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# Mother and lambs all well

When Grahame Hill from Manaia discovered four new born lambs by a ewe he gave a double take. A bit of checking revealed that the lambs indeed were all hers. And all were healthy and have continued to thrive.

Grahame's wife Annette feeds them three times a day to "top them up."

"It's a one in a million," occurrence said Grahame of the multiple birth.

Quadruplet lambs extremely rare in sheep. And for all four to survive even rarer.

"My daughter had quads three or four years ago, but not all of them were alive. To get all four alive is quite unusual," says Annette.

Grahame and Annette Hill have a 28 acre farm on the outskirts of Manaia where they have farmed since 1993. Prior to moving to Manaia they were dairy farming in Mokoia, now farmed by their son.

Indeed the Hills who breed race horses had had a lucky week

Grahame came across a four-leafed clover on their farm on the Monday. Three days later the quads arrived. And then two days later their three year-old Miss Dixie, won at the Opunake Cup Day at the races in New Plymouth.



Super mum with her four lambs.

# Vintage machinery for kids of all ages



Tresor Gil-Goldsvrough and his father Dominic look over Black Beauty.

For the Taranaki Vintage Machinery Club it was third time lucky. Last year the Covid lockdown meant their Working Weekend at the Lintern property on Turuturu Road outside Hawera could not go ahead. Things were all set to go earlier this year, but this too was called off when the country went into Level Two restrictions. The Club then decided to have an Indoor Winter show at the Hawera A&P Showgrounds on the weekend of July 31-August 1, so that it could still go ahead regardless of the vagaries of the winter weather. Ironically the weekend saw crowds taking advantage of fine weather to come along and see the tractors, stationary engines and other assorted machinery and memorabilia.

"We have a lot of things for both adults and kids which is what this is designed to do," said club president

Rodney Maiden. "Rob Lintern and Neil Higgins our past president were the key ingredients for this to happen and this has proved to be outstanding."

Although pleased with how things have worked out, Rodney says that he would always prefer an outdoor display where people could see for themselves how the machinery worked.

He says the machinery on display includes tractors from the 1920s and 1930s up to the 1970s.

"We have stuff here from the very early 1900s. Some of the stationary engines are a hundred years old easily."

He says the club gets about 50 or 60 members along to their monthly meetings.

"They are all like-minded guys who go there for yarns about tractors or anything else."

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## Letters to the Editor

### Gender

Manaia

#### Identification

In the interests of community safety, I feel obligated to inform readers of Coastal News that I now self-identify as a Silver Back Gorilla, and will no longer be responding to pronouns he or she.

R. Herdson

### Labour not listening to our rural communities

In Taranaki, dairy farming is our biggest employer with 3,221 direct jobs (April 2021) and the Howl of Protest saw

thousands of farmers close the farm gate and head into cities in an attempt to make Labour listen. It takes a lot of consideration for our farmers and growers to leave farm like this, especially as they are entering their busy time of year. If Labour was really listening, the protests wouldn't have been necessary.

It is clear our rural communities love the land they live and work on, and care greatly for it and their animals. They are up for the challenge to build on their already world-class environmental practices, but the quantity of change being disproportionately applied to our rural communities is blatantly unfair. The practicality of these changes might make sense in the skunk works of Wellington, but on farm they simply do not. There may be committee upon committee and consultation after consultation but on the green pastures under Mt Taranaki, where the Red Bands hit the perennial rye, where is the support to work through these changes? The bombardment of change placed upon farmers is very worrying. Especially in a world of the high suicide rates and dismal wellbeing statistics, does Labour really think lumping all these changes on farmers in quick succession is good government? Even the consultation process for the freshwater changes a year or so ago landed during calving. Farmers could not leave farm; they could not have their voices heard at local meetings. Labour continued.

Our farmers are innovators, they solve problems and

they have been doing it for generations. The Labour government claim to be working with industry but there is a difference between 'working with' and actively listening to what the real impact of these changes are and carefully selecting alternative solutions. I will acknowledge this government for allocating funding towards disaster relief in drought-stricken and flood battered areas of New Zealand, as well as M Bovis. Any support is welcome, but ask yourself is it enough for the value our farming communities deliver for New Zealand? Additionally, budget 2021 saw the allocation of \$37 million over four years to make planning less time consuming and introduced The Good Farm Planning Principles Guide. \$37 million for a guide. A Guide. Is that listening? It has also taken over a year to secure MIQ spaces to support our growers with harvest. Why has something so vital to NZ taken longer than a year to organise? This is the standard operating procedure of Ardern's Labour government, ideology no matter the cost or consequence.

During the Howl of a Protest several representatives went to the New Plymouth Electorate MP Glen Bennett's office for a response on the planned protest and to let his office know what the plan was for the day, and in true Labour Party fashion, when the going gets tough, no one was to be found. Damian O'Connor was also completely absent from the protests. The very Minister of Agriculture and Rural

Communities whose job it is to represent our farmers and growers vanished - let that sink in for a moment. More evidence of deaf ears comes from David Parker, the Minister for Environment, who said farmers should not expect the Government to back down from its commitments.

Labour needs to realise that without our farmers and growers we would all be naked, hungry, and sober.

Sadly, as the title says, they are not listening. It seems there is only one way to make them listen, vote them out.

Joel Zimmerman  
Oakura.

### New Zealand not Aotearoa

I am a New Zealander, not an Aotearoaer. Most New Zealanders call our country New Zealand and how many of us were proud New Zealanders seeing our flag and National anthem played when we won gold medals at the Olympics?

Question as to maybe we need to include in the referendum, New Asia!

Anom  
New Plymouth

### Paying rates

I wish to forward my views on an article in the Star (July 12, page 7), plus my thoughts. I ask, is The Star so short of news that it dedicated half a page on a Normanby resident, his name I do not wish to divulge as it is in The Star for all to see. The article brings to the fore that the person mentioned had not paid his council rates for at least four years, and he is whingeing because of the debt his bank which carried his mortgage applied to the High Court. For foreclosure on his property which was granted, but because of the Covid problems his eviction was delayed. The unsaid

person made no attempt to correct the position.

