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Himalayan trip to help rebuild earthquake damaged schools



Directions to Everest base camp

In mid-September 23 Craig Martins and his son Harrison (10) head to Nepal, with Everest Base Camp the main focus. Craig admits that adventure is a large part of the reason for the trip. He explains that he and his son are always doing treks together; for example the

pair reached the summit of Mt Taranaki when Harrison was just seven (in 2012). "Harrison was absolutely blown away." The climb was strenuous, but Harrison also said, "Thank you Dad." - as they gazed down from the top. The pair have climbed Mt

Taranaki every year since. However, another important aspect of the Himalayan trip is the need to raise money to help rebuild the many Nepalese schools destroyed in the 2015 earthquake. The trip has the blessing of the Himalayan Trust, which was

founded by mountaineering great Sir Edmund Hillary.

As many as 33 schools were destroyed in the May, 2015 earthquakes. Many people lost their lives - an estimated 6000 or so. The need to rebuild is urgent as so many Nepalese children are without adequate schooling at present.

Harrison's school Rahotu Primary has got behind the fundraising venture. Some of the events scheduled include a Sausage Sizzle on Friday August 26, starting around midday. Another event at the school is planned for Tuesday September 20, which will be a Mufti Day combined with another Sausage Sizzle.

Also helping is Opunake Kindergarten, where Craig works. The kindy is staging a Dress Up Day to raise money.

The pair are getting

excited as the departure day looks closer. They firstly fly to Kathmandu, where the money raised will be handed over to the Himalayan Trust in Kathmandu.

Next, they will take a flight to Lukua, a town in the Himalayas. From there, a 20 to 25 day hike to Everest Base camp will follow, with three mountain passes to be negotiated. They expect the whole trip to take about 30 days.

If you'd like to help you can support the various events planned at Rahotu School and Opunake Kindergarten. You can also contribute by sending money to the BNZ account 02 0256 0031716 001. The Himalayan Trust will ensure the money is directed to the school rebuild programme in Nepal.

Phone Craig on 06 763 8883 if you want to know more.

Horror five days push up road toll

Three deaths in five days has brought the 2016 Taranaki road toll to 10, two

more than for all of 2015.

On Sunday, Barry Charles Higgs (68) of New Plymouth died after an accident on the Opunake Road near Mahoe. It is believed the motorbike he was riding crashed into a car between Hastings and Palmer Roads. Emergency services were alerted at 12.10pm. The cause of the accident is being investigated.

On August 5, Cam William Waterhouse (27), died in a single car crash on the corner of State Highway 3 and Thomason Road at Egmont Village. He was the sole occupant of the vehicle at the time.

At 6.55am on August 3, a 27 year-old man was killed after a crash near Eltham. A 51 year-old man was taken to Taranaki Base Hospital. The crash took place

one and a half kilometres along Mountain Road near the intersection with State Highway 3.

The dead man has been named as Wilson Moka Rakete of Normanby. Police say he was in a northbound vehicle which came round a bend and collided with a southbound vehicle. The driver of the other vehicle was cut free by the Eltham Volunteer Fire Brigade.

Earlier this year thirty seven-year old Komene Hetaraka from Eltham died after the car in which he was a passenger hit a tree on the Patiki Road near Pihama on May 8.

On April 7, Sioli Malili (36) died when the car he was in crashed through a bridge into the Taungatara Stream on Wiremu Road near Opunake.



Craig and Harrison Martins on the Mt Taranaki Summit

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Letters to the Editor

What were you thinking?

I have just opened up the paper to see you have published a letter to the editor from the PETA guy. What on earth were you thinking publishing this claptrap that doesn't at all represent the community you serve? Especially at a time of year when farmers are working their hardest, under enormous stress with their physical and mental workloads - and for the last two years for no economic benefit for many. Have you gone completely balmy? Sure the media should be impartial and allow all views to be expressed, and if this had been a letter from a community member, just maybe it could be allowed to pass. But really. From an Australian organisation, with no links to this community, for a purely inflammatory purpose. No. Was there truly nothing else that could have filled that space? Bad call Opunake and Coastal News. It's not OK.

Rachel Douglas

Like other newspapers we publish letters to the editor, regardless of whether we agree with them or not.



Correction

There was an error in the caption to the above photo published in the July 29 edition of the Opunake and Coastal News. The caption should read "All kitted up for an emergency. From left. Ian Armstrong (South Taranaki District deputy mayor), Clare Moss (Sandfords Event Centre), Julie Boulton (Shell Todd Oil Services), Ben Ingram (Taranaki Emergency Management) Warwick Smith (Shell Todd) and Mike Roach (Emergency Management Group).

Celebrating champions of the environment



From left. Dave West, the Taranaki Regional Council's Environment Team Leader – Biosecurity, with Conrad O'Carroll, project manager for Tiaki Te Mauri O Parininihi Trust, which was an Environmental Award winner in 2013.

Taranaki Regional Council Chairman David MacLeod is encouraging people to nominate the region's environmental projects and champions. Nominations close on August 30.

BBC: Rebirth

Amazingly Christianity is all about birth. It's not a religion you can join as a member, instead you have to be born into it; not as a human being, but as a son or daughter of God. God has to be your father. Any child is in their father before they are conceived, and If you were in God before the Big Bang 14 billion years ago, then you can be a Christian.

"All sorts of people, businesses and organisations are investing a huge amount of time, money and hard work to continually improve the region's high quality environment," says Mr MacLeod. "Each year the Council recognises a variety of projects and actions with Environmental Awards to showcase the tremendous effort put into environmental protection and enhancement by all sectors in Taranaki." He says the award-winners are always great examples of the Taranaki 'get on and do it' attitude. The Council has presented 234 environmental awards since the programme

began in 1993. Up to three awards will be made in each category, and each recipient will receive an engraved award and \$300. Environmental Awards are made in five categories: Te taiao me te pakihi – Environmental leadership in business; Environmental leadership in dairy farming; Environmental leadership in land management, Environmental action in the community; and Environmental action in education. The awards encourage environmental stewardship and sustainable development of our natural resources, and will be presented in early November.

We were born as humans, not as God's children. King David, in Psalm 51 verse 5, says "I was shaped in iniquity; and in sin did my mother conceive me." We have all come into this world through human desire. So, how can God now separate the wheat from the tares? "My sheep hear my voice" Jesus said, "And I know them, and they follow

me: And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand." (John 10 v27-28) Jesus' voice will attract the attention of God's sheep. All of us have fallen short of God's glory. In a natural sense we have all have failed. But God placed something special in His sheep, a small part of Himself. And that special part reacts when it hears its Father's voice. Even if they are, right now, Hindu, Moslem or Atheist, if they live in Africa, Russia or the USA, God can ensure that someone says something to attract that person to the reality that is Jesus. Then that hearer can be born again, a new creature in Christ. That is a true Christian; someone who dies to their old self so that they can be born again by God's Holy Spirit. It's a birth process. And God, the good shepherd, knows which sheep have that little bit of Him in them.




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Continuing to remember a Gallipoli battle



The Rev David Self

On July 29, there was a gathering of members and friends of the Manaia RSA at a grove near the Manaia Golf Course.

A year before there had been a similar gathering to plant three seedlings descended from the Lone Pine which gave its name to a battle fought on the Gallipoli peninsula 100 years before in August 1915.

That battle was part of the Allied offensive which included the New Zealand assault on Chunuk Bair, and saw Australian troops gain 150 yards at the cost of 2277 casualties.

Among those killed was Alexander Herbert Graham, part of a group of New Zealanders caught up in the battle.

A nephew John Graham is president of the Manaia RSA, and he had planted one of the seedlings, while life members Aileen Joyce and Tom Thompson had planted the other two.

A year later all three were back. In the meantime a seat had been added to the grove, made by Maurice Cowling from a hundred year old macrocarpa.

The Rev David Self led the ceremony to dedicate a plaque on that site to acknowledge the planting last year and the placing of the seat. Known in Manaia as a longtime nurseryman and an Anglican minister he said he saw no distinction between the physical and the spiritual.

"I am a plantsman who has grown plants for 80 years, and the spiritual and the secular are one and the

bleesses the plaque.

same to me. The ministry of creation and the ministry of God are one and the same. "Before reciting a Celtic prayer, he said

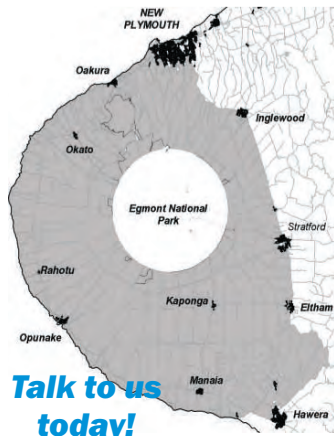
that Celtic spirituality saw God in everything. "A friend, a flower, a tree can be a gift of God to me." It was also a time to

see how the seedlings had fared in the last year. "As you can see they have done reasonably well," Mr Self said.



From left Tom Thompson, Aileen Joyce, John Graham, David Self.

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Regional councillors standing again in 2016



From left. David MacLeod, Michael Joyce, Neil Walker.

All three Current Regional Councillors from the South Taranaki ward are

Standing again in this year's local body elections. Council chairman David MacLeod, and Councillors Michael Joyce and Neil Walker have already or will soon be returning their nominating papers.

Mr MacLeod says all three were heartened by recent progress in regional affairs and the Council's record in having no debt, and the lowest rates in New Zealand. He said if re-elected they want to continue on that path.

Downturn being seen in fewer consents

A downturn in oil gas and dairy sectors has been given as a possible reason for a drop in the number of consents issued by the Taranaki Regional Council in the 2015-16 financial year. There were 382 resource consents granted, compared with 400 the previous year.

This was probably due to an economic downturn in the oil, gas and dairy sectors, the Consents and Regulatory

Committee was told at their July 26 meeting. While 370 were processed as non-notified consents there were 324 parties including 129 iwi consulted and/or giving their written approval. There were also 12 limited-notified consents. Seven attracted 12 submissions in opposition, but all were resolved at the pre-hearing process. At year's end there were 4841 current consents, an increase of 11.

The committee was also told that all piggeries and chicken farms, and 94.2 per cent of dairy farms, complied with their resource consent conditions over the 2015/2016 financial year. The Council carried out 1794 farm inspections, and council officers responded to and publicly reported on 585 environmental incidents within the required timeframe, instigating control and clean-

up where required. The Council served 152 abatement notices and 48 infringement notices, and initiated two prosecutions as a result of unauthorised incidents. Its officers inspected 233 minor industrial operations, and five re-inspections to ensure that unacceptable environmental practices had been addressed. The Council also monitors more than 100 large individual consent-holders

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Watch out when filling up at truckstops

The Automobile Association is warning motorists to be extra vigilant when buying fuel at truckstops, after several catastrophic incidents with people inadvertently filling up with Diesel Exhaust Fluid.

"The AA has had reports from motorists who've mistakenly thought this product was petrol or diesel or an additive, and put it into their fuel tanks. In each case, the car has been started, resulting in irreparable damage. Fortunately they've been

fully covered by insurance but it's a major drama for such a simple mistake," AA Petrol Watch spokesperson Mark Stockdale says.

Diesel Exhaust Fluid is known by various brand names including AdBlue, Alliedblue, GoClear, Z DEC. It is injected into the exhaust systems of late-model trucks to reduce emissions, although some new light diesel vehicles also have this feature.

"Diesel Exhaust Fluid is neither a fuel nor a fuel additive. It is not meant to go in the fuel tank at all, but rather

a separate tank," says Mr Stockdale. Some truckstops dispense this product at the same bowsers as fuel, and some motorists are confusing it for fuel. The AA has contacted truckstop operators and asked some of them to improve their warning labels and signage to minimise this confusion, as well as look at introducing other measures like magnetic nozzles that prevent Diesel Exhaust Fluid flowing into fuel tanks," Mr Stockdale says.

Conventional service stations don't dispense Diesel Exhaust Fluid at the pump, but instead sell it in small containers, the AA says. For

light diesels that need this product, they can top up with the small container, or when the vehicle is being serviced.

"If motorists are going to truckstops, the AA urges them to pause and look carefully at the pump and read all the warning labels and signs. If they're unsure what a product is, it's better to fill up at a regular service station," Mr Stockdale added.

The AA says if you think you have filled up with Diesel Exhaust Fluid or the wrong fuel, do not turn on the ignition or start the car, alert the service station attendant if there is one, and call for assistance.

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Eight more Taranaki community science projects to go ahead

A further eight community-led science projects have been given the go-ahead under the Participatory Science Platform (PSP) pilot, locally known as Curious Minds Taranaki.

