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Stop Being Mean To The BSA

If it isn't obvious, media is something near and dear to my heart. It's my life blood – I enjoy the chaos of it and the role it plays in keeping others accountable. That's why I was interested to hear that the Broadcasting Standards Authority (BSA) and its associated legislation had recently come under fire, and what it means for the state of media generally.

What happened was that the BSA heard a complaint about a guy called Sean Plunket, who reportedly made comments describing tikanga Māori as "mumbo jumbo" on The Platform. The Platform is described as an "independent media space" where you can "receive and impart views and opinions the mainstream media simply cannot handle". They basically just post podcasts and opinion pieces.

The BSA reckoned that The Platform was something they were entitled to regulate as a broadcaster, saying that it thought posting about media stuff on the internet in podcast form counted as transmission via telecommunications. Linking back to the chaoticism and fast modernisation of media, the BSA also thought letting The Platform off the hook would be counterintuitive, as they viewed their empowering legislation as being designed to make sure broadcasting still had standards at a time of "deregulation and rapidly evolving technology". I'm not sure if there was much regulation to deregulate, but okay. For context, their legislation hasn't been updated since 1989, but the BSA regularly updates the list of things that aren't okay to say over broadcast (like racist remarks) to keep up to date with the latest offensive lingo.

The BSA's decision to even take up the complaint was met with absolute fury. Some commentators have basically said that the BSA was acting out of line, stretching their empowering legislation that was originally meant for TV and radio regulation as far as possible to 'catch' The Platform. Others have suggested scrapping the BSA and the legislation that gives them power all together – full on deregulation. In its decision about Plunket, the BSA itself said it's been calling with increasing urgency for Parliament to update their legislation for the past 20 years. So, do we update the regulation, or deregulate all together?

In favour of deregulation is free speech, I guess. In any event, that's the opinion of the ACT party, who has a private member's bill to abolish the BSA, which Winston Peters hinted that NZ First would support. In an interview with Plunket, Winny accused the BSA of "bordering on fascist" in hearing the complaint about Plunket's Platform. "It's a creature of 1989," David Seymour told reporters on a separate occasion. "[From] before the internet existed – we live in a different world today and it's clearly overstepping its mandate."

I don't think the BSA is fascist or overstepping its mandate. With media appearing in forms from print to podcast to video, trying to restrict it all to one neat definition is no easy task – and that's what the BSA grappled with. No matter what you wanna call it, online media is a prevalent kind of consumption, shaping our everyday literacy of the world around us – and I don't think complete deregulation is the answer. We need something to ensure what we consume is fair, reasonable and accurate.

In terms of that something, the Government has indicated in the past that it might be better to replace the BSA with something which regulates all "professional media". In response, the BSA has said that they "welcomed" this proposal, potentially a bit tired of being told that they're fucking shit at their job. In my opinion, it would be quite good to have the BSA transition to something like the New Zealand Media Council, which has voluntary membership from the media industry, such as Critic Te Arohi. It mainly hears complaints about bias and inaccuracy, reviewing all forms of media: newspapers, magazines, websites. There's some crossover between the BSA and NZMC, as many outlets broadcast and write content. As far as I can tell, The Platform is not a member of the NZMC – which I theorise might be why the BSA felt under the pump to 'catch' The Platform.

Whatever the case, I urge everyone to stay in the loop with what's happening in terms of media regulation, as it will affect how we understand the world around us. In the meantime, try cutting the BSA some slack (it's not a job I'd wanna be doing right now) and advocate for responsible media regulation instead.

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CRISIS CAFÉ OPENS IN NORTH EAST VALLEY

The coffee's "pretty good", and so is the support!

It's another win for wellbeing in Otago, with the South Island's second Crisis Recovery Café opening in the North East Valley. Operated by the Otago Mental Health Support Trust (OMHST), the café shares spaces with the Valley Project. Critic Te Ārohi sat down for an exclusive with Craig de Beer, the manager of the new café.