He is reported to have made an offer to buy the property back from the new owner, an offer he refers to as being "fair." So why did he not forward a payment plan to pay the rates if he has the resources? The debt being \$28,514.15, he is reported to have said the property was his (papakainga) original home. He did not have to pay rates. Ridiculous. It also appears he has connections to some obscure sovereignty group. I live in the Hawera Borough, and my yearly rates being as they are, his rate cost I suspect are for more than four years.

I have sympathy for his whanau but the problem is of his making. I am of Maori descent and have no objections to ratings cost, which has nothing to do if I'm not mistaken if I'm of Maori, English, Russian or German descent even though I have poverty rapping on my door.

Finally I feel fortunate we have the mayor Mr Nixon and his council colleagues who have South Taranaki in a sound position.

Gordon(Mac)Sole  
Hawera.

### Don't blame our highways

Look, whether it is winter or summer, one is always hearing moans and grizzles over our roads in our province. Well people, we are not alone on this, as it happens all over the country.

By now many motorists should know that once winter comes along, it brings with it heavy rains, and this type of crack appears on our sealed roads, whether its SH3 or SH3A as the rain water gets underneath it and then a pot hole appears, then our road workers have to come along

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## ADELPHOS The Force

Most people have seen the movie "Star Wars" and its prequels. Remember the classic fight scene between Jedi Luke Skywalker and the evil Darth Vader? Their main weapons weren't just lasers but the Force's spiritual and psychic powers of mind control, meditation, levitation and prophecy. The Jedi used The Force to strive for peace, order and compassion to benefit others. However, Vader used the force's Dark Side seeking personal power and was motivated by anger, hatred and domination. Vader wanted to control Luke's behavior. But Master Yoda mentored Luke; he guided him in his disciplined struggle to overcome Vader's Dark Side and the influences of projected harmful thoughts

and feelings toward Luke.

Neuroscientists tell us that controlling our daily thoughts, emotions and subsequent behaviours can actually change our brains' neural circuitry and the mental functioning of our minds. Thoughts and feelings are like an iceberg that's 90% under the water. We can't see them. The visible 10% above the water represents our resulting and visible behaviours. But psychology informs us that all these underlying feelings and thoughts are actually neutral and "only" have the power we give them because we have the ability to control them. So underlying thoughts and feelings can be very powerful: they are the influencing force behind our actions. The key is to become more aware of them. Medical

science further tells us that our physical health can be affected by the intensity of our positive or negative emotional responses which are activated by neurotransmitters and hormones being released by the brain and the body.

God's Word instructs us to not be overwhelmed by the influences of negative thoughts and feelings and to "...take every thought captive to obey Christ" (2 Corinthians 10:5 RSV) and "...resist the Devil, and he will flee from you. come near to God and he will come near to you..." (James 4:7-8 NIV). Again this means first becoming more aware of our negative thoughts and feelings which produce harmful behaviours that draw us away from God's thoughts and His will

for us in the Bible. A healthy Christian life involves this kind of self-examination of our thinking, feelings and actions if we're going to be honest with God and others.

Summary and conclusion: Our underlying thoughts and feelings produce our behaviours. Think about why you're doing something and remember the picture of the iceberg. When you better understand what causes your behavior and follow God's guidance in the Bible, you "will" more clearly see God's will and potential for your life. But life isn't perfect and sometimes situations still go to custard. So may The Force of God's Holy Spirit be with you all. Manaakitanga.

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and fix these unwanted pot holes.  
Our province alone has all types of vehicles on it from milk tankers, logging trucks, heavy haulage transporters, buses and the normal vehicles and the odd

farm machinery which no doubt happens on all roads throughout the country, but the biggest problem we are having on all our roads is those who drive on them.  
I've seen vehicles passing other vehicles on double yellow lines, cars screaming like racing cars,

people still talking on their cellphones, talking to their passengers, not reading street or road signs properly, not concentrating on their driving ability which makes me wonder do they really know this road code or the rules as this happens not only on our roads, but also in our towns?  
So how about stopping

blaming our roads. Let's all become a better driving person, and if this was to really happen maybe there would be less accidents on our roads throughout the country, so don't blame our roads. Just take an extremely good look at ourselves for a change.

Tom Stephens  
New Plymouth

# Last chance to have say on regional council representation

Taranaki Regional Council chairman David MacLeod is urging people to get their feedback in on the council's representation arrangements before submissions close at 5pm on Friday, 13 August.

"The purpose of the current review is to look at how the regional council can best represent the people of Taranaki.

"We believe our proposal is the most effective and fair way forward, but we want to hear what you think before making a final decision."

The initial proposal will see the Council remain at 11 elected members. This includes one from a region-wide Māori constituency, which will be called the Taranaki Māori constituency. The 10 remaining members will come from the existing New Plymouth general constituency (five), North Taranaki general constituency (two), Stratford general constituency (one) and South Taranaki general constituency (two).

That will see the South Taranaki constituency go

from three to two members, which is in line with Local Government Commission guidelines around the ratios of population to members.

Stratford remains just outside the ratio guidelines however the Council agreed it was a distinct community of interest and required a representative. This means the Local Government Commission will need to approve the final proposal, as it has done in the past.

The proposal also keeps the general constituency boundaries aligned, as far as possible, with district council boundaries.

Public submissions should be limited to the scope of the proposal - that is, the total number of elected members and the names, boundaries and number of members for each constituency. The establishment of a Māori constituency or constituencies is outside the scope of this consultation. A separate consultation process has already been held on that matter and a final decision made.

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On this month in history

## Amelia Earhart sets record

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## Pauline Parker and Juliet Hulme found guilty of murder

On August 28, 1954 teenage friends Pauline Parker (16) and Juliet Hulme (15) were found guilty of the murder of the former girl's mother Honora. The crime occurred at Victoria Park. The woman was bashed with a half brick inside a stocking. The motive: the girls thought they

were to be separated with one family shifting to South Africa. Peter Jackson made an acclaimed film called Heavenly Creatures about the murder.

Juliet, under an assumed name, became a famous writer of crime novels with sales in the millions.

# Opunake street names

(Notes produced by J.S. Stronge).