The announcement, worth almost \$115,000 for the region, supports communities and scientists to work together on local science projects. As well as new projects being funded, there is also more funding for some projects previously supported by Curious Minds in 2015.

“Curious Minds Taranaki seeks to connect the community with scientific expertise to progress projects of local importance and stimulate interest in the potential of science and technology,” says project manager Lucy Graydon of Venture Taranaki.

“It is fantastic that we have been able to grow the number of projects in Taranaki, as well as extending existing projects to engage more people and wider communities.”

Taranaki is one of three regions to be included in the scheme, which was launched in 2015, funded

by the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment, and delivered in Taranaki by Venture Taranaki.

“Curious Minds ultimately seeks to foster a greater interest in and understanding of the possibilities of scientific research to explain the world around us, and stimulate a wider interest in science, innovation and long-term learning,” Lucy says.

“The projects in year two of this pilot will help the successful communities to do just that, with projects ranging from environmental protection to engineering and exploring alternate technologies.”

Projects that will go ahead under the second round of the Curious Minds include Ngati Te Whiti Whenua Topu Trust looking into how to regenerate the site of Ngamotu Marae to its original state by reintroducing indigenous flora.

Puke Ariki will work with carvers, schools and specialists to examine the use of stone and metal carving tools with the goal of determining whether the

Motunui Epa were carved using stone or metal tools.

Stratford and Matapu schools will investigate the best way to process organic waste on-site at each school, trialling systems and developing a comparison between urban and rural schools.

To Whenua Tōmuri Trust will work with TDHB, marae and schools to understand the cultural and scientific indicators of health in Taranaki rivers.

Opunake Primary School will examine renewable energy sources available to the school and the potential for taking one of their classrooms ‘off-grid’ for energy use.

An extension of the South Taranaki Reefs project, funded under the same scheme in 2015, developed by the South Taranaki Underwater Diving Club, will include new schools and complete the development and installation of underwater video camera technology.

New Plymouth Boys’ High School will team up with Falcon Engineering

to build an electrically-powered vehicle and test it against its petrol counterpart.

The funding will also enable Nga Motu Marine Reserve Society to extend Project Hotspot, funded under the same scheme in 2015, to encompass more of the Taranaki coastline, including working with South Taranaki Schools to increase awareness of coastal threatened species.

“Curious Minds is enabling Taranaki residents to put their surroundings under the microscope and work with scientific experts to explore the things around them that they find relevant.”

“The successful projects means there are an exciting few months ahead for Taranaki as we follow the progress of these great community-driven ideas,” says Lucy.

The PSP is currently being piloted in South Auckland, Taranaki and Otago. It is an initiative under A Nation of Curious Minds, a Government programme to encourage New Zealanders to get involved in science and technology.

Basketball Magic

We just get put on the court. I do jump ball. I don't get it. The other person dribbles it down the court. They try to go for the three points. They miss, but they get it back. “No,” I shout. They go for a normal shot. They let the ball go. I deny them the ball. Yes, I sprint down. I go for the three, and I get it in. We have to run down to the other side of the court. Everyone gives me a high five. I say to them, “Get ready boys.” They charge towards us. Ten minutes to go. I tell them tern minutes to go until half time. We put in our best effort to win. Time has gone past, so fast. Everyone is counting down 10, 9, 8, 7, 6, 5, 4, 3, 2, 1. The buzzer

goes off - 30 seconds till we have to go back on. Everyone is tired, even including me. We put some subs on. Before we know it we're back on. The score is 47 to 47. We're tired. Gosh this feels like years have gone past, but they haven't. Wow I started day dreaming. One of my team comes and snaps me out of it. He tells me, “Get your game on.” I'm in my zone now. I keep getting three pointers in.

All the people in the other team keep going for the two pointers. I don't know why. Anyway, there's five minutes left. We are so even. I think we are going to win, but then they speed ahead. They are two points ahead. OK, ten seconds to go, now five. I go for the three. The buzzer



Kade Murray
Opunake Primary School

goes and I let go of the ball. It circles around the hoop eleven times, then it goes in. Yay! My team lifts me up.

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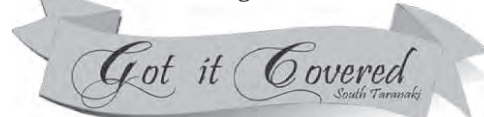
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Constable Kylie Brophy

Recently two local males were arrested, and are currently before the courts on charges of, burglary, receiving stolen property, breaching bail, dangerous driving and possession of offensive weapons.

in assisting us in their apprehension.

On this matter I would like to raise two points. Firstly 111 is not only for when tornados are racing through town.

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act. All too often recently we have heard two or three days later about incidents where someone has seen something happening and not called 111 as they did not think it was serious enough. Please call and report what you have seen. I know that we are not always able to attend immediately but if you don't call, these people just get to cruise around town and cause havoc as they please.

something illegal. However you must consider that by not coming forward you are only allowing the behaviour to continue and as with most things the more they get away with the more they do. Next time it might be your car that is kicked in.

The theme for this article as you have probably guessed is call 111 whenever you see anything illegal going on and help us keep the coast a great place to live.

That's about it for now. Remember, if you have any information for us give us a call we are more than happy to help. Alternatively you can call Crimestoppers at 0800555111 with all anonymous information.

The second matter is a delicate one. We all live in a small community where most people know each other or know of each other; the problem with this is that some people are reluctant to talk with us when they know someone has been doing

I would like to take this opportunity to thank local community members

Opunake volunteer fire brigade news

As useful as batteries are, they can be a fire hazard if not stored safely or disposed of with care. I will make particular reference to the 9 volt battery that is found in smoke alarms, household items and toys. As the positive and negative posts are close together, it is not difficult for a "stray" metal object to touch both posts causing a short circuit. This can make enough heat to cause a fire. So please don't store your 9 volt batteries in a drawer near paper clips, coins, pens, steel wool, aluminium foil, keys or other batteries.

are extremely powerful and can become stuck in the throat if swallowed. Saliva triggers an electrical current causing a chemical reaction that can result in severe burns and tissue damage within two hours, and in some cases result in death. Starship Children's Hospital reported 61 button battery ingestion incidents in the three year period between 2009 and 2012. As you can see, it does happen if precautions aren't taken with these products. The last thing the St. Johns ambulance crews or ourselves want is to be called to such an incident, so please take care and keep our tamariki safe.

breathing issues. In situations like this we throw our life saving packs (defibrillator and oxygen kit) into the Fire Support van and get there as quickly as we can. Our white Toyota van has red flashing lights, a two way radio, and is decked out with Fire Service signage, but it does not have a siren. So if you see this vehicle coming up behind you, and it looks as if it could be on a "mission," would you please let it past as soon as it is safe to do so. I'm sure the person who requires our services would be extremely grateful for your cooperation, and of course, we definitely would be.

desk to say our services weren't required so we spun around and headed back to bed.

You may have read where a fire appliance from the South Island's Motueka Fire Brigade crashed on the way to a call out. The driver had apparently clipped his helmet onto a dog collar type fastener that had been installed by the Fire Service on the dashboard. (Drivers are not permitted to drive with helmets on.) As the appliance was travelling around a corner, the helmet slide off and wedged itself between the steering wheel and the dash. The poor blighter couldn't steer or dislodge the helmet, and this resulted in one sick looking fire engine. Luckily no one was seriously injured but I would imagine the driver now has RSI from filling out all of the paper work.

The Happy Hose.

The day started relatively early for us on Friday July 29 with a call coming over our pagers at 7 o'clock in the morning. We were dispatched to an address on Brennan Place because someone was having serious

If we thought the last call out was early, we were pulled out of bed at 4:30am on Wednesday 3rd to attend a car accident on Surf Highway 45 near the Manahi Road. The Rahotu Brigade was first on the scene and radioed the Fire Service Communications

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Manaia Women's Institute

The August meeting of the Manaia Women's Institute was held in the lounge of St. Cuthbert's Church, Manaia on Tuesday August 1. Arrangements were made to visit the movie Poi E. Members went to the Manaia

School, where they were entertained by their Kapa haka group.

Competition results: Shrub: 1st Phyllis Malcolm, 2nd Daphne Ashley, 3rd equal Ann Chisnall and Joy Brogden. Any Other Stem: 1st Daphne

Ashley, 2nd Phyllis Malcolm, 3rd Ann Chisnall and Joy Brogden.

Homecraft - Two chocolate chip muffins: 1st Ann Chisnall, 2nd Joy Brogden, 3rd Janice Walsh. Handcraft - Favourite

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The wondering coin was won by Shirley Barr and the Mary Hutton Trophy awarded to Ann Chisnall

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Gareth Collins House of the Year.

House of the Year a mix of something old and something new

Gareth Collins has entered the Taranaki Registered Master Builders House of the Year every year for the last four years enjoying mixed success along the way. This year he has hit the jackpot.

A new Georgian-style house in Strandon built by Gareth Collins Building Ltd has picked up the Supreme House of the Year Award, as well as a Gold and Category award for new home valued between \$650,000-\$1,000,000. He has also picked up the Kitchen Award for the second year running.

The house comes with three bedrooms, two bathrooms, office and double garage.

Although a new house, it was designed to blend in, rather than stand out from surrounding houses in an established neighbourhood.

"This one is very unique. It's been built as if it was built 60-80 years ago," Gareth said. "A lot of time and effort went into it. Every little detail has been thought out. I'm pretty proud of what we have achieved."

Gareth said he liked the concept from the moment the owners had come to him with

the plans.

"I could see straightaway that it was going to be something special," he said. "This is one out of the box. I haven't seen one built like this in the last forty years. The house is very detailed with extensive features throughout."

The judges clearly agreed. "With a combination of brick veneer, black line board and careful detailing, this house not only reflects the architecture of the neighbouring homes but provides a home designed for comfortable living."

The exterior features black stained cedar weatherboards, low maintenance red bricks, weathered cedar shingles to gable ends and copper soakers, gutters and downpipes. The winning kitchen features an exquisite oak island with granite benchtop and a gleaming white subway tiled alcove surrounding the gas hob. The family, dining, kitchen and entry foyer floor area is covered in natural dark clay tiles laid parquet style, adding an earthy texture with the modern luxury of gas

underfloor heating.

National category and Supreme Award winners will be announced in Auckland on November 26.

Supreme Award for Renovation of the Year went to David Fabish Ltd.

Other awards. Renovation Award \$250,000-\$500,000. Silver- Roebuck Construction 2015 Ltd. Renovation over \$500,000. Gold and Category. David Fabish Ltd.

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New homes. \$500,000-\$650,000. Gold and Category Terry Clegg Builders Ltd. Silver. Jennian Homes Taranaki Ltd and Hassall Homes Ltd.

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New homes. \$1 million-\$2 million. Gold and Category Bell Building Ltd. Silver.

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Teach your children well

We have seen a lot written lately about race relations. Recently there was another study linking the over representation of indigenous peoples in negative stats like health, welfare, justice and education to colonisation. It is a theme we have heard before. To many of us, the inter-generational loss of land and resources, and ongoing policy and legislative settings cannot help but have an impact on the prospects for the future descendants of those affected by the race-based changes. We freely admit people are born or married into money. It seems pretty logical that they can be born into poverty or at least a lack of wealth and prospects. On the other hand many believe the suggestion that land confiscations and then legislation such as the Native Land Act having an effect one hundred and fifty years later is merely an excuse. I have to say I belong firmly in the camp of the former; it definitely does have an effect. But I don't see us learning from the lessons of the past. We don't see these lessons of government policy, failed or otherwise, taught in our schools. We may learn about the historical events, such as the depression, or pre-war Europe and what led to



Hon Chester Borrows MP

conflict, but we don't seem to examine the policies objectives and effects as part of history or social studies. Since the tabling of a petition of two young girls from Otorohanga to commemorate the New Zealand Land Wars, I have been asking schools in the electorate about their course material for teaching tikanga Maori. None that I have spoken to actually use local events from our past to teach children their history. The schools use a national curriculum and incorporate te reo phrases into their classroom's student-teacher vocabulary. They talk about the myths and legends familiar to us all of Maui and his fish and Taranaki and the jealous scrap that caused him to move from the Central North Island. But no lessons of Titokowaru and Te Ngutu o Te Manu, Te Whiti and Parihaka, the at-

tack on Turuturu Mokai, or of Bryce and Handley's Woolshed. There is nothing about Chute, or McDonnell or Grey or Von Tempsky. Recently I heard about internment camps in British Columbia where the Japanese were taken and held prisoner in the Second World War. Many had lived in Canada for several years and their children also incarcerated were born in Canada. Their assets were removed. They were kept in appalling conditions through until long after the war. They were then allowed to leave, but could not remain in British Columbia. No reason was given as to why. Some chose to stay because they had nowhere to go and no property with which to start again. There was no acceptance from the community and no prospects of things being any better. Some stayed through till the 1980's. All this was going on while Canada was undergoing its greatest ever expansion and wealth. Canadian school kids never learned about this. We had internment camps in New Zealand with some tragic results. But I've never learned of the effect of the policy on those generations that followed. Last week there were reports of tear gas being used on

residents in youth facilities in Australia. Torture practices have been exposed, and the UN is investigating. New Zealand citizens are also held in Australian detention centres without charges and without court appearances. This just a few hours flight from our back door step. It is the result of a government policy. These families have lived in Australia for decades. Aussie kids aren't taught about this practice in their schools either. The curriculum is full and bursting at the seams. Everyone appears to want to have educators take the role of parents in teaching values that were always learned at home. But if there is no scrutiny at the lowest levels of policy, legislation and its effects we will always have a skewed view. A false view. And that is no basis for building a future. We need to teach our kids about New Zealand's successes and failures.