The Crisis Recovery Café provides peer support for those experiencing mental distress. But don't let the word 'crisis' have you standing outside, wondering whether you're in enough of a state to enter. In a suburb full of stressed out students far from home, Craig was keen to emphasise that they're "open to anybody at any point in their distress". Those plagued by late-night demons can find a nice, quiet corner in this space to relax in, or, if they need a sympathetic shoulder to cry on, they can talk to a Peer Support worker.

We're all on our own mental health journey, so at the café you can have that conversation about next steps, or just allow yourself to chillax for a bit. That conversation might lead to a referral to other services the Trust offers, including peer support, advocacy, and education. However, "it's not that the café doors are closed [after a referral]," Craig explains. "[We] walk [alongside] people on their journey, wherever that journey might take them."

That "we" is the Peer Support team who work with OMHST. The Trust, which operates the café through a Te Whatu Ora Health New Zealand contract, is celebrating its fortieth anniversary this year. For the team running the café, it's a "validation [that] we know what we're doing." Trusted with the frontline work are four part-time Peer Supporters. They are in the process of recruiting a fifth Peer Supporter, and will appoint a Coordinator with such vital responsibilities as venue relationships and coffee stocks, and are exploring volunteer options. It's still early days, with the development of the community space only just beginning.

The café is a peer-led facility, which means the service, governance, and design centres those who have lived through mental distress. That lived experience is number one for Craig. "That's not to say if you have lived experience, you know absolutely everything," Craig confessed. "But you will have a better appreciation of what [someone in distress] might be experiencing." As well as being peer-led, the café features warm lighting and colours. The entire place is designed to make you feel welcome and at ease.

And we young ones (prone to a crash out) have been kept in mind. Craig explained to Critic that the secret sauce for the café was the location. They could have settled in Central Dunedin, and only covered adults, or they could have set up near the campus to focus more on the younger student demographic. But in the North East Valley, there is a unique intersection of demographics, including those facing socio-economic struggles, to retired professionals, students, and everything in between. The café covers it all from the valley.

Alongside the recent opening of Te Pou Whirinaki (Student Wellbeing Hub), some may wonder "why now?" Has the mental health crisis passed a tipping point? To that, Craig explained that there has been no sudden shift – this initiative has been a long time coming. The conversation might have started some years ago, but they've finally achieved the funding (after a "very, very long time") needed to achieve a reality.

That reality is ease of access. Craig is under no illusion that Crisis Cafés are an instant cure, suited for everyone, or anything but part of a bigger solution. But with the often-daunting image of emergency departments, afterhours healthcare and long waiting times, this helps to get your foot in the door. It's a third option over just sitting at home and not doing so well.

Craig de Beer leaves us with what you'll find behind those doors. "We operate on a free service. We do not charge for entry, we do not charge for service, we do not charge for coffee. The coffee's pretty good. And please – if you just have the inkling that you need somebody to talk to, stop by. Don't wait until you're in crisis. We've got the space for you. So, join us." Cool bananas.

The North East Valley Crisis Recovery Café will be open at 262 North Road on Tuesdays (6:30 PM-10:00 PM) and Saturdays (5:30 PM-10:00 PM).

Going through it mentally? Free help is available, 24/7. Gumboot Friday provides free counselling for under-25s, with no doctor's referral required. Young people can book directly and access support quickly via gumbootfriday.org.nz. Text 1737 for free mental wellbeing support. Student Health and OUSA Student Support can both provide in-person care as well.

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CRITIC TE ĀROHI X THE MAHARAJAS: CHARITY EDITION

Buy a butter chicken for good this Saturday

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Critic Te Ārohi and Dave from The Maharajas: we've got a loving history. A match made in heaven, one might say. On Saturday the 9th of May, Dave and the Maharajas team will be hosting the ultimate charity night: good vibes, good flavours, good people. So we've taken the opportunity to sit down and have a yap about Dunedin's favourite BYO restaurant with the man of the evening.

With all profits split between the New Zealand Cancer Society and the Life Matters Suicide Prevention Trust, The Maharajas is going to be the place to pre this weekend. Start your night off right, put those Studylink payments towards a good cause, and have a mean feed while you're at it. You'll also be helping the Maharajas celebrate their 8th year of feeding students — it's the perfect birthday gift. Gotta line your stomach before your Saturday night antics kick off.

