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Graeme and Judy Dodd with Lotto presenter Sonia Gray (right).

A fairy tale end

Graeme and Judy Dodd's final week as owners of Opunake's Post & Lotto ended in Winning style.

One of their last Lotto customers won \$250,000 in the Winning Wheel spun by Graeme on national television.

The winners said they couldn't attend to spin the

wheel live on TV2 so nominated Graeme and Judy to do it for them last Saturday night.

It was a fitting finale to the Opunake couple who have owned Opunake Post and Lotto - one of the smallest Lotto outlets in the country for 33 years.

Graeme who got to say a few words on national television thanked his "Opunake customers for their support over the years."

He then went on to spin the big wheel which stopped at \$250,000 winning for one of their last clients a whopping quarter of a million dollars.

Graeme and Judy travelled up to Auckland on the Friday, the day before, to take part in the draw which screened live on TV2 at 8:00 pm.

The couple were flown to Auckland, picked up at the airport and treated to two nights accommodation in a five star hotel before being whisked off to the television studio. There each were "made up" in preparation for their television appearance said a bemused Graeme. He said he got to watch the 6 o'clock news and weather from the other side of the camera which was quite an intriguing experience

Apparently the Lotto crew are planning to get out into the provinces and conduct some of their draws in smaller towns. Typically for the couple who are always promoting Opunake they tried to sell

their hosts on the idea of coming to Everybody's Theatre.

Their long service was acknowledged by Lotto management and they were given a bunch of flowers from Lotto and "a nice letter from the CEO", said Graeme.

For Graeme and Judy whose other business Opunake Post

closed acrimoniously two weeks ago it was a fitting touch and appropriate recognition for two dedicated workers who have set an example to all of how to run a successful business.

Of their experience with Lotto they commented "It was a fairy tale end".



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EDITORIAL No more funding for Team NZ - Good call Mr Key

Prime Minister John Key recently announced that further Government funding for Team NZ was unlikely. Mr Key has made the right call and thank goodness for that. To date, over a 100 million dollars has been spent of taxpayer's money to fund NZ's participation in the America's Cup. This includes both the sides (governments) of the political fence - Labour and National.

One mystery has been solved along the way: how come so much money is needed? CEO Grant Dalton

inadvertently 'let the cat out of the bag' when he requested more taxpayer money a while ago and it was discovered he was paying himself a million dollars a year (That's over \$19,230 a week!). This is partly why the America Cup campaigns (and the lulls between) have been so expensive, the munificent salaries paid to the Team NZ personnel. Former helmsman Dean Barker was being paid a huge amount also, at a figure exceeding what the prime minister gets for running the country.

Times have changed and it's time to move on from this obsession with the America's Cup, which is an event only open to very wealthy individuals and multi-million dollar syndicates. Money is mostly what it's about, as well as legal battles in the Courts - again involving considerable amounts of money. Once the event was mostly funded by business sponsorship, but these days the taxpayer picks up most of the tab.

And dare I say it, as undoubtedly capable as people as Dean Barker and

Grant Dalton are they are not Sir Peter Blake.

Hopefully, the saved money can be used for far more urgent needs such as funding more operations making more medications available through Pharmacia and reversal of the funding cuts to organisations such as Women's Refuge.

And, of course, some money should go to foster young people in sporting endeavour - but the kind where anyone can compete, not just the extremely well off.

Correction and apology

A story in our April 10 issue against a sunset background' error. We apologise to misspelling her name. entitled 'Good value meal (page 22) contained an Joanna Butturini for



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And that is what happened to God. Before there was time there was God, alone. God has the attribute to be a saviour, to be a healer, to be a teacher. But there was no one lost, so how can God

be a saviour? There was no one sick so how can God be a Healer? There is no one needing knowledge so how can God be a Teacher?

To make those attributes, those thoughts real, God had to project them into a different dimension, they had to develop fully outside of eternity. So God spoke, and the universe came into existence.

The act of God projecting His thoughts in a dimension beyond Himself is Jesus. He

is the Word of God. He came from eternity and, because the thought was the father of the Word, then Jesus, is the Son.

But this started in eternity so please don't think of Jesus just as a baby born in a stable. He was the way God created the universe, brought the world into existence, and gave life.

Jesus has been in different forms in the Bible. He was the pillar of fire that burned in the bush to attract Moses.

St Paul saw that same pillar of fire on the road to Damascus. He recognised the light as God because he said "Lord", who are you?

Jesus was the still small voice that called to Elijah, Jesus was Melchisedec, Jesus was the Rock from which Moses got water, Jesus was the son of man walking in the fiery furnace with Shadrach Meshach and Abednego, and Jesus walked the streets of Galilee as a man. Jesus is now the Holy Spirit wanting to plant His life in you.

Never think of Jesus just as a figure of history. He has always been and will always be.

Jesus is the thoughts of God expressed so we can hear Him today.

Ref John 1 v1-3

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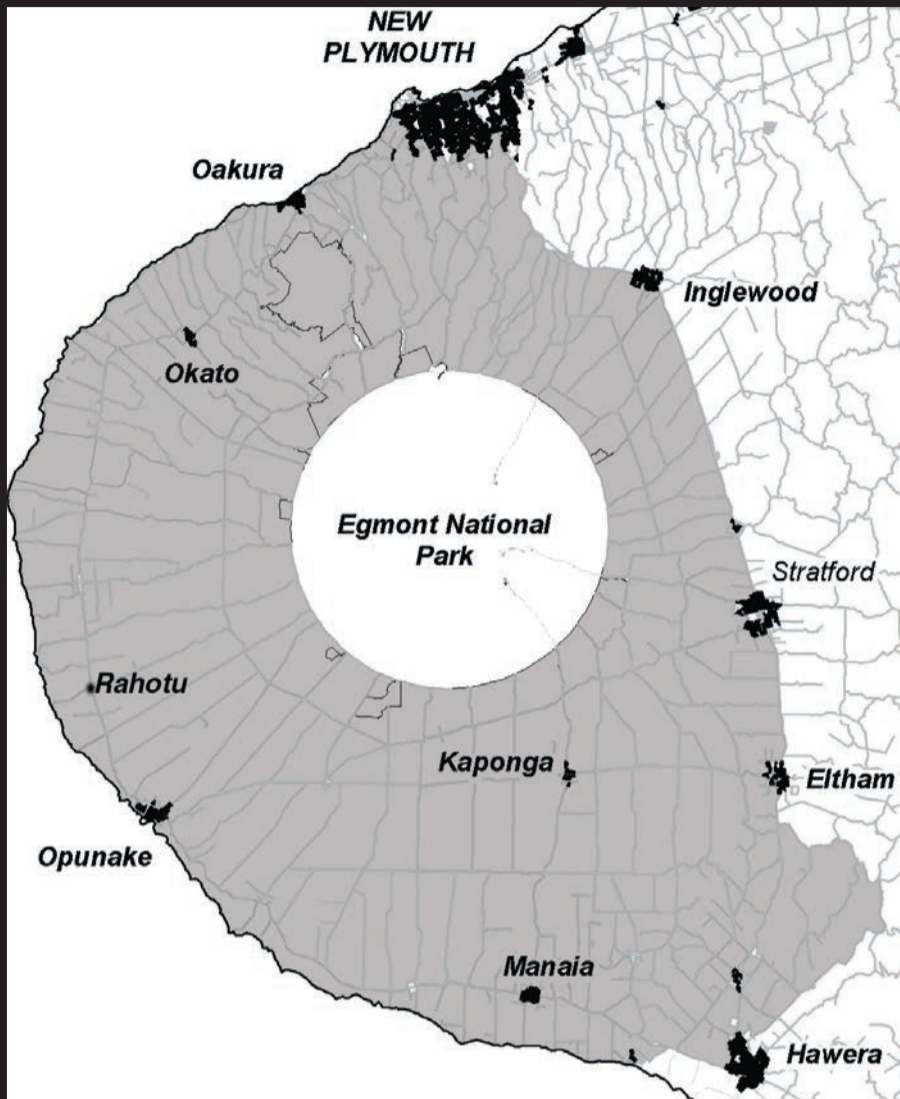
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Cr Bryan Roach

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The Egmont Plains Community Board held its first meeting at Te Niho Marae, at Parihaka. The Community Board has decided to move its meeting venues throughout the Egmont Plains Ward which is a good way to keep in touch with your community. At the recent meeting held at Parihaka new Egmont

Plains Community Board member Sharlee Mareikura was sworn in with a formal ceremony, we welcome Sharlee to the Community Board.

On a different note congratulations to the trustees of the recently opened Opunake Coastal Care facility. From planning to fundraising to building to completion to opening, this is forward thinking, and should be there for generations to come - a huge asset for Opunake and surrounding districts.

Our Council's Proposed 2015-2025 Long Term Plan Consultation Document is currently out and you should have received one in the post. If you haven't received one they are available at all

LibraryPlus centres, or you can go onto our website and download a copy, or ring 0800 111 323 to arrange for a copy to be sent to you. A majority of you will be thinking 'another document from council, what a waste of time.' However this document is mandatory for all councils to do throughout New Zealand and it outlines all services and activities our Council proposes to do over the next ten years. I suggest you read it to see how and what your rates are spent on. There are some interesting projects in the proposed Plan, including the Opunake Beach master plan and Holiday Park improvements and Opunake and Manaia LibraryPlus upgrades to name a few. Over the next ten years we are proposing an average annual rates increase of 2.5 per cent pa. On the last page is a feedback form that you can fill out and post or drop back into the LibraryPlus, or again you can

go onto the Council website and give your feedback online. Just look for the tab called 'Consultation.' We want to make the best decisions we can for the future of South Taranaki, and your feedback is very helpful to Council in their decision making.

