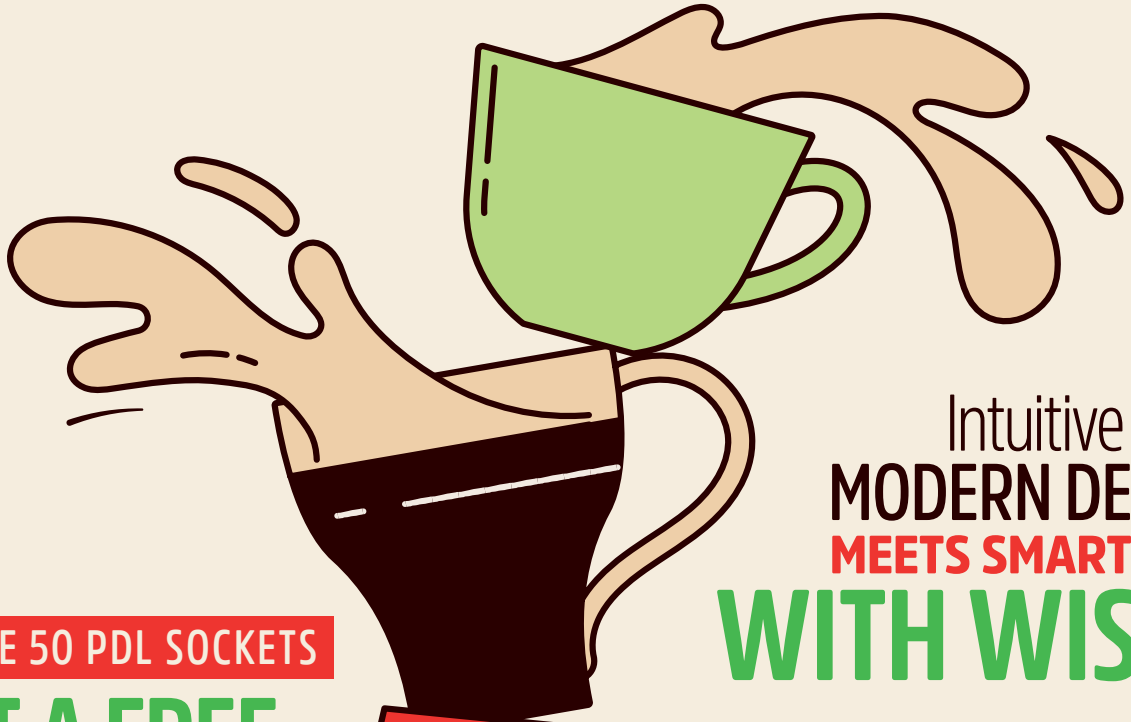


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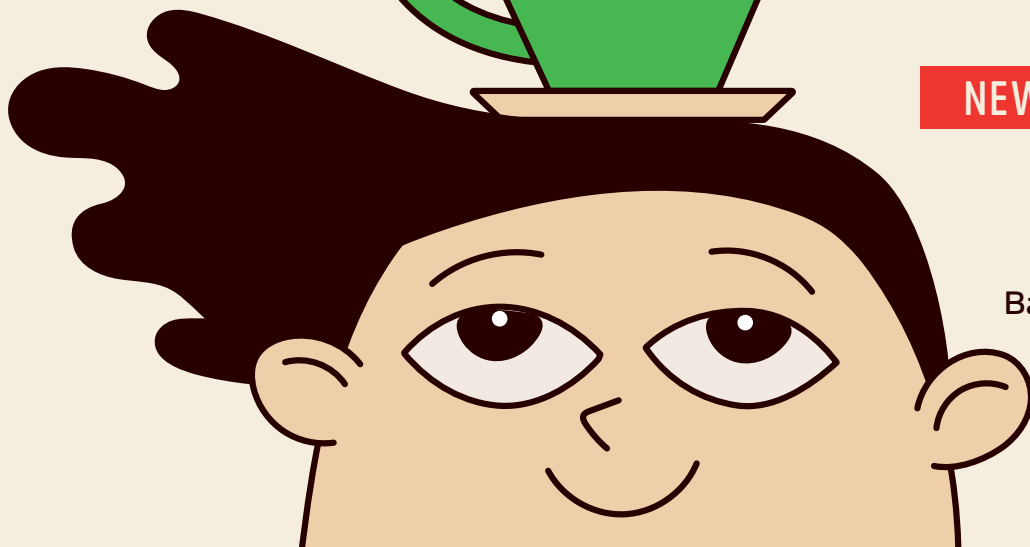
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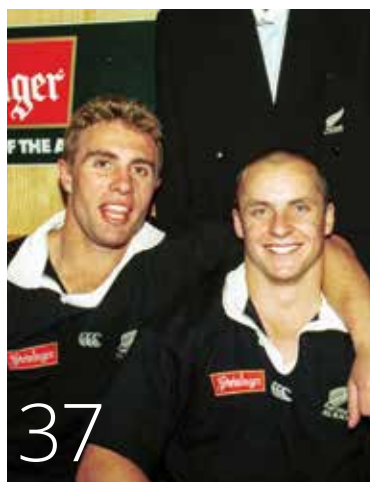
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POWERBASE EVENTS '26

The 2026 ITM Taupō Super 440 was a historic milestone for the Repco Supercars Championship, highlighted by Toyota's monumental maiden victory in the category. Held on 10–12 April 2026 at the Taupo International Motorsport Park, the event served as the third round of the 2026 Supercars Championship and the first international event of the season.

Despite Cyclone Vaianu forcing a reshuffled schedule and the cancellation of Sunday's racing, the weekend delivered plenty of action. Brodie Kosteci won the opening race lights-to-flag, before Kiwi local Ryan Wood claimed a historic victory in the 200km feature — surviving a pit stop headache to overhaul teammate Chaz Mostert, with Broc Feeney finishing second and Mostert third. The triumph was particularly special given Wood was racing on home soil, and marked a landmark moment for the sport — the first ever victory for Toyota in the Supercars category.

This year's event was proudly sponsored by Marley and Halcyon Lighting, with 60 attendees from R Redpath, Telfer Electrical, Scott Electrical, and Active Electrical joining the occasion — all of whom were treated to an unforgettable weekend of motorsport history at the shores of Lake Taupō.



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Intuitive living

MODERN DESIGN MEETS SMART TECH WITH WISER

See how daily life in a luxurious new build in Taupō is made even better with scalable smart home functionality from PDL Wiser.

PDL Wiser Smart Home elevates a luxurious new build

Contemporary design and modern living are at the heart of a luxurious new build in Taupō. The two-storey, three-bedroom property by Design Builders combines premium materials with high-end fittings and furnishings and smart home technology to create a home built for today's lifestyles.

Extensive lighting design, a high-tech media room and an EV smart charger are key features in the new show home. Matt and Jess Corlieson of Design Builders Taupō chose the PDL Wiser smart home system to give them easy control on their smart devices.

Smart home tech made simple

PDL Wiser is an easy-to-use smart home system that pairs electrical features around your home with an app for control from wherever you are. You can adjust each feature individually or link them for curated 'Moments'.