Three years ago, Dave created the annual charity event as an opportunity to give back to the community, while celebrating the restaurant's annual anniversary. Since then, the Maharajas has successfully donated over \$3000 worth of curry-infused love to those in need. After all, there's nothing a good butter chicken can't fix — especially in the hands of Dave.

When asked what inspired the charity night, Dave spoke of the numerous challenges he has experienced in running the business, and the impact of these challenges in fostering his love for those on the other side of the till: "One thing that never let me down was the Dunedin community — especially the students. This is our way of saying thank you to the community that supported us."

From the infamous spicy food challenge (which had some of Ōtepoti's toughest breaths quaking in their boots), to Dave's creative solutions to the perils of a rowdy student BYO (confiscating the IDs of guests on entry to the bathrooms in order to prevent toilet paper shenanigans), to the letters sent from past customers expressing gratitude over

Dave's simple yet profound acts of kindness, this man's got some serious stories to share. Stories that inspired the beginning of the charity night, and continue to foster the welcoming environment found behind the doors of the restaurant to this day.

Dave was eager to express his love for the students of Dunedin, stating "I can't thank the student community enough for the support and kindness they have shown over the years."

2026 also marks an important development in the event, with the addition of the Life Matters Suicide Prevention Trust as a joint recipient of the nights profits. Dave explained to Critic that he made this decision after talking to a student that was going through a tough time mentally. "It reminded me that many of us face these struggles at some point".

We've all been there, but Dave and The Maharajas are putting in the mahi to support positive change — the sort of change that will impact us all. The pot of gold at the end of the BYO rainbow, one might say. In the words of Dave: "No matter how hard things may seem, try to find a positive outlook. Keep doing what you love, learn to smile more, and trust the process. In time you will grow into the best version of yourself and become a happier person." That's some philosophical shit right there.

With an aim to top last year's contribution of \$1800 and hit a total of \$2000, Dave and The Maharajas need the support of the student community this Saturday. Dave added that "Today, when I look at Maharajas, I see more than just a restaurant. I see a place where people come together, share food, laugh, and create lasting memories."

So get out there and give back. Be that basic bitch and buy a mild butter chicken and a garlic naan, but do it for good this time. Do it for Dave.

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"STAY PETTY": THE SUBS AND CATS SAGA

TikTok jabs spark fresh debate over who really runs student nightlife

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The drama is bubbling over between two of Dunedin's biggest players in student nightlife in a TikTok-based standoff. Suburbia (lovingly known to the fresher population as 'Subs') took to TikTok with a not-so-subtle jab at rival Catacombs ('Cats').

Feathers were ruffled when Subs posted a video of their own packed queue on the 20th of April, appearing to compare it to the Cats queue (or lack thereof). The on-screen text read: "10:50pm Saturday... Stay mad and we'll stay petty [SPARKLE EMOJI]." At the time of writing, the video has racked up more than 50,000 views, with commenters egging it on: "EAAAAT!" and "Not the Subs, Cats beef [LAUGHING EMOJI] never change Dunedin."

Naturally, Critic Te Ārohi did what any investigative body of great journalistic integrity would do: we slid into a few inboxes and took a purely professional deep dive into both clubs' social media pages. After much back-and-forth, a handful of statements (and subsequent retractions), and more doom-scrolling than we'd like to admit, some context began to emerge.