A quick reminder that Opunake's 150 year centennial book is available for sale through all STDC LibraryPlus offices at \$20.00 per book.

Finally, to my fellow dairy farmers, not good news with the last dairy auction being down, but the world's population is increasing. I guess it means 'tightening the belt' to get through the winter and hope we have a kind spring with an increased pay-out.

Roachy from the Coast

Taranaki Marae going Para Kore

One third of Taranaki's forty-three marae have now signed up to the national Para Kore Marae challenge, aiming for zero waste on all marae by 2020. The challenge aims to reduce waste through smarter product acquisition, reusing, recycling and composting.

The scheme was pioneered by a small determined community group in Whaingaroa (Raglan) and is now going strong in six regions across the country. Para Kore Marae

is supported by the Ministry for Environment's Waste Minimisation Fund and other organisations such as district and regional councils. Para Kore waste advisors meet with interested marae and supply them with recycling bins, signage and advice on how different kinds of waste can be avoided, reduced, reused or recycled. Wananga and waste audits are organised as needed and marae can track their regular waste diversion on

a national data base. At Oakura Pa's Waitangi Day commemoration this year 800 people were fed and entertained, and by the end of the day there was only one rubbish bag, costing just \$4 to dispose of. "That's just how we roll" said organiser Morgana Watson. Oakura Marae signed up to Para Kore over a year ago. "At a point in history where our land and seas are filling up with toxic rubbish and the air is so polluted we're

changing the world's climate, we need to make big changes to our lifestyles. Waste reduction is one of the easiest and most effective ways to do so." said Taranaki Para Kore waste advisor Emily Bailey.

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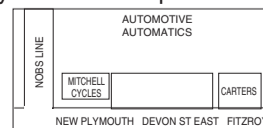
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Sharlee for Community Board

Sharlee Mariekura was sworn in as a member of the Egmont Plains Community Board at the board's April meeting at Te Niho Marae, Parihaka.

The Opunake kohanga reo teacher takes over from Sharon Arlidge, who served 10 years on the board, including seven as chairperson, and stepped down when she and husband Warren shifted to Wanaka. Nominations had been called for a by-election to fill this slot, but none had been received. The council then advertised to find a replacement, with Sharlee's application being the successful one.

"I like being involved in the community, and this is about giving back to the community," Sharlee said. "As a Maori I would like to put the Maori perspective."

Cr Bonita Bigham paid tribute to the board's newest member.

"I wouldn't have hassled you about joining if I didn't



Welcome aboard Sharlee Mariekura (centre) with South Taranaki District mayor Ross Dunlop (left) and Egmont Plains Community Board chairman Craig Dingle.

believe you were capable of standing up for your community," she said.

Brought up in Ohakune, Sharlee has lived in Opunake since she was 10, and has iwi links to Taranaki and Ngauruhine. She has worked at the Te Namu Kohanga Reo for the last 20 years, starting there when she left Opunake High School. For 18 of these

years, she has worked there as a teacher, and two years ago completed a post graduate course for kohanga reo teaching.

She has two sons, one a second year student at Waikato University, and the other at Opunake High School. Both are heavily involved in sport, and Sharlee and her partner

spend much of their spare time supporting their sporting endeavours.

She is also a member of the Board of Trustees of Opunake High School, and is a founding member of Opunake women's fitness group, Get Fit 45.

Te Namu Kohanga Reo board chairman Dennis Tahau paid tribute to her work at the Kohanga Reo.

"She is a very special young lady. We are so lucky to have her. If not for her we could have closed many times over the years. We are very proud of her going on to the community board."

Community Board goes to Parihaka

Not that long ago it would have been possible to have driven along Parihaka Road, and been barely aware that Parihaka was there. Now a traffic sign indicating an 80 km speed limit informs approaching motorists they are approaching the settlement that was once the home of Te Whiti o Rongomai and Tohu Kakahi, whose methods of non-violent resistance preceded those of Mahatma Gandhi and Martin Luther King.

There were 3000 people living here on November 5, 1881 when 1500 armed constabulary entered the settlement and took Te Whiti and Tohu captive, along with many of their followers. Today, the permanent population is around 50.

After their capture, Te Whiti and Tohu, were taken to the South Island where they spent

two years in captivity before returning to Parihaka.

Many of their followers who were taken south with them did not return.

On April 15, Te Niho Marae at Parihaka hosted the April meeting of the Egmont Plains Community Board.

Te Niho is one of three autonomous marae at Parihaka. Each of these marae has two representatives on the Parihaka Papakainga Trust, founded in 1962.

Holding the April meeting at Parihaka was part of the Community Board's plans to move their meetings around the Egmont Plains, South Taranaki District councillor Bryan Roach said.

"The first word in Community Board is community, and we want to encourage more people to

come along to community board meetings."

Cr Bonita Bigham spoke of her family connections with Te Niho Marae and Parihaka.

"Mum's grandfather was one of the prisoners who returned from down south, and he was head waiter at this marae," she said.

South Taranaki District mayor Ross Dunlop congratulated the Trust on the work they had done. He had recently been to Hokitika for the apology delivered to Ngauruhine by Treaty Negotiations minister Chris Finlayson. He noted there were statues there of Te Whiti and Tohu.

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We are all aware of how vital a working smoke alarm is, so the Brigade is happy to be part of this life-saving initia-

tive. We may be a little late for the 'change your smoke alarm battery reminder' that is hear at the end of daylight saving, but it's never too late to check your alarm. If you find the battery is faulty and you don't have a replacement, give the station a call (761 8199) on Monday nights between 7- 9, or Beau on 761 7242, and arrangements can be made for you to pick up a new battery, courtesy of the Opunake Lakeside Lions.

On the subject of smoke alarms, you should have one in every bedroom that somebody sleeps in, and one close to a meter board. If you think your house does not have enough alarms, please install

a few and safeguard your family. Sadly, the brigade does not have alarms to hand out freely. We do however have a very good brand we sell for \$16 each, or two for \$30, and are happy to give advice on where to fit them. Remember if you need a free battery for your alarm, get in touch.

Over the past month, the brigade has assisted the St. Johns Ambulance crew on two occasions. One was to set up a helicopter landing zone (subsequently not required) for a burns victim, and the other was for lifting a patient into the ambulance. We attended a two vehicle accident at the Waiiau River

Bridge. The accident was caused by two German tourists whose 4 wheel drive crossed over the centre line and attacked a car heading south. As a result, the tourists ended up staying a few nights with two members of the brigade until their transport woes were sorted. Now that's why the fire service always comes out on top in survey relating to the most respected people in the community.

We also attended a rubbish fire in town, and a power pole incident near the Tai Road intersection at Oaonui.

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Planning for the worst



Brainstorming at the April 12 Civil Defence meeting.

Stuck between two bridges, things could get sticky for Opunake if either or both of them went down. In the event of a civil defence emergency, it could be several days before Opunake could expect any outside help, making it all the more important to have some civil defence plan beforehand.

This was the message hammered out at a meeting at the Sandfords Event Centre on April 12. An earlier meeting held on March 3 had only drawn an attendance of nine people. This time round, 30 people turned up, representing Opunake schools, service and community organisations, business, community board and council. The meeting was chaired by South Taranaki District

Council deputy mayor Ian Armstrong. Also present were Taranaki Civil Defence senior emergency management officer Shane Briggs and emergency management officer Ben Ingram.

"People talk about Civil Defence saving the day. The reality is there's only Ben and I working fulltime," Shane said. "The reality is you know your communities. The more the communities can do for themselves the better."

There are 22 civil defence centres in Taranaki. It was extremely unlikely all would be operating at the same time, so some help should be forthcoming, he said. However there are only four trained civil defence volunteers in Opunake, and more would be needed.

Ben said there are 300 rivers in Taranaki, so the

threat of bridges being down and cutting off local communities was a real one. In the event of this happening, Opunake could expect three days without any assistance, so the town needed 10-12 key people living within the town's boundaries who could run things during that time. These would be people who know who the available contractors and experts are, and be able to co-ordinate things accordingly.

"If you have no water for three days and you can get water from your neighbour, the problem is temporarily solved," he said. "Just being able to link local resources will make us a whole lot more self-reliant rather than just relying on big brother."

The current civil defence centre is the high school. There was some discussion about whether this was the

most appropriate place, as in the event of an emergency the school could already be preoccupied with the safety of its students and staff.

One possible alternative could be using the new Coastal Care Health Centre.

Shane was asked whether the fire station siren could be used as a warning. There were issues about wind direction and whether the siren could be heard, or even whether it would already have been knocked out.

"The best alarm for a tsunami maybe the earthquake itself," he said.

South Taranaki District Council community development officer Marcia Haigh said every community had to look to their own individual circumstances, and what maybe appropriate for Opunake may not be so for other centres.

She said Manaia is closer to Hawera, so its focus would more likely be in that direction. There were also fewer rivers to worry about between these two towns.

Cr Armstrong said he was pleased with the way the meeting went.

"There was a good representation from schools, churches, Lions, a number of business people who can get things done, fire brigade, rest home, surf lifesaving, St John, these are the people you need to have to shoulder tap and have on your side."

