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One hundred years... life has changed so much

Kathleen Douglas recently celebrated her 100th birthday - and completed the third volume of her memoirs!

"I started writing it because life has changed so much since I was born and that was before the First World War," explains Kathleen.

"I wanted the children to know what it was like," she says adding "It's so different now".

Born on St Patricks Day, March 17, Kathleen lives with her daughter Liz and son-in-law in New Plymouth.

Kathleen (nee Lonsdale) was born in Hull, Yorkshire in the UK. She and her husband Terry immigrated to New Zealand in 1950.

She began writing her life history - complete with photos - in 1990 timing the completion of the third volume to coincide with her hundredth birthday. The third volume ends with Kathleen and her husband's arrival in New Zealand after which she says events are within living memory and other family can contribute...it is no longer just mine to tell.

Kathleen met her husband Terry on June 21 during the war in Cheshire "at a WEA" (Workers Education Association). They married during the war in 1943. Terry had joined the army before they met. They later emigrated to New Zealand with the two older children.

Having read all three volumes of Kathleen's story they certainly make for fascinating reading and include



Kathleen Douglas celebrates one hundred years.

her vivid experiences during the war years in the UK and the terror of the bombing by Germany. She was living in South London at the time and was evacuated to Lancaster.

They also vividly tell of

what it was like to grow up in a close family grappling with the Depression and unemployment. Shy by nature, there are also touching glimpses into her courting days and how she came to wed her husband Terry when

in her early thirties.

As well there's lots of fascinating memorabilia from her long life including school reports and work references. Clearly a clever student she earned a distinction in mathematics at Boulevard Secondary School at Hull and was urged by her teachers to go to university. Kathleen opted however, partly due to

family circumstances, to become a tracer and worked in various jobs in this field.

Clearly not daunted by new technology, at the age of 89 Kathleen learnt to use a word processor and how to scan photos. Until a year ago she did all the typing and scan

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High powered firearms recovered

The Eltham police have executed three search warrants and made three arrests for various burglaries around the Eltham township. As well as recovered various property, high powered firearms that were taken in burglaries were also recovered.

A 17 year old, 22 year old and a 14 year old will be appearing in court to face various charges in relation to these incidents. It's most likely further arrests will be made.

"Needless to say it's fantastic to have the firearms off the street and some repercussions for the burglars," said

Constable David Lindsay of the Eltham Police.

"We have been 'flat out' the last couple of weeks solving these crimes - made possible as a result of information received, and a lot of investigation work."

"The information coming through is from concerned citizens who refuse to put up with the criminal element operating in the area, and it's reassuring to see people helping the community by helping us."

Constable Lindsay appealed for any information on crime to keep on coming in, and reassured that it is always confidential.

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Letters to the editor

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3. We have serious concerns about pollution of land, water, air and aquifers from onshore drilling, disposal of associated wastes, seismic surveying and transportation and storage of hazardous substances such as explosives and drilling additives.

4. We have grave concerns around the continued and accelerated extraction of fossil fuels and its impact on the entire world through pollution and climate change.

5. We have serious concerns for the safety of the drill-site workers and those who transport the hazardous wastes, and especially for those communities who endure the increased traffic, noise, light, threat of well blow-outs and have the wastes dumped in their environment.

We recently discovered that Todd Energy and Cue Energy have removed the names of Tohu and Parihaka from the two aforementioned permit blocks. While we welcome this, Todd and Cue did not come to our table to discuss the matter. Replacement with the names Te Kiri and Kanuka does not appear to have been in consultation with iwi or hapu either. This is not acceptable behaviour.

We welcome Todd and Cue's surrender of the Tohu and Pungarehu leads in the now labelled 'Te Kiri PEP 51149' permit block within which we reside. We however strongly request surrender of the entire permit block and thorough decommissioning of all drilled wells and clean up of those well sites and any dumping grounds associated with them.

In light of these changes, this letter of Response is to reiterate our stance in opposition to these fossil fuel exploration and extraction activities onshore and offshore, especially

around our papakainga and coastal reserves.

While there may be short term benefits from petroleum for some, the long-term effects are detrimental to local communities and the world as a whole. Continuing fossil fuel extraction is no longer socially acceptable in the light of these very serious problems. We must all transition to sustainable living now.

We remind you also that under Te Tiriti o Waitangi and He Wakaputanga o Te Rangatiratanga o Niu Tirini and the United Nations Declaration of the Rights of Indigenous Peoples we retain our rights of "tino rangatiratanga" (sovereignty) over our "whenua" (lands), "kainga" (homes) and "taonga katoa" (all that we treasure).

Under The Treaty of Waitangi the crown also guaranteed all Maori "exclusive and undisturbed possession of their lands and estates, forests, fisheries and other properties." All the activities in the five points of this letter are in direct breach of these agreements

with the crown. Many wāhi tapu have been damaged or destroyed in Taranaki from earth works for well sites and other activities. At least four oil spills in the last ten years have damaged the ecosystem and denied hapu the ability to eat kaimoana in their rohe for some period of years. The activities also breach international laws of human rights by threatening surety of the necessities of life such as safe, clean drinking water and healthy food. They also breach international laws of the seas which protect these fragile and dwindling ecosystems. They surely breach international agreements around prevention of climate change.

We have had over a hundred years of petroleum exploration and production in the greater Taranaki region which has contributed to the country's economy and resource base. Councils and government have had the imposed governance of these areas in this time and they have failed to protect the people and environment sufficiently, instead leaving communities subject to company non-disclosure (silencing) orders in return for minimal compensation when things go wrong. We still do not know the true extent of the damages from

this industry as the industry is left to monitor itself in most instances. Meanwhile at least one local community in a drilling zone has the highest cancer rate in the country. This is especially worrying as resources dwindle and extraction techniques become more and more dangerous.

To the government: we suggest you cease the permitting of petroleum mining and exploration in our environment. To the regional and district councils: we suggest you cease the granting of resource consents for those mining activities. To the companies: we suggest you cease exploration, extraction and investment in drilling in our environment now.

We call on the United Nations to investigate these breaches of human rights and we call on our thousands of whānau and supporters nationally and internationally to join us in opposing this current mass expansion of petroleum exploration.

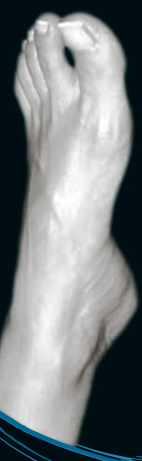
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AN ENFORCED CULTURAL CHANGE

In less than a month, it's highly likely that a majority of politicians will commit one of the worst acts of cultural vandalism by redefining one of our oldest and most fundamental institutions - marriage.

Marriage, in the process, will become meaningless. We will be using the word to describe something else – not naturally or traditionally created, but conceived by politics and political correctness.

THE PROCESS HAS BEEN SHAMEFUL

- The politicians have ignored thousands of your submissions.
- They have ignored calls for a referendum on this massive cultural change - at the same time as demanding a referendum on state asset sales.
- They have demanded their right for a conscience vote, yet have voted to ignore the consciences of celebrants, registrars, churches hosting weddings, and others in the wedding industry.
- They are ramming this bill through without giving it the due consideration and debate it deserves.

HERE'S WHAT YOU CAN DO

In response, we are inviting you and your family to make an important pledge to yourself – to withdraw your vote from any politician and party who is willing to be part of this enforced cultural change.

If you want politicians to get the message, go online and sign the Marriage Pledge:

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One hundred years... life has changed so much

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ning, explained Liz, as well as the proofreading. Lately however Kathleen narrates and Liz has taken over the typing and helps with the editing and proofreading. In her 90s, Kathleen learnt to text so she could communicate with her grandchildren, says Liz proudly. Interestingly Liz's son shares his grandmother's birthday.

The first volume was published for Kathleen's ninetieth birthday.

Terry sadly passed away in 1997.

Kathleen has been a member of the Society of Friends (Quakers) for 50 years and was a founding member of the Quaker settlement at Whanganui where she lived for 25 years.

Family arrived from the UK and Australia to help Kath-

leen celebrate her milestone. A special dinner was spent with her Quaker friends who meet fortnightly in New Plymouth.

Kathleen received congratulatory messages from the Queen, the Prime Minister John Key, the Governor General, the Minister of Internal Affairs, the Minister for Senior Citizens and Member of Parliament for New Plymouth Jonathan Young.

Kathleen who has six grandchildren and 6 great grandchildren, insists she doesn't really have any recipe for such a long and productive life though acknowledges she's always had "a questioning nature" and adds perhaps her best bit of advice which has held her in good stead - "To accept things."



Kathleen and Terry on their wedding day.

War Memories

Below is an excerpt from Volume 1 of Kathleen's Story.

I was a year and five months when the Great War was declared. I have some vivid memories of the wartime years.

