

Oscars Kiwi Kafe 20th Birthday Celebration's

Owning any hospitality business (any business actually), is no easy feat. Buying and taking over a little fish and chip business in 2005 owners Craig and Sue were in for a journey of hard work that hasn't stopped since.

Craig had a vision and he, and many, many helpers pulled it off so 'Oscar's Kiwi Kafe' came to life with really good donuts and really good pies! Buying a business during a recession was hard but they survived. Opening a cafe along side the take away trade was hard as well but they still survived. Then a pandemic hit! And they survived again (scratches). They are going 20 years later, with Tess (Craig and Sue's daughter) at the helm, where all the goods are still made from scratch. Surviving because honestly not always thriving.

Keeping going for the love of it, for the friends they have made along way, the staff and the customers and there are so many of you! This little shop has seen them through so many life events! Houses being bought, families expanding, a near death experience and still holding strong, together. Once you have been a part of their little crew you are always family - near or far.

Thank you Inglewood for all the support over these many years and the biggest thank you to the staff past and present who have been there through thick and thin. Blood, sweat and tears, all of it!



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Editors Comments

Being a coach is hard. Unless you've been one, it's difficult to truly understand the hours that go in behind the scenes. It's more than just showing up to games and practices. It's planning drill, developing game strategies, figuring out who fits best in which position, and determining which players work well together. Decision making is endless and that's not even counting the actual time spent on the field or court. Then there's the frustration of dealing with people who think they know better in and out of the team, those who have all the advice but never step up to coach themselves. When a team loses, the coach often takes the blame. We see this time and time again, especially in professional sports.

So please, if you have a coach, appreciate them. Even more so if they're a volunteer. Coaches are harder and harder to find. A little recognition can go a long way.

Phillipa Peters for the Moa Mail



Croquet Club News (Jane Chamberlain)

We had a great turnout for opening day of the Inglewood Croquet Club on Tuesday 2 September. It was a chilly day but we played a couple of games followed by a delicious pot luck lunch. Our club days are Tuesdays and Thursday mornings 9:00am start and casual play on Sunday afternoon 1:00pm start. From the start of October we will be adding a Twilight casual session on Tuesday evening 5:00pm.

We would love to introduce some new players to this very addictive sport just come and have a go, mallets are provided all ages welcome. Contact numbers: 0275845955 or 0274670462.



Above: Audrey Leach, Sandra Earley, Bushy Reader and Colleen Wainewell

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TET Stadium and Event Centre News

The Taranaki Community Stadium Trust is celebrating 40 years and on Sunday 26 October at 2:00pm come listen to Zone Hobbs as a special guest. Zone made history as the first Oceania woman to run under 11 seconds in the 100m, and in 2024 she competed at the World Championships, Diamond League, and the Paris Olympic Games. She'll join us for an engaging Q&A session sharing stories from her incredible journey. Come and enjoy a relaxed afternoon at the TET Stadium and event centre with the bar open and complimentary nibbles. Take the chance to catch up with friends, reminisce about the past, and look ahead to the future of our community stadium. The MC for the day is Ed Fern, who will keep the afternoon flowing with plenty of energy and connection. As part of the accessibility upgrades, there now is a fantastic area cleared that supports events and hirers. This open area is perfect for excess equipment, food trucks, rubbish skips, heavy machinery and more. Work has also begun on the accessibility pathway from the main gates to the grandstand. This includes a wide concrete driveway, spectator standing pad and by the end of the year a new 'testing box'! With the Royal New Zealand Pipe Band Champs coming to Inglewood in March, these upgrades are really going to help our facility! This work has all come together from generous funders and NPOC. Thanks to the Taranaki Electrical Trust, the final touches have been happening around the event centre. Fresh paint in the foyer, meeting room and stairwell along with new carpet finished up with some fantastic images in the meeting rooms showcasing just some of the things the stadium does best. Also coming back is the third Christmas Market fundraiser! Wish well over 1200 people that come along, it's an event not to be missed! Do you have a food truck or some fantastic crafts - this is a great event to sell your goodies at. Get your application in now!



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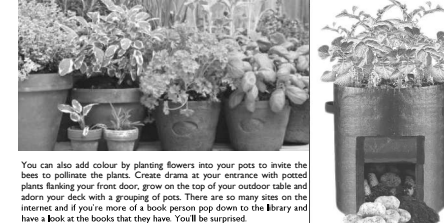
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Gardening with Cleefless

Container plants are a great way to extend your garden, utilise space and dress up your outdoor area. If you have little space or no garden at all you can grow the fresh produce that you love to eat in pots and grow companion plants together.

Lettuces, tomatoes, climbing peas, peppers, capsicums and so much more. Herbs can be grown in pots as well as together. Basil and oregano, rosemary and thyme and parsley and chives go well together they give off beautiful smells and aromas. Get out there and give it a go, you don't have to be a green finger you just need to start small and grow to your confidence grows. There's nothing like growing your own produce and sharing with family and friends and using them for your lunch and dinner. It is also something to teach your children or grandchildren, where the food comes from and how it grows. Use compost to grow your plants and keep them watered so they thrive. Potatoes and Kumara can be grown in grow bags to keep things compact



You can also add colour by planting flowers into your pots to invite the bees to pollinate the plants. Create drama at your entrance with potted plants flanking your front door, grow on the top of your outdoor table and adorn your deck with a grouping of pots. There are so many sites on the internet and if you're more of a book person pop down to the library and have a look at the books that they have. You'll be surprised.



