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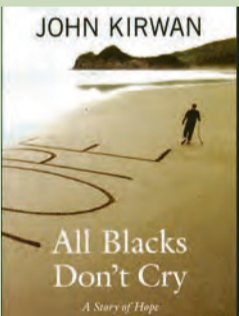
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Two mourners with a floral tribute to the three climbers.

Body found near Paritutu

Last Sunday August 19 one of the three missing people, who disappeared into the sea at Paritutu Rock on Wednesday August 8, was found. The body was close to where the men went missing. The other two people remain lost at sea.

The three missing people included two 17-year-old students from Spotswood College Stephen Lewis Kahukaka-Gedye and Joao Felipe Martins De Melo (of Brazil), who is known as Felipe Melo, as well as a Taranaki Outdoor Pursuits Education Centre (TOPEC) instructor Bryce John Jourdain (42) of New

Plymouth. Mr Jourdain dived into the sea to try to rescue the others when waves swept them into the sea off rocks, but his courage has cost him his life.

The body of Felipe Melo – still wearing a climbing helmet – was found in the water intake of the nearby Contact Energy Power Station early in the morning on Sunday.

There are many signs of the intense interest and concern about the missing people everywhere in the vicinity around Paritutu. About

fifty candle containers, mostly glass, marked where a night-time vigil by candlelight had been held recently, just south of Paritutu on the slope above the seashore. One message said, "Praise loudly, laugh often, live fully and love generously".

On the beach itself messages in stones had been constructed – one was to 'Daddy' – presumably Mr Jourdain, who has a young family. There were also stone cairns and flowers.

Many hours have been

spent, both in an official capacity and privately, in the search for the men or significant signs. As well as police searches, under the command of rescue co-ordinator Sergeant Ross, the Taranaki Community Rescue Helicopter has been used, an Air Force Iroquois and Taranaki Land SAR volunteers. Until

now little of interest had been found, apart from a backpack possibly belonging to one of the missing men.

We hope that the other two men – Bryce and Stephen – can be found promptly to allow some kind of closure for their bereaved family, friends and relatives.

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EDITORIAL

London Olympic Games

With the Olympic Games over for another four years, New Zealanders can reflect positively on one of the best ever performances of an Olympic team. With six golds, only one Games yielded more – eight golds. However, the overall tally of all three colours (13) was one of the best results ever. A great effort.

However, why are the rankings based on gold medals alone – isn't that an insult to the silver and bronze medal winners, who were often just a hairsbreadth or millisecond behind the gold medal winners?

We probably shouldn't be ranking anyway if we uphold the true Olympic spirit, but if we do rank surely a points system – three for a gold, two for a silver and one for a bronze - would be a more valid way of ranking the different countries. This wouldn't make any difference to the country with the biggest haul – the USA, who, as usual, came out on top. Britain, however, would fall to fourth and

Russia would be promoted to third. Rankings would change for other countries.

Then again, the per capital ranking of the number of medal points per 1,000 of population would be interesting. On this ranking system NZ would be one of the best – perhaps just behind Jamaica.

Good luck to Valerie Adams being promoted to gold. Yet aren't the editorial and headlines becoming a bit nasty and tabloid in their denunciation of the disqualified athlete from Belarus. Nadzeya Ostapchuk has lost her gold, must be very upset and is appealing the deci-

sion. Not everyone who is accused of being a drugs cheat is. Let's wait and see what happens at the conclusion of the appeal process. Meanwhile let's applaud Valerie's promotion and lay off the unpleasant delight at another athlete's misfortune – warranted or otherwise.

A kiwi cow

RIGHT: Fourteen-year-old 'Aotearoa' has always wondered why the white markings on her right leg have drawn so much attention, but the recent Olympic Games was the perfect occasion to show her true colours and support the New Zealand Olympic team in their quest for gold. Owners Andy and Debi Whitehead from Kina Road, Oaonui named her 'Aotearoa' because of the markings. "It resembles a map of New Zealand including the Chatham Islands. She's not the best milker but we



let her stay because of her markings," commented Andy. "It's a pity she's got a short tail,

but that is how she was when we purchased her," added Debi.

BBC (Bible Believers Corner) Nothing new

At 38 years old he had recently retired as an elite level programmer, one of the top 100, at Microsoft. He walked into Stephen Meyer's office and lobbed a book onto Stephen's desk and said, "I have an eerie feeling that someone has figured this out before us."

The book was called Design Patterns. This is a programmer's manual for software engineers. A design pattern is functional logic, solutions for information processing in computer programmes. He said that he had been studying the inner workings of a cell in microbiology and had found exactly the same methods at work controlling

the operation of the cell that he and his colleagues had recently devised for programming computers.

For example, in a simple computer programme there could be a line that reads: IF answer\$ = "YES" THEN PRINT "You Win!" This is a classic IF THEN statement. IF such and such an event matches a preset value THEN the computer is instructed to do something, such as print a winning message on the screen.

What the programmer had found was exactly the same IF THEN statements in the operation of the data within the DNA of the cell.

IF the temperature drops below Zero THEN grow hair longer. IF humidity below 50% AND IF temperature over 30 degrees THEN harden beak. (To be able to eat harder, drier berries as with the Galapagos Finch) Incredibly it seems that what evolutionists often point to as proof of adaption and random change is instead pre-programmed subroutines already in the information database inside the cell of every living thing!

Jesus is the Word, that is, the expression of God. John 1 verse 3 tells us that everything was made by Jesus. Nothing was made

without Jesus. Colossians 1 v 16-17 also says that by Him were all things created and by Him all things consist.

What the Microsoft programmer found was exactly what he and his colleagues thought they had invented, complex information processing systems.

We know such systems only come from an intelligent being. God was there first! Ref: Stephen C Meyer, The Signature in the Cell & DNA by Design.

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I no longer feel quite so stupid!



Two thirds of vehicles speed through Rahotu

Around two thirds of motorists exceed the speed limit when travelling through Rahotu according to a recent study by Rahotu Primary school students.

People approaching Rahotu from the north will have noticed a new sign in amber and black as they approach the township "School ahead. No excuses!"

Rahotu Primary School principal Margaret Dobbin said she was concerned about cars speeding through the town and contacted the Safety Co-ordinator from Roadsafe Taranaki.

She arranged for the school children to borrow a hand held speed camera from ACC.

The Year 7 and 8 Maths group students then monitored as part of their Statistics Unit over a three day period, the speed of cars going through town.

The students found that 67.1% of motorists were exceeding the speed limit.

"I wasn't surprised at the results," they were roughly what she thought.

The students conducted their survey at the end of May and within a month the sign, in the Taranaki colours of black and amber, went up.

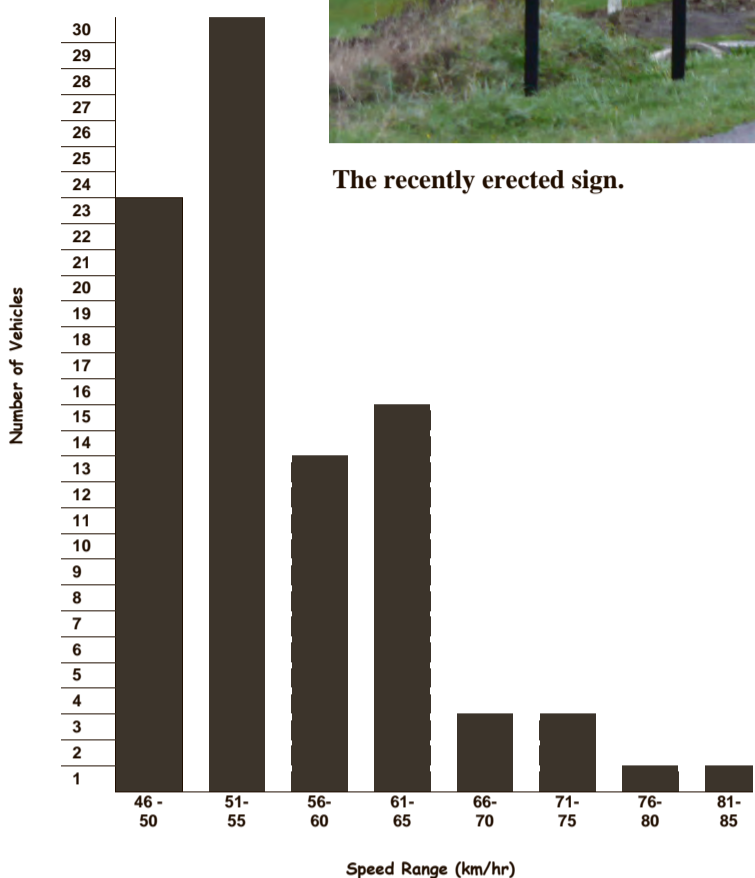
"I was surprised at how quick the sign went up," said Margaret

Interestingly the children also recorded at the time the gender of the speedsters, the type and colour of the vehicle though did not record these in their final analysis as it was essentially the speed they were concerned with.

They also recorded the number plates of the speeding vehicles which we will publish next issue. (Only joking! Editor)



The recently erected sign.



Total vehicles surveyed: 89
Surveys taken over 3 x half hour blocks: Wednesday 9 May 2012. 9.40am -10.10am
Thursday 10 May 2012. 11.00am-11.30am
Monday 14 May 2012. 9.10am- 9.40am

ABOVE: The students' results.



