

Hells Angels HQ fortifications will come down

The Wanganui District Council resolved last Tuesday, to partner local Police in applying to the district court for an

order to remove the fence fortifications that surround the Hells Angels headquarters in Kaikokopu Road, Wanganui.

The meeting heard from a representative of local residents and from Inspector Duncan MacLeod before making its decision.

Inspector MacLeod reiterated that the Police supported the council's initiative, would partner the council in its court action, and that the fortifications directly impeded the Police from having ready access to the headquarters in executing search warrants and chasing fleeing transgressors.

On a number of occasions, the Police also reported that motorcyclists had evaded apprehension for traffic offences by entering the gang compound.

The council also resolved that Mayor Laws enter discussions with the Police Commissioner and Minister of Police with regard to financially contributing to the legal action.

"That would seem only fair. We want our Police to have the resources to do their job and we are actively assisting them. Certainly the gang patch legislation is already making a visible difference to our city. But this matter is likely to be a test case for the new gang fortification legislation, and a partnership suggests a financial contribution to our costs."

required to pay by that date if they have an end of year income tax, Working for Families tax credits, or student loan payment to make.

"Anyone having trouble paying the full amount by February 7

should get in touch with us as soon as possible so we can talk about a solution for their situation," said Charles Ronaldson, Group Manager, Assistance. "We understand some people may experience difficulty paying, and we can discuss setting up a payment plan that lets them pay by regular instalments."

Mr Ronaldson says there are a number of methods for people to make their end-of-year payments.

"They can be made over the internet, by cash, cheque or eftpos at any Westpac bank, or by posting the payment slip and a cheque to us."

The February 7 date does not apply to businesses or individual taxpayers who have an extension of time through a tax agent.

More information about the February 7 end-of-year requirements is available at or people can call Inland Revenue's contact centres which are open 8am to 8pm weekdays, and 9am to 1pm on Saturdays.

quirement, but it will save an impoundment fee if we pick up your dog."

Animal Control is part of the Wanganui District Council, contact them at (06) 349 0001.

Les Contes D'Hoffman is the latest offering from the Metropolitan Opera to screen at the Embassy Theatre in Wanganui this Sunday.

The Metropolitan Opera's Peabody and Emmy Award-winning series *The Met: Live in HD* is into its third season, featuring nine

transmissions with many of the world's greatest singers featured in new roles. The season began in 16 New Zealand cinemas last November and runs till early June.

Les Contes D'Hoffman, the fourth transmission so far, is Jacques Offenbach's fictionalised take on the life and loves of the German Romantic writer ETA Hoffman, and is a fascinating psychological journey. Met music director James Levine conducts star tenor Joseph Calleja in the tour de force title role, with Anna Netrebko as the tragic Antonia, Elina Garanca as the ambiguous Nicklausse, and Alan Held as the demonic four villains. Tony Award winner Bartlett Sher (South Pacific) directs this new production.

Les Contes D'Hoffman screens this Sunday at 7pm. Don't miss the chance to experience the Met live at your local cinema!

Options available for end-of-year tax payments

People having trouble making their end-of-year tax payments due on February 7 are urged to contact Inland Revenue to talk about negotiating a payment plan.

Business and individual taxpayers are

POUND POOCH



Riley is a female lab cross, about six years old.

She is a fantastic family dog, great with cats, but a "total escape artist," says Animal Control officer Kelly.

"She will be going to a home approved by the pound, perhaps a life-style block or farm would be suitable, but definitely not a home in town."

Kelly also reminds people who are moving house to let Animal Control know of their new address.

"Not only is it a legal re-

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