The costs of both in terms of human tolls, social costs and those who benefitted. We wouldn't accept a balance sheet without a bottom line showing profit or loss. Why would we accept a history lesson without an end result?

Chester Borrows MP for Whanganui

National ups support for firsthome buyers

National's *KiwiSaver HomeStart* helps New Zealanders into a modest first home.

It has been great over the last few months to meet local people who have been able to get into their first home by accessing the KiwiSaver Homestart scheme. Since the Government launched the scheme, it has helped many thousand New Zealanders into their first homes and the Government has now decided to increase the income and house price caps applying to the scheme to help more first home buyers get a foot on the property ladder.

As many will know, the scheme is about helping first-home buyers put together a



Jonathan Young MP for
New Plymouth

deposit with grants available for couples of up to \$10,000 for an existing home, and up to \$20,000 for a new-build.

Effective immediately, the income caps for participants in the scheme have been increased - to \$85,000 for a single person, and to \$130,000 for a couple.

Also effective immediately, the house price limits have increased by \$50,000 for existing homes, and by \$100,000 for new-builds across the country.

The new caps for here in Taranaki are \$400,000 for existing homes, and \$450,000 for new-build houses

We expect to assist 90,000 New Zealanders into their first home over five years.

These increases will also be applied to the *Welcome Home* loans - the loans which enable first home buyers to buy with a 10 per cent deposit and, because they are Crown-guaranteed, they are exempt from the loan-to-value ratio limits administered by the Reserve Bank.

These latest steps are part of National's wider package of measures to address the challenge of housing supply and affordability in our strong, growing economy.

Part of this package also includes reforming the Resource Management Act to make it easier for councils and developers to get houses consented and built; and tightened rules to ensure people buying and selling property for profit pay their fair share of tax and requiring councils to ensure land supply for housing keeps pace with growth.

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On this month in history President Nixon resigns

On August 8, 1974 President Richard Nixon resigned as president - appearing on television. He was the first US president to ever resign. Although he had won a land-

slide re-election victory just two years before, he faced impeachment before the US Congress for his part in the burglary of the Democratic National Committee's head-

quarters - the Watergate Building in Washington.

His successes, such as ending the Vietnam War and his positive contact with China, were overshadowed by 'Wa-

tergate'.

The incoming president Gerald Ford pardoned Nixon, while the burglars and others involved in illegal acts received prison sentences.

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New Zealand Army medic Corporal Felicity Hanton was one of the Kiwis involved in Exercise Rim of the Pacific in Hawaii over the past five weeks.

Wanganui army medic takes part in international military exercise

Felicity “Flick” Hanton of Wanganui has just returned home after spending five weeks in Hawaii for Exercise Rim of the Pacific (RIMPAC), the world’s largest international maritime exercise.

Corporal Hanton, 32, is a New Zealand Army medic based at Burnham Military Camp near Christchurch. The highlight of RIMPAC for her was conducting medical training with other militaries.

“It was great to meet new people and learn new

things,” she said. “I really enjoyed working alongside Australian and US personnel, and understanding how we can work together.”

This was her fourth international exercise since joining the Army in 2008: she has deployed to Australia, Papua New Guinea, and San Diego in the United States.

RIMPAC involved 26 nations, 45 ships, five submarines, more than 200 aircraft, and 25,000 personnel. Royal New Zealand Navy Maritime Component

Commander, Commodore Jim Gilmour – who played a key role in RIMPAC based on the flagship USS America as commander of the amphibious taskforce of 13 ships – said the benefits from training and working with other militaries is what RIMPAC is all about.

“RIMPAC helps participants foster and sustain the co-operative relationships that are critical to ensuring the safety of sea lanes and security on the world’s oceans,” Commodore

Gilmour said.

“About 70 per cent of the world is water, 80 per cent of the world’s population lives on or near a coast, and 90 per cent of international commerce moves by sea. Capable maritime forces help ensure stability and prosperity around the world, and RIMPAC helps participating nations develop these capabilities.

“Our role is to protect our interests at sea.”

Expect more rain and warmer temperatures

Prepare for the likelihood of warmer than normal temperatures and more rain in coming months.

In its seasonal outlook for August-October, NIWA is forecasting temperatures in the Central North Island, Taranaki, Wanganui, Manawatu and Wellington as likely to be above average (a 65 per cent chance). Rainfall totals are equally likely (40 per cent chance) to be near normal or above normal.

Soil moisture levels are about equally likely to be in the near normal (40 per cent chance) or above normal (35 per cent chance) range. River flows are most likely (40 per cent chance) to be in the near normal range.

NIWA say sea surface temperatures are near to below average across the eastern Equatorial Pacific ocean. Cooler than normal sub-surface ocean waters have remained stable or weakened slightly in the central Equatorial Pacific.

Trade winds are slightly stronger than normal in the central and western Pacific. Convection and rainfall was below normal in some parts of the western Pacific (e.g. Micronesia), but generally the Maritime Continent (e.g. Indonesia and Papua New Guinea) experienced above normal rainfall and convective activity.

As a whole the tropical ocean-atmosphere system still shows a leaning towards La Niña, but with a slight weakening of the signals that were observed in June.

Current ocean – atmosphere conditions and models’ forecasts suggest that if La Niña develops, it will remain in the weak category.

Waters surrounding New Zealand remain exceptionally warm, and it is predicted these warm conditions will persist through August – October and will remain a major driving force for New Zealand’s climate over the coming season.

Warmer than average sea

surface temperatures in the eastern Indian Ocean may lead to increased rising motion and moisture in the atmosphere. Thus, storms that track eastward across Australia and toward New Zealand from this region may have more moisture (fuel) or have more of a tropical connection than usual.

In August – October, temperatures are very likely (65-70 per cent chance) to be above average in all regions of the country. Nevertheless, frosts and cold snaps will occur from time to time in cooler locations. Sea surface temperatures are forecast to remain above normal over the next three months, especially to the west of New Zealand.

In the west of the North Island, soil moisture levels are about equally likely to be near normal (40 per cent chance) or above normal (35 per cent chance), and river flows are most likely to be in the near normal range (40 per cent chance).

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Houses for Fiji

Well known Eltham Christian humanitarians Malcolm and Jill Pease are involved in a project to raise money to build houses in Fiji to replace those destroyed in the category 5 cyclone in February this year. The area of focus is the Maniava community on the island of Viti Levu, above the township of Ra. The aim is to raise \$7,000 per house with the eventual target of 33 houses. Most of the people in the stricken region are of Melanesian descent – the descendants of indentured labourers.



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Casino Ball

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King and Queen - Kodi Wickcliffe and Cate Tulloch
Prince and Princess - Shaun Brider and Emma Silson
Cutest Couple - Alyssia Redin and Jayden Hutchinson
Best Ride - Ashleigh Clement and Kallum Hickey



Manu Korero Competition

Hone Heron & Nganeko Luke attended the Regional Manu Kōrero competition in Whanganui on June 24 2016 (Photo front cover). Hone participated in the Senior English (Korimako) section where they started with an Impromptu speech. For Hone's prepared speech he spoke about "Don't be afraid to do something different" Hone represented himself very well. Nganeko participated in the Junior Te Reo Māori (Te Rāwhiti Ihaka) section. Nganeko speech was on "Ko ngā pātū o tōku whare ko aku tikanga Māori" Both Hone & Nganeko represented their whānau with aroha and mana. Would like to thank those that came to support both these students on the day, it was a very awesome day. He mihi nui ki a kōrua mo o kōrua maia ki te tū i runga i te atamira i muai te tini, me te mano. Mouri Ora.



Congratulations

Congratulations to the following students that have been selected in the following teams.

- Christian Rosewarne** - Taranaki Secondary School Development
- Luke Berquist** - Taranaki U14 Rugby Rep team
- Jono Butler** - Taranaki U16 Rugby Rep Team
- Mana Ataahua Tamakaha** - Taranaki U15 Girls Rugby Rep
- Azaleah Sutcliffe** - Taranaki U15 Girls Rugby Rep team
- Atalya Fakavamoeanga** - Taranaki U18 Rep, Womens Rugby
- Joshua Young** - Under17 Mid-Central Vipers League Team.

Opunake Basketball Windup

On July 29 our Senior A Girls and Junior Girls teams competed at the Opunake Basketball Association Finals. Our senior girls were victorious, beating Rebels in the Womens A grade final. The Junior girls unfortunately couldn't do the same, being beaten by Mana Wahine Ladies in the women B grade competition. Great effort by both teams. Opunake High School students also faired well with other awards presented on the night:

- Jay Clement** - Best & Fairest player B grade division
 - Regan Bloemen** - Best & Fairest B grade mens division
 - Isabelle Cook** - Junior referee in the junior grade basketball
 - Scott Quinnell** - Senior Referee in the senior grade basketball.
- Well done everyone, what great representatives you are. Keep up the good work. Good luck to the Senior Girls and Boys and Junior Boys. They are all heading off to Regional Championships at the end of August. Go Hard Play Fair!

North Island Secondary Schools Indoor Bowls Championships

Jamie Pretty and Brittany Simpson both represented Opunake High School at the North Island Indoor Bowls Championships at Tauranga in the holidays. They both competed in the singles and pairs categories, and coming out in 2nd place in the pairs division. What an amazing achievement. They are both off to the New Zealand Championship in Wellington at the end of this month. We wish you all the best.

OHS is taking enrolments for 2017

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16 -19 August	Tuesday	Snow Camp
23 August	Tuesday	Yr 12 Biology Field Trip
24 August	Wednesday	Yr 11 Science Field Trip
25 August	Thursday	Get to Go Yr 9&10 Tough Guy & Gal WDC from 11:30am
26 August	Friday	Te Kahui Whetu @ NPGHS
27-30 August	Saturday	Jnr Basketball Regionals
29 August	Monday	Winter Tournament Week
31-4 Sept	Wednesday	Snr Basketball Regionals
5 -9 Sept	Monday	Exam Week
7 Sept	Wednesday	Home & School Meeting
8 Sept	Thursday	WDC from 11:30am



Yr 13 Chemistry

The Year13 chemistry class travelled to Massey University with Mrs Hooper to do an experiment. The experiment involved the production of a conducting polymer which they tested under various conditions. A polymer is effectively a plastic, which usually acts as an insulator, however by manipulating the product they were able to make it conduct electricity. This experiment ties into their current achievement standard and was a great day of learning and a wonderful experience overall.



Above: Ashleigh Clement, Hone Heron, Daniel Woodfield, Tara Clement, Sophie James



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Your problems may be over, and the answer may be no further away than Opunake itself.

Opunake-based Bizness Impressions has set up an online directory where local businesses can give potential customers a first impression of just what their business has to offer.

Opunake businesses are already getting on board. In the search facility if you type in Opunake you will see a list of Opunake businesses appear. Each business is attached to a category. Type in what you want in Opunake, and that's exactly what you will see.

There's even an option for participating businesses to have a video showcasing themselves in action and taking visitors on a virtual tour inside of what they have on offer.

"It's a fantastic concept,"

Bernie Karam of Karam's Clothes on the Coast said. "It gives people an insight before they walk in the door, who otherwise might just pass through. It's going to give us more exposure to a wider customer base. It's going to enhance our business and our community thanks to Ashley and Anne (of Bizness Impressions) for taking us on board."

The page also has links to his website and contact details. Bernie said it also lets people know they are dry cleaning agents, have loyalty cards, free gift wrapping, suit hire, team quotes and WINZ quotes.