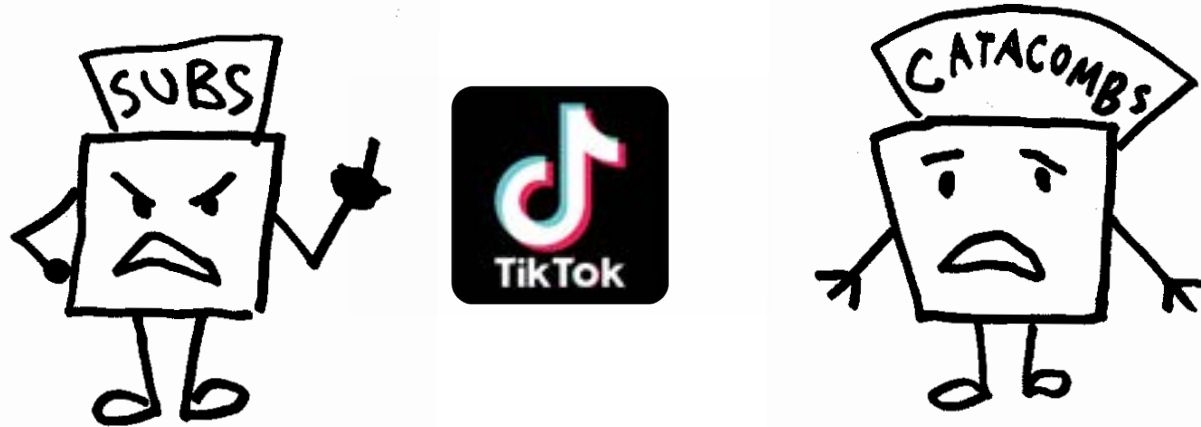
Critic understands that a few days prior to Subs' post, Cats had reposted (and has since quietly un-reposted) a video showing the Subs courtyard looking... less than heaving. The clip was paired with squeaky basketball court sound effects and the text, "Go to Dunedin town they said?" — which some student viewers, such as second-year student Anna, interpreted as a "jab against the general state of town itself [...] and at Subs." Whether this was the original shot fired or just one instalment in a long-standing, low-key rivalry is unclear, but either

way, both clubs seem to know exactly how to stir a comment section. Students in particular are never one to not care for drama, so the online audience grew.

Cats retracted their original statement when they saw Subs' statement to Critic, which then caused Subs to retract their statement. Eventually, both clubs did give a final response to the drama, with Cats being quick to downplay any suggestion of genuine hostility. "We're not interested in any 'beef' — we're focused on doing our thing, pushing new concepts, levelling up production, backing our team, and letting the nights speak for themselves," they said, adding that their priority is "late nights, full floors, and giving people a reason to stay out." Suburbia, on the other hand, after a spirited exchange with Critic Te Ārohi, suggested we were the ones dragging this on, calling the beef old news and ending with, "SUBS RUNS THIS."

Meanwhile, students are largely unbothered and, if anything, entertained. Anna called it "excellent marketing," adding that both clubs have been popping up on her TikTok far more since the drama kicked off. Fourth-year Kyna was even more pragmatic: "Do \$6 pints and I'll come to any club you want." Her friend Neve summed it up best: "Cats and Subs are both great clubs in different ways — they've got different vibes."

As for who started it, the jury's still out. But if nothing else, the "beef" has done exactly what both clubs want: get people talking, get people watching, and, most importantly, get people lining up.



UNIVERSITY TRIALS PARTNERSHIP WITH PARKING ENFORCEMENT SERVICES

Don't break the parking rules (we know you can't afford another ticket)

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Parking Enforcement Services (PES) have been contracted to conduct a parking enforcement trial at two car parks over the next three months, a University of Otago spokesperson has confirmed to Critic Te Ārohi.

You may recognise PES from major supermarket parking lots in Dunedin, or, if you're unlucky, from a letter you received after sneaking out of the Centre City New World car park and going into town. PES are owned by Wilson Parking NZ — Aotearoa's largest parking service provider.

The trial began April 13th and currently covers the Benham Building (next to DropKicks) and Union Place East car parks. It is expected to last until July but there are no confirmed plans to expand the trial to cover more University car parks at this stage.

In a statement provided to Critic, the University explained that parking enforcement is currently "costly and disruptive" for the parking team. The University spokesperson explained that currently "vehicles parked without a valid licence in these spaces are subject to towing at the owner's expense". Calling a tow truck every time someone tries to game the parking system was an "administrative burden on the University's parking team".

It's important to note that Parking Enforcement Service will only provide infringement notices during the posted tow-away hours in each parking lot. This is typically around 7:30am-5:30pm, but it varies by car park, so be sure to check. Driving to the library on a dusty Sunday lives on (for now).

If you live far away from campus, you know parking is a hot commodity near the Uni. The University manages over 2300 car parks across their campuses, and these are mostly rented out for staff and student use during working hours. This trial will mean a crack down on the rules for some of the limited car parks that are available to students.