ABOVE: The Rahotu Primary School maths group who researched speeding vehicles. From left, at back James Martin, Paige Simons, Morpheus Nuku, Danny Heather and in front Jorja Ehrhorn and Tessa Honeyfield.

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COUNCILLORS COMMENT



Ian Armstrong

Harbin Municipality once in Harbin.

The City of Harbin had offered the South Taranaki District Council an office rent free for three years. Obviously STDC didn't have a lot of use for the office, to take advantage of the opportunity the Council entered into a partnership with a South Taranaki company JCNZ Focus, who were aware of the offer and wanted to pursue it.

JCNZ Focus is a company formed by Jack Rangiwahia, the former Deputy Mayor of STDC, and Justin Chen. Justin has a number of business interests in New Zealand including the building Barry's Bar and Restaurant occupies in Hawera, Crowded House and Stumble Inn in New Plymouth among others. He also has extensive cultural and commercial interests in China, including a restaurant and large catering training establishment. The Council carried out 'Due Diligence' on JCNZ Focus. It was recognised that if STDC partnered with JCNZ we would need to send a small delegation to be present at the signing of the office agreement to show Council's support and seal

of approval.

It is intended that JCNZ, operating from the office, will act as a conduit for businesses wishing to investigate business opportunities in China and Chinese businesses in New Zealand. This presence in Harbin, together with the apparent goodwill and good standing of STDC in Harbin, is expected to aid considerably in business opportunities. It is not intended for STDC to have any involvement in the running of the office other than a monitoring and referral role, so there will be no cost to the ratepayer. During the visit a Tourism co-operative agreement was also signed between Heilongjiang International Commercial Travel Agency based in Harbin and JCNZ promoting tourism opportunities between China and New Zealand.

While some may question the role of STDC in this venture, local authorities have a much greater standing and power in China than they do here. The fact that STDC has publicly stood behind JCNZ in this venture enables a far greater chance of success.

For those who know little or nothing of Harbin, (like

me before the visit), its population is approximately 5.8 million - although greater Harbin has a population of over 10 million. It is situated in the North-East of China above the North Korean border, known for its cold winters and is often called the Ice City. Since 1985 Harbin has hosted an International Ice and Sculpture Festival. Although having a short growing season Harbin has very good soils and is known for its food production including dairying.

Whilst we only had a few days in China, the delegation was hosted by a number of organisations and had discussions with representatives of Wondersun Dairies,

a large dairy company, and the Agriculture Commission and Livestock Bureau of Harbin. We also visited the Harbin International Trade Fair, which is on a similar scale to the Mystery Creek Field-days.

From what I saw of Harbin I believe we need to continue and foster the sister city relationship. Whilst opportunities particularly benefiting South Taranaki businesses may be slow to materialise there are considerable opportunities to encourage tourism - particularly following the commencement of direct flights into China and the signing of the agreement between JCNZ and the Heilongjiang

International Commercial Travel Agency. The opportunity we have been offered with an office manned at no cost to our rate-payers is, in my opinion, an opportunity we would have been foolish to pass by. In all, a worthwhile visit.

If anybody is interested in finding out more about business opportunities in Harbin or China, contact Claire Symes at the South Taranaki District Council office and she will be able to send you a Business Enquiry form, which will be forwarded to the Harbin Office. For South Taranaki District Council businesses this is a free service.

Ian Armstrong



WEDDING BELLS

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Writer enjoying peace of Opunake

"I've written more" as a result of being here, says Robert Shaw who several years ago bought a house in Opunake "to be able to write in peace".

From Wellington, Robert comments: "It's really good to be able to focus on the one task and to do it in my own time."

Originally, he bought the house as a weekend retreat. Robert says he found he was spending more and more time in Opunake.

He chose Opunake because of the beaches and "I enjoy the mountain" though HE confesses he hasn't been to the top yet.

Robert who has held seats on the Wellington Regional Council and the Porirua City Council, recently graduated from the University of Auckland with a doctorate in the philosophy of science and also science education.

The nature of science is a subject that fascinates him and he has written books on the topic.

"It (the philosophy of science) looks at what science itself is," explains Robert.

He is also interested in the teaching of science and is currently treasurer of the New Zealand Association of Science of Science Educators which supports science teachers in primary, secondary and tertiary education. He has recently returned from the Scicon conference in Auckland where he delivered a paper.

"The nature of science is now a topic in the New Zealand Curriculum," says Robert explaining that his paper was trying to help science teachers understand the discipline of science as a whole "as opposed to physics, chemistry and biology".

He continues "The paper that he presented at the conference was on the nature of truth and how science pursues truth; about what it means to be objective."

His paper looks at Isaac Newton's work on optics.

"Newton was very concerned with truth."

Robert is currently writing two books: "Advanced Thinking Skills for Business Practitioners" and "Science and Education".

He speaks of other things. That music, for example, does not exist in nature. It requires human input. It invokes "forcing nature" to show itself in a different way. "Bending nature to your will."

Another of Robert's interests is history. He comments of Opunake: "It's got a most wonderful history, most of



Dr Robert Shaw who has bought a house in Opunake which is dedicated as a writers' retreat.

which is well hidden." He speaks of the pre-European Maori history. For example, if you look at the records of TeNamu Pa there are connections with TeRaparaha - author of the words in the haka-kamatekamatekarakara - and Kapiti Island. Von Tempsky who originally came from Austria and landed at Opunake Beach in 1865, was an adventurer and an interesting character. A memorial to von Tempsky and others who lost their life stands near the location he was killed at Kapuni.

Robert spoke also of the fact that Maori were credited with "inventing" trench warfare.

Robert has just returned from Amsterdam where he visited his daughter Melissa, an aspiring actor who is on a student exchange (from The University of Auckland) studying art history. Together they also went to Germany and Switzerland. Robert says his daughter may eventually join him in Opunake.

Next up he's off to China

to where he will be lecturing at a university in China for three months.

Robert Shaw is indeed a mine of information and it was fascinating talking to

him.

His house in Gisborne Terrace (which he bought off Stephanie and Rolland McKellar from the Opunake & Coastal News) is now a writers' retreat. It is used by several authors who seek the peace and quiet of Opunake.

On this month in history

On August 3, 1872 English novelist Anthony Trollope arrived at Bluff for a two month tour of the nation. He kept a journal of his progress and this was duly published. At his farewell in Auckland he described New Zealand as a fast colony. By this he meant it had accomplished much in its short history - exceeding every other country.

He had this to say to the Daily Telegraph newspaper fro intending migrants, "The man with capital should go to Canterbury or Otago, the poor man to Auckland or Wellington".



A memorial to von Tempsky - and others - near where he died at Kapuni.



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Jeremy Bull

Greetings everyone

Well its be a little while since my last Coastal Cops so I thought I better put pen to paper or fingers to the keyboard.

Firstly, I would like to tell you about a few changes that are occurring within the Police at the moment which affect me so ultimately they may affect you.

Now it is nearly spring and there are certain events that happen at this time of year. Well, the Hāwera police station has been no different and they have lost a few staff members whose biological clocks have run out and those little noise making things have been brought into this world.

This coupled with a couple of the elder statesmen walking off a small but obviously very dangerous sidewalks only to hear the resounding ping of their Achilles ten-

don parting company with the parts of the leg it should normally be attached too. So get well soon gents and ladies - only about 18 years to go before they fly the coop and you get your life back.

These minor hiccups have seen me relieving in Hawera for the last 5 weeks. This is something I do not mind doing as the Hawera staff are only too happy to assist me if required.

This explains why you may not have seen me around as much as usual, I'm sure you

system. If you now ring the Manaia station you will automatically be answered by a call centre in Palmerston North. This is not specific to Manaia rather it is happening over the entire District and is designed to free staff up so that we are not sitting in the station answering the phone or the answering machine for any lengthy period of time, so if you want to talk to me specifically wave us down or call in when you see the car parked out front of the station.

On a non Police note I have

to decide the winner of the Ross Brown Trophy.

The South Zone team consisted of 21 young men from South Taranaki (Rahotu through to Pātea) and included 9 from the Manaia Rugby club. These boys played with a lot of skill, heart and a never say die attitude, which saw them go undefeated at the tournament, ultimately winning the Ross Brown trophy.

It was a real pleasure for me and Ricky Tito (the next Graham Henry) to coach this team and to



Above: The team that Jeremy Bull and Ricky Tito coached that went undefeated, winning the Ross Brown Trophy.

can all understand why I did not publicly announce the fact I was not fully around for this period of time.

The second change that has taken place is our telephone

had the pleasure of being involved with the South Zone Ross Brown rugby team for the last 5+ weeks - including a three day tournament held in Opunake last week

say we were proud of their achievements would be an understatement.

Eight members of this team will now go on to represent Taranaki and we wish them all the best for their upcoming games.

A big thanks needs to go out to parents, sponsors and the behind the scenes workers for all you help and support for making this such a memorable achievement.

On a grumpier note here are a few words of wisdom; filling yourself full of booze before deciding to sort out your domestic life with a partner or ex-partner is not going to go well and is more than likely to compound the problems than fix them.

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Picking up the silverware - eight members of this team go on to represent Taranaki.

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Post and Lotto. The shop will have owner David Deacon's wife Teresa in attendance. The shop will be open Tuesday to Thursday 9.30am to 3.30pm. "It's something we have to try", comments David.

