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Editors Comment

Americana was a fabulous night and accolades must go to our Inglewood First Committee and volunteers for all the hard work they put into organising these events each year. Beyond the big events, judging by our articles and what's on the calendar there are plenty of local fundraisers underway. With so much going on, it's a good reminder of how strong our community spirit is and a reminder how important it is to support these events.

Karen Moraiti

Inglewood District Health Trust (Diane Jones)

What 2025 was described as a challenging year for Inglewood District Health Trust with staff crises, a funding deficit, urgent remedial renovations needed, increased numbers of terminal patients, and the resignation of a long standing trustee with invaluable skills. Robert 'Tiny' Austin has volunteered his skills as a trustee. Long time supporters of IDHT, Robert Brown, Maureen Frederickson, Robert Edhouse, Vida Hartness, Bruce Williams, and the staff of Finax, the Inglewood Dental Surgery, 'The Nest and Full Circle', medical practices and Unichem Inglewood Pharmacy have continued to support the staff and the service. TET, TOI Foundation and Inglewood Red Cross have helped pay the bills and very generous individual community donors have ensured the service will survive for the immediate future.

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Bowling Club News (Peter Van Dyk)

Inglewood Bowling Club has had a very enjoyable and successful season on the green. They defended their title to the Men's Saturday (South) by beating Tower (Western) in the final on 21st February. Congratulations to all involved. We also had a full day of Club Championships on Sunday 22nd February. The Senior and Junior Men's Singles, Men's Pairs and Women's Junior Singles were all decided. Congratulations to Kevin Koch and Andrew Kendall, who won the Senior and Junior Men's Singles respectively, Jill Forbes, won the Junior Women's Singles, Bernard (Donnie) and Danny O'Sullivan won the Men's Pairs. Congratulations to all involved and good luck in the Champ of Champs competition coming up soon. We have completed four rounds of our annual Corner-2-Corner social tournament. It runs for seven weeks on Friday evenings as part of our regular Friday social evening which starts at about 4.30pm. It is open to all members and guests present at the time. Contact a club member if you are interested in finding out more or if you are interested in giving bowls a go.

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Athletics Club News (Raewyn Grigg)

Our club has been bustling with athletic activities over the past couple of months. In December, we hosted our Ribbon Day, and in January, some of our athletes participated in the Colgate Games in Tauranga and Nelson. Recently, our athletes also competed in the Taranaki Athletics Champs, encompassing both senior and junior categories. Additionally, we've been working through our Club Championships over the last month. We have also had members attend an athlete's course and one of our teenage athletes, Caelin Mitchell, has become one of the youngest - if not the youngest - Level 1 graded official in the country. Well done Caelin! Since Christmas, we have continued to welcome several new members to our club. Athletics serves as an excellent foundation for all sports. Our senior members have been actively participating in events as well. Raewyn Grigg and Rachel Gilbert showcased their talents at the North Island Masters Athletics Champs in Tauranga at the end of November, with Ross Gilbert serving as an official. Raewyn continued her impressive performance by competing in the South Island Masters Athletics Champs in Nelson in January. Looking ahead, Raewyn and Rachel, along with Sandra Moraiti, will be competing at the NZ Masters Athletics Champs here in Inglewood from 13-15 March. Spectators are welcome to attend free of charge. Come down to the track next weekend and support the many Masters athletes from around the country. Some competitors are former New Zealand representatives and are often willing to share training advice and tips.

Frigh Night at the Maize Maze (Wendy Orens)

The Maize Maze Frigh Night will be held on Friday March 13th starting 7.30pm. Cost will be \$20 for 15 years of age and over, \$10 for 14 and under. Coffee and food carts will be available. If you have any queries or would like to book an event at the Maize Maze please phone Rob on 027 688819.

Our Lions Club had a potting growing competition, where all of the potoses grown get donated to Inglewood Food Bank. This year's winner was Gordon Watson with his potso supplying him with 5.650kg of potatoes, the smallest potso was 0.0851g of potatoes, we will keep that growers name to ourselves, funny that!!

The competition was followed up by a pot luck tea for Murray and Fiona Instone's. It was a great night, full of plenty of banter and laughs. If you would like to join Lions or come along to take a look at what we do please contact Graham on 021 425 920 or Helen on 027 4191675.

Above: Fiona Instone and winner Gordon Watson

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BOWL OF BROOKLANDS, NEW PLYMOUTH

7 MARCH 2026

Restore PG Nops Reserve February 2026 (Lough Homer)

It has been a great summer for cicadas and weeds! We continue to weed to give the native seedlings a fighting chance. PG Nops reserve, and all native ecosystems on the ring plan, face a significant and accelerating threat from ornamental garden plants which have escaped into the wild. The young native plants cannot compete with weeds for light, water and nutrients, we hand clear areas and use bark mulch to suppress any regrowth and reseed.

