once famous for.

Cactus is the first Citroen to have progressive hydraulic cushion (PHC) suspension: essentially, the main dampers have extra baby dampers at the top and bottom stops, designed to make the transition from one direction to the other much more progressive.

The Cactus also has Advanced Comfort seats, which offer a wider base and lots of high-density foam.

HOW DOES ALL OF THAT WORK ON THE ROAD?

The PHC suspension is a fascinating concept that's unique to Citroen; not even parent brand Peugeot gets to use it. At least not for now.

But it doesn't really offer the magic carpet ride you might be expecting around town. The secondary ride is still imperfect: the suspension can react sharply to low-speed ripples in the road surface and crash into deeper ruts.

It's at higher speed that PHC makes its presence felt. The Cactus "floats" over open-road undulations in a cushy but controlled manner. It really does bring back a little of that classic Citroen gait on the road.

As with the C3 hatchback and its Aircross cousin, the 1.2-litre turbo-petrol three-cylinder engine is a delight: strong low-down in the rev range but also happy to spin high and smooth if that's your thing.

DO THE BACK WINDOWS OPEN PROPERLY NOW?

Sadly not. That's the downside of this being a facelift rather than a whole new thing: some stuff that was acceptable in a quirky, minimalist machine like the previous Cactus seems a little mean in a car that's supposed to be all about family comfort.

So yes, the rear windows still only hinge open a crack rather than rolling down. The cabin plastics are still pretty hard (even if the styling looks cool) and the step up from the boot to the folded rear seats means it's not nearly as load-friendly as the C3 Aircross.

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MOTORING

New Zealand Car of the Year announced

DAVID LINKLATER

The Subaru Forester has been named the New Zealand Car of the Year for 2018.

The family friendly SUV was chosen from a shortlist of 10 new vehicles by the NZ Motoring Writers Guild, an independent organisation comprised of motoring journalists from a variety of media outlets and regions across the country – including *Stuff* Motoring's David Linklater, Damien O'Carroll, Richard Bosselman and Rob Maetzig.

The Forester is the first Subaru to claim the accolade (now in its 31st year) and also only the second SUV to take the prize. The first was last year's winner, the Skoda's Kodiaq.

Guild president Richard Edwards noted that voting was very close, but it was clear that the Forester is the kind of vehicle Kiwi buyers now want.

"It offers the durability and functionality Kiwi families desire, also now implementing next generation safety technology. And, in starting at $39,990, it is truly affordable for new car buyers."

NZ Car of the Year convener David Thomson says Subaru has kept the Forester true to its go-anywhere roots.

"On gravel or even unpaved roads, the new Forester is – by lifestyle SUV standards – exceptionally accomplished and surefooted."

Guild vice-president Richard Bosselman said the latest model's cutting-edge safety technology deserves attention.

"Traditional toughness and real-deal ability keeps Forester sweet with loyalists, genuine cutting-edge safety and assists deserve attention from a whole new audience."

Forester is Subaru's strongest seller globally.

Other finalists this year were the BMW X3, Holden Commodore, Hyundai Kona, Kia Stinger, Mercedes-Benz A-class, Skoda Karoq, Toyota Camry and a pair of Volvos, the XC40 and XC60.

The award was presented on TVNZ's *Seven Sharp*.

Guild president Richard Edwards, Wallis Dumper, managing director, Subaru of New Zealand, Hilary Barry, Jeremy Wells and Daile Stephens, marketing manager, Subaru of New Zealand.

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Sport

Rising Nix go back-to-back

LIAM HYSLOP

The Wellington Phoenix have won two matches in a row for the first time since April 2, 2017.

They beat the hapless Central Coast Mariners 2-0 in front of 6970 fans Westpac Stadium in Wellington on Saturday night.

Louis Fenton and Sarpreet Singh grabbed first-half goals, before a second half where the Phoenix were rarely troubled at the back and squandered a few good chances in the final third.

Ultimately, It was a comfortable win for the Phoenix in a match they controlled throughout.

Phoenix coach Mark Rudan said he was very pleased with how his side took on the unnatural challenge of playing as favourites.

"We challenged the players at the start of the week. It was a fantastic performance and result last week, but we kept them calm and focused and it was a bigger test this week against a team, for the first time this year, that we were expected to beat.

"We've shown that we can do it against the league leaders a couple of weeks ago, we've shown that we can do it away from home, but can we do it at home against a team we were expected to beat and I thought today that was key."

Perhaps the most dramatic moment of the night came when the teams walked out with the match officials.

Referee Shaun Evans, his two assistant referee and the fourth official all wore strapping tape over the word "respect" on their uniforms in protest over Football Federation Australia not fining Rudan for comments he made about referee Adam Kersey after his side's 1-1 with Perth Glory at Westpac Stadium on December 2.

Rudan had no comment to make when asked about it post-match and said the referees did a good job in this match.

The Phoenix opened the scoring in the ninth minute through an unlikely source as right wing back Fenton scored just his fifth goal in 90 A-League matches - his first since February 2016 (although he missed all of last season).

Mandi's long-range shot was deflected, with Mariners goalkeeper Adam Pearce making a good save to his left, but the ball fell straight into the path of Fenton, who only just stayed onside, to tap in.

Sapreet Singh doubled the lead in the 45th minute. Liberato Cacace played a powerful low pass into Krishna inside the box. He drew two defenders before squaring for Singh, who calmly beat Pearce one-on-one.

In between the goals, the Phoenix were in control against a very poor Mariners side who lived up to their record of the worst start to a season in A-League history (two points from eight matches).

The second half started with Rudan making an injury-enforced substitute, with Michal Kopczynski replaced by Tom Doyle in the back three after suffering an apparent hamstring injury.

It didn't stop the Phoenix's dominance as they continued to look the more likely side to get another goal. Krishna had a penalty shout waved away in the 65th minute when Matt Simon appeared to nudge him in the back inside the box.

Nathan Burns had a couple of chances to break his goal-scoring drought, but was unable to do so as his time without a goal in Phoenix colours ticked past 2000 minutes.

AT A GLANCE
Wellington Phoenix 2 (Louis Fenton 9', Sarpreet Singh 45')
Central Coast Mariners 0. HT: 2-0

Wellington Phoenix's Sapreet Singh, top, Nathan Burns, right, and Roy Krishna celebrate a goal on Saturday while Mariners keeper Adam Pearce looks dejected.
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