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YOUNG CATCH: Taylen Thornton with his stag head makes sure it does not fall off the vehicle at the Tiniroto hunt on Sunday.

Seriously popular hunt event attracts close to 500 entries

A RECORD number of registrations for the annual Tiniroto Easter Game Hunt made for an incredible weekend event for hearty hunters. Organisers say there were close to 500 entries for the 20th anniversary of the event, with some luxurious prizes to hand

out — including a quad bike valued at \$4500. Despite wet weather hitting the district over the weekend, attendees were full of mirth at the event.

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Wairoa’s health needs broken down in stats

TE Whatu Ora Health Hawke’s Bay responded to a query about Wairoa health needs including waiting lists, for those experiencing mobility issues, with knee and hip discomfort and ear, nose and throat referrals, resources for breast and prostate screening, and midwives. Their senior communications advisor Audrey Malone supplied the following data. “As of March 24, 2024 there are 21 Wairoa patients waiting for a total knee replacement, and 11 Wairoa patients waiting for a total hip replacement. “Between March 2023 and February 2024, there have been 194 ear, nose and throat referrals received for an outpatient first specialist assessment for Wairoa patients. “Between March 2023 and February 2024, there were 61 ear, nose and throat referrals received for surgery for Wairoa Patients. “As at 24 March 2024, there are 26 Wairoa Patients on the ear, nose and throat surgical waitlist. “The top three procedures they are waiting for are: Tympanoplasty (microsurgery surgery using a microscope or endoscope to fix holes in the eardrum that do not heal on their own) patients waiting, 10; Myringoplasty (an operation to repair a hole (perforation) in your eardrum, usually caused by an infection in your middle ear that bursts through your eardrum. It can also be caused by trauma (for example, being hit across your ear or by placing an object in your ear), 4; Tonsillectomy with Adenoidectomy, 4.” In terms of mental health resourcing for young adults to access and smoking-

cessation programme resourcing, Wilfrid McKerras, clinical manager adult community mental health and addiction services North Health New Zealand Te Whatu Ora responded. “Health New Zealand/Te Whatu Ora has two nurses employed in the Wairoa Community Mental Health and Addiction Service based at Wairoa Hospital. “Specialist psychiatric clinics are regularly held at Wairoa Hospital. “Recruitment for a community support worker within Wairoa’s Community Mental Health and Addictions Service is also under way, which will further strengthen health supports in this space.” With breast screening screening services, Health NZ has a mobile breast screening clinic in Wairoa each year. It has already been in Wairoa for two weeks in 2024, and is scheduled to return to Wairoa for six weeks in 2025. A Te Whatu Ora spokesperson said in Hawke’s Bay, people were screened for free between the ages of 60 and 74, however people are able to opt out of the programme if they choose. “Bowel screening kits are sent to people when they turn 60. “If the kits automatically sent out are not returned within a reasonable period of time, Health New Zealand kaimahi follow up with the individuals.” With regard to prostate screening Te Whatu Ora said there was no prostate screening programme in New Zealand. “People need to visit their GP for prostate checks. “There are four midwives based in Wairoa to help with prenatal and postnatal care of our māmā and pēpi.”





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