With Wiser, you can streamline daily life and add enjoyment to how you live in your home. Whether that's opening the garage door for a courier delivery after you've left for work, or creating the perfect dinner mood with a single screen tap that turns off the kitchen lights and dims the dining room lights to just the right level.

Wiser doesn't require any special wiring and is scalable, so products can be added over time. Wiser has its own range that includes blind controllers, and sensors for doors and windows, as well as temperature and humidity. Anything wired into a Wiser

Connected Switch can also link to the system (like towel rails) and Wiser can link with devices like garage doors, electric gates and pool pumps for added efficiency and control.

Detailed lighting

In the Taupō home, Wiser links easily with the striking Solis™ Collection light switches and power points, making it simple to schedule or adjust the detailed lighting. Lighting plays a particularly important role in the property's design with statement lights, LED light strips, lamps and dimmable overhead lighting all used to accentuate the home's design features.

Motion sensors activate lighting in the master walk-in wardrobe and in the scullery. LED light strips set under cabinetry add a soft glow of warmth and make the areas more inviting. They are also used under each staircase tread in the entrance hall for safer passage and to make it more of a feature.

For added peace of mind, surge protection is built into the switchboard to help safeguard the home's appliances and electronic equipment from lightning strikes, power surges, and voltage spikes.

Live life your way

Matt and Jess understand that their clients want to get the most out of life in their new homes and recommend Wiser as a way to streamline daily living. "With the evolution of each build it's about understanding our customers and asking the right questions about how they want to live in the home. And then Wiser can be tailored to suit that," says Matt.

He says that Wiser brings an ease to everyday life. "It's the ability to control everything from anywhere in the world, really. You can set different modes for your home. You can be on holiday and have lights turning on and off while you're away.

"We've also got some cool voice automation features in the media room with Wiser. We can walk in and say 'Alexa, Movie Mode' and the blind comes down, the lamp turns off, and the lights change. Everything adjusts to the way you've set it and the way you like it."



Energy-saving EV convenience with Schneider Charge

A Schneider Charge station on the driveway provides convenient EV charging at home without disrupting power supply availability. It also links with the Wiser app so EV charging can be scheduled in off-peak times for power savings and energy management.

Matt says that EV chargers are becoming much more common as well. "That is the way forward for a lot of families. EVs are here to stay, so it needs to be a consideration when you're building a home."

Plan for electric home design

Creating a home where everything works just the way you want it means that electric home design — where you plan how each area of your home will work electrically — has to be one of the first considerations. Matt and Jess Corlieson involve their electrician Bevan Martin Electrical right from the beginning of each project so that customers can achieve a home that works for their lifestyle.

"When you're building new, you don't yet know how your home is going to function," points out Jess. "So it's thinking about where you want the light switch when you walk into the bathroom, or whether young children need a nightlight that comes on outside their bedroom if they get up. A great electrical plan is key to everything."

As part of the process, clients take part in a Visionspec consultation with PDL in conjunction with their electrician. "That initial electrical design with the customer is very important," says Matt. "It's where PDL can help a customer to decide on the electrical products that need to go into the home and make sure that we're capturing the correct specs from day one."

This is also when any special features like inset LED strips or statement lights — like those in the show home's entrance and living area — can be discussed and planned out, to save any retrofitting.

Electrical inspiration

The combination of Wiser and the Solis Collection from PDL in the Taupō show home has created a spectacular showcase for what's possible. "My favourite part is watching people's reactions as they walk around," says Jess. "There's one word people use every time they come in here — they say it's an 'inspiring' home to come to."

"The products we've got on display are just so innovative," adds Matt. "A smart home is a really good fit for our customers and our level of build. We want the end product to be the best it could be for our clients. PDL has a great name and they're always a trusted product."



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WINDOW CONTROLS

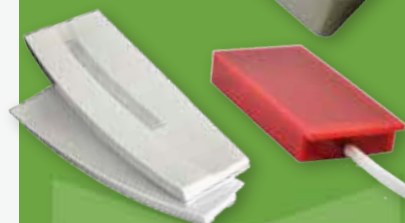
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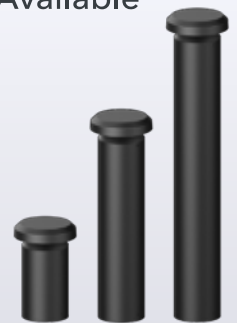
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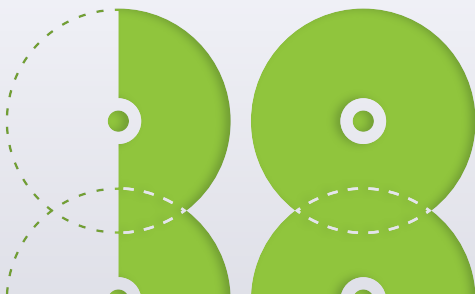


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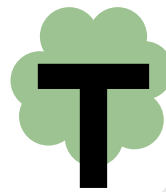


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EMBEDS SUPPORT FOR NATIVE FORESTS INTO THEIR BUSINESS



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Learn more about how your business can take action



Tourism is a significant contributor to New Zealand's economy, but travel can leave an impact on the very places visitors come to experience. Learn how Wendekreisen Campervan Rentals is mitigating parts of their impact by embedding ongoing support for communities and nature into their business.

Tourism is a vital contributor to our economy. In fact, according to recent data from Stats NZ, it's New Zealand's second-largest export earner. And it supports livelihoods across the country, directly or indirectly employing one in nine New Zealanders.

But the landscapes, biodiversity and experiences that draw visitors here are also impacted by travel - including via emissions and pressure on infrastructure, natural resources and fragile ecosystems.

For award-winning, family-owned campervan rental and manufacturing business Wendekreisen Campervan Rentals, this awareness underpins their commitment to environmental and social responsibility.

One action they've taken is incorporating funding for native trees into their booking system - something that Managing Director Sascha Warnken says has become a "cornerstone" of their sustainability efforts.

Part of a community leaving a lasting legacy

For Sascha, showing his children he's made a conscious effort to support positive change has been another key driver behind many of Wendekreisen's sustainability initiatives.

The business has taken a number of steps to reduce its environmental impact, such as establishing a locally based manufacturing facility and prioritising the use of long-lasting materials across its campervan fleet.

Supporting native forest restoration through Trees That Count felt like a logical next step, Sascha explains - helping to mitigate some of the negative impacts generated by campervan travel while also enabling positive outcomes for the communities and places their customers visit.

“We like how practical and tangible it is. It’s long-term and we can see the progress the projects we support are making,” says Sascha.

“We’ve become part of a community of changemakers,” he adds.

Turning rental bookings into meaningful investment

Each Wendekreisen vehicle hire funds native trees, with the number of trees increasing with the length of the booking.

This contribution is highlighted in every booking enquiry, so customers can see how their trip supports on-the-ground restoration efforts across the country.

“Trees That Count makes the process easy and rewarding,” says Sascha.

“You know exactly where your support is going. And it stands out as one of our most meaningful investments in New Zealand’s future.”

