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BIRD FLU - HPAI: PUBLIC NOTICE

When in Belmont Regional Park, if a dead or dying bird is located **do not touch the animal**. It is vitally important that any sick or dead birds at Belmont Regional Park are reported immediately to either Bruce or Peta (Greater Wellington Regional Council rangers) at any time of the day or night.

Signs of HPAI in birds include:

- Weakness, lethargy or difficulty standing/walking
- Tremors, seizures, twisted neck, head pressing or circling
 - Difficulty breathing or gasping
- Swollen eyes/head or sudden death without obvious signs

Bruce - 021 233 9248 **Peta** - 021 240 5480 Contact Centre - 0800 496 734

Proposed bus changes- have your say

Metlink is reviewing all bus routes in the Hutt Valley to optimise the network ahead of new bus contracts. Council has asked Metlink to both improve services and lower costs. We don't do magic, so this requires a juggle. The main priority for improvement is Wainuiomata (population >20,000) who have no ferry/train nor direct bus to Hutt Hospital, Petone or Wellington.

However, we must rationalise to balance very tight budgets due to cost pressures, Government funding cuts, and rates restraint. Raising fares further would be counter-productive. For the 150 route, Metlink proposes reducing the frequency of inter-peak (average of 9 passengers per trip) and Saturday (average of 6 passengers per trip) services to hourly. Korokoro and Belmont would lose their Saturday service altogether. Eastbourne is the most impacted suburb.

Councillors want your feedback before deciding how to proceed. Submit soon on haveyoursay.gw.govt.nz or call me on 021 337 262 to chat.

- Quentin Duthie, Greater Wellington Regional Councillor (Lower Hutt constituency)

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Disclaimer: The opinions expressed in this paper do not necessarily reflect those of the committee. *Note: Copy deadline is the 25th of preceding month.

Next NRA meeting -
20th August 2026 7:30pm
at St Aidan's on the Hill.
All welcome.

MEMBERSHIPS- WE RUN ON THEM

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Maungaraki Emergency Training Day

Two members of your committee joined the Wellington Region Emergency Management Office (WREMO) training day last month at the Maungaraki Community Centre. Organised by the Maungaraki Community Association the event provided the opportunity to meet Grace Hiess, our new local WREMO contact, and be guided through setting up a local community hub in a crisis. The group of attendees was small but enthusiastic and buzzing with questions and ideas. We are grateful to the Maungaraki Community Association for organising this valuable training day, and hope to invite Grace and WREMO to St Aidan's before too long for a similar event focused on Normandale. And meanwhile, check out getready.govt.nz/prepared/household for a list of things you can do at home.



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Word of the Month:

Kludge

- A. Annoying obstacle
- B. makeshift solution
- C. Computer bug
- D. Uncooperative person

Last month's word:

Effulgent

- C. Shining or radiant



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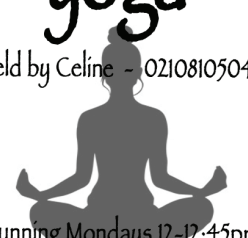
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Next Market:
SATURDAY 26 SEPTEMBER

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Council amalgamation-community feedback meeting

Some committee members attended a Hutt City Council meeting on the 1st July to discuss possible amalgamation of Lower Hutt, Upper Hutt, Porirua, and Wellington councils. Representatives from other local organisations also attended. Council staff and invited speakers spoke of the proposal and possible issues.

Attendees were broken up into small groups where issues were discussed in detail and group recommendations made. What became evident was a cost benefit analysis had not been done to support the proposal from a ratepayers perspective, and was an expectation from residents. Another expectation was whatever eventuated, the eventual council employees and their systems would be more accountable to ratepayers in the future.

The mayor Ken Laban, felt the meeting was well worthwhile and indicated that a similar future meeting would be beneficial.

Note: this meeting was held before recent news of Upper Hutt's unlikelihood of signing an amalgamation agreement.

love tennis

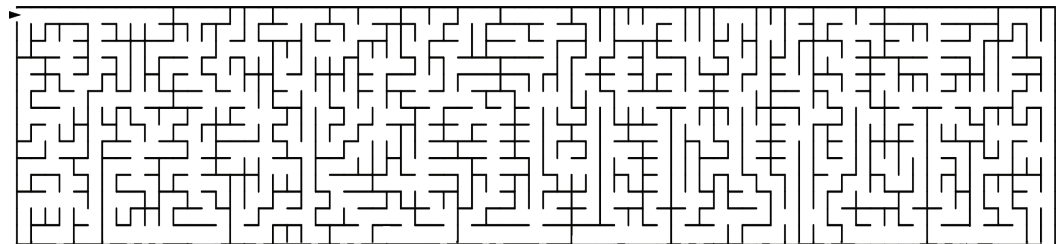
SUN 13 SEPT
10AM - 2PM



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