A working group has been set up to develop a plan for Opunake, he said.

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Lotto arrives at Four Square 45

Since last Friday (April 17), Lotto has been taken over by the owners of Four Square 45 in Opunake. It is like the return of an old friend as Karen and Murray had Lotto in their store in the Hawkes Bay. "We love it. We're enjoying it," enthuses Karen.

They really appreciate the fact that most of the money goes back into the community. Organisations such as the Everybody's Theatre, the Opunake Pool and Opunake Surf Lifesaving Club are just three organisations who have benefited in the past.

Another reason they have taken on Lotto again is they are a very good organisation to deal with – friendly and helpful.

Although Karen and Murray are very familiar with Lotto they admit that it is a bit of a learning curve for their staff. There has already been a whole day tuition session, held at Headlands for some of the staff, with another one



Murray Gray and Karen Ramsay of Opunake Four Square 45 with their new Lotto facility.

scheduled in New Plymouth soon for the rest.

The couple see the provision of Lotto as more of a community service than a

money spinner – in fact the technology and equipment will take a couple of years to pay off, as Murray points out. They'd love to see a big

win or two in Opunake, just as they had in their Hawkes Bay venture.

With that in mind, as well as for smaller winners, they

would like to remind customers that Four Square 45 are open from 7am till 9pm on Sundays, if you had had some good Lotto news on a Saturday night. Perhaps the biggest (possible) win of over \$30,000,000 is just around the corner. Remember – you have to be in to win.

Karen and Murray wish Graeme and Judy Dodd all the best for the future and intend to maintain their high standards with Lotto.

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Board backs Bali-bound students

The Egmont Plains Community Board has set the ball rolling for 16 Opunake High School students wanting to do volunteer work in Bali by pledging \$1000 towards the cost of their trip.

The trip would take place in October, and the students had been doing their own fundraising. The school was asking for \$3600 to go towards the New Zealand end of their costs, Opunake High School teacher Peter Clement told the board at their April meeting.

The Year 9-13 students belong to an environmental group at the school led by Peter and deputy principal Andrea Hooper.

"There are some top end students there who are going to be leaders in our school and community," Peter said.

The students will be staying in a Balinese village in the Ubud area, and will teach English to primary school children and take part in environmental projects.

The school had previously sent rugby and netball teams



Opunake High School students to do volunteer work to go towards the cost of Bali Trip later this year.

overseas, but sending a volunteer team would be something new for the high school, Peter said.

Before agreeing to pledge the money, there was some discussion among board members as to whether other funding avenues should be

tried first. South Taranaki District councillor Bonita Bigham said she would like to at least pledge some support from Community Board. This could perhaps encourage other funders to come on board.

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The ANZAC spirit is alive and well

Recently I was horrified to learn of the planned stabbing attacks in Melbourne against police officers to have been perpetrated by radicalised jihadi teenagers. That these wannabe terrorists were just naive youths who had gone off the rails is so alarming, because it demonstrates that this can happen anywhere, not just war torn states and the Middle-East.

Even though the Director of the New Zealand SIS Rebecca Kitteridge has said we have a lower threat level than our Aussie mates would face, I think it is high important that we take practical sensible steps to keep the public safe.

As a former police officer of nearly 25 years I thought it was particularly atrocious that these misled amateur Osamas were looking to tar-



Hon Chester Borrows MP

get the brave men and women who serve to make our neighbourhoods and communities safer. It is especially appalling that this was planned for a time of year which is sacred

to the memory of those who died and fought for the freedoms we enjoy.

This Saturday we will remember, and educate the next generation about the soldiers who served at Gallipoli and other theatres in the Great War. In preparation for this centennial, the Government provided funding to upgrade many memorials throughout New Zealand with a local example being a \$313,700 grant to the Westmere Presbyterian Memorial Church. This church, built in 1924, was conceived as a memorial to locals who made the ultimate sacrifice in the Great War.

Yet as we upgrade and restore many memorials around the country, there are still those who do not understand their significance to our country. In New Brighton it looks like the war memorial may have to be covered on Anzac day owing to vandals covering it with graffiti, which due to the porous nature of the limestone, of which it is built, is unable to be effectively cleaned. These types of acts show huge disrespect and a lack of understanding by hooligans for our heroic ancestors. They are not just defacing a building, they are desecrating the memory of our loved ones. So I hope

that this Saturday the true significance of the 25th of April is embedded on the next generation.

Although I am unable to attend any of this year's local remembrance ceremonies due to being in Europe, I will be observing Anzac day at a ceremony on behalf of New Zealand in Berlin. While there, foremost on my mind will be the sacrifices made by our countrymen a century ago who fought and died to make our region and our country the fantastic place it is today.

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ANZAC a time to remember Taranaki's Gallipoli hero

This weekend, as we commemorate the Anzac's courage under impossible circumstances at Gallipoli, Taranaki will have cause to pay homage to one of its greatest adopted sons.

Lieutenant-Colonel William Malone was, at 55 years, one of the oldest officers to lead the New Zealand troops who went to Turkey. He had a reputation as one of the hardest and one of the best. He had a soft side reserved for his wife and family.

Malone pitched up at Opunake at the age of 21 in his search for a better life in the colony. Growing up in England, he had been well-educated, including doing a year of his schooling in France where he became fluent in the language.

In Taranaki Malone joined the local armed constabulary



Andrew Little MP

(regrettably, he was part of the force that brutally removed Te Whiti o Rongomai's peaceful encampment at Parihaka), then worked on the coastal boats before going farming near Stratford. He also took up the law, eventually setting up a practice in Stratford and later in New Plymouth.

Malone was actively involved in local affairs, serv-

ing on local councils. He stood for Parliament once, although he was unsuccessful. He remained involved with the armed services through what we now call the territorials, and was called up to lead in World War 1.

En route to Europe, Malone was a hard task master as he prepared the troops under his command, the Wellington Regiment, for war. He demanded exacting standards from his officers and troops who looked longingly at the lax standards tolerated by other officers on the other ships of the flotilla.

By the time they set camp in Egypt at the end of 1914 before heading to the Dardanelles, Malone's men were hardened and disciplined.

Malone displayed the best of the Taranaki character:

independence of thought and action, a strong sense of esprit de corps, toughness and perseverance. But these were qualities British generals detested, even when their own military tactics were proving to be so deficient.

It was his Taranaki qualities that saw Malone taking on the task that defeated experienced British officers put before him, the taking of the hill known as Chunuk Bair in August 1915. It is said that after Malone's Wellington Regiment secured the hill and were replaced by British troops, many fled before staying too long. It was a brutal place in the front line.

Malone, himself, was killed at Chunuk Bair. His strength of leadership was unsurpassed and Taranaki is right to pay him their respects.

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South Taranaki Labour Party AGM

The South Taranaki Branch of the Labour Party held its AGM recently. Elected officials were; Chair. S. Stieller Vice Chair S.Robson. Secretary B.Kyle. Treasurer E.Marshall.

The AGM adopted a Branch Plan for the year comprising

doubling financial membership of the branch, increasing the number of supporters of the Party in the district, fundraising to support branch activities, and increasing co-operation with the Stratford Branch now that they have been moved into the

Whanganui Electorate as a result of recent electorate boundary changes.

The meeting also discussed means by which the branch could take advantage of dissatisfaction with the National government.

On this month in history: First Maori university graduate

On April 25, 1894 Apirana Ngata became the first Maori to graduate with a university degree. He was awarded a Bachelor of Arts. Three years later he was awarded a Bachelor of Laws, thus becoming the first Maori with a double

degree. He then became the first Maori to be admitted to the bar (ie become a lawyer).

He entered politics in 1905 and was the MP for Eastern Maori until 1943. He served as Minister of Maori Affairs

from 1928 until 1934. He is generally considered to be an outstanding New Zealander, Maori or European.

Apirana Ngato was born in Te Araroa, East Cape, a member of the Ngato Porou tribe. He died in 1950.



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A case of thousand poppies for a hundred years



Eltham RSA Women's section president Gill Campbell with one of the wall hangings.

A cast of a thousand poppies will feature at Eltham's ANZAC Day commemorations this year.

With this ANZAC Day marking the centenary of the 1915 Gallipoli landings, the Women's section of the Eltham RSA had decided at their July meeting last year to make two walls of poppies to hang on the Servicemen's

gates at the Eltham Cemetery for this year's commemorations.

The appeal for poppies went out to RSA members and their families, Rural Women, Women's Institutes and members of the public. Such was the response, that there were enough, not only for the walls, but for an extra two wreaths as well.

Women's section president Gill Campbell said an estimated thousand poppies came in.

The Eltham ANZAC Day commemorations begin at 9am at the memorial gates at the school, before proceeding to the cemetery at 10am, followed by a shared lunch at the Eltham Fire Station.

On this month in history: Nancy Wake land in France

On April 30, 1944 Nancy Wake, a nurse and journalist parachuted into occupied France on a Special Operations Mission to liaise

between the British Government and the French Resistance. She was nicknamed 'the white mouse' by the Germans against whom she

led attacks. After the Second World Wars she was awarded the George Medal for Bravery, along with other awards.

Still helping others follow their dreams

The Te Kiri Sports and Recreation Society have just paid out scholarships to 11 recipients for 2015.

After their school was forced to close in 2003, Te Kiri district decided to do something tangible, to help past pupils and anyone who has lived in their district.