A commitment to be proud of

Supporting New Zealand’s native forests is something that gives Wendekreisen’s staff and customers alike a genuine sense of contribution, says Sascha.

“Customers often comment on the fact we fund native trees. It adds credibility to our brand promise and reinforces why they choose Wendekreisen. And our staff feel proud sharing this part of our story.”

He adds that their commitment also strengthens the business’s reputation as a responsible tourism provider, adding weight to their Qualmark Gold Award.

Join businesses like Wendekreisen helping people and nature thrive

Whether you’re looking to give back to the landscapes your business depends on, like Wendekreisen, or mitigate negative impacts from across your supply chain, Trees That Count makes it simple to take meaningful steps toward your sustainability goals while helping people and nature across New Zealand thrive.

Right now, more than 1,600 businesses of all sizes are part of a community driving lasting change by funding native trees.

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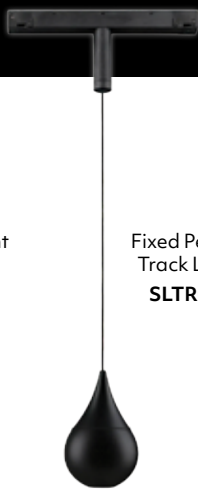


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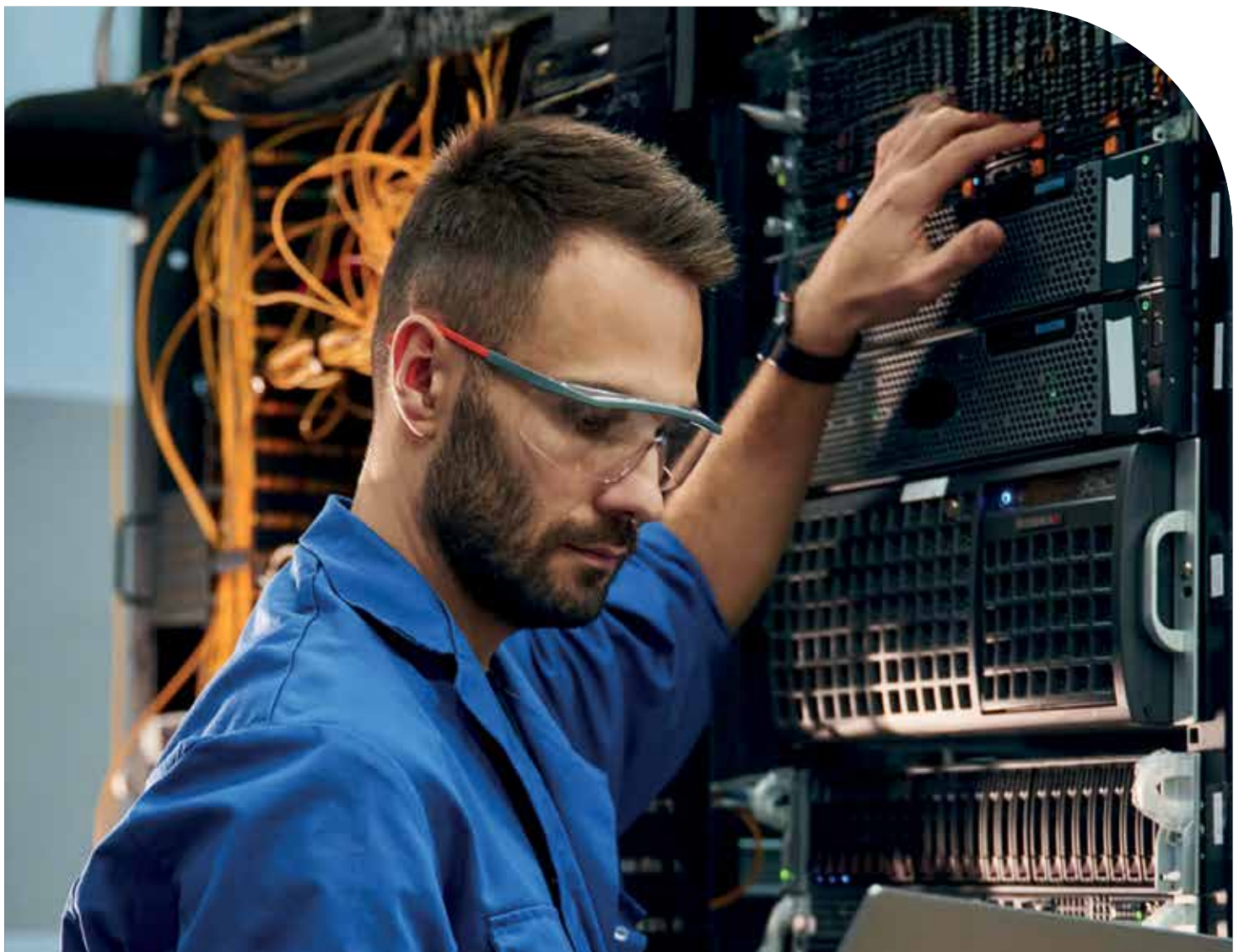
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SKILLS TRADES TRAINING LAUNCHES NEW ZEALAND'S FIRST EVER DATA CABLING QUALIFICATION

Skills Trades Training has launched the NZ Certificate in Data Cabling (Level 3) – the first qualification of its kind in New Zealand – giving data cabling technicians formal recognition of their existing skills and knowledge.

The 44-week programme combines a four-day block course initially in Auckland or Christchurch with online learning and structured workplace practice, meaning learners keep working while they qualify. It covers everything from safe installation and cable termination through to testing and documentation to AS/NZS 11801 standards.

Skills Trades Training Academic Lead – Electrical, Lindy Martins, says the qualification fills a long-standing gap in the industry. “When we set out to develop this programme, it was clear there was a real gap. Data cabling technicians were doing this work without any formal framework behind it. We worked hard to make sure the content meets the technical demands of the industry – covering installation, termination, testing and documentation – built to the standard that employers expect.”

The qualification has been designed to reflect real industry demand. AI, smart buildings and expanding digital infrastructure are driving the need for qualified data cabling technicians across New Zealand, and until now there has been no formal qualification to meet it. Developing this programme is part of Skills Trades Training's mission to train the next generation of tradies with the skills the industry actually needs.

“We’ve been training electricians for more than 30 years, and we know the trade doesn’t stand still. Data cabling is where a significant amount of electrical work is heading, and New Zealand needed a qualification to match.”


Skills Trades Training brings more than 30 years of electrical training expertise to the programme. As New Zealand's leading trades training provider, the organisation trains more than 5,000 apprentices and pre-trade learners annually across 11 campuses from

Auckland to Dunedin, with a reputation built on practical, industry-led training that employers trust.

Director of Skills Trades Training, Di Lithgow, says the launch reflects the organisation's commitment to keeping New Zealand's trades workforce future-ready. “We’ve been training electricians for more than 30 years, and we know the trade doesn’t stand still. Data cabling is where a significant amount of electrical work is heading, and New Zealand needed a qualification to match. We’re proud to be the ones to deliver it.”

