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Peter Hamilton Honoured 67Years Later

Operation Grapple was a series of nuclear tests conducted in the Mid-Pacific by the British Government from May 1957 - September 1958. The New Zealand Government provided assistance by sending a Royal New Zealand Navy survey ship HMNZS Lachlan to survey the two islands that were chosen as the sites for testing, and two frigates HMNZS Rotoiti and Pukaki to assist during the tests. More than 500 young Kiwis sailors were exposed to the nuclear tests, as witnesses. Peter Hamilton from Inglewood served on HMNZS Rotoiti at the bomb test on Christmas Island.

A Medal Presentation Ceremony was held at the Torpedo Bay Navy Museum in Devonport on Tuesday 27 February 2024. This ceremony honoured not only those Veterans and next of kin who were able to attend, but all of the 579 New Zealand Service and other Personnel who attended the British Nuclear Tests during Operation Grapple in 1957 and 1958.

The Medal presentation was conducted by Her Excellency Iona Thomas, British High Commissioner to New Zealand.

It was an emotional day for these veterans whose service was finally acknowledged 67 years later.

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Moa Mail Comments

You never know what is just around the corner, there might be a new challenge or opportunity. Whilst this is exciting, it can also sometimes be scary, as taking up a new challenge can have the possibility of failure. New challenges or opportunities can let us grow and develop, push us out of our comfort zone, give us a whole new journey to travel on.

It doesn't matter if these challenges or opportunities are work, personal, come early or later on in life, sometimes you have to take a chance and not let the possibility of failure scare you out of what might be the best decision you have made yet.

Moa Mail Team

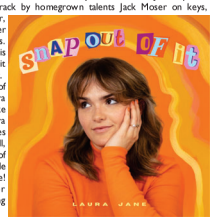
Laura Jane in the Charts Again (Helen Griffiths)

Inglewood raised recording artist Laura Jane's latest single has landed at number 16 in the NZ Top 40 this week despite a low key release.

'Snap Out of It' was recorded at Rhythm Ace in Oakura and has been kept on hold while Griffiths travelled overseas. Drawing from the highs and lows of life and love, this funky track has enough grooves to warrant a vinyl edition. Laura Jane is joined on the irresistibly repeatable track by homegrown talents Jack Moser on keys, Wakaia Tamehana on guitar, Mayer Te Tau on bass and her mum, Helen Griffiths on strings. Sam Johnson once again works his production magic to craft a hit deserving of its place in the chart.

A previous three time winner of Rock Quest Lyric Awards, Laura Jane admits that writing hits is like an "occupational hazard"; Laura Jane seems to pen her best tunes when she's feeling a bit blue. Well, if this catchy single is the result of a tough time, we'll take a whole album of heartbreak hits, please!

The track is available for download on all streaming platforms now.



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Norfolk WI AGM (Alison Paterson)

On Monday 5 February the AGM of the Norfolk WI was held in the Norfolk Hall. President Margaret Jordan chaired the meeting, with seven members present and three apologies. It was agreed that the members holding office should carry on as last year, in fact everything remains the same. Competition Results: DHI Vase Most Points overall First Margaret West 88 points. Iris Jordan Trophy Runner Up most points second Eileen Holt 73 points. Mini Russel Trophy most points first Margaret West 31 points. Eileen Holt and Lois Gordon were second and third. Hitchcock Trophy Most Points Floral first Margaret West 56 points. Eileen Holt and Nola Verry second and third. Burgess Cup Most Points General first Nola Verry 18 points. Faye Knowles Trophy Most Points Produce first Nola Koch 18 points. Lois Gordon and Eileen Holt second and third Instone Cup Most Points Special Letters first Eileen Holt 16 points, second Margaret West 13 points, third Nola Verry 10 Points. The cups handed out to the winners and congratulations to all. Afternoon tea followed, and our pleasant afternoon drew to a close.

Above: Margaret Jordan (President), Margaret West, Nola Koch and Nola Verry

Sporting Trial News (Sid Hirst)

The Sporting Trials Car Club held the annual Marshall memorial event recently. Conditions were quite slippery, which was great. Kevin and Luke Jensen travelled from Taumarunui for the event, so with Quintin Jensen, we had three generations competing in the same car. It is great to see families getting involved in this inexpensive form of motor sport.

Results: A Grade First Sidney Hirst, Second Murray Bridger, Third, Quintin Marshall. B Grade First Kevin Jensen, Second Luke Jensen, Third Quintin Jensen.

Above: Quintin Marshall on section four

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Enrolment at Inglewood School is governed by an enrolment scheme, details of which are available on the school website or from the school office.

