

BRIEFLY

Petrol station break-in

Z petrol station on Sloane St was a target of thieves who made off with cigarettes on Saturday night.

Waikato police Sergeant Paul Van De Zee said the attendant barricaded himself in an office as three offenders smashed their way inside, as their getaway driver waited outside.

Police are now wanting any information or sightings of a silver station wagon, possibly a Mazda, last seen speeding from the scene on Sloane St towards Albert Park Dr.

It is believed the vehicle may have been stolen earlier in the night from Hamilton. Scene examinations were being carried out on Sunday morning and police would be reviewing CCTV footage to gain a better description of those involved. Anyone with information is urged to call Hamilton police, 07 858 6200.

Quiz night

Te Awamutu RSA is having a quiz night to raise funds to provide humanitarian relief to people affected by the severe drought and malnutrition in the countries of eastern Horn of Africa.

The quiz night is on Thursday, August 10 at 381 Alexandra St from 7pm to 9.30pm. \$10 door entry.

Rebus Club

The Rebus Club in Cambridge is seeking new members. Rebus' motto is "Steering a safe passage through our retirement years".

It meets on the second Thursday morning of each month at the Cambridge Baptist Church, Queen St from 9.45am to midday.

Membership is open to all active retired or semi-retired people.

Contact club president Gary Ward, 07 827 4500.

Bleeding amazing

400 blood donations a selfless act of generosity



BLOOD donor Tom Davies reaches his 400th donation milestone, with help from apheresis co-ordinator Tania Brown (left), area manager Linda Ayson (second left) and registered nurse Amanda Brodie.

Te Awamutu's Tom Davies is a serial blood donor, and while reaching milestones isn't the reason for his generosity, yesterday he gave his 400th donation — a rarity for any donor.

Mr Davies gave his first donation in Sydney on June 18, 1970, while on his OE.

His next donation was at Gladstone in Queensland, memorably he says 'because I fainted'.

"Still on my OE, I was working at the Gladstone Hotel," he says.

"It was a busy day so no time for lunch, then a rapid walk to blood collection site.

I donated, sat down with a cup of tea then fainted — fortunately putting the cup down beforehand.

"This is the only time I fainted

and I'm lucky to have been queasy only two or three times."

The service was operated by Red Cross, and he recalled his father talking about Red Cross and St John being saviours when he was in a German POW camp, so he saw it as a way of giving back, even at a young age.

Another 'attraction' of being a donor is that is completely egalitarian.

"All of us, conscious of others can donate and each donation is treated as equal, no matter our financial or social status," he says.

This started a habit that has lasted another 398 donations — and counting.

"I understand the advantage of relaxing as the needle is inserted

and removed," says Mr Davies.

"I have no recollection of ever feeling uneasy about insertion of the needle and watch it going in so I know when to fully relax.

"Perhaps the biggest pain is completing the exhaustive form each time before donating."

Mr Davies continued to make a handful of donations in Australia, and even once in Toronto in 1975.

"At that time Canada really spoiled their donors with special reclining chairs and great food," he says.

"However, we've certainly caught up, maybe leaped ahead with comfortable chairs to semi recline, a nice choice of drinks and biscuits and recognition of donors milestones.

"I've made donations in various centres throughout the North Island and once soon after the quakes, in Christchurch."

From 2000 most donations have been at the Hamilton Blood Donor Centre. He says it is a great place to donate, perhaps the best in the country, with a friendly, prompt and caring team.

"Donors are made to feel special," he says.

In the last 11 years Mr Davies has been a plasma donor, attending every fortnight when health permits and giving about 300 times.

He doesn't expect to get to 500 donations — but says 'who knows'.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Where are all jobs coming from?

Keith Brawn raises a number of issues in support of the Ruataniwha Dam Project.

He lumps me in with the Greenies and asks what we do to help the future growth of New Zealand, although it is for the very reasons he infers that I am not a Greenie.

The Green Party contains elements which would indeed suppress any growth including opportunity to create jobs through no mining (iron-sand or other resources which technically belong to

all Kiwis through equal citizenship rights) and would see us all living on communes with only our local gardens and nature's bounty to support us.

They would open the floodgates to immigration through humanitarian reasons, but would have no jobs for the immigrants nor dwellings in which to house them.

Mr Brawn mentions that the Ruataniwha project would create 3580 new jobs. Perhaps he can tell us in

what sectors they would be, given that the scheme 'only' wants 148ha extra in its trade-off for the submerged 22ha of land. 3580 new jobs? Perhaps he is thinking of the short-lived 'boom and bust' construction jobs, and even that is greatly exaggerated because at present this country does not even have enough skilled labour to put right earthquake and flood damage.

Any residual jobs could only be in the farming sector and paying subsistence

wages, and with National ready to open the immigration floodgates, would be unlikely to alter unemployment figures in that area one bit.

CHB drought-prone ... yes, except for the 'one in each 100 years events which are happening throughout the country every couple of years now.

The world, including Aotearoa / New Zealand, is a very different place than it was even 10 years ago.

DENNIS PENNEFATHER

Council response to queries raised around gardens

Waipa District Council appreciates the concern expressed about the Te Awamutu Rose Gardens and wishes to correct some misinformation and provide some assurances.

We share the deep connection many people have with the Te Awamutu Rose Gardens. We take great pride in caring for them on behalf of the community.

Therefore, prior to any decisions being made about moving the roses, Council consulted with the Te Awamutu Rose Trust which approved the plans. Iwi were also consulted and approved the plans.

Please be assured the roses are not

being destroyed. Most are being moved to new beds in the existing rose gardens.

This will allow greater use of a shared public space and means we can build a recreation space for families to enjoy. Doing so will encourage more people to see and appreciate the gardens.