The quality repairs will be done by David back at his Stratford shop and quotes will be made by phone within 24 hours of the item being taken to Teresa. Of course, you'll need to provide your name,

address and phone number for this to happen.

Scarpa's don't just repair shoes, they also attend to bags, handbags, zips – you name it.

The Opunake branch will also carry a selection of shoes

and accessories, such as laces, polishes, insoles. Bowling shoes and medical shoes are a specialty.

There is only one other shoe repairer in South Taranaki, as far as we know, so let's hope

Opunake residents can make constructive use of Scarpa's trial period so the branch can become a permanent part of Opunake.

You can contact David on 06 765 5591.

New standards covering the welfare of chickens raised for their meat

The minimum standards and best practice guidelines are set out in the new code of welfare for meat chickens.

John Hellström, chair of the National Animal Welfare Advisory Committee (NAWAC), which developed the code, says it will replace the code of welfare for broiler chickens which was issued in 2003.

"The previous code concentrated solely on chickens that are fully housed. The new code has a broader scope and includes chickens that have access to the outdoors," Mr Hellström says.

"Another key change is that farmers will have to take the environment of the chicken into account when deciding on how many chickens to keep in a given area.

"Farmers will still be required to stay within the minimum standards for stocking density, but they will now have to also consider things like litter quality, lighting, air quality and temperature when deciding how to house their chickens."

NAWAC is an expert committee formed to give advice about animal welfare to the Minister for Primary Industries. NAWAC developed the code after listening to feedback from those directly affected by the code and the views of the public.

Codes of welfare expand on the requirements in the Animal Welfare Act 1999 with standards and best practices designed to provide for animals' overall physical, health and behavioural needs.

You can read the new code on the web, here:

<http://www.biosecurity.govt.nz/regis/animal-welfare/req/codes/meat-chickens>

Questions and answers

What is a code of welfare?

Codes of welfare play an important role in improving animal welfare standards. They outline minimum standards of animal care and establish best practices to provide guidance for those who look after animals.

What is the process for developing codes of welfare?

Codes of welfare are developed by an independent committee, which provides advice to the Minister for Primary Industries about animal welfare. The group, called the National Animal Welfare Advisory Committee (NAWAC), has a wide range of expertise across animal welfare, science and ethics.

When developing codes of welfare NAWAC takes into account public submissions, and comments from those affected by the code, as well as the latest scientific knowledge and technology.

Under the Animal Welfare Act 1999, NAWAC has to be satisfied that the proposed standards are the minimum necessary to ensure that the purposes of the Act will be met and that the recommendations for best practice are appropriate.

Once NAWAC is satisfied with the code it recommends it to the Minister. The Minister then holds the responsibility to decide if it will come into force.

What code does this replace? The code replaces the Animal Welfare (Broiler Chickens: Fully Housed) Code of Welfare 2003.

What are the main changes between the 2003 code and the 2012 code?

The main changes are that:

- The new code covers all meat chickens. The previous code only covered meat chickens which were 'fully housed'

- The new code requires farmers to consider environmental factors (i.e. litter and air quality and temperature) when setting stocking densities

- References to broiler chickens have been changed to refer to 'meat chickens'. This is in-line with industry changes and to make the nature of the code more apparent to the public.

Does the code have a legal standing?

The minimum standards in codes have legal effect in two possible ways:

- Evidence of a failure to meet a relevant minimum standard may be used to support a prosecution for an offence under the Animal Welfare Act

- A person who is charged with an offence against the Act can defend him/herself by showing that he/she has met minimum standards. MPI will soon ask for public feedback on a review of the Animal Welfare Act, which includes the role of codes of welfare

What does the code not cover?

This code of welfare for meat chickens does not cover chickens farmed for their eggs. Those animals, called layer hens, are covered in their own code of welfare which is currently being considered by the Minister for Primary Industries.

It also does not cover the transport or slaughter of meat chickens, which are dealt with in their own codes of welfare. Similarly, the code does not cover the breeding of meat chickens, which is to be considered in a new code of welfare.

Highlights of the Code

Lighting schedules

The code set out new minimum standards and best practice guidelines with regard to lighting schedules.

The New Zealand industry already ensures more than the minimum of four hours dark period per day specified in the code. The new code requires that at least three hours of that darkness is continuous.

Genetic selection

NAWAC noted that many of the emerging welfare problems in meat chickens (such as lameness) are partially due to genetic selection for fast growth.

The code highlighted concerns about chicken genetics and NAWAC said it will address it more directly in a future code for breeding chickens.

Stocking densities

Stocking density relates to the amount of chickens in a given space. When the last code covering meat chickens was issued in 2003, NAWAC stated that it would review stocking density within five years to take into account the latest science. In 2008 NAWAC reviewed the minimum standards for stocking density and concluded that a change to the 2003 code was not necessary. This was partially based on research, which showed that meat chicken welfare in New Zealand was on a par with global best practice.

The new code states that the current stocking density requirements in the 2003 code are appropriate as long as environmental conditions, such as litter quality, air quality and temperature are well managed.

This will allow more flexibility for producers in how they apply the code requirements'

Shade and shelter

The code acknowledges the need for shade and shelter in production systems with access to the outdoors. It has therefore included a requirement for access to shelter from adverse weather and conditions to be managed within a minimum standard.

Behaviours

The code requires that performance of normal behaviours should be catered for as far as possible and has included a minimum standard that meat chickens must have the opportunity to express their normal behaviours, and a list of those behaviours.

Handling

The code has added a physical handling section acknowledging that chickens must be handled at all times in a manner that minimises the risk of falls, pain and distress and avoids injury. In addition specific requirements for catching and loading are included in a separate minimum standard which includes the requirement that no more than four chickens may be carried at any one time in each hand of a catcher.

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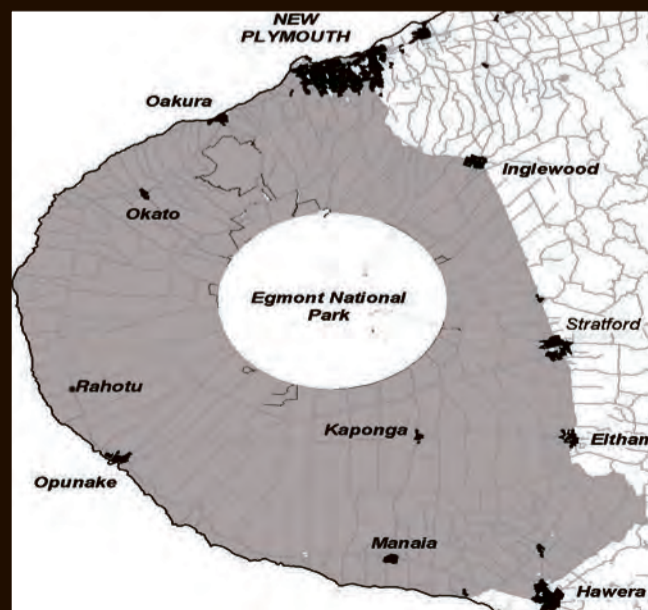
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Economic thinking must look forwards, not backwards



Andrew Little, List MP

It is easy to think that because the rest of the world is facing difficult economic times, we must be in the same

situation. The next logical step is to conclude that all we need to do is batten down the hatches and we can get through this. This is the message the government has been feeding us for a while now.

But for New Zealand, our circumstances are different, and this is the time to look seriously at getting ready for the future.

We are nowhere near the situation that countries like Greece, Spain and the UK are in. In many European countries, governments borrowed and spent vast sums to sustain extensive public

programmes, which were often hugely inefficient. Greece and Spain were often encouraged to borrow by willing international lenders. It was easier to borrow than it was to confront the internal government issues.

The folly in the UK was to run down the sectors in the economy that actually made stuff that could be exported. Instead, ever since 1979 the British government fostered the finance sector, and when that faced radical disruption from 2008, there was nothing to take its place. Their national income has been fall-

ing and their government's response has been to inflict a harsh austerity programme on the populace.

New Zealand, by contrast, had reduced its government debt considerably after several years of surpluses. The government even built up assets in the form of savings by outfits like ACC, the superannuation fund and the state-owned enterprises.

Our biggest problem in the last four years is the cuts to government income by cutting tax rates. This has seen the government borrowing massively along with making

cuts in spending, the latter mainly by reducing public service staff in the regions.

None of this should stop the government, and all of us, thinking about what is needed for the future.

Personal incomes, as measured by purchasing power, in New Zealand have been falling for most over the last 20 years. We have growing unemployment right now, and we have real pressure on services like care for our elderly.

Now is the time to think about how we lift our standard of living.

The government thinks we should simply do lots more of the same – more farming, more mining, more unprocessed timber sent offshore.

None of this will lift the value of what we produce. So, it won't lift incomes and it won't help pay for the extra costs of things like more elder care.

The challenge for government is to stop looking backwards and look forwards to new forms of economic activity that will help to generate the income needed to sustain an acceptable standard of living.

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Four out of five kids are getting the qualifications they need from school. Our plan is for five out of five. National is focused on raising educational achievement for everyone. We all know people who don't read or count so well and in the past our industries and the jobs available have accommodated them, but not anymore. For example, labouring jobs have disappeared with automation in factories, freezing works and on farms. We need and want all our kids to leave school with the skills they need to reach their

Better information to help lift student achievement

potential. That means lifting up those who are being left behind and encouraging those who are doing well to perform even better.