"These are services people might not be aware of," he said.

Bernie also sees the directory as helping new people settle into the area, particularly new sharemilkers and farm workers moving into the area on June 1 every year.

Rosie Corkill of Pastimes says having the directory will encourage people to support their local businesses.

"It would be great if all the businesses in Opunake had this, then we could all stand together to make a big impact," she said. "There's lots of new people who have been coming into Opunake lately, and they need to know what's here. All these local businesses have to be supported, otherwise you lose them. They are all locals who work here, and providing jobs for local people is very important."

She sees benefits for her own business.

"Everything I've got is on video, and I can show it off. It's a virtual shop walk. A lot of people aren't aware of what we are selling, even the post side, especially the ink cartridges. They may know that we have gifts, toys and stationery, but not know the range we carry."

Simon Foley from Coastal

Agri Services says the video recorded by Bizness Impressions describes what his business does and gives him an online presence.

"The biggest benefits from this listing are more exposure, more sales and market awareness. Ashley and Anne are very professional to deal with, and they delivered what they promised and more, they totally exceeded expectations." He says the promotional video will encourage customers to use their services.

"I would recommend the directory to all other businesses in Opunake."

Steve Barratt from Agrimec Auto says "My web page puts me on the internet for the first time by displaying photos and a write-up about our mechanical repairs on vehicles, motor bikes and field services on farm machinery and much more.". He believes his biggest benefit will be spreading his name and keeping business in Opunake. "Websites are all too expensive and this is much cheaper," he said.

Shane Butler from Pilot Computing says this directory will make people more aware of his business.

"I feel that I have only tapped into a small percentage of the local market since starting this computer business a few years ago. Listing with Bizness Impressions will help a lot more people become aware that I am operating here",

The owner of the Opunake and Coastal News, Bernice McKellar comments, "This could help raise the profile of the business and introduce more people who are increasingly computer savvy to us."

She added that the idea of a video is a particular bonus. "It's like a TV advert which can introduce people to what businesses do and the range of products and

services on offer but is a more affordable option for smaller businesses." She continued that little towns and their businesses are central to the survival of small communities. This initiative could widen their reach and added it was good to see people with the technology and skills prepared to use these skills to promote business in Opunake. "It's an exciting new initiative that could work. Videos in particular capture people's interest and attention and via this directory is another way for customers to access the business. A lot of people wouldn't have the skills to film a video and this certainly contributes a more human side to the business."


Check out the Bizness Impressions directory, and the different options it provides. They offer a free listing for all businesses, plus paid packages that provide links to existing websites, email and many more features. The launch started about two weeks ago when first introduced to the Opunake businesses. Ashley says "Our vision is to grow business in Opunake, because I have lived here for six years and believe that Opunake businesses have a lot to offer. We have already listed over 50 local businesses, with more to add" The vision is to use Opunake as a starting point and show case our town through the directory throughout Taranaki and the rest of New Zealand.

Contact Anne for a listing on 027 897 8941

Explore Bizness Impressions and watch the videos on www.biznessimpressions.com


Over the page is what a directory web page looks like

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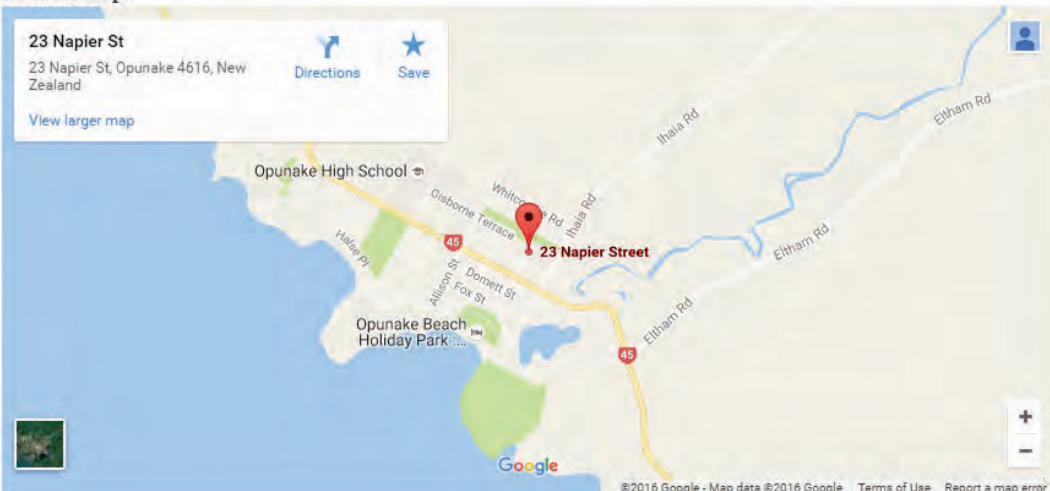
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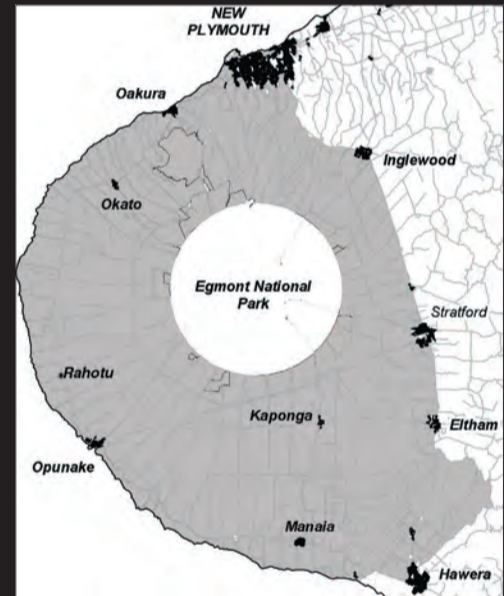
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New gardens keep festival fresh



Coast Haven garden on Stent Rd is planted to withstand windy salt-laden conditions. Photo: Jane Dove Juneau

The inclusion of 10 new entrants in this year's Powerco Taranaki Garden Spectacular will give the annual event even more vitality, says festival manager Lisa Ekdahl. "It keeps the festival alive and fresh. It builds new enthusiasm and offers new ideas, while the gardeners who have been in it for a long time give it depth." The new gardens are Winlea Acre at Waitara, Tainui Close, Himalayan Garden of Tranquility and Hegley Garden, all New Plymouth, Coast Haven at Warea, King Edward Park in Hawera, South Taranaki Mayor Ross Dunlop's place at Ohawe, Glen Artan at Opunake and La Vie en Rose at Eltham.

Te Popo in east Taranaki has been in the festival before, but has new owners. Maurice and Ann Crackett from Winlea Acre say their garden will be three years old when the festival opens from October 28 to November 6. "It was a paddock," Ann Crackett says. Now Winlea Acre is a thriving open-style garden with a huge lawn that has plantings on either side. A concrete path snakes through the garden on one side and will take visitors under three arches and past a variety of plantings. "It's a totally different garden to anybody else's," she says. The couple keeps the acre-sized section looking

perfect year round. "The gardens are ready any time - they always look good. We don't have to do a big clean-up before the festival." King Edward Park, which this year has been named a Garden of Significance by the New Zealand Gardens Trust, is another newcomer. "This was the first year we were happy to put it up as something that was worth visiting," says parks curator David Bruce. "We have made some significant improvements and we feel it's reached a point where we are encouraging people to come to it." Rather than having a special regime to prepare for the annual festival, work is aimed at the

public park looking good 365 days of the year. However, during the festival, on from October 28 to November 6, the rhododendrons will be looking their best, there will still be bulbs coming through and other treasures to view. "There's always something coming through," Bruce says. "Come here and you will have something to surprise you."

Ross and Jan Dunlop's garden surrounds a character home built in 1937. Visitors can expect to see a well-established but relaxed rural garden that sits naturally into the coastal landscape. There are wide sweeping lawns, a native area and vegetable garden plus sea and mountain views. Glen Artan, the home of Catherine and Shane Ardern, is another country garden that includes a stone-walled stream, water wheel and bridges, along with clear views of the mountain. La Vie en Rose is a European-style courtyard garden that flows from the old bank building at Eltham. Roses, irises and many potted plants add to the beauty of this place owned by Barbara Valentine and Mark Bellringer. Te Popo is a woodland garden starring exotic trees and conifers, ponds, a waterfall, fern gully and planted borders, all encircled by rainforest and deep gorges. It's now owned by Amanda and Les Heynie. Coast Haven, located on one of Taranaki's prime surfing spots, Stent Rd, is a seaside garden that has been planted to thrive in windy salt-laden conditions. Claire and Paddy Baker have planted clivia, Chatham Island forget-me-nots and coastal daisies, along with

a variety of native plants including pohutukawa. There are three new gardens in New Plymouth. Tainui Close, the home of Chris Paul and Kevin Wensor, is described as a landscape designer's inner-city hideaway developed on a steep sloping hillside. The Himalayan Garden of Tranquility is Bindu and Kam Sharma's successful

attempt to recreate childhood memories of those majestic mountains. This peaceful four-year-old garden has year-round colour and fragrance. Chris and Jenness Hegley have created a well-balanced town garden with emphasis on foliage and small maples. This flowing garden also includes camellias, bulbs, hostas and kowhai.

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A need to know basis

"I don't believe in minerals," said the farm owner with barely concealed impatience. "My rule," he added, "If anyone comes up the drive talking minerals is to keep one hand on my wallet and my other hand pointing to the gate." Oh dear.

Normally I would have been happy to walk away. But, I was there on the behest of the sharemilker. A 20 per cent down cow rate, a very high death rate of newborn calves and real problems with weight management in the herd was causing a lot of grief for the young couple. So I persisted. "What's all that stuff in the bags over there?" I enquired indicating the pallets of causmag, limeflour, salt and DCP. "Sure is a lot of minerals for someone who doesn't believe in it," I pointed out. "Those aren't minerals." He explained, "Those over there are minerals." He pointed to a rotting half-full bag of hardened substance lying beneath a pile of empty causmag bags. The penny dropped, the minerals he was alluding to were the 'trace elements'.

And to be charitable to him, the trace element market is full of dealers, each with their unique pitch



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on the subject. This one has organic copper, this one has yeast selenium, this one has amino acid zinc for extra absorption. Not to mention manganese, boron, nickel, chromium, and don't forget the extra vitamins, more vitamins, different vitamins. Biological! Scientific! Quantum. Oh jeez. I guess, ignorance can really be bliss. So anyway, you made the purchase (because you really needed that crockpot) and ran them though the dispenser. After three months you couldn't quite put your finger on any change, ran out of minerals, never got around to reordering, and didn't really notice too much difference. Hmm, not believing in trace elements can be understandable.

Current approaches to

trace elements are plagued by gross generalisations, old wives' tales, and lazy science which has been repeated often enough to now be accepted as fact. This state of affairs does farmers and our animals a huge disservice. It's a shame really because undiagnosed trace element deficiencies (and I diagnose plenty of them) are a critical risk factor in all of the production diseases.

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There is an old African proverb, "Not to know is bad. Not to wish to know is worse".

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Former contract milker convicted after ramming cow with quad bike

A former contract milker has been banned from working in the dairy industry for 12 months for ramming a dairy cow with a quad bike, causing it severe pain and distress.

Fifty-six-year-old Christopher Mark Bennett was working on a farm in Raglan when the abuse occurred.

Bennett had been rounding up stock when rammed a

difficult cow that was in full milk, with his quad bike at least twice.

The Ministry for Primary Industries began an investigation after witnesses, who were horse-riding on the farm, reported the incident.

MPI Investigations Manager, Simon Anderson, says offending of this nature is unacceptable.

"The Animal Welfare Act exists to protect animals from this sort of

abuse.

"There is never an excuse for ill-treatment of animals. MPI takes any reports of abuse very seriously. If we find evidence that warrants charges being laid, we will prosecute."

Bennett was convicted and sentenced to 125 hours community work and disqualified from working in the dairy industry for 12 months.

Break-even cost pared back as farmers lift efficiency

Industry body DairyNZ says the increased dividend and the maintained \$4.25 per kg MS Fonterra Farmgate Milk Price is some good news for farmers with shares.

But another positive is also emerging – New Zealand dairy farmers have sharpened their systems and reduced costs through this sustained low milk price period.

DairyNZ chief executive Tim Mackle says while the milk price will continue to keep pressure on farmers this season, the industry's performance in cost-cutting on-farm means break-even costs have been reduced.

"We've revised our break-even milk income required for the average farmer in 2016/17 to \$5.05 per kg MS," says Mr Mackle. "It was \$5.25 per kg MS for 2015/16 and \$5.77 in 2014/15."

