

Inglewood High Blake Sheely wins Silver
(Melissa Dwyer, Kirsty Stoneman and Paige Wilmhurst)

After just one year of rowing, Year 10 student, Blake Sheely qualified to compete in the North Island Secondary School Rowing Championships held at Lake Karapiro, Waikato.

With early morning training and intense competitions, his dedication shows on and off the water. Blake's passion started when he heard about a family member who competed in rowing, and a visit to Waitara with his dad sparked something more. Now he's grateful for that push. Training for rowing requires significant commitment, including four-hour training sessions during the week and five hours on the weekend.

Rowing has improved Blake's fitness and connected him with a like-minded community. One of his favourite events which was held during a regatta in February, was the New Zealand Double Scull. Despite a narrow loss just 0.7 seconds behind first place he was proud to earn silver. Just weeks later, Blake competed in the NIS, where a last-minute issue with his boat caused water to flood in before his race. Despite this, he placed second, finishing the season strongly and feeling motivated to chase gold next year.



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IHS Head Girl: Carter Lucindy IHS Head Boy: Teagan Leake The anthem will be led by IHS student leaders Delvan Mackey and Rebecca Greenfield Wreath Laying Padre: Rev Kevin Dixon Piper: Blanche Trail Ode: Matt Smith Bugler: Stewart Mauder Flag: Peter Hamilton Cenotaph Duty: No 8 Squadron 7.00am Refreshments at Inglewood Club (No Town Hall) 7.15am RSA Breakfast \$10.00 All Welcome

Editors Comments

With petrol prices at an all time high and the cost of everyday essentials rising alongside global uncertainty, many in our community are feeling the pressure. In times like these, if you're doing okay, consider keeping an eye out for those who might not be. Small acts of support can make a real difference – offering someone a lift, considering car-pooling to work, sharing a bit of home-grown surplus, checking in on an older neighbour, or simply taking a moment to listen. These everyday gestures help **keep the food and remind** in that we're not facing these challenges alone.

There are also practical ways we can collectively ease the strain. Choosing to shop locally keeps money circulating within Inglewood, reduces the need for long trips, and helps our small businesses stay strong during uncertain times. When it suits, taking the bus can be an affordable alternative to driving and every extra passenger helps keep public transport services viable for everyone.

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Masters Games Indoor Bowls (Bryan Whitaker)

Taranaki Masters Games Indoor Bowls were played in Inglewood's Acacia House on Thursday 25th March. Eighteen teams of pairs were registered. After four (4) games were played over eight (8) ends, three (3) teams were unbeaten. Gold Medal winners with four games, 20.5 ends were Ashley and Andrew Smith from Inglewood. Silver Medal recipients with four games, 20 ends were Richard Sturmer and Evelyn McLean from New Plymouth. Bronze Medal recipients were Judy Ransom and Don Brown from Waitara.



Above: Don Brown, Judy Ransom, Ashley Smith, Andrew Smith, Richard Sturmer, Evelyn McLean.

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Same Lawyers, New Landlord (Sophie Powick)

Inglewood's iconic 100-year-old County Council building has been a law firm for longer than most of us can remember. First as Dees & Shearer and since 2004, Govett Quilliam (GQ). Now, for the first time in over 40 years, the building on the market, with the Shearer family passing the opportunity on to a new owner. As for the GQ Crew inside, it's very much business as usual. With a commitment to on-going lease arrangements, the doors at 92 Rata Street remain open, with the same familiar faces continuing to support clients throughout Inglewood and wider Taranaki region. With offices in New Plymouth, Inglewood and Stratford, GQ has a large team of legal professionals, many of whom work flexibly between locations to give clients the option to meet where it suits them best. From property transactions and family matters to business advice, succession planning and much more, the team brings decades of local knowledge and expertise. If you need legal advice in Inglewood, you'll find them where they've always been! And if you're interested in becoming their new landlord, chat to Russell Adkinson.

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Garden Clues with Sue

April, or mid-autumn is a rewarding time in gardens, as cooler days and softer light create ideal conditions for planting and revealing flower buds. As summer blooms begin to fade, a new wave of hardy colour can take their place. Seasonal favourites like pansies, violas, and primroses bring cheerful tones that thrive in cooler temperatures; calendula and polyanthus are also excellent choices, adding warmth and brightness to garden borders, pots, and hanging baskets. This is the perfect time to tidy up the garden—remove spent annuals, cut back tired perennials, and improve soil with compost or well-rotted manure. Dividing overcrowded plants will encourage stronger growth next season, while applying mulch helps retain moisture and protects roots from cooler nights. Looking ahead, mid-autumn is also bulb-planting season. Plant tulips, daffodils, and hyacinths now to ensure a colourful and rewarding spring display. With a little care and planning, your garden will remain vibrant, healthy, and full of life right through autumn and into the cooler winter months ahead.