Now in its 12th year of distribution, the district has paid out over \$18,000. To qualify, recipients must have attended Te Kiri School, or have lived in the Te Kiri district for two years or more. Applications

are called for in December and paid out in March. There is no age limit, and applications are accepted more than once, but not in consecutive years.

Scholarships have been used for University fees, apprenticeships, sports fees, Spirit of adventure costs, music lessons, and other purposes.

When the school closed, trees were milled, and money raised from this, along with other available home and school funds, was invested

to pay for the scholarships. The School and district has produced many smart, well rounded young adults, and naturally Te Kiri is proud to be able to give them some money to support them as they follow their dreams.

The 2015 recipients are Phillip Roach, Brandon Roach, Elaine Roach, Cameron Keech, Courtney Keech, Tracy Jury, Leo Frank, Michaela Crawford, Hillary Penwalden, Katie Starsmore, and Samuel Starsmore.

Social housing providers warned

Social housing providers warned against buying state houses from government

The newly formed **State Housing Action Network (SHAN)** has written to social housing providers across New Zealand warning them of the consequences for low-income tenants and families if they agree to buy state houses from the government.

Group convenor John Minto says social housing providers who co-operate with this policy will be helping the government abdicate its responsibility to low-income tenants and families, betraying existing state house tenants and those who will need state houses in the future.

"The government knows there is a housing crisis for tenants and families on low incomes but is refusing to address this social emergency. Instead it is desperate to sell off state houses because they are seen as a liability after decades of neglect and under-investment," he said.

"Social housing providers will simply be unable to provide the level of financial

support needed to house the people who need them.

"Only the government has the resources and capacity to provide quality affordable homes for all the families which need them.

"We are asking social housing providers to follow the principled lead of the Salvation Army and Methodist Mission Aotearoa which have both turned down opportunities to purchase state houses."

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Building a Strong and Vibrant Future for South Taranaki

“Alive with opportunity”, is the catchphrase for South Taranaki and it also reflects our Council’s approach to building a strong and vibrant district over the next ten years.

Previously, Council’s focus has been on upgrading our water and wastewater infrastructure and key community facilities. We are now in the enviable position of having completed most of the costly upgrades that many Councils are still facing. The focus for the next ten years is on maintaining our current assets and core services as well as



South Taranaki District mayor Ross Dunlop

implementing projects to retain and grow our population.

While the medium to long term predictions for economic growth in South Taranaki are positive, one of the key challenges we face (as for most rural councils in New Zealand) is how to retain and grow our population (and ratepayer) base. If South Taranaki is to achieve its potential we must not only retain existing residents but attract new skilled workers and their families to the District.

A second key challenge is how we respond to the upcoming changes in the government’s earthquake prone buildings legislation.

To respond to these challenges Council has developed a number of projects in our proposed 2015 – 2025 Long Term Plan designed to make South Taranaki an attractive and desirable place to live and do business.

At the same time Council is very conscious of the need to keep rates at an affordable level. Consequently we are proposing to fund our key projects with existing reserves and earnings from the Council’s Long Term Investment Fund, rather than through rates.

With an average total rate

increase of 2.5 per cent per year over the next ten years, we believe our proposed Long Term Plan strikes the right balance between progress (providing the services and facilities our communities expect) and affordability. But we want to know what you think. A Long Term Plan Consultation Document has been delivered to households across South Taranaki and is also available from any of our seven LibraryPlus facilities, our website www.southtaranaki.com/consultation

or call 0800 111 323 for a copy. Consultation closes on Wednesday 6 May.

Please take a moment to read this Consultation Document which covers the key issues and proposals in our Long Term Plan. We want to make the best decisions we can for the future of South Taranaki and your feedback will help us do that.

Ross Dunlop, South Taranaki Mayor

Don't forget the referendum

Hi everyone. The work to find a supplementary water supply for Okato is making good progress.

So far, we have finished drilling the two test bores and

have struck water with both. The question is whether the aquifer has enough volume to make it worthwhile to put either of the bores into production, so tests are continuing so that we can determine their



New Plymouth mayor Andrew Judd.

yield. Ultimately, we’d like to establish an underground water source that can help tide us over whenever the

Mangatete Stream is too low or silty for us to use easily.

We’ll keep you up to date with how this project progresses.

Meanwhile, earlier this week we held an information forum on the Māori electoral ward.

We held this forum to help people make an informed choice in the referendum on whether or not New Plymouth District should establish a Māori electoral ward for the next two election cycles.

We were fortunate to have former Race Relations Commissioner Joris De Bres

among the speakers, along with Bay of Plenty Regional Council Chairman Doug Leeder (who shared his experiences of the council having three seats for Māori councillors), Waikato Regional Council Deputy Chair Tipa Mahuta (who holds one of the council’s two Māori seats) and Treaty of Waitangi educator Margaret Smith.

If you missed the live stream on our website, we have a recording available on newplymouthnz.com.

Voting papers in the referendum are being mailed out now. Please make sure you

get your vote back to the Council before the deadline of noon on Friday next week (15 May).

If it gets to a few days out from the deadline and you haven’t voted yet, please drop your voting papers into the Civic Centre rather than posting it, to make sure your vote gets counted.

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The Bug Man cometh

Ruud Kleinpaste (the Bug Man of TV and radio fame) was the star attraction at Hollard Gardens these school holidays.

There were plenty of useful gardening tips for Kathy Stanley, vice-president of Opunake Garden Circle after Ruud had given a large audi-

ence of children, parents and friends an entertaining talk about bugs and the ecosystem. The August meeting of the Opunake Garden Circle

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Adrienne Hickey (left) and Lynda Corkill ready for business.

Coastal Care up and running

Coastal Care, Opunake's new health and community centre will be fully up and running on Thursday April 28. The facility at the corner of Napier and King Streets

opened by the Minister of Health Dr Jonathan Coleman is a one stop shop for medical and social services. "Initially the idea was to retain doctors in the area," and build a new medical centre

said Secretary of the Coastal Taranaki Health Trust Adrienne Hickey. "The trust decided to go further." The medical centre will occupy just a third of the complex. The remaining two

thirds will be used for health and a wide range of other services.

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"I think this building is unique in Taranaki and maybe New Zealand," said Adrienne.

"It's got a whole approach to services. A one stop shop."

The concept also fits in with what the Taranaki District Health Board is doing.

"They want to devolve services to the community," said Adrienne.

"It's the way of the future."

Comments by the Minister of Health when he formally opened Coastal Care before a large crowd on April 2 also echoed this.

The facility is also in the perfect location in the centre of town.

It's putting the heart back into the town.

A multitude of services

A multitude of health and other services will operate from the Coastal Care health and community service.

The Taranaki District Health Board will run various services from the centre. The District Health Nurse will be based in the building along with dieticians and diabetes educators. Drug and alcohol counselling will also be available as well as family therapists for children. Alcohol and drug counselling for children will also be available.

Other independent professionals will include a podiatrist. Also private counsellors

Tui Ora, the Maori Health Provider will be operating from Coastal Care providing, among other services massages. Taranaki Family Works, another counselling service will offer parenting and family violence programmes.

Opunake Plunket will be there three days a week and hold clinics twice a week.

The Community Correction Services will provide a probation service for people who are on parole.



The entrance way.

The Opunake Foodbank will operate from the premises.

Dairy Training Limited will be running courses for young farmers.

WINZ and the MSD are also making enquires about having a presence in the complex.

St John Ambulance service will also be based at the new facility.

A pharmacy which has moved from the main street

of Opunake has also moved into the facility.

Public toilets will also be part of the new complex.

"We're getting enquires all the time," said Trustee and Treasurer of the Coastal Taranaki Health Steve Corkill referring to community groups and others providing different services. "It's still early days." He added that it would evolve over the next 12 months.

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Fundraising was given a great hit start when a single benefactor Mavis Hepworth (nee Corkill) donated \$250,000 at the first fundraising auction. The TSB Community Trust came up with a grant of almost one million dollars. The South Taranaki District Council paid for the public toilets which added another \$106,000 to the kitty. The Lottery grants came up with \$350,000 and Midland Health a further

A plaque acknowledging Mavis Hepworth is mounted on the wall at the reception area.



\$50,000.

The remainder came from fundraising and donations.

Mavis Hepworth, the woman who gave so generously to the cause sadly passed away in 2013.

She was fellow Coastal Taranaki Health Trustees and siblings Steve and Lynda Corkill's aunt.

Mavis spent the first 30

years of her life at Pihama on the family farm before moving to Auckland where she married and lived for 30 years. Widowed, she returned to New Plymouth to retire where she spent the last years of her long life.

She died aged Steve remembers their Aunt May as she was called as "a real hard case".

She was a great raconteur and loved a joke.

She was also extremely frugal and always saving for her old age, even when she was over 90 recalls Steve.

She also grew all her own vegetables, mowed her own lawns. Didn't approve of drink though Steve remembers her trifles "which tasted as if they had half a bottle of sherry in them".

Mavis and her husband never had children. Her mother died when Mavis was just a toddler and her father remarried and she ended up with a number of younger half siblings.

Lynda says her aunt's happiest days were at Pihama and she also gave to other causes like the cancer society. Steve and Lynda's father survived cancer. She also gave a lot of money to the Pihama Hall over the years.



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The aim is to get people working together

The new Coastal Care building consists of two corridors either side of the main reception area which join in a staff room.