## Dorset Street

John Dorset (1807 - 56) was born in London and later became a military surgeon with the British Auxiliary Legion in Portugal and distinguished himself by his gallantry in the Portuguese Campaign.

Returning to England in 1839 he met his fellow legionnaire Colonel Wakefield, by whom he was appointed Principal Surgeon of the New Zealand Company. He came to New Zealand in the Tory. He was a member of the Wellington Provincial Council.

## Wilson Road

This is a knotty question. The Street could have been named for the Reverend J. A. Wilson (1809 - 87) a naval lieutenant turned missionary or his eldest son Captain J. A. Wilson both of whom served in the New Zealand Wars, or any one of several other Wilsons who earned distinction in the early days of New Zealand history, but I like to think that it 'was named for Dr Peter Wilson (1791 - 1863) who travelled this coast often in the 1840s and 1850s between Whanganui and New Plymouth where he practiced. Both he and his wife played a leading part in the life of that community.

## Whitcombe Road

Named for Charles Douglas Whitcombe (1836 - 1903). After serving with Garibaldi in 1861 he came to New Zealand and was a military settler at Lepperton. For many years he was secretary to the Taranaki Provincial Council, Commissioner of Crown Lands and sheriff. Later he was private secretary to Sir George Grey and then a correspondent and sub editor of the "Bell" paper in Auckland. For the next seven years he was foreign secretary to the King of Tonga and then editor of the Polynesian Gazette at Levuka (Fiji)

He retired to New Plymouth early in the 20th century.

## Halse Place

Is named after William Halse, the elder of two brothers who came to New Zealand on the Amelia Thompson in 1841. William succeeded Mr Bell as New Zealand agent for the New Zealand Company in New Plymouth and was also Commissioner of Crown Lands from 1851 - 1863. He was then a solicitor and was deputy superintendent of the Taranaki Province. He was also solicitor to the Opunake Flax Company from 1869- 1871 who had the first flax mill on the Coast, where the Opunake Dairy Company is now situated.

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# Vintage machinery for kids of all ages

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Neil Higgins says a lot of knowledge sharing goes on at these meetings.

"The old skills like building a haystack out of hay are dying, but we have enough guys in our club who can do it," he says.

Parked outside and attracting a lot of interest was the 1905 Fowler Road Locomotive dubbed Black Beauty. Rob Lintern said it had spent most of its life in Christchurch, and has had extensive work done to restore it to its present condition. It has used steam for its entire life and the boiler is still the original one. It is 120 horsepower and weighs 17 tons. It is however much stronger than that would suggest, says Rob.

"If you tied it to a 200 Horsepower John Deere it would pull it away," he says.

Inside the hall Dennis Nolly from Eltham demonstrates a number of machines in his collection, including one that strips the kernels from corn cobs and then grinds the kernels to make flour. Originally the one machine had been two, each about a century old, and each performing a separate task.

"I had these two and I didn't



James Claridge and a scale model of an Allchin Traction Engine.

know what to do with them, so I put them together," he said.

Geoff Grierson of Stratford was demonstrating his blacksmithing skills.

"I'm a fitter and turner by trade, but I've been a bit of a blacksmith all my working life on and off, and quite a bit in the last 15 years," he says.

Geoff Carter of Matapu was there with his 1944 Oliver HG trap machine, which his wife Bev had bought off

Bruce Alexander in 2013. It had previously been owned by the Newton family in Urenui.

"I spent three years putting it together. I pulled it apart and then I put it back together," says Geoff. "It's a lovely little tractor to drive. My grandsons love it. It was mainly used for market gardening, but a lot were used in the back country as they were so light. There's still a few of them around."

Peter Kuriger's stone crusher machine was proving a big drawcard with young and old. Three year-old Jimi Culf from New Plymouth was among those happily depositing stones to be crushed. The machine had been built by Collett and Sons from Dannvirke in 1914, and was later used by Dick Bell to crush pit metal at Glen Nui for the Eltham County Council. Since 2007 it has been owned by Peter Kuriger.

Two year-old Tobias Whittleston of Patea was comfortably ensconced in the driver's seat of a Farmall tractor.

"He lives on a farm, so he's obsessed with tractors," says Tobias's mother Rebecca.

Meanwhile an audience was looking on as Rob Lintern and Neil Higgins were forking hay into a hay baler.

Among other groups taking part in the show was the New Plymouth Society of Model and Experimental Engineers. James Claridge was there with a two inch scale Allchin traction engine, used in the agricultural industry from the 1890s to the 1960s.

"Every town had one or two of these. Some big farmers owned them, and some did contract work around the district," he said.



Tobias Whittleston makes himself at home on a 1950s Farmall tractor.



Dennis Nolly showing what the machine he put together can do to a cob of corn.

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The camber off the shoulder of the road is not very forgiving, so if you go slightly off the road it tends to take you right off.

Fire extinguishers are highly recommended to have around the house, shed or to keep one in the car. You

## Three accidents on Wiremu Road



As these two pictures show fire extinguishers are very effective in containing fires.

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Craig Dingle CFO Opunake Brigade

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There was a considerable number of cars and trucks passing by so pointsmen were kept busy to the immediate south and north of the accident scene. With the ambulance leaving at 4.35pm the police car and fire brigade vehicles left about five minutes later. The car, firmly wedged in the ditch was encircled with fire service tape.



ABOVE AND RIGHT:

With the patient sheltered from the wind, the Opunake Fire Service, St John Ambulance and Police worked together to ensure the very best outcome for the lady driver.



### On this month in history Amelia Earhart sets a new record

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Newark, New Jersey) in 19 hours and 5 minutes. She received many awards after this feat including the Distinguished Flying Cross, given by the US Congress.

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She was born on July 24, 1897 in Atchison, Kansas and, in adulthood, had a number of jobs, notably as a social worker.

Aged 39 she set off (with Fred Noonan) from Oakland, California to endeavour to be the first person to circumnavigate the world in

an aeroplane. In July 1937 (having completed 22,000 miles) her mayday message indicated very low fuel in the vicinity of Howland Island in the Pacific. She and Noonan were never seen again and many theories have been proposed as to what happened.



