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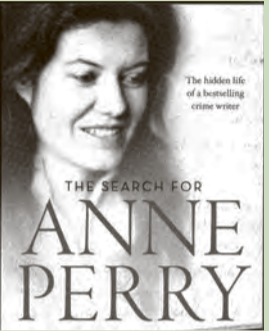
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“We knocked the bastard off”

“We knocked the bastard off,” commented Murray Weir, Coastal Rugby’s Supporter of the Year— paraphrasing Sir Edmund Hillary (telling his fellow climbers he’d climbed Mount Everest in 1953), when asked for a speech. He was, of course, referring to Coastal winning the Senior A and Senior B titles at the Prizegiving night on Saturday July 28.

A feature of the night was a huge screen which showed many shots of the Coastal rugby players in action in their various games. Later on each team presented hilarious skits.

President Peter ‘Skippy’ Burnand was MC for the night and he paid tribute to everyone – all players and supporters – not just the title winners. “Well done to the whole club”, he concluded. He also mentioned Beauden Barrett’s elevation to the All Blacks. “Big congratulations to Beauty from the whole club”. Elders Harvey Farm Colts coach Rich Corry spoke and admitted the season had been “pretty disappointing”, but pointed out that injuries had played a part. He concluded on a positive note, “There is some really good talent coming through”.

The Best Team Player award went to Ben Brophy, the Most Outstanding Player award went to Sam Brophy and Michael Gernohofer was the Top

Try Scorer. The Goodin Farm Contracting’s Senior Thirds is coached by Murray Horo. “This year the dream team didn’t happen”, he admitted. He said that a lack of players was, at times, an issue. He also ended on a positive note. “We still came third”.

The Best Team Player was Kieran Sims, the Most Outstanding Player was Matt Koch and the Top Try Scorer Peter Grylls. The Stirrer award went to Hamish Scott. The Best Supporter was Russell Harvey.

The FBT Senior Bs are coached by Ray Haward. “We won the bloody thing”, he enthused. “What a season it’s been”, he added. Referring to the Senior A champion team he said, “We are really proud to be sharing this with you”.

The Best Team Player award went to Dinnie Moeahu, the Most Outstanding Player was Geoffrey Bourke and the Most Improved Player Brook Gray. The Top Try Scorer was Dylan Jufferman.

The coach for the Senior As is Joe Lawn, who admitted, “We asked a lot of our players”. Trent Olliver assisted as coach.

The Best Team Player award went to Nick Lawn, the Most Improved Player award to Kane Barrett and the Top Try Scorer was Steve Barron.



Kane Barrett (left) receiving the award for the Most Outstanding Player for the Coastal Rugby Senior A team from Coastal Rugby Life Member Ray Barron.

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New chairperson of Fonterra



Fonterra Chairman Sir Henry van der Heyden has announced that John Wilson (pictured at left) has been elected by the Board as the Chairman Elect. Mr Wilson will take up the role of Chairman when Sir Henry stands down as Chairman at the Co-operative’s Annual Meeting in December.

In congratulating John, Sir Henry says: “John brings lengthy experience in the dairy industry and has been on the Board since 2003.”

Mr Wilson is a previous Chairman of the Co-operative’s Shareholders’ Council. John lives on his family dairy farm near Te Awamutu and also manages a dairy farming business in South Canterbury. He is the Chairman of South Auckland Independent Testing Society Ltd and a director of Turner & Growers Ltd.

“Over the past two years the Board has been working through a considered and disciplined process to appoint a Chairman Elect and ensure the succession plan we have is in the best interest of the Co-operative,” says Sir Henry.

“John and I will work together over the next few months to assist with a smooth transition to provide continuity for the Co-operative.”

Sir Henry also congratulated Ian Brown on his election as Chairman of the Shareholders’ Council and Philip

Palmer as the Deputy Chair by Councillors yesterday. of Council following a vote

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Thank you

Dear Editor
I am writing to say thank you to all those who rang me or sent messages or stopped me in the street to congratulate me on my recent QSM award. Receiving this award has been truly a humbling experience. Having lived in South Taranaki for over 60 years a lot of people are known to me.

Receiving the QSM Award has been great for Alzheimer's Taranaki, Alzheimer's New Zealand, Trinity Home and Hospital, and myself but most of all for this condition called dementia and all those who are caring. I have always had a passion to increase awareness and dispel stigma about this condition as people will then have

knowledge and understanding to support those with dementia and their families/carers.
Receiving this QSM Award is certainly part of this dream and I am sure will have a positive effect on getting best care for our people in the future.
It is only two years since funding for dementia care was mentioned in Govern-

ment Budget as a priority and now one of our Fieldworkers has been awarded the QSM. This is great timing to accept this prestigious award. Thank you to those who nominated me and have let me be part of their journey in caring for some one with Dementia.

Shirley McGlinchey QSM

re: Proposed changes to the Local Government Act

Dear Editor,
Proposed changes to the Local Government Act will pave the way for local councils to be amalgamated into a Taranaki supercouncil.
The South Taranaki, Stratford and New Plymouth District Councils are making submissions to the parliamentary committee considering the amendment, criticising parts of the bill that take away fundamental ratepayer rights.
Under the plan, the amendment would change the way votes on amalgamation would be conducted. It would give the Government ministerial powers of intervention. This is nothing new. In 1986 the Lange govern-

ment forced amalgamation on many local councils. In most areas residents made it quite clear they were happy with their local officials and the bodies they administered.
Their wishes were totally ignored by the Local Government Commission, which was headed by Mr Brian Elwood. In an interview in the NZ Times on January 12 1986, Mr Elwood told Linda Clark " ... We've been put here to do a difficult job. There is no doubt about that. But we are not going to turn our backs on the problems. If the local authorities can't come up with a workable solution we will present them with our proposal and we'll

talk. And if there is still no agreement **we will force our proposal on them.** In the few instances where local people were allowed a referendum on amalgamation it was stipulated by the government that if the people did not want amalgamation the number of NO votes had to be 50% or more of all registered voters. In effect, this meant that those who did not vote, including people who had died but were still on the roll, were counted as YES votes. So much for democracy in action under that Labour government, and this present National government is promoting the same thing 26 years later.
The Taranaki Herald on

August 12 1987 reported: "Dead Still Vote" A group of Auckland Mayors has banded together to try and stop dead people from voting for local body mergers. They say that under the law, dead people still on the electoral rolls will have their non-votes counted as votes for a merger in any poll held on the issue.
The Mayor of East Coast Bays, Mr Jack Hinton, likened the forced amalgamations to what happened in National Socialist Germany in the 1930 under Adolf Hitler. (Shore Times May 29, 1986) Wake up New Zealand!
Denis McKenna

BBC (Bible Believers Corner)

Esther
Some people only read the New Testament. The New Testament is all about Jesus, they say, and they are Christians. The Old Testament has nothing much for them.
Oh what a lot those people are missing. On the road to Emmaus Jesus rebuked the two disciples because His suffering and glory had already been foretold in the Old Testament. Jesus had been loved by the father, hated by his people, sold and put under a foreign power, falsely accused, doomed with two others, one who would rise and one who would not,

and then finally lifted to the right hand of God.
That is Joseph's story. There, in Joseph's life, is portrayed the life of Christ. And Joseph married a Gentile, or non Jewish wife. The Bride of Christ is a Gentile church. And talking of churches (wives) there is King Ahasuerus who, in the middle of his feast, calls for his beautiful wife Vashti to come to him. She refuses. She is holding a feast for all the women. Seven chamberlains are sent to Vashti, but she refuses to listen to the voice of the King coming through those messengers.
What happens? King

Ahasuerus divorces Queen Vashti and chooses a new Queen, a new Bride, Esther, and she seeks only to please the king.
What has that to do with today?
The Bride of Christ, conceived at Calvary and born in the Upper Room, has, like Vashti, created her own feast, her own dogma and teachings. She has not stayed with the food of life, the Bible, the Word of God.
There have been seven great messengers, or angels sent by God calling His bride back to His feast. (Rev. 2 & 3) One of these was Luther who started the reformation in the early

1500s another was Wesley in the 1700s. But once the leaders died those moves of God died too, becoming like the mother church that bore them.
So God is calling out a new Bride, a new church; people who will simply believe as those early Christians did and who will not form a denomination or a man controlled organisation.
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Man injured in car explosion



The burnt out car.

A man was left with serious burns after an LPG bottle exploded in his car.