The board is now inviting applications from parents who wish to enrol their children at Inglewood Primary School starting within Term 2 2024.

All applications must be received by 3.00pm Monday 25 March for Term 2 2024. If a ballot for out of zone places is required, it will be held on Wednesday 27 March 2024. Parents will be informed of the outcome of the ballot within three school days of the ballot being held.

The board has determined that 20 places from Year 1-6 are likely to be available for out-of-zone students within Term 2 2024. The exact number of places will depend on the number of applications received from students who live within the school's home zone. Parents of students who live within the home zone and intend enrolling their child at any time during the year should notify the school to assist the school to plan appropriately.

The application form for enrolment is available from the school website, or from the school office.

Please note, that if the number of out-of-zone applications exceeds the number of places available, students will be selected by ballot. Parents will be informed of the outcome of the ballot within three school days of the ballot being held.

Details relating to the next enrolment period Term 3 2024 will be published June 2024.

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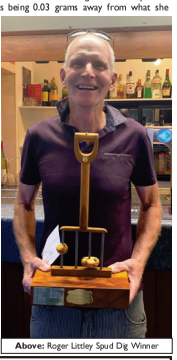
Club News (Nicole Moratti)

Inglewood Club has been busy with our annual spud dig competition, the biggest one we have had for a very long time with 26 competitors all trying to grow the best batch of potatoes. Every year we get a surprise and there's no two years which are the same. This year our winner grew a huge crop of potatoes weighing 7.670kg. Our winner this year, winning his second year in a row, was Roger Littley. A very proud man with his crop of potatoes. This has been a very good year for growing potatoes especially at the Littleys home as his wife Gill Littley with her crop weighing 4.180kg placed second in the heaviest potatoes category. We move on to the person who guessed how many potatoes they will grow. This year this person guessed the same amount as she grew. The winner was Mel Lines. Finally, the last category was guessing how heavy their crop would be. Our winner was Dean Brunner whose guess was only 0.025 off what he produced. Second place was Donna Baker with her guess being 0.03 grams away from what she produced. Overall, we are so grateful with how the spud dig went off this year and we already can't wait to have our next one at the end of the year.

This year we have a lot of fun events coming up. We are currently in the process of putting on an event hopefully every month of the year. So, if you have any ideas of what you would like us to organize, we are always ready to listen, send those ideas to inglewoodclub@xtra.co.nz.

In February we hosted our first quiz night of the year; it went so well, we hope you all had fun attending. We would love to thank all our sponsors for the night, we honestly wouldn't be able to host a quiz night without all the support. We are hoping to host our next quiz nights in July and October. We also have started up a get six and win bingo night which went through January, and we have had such good feedback that our next nights doing this type of bingo night are every Friday in May starting at 6:30pm. Turn up, buy a ticket, and get six numbers to win the jackpot. The more tickets sold per round the higher the jackpot will be. If you want to have more information about anything coming up, follow us on Facebook as we post everything that is coming up in our club. Most of these events are welcome to all non-members or otherwise stated on our page. For our members we have our Easter events darts, cards, pool, and cards coming up in March. If you are a member you can sign up at the bar. This is all for fun so even if it's your first time you will be partnered with someone else at random you may even get someone good at the event. Our next kids Disco will be on the 12th March and for our Annual Dance this year we are hosting a Masquerade ball for 18+ on the 19th April at 5:30pm. Tickets are available now at the Inglewood Club bar or you can get in touch through Facebook. A buffet dinner is included in the ticket so you can all join us, bring your partner, siblings, old friends or new friends for the night, have a meal and a boogie with refreshments available and bar open.