All up, around 10 per cent of the beds at the rose gardens will be affected. Any roses that will not fit in the current space will be moved to other places in town. Council and the Trust are working together to find suitable locations for these.

We are moving the roses now be-

cause, as gardeners will know, winter is the best time to do so.

Last year we shared a proposal to expand the new playground and recreation area near Selwyn Park and along Mangahoi Stream. Part of this project is the inclusion of a bike skills park — similar to what's at the Avantidrome in Cambridge — however this is dependent on funding.

There was extensive coverage of that proposal, including in the *Te Awamutu Courier*.

Specific details about the bike park, including funding arrangements, are yet to be finalised. We will share more information as soon as we can.

We welcome your letters - preferably via email. Letters should be under 300 words and must have the sender's name, address and phone number included. The letter will be published with the writer's name (no pseudonyms accepted) and names will only be withheld in special circumstances at the discretion of the editor. Letters are not usually acknowledged and may be edited, abridged or discarded.

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Merit award made to Talos theatre stalwart

Cedric Taylor has received a prestigious award recognising his contribution to theatre.

At a recent Waikato/BOP Musical Theatre New Zealand zone meeting, Mr Taylor received a coveted Musical Theatre Merit Award for Service to Musical Theatre.

Last year Mr Taylor's wife Coral was similarly honoured and both are life members of Talos.

It was his wife's love of and involvement in theatre that was the catalyst for Mr Taylor to also become involved and use his talents.

At the award ceremony held at The Woolshed Theatre Mr Taylor spoke of the pride and passion he has for theatre and Te Awamutu.

Mr Taylor started building stage sets for the Te Awamutu Little Theatre in the 1970s.

A builder by trade, he used his ingenuity and wit to create the perfect set for any show.

Audience numbers were growing and musicals were becoming popular, so the Te Awamutu Light Operatic Society (Talos) was formed in 1975.

Talos shows were held in the Te Awamutu College hall and the St Patrick's Hall on Rewi St.

Mr Taylor built sets, ran the bar and organised catering.

However, he dreamed of having a purpose-built theatre in Te Awamutu.

His dream turned into a reality in 1986 when the Woolshed Theatre was built.

Mr Taylor has been a committee



CEDRIC TAYLOR receives his award from Talos president Max Ward.

member, president, bar manager and lighting technician.

His value to Talos was recognised several years ago when he was granted life membership.

Mr Taylor intends to stay involved in set building and is honorary theatre manager of the

Woolshed Theatre.

Talos vice president Noldy Rust says Mr Taylor is the man to go to when a set is needed.

He says the award is a fitting tribute to a man who has put his heart and soul into theatre in Te Awamutu for more than 50 years.

Police put school in lockdown

Rukuhia Road was closed at both ends for more than two hours yesterday and Rukuhia School was put in lockdown while about 15 members of the Armed Offenders Squad entered a property and used tear gas.

Residents told NZME they heard loud bangs and looked outside to see police and

police dogs.

Broken windows showing signs of where the tear gas was thrown can be seen in multiple windows.

One resident told NZME police had told him that they were carrying out a search warrant but needed the AOS due to issues with firearms at the prop-

erty in the past.

No one was the property at the time of the search.

"It was about the fourth time in four years AOS had visited the address," he said.

Another neighbour thought an older couple owned the house, but said a large number of people came and went from it.

Free coffee for assistance dogs donation

Walton Street is giving away free coffee on Thursday to anyone who donates to Assistant Dogs New Zealand (ADNZ).

ADNZ is a non-profit organisation that breeds and trains dogs to be companions for disabled, autistic and children in need. It was founded by

Waipa locals Julie and Rick Hancox in 2008.

Walton Street owners Carl and Jo Sheridan answered the call six years ago to be a surrogate home for a breeding pup named Bella.

"When we had an opportunity to give up a small space in our own

life to help other less fortunate than us of course we jumped at it," Mrs Sheridan says.

"Bella is a special dog and she is a big part of our family. It's pretty simple really — come into Walton Street and we give you a free coffee so you can give to ADNZ.

"When we all give a little it can make a big difference in a lot of lives."

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Learn about subdividing

A greater demand for housing in Kihikihi could prove lucrative for those able to subdivide.

Waipa District Council expects around 2300 people to live in Kihikihi by 2050, creating a greater demand for residential sections in the town.

Council's planning and regulatory manager Wayne Allan says there is a significant amount of residential land in Kihikihi that has the potential to be subdivided to create another property.

"With most towns we look outside of the town boundary to provide land for development, however our draft Waipa Growth Strategy has identified that Kihikihi has enough land within the town boundary to provide for expected growth up to 2050."

Kihikihi landowners with a section 950m² or larger could be eligible to subdivide.

"We understand subdividing can be confusing so we are committed to helping guide landowners through the process and make it as easy as possible for them," Says Mr Allan.

Two information sessions will be held in Kihikihi, with a presentation from Council consents team leader Gareth Moran about the subdividing process and what you need to do.

The sessions will also be attended by Council development engineers and local surveyors who will be available to answer questions following the presentation.

Council invites any Kihikihi

property owners who are interested in subdividing to attend an information session to find out more.

■ **The Kihikihi subdivision information sessions are at the Kihikihi Town Hall, Lyon Street on Wednesday, August 16 at 10am and Thursday, August 17 at 6pm.**

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LETTERS TO TYHE EDITOR

Claims of good job just don't add up

Dennis Catchpole claims in his letter to your paper that the National led Government is doing a good job and New Zealanders know it, so it was always going to be hard for Labour to poll well. If that is the case then how does he explain the following:

The increasing number of homeless sleeping rough; Spending \$140,000 of taxpayer money per night putting up the homeless in motels because they can't provide adequate houses for them;

Increasing the crown debt from \$10 billion to \$93 billion and claiming this was evidence of sound financial management; Creation of the working poor by moving New Zealand to a low wage economy;

Systematically under funding health and so causing great suffering to many New Zealanders.