One of the most vivid, because repeated, was of Alan and I sheltering under the kitchen table during air raids, and me being sick. I was often sick with severe headache lasting for 3 or 4 days. We called these incidents "Bilious Attacks", but we would now know them as Migraine and recognise them as due to anxiety and tension, so it is not surprising that the fear of falling bombs would cause an attack. The city of Hull was a prime target for Zeppelin attacks. We had a "Black-out" of the city when all the windows had to be covered and no lights shown when the warning siren sounded. Father had to go out to put out all the street lights, but as Hull was only 20 miles from the coast there was very little warning time and the Zeppelins were already over the city almost

as soon as the siren sounded. The blackout made little difference. The Zeppelins only came on bright clear nights when there was a full moon, and the city was clearly visible on the bank of the River Humber which showed them a clear pathway. Father was over the age to be called up for military service until nearly the end of the war and was then registered in essential work. He was the only able bodied man left in our street and all the women leaned on him. Leonard was called up when he was 18 in 1917, and he enrolled as an aircraft mechanic and was stationed at various airfields around the country. I remember seeing him in his uniform before he reported for duty, and he came home on leave occasionally.

I remember watching the Zeppelins (airships) floating above our heads and the bombs dropping down from them as they went. Their aim was the docks but most of them landed on the crowded

houses of the dock workers. For a long time after the war finished there were many of these two story houses (two up and two down attached to each other in streets and terraces) where half a house would be left standing with a piece of furniture still in the bedroom, often the bed with the bedding blown away in the wind and rain over the years.

One night when the raid was bad, my Aunt Sarah who was living with us at that time, was stood in the front doorway which opened straight on to the pavement with the house in darkness. The street lights were all out in our street but Father was still on the round turning the rest out. I crawled behind her and between her legs. I remember how dark it was on our side of the street. The moon must have been setting but still shone on the Zeppelins and dropping bombs. Our neighbours on the opposite side of the street were also standing in the doorways watching. After a little while they came across the street to our door. We had a doorbell that had to be twisted to make it ring. Coming from the moonlit side of the street into our dark doorway they could not see my Aunt there and one reached up and twisted her nose. She was not pleased! She thought they were stupid coming to us when there was nothing we could do, and she had not realized how invisible she was to them.

As a family we were fortunate not to lose anyone in the war. Few families did not lose at least one member. I believe Mother lost a brother but this was so usual little fuss was made of it and children were shielded from such knowledge. Men went away and didn't come back. Death would be more obvious in the bombed areas but

we lived on the outskirts of the town and only the odd bomb dropped near us.

There was great rejoicing when the Armistice was signed and peace declared. November the eleventh was declared a day of remembrance, and every year until the start of the 2nd World War, at the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month all work and movement stopped and people kept silent for two minutes to remember all those who died in the war. I was not a Quaker then and two minutes silence then seemed a long time!

In the following year when the weather was warmer, the Local Councils arranged events to celebrate Peace. In Hull we had tea parties in the streets first for the children and later there were parades and parties for everyone. Father did a good business photographing these.

In 1919 I would have been six so I must have been at school for a year already. I don't remember going to school during the war so I think that the air-raids must have stopped during the last year of war.



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Eltham



David Lindsay
Hello people,

The roar is in full swing at the moment and Police and New Zealand Mountain Safety Council (MSC) have launched a campaign to remind hunters to always

identify their target beyond all doubt in a bid to avoid a repeat of last year's tragedies. During last year's Roar, the time when male deer become more active, three hunting fatalities occurred as a result of hunters not following one or more of the seven basic rules of firearms safety. All three deaths were preventable. In the majority of fatal hunting accidents, the shooter and the victim were in the same party and the shooter knew their companion was in the area. As well as following the Firearms Safety Code, Police and MSC recommend hunters buddy up with their companions and remember to:

- follow the 7 basic rules of firearms

- safety
- identify your target beyond all doubt
- when hunting with companions, stop if visual contact is lost - do not resume until visual contact is re-established
- no meat is better than no mate
- plan and prepare for a safe hunting trip - use the Outdoor Safety Code as a guide
- complete your outdoors intentions, before you go, so someone you trust can raise the alert if you don't return.

It's very common for hunters to 'roar up' other hunters thinking they are stags and with the adrenalin

pumping when a large angry fighting stag approaches it's imperative to be absolutely certain it's your target animal and have a clear shot with safe background. Don't be that person on the news who's likely this year to do some jail time for a terrible mistake. **Find out more** about firearms safety visit www.mountainsafety.org.nz/firearms

With a few cold nights creeping in you can see people starting to light their house fires. This would be a good time to check and clean your chimneys before it gets in full swing to avoid any chimney fires. That's all for now, take care out there.

*Const. David Lindsay,
Eltham Police*

Okato



Richard Corry

Hello everyone.
First of all sorry for not having a column in for a while, it has been reasonably busy around here with one thing or another. Probably

the toughest time I have had out here since starting six years ago.

But one thing for sure the thing that makes this job so difficult at times also make it so rewarding, we live in a very supportive community and it is a privilege to work in it.

Last week I was fortunate enough to be invited to speak at the Okato Lions Club dinner and left thinking, "wow these guys do so much for the community and the community don't know the half of it".

This club is made up of community-minded people who really do get behind things and get things done, so I take my hat off to you all and would strongly recommend to anyone out

there who may be thinking about joining to go for it. Well done guys keep up the great work.

On a crime note I was disappointed to read that the Ferndene skids are closing down. I expect this to have a roll on effect and, while boy and girl racers are becoming by far my biggest problem, I expect this to get worse. So what am I going to do about it I hear you say; the short answer to that at this stage is that I am not sure, but I have some things in the pipeline.

But what I need is your help, I need all incidents of boy racer activity reported. I know what you are saying that the police never attend anyway, and I accept that but for me to be able to get some of the tools I need - I need

for this type of offending to be reported. Remember if it is not reported it is not happening, so you need to pick up the phone and ring Police and report it to whoever answers please.

Anyway enough crime. The senior rugby competition has finally started and by the time you read this I hope that Coastal have started with a couple of wins over the Chooks.

Just before I go, did you know that the placement of a donkey's eye in its head enables it to see all four feet at all times - not many people knew that.

Catch you later and be safe, and please remember to report crime no matter how difficult that may become.

Cheers Rich

Opunake



Nigel Day

This week has seen our area incorporated in the Crime Reporting Line and is a dramatic change in the way that Police deal with reported crime. Now when you con-

tact Police the complaint will be taken in a centralised office dedicated to taking these calls. Detailed information will be obtained from you in regards to what occurred along with arranging support if required. Dependant on the circumstances of the offence the matter will either be forwarded to local staff for their follow-up or filed with the appropriate documentation sent out to the complainant.

For this system to work it is essential that everyone makes use of it. The days of leaving a message on the cell or police station phone are gone - and honestly has proved to be inefficient. I am often sceptical with these sorts of changes and the effects on small communities. However, I have already had one offence dealt with by the Reporting Line and it

worked really well.

Police management want staff to be more visible and spend less time in the office and this goes along way to achieving this. Be assured that if a call is an emergency with immediate danger to person or property attendance will be immediate.

I have been spending a considerable amount of time on the main road in Rahotu doing speed enforcement near the school. This has been happening just prior to school starting and it amazes me how many drivers are speeding past the school. I am not proud to say that I have been getting a good number of tickets there which is frustrating when there is a sign posted just north of the town that clearly indicates the consequences of speeding. Enforcement will continue there until the

message gets through.

It has been well publicised - but just a reminder about the roadwork's on Tasman Street. There will be speed restrictions so please adhere to them.

On the positive side for our community the third person position at Opunake that became vacant when Mark Jorgensen left has been advertised and there were six applicants. The interview process and appointment will occur over the next few weeks. This is great news given that there was some doubt whether the position would be filled.

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Linda clocks up a year at Dawson Falls Mountain Lodge

For about seven years Linda was the cheerful owner of Kapuni Store and Takeaways. However, for the past 12 months, she has been the Manager of Dawson Falls Lodge, high up on Mt Taranaki.

Linda has previous history at Dawson Falls – she worked there in a lesser role in the early 1990s – and “I loved it”, she says. She continued, “I’ve always loved the place. When I left I thought I’d like to buy it”.

The lodge is named after Thomas Dawson who lived from 1850 to 1889, but met his end by drowning. The nearby Dawson Falls, a pleasant walk away, is also named after him.

Linda leases the lodge from owner Karl Riepen, who is “an excellent boss and good to deal with”.

She has especially enjoyed this season. “What a wonderful summer we’ve had. My sister says I’m living my Swiss dream. She’s always had a soft spot for the European icon the Matterhorn.

“I’m just doing what I like and enjoying myself. I like dealing with the public and serving them. Also, I’m loving meeting the overseas visitors of all nationalities.

Linda has an extensive work history, serving people in some capacity, here and elsewhere, helped by her positive and optimistic nature.

However she has certainly returned to her roots. “I call myself a South Taranaki girl” she says with a smile. She attended schools as a girl – mostly in Opunake.

Linda is proud of the lodge and is gratified that it is admired by many. “People love

the European look. “People come because it is a unique ski lodge”. They also like its old world feel – it was established in 1896, with Keith Anderson developing the lodge’s iconic Swiss ambience. Linda speaks very highly of his influence and was delighted when his widow Berta recently paid a visit. “I’m proud of what Keith did”, she says.

The bedrooms are exquisite – almost impossible to describe with their wooden panelling, carved wood features and snow-like plaster walls and ceilings. They are impeccably presented and have to be seen and experienced. The view of the nearby bush is so closed you almost feel part of it.