The 63 year old was sitting in his car at the Opunake Cemetery on Wednesday August 1st at around 6pm visiting his son when he decided to light a cigarette. Gas had apparently leaked out of a LPG cylinder in the car and the entire car exploded.

The man who used to live

in Opunake managed to get out of the vehicle and make his way towards the Opunake Police Station for help.

He was subsequently admitted to Waikato Hospital with serious burns.

“He’s a very lucky man,” commented Constable Mark Jorgensen from the Opunake Police.

RIGHT: The gas bottle visible through the front window.





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EDITORIAL Mitt Romney

It is disappointing to read that Republican Mitt Romney, the presidential candidate, is in favour of an attack on Iran, in possible conjunction with Israel. The reason? Because of Iran's possible capability to make nuclear weapons. Can anyone remember any of the other countries with nuclear weapons, such as France, Great Britain, China and the US itself being threatened with invasion when they acquired these weapons of mass destruction? Why is it that Iran is singled out for this aggressive attention – with the widespread loss of civilian life that would accompany such an attack?

In his autobiography, written shortly before his death, Senator Edward Kennedy wrote that military intervention should be the last option – not the first. Sadly, unlamented former leaders such as George Bush and Tony Blair seemed to have got it round the wrong way while they were in office in their respective countries.

In the last days of former George Bush's unfortunate presidency, the fear was that he would launch an attack on Iran. It was a relief when he left office for this and many other reasons. In

his recent comments on Iran, Mitt Romney sounds much like another Bush. The US, and for that matter Britain, have been involved in too many wars in recent years – the worst one being the attack on Iraq with the military rationale being because of (non-existent) weapons of mass destruction. The lowest estimate of deaths in Iraq suggest at least 100,000 people have died in this illegal war – mostly civilian.

President Obama does not seem to have lived up to his

initial promise, although his health reforms are positive – Mitt Romney intends to scuttle these if elected! Perhaps Obama needs another term to fulfil his potential. He certainly seems more worthy of election than his opponent – Mitt Romney. How is it that the Republican Party, with so many able people to choose from – seem to come up with the least suitable presidential candidates? Remember Barry Goldwater, Richard Nixon and, more recently, George Bush.

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John and Tracey O'Rorke (nee Davy) were married on May 26 this year at Openlands, Auroa. John, Tracey and their families would like to thank everyone for all of the kind wishes on their special day. - Photos by Amanda Ritchie Photography

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Tribute concert an auditory feast



Organiser and compere Bryan Vickery (right foreground) who also performed at the concert. At back, the man they were all honouring in the tribute show, Johnny Cash.

Country Music fans packed the Hawera Rec Centre to hear the tribute show to Johnny Cash on Sunday afternoon July 29, the second of two concerts to raise funds for the Hawera Memorial Theatre.

Produced by radio host Bryan Vickery 20 different acts performed in the two and a half hour concert ranging from seasoned performers through to the Normanby School Choir – an impressive line up.

It was also interesting to see compere Bryan Vickery adding his own name to the performers singing a delightful duet 'As Long As I Live' with Teena McEwen.

Earlier in the programme he paid his own personal tribute to Johnny Cash with his version of the compelling "Man in Black" - the song for which Johnny Cash is perhaps best known.

I think my favourite of all the performances was "If I Were a Carpenter" sung endearingly by Alex Hockly and Catherine Hewson. Sung so sensitively, Alex's gestures enhanced the whole performance -

he really did look like he wanted her to marry him and have his baby! I enjoyed also the contrasting humorous "Daddy Sang Bass" by Alex Hockly.

The beautiful 'You'll Never Walk Alone' by the Hawera Brass was a nice inclusion and I liked the percussion effects and particularly the cymbals; perhaps more could have done to showcase some of the other instruments. This would have added interest. I also enjoyed the arrangement in their following 'Ghost Riders in the Sky'.

'Desperado', beautifully sung by Teena McEwen, was enjoyable and I liked also the piano accompaniment.

'Get Rhythm' was perhaps the audience's favourite and seemed to have everyone in motion - jumping in their seat, clapping or tapping their fingers.

'I Still Miss Someone' written by Johnny Cash and sung by Mary Barnard with some effective piano accompaniment was another standout number with some effective piano accompaniment. Richard

Baylis growled out 'Sixteen Tons' to great effect. Memorable also was Linn Wineera's powerful 'Why Me Lord' and the haunting 'Long Black Veil'



ABOVE Alex Hockly and Catherine Hewson in their charming performance of 'If I were a Carpenter.'

sung by Dennis and Gloria Carswell. I also enjoyed the moving Kris Kristofferson hit 'Help Me Make It Through The Night' sung by Linn Wineera and the band.

Compere Bryan Vickery held it all together with some interesting tidbits about Johnny Cash and also about the performers.

A generous musician, Johnny Cash did much to help other musicians including Linda Ronstadt.

Johnny Cash died in 2003. His wife June Carter Cash pre-deceased him by four months. In those 4 months Johnny Cash recorded 60 songs.

It was interesting to see such a range of artists united in their love of Country Music and a treat to sit in on their magnificent tribute to Country Music's legendary star.

- Bernice McKellar

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Taranaki Animal Protection Trust

The recently formed Taranaki Animal Protection Trust has two arms. One is a sanctuary for homeless animals in the Okato area and the other is a shop in New Plymouth called 'The Cat's Pyjamas' in Hayton Lane (opposite Centre City), which is the main fundraiser for the Trust.

Okato Animal Sanctuary

Although such animals as dogs are catered for (they have eight at present), most animals at the sanctuary are cats - about thirty of them currently. The facility is run by Bronwyn, who is Secretary of the Trust. The cats are housed in new, very pleasant spacious facilities, which are well lit by natural lighting. The cats looked well fed and relaxed, many catnapping in specially designed cat hammocks.

Some of the cats leave the sanctuary building daily to explore the 2.5 acres property and return to their housing to eat and sleep. (They know they are on to a good thing). All seem to have names, such as an old cat 'Tigger' whose elderly owner died. Bronwyn gave me a detailed description of several - including how she came to acquire them.

Many of the cats have come from 'colonies' - humanely trapped. Each cat has been dealt with by a vet, including deworming, defleaing and desexing.

The colonies themselves, most of them on industrial sites and beach locations on the outskirts of New Plymouth, are formed when dumped cats have successive litters of kittens. Life is hard in the colonies. The Trust aims to help break the cycle



Bronwyn and 'Tigger' in the Okato Cat Sanctuary

by bringing aged cats into the sanctuary to live out their lives and rehoming the more recently, younger, often pregnant and ex domestic cats.

As funds allow, the Trust assists with community desexing of cats. Slowing the kitten proliferation is an important aim. Bronwyn explains that the Trust is keen to outline what they are doing and why - an educational role. Many people get kittens because they are cute and cuddly, but they forget to have them desexed and their beautiful little kitten will be a breeder when it matures at five months. Bronwyn plans to visit schools to outline the problems to future generations explaining the consequences of not having their cats fixed.

The Trust was started in order to help a lady who has been feeding, trapping and desexing colony cats for the past 14 years with the help of some understanding friends, but the problem proved overwhelming and that is why Bronwyn stepped in and set her sanctuary with the aid of Paula Allan's much appreciated financial backing.

"We do not euthanize cats", explains Bronwyn as we know from experience that

to ensure a bigger, more effective programme. They want to know more about the colonies and to have the means to deal with about 100 cats a year.

However, in the meantime the Trust needs donations, which can include the relatively painless AP (Automatic Payment) system. They also need a few volunteers to do work at the sanctuary such as cleaning. Importantly they would like several more people to become Trustees. For example, one or two with bookkeeping skills would be appreciated.

"We also wish to know of other colonies within Taranaki as we are aware of a few other colony carers who may need help or some form of support", says Bronwyn.

If you can help in any of these ways can you phone Bronwyn on 06 752 4838.

so-called wild cats can be domesticated, such as "wild as hell" Carlos who now sleeps on Bronwyn and her husband's bed at night.

The Trust has various plans for the future, including extending the sanctuary premises. In addition, they will be putting a proposal to the New Plymouth District Council for financial help



Life in a cat hammock is pretty good thinks 'Ambrose' the ginger cat, but the black cat 'Blackie' prefers the table.

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Kaye Mourie - 'icing cake' Lions club president

"Icing on the cake" is one sweet description of Kaye Mourie, as in-coming President of the Opunake Lakeside Lions Club.