Graduates of the programme can work as Data Cabling Technicians, Telecommunications Installers, or IT Infrastructure Support Specialists, or progress to Level 4 qualifications in Electronic Security or Customer Premises Systems.

Intakes are available nationwide, with initial block course delivery currently in Auckland and Christchurch, with more campuses coming soon. Expressions of interest are open for delivery in other regions as demand grows. The programme combines a four-day block course with online learning and on-the-job practice.

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Most golfers blame their read. But often, the culprit happens in the milliseconds before impact. You change the clubface angle during the stroke. You roll your wrists, closing the face for a left miss (anti-clockwise spin). Or you let your hands lead too much, leaving the face open for a right miss (clockwise spin).

Here's the problem with that side spin: when your ball hits the lip, that spin acts like a slingshot, ejecting the ball out of the hole. To make putts, you need near-zero side spin—so the lip guides the ball in with overspin.

You don't need a launch monitor to fix this. You need a pen and an elastic band. (See photo 1)

Take any standard pen. Using the elastic band, strap it horizontally to the front face of your putter grip (the flat surface) just below your bottom hand (see photo's 2 and 3). The pen should point at 90 degrees to the angle of the putter's face - meaning that the pen is parallel to the aim of the blade.

The Test (I have placed down some alignment rods to assist with visual understanding)

Address the ball. Make your normal putting stroke. At the exact moment of impact, freeze. Now look down at that pen. Ask yourself:

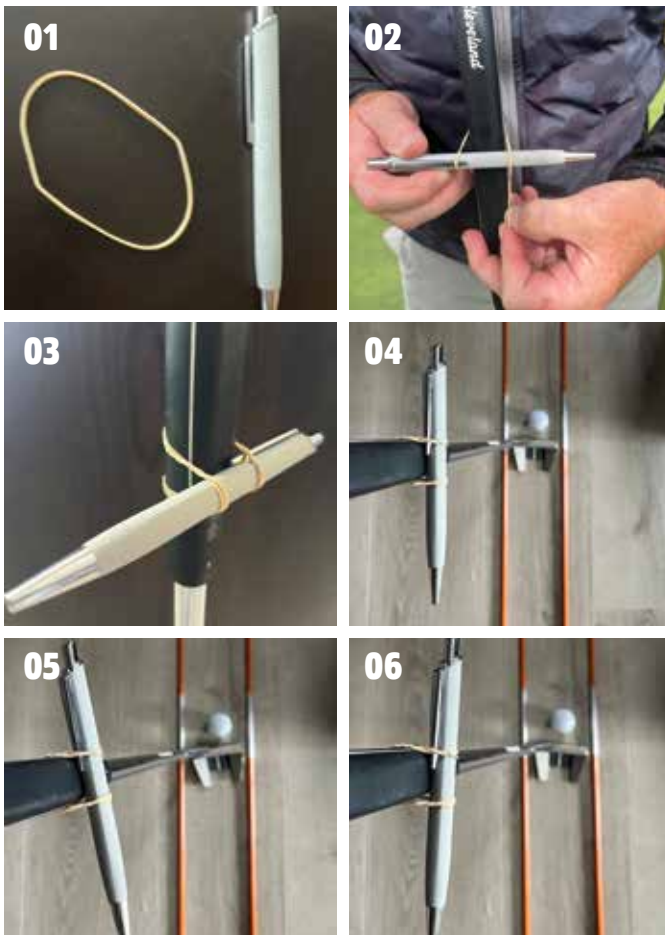
- Is the pen parallel to my target line? Perfect. Your face is square at impact. (photo 4)
- Is the tip of the pen pointing left of the target? This means the toe has overtaken the heel. Your clubface is closed at impact. You're imparting anti-clockwise spin. (photo 5)
- Is the tip of the pen pointing right of the target? Your heel is leading. The face is open. That's clockwise spin. (photo 6)

The Fix

Make practice strokes while simply watching the pen. Your only goal is to return the pen so it points parallel to your starting line at the moment of impact (as in photo 4).

This visual feedback is brutally honest. If the pen isn't parallel to your target line at impact, your putt never had a chance as the putter face wouldn't have been square at impact either.

Try it for five minutes before your next round. You'll stop blaming the green and start controlling the face and in doing so apply overspin to the ball which will keep your putt online and get rid of any unwanted sidespin. That's how you will turn lip-outs into drop-ins.



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The Foundation was created with a clear purpose: to support talented young New Zealanders with the ambition and ability to progress onto the world motorsport stage. Backed by a group of experienced and well-connected trustees from across the motorsport industry, the TQF provides support ranging from grassroots development through to financial assistance for elite Kiwi drivers competing internationally.

Today, the Foundation is recognised for delivering opportunities that are unprecedented within New Zealand motorsport, helping bridge the gap between national success and global careers.





Wellington-born driver Ryan Wood has been one of New Zealand's most exciting rising motorsport talents in recent years. After making his mark in karting across a successful eight-year career, Wood would then transition into car racing, opting against the traditional open-wheel pathway and instead moving straight into touring car competition.

It was in the Toyota 86 Championship where Wood's raw speed and race craft quickly set him apart. During the 2021–22 season, he became a regular race winner, with his breakout performances signalling the arrival of one of New Zealand's brightest young talents.

In 2023, Wood made his international debut in Porsche Sprint Challenge Australia, quickly turning heads with an extraordinary rookie season that delivered six race wins, multiple pole positions, and a third-place finish in the championship standings. The success rapidly accelerated his career progression and earned him a coveted opportunity with Walkinshaw Andretti United in Super2, the development category for the Repco Supercars Championship.

Wood immediately impressed, securing Pole Position during his first Super2 round in Newcastle before going on to claim five race victories on his way to third in the championship standings. The impressive rookie campaign ultimately earned him promotion into Walkinshaw Andretti United's Repco Supercars Championship line-up for the 2024 season.

Across his first two seasons in Supercars, Wood has continued to establish himself

as one of the category's future stars, consistently challenging teammate Chaz Mostert and securing several stand-out results in that time, including his maiden Supercars victory in Perth last year.

Then, fresh off his stand-out performance at the 2025 Repco Bathurst 1000, Wood was announced as the recipient of a \$40,000 Tony Quinn Foundation grant to contest the 2026 Castrol Toyota Formula Regional Oceania Trophy (CTFROT), the premier category of the Repco NextGen NZ Championship.

For Wood, the opportunity to contest the New Zealand Grand Prix marked a major career milestone.

"To be competing in the New Zealand Grand Prix is a real bucket-list race for me. I never thought I'd get the opportunity, so it's super special to be racing in New Zealand's most iconic event," Wood said.

"It's also really cool to link back up with TQF. I've been lucky enough to have their support before, but to now be racing in New Zealand at Tony's circuits with TQF backing is super special."

Wood also highlighted the developmental value of stepping into open-wheel machinery for the first time in his career.

"Driving the FT-60 will be a whole new experience. I've only driven an open-wheeler twice before, so learning something new will really help me in Supercars," he said.

"Doing it in a Toyota before transitioning into the Supra for 2026 makes this an exciting way to start that relationship. Ultimately, it's about learning and making myself a better driver on and off the track for 2026 and beyond."