Having robust, quality information that helps us all to understand and support a student's learning is one of the ways we are working to achieve this. National Standards data is a part of that. National Standards help keep parents and families up-to-date on how children are doing, help ensure we catch those falling behind and help all learners to succeed.

This will provide a comprehensive body of information that can be easily found online in one place, the Ministry of Education's Education Counts website.

Parents will be better able to see how their child's school

is performing. It will also allow the Government to see how well the system is doing as a whole. It won't be the whole story, but it will be an important part of that story.

This first year National Standards data has been submitted, and the Government now needs to work with schools to implement a five-year plan to improve the quality and consistency of this information.

The five-year plan includes clear annual outcomes, a consistent reporting format and revised timelines that better reflect the planning, reporting, and key delivery dates for schools. It also includes targets that work towards our Better Public Services target of 85 per cent of 18-year-olds achieving NCEA Level 2 or better in 2017, and support tools and

services to help schools.

National believes the most important people in the lives of children are their parents and wants to help parents track their child's progress to enable them to make informed judgements about schools through transparent information. We can't help parents take responsibility in a vacuum where institutions hold all the information. Schools should want to help parents interpret this information, not hide it from them.

New Zealand is a small country that needs to operate well or we will be swamped by bigger players on the international stage. Reporting student success is essential for the success of our country.

Chester Borrows

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Borrows welcomes eight extra health graduates for Taranaki DHB

Three new graduate doctors, one midwife, and four nurses have this year registered their interest to work in hard-to-staff specialties or communities in the Taranaki DHB area, through the Government's voluntary bonding scheme. "It's fantastic that Taranaki is benefitting from National's Voluntary Bonding Scheme," says Whanganui MP Chester Borrows.

"On behalf of everyone in the Taranaki region, I'd

like to welcome these talented health professionals to the Taranaki. I hope I'll get the chance to meet those who come to South Taranaki as their local MP."

"For the fourth year in a row the scheme has attracted great interest. As many as 510 more health graduates around the country have registered this year, with a total of 2,300 health graduates now in the scheme.

"The bonding scheme aims to keep our health graduates living and working in

hard-to-staff specialties and communities in New Zealand with payments towards student loans, or cash incentives if they don't have a student loan, over three to five years.

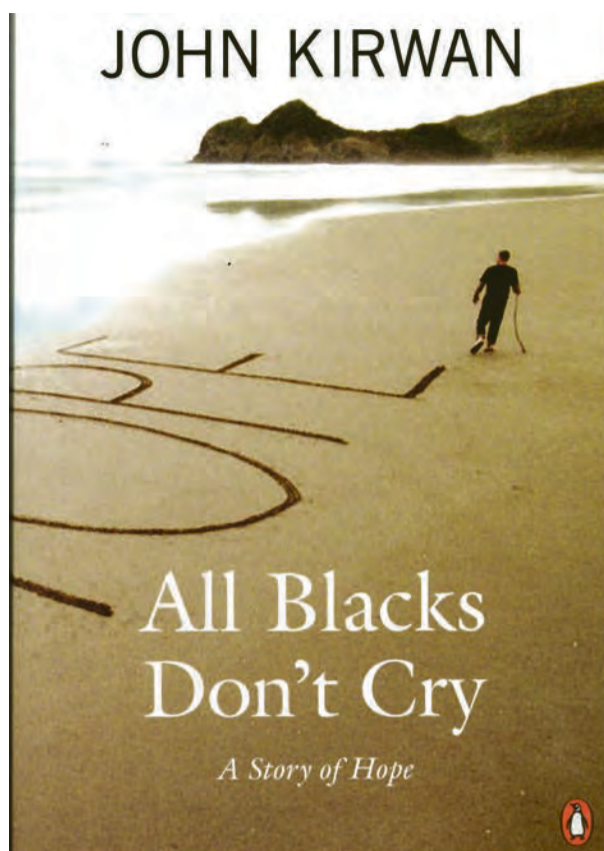
"We know that the longer health professionals work in our community, the more likely they are to make it their home," says Mr Borrows.

"The Voluntary Bonding Scheme is a part of National's plan to improve frontline healthcare and de-

liver better public services – one of our four priorities in this term of government.

"Along with other initiatives such as the rural immersion programme – which encourages health students to train in rural areas – National's Voluntary Bonding Scheme is helping build a brighter future for the Taranaki region."

All Blacks Don't Cry - a book review



All Blacks Don't Cry by John Kirwan and Margi Thomson. Published by Penguin, Auckland (2010).

"Depression was terrible, and yet it was a gift. I know people look at me sideways when I say that, because it seems crazy. But for me it's true. My life is so much better, and I'm a better person, because I had that experience" (Page 213).

This book, which reads like Sir John Kirwan (JK) is talk-

ing to someone – mostly his co-writer, no doubt, is about his journey from crippling depression, characterized by anxiety attacks and irrational fears – the worst one being that he might harm – even murder - other people. Apart from the illness aspect it is less a biography than a self-help or personal growth book. The full biography of the great All Black is yet to be written, although there is a fair amount of information

on his close knit, supportive family, who feature in some of the plentiful photographs which enhance the text.

It is a positive book, partly because John has been emotionally well for the last 16 years or so; he doesn't fear mild setbacks, which occasionally occur. Yet he needed therapy for some years, extending back to his All Black days and was on medication (antidepressants) for about



The teenage All Black.

six. However, the man is just so positive in his outlook – it is an uplifting book.

There are several written excerpts from well-known All Blacks, who were – and remain - close friends of John, such as Michael Jones, who give their opinions on John's situation. There is also, near the end, a dialogue between John and a clinical psychologist. Some therapy techniques are briefly outlined.

John speaks a lot about the well-known television campaign to help sufferers of depression. Readers may be interested to know that he received no payment whatsoever. He explains his reward was just knowing he could help some people and even save some lives – a person came up to him one day and said just that. Suicide is a sad outcome in so many cases.

This is a valuable and informative book, mostly directed at people who suspect they need help and don't know how to go about it – or don't dare. Everyone should read this superb book, but especially those who are aware they may have problems with depression and anxiety.

I bought this worthwhile book at Whitcoulls, Centre City, New Plymouth.

Rolland McKellar

Flag at half mast to respect the three who died in Afghanistan



Following the deaths of two military personnel just a few days ago, sadly three more have died in Bamiyan province on Sunday August 19 (NZ time). They were victims of a roadside bomb. The dead include Corporal Luke Tamatea (31), Private Richard Harris (21) and a medic Lance Corporal Jacinda Baker (26).

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On this month in history

On August 26, 1768 Lieutenant James Cook, in charge of HMS Endeavour, set sail from Plymouth, England with a series of tasks to complete, as requested by the Admiralty and Royal Society. One of these requests was to observe the transit of the planet Venus in the Pacific the following year.

He was also given secret orders to investigate if a great southern land mass existed, as had been rumoured.

Amongst his crew were the botanists Joseph Banks and Daniel Solander who were destined to become famous.

After carrying out his orders as regards the transit of Venus, he sighted New Zealand on 7 October, 1769. His first encounters with the indigenous Maori people were not especially harmonious and there were a number of skirmishes.

In the next six months Cook circumnavigated both the North Island and the South Island, which allowed him to make maps which were surprisingly (thought not totally) accurate.

He kept meticulous details of what he saw and learnt, especially about the Maori culture.

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On August 9 we farewelled Angelo Hill as he left for a coaching position in Texas. Replacing him in the PE Department is Michael Summerell— Nau mai, haere mai.



Mike Summerell

Angelo Hill

EXCHANGE STUDENTS

We are pleased to welcome six students from the northern hemisphere to our school. They have settled in well so far and we wish them a successful learning experience here in Opunake.



Back Row: Romane Limoges (France), Louise Anderson (Denmark), Eri Takahashi (Japan), Dave Nicholas.
Front Row : Erik Buterowe (Germany), Christina Anderson (Denmark), Victor Pisamo (France).

REGIONAL BOWLS CHAMPIONS

Jamie Fevre and Simon Mullin are the Regional Secondary School Pairs Champions for 2012. They will now compete for the national title in December.
Daryl Read received the runner-up singles trophy, and Cate Tulloch received the Youth Bowls Sportsman Award.

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MANAWATU EXCHANGE

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Manawatu Sports Day, Soccer

FONTERRA TARANAKI SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY FAIR

2012 saw high levels of success for our students at the recent regional Science and Technology Fair.
Scientific Journalism section ; Abbey Silson 1st Yr9-10 , Adam Karam Merit
Technological Development section: Blair Young 1st Yr9-10, Jonathan Abplanalp merit plus Geological Society & Geoscience special prizes.
Jenna Bellve & Abbey Silson a merit along with NIWA special prize.
Alex Corrigan & Phillip Sanderson a merit and the NIWA & Regional Council special prize.
Tara Clement & Claire Young a merit & the Dairy NZ special prize.
Claude Clark & Christian Rosewarne 2nd Yr9-10 steam car race.