The living areas have endless items, pictures and items to look to and wonder at. There are numerous paintings by Keith Anderson. Plenty of books are available to keep you absorbed, Folders of newspaper clippings are on hand. There’s a piano if you fancy a melody.

The café is an important feature. “Hobbitville is what some visitors call the rounded white doorways. There is a range of homemade food such as her vegetable soup, bacon and egg pie and Linda’s famous carrot cake.

The ornate dining room, with its painstakingly carved features, is intriguing and restful. Linda has a set menu with vegetable soup, a choice of roasts and many vegetables including roast potatoes, kumara, carrots, broccoli and peas. The mains are topped off with such delights as apple pie with cream, lemon and meringue pie and cheesecake.



Dawson Falls Lodge Manager Linda Douds.



An exterior view of Dawson Falls Tourist Lodge.

Some famous people have enjoyed dining here, such as Olympian Sir Peter Snell and Governor-General Sir Arthur Porritt.

The living areas are kept cosy by several woodburners. A huge Sony TV screen allows a bit of viewing be-

fore you head out again into the scenic wilderness.

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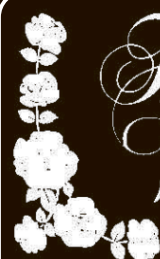
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Andrew Little, List MP

Last week the government, through the police, announced crime statistics for 2012. We are told that recorded crime fell by more than 7%. If the purpose of the exercise is to convince the public that crime has fallen by such a significant

Crime figures not the real story

amount, I don't buy it for a moment.

In the month or so I have spent in the justice spokesperson role for Labour, I have found a lot of cost-cutting happening in the courts and other parts of the justice sector, and none of it looks like it will do much for justice.

On the issue of the crime statistics, what's clear is that not everything that looks like a crime is recorded. If the police turn up to an incident, even if someone has called the police because they think a crime is happening, it doesn't mean it will be recorded as a crime. On turning up, there's three things the police can do.

Firstly, they can decide to do nothing even if they think an offence has been committed but they think the offend-

er won't do it again.

Secondly, they can issue a warning to the offender. That will be the end of the matter and there will be little paper work.

Thirdly, the police can decide to prosecute.

In the first situation, no record is kept so no crime is recorded. In the other two situations, a record is made. All this sounds quite reasonable. Except when you learn that the government told the police administration a couple of years ago they wanted a 15% cut in crime. So, the police are doing everything they can to make sure it looks like crime is reducing, and by next year they will say crime has fallen by 15%.

To achieve the figures the government has demanded, frontline police officers have to think carefully about how

they deal with incidents they respond to. There are more cases of police deciding to do nothing, not even issue a warning.

And so the crime statistics are doing what the government wants - going down.

Is it any good for law enforcement and the security of citizens? I doubt it. I am hearing stories about incidents involving people who have a criminal record not even being given warnings over incidents that on the face of it are quite serious - serious enough for those who have been offended against to call the police.

Add to all this - funding cuts to crown solicitors, the courts and others involved in criminal justice administration - and it looks like we are doing the wrong things for the wrong reasons.



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Jonathan Young MP

For parents, our kids' futures are one of the most important things to us. I think our children only get to appreciate how much we love them, when they become parents themselves. In a changing world, preparing our sons and daughters for the future is a daunting task when we have little idea what the future holds. I think a lot of it happens despite our anxiety rather than because of it. We hope they will grow up well and most often they do.

It is a different world now than the one we grew up in. When I was 14 and 15 I spent my summers with a hay-making crew. I earned 50 cents an hour and it was big money. The summer following when I turned 16 I had a job at the Kaupokonui

Our kids future in a changing world

Dairy Factory, leaning over the vats, lifting the fingers of curd into some contraption that chopped them up and put them into steel cases that ended up being compressed until they formed big blocks of cheese. The next summer when I turned 17, just before heading off to Palmerston North Teachers College, I worked in the Whareroa Dairy Factory just south of Hawera. I was in the commissioning crew of the butter factory and ended up driving the forklift. It was great money for a 17 year old. The following summer I worked in the Patea Freezing Works, back in the days when we shipped whole carcasses to Britain. My next two summers were spent working on Molesworth Station in south Marlborough, a station with over 13,000 head of cattle at the time. So while I was being "educated" in school and Teachers College, I was also being "educated" in the workforce from the young age of 14 years through to when I turned 20.

Young people don't get the same opportunities these days. It's a shame, but it's a reality. Technology has advanced and we can do so much more with so many less. It has meant that for young people it's hard to get a summer job. And to get that first serious job they have to be skilled to engage in a technology driven economy, as well as have the right attitude! This is where education is critical in the journey a young person takes from world to adulthood.

The Government has

launched a new initiative to help young people make that critical journey. It is called "Vocational Pathways." Vocational Pathways are a new tool that improve the links between education and employment. Its about planning their journey from learning to earning, for the 70% of young people who are not currently using universities to advance their educational and employment opportunities.

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Opunake Primary School Boys Mentoring Group receives presentation



Jess Huqsar, Activities and Community Event Organiser of Bunnings, Hawera makes a presentation of tools to boys of the Opunake Primary School Mentoring programme. They are, from left, Marlin Cowan, Rihari Ratahi, Hamish Wilson and Jade Ackermann.

March 26 was a special day for the Opunake Primary School Boys Mentoring Group. The group received a valuable presentation of tools by Bunnings of Hawera, represented by Jess Huqsar, the Communities and Events Organiser.

Just before the presentation itself Principal Lorraine

Williamson introduced Jess and commented on how fortunate the participants were. "You will not find any other school where you will get to pull 25 bikes apart and put them together again". She also paid tribute to the many supporters of the relatively new project.

Jess then presented the

products, which included a socket set, a Stanley level, an 18 volt Ryobi drill, a spanner set, carpenters pencils, various loose tools, such as screwdrivers, as well as notepads.

After the presentation Jess said of the mentoring project, "It's excellent. It's so good to see the boys doing

practical things and they are so keen".

Lorraine Williamson paid tribute to Beau Le Preu, who runs the mentoring programme. "Beau is just the right person and he's planned the whole year, so the boys are really lucky".

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Chiller for Manaia Four Square



The enormous chiller recently obtained by Manaia Four Square.

Manaia Four Square owners Phillip and Adrienne Wong are delighted with their enormous chiller, which they've had for about a month now. "It keeps food cooler and extends the range of food that can be maintained", explained Phillip. He also said that local people can buy a more comprehensive supply of food with-

out having to visit bigger centres, such as Hawera.

The Sanyo chiller, imported from overseas, is certainly impressive and about 16 metres long. It is divided into sections allowing for different set temperatures depending on the type of produce being kept cool. Currently these range from zero degrees up to 5 degrees

Centigrade. For example meat has a lower set temperature than fruit.

The chiller has five shelves – four smaller ones and one bigger. The foods and beverages are certainly extensive. The chiller was holding such diverse items as fruit, drinks, dairy products, sandwiches, pet foods, milk. Seafood and pates – you name it.

Opunake Friendship Club Easter Joy

A large crowd gathered at the Opunake Town Hall on March the 25th for an afternoon of entertainment and fellowship. St. Joseph's school children brought with their beautiful songs the real meaning of Easter. Accompanied by Stephanie on the piano they sang, to name a few, 'Out of the Ashes', 'This Holy Cross', 'Josephs Song', 'Easter Alleluiah' and 'Do my Best'. Well they certainly did their best.

Following were the St. Josephs Kapa Haka group – another talented group of

singers coached by Carmen. They sang 3 beautiful songs – 'He Honore', 'E te Ariki' and 'Tu tira mai-nga iwi'.

Thank you St. Josephs it was a pleasure for everyone in the audience and the politeness and good behaviour of the children was exemplary.

Our Easter Raffle was won by Maida Rolfe. Our next 'gathering' will be on April the 29th at the Opunake Town Hall 1.30pm. \$2.00 entry buys an afternoon tea, raffle ticket and great entertainment – not to mention friendship.

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Rahotu Home and School providing a BBQ at Coastal Rugby on Saturday 6th April.

Rahotu Home and School News

Rahotu Home and School recently held its AGM and election. The officers for this year are President: Erin Ehrhorn, Vice President: Kim Thomson, Secretary: Jane Fleming, Treasurer: Kim Walker.

With the support of parents we have been able to continue with our school lunch programme. Last months lunches were the very popular American hot dogs and we also alternate with the Rahotu Tavern who do a lunch order several

times during each term.

On Saturday April 6th Rahotu Home and School provided a BBQ at Coastal Rugby, Rahotu, where several teams were playing on the day. Many thanks to Riverlands Etham for their generous support, and providing the delicious lamb patties. Thank you also to Bruce Thompson, Riverlands coastal representative, who arranged this for us. It was a cool windy day and the hot food was very much appreciated! Some of our

school children also helped by delivering hot food to supporters on the opposite side of the field so they never even had to move!!

Money raised recently by the Home and School has funded solar panels (\$5000) for our school pool and Listening Posts for our school reading program.

Many thanks must also go to Coastal Rugby for the wonderful fundraising opportunity.

