

## Maybe Just An Idiosyncrasy of Bureaucracy?

You could be forgiven for being a little bewildered if you live on Ngahere Street or Pokaka Place. Two new signs have gone up at the end of these streets advising that you are now entering a school zone set at 30 kmh.

The baffling part is that the road ahead is Rata Street with its 50 kmh still in play. Which poses the question about how safe it is merging into the faster Rata Street traffic at 30 kmh instead of the usual 50 kmh posted for the main road. While speed limits around schools play a crucial role in keeping children safe during busy pick-up and drop-off times, they do need to make sense.

We did note that it was a pretty big job requiring many workers to put these signs up, and were wondering if the job will be finished when they have recovered from their initial efforts.



Top: Towards Rata Street Above: Down Pokaka Place

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## Moa Mail

**Editors Comment**

A huge thank you to Phillips, our now retired editor for all her hard work, creativity, and dedication. You've helped shape our Moa Mail in so many ways, and we appreciate everything you did.

We wish you well and know you will be brilliant in your new career. But as we say goodbye, we're excited to welcome our new editor, Karen Moratti.

Karen is a well-known local, with deep family roots in our community. We look forward to seeing the ideas and perspective you will bring. Here's to a future full of great stories, strong community, and new adventures. Thanks to both of you.

Richard Jordan (Old, Old, Editor)

**A New Year of Stories, Photos, and Community Spirit**

Thank you for the warm welcome!

I'm excited to work with everyone throughout the coming year and continue building a strong sense of community together.

Your wonderful articles and photos are the heartbeat of our Community Paper, keeping it vibrant, relevant, and full of local spirit. With delivery reaching 2,800 households across Inglewood Township and the surrounding districts, the paper offers a fantastic opportunity to showcase and promote local businesses. I encourage you to keep sending in your contributions and advertisements—they help our publication grow while supporting the people and enterprises that make our community unique and thriving.

You'll still receive our usual reminders for your articles, but don't be surprised if your new editor gives you a gentle nudge in person.

Best wishes for 2026!

*Karen Moratti*

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**The Inglewood Venturers (Peter Van Koppin)**



Going into the new year, the Inglewood Venturers were well and truly alive with adventure. Whether you wanted to roam Wellington or learn to sail, Adventure 26 had something for everyone. Life-long friendships were made, limits were tested, and skills were learned, experiences that would not have been possible without the support of our community and sponsors like Min Golf, TET, 4WD, Mire10, and Cape Contracting.


"My favourite part from Adventure 26 was making new friends, learning what my limits are, pushing them, and feeling like I actually accomplished something over those weeks," one Venturer shared. Others said they joined to "connect with kids our age rather than spend the holidays on a phone or locked up in our room," or to "join a community that support them and provide new opportunities." Venturers is more than just camp, it's a chance to grow, try new things, and meet friends from all over the country and even overseas. "Venturers give people opportunities to grow and become better versions of themselves, not just in body but also mind," another Venturer said. One highlighted the unique friendships: "A way to make close friendships and have some of my favourite experiences with those people. Whether they are from my hometown or the other side of the world, it's a great place to meet new people." Adventure 26 proved that when it's all making mini golf or tackling the 4WD track, Venturers can change themselves and make memories that last a lifetime.

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## Moa Mail

**Saving Our TV 7 Heritage Collection**

Do you remember TV7? The Taranaki Television Channel that was located upstairs in the McDonalds building which produced local programs and broadcasts across Taranaki from Inglewood from 2000-2007. The TV channel promoted the Taranaki area and included interviews with local icons, businesses and footage of events. Inglewood Development Trust



Above: "Ken the Magic Man" A early 2000's show

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**Catherine's Corner**

We're back and excited for 2026!

The start of a new year often brings a sense of momentum for many people. Whether it's a new property, a business venture, a changing family dynamic, a succession plan or an investment in the works for solving getting good advice early from your trusted advisors sets a good foundation and helps avoid issues later.

One thing easy to put off, is making or updating a Will. Life has a habit of changing or heading in unexpected directions. The new year is a perfect time to do a quick legal check-in. If you have an up-to-date Will, that reflects your wishes, then you will benefit from the peace of mind that comes with knowing your affairs are in order.

Whatever 2026 holds for you and your family, room here to take care of the legal needs so you can focus on the things that matter most to you. Now is a great time to get the ball rolling, so give us a call and let's start the conversation.

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**Lions News (Wendy Oone)**



That brought tickets to our raffle. The Moa Maze will be opening on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> January. Opening hours are 11.00am to 4.30pm, Saturday, Sunday and public holidays, last entry will be 4.00pm. Entry is \$5 and under \$2, 6-14 years \$7, 15 and older \$12. Tractor rides will be available on both Saturdays and Sundays, this is included in admission price. Elpos is available. Remember that the maze is on Windsor Road, just out of town, (across the road from where it was last year).