Back Row: Caitlin Lane, Christian Rosewarne, Hone Grindlay, Jonathan Abplanalp, Adam Karam, Abbey Silson
Front Row: Tara Clement, Taylah Smith, Silika Fakavamoeanga, Jenna Bellve.
Absent: Blair Young, Alex Corrigan, Phillip Sanderson, Claude Clark

RUGBY & NETBALL TRIP TO SAMOA

Planning is underway for a trip to Samoa in 2013. If you are able to assist with jobs or sponsorship please contact Mike Griggs or the school office. Mike is taking orders for outdoor garden chairs (cape cod design) made by the students. \$170 each or two for \$300. A sample chair is available to view at the school office.

YEAR 12 OUTDOOR EDUCATION

In Week 3 this term, the Year 12 Outdoor Education class enjoyed a week at TSB TOPEC. The group took part in Rafting, Navigation and Tramping assessments and a definite highlight was tackling the mighty Waitara River on rafts! Huge thanks to the team at TOPEC for an awesome week. We are all thinking of you in this tough time..



OPUNAKE’S GOT TALENT

Gemma Grey and Jahrim Mataira MC Opunake’s Got Talent Show on 16 August. Jack Fryer (centre) shows off his dance moves.



SPECIAL DATES

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| Aug 24 | Teacher Only Day |
| Aug 27 | Mid Term Break |
| Sept 12 & 13 | Opunake High Restaurant |
| Sept 10 | Sports Photos |
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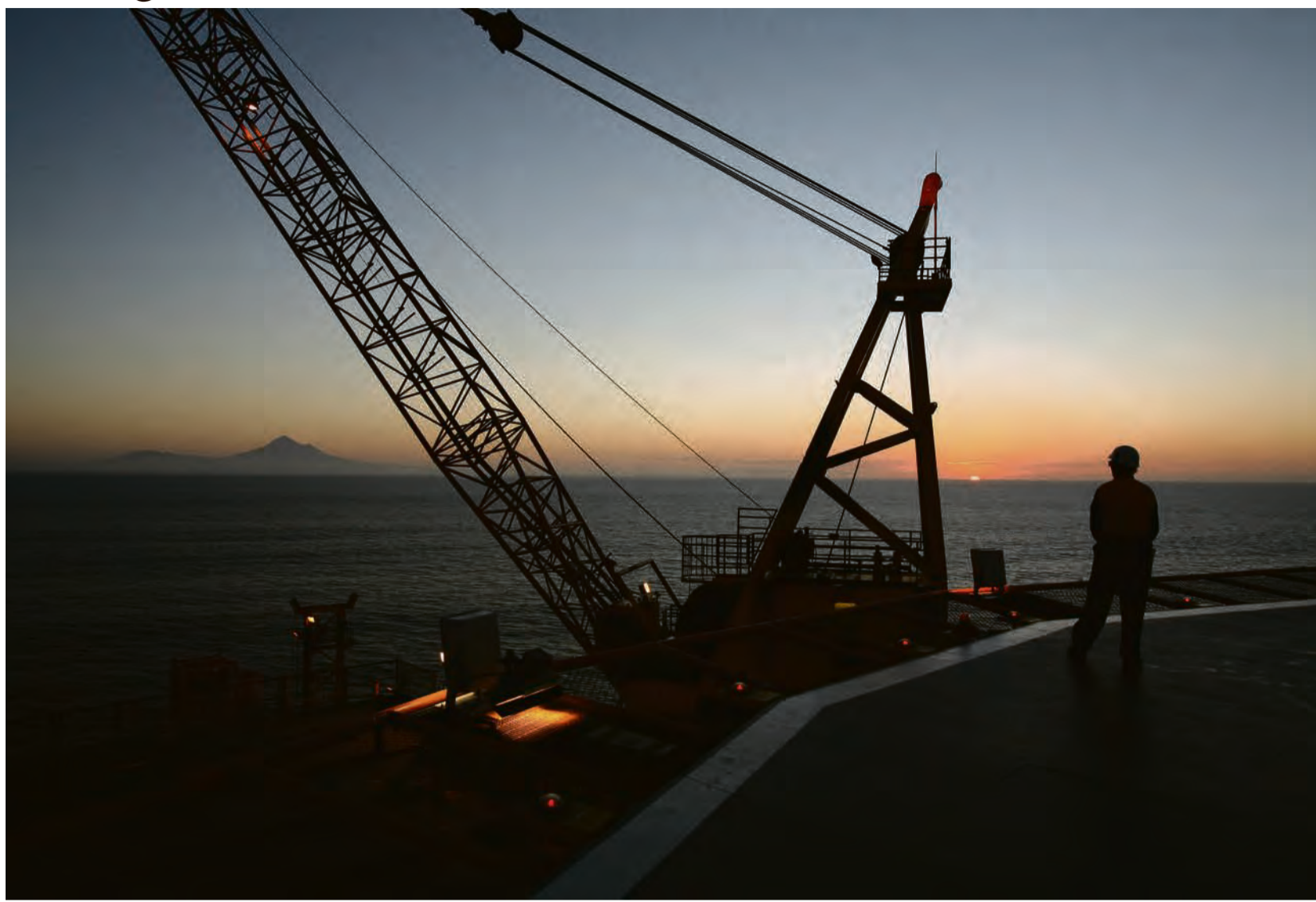


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The Māui natural gas field won the Energy Project of the Year title



Sunset aboard the Maui A.

The Māui natural gas field won the Energy Project of the Year title at the Deloitte Excellence in Energy Awards last night. The General Manager of Shell

Todd Oil Services Rob Jager is extremely proud of his team's achievement and thanks all the Taranaki community for their ongoing support.

"The life of Māui has been extended - incredibly - via existing wells using the latest innovative technology and low impact drilling techniques.

This natural gas field has already served New Zealand for more than three decades and this award demonstrates our ongoing commitment to leaving no

stone unturned in squeezing the last drop from the field and delivering energy that sustains the country in a safe and environmentally responsible way. I'd also like to acknowledge the Taranaki community for their consistent support since construction of the field began, back in the 1970s."

Seven years ago the team had a hunch and a belief there might be more natural gas hiding in what was once a giant field and by 2011 due to ingenuity, courage and a "can do attitude" the team had not only found ways to safely and economically target where they thought the natural gas was trapped, but also managed to successfully unlock and produce this gas from the reservoir through existing facilities.

In 2006 the team was convinced by data from the latest 3D and 4D computer modeling that there was natural gas within the field that had been by-passed in the usual extraction process. The trouble was these pockets were likely to be relatively small, difficult and costly to drill and their existence could only be definitively veri-

fied by actually drilling into them. So any means of extracting these potential volumes would be tricky and would have to be achieved in an extremely cost effective manner.

The team worked through several models before deciding that the best approach was to re-enter the existing wells and drill horizontally, using precise geosteering, creating what is known as "slim hole sidetracks". This was achieved using a very small hydraulic workover unit, with enhanced capabilities, that was just able to be fitted onto the Māui platform. "We had hints that there was more natural gas to be found in Māui but in this business nothing is certain. So we developed the processes and technology to extract it via existing wells" says Rob Jager. "Lateral thinking, flexibility and frankly having the courage to back the uncertain, has led to a great result for us and for New Zealand."

When it was discovered in 1969 Māui was one of the largest offshore natural gas fields in the world, and it ushered in the dawn of a new era of electricity production for New Zealand.

Stretching over one hundred and fifty square kilometres and lying three thousand metres below the sea floor, tapping this asset off the rugged Taranaki coast was never going to be simple. But by 1979 Māui was a producing field and at its peak in the 1990s met 90% of this country's domestic natural gas demand. Now in its twilight years it still meets about 20% of domestic demand.

The demand for energy is growing in New Zealand, as kiwis continue to switch on the light and enjoy hot showers. Alongside alternative energy sources, unlocking more natural gas can make a significant contribution to the country's economic future and the security of electricity supply, particularly when renewable hydro and wind generation isn't available.

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Rahotu Primary School children wear Mufti to promote Healthy Eating

Rahotu Primary School children had a 'Random Day' last Wednesday when they got to wear clothes of their choice instead of their usual school uniform.

There were prizes for the most innovative costumes for each class chosen by the senior pupils.

The children paid a gold coin with the proceeds of \$181.20 going to their elected charity – the proposed new Opunake Health Centre.

Principal Margaret Dob-

bin commented that Rahotu Primary School had been a 'Health Promoting School' for the last nine years, which she explained meant they were connected to the Taranaki District Health Board and had to fulfill certain criteria.

A student body made up of a dozen Year 6-8 students made up 'Hauora Helpers', a group intended to encourage children to be community minded. A second Health Action Team (HAT) comprised of two students from

the Hauora Helpers, as well as teacher Elaine Wilson and 4-5 sets of parents promoted healthy living and was in charge of such initiatives as the school garden in which vegetables are grown. They have also planted fruit trees in the school grounds.

Most recently cherry tomatoes have been planted in the gardens outside classrooms. "We encourage healthy eating," said Margaret. Promoting in general emotional, spiritual, physical and social health is the intention.

Winners of the Random Dressers from each class. From left, back: Cailee Bowmar, Bob Harvey and Ella Barrett. Front, from left: Lilly-Jo Robinson, Tamati Horo and CJ Taamaru. The primary school students who judged the event also chose the unusual prizes which ranged from a leaf, to an onion, an orange and apple and a mock set of false teeth. The most coveted – and unhealthy prize – a big block of chocolate was given – randomly – as a spot prize.

And the dietary elixir of youth is...tomatoes!

Tomatoes have been hailed as a key factor in maintaining youthful-looking skin, in a scientific study released last week.