We tackle an increasing list of weeds in the reserve. Japanese wanelet is now spreading along the Karapete stream. It is a fast growing tree which forms dense stands and produces many long-lived seeds. It is a National Pest Plant Accord species so cannot be cultivated, released, distributed or sold. We are pulling out the seedlings before they take hold. Thank you to Karen and Bob, Neil, Tony, Heather and Sean for all your mums. It always amazes me what we achieve in a couple of hours each month. Our next working bee is 1.00-3.00pm Sunday the 29th March. We meet at the Tawa Street entrance and would love to see you there. If you would like to know more about our activities call Neil Chesterton on 027 221 7712 or email chesterston@xtra.co.nz



Above: Japanese wanelet seedling

Prayers for peace

Please join us for a time of praying for peace at home and abroad at St. Johns Peace Memorial church in Kaimata.

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PROGRAMME

FRIDAY 9.00AM-5.00PM
 GRADE 3, 4A, 4B

SATURDAY 12.00PM (NOON) JUVENILE NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL COMPETITION
SATURDAY 1.20PM GRADE 2
 3.30PM GRADE 1

4.20PM MACE FLOURISHING (DRUM MAJOR DISPLAY)
5.30PM MASS BAND DISPLAY AND PRESENTATIONS

SATURDAY 9.00AM PARADE COMPETITION

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Lifegate Leaders Farewelled (Carmyn Bissett)

On Saturday 7th February, Lifegate Church, along with family and friends, farewelled Pastor Kevin and Penny Dixon, who have stepped down from leadership after 25 years of faithful service to Lifegate Church in Inglewood. A hamburger lunch was first on the programme, with a visit from Mr Whippy, which was enthusiastically received by everyone.

During the speeches, words repeated often about Kevin and Penny, included integrity, reliability, consistency, a sense of humour and a genuine love for people. Moving words were spoken by Kevin and Penny's three children - Anna, Stephanie and Ben, who shared what's like being "pastors' kids" and how their parents had always allowed them to be themselves.

Kevin will continue in his chaplaincy role at New Plymouth Boys High School and as chaplain for the South Taranaki Police, also serving as Padre for the Inglewood RSA, while Penny will continue with Taranaki Christian Women in Leadership group. Some speaking at churches is sure to be in the mix, along with lots of "grandchildren time", according to their three children.

We pray the very best for Kevin and Penny and what God has in store for them in the next season.

Norfolk WI News (Alicia Paterson)

Our AGM, and also the February meeting was held in the Norfolk Hall, with all seven members attending.

President Margaret Jordan was re-elected and Nola Koch was re-elected as vice president. Alicia Paterson was elected to be secretary/treasurer. Competitions Lois Gordon and Margret West, all other positions remain the same as the previous year.

The annual competition trophies were distributed and congratulations to the winners. A tassy afternoon tea was served and a busy afternoon came to a close. We will meet at the Norfolk Hall for our March meeting and to put the final touches to the programme for 2026 year.

The two trophies standing in the photo are to remind us of our members that have passed away Betty Wanewski in November and Nola Verry in December. Both were very good gardeners and loved their gardens. They were keen competitors in the two competitions with lovely entries to exhibit, but they are sadly missed.

Above: Margret West and Lois Gordon

REGULAR ACTIVITIES IN INGLEWOOD

Wednesday
 Steady At Top Go, strength and balance exercise class, Inglewood United Church, 20 Brown Street, 10.30am, every Wednesday, \$3 per class.

Thursday
 Music and Movement, music, rhythm, movement, coordination and participation at suitable memories, enjoyment and fun. Mondays, 22 West Street, 10.00am, first Wednesday each month, starting 1st March 2026.

Thursday
 Social Afternoon afternoon tea and activities, bingo, games, interaction and conversation for those in the Inglewood community. Mondays, 22 West Street, 1.30pm, third Thursday each month, starting 1st March 2026.

AGE Taranaki
 Taranaki Association of Grey Seniors
 22 West Street, Inglewood

Durham WI February Report (Christine Fitz Patrick)

Our AGM was straight forward with all officers bearers continuing unopposed. President, Valerie Young read her comprehensive Annual Report which highlighted our many activities and contributions to the community.

Prize giving followed with Janice Woodhead accumulating the most points overall. This year we did away with prizes and awarded certificates and trophies. This allows us to use that money saved for worthy causes. The activity for next month remains top secret with Jan Dobbs describing it as a mystery outing that she is keen for us to enjoy. Watch this space.

Everett Park Fun Run (Kat Strang)

The East Taranaki Environment Collective is hosting the Everett Park Fun Run again! It will be held on Sunday 12th of April, Last year, 250 participants walked and ran the course through the beautiful Everett Park Scenic Reserve. The event will be similar to last year with 2.5km, 4.5km and 9km options. While fun, this is more of an adventure run along the Trust's pest control and habitat restoration work within the Reserve. The event will be similar to last year with 2.5km, 4.5km and 9km options. While fun, this is more of an adventure run along the Trust's pest control lines. Like last year, participants will be treated to breakfast, swap some stories, scramble up banks, a swing bridge, as well as lots of great rima and jwawawawa (Taranaki) firing around. Keep an eye on our website (etc.org.nz) and our Facebook and Instagram pages for updates. We hope to see you there!