The break-even cash price includes farm working expenses (excluding adjustments for unpaid management and

depreciation), interest and rent, tax and drawings; and nets off livestock and other income received.

"The reduced milk price has meant farmers have really fine-tuned their management and analysed their costs of production. This should bring the average farm working expenses back to an anticipated \$3.55 per kg MS this season, the lowest level since 2009/10."

Farm working expenses were sitting at \$4.07 per kg MS in 2014/15, so the reduction has been equivalent to around \$100,000 per farm, on average.

Mr Mackle says reducing the break-even price is tremendous recognition for New Zealand dairy farmers and the resilience they have shown.

"Being able to reduce the break-even milk price tells us that dairy farmers have cut costs further than we thought. This cost control is resulting in more efficient dairy businesses, which is key to resilience."

Despite the \$5.05 per kg

MS break-even milk income required for the average farmer, under the current forecast farmers will receive around \$4.50 per kg MS all up in terms of milk income, including retro payments from last season and dividends (including the lift in dividend).

"Obviously there is still a shortfall there – and while there are farmers operating above that \$5.05 level, there are many with break-even incomes below that too. But a \$4.50 income and reduced farm working expenses means farmers won't need to borrow quite as much," says Mr Mackle. "But let's be clear, this is still very tough for our farmers as it's been a sustained period of low milk price."

"Every farm runs a slightly different system, with different costs and needs. Many will have been through the process of fine-tuning their budgets, but maintaining that momentum and always looking for efficiency opportunities is key."

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Farmers benefit from \$41 Ravensdown rebate

Ravensdown has announced a profit before tax and rebate figure of \$62 million for continuing businesses in the year ending 31 May 2016 (\$46 million in 2015).

After making progress in each of the past three years and by focusing on fundamentals, the farmer-owned co-operative is in a position to pay a total annual rebate of \$41 per tonne on purchased products.

Shareholders have already received \$21 cash per tonne of this total rebate by way of an interim rebate payment in June. By the time the remainder of the total rebate is distributed, a fully paid-up shareholder who bought 100 tonnes of fertiliser will be better off by \$4,100. This result equates to more than \$44 million being returned

back to the rural economy.

"We outperformed the sector in terms of superior rebate in addition to passing on value in the form of technical advice, product quality and leading with price reductions throughout the year," said Ravensdown Chairman John Henderson.

Henderson added, "This great result stems from year-on-year progress on a variety of fronts. The question for farmers right now is: 'who's got the business model, strategy, people and momentum that are most likely to deliver better value in the year that we are now in?'"

Operating cashflow was \$106 million. Equity was further improved via retained earnings with equity ratios now at 84 per cent before rebate (75 per



Ravensdown regional manager Mike Davey

cent after rebate) and the co-operative was net debt-free in 2015-16. This compares to 2012 when the equity ratio stood at 41 per cent and the company owed \$355 million.

Over \$33 million has been invested in

infrastructure including new loaders, conveyors, roofing, laboratories and high precision blending machinery.

Mike Davey Regional Manager at Ravensdown is proud that the fertiliser co-operative was able to deliver an outstanding performance when many companies in the agsector are struggling. "The \$41 per tonne rebate was very well received by farmers in Taranaki," said Mike. "I've had plenty of calls saying good on you Ravensdown and great to see you going well." But, Mike said, it's not just the rebate. "Ravensdown led general price reductions four times over the past year and capped the superphosphate price prior to last Christmas, so our dry stock farmers could take advantage of our

low prices."

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MPI investigators target alleged unregulated meat sales

A team of Ministry for Primary Industries investigators have executed a search warrant at an alleged unregulated meat premises in Turangi.

This came after a six month undercover operation involving the purchase of considerable quantities of venison, lamb and pork products from a local

Turangi man.

The man is now being spoken to by MPI investigators in relation to the alleged sale of meat from an unregulated premises.

MPI Compliance Operations Manager, Gary Orr, says a decision will be made as to whether charges will be laid under the Animal Products Act.

He says offences that involve activities that fall outside of the act can have serious food safety implications.

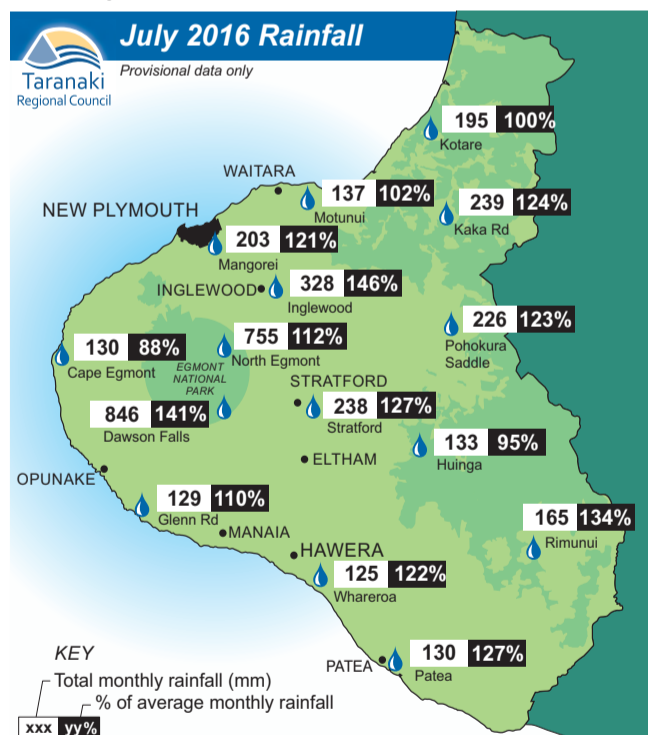
"Food of animal origin presents one of the foremost risks to the health and well-being of humans because animals can unwittingly transfer diseases and chemical residues to humans

and other animals.

"The trade of unregulated meat is a risk because there's no basis for the consumer to know whether the necessary hygiene and control measures have been in place during processing.

"This sort of activity poses a very real risk to consumer health."

July a wet and windy month



July was a reasonably wet and windy month, with rainfall totals ranging between 88 per cent and 146 per cent of normal according to Taranaki Regional Council figures. Rainfall was recorded on between 16 and 22 days for the month, with rain falling on almost everyday from July 13 until the end of the month. However, there were three sites that recorded below normal rainfall and these were Taungatara (95 per cent), Kapoiaia (88 per cent) and Mangaehu (95 per cent). The Council hydrology team had a busy month with a number of rain watches and warnings issued by the MetService, but a majority of these related to strong winds rather than

heavy rain.

The Mountain sites recorded rainfall on between 21 and 24 days, and all recorded above normal rainfall by between 107 per cent and 141 per cent.

Year to date rainfall is sitting between 87 per cent and 118 per cent of normal, with ten of the 28 rainfall sites having recorded below normal rainfall to date. Of most significance is the rainfall site at the New Plymouth Wastewater Treatment Plant (Waiwhakaiho Valley) which has only recorded 87 per cent of normal to date. The rainfall site at the Council offices in Stratford has recorded the most rainfall compared to normal to date with 118 per cent.

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Batman goes down to Flanagan

James (Batman) Langton says he is taking time out to consider his boxing future following his loss to Mark Flanagan.

The Opunake dairy farmer and former NZNBF cruiserweight champion was fighting Flanagan on the main undercard to the Danny Green-Kane Watts fight in Melbourne on August 3.

The ref had called the fight off after Langton had gone down for a second time just before the end of Round Two.

Despite the loss, James says he had valued the experience. "I don't regret taking the fight on. It was a life experience being the main undercard on the world stage like this, fighting someone who is ranked in the top 50 in the world. Walking into the stadium with 8000 people and a three tier stand, I just enjoyed the moment. In my first pro fight, I had walked out to a town hall."

James said before he went to Australia, he had looked for YouTube footage of Flanagan but hadn't been able to find any. This had him worried.

"When I got over there, I had been hearing whispers about how good this guy really is. Then I saw him at the weigh in. This guy was a monster. He was probably the heaviest guy I have ever fought in my career. He had muscles on muscles."

James said he knew he was being seen as the underdog

who would hopefully put up a good fight, but still lose to somebody who had chosen to make boxing his life.

Nevertheless, James believes he had won the first round. Things changed in Round Two.

"The class of the guy hit me when he got me with this liver shot out of nowhere. He just dropped me."

James went down for the eight count, then got up again, and carried on fighting for about a minute, before another blow in the same spot followed by one to the head sent him down again. The ref then stopped the fight just before the bell went for the end of Round Two.

James says he was disappointed the fight didn't go on.

"I would have liked to have given the guy a chance to see if he could sustain that explosive power. I'm obviously disappointed I didn't go more rounds, but I've got no broken ribs and no headaches from a world class fighter who would be two fights away from a title fight himself."

"I want to thank my coach Colin Smith, Kelly Langton my wife, my sparring partners, all the supporters who travelled over, and all the support I got from well-wishers leading up to the fight," he said.

As for his future boxing plans, he said he would carry on training, but would take



James Langton

a break and reassess things after spring.

"I don't know what there is left for me to achieve in this sport," he says. He still

hadn't made up his mind on a number of other possible fights that have been mentioned.

Gold Star for indoor bowler

The Taranaki Indoor Bowls Centre played their Champion of Champion Triples at Normanby recently and the Midhirst team of Noel Thompson (Skip) Max Rowland and Neil Rowland won the event outright. This win gave Noel Thompson five

centre titles and his Gold Star.

The Champion of Champion Pairs was also played, and this was an outright win to the Otakeho father and daughter combination of Paul and Lucy Midgley. This was a great achieve-

ment as Lucy is an eleven year old junior player.

The Henselite Singles was also contested with two bowlers qualifying for post section play - Don Semple and Sue Bourne. The play-off was totally dominated by Semple who won 19 - 3 and

will go on to represent the Centre at the National play-off in Wellington in September.

The Sheehan Shield was played, with the South Association winning with 29 points, Waimate 23 and Central 20.

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Coastal Opunake Junior Rugby's great year

On July 30, the Hurricanes trounced the Chiefs 25-9 at the Westpac Stadium in Wellington. Shortly before then, at the Sandfords Event Centre in Opunake, Coastal Opunake junior Rugby were celebrating their year at their annual prizegiving.

It had been a successful year, with 92 or 93 registered players, slightly up on last year, convenor Mike Grayling said.

"We've had two 15 aside teams and I don't think we've had that for a couple of years. Rugby and a team spirit are a good way of socialising anyone at any age."

"Every Saturday it's been great to see the kids running around and having fun. It's been really enjoyable. I just want to thank all our sponsors and people who helped out every Saturday, like parents, supporters and coaches. We hope to see all the kids and more back next year."

Highlights of the year had included players Matt Clarke, Callum Tito, Caleb Clark and John Grayling selected for the Southern and Central teams in the Ross Brown Tournament, an annual Taranaki competition for boys under 13 years old and weighing under 50kgs. Chaz Taipari had also been selected for the Taranaki Under 14 boys team.

With Taranaki this year putting up an Under 13 girls team for the first time, local players ManaAtaahua Tamakaha, Danielle



Coastal Opunake Junior Rugby's Ross Brown players. From left Matt Clarke, Callum Tito, Caleb Clark (Most Outstanding Junior Player Shield holder), John Grayling.

Muggeridge and Grace Bradley had been selected. This was in addition to their selections for the Under 15 Girls team.

The prizegiving began with the prizes and mini trophies for the Under 6s. Lance Mullin said he had had a lot of fun coaching them.

"They are really awesome kids, and there's a few future Beauden Barretts there," he said.

From there, prizes and trophies were awarded up through the age groups, finishing with the Under 13s.

Caleb Clarke was awarded the Most Outstanding Junior Player Shield, a trophy

which has been awarded every year since 1985.

Although it had been a wet and windy night, there had been a good sized crowd to honour the Coast's up and coming and future rugby stars. With the prizes and trophies handed out, it was back out into the wet weather, and home to watch the Hurricanes.

Under 6s. Most outstanding Amelia Duggan. Most improved Finn Mullin. Most dedicated Amy Gulliver.

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outstanding Hadlee Marsh. Most improved Zac Short. Most dedicated Charlie Tretheway.

Under 10s. Most outstanding Andrew lawn. Most improved Luke Forsyth. Most dedicated Stak Hickey.

Under 11s. Most outstanding Liam Drought and Manase Filihia. Most improved Jaree Summerfield. Most dedicated Teague Mullin.

Under 13s. Most outstanding. Chaz Taipari and Corbyn Sutcliffe. Most improved. Cullum Tito and Pero Brophy. Most dedicated Matt Clarke.