Research presented to the UK's Royal Society of Medicine, found that eating tomatoes reduces sun damage and boosts levels of procollagen, the molecule which gives skin its structure, maintaining elasticity.

The study also found further evidence to suggest that tomato consumption can help minimise the onset of wrinkles. Volunteers, who ate tomato paste daily for a fortnight, suffered less damage to mitochondrial DNA, which is also believed to be linked to skin ageing.

The researchers credit lycopene, the natural pigment that makes tomatoes red, with providing the age defying health benefits. Leading New Zealand skincare company Trilogy has already embraced the benefits of lycopene, using extracts from tomatoes in its new Rosehip Oil Antioxidant and Tomato Seed Oil products.

Helen Barnes, Business Manager of Tomatoes New Zealand, said that the UK report backed up other global research into the nutritional benefits of tomatoes including studies by New Zealand's Crop & Food Research.

"It's widely known that lycopene is a powerful antioxidant that neutralises free radicals, which may cause damage to cell components," she said. "But it is very interesting to hear of tomato consumption being linked directly to

increased protection against sunburn and more youthful looking skin.

"There are also many other proven health benefits of eating tomatoes. There is strong scientific evidence for a role of lycopene in reducing the incidence of prostate cancer. "It may also help reduce the incidence of other cancers and cardiovascular diseases and play a role in eye health and is also a good source of vitamin C, fibre, folic acid, potassium and other vitamins."

Health and beauty conscious Kiwi shoppers need look no further than New Zealand grown tomatoes to boost their lycopene intake. The Crop & Food study also identified the intense red colour, and therefore higher lycopene content, of some New Zealand grown fresh tomatoes as a point of difference over paler Australian imports.

Crop & Food also reported that consumption of the whole tomato, including skins and seeds, consumed with a little good quality oil, optimises the delivery of the potential benefits of tomatoes.

The UK research, carried out by scientists at Newcastle University, compared the skin of 20 volunteers, aged between 21 and 47, who were given 55g of standard tomato paste with 10g of olive oil every day for 12 weeks, with that of volunteers who had been given just olive oil.

The volunteers were exposed to UV rays found in sunlight at the beginning and end of the trial. The researchers found significant improvement in the skin's ability to protect itself against UV among those who had eaten the tomato paste with the tomato-eating group having 33 per cent more protection

against sunburn in the form of less redness.

Skin samples taken from groups before and after the trial showed an increase in levels of procollagen, the loss of which leads to skin

ageing and lack of elasticity. There was also less damage to mitochondrial DNA in the skin.

The redder a tomato is, the sweeter it will taste. In recent years the range of toma-

atoes available to New Zealand consumers has grown considerably with cherry, low acid, strawberry, roma and vine-ripened tomatoes becoming increasingly popular.

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Steve Corkill of Corkill Systems, Opunake is finding that there is an increased demand for industrial generators by farmers in the area, mostly due to the inclement weather conditions – especially the recent storms which increasingly leads to the power being out for extended periods of time.

Steve has been supplying generators for many years – extending back to 1999. However, for some years they were not a focus of Corkill Systems, Opunake who “specialize in automated equipment to the sharpened end of the primary industry. Our products are aimed at the dairy and other hygienic grade applications” (web-

site). However, since March of this year the supply and installation of industrial generators, imported from China, have been a significant part of his work. Steve is taking orders from all over New Zealand – even as far south as Otago. Steve is using local firms to complete the process. For example, Bloemen

Engineering of Kaponga have been dealing with the framing of the generators and Taranaki Powder Coating Enterprises Ltd have been providing a resilient finish to the product. Carac Couplings of Eltham have also been involved in cutting some

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Headstone Warehouse - Two in one



Daryl Anderson with a selection of his quality headstones.

Anderson's Monumentalists, under Daryl Anderson's leadership have continued for 31 years at the corner of Collins and High Streets, Hawera. For some years there has also been a shop in New Plymouth at 268 Devon Street East, 'Everlasting Memories Monumentalists' managed by Heather. Recently (June), it seemed best to combine the two businesses under the same name umbrella - hence 'Headstone Warehouse'.

Why the name change and why Headstone Warehouse? "It reflects how the market has changed", explains Daryl. He pointed out that some undertakers are

getting into the monumental side of things for reasons of profit. However, as Daryl explains, that because headstones is all that his firm does, this allows it to focus totally on providing a quality product at competitive prices, as well as offering a huge variety of headstones and bases. Currently, he has 700 units in stock.

"It's also part of a succession plan. I'm now 55. It would be easier to sell the business under the new name than one with my surname in it", explains Daryl. He concluded, "I think it's got a good ring to it".

Daryl is also proud of the look of the new name with its softer, stylish font.

"We are Taranaki's only manufacturer", he continues, with the granite imported from India or China.

Some of the headstones are smaller and these are directed at cremation; these days 70% of people opt for cremation. "You have to do something with the ashes". Daryl points out. These days, most cemeteries have a cremation section where the ashes of loved ones can be deposited with these headstones lovingly acknowledging the deceased.

The Anderson name goes back a long way in the business. Daryl is the fifth generation monumentalist - extending back to his great grandfather Andrew Peter

Anderson (1868-1959). His grandfather Leslie Peter Anderson (1905-1987) was next to carry the flag. Daryl's fa-

ther Sefton Peter Anderson (1930-2003) handed on the baton to Daryl. Originally, the firm started in Wanganui where Daryl spent his formative years and early professional life and where his mother Shirley still lives.

Upon reflection, Daryl said, "My great grandfather Andrew Peter married the sexton's daughter of the Old Heads Road Cemetery in Wanganui and the sexton in those times also carried out some monumental work. So I can claim him - Mr Wilkins - as the fifth generation, although there are only four people in the (accompanying) photograph".

Daryl still comes to work with a smile on his face. "I love it - even after all these years". He adds, "It's the people context" that's special. "It's still a joy to come to work", he concludes.

Daryl welcomes people to look at his wide selection of quality headstones - either at the Hawera or New Plymouth branch. The variety is remarkable and more clearly

reflects the character and interests of the departed loved one. There are still the more traditional shapes, but also everything from butterflies, hearts, to koru shapes. A variety of colours are available with names like Ocean Green, Balmoral Red and Silver Mist. Prices are set to suit all budgets - ranging from the Celtic Cross at around \$7,000 to many at around \$500, or less. The cremation headstones tend to be less expensive than the graveside ones.

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Four generations of Anderson monumentalists. From left, Andrew, Leslie, Sefton and Daryl.

Okato calves make Finnish friends



Kaisa Nieminen, a Finnish Lions Youth Exchange scheme student becoming acquainted with a calf belonging to Margaret and David Dravitski who farm at Okato. Kaisa is staying with Jan Deegan of Opunake during her stay in New Zealand.

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Taylor Rampton - Queen of the Dirt



Taylor Rampton of Opunake has had a really successful year so far competing at motocross.

Taylor Rampton from Opunake is a very competitive motocross rider and has been challenging herself against the top riders travelling to events throughout New Zealand; here are some of her results.

At the New Zealand Junior Motocross Nationals in the South Island Taylor competed against forty seven riders in her class before qualifying and placed twenty sixth overall.

The Taranaki summer

series was held at Barrett Road. Taylor competed in 3 of four rounds and was placed third in the 13-16 year 85cc class.

At a Flat track series in Wanganui Taylor won the women's division and placed first in the 13-16 year 85cc competition.

The Wellington Championships were held in July. Taylor placed fourth in the 12-16 year 85cc class and won the women's division

Taylor won Queen of the Dirt at a meeting in the Manawatu - placing fifth overall in the under 17 division and first in the Junior Ladies.

Taylor has just finished competing in a four round series at Wanganui and won the 13-16 year 85cc class and also won the women's division riding a

RM250z.

Taylor is hoping to compete at the Veteran and Women's Motocross championships in October to again be held in the South Island and appreciates the

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Taylor slides her RM 85 around a corner.

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Coastal Boxing going from strength to strength



Terry Simpson (left) sparring with Cameron Gibson at the Pungarehu Hall.

the Coastal Boxing group.

Simon Julian from Coastal Boxing had his first win at the tournament.

"People were stoked," remarked Terry adding the tournament raised \$1500.

The Coastal Boxing group has been meeting for a year and a half.

They pay \$25 a term which Terry says is "pretty good". In town they're charged \$5-\$10 a session, comments Terry who, along with Maurice Morgan, coaches the group. Terry used to fight himself in the Pungarehu Hall as a kid. Jason Allan is the "boxfit" which Terry explains means he is in charge of the fitness side.

Terry explained there was two types of boxing – aerobic – "with air" – and anaerobic – "without air".

He continues: "When you're in the ring you're boxing anaerobically which means you haven't time to breathe. "Two minutes in the ring is

pretty much your limit."

Terry said he was asked to start up a club by a former boxing coach's daughter.

Terry says there's been "quite a revival in the sport" adding that there were numerous clubs around Taranaki.

The Coastal Boxing Club and they do a lot of travelling to tournaments travelling as far afield as Wellington and Rotorua.

And isn't it a pretty violent sport? Terry insists that boxing is "safer than rugby" with everyone equipped with gloves and headgear and a mouth guard.

"The art of boxing is to hit without being hit and to always defend yourself." Points are awarded for "clean shots without

interference," explains Terry.