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Norfolk WI News (Allison Paterson)

Our March meeting was held at President Margaret Jordan's home in Bell Block, with six members attending. After our meeting had been completed, it was time to welcome our two guest speakers from 'A Museum in a Suitcase'. They displayed many items, including Rinsu packets, blue bags, woolen toys, knitted items and even Aunt Daisy and her recipe books. I could remember them all from my childhood and teen years. We certainly visited Memory Lane!

Right: Margaret Jordan (left) and Guest speakers of 'Museum in a suitcase'

Behind the Siren (Katie Stuart)

When the siren sounds in Inglewood, it's answered by volunteers who balance jobs, families, and everyday life alongside their role as first responders. While fire trucks and flashing lights are what the public sees, beneath it's about teamwork, training, and readiness. For Nicky, responding to calls means dropping everything. "When the siren goes off, I'm normally at work and my first instinct is to drop everything and go. Work gets pushed aside, the office gets locked up and I make my way to the fire station". Calls range from house and vegetation fires to vehicle accidents, medical assists and alarm. Andrew acknowledges the pressure that comes with this responsibility. "It can put a pretty big pressure on daily life and commitments... it takes a fair bit of understanding from those around you, but being able to help is very rewarding". Training is vital, with weekly sessions preparing volunteers for the brigade's unpredictable. Janis says the culture is just as important. "Being a part of the brigade is like being part of a family within the community... all there for a common purpose". Support from employers and families is crucial. Katie highlighted, "Our boss knows if the siren goes, we're gone." John added, "my family know it's part of my life, my daughter Ella calls when my phone goes off who needs help". Note time the siren echoes through town, it's worth remembering that behind it are ordinary people.

Rainfall March 2026
(Ray Boekman/Alan Armitage)

Rainfall for March 2026: 62 mm
Rainfall for March 2025: 107.5 mm
No of Rain days for March 2026: 6 mm
No of Rain days for March 2025: 11 mm
Total rainfall so far for 2026: 392.5 mm
Total rainfall for 2025: 2663.5 mm

Oil Shock squeezes Kiwi farmers, but we adapt... again (Barbara Kuriger)

For New Zealand farmers, the Middle East oil crisis feels a long way from the woodshed or the milking shed—but its impacts are already turning up in monthly accounts. Higher fuel prices hit every part of the rural economy. From running tractors and irrigators, to trucking stock and caring feed, diesel and petrol are stretched into the cost of almost everything a farmer does. When the price of oil spikes, it doesn't just show up at the pump. Freight costs rise, fertiliser and farm inputs become more expensive, and contractors have to pass on higher operating costs. For many farmers already squeezed by soft commodity prices and tighter bank lending, this adds yet another layer of pressure. It's easy, in this environment, for frustration to turn into anxiety. But it's worth keeping perspective. New Zealand farmers have weathered oil shocks, droughts, disease outbreaks, and market collapses before. Each time, the sector has adapted through efficiency gains, smarter use of technology, and working together at a community level. There are practical steps farmers can take now: reviewing fuel contracts, coordinating freight with neighbours, cutting non-essential trips, and ensuring

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machinery runs efficiently. These won't erase the impact of higher prices, but they can soften the blow and buy time. Government has a role to play too, by providing targeted, temporary supports that ease the immediate pressure on working families and rural communities without fuelling inflation or piling up unsustainable debt. Realistic, targeted spending today risks even higher interest rates and input costs tomorrow. We can't control conflict in the Middle East or the global oil market. What we can control is how we respond: staying calm, backing good policy, supporting one another, and trusting that, as we have many times before, New Zealand farming will see this thing through.

The Legacy of Ross Elmes (Luke Van Burgsteden)

On Monday the 6th of April the Inglewood Fitness Club came together to honour the legacy of Ross Elmes our founding chairman, with the unveiling of a memorial plaque in his name. At 2pm, friends, family, gym members, and committee gathered to reflect on Ross's immense contribution to the Inglewood Fitness Club and wider community. It was a special moment as his wife, children, and grandchildren unveiled the plaque, ensuring his legacy will remain a

permanent part of the gym he helped build. Ross was a man who lived by putting community first. His vision and dedication created a space that continues to bring people together, support healthier lives, and foster a strong sense of belonging. This memorial stands as a reminder that the work we do for others truly matters. Ross's legacy will continue to inspire pride, connection, and community spirit within the Inglewood Fitness Club for many years to come.

