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THE CROSSWORD 1555

ACROSS
6. Steel beam (6)
7. Late morning meal (6)
10. Area of fruit-growing land (7)
11. Board game (5)
12. Northland township, home town of All Black Ian Jones, 'the ___ Kid' (4)
13. At no time (5)
16. Gives up (5)
17. Popular North Island beach (4)
20. Cheerful (5)
21. Mollusc with fan-shaped shell (7,7)
22. 1969 song by The Fourmylas, voted New Zealand's best single in 2011 (6)
23. Changes (6)

DOWN
1. Barry Crump's first book (1,4,4,3)
2. Former Greek currency (7)
3. Hold-up (5)
4. Go ahead (7)
5. Wrath (5)
8. In rugby, an unwelcome transfer of the ball (6,4)
9. Make publicly known (5)
14/15. Author who described Auckland as 'last, loneliest, loveliest' after an 1891 visit (7,7)
18. Wooden box (5)
19. Nickname often used for NZ's eighth largest urban area (5)

SOLUTION 1554
Across: 1. Slapid, 5. Stream, 9. Troops, 10/11. Burger Fuel, 12. Rustoria, 14. Seemly, 16. Behead, 19. Main drag, 21. Levy, 22. Unhand, 23. Oxford, 24. Totara, 25. Seller.
Down: 2. Torture, 3. Problem, 4. Destroyer, 6. Trust, 7. En garde, 8. Mermaid, 13. Antbiguous, 14. Sam Hunt, 15. Epitaph, 17. Helpful, 18. Adverse, 20. Donor.

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Look who's TALKING! Catherine Goodwin, 38, general manager of Goodwin Property Management, Mt Albert

Fantastic for families

What do you like best about Mt Albert?

With two young children the local parks and recreational facilities – Rocket Park, the Zoo, the YMCA, the Wave Pool, Motat, Western Springs – are a huge highlight.

How long have you lived here and where are you originally from?

I was born in Mt Albert.

What do you like least and how can we fix it?

The council's lack of invest-

ment in Mt Albert's town centre is a disgrace. The most basic of expected infrastructure – adequate pavements, lighting, and amenities – have been left to disintegrate for well over 15 years. We must all become engaged in the current consultation process surrounding the 10-year budget to ensure the completion of the Mt Albert town centre renewal. Visit shapeauckland.co.nz, or you can also attend a hosted information evening on February 26 at the Potters Park Events Centre, Balmoral, 6.30pm to 8.30pm.

best place to buy dinner?

In Mt Albert – Sal Rose provides a fabulous, local, family dining environment.

And who does the best fish 'n' chips?

The Fish & Chip Shop at 160 Sandringham Rd.

Who is the Kiwi you admire most – and why?

I have huge admiration for Sir Harold Marshall, an architect, engineer and physicist. In 2009, Marshall accepted the title Knight Companion of the Order, KNZM. The humble man still co-chairs the Mt Albert Residents Assn. and is involved in a number of community groups. He has played a huge role in advocating for Mt Albert residents.

When I've got a free few hours I like to ...

Enjoy time with my husband and young family exploring Auckland.

The spot in Auckland I'd recommend to tourists is ...

For the kids, Auckland Zoo and then a picnic/walk around the lake at Western Springs. For adult visitors, lunch at Wynyard Quarter and then jump on a ferry to Waiheke and enjoy our vineyards.



My two cents worth:

Unquestionably, the Mt Albert town centre has potential to be among the very best and most vibrant in Auckland.

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