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Making magic on two wheels

"IT'S a very scary sport and the rider has to trust you."

That was the word from professional motocross rider and coach Peter "Broxy" Broxholme, who was in Wairoa this week coaching and training a group of young adrenalin junkies.

Riders descended on Shorty Taylor's track for a motocross camp earlier this week where their technique was critiqued and helpful pointers were given.

Participants came to the camp from Wairoa Motorcycle Sports Club as well as Gisborne and Hawke's Bay for the opportunity to glean tips and tricks off expert "Broxy".

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❑ LEFT: Coming up from behind, a rider in mid-jump threatens to leap over number 5 in front.

❑ ABOVE: An airborne Oliver Aldridge throws an impressive shape with a stylish three-quarter twist.

Help while case in court

A HELPING hand to AFFCO Wairoa's unemployed workers and their families was offered on Monday by New Zealand Education Institute members.

At last week's NZEI Te Riu Roa conference in Rotorua last week, a koha was gathered of more than \$2500 and presented to Wairoa Meatworkers' union welfare and finance committee member Terese Turipa to support Wairoa families affected by the current dispute.

Local members of the NZEI and its local Maori branch Aronui Tomua Kahungunu Ki Te Wairoa (Maori education) presented the cheque and hoped there was more to come after a memorandum was sent to

48,000 NZEI branch members to support the local meatworker union members.

A former North Clyde School deputy principal, Te Aroha Hiko sits on the NZEI national executive and looks after the East Coast to Dannevirke areas.

She said the dispute was affecting the whole Wairoa community and those working in education.

Local members of NZEI have been showing their support over recent months, including participating in the local meatworkers' union bridge protest.

The meatworkers' union had a shed meeting last week with another planned tomorrow.

AFFCO production manager Rowan Ogg said currently there were in excess of 300 workers on the Wairoa site and the spring lamb trade was expected to peak later in the year when they would need to hire additional labour.

"Bearing in mind that we are a beef plant as well, which has a build-up at a similar time."

The dispute between the New Zealand Meat and Related Trades Union and Talley's Group meat processor AFFCO New Zealand began its hearing in the Employment Court this week.

The New Zealand Herald reported the Employment Court's three judges

adjourned proceedings on Monday, saying they wanted a more specific claim for remedies from the union.

The remedies being sought were outlined in court on Tuesday when the lawyers representing AFFCO were also due to argue their statement of defence.

The union wanted the court to order that the new individual contracts be repudiated and the rights of union workers under the expired collective contract be reinstated.

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❑ Terese Turipa receives a helping hand from members of the NZEI, primary teachers Te Aroha Hiko, Penny Mitchell, Sharon Jane, Di Couper and Wayne Goodley.

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