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# Birthday celebration for RSA past president

On July 30, the Manaia RSA's annual mid-winter lunch doubled as a birthday celebration for one of its valued members.

As the Manaia president John Graham was the public face of the RSA in Manaia for 10 years. With the mid-winter lunch being held on the same day that he turned 90, the Manaia RSA decided it was an appropriate time to honour their past president. Manaia RSA member Gordon Chisnall said John came to Manaia as an eight year-old. "He has stayed here ever since," he said.

In his younger days John was known for his rugby playing prowess with the local Waimate Rugby Club and as a Taranaki representative rugby player. It was during his time playing for Taranaki that he acquired the nickname "Sharkie" by which he is still affectionately known. He played 31 games for the province including the 11-9 victory over Otago in 1957 to take the Ranfurly Shield. It was appropriate then that flanked by his wife Noeline and his sister Jean Christensen, John cut the cake which had a figure in



John Graham cuts the cake flanked by sister Jean Christensen (left) and wife Noeline.

the centre clad in the amber and black of Taranaki and holding aloft the log of wood.

John said the Manaia RSA has 70 members, and he thanked the Manaia Bowling Club for letting them be

based at their clubrooms after the closure of the Manaia War Memorial Hall. South Taranaki District Council chief executive Waid Crockett who represented the Council at the celebration had spoken

about a number of issues facing Manaia including the War Memorial Hall and the Sports Facility both having to be closed because they did not meet the required earthquake standards.

"The Council had just signed

off their Long Term Plan and the future of the hall and the sports facility had been identified as one of the issues relevant to Manaia. "There's no argument from me that it's taken too long," he said.

Other measures outlined in the Long Term Plan are the Aquatic Centre upgrade, the town centre revitalisation and road improvements on Tauhuri Street.

One of the highlights of John Graham's time as president of the Manaia RSA was the setting up of the Lone Pine Grove on the Manaia Walkway. An uncle of John's had been killed at the Battle of Lone Pine fought on the Gallipoli Peninsula in World War I and a limited number of seedlings descended from the lone pine which had given its name to the battle were made available to New Zealand RSAs. The Manaia

RSA put in an application and ended up getting three of them. These were planted in 2015 and have since grown, providing a poignant setting for Remembrance Day commemorations in the years since then.

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# Moturoa School raises funds for the ocean

Moturoa School students have raised over \$2000 for their ocean adventures after planning and pulling off a black tie fundraiser event. The formal dress fundraiser event was a special invite only which went to students' families, local conservationists, Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern and local MP Glen Bennett. While the prime minister and New Plymouth MP could not make it to the event, Enviroschools and Ngamotu Marine Reserve Society educators were present and highly praised the quality

and creativity of the event. The students dressed in black-tie and glamorous dresses to educate their audience of more than 40 attendees about the range of threats to the marine environment and the differences between marine protected areas and marine reserves. They also made speeches on how to pronounce Māori names correctly, sang specially written waiata and highlighted the importance of kororā / little blue penguins and Phytoplankton to the ecosystem. Silent auctions were held during intermissions which saw

many student-made mosaics, paintings, plants and bees wax wraps being sold. The money raised will help them get to Goat Island to snorkel in the marine reserve in December as part of their Experiencing Marine Reserves programme (EMR).

One of their teachers, Rachel Amundsen was selected as a BLAKE Inspire for Teachers participant in 2020 to develop a deeper understanding of environmental issues and learn practical ways to integrate environmental education into their own

school programmes such as EMR.

The Moturoa School students aged between 9-12 years old are participating in the Experiencing Marine Reserves programme supported by Toi Foundation and NPDC community funding and facilitated by the Nga Motu Marine Reserve Society.

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**BARBARA KURIGER MP**

I doubt many New Zealanders would realise rural communities are this country's second largest city with 700,000+ people.

And despite what people are reading or hearing in media throughout the country, they are innovators.

So many Kiwis do not understand the skill, innovation and guardianship our farmers apply to their lands every day, in every weather, in this country.

That is especially true of dairy farmers who are always seen as the biggest environmental 'villains' by critics and the uninformed. We are — and I say this loudly and clearly — the best at what we do — with

the smallest carbon footprint across the globe.

In February, research showed New Zealand's CO2 per kg FPCM (fat and protein) was -0.74 — 46% less than the average of all countries studied.

Following us is Uruguay at -0.85, while Australia is in seventh place, the USA ninth and Ireland rounding out the top 10 places. (source dairyglobal.net)

Our dairy sector produces half the emissions of all other international producers.

Yet farmers are being criticised daily across all sorts of media.

I often talk about the language people use when

they speak about farmers and rural communities. I even spoke about it in the House in early July.

Farmers I see, are feeling the immense pressure of rapid regulation changes, as well as the environmental criticism levelled at them.

Rural leaders and support groups are being contacted daily by those who are struggling. It's a heavy burden being felt both mentally and physically.

These issues have never been more evident than at the 'Howl of A Protest' rallies across NZ on July 16.

Farmers, growers and rural folk are overwhelmed by a government wanting more for less and deciding on how they are to deliver it.

The clear message was ... enough.

But any depth of what primary industries were saying to the Government that day, seems to have been missed ... by the Government.

Labour needs to get out and see how the rural sector operates before announcing

whimsical regulations which have absolutely no practical application and don't connect with any overall plan.

Without bigger earners like tourism and foreign exchange students thanks to COVID-19, and industries which could be earning billions hampered by legislation, the Government needs to recognise where its export income is coming from.

It also needs to prioritise substantial, and I mean big money, to help food producers devastated by recent floods.

These are the people who make this country money. Cycleways across bridges can wait.

Meanwhile, in an era where the state of people's mental health features daily in the media, I ask people to think before they speak.

Because words matter.