Gay Harvey, District Governor for Lions, talked in these glowing terms about Kaye at a luncheon to celebrate the past 25 years of Opunake Lakeside Lions.

Friends, family and Lions Club members came from far and near to the Opunake Golf Club for this special event on Saturday, July 1.

The official Lions navy blue and white colour theme was stunning. Visitors entered the foyer where there was a floral display of succulents, 25 years in glass pebbles, and a large photograph of women like the late Colleen Symes, one of the founding Lions members.

Once inside the eating area, the talking point was all about three large floral displays, and the many tables decorated with candles and flowers to reflect the Taranaki coastal theme.

Each place setting had an informative black and yellow mat. This featured a coloured photograph of the Opunake Lake as well as

four columns of past and present members of the Opunake Lakeside Lions organisations.

Monique Sinclair welcomed all the guests when they settled at their tables. A tireless

fundraiser, Monique has led this Opunake Lakeside Lions Club for the last year. So in handing over the responsibilities as President to Kaye Mourie, it was a poignant moment for these

two friends. Both Kaye and Monique are former teachers at Opunake Primary School and they will share their love of the Club motto: "We serve."

It was a time to enjoy the delicious smorgasbord of hot roast meats and vegetables. The many old and new friendships were toasted with sips of wine on all tables. The laughter and conversations buzzed around until there was a lull for the Cutting of the Cake - this time Kay Mourie shared the honours with Val Wallace.

Jo Lane, a Lions member, and her daughter, Chloe Danz, entertained with some heartfelt singing.

Kaye Mourie told the gathering she looked forward to fundraising for the Opunake Medical Centre, the Opunake picture theatre restoration, and for the Taranaki Hospice.

There was an enthusiastic response from the gathering. The loudest claps of applause came from Basil Brimelow and his wife, Relwyn, who were the ones whose wisdom and guidance started the club here in 1987.



Kaye Mourie, in-coming President for Opunake Lakeside Lions Club is photographed left, at the Cutting of the Cake ceremony. Val Wallace, right, admires the deli-

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Eltham Lions New 2012 - 2013 Board Members

Welcome to the Eltham Lions Club 2012 - 2013 Board

The new Eltham Lions club Board includes David Turner, Liz Bramley, Clare Bramley, Paul Roberts, Bob Bramley, Glenn Hansen, Jenny Mack, Llew Eynon, Kevin Barry, Megan England, Max Barnard and Joyce Lawrence.

Eltham Lions Club members recognised for Service

In June 2012 Noel Boddie was awarded a Lloyd Morgan Lifetime award in recognition of his service to the Eltham Lions Club and the Eltham community. Noel has been a member of the Eltham Lions Club for over 30 years and was also

involved in school sports in previous years.

Allan Beck was also awarded an Honorary Lloyd Morgan award for his service to both the Eltham Lions Club and Eltham community. Allan is one of the Eltham Clubs charter members and has been a member for over 40 years. As well as his Lions commitment, Allan has also been recognised for his dedication to the Eltham community for his many years in search and rescue.

Thank you both for your hard work and dedication. Outgoing President Megan England, Noel Boddie, Allan Beck, incoming President Paul Roberts



Above: Eltham Lions Club Board includes, from left, David Turner, Liz Bramley, Clare Bramley, Paul Roberts, Bob Bramley, Glenn Hansen, Jenny Mack and Llew Eynon. In the front row are Kevin Barry, Megan England, Max Barnard and Joyce Lawrence.



Lions members receive the Lloyd Morgan Lifetime Award.

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Andrew Little, List MP

The government's charter schools policy is one of the most cynical, ideologically-driven exercises we've seen in a long, long time.

This was the policy that was never mentioned during the election campaign last year, and now it's being billed as one of the flagship policies over the next three years.

You know there's something wrong when they have to change the name of a policy before it starts, because now they want us to call charter schools "partnership

schools".

Charter schools are schools set up by churches or businesses or any other 'sponsor' to do whatever the sponsor wants. The school doesn't have to follow the accepted curriculum. They don't have to offer NCEA as long as they have a qualification "recognised by industry".

These aren't the only things they won't have to do. Last week, the minister announcing details of the charter schools project, John Banks, said the schools wouldn't even need to have qualified teachers. Principals of these schools also won't have to have any educational qualifications.

Yet New Zealand's education system today performs well when measured against other developed countries. Our maths, science and reading achievement ranks among the top performers.

And our education system is versatile. Over the last 20 years we've added kōhanga reo and kura kaupapa as well as a number of schools with

alternative learning environments, both at the primary and secondary level.

So what is this really all about?

For one thing, it is not about greater diversity. The current system already allows for alternative approaches to education.

Nor is it about helping those in poorer communities. The focus of the policy is on the sponsor, not on those pupils who might need more help to succeed in school.

There are two reasons for this policy.

The first is that it is part of the old-style, mad market ideology of 20 years ago.

We saw what happened with building deregulation in the 1990s. Construction and product standards dropped and we wound up with leaky buildings. Skill levels also fell as unqualified labour was allowed to do the work of properly trained builders.

Now they want to do the same with education.

They think that all that is needed to be a good teacher

is a bubbly personality. No need to worry about teaching methods and assessment, nor about child and adolescent brain development.

The second reason is the decades-old antipathy between the National Party and teachers, especially teacher unions. They stopped treating them as professionals long ago when teachers started challenging National Party policy. Never mind that teachers have been pretty good at challenging Labour Party policy with as much gusto.

The truth is we put the teaching profession in front of our kids every day. Teachers cannot presently teach without a tertiary qualification and clearance from the police, which is the way it should be. We're only young once, and what we learn in our formative years sets us up for the rest of our life. There needs to be proper standards and oversight of education.

Charter schools will make New Zealand the classroom dunc to the rest of the world.

Andrew Little, List MP

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Conscience votes and the local MP



Hon Chester Borrows

Conscience votes are something many members of parliament struggle with as they seek to dance on the head of a pin around what they think and what may be palatable within the electorate they represent. List MPs can always just tow a party line, if there is one, albeit thinly disguised as a conscience vote. We have seen enormous pressure put

on individual MPs who have wanted to take a different line from their Leader in the past. I cite conservative MPs in the Labour Party caucus who bore the brunt of heavy lobby-fire from the Liberal wing of the Labour Party lead by then leader and Prime Minister Helen Clarke over issues such as Civil Unions and the Section 59 debate.

Conscience votes require MPs to exercise his/her conscience. MPs should reflect who they are and so their conscience vote should never come as a surprise to anybody. The challenge then is to allow the communities they represent to know them sufficiently so that there is no surprise when these votes are counted.

With a little bit of research any constituent would know that I am an ex-cop, ex-lawyer, provincially raised, rurally based, Presbyterian lay-preacher, who can be a bit rough 'round the edges. Hopefully more 'smart on crime' than tub-thumping

'tough on crime' and fairly liberal given I represent the conservative National Party as well as the good folk of the Whanganui Electorate between the Whangaeu and Stoney Rivers. My votes on conscience issues should reflect that; if not, I get the order of the boot next election.

This week we saw four Bills pulled from the ballot for debate. Gay Marriage; \$15 Minimum Wage; Monday-izing memorial days; and doubling maternity leave. My views on the above new Bills up for debate are as follows.

I disagree with doubling Maternity leave to 26 weeks. It is expensive, and I believe the responsibility for raising children should fall on the mum and dad of a child, albeit there is support from the community for those parents to make ends meet if needs be. I'd also note that after nine years in Government, with all the money in the world to do it, Labour never increased it before.

I don't agree with a minimum wage of \$15 at the moment, again due to cost and the inflationary costs it would have for employers. Minimum wage on a public holiday would require an employer to pay \$52 per hour to cover the costs of employment for the day. Labour never addresses this issue when promoting a rise in the minimum wage.

I also don't agree that all memorial days should trigger the following Monday off if they fall on a weekend. ANZAC Day commemorates the sacrifice of others. I did nothing to earn it, cause it, or help Remembering that sacrifice is what is required and I don't need a day off to do it.

My faith based view on gay marriage is that marriage is an institution between a man and a woman. I have no problem with changing the law so that committed homosexual couples' relationships have the same legal status as marriage, because loving couples should be committed to one another, but they'll have to call it something else. On the face of it I won't be voting for the Bill allowing marriage between members of the same sex.