A ticket is still a better option than towing for almost all students though. Timon, a 4th year living in South D, said that "I would rather have to pay a ticket than pick up my car from a tow yard... I also could just try to dispute the ticket, because you usually get off of them if you try!"

The University hopes that this trial, if successful, can bring about "improved compliance and a reduction in the time and resources currently required to manage parking infringements". So if you're being cheeky with the parking rules, it may be time to drive off into the sunset (and find another goat spot).

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PARENTAL INVASION:

Critic Te Ārohi's Guide To A Flawless Family Visit

Yay! The olds are heading over for a visit to our little slice of heaven. Here at Critic Te Ārohi, we have 101 years worth of uni experience, so of course we've got some advice. We're here to help you seem like a functioning student, make the most of their visit, and actually see Dunedin beyond your flat and campus.

If your relationship with your parents isn't exactly wholesome Facebook-core, or this visit is filled with obligation rather than excitement: we see you. This guide still applies – just maybe with lower expectations and a better exit plan.

The Cleanup

First things first: hide yo shit. If you plan to have the fam over, clean up. We recommend you give them the grand tour – the nicer the flat looks, the less they'll be worried you're living in the trenches of North D that the news shows. Even if you are in the trenches, maybe they'll feel bad if you put a bow on some mould and get you some Mould Off. Making the most of something awful always garners parental sympathy.

Anything even remotely questionable needs to be out of sight – in a flatmate's room, or with a friend. Don't rely on your laundry hamper or a random draw. They will look in every hallway closet, every bathroom cabinet, and every pantry level ("God, you don't have much space, do you?") so third party spots are a match for a nosey parent.

Take down those controversial posters, give your room a dust (shock, horror), and do a quick audit of the flat photo-wall. If there is anything that contradicts the image of you as the studious machine you describe yourself as on the phone – burn it.

An impending parent visit is also prime time for the flat to lock in and clean the mountain of dishes in the sink. Two birds, one stone.

When they arrive, act like your freshly cleaned flat is the standard and not a one off – no one needs to know. Work the situation. If they say your flat looks 'livable', complain about the high rent you pay to live in a nicer place and how unaffordable groceries are as a result. If they say your flat looks 'unliveable', start listing the bad things. Rats. Mould. Condensation. Dragon's breath from mid-April. Stains.

Reaping The Rewards

Now that your flat looks closer to a show home than a pigstye (briefly), it's time to cash in. Use your parents being here as an excuse to do the things you normally never would. Ideally, they're driving – free transport is half the win. You can relive being a kid in the backseat of their car, happy just to be along for the ride.

If you played your cards right at the flat and your folks are the type to help out, an empty pantry might mysteriously turn into a stocked one. If not – at least you've got a ride to Pak'nSave and a break from your usual routine. If you can play your cards right, time a grocery shout for when you desperately need brownie points in the flat – there's nothing free food can't fix.

Nothing beats the gift of free groceries or the scenic trip to South D, but wrangling your parents through Pak'nSave' at peak hours sure does work up an appetite. So push it – suggest somewhere nicer than your usual ReBurger/Boss Pizza rotation. Try hitting up the classic Speights Ale house, or one of the boujee restaurants in the Octagon like Vault or Prohibition Steakhouse if you aren't into a hearty pub meal.

Our top tip is getting on the First Table grind to really impress them with the hacks you've learnt to make the student budget stretch – you get 50% off your food bill for up to four people. For the daytime, somewhere with a solid scone and a good coffee also goes a long way in convincing your parents you have developed taste in your early adulthood – ADJØ is a good one to get them seeing the revamped George Street. North Islanders? Introduce them to cheese rolls from one of the many Bakehouse on Bond locations. It's essentially a cultural exchange.

Experience a 'Facebook-Worthy' Moment

Once fed, it's time to show them you're absolutely thriving at the arse end of the South Island. Think: places worthy of a Facebook post. For parents, that's basically the same as you planning a main story post on Instagram. Hell – if you wanna go a step further, post on your story and tag your mum. A cute mummy and me selfie goes platinum in any family group chat. You know they go crazy for that kinda stuff.