*Barbara Kuriger  
MP Taranaki King-Country*

**Lakeside Lions raffle**

Our recent raffle with the amazing prize of dinner, bed and breakfast at the Stratford Mountain House was drawn on the 4th



**Lakeside Lions president Rachel Norgate presents Brian and Maureen Vincent with their raffle prize.**

August by our local police officer. The winners are Brian and Maureen Vincent

who are seen here accepting the fabulous prize from Opunake Lakeside Lions President Rachel Norgate. Peter Mischevski from the Stratford Mountain House kindly helped to sponsor the raffle which raised \$1,500.00 which will go towards

the Wellington Regional Children's Hospital Playscape Playground. This playground is being funded by Lions Clubs from three Districts covering the lower North Island (Taranaki to Hawkes Bay down) and the top of the South Island where Lions have pledged \$500,000 for the construction of the specially designed therapeutic playscape. The purpose built hospital will cater for children from 0 years to 16 years of age and the 'playscape' will use medicinal and native plantings bringing people back tonature. Children's health in these areas will be well looked after.

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# Recent changes in Earth's climate unprecedented

Human-induced climate change is already affecting weather and climate extremes across the globe, according to the latest report from Working Group I of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC).

The evidence has strengthened - not only in the observed changes in heatwaves, heavy rains, and drought extremes - but also in their attribution to human influence, since the last report was published in 2013.

Professor Bronwyn Hayward, Professor of Political Science and International Relations, University of Canterbury, comments:

"Climate change is happening, faster than we thought, and humans have caused it.

"That's the stark message behind the new IPCC physical science climate report.

"In this first of three major research reviews, scientists tell us human activity is 'unequivocally' driving the warming of atmosphere, ocean and land. Unequivocal is the strongest term the IPCC can use.

"The report is frank and blunt. It says our climate is changing faster than we anticipated even in 2018. The IPCC says human activity has warmed the climate by 1.1 degrees since the pre-industrial era.

"The report doesn't put



**Kaupokonui River Bridge in flood.**

*Photo: Scott Wilson.*

a precise date on when we know we have crossed the dangerous threshold of 1.5 degrees Celsius of warming, but says unless we make far reaching change, this will occur over the next 20 years using average temperatures. This will expose many more people and our natural environment to even more devastating consequences including intense flooding, storms and unprecedented droughts and fires.

"While we need more regional data for New Zealand, cities get a special mention, as hotspots where the experience of localised heat and flooding will be more intense than global

averages. This matters because cities in New Zealand are already home to nearly 90 per cent of our population.

"Behind this report are heroic long hours by many climate scientists who have also been working out how to attribute storms and weather events to climate change. This report notes that every additional 0.5°C of global warming 'causes clearly discernible increases' in the intensity and frequency of extreme events, including heatwaves, floods and droughts.

"In 2018, I hoped that the Special Report would be the end of magical thinking,

that we'd stop thinking somehow climate change wasn't happening. Opinion polling now shows that New Zealanders do accept climate change is real and all ages are increasingly anxious about its impacts.

"We must now avoid a new kind of magical thinking that relying on technology will save us. Instead, we must take real actions to reduce emissions and protect people, biodiversity and

businesses.

"This IPCC report clearly states in the frequently asked questions section that technologies like CO2 removal techniques 'are not yet ready or unable to achieve the scale of removal to compensate for current levels of emissions and most have undesirable side effects'.

"It's critical that we stop hoping someone or something else will fix this if we hope to achieve the Paris Agreement of 'holding the increase in the global average temperature to well below 2°C above pre-industrial levels' let alone

1.5°C.

"Extreme weather events cannot be the future we leave for our children.

"It will never be easier to act on climate than it is now.

"The next IPCC reports talk about how we can adapt and cut emissions, but we need to start work now. We banned new oil and gas exploration and we know we need a new Paris climate target, let's just set one. Don't wait for COP26. Let's start the real changes in some of the most obvious areas so we can look our children in the eye and report on big actions, not just plans, in Glasgow in November."

## Power blackouts highlight energy challenge

Our energy shortage suddenly became very real for people shivering in their homes without power, according to Energy Resources Aotearoa.

"Until now it has been the industrial sector feeling the pressure of energy shortages, but the supply gap has now become a gulf," says chief executive John Carnegie.

"It shows the crucial importance of natural gas in providing a back-up, literally keeping the lights on and saving people's lives. "Renewable energy is great

but it can't cope with current demand on a cold night.

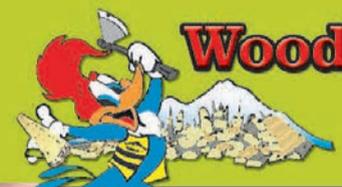
"We are deeply worried over what will happen in a few years when electricity demand is even higher and natural gas supply even more precarious.

"As we become more dependent on electricity generated by the weather, the importance of natural gas as a readily available back-up becomes even more important. This was recognised by the Climate Change Commission who see this role continuing until at least 2050.

"Together with the IPCC's new report, this is a sobering reminder of the challenges in achieving the balanced energy system we all want - reliable, affordable and sustainable.

"We just can't afford to pick and choose favoured energy sources - we need all options on the table.

"The smooth transition we all want is suddenly looking quite lumpy. It's time for the Government and industry to work together to encourage new energy investment, ensuring blackouts remain a third world phenomenon."



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# Tilting at windmills and ignoring the real problem



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We live in “interesting times” or “really strange times” when more is made of gestures and statements than any action being taken. This is so in local government where huge amounts of change are occurring and mountains of money are being spent, but nothing is actually changing. You could say the process has become the work and the work is not done because of the process. In the case of the Three Waters changes,

the local water in NZ is by world survey the third to the eighth best in the world. Yes, there are problem areas, but these are limited, and while infrastructure is old in some major cities, the water standards are being met. To try to cajole or entice the reluctant councils into agreeing, the Prime minister appeared on the stage at the recent Local Government Conference, and offered a no strings sum of \$2,500,000,000 to councils to buy in (New Plymouth \$31 million, Whanganui \$21 million, South Taranaki \$16 million, Stratford \$11 million etc). There are to be four authorities run by appointed boards. Councils as a whole will provide 50% of a panel, and Iwi 50% which appoints a specialist committee, whose only job

is to appoint the boards of each authority. At this time Council’s constituents or consumers will not have any direct link back. But that’s not all. The four authorities will acquire not just council assets, but all water schemes from farmers, down to a yet maybe unknown extent, but up to 71,000 groups. But even that’s not all. A new over-arching water authority is to be set up to command standards on everyone else. The cost of all this is unknown and unpredicted. The service to be provided has not been considered. All this is to be proceeded with as fast as possible while the public are still unaware of anything.