In his last sentence Mr Catchpole proclaims that going back to being a Christian country rather than a secular country would be a good thing, yet given the tone of his letter Mr Catchpole clearly does not understand the message of love and compassion for the poor, preached in the Christian gospels.

It is hard to escape the conclusion that if Jesus were alive today many people, who claim to be his followers would label him, a dangerous radical, an appeaser and a bleeding heart. How did the gospel message ever become aligned with big business, military spending, gun ownership, tax cuts for the rich and disdain for the poor and the environment. The situation is sad and perplexing, it is as if some Christians have just not read the gospels.

EDWARD J LYE

Let us have say on Rose Gardens

Isn't the council supposed to inform and release draft plans for any changes to public land so that the public can have their say before any plans are finalised?

Why have the council been trying to keep these changes to the Te Awamutu Rose gardens secret from the public!

Also people have been spreading ashes of their loved ones on the rose gardens over the years, and 50 years ago a

man died there while helping create the gardens.

Where is his plaque now?

I have grown up around roses and have come to love them myself.

We have been known as the Rose Town of New Zealand internationally.

We need to keep this recognition but how can we do that if the council wants to remove most of our roses.

CALLUM RIST

Pensioners hit hard by rising costs and charges

Once Waipa District Council and Waikato Regional Council rates and rubbish collection are added together the result is minus \$127 superannuation each superannuation day, leaving just \$336 per week with rents around \$200-250 per week.

On April 1 power companies, insurance companies, councils and supermarkets increase costs as they divide up the \$6-8 per fortnight increase amongst themselves.

Then the supermarkets have a second round of price increases on September 1.

Pensioners are out of pocket about \$5 per week every year.

This increase is further impacted as banks increase mortgage payments, rents increase and soon we will have to pay water costs and petrol cost increases.

I challenge the MP for our district to explain to all of us what inflation costs are considered for inflation adjusted pension increases and what of the above costs are not included.

Pensioners are really hurting.

If you say to a pensioner what have you got to say — true inflation costs are not being passed on to pensioners.

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Safety improvements puzzling

Is anyone else puzzled by the so-called safety improvements to SH3 between Te Awamutu and Ohaupo?

Safety barriers/ railings have been and are being installed to the centre of the side laybys, providing no room to safely manoeuvre off the road from a vehicle breakdown or pull over if requested by the NZ Police, as your vehicle would sit halfway into the traffic lane, exposing you to risk.

So are we expected to pull over into someone's driveway and block their right of access or use the median strip as the supposed safe place to park?

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be a sitting duck so to speak. What a waste of money and a once perfectly good road. Now we have in my opinion a much more intimidating and dangerous road, that unnecessarily exposes us as drivers to greater risk.

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MP welcomes replacing the school decile system

National MP Barbara Kuriger has welcomed the Government decision to replace the decile system for New Zealand schools.

"I welcome the announcement of targeted funding to better support those students most at risk of not achieving due to disadvantage," says Barbara Kuriger.

"For too long, schools have been wrongly judged by their decile number—a number that in no way represents the enormous potential of our young people.

"Decile funding accounts for less than 3 per cent of a school's resources, but the public decile rating currently used to distribute those resources can be wrongly used to judge a school. "This Government wants to end the stigma of decile," says Mrs Kuriger.

Cabinet has agreed to replace the decile system with a Risk Index that better targets funding to schools and early childhood education providers with children and young people most at risk of not achieving due to disadvantage.

The specific factors to be used in the index are subject to further analysis, and there will be more engagement before the Risk Index is finalised. It is expected that the new funding system will take effect from 2019 or 2020.

"We're committed to investing in schools, which is why we've made certain this change won't



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TARANAKI/King County National candidate, and current MP Barbara Kuriger.

see any school or early learning service receive less funding. In fact, we expect some will gain significantly," says Mrs Kuriger.

"Children and young people deserve to take pride in their school and we need to continue to target funding where the need is greatest.

"Education is one of the most

important investments we can make as a government. This announcement is just one in a series of substantial changes we're making to the system," says Mrs Kuriger.

She says this year education has seen the largest ever injection of new funding, big investments in modernising school property, and the announcement of the curriculum's biggest changes for 10 years, with digital learning as a core focus.

"National is delivering an education system that's seeing more students achieving, with around 85 per cent of students attaining NCEA Level 2 in 2016, up from around 74 per cent in 2011.

"Gains for Maori and Pasifika students have been particularly significant, increasing to around 74 per cent and 80 per cent respectively in 2016, compared to around 57 per cent and 65 per cent in 2011.

"This new funding system, and our relentless focus on education, will see even more young people achieve at school and ready to excel on the world stage."

Mrs Kuriger says National believes every New Zealander should have the opportunity to get ahead.

"We want all Kiwis doing well, seizing opportunities, and leading New Zealand into the 2020s regardless of where they come from or what school they went to."

Confidence a new generation to lead Labour's direction

Overwhelming support for Jacinda Ardern and Kelvin Davis taking on the leadership of Labour is an exciting reflection of confidence in a new generation of political leadership, says Labour's Taranaki/King County candidate Hilary Humphrey.

Across the electorate and country, Labour is giving the best opportunities to people according to Ms Humphrey.

"In towns like Te Awamutu our Families Package will introduce a winter energy payment to alleviate winter heating pressures on superannuitants and improved Working for Families payments will give hardworking families extra support," she says.

"We've also committed to investing in health, education and housing to ensure everyone has the building blocks necessary to live well and contribute to a positive future for Waipa and beyond."