Sam Rapira from Taranaki's Bell Block Club who is currently number one in New Zealand has just returned from the Australian Institute of Sport.

"He went over there as a sparring partner for the Olympic teams," said Terry adding he narrowly missed out on going to the Olympics. He had an operation at the beginning of the year which Terry feels affected his chances of making the Olympic team.

"Taranaki has a fearsome reputation of hard punching and they don't give up and have a lot of heart," adds Terry.

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sized ring with opponents matched by weight, age and experience. There were 14 fights.

"It was three hours of action," said a delighted Terry Simpson who started

Brodie Hollis (with ball) playing for South gets caught in a tackle by a western player during the Annual Primary School Ross Brown Rugby Tournament held at Opunake. Brodie was selected for the Taranaki U13 team after the tournament. Congratulations! There were four teams playing South, Central, North and West. South won the tournament.

Left, below: Tayne Clark (left) 7th grade Most Valuable and Luke Forsyth Most Improved at the Coastal Opunake Junior Soccer Prizegiving.

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Whitebaiters need to check, clean and dry their equipment - Ministry for Primary Industries

With the whitebait season having just started, the Ministry for Primary Industries is reminding whitebaiters to Check, Clean and Dry their equipment between waterways to avoid the spread of unwanted freshwater pests that can clog nets and choke waterways, including whitebait habitats.

“Unwanted freshwater pests such as didymo and lagarosiphon pose a serious threat to our rivers, streams and lakes. Once

in a waterway they can disperse rapidly and destroy the environmental, recreational and aesthetic values of our waterways,” says John Sanson, National Coordination Team Manager.

“Restricting your whitebaiting to one catchment only is the best way to stop the spread of unwanted pests. However, if you are going to be moving between waterways we ask you to Check, Clean, Dry any equipment that has come into

contact with river or lake water – particularly nets and waders.”

“Some freshwater pests, like didymo, are often invisible to the naked eye and can be spread by a single drop of water. Treat every waterway as though it is infected – even if you can’t see the danger you could be spreading it.”

Mr Sanson says before leaving a waterway, people should check items and leave any plant debris they find in their equip-

ment at the waterway.

“All equipment should then be cleaned for at least one minute with a five percent solution of biodegradable dishwashing solution. That’s about one tablespoon of detergent per 250ml.”

“Water absorbent materials such as boots and waders require longer soaking times to allow thorough saturation.

“Drying will kill didymo, but even slightly moist items can harbour didymo and other microscopic

pests for months. To ensure didymo cells are dead by drying, the item must be completely dry to the touch, inside and out, then left to dry for at least another 48 hours before use,” says Mr Sanson.

“Following these simple procedures will help slow the spread of freshwater pests throughout New Zealand waterways. It’s everyone’s responsibility to try to preserve the environmental integrity of our waterways for generations to come.

“Just remember to Check, Clean, Dry every time you move from one waterway to another, wherever you

are in New Zealand.”

For more information about freshwater pests and the Check, Clean, Dry process, visit www.biosecurity.govt.nz/pests/didymo/cleaning.

For more information on whitebaiting regulations and whitebait and other native fish species, visit www.doc.govt.nz.

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Girl's Rugby a rippa at St Mary's!

Year 9 students at St Mary's Diocesan School have been getting into the rugby fever sweeping through Taranaki with some specialist coaching from Jack Kirifi, Rugby Development Officer at the TRFU.

With Women's Rugby 7s now part of the Olympics from 2016, and the NZRU on the hunt for rising stars, Lorna McAvoy, HOD Health and Physical Education, is keen to expose the girls to the possibilities of chasing

the odd shaped ball. Lorna says, "Many of our girls have played Touch or Rippa at Primary School and it's just a question giving them more opportunities when they reach secondary school". She continued, "All of our

Year 9 students have been given the chance to enter the TRFU Rippa Tournament in September and we've had a 100% uptake. The enthusiasm is wonderful and hopefully it will lead to a life-long passion for them".



Jack Karifi from the Taranaki Rugby Union running a skills session with St Mary's Year 9 Students.

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CR Stevenson
Chief Executive

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Friday, August 31st 2012

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- **Sunday 14 October is Mini Gymkhana**
- **Wednesday 17 October 5.30pm**
- **Sunday 28 October 1.00pm**
- **Wednesday 31 October 5.30pm**
- **Saturday 3 November Beginners ODE**
- **Wednesday 7 November 5.30pm**
- **Wednesday 21 November 5.30pm**
- **Wednesday 28 November 5.30pm**
- **Wednesday 5 December 5.30pm**
- **21,22 and 23 December Pony Club camp (to be confirmed)**

For further information please contact Belinda Wakeling on 027 330 4955 or 764 6577

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PUBLIC MEETING Drew Hutton from Lock the Gate Alliance

7.30pm Tuesday 28 August Norfolk Hall

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*Effective way to remember the wife's birthday . . . forget it once.
*He loves nature . . . in spite of what it did to him.
*A hair on the head . . . is worth two on the

brush.
*Why are stairs inside . . . and steps outside?
*LOL or . . . I don't want to talk anymore
*Bad decisions . . . make good stories
*If money is the root of all evil . . . why do churches e.t.c. keep begging for it
*Experience is something you don't get until . . . just after you need it.
*Without order nothing can exist . . . without chaos nothing can evolve
*Four out of every three people . . . have trouble with fractions
*If you loose your left arm . . . your right one will be left
*Ever stop to think . . . And forget to start again
*I wonder how many people . . . own the Earth's core . . . and who's at the bottom of my garden.
*At the end of every party . . . there is always someone crying
*Experience is what you get whenever . . . you don't get what you want
*Smile . . . makes people wonder what you're up to
*If you're going through Hell . . . keep going.
*Today is . . . the tomorrow you thought about yesterday.
*Hell hath no fury like . . . the lawyer of a woman scorned.
*If you have somethink to say, raise your hand . . . and place it over your mouth.
*If you think experts are expensive . . . wait and see what amateurs cost you.

Review of Representation Arrangements for the 2013 Local Elections



On 26 June 2012 the Taranaki Regional Council reviewed its representation arrangements, and resolved that the following proposal apply for the Council for the elections to be held on 12 October 2013:

Council representation

It is proposed that the Council comprise 11 members elected from four constituencies. The four constituencies reflect the following identified communities of interest:

Constituency	Communities of Interest
New Plymouth	The urban area of New Plymouth district
North Taranaki	The rural area of New Plymouth district including Okato, Oakura, Inglewood, Waitara and Urenui townships.
Stratford	The area of the Stratford district except for that portion of eastern Stratford district within the Horizons Regional Council region.
South Taranaki	The area of South Taranaki district.

The population that each member will represent is as follows:

Constituency	Population	Members	Population per member
New Plymouth	50,700	5	10,140
North Taranaki	23,100	2	11,550
Stratford	8,980	1	8,967
South Taranaki	26,900	3	8,967
Totals	109,680	11	9,971

In accordance with section 19V(2) of the Local Electoral Act 2001, the population that each member represents must be within the range of 9,971±10% (8,974 to 10,968), unless particular community of interest considerations justify otherwise. The representation of the North Taranaki and South Taranaki constituencies fall outside the stipulated range. The Council considers that the North Taranaki Constituency warrants two members and the South Taranaki Constituency warrants three members for the following reasons:

- the proposed representation reflects the status quo which is well understood and accepted by the regional community
- the constituency boundaries are closely aligned to territorial local authority boundaries
- the territorial local authority boundaries align with identified communities of interest within Taranaki
- the proposed representation is close to complying with the ± 10% requirement especially in the South Taranaki constituency

Submissions were invited on the Council's representation proposal. No submissions were received therefore, the proposal becomes the "Final Representation Proposal".

As the Council's Final Representation Proposal does not comply with the +/- 10% fair representation requirement (North Taranaki and South Taranaki Constituencies), the proposal is subject to deliberation by the Local Government Commission (Section 19V (4) of the Local Electoral Act) before it can become the basis for the Council elections to be held on 12 October 2013.