Keep an eye on our Facebook page for information, Inglewood Lions Maze Maze.

If you have any queries or would like to book an event at the Maze please phone Rob on 0271888819. If you would like to join Lions or come along to take a look at what we do, please contact Graham on 0211425920 or Helen on 0274191675



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## Moa Mail

**How RMA Reforms Can Build a Greener, More Liveable New Zealand.**

By Barbara Kuriger, MP for Taranaki-King Country



The idea of changing the Resource Management Act (RMA) has been around for years, and many people saw it as just a matter of time. While the news, however inevitable, may not surprise anyone, it is still a relief to see the Government act in its first term to make major changes. These changes will bring real benefits to communities, the environment, and the economy. For years, people have said the RMA is slow, expensive, and complicated. Reform gives us a chance to keep the Act's main goal of managing resources sustainably, while making the system more efficient, predictable, and focused on results.

A major benefit is that getting consent for projects could become faster and clearer. With simpler processes, fewer repeated plans, and clearer national guidance, we can avoid the delays that often hold up housing, infrastructure, and renewable energy projects. This should lower costs for councils, developers, and communities, making it easier to tackle the housing shortage and improve important infrastructure.

Reform is also a chance to improve environmental protections. With stronger national standards and clearer rules, the new system can do a better job of protecting our freshwater, biodiversity, and coastal areas. Rather than debating the basics in every local plan or consent, communities can spend more time working on real improvements and restoring damaged environments.

A simpler and more strategic planning system can help us prepare for the long term. By including climate change adaptation, natural hazard risks, and infrastructure planning in early decisions, New Zealand can build safer, more liveable communities that are ready for future challenges.

If done right, RMA reform can give us a planning system that works faster and is more reliable, while also offering better environmental protections and more liveable communities for everyone in New Zealand.

It's the textbook balance.

**Barbara Kuriger**  
MP for Taranaki-King Country


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**Tarata Saddle Full Road Closure for Earthworks**

Work to rebuild the section of Tarata Road between Motukawa Road and Tariki Road North (Tarata Saddle) starts Monday 26 January. The work is expected to take about 5 weeks (weather permitting).

This part of the project includes removing the bank to improve alignment and visibility, and drainage upgrades to improve road conditions.

To do this as quickly as possible the road will be closed during this time. There will be a full road closure 24/7 from 26 January to the end of 5 February, and those travelling have been advised to use Otaraa Road as the alternative route. From the ninth of February, there is a single-lane. And traffic management will be in place Monday, Friday, 6.00am-6.00pm. Expect delays of between 15–20 minutes.

**Saving our Heritage**



Above: Some of the hundreds of videos in the TV7 Collection that require digitising before they can be seen (see page 4 for article)

Below: Peter McDonald framed and also did many interviews for TV7

**Inglewood Rotary Club**

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## Moa Mail

**Marinoto News (Lyn Swete)**



December was a truly special month at Marinoto, filled with celebration, laughter, and meaningful connections. The festive spirit was well and truly alive as residents came together to bake and enjoy delicious Christmas cakes, a tradition that was savoured by all.

We were delighted to welcome several school and day-care groups throughout the month. Children from Inglewood Child Care and Best Start brought smiles with their joyful singing, while St Patrick's and Inglewood Primary captivated residents with a mix of music and storytelling.

These intergenerational visits are always a highlight, and we are pleased to confirm that all four groups will return again this year. Friendly competition took centre stage on December 10th during our much-anticipated monthly bowls match versus residents. As usual, the residents emerged victorious, much to everyone's amusement. A visit from Mr Whippy beforehand added an extra layer of delight. Our furry friend Gidget the dog also made her regular visit on the 15th, charming residents as she politely offered her paw in exchange for treats a moment that never fails to warm hearts.

The highlight of the month was undoubtedly our Christmas Party on the 17th. Families and guests joined us for a wonderful afternoon of music and cheer, with Timeless Therapy keeping everyone singing along. A special appearance by Father Christmas, complete with a stocking full of gifts, made the day unforgettable. Looking ahead, the new year promises even more fun, laughter, and wellbeing-focused activities for all at Marinoto.



Above: Residents of Marinoto enjoying the Christmas Festivities

**Out and About in Inglewood**



Have you noticed the work that has been happening outside the library?

As part of a refresh of some of the seating areas in Inglewood you will see some new bench seats and a table have been installed. It creates a great conversation space don't you think?

Inglewood is looking very smart with all the beautiful baskets and bread to stop and relax. It's great to hear all the positive feedback from visitors to our town.

We look forward to seeing what else is planned around town. Watch this space.

Top left: The construction crew on the job installing the new seating outside the library. Left: The new seating and table in place.