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We Are Not Alone

By Barbara Kuriger, MP for Taranaki-King Country



Farming is at the heart of New Zealand's culture and economy. While the lifestyle brings many rewards for farmers, it also comes with unique challenges that can take a toll on mental health.

For Kiwi farmers, the pressures of fluctuating markets, unpredictable weather, and the isolation of rural life can quickly become overwhelming.

It's important to recognise that mental health, just like physical health, needs attention and care. Sometimes stress shows up as a difficulty sleeping, feeling easily irritated, or losing interest in activities you used to enjoy. If these feelings persist, it's okay and even necessary to reach out for help.

And help there is. I have the privilege of being the national patron of Craig "Wiggie" Wiggins' innovative and incredibly successful Lean on a Gate programme, which seeks to safeguard the ability and the opportunity of rural communities to get together to support each other.

Wiggie does an incredible job, and recently I was pleased to see that he has even more resources behind him with the announced collaboration with MATES in Construction, who have extensive experience in looking after construction workers in New Zealand. There are also other support networks, such as Rural Support Trusts, offering confidential help, connecting farmers to resources and friendly faces who understand the challenges.

Talking to friends, whānau, or a trusted adviser can also provide relief and fresh perspective. Looking out for one another is vital. If you notice a mate isn't themselves, check in and let them know you care. A supportive community can make all the difference in tough times.

Prioritising mental health is not a sign of weakness; it's an essential part of keeping Kiwi farms and families thriving. By fostering open conversations, seeking support when needed, and caring for each other, New Zealand's farmers can continue to weather life's storms, both on and off the land.

If you would like to learn more about the Lean on a Gate and other support services available to farmers and their families, feel free to drop me a line to Barbara.Kuriger@parliament.govt.nz and I will happily get back to you with the information you need.

Barbara Kuriger

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TimberWorks - Grain in a New Direction (Trevor Holland)



Formerly known as \$5 a 11 Bro's Joinery, the business was previously established in 1982 by Robert and Graham Small, who became well-known in Inglewood for their quality craftsmanship and wit. Today, the tradition continues under a new name TimberWorks Joinery.

Owned and operated by Inglewood local Trevor Holland, TimberWorks specialises in bespoke joinery, custom cabinet making, custom timber solutions, and precision timber machining.

The workshop remains proudly based at 16 Cuffed Street, Inglewood, where the smell of fresh timber and the sound of craftsmanship still fill the air. The name may be new, but the commitment to workmanship and creativity remains as strong as ever.



Catherine's Corner

Willis aren't just for the wealthy or elderly, they're for anyone who wants to make life easier for their loved ones. GQ have helped thousands of clients with Willis over the years and we know what can go wrong when things are done properly. Here are some top tips:

- Don't DIY. Homemade Willis can cause confusion, delays, or disputes. Having it drafted by a professional ensures it's legally valid with no dead-end left out.
- Choose wisely. Your executors will carry out your wishes, so pick people you trust. If you have young children, appoint a guardian too.
- Be clear. Verbal promises or assumptions about loans and gifts don't hold up. Put it in writing.
- Keep it updated. Big life changes like marriage, separation, or having kids should always be a prompt to check your Willis is still relevant and valid.
- Tell someone. A Will isn't much good if no one knows it exists. Make sure someone close to you knows where to find it.

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Norfolk WI News (Allison Paterson)

Monday the 1st of September was Norfolk's meeting day held at Alison Paterson's home in Inglewood. It was a showery and windy type of day so it was good to be indoors! No apologies all ten members were present. We took note of various functions and events coming up through the year from North Taranaki Federation President Hani Dodunski's Newsletter. Our September competitions of flower and shrub etc made a colourful display and were judged by member Jill Turner. With all business having been dealt with, judging done etc, we then enjoyed afternoon tea. Time flew by and soon it was time to pack up and say farewell to everyone after having a lovely afternoon together. Over the winter months we have enjoyed our monthly get-togethers. Our usual annual soup and scones back at Hobbs Kuch's home in Ball Ball in June was well received. The day of "Winter Show with birds" theme was very interesting to view. For our members in July members travelled to Ball Ball to Margaret Jordan's home where guest speaker Morris West and accompanied by retired Hearing Dog Scargill, who was so well trained and well behaved. We all enjoyed the day. For August the get-together was lunch at Big Jim's Cafe. Now with Winter fading away and the season switched to Spring, hopefully better weather and warmer days will come. Looking back over our Winter activities we have many interesting things to brighten the days and take time to enjoy.

Right: Lois Gordon, Jill Turner and Margaret West



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Candidate Profiles for up coming Elections

Mayor and District Wide



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DAVID AUBLITZ
For Mayor
I will provide leadership to ensure Council staff, elected members and community work together, embracing innovation and technology to drive managed growth.

Spending every dollar wisely and making decisions with the past, present and future in mind.

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GREG HACKAY
I am offering my services as Mayor and Councillor for our district.



PETER HARBA
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JOHN WOODWARD
A proud New Plymouth local from a multi-generational family.

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DEBBIE HANCOCK
Standing for district wide council

I share concerns about double digit rate hikes.

Having owned a couple of small businesses I am aware ongoing cannot be greater than incoming. I wish council did.

I'm running for NPOC because I care about our community's future. We've got real issues to tackle - housing, infrastructure, water, waste, and keeping rates fair.

I'll listen, be open, and work hard to make sure New Plymouth stays a great place to live for everyone.

Now or never elect the right person please get number 1 Debbie Hancock.