The whole plan is to get people to work together, discuss together, said Adrienne, "especially the professionals."

The Medical Centre is to the left of the main reception area to which people will report and includes a large waiting room. It has a machine to check your own blood pressure while you wait. You can also mount some scales to check your weight. This

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The aim is to get people working together

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This area also includes an enclosed play area for children. There is also access to the pharmacy from the waiting room.

Beyond the attractively colour co-ordinated waiting area are two consultation rooms - one for a podiatrist who will visit once a month.

There are 8 consulting rooms in total but only three of these are used for the medical practice.

Other facilities on the western side of the building include a minor surgery room, a separate patient toilet with shower and a staff toilet with individual lockers.

To the right of the main reception a corridor leads to a generous communal kitchen common room area with access to an enclosed courtyard.

Off this communal space are various rooms including the plunket room and a large meeting room which can be divided into two for smaller groups.

St John ambulance occupy two ambulance bays adjoining this area. There is also an ensuite for sleepovers and a duty room.

The Opunake Foodbank and Community Corrections occupy other rooms in the locality. There is also a public toilet with disabled access and a change room.

The Taranaki District Health Board will also operate from this area and have their own little waiting room.

There is also dual access from each corridor to two nurses rooms with elevating beds and the nurses sluice room or working area.

There is a room also set up for a dentist which is still to be equipped and costed and



The waiting room for the medical centre.

fundraised for. There is also provision for an x-ray room.

Virtually all the rooms have stainless steel sinks.

The Coastal Taranaki Health Trust was very fortunate in being able to buy a lot of Southcare's equipment and furniture which has helped equip the new centre. This included a lot of consumables which they are currently cataloguing.

Of the \$90,000 they spent, they used \$56,000 worth of the equipment they bought and were able to on sell much of the remainder. There is still some surplus. "We'll be having a garage sale," said Adrienne.

The trust visited medical centres all round Taranaki including Patea, Stratford,



Steve Corkill (right) and Dr Coleman talking to an ambulance person at the opening.

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The Plunket area.



The communal kitchen and living area.

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And are they pleased. "It's a fantastic result, said Adrienne. "It's functional, practical and attractive, an asset for the community."



Trustee Paul Bourke who organised a lot of the voluntary labour to help prepare the site. with Adrienne Hickey.



RIGHT: A good omen - the horse shoe that was picked up on the site.

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The dreaded S***** word.

Suicide prevention is something that needs to be in our thoughts all the time and not just on World Suicide Prevention Day. Why? Because most people who are interested in learning about suicide prevention are the ones who have lost someone to suicide. For many others it is like a swear word or a shameful subject. For those who are lucky enough not to have been touched by suicide – would you know what to do if you knew someone at risk?

In always trying to reach a wider audience, I decided to create a website giving people some useful tips on what we can do to try and prevent a suicide. You will find this at www.suicideprevention.co.nz.

Recently I attended a Suicide Prevention Conference in Auckland and was quite surprised and relieved to see that there are many more people getting



Sylvia Huitson

together forming groups and setting up websites throughout New Zealand. Of course there will always be much, much more we can do. Suicide is an intensely complicated issue, but we do know that there are some helpful and useful pieces of information and advice we can put out there. We all need to know what to do when put in that position. You will feel much better if you tried and maybe succeeded to help someone choose life, than if

you missed (or deliberately ignored through fear) an opportunity or a hint that someone was considering suicide.

One of the highlights of the conference was the launching of the Mental Health Foundation's new project to help promote suicide prevention groups throughout New Zealand. The new co-ordinator for this service, Virginia, has already approached those of us who have been working with suicide prevention groups and gathered information that will help other communities to set groups up. New Plymouth has a Touched by Suicide Group which has been going strongly for some years. We are recognised as being one of the groups at the forefront

of this work, and have been able to contribute to the new resource being created. One of the catch-phrases for this project is 'postvention is prevention.' We know that there is significant suicide risk for those who have lost someone to suicide. This is a hugely important aspect of suicide prevention work. Please contact Supporting Families (06 7579300) for information on Touched by Suicide groups in New Plymouth and Hawera.

Please be aware that someone may be at risk of suicide or give you a hint they may be thinking of suicide. Ask the question – 'have you thought about suicide?' or 'I'm worried you might be thinking about suicide'. Listen, listen, listen to the person's story.

If that person is struggling with life's problems it can be really helpful to talk about what is going on for them and how bad the situation has got. It's important for men to step outside their comfort zone and find someone to talk to. 'Listening is the least we can do' is an old Lifeline saying. Listening is best done with our mouth shut. Nod and let them tell their story. Try and understand. Help or get help. If the person at risk has a plan and the means to carry it out – then ring the Crisis Team at the Hospital or the Police. If the person is not at immediate risk, then family members, GP, counsellors can help. Making a contract with them to stay alive is something that I often do. Life can get better. Mostly it does. There are ups and

downs of course. One good hint I saw was that if you feel that bad go to bed. You are putting yourself in a safe place. Of course if your mood does not lift then you need to see a GP, counsellor or someone who can help you through. We can create small changes that can lead to a better life. We can often with help, hang on until things get better. What is often missing is hope – and finding that sometimes needs a good listener, supporter, problem solver, helper.

Sylvia Huitson
Counsellor at Active Intentions New Plymouth and South Taranaki Counselling Hawera.
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New manager to strengthen DairyNZ's Forage Value Index

Cameron Ludemann sees the addition of persistence and metabolisable energy (ME) traits to the DairyNZ Forage Value Index (FVI) as key targets in his new role as Forage Value Manager for DairyNZ..

Cameron, originally from a mixed farm in mid-

Canterbury, joins DairyNZ having submitted his PhD thesis last year at the University of Melbourne.

In his thesis he assessed the value of changes in perennial ryegrass traits for Australian dairy farmers. The work was funded through the Dairy Futures Co-operative

Research Centre.

A major component of Cameron's thesis was the assessment of the value of improvements in the ME concentration trait in perennial ryegrass for Australian dairy farmers.

"I am very excited to get the chance to use the methods I

developed during my PhD and apply them to the New Zealand dairy industry," says Cameron. Although Cameron recently published a method of assessing the value of pasture persistence he says that adding the persistence trait to the FVI, which currently only includes seasonal dry matter yield traits, will present a big challenge.

"How well pastures persist is a hot topic when I talk to dairy farmers, yet when I ask them what they mean by persistence you get many different answers. So we need to come up with a definition that is practical and measurable. We also need to overcome the challenge of finding early persistence indicators that predict how long a ryegrass cultivar might persist before needing renewal," says Cameron. He encourages farmers to view the latest FVI Lists at dairynzfvi.co.nz when making their cultivar selection decisions.

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Let's stop that myth dead in its tracks. Up-grade run-out and/or drought damaged paddocks ASAP.

'Too late' to sow new pasture? We beg to differ. One of the problems with our "new-normal" of dry or droughty summers is the effect these are having on our sowing season. In years like this, many farmers are starting sowing later than ideal, and the season is more condensed.

The good side of this is soil temperatures are still

mild – above 15 degrees in many North island areas at the time of writing (early April), which is ideal for establishing most pastures.

We are very comfortable with farmers sowing perennial ryegrass, or any of the short term options through to about Anzac Day. But it is too late for sowing pasture brome or tall fescue due to their sensitivity to temperature.

In believing the opportunity to sow new pasture has come and gone for autumn 2015, farmers are compromising next season's production before it even starts. Paddocks that were in poor shape before summer are no better off now, and may well be in worse condition. Either way they will not be growing as well as they could be (and should be) in the months ahead.

And for those farmers who are looking to 'save' by

using a cheap rye/clover mix, there's just one word of advice: don't.

In the overall scheme of things (remembering farms are multi-million dollar businesses) seed isn't a big cost. With rye/clover you don't know what you're getting, and it probably won't have endophyte, so it won't persist anyway.

The other comment we hear in a season like this is that people switch from perennial ryegrass to shorter term options (such as *Shogun Hybrid Ryegrass* or *Tabu Italian Ryegrass*) that are faster establishing. This will certainly improve winter and early spring growth, but it needs to be balanced with the required persistence. Too many short-term pastures sown now means farmers are tied into a lot of renewal over the next few years.

Independent trial data proves that the return per hectare on

extra grass production outweighs the extra cost of proprietary seed as against the 'cheap' options.

Tips for April/May grass seed planting:

Monitor soil temperatures
Check for possible pest problems (slugs, spring tails, grass grub, Argentine Stem Weevil etc.)

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Come join our happy throng. Walking along Patiki Road.

On Sunday the Pihama WI Cancer Walk turned 21. That is how many years the Women's Institute have been holding the annual Walk to raise funds for the Cancer Society. In previous years, it's been held on the third Wednesday in April. This year it was decided to hold it on Sunday April 19 instead, the last day of the school holidays. With this year being the year Opunake celebrates 150 years, it was also decided to include the Walk as part of the Sesquicentenary programme. Also this year, the Te Kiri WI was joining

with Pihama to help put the event on.

The Walk always aims to include points of local interest, and alternates between the mountain and seaward sides of Pihama. This year, the Walk was 9.5 km long, beginning and ending at the Pihama Hall, with a walk through farmland to the Pihama Dairy Factory and back.

"The weather's perfect and Pihama's a happening place," Linda Campbell of the Pihama WI said, before the walkers left. There was a good mix of ages turning up to the hall on Sunday

morning to register.