Luckily for us, Ōtepoti gives us plenty of options that don't even open the break, let alone break it. Easy wins include St Clair, Tunnel Beach, the Botanical Gardens, Mt Cargill and the Signal Hill Lookout. If they do have a car, try slightly further out spots like Arc Brewery or Careys Bay Hotel. Do your research and try to find the spot that will impress your whānau the most. If they are animal lovers, try and see if sea lions are about at Sandfly Bay.

But if you know your parents will fork out to see something cool (take note for future grad presents), try Larnach Castle, the Albatross Centre, one of the many museums or an Emersons (or Speights) Brewery tour with a lot of bevs at the end. Essentially, the further they are away from your flat at night, the less eyebrows will be raised at the lack of warmth and non-stop DnB blaring at all hours.

And while it may seem mundane to us, take the visitors for a quick whiz around campus. That Clock Tower is world famous, after all. If you study science, take your parents through Mellor labs to impress them with all the cool gadgets and shit. Likewise, business students should take their parents for a whirl around the Business School foyer. This helps create the impression you're hard at work in world-class facilities, not online shopping from a basement seminar room with no natural light. After this, you could take them to one of the many scarfie classics, like Rob Roy or Poppa's Pizza. Or you should go out to eat at one of the many yummy places outside of the bubble that is North Dunedin. We have too many. zOur favourites? The Jitzu, The Esplanade, No. 7 Balmac, Vault 21 and Exhibition Smokehouse.

They're Gone Already?

And just like that, they're gone. Walking around the flat, down the road to uni and sitting in a lecture theatre might now feel empty without the presence of family by your side. Take this time as a reminder to text your loved ones more, and that distance makes the heart grow fonder. What was likely a boring day to you is something they can't wait to hear about, even if it leads to an hour and a half of lost time listening to your mum yap on about the 'issues with the garden circle girls.'

All jokes aside, a visit from the fam it is a nice change from the daily drag of Uni. Many of us were once fresh-faced first years, fizzing to move out and wave goodbye to our hometowns. But after a while, you crave those comforts of home – especially when living in a shitty flat that's Pavlov'd you into getting butterflies when 9pm draws near. In the depths of assignments and tests, a hug and some quality time can do wonders for mental health, and serve as a reminder that North D is one big bubble with a whole world outside of it.

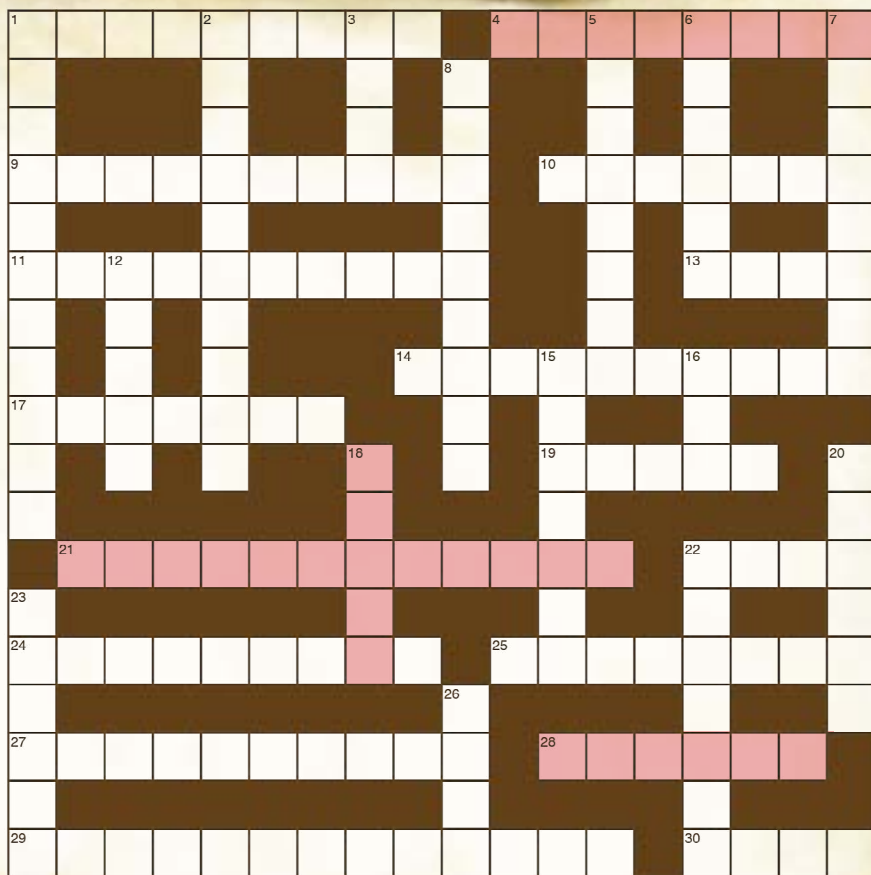
Whether your relationship with your family members is best-friend level, or more like a sitcom that's gone on for too many seasons, don't let the care and intention of their visit to Dirty Danners get lost on you. Just be sure to warn your flatmates not to overshare any particularly heinous uni stories!