The Under 10s.

Okato Under 7's are Taranaki North Champions

At the North Taranaki Under 7's tournament held at Bell Block on July 23, the Okato Under 7's defeated all comers to take out the title. They had had a great season playing well as a team throughout.

The road to the title started with a win over Spotswood 6-2, then Inglewood 6-3,

a tight victory over NPOB Gold 4-3, a tough win over NPOB black 6-4 before taking on Bell Block in the final. It was a tight game with both teams trading tries. It came down to a great defensive effort by Okato to get a turnover before Dustin Horscroft scored the winning try. Player of the

game was Lauchie Hewson-Baldwin, and captain for the game Connor Horscroft collected the winner's cup for the team. The team this season was Harlen Goodin, Leighton Goodin, Louis Edwards-Carter, Lauchie Hewson-Baldwin, Lucas Ripia, Grady O'Sullivan, Taihua Mathieson-Julian

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A good day at the Opunake Cup



Taranaki Rose of Tralee, Claire Richardson with the winning jockey, Timothy Johnson, of the Opunake Cup, 2016.

The winning horse, Longchamp, (pictured) is a Tavistock gelding trained by Andrew Campbell of Otaki.

The day was well attended by Coastal supporters.

Some good shooting at Eltham Smallbore Rifle Club

Eltham Smallbore Rifle Club has continued its season in between competing in interclub shoots, Trophy shoots, and the National District Championship.

The past fortnight has seen Paul Tidswell shoot a magnificent 300.18, while Garry Rowlands managed 297.16.

The highlight for the period was young Matt Sulzberger shooting his personal best of 100.9, and the club awaits with interest what kind of cake he will shout us with.

Bob Bramley had a good card with 98.4, so he is

making progress.

The Van Loo family have largely progressed from the grouping targets to full cards, and while their scores may take a hit in the short-term, there is enough family competitiveness to ensure the scores improve rapidly.

Scores were : Paul Longstaff 194.10, 94.1, 95.3, 189.4, 182.1, 193.5, 93.0; Matt Sulzberger 100.9, 96.4; Paul Tidswell 100.6, 100.7, 100.5, 97.4, 99.8, 198.11, 99.7, 196.9, 197.11, 196.11; Bob Bramley 90.1, 92.2, 93.1, 98.4, 185.7, 91.1, 92.4;

Clare Bramley 96.1, 91.1, 93.1, 188.3; Murray Chinery 92.3, 92.2, 91.1, 92.4; Garry Rowlands 98.8, 100.4, 99.4, 97.5, 196.12, 99.7, 193.7; Brian Hicks 93.0, 94.3, 91.1, 93.1, 93.2, 90.0; Karel Van Loo 100 (Gr) 86.2, 85.0; Kevin Van Loo 97 (Gr) 99 (Gr) 100 (Gr) 100 (Gr); Carola Van Loo 100 (Gr) 77.1, 80.0, 77.1; Don Litchfield 94.1, 96.6, 93.2, 92.4; Adrian Clark 96.4, 96.5, 98.6; Kat Mischefski 94.1; Alan Drake 190.6; Frank Eustace 98.5, 98.7, 96.5.

Alan Drake

Some stiff competition in Championship shooting

It was a cold night with some hot scores at the Hawera Hub on August 5 for the Taranaki closed target shooting championships.

These scores will also be used for a North Island ranking which will be out soon. In Master grade there was tight competition and all was in doubt until the last cards were marked. From Oaonui Dave Fake 397.24 came out the winner by one point from Hawera's two Camerons, Bruce on 396.32, and Jason 396.28. In the A grade it was even closer with Sam Gooding from Hawera on 392.24, only beating Hayden Andreoli by one inner on 392.23. The whole of the A grade was separated by only four points, making a very close competition. The B grade was won by Graham Moratti

from Inglewood, and Lou Donnelly from Inglewood took out the C Grade. The biggest win was in D grade by Eltham's Clare Bramley by three clear points. The Bridgeman Shield was won by the Hawera no 1 team of Bruce Cameron, Jason Cameron, Frank Eustace and Sam Gooding with a total of 785.51 from Inglewood Number one Team on 782.43. Scores were : D. Fake 397.24, B. Cameron 396.32, J. Cameron 396.28, B. Moratti 394.23, D. Gibson 392.24, P. Tidswell 391.20 A Grade: S. Gooding 392.24, H. Andreoli 392.23, F. K. Bocock 391.23. Eustace 390.18, B. Moratti 389.19, T. Jupp 388.17, B. Grade: G. Moratti 389.129, A. Clark 380.12, K. Mischefski 373.17, C. Grade: Lou Donnelly 281.11, I.

Hayton 265.2, D. Grade: C. Bramley 284.9, P. Longstaff 281.4, Mathew Peters 281.3, B. Bramley 284.9, X. Sander 255.0, L. Butler 246.0.

Scores were used for the National champs as well, with a total of 241 entries. The best placed Taranaki shooters were: In Master Grade Dave Fake 5th, In A Grade Sam Gooding 9th, In B Grade Graham Moratti 7th C. Grade Lou Donnelly 18th and in D Grade Clare Bramley 12th.

In the National District Teams telephone shoot, Taranaki has cemented themselves in the first division for another year, and the team can be rightly proud of their efforts. Taranaki's strength lies in the open team who nearly always score well.

Frank Eustace

Solid performances in Hawera shooting

There has been some solid performances but no personal bests in the target shooting at the Hawera Hub. In the seniors, Hayden Andreoli shot a very good double card 99.7, 99.8 to finish. With those scores, Hayden is coming into some good form at the finals time of the season. Bruce Cameron continues to be the one to beat with another double hundred 200.9, and Frank Eustace apart from a 100.4, has still a way to go and is not up to the previous week's effort. Scores were: On grouping cards Dwayne Rangi 99, 93. Full cards: Dylan Farr 85.0, 81, Llew 93.1, 83.0, Jack son Jennings 93.1, Alex Munro

80.0, Clayton Robinson 75.0, 73.0, Christina Starr 92.2, 92.1, Rico Symes Patterson 82.0, Tenneile Crump Conchie 82.0, 86.0, Joe De Costa 86.1, Kris Chandra 90.0, 78.0, Hayden Andreoli 98.2, 95.2, 95.2, 198.15, Bruce Cameron 100.4, 100.5, 98.7, Jason Cameron 99.6, 195.11, Frank Eustace 100.4, 98.3, 95.2 Sam Gooding 97.4, 99.5, 96.4, Mathew Peters 93.0, 96.2,

A week earlier, the Junior shooters came out on top beating the Seniors in the Knock-out shoot. Dylan Farr shot right to his handicap to vanquish all challenges to win the Knockout, beating Samuel Gooding in the

final. In the Plate round Tenneile Crump Conchie won against Frank Eustace. Steph Cameron shot well for a 94.4. It will be interesting to see how she progresses over the remaining various challenges the next few days. This week's score of note would have to be Frank Eustace who scored the perfect 100.10. Bruce and Jason Cameron both scored 100.8s. Scores were: Dylan Farr 82.1, 88.1, Llewellyn Farr 74.0, 73.0, Jackson Jennings 92.2, 93.4, Alex Munro 93.1, 92.2, Dwayne Rangi 87.1, 85.0, Clayton Robinson 78.2, 82.0, Christina Starr 93.2, 95.1, Rico Symes Patterson

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Cobras miss out on Lile Shield

On Saturday the Coastal Cobras travelled to New Plymouth's Pukekura Park to play what would be a re-match with last year's grand-final winners, Marist Dragons. In cold and blustery conditions the Dragons again prevailed, retaining the Lile Shield with a 28-24 win. The early exchanges were tight before Marist scored in the corner on the 10 minute mark. Coastal scored next through replacement Kurt Smith who showed great strength to ground the ball in the right hand corner. Marist scored the next two tries and with two goals were ahead 16-4 before Rawiri Naniseni scored just before halftime to make it 16-8 at the break. The opening 20 minutes of the second half was very much an arm wrestle as both sides defended hard, but it was again the Dragons who would score first. With a successful conversion the boys from the Coast were now behind 22-8. Coastal's 36 year old Fullback Darren Parata then scored a well taken individual try to get them back within 8 points. Marist were in again soon after to again stretch the lead back to 14 points and it looked like time was running out. To their credit

the Cobras scored two more tries, one to Captain Mark Davis and Naniseni grabbed his double, but it was too late and the score read 28-24. For Coastal, Maloni Tuitupou and Mark Baylis tried hard all day, while in the backs it was the usual duo of Davis and Parata who were involved in everything. While we were unable to win the Lile Shield this year, it has still been a great season for the team. It began in February with a pre-season win against Linton in our now annual Battle of the Cobras. We then had

7 players named to play for the Taranaki Shark's in the curtain raiser to the Warriors V Raiders game in New Plymouth. Next up we won the 2016 Western Alliance Premiership, which is a first for the club, and after Saturday's grand-final we had a total of 10 players named in the Taranaki Sharks, who are as follows- Darren Parata, Arepa Bishop, Tui Karena, Mark Davis, Ross McLachlan, Phil Taylor, Maloni Tuitupou, Sean Mare, Kieran Young and Tyler Pattison. Congratulation

guys, you all deserve it. I would like to take this opportunity to thank our Sponsor's, Colton's Motor's, B&J Cook, TJ Painting & Decorating and Coast 45, thanks for all your support. Also to our hearty supporters who follow us during the season, I thank each and everyone of you for your commitment to our team. To our committee, thanks for everything that gets done behind the scene's to ensure we can play the game. To bigger and better thing's next season!!
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Tanek Tapiki is tackled by a Marist Player

Photo by Marama Ratahi

Taranaki Bulls team named

Eighteen players with Super Rugby experience, three Mitre 10 Cup debutants, 541 combined games in amber and black and an infinite amount of ticker. These all feature in the 2016 Port Taranaki Bulls squad announced by head coach Colin Cooper for the team's first Mitre 10 Cup game against Bay of Plenty in Tauranga on August 20.. Seven players are in line to make their Port Taranaki Bulls debuts this season. Hurricanes and Coastal prop Mike Kainga bolsters the front row following the departure of Angus Ta'avao to the Waratahs in 2015, while 26 year-old Reds second rower Ben Matwijow and New Zealand

Under 20s representative Fin Hoeata replenish the locking stocks that were diminished by injuries to James Broadhurst, Riki Hoeata and Blade Thomson. In the backs, 20-year-old Johnny Fa'auli adds depth to the midfield which boasts All Blacks Seta Tamanivalu and Charlie Ngatai. 19-year-old Spotswood United winger Manasa Mataele, All Blacks Sevens representative Declan O'Donnell and promising New Zealand Under 20s representative Stephen Perofeta complete the backline additions for 2016. Two familiar faces return to Taranaki in 2016. Lock Leon Power rejoins the Port Taranaki Bulls after honing

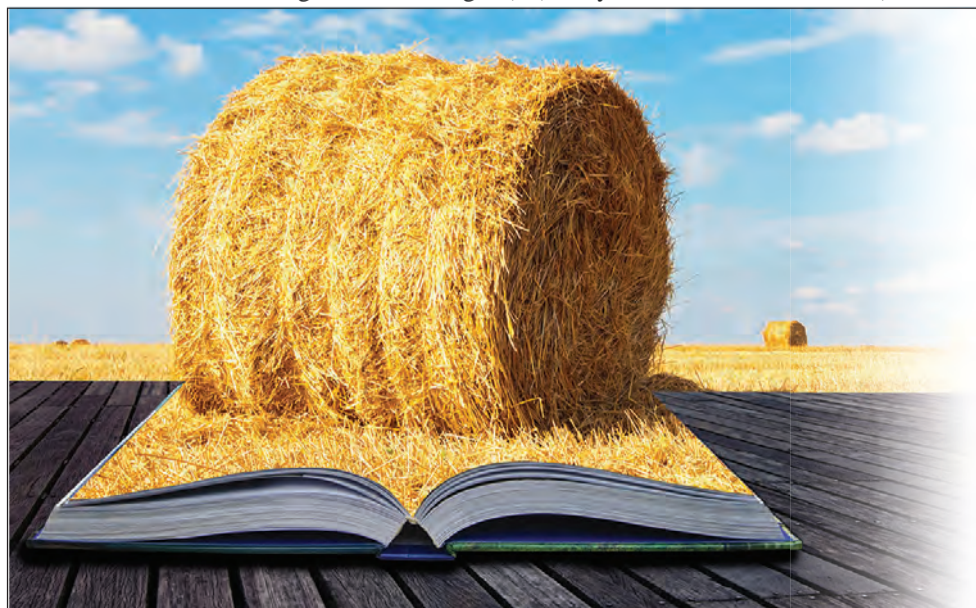
his trade most recently with French club Oyonnax. All Blacks sevens and Clifton utility back Beaudain Waaka will also don the amber and black jersey this season, adding to his 11 caps for the province. The team is. Forwards. Mitchell Graham(23), Reuben O'Neill (3), Ryan Cocker(25), Mike Kainga, Jared Proffit(1), Rhys Marshall(30), Sione Lea(38), Leon Power(23), Ben Matwijow, Fin Hoeata, Leighton Price(10), Mitchell Crosswell(31), Mitchell Brown(15), Berny Hall(32), Lachlan Boshier(9), Toa Halafihi(13), Iopu Iopu-Aso(14). Backs. Te Toiroa Tahuriorangi (11), Kylem

O'Donnell (16), Marty McKenzie(16), Sean Wainui (12), Seta Tamanivalu (37), Charlie Ngatai (20), Johnny Fa'auli, Latu Vaeno (11), Manasa Mataele, Stephen Perofeta, Declan O'Donnell, Beaudain Waaka (11), Jackson Ormond (50), Waisake Naholo (31), Beauden Barrett (26). Injury Cover: Isaia Tuifua (33) who joins the Port Taranaki Bulls as an injury replacement for Charlie Ngatai as he continues to recover from concussion. Contracted players unavailable for the 2016 season due to injury are James Broadhurst (concussion), Riki Hoeata (concussion) and Blade Thomson (shoulder).

