

Pipe Band Championships A Spectacular Event

PIPE BANDS travelled from Canada, Australia, and across New Zealand to Ingwood on Friday and Saturday last week to compete in the Pipe Band Championships. The town was transformed into a vibrant showcase of colour and sound, with the music carrying for miles and creating an atmosphere that locals described as unforgettable. Saturday's parade drew large crowds of residents and visitors who lined the streets to watch 36 bands march through the areas surrounding TET Stadium before looping back for the main events. The precision, energy, and pageantry on display made it a highlight for many spectators. The TET Stadium team can be incredibly proud of their efforts in securing and hosting such a spectacular occasion, which brought national and international attention to the community.



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Football News (Zac Dodanks)
The Masters Presham match vs Woodleigh was won 3:1 by Ingwood with goals to Ethan Rawson 2 and Caleb van Buskirk. Ingwood AFC is still hunting for more Senior Players, particularly for the Over 35 Masters grade. Approach the club on Brochure/Cards at 7567030 or email ingwoodafc@gmail.com or give the office, John Scallan a message on 021 054 4640.

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EETC News (Kat Strang)
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Girl Guiding is a Go (Rose Battorby)
Last weekend the Ingwood Girl Guides had a great weekend camping out at Egmont Village. The girls had to make fires and keep them going so they could cook their lunch and dinner over the fire. This was quite an experience for some of the girls who hadn't cooked over an open fire before. Another highlight of the weekend was the day-long challenge. This consisted of a mixture of games, flag making, and activities, including putting up a shelter, finding their food for lunch using coordinates then cooking it over the fire, each activity gained points. Cooking marshmallows and having a camp fire sing-along were also enjoyed. Earlier in the year we had our regional award ceremony, held in Hawera with girls earning their top awards for papans, brownies and guides. A lot of work goes into the girls earning their badges, especially the top ones in each of the units. Well done to all our girls who have accomplished their Gold Apple (Papans) and Gold Koru (Brownies), special congratulations to Betty, Scarlet, Sophia and Amy who received their Aoraki which is the highest award available to our rangero. On another matter we would like to let you know that we have gained some new girls for our pupils unit which is our 5-6 year olds, but we could do with a few more. Please email: youthoutnment@ngz.org.nz if you would like to bring your daughter down for a visit.

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TET Grant for Town Security Cameras (Christine Fabish & Mike Davey)
TET has granted to NPDC and the Ingwood Community Board for camera's to be installed in the Ingwood township, a three year project. These cameras will assist petty crime in Ingwood. Police security camera's in small towns offer several practical solutions: crime prevention, faster investigations and footage gives police solid evidence to identify suspects. With fewer police officers in small towns like Ingwood the cameras will also act like extra eyes. They can quickly detect incidents or accidents and suspicious activity, so police can respond. It is seen as a major asset for Community assurance, with residents feeling safer knowing there is some level of monitoring, especially in our town centre, parks, or near schools. Cameras can help manage speeding, dangerous driving or accidents. Ingwood TET trustee, Mike Davey said camera's will be welcomed by the community, making Ingwood a safer community. Installation of camera's will be by local contractor Aotearoa Security.



From Pines to Natives (Dehym Masten)
NPDC's project to replace an ageing stand of pine trees in Ingwood with native bush is progressing well. The project, which started in August last year, is a big step towards increasing the amount of urban native forest in our district as part of NPDC's 'Burning Our Pines' programme. Once cleared, the site will be managed by planting appropriate native species and, where possible, natural re-vegetation. The pine trees are being chipped for sale. The contractor will decide at the end of the project whether any will be available for a community firewood sale. Through 'Burning Our Pine' NPDC aims to add a minimum of 34ha of urban native forest across the district, to bring back biodiversity and make our communities healthier for our children and become New Zealand's first district to reach 10 per cent coverage. So far, around 118ha new native forest and wetlands have been planted across the district under the programme - not including this Ingwood project.