Having gone out on that limb I expect members of various political parties will smack me round a bit, but that comes with the job. I love my job, recognize being your MP is a privilege and will never take it for granted. If people want to comment they can email me at chester.borrows@parliament.govt.nz

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New Owners at Oakura Four Square



Geoff Smith and Mark Williamson are looking forward to becoming part of the Oakura Community.

Oakura Four Square seemed to be a real focal point of the community say business partners Geoff Smith and Mark Williamson who bought Oakura Four Square several months ago. They added they were surprised at how much of a local community Oakura is.

For Geoff who was born and bred in Hawera, it's a return to Taranaki after 35 years away. Most recently he's been living in Motueka where he was general manager of a forestry company. Mark who has worked in coal mining and in the oil industry has moved to Taranaki from Wellington. Most recently he has been

working for the Earthquake Commission as a management consultant in the West Coast of the South Island.

He was involved in the Christchurch earthquakes transitioning from insurance claims to rebuilding. The pair met when they both worked for Shell, Geoff in Marketing and Mark in Operations and were based in Singapore.

Geoff looked after the retail side of the business. Each left at the end of 2008 to return to New Zealand. Buying Oakura Four Square is a step out of the corporate side of the business world into owning their own business.

"A lot of what we did in Shell was in the food side on the coal face of the corporate side and how they were performing and how to grow the business," however said Jeff which has been good experience.

They approached Foodstuffs and had to first be approved. Then they had to wait for a location.

Both wanted a supermarket in a smaller town.

Geoff said their background meant they had an understanding of what makes a retail business and "a good business" and added "We'll try and marry that up with what the customers want".

Added Mark that meant "understanding our customers and our needs and what they're after".

Both said they were looking forward to becoming part of the community.

Mark described himself as "an outdoors person" interested in triathlons and said he was looking forward to cycling round the Mountain. Geoff also enjoys the out-

doors and both are keen fishermen.

Geoff's wife and children, "looking forward to a new place", had initially remained on in Motueka and had now joined him.

So far Mark and Geoff have made little changes to Oakura Four Square retaining the same opening hours, the same name and, allowing for natural attrition, have also taken over the staff.

We're coming round the mountain!

There's been a change in ownership of supermarkets in the Opunake & Coastal news distribution area with new owners following old owners in a clockwise path round the Mountain.

Oakura Four Square was recently bought by business partners Geoff Smith and Mark Williamson. Mark originally hailed from Hawera.

The former owners of Oakura Four Square, Marlies and Steve Butland have bought Four Square 45 in Opunake from Tina and Gerard Kennedy who have moved onto Inglewood Shoprite.



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Science Fair Success

This year three St Mary's girls took up the challenge to enter Scientific Investigation projects into the Fonterra Taranaki Science and Technology Fair held on the 24th and 25th of July. Entering a project in the Fair requires commitment and initiative. Alyx Devlin chose to compare energy efficiency and costs of hair curlers and straighteners. A topic close to the heart (or is that head?) of many girls. Bridget Mestrom chose to compare the absorption of water of a range of insulating materials. Her results should be of interest to people investigating home insulation. Ellie Hodder did some most original research

into whether the position of a cow in a herd's dominance hierarchy affects its milk production. Ellie concluded that there was a significant effect, with dominant cows producing more milk.

There was much interest in Ellie's project at the Fair and the Judges awarded her first prize in the Year 10 section. There were over 50 entries in that section so well done, Ellie. Ellie also received a

special award for Scientific Endeavour sponsored by Fitzroy Engineering, not to mention the RD1 prize for best entry of a project related to farming.

As well as our Investigation entries, we submitted ten scientific drawings by Year 10 students for judging. It was very pleasing to see Caitlin Blake awarded 2nd in Year 10 drawings and Bridget Mestrom receive a merit award.

The icing on the cake for this year's effort in the Fair for St Mary's was our win in the Year 10 Science Quiz. Four of our girls, Ellie Hodder, Bridget Mestrom, Alyx Devlin and Ielish Goble cleaned up the competition. "Science is very strong throughout all levels at St Mary's" said Principal Fiona Green. "These results show the hard work put in by students and staff. We are very proud of them".



Above: Ellie Hodder scoops the first prize in the Year 10 section.

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Opunake High School Science Fair participants. Back, from left: Caitlin Lane, Christian Rosewarne, Hone Grindlay, Phillip Abplanalp, Adam Karam, Abby Silson. Front: Tara Clement, Taylah Smith, Silika Fakavamoenga and Jenna Belve.

This year saw high levels of success for our students at the recent regional Science and Technology Fair in New Plymouth.

First prize in the Y9-10

Scientific Journalism was awarded to Abbey Silson. Adam Karam's Advertising Poster gained him a merit prize.

A group of students carried out technological develop-

ments projects.

Blair Young's Mo-Bot could follow the white line on the road side reducing the need to have a pilot ve-

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Lee and Christine Drummond have bought Egmont Marine in Hawera. They already own Tasman Marine in Ocean View Parade, New Plymouth. "It was just an opportunity that presented itself, Grant and Lyn Lister wanted to do something different with their lives so they offered the business to us,"

said Lee. Tasman Marine Hawera "fits in really well" with their existing business Tasman Marine in New Plymouth which they have owned since 2007. "It gives us great strength in our engine brands with addition of BRP to our existing Mercury and Yamaha brands," continued Lee

adding they are the three biggest selling brands of outboard engines in New Zealand. "It also gives us great depth in boat servicing" stated Lee, we now have six trained Marine Technicians in Taranaki, two full time in Hawera and four in New Plymouth. "We'll be continuing with

the McLay boats dealership in Hawera," added Lee. As well as retaining the same technicians in their new Hawera branch, Hawera Marine will continue with the same trading hours of 8am till 5pm five days a week and Saturday mornings during summer. "We're all looking forward to a nice summer after the cold winter!" said Lee.

Science Fair Success

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hicle in front of a tractor and mower. He gained first placing in the Year 9-10 Technological Development section. Jonathan Abplanalp's Volcano Alarm, complete with a model volcano and remote sensors, was awarded a merit in the same section. He also gained the Geological Society and Geoscience special prizes. Jenna Bellve and Abbey Silson's remote weather station sensed things like temperature, humidity, wind speed and soil moisture and sent the data to the internet. You could access the data from any home computer and know when to do harvesting of maze and hay. A merit placing along with the NIWA special prize was gained. Alex Corrigan and Philip Sanderson produced a computer controlled effluent water diverter to reduce the amount of clean water going to an oxidation pond. They also gained a Merit placing along with the NIWA and Regional Council special prize. A scientific Investigation

titled Pedal Power by Tara Clement and Claire Young used an old exercycle and alternator to measure power output of a person. They went one step further by giving the rider feedback of their power output of their present and last trip. They also gave video footage of the journey. They found out that giving feedback boosts performance. A Merit and the Dairy NZ special prize was gained. Claude Clark and Christian Rosewarne got second placing in the Year 9-10 steam car race. A big thanks goes to Mr Andrew Hornblow. Andrew brings enthusiasm, innovative ideas and picaxe microcomputers into the mix. Also thanks to the parents of students who did Scientific Investigations or Technological Developments, thanks for your assistance and spending the time and tears to get exhibits finished. Phil Hooper



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Methanex Maths Spectacular 2012

The writing was on the wall, or should we say the design was on the wall. Having a poster designed by their very own Joseph Davey may have been the inspiration that prompted such a good number of Opunake High School Year 9 and 10 students to exceed expectations at this year's Methanex Maths Spectacular.

math's fair. Two quiz teams were selected from both year 9 and year 10. Opunake High Schools results were very obvious on the presentation evening at Pukekura Raceway on Thursday August 2. There were 15 awards over four different categories, six of these earning certificates and money for being first, second or third.

the quiz teams. Teams of 4 attempt to get through 20 challenging questions in 30 minutes, being allowed only one question at a time. The atmosphere is very tense as the time passes for the teams representing all secondary schools in Taranaki, and interim scores can be seen by their supporters. It was a fantastic effort by Brody Chap-



Above: Members of the winning Methanex Maths Spectacular Year 10 quiz team, Caitlin Lane, Brody Chapman, Jenna Bellve and William Andersen-Gardiner share a congratulatory hug with their teacher, Mrs Sharon Arlidge.

Students chose interest areas to work in for the first two weeks of Term 3. The goal was to get a substantial number of entries into this year's

Myar Smith, was the third consecutive Opunake High School student to win the Central Design for next years poster.