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

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2016 Election of Trustees

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As there were more nominations received than vacancies, an election will be held by postal and internet voting to confirm the Trustees required. Voting papers will be posted to registered members of the Taranaki Iwi Trust from Wednesday 3 August 2016. Voting will close at 5pm on Friday 9 September 2016.

Anthony Morton Returning Officer - Taranaki Iwi Trust PO Box 3138, Christchurch 0800 666 041 iro@electionz.com



Notice of 2016 Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting of the Taranaki Iwi Trust, which will be held on Saturday 17th September 2016 at Puniho Pa, State Highway 45, Taranaki commencing at 10.00am.

AGENDA

- 1. Karakia
2. Apologies
3. Minutes of 2015 AGM
4. Chairperson's Report -Taranaki Iwi Trust Report -Te Kahui o Taranaki Trust Report -Taranaki Iwi Fisheries Ltd Report -Taranaki Iwi Claims Management Ltd Report - Taranaki Iwi Holdings Ltd Report
5. Financial Report
- Appointment of Auditor
6. 2016 Trustee Election Result
7. General Business

For further information please contact the Taranaki Iwi Trust office, Cnr Bayly Road & Ocean View Parade, Moturoa, New Plymouth, Ph (06) 751 4285.

Tokatumoana Walden Chairperson

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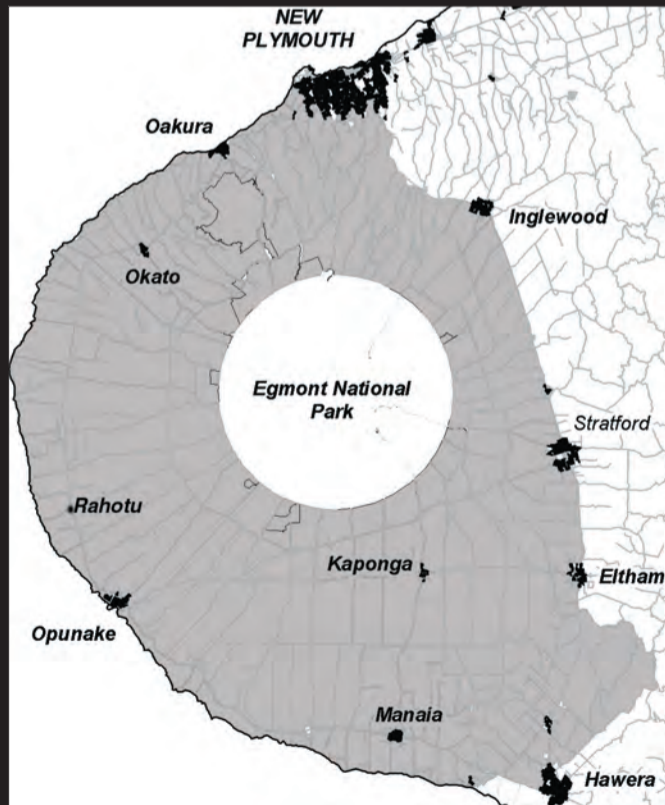
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New Hope For Long Term Back Pain Sufferers

After over eight years in New Zealand, Teeter Hang-Ups has now gained a reputation for success with long-term sufferers of back pain.

After over eight years in New Zealand, Teeter Hang-Ups have now gained a reputation for success with long-term sufferers of Back pain. Inversion New Zealand was started eight years ago by Dave and Nancy Hare, Dave had suffered over twenty years of back pain from Degenerated Discs and had basically given up and decided to just live with it. "To me surgery was never an option" he said "as long as I still could walk, there was hope".

Dave had tried everything; every time he was overseas he would search for anything that could possibly help. While on one of these overseas trip eight years ago, Dave discovered the Teeter Hang-Ups. "The first time I tried it, the pain disappeared and I was completely pain free for about 30 minutes, nothing had done that" he told me. Dave never believed it would fix him, "as specialists had told me it was irreversible, I now knew I had a place to go every time I wanted some serious relief".

To Dave's surprise the more he used the table the longer the pain stayed away, until after nearly three months he was completely pain free, "I couldn't believe it" he told me "I had spent large amounts of money on every form of treatment available and here

was something I had never heard of sorting it out for me in a very short period of time" It was then Dave decided to introduce Teeter into New Zealand and Inversion NZ was born.

Over the years INZ have helped thousands of people get some serious relief and have seen results in not only backs, but necks, hips, knees, posture, circulation, increased height, blood pressure and lots more.

"We have testimonials from people with over fifty years of back problems and even have them in a number of schools in New Zealand for their special needs children" he told me, "the blood to the brain helps these kids and the results are excellent" What this means for the aging population is that it helps maintain the health of the brain as we all get older.

Dave told me that he realised that, had he not tried the Teeter for himself he would still be suffering, "I would still be a miserable grumpy bugger, living with pain, that is why we do the shows, people need to try it for themselves" he told me "most people actually get off with the pain either gone or considerably less" he said "we let the tables do the talking"



Frank Harwood (84) of Turangi using his Teeter, Frank has been inverting for over eight years and has found it keeps him young

Come along to our Expo at either Hawera or New Plymouth (See the red band below for further details). If you have completely resigned yourself to having back or neck pain for the rest of your life, then chances are you will be pleasantly surprised.

TESTIMONIAL

DEAR DAVE AND NANCY

In 2008 I had been living with a serious lower back pain for many years due to two discs with serious degeneration and was scheduled for a double spinal fusion at a cost of \$48,000. The Specialist had recommended many lifestyle changes including changing my profession, which was not practical as I own my own business.

At the Waikato Home Show I experienced a demonstration on a Teeter Inversion Table by Dave and Nancy Hare. To me the effect was amazing, I actually experienced some serious relief which lasted for an hour or two, I was told that the relief would last longer with time as long as I used the table regularly, so with the surgery scheduled for 12 weeks time, having nothing to lose and a lot to gain I purchased a Teeter. Four years on I still use my table on a daily basis, my back is as strong as ever with very little or completely no pain, I am still at my same profession and working as hard as ever and most importantly I did not have the surgery. I consider the purchase of my Teeter has been one of my greatest investments, not only has it enabled me to avoid serious and costly surgery, it has kept me in my profession and it has brought my health back.

Thank you very much for the opportunity.

Very best regards
Paul Gordon
Cambridge

IT IS PURE LOGIC AS TO HOW THE TEETER TABLE WORKS

The Teeter Inversion Table works on three levels: **Discs, Muscles & Posture**

Discs: It uses Gravity to apply traction, the traction gently opens the discs and as they open up they create suction, this suction draws fluid from the surrounding tissue back into the discs, re-hydrating them. This is the key! Discs do not have their own blood supply, they rely on transfer of fluid from the surrounding tissue to keep them healthy and hydrated and over the years as discs get thinner with age, they lose the ability to take on fluid (just like squeezing a sponge) and they start to de-hydrate. De-Hydrated discs are less flexible, they are harder, more prone to injury, they interfere with nerve roots creating pain and ultimately the de-hydration causes degeneration. The Teeter Inversion table slowly and gently brings the hydration back into the discs, plumping them up. This brings back lost height (most people will regain around 2 CM of height), it separates the nerve roots far more effectively and returns quality of life

Muscles: A lot of pain is muscular, when muscles are stressed they become tight which restricts the flow of blood and lymph through the muscles so toxins build up, Co2 and Lactic Acid. A reverse stretch opens up the muscles and there is a treatment on the table, which is called Rhythmic Traction, which is a gentle rocking motion. This stimulates circulation and encourages blood flow through the muscles, which clears the lactic acid into your lymph system where it stimulates lymph flow and deals with it. Most people with serious neck issues see a large improvement after only one treatment.

Posture: Poor posture is one of the major cases of pain and is a major contributor to the deterioration of the body with age. A difference in leg length causes most of the hip and knee issues, as they continue to place uneven loads on the joints; much in the same way as the misalignment of your wheels on your car, they eventually wear away the wheel bearings.

Trying to correct posture is extremely difficult due to muscle memory as it constantly pulls the muscles to where they want to be. At a level of 40 degrees or more on the Teeter, the muscle groups open up and eventually come back into alignment, using the table daily, does not allow the memory to pull the muscles out of alignment and slowly the muscles start to lose their memory and go with the flow, allowing the body to come back into correct posture. Then using the table once a day will ensure it is kept there.

This is not rocket science, it is just pure logic, if a machine is out of alignment it does not last long, the only difference with the body and a machine is that it is constantly repairing itself, however if the wear and tear on the body is greater than the body's ability to repair itself, it is a slow decline. The Teeter slowly brings the body out of its decline and allows the body to repair itself, resulting in a far healthier life.

If you are serious about investing in your health and really sorting your issues out, come see us at one of our local roadshows, you have nothing to lose and chances are, a lot to gain.

BACK or NECK PAIN?

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In 2006, a three and a half year medical study using the Teeter Hang-Ups was completed in the Regional Neuroscience Centre at Newcastle General Hospital. It was conducted by one of the UK's leading Neurosurgeons and authorities on back care and it was found that Inversion Therapy reduced the need for spinal surgery for Sciatica by 77% compared to 22% with traditional methods of treatment.

We will set the table to the relaxing angle of 20 degrees, which gently relieves the pressure on your spine and leaves you feeling relaxed and rejuvenated.

After nearly eight years in NZ there are now enough people using the Teeter Hang-Ups to dispel the last of any doubts that these really do work if you suffer from Back or Neck Pain or simply just want to age healthily, bring this ad along for a free 10 minute treatment. "I promise that you will be pleasantly surprised!"

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From left, Bernice, Simon, Noel, Anne, Russell, Sam

Musicians entranced in a world of their own

When you're enjoying the pleasures of the sounds you're creating, it's quite easy to slip into a trance, not realising the cameras are capturing that moment.

Caught up in a new melody at the Opunake music workshop, we teamed up as individual musicians playing various instruments to form a band. It was exciting to hear

the result of this original piece of music develop within the Church walls.

If you're a musician and have a passion about enjoying the collaboration

that music can provide, then come along and enjoy the journey at the Catholic Church, Opunake, at 7:30 Tuesday 16th August 2016.

Anne Montgomery

Wheelerama coming soon to Eltham

Keep this date clear in your diary – Saturday November 5. On this day, starting around 10am, Eltham will have a grand selection of vehicles to see. This year the focus is round the block of High, Bridge, York and London Streets. The event is organised by the Eltham Business and Professional Association with appreciated sponsorship from Taranaki Electricity Trust (TET).

On display will be stock cars, trucks, vintage tractors, motorbikes, midget cars and minis – even vintage machinery at Mike Coils Museum will be open. Mike Hunger transforms old bikes. The Eltham Volunteer Fire Brigade are having an Open Day at the same time – wow!

Creations From the Shed will be another feature on the day. This is a competition in three categories – Adults, Still Life Art and Kids

8-14-year-olds. Great prizes include a one year subscription to The Shed, RD1 and Mitre 10 vouchers. Entry is free.