Among the regulars was Margaret Mullin.

"I've been coming for years," she said. "I used to bring my children, now I bring my grandchildren. It brings all the community together."

Peter Trolove spoke about the Pihama Dairy Factory. Originally set up by Pihama dairy farmers, the Crown Dairy Co later took it over, but that didn't work out too well, and the farmers took it over again. The original factory burnt down in 1923 and had to be rebuilt. The factory had a number of

uses throughout the years. After the dairy factory amalgamations, it was disused for a time, and at one stage was a piggery. Today it is best known as the base for a Lavender farm.

Walkers left at 10am, proceeded along the Patiki and Hone Roads, then through farmland to the Pihama Dairy Factory. There they could partake of refreshments, visit the Lavender Shop, and see how the buildings and grounds of what had once been just another old Taranaki dairy factory had been transformed. It was then

back to the hall by a more circuitous route, with shorter options available. En route, walkers could admire rolling farmland, with paddocks showing the positive effects of recent rain, and enjoy the sounds of rippling stream

water, and the songs of birds attracted back to the area by some of the riparian planting seen along the way.

Linda Campbell said 130 people took part in the Walk this year, raising \$1900.



Walking through farmland

Mania WI hears speaker

Liam Clancey of the Hawera Physiotherapy Clinic was the speaker at Manaia Women's Institute's April meeting held in the St. Cuthbert's Church Lounge, Manaia.

He told us about the services and groups that operate out of the Clinic. We are now better informed about our knee and hip joints.

Four members had attended the Federation Harvest Dinner in March.

The wondering coin was

won by Marion Smith, and the Mary Hutton Trophy given to Joy Brogden.

Competition winners were: Shrub. 1st Phyllis Malcolm. 2nd Daphne Ashley. 3rd Ann Chisnall.

Other Stem. 1st Marion Smith. 2nd Ruth Binns. 3rd Phyllis Malcolm.

Home Craft. 1st Joy Brogden. 2nd Marion Smith. 3rd Ruth Binns.

Handcraft. 1st Jenny Hamley. 2nd Phyllis Malcolm. 3rd Ruth Binns.

On this month in history: Allison Roe wins Boston Marathon

On April 20, 1981 Allison Roe set a course record for the Boston Marathon. She won in 2 hours 26 minutes and 46 seconds, the first New Zealander to win the event. Only Norway's Greta Waitz

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James upon winning his 7th boxing match.

James Langton makes it seven in a row

James Langton of Opunake won his boxing match last Saturday night (April 18) at the TSB Stadium in New Plymouth against Eden McGrath, making it seven wins in a row. With this win against a boxer known for his kickboxing prowess, he is now ranked high up in the NZ rankings for the Cruiserweight division. James wasn't sure of his exact ranking but thought it was about fifth. James lost some weight to qualify for the fight in this division, but says he remains ranked highly in the Heavyweight division in New Zealand –

probably about fifth.

The fight was on the undercard of the IBO Asia Pacific Light-heavyweight title fight between Sam 'The Terror' Rapira and Dean Purden, which was won by Rapira.

James admits the fight was hard and after the six rounds were over, "I was not too sure, although I thought I'd done enough to win; I was the more aggressive." He was, nevertheless, relieved to get the unanimous decision.

Looking back, he felt he probably lost Rounds 2 and 3, but won the other four.

"He hit me with some good shots in Rounds 1 and 2, but I felt they didn't worry me at all."

He continued, "As the fight went on I started to get more comfortable and I changed my game plan. I changed from 'outside fighting', trying to pick him off to a 'closer' style; he definitely didn't like that."

At the Friday night weigh in, James says he was impressed with the visual condition of Eden McGrath. "One look and I could see he was well-conditioned and he had prepared himself well." Once the fight had started

James's assessment seemed true. "He took a lot of heavy hits," which upheld James' initial assessment. James felt Eden is worthy of respect and expects him to gain a top ten NZ ranking. "He was that good. A tidy fighter."

James was thankful for, "all the Coastal people who turned up to support me."

The next focus for James is the Coastal Rumble on Friday June 26, to be held at the Sandfords Event Centre in Opunake.

James says he'll take a brief break from training before he get back into hard training.

Taranaki Rugby announces surplus for 2014

Taranaki winning the ITM Cup has meant a windfall for the Taranaki Rugby Football Union. They have a net operating surplus of \$187,012 for the 2014 financial year. In keeping with previous years, the TRFU made a cash distribution of \$29,577 to affiliated clubs and remains one of the only provinces to do so. After non-operating items, the net surplus is \$76,901. Reserves have grown to \$744,063.

The Union faced several significant challenges in 2014, namely a sizeable reduction in income due to not hosting an All Blacks Test match, a decrease in funding and less activity on the international front. The reduced income was partially offset by an increase in sponsorship.

The TRFU was facing a loss until October when the TenderLink Taranaki team secured two home play-off games for the first time in the Union's history. The exceptional turn-out at the amber and blacks first ever ITM Cup final generated enough income to take the Union from the red to a

\$187k net operating surplus. TRFU Chairman Lindsay Thomson was pleased to announce the surplus and acknowledged the efforts of all involved in achieving this remarkable turnaround on initial projections.

"The success of the TenderLink Taranaki team in winning the ITM Cup Premiership turned a potential loss in 2014 into a significant profit. The support received from all our sponsors and the wider Taranaki community who embraced the team at those vital times is greatly appreciated. The TRFU staff must also be commended for their role in getting us to this point" said Thomson.

Taranaki Rugby is preparing for a difficult year financially in 2015. Economically, Taranaki is challenged with a decline in oil and gas activity and a reduced pay-out for dairy farmers. These two industries are the backbone of Taranaki's economy and the flow-on effect will be wide-reaching.

2014 marked the final year of John Geraghty's long-standing service on the

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Warea School & District Centennial 1884-1984.

Te Kiri School & District 75th Jubilee 1900-1975.

Te Kiri School & District Centennial 1900-2000.

Kaponga Public School Centennial 1891-1991.

Otakeho School & District Centennial 1884-1984.

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CREATIVE COMMUNITIES SCHEME Funding Local Arts Activities

Applications for funding assistance for community-based arts activities in South Taranaki beginning after Friday 29 May 2015 are now being called for. Your application will need to meet one or more of the following funding criteria:

- **Broad community involvement** - A project that will create opportunities for local communities to engage with and participate in arts activities.
- **Diversity** - A project that will support the diverse arts and cultural traditions of local communities, enriching and promoting their uniqueness and cultural diversity.
- **Young people** - A project that will enable and encourage young people (under 18 years) to engage with and actively participate in the arts.

Application forms are available from all LibraryPlus Centres, at the Council Contact Centre in Albion Street, Hawera or the Creative Communities Scheme Administrator, or on the Council website www.southtaranaki.com under Funding/Grants.

For further information, please contact Maryse Ropiha, the Creative Communities Scheme Administrator at:

South Taranaki District Council
 Private Bag 902, Hawera 4640
 Phone 0800 111 323 or 2780555
 Email maryse.ropiha@stdc.govt.nz

Applications close **Friday 8 May 2015 at 4.30pm** (for projects beginning after Friday 29 May 2015)

Our next issue is due out May 8

PUBLIC NOTICES

Playcentre

Welcoming any new families into the area. Come and have a look at our child friendly facilities

Session Times: Tuesday & Thursday
 9.30am - 12.30pm

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RAHOTU PLAYCENTRE

Whanau tupu ngatahi - Families growing together

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Opunake & Okato Co-operating Parish CHURCH SERVICES

St Paul's Opunake Co-op & Raho
 Opunake Cooperating Parish St Pauls, Havelock St, 9.30am every Sunday and the
Rahotu - Wesley - 11am first Sunday of the month.
Oakura - St James - 10am, 2nd & 4th Sundays.
Okato - St Pauls - 10am, 1st & 3rd Sundays.

Opunake Catholic Church

SUNDAY 8.30 am at Pungarehu (St Martins), 10am at Opunake (Our Lady Star Of The Sea).

Other areas

Maniaia - Sacred Heart - 1st & 3rd Saturdays at 5pm (2nd, 4th and 5th Sat at Hawera's St Josephs).
 Kaponga - St Patricks, Sunday 8.45am
 Okato - St. Patricks - Saturday 6pm

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OPUNAKE BUSINESS ASSOCIATION

Meet on the 1st Monday of each month. Monday 4 May, Everybody's Theatre 5.30pm Get together 6pm Meeting.

OPUNAKE COUNTRY MUSIC CLUB

First Sunday of each month at the Opunake Town Hall, 1-4pm. All welcome

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Mondays 1.30pm. St Barnabas Church Hall. Games, friendship, cuppa. All welcome.

SCHNITZEL NIGHT

Every Wednesday at the Stony River Hotel, Okato

ELTHAM HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Corner York and Bridge Streets. Open 1.00 p.m. – 3.30 Thursdays and Fridays

SURF INN

Every day free pool. Every Friday free sausage sizzle from 5. Every Sunday afternoon. Pool comp

COASTAL YOUNG FARMERS

Meet 2nd Thursday of every month at 7pm at the Okato Bowling Club.

TARANAKI COUNTRY MUSIC HALL OF FAME, MANAIA

Running every Thursday night from 7.30pm, 11 Surf Highway, South Road, Manaia.