Mike Davey
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New Pastors for LifeGate (Carolyn Biesiek)
On Sunday 8th March 2026, Bob and Shona Barnard were inducted as the new pastors of LifeGate Church by Pastor Carry Clow of New Plymouth, who is LifeGate's overseeing minister and is also representing Acts Churches New Zealand, our parent body. Bob and Shona are born and bred in Taranaki and are not unknown to Ingwood, having been here in the late 1980's and early 1990's, before heading off in 1995 to spend the next thirty years as missionaries in Mexico, setting up Community Centres and also working with at risk children etc. Their adult son lives in the USA with his wife and two children, while their daughter is now based in New Plymouth. Bob and Shona are ordained pastors with Acts Churches New Zealand and started a church in Mexico City in 2011. The men built the bridges for Mexican church and team being led by a local couple while Bob and Shona are here in Ingwood. Adjusting back to Kiwi life will have challenges for Bob and Shona, after thirty years of another culture and speaking mainly Spanish. However, LifeGate has welcomed them warmly and can already see the new dimension they bring.

Right: Roger Schomaker with Bob and Shona Barnard

JOIN US Good Friday April 3rd
LifeGate Church invites the community to a short celebration on the lawn, 27 Cutfield St, Ingwood, 9:30am
Stay afterwards for a cuppa
Everyone is welcome!

LifeGate Church, 6 Mankatu St. (off street weaver)

Arrival of Fritz Reuter 150 Years Ago (Martha Szymanski)
I am a granddaughter of Mathias Dodsanski who arrived in New Zealand 150 years ago in 1876. On August 14th, it is 150 years since the early Poles arrived in Wellington on the ship Fritz Reuter, then moving on to Taranaki. The men built the bridges for roads and railway and in doing so opened up the bush land for settlers to buy and clear. The Poles lived in the bush in Pungu huts for the next 20 to 30 years before they were able to buy land and build wooden homes. All my uncles and aunts were born in a punga hut and only the last four children were able to go to school. My mother was born in 1888 and walked through the bush to go to school. When the Polish children came to New Zealand after WW2 they were invited to come to Ingwood for their school holidays and stay with a Polish family. Both my parents spoke Polish as did other first generation parents, so the children were happy to speak their language and learn English. When we celebrated the 100 years in Ingwood in 1976 they came with their children and danced for us. My name is Martha Szymanski. I learnt my Polish history from my mother who allowed me to stay up late when my older brothers and sister went off to the pictures in town and we waited up for them to come home. My mother loved to talk about her mother and her stories her mother told her. After bringing up her family of ten children, I believe this was the first time my mother was able to have the time to talk about herself and I was a very willing listener.

Above: Shipyard at Hamburg where Fritz Reuter set sail from

March IAS - The Sweet Smell of Success (Vivie Harrocks)
The March IAS was held at the Little Liberty Creamery and was a fantastic evening. The great ladies must go to owner Petra for the work and recognition she has achieved in her three years since purchasing the business. She now supplies her plants/seedlings to 22 outlets across New Zealand and is aiming for 50 by the end of the year. Producing around 500 litres each week, Petra continues to grow both her brand and her reputation. Ingwood First Trust treated everyone who attended to a complimentary ice cream - and the smiles, laughter, and enthusiastic comments made it clear they were enjoyed by all. Marie Pearce, Chairperson of Ingwood First Trust, congratulated Petra on her achievements. She also thanked the volunteers who have helped over recent months with AmeriCARNA, the replacement of the hanging baskets, and most recently the NZ National Pipe Band Championships. There was, however, one note of disappointment, despite the Trust's on going efforts to make the town look great, someone has taken it upon themselves to STEAL several of the large flags displayed with AmeriCARNA and the Pipe Band Commission. These items cost money and are certainly not free for the taking. Marie also noted that this year marks the 100th anniversary of the Trust. Ingwood First Trust exists to support local businesses, organisations, sports clubs etc. and encourages participation from both business owners and residents. As the emphasis is, the town thrives when everyone works together - we cannot do without each other!

Ingleswood, good news!
Taranaki bus routes and timetables are changing. A new Saturday service links you to New Plymouth, Stratford, Eltham and Hāwera starting 11 April.