So, what do you have to do? Well, the Adults (Category 1) have to make a piece that has movement, but is not operated by battery or motor. The creation needs to be sturdy and to stand alone. For Garden Still Art (Category 2) you have to make a piece for a garden setting which is able to be hung or stand alone. The key words are *quirky* and *colourful*.

Youngsters (Category 3) you need to make something with character that is for a garden and won't be blown over in the wind. Let your imaginations run wild.

Entry forms can be uplifted from Eltham LibraryPlus. Once filled out return them to the same place by Friday October 28.

Your creations need

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ARRIVAL

Treasures from the BNZ Art Collection

12 August - 11 September 2016

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BNZ brings rare art collection to Taranaki

Taranaki locals will soon have a rare opportunity to see some of New Zealand's finest artworks

Stratford's Percy Thomson Gallery will host 36 pieces from the BNZ Art Collection from August 12 until September 11.

The *Arrival* Exhibition will feature work by iconic New Zealand artists including Colin McCahon, Pat Hanly, Ralph Hotere and Toss Woollaston and is free of charge (although koha is appreciated).

BNZ Taranaki Managing Partner Marcus McLeod said it was a personal highlight to be able to bring so many notable works to Taranaki.

"It is extremely rare for these works to be in a public gallery so it is thrilling for us to provide Taranaki art enthusiasts with an opportunity to see such a large part of our collection

in one place," Marcus said.

"We are also very happy to include a number of superb local artists in this exhibition including Michael Smither and Peter Peryer."

"The theme of the exhibition is connection and the works that we have chosen explore our connection to the land, the complexity of relationships and the beginning and endings of journeys."

Percy Thomson Gallery Director Rhonda Bunyan said it was a real coup for the gallery to secure an exhibition of this calibre.

"Art aficionados know about the amazing BNZ collection but we also know how difficult it is to take works of this importance and value on the road," Rhonda said. "I'd encourage anybody who can get to Stratford during the month we have these works to make the effort to experience some of



Charles Blomfield, *The White Terraces, 1888* (BNZ Heritage Collection).

the most iconic art that New Zealand has produced.

"The Percy Thomson Gallery really is an ideal venue for the exhibition in heartland Taranaki."

BNZ's Art Collection is regarded as one of the best

private art collections in the country. It was initially established during the 1980s when Wellington art dealer Peter McLeavey was tasked with collecting a comprehensive range of New Zealand art.

Protect your whitebaiting patches

It's that time of year again – when whitebaiters lower their nets into the water and the smell of the seasonal delicacy is soon wafting out of a frypan.

And with the onset of whitebaiting season on August 15 also comes the increased risk of spreading aquatic pest plants and fish from one river to another, so whitebaiters are being

reminded to protect their patch. "If you're out there this year, just be aware that exotic fish species and exotic plants can be moved between waterways if you don't check, clean and dry your gear," says Taranaki Regional Council's Environment Services Manager Steve Ellis. The spread of nasties like didymo, hornwort, oxygen weed and gambusia (formerly known as mosquito fish) is a significant issue throughout New Zealand, but you help keep your patch safe by using the Check, Clean and Dry process to wash anything that's been in contact with the water. Check everything that has been in the water for debris



It's whitebaiting time again.

or plant matter. For example, nets, waders, dogs, car and trailer tyres, jet boat grates, boat propellers, bilge pumps, outboard motors, intakes, mats and carpets. Soak the items or scrub them with detergent (five per cent detergent in water or two

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Movie showing to help Fiji

On February 20, the Category Five cyclone Winston wreaked a path of destruction through Fiji. Among the villages in its path was Maniava, where most of the homes were destroyed.

The Anglican Missions Board is raising funds to build houses here, and St Barnabas Church in Opunake

is hosting a screening of "The Way" in Everybody's Theatre towards this end.

The 2010 Emilio Estevez directed movie tells the story of how an American doctor goes to France to recover the body of his estranged son, but ends up having a life changing experience.

Estevez plays the son who

is killed in a storm in the Pyrenees while walking the Camino de Santiago or Way of Saint James.

Martin Sheen plays his father, Tom, who, instead of going back to the United States decides to stay and complete the pilgrimage in honour of his son.

The doctor who has little experience trekking, ends up forging a bond with other pilgrims from around the world in search of greater meaning in their lives. Together they discover the difference between "the life we live and the life we choose."

Tom comes away a changed man, realising that life is more than the "California Bubble Life" to which he has become accustomed.

The Way screens on Sunday August 21 at 2pm. Tickets are \$10. The St Barnabas team is grateful to the Everybody's Theatre Trust in allowing the use of their great Opunake facility.

FUNDRAISING FOR FIJI

'The Way'
Sunday 21st August at 2pm
at Everybody's Theatre
Opunake
\$10 per person
Everyone welcome!

Opunake again has a dentist

After Brian Munro retired, it would be 30 years before Opunake would get another dentist. From this week, Opunake again has a dentist, with Jessie Wilson filling this role from CoastalCare.

Jessie who graduated from Otago at the end of last year is based in New Plymouth but comes out to CoastalCare every Thursday. For two and a half days of the week, she works as a dentist for the Taranaki District Health Board. For the other two and a half days she works for the Taylor Dental Practice in New Plymouth. This includes the day she spends in Opunake.

Thirty eight per cent of people who responded to a CoastalCare survey had said they wanted to see a dentist practising at the facility, CoastalCare manager Aretha

Lemon said.

“We know there’s a real need for a dentist in Opunake. It can be a long way to town and lots of people don’t have the means to get there,” she said. General dentist Chris Taylor and orthodontist Julian Haszard have been among those instrumental in getting a dentist to come to CoastalCare. Chris says they are prepared to expand their services as and when required, including being here more than one day a week.

“As the community leads, we will see if there are other dental services we can provide that can utilise this facility.”

Services include being able to do quotes from WINZ.

Although Jessie had never been to Taranaki before, she is no stranger to the rural

lifestyle, having grown up on a dairy farm on the Taieri Plains south of Dunedin. A soft burr in her voice is evidence of having spent part of her life in Southland.

With husband Matt working as a rural banker for the TSB and dealing with customers in Southern and Coastal Taranaki, working in Opunake seemed a good fit.

She says being a dentist was always something she wanted to do.

“I loved science at school, and I really love people, so naturally I looked to something to do with health. While I have a lot of respect for doctors, I wanted to do something that offers a good work –lifestyle balance. I enjoy my work and have real satisfaction in getting to help people.”



At the dentist. Back row: From left, Jessie Wilson, Janice Taylor, Chris Taylor, Alison Nicholls (dental surgery assistant), Lesley Bell (equipment specialist). Front: CoastalCare manager Aretha Lemon.

Singing the praises of Foxton and Mokau

Three artists from a group in Foxton, have a FOXtonARTexhibition for August on the Virtual Tart website. See their work on the Virtual Tart website. And if you’re driving in New Zealand’s North Island, here’s a well-deserved plug for Mokau.

An hour north of New Plymouth is the lovely settlement of Mokau where enterprising volunteers now run a Gallery within a very interesting Museum. A great place to break a journey.

Dale Copeland



Delivering essential community health services now and into the future...

CoastalCare are very pleased to be welcoming Taylor Dental Practice Limited to Opunake.

Jessie is our dentist ably assisted by Alison and they would both love to see you to discuss a treatment plan for any of your oral care needs. All services are available and WINZ quotes can be produced if needed.

Taylor Dental Practice Limited

dentist

Dentist **Jessie Wilson** B.D.S (Otago)

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Coastal Care Surgery 26 Napier Street OPUNAKE www.taylordental.co.nz

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To make an appointment call 06 759 1047

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AUGUST

Lollies, Popcorn, Ice-creams, Chocolate bars, Coffee & Tea For Sale		Adults \$10, Students 4-16yrs \$8, Under 4 free Senior Citizens \$8. No Eft-Pos	
	GHOSTBUSTERS Action, Comedy, Science Fiction, Blockbuster 116mins PG-13 Kristen Wiig and Melissa McCarthy, are joined by Kate McKinnon, Leslie Jones and Chris Hemsworth. Sunday 14 August 7pm Wednesday 17 August 1pm		ICE AGE 5 Action, Adventure, Comedy, Kids & Family 1hr 34mins G Sid, Manny and Diego running to a new habitat when Scrat causes an irreversible disaster in space. Sunday 14 August 12pm Saturday 20 August 1pm Wednesday 24 August 1pm
	JASON BOURNE Action, Thriller M 2hrs 3mins The most dangerous former operative of the CIA is drawn out of hiding to uncover hidden truths about his past. Wednesday 17 August 7pm Friday 19 August 7pm Sunday 21 August 7pm		STAR TREK BEYOND Action, Adventure, Sci Fi, Thriller M 2hrs 2mins Story follows the maiden voyage of the USS Enterprise. Saturday 20 August 7pm Friday 26 August 7pm Saturday 27 August 1pm
	HARRY AND SNOWMAN Documentary, Sport 1hr 24 mins Snowman was a broken down Amish plough horse who Dutch immigrant Harry deLeyer rescued off a truck bound for the glue factory - for only \$80. He became a champion. Wednesday 24 August 7pm Saturday 27 August 7pm Wednesday 31 August 1pm		DOUGH Comedy, Drama, Drug use 1hr 34 mins M You don't have to be baked to make some... Sunday 28 August 7pm Wednesday 31 August 7pm Friday 2 September 7pm
WEDNESDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
	12 Independence Day 7pm	13 The BFG 1pm Sing Street 7pm	14 Ice Age 5 12pm Ghostbuster 7pm
17 Ghostbusters 1pm Jason Bourne 7pm	19 Jason Bourne 7pm	20 Ice Age 5 1pm Star Trek 7pm	21 The Way 2pm Jason Bourne 7pm
24 Ice Age 5 1pm Harry & Snowman 7pm	26 Star Trek 7pm	27 Star Trek 1pm Harry & Snowman 7pm	28 Dough 7pm

THE WAY - St Barnabas Fund-raiser. All ticket profits for Fijian Villages. Sunday 21 August at 2pm. See our website for more film details.

SOME OF THE MOVIES IN SEPTEMBER
5 September- Poi E, Absolutely Fabulous, Bad Moms, Richie McCaw Chasing Great, The Secret Life of Pets.

Have Christmas at the races

It's your one-stop Christmas party shop and it's returning to New Plymouth this year. Enjoy a day of superb thoroughbred racing, delicious Christmas-themed food and live entertainment. Choose a hospitality package to suit your group and then sit back and relax knowing everything is taken care of.

Just turn up on the day, leave the detail to them and get ready to relax, have fun and mingle with your guests. Christmas at the Races promises a thrilling day of racing, fine festive food, live entertainment and the chance to dress up and toast the season.

There are a range of fantastic hospitality packages to choose from - no matter what your group's size, budget and

style. From corporate tables in one of the lively lounges to shared or exclusive marquees on the lawn - they've thought of everything to host your party.

Marquees

Large or small, located in a prime position on-course to soak up the sun, marquees cater for groups of ten or more with a superb range of catering options available. This is the ultimate race day experience. Trackside spots fill up quickly, so make sure you reserve your marquee early.

Shared Spaces

Perfect, if you have a smaller group size but still want the atmosphere. Reserve a table or two in a festive-themed lounge or marquee where you'll mix and mingle

with other merrymakers.

Your Own Space

Ideal for larger groups. Personalise your hospitality package to the needs of your group and create the perfect soiree space for corporate hosting, a special occasion with family and friends, or to celebrate the end of a successful year with staff.

If you're organising an end-of-year party for colleagues, friends or family, Christmas at the Races has everything you need to entertain your group in style.

Contact Sonya Cole to book your best ever Christmas Party today. Phone 067575759 email sonya.cole@taranakiracing.co.nz



Have fun at the races this Christmas.



This years event is being held on Thursday December 1.

EVENTS EXPO at



3510 South Road, Opunake - Sunday August 21 - 10am - 4 pm

A wide range of stalls for those planning weddings, birthdays, christmas parties and corporate events



Further information contact Liz on 06 215 8169

Planning your event Coastal style



Ryan and Clare Moss cook up a storm at their stall at Pihama Lavender.

Pihama Lavender will host an events exposition on Sunday August 21 from 10 am onwards. It is designed to showcase what is available on the coast to those planning events. There are businesses which cater for weddings as well as corporate functions and Christmas parties. There

are still a few spaces available if you want the opportunity to promote your business.

This is a great opportunity to get information on a range of venues and catering options. We also have dress designers, entertainers, photographers, hair dressers, travel agents, venues, cake decorators,

transport options, etc.

This is a perfect opportunity to come and see the wonderful variety of exceptional talent available in Taranaki. There will be food and beverages available so you can make the most of your time visiting the stalls.