EGMONT EUCHRE CLUB

Meets every Thursday 1pm at the Opunake Bowling Club

CAPE EGMONT HISTORIC LIGHT & MUSEUM

Open 11am – 3pm weekends, Bayly Road, Warea.

TODD ENERGY AQUATIC CENTRE

Family fun times 10.30am to 4.30pm.

COASTAL SINGERS

7pm every Thursday night. Contact 761 8654.

ELTHAM BUSINESS ASSOCIATION FRIDAY MARKETS

8am to 1pm, Carpark of Touch Point, High Street, Eltham

SESQUICENTENNIAL EVENTS

HISTORY BOOK

These are now available from the Opunake Library Plus at \$20 each. Paid orders can be made through all South Taranaki Libraries.

THE EGMONT PLAINS COMMUNITY BOARD AND THE MANAIA & DISTRICT RSA

Cordially invite members of the public to attend the ANZAC DAWN PARADES to be held in Manaia and Opunake on Saturday April 25.

Further services to be held in at Te Kiri (10.30am) and Pihama (5.45pm).

Refer public notice for full details

2015 TARANAKI ROSE OF TRALEE SELECTION

Postponed. See page 24.

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THE TARANAKI WEDDINGS SHOW

Sunday May 3 at Pukekura Raceway Functions centre starting at 10.30am. Refer advert for further details.

FIRST AID LEVEL 1 COURSE - NZQA Credits

1 Day Course - Start 8am - 5pm, Sunday May 3 2015 at Coastal Care, Opunake. For more information contact: Linda 027 355 6979

THE VILLAGE GALLERY

Annual General Meeting Monday, 4th May at 7.00 pm All Welcome
Now showing at the Gallery:

Rotokare Charity Art Auction entries until Friday 8th May
Next Exhibition:

Celebrating Mirror in Mosaics 11th May to 5th June
Louise Herdman, Mosaic Artist, Wanganui.

Make your own Bling Mirror Workshop 6th & 7th June
Bookings essential - register at the gallery

RAHOTU RECREATION RESERVE and RAHOTU CEMETERY BOARD

Triennial Meeting – Sunday May 10 at the Rahotu Domain. Refer public notice for further details.

EVERYBODY'S THEATRE, OPUNAKE – SILENT COMEDY

Thursday May 14 – 2pm and 7.30pm. Refer What's On advert for further details.

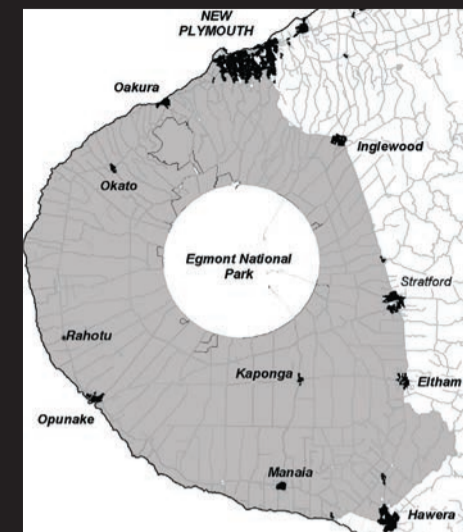
OPUNAKE PONY CLUB AGM

Monday May 18, at 6.30pm at the Club Hotel, Opunake.

TARANAKI BRIDE OF THE YEAR

Saturday 23 May 2015 - To be held at the TSB SHOWPLACE. Refer advert for further details.

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Opunake and Coastal News is distributed free to every home and business within the rural area, bounded in the north by the New Plymouth city border, extending east to Egmont Village, and around to the edge of Stratford, south to the Hawera city border and inland to Kaponga and through Eltham.

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RAHOTU RECREATION RESERVE and RAHOTU CEMETERY BOARD Triennial Meeting

Will be held at Rahotu Domain Sunday 10 May 2015 at 7.30pm to elect a board of management for ensuing three years. Everybody welcome
Wendy Mullan - Secretary

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ANZAC DAWN PARADE MANAIA

The Egmont Plains Community Board and the Manaia & District RSA cordially invite the public to the ANZAC Dawn parade to be held in Manaia on Saturday 25 April 2015.

The parade will assemble at the Manaia Town Hall at 6.15am to march off at 6.30am then proceed to the Band Rotunda for the service - Medals to be worn.

Refreshments will follow the service at the Manaia Town Hall.

ANZAC DAWN PARADE OPUNAKE

The Egmont Plains Community Board and the Opunake RSA cordially invite the public to the ANZAC Dawn Parade to be held in Opunake on Saturday 25 April 2015.

The parade will assemble at the Opunake Town Hall at 6am to march off at 6.15am - Medals to be worn (if wet the service will be conducted at the Opunake Town Hall).

Refreshments will follow the service at the Town Hall.

Further services will be held at the Cenotaphs at Te Kiri (10.30am) and Pihama (5.45pm).

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New venue for Taranaki Bride of the Year

With 29 shows behind them, the team from the Dance Trust is as enthusiastic as ever to deliver another great show. This year welcomes an exciting new venue The TSB showplace. Elegant Brides will grace the stage wearing their gowns specially chosen for their special day, giving them the opportunity to relive their wedding day. Along with these beautiful brides, members of their bridal

party - bridesmaids, mothers of the bride or groom, darling flower girls and handsome pageboys will also grace the stage. Entrants and the audience alike can be assured of a night of fun and glamour. And of course don't forget the Bride and Groom section of the show. Couples step out on stage as 'Husband and Wife'. This category has always been an absolute favourite with past audiences. For entertainment this year,

the audience will be treated to dance items performed by students of the Gilbert-Smith Dance Studio. Taranaki Bride of the Year is the Dance Trust's main fundraiser for the year. Monies raised are put back into dance, to run seminars, with invited choreographers from outside of the region taking classes, sharing their skills, talents and expertise with students.

If you have been lucky enough to see a show before and would love to go again or maybe you would like to come and experience a close-up view of beautiful Brides in gorgeous gowns, then you are invited to purchase your tickets from TSB Showplace or www.ticketmaster.co.nz. (booking fees apply) tickets are on sale 1st May 2015. So make up a party, come and enjoy the show and be sure to vote for your favourite bride in the 'Audience Choice' The Gilbert-Smith Dance Trust will once again bring to the people of Taranaki a much loved show, section. See you there!

If you would like further details you can contact Rebecca Askin

Email michaelaskin@xtra.co.nz or phone 021 726 044.



2014 supreme winner Sophie Radford(Greer)



Calling all brides!

Taranaki Bride of the Year

Enjoy wearing your beautiful gown once again!

Saturday 23 May 2015

To be held at the TSB SHOWPLACE

Entry Forms available from Taranaki bride of the year facebook page or phone Rebecca Askin 021 726 044
Entries close Saturday 1st May 2015
Tickets are available from TSB showplace or www.ticketmaster.co.nz (booking fees apply)

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Queen: It's a Kinda Magic

The long-running and much-loved tribute show *Queen - It's A Kinda Magic* is touring New Zealand this autumn with its updated production and brand new international cast.

Recreating Queen's 1986 World Tour concert, *Queen - It's a Kinda Magic* features all of the band's greatest hits performed live, includ-

ing 'We Will Rock You', 'Bohemian Rhapsody', 'We Are the Champions' and 'Fat-Bottomed Girls'. Pains-taking attention has been paid to all the music - the iconic voice of Mercury, the amazing guitar solos of May and the groundbreaking Rock harmonies. And with state-of-the-art sound and lighting and authentic costumes, this is as close as you'll ever get to the real thing.

In fact the show is good enough to have attracted the attention, endorsement and eventual involvement of Peter Freestone, Freddie

Mercury's personal assistant for 12 years and best friend.

After reviewing the show while in Singapore in 2007, Freestone was duly impressed and contacted promoter John Van Grinsven with his compliments. A friendship ensued and Freestone now tours with QIAKM where his schedule allows, acting as a production consultant for the show as well as signing autographs and chatting with fans.

In 2014 the coveted and complex role of Freddie Mercury was taken on by respected English performer and multi-instrumentalist

Giles Taylor. Taylor's accomplished career has seen him travel the world over the past 13 years, performing with artists such as Damon Albarn (Blur, Gorillaz), Gabrielle, Rick Wakeman, and The Moody Blues.

Despite this incredible roll call of colleagues, Taylor counts his role in *Queen - It's a Kinda Magic* as one of the toughest musical roles he has encountered to date.

"Freddie was known for his powerful voice and vocal range, and had a very distinct character in general, so emulating him is quite a challenge, but those details need to be just right for a show of this magnitude. True Queen fans will appreciate the attention to detail," says Taylor.

Taylor will be joined by Australians Richie Baker, as Brian May on guitar, and Kyle Thompson, as Roger Taylor on drums, with South Africa's Steven Dennett as John Deacon on bass.

The show will be in New Plymouth at the TSB Showplace on May 12.

THE TARANAKI WEDDINGS SHOW

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St. John celebrates ambulances through the ages and ask for your help

Every day St John responds to 1,200 calls for help; that's nearly one call every minute. Last year we cared for over 425,000 patients and our ambulances travelled over 19 million kilometres. With so many people needing emergency ambulance help each year, the chances are next time it could be you or your family - your mother, your brother, your child. St John launches its Annual Appeal campaign today with the aim of raising \$2.4m to buy 12 new ambulances - ambulances that will be used by frontline paramedics to provide lifesaving care to people who are seriously sick or injured. These modern 'emergency clinics on wheels' are a far cry from the various early ambulance models that were used for transporting patients during the last century -



from Ashford Litters (cart stretchers) to the highly recognisable and memorable grey and white 1940s Dodges. "Emergency health care has developed significantly in the past 120 years - it's an essential and expensive business. It costs over \$200,000 to get a modern ambulance on the road," says

Peter Bradley, St John Chief Executive.