Above: Roger Littley Spud Dig Winner

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Goodbye summer, hello Autumn, and with it a great time for gardening is upon us. Our summer has been fairly kind to us, so here's hoping our Autumn weather will be warm sunny days, perfect for spending time in the garden. Everyone seems to be talking about their lawn at present, weeds are like hydrocotle and paspalum the common issues. So, lets take a look at what we should be doing to our favourite green space. Early autumn is the perfect time to put effort into your lawn, so that come spring and summer, you'll see that hardwork pay off. There are a few steps, which makes autumn the time to get serious about your lawncare. Think about dethatching, lawns will have a layer of dense, spongy thatch that spreads throughout lawns, made up of tightly interwoven stems, leaves, and roots. Left to get out of control and starve your lawn and encourage insects and diseases. There are products out there that you can spray on your lawn, that encourage the break-down of the thatch. Otherwise, rake it manually or in excessive cases, get yourself a scarifier to work through that tight thatch layer. Clear leaves and debris, make sure you're raking up or blowing off those leaves. Add them to your compost! There are some great cordless blower vacs on the market, my favourite a Dewalt Blowervac, often seen outside Hammer, as we deal to the leaves from the Council trees. Aerating your lawn increases the oxygen flow to the roots and improves drainage in the winter. Push a garden fork down about 100mm into the soil and gently pull back on the handle to open up the hole. Do this to your whole lawn, or just the most compacted areas. Aerating will also encourage worms to do their thing, redistributing nutrients and increasing natural aeration. Spraying your lawn with weed killers in autumn means a lot less weeds growing in spring. Depending on the size of the job, you may want to invest in a powered backpack sprayer, which will give you ultimate comfort and efficiency when spraying. Fertilise your lawn with the nutrients it needs to take advantage of autumn and withstand the winter. If after all of this, you need to oversow bare patches, by spreading extra grass seed in early autumn, means it has all winter to establish, looking lush and full in the spring. For a more even distribution, a manual spreader is the way to go. If your lawn only needs a patch oversown here and there, hand spreading is sufficient. Lets get our green space back on track, happy gardening.

Rainfall February 2024

(Mary Boekman/Alan Armitage)

Rainfall for February 2024:	94.25mm
Rainfall for February 2023:	165.5mm
No of Rain days for February 2024:	9
No of Rain days for February 2023:	11
Total rainfall so far for 2024:	297.25mm
Total rainfall for 2023:	255.6mm

Community & Food Hub News

(Mark Belchamber)

The beginning of February saw Inglewood Community & Food Hub's Friday lunches start for the year and it's great to be able to meet everyone again over lunch. The food parcels have also continued to be popular – just message 'Inglewood Community & Food Hub' on Facebook if you need one and we can organise it for you (Tuesday afternoons, Thursday and Friday morning pick-ups). If you're in New World and would like to be a small part of helping others, we would really appreciate donations of sugar, cooking oil, muesli bars and tea bags. Thank you!!

We were sorry we had to close last week due to staff sickness, which is something that we don't do lightly, but we are now back up and running. We had a small break-in caught on camera this week but not much was taken, please remember that we are offering FREE food and drinks for ANY family in need – just ring and ask and we will gladly help you with your needs. *We enjoy meeting people… Love Matters More*

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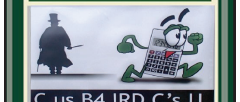

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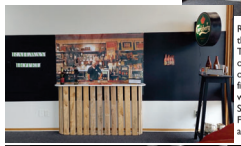
AmeriCARna Comes to Town

Inglewood Heritage Centre -The Railway Hotel

Another great display by Gay Laurence in the gallery. The new display is of the Railway Hotel with pictures taken over a time period where it has been many different colours.

Sitting on the corner of Rata street and Moa Street in 1876 it was constructed to be a general store, it was too big and Mr Carter moved to a shop further down Moa Street.

Mr J Dobbin had opened a private hotel on Richmond Street and on the 19th of May 1877 transferred the licence to 23 Rata street and renamed the building The Railway Hotel that stands there still today and is one of the oldest surviving buildings in Inglewood. The Façade of the building has changed over the years with different fixtures added to the building. Once a bustling pub if the walls could talk they would tell many a interesting story. So pop down to the Inglewood Heritage Centre in the Fun Ho! Toy Museum and have a look at the new display and learn about a little slice of history of Inglewood.



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Marinoto February Activities (Lyn Swete)

Christmas is behind us, and in the month of February, which was once again busy with different activities being introduced. The residents helped make sultana buns for their afternoon tea, which was enjoyed by all. Friday entertainment continues to be well patronised along with drinks, nibbles or Ice Blocks on hot days.

On 5th February we had a guest speaker from Taranaki Cancer Society come and discuss our upcoming Walk-a-thon on March 9th to raise money for the Society. All welcome to come and join us between 10.00am and 2.00pm. This is being held in conjunction with their annual Relay For Life. More about this next month.

The drives go down well getting residents out for a short time. On 5th February we had two horses visit the Rest Home which the residents really enjoyed. They were able to go outside and pat them. On February 22nd Americana arrived at the Rest Home. Residents were invited to go for a ride in the cars which was enjoyed by all. On Friday 23rd a few residents went down to the main entrance and watched all the cars pass through Inglewood on their way to Stratford and Hawera. A lot of waving and tooting which made the residents morning.