This upheaval is only one of a whole series of radical upheavals in almost every area, and all of them will cost

billions, and the outcome is unknown. So we are really in interesting times.

As far as regional councils are concerned, huge rate increases are occurring (one is up to 75.1%) and we are all competing for huge staff increases. But actually we aren’t really getting any real new information. Nor are we going to greatly improve the environment. We will be generating high amount s of changes, hearings, submissions, reviews, new reports, documents, advice and the like. As noted, the process is now the work. The work is not done because of the process. A whirlwind is being gradually released in New Zealand, and where it will end is not clear.

*Neil Walker  
Chairperson*

*Taranaki Regional Council*



A misty maunga.

## On this month in history

### Kayakers win several gold medals at Los Angeles Olympics

On August 11, 1984 NZ kayakers won two gold medals, making this Olympics the most successful ever by a New Zealand team (8 gold medals as well as others medals). On this day Alan Thompson won the K1 1000 metres and the team of Ian Ferguson, Paul MacDonald, Alan Thompson and Great Bramwell won the K4 1000 metres.

Other gold medallists included Mark Todd (Three-day event), Coxless Four Rowing (Conrad Robertson, Keith Trask, Shane O’Brien, Les O’Connell), yachtsmen Rex Sellers and Chris Timms (Tornado class) and Russell Coutts (Finn class). Also Ian Ferguson won the K1 500 metres and with Paul MacDonald the K2 500 metres.

## On this month in history

### Norman Kirk dies

On August 31, 1974 Prime Minister Norman Kirk died, aged 51. He was the fifth New Zealand PM to die in office. He died of congestive cardiac failure and is buried in Waimate where he was born.

Upon the landslide victory of his Labour Party he abolished compulsory military service (for 20 year old men) and announced that troops in Vietnam would be withdrawn.

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against the testing of nuclear bombs, by France, in the Pacific and sent a frigate in peaceful protest. On board was one of his Ministers Fraser Coleman



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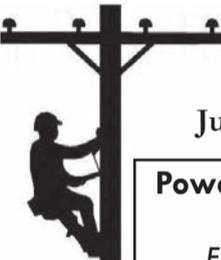
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# Taranaki presence needed on Board

Mike Davey believes Taranaki farmers deserve a presence around the Ravensdown Board which they haven't had for 25 years. Mike is standing for the directorship in Ward A (Taranaki/Manawatu) of the Ravensdown Board.

"The directors have always come from other parts of New Zealand," says Mike. "It's time for a local presence. We've got over 3000 shareholders in Taranaki and we need representation."

He says a Taranaki voice is needed, especially given the province's dominance of dairy farms, sheep and beef rather than cropping as in the Manawatu.

He's also a current shareholder in Ravensdown growing fresh crop for the local market.

Mike who retired in March 2020 has 40 years' experience in the fertiliser industry starting with Farmers Fertiliser later acquired by Ravensdown. For the last 30 years Mike was Regional Manager of Ravensdown.

He also has over 12 years' Local Body experience as an elected councillor on the Taranaki Regional Council bringing further skills and knowledge to the position. He is also the elected Director of the Taranaki District Hospital Board and a Trustee of the Taranaki Health Trust which has raised \$40 million for hospital services as well as Deputy Chair of the Taranaki Electricity Health Trust.



Mike Davey standing for the directorship of Ravensdown.

"Taranaki is uniquely different to other dairying areas in New Zealand and is also internationally recognised as being ahead of the times and has international kudos for this," says Mike. He attributes this to the constructive relationship with the Taranaki Regional Council. "They engage with farmers," he says. "We have completed our riparian planting which was started 25 years ago," for example Mike says.

His years of experience on the Taranaki Regional Council is useful particularly

with the new legislation relating to fertiliser application and fresh water.

"I believe Ravensdown, as a co-operative, must continue to adapt to changes in farming practices to enable profitable agricultural businesses with the changing legislation," says Mike.

"Ravensdown as a company should be using science-based people to ensure farmers are compliant with the new legislation relating to fertiliser application and fresh water."

"I've got 40 years' experience in the fertiliser industry so I know where the pressure points are."

Raised in Taranaki, Mike who is married with grandchildren, says he has always been interested in farming.

He believes passionately in the benefits of a farmer owned co-operative like Ravensdown to the agricultural sector. He says he would relish a governance role on Ravensdown's Board and having a say in the direction and future of the company.

"My involvement in managing a fertiliser business has given me first-hand experience of how a

co-operative can benefit farmer shareholders. As we have seen recently, some farmer cooperatives in New Zealand have experienced financial difficulty and concerns about capital, and, as a result, reduced their farmer shareholder ownership and sold to foreign investors. This is not what a co-operative is about."

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# Southcombe reunion

Ninety descendants of the Southcombe family held a reunion over the weekend in New Plymouth.

All were descendants of Charles Hector Southcombe and Annie Louisa (nee Johnston) who settled in Waverley after their marriage. Charles and Anna went on to have six children, one of whom was George Hector.

The celebration was originally organised for Rowly Southcombe's 100th birthday. Rowly was the eldest son of George Hector Southcombe and was due to turn 100 in July, but sadly passed away just a few weeks short of his birthday. The occasion instead turned into a family reunion with people coming from all over the North Island to attend.

Lorraine Mullin, who organised the reunion, was descended from George Hector Southcombe. Her mother Gwen was Rowley's sister. Rowly's daughter Trish was among those attending.

Kevin, the youngest of the George Hector's children, fondly recalled growing



The cutting of the cake from left Warwick Horton from Fielding, Regan Hawkins and Kevin Southcombe.

up at Manutahi where their father worked on a farm behind the Manutahi Store which was across the road from the Manutahi pub.

He had a host of humorous stories he relayed from his youth. He recalls when the publican was replacing the

urinal in the pub and he and his mates rigged up the new metal urinal so that men relieving themselves got a shock. They also had quite a lucrative scheme going where they'd take bottles from the pub and then resell them back to the pub. Other

pranks included pulling the school masters cabbage plants out and replanting them upside down. "We made our own fun," said Kevin nostalgically.

