Howick & Eastern Post

PUZZLE SOLUTIONS

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QUICK CROSSWORD

1 T	E	2 A	C	3 H	E	4 R	■	5 S	H	6 A	R	7 P
H	■	R	■	E	■	O	■	U	■	D	■	H
8 O	C	E	A	N	■	9 B	U	F	F	A	L	O
U	■	N	■	■	■	■	■	F	■	M	■	T
10 G	U	A	R	11 A	N	12 T	E	E	■	13 A	G	O
H	■	■	■	G	■	A	■	R	■	N	■	■
14 T	E	15 N	■	16 R	A	B	B	I	■	17 T	I	18 C
■	■	A	■	E	■	L	■	N	■	■	■	R
19 B	I	T	■	20 E	M	E	R	G	E	21 N	C	Y
A	■	U	■	M	■	■	■	■	■	E	■	S
22 S	T	R	E	E	T	23 S	■	24 E	V	E	N	T
I	■	A	■	N	■	I	■	L	■	D	■	A
25 S	P	L	I	T	■	26 R	E	F	U	S	A	L

ACROSS

1 Teacher
5 Sharp
8 Ocean
9 Buffalo
10 Guarantee
13 Ago
14 Ten
16 Rabbi
17 Tic
19 Bit
20 Emergency
22 Streets
24 Event
25 Split
26 Refusal

DOWN

1 Thought
2 Arena
3 Hen
4 Rob
5 Suffering
6 Adamant
7 Photo
11 Agreement
12 Table
15 Natural
18 Crystal
19 Basis
21 Needs
23 Sir
24 Elf

SUDOKU

2	1	5	**4**	3	8	6	7	9
3	**6**	**9**	2	7	**1**	8	4	**5**
4	7	8	6	**9**	**5**	**3**	2	1
8	**2**	**4**	9	6	7	1	5	3
5	**3**	1	8	2	4	**9**	6	**7**
7	**9**	6	5	**1**	3	**4**	**8**	**2**
9	8	**7**	3	4	**2**	5	**1**	6
1	**4**	3	7	5	**6**	2	**9**	**8**
6	5	**2**	1	**8**	9	**7**	3	4

Bold figures are the ones printed in the paper.

The remaining figures are the solution.

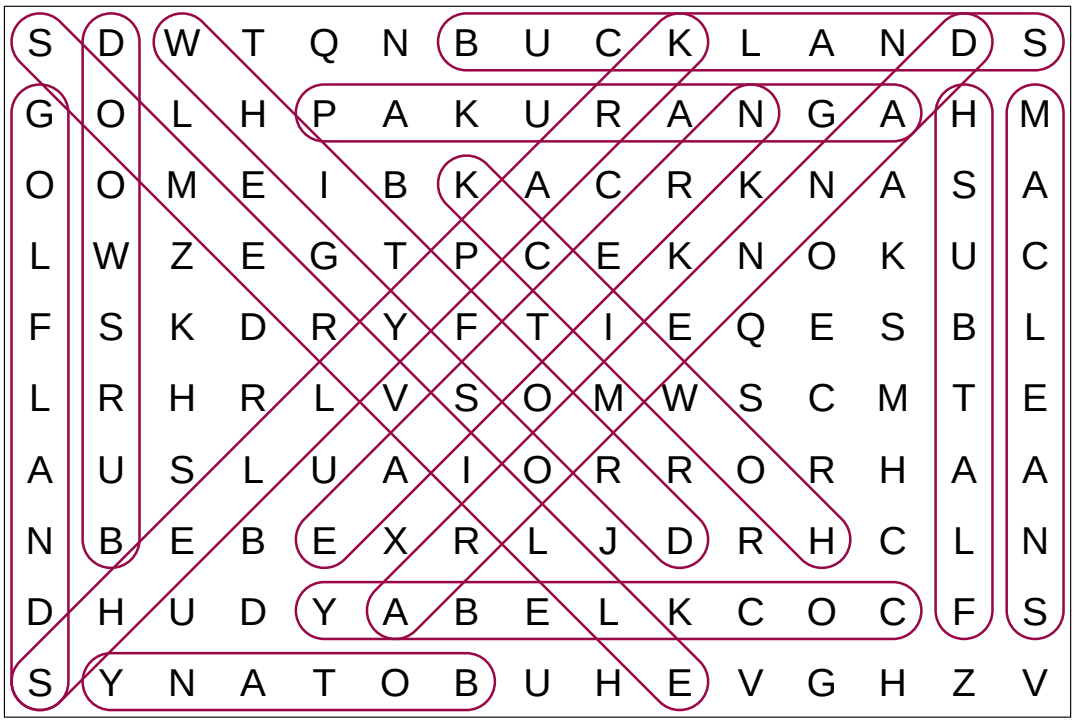
WORD WHEEL

Nine letters: PUBLISHER and REPUBLISH. Our list has 38 words of four letters or more.

Blip	Pier	Publish	Push	Slip	Super
Burp	Pile	Publisher	Pusher	Slurp	Superb
Help	Pileus	Pule	Republish	Spiel	Uprise
Lisp	Pleb	Pulse	Reship	Spile	
Peri	Plier	Pure	Ripe	Spire	
Peril	Plus	Purl	Ship	Sprue	
Perish	Plush	Purse	Sipe	Spur	

Other dictionary words are fine to count. Good 10, very good 16, excellent 22.

WORDSEARCH



The fourteen answers are ringed in maroon.

QUICK QUIZ

1. 1984

Neil Morrison won Pakuranga for Social Credit at the 1984 election, beating National's Pat Hunt. It remains the last time a general electorate covering the Howick Ward went to a party outside the two main ones.

2. The 1993 election

The Howick electorate was created for the election of 6 November 1993 and won by National's Trevor Rogers. It was abolished at the 1996 MMP election, so it existed for a single term.

3. Two

Christopher Luxon has been the MP for Botany since 2020, and Winston Peters held Hunua from 1979 to 1981, when that electorate reached north into Cockle Bay and East Tāmaki.

4. 1893

The Electoral Act 1893 received the Governor's assent on 19 September 1893, making New Zealand the first self-governing country in which women could vote in national elections. They voted that November.

5. 53.9 per cent

MMP beat first past the post by 53.9 per cent to 46.1 per cent in the binding referendum held alongside the 1993 election. The first MMP Parliament was elected in 1996.

6. 1974

The voting age came down from 21 to 20 in 1969 and from 20 to 18 in 1974, so the 1975 election was the first at which 18-year-olds could vote.