Wood went on to complete a strong campaign across the four-week 2026 Castrol Toyota Formula Regional Oceania Trophy season, finishing fifth overall in the championship with multiple victories, including winning the Denny Hulme Memorial Trophy at Taupo International Motorsport Park.

Wood would then return to his full-time Repco Supercars Championship campaign with Walkinshaw TWG Racing, now aboard the Toyota GR Supra, with the 22-year-old Kiwi already making headlines earlier this year after securing Toyota's first Supercars victory on New Zealand soil.

Beyond Supercars, Wood has continued to broaden his skill set by gaining experience across a range of different categories.



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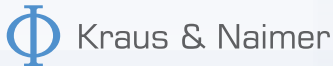


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Bay of Plenty's New Motorsport Home

Thunder Ridge Motorsport Park is shaping up to be the Bay of Plenty's long-awaited hub for grassroots speed, driver training and community motorsport culture.

Construction officially began in April 2026 with a karakia blessing and ceremonial sod-turning as crews set the circuit out on the ground, signalling a move from plans to palpable progress on site at TECT Park. The project received local approvals in August 2025 and has since evolved through iterative design updates that prioritise overtaking opportunities and an engaging driver experience.

Designed as a community-focused facility, Thunder Ridge will occupy roughly 70 hectares and centre on a flowing 3.3 km circuit featuring eight corners, 26 metres of elevation change and undulating terrain that leans into the natural landscape, ingredients for tight races and memorable track days alike. The site plan also includes practical, enthusiast-first infrastructure, with pit garages, on-site garages available for lease, club rooms, a café and even camping grounds to support multi-day events and a festival-style atmosphere.

Organisers have blended fresh construction with motorsport heritage by repurposing iconic buildings from Pukekohe and securing key facilities to enrich the park's character, reinforcing a sense of continuity with New Zealand's track history.

Located roughly halfway between Tauranga and Rotorua on SH36, Thunder Ridge aims to serve the wider region (from casual beginners to seasoned competitors) and echo the community spirit of former venues like Bay Park and Pukekohe.

Beyond lap times, the park positions itself as a practical centre for safe skill development, grassroots event growth and regional tourism, all delivered with an inclusive philosophy that invites clubs, families and newcomers to share the paddock. By offering affordable access and a professionally designed track, Thunder Ridge is likely to strengthen local motorsport ecosystems and bring a reliable venue for testing, training and competition to the North Island.

With an anticipated opening window promoted for December 2026, the motorsport community (and beyond) can expect regular updates on spectator amenities, circuit configuration and booking opportunities as the build advances. It promises to be a fresh focal point for wheels, noise and weekend adrenaline - and I'm sure I'm not alone when I say I can't wait to check it out.



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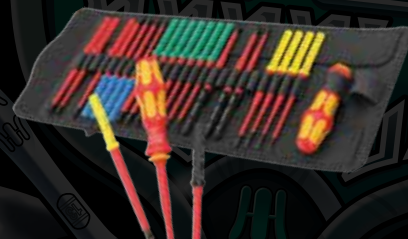
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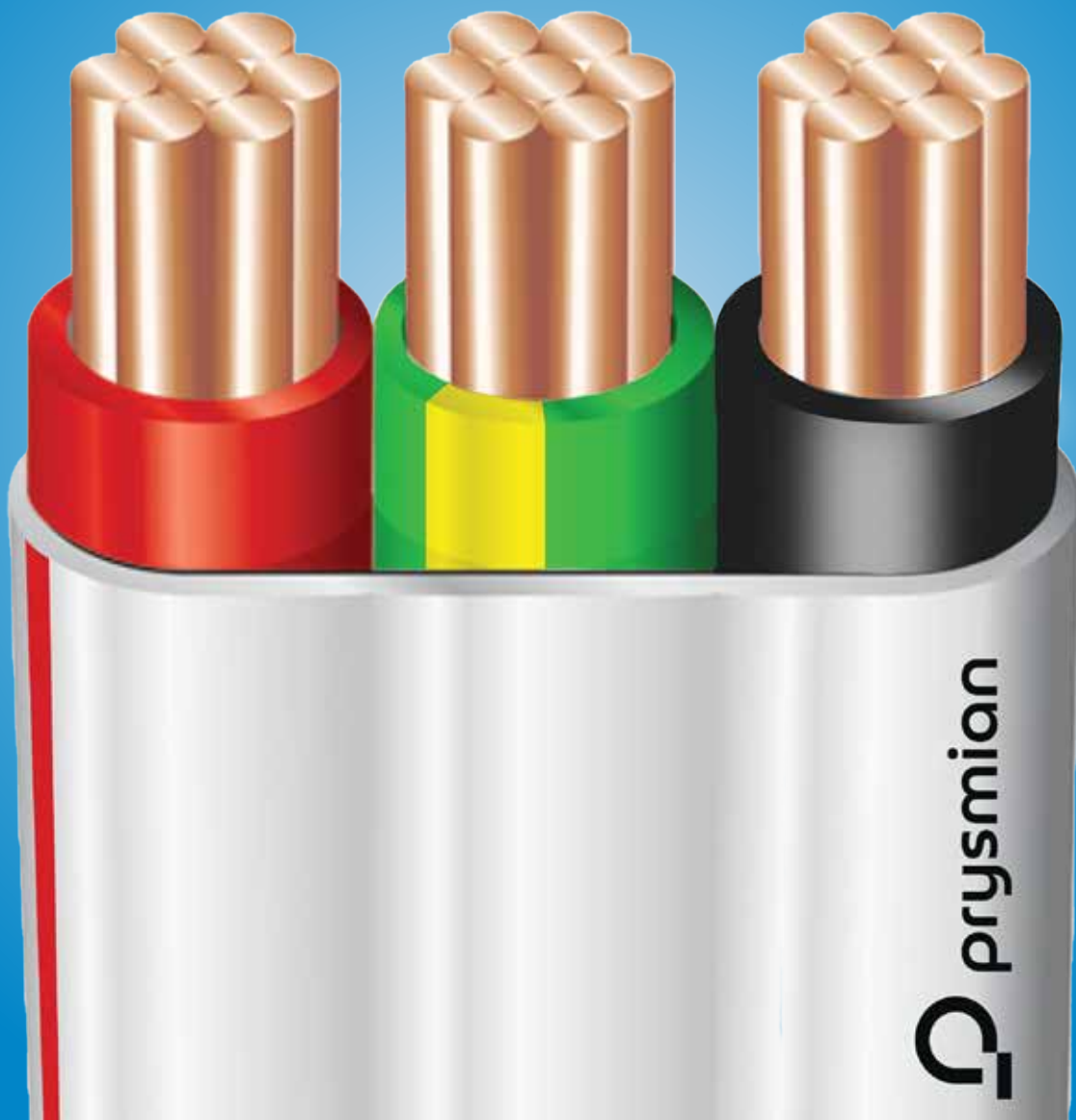