Now living in Manaia Kevin spent 32 years in New Guinea. He returned to New Zealand 12 years ago with his wife Susan who he met in New Guinea.

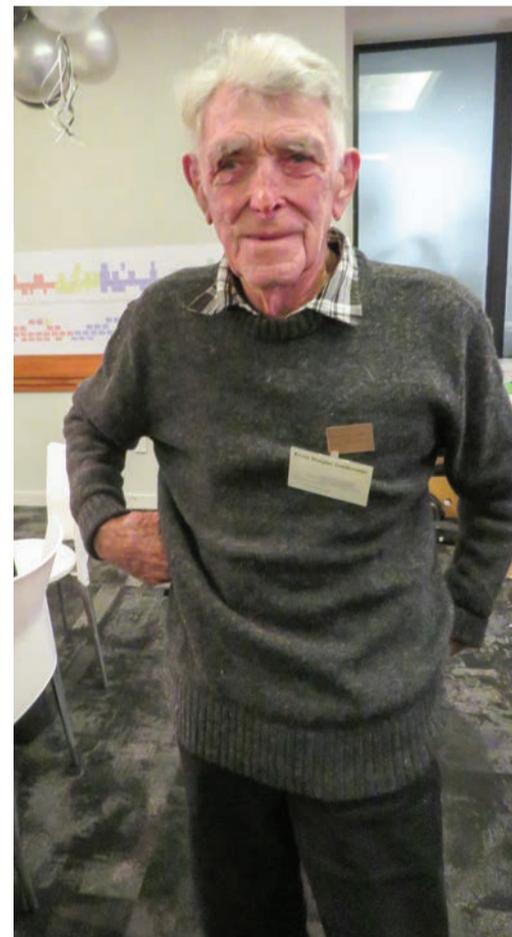
Also at the reunion was Robin Cathie who was descended from another of Charles and Hector's children William Henry who went on to have 11 children and in 1932 bought a farm at Pihama. The farm is now farmed by Robin's son.

Charles father James Southcombe came to New Zealand from England and walked from New Plymouth to Kai Iwi (just north of Whanganui) where he joined his sister who'd come earlier to New Zealand and married a Mr Goodson. James went on to become a trooper in the New Zealand wars and also took messages from Whanganui to Wellington on what was happening with the

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Charles Hector Southcombe and Annie Louise (nee Johnston).



Kevin Southcombe.

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The ninety people who attended the Southcombe reunion.

war. James and his brother spoke fluent Maori and they traded up the Whanganui River.

Annie's father Captain George Johnston also fought in the New Zealand Wars. The weekend's celebration

began on the Friday night with a meet and greet. The next day around 50 travelled to Waverley and visited the house where Charles and Annie first lived near the Waverley Rugby Ground. The house though old still

stands. Then it was a visit to the Waverley Cemetery where they are both buried.

Celebrations continued on Saturday night at the Devon Hotel where everyone enjoyed a smorgasbord, the cutting of a celebratory cake

and speeches.

A family tree and photos of the many Southcombe descendants lined the room made for fascinating reading. It was all brilliantly done and most interesting to read about a pioneering family.



Lorraine Mullin, the great grand daughter of Charles and Annie who organised the family reunion with helpers cousin Raewyn Bell from Taupo, Jill Williams from Hawera, and daughter Brenda Hallam.

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Cover the tray with glass, clear plastic or a sheet of paper to keep seeds moist and warm. Most seeds don't require light to germinate,



Germination.

but all require light once the leaves have sprouted.

When seedlings emerge, uncover and move the tray to a warm, sunny, sheltered position in winter, or semi shady position in summer.

After germination two juvenile leaves called cotyledons appear. Wait until the seedling produces at least two true leaves – which look very different to the rounded cotyledons

– before pricking out into a container or transplanting straight into the garden.

Using a pencil gently dig beneath the seedling and lift it out carefully by the leaves whilst teasing the roots apart. Make a hole big enough for the seedling, place seedling in hole and firm soil around it. Alternatively, pot up the seedlings into small containers of potting mix and place plants in a shady sheltered position for 3 – 4 weeks before planting out into the garden.

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# Family and community important at Kaponga Hotel

For Mark and Heather Morressey the Kaponga Hotel has always been their local. When it came up for sale, it seemed too good an opportunity to miss, particularly if it meant bringing daughter Nicola and son-in-law Micheal into the business. It also meant being closer to their two other sons living at Stratford and Midhurst.

Mark and Heather had been living in Australia and arrived back in New Zealand on Waitangi Day last year, before the country went into lockdown.

"I just got sick of the heat," says Mark. "Swallowing flies in 55 degree heat was enough for me."

Mark was working on a farm near Kaponga, before a new chapter of their lives opened up.

"We had always treated the Kaponga Hotel as our local, and then we realised it was coming up for sale," says Heather.

They decided it was something they could run as a family venture. Their daughter Nicola and son-in-law Micheal Pearce who had been running an aircraft refuelling business together



New faces at the Kaponga Hotel. From left. Mark, Nicola, Heather, Micheal.

in Newman, 1200km north of Perth in Western Australia were keen to join in. On Anzac Day this year, they made the trip across the Tasman Sea with their children, Ella (8), Dane (6) and Zeke(2).

Mark and Heather are originally from Stratford and were dairy farming at Mahoe

before sharemilking 600 cows in Canterbury and then spending time in Australia. "I've drunk in this pub since I was a young fellow," says Mark. "My great uncle Jim who worked for the council used to drink here, and so did my Dad."

His branch of the family came to Taranaki when his

great grandfather came to farm "on the edge of the bush."

"My family migrated from Ireland and would have owned every pub on the West Coast at some stage," says Mark.

Nicola comes with extensive experience in the hospitality sector, having

worked at an event venue and in restaurants and bars in Australia. She and Heather ran their own shop "Touch of Kiwi" at a foodcourt in Timaru, selling traditional kiwi fare which proved a hit with Japanese and Chinese tourists passing through.