Check outdated routes and timetables at tepahi.govt.nz

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Loss of an Ingleswood Icon 'Jack O'Sullivan'
Ingleswood has said goodbye to one of its great characters with the passing of Jack O'Sullivan, remembered by many as a true stalwart of the town. Jack's lifelong commitment to sport was widely admired. He was life member of both the Ingleswood Bowling and Rugby clubs. He was a proud member of Ingleswood Bowls since the 1970s, he represented the club with loyalty, humour, and genuine camaraderie. Even at 88, he was still competing in Championship tournaments, often alongside his sons, with his daughter Marie stepping in as Team Manager. Rugby was another of Jack's great passions. He began his playing days at Coastal before moving to Ingleswood, later taking on coaching roles where he inspired others with the same determination, strength, and enthusiasm that defined his own approach to life. Jack's working life began with Henry Brown Carpentry, followed by a two year period where he had two trips with the Merchant Navy as a Purser. After returning home, he met and married Ellen, and together they farmed on Bristol Road. He later worked at Valentines Timber for 25 years, and in his retirement, he worked at ITP. His reliability, strong work ethic, and easy rapport made him a respected and well-liked figure in the local timber industry. Above all, Jack was a devoted family man. He is survived by his five children, each carrying forward his love of sport and community. A celebration of Jack's life was held on Thursday, 26 March, where he was honoured as a much-loved and respected member of the community. His passing words, echoing his mother's wisdom and passed down through generations, will long be remembered: "If you think you can't go - go it."

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Early Education in Ingleswood 1875-1959 (Ingleswood Primary School)
With the Ingleswood Primary School's 150th Jubilee Commemorative, under the leadership of President Lance Alleyby, organising the celebrations for past pupils, staff, BOT and PTA/Parent Link members for the 23rd and 24th of October, it is timely to look back at education in Ingleswood.
In 1875, the call went out for the formation of a school (boys only) in Ingleswood and that a school be built. In 1876 (19 years ago) a school opened with a roll of 34, and as the new building had not been completed, the government store at the end of Moa Street was set up as the school. In 1877 it was recommended that girls be admitted, but not in the government store. The girls had to wait until the completion of the new building. So in 1878 there were 38 girls receiving education in the school building and 48 boys in the government store. In 1885 the two schools were amalgamated into a new school where the current town library stands. As well as the primary school, there were two private schools. On February 8th 1876 a private school run by Miss Pennington opened, and then in the early 1900s Madam Corrie's Private School for 12-15 pupils was opened on Rimu Street. St Patrick's School began in 1906, with the purchase of the Oddfellows Hall in Richmond Street. By 1915 the roll had doubled, so in 1925 the land in Standish Street was purchased and a year later the school was officially opened.
Ingleswood Primary School continued to grow, so 11 acres of land was purchased on Kelly Street in 1928, but it wasn't until 1935 that a new school was opened on that site. Students wanting to have a secondary education had to go to a secondary school in New Plymouth or Stratford.
After much deliberation, land was purchased at the end of Kelly Street, a school was built, and Ingleswood High School opened its doors in 1957.
While there had been two private kindergartens, it wasn't until 1959 when Ingleswood Kindergarten started, that all children had access to preschool education in Ingleswood.

KAIMATA SCHOOL

Enrolment at Kaimata School is governed by an enrolment scheme, details of which are available from the school office.
Applications for out-of-zone places are now being invited for those students for enrolment in the rest of 2026. The Kaimata School Board have identified three places for children turning five during 2026 and four additional spaces for other age levels. The exact number of places and year levels for which places may be available, will depend on the number of applications received from students who live within the school's home zone.
The deadline for receipt of applications for out-of-zone places is 12.00pm Friday 17th April 2026.
If a ballot for out-of-zone places is required, it will be held on Monday 20th April 2026. Parents will be informed of the outcome of the ballot within three school days of the ballot being held.
If you live in the home zone and have not yet signalled your intention to enrol your child later this year or next year, please contact the school immediately to assist us to plan appropriately. Please contact Helen in the school office (7546334) or email office@kaimata.school.nz