The greater excitement on the night however, went to

man, William Andersen-Gardiner, Caitlin Lane, and Jenna Bellve to win the Year 10 quiz with just a two point advantage over New Plymouth Boys High School. Caitlin and Brody had also been in the Year 9 team last year when they won that category. Students in all four teams enjoyed the evening and were worthy representatives for their school.

Congratulations to all participants, and lets hope that an OHS design is on next year's poster too. We want to continue the dream of exceeding even our own expectations.

Prize winners were: Brooke Laming, Jakartia Munro-Smith (Year 9), Myar Smith, Claude Clark, Baylee Bright and Brody Chapman, Sarah King, Daniel Mullin, Adam Karam, Daniel Mullin, Arion Brewer, Pearl Anderson, Melissa Roil (Year 10).

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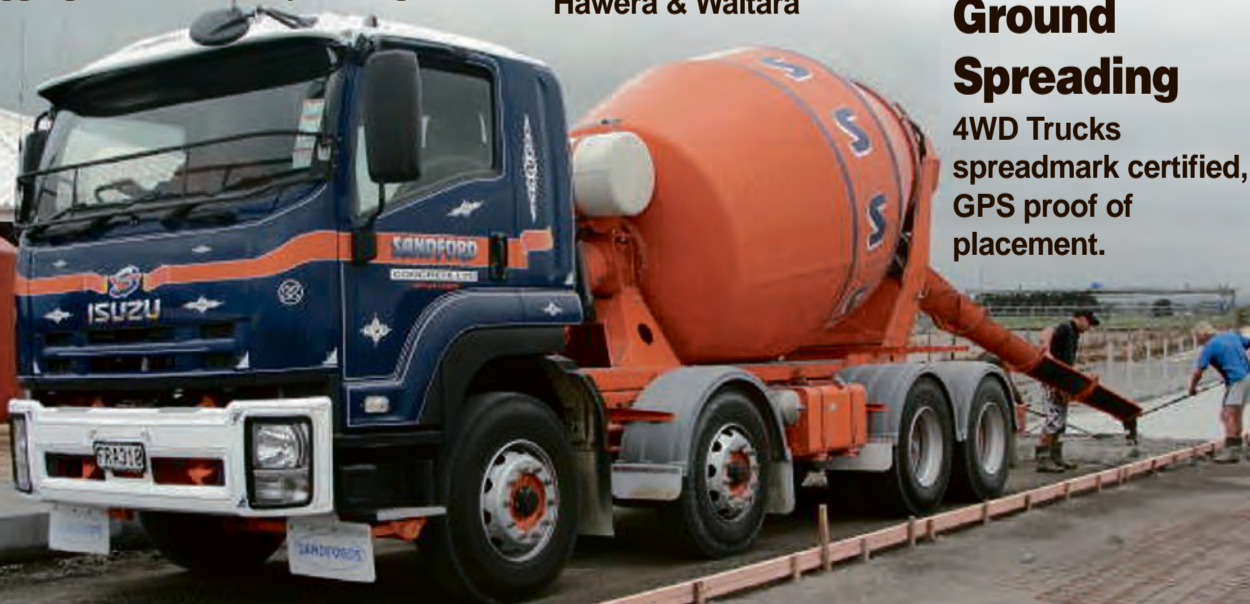
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Crystals have been sold in the past, but Kim has increased the number and variety of these.

The range of books on offer has also been increased, with the emphasis on New Age. The lending library is still available – there is no charge for this service. Some of the titles include ‘Total Detoxification’, ‘Eating for Energy’ and ‘Fit for Life’.

Apart from the products you can buy over the counter, there are many services provided at The Health Haven, such as facials, spray tans, waxing, ear candling, massage and even some specials for the month of August. For example, Deluxe pedicure and massage package massages – lasting 90 minutes – are just \$80 in August (Usually \$130). All body waxes have a 15% discount during August (Remember, summer is just around the corner). The Biopton Colour Therapy System, used by Tracey Feaver, supports the body in healing itself. It works on a cellular level in the body, assisting cells to increase healing activity in areas of pain or imbalance. It regulates blood cells in the immune system, which is a key factor in tissue repair and healing. With the addition of coloured lenses the light can, over a series of treatments (usually 30 minutes duration), target specific ailments, such as chronic or acute pain, skin problems or sleep disorders. A successful way to keep the holistic system in balance is to expose each chakra (‘coloured

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Above: from left Kim Gatenby, Dianne Brook and Tracey Feaver from The Health Haven. (absent Rachel Barrett & Tracey Walsh)

is now the owner of the business. She took over on July 1 and is enjoying the challenge. ‘Everyone has been very supportive’, she says with a smile.

Kim and Tracey Walsh are continuing the high standard the shop has always maintained, in conjunction with the other professionals that they work with – Rachel Barrat the beautician and Tracey Feaver whose forte is relaxation massage and Bioptronic light therapy. Dianne Brook has also joined the team and is a qualified practitioner of relaxation, therapeutic, pregnancy and aromatherapy massage. She also practises Reiki and holistic pulsing. ‘Our belief is that health should be appreciated in a holistic way; inner health and outer beauty go hand in hand,’ explains Kim.

Haven is now open 9am to 4pm, Tuesday to Friday.

Along with a wide range of quality products including: vitamins, minerals and homeopathy (catering from babies to the elderly), Kim is also increasing the range of quality lines, including products such as natural shampoos and conditioners, as well as lotus oils and bath salts. Another new product is Dr Bronner’s Fair Trade soaps. For those with a sweet tooth, but a dairy intolerance, there is delicious dairyfree chocolate on offer.

Where possible Kim prefers to buy New Zealand-made products, if she can source them. She also prefers the organic production of products.

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Auto Mobile Mechanical Services at Rahotu is expanding.

Owner Kelvin Jordan has bought the former Rahotu *Takeaways building next door to his business.

"I was sick and tired of finding myself working on the side of the road because of a full workshop," says Kelvin. The new building will virtually double his workshop area.

Kelvin founded Automobile in 2001, starting from scratch with his tools in an

old station wagon.

Two years later he bought business premises in Rahotu - the original Rahotu Service Station built in the 1930s - intending it be the base for his mobile operation.

The business however has since grown and these days he employs two people on site.

Reflecting on the ten years "of hard work" he's been in business Kelvin comments ruefully "It's still very hard

to keep going when so many people take the privilege of having an account for granted. I'm not a finance company and cannot afford to be." He continues: "I've had every excuse under the sun including one woman who told me she had a miscarriage three years earlier which somehow affected her being able to pay her account!"

It's clear though Kelvin likes being his own boss

and comments, "I enjoy my job and get a huge amount of satisfaction out of it." He concedes though "being owed so much money really does take the shine out of it."

Born and raised in Taranaki, Kelvin's father Roger owned Roger Jordan Motors at Burgess Park in the outskirts of New Plymouth and also ran Consolidated Tractors, a tractor firm "so I grew up around machinery," says Kelvin. In fact his father didn't want him to be a mechanic, adds Kelvin "but it was in my blood - it just came naturally to me."

Kelvin who is a qualified mechanic, spent some time working for Wellington Transport on the buses as a mechanic. He was also employed by Toyota working his way up to becoming a Lexus technician before moving back to Taranaki in 1999.

Kelvin clearly has no regrets about the move back to Taranaki and likes Rahotu. "It's a good little community."

*The food side of the takeaway business was bought by the owners of the Rahotu Tavern who are now running the takeaway business from the Rahotu Tavern.



Above: Owner Kelvin Jordan stands outside his premises, Auto Mobile, which he has expanded into the adjacent former Rahotu Takeaways.

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You may qualify for funding assistance from the Taranaki Tree Trust - and now is the time to apply.

The Trust is calling for applications between 1 August and 1 September for its second and final funding round for 2012.

It makes grants to support Taranaki projects which protect and restore wetlands, bush remnants, the coast

and wildlife habitat. It is also keen to support projects which enhance community areas such as marae, schools and reserves.

Grants of between \$300 and \$5,000 will be made. The Trust will contribute up to 75% of the total cost of a school or community group project, and up to 50% for a project on private land. The total cost includes cash, and

the dollar value of any 'in kind' contributions such as labour.

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Largest remaining wetland named



The Reverend Albie Martin blessing the area of bush.

An area of native bush in Kina Road, which is to be preserved in perpetuity, was named in a special ceremony on Thursday July 12. The area which encompasses 20 hectares and is the largest remaining wetland forest in the Taranaki Ring Plain has been given the name Pipiriki. The name reflects the area's association with Whanganui Maori who would pass through the locality en route to Parihaka.