"This includes the cost of the vehicle itself along with a variety of hi-tech clinical and medical equipment - mobile data terminals, stretchers, a defibrillator, heart rate monitor, specialised extraction equipment - along with ambulance officer

training and uniform." As part of St John's new look, these ambulances come in high visibility yellow with more reflective signage than older white models. This is to maximise visibility of the vehicles and improve safety for ambulance officers and the public on the road.

"By making a donation to our Annual Appeal this week (6-12 April), you can help St John to continue providing lifesaving emergency services to our growing and aging population using the most advanced techniques and equipment - 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. St John staff and volunteers will be out with collection buckets throughout the country (6-12 April) or simply call 0800 ST JOHN (0800 785 646), donate online at www.stjohnappeal.org.nz or at any ASB branch.

South Taranaki Women's Centre proudly presents and evening with Nigel Latta



Nigel Latta coming to Hawera on May 26

He's here to talk about parenting teens. The business of raising children has always been hard, but these days it seems it's getting harder. Along with all the usual issues of how to do well in school, and prepare for a job in a world where jobs are increasingly hard to find, there's an avalanche of other stuff: alcohol, drugs, teenage pregnancy, and the never ending wave of technology and must-have gadgets. Nigel will show what's really going on inside your average

teenager's mind, and some ideas for how best to navigate the teen years.

Nigel speaks at the Hawera AOG Centre on May 26.

Don't be shy!
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We would love to share your special day with our readers! Send in your photo and details of how you met etc, to: editorial@opunakecoastalnews.co.nz

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Mother's Day Buffet

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Free glass of bubbles for Mums!

Buffet Dinner
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Roast Potatoes
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Dessert
Pavlova
Chocolate Mudcake
Fresh Fruit Salad

Dinner 7pm Sunday 10th May
Bookings Essential Phone 06 761 8358



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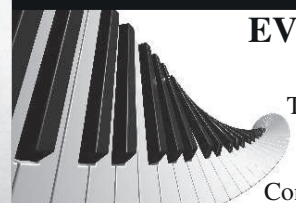
Rough Notes & Silent Comedy

Writer and Pianist GILBERT HAISMAN
Easy Street with CHARLIE CHAPLIN Neighbours with BUSTER KEATON

Two 20 minute silent movie classics with live piano plus stories, jokes, jazz, baroque, popular songs, arty stuff, blues, folk themes, poems and touches of Victor Borge.

EVERYBODY'S THEATRE OPUNAKE

Thursday 14 May, 2pm and 7.30pm
Admission Adult \$8,
Student \$4 Preschoolers free
Contact Debbie Campbell 027 290 2892



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Upstairs Adults \$10, Students 4-16 \$8 Under 4 Free
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The Second Best Exotic Marigold Hotel Comedy, Drama | 2hr 2min | PG | Fox
As the Best Exotic Marigold Hotel has only a single remaining vacancy - posing a rooming predicament for two fresh arrivals - Sonny pursues his expansionist dream of opening a second hotel.
Fri 24, Sun 26, Wed 29 @ 7 pm



Shaun the Sheep Adventure, Animated, Comedy, Family | G | Studio canal
Small sheep, big movie. A stop motion animated Aardman Studios adventure following Shaun, whose mischief inadvertently leads to his farmer being taken away. The sheep and his flock head to the city to rescue him.
Sat 25 @ 1 pm



FAST & FURIOUS 7 - Boutique Night 7pm 3 May \$25 ticket
Action, Crime, Thriller | 2hr 17min | PG13 | Universal Pictures
Deckard Shaw seeks revenge against Dominic Toretto & his family for his comatose brother. \$25 includes comfy sofa seating, complimentary wine or beer and tasty snacks. Tickets for the Boutique available from PASTIMES or book with Debbie 0272902892 Maree 0273137494. Upstairs viewing at normal rates. Also Fri 1 May, 13 May @ 7pm



Home Animation | PG | Fox | 1hr 33min
When Oh, lands on Earth and finds himself on the run from his own people, he forms an unlikely friendship with an adventurous girl named Tip who is on a quest of her own. Oh comes to understand that being different and making mistakes is all part of being human. And while he changes her planet and she changes his world, they discover the true meaning of the word HOME.
Sat 2 May @ 1pm, Wed 6 May @ 3:30pm



Chappie Action, Adventure | 1hr 54min | R | Sony
When one police droid, Chappie, is stolen and given new programming, he becomes the first robot with the ability to think and feel for himself. As powerful, destructive forces start to see Chappie as a danger to mankind and order, they will stop at nothing to maintain the status quo and ensure that Chappie is the last of his kind.
Fri 8 May @ 7pm



Samba 'ARTHOUSE' Romance, Comedy Sun 10 May, Wed 20 May @ 7pm
'Samba migrated to France ten years ago from Senegal, and has since been plugging away at various lowly jobs. Alice is a senior executive who has recently undergone a burn-out. Both struggle to get out of their dead-end lives. Samba's willing to do whatever it takes to get working papers, while Alice tries to get her life back on track until fate draws them together.'



ROUGH NOTES AND SILENT COMEDY Charlie Chaplin and Buster Keaton feature in 'Rough Notes and Silent Comedy,' a show with live music and humorous stories at Everybody's Theatre. "The show might seem as retro as you can get," says pianist and writer Gilbert Haisman who is presenting the show, "but there's not a thing in it that isn't of today."
\$8 Adults \$4 students Thursday 14 May at 2pm and 7.30pm

Wednesday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
22 April @ 3:30pm Cinderella	24 April @ 7pm The Second Best Exotic Marigold Hotel	25 April @ 1pm Shaun the Sheep	26 April @ 7pm The Second Best Exotic Marigold Hotel
29 April @ 7pm The 2nd Best Exotic Marigold Hotel	1 May @ 7pm Fast & Furious 7	2 May @ 1pm Home	3 May @ 7pm Fast & Furious BOUTIQUE NIGHT
6 May @ 3:30pm Home	8 May @ 7pm Chappie	9 May @ 1pm Spongebob	10 May @ 7pm Samba

Why wear a poppy?



“Please wear a Poppy” the lady said
 And held one forth, but I shook my head
 Then I stopped and watched to see how she'd fare
 Her face was old and lined with care
 But beneath the scars the years had made
 There remained a smile that refused to fade
 A boy came whistling down the street
 Bouncing along on carefree feet.
 His smile was full of joy and fun
 “Lady” he said “May I have one?”
 As she pinned it on I heard him say
 “Why do we wear a Poppy today?”
 The lady smiled in her wistful way and answered “This is
 Anzac Day”
 The poppy there is a symbol for the gallant men who died
 in war.
 And because they did, you and I are free.
 That's why we wear a Poppy you see.
 I had a boy about your size
 With golden hair and big blue eyes
 He loved to play and jump and shout
 Free as a bird he would race about
 As the years went on he learned and grew
 And became a man as you will too
 He was fine and strong with a boyish smile
 But he seemed with us such a little while
 When war broke out he went away

I still remember his face that day
 When he smiled at me and said “goodbye, I'll be back soon
 so please don't cry”
 But the war went on and he had to stay
 And all I could do was wait and pray
 His letters told of the awful fight
 I can see it still in my dreams at night
 With tanks and guns and cruel barbed wire
 And mines and bullets, the bombs and fire
 “Till at last the war was won and that's why we wear a
 Poppy son.”
 The small boy turned as if to go
 Then said “thanks lady; I'm glad I know.
 That sure did sound like an awful fight
 But you son, did he come home all right?
 A tear rolled down each faded cheek
 She shook her head but did not speak
 I slunk away, head bowed in shame
 And if you were with me, you'd have done the same
 For our thanks in giving is oft delayed
 Though the freedom was bought and thousands paid
 And so you see when a Poppy is worn
 Let us reflect on the burden home
 By those who gave their very all
 When asked to answer their country's call
 That we at home in peace may live
 Then wear a Poppy, remember and give.

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Dorothy Andrews in front of her art works for the Connections 2015 exhibition. on at Percy Thomson Gallery

Collages from around the world come to Puniho

The 17th International Collage Exchange, is a fantastic project put together by Dale Copeland. Every year artists from around the world send a package containing 13 collages to Dale's Puniho home studio. Two from each artist are offered for sale, and one is donated to an arts institute. The remaining are sent in mixed packs back to the artists – a great way to boost your international art collection.

Taranaki Rose of Tralee postponed

This year's Taranaki Rose of Tralee selection dinner and dance has been postponed. Originally it was going to be held on ANZAC day, but with no entrants having come forward for this year's selection, the event will now be held on May 30. The venue will remain the same, the Plymouth Hotel in New Plymouth. The selection/judging process will be held all on the same day., with interviews in the afternoon, and the final that night. There is still time to enter, Rose entries never close and applications can be made at any time on the official web site www.roseoftralee.ie/roses The New Zealand final will be held the following week in Wellington on June 5-6.

Connections 2015
Jenny Bielawski•Elwyn Stone
•Viv Davy•Antonia O'Mahony
•Juliet Chell•Amanda Griffin
•Dorothy Andrews

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