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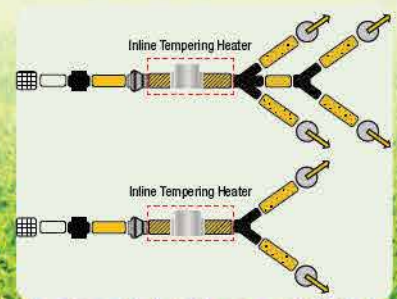
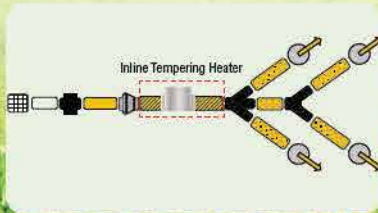
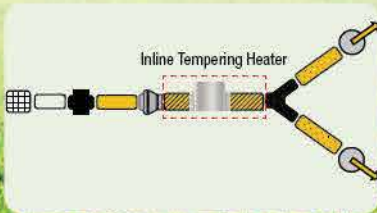


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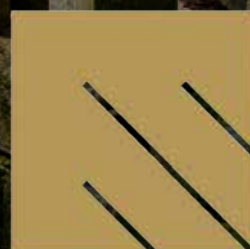
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While the various types of these beers are myriad, it's the small stable of 'abbey ales' that are most famous, and that most inform international re-creations. Hops are an afterthought in these beers, with the majority of the flavour driven by aggressive, highly attenuated yeast strains. These impart a great deal of character during fermentation, expressing strongly phenolic spice notes of clove and pepper, as well as esters that can manifest as a distinctly fruity or even bubblegum aroma. An invert sugar, often referred to as 'candi sugar' is also added to boost the final %abv. These practices are otherwise anathema to the modern conventions of clean drinking, malt and hop driven beer.

These abbey ales can be broken down into four core styles. Enkle, or Single, which is a comparatively low (5%abv) blond beer. While almost never produced here, it will very occasionally find its way to New Zealand markets in the form of Belgian brewed six packs, with the Palm brand being the most commonly available. The first of the 'serious' abbey beers is Dubbel. A rich and significantly malt driven brown ale, typically brewed above 6%abv, that melds yeast character with malt complexity. Dubbel's presents a very broad spectrum of flavours that can range from very sweet and fruity to dry and nutty with a slightly sour Oloroso sherry character, particularly if allowed to age.

Next is Tripel, which is rare to see under 8%abv and often presented over 10%. A peculiar outlier to its stablemates, brewed with a very high proportion of sugar to the malt. This results in a pale gold pour and deceptively light body, which is incongruous with its high strength. The aroma and flavour are almost entirely derived from the yeast character, making it the most acutely descriptive example of Belgian beer.

Finally there's Quadrupel, a return to the dark and rich style of Dubbel, but brewed to the limit, almost always achieving double digits in %abv. These exceptional ales are very much beer through the lens of winemaking; as strong as and often bearing an even greater ageing potential as fine red wine.

While New Zealand craft brewers will take the occasional punt at one of these styles, there is only one local producer that fully specialises in these beers. Craftwork Brewery, located in the South Island township of Oamaru exclusively brews Belgian







styles, with the abbey ales among them. The Craftwork range should be the first port of call for anyone seeking to explore locally brewed examples of these unique and singular beers. Or for those looking to steep themselves somewhat more deeply, they will be hosting the Bruxelles Oamaru Belgian Beer Festival in the township itself on the 18th of July.



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Justin Marshall, left, and
Christian Cullen, tired but happy
after winning at Loftus in 1996.

RUGBY'S GREATEST RIVALRY

Former Manu Samoa No 10 and freelance rugby scribe Campbell Burnes is pumped for the All Blacks' Greatest Rivalry tour of South Africa in August and September.

Cynics will say it's not the same as the great, long tours of yesteryear.

Maybe not, but in this day and age where everything is short and fast, the looming seven-match tour of South Africa (with a fourth Test in Baltimore) by the All Blacks still feels like a small nod to the past.

This rivalry was set up by the Boks tours to these shores in 1921, 1937, 1956, 1965, 1981 and 1994 and the All Blacks in the Republic in 1928, 1949, 1960, 1970, 1976 and 1996. That is not including the short five-match South African sojourn by the 1992 All Blacks after the Boks were

readmitted to the international fold following the dismantling of the apartheid policy.

Many Kiwis of a certain age will recall the 1996 series with some fondness. In the first year of professionalism, the All Blacks twice beat the Boks in the inaugural Tri Nations, then edged South Africa 2-1 in the Test series tagged on. They faced each other four times in four weekends. No wonder the All Blacks had nothing left in the tank for the third Test, lost 32-22 to the home side at their Ellis Park citadel.

The image of half the All Blacks' forward pack lying utterly spent on the Loftus Versfeld turf in Pretoria after heroically manning their defences as the Boks hacked away in the second Tests will live long in the memory. I have never since such exhaustion as John Hart's men hung on 33-26 to win a first Test series in South Africa, 68 years after their first attempt.

They emulated the feat of the 1937 Springboks, who won their first and only series in New Zealand dispatching the All Blacks five tries to none at Eden Park in the decider, an unprecedented feat.

So to the 2026 tour, which has blown up the Rugby Championship for a year, unfortunate

collateral damage. The Boks and the All Blacks are at Nos 1 and 2 respectively in the world rankings as they enter the July programme, which is the first half of the inaugural Nations Championship.

All things being equal, Dave Rennie's men should be good enough to win all four tour matches, against the Boks-less Stormers, Sharks, Bulls and Lions. This will be a decent test of Rennie's second-stringers or those on the fringes of the front-line Test squad, but the four South African franchises will be in their pre-season for the URC. They'll be up for it physically, but will they be anywhere near their best so early in their season?

If you listened to some media commentary, you would think the Boks are the greatest side this planet has ever seen. They are very good, and superbly coached, but last time I looked they had two bad defeats in 2025, one of those to the All Blacks at Eden Park when they did not fire at all.

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Rooftop solar, batteries, smart hot water cylinders, and EV chargers create a world where households can manage when they use power — and eventually, how they contribute power back to the system.

This is where community-level change starts to feel different. Energy becomes something we talk about like we talk about rates, water, roads, and safety. It becomes practical: "How do we keep bills down?" "How do we stop outages hurting our vulnerable residents?" "How do we keep the school warm without blowing the budget?"



Rewiring Aotearoa's Electric Homes work is powerful here because it frames household electrification as a "win-win": lower emissions and lower running costs when transitions are planned and supported.

Resilience becomes local

We don't have to imagine a future with shocks — we already live in one.

Storms, outages, supply disruptions, price volatility: communities feel these events in very real ways. Electrification, done well, improves resilience because it supports distributed solutions: local generation, local storage, local load management.

A community with solar and storage can keep critical services operating longer. A well-designed facility can act as a resilience hub. A future where more vehicles are electric opens up the possibility of vehicles supporting homes in outages. These aren't science fiction — they're emerging capabilities.

The practical point is simple: when communities can produce and manage more of their own energy, they gain options.

Energy becomes social

Here's a surprising upside: electrification can rebuild community.

We're already seeing "electric communities" form — neighbours comparing heat pump settings, sharing charger advice, coordinating solar installs, and helping whānau navigate confusing choices. When people share real experiences, confidence rises and scams fall away.