The land originally be-

longed to Te Tuahu Waiwiri and his wife Mere Waiti Te Wehenga Tahuna who farmed the area in the late 1880s. Not all of the land however was cleared for farming and the area of bush that remains which passed onto their seven children is, thanks to the benevolence of the family, to be preserved and protected in a partnership with local authorities that includes the South Taranaki District Council and the Taranaki Regional

Council.

Beginning at the Te Potaka Marae at Oaonui, a large group of people which included South Taranaki Mayor Ross Dunlop and TeUraura Nganeko - a representative from Ngatitara Hapu and a descendent of the original owners - gathered for afternoon tea before moving on to the area off Kina Road which has been fenced off from farmland leased by Andrew and Suzie Pentelow. Andrew, is the fourth generation of Pentelows to farm the land. Also present was Andrew's uncle Len Pentelow who farms property further down Kina Road where he too grew up.

Len recalled the entire area once being covered by bush.

As those present gathered on the consecrated land Reverend Albie Martin gave a karakia blessing the area. Then Bobbie Grey from Whanganui spoke at length on the spiritual and historical significance of the land. As he concluded his address he noted the Four Square bag used to transport one of several trees to be planted and made a

quip about old meeting new which raised a few laughs. Several small saplings, gifts from the kinfolk at Whanganui in recognition of their historical connection with

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Coastal Senior Prizegiving



Murray Weir receives the award for Best Club Supporter from Ray Barron at the Coastal Rugby Prizegiving. Murray is a great club supporter and even drove the boys around the Mountain to celebrate the win.

The Club awards were as follows:

The Pat Richardson Rangi Ngaia award for the Most Outstanding Team went to the Senior As.

The McCarthy Memorial Trophy was awarded to Thys Van der Poel for being the Top Club Points Scorer.

The Okato Tavern Award was won by Shane Stevenson for being the Most Honest Player.

The Rahotu Junior Team Trophy went to Nathan Moffitt for being the Most Promising Junior. The Simon Feaver Trophy was awarded to Dylan Jufferman as the Most Promising Senior.

Kane Barrett won the Coastal Rugby Club award for Outstanding Sportsmanship. The C and N Riordan Trophy went to Kevin and Adrienne Young as the Most Enthusiastic Supporters.



Dinnie (the Fridge) Moeahu receiving the award for Best Team Player for the Coastal Senior B team from Ray Barron, watched by delighted coach Ray Hayward and Club President Peter 'Skippy' Burnand.



An example of Kane Barrett's strong running, while playing the final against NPOB. Kane received the award for Most Outstanding Coastal Senior A player as pictured on the front page.

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Coastal Junior Prizegiving



Breyton French (above) and Brodie Hollis (right), who both received the top award for the Under 13s at the Coastal Junior Prizegiving.

Coastal Opunake Junior rugby prizegiving was held on Friday July 27 with a great turnout of parents, grandparents and caregivers

We were privileged to have Kelvin Weir from the Coastal Senior A team speak to our juniors as a former coastal junior himself. Kelvin brought along the McMasters shield, which is the major trophy in Taranaki club Rugby that the Seniors won the week before.

The club had a very

successful season this year with seven teams and ninety six kids involved. We had many highlights throughout the year, including having the Ranfurly shield at registration night, over 50 taking part in the Milo cereal Big Breakfast and the arrival of new tracksuits for the U13s and new jackets for the U10 and 11s.

Thankyou to Kelly Young, Dave Cathie and Mike Grayling. Without the help of these people our club would not run as smoothly

as it does.

Coastal Opunake Junior Rugby has 5 representative players for the Ross Brown Tournament. These players are for *South* Brodie Hollis and Bailey Rampton and for *Central* Breyton French, Campbell Grayling and Dylan Calder.

Well done to these boys, who were all presented a Coastal Rugby tie by Peter Burnand at Prizegiving - a great achievement for our small club.

Awards went to:

Under 6
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Most Dedicated: Toby O'Rorke
Most Improved: Riley Keller

Under 7
Most Outstanding: Andrew Lawn

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Thank you to the indoor bowlers who went into the schools to coach the children; we would like to see some of the children come to our club nights to play at Okato and Rahotu.

The winners for the day were Oakura 2 team who received medals and drink bottles.

*Wendy Mullan
Western Division Indoor Bowls.*



Success for the Oakura School Bowling team at the Coastal Primary School Tournament. From left: Reef Raumatī, Oscar Robertson, Kara Wellaway and Taneal Jones.

Angelo Hill and Dr Dish

Opunake High School has a recently had a new machine arrive to help the students to improve their basketball shooting skills. It is called the Dr Dish Basketball Shooting Machine. Coach and teacher Angelo Hill said it began with a grant of \$4,000 from NZCT which got the ball rolling. "I then approached private members of the community to match my donation and there were many who contributed. We

were short of funds so I approached the Opunake High School Home and School Committee and they were willing to cover the shortfall. I contacted the company in the state of Minnesota to see if they could get it fitted so that we could use it here in New Zealand with the electrical current. They said it was possible so we had it all sorted. It is making a huge impact in the basketball program already as well in our PE classes".

Angelo said that the Dr Dish is a really versatile training tool as it has been programmed to run drills and exercises to challenge any player and targets specific practice areas also correcting shooting styles and strengths Angelo wanted to thank all the people who made his dream of a reality for our students here at Opunake High School. Now have a state of the art machine that will help all our students improve their skills in basketball.

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Above: Angelo Hill with 'Dr Dish'.

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Maysen (Year 11) and Ethan (Year 13) Bloemen are preparing to defend their winning streak in adventure racing at an event in September.

Success in adventure race Brothers Maysen and Ethan Bloemen recently won the Senior School Men's pairs division at the Kawerau Gravity 6 hour adventure race and coming in 8th overall from a field of 105 teams.

Coach Matt Lash (HOD of Physical Education at Opunake High School) said these guys did exceptionally well in a really tough event and they were the highest scoring school team by a

long way. They scored extra points by completing the race early. The event at Kawerau involved six hours of racing included Rogaine which is essentially racing orienteering, Cycling and Canoeing

Matt commented that the next adventure racing event is on August 22 the Get to Go Regionals are in New Plymouth. He would love it if people would come along and support the teams.

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Coastal Junior Prizegiving

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 Most Dedicated: Mahleey Campbell
 Most improved: Paddy Bradley
 Under 8
 Most Outstanding: Samuel Drought/John Grayling
 Most Dedicated: Liam Drought
 Most Improved: Cameron

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 Under 9
 Most Outstanding: Gareth Duffy
 Most Dedicated: Jordan Adams
 Most Improved: Tyler McNutt
 Under 10
 Most Outstanding: Emma Cathie
 Most Dedicated: Lucas Adams
 Most Improved: Jaxsyn Joyce

Under 11
 Most Outstanding: Josh Young
 Most Dedicated: Matthew Shirtcliffe
 Most Improved: Joel Clement
 Under 13
 Most Outstanding: Junior Player of the Year Breyton French/Brodie Hollis
 Most Dedicated: Josh Cathie
 Most Improved: Bailey Rampton

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Notice of AGM
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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
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Kaponga - St Patricks, Sunday 8.45am
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PUBLIC NOTICES

Opunake Business Association
Monthly MEETING
September 3rd Opunake Surf Inn
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AUDITIONS

Opunake Players
Audition
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by Lynelle Kuriger
at Opunake Playhouse
Sunday 12 August 2012 at 12.30pm
Cast required:
3 women - 2 aged 30's - 40's
1 teen - early 20's
3 men 20's - 40's
Some Characters, singing required, with backing track.
Production dates
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THE VILLAGE GALLERY

Louise Herdman - celebrating 10 years of Mosaics 6 - 31st August.
Opening Function 7pm Friday 10th August at The Village Gallery, 166 High Street, Eltham.
See advert for further details.

CANVAS - BUSINESS PLANNING

Friday 10th August 9.00am to 12.30pm at Headlands, Opunake. Booking email a3lean@a3lean.com or call A3Lean 06 769 5994. See advert.

TARANAKI REGIONAL COUNCIL - REVIEW OF REPRESENTATION ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE 2013 LOCAL ELECTIONS

Submissions are being called for the above. Deadline 10th August - Refer public notice for further details.