CROSS WORDS

ACROSS

- 1 Kiwi actor from 'Dredd' and 'The Boys' (2)
- 4 *Famous armor-wearing outlaw*
- 9 Big, complicated mazes
- 10 A type of digital currency
- 11 Penguin with yellow on its head
- 13 You can do this with a stone
- 14 The process of stretching something out
- 17 The Grand Canyon State
- 19 Millennial word for 'dog'
- 21 *Famous actor who has played Harley Quinn (2)*
- 22 Transcontinental communist country (acr.)
- 24 Blatantly
- 25 Initiates petrol engine's combustion
- 27 City in France
- 28 *Post-apocalyptic movie franchise involving crazy automobiles*
- 29 Police generally need one to examine your house (2)
- 30 Owed assets or money



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- 1 Alternative name for an orca (2)
 - 2 Unconventional
 - 3 Family member, not always blood-related
 - 5 Removing liquid
 - 6 Removes from residence
 - 7 Song lyric: '_____, there's a place you can go'
 - 8 *This week's answer to connecting clues*
 - 12 Comedian
 - 15 Prodding
 - 16 Classic playground game
 - 18 *Colourful marine invertebrate*
 - 20 Mundane, dull
 - 22 Wild (animal)
 - 23 Big, scary, wild dogs
 - 26 Popular, relaxing form of content, popular on YouTube (acr.)

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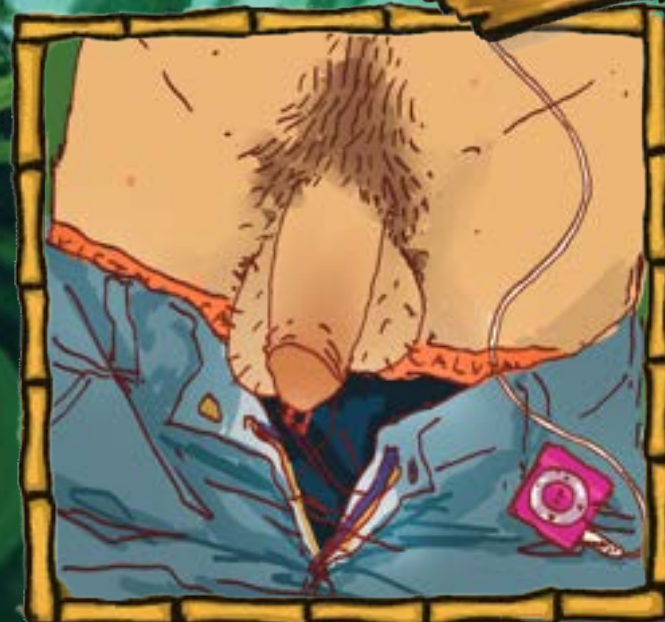
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SPOT 10

DIFFERENCES



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For New Zealand Music Month, we asked Music Director Zac Hoffman to shoutout some of his recent Aotearoa favourites added to our Radio One playlist –



For fans of... **Big Thief**

Check out **Mim Jensen - Track Star**



For fans of... **Zhollis**

Check out **boyracer - God is the DJ**



For fans of... **Free Nationals**

Check out **Tyran - Heaven (ft. AJ Honeysuckle & The Hongi Slicker)**



For fans of... **Cameron Winter**

Check out **Hamish Waddell - Follow U Down**



+ visit Clubs & Societies to add to our NZMM playlist pinboard!