Loads of Fun at Marinoto in Autumn (Lyn Sweet)

The first fortnight of March has been and gone lots of exercise and sun, continuing to support wellbeing, connection and community engagement. Early in the fortnight we had the pleasure of having Hiazy from Sport Taranaki visit and talk about the importance of exercising with exercise bands. Very simple but meaningful. The residents found this very interesting and are using them well. During the week Pauline from Age Concern came and did an afternoon session which stemmed from exercises to music. This was enjoyed by everyone as was our first Social Hour for the year. This was well attended with good music, food and conversation enjoyed by everyone. We have had our monthly visit from Inglewood Childcare. This is well patronised as we all enjoy seeing the children. Thank you to the entertainers who give up their time to entertain our residents. This is much appreciated.

Upcoming Events: April 1st: Age Concern 1:30pm Music and Rhythm. April 16th: Age Concern 1:30pm. This is open to the community so feel free to come along. Meals on Wheels and Day Stay are still available. Feel free to contact Marinoto for more information.

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Above: Lyn Sweet handing out chocolate fish to the children from Inglewood Community Childcare Centre

Lions Fright Night Proves A Popular Event (Wendy Oates)

Inglewood Lions held their Fright Night on Friday 13th March. Just under 1000 people came through the maze. This year we had purchased a lot of props from a group that no longer required them, so this added to the experience. The weather was a little drizzly but this did not seem to dampen the enthusiasm of the people coming through.

Thanks to all of the Scarers, Fire Brigade, Pace Power and Air and Wrightsons, without your help we would not be able to hold this really popular event. Our club also helped out at the National Pipe Band Competitions at the TET on 20th and 21st March. This saw hundreds of people coming from all over to watch the competitions and Street March. The TET stadium is an amazing venue, and now with the addition of the ticket office made it a lot easier for those wanting to buy tickets. Please remember to drop off any books and jigsaw puzzles in good order to 9 Hinua Street, Inglewood, or phone Wendy on 0273464307. If you would like to join Lions or come along to take a look at what we do please contact Graham on 021425292 or Helen on 0274191675



What's on and Coming Events
Please advise of your event: 7567030 moamail@fnrhc.com

Marinoto Music and Rhythm with Age Concern April 1st 1:30pm
Cake Stall for St Andrew's Restoration Thurs 2nd April 10am Outside Fosters Hall

What's on Continued
Tarata Valley Trail 2.1km, 10am - 5pm Sun 26th April

St Johns Peace Memorial Church Kaimata - Morning Communion service followed by shared lunch in hall and 'De-consecration' ceremony led by the Anglican Church at 2.30pm Sun 17th May

Lions Book Fair Saturday 23rd May 10.00am - 4.00pm and Sunday 24th May 10.00am - 2.00pm



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Bowls News (Peter Van Dyk)
On 21st March, Inglewood Bowling Club lost a well-respected life member, RIP Jack O'Sullivan, and condolences to all who knew him, especially his children and extended family. In happier news, the weather has been super over the last month, and we have completed several tournaments. The winner of the Women's 2x2x2 held on 5th March was won by Margaret Farmer's Paritutu team. Section 1 of our annual Avery-Ginnour Invitational tournament on 10th March was won by Cliff Rona's Waitara team. Neil Eureka's Inglewood team won Section 2. The winner of our annual Over 60s tournament on 19th March was Gary Murtics West End team. We also completed two of our annual social tournaments, Business House and the Friday night Corner-to-Corner. There was a great turnout for Business House, with two full greens being used each week. This year we had two divisions - one for teams with more bowling experience and one for teams with predominantly new bowlers. The format was well received. Classic Carpets, led by Gerry O'Sullivan won Division 1, while The Crazy Foxes, led by Peter van Dyk won Division 2. The winner of the Friday Corner-to-Corner was Rang Hiroiti, with Bob Moore being the runner-up. We meet socially at the Club every Friday night from about 4.30pm onwards. Contact a Club member if you are interested in joining us, or if you'd like to give bowls a go.

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220 sq m 3 1 1
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