KARAOKE - SURF INN

Saturday 11th August - See advert for further details

AUDITIONS - OPUNAKE PLAYERS

Sunday 12 August at 12.30pm, Opunake Playhouse - see advert for cast requirements

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Sunday Aug 12th 1.30 to 3.00 pm Refer to House for Sale Classified

RUGBY TOURNAMENT - ROSS BROWN U13

August 10, 11, 12th at Sandfords Event Centre - All Welcome
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LIVE BAND - SURF INN

Anubis - Saturday 25th August - See advert for further details

OPUNAKE COMMUNITY BATHS SOCIETY - AGM

Wednesday 29th August 7.30pm Sandfords Event Centre
See Advert for further details

STDC - CREATIVE COMMUNITIES SCHEME FUNDING LOCAL ARTS ACTIVITIES

Applications are being called for the above. Deadline 31st August - Refer public notice for further details.

OPUNAKE BUSINESS ASSOCIATION

Monthly Meeting September 3rd 5.30pm at Opunake Surf Inn - see advert for further details.

LIVE BAND - SURF INN

Maropu - Saturday 8th September - See advert for further details

FESTIVAL PLAY PERFORMANCES

The Memorial Theatre, Albion Street, Hawera: 19th and 20th September. For further information contact Clive Cullen on 06 278 8979, Jo Lahman on 06 272 8270 or email hawerarepertory@gmail.com

OPUNAKE SURF LIFE SAVING CLUB - AGM

Sunday 23rd September 12.30pm
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OPUNAKE PRIMARY SCHOOL BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Notice of Casual Vacancy - see advert this edition for full details.



Food for thought

* The hardest thing to open is . . . a closed mind
* Whatever it is that is eating you . . . it must be suffering horribly
* Thoughts on birth . . . choose the stork
* If I agreed with you . . . we'd both be wrong

* Over the hill . . . is better than under it
* Time is the best healer . . . but . . . it kills all it's students
* Santa Claus has the right idea . . . visit people only once a year
* Natural stupidity is better than . . . artificial intelligence

* Live each day like it's your last . . . one day, you'll get it right
* Ever had amnesia and deja vu at the same time . . . I think I've forgotten this before
* By the time you find greener pastures . . . you're too old to climb the fence.
* Rich men get divorced . . . poor men get an allotment.
* Stealing someone else's words . . . spares the embarrassment of eating your own.
* I don't eat health foods at my age . . . I need all the preservatives I can get.
* It's not hard to meet expenses . . . they're everywhere.
* I wish the buck stopped here . . . I could use a few.
* If you think nobody cares . . . try missing a couple of payments.
* An unbreakable toy is useful . . . for breaking other toys.
* Learn from the weather . . . it pays no attention to criticism.
* If all is not lost . . . well, where the heck is everything?
* A good customer . . . never buys on special or gets a discount.
* If quizzes are quizzical . . . what are tests?
* Lead me not into temptation . . . I can find my own way there.

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Rebecca Bruce of "Dads and Lads" New Plymouth.

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New business tool easy and effective – CANVAS comes to Opunake



Mahamed - helping you makeover your business. He will be at the Headlands Hotel in Opunake on August 10. Refer advert this page.

A3LEAN is a lean and business modeling training provider, offering NZTE registered services throughout New Zealand, including Lean manufacture, lean office, lean healthcare, Business Model innovation (CANVAS), Visual problem analysis.

A3Lean provides simple, efficient and innovative training materials based on visual thinking and data design to help businesses see the problem, see the solution, see the impact and get ride of complexity.

As the real strength of the

NZTE voucher scheme is the focus on business growth and flexibility. This fits in very well with A3LEAN approach, which emphasizes the importance of doing a really good needs analysis with business owners and managers up front, done very professionally with the team at Venture Taranaki."

The feedback is exceptional: Once I understood it, Business Model Canvas is so simple. The best project mapping / analysis / cost benefit tool I have used. This isn't glossed up, fancy looking, laminated lean;

this is the stripped back essential ingredient 'Bevan Broughton, La Nuova Apparelmaster (doing lean 3+ years).

"We as businesses, big and small, all either provide a service or produce items for sale. However, there are not many of us who have the ability to make the right decisions regarding our future and ensure that we are working at the right capacity, marketing correctly and focusing on the future. This is where A3LEAN can help—our eyes have been opened with the potential available. We cannot recommend working with Mohamed/A3LEAN highly enough. Betty Bremner, Bremner Music—Home of Ssmmutes."

"As part of the Taranaki Business Makeover Challenge, I worked with Mohamed (A3LEAN) learning the skill of modeling my marketing campaigns on a sheet of A3 paper. As someone who likes to work in a very clear and precise way,

I found the Business Model CANVAS a valuable tool, easy to learn and an asset to my business", Barbara Kuriger, Configure Express Women's Gym."

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Mangatoki Women's Institute

For our July meeting, about 16 members of the Mangatoki WI met at the Hawera Cinema2 for the early showing of 'Ice Animals 4', after which we all enjoyed a lovely meal at Morrisons Bar and Café.

On August 1 thirteen members attended a meeting at the Mangatoki Hall when Phillipa Joblin was proposed and seconded as a new member. Karen Joblin, our president presided over the busi-

ness meeting, after which we all enjoyed a finger food lunch.

Bev Marsh demonstrated lining a Christmas cake tin.

Competitions:

Flower: First Marlene Heun. Second - Betty Skedgewell. Third - Lucy Moger. Shrub: First Robyn Marx. Second - Betty Skedgewell. Third - Susan Johnson. The raffle was won by Phillipa Joblin.

- Lucy Moger

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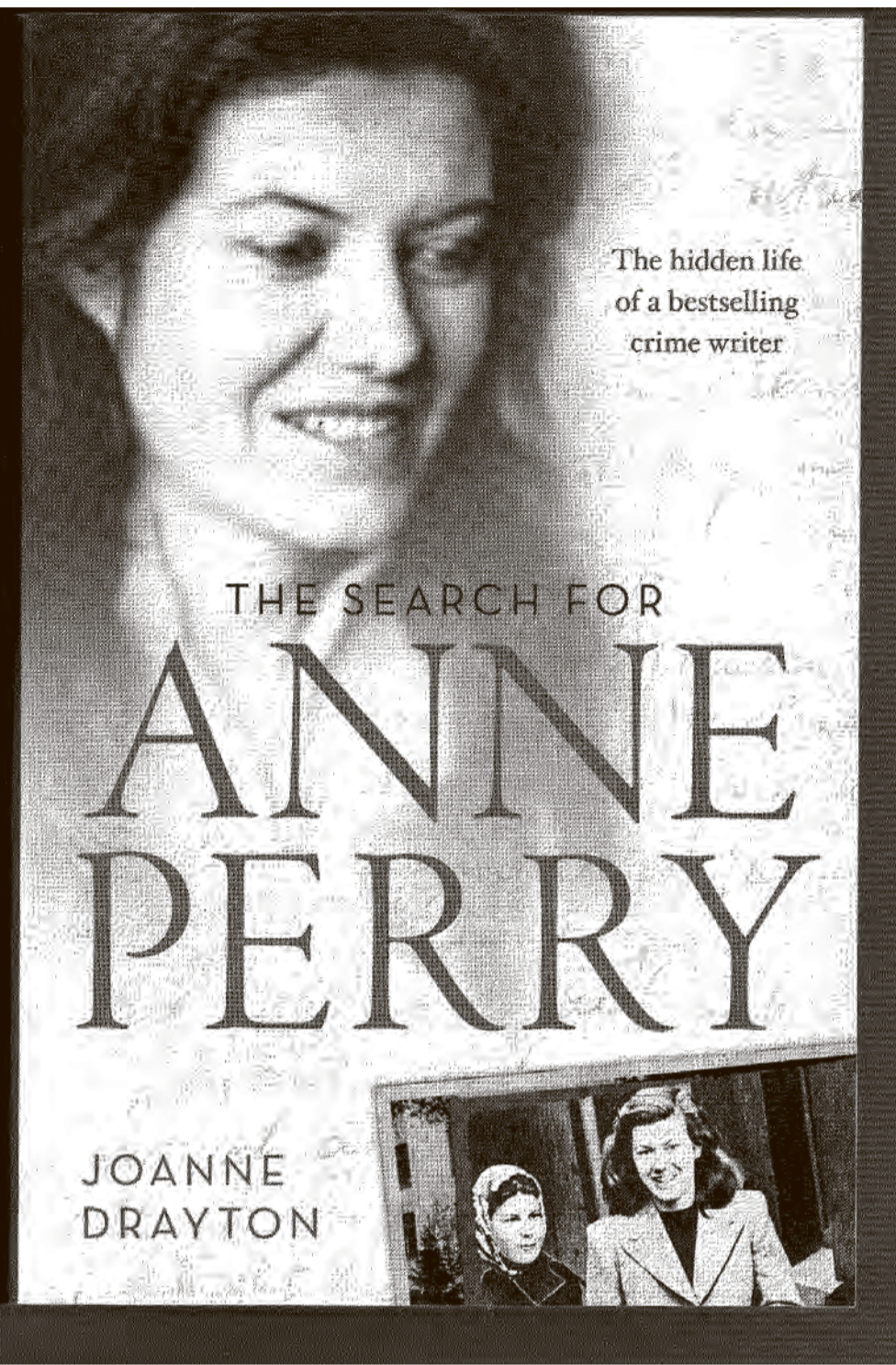
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The Search for Anne Perry - a book review



while ago she was recipient of a million dollar deal for some of her stories to be televised in Great Britain. Her televised audience also numbers in the millions.