Heather Horo
Publicity Officer

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Bowlers third in Nationals

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"It was a thrill," said Lyn putting their success down to "we just gelled".

Teams from all over New Zealand which included some top New Zealand bowlers took part in the tournament.

The tournament was held over 4 days beginning on last Saturday. They were knocked out of the tournaments on the Tuesday.

Lyn who was invited to join the team described herself as "a relative novice" and played second. Her team mates included Liz Johnson (Skip) from the New



From left Liz Johnson, Joy Clouston, Lyn Weir and Fay Gecse after their triumph.

Plymouth Bowling Club, Joy Clouston (3rd) from the

Waitara Bowling Club and Fay Gecse (from the New Plymouth Bowling Club). Fay and Joy are both umpires.

Lyn was clearly surprised by the result.

"At the time I didn't realise how huge it was," said Lyn.

Lyn said she'd "like to thank Ash" from Heydon Priest for his generous contribution of shirts and hats.



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Good service badge presented

The highlight of the April meeting of Manaia Women's Institute was the presenting of a Good Service Badge to member Ellen Smith for her work for the organization over the past 19 years – most of Ellen's service had been for the Normanby WI prior to them amalgamating with Manaia. Ellen had served as President (4 years) Secretary (4 years) Treasurer (2) and had been a very willing worker in all aspects of the organization.

The guest speaker at the meeting was Michael Self who describing his journey in the making of the Lotto adds with "Wilson" – it was very entertaining with much laughter.

Members were reminded by President Ann Chisnall of the upcoming South Taranaki Federation AGM at Kapuni on 15th April, where our National President Jeanette Andrews will be in attendance.

The wandering coin was won by Marion Smith and the Mary Hutton Trophy was presented to Nichola Ashley.

Competition results:
Bloom: 1st Phyllis Malcolm; 2nd Daphne Ashley; 3rd Jenny Hamley.
Shrub: 1st Jenny Hamley; 2nd Daphne Ashley; 3rd Phyllis Malcolm.
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The teams of 5 headed off for a mass tee start at 10.30 in the morning and made their way around the golf course over the next four hours. They enjoyed the warm overcast day, the refreshments and the BBQ at

the woolshed. Players could bet on themselves reaching the the green in one shot at the Haggle Hole on the 18th. Double your money, landing on the inner circle or get your money back on the bigger circle, was the name of the game, but not as easy as it looked!

Later in the Golf House, after lunch supplied by the Ladies Golf members, prizes were given for the "hard luck" stories - and there were a few. The best was the player with 5 "air" shots. Then there were a few men hitting off the Ladies Tees by mistake or on purpose - who would know, and you have to feel sorry for the player who had the misfortune of

getting hit on the backside by a golf ball.

Four Plus One, was the winning team. It was great to see dads and their lads playing in the same team and the Kuriger Builders were voted as the best dressed team. The worst team didn't seem to mind picking up a prize, which was also the case for the several teams whose names were called out randomly.

Guest auctioneer, Mark Stevenson, brought the event to a climax, by cajoling every-

one into being generous with their bids for the auction items. Ian Baker donated two of his beautiful hand woven scarves as a surprise and these generated the most spirited bidding of the night.

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Sophie Trolove wins Taranaki Rose of Tralee

Sophie Trolove was crowned on Friday April 5 in New Plymouth as the Taranaki Rose of Tralee. "I was very surprised and a bit stunned for a while", she said. She added, "I was definitely very excited. Excited for the opportunity to represent Taranaki at the New Zealand final. I was quite proud".

Sophie, who is a physiotherapist based at Taranaki Base Hospital, explained that the reason she entered the competition was because of her great grandmother Christina Campbell, who sadly passed away in July 2012, aged 103. "That's where I got my Irish lineage", she commented. Christina was "incredible" and "central to the family", said Nicola.

Although she now lives in New Plymouth, Sophie spent her formative years in Opunake. Her interests include surf lifesaving, flat kayaking - she's met Olympian Lisa Carrington - running and takes singing lessons from Gabrielle Barr. She looking forward to the



Sophie Trolove with mother Nicola Trolove.

NZ Rose final held on May 18 at the Grand Auditorium, Devon Hotel, New Plymouth which is hosted by the Taranaki Irish Social Club. "Because it's held in Ta-

ranaki, I know I'll have lots of support. I'm excited to be able to show the other Roses around Taranaki" - and she mentions a number of scenic attractions.

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We all know people who seem to eat a lot and stay thin, and other unlucky individuals who eat little, but weigh a bit too much.

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DairyNZ scientists, in partnership with Australian research colleagues and genetics company Livestock Improvement (LIC), have just completed the Feed Conversion Efficiency Programme.

It was carried out in a customised feeding facility at Hawera in Taranaki, with a similar one in Victoria, Australia. International collaboration is important because about 2000 animals were needed to generate sufficient data and to identify genetic markers, and the costs of the research were also able to be shared.

The feeding facility in Hawera was specially de-

signed to hold 224 calves for 50-60 days, with automatic recording of feed intake and frequent measurements of their weight.

DairyNZ senior scientist Kevin Macdonald says it was a bit like weight watchers for calves.

"We fed them and then kept measuring how efficient they were at turning that energy from the feed into body growth. Then through further studies we found that the most efficient calves in growth are also best at producing milk when cows," says Kevin.

DairyNZ scientists believe the knowledge that this gives them, and the fact they have now collaborated with others and gone on to identify the gene markers for these animals, could potentially have a significant effect on how farmers choose their dairy cows in the future.

"The results will effectively help farmers to breed animals that grow better and could give the farmer more milk but cost less to feed. That's a win-win-win all round for the farmer," he says. He says the results of their work have been validated in several studies.

"We've identified a genetic trait that is heritable and the

genetic markers make it easy to identify efficient and inefficient animals," he says.



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Eltham Cheese Day and Downhill Race popular

There was a great turnout of people to the 2013 event on Saturday April 6 – held at Cheese Hill, Anderson Road. This year the main sponsor was Michael Jago of Eltham Four Square, with help from the Eltham Lions, Eltham Business and Professional Association, TET, Taranaki 93.2 More FM and many others. Fonterra-Eltham Division provided the circular race cheeses. Paul Stiller provided the huge eye-catching flags which made such an impressive display. Frank John and Erin Manu played some great music, ranging from Blues to Country from the deck of a Uhlenberg Haulage Ltd truck, which made a great stage.

South Taranaki Mayor Ross Dunlop was again on hand to act as Official Starter for the 35 or so race competitors who competed in various age groups – from youngsters up to Adult Men and Adult Women. Ross and Adrienne Barker acted

as Official Adjudicators for each of the races. “Mum it was fun”, one girl – Natalie – was heard to say. She competed in the 7-9 years race and came a creditable fourth. Her mother Joeline Wadsworth was representing St John Events in case of any accidents. First, second and third placegetters received a ‘goody bag’ of treats. Although the races didn’t start until 11am, there was plenty of Market Day stalls to keep people occupied and fed. The stalls sold a wide selection of things ranging from food to books to craft items. There were also raffles and a popular one was organised by the Eltham Community Development Group (Eltham Lions) with their prize of a load of firewood. “It’s been a nice day, said Ceris Morgan Hart of Absolute Body and Soul. Her Absolute Aroma products were in demand. “A few people have had massages”, she said. “And lots of stuff has



A big crowd on their annual pilgrimage and annual cheese race.

been sold”, she added. Ceris’ yellow caravan added to the

colourful spectacle.

There were even pony rides for the more adventurous people. These were provided by the Eltham Pony Club. Don’t miss their competition next Saturday April 14 when there is a local rider competition between their club and the Stratford Pony Club. The event starts around 9.30am at the Eltham Pony club. Phone 027 282 6322 if you

want to know more.

One of the crowd-pleasing highlights was provided by the Eltham Volunteer Fire Brigade who staged a rescue. They also had a vintage fire truck on show.

All great events have to have a mishap somewhere. “Got some tape – our cheese has broken in half”, one official shouted urgently between races.

Just one grizzle was heard. One lady wanted to know why a Cheese Day had no cheese on sale and nothing with cheese in it. She was looking forward to a cheese scone.

One spectator reclining halfway down Cheese Hill summed up the successful day. “I’m just enjoying it – relaxing. It’s lots of fun too”.



“Get set boys”.



Mayor Ross Dunlop (Official Starter) with boys waiting to start their race.

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Ashleigh Clement who competed in the Opunake ODE on mount My Boy Danny.

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Class 1a. Intro Rider 11yrs and over. 1 st – Megan Gundeson - Solomon 2 nd – C Ellis Al Barlene 3 rd – C Ellis Royal Edition 4 th – Kirstie Pryce Pat 5 th – Robyn King Picadilly Bay 6 th – Anna-Lee Innes Mis-Chief	Class 4. Beginner Pony Club Rider 15yrs and under 1 st – Zoe Shultz Clearwater Dail 2 nd = Simone Hutchinson Mininopolis 2 nd =Lara Westraad Tequila-Ash 4 th – Callum Hickey My L'il Bush Monkey	6 th – Lara Williams Kaitake Spring Class 8. Riders 11,12,13yrs 1 st – Samatha Megchelse Tuis Keepsake 2 nd – Samantha Megchelse Little Big Time 3 rd – Megan George Miss Independence 4 th – Kate Logan Jeez Louize 5 th – Brit Simonson Just Anything 6 th – Megan George The Norseman	Sam I am 4 th – Jill Watson Evanda 5 th – Rebecca Dearden In the Blue 6 th - Audrey Quin Katie Did
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Junior surfers Butler and Fraser prove worthy of their Number One rankings

Junior surfers Butler and Fraser prove worthy of their Number One rankings

Kehu Butler (Mnt) has again dominated the country's best junior surfers winning his way to the Under 16 Boys Division title at the Hareb Deken MotorGroms presented by Central Finance completed at Fitzroy Beach, New Plymouth on March the 31st.