And there's a deeper shift happening. As our world becomes more digital, many people crave tangible projects that bring people together — things you can point to and say, "We did this." Electrification can be one of those.

Community-led energy planning also creates space for meaningful partnerships with Māori, local government, schools, and community providers — because the work touches wellbeing, equity, and intergenerational outcomes.

The equity challenge (and opportunity)

We need to be honest: electrification can widen inequality if we're not deliberate.

Upfront costs are a barrier. Renters face split incentives. Some communities get access to infrastructure sooner than others. If we're serious about powering communities, we need to design programmes that make electrification accessible — not just for those with capital and confidence.

This is where policy and industry can work together: trusted advice, fit-for-purpose financing, bulk procurement, and standards that protect consumers. The point isn't to force one "right" solution — it's to make the transition safe and fair.

Convergence shows up in daily life

Electrification also changes what's happening inside our homes and workplaces — because energy is becoming connected.

Smart appliances, home energy management systems, EV chargers talking to networks — these technologies blur the lines between electrical, construction, data, and cybersecurity. We're not just installing devices; we're integrating systems.

That's why trust matters. When energy becomes digital, the person who installs and configures equipment becomes a key part of consumer confidence.

Electrification is reshaping community life: cleaner air, quieter streets, warmer homes, more resilience — and new ways of working together. But it also raises the stakes for skills and quality.

Which brings us to the next constraint — and the biggest opportunity: people.

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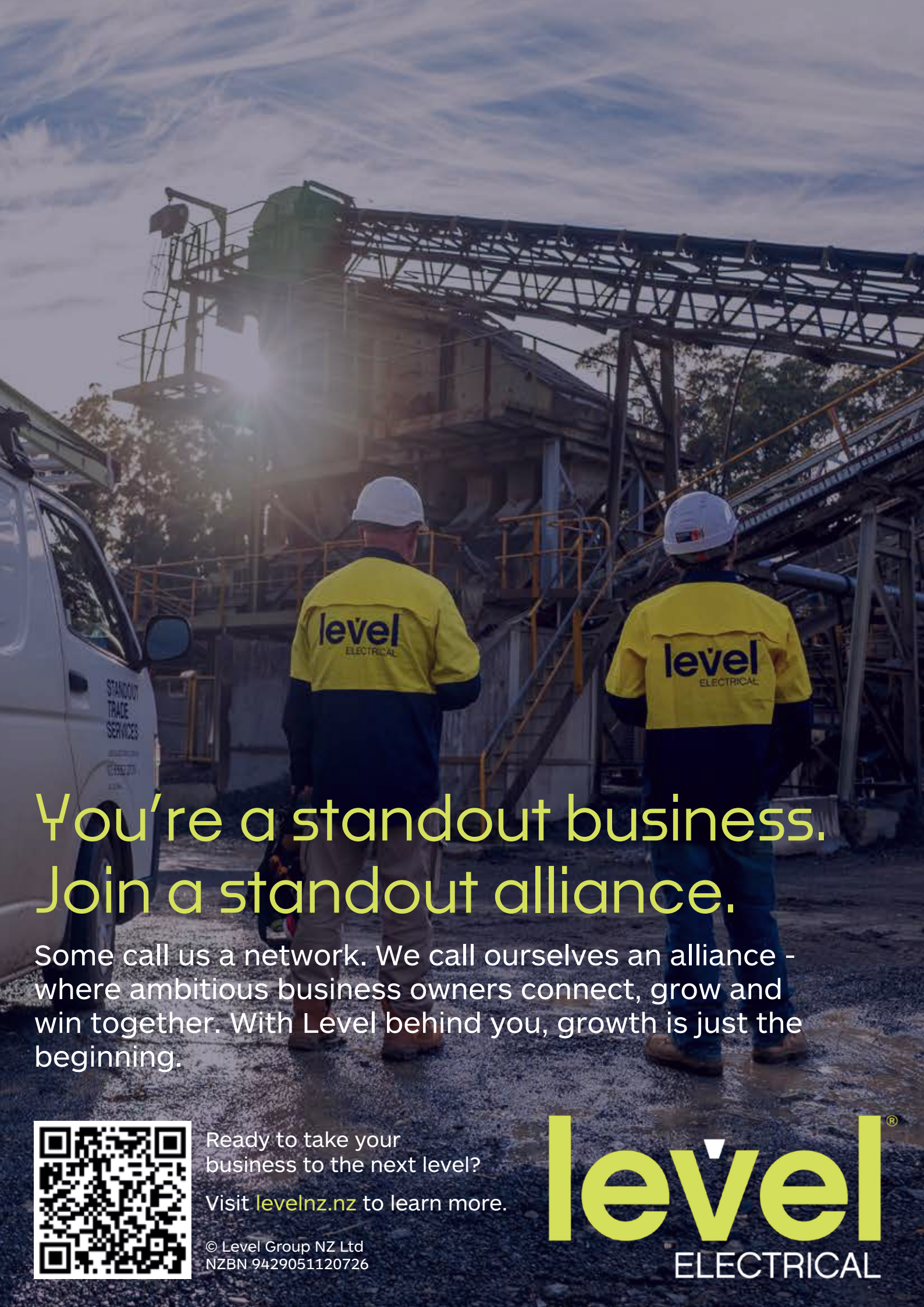
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MASTERING THE CRISPY BARBECUE WING

Despite years of barbecuing brisket, ribs, and pork on the daily, the humble chicken wing remains my personal #1. I love that they're inexpensive, versatile, and technically rewarding, a tasty "flame-taming" challenge for any griller. To move from rubbery skin to the "Holy Grail" of crunch, you don't need a secret recipe; you need thermodynamics.

To achieve a "fried-not-fried" finish without a vat of oil, you must harness the properties of high-heat convection. By placing a Vortex (or a stainless steel funnel) over screaming hot coals in your kettle grill, you create a concentrated thermal chimney. This "cyclone" effect forces intense heat to deflect off the lid and circulate over the wings in a dome like fashion.

Why it Works:

- **Convection:** Circulating hot air (250°C+) mimics a high-powered air fryer (though, let's be honest, air fryers are just trying to copy what charcoal-grillers have known forever).
- **Instant Rendering:** Extreme heat shatters the subcutaneous fat, crisping the skin while keeping the meat succulent.
- **Zero Flare-ups:** Since the wings sit around the perimeter, the "indirect cool zone", dripping fat never hits the coals, avoiding acrid char and bitter smoke.





For the DIY crowd, a bottomless stainless steel bowl (the "Poor Man's Vortex") gets the job done. While it lacks the heat retention of professional gear, the goal remains the same: move the air, render the fat, and claim the Wing-King (or Queen) crown.

Time: 40 minutes

Skill Level: Intermediate

Fun Level: Off the Chart

Tools

- **Kettle Style Grill:** A spherical heat convection chamber.
- **Fuel:** Lump charcoal is the gold standard for high heat, though briquettes work if given extra time.
- **Coal Chimney:** Essential for a fast, clean start.
- **Grill Vortex:** Or a "Poor Man's" equivalent.
- **Smoking Wood:** Cherry is highly recommended for incredible mahogany colour and subtle sweetness, but any fruit wood will go well.
- **Instant-Read Probe:** Precision is everything; the PureQ Solo is my top-tier recommendation.