However, Anne Perry is not the name she was born with. Many years earlier, the writer as fifteen-year-old Juliet Hulme was involved in the 1954 murder of her sixteen-year-old friend Pauline Rieper's mother, Honorah. The motive – the two close friends thought Honorah would try to ensure they were finally separated (Although it's a bit more complicated than that!).

The trial in Christchurch was sensational as the medical and psychiatric experts argued as to whether the two girls were bad, mad or both. Their attempts to cover their crime, committed in Victoria Park high up in the Port Hills above Christchurch, was naïve, with Pauline's diary full of incriminating entries to be later used as evidence.

Both girls were found guilty and spent about five years in various prisons, such as Pararua and Mt Eden. Ironically their crime ensured that they *would* be separated. Apart from a tiny fraction of their sentences, most of their time was served in separate prisons.

However, experts can be – and often are – wrong. Neither girl was incurably bad (despite their horrific crime) or insane. Both have led decent lives and made a positive contribution to society. Both are deeply religious. Pauline, launched

with another name (Hillary Nathan), had a riding school in the UK and retired as deputy principal of a school for special needs children. Juliet – now Anne – currently lives in Scotland, is a thoroughly respected member of society who contributes generously to charity.

Soon after the Peter Jackson film 'Heavenly Creatures' (about the case and people involved) was released, Anne was 'sprung'. She was profoundly shocked – her worst fears realised. Both her friends and associates, realising that the well-known writer was totally reformed, stood by her. She has given interviews and tried to explain why she acted as she did as a

teenager. However, she declined to go on the Oprah Winfrey show in the US. She also has survived some vicious – even unfair – press.

This book is a fairly sympathetic account (352 pages), based on Joanne Drayton spending time with the writer, as well as thorough research. The biography has many (47) interesting photographs – both past and present.

The book sheds light on Anne Perry's intriguing life – both current and previous. It is an absorbing read and well worth the effort. I bought this book at Whitcoulls in Centre City, New Plymouth.

Rolland McKellar

The search for Anne Perry – a book review
The Search for Anne Perry by Joanne Drayton.

Published by HarperCollins, Auckland (2012).
 Anne Perry is an award-winning writer whose books

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Writing competition considers the role of science in our future

Writers are being invited to submit their thoughts about the contribution of science to the future of New Zealand in this year's Royal Society of New Zealand Manhire Prize for Creative Science Writing competition.

This is New Zealand's only literary award for science writing, and carries cash prizes of \$2500 for each of the non-fiction and fiction categories.

The theme for the 2012 competition is inspired by the late Sir Paul Callaghan who saw the transit of Venus in June as symbolising a new chapter in New Zealand's history. His vision was to make this country a place "where talent wants to live".

Prize-winning poet and fiction writer, Bill Manhire, after whom the competition is named, says: "The Transit

of Venus Project was started by Sir Paul soon after he became ill in 2008. Paul was passionate in his belief that only science and scholarship will achieve our desired economic, social and environmental futures. As science was intertwined in the history of our nation, so it will forge its future."

The writing competition has been running since 2007 and aims to encourage exciting science writing. Entries are judged on their literary merits and how accessible they are to the general public.

Past winners of the competition include Dave Armstrong, Alice Miller and Tina Makereti. This year's judge is Steve Braunias, author of books and TV series, columnist, journalist and editor.

The Manhire Prize Creative Science Writing competition is a partnership between the Royal Society of New Zealand and the Institute of Modern Letters at Victoria University.

Entry forms can be found on the Royal Society of New Zealand website. Closing date for entries is 5 October 2012.

An e-book of all past winning entries is available from the Royal Society of New Zealand website.

For further information: Nancy de Bueger nancy.debueger@royalsociety.org.nz or 04 470 5807. More information about the prize can be found here <http://www.royalsociety.org.nz/programmes/competitions/manhire-prize/2012/>

Background information The Royal Society of New Zealand promotes science, technology and humanities in schools, in industry and in society. We administer several funds for science and technology, publish science journals, offer advice to Government, and foster international scientific contact and co-operation.

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Junior One Act Play Festival

The Junior One Act Play Festival performances are just round the corner. The event, organised by Hawera Repertory, will be held at the Memorial Theatre, Albion Street, Hawera on September 19 and 20, with proceedings starting around 7pm.

"This is the chance for school students to experience the magic of theatre productions", said event convenor Clive Cullen.

About ten plays are entered, including one from Hawera Repertory.

Tickets can be bought at the

door, either night. The cost is \$5 for adults and \$2 for children.

Clive says he expects a big range in themes - ranging from fairy stories to adaptations of the major playwright's works.

Eighty to a hundred people

will be involved in the productions over the two nights, said Clive who thought the response was "fantastic".

For further information phone Clive Cullen on 06 278 8979 or email hawerarepertory@gmail.com

Taranaki forever - two loyal supporters



Meet Breeze the Nubian doe and her new kid Beth - our Taranaki Supporters: at Stoney Oaks Wildlife Park. She is two days old. Cheers Gail Simons (photographer).

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A career in engineering? - read on!

The University of Auckland is visiting New Plymouth in August to encourage high school students to consider a career in engineering. The Engineering Futures evening on 13 August is to inspire bright students, who excel in maths and science, to think about completing a four

year Bachelor of Engineering degree.

Year 12 and 13 students will be able to talk to University staff about what the degree entails, how to apply, financial support options, and what it's like to live and study in Auckland.

Director Undergraduate for the Faculty of Engineering, Martin Shepherd says unlike medicine, law and architecture, it is not always obvious what engineering involves or what engineers do.

"And yet engineering has such an impact on our daily lives. Engineers help save lives. They provide food, water, warmth and shelter for our communities; they

provide the means for businesses to interact and prosper; the mechanisms to help bring people together and keep us entertained. Consequently the global demand for engineers is ever-present."

Martin says the faculty and the University in general, are dedicated to helping you succeed and can offer extensive support networks to ensure you have a memorable, happy and rewarding experience in Auckland and at the University.

"If you are creative, curious and you enjoy working with people and designing solutions to problems, then you should consider a career as an engineer. Come along

to our Futures Evening to find out how The University of Auckland can help you achieve that goal."

The Engineering Futures evening is from 6.30-8.30pm at the Quality Hotel Plymouth International, Brougham Room, at the corner of Courtney and Leach Streets, New Plymouth.

Students can register to attend online at www.engineering.auckland.ac.nz/efe or for more information email foe-events@auckland.ac.nz

Contact:
Vaneesa Bellew, communications adviser
Phone 09 373 7599 ext. 88337 or 021 383 361

Through a Glass Darkly and Lisa Paul at Real Tart

The end of July already. My how time does fly by! Two good things: the exhibition on the [Virtual Tart website](http://VirtualTart.com) during August is paintings by Lisa Paul of New Zealand. If you like atmospheric suggestions of landscape, you'll love to see these.

And if you're within reach of New Plymouth in New Zealand, do pop in to the Real Tart gallery and have a look upstairs at **Through a Glass Darkly**. Paul Hutchinson and I are sharing this exhibition and it's going to be huge! I thought I was taking

in a lot of work with over 40 assemblage pieces. But Paul has got over 150 paintings!

The combined exhibition will continue until August 15.

Cheers, and thanks for being there dale

On this month in history

On August 2 at the 1992 Barcelona Olympics boardsailer Barbara Kendall won New Zealand's only gold medal. At later Olympics she added a silver and a bronze medal. She is now retired.

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