Both Butler as the number one seed in the Boys Division and Claudia Fraser (Piha), the number one seed in the Girls Division won their respective divisions and proved worthy of their rankings.

The surf increased for the final day of the event with 1.0m waves and strong onshore winds that made life difficult for the groms.

Butler's victory came easy in the Under 16 Boys Division as he surfed to a 14.4 point heat total. After initially getting off to a slow start, he bounced back with a pair of seven point rides that his other three opponents never challenged.

"The final didn't pan out the way I thought it would, I got a bit of a slow start, I wanted to catch the first wave of the final and get under way quickly but Taylor and Callum caught waves before I got started" said Butler.

"I am stoked to win because my goal is to win the New Zealand Grommet Series for both the Under 16 and Under 14 Divisions and this result helps a lot" he added, with his sights clearly set on the overall series which wraps up at Raglan in two weeks time.

Raglan's Taylor Hutchison placed runner up in today's final, equalling his best result of the season that he secured at Piha three weeks ago. Hutchison started the final well with a 5.17 point ride before finishing with a 10.7 point heat total. The result elevates him to third overall on the ratings.

Placing third today was triple finalist Tane Bowden (WGM) who simply ran out of energy after surfing five heats throughout the day. Mount Maunganui's Callum Chuter continued to make inroads into the top echelon of grommets placing fourth in the final equalling his previous best result of the season.

Claudia Fraser (Piha) claimed her first win at a national event winning the Under 16 Girls Division. Fraser won the three-event Billa-bong Grom Series held over the past two months but did not manage to win an event outright. This weekend she used her knowledge of big stormy surf to amass a 10.83



Paige Hareb in action.

point heat total and finally reach the top of the podium.

"Well I surf Piha all the time so I am used to these types of waves and the onshore wind and messy conditions. All of those surfs at home have finally paid off" said Fraser.

"I am super stoked...the conditions were real challenging in the final but I did it in the end" added Fraser who also commended the efforts of the other finalists.

Fraser, who returns to school this week, missing the World Tour event, extends her lead on the New Zealand Grommet Series with one event remaining.

Final results from the Hareb Deken MotorGroms Under 16 Boys Quarterfinals
Heat 1: Callum Chuter (Tau), 9.1, 1, Tane Bowden (Whmata), 8.73, 2, Daniel Farr (Tara), 8.27, 3, Harry

Macintosh (Auck), 6.6, 4
Heat 2: Kehu Butler (Arataki), 13.33, 1, Jonas Tawharu (Mnt), 7.3, 2, Joshua Farr (Tara), 7.27, 3
Heat 3: Isaac Kettle (Tara), 11.67, 1, Manu Scott-Arrieta (Sandy Bay), 8.83, 2, Riccardo Lucibella (Tara), 5.37, 3, Reef Matthews (Tara), 4.8, 4
Heat 4: Te Rapai Barbarich Love (Waitara), 10.07, 1, Taylor Hutchison (Rag), 9.23, 2, Adam Clegg (Tara), 8.2, 3, Lee Ririnui (Mnt), 5.97, 4

Under 16 Boys Semifinals
Heat 1: Callum Chuter (Tau), 12, 1, Taylor Hutchison (Rag), 9.9, 2, Isaac Kettle (Tara), 9.77, 3, Jonas Tawharu (Mnt), 9.2, 4
Heat 2: Kehu Butler (Arataki), 15.9, 1, Tane Bowden (Whmata), 12.3, 2, Te Rapai Barbarich Love (Waitara), 8.03, 3, Manu Scott-Arrieta (Sandy Bay), 6.43, 4

Under 16 Boys Final: Kehu Butler (Arataki), 14.4, 1, Taylor Hutchison (Rag), 10.7, 2, Tane Bowden (Whmata), 9.33, 3, Callum Chuter (Tau), 6.83, 4
Under 14 Boys Final: Tane Bowden (Whmata), 15.33, 1, Kehu Butler (Mnt), 13.43, 2, Jonas Tawharu (Mnt), 10.0, 3, Joel Clegg (Tara), 5.47, 4
Under 12 Boys Final: Tane Bowden (Whmata), 16.17, 1, James Ririnui (Mnt), 10.33, 2, William van der Beek (Mnt), 6.33, 3, Caleb Cutmore (Ham), 5.20, 4

Under 16 Girls Quarterfinals
Heat 1: Elin Tawharu (Mnt), 9, 1, Milly Crewe (Tara), 5.7, 2, Zhana Hutchieson (Tara), 3.87, 3, Raiha Ensor (Mnt), 2.2, 4
Heat 2: Claudia Fraser (Auck), 11.3, 1, Tiana Breeze de Mooj (Mnt), 6, 2, Ella Jungwirth (Gis), 2.47, 3

Heat 3: Kea Smith (Arataki), 7.33, 1, Britt Kindred (Muri), 6.57, 2, Maaia Reid - Bennett (Mnt), 6.5, 3
Under 16 Girls Semifinals
Heat 1: Milly Crewe (Tara), 11.5, 1, Claudia Fraser (Auck), 8.53, 2, Tiana Breeze de Mooj (Mnt), 4.13, 3
Heat 2: Britt Kindred (Muri), 10.3, 1, Kea Smith (Arataki), 9.43, 2, Elin Tawharu (Mnt), 7.07, 3

Under 16 Girls Final: Claudia Fraser (Auck), 10.83, 1, Kea Smith (Arataki), 8.30, 2, Britt Kindred (Muri), 7.8, 3, Milly Crewe (Tara), 5.67, 4
Under 14 Girls Final: Kea Smith (Mnt), 10.17, 1, Raiha Ensor (Mnt), 9.0, 2, Elin Tawharu (Mnt), 7.77, 3, Maaia Reid-Bennett (Arataki), 5.4, 4
Under 12 Girls Final: Gabrielle Paul (Auck), 7.33, 1, Ariana Shewry (Tara), 6.03, 2, Iritana Butler (Arataki), 5.83, 3, Skylar Ellington (Tara), 4.67, 4

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Courtney Conlongue shows her winning style.

Courtney Conlongue (USA) wins title

Courtney Conlongue is the surprise winner of the Dow AgroSciences Pro surfing title in a series of upsets for the worlds' top women surfers. Sally Fitzgibbons, and Stephanie Gilmore (world champion and defending Taranaki champion) were knocked out of the semi-finals putting

**James Langton**

I got an e-mail on Sunday morning from Sam Rapira saying Hemi Takurua had hurt his shoulder in sparring and could I make myself available for the Naki Knockouts the following Saturday. I had Sunday to

Oh What a Night

think about it and on Monday morning got a phone call from Sam asking if I would accept the fight. Obviously I said yes, the Naki Knockouts would be a once in a lifetime opportunity.

I started training immediately. Then on Thursday I got a dreaded phone call saying Takurua had got a second opinion and his injury was not as bad as first thought. This was obviously disappointing but I admit I was a little relieved as I knew my ring fitness wasn't going to be up to 4 rounds of boxing (less than a week's notice for a pro boxing

match isn't really enough). As I had signed the contract I had the right to fight but this obviously wasn't my fight to start with and giving it back to Hemi was the right thing to do.

The Naki Knockouts was the first pro boxing event in Taranaki in nearly 40 years. It was very professionally run and well supported with a capacity crowd of 2000 people.

Sam had asked me to be in his corner which gave me access to the changing room and a ringside role in his fight against Scott Taliauli.

It was interesting to watch

how Hemi (a boxer with three pro fights and three wins), and Sam (an extremely experienced amateur boxer, launching his pro career) contrasted in warm up styles.

In Hemi's warm up it was obvious to see that his shoulder was 80% at best. Despite this, Hemi had a very relaxed style of preparation, still able to have joke and liked to talk while still preparing for the fight. Sam was very focused - he didn't say much and was in the zone, going over his fight and keeping to himself.

Preparing for a fight is certainly different from other sports. Quite often, you will have two or three fighters in the changing room, people are coming and going, doctors are in and out supporters are popping in to wish them well. It can be quite noisy but the fighters were able to ignore the distractions and prepare themselves accordingly.

In the first pro light-middleweight Daniel Maxwell beat Nick Toa on a points' decision. In the pro-heavyweight fight Hemi Takurua knocked out a Deam Garmonsway with a superb

overhand right to the head.

In the main event, Sam Rapira's first pro light heavy-weight, Sam easily won the first round. The second round was a different story as he was knocked to the ground. While the ref was doing his 10 count the crowd was dead quiet, Sam managed to get back on his feet and remarkably survived the round. In the third round Sam gathered his composure and won the match by technical knockout.