Ms Humphrey notes that like former Prime Minister Helen Clark, Ms Ardern hails from the Waikato and shares the same dedication to ensuring every New Zealander has the best opportunities possible.

"Jacinda and Kelvin have a



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Babies join Latch On 400 donations



TE AWAMUTU mother Bertie Pendleton and daughter Isabelle, right, and Soekie Linyama and daughter Arabella.

On Friday 42 local mothers joined 40,000 women worldwide to 'latch on' for World Breastfeeding Week.

At 10.30am the women latched their babies onto their breasts for one minute.

Big Latch On took place at the same time at locations around the world — including Fahrenheit in Te Awamutu.

The annual event was created by Women's Health Action in

New Zealand in 2005. It now has 28 participating countries.

It aims to provide an event for women to meet up, breastfeed and offer each other support. And that's exactly what Friday's event did.

Among the mothers was Bertie Pendleton and her baby Isabelle.

Mrs Pendleton says she has lived in Te Awamutu for six weeks after moving from Eng-

land. She says the event was a good way to meet new people.

The event was hosted by La Leche League Te Awamutu — a local group that offers support and advice to pregnant and breastfeeding mothers.

La Leche League Te Awamutu meets on the second Wednesday of the month at the Lighthouse Room at St Andrew's Church, 80 Mutu St. The next meeting is tomorrow.

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Mr Davies has the most common O+ blood group, which is also the most in demand.

And to keep on top of his fortnightly schedule he uses the new NZ Blood Service phone app which contains his donor ID, future appointments and past donations back to 2004.

It is also how he books future appointments.

"My blood pressure is generally somewhat lower than normal, especially at 8.30am — my normal donation time," he says.

"I understand this relates to my habit of early morning exercise from 6-7am and it is a common, known phenomena for our blood pressure to drop in the two hours following robust exercise.

"My blood pressure drops to a point at which the NZ Blood staff are uncomfortable, so on a couple of occasions I took a brisk walk to bring it back up to an acceptable level.

"We also had the charge doctor note on my records that systolic pressure of 90 is normal."

His philosophy for donating blood is to serve others, and by donating plasma he can maximise this service by donating every two weeks.

Mr Davies believes there are also benefits to himself, such as donating seems likely to improve his body's response to losing blood.

However, he points out, this remains an unproven theory.

"Conversely there is no evidence donating has done me any harm."

Blood Waikato recruitment team leader Steve Dalgety says Mr Davies is an inspiration.

"It is an incredible number of donations — a completely selfless act," he says.

There is no substitute for donated blood and the New Zealand Blood Service has a constant need to recruit new donors.

In the Waikato more than 500 donors per week are required to keep up with the current demand. Blood only lasts 35 days, so a steady stream of blood donors is needed.

Each whole blood donation helps save the life of up to three people, but the real push is for plasma donors which can be used in many more ways — and donors can give more often.

Hamilton needs 155 plasma donations each week, but during winter that can be hard to achieve.

To become a plasma or platelet donor, you must first become a whole blood donor to check your eligibility.

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Mr Morris has worked as a farmer, engineer and truck driver and has owned the local business Weed Wizard Vegetation Control for seven years.



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WIZARD TRANSPORT owner Trevor Morris can transport anything from shipping containers and spa pools to farm supplies and cars.

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Tickets are available for the event at

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It will be hosted by MC Nick Rado, four-time winner of the NZ Comedy Guild Best MC Award, and there will be live music from local band Antenna.

Te Awamutu finalists are:
People4Success Employee of the Year: Jan Conway — McDonald's Te Awamutu; Marie Scott — Guthrie

Bowron; Sheree Easterbrook — Lawnmower and Chainsaw Centre.

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Mother reflects on son's stellar career

By COLIN THORSEN
and PAUL VETTISE

Te Awamutu mother of 2016-17 national premiership winning jockey Chris Johnson recalls his first-ever career win in 1981 as though it was yesterday.

"It was January 1, 1981, the same day that Chris obtained his apprenticeship licence," proud mum, Eileen Murray told the *Courier*. "Our family turned out in force to see him make his riding debut at the Wairarapa Racing Club meeting at Tauherenikau in Featherston."

"My mum and dad and all my brothers and sisters were trackside cheering him on. We couldn't believe our eyes when he came storming down the home straight to win on Noble Star as a green-horn apprentice jockey having his first ever ride on race day."

To say Johnson's mum is proud of his achievement winning this season's national premiership is an understatement. She's 'very, very proud' of him.

"Chris has come a long way since the day he left home as a 15-year-old, when we all lived in Fielding, to do his apprenticeship with Scott Hammersley at Woodville. I can still picture my boy having to learn to ride on one of Scott's ponies."

"I'm so pleased he 'got back on the horse' and resumed his career after he very nearly gave it all away for good a number of years ago."

Johnson is relatively matter of fact about what he has achieved in the past 12 months.

It is Johnson's second premiership after first topping the ladder in the 1995-96 season.



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PROUD MUM: Eileen Murray (left) with a photo she treasures of her son Chris Johnson (above) winning the first ever race he contested as an apprentice jockey in 1981.

While Johnson's tally of 112 winners for the season fell short of the 139 he notched in his first title 21 years earlier, for the 53-year-old the season represented an opportunity to continue doing the job he adores, which started back in 1980 and which has amassed him more than 2200 winners.

"I've always loved racing, although when I first started riding I never thought I'd get to 1000 wins let alone over 2000," he said. "I have had some ups and downs along the way, but I've had the opportunity to ride some tremendous horses and have been

One of a small band of seven riders who have reached the 2000-win milestone in New Zealand, Johnson has been fortunate to count top-line gallopers such as Tartan Tights, Loader and Tycoon Lil among his hit-list of standout performers.