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Taranaki Regional Council

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- POKER NITE**
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- SCRAP & CHAT / CARD MAKERS EVENING**
Mondays at Pastimes, Tasman Street, Opunake from 7-9pm. Beginners and new people welcome.
- LYSAGHT WATT GALLERY**
In Your Face Art Exhibition at The Square, Hawera.- Portraits by 10 local Artists. 30th July to 1st September. .
- PERCY THOMSON GALLERY**
Fibreworks 2012 - Taranaki Creative Bi-ennial Exhibition. August 5 - 26th. at Prospero Place, Stratford.
- THE VILLAGE GALLERY**
Louise Herdman - celebrating 10 years of Mosaics 6 - 31st August. The Village Gallery, 166 High Street, Eltham.
- MANAIA DISTRICT LIONS CLUB MONSTER AUCTION**
25August refer Public Notice
- ELTHAM PONY CLUB 2012-2013 SEASON**
Starts Sat 25 August refer public notice
- LIVE BAND - SURF INN**
Anubis - Saturday 25th August - See advert for further details
- OPEN HOME: 1 WHITCOMBE STREET OPUNAKE**
Sunday Aug 26th 1.30 to 3.00 pm. Refer classified advert.
- OPUNAKE COMMUNITY BATHS SOCIETY - AGM**
Wednesday 29th August 7.30pm Sandfords Event Centre
- OPUNAKE LAKESIDE LIONS DAFFODILL DAY STALL**
Friday 31st August Refer Public Notice
- STDC - CREATIVE COMMUNITIES SCHEME FUNDING LOCAL ARTS ACTIVITIES**
Applications are being called for the above. Deadline 31st August
- VILLAGE GALLERY- SHIP OF SOULS**
3-28th September Refer advert
- OPUNAKE BUSINESS ASSOCIATION**
Next Meeting Monday September 3rd at Opunake Surf Inn 5:30 Social, 6.00 pm Meeting - see advert for further details.
- KARAOKE- CAFE 49 WAIMATE HOTEL**
Saturday 8th September Refer advert
- LIVE BAND - SURF INN**
Maropu - Saturday 8th September -
- CRAFT FAIR -ELTHAM TOWN HALL**
15thSeptember Refer Public Notice
- NEIL LUSK ANNUAL BULL FAIR**
Friday 14th September Refer Public Notice
- FESTIVAL PLAY PERFORMANCES**
The Memorial Theatre, Albion Street, Hawera: 19th and 20th September. For further information contact Clive Cullen on 06 278 8979, Jo Lahman on 06 272 8270 or email hawerarepertory@gmail.com
- OPUNAKE SURF LIFE SAVING CLUB - AGM**
Sunday 23rd September 12.30pm
- LIVE MUSIC- CAFE 49**
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Shayn Wills



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Drew Hutton 'Lock the door' Tour



Drew Hutton

"Drew Hutton has been a social justice and environmental campaigner for over 40 years. Since April 2010 he has been campaigning against the massive expansion of the coal and coal seam gas industries in his state,

working closely with farmers, helping them organise to protect their land and water. Drew started the Lock the Gate campaign in Queensland in August 2010 and was instrumental in setting up the Lock the

Gate Alliance, a national umbrella organisation of over 150 community groups around Australia, becoming its president in March 2011. The core strategy of the Alliance is the refusal to negotiate access by landowners to mining companies.

Drew is here to share his experience of working with Australian farmers threatened by coal mining, drilling and fracking for Coal Seam Gas (CSG). CSG is a new industry in New Zealand which most people know little about. Drew will share his understanding of coal seam gas technology and operations and its effects on farmers, nearby communities, land and water.

Drew has written extensively on environmental history, politics and ethics and co-wrote, with his wife Libby Connors, *A History of the Australian Environment Movement*, published by Cambridge University Press in 1999.

"I'm from Queensland and a couple of years ago I went bush to investigate coal seam gas. And I said to farmers out there, we can't win this as purely a farmer's battle.

And we can't win this as environmental battle. What we've got to do is bring the two together, bring farmers and environmentalists, city and country together."

- Address at the "Protect Our Land and Water" rally held at NSW Parliament House on Tuesday May1. <http://www.kateausburn.com/2012/05/03/protect-our-land-and-water-lock-the-gate-alliance-president-drew-hutton/>

Tour objective: To raise awareness of fracking, CSG and fossil fuel exploration in Aotearoa/NZ, and to learn from the Australian experience of Coal Seam Gas exploration.

Tour includes: Public talks/meetings in Wellington, Dannevirke, Hastings, Gisborne, Hamilton, Norfolk (Taranaki), Gore; Drew is keynote speaker at an 'Alternative Minerals Conference' in Rotorua (25-26 Aug). For venues and dates go to: www.lockthegate.org.nz <http://lockthegate.org.au/>.

Drew speaks at the Norfolk Hall, Near Inglewood on Tuesday August 28 (7.30pm). Phone Teresa on 06 763 8889 or 027 454 3585.

Little House of Horrors - Design a poster

Directed by Shaun Campbell this musical is about a down-and out skid row floral assistant who becomes an overnight sensation when he discovers an exotic plant with a mysterious craving for fresh blood. Soon 'Audrey II' grows into an ill-tempered, foul-mouthed, R&B-singing carnivore who offers him fame and fortune in exchange for feeding its appetite, finally revealing itself to be an alien creature poised for global domination!

We want you to design the man-eating plant 'Audrey II' • The internet shows some

excellent examples of Audrey II for reference. Please incorporate the 'Little Shop of Horrors' logo. • Entries must be entirely your own original work. All entries must be suitable for public viewing and must not include any defamatory or offensive content. • Competition entrants may submit up to three different designs. Each design must be A4 size (210 x 297 mms). • Please ensure your name, contact information and DOB are on the reverse side. • The competition is open to the following age groups:

Years 10 to 14 Years 15 to 18 Years Over 18
• All entries will be judged by Director Shaun Campbell and a local identity
• Entries must be returned to Hawera Repertory Society, PO Box 112 Hawera or delivered to Clive Cullen Architects, 79 Princes Street, Hawera by 4pm Monday 27th August 2012
• There will be one winner announced in each age group, with one being the overall Winner.
Prizes:
The Overall winner will receive:

4 passes to Opening Night Show on 1st November 2012
4 complimentary drinks (non-alcoholic for under 18)
2 programmes
Opportunity to meet cast after the show
Also, their design will be featured on Poster and Programme artwork
Other winners to receive:
2 passes to Opening Night Show on 1st November 2012
They will also have the opportunity to meet cast after the show.

On this month in history

On August 31, 1974 Prime Minister Norman Kirk died in office of congestive heart failure, aged 51. Mr Kirk had been leader of the Labour Party since 1965 and Prime Minister since a landslide win in 1972.

Mr Kirk was the fifth Prime Minister to die in office. Others were John Ballance (1893), Richard Seddon (1906), William Massey (1925) and Michael Savage (1940).

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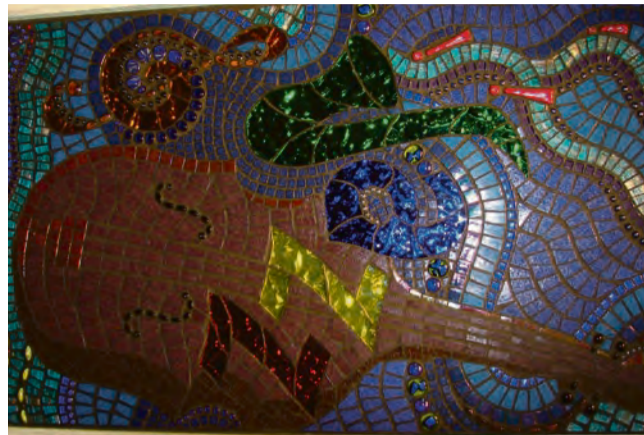
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Mosaics at The Village Gallery

There is an interesting exhibition at The Village Gallery, Eltham. The artist is Louise Herdman of Wanganui, who is a mosaic artist and tutor. The works on show are as diverse as they are skilful. The exhibition continues until August 31, so make sure you find time for this absorbing

exhibition.

One intriguing work is called 'Cemented Memories', which is comprised on vitreous glass tiles, photographs and glue. Embedded in the colourful glass tiles in the shape of an open book are early photographs of Wanganui.



Behop - glass fusion, shimmer glass, iridescent and vitreous tiles.

Another eye-catching exhibit was 'Behop' – glass fusion, shimmer glass, iridescent and vitreous tiles.

Louise is keen to share her love of the medium and holds classes – like the one at The Village Gallery, which was quickly fully booked.

“With every mosaic you learn more skills and find new inspiration – it’s an exciting form to work with. The element of discovery is

the highlight as each piece is allowed to take on its own movement and form, then as the picture emerges from the grout process the delight continues”, Louise writes.

You can see some of Louise’s work on www.mosaicpictures.co.nz

In the meantime, mark down August 31 in your diary as the last chance to see this remarkable exhibition.



Cemented Memories - vitreous glass tiles, photographs and glue.

Body in Action at Stratford's Percy Thomson Gallery



Large bones. small bones, flat and smooth and curiously shaped bones - all at Percy Thomson Gallery's forthcoming exhibition in Stratford.

Roll up – roll up - roll up! Don't miss the greatest show in Taranaki! The Percy Thomson Gallery is hosting 'Body In Action' opening Monday 3 September 7.30 pm. This is another of our major exhibitions for the year funded by TET and assisted by the George Mason Charitable Trust.

Developed by Te Manawa Museums Trust, Body in Action is a highly interactive exhibition which reveals how the human body works. Blood, skin, bones and brain

are explained in colourful exciting ways, muscles are put to the test, senses challenged, skeletons, skin and blood investigated. As part of this exciting journey of exploration, Body in Action also provides puzzles and problems to solve. The show revolves around a circus theme with lots of fun and games.

The gallery has had a tremendous response from schools so far and we have many bookings for class sessions. Bookings are

essential for any groups visiting.

“We are looking forward to the fun and anticipate a very busy time” said Sue Morton

In the Community Gallery running concurrently will be 'Colour Me Red' ANZEG, a travelling Bernina Postbag Challenge exhibition 2012

This year's challenge focuses on RED in all its shades, forms and meanings.

The challenge conditions:

- Entrants must design their work to fit (and travel safely) inside an A4 or A3 postbag.

- No work with glass frames will be accepted.

- Works must be able to be wall hung and entrants must provide a secure hanging system for their pieces.

- Mixed media and embroidery works are eligible. Some stitch content is required – either hand or machine embroidery.

They will be installed approximately 12 September and remain on display until the end of Body in Action 14 October.