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PUZZLE SOLUTIONS

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QUICK CROSSWORD

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

ACROSS

1 Piano
4 Can
6 Win
8 Overlap
9 Close
10 Evening
14 Scene
15 Trust
16 Above
18 Chair
19 Payment
20 Raise
21 Western
24 Own
25 Two
26 Audit

DOWN

1 Project
2 Age
3 Oil
4 Cup
5 Necessary
6 Wholesome
7 Niece
11 Education
12 Intercept
13 Group
17 Extinct
18 Cargo
21 Woo
22 Sea
23 End

SUDOKU

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

Bold figures are the ones printed in the paper.
The remaining figures are the solution.

WORD WHEEL

Nine letters: NEIGHBOUR. Our list has 41 words of four letters or more.

Begin	Brine	Gore	Hone	Region	Urge
Begun	Brogue	Heir	Huge	Reign	
Being	Burgeon	Herb	Hunger	Rein	
Binge	Enough	Hero	Ignore	Robe	
Bone	Euro	Heron	Inure	Rogue	
Bore	Goer	Hinge	Neigh	Rouge	
Borne	Gone	Hire	Neighbour	Roughen	
Brie	Goner	Hoeing	Ogre	Rune	

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

WORD LADDER

SEED · FEED · FLED · FLEE · FREE · TREE

Other routes are possible. Any ladder where every step is a real word counts.

QUICK QUIZ

1. Bone cancer, which spread to his lungs. His left lung was removed.

What illness did Labour's Botany candidate, Dr Anae Neru Leavasa, beat as a teenager?

Source: "Labour's Leavasa wants to hit the ground running in Botany", Howick & Eastern Post, 20 October 2026.

2. 27, in which six people were seriously injured (NZTA crash records).

How many crashes involving pedestrians on Pakuranga Road have been recorded since the start of 2020?

Source: "Pedestrian dies at scene of Pakuranga Road crash", Howick & Eastern Post, 22 September 2026.

3. About 45,000.

How many people did organisers estimate came to the Howick Village HOP on 10 October?

Source: "45,000 locals turn out for Howick Village Hop", Howick & Eastern Post, 12 October 2026.

4. Wellington Phoenix.

Which A-League Women club has signed former Fencibles midfielder Mikaela Bangalan?

Source: "From Fencibles to the pros: Bangalan signs with Phoenix", Howick & Eastern Post, 14 October 2026.

5. Mission Heights Junior College.

Raeesa Dada becomes the third principal of which Flat Bush school on 26 October?

Source: "Foundation teacher to lead Mission Heights", Howick & Eastern Post, 20 October 2026.

6. Tarnica Park.

More than 250 households have signed a petition to keep the playground at which Northpark park?

Source: "250 sign petition opposing any playground removal", Howick & Eastern Post, 12 October 2026.

CODE CRACKER

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

KEY

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

Bold letters in the key were given in the paper (11 = K, 14 = E, 15 = S). With thanks to Code Cracker author Barbara Telfer, Highland Park.

ACROSS

Jaded
Aflow
Kinds
Goes
Take
Stem
Oxen
Urns
Adze
Abyss
Khaki
Usual

DOWN

Judge
Quirk
Eaten
Elks
Sack
Snow
Boys
Fast
Asps
Amend
Waver
Level