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The second fortnight of March was a lot of fun and exercise. St. Patrick's Day was celebrated with both staff and residents in different costumes and hilarity. The visit games are going down well. Kohatu continue to work monthly for Bowls. This causes a lot of laughter with the two Rest Homes. Early in the week we did a walkabout our way in conjunction with the Relay for Life to raise money for the Taranaki Cancer Society. This was well patronized by residents and their families. Thank you to the families that attended and the staff from Taranaki Cancer Society for giving up your time to come and spend the morning with us. Also, Pauline from Age Concern came and did rhythm and music with the residents. Fun games and music were enjoyed. Easter was celebrated well with Easter theme throughout the home. The Easter Bunny arrived on Easter Sunday and the residents were eggs. A big thank you to the volunteers for taking the time to treat the residents and staff with Easter Bunnies. Meals on Wheels and Day Stay are still available. Free to contact Marimoto for more information.

NZ Champs Sporting Trials (Sue Hives)

The Taranaki division of Sporting Trials New Zealand hosted the NZ champs on Sunday 22nd March. With plenty of action, the organisers had the course challenging without becoming dangerous and the cars rearing over backwards. Despite competitors from Waikarara, Cambridge and Taumaranui, the locals dominated the first 4 Placings, with some very skillful driving. Results 1st Steven Bridger, 2nd Murray Bridger, 3rd Points Lost 3rd Warwick Landers 4th Points Lost 3rd Warwick Landers 5th Points Lost

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TET Stadium Buzzing with Events (Hayley Duggan)

TET STADIUM EVENTS CENTRE March put TET Stadium right at the centre of it all. Week after week, the venue delivered, hosting national events, big crowds and moments that showcased what this space can do.

The NZ Masters Athletics Championships kicked things off, with strong support from Athletics Taranaki local clubs and volunteers. Great conditions and a fantastic turnout created a buzzing atmosphere across the track. We then hosted the NZ Pipe Band Championships, returning to Taranaki for the first time in over 70 years. Inglewood was full, the region came alive, and TET Stadium proved itself as a central, easy-access venue for a major national event. Rally For Life brought the community together in a powerful way, raising over \$224,000. The stadium became a place of connection, support and purpose, and we're proud to play a part in that.

Kiwanian rounded out the month, with record numbers across both the full distance and new 0.5 event. It continues to grow and highlights the scale of events TET Stadium can support. Alongside the events, we also completed key upgrades, including a new accessible pathway, improved main gate entry and a fully functional ticketing booth. These improvements are already making a difference for visitors and future events. Moments like these show what TET Stadium is all about. A place where community, sport and major events come together, and a facility that continues to deliver for Taranaki.

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Age Concern - Every Wed 10.30am
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Age Concern - United Church
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Age Concern - First
Wednesday of the month 1.30pm
Music and Movement
Marinoo

Age Concern - Third
Thursday of each month
Social Afternoon
1.30pm
Marinoo

Everest Park Adventure
Run East Taranaki
Environment Collective
2.5km, 4.5km and 9km
options (and walk options for the 1.5km and 4.5km loops)
Sun 12th April

Marinoo Age Concern
Community Session
Thurs 16th April 1.30pm

ANZAC Event - Student
Led
Featuring year 6,7 & 8 year students from the School
St Johns Peace Memorial
Church, Kamea
Thurs 23rd April
2.00pm

Craft Afternoon
St Andrew's Hall
Fri 24th April from 1.30 to 3.00pm. Bring along your knitting, crochets, cross stitch or whatever your craft is.

Taranaki Electricity Trust Grants Awarded Q1 2026

Grants for the first quarter of 2026 by the Taranaki Electricity Trust.

Recipients for Inglewood were:

Inglewood Bowling Club \$5,000.00 for club uniforms.

Inglewood Lions Club \$10,000.00 to top-up scooter account.

Inglewood First Trust \$15,000.00 to host AmeriCARna 2026.

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Durham WI Visit To Henui (Christine Fitz Patrick)

The format for our April meeting was slightly different. We met in the morning, taking our own lunches to eat after our formal meeting and the judging of floral competitions.

At last months Federation AGM, two of our loyal members received service badges. Valma Hirst earned her 30-year badge and Peggy Topping her 40. (Peggy is 99 and is still knitting and crocheting blankets, beanies and slippers for us to donate.) Durham was awarded the Elsie Jones Trophy gaining second place for the WI Programme for 2025 which

Mikie Smith compiles and prints.

Our members car pooled to Te Henui Vicarage. It is tucked away down the Northern end of Courtney Street. The setting is charming cottage gardens maintained by the District Council. Despite being built in the mid 1840's from Nelson limestone and stone from the Te Henui River, the Vicarage still looks very robust. The New Plymouth Potters Group lease it and display some of their amazing work inside. Much of this lovely pottery is for sale. A group of potters were working next door in their more modern studio building. We enjoyed meeting them and admired the variety of projects in progress. One of our members even had a go at brushing glaze on the roof of a little clay bungalow. We returned to Inglewood for a welcome cuppa and delicious afternoon tea. Next month, we are off to Inglewood library.

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