Nominating his most memorable career milestone, it's his victory aboard Sea Swift in the 1988 Auckland Cup.

"I think that win on Sea Swift was something quite special," he said. "It was a real South Island victory at racing headquarters in the north so it does stand out a bit

lucky enough to win a number of big races."

for me." While he has had several low periods throughout his career, even giving the game away between 1999 and 2006, Johnson credits some misfortune late last year as his motivation to achieve his second premiership title.

"I'd started the season off pretty well and things were going okay when I copped a decent suspension around Christmas time," he said. "I hadn't really come out and confirmed I was thinking about the premiership at that point, but when that happened I thought I might have really stuffed things up."

Semi-retired barrister John Tannahill, a long-time friend and confidant who also manages Johnson's North Island rides, admits he too thought the worst when an

initial six-day suspension was extended by a further four days after an improper riding charge was reinstated following a special hearing by the Judicial Control Authority.

"Based on the rides Chris had booked, or in the pipeline, I think he missed out on 11 winners due to the suspension," Tannahill said.

"That is a big hole to try and climb out of and I did say that he was no show, but as it turned out he went out and rode 22 winners in January and was back on track by the end of the month."

It was also around that time that leading trainers such as Graeme and Debbie Rogerson announced they would be supporting Johnson in his bid for the title as he attempted to challenge the runaway leader at the time, Danielle Johnson.

The South Island-based Johnson started to spend increasing periods of time in the north as Tannahill chased hard for rides and by mid-May the momentum had clearly shifted to the 'Magic Man'.

"I think when he rode Let Her Rip to victory in the stakes race at Rotorua it was then we both thought he could do it and, after some pretty hard slog, he has," Tannahill said.

"To have the support of trainers like Rogie, Shaune Ritchie and Donna Logan and Chris Gibbs along with his ardent South Island support base has been amazing and I know Chris is very appreciative of everyone who has helped him along the way."

"Personally, I think he is riding better than ever with his fitness level the best it has been in many years and pretty damn good for a 53-year-old."

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Night to treasure for TA Sports' trio

Cycling club stalwart members bestowed with life membership

BY COLIN THORSEN

Marcel Te Brake, Don Buchanan and Stu Gudsell are highly respected for their contributions to the sport of cycling from club to national level.

The trio had a night to treasure when made life members of Te Awamutu Sports Cycling Club at the AGM and Annual Dinner Awards Night.

The club now boasts a 'Magnificent Seven' group of life members — the latest three lifers joining Brian Fleck, Graham Hunn, Alan Messenger and Richard Mellsop.

Te Brake joined the club as a Waipa Wheeler (now known as TA Sports CC) in 1980.

In 37 years he has only missed one summer series when he lived too far out of town to make the start line after milking the cows.

Summer series in those early days consisted of 10 to 15 riders competing in a handicap race. Nowadays anything between 150-200 riders compete weekly throughout the summer in grades A to E, as well as Under 15s.

Te Brake has had two stints on the committee, from 1985 to 1989, then again for three years in the late 2000s.

"Marcel is a great club man," said club president, Marc Gascoigne.

"He was one of the first people to welcome me when I joined the club 12 years ago and never says a bad word about anyone. He's an all round top



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MARCEL TE BRAKE competing in the now defunct Maungatautari 100km Classic Cycle Race run jointly by Te Awamutu Rotary and Te Awamutu Sports Cycling Club.

man, with a supportive wife in Janice, and is a regular on the barbecue at summer series prizegivings."

Buchanan was club captain in 2004 when there were a few disruptions at committee level.

"He was elected president after two others resigned, so he certainly played a part in keeping the club together," said Gascoigne.

Being a builder, Buchanan played a big role in getting the



DON BUCHANAN pictured congratulating his daughter Rushlee Buchanan after she won the 2017 elite women's road national cycling championship in Napier in January.

club's registration shed built at Te Awamutu Velodrome. Prior to that, the club was operating out of a caravan.

He helped organise and run many TA Junior tours and played a key role in bringing the

Elite Road Nationals to Te Awamutu in 2009 — the committee and volunteers setting the scene for what is now New Zealand's No. 1 road race.

As a qualified national commissaire, Buchanan still steps up to help out at the Avantidrome when needed.

Stu Gudsell quickly became actively involved after joining the club in the early 1990s, becoming a committee member in 1995.

He was president from 1998 to 2002, remaining on the committee until asked to join the board of Te Awamutu Sports Club. He currently holds down the position of chairman. Membership has grown from 60 to over 200 during his involvement.

"We have a lot to thank Stu for," Gascoigne told those in attendance.

"He was one of the architects in establishing the iconic TA Junior Tour in 1999, established the club AGM and Annual Dinner Awards Night concept, created the President's Trophy and Personality of the Year, is qualified as a national commissaire and has managed centre, club and school teams at various events."

"Receiving recognition from your peers is priceless," an ecstatic Gudsell commented. "I feel very honoured, as do Marcel and Don, joining the small, elite group of club members to have been honoured with life membership."

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Cheatley TA cycling's Personality of Year

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The Personality of the Year award for 2017 went to Cath Cheatley.

The former Olympic, Commonwealth Games and professional cyclist is heavily involved in the club, running the Wednesday night track racing at the Avantidrome and the schools racing on Friday nights.

"Cath helps out with registrations and judging of the club's summer series and winter series races. She is a very popular member of our club, is always positive and ready to step up to help with whatever needs doing," said Gascoigne.

"She treats everyone the same, whether you're a first timer in the Under 15s, or a well-known Olympian coming along to the TA Sports club races."

Jo Rigg, recipient of the President's Trophy, puts a lot into the club. She is on the committee, along with secretary of the Waikato BOP Centre, 'rego lady' at the Avantidrome on Wednesday nights, and traffic marshal for the winter series and summer series.