Military Convoy Rolling into Town (John Subritzky)

The Wild West Convoy of ex-military vehicles is coming to Inglewood! WWI Jeeps, Dodges and later models like ex-army Land Rovers will be on public display. The convoy of privately owned vehicles is keeping history rolling as they tour Taranaki for two weeks. The bi-annual convoys started in 2016 and have toured most areas of NZ. Americans love the convoys and there are nearly 20 of them as guests in this tour. The convoy will travel lots of back roads from New Plymouth to Tauranaru, then back over to Mokau up as far as Raglan and return to Tauranaru, then Whangunu via Raetihi returning to New Plymouth around the mountains via the surf highway 45. All this in 15 days! The Wild West Convoy vehicles will be in Inglewood at the old Inglewood railway station car park on the 7th of March, between 11.30am and 1.30pm. The public are welcome to come along to see the vehicles and chat to its owners.

Above: The original convoy at Lake Rautanuhia

Rainfall January 2026

(Mary Boekman/Alan Armitage)

Rainfall for January 2026: 272.5 mm

Rainfall for January 2025: 63 mm

No of Rain days for January 2026: 14

No of Rain days for January 2025: 7

Total rainfall so far for 2026: 272.5 mm

Total rainfall for 2025: 2663.5 mm

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No RSVP needed, just come along on the day. Can't make it? Not a problem, call our office and book a private tour for a date that suits you.



New Zealand Masters Athletics Championships (Karen Gillum-Green)

The NZ Masters Athletics Championships will be held over three days from 13 - 15 March 2026 at the TET Stadium in Inglewood. Our local Taranaki Masters athletes will face the best competitors Aotearoa has to offer. With the Masters category starting at age 30, we are excited to hopefully welcome a 94 year-old athlete from Manawatu Whanganui Masters. The competition promises to be fierce, but the camaraderie during and after each event is truly admirable. The schedule is as follows: Friday 13 March 4:00pm - approximately 7:00pm, Saturday 14 March 9:15am to approximately 3:30pm, and Sunday 15 March 9:00am to approximately 12:30pm. Entry to the stadium is free, so come along and support our athletes as they run, jump, throw, and walk their way to victory!

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What's on and Coming Events

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Inglewood Heritage Centre
 History of Garages and Petrol Station in Inglewood
Friday 9.00am
Thursday 10.00am
Saturday 9.00am
 (Every 1, 3, & 5th Saturday)
Sunday 10.30am

Everyone Welcome

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What's on Continued
 ANZAC Day 25 April

NZ Masters Athletics Championships
 TET Stadium. Free.
 Fri 13 Mar 4:00pm-7:30pm
 Sat 14 Mar 9:15am-3:30pm
 Sun 15 Mar 9:00am-12:30pm

Age Concern Community Session at Manawatu 19th March

RNZ Pipe Band Championships 20/21st March
 TET Stadium

Relay for Life Sat 28th March

Moa Mail

Inglewood High School PTA Annual General Meeting
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 7.00 pm
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Relay for Life 2026 (like Wairarapa)

Cancer Society RELAY FOR LIFE Excitement is building for the Taranaki Relay For Life, happening on Saturday, 28 March at the TET Stadium and Events Centre in Inglewood. With 48 teams already registered, this year's event is shaping up to be the biggest we've seen in years. Early bird registrations closed February 16. The Taranaki Cancer Society is aiming to raise \$225,000 to support people in our community affected by cancer. So far, fundraising has reached nearly \$30,000, but there's still a long way to go and every donation counts. Funds raised help provide free counselling, transport to treatment, accommodation and food grants, cancer research, and prevention programmes such as Sun Smart Schools. By donating or signing up a team, you're helping ensure no one in our region faces cancer alone. Join us from 10:00am-10:00pm for an inspiring day of community spirit and hope, donate today at relayforlife.org.nz, sign up as a team at relayforlife.org.nz

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Inglewood, 21 Tainui Terrace
 6:07 pm 1 - 4 pm
 • Multi-level brick home, 3 bedrooms, office
 • Sunny open plan living, stylish family bathroom
 • Large basement garage, fully fenced backyard

Inglewood, 8 Manatu Lane
 12:46 pm 1 - 4 pm
 • Near new Macquarie home, 3 bedrooms
 • Hardwump, double glazing, gas hot water & hob
 • Large are section down a broad driveway

Inglewood, 101 Rata Street
 6:06 pm 1 - 4 pm
 • 3 bed, 3 bedroom family home, modern kitchen
 • Open plan dining and lounge, family bathroom
 • Basement garage with workbench and storage

Egmont Village, 1245 Upland Rd
 9:07 pm 1 - 4 pm
 • Separate self contained cottage, ideal for guests
 • Tandem garage with level access at rear

SOLD in February

120 Seventh Ave, Urenui Beach
 4 Davis Road, Inglewood
 3 & 5 Regis Street, Inglewood
 Lot 10, Fintax Hill Park, Inglewood

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