Ingredients

- **The Chook:** Any wing will do but my go to is a #22 wing or even nibbles serve a purpose!
- **Dry Rub:** I prefer a "sweet-mild-heat" profile as a baseline; you can always dial up the fire with hot sauces during the glaze and/or service.
- **The Finish:** A killer barbecue glaze, create your own flavours but *The Four Saucemen Wing Glaze* is a total knockout.

Method

1. Ignite the Engine: Fill your chimney with two baskets' worth of coal. Light it up and wait until it's roaring hot.

2. Prep the Poultry: Pat the wings dry with paper towels. Give them a generous, even coating of your chosen dry rub to ensure maximum crunch & flavour in every bite.

3. Set the Stage: Pour the screaming-hot coals into the coal baskets in centre of the grill. Place your Vortex over the top and drop a chunk or two of fruit wood directly into the centre of the funnel.

4. Load the Perimeter: Arrange your wings in a circle around the outside of the Vortex. Pop the lid on with top and bottom vents wide open for a full send!

5. Monitor Internal Temps: Let convection work. While 74°C is safe, the "pro move" is pushing to 85°C to break down connective tissue for bite-through skin and a fall-off-the-bone finish. Start probing at 20 minutes; as wings hit the zone, set them aside until the batch is complete.

6. The Glaze Phase: Once you hit the mark, toss the wings into a large stainless bowl. Pour over your glaze and give them a vigorous shake until perfectly coated.

7. The Set (Optional): Return the glazed wings to the grill for 2-3 minutes. This "sets" the sauce into a tacky, finger-licking lacquer.

Plate immediately to preserve the crunch. Serve on a platter with fresh salads and extra sauces. Whether it's a halftime rush or a weekend hang, these will vanish faster than a cold brew on a Friday afternoon. Enjoy your "Chicken Wizard" status....you've earned it.

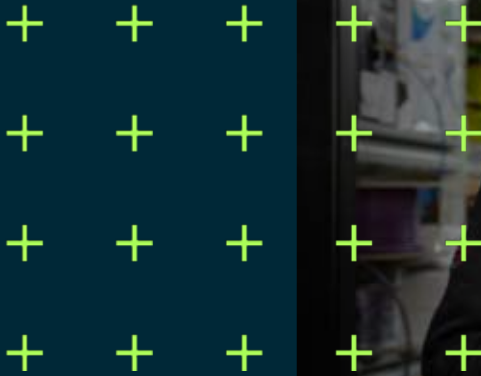
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ATT ANNUAL AWARDS 2026:

Electrical businesses leading the way



Earlier this year, ATT held its annual awards night to recognise the best apprentices and host businesses from across the country.

It was a great evening with proud moments and a strong showing from the electrical industry. Electrical businesses won both major awards.

Jamie Dunn, hosted by Aotea Electric Queenstown Ltd, was named ATT Apprentice of the Year. Jamie has completed his apprenticeship and is now a qualified electrician. What set him apart was the pace of his progress. A month before finishing year three, he had already completed all his on-job assessments and was confidently managing multiple jobs at a time. Nick Shea from Aotea Electric Queenstown accepted the award on his behalf.

Melray Electric Ltd took out Host Business of the Year across all trades, with Managing Director Glenn Connor accepting the award. Melray creates a supportive environment where apprentices are

guided closely and genuinely valued, so much so they often forget they are employed by someone else.

Having both top awards go to electrical businesses is no coincidence. It reflects the commitment electrical host businesses across the country put into developing their people. For us at ATT, watching an apprentice grow from day one to becoming a qualified sparky is one of the most rewarding parts of what we do. But that journey does not happen without the businesses who back them every day. The training, patience and opportunities to get stuck into real work all come from you. Great tradespeople are not built in a classroom alone. They are shaped by teams and businesses that invest in them.

The Powerbase-sponsored electrical category awards recognised more standout performers. Matt Symons, hosted by Aquaheat Facility Services Ltd, was named Electrical Apprentice of the Year for exceptional work managing high-profile sites and consistently delivering to a high standard. Team Cabling Waikato picked up Electrical Host Business of the Year for fostering a strong learning culture and encouraging apprentices to enter the Master Electricians Apprentice Challenge. Darren Smith from Team Cabling Auckland was named Outstanding Electrical Supervisor for his patient leadership and ability to help apprentices learn from mistakes rather than fear them.



Jamie Dunn receiving his award from ATT's Callum Wardell

Some awards recognise performance, but others are about attitude and resilience, and both matter. Ashton Davey, hosted by DT Electrical Ltd, received Electrical Excellence Year 1 for professionalism beyond his experience. Jay Morrison, hosted by Aotea Electric Queenstown Ltd, received the Perseverance Award for tackling learning challenges head-on and passing his capstone exam without tutor assistance. Kevin Vargas, hosted by Caldwell & Levesque Ltd, was recognised as Most Improved Apprentice for his development throughout his apprenticeship.

Up N Atom Electrical Ltd was named New Host Business of the Year for backing ATT's programmes and creating large-scale opportunities for developing tradespeople on site.

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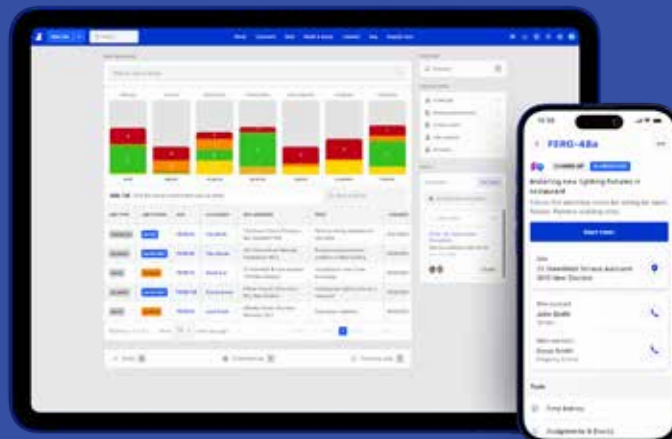
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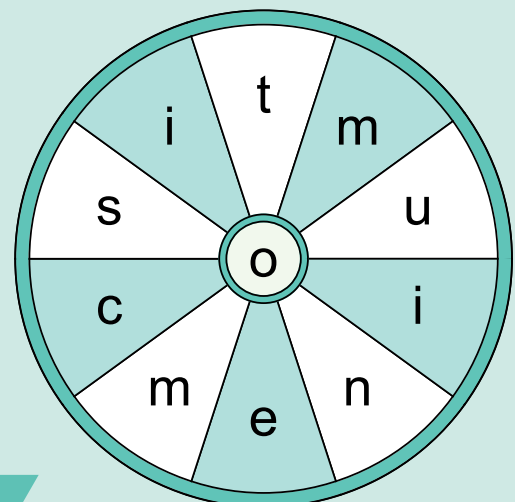
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