"Jo is another member who is always ready

to step up to help."

The McPherson Trophy for U15 club riders, awarded by Brian Fleck, went to up and comer young cyclist Lewis Johnston.

Guest speaker was 'Buck' Macky who gave an entertaining recount of how he was 'initiated' into the sport of cycling — his amusing insights were appreciated by all. Macky has been a regular committee member for most of his time with the club and has also served as club captain.

Recipients of the Paddy Bevin Road Scholarship were Nia Dixon, Sam Cook and Sam Titter-Dower.

In presenting the scholarships, club secretary Melinda Loader thanked Bevin for his generous donation of kit, enabling the club to offer the scholarships to assist U19 riders with achieving their goals.

Merv Johnston won the auction of the New Zealand jersey signed by the World Champion Team Sprint team. Loader thanked club member Paul Butcher for donating the jersey.

"The funds raised (\$510) will kick off a track scholarship for Junior riders at our club," she said.



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TA SPORTS' newly-elected life member Stu Gudsell pictured competing in track cycling during the 2017 World Masters Games.

Riders fly out for junior tour

Te Awamutu Sports Cycling Club is strongly represented in the Waikato team to contest the four-day New Caledonia Junior Tour.

Lachlan Robertson, Reuben Webster, Jack Carswell and Mya Anderson fly out with their team-mates on Thursday and return home on August 10.

The quartet have all ridden outstandingly on the track and feature prominently in their various road racing grades and age groups — Robertson riding A grade in the club's summer series.

The selection of young Anderson is reward for excelling at the New Zealand Age Group Track Nationals at the Avantidrome in March — claiming bronze in the points race, missing out on silver by only one point, and breaking the New Zealand Under 17 girls' teams pursuit record time with McKenzie Milne, Ally Wollaston and Eva Parkinson.

Upset victories in Te Awamutu darts championship

BY COLIN THORSEN

Week four of Te Awamutu Darts championship served up two upset victories, three 12-11 results and seven 180s in division one.

Biggest talking point was Rosetown Rockets inflicting a rare loss on last year's champions Ohaupo despite being outscored 5-0 in 180s.

Ironically, it was the Rockets who ended Ohaupo's unbeaten

record in the very last night's play of the preceding 11-week subsidiary round competition.

Rockets' Ken McDowall, Jamie Te Nana, Steve Wilkinson, Greg Chard, Anthony Bentley and Steve Picard cleaned up the triples 2-0, a scoreline that was to prove the difference between winning and losing this top of the table clash — Ohaupo won the pairs 2-1 and the singles were drawn 9-9.

Those to score 180s for

Ohaupo were Marcus Ngare and Josh Roberts, with two maximums each, and David Bowers.

The result was music to the ears of the WWMC Hunters' players, who pipped Tungstens 12-11 for their fourth win.

Hunters now sit alone at the top of the leaderboard, being the only unbeaten team. Gene Gratwick played a key role, chalking up 5/5 wins. He was ably supported by Rob Mooney,

Mike Hawker, Peri Bennett, Steve Walden and Robbie Hoyes.

The match between Hunters and Ohaupo (on August 15) promises to be a cracker. There is a bye round for all teams tonight to accommodate the NZDC Champs.

Maximum scores to Ben Coutts and Peter Morris could not prevent Warriors from going down 12-11 in an upset loss to Ohaupo Tigers.

Coutts heads the overall 180

standings in the championship with three.

In division two, unbeaten RSA Allsorts carried on their winning ways with a hard-earned 8-7 victory over WWMC Dragons after trailing 4-2.

Rosetown Thorns chalked up their first win of the championship at the expense of RSA Bombers, 13-2.

The Rosetown club's night was capped by Rebels getting up 10-5 over WWMC Raiders.