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Garden Gig Enchants (Helen Griffiths)

It was a small but perfectly formed audience who found themselves transported to France by the tunes of La Mer recently. "I could have been picnicking in Paris" said one attendee, who like others, had brought along some drinks and snacks to enjoy while the band played outdoors at 7 Brookes Street. La Mer are Taranaki based and play authentic French gypsy swing style music guaranteed to get toes tapping.

"Everything was wonderful - the music, the weather and the venue" said another satisfied audience member. "It's so nice to be able to go to see live music here in Inglewood."

Kai for Kittens (Helen Griffiths)

'Kai for Kittens' is an initiative run by Inglewood author Helen Griffiths and it was Inglewood Kindergarten's turn to enjoy a visit on 28th February. The tamariki sat captivated as she entertained them with activities and her book 'Ross the Cat'. As koha, donations of pet food were collected to be passed onto the SPCA. Helen says "This book is certainly allowing me to meet lots of lovely people, almost as many as Ross the Cat himself!"

Ross the Cat is the famous cat at Pukekura Park with almost 4000 followers on Facebook. Helen's book is available at all good bookstores and online at www.rumpusbooks.co.nz.

Lions News (Viv Adamson)

Lions are still being kept busy. AmeriCarna saw them helping put out table and chairs then packing them away once the event was over.

We were privileged to receive a visit from Lions International 3rd VP Mark Lyon and his wife Lyn for morning tea on 23 February. Mark will become Lions World President in 2026-2027. They also visited our Inglewood Community Mini Golf which the Inglewood Lions had a huge part in building.

Above: Past Lions Book Fair

Inglewood Lions Maize Maze Fright Night is on Friday 22nd March opening at 7.30pm with last entry in at 10.00pm. Cost is Adults $20. Under 15 years is $10. One lap per entry. The under 15's must be accompanied by an adult. Air Zone Bumper Bubbles will be at the Fright Night as well to add to the fun.

Inglewood Lions Book Fair is to be held on May 25th and 26th. We are collecting puzzles, books, DVD's, CD's now which can be dropped off at 9 Hinau Street or contact Wendy Otene 0272666307.

Above: Lions George Buchanan, Vanda Robinson, Lyn Lyon, Mark Lyon, Wendy Otene, David Powell, Kevin Knowles, Murray Instone, and Gordon Watson

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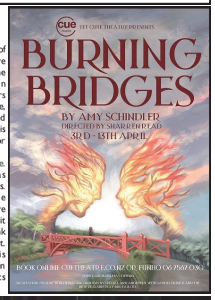
Cue Theatre Current Production
Burning Bridges (Karen Gwerder)

Rehearsals for Cue Theatre's first production of the year 'Burning Bridges' by Amy Shindler are underway. The experienced cast of Jasmine Gallagher, Briar Tucker, Josh McKee and Regan Tate are breathing life into their characters whilst crafting a truly entertaining story. Kate, and Dan (born in the 90's), are professional colleagues and newlyweds. They invite Kate's younger sister, Sarah, who is autistic for a two week visit. However Sarah has some major surprises for them and things quickly spin out of control.

Life quickly spirals into a nightmare of accusation and intrigue. 'Burning Bridges' explores issues surrounding autism such as sensory overload, obsession and difficulty forming relationships. It looks at other issues like gender politics at work and home and how do you prioritise childcare if you and your partner are equally professionally committed? Dark, intense with humour, it is one of those plays that will entertain you and make you think about things you didn't know you needed to think about. Director Sharren Read is excited about the progress this play is making and looks forward to using the new lights that have been recently installed. You won't want to miss this one, tickets available online; cuetheatre.co.nz or Fun Ho! Toys 067567030.



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To the Inglewood Lions Club, Inglewood Fire Brigade, Inglewood High School Rugby Girls Team, Rotary Club, Cue Theatre, Inglewood Athletic Club, NP Rock and Roll Club, Alive Dance Group. Many Thanks.

Special thank you to the Inglewood business's and residents for your co-operation with the road closure.

To John Rae and his AmeriCARna team, thank you for organising AmeriCARna and bringing it to Taranaki. After 16 years it is still fabulous.

Finally, to the Inglewood First Committee who generously give their time to organise an event for the benefit and enjoyment of the Inglewood Community and the many visitors AmeriCARna attracts.

Thank you. What a team.

Inglewood AmeriCARna would not happen without the support of so many people.

THANKYOU ALL

Marie Pearce (Event Organiser) - Inglewood First Trust Chairperson

What's on and Coming Events

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Above: Volunteers; Bob Schumacher, Tony Green, Janet Hunt, Colt Gardiner, Neil Chesterton and Peter Haines

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