TOP 11

1. Bunchy's Big Score (Dn) - Oscar Says
2. Vera Ellen (NZ) - thaw
3. Loa Loa (Dn) - Give Me A Place
4. Logan Edwards (NZ) - Worry
5. Office Dog (NZ) - Front Row Seat
6. Fables (NZ) - Eyes Closed
7. Big Sima & Boomtown (NZ) - Rent Free
8. Sogg (Dn) - Point That Thing Somewhere Else (Cover)
9. Drop Zone (NZ) - Lake Monster (Stef Animal Remix)
10. SANGUINE (NZ) - Lalo o le Mauga (e mōlū ai)
11. Samantha Josephine (NZ) - How to be in love

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HINA (NZ) - South Pacific Sun

Sombre Cattle (NZ) - Soft Valentine

Horoscopes



PISCES

The world sometimes feels like it's working against you. You apply for 100 jobs, and only get one interview – you're scared it's your destiny to be unemployed. A panic masters might be in your future. Surely the job market will have recovered by then.

Go to study spot: Upstairs areas of The Link



ARIES

Mars is making its way to its astrological home! Expect to feel confident, driven and a roar of competitive spirit. With all of this in the mix, it's the perfect time to stop procrastinating, and start being more than just chat.

Go to study spot: On your bed, curled into a posture which would concern a chiropractor



VIRGO

You may have never considered yourself as wise, but with the number of friends seeking your advice, they certainly see you in a different light. Let's just hope you can channel that wisdom into your assignments.

Go to study spot: Anywhere that's open 24/7



GEMINI

It's time to pick up one of the hobbies you've left to rot in the corner of your room. As life gets a little calmer, let yourself focus on the craft. By the end, you will have something really cool to show off. Maybe you're a creative genius and should just drop out.

Go to study spot: The Marsh Study Centre



AQUARIUS

You have been known to have the ultimate poker face, managing to compartmentalise all the stress in life, never snapping. However, your mask has been slipping. Watch out because once the flood gates open, it will be hard to close them again.

Go to study spot: Anywhere with a good view



SCORPIO

You'll lose a valuable item this week that may cause a heart attack. During the panic, please remember to check your pockets and bags before you freak out and call for a search party. You don't wanna make a fuss and embarrass yourself.

Go to study spot: The Quiet Zone in the Business School



TAURUS

Your life has been missing balance recently. You've been thrown off your usual rhythm and it's been hard to find yourself. Your support systems are cracking with the weight of life. It may be time to take some time and find new ways to cope with the world around you.

Go to study spot: Any cozy cafe



CAPRICORN

The study grind has been gruelling recently. You've been making your lecturer work just as hard to answer all your questions. Your study spot has been full by 9am, forcing you into trying new haunts. Remember the grass may be greener on the other side!

Go to study spot: Fishbowls in Central



LEO

You've been in a slump recently. It feels like a weight has been tied to your feet, dragging you down. Some days the door handle looks too far away from the bed, leading to an all-day PJ party. Let yourself wallow, but next week you have got to start showering... Please!

Go to study spot: Have you ever studied?



CANCER

This week you're finally going to snap. The stars are telling you to do anything to leave campus, even if it's just going to St Clair so you can scream out all your stress to the waves. Don't worry if people start staring at you – just keep doing you, boo.

Go to study spot: Second floor of the Robertson Library



LIBRA

Recently you've been trying to decide travel details. Should you go to Europe or Asia, alone or with friends? You'll probably be too indecisive to actually lock anything down, but it gets you through the week. Start scrolling Expedia during lectures to seem interesting.

Go to study spot: First Floor Central, overlooking Museum Lawn



SAGITTARIUS

Your flat has been looking like a ghost town recently. Don't freak out, chances are your flatmates have just gone nocturnal. If you wait in the kitchen long enough after dark you may be able to spot them as they seek sustenance, heading to the door to get their UberEats.

Go to study spot: On a bench overlooking the Leith

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