Te Awamutu Sub Union Junior Rugby Draw

DRAW FOR SATURDAY, AUGUST 12

6TH GRADE	
9:00 TAS REX V OHAUPO BEARS.....	ALBERT PARK 3A
9:00 OHAUPO TIGERS V KIKIKIHI.....	OHAUPO 1A
9:45 KORAKONUI V BYE	
9:00 TA MARIST WARRIORS V PIRONGIA RED.....	MARIST 1A
9:00 TA MARIST S/STARS V PIRONGIA ORANGE.....	MARIST 1B
9:00 PIRONGIA WHITE V TAS DORY.....	PIRONGIA 1A
9:00 PIRONGIA BLACK V TAS NEMO.....	PIRONGIA 1B
9:45 PIRONGIA GREY V TAS MARLIN.....	PIRONGIA 1A
7TH GRADE	
BYE V PIRONGIA BLACK	
9:00 TAS HAWKEYE V MUNCHKINS.....	ALBERT PARK 3B
9:45 PIRONGIA GREY V PIRONGIA WHITE.....	PIRONGIA 1B
9:00 OHAUPO V KIKIKIHI.....	OHAUPO 1B
9:45 TAS THOR V KORAKONUI.....	ALBERT PARK 3A
9:45 TAS HULKS V TA MARIST SHARKS.....	ALBERT PARK 3B
8TH GRADE	
10:30 TAS GREEN V OHAUPO.....	ALBERT PARK 3A
10:30 TAS BLACK V PIRONGIA WHITE.....	ALBERT PARK 3B
10:30 PIRONGIA BLACK V TAS BLUE.....	PIRONGIA 1B
9:45 KORAKONUI V TAS RED.....	KORAKONUI 1A
9:45 TAS MARIST TURBOS V KIKIKIHI.....	MARIST 1A
9TH GRADE	
9:00 TAS FALCONS V PIRONGIA WHITE.....	ALBERT PARK 1A
9:00 TAS EAGLES V PIRONGIA BLACK.....	ALBERT PARK 1B
9:45 TA MARIST MUSTANGS V TAS HAWKS.....	MARIST 1B
9:45 OHAUPO V KIKIKIHI.....	OHAUPO 1B
10TH GRADE	
9:45 OHAUPO V PIRONGIA BLACK.....	OHAUPO 1A
9:45 TAS TIGERS V PIRONGIA WHITE.....	ALBERT PARK 1A
9:45 TAS PANTHERS V KIKIKIHI.....	ALBERT PARK 1B
11TH GRADE POOL A	
9:00 SOUTHWELL BLUE V TAS PYTHONS.....	SOUTHWELL B
11:00 TAS VIPERS V TA MARIST.....	ALBERT PARK 1
POOL B	
9:00 HAM MARIST WHITE V KIKIKIHI.....	HAM MARIST 2
11:30 PIRONGIA V TAS BLUE.....	PIRONGIA 2
12TH GRADE POOL A	
10:00 TAS SCORPIONS V HAM MARIST GREEN.....	ALBERT PARK 2
POOL B	
11:30 SUBURBS WHITE V PIRONGIA.....	FLAGSTAFF 2
13TH GRADE	
11:00 MELVILLE V KIKIKIHI.....	DEANWELL PARK 1
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Tornadoes v St Peter's Prep B	Sherwin Park 1	9:00am
Wildcats v St Josephs Black Hawks	Sherwin Park 2	9:00am
Lightening v Ngahinapouri Blasters	Sherwin Park 6	9:00am
Spurs v Nthn United Knights	Sherwin Park 3	9:45am
Hotshots v Cambridge Rebels	John Kerkhof Pk	10:00am
Gummers v Knighton Tigers	Knighton NrmI Sch	10:00am
Hurricanes v Ngahinapouri Comets	Ngahinapouri Sch	10:00am
Galaxy U8 Girls v Nga Ninjas Girls	Sherwin Park 5	10:00am
Pirates v Pirongia Strikers	Sherwin Park 6	10:00am
Raiders v Cambridge Titans	Sherwin Park 1	10:15am
Panthers v Huntly Thistle Allstars	Huntly Domain 5	10:30am
Comets U11 Girls v Raglan Dolphins Girls	Sherwin Park 3	10:45am
Storm U11 Girls v Nth Un Swift Girls	Grosvenor Park 4	11:00am
Tigers v Tamahere Knights	Jansen Park 8	11:00am
Terrors v Raglan Hammerheads	Kopua Domain 4	11:00am
Te Awamutu Mens C v Eastern City C	Anchor park 2	12:30pm
E J Chmpnshp v Matamata Swifts Res	The Stadium	12:30pm
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Deaths

BROWN, Anne (Oily).
Passed away peacefully at her home on 7 August 2017. Tangi at Purekireki Marae, Pirongia. Service will be held Wednesday 9 August at 11am, then to Kihikihi Cemetery.

MORGAN, David Raymond (Ray).
Died peacefully on 6 August 2017 in Te Awamutu, aged 87 years. Loved husband of the late Anne, loved father of Lesley, Gwyneth, and the late David. Grandfather of Karen, Joshua, Huw, Thomas and Anneke. Special thanks to the staff at San Michele for their supportive care. A funeral service for Ray will be held at Alexandra House Chapel, 570 Alexandra St, Te Awamutu on Thursday, 10 August 2017 at 11am. All communications to the Morgan family, PO Box 137, Te Awamutu 3840.

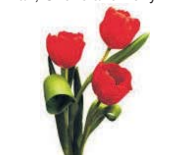
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MORGAN, David Raymond (Ray).
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SARGENT, Jack.
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VAN TOL, Karel.
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VAN TOL, Elsie.
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Dan, Cherie and Tony.



YEATES, Leslie Maurice (Les).
On August 9 2015. Two years tomorrow.

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Your loving wife Marilyn, Amanda and Craig, Simon and Aroha, Anna and Mike, and your grandchildren Liam, Victoria, Jack, Grace, Hannah and Amy."

QUARRIE, Gwendoline Hazel (Gwen) (nee Woollaston).
Passed away suddenly on 3 August 2017, aged 76 years. Darling wife, best friend and soulmate of Lincoln (Linc) for 54 years. Adored and inspirational mum and mother-in-law of Kathy and Roger Duxfield (Putaruru), Jenny and Pete Sinclair (Te Awamutu), Ken and Eva (Wellington), Pete and Liz (Okaihau). Treasured super-gran of 15 grandchildren. A special thanks to the caring, compassionate staff in A&E and I.C.U. departments of Waikato Hospital.

A service to celebrate Gwen's life will be held at the Te Awamutu Bible Chapel, Chapel Drive, Te Awamutu on Wednesday, 9 August 2017 at 1pm followed by private cremation. In lieu of flowers, donations to Te Awamutu St John Ambulance would be appreciated and may be left at the service. All communications to the Quarrie family, PO Box 137, Te Awamutu 3840.

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Applications close: Wednesday 16 August, 4pm.