Sam's win finished off a remarkable night in a very well run event. I can't wait for the next one.

Manaia Rugby's many successes

A new season approaches and the Manaia Rugby Football Club is looking forward to an exciting season. We want to continue building on the progress we have made since the club started in 2006. 2012 was another good season for the club. Close to 90 players turned out for Ma-

naia and the standard of play was of a very high standard.

Several highlights during the season included taking a busload of kids and supporters up to Yarrows Stadium for the "Junior March Past", before the Taranaki vs Wanganui game. Other highlights

included the closing tournaments. These were really exciting with the U6's and the U9 teams winning their respective tournaments. It was the second year in a row for Mark Gallie and Shelley Craig's team to take out the tournament. The U8's did well losing a close game in the final.

The senior teams performed well all season, with Kapa Grindlay and Leroy Nelley's U11 team going through to the semi finals and Michael Jones and Rowan Scott doing a fantastic job taking the U13 team through to the semi's as well.

The hard work of the senior players and coaches paid off with ten players selected for

the Ross Brown tournament, being; Liam Nelley (captain), Samuel Laing, Danyon Nicholas, Atapo Kopa, Jackson Jennings, Jack Scott, Daniel Guthrie, Dominic Gavin, Caleb Parete and Shaan Wineera.

Four of these players went on to make the Taranaki U13 team, Liam Nelley

(captain), Daniel Guthrie, Samuel Laing and Shaan Wineera. The club was very proud of all our players.

To cap off a great year Beauden Barrett's appearance at our prize giving was a real bonus for all our kids.

Any queries ring Simon Guthrie on 278 5608 or Megan Peters on 272 6644

Courtney Conlongue (USA) wins title

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Coco Ho and Courtenay Conlongue into the final of New Zealand's Dream Tour event.

In a dropping swell and offshore winds at Fitzroy Beach, Taranaki, Conlongue (US) secured her win in the closing minutes against Ho (Hawaii) in their 35 minute final with a high scoring 8.3 wave. This score gave her a best wave score of 14 out of a possible 20 to Ho's 9.27.

The semi-finals provided its share of upsets and closely contested heats

that have been the hallmark of the Dow AgroSciences Pro with Stephanie Gilmore (AUS) being beaten in her semi-final by Courtenay Conlongue (USA). Good scoring waves were hard for Gilmore to find as she scored a 13.97 out of potential 20 to Conlongue's 14.47.

The other semi-final between Hawaiian Coco Ho and Australian Sally Fitzgibbons was an incredibly close battle with just .09 of a point separating their scores as Fitzgibbons scored a 15.24 out of a possible 20 to Ho's 15.33.

Ho took the semi on her last wave scoring the best wave of the 30 minute heat with 8.83 out of a possible 10.

With consistent one to 1.5 metre waves for the five-day Dow AgroSciences Pro, event organiser, Craig Williamson says the event has seen inspirational, progressive surfing.

"The girls are a real inspiration for Kiwi women surfers to push the boundaries of their surfing," says Williams of Surfing Taranaki, the host for the event.

With a month's rest before

the next event in Rio Janeiro, Conlongue say it's great to be going home with a win.

"I feel really good, it's been a long tour down here to Australia and it's nice to be winding down here in Taranaki," says Conlongue.

"The final was definitely very tricky conditions with the tide dropping - it became really inconsistent and the swell was dropping too. We kept waiting for sets to come through but I just figured I had to make the best of the waves we had and it ended up working out for me."

Meanwhile local favourite

Paige Hareb was knocked out in an extremely close competition against Sage Erickson (USA) in heat two with Erickson posting 14 points out of a possible 20 against Hareb's 13.6.

A clearly dismayed Hareb, however, can take some comfort as despite coming 13th in this leg, she remains in the 10th spot due to the 'other inconsistent and unexpected results'.

A top 10 placement is needed to automatically qualify for next year's women's world surfing crown. At this stage four events have been held

with three more to come in Brazil, France and then lastly California.

Craig Williams of Surfing Taranaki said that:

"We couldn't bring the WCT event to Taranaki without the incredible support from the local community as sponsors to fund the event, as well as support with hundreds of locals coming down to the beach to watch the action."

Williams concluded that with the support of the Taranaki community, the event will be back again in 2014 as part of the TSB Bank New Zealand Surf Festival.

Opunake Bowling Club



Joan Barrett's winning team of our April Fools tournament with sponsor Brian Sinclair.

Our bowling season is coming to a close, but we are still enjoying the lovely sunny weather for our competitions. The Women's Championship

Singles was won by Kay Fleming from Eileen Rothwell. The Men's singles was won by Daryl Read from Kevin Crawford. The Men's Championship Pairs was

won by Dan Ratahi (Skip) and Des Fleming.

The ladies won the Southern Division of the Shield Bowls on March the 26th and we played the Northern Di-

vision winner, Lepperton, at Stratford. It was not our day and they won 3 games to nil.

Our April Fools Tournament was very successful - sunny with lots of laughs with re-



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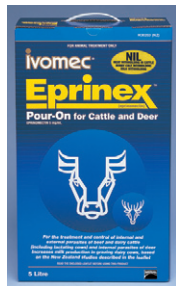
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Coastal season starts with loss



The Coastal A Senior Firsts team were clapped as they left the stand running onto the field

Pre-season preparation is vitally important. Short of an extra trot after finding it impossible to find opposition it showed on the field as combinations didn't gell and a slow start meant Coastal spent the game playing catch up.

Experienced Tukapa playmaker Jack Cameron put in a commanding performance, controlling the game from first five and was the dominant figure. The 27-year-old, who has been playing at this level for nearly a decade,

showed all his maturity behind a dominant pack as Tukapa built up an impressive 23-6 lead by halftime, albeit with a strong wind behind them.

His spot-on option-taking from the first half continued into the second as he helped Tukapa suck up valuable time by keeping the ball in hand.

While Coastal threatened the line as they became more desperate, they never crossed it, officially anyway. There was an instance when

they looked to have scored, but officials ruled a double movement, ending any hope the home side had of overhauling the deficit.

The story of the match was very much about the first half.

The signs were not good for Coastal from the outset. The ball from the kickoff was allowed to bounce and they were on the back foot - a common theme through the first 40 minutes.

A poor and rushed clearing kick bounced awkwardly

and wickedly backwards, straight into the hands of Tukapa's blindside flanker Ben Siffleet who off-loaded the ball to Cameron who scampered away to score in just the fifth minute. With 3 or 4 Coastal players in support, if the ball had bounced forward, it was effectively a 14 point try.

Three minutes later it was new wing Sevania Biuviti finishing off some good leadup work to take the score through to 14-0.

"Come on lads, let's show some ticker. Let's get into this," urged Coastal captain Nick Lawn as his troops stood under the posts somewhat shell-shocked.

His plea was not answered, though, as Cameron kept the scoreboard ticking over with some precise goal kicking.

The match would have been effectively over, too, had some desperate defence not held off Tukapa's drive for a late first-half try.

Their momentum continued in the early part of the second half, as well, before captain Leighton Price and impressive new No 8 Mitchell Crosswell were subbed.

While Coastal had more of the ball and territory, Tukapa centre Pomare Samupo crossed for the only try in

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20-Jul Final	Final			Final



Heads are down as another decision goes against Coastal in their first up 28 9 loss to Tukapa.

the second spell. It was just reward for his high workload as he was often asked to cart the ball up.

If he was good, openside flanker Adrian Wyrill was better as he got heavily in-

involved in every facet of play and dominated the breakdown area.

Overall, Tukapa had the edge in most positions. For Coastal new number 8 Brin Hudson got some good go

forward while Rick McKenna made a few nice breaks but lacked support. Pleasing to see some of the young guys play well with Andrew Trolove solid up front and Dylan Juffermans making

an impact off the bench. Final score Tukapa 28 Coastal 9. Not the best start to the season, but The Champs will be better for the game and expect to see an improvement in coming weeks.

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New Chairman for Coastal Rugby



Brent Davies the new Coaastal Rugby Chairman

Coastal has a new chairman in Brent Davies. Brent has been around since day one and was on the steering committee as well as being the inaugural Club Captain and playing in the first Coastal team. Since then he has been on the committee, playing, or coaching - and for a time all three at once. While he is still finding his way in the job he says it is made much easier as both Skip and BJ do an enor-

mous amount of the work. With his boots stashed away he is looking forward to watching more games and seeing the season out with intact hamstrings. Keeping it in the family his wife Deb is Sponsorship and Membership co-ordinator so for any Coastal issues or to discuss membership/sponsorship options you can call Brent on 0274317772 or Deb 0274085414.



Veteran Phil Barron crashes the ball up durings Coastals first up game against Tukapa at Rahotu.

