QUICK CROSSWORD



ACROSS

1 First
4 Top
6 Dip
8 Library
9 Reset
10 Include
14 Moody
15 Grill
16 Threw
18 Madam
19 Torpedo
20 Shoot
21 Looking
24 Cod
25 Dog
26 Every

DOWN

1 Falling
2 Rub
3 Tea
4 Try
5 Perimeter
6 Discourse
7 Petty
11 Childhood
12 Unlimited
13 Eight
17 Wrongly
18 Music
21 Leg
22 One
23 Ice

SUDOKU

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

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

WORD WHEEL

Nine letters: PENINSULA. Our list has 43 words of four letters or more.

Aisle	Lean	Lupin	Pile	Sale	Spiel
Alien	Leap	Nail	Plain	Saline	Spinal
Alpine	Lens	Pail	Plan	Seal	Unseal
Annul	Lien	Pale	Plane	Slain	
Isle	Lieu	Panel	Plea	Slap	
Lain	Line	Peal	Plus	Slip	
Lane	Linen	Penal	Pulse	Snail	
Lapse	Lisp	Peninsula	Sail	Spaniel	

Other dictionary words are fine to count. Good 12, very good 18, excellent 24.

WORD LADDER

COLD · CORD · CARD · WARD · WARM

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

QUICK QUIZ

1. 67. It would rise by three months a year from 2027.

Under the ACT policy Paul Henry outlined at his Botany town hall, what would the superannuation age reach by 2035?
Source: "Henry takes his debt warning, and a dig at National, to Botany", Howick & Eastern Post, 28 October 2026.

2. Gordon Paulsen, after two seasons at Manukau United.

Who has Fencibles United appointed to coach its men's first team in next year's Northern League?
Source: "Fencibles names Paulsen to replace Ruka", Howick & Eastern Post, 2 November 2026.

3. February. It shut on 16 February.

Howick Library has reopened after repairs to a leaking building. In which month did it close?
Source: "Howick Library back open after eight-month rebuild", Howick & Eastern Post, 3 November 2026.

4. Redoubt Road.

On which road does Labour's Takanini candidate Kharag Singh say he has lived for 30 years?
Source: "Labour's Singh brings a "sword for service" to Takanini", Howick & Eastern Post, 26 October 2026.

5. Krish Naidu, taking over from Kai Zeng.

Who became deputy chair of the Howick Local Board on 25 October?
Source: "Krish Naidu steps up as Board deputy chair", Howick & Eastern Post, 28 October 2026.

6. Musick Point.

At which headland did a police high ropes team rescue a teenage fisherman cut off by the tide?
Source: "Rising tide traps teen fishing at Musick Point", Howick & Eastern Post, 29 October 2026.

CODE CRACKER SOLUTION

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

ACROSS
Ladle, Balls, Ozone, Helm, Robe, Quiz, Both, Jeep, Snap, Awake, Threw, Steak

DOWN
Light, Eject, Louse, Loom, Pave, Copy, Flax, Aver, Sent, Often, Sheep, Speak

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

Letters given in the paper: 2 = A, 6 = E, 7 = L.