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- The ability to leave your cell phone in your pocket
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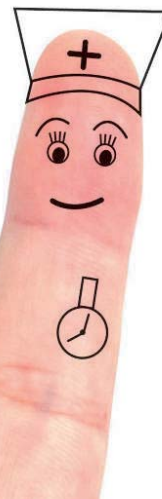
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7. First New Zealand athlete to run a mile in under four minutes, (6,7)
8. Stalemate (8)
9. Brett, Foulwind or Palliser (4)
10. Based on the decimal system (6)
12. Allocate (6)
14. Large vase (3)
15. Worldwide (6)
17. NZ band which included brothers Marc and Todd hunter (6)
19. Native bird also known as the wooden hen (4)
21. Person who often stays up late (5,3)
23. Shallow lagoon in Marlborough which has been producing salt since 1943 (4,9)

1. Sombre, mournful (8)
2. Merchant (6)
3. Novice (4)
4. Tennis stroke (8)
5. Counting frame (6)
6. In rugby, No.1 or 3 (4)
11. Relating to cooking (8)
13. Popular name for the insect whose scientific name is *arachnocampa luminosa* (8)
16. Prejudiced (6)
18. Respiratory illness (6)
20. Formal test (4)
22. Deep cut (4)

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A **B** **C** **D** **E** **F** **G** **H** **I** **J** **K** **L** **M** **N** **O** **P** **Q** **R** **S** **T** **U** **V** **W** **X** **Y** **Z**

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Each number represents a different letter of the alphabet. Write the given letters into all squares with matching numbers. Now work out which letters are represented by the other numbers. As you get the letters, write them into the main grid and the reference grid. Decoder uses all 26 letters of the alphabet.

M T A P R

How many words of three or more letters can you make, using each letter only once? Plurals are allowed, but no foreign words or words beginning with a capital. There's at least one five-letter word

Good **15** Very Good **19** Excellent **21**

Fill the grid so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1 to 9.

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W33

EASY

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P ²	G ⁷	T ⁸	F ⁹	C ¹⁰	R ¹¹	U ¹²	V ¹³	O ¹⁴	Q ¹⁵	Z ¹⁶	I ¹⁷	D ¹⁸

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Across: 1. Murray Haiberg, 8. Deadstock, 9. Cape, 10. Metric, 12. Assign, 14. Urm, 15. Global, 17. Dragon, 19. Weka, 21. Night owl, 23. Lake Grassmere. Down: 1. Funeral, 2. Trader, 3. Tyro, 4. Backhand, 5. Abacus, 6. Prop, 11. Cullinary, 13. Glowworm, 16. Biased, 18. Asthma, 20. Exam, 22. Gash.

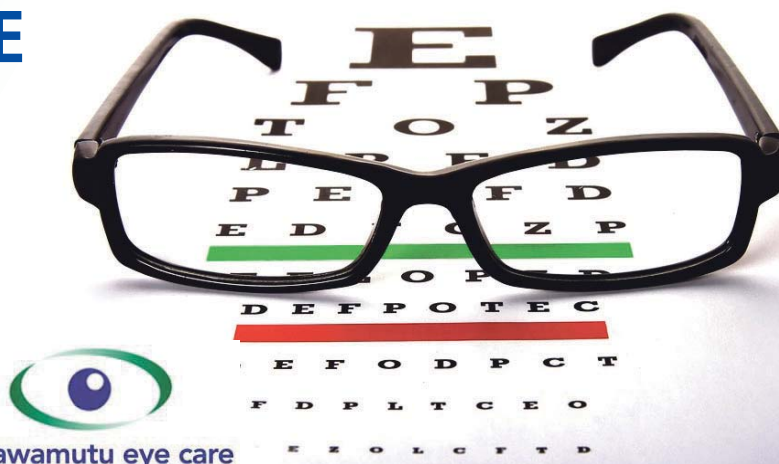
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Devilskin at Altitude



Waikato fans of Hamilton's own Devilskin are over the moon to hear that the internationally acclaimed rockers are returning for a much-anticipated gig at Hamilton's iconic Altitude Bar (R18 venue) on Saturday, October 14 and we've got a double pass up for grabs so you can join in the fun!

Their upcoming local tour comes on the back of their fourth UK tour which included sold out gigs in Ireland and playing at the legendary Rock + Metal three day festival Download (where one exuberant fan says they played to a packed tent and "blew the frikken doors off!" with an incendiary performance.)

The band share — we have thoroughly enjoyed our time overseas, but we have missed playing to our dear friends here in New Zealand.

We're really excited to be catching up our good mates, to see your pretty faces and

melt them off!

Plus we need to thank you personally for the gold album.

We've been working hard and have some new tunes and a few surprises for y'all that we can't wait to unleash!

Devilskin have released two albums and have topped the New Zealand album charts with both of them.

Debut effort *We Rise* produced such great singles as *Little Pills*, *Never See The Light*, *Start A Revolution* and *Fade* and has reached Platinum status (sales of over 15,000 achieved through both over-the-counter-retail sales and streaming); while their sophomore *Be Like The River* has reached Gold status (over 7500 sales and counting) and given up the awesome singles *Mountains*, *Pray*, *Grave* and *Voices*.

Devilskin are the first domestic New Zealand rock

band to exceed one million streams with one song, that being *Elvis Presley Circle Pit*, and they are approaching 7,000,000 streams in total.

Formed in Hamilton in 2010 this four-piece rock band are bonded by blood; Paul (bass) and Nic (drums) are father and son, Jennie (vocals) is Nic's Aunt and Paul's sister-in-law. Te Awamutu's Nail (guitar) is Paul's 'evil twin'.

Fans are a big and most welcome part of the Devilskin family. Join them for the best ever family reunion!

Tickets from eventfinda.co.nz or 0800 BUY TIX (0800 289 849).

■ You can enter by text (write TAC Devilskin tix, plus your name and address, and text it to 021 241 4568) or mail (address to The Devilskin Double Pass Competition and include your name, address and daytime phone number). Deadline is 5pm Friday.

This competition is provided by 'Fill The House Tickets Project', proudly supporting families of children with cancer.

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Valerian and the City of a Thousand Planets

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It's not the space fights, the cool alien life forms, the futuristic metropolis; it's that all these things remind us how infinite this space is, how tiny our existence, and how precious.

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fect. It is a breathtaking, overwhelming vision of the celebrated comics, brought to life with heart blood by Luc Besson.

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The film nam-

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