Watermelon Slim

Legendary bluesman Watermelon Slim has announced his first New Zealand tour. The Up Close & Personal Tour has confirmed dates spanning the country. Slim is looking forward to

vides him with ample subject matter to sing about including tales of love, heartache and loneliness. Watermelon Slim's gritty style of "working man blues" has earned him 17 Blues Music Award nominations in a span of four years. Though born in Boston, he was reared in North Carolina by a John Lee Hooker-humming housekeeper. This showman who is "too tired to sleep" has taken his blues all over the US, Europe, and Southeast Asia in a career that spans over 30 years, performing with the likes of Bonnie Raitt, Robert Cray, and yes, the late John Lee Hooker. HARP Magazine wrote "From sizzling slide guitar...to nitty-gritty harp blowing...to a gruff, resonating Okie twang, Slim delivers acutely personal workingman blues with both hands on the wheel of life, a bottle of hooch in his pocket, and the Bible on the passenger seat."

brush with death gave him a new perspective on mortality, direction and life ambitions and thus his second emergence as a performing musician. Five albums later he says, "Everything I do now has a sharper pleasure to it. I've lived a fuller life than most people could in two. If I go now, I've got a good education, I've lived on three

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Watermelon Slim playing at Butlers Reef Sunday 21 April

Trail Bike Day



Trail Bike Ride Sunday 13th of April at Rahotu Fundraiser for The Opunake High School Adventure Racing programme Starts 10 am Refer Advertisement Page 28

entertaining New Zealand audiences with his unique blues stylings (and hopefully finding enough time to do a little fishing). Watermelon Slim will be ably accompanied by Steve "Guitar" Gilles on acoustic guitars and dobro. Steve wowed audiences nationwide while supporting Big Daddy Wilson's 2012 tour. Sun 21 APR - Butlers Reef, New Plymouth 3.30 pm tickets at venue , Vinyl Countdown and Eventfinda Bill "Watermelon Slim" Homans has a fascinating history. This living blues legend is well-known for his moves on the slide and the lap dobro, but he is also a skilled raconteur, farmer or watermelons, of course, former Mensa member, fencing scholarship recipient, Vietnam vet and 240-point bowler. His storied life pro-

Paste Magazine writes "He's one hell of a bottleneck guitarist, and he's got that cry in his voice that only the greatest singers in the genre have had before him." Slim was born in Boston, his father was a progressive attorney and freedom rider and his brother is a classical musician. He was raised in North Carolina listening to the housekeeper sing John Lee Hooker songs. Slim attended Middlebury on a fencing scholarship but left early to enlist for Vietnam. While laid up in a Vietnam hospital bed he taught himself upside-down left-handed slide guitar on a \$5 balsawood model using a triangle pick cut from a rusty coffee can top and his Army issued Zippo lighter as the slide. The big turning point was 2002 when Slim suffered a near fatal heart attack. His

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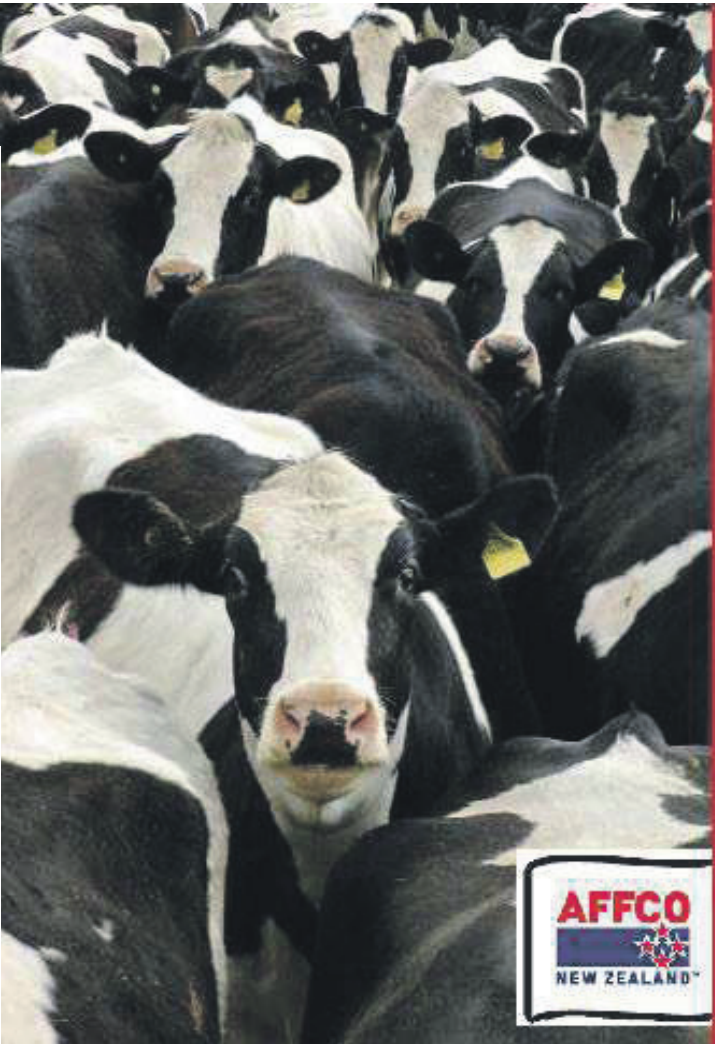
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WHAT'S ON

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OPUNAKE MODERN JIVERS
7.30pm every Thursday at Opunake Town Hall: Foxtrot, Waltz, Samba, Cha Cha Cha, Modern Jive Workshop

COASTAL SINGERS
7pm every Thursday night. Refer advert.

TREE TRUST
Applications for grants now open

MARIANNE MUGGERIDGE TAKEN PERSONALLY
Exhibition at NZ Portrait Gallery, Shed 11. Opens on Wednesday March 5 at 5.30pm.

VILLAGE GALLERY
Celebrating the Seasons - Members Easter exhibition runs March 18 to April 12.

LYSAGHT WATT GALLERY
Hawera High School Students Art Exhibition – 3rd to 27th April. See advert.

COUNTRY CONNECTIONS ANNUAL SALE
Thursday 11th April. Refer ad.

UNVEILING – WIKI RICHARDSON
13th April at the Opunake Cemetery at 11.00am. Refer ad for more info.

TARANAKI HOME AND LIFESTYLE EXPO
12-14 April Refer advert

OPUNAKE LIONS CLUB EELING COMPETITION
April 13th and 14th 2013. Refer advert for more information.

TE NAMU ITI AHUWHENUA TRUST AGM
Sunday April 14, 10am at Headlands, Fox St, Opunake

OPUNAKE HIGH SCHOOL – RAHOTU TRAILBIKE RIDE
Sunday 14th April – Refer advert for more details.

OAONUI HALL AGM
Tuesday 16th April at 7.30pm

APT in conjunction with UNITED TRAVEL New Plymouth
Information evening on April 17. - Phone 0800 730 830 to register. See article.

BUTLERS REEF
Watermelon Slim – Sunday 21st April from 3.30pm. Refer Advert.

TARANAKI PIONEER VILLAGE
Living Village Day – Sunday April 21st. Refer Advert.

CREATIVE COMMUNITIES SCHEME
Applications open April 23. Refer advert.

COMEDY AT HEADLANDS
Tuesday 23rd April. 8.00pm. Refer advert.

IKAROA LODGE ANZAC CEREMONY
Public Invitation to attend on 23rd April at 8.00pm. Refer Advert for more info.

ANZAC DAWN PARADES
25th April 2013 – Opunake 6.00am and Manaia 6.15am. Refer Advert.

PASTIMES – CRAFT AND FACEPAINTING
Friday 26th April – 1 hour Craft. Friday May 3rd – Face Painting Fun. Refer advert for more info.

NZ FIRST AGM
28th April 2013 at Age Concern Centre, Wanganui. Refer advert.

LYSAGHT WATT GALLERY
Art Awards – May 1st to May 24th. See Advert.

NEIL LUSK INDEPENDENT LIVESTOCK
15th Annual Heifer Sale – May 3rd 2013. Refer Advert.

COASTAL LIFESTYLE EXPO
Saturday May 11th from 10.00am at Sandfords Event Centre, Opunake. Refer advert.

OPUNAKE PONY CLUB AGM
15th May 2013 – 6.30pm at Headlands. Refer advert.

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Our April Exhibition features selected Painting Folio's from Hawera High School Students

Lysaght Watt
Gallery

3rd to 27th April 2013 at the Gallery
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20,000 collages in fifteen years

Virtual Tart exhibits 109 artists – more exposure to come

Dale Copeland, organiser of the international collage/exchange, is a very excited woman – the 20,000th collage has just arrived! This milestone is achieved in the 15th year of the annual International Collage Exhibition/Exchange. Featuring, 109 artists from 11 different countries, more packages are still on the way.

Dale, having kept all the details in a database, knew that the twenty thousandth collage would come this year. The collage titled ‘WATER, FIRE, IRON, RUST: MY COUNTRY’ took the honour. Made by Ursula Burmeister of Wanngard, near Alice Springs in Australia, it is constructed of handmade papers, fragments or drawings and rusted muslin. Ursula wrote that it ‘depicts the colours and the fierce weather in her part of the world.’

Each year artists from around the world have each sent thirteen collage artworks to Dale Copeland in Puniho. One collage from each artist goes to the permanent collection at Puke Ariki; another one will be offered for sale both at the Percy Thomson Gallery in

Stratford and online.

Copeland sorts the other eleven collages from each artist and sends back a mixed pack to each artist – “not a random shuffle,” she says, “but an honest attempt to make exchanges between equals.”

She goes on to add that, “Yes, it’s a lot of work, but I have the delight of seeing so much artwork and I get first dibs on choosing my own exchanged. You should

see the collection I’ve put together over the years!”

The selling part of the collage exhibition opened at the Percy Thompson Gallery on April 1st.

The Collage Exhibition/Exchange (ICE 15) has an enormous variety of work organised into ten different ‘rooms’, and is available online at www.tart.co.nz

Puke Ariki events New Plymouth

Photographic Memory - all are welcome to the opening of this exhibition on Friday the 12th April at 6.00pm.

Photography Exposed - a ‘Pecha Kucha’ session will have speakers each with 20 projected images, speaking for only 20 seconds on each image. No long-winded speeches - a quick and sparkling six-minute ‘blather’. Everyone is welcome. This will be held on Wednesday April 17th, 6-8pm.



Dale Copeland with some of the collages.

No holds bard – Shakespeare unleashed

The show is over, the audience has left, and Hamlet comes home to his dingy flat to face the final curtain. But can he make up his mind to do it? Hilarity ensues when Macbeth, King Lear, and Othello arrive to help the hapless prince decide whether or not to be or not to be... or not.

Accomplished stage and screen actor and director Michael Hurst is the solo star of *No Holds Bard* which focuses on Hamlet, an insomniac who returns home to discover a script documenting the end of his life and begins some serious late-night soul searching. In this one-man show, Michael switches effortlessly between characters and melds his mastery of the Shakespearean form, building to a battle sequence where Hamlet unleashes 30 years of stage combat experience – on himself.

No Holds Bard sees Michael Hurst join forces with two of New Zealand’s freshest writing talents, Natalie Medlock and Dan Musgrove, for an outrageous and at times profound view into one actor’s attempt at self destruction with an irreverent comic edge.

Michael Hurst is New Zealand’s premier performer of Shakespeare, and is best known by international audiences as Iolaus, Hercules’ sidekick in the

cult series *Hercules: The*

Legendary Journeys and as a director of the TV series *Spartacus*. His contribution to New Zealand arts was acknowledged in 2003 with a Laureate Award from the Arts Foundation of New Zealand and again in 2005 when he was made an Officer of the New Zealand Or-

der of Merit.

No Holds Bard is the seventh play that Natalie Medlock and Dan Musgrove have written together since graduating from Toi Whakaari NZ Drama School in 2007. They are a young writing team specialising in eccentric, offbeat comedies and their writing talent has

already been recognised nationally. Dan and Natalie currently both write for the popular New Zealand television serial *Shortland Street*.

No Holds Bard is being presented by the Central North Island Arts Consortium, a collective including the TSB Showplace in New Plymouth and also theatres in Hamilton and Hastings. Supported by funding from Creative New Zealand, *No Holds Bard* will be the first performance presented by the Consortium this year. “*No Holds Bard* is an exciting production from Royale Productions who specialise in new works that push theatrical boundaries, excite audiences, and challenge the status quo”, says Megan Brown, Venue Manager at the TSB Showplace. “We’re thrilled to be bringing such a high-quality performance to New Plymouth and giving local Taranaki audiences the opportunity to see Shakespeare in a new light.”

No Holds Bard at the Theatre Royal, TSB Showplace on 9 May at 7.30pm. The performance is recommended for ages 14 plus, and tickets are priced at \$35.00 for Adults, Groups of 6+ \$15.00 (limited number) from TSB Showplace Box Office or Ticketmaster 0800 111 999, www.ticketmaster.co.nz Service fees apply.



Michael Hurst, New Zealand’s premier performer of Shakespeare.

River cruising - an idyllic holiday

River Cruising in Europe lives up to everything you could imagine and more.

I was there in September 2010 escorting a small group of travellers and we had an amazing time.

We started by flying to Prague where we spent three nights in this exquisite city with its splendid architecture. Then we took a coach courtesy of APT to Budapest where we excitedly boarded our 5 star ship for an idyllic 15 day cruise to Amsterdam. Next came a peaceful meander on the Danube through Hungary and Slovakia to Austria before linking with the Main and Rhine Rivers and cruising through Germany and Holland. River cruising is certainly enjoying a renaissance right now. The post-cold war completion of the Main-Danube Canal provides a crucial linking of the European waterways and means an unpack-once, all-inclusive, fascinating and indulgent holiday experience for the traveller.

There are other choices for river cruising such as a 12 day Russian cruise from Moscow to St Petersburg or a gentle European meander through Provence and Spain.

There are just so many advantages in choosing a river cruising holiday. Many cruises provide all beverages, beer, wine and soft drink not just for dinner but also for lunch. Often there is little in the way of optional dockside tours at extra cost and most premium operators include day tours in the cost. The very best operators even provide a ‘freedom of choice’ for their included arrangements offering a choice of shore-based tours.

When you cruise with APT, your five-star hotel travels with you. You wake in the same bed in the same room each day so there’s no rushing to pack to reach your next destination. Instead you can languidly watch the next stop roll in from



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your balcony. Port charges, airport transfers, tipping and gourmet fare are all included in your cost.

Brett Jardine, General Manager of the International Cruising Council, says it’s a winning formula. “These waterways were the highways of history,” he says adding that travelling along these rivers gives you the opportunity to see and experience that history first

hand. “There are places and things you see that you may not be able to access from anywhere but the river.”

The variety of choice around the all-inclusive shore excursions and onboard activities allows travellers to set their own agendas at their own pace.

You can choose to go out and explore or you can elect to stay on

Board - the beauty is that any on-shore activities are included in your cruise costs.

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Gala Event set to be biggest – try under water zorbing!

Enjoy ‘under water zorbing’ and have a ride on the magic carpet as part of your day out in Oakura... with already over \$5,000 donated by local businesses, this years’ Oakura School Gala on Sunday 14th April at 11am is set to be the biggest yet.

The Gala, which is on from 11am – 2pm, is a great way to raise funds for development within the school community and this year is no exception.

“With the sponsorship and donations we are able to ensure the gala will be full of excitement for all ages thus drawing in new crowds and raising lots of money on the day,” said Anne Clough, Chairperson Friends of Oakura School (FOOS).

The funds raised will go towards creating a new Outdoor Environmental Centre at Oakura School. The education centre will feature an outdoor classroom where students will experience pathways to foster connections with native trees, local birds and

wildlife.

With Barney from Classic Hits as the MC and plenty of fine food, entertainment and opportunities to win great prizes, the Oakura School Gala offers a great day out on the coast for all the family. Just some of the games to be enjoyed are under water zorbing, bouncy castles, magic carpet rides, Quad bike rides, Pony Rides and lots more.

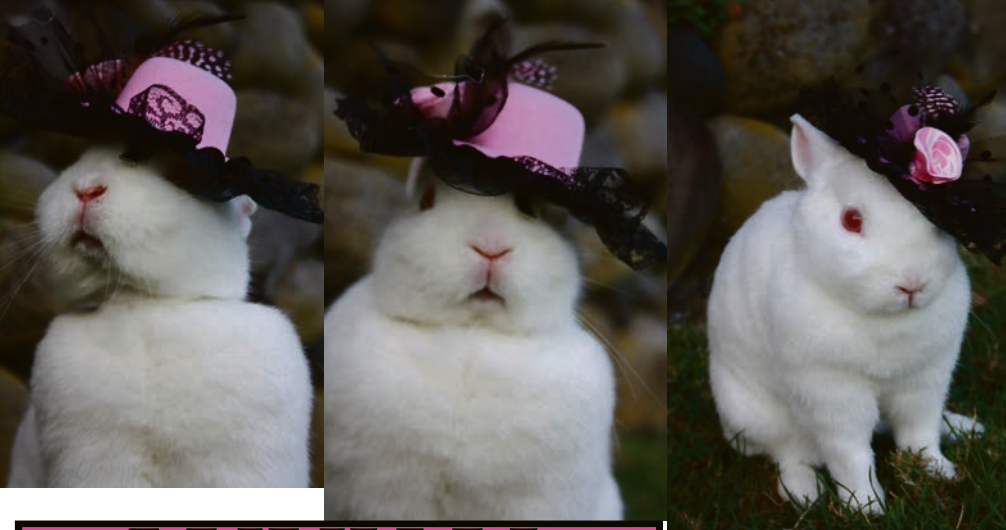
There will be food stalls including curry, candyfloss, café, cake stalls and other favourites. Kids art and crafts and more classroom games. Adults can also enjoy raffles, auctions, and Quick fires.

School Gala Committee members are thrilled with the support and response from the community. “We have received huge support from local businesses and the community. Everyone is very enthusiastic about the new Outdoor Environmental Centre. It is such an asset for the school, the children and the whole community. So if you would like to support



Try water zorbing at the Oakura Primary School Gala on Sunday April 14.

the development of the new Outdoor Environmental Centre, come and visit our Oakura School Gala”, says (FOOS). Anne Clough, Chairperson Friends of Oakura School For more information on the Oakura School Gala visit the Oakura School Facebook page www.facebook.com/OakuraSchool/event.



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Opunake High School Adventure Race Fundraiser

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