The new chef at the Kaponga Hotel is a local, Chrissy Thomas. Chrissy has been in the business for 25 years, having trained in Rotorua and worked around the country. She may be familiar to many locals having been a chef at Sugar Lodge in Hawera and at the Dawson Falls Mountain House.

Nicola is backing up Chrissy in the kitchen, and Micheal helps out with accounts and maintenance.

As befitting their links to the area, the Morresseys are

keen to be involved in the community, and are keen to hear from the locals as to what they would like to see happen at the Kaponga Hotel.

"If someone wants something, we will see if we can do it," says Mark. "We want to be the hub of the community. Without the locals you don't survive."

They are keen to sponsor local events. Plans include getting the social club going and opening the café serving food that is entirely home baked as well as having "great coffee."

The accommodation side of the business is something they would also like to push.

"I have a lot of friends who are truck drivers," says Mark. "Once the Covid is over, the tourists will start coming back in. This is a great little spot."



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# COVID-19 clinic opens to all rural Taranaki

More than 2,500 Stratford people received the first dose of their COVID-19 vaccination at a recent community clinic – and now the rest of rural Taranaki are being invited to come along.

The clinic, held at the Stratford War Memorial Centre on August 6 and 7 ran like clockwork with local residents in and out within an hour for the most part.

“Thanks to the hard work of the management team, our fantastic vaccinators and admin team, and Stratford Lions and St Johns Ambulance volunteers, the clinic was a real success,” said Steven Parrish, Taranaki Covid-19 Vaccination Programme senior responsible officer.

“The Stratford community gave us such positive feedback, it was a pleasure to be able to provide this service for them.”

Another community clinic is taking place in Stratford on Friday 20 August and Saturday 21 August and bookings are now open for anyone living in rural Taranaki aged 16 and over to come and receive their vaccination.

“We know that this is a busy time of the year for our rural



Dylan Reddish receives his Covid-19 vaccination from Paula James.

communities, so we want to make it as easy as possible for people to come down and get their vaccination,” says Steven. “Booking an appointment is the best way for us to get you through as quickly as possible, but if you don’t know until the day if you can make it, that’s fine – just come along and we will fit you in.

Bookings for the rural community clinic can be done online at [BookMyVaccine](https://www.bookmyvaccine.nz).

nz using the access code BD8SUD5QH3, or by calling 0800 28 29 26 and giving the code to the person that answers. Your second dose appointment will be made automatically at the same time. Anyone aged 16 and over can be vaccinated at this clinic.

Tui Ora are also vaccinating those aged 50 and over (and their whanau) at the Sandfords Events Centre in Opunake one week each

month. The next clinics here take place on August 24, 25, 26 and 27. To book with Tui Ora please call them directly on 06 7599553.

If you need support to make an appointment, volunteers are on hand to assist you at Opunake LibraryPlus on Tuesdays 9.30am - 12pm and 1.30pm - 4.30pm.

More than 35,000 people living in Taranaki have now received a COVID-19 vaccination, and the

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For more information please call Polly Catlin-Maybury I Taranaki COVID-19 Vaccination Programme Communications Lead I 021 178 8469.

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# House of the Year something worth entering



Pepper Construction won the award for the new home in the \$750,000-\$1 million category for this stunning build at Urenui,

Andrew Pepper of Pepper Construction 2013 believes the Taranaki House of the Year is something every builder should consider

entering. "We've got great builders in Taranaki, and a lot of great buildings, so why not display them?" he says.

Andrew is the third generation owner of the family business which was among the winners at this year's Taranaki House

of the Year. The wedge-shaped house outside Urenui which they entered in the competition took away the award for the new home in

the \$750,000-\$1 million category, as well as the Bathroom Excellence Award and a gold award.

"I would encourage more

builders to enter. It's good for your clients and it's good for your team," he says.

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# House of the Year something worth entering

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A room with a view winning the Bathroom Excellence Award.



The spacious outdoor entertainment area.

The House of the Year judges said the elevated building platform “maximises views over rural vistas and captures sunlight.”

The house took nine months to a year to build, and Andrew says it fits in well with the nearby countryside and rural views.

“We worked with our clients from the start to get the design right,” he says. “Once we got the landscaping done it blended well into the countryside.”

He says that architecturally a high degree of skill was required. The house is clad in larch, and features include exposed concrete floors, a “fantastic kitchen and a nice big garage with polypropylene carpet so it can be used as a multi-

purpose room.” There is a deck and patio on both sides of the house.

“There’s a nice little fire pit in the middle of the deck so you have a really nice little outdoor area,” says Andrew. The owners have also put in a putting green.

The judges’ comments noted the carefully planned out living area which is open but designed to provide privacy when required.

“Window seating and the healthy use of the colour provide character and nod to the owners’ heritage,” the comments read. “A unique feature of the house is a tiny office that is perched over and connected to the kitchen.”

The comments accompanying the Bathroom Excellence Award note the

ensuite bathroom which “connects to the outdoors while maintaining complete privacy.”

“The feature is of course is the bathtub which is situated alongside windows that look over Urenui’s rural landscape. The shower is opposite in feel with a cocoon like enclosure wrapping the user in well-appointed tiling.”

With other parts of the country still to hold their regional competitions, it’s still not known how much further the house will be able to progress in the national competition.

Pepper Construction has had success in the past. Since 2013, they have won three gold awards, and

three silver, as well as two national awards. In 2015 they won the national award in the house under \$300,000 category, and in 2018 they won a national commercial award with Te Henui Chapel.

Meanwhile Andrew is pleased with their most recent success. “I’m happy for the owners, and I’m happy for my builders and the team,” he said.

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# Rookie Sister Kitchen offers something unique

A lunch bar at 220 High Street, Hawera – Rookie Sister Kitchen – offers a clean alternative to takeaway food in town. Madeleine Bradley opened her new enterprise in December 2020 with the idea of offering fresh - handmade food sourced from quality ingredients.

She is conscious of buying locally, sustainably and ethically. “Free range eggs are used. We offer options that are dairy-free and gluten-free.” Any containers which are used are strictly compostable.

A specialty has been salads. “Salads aren’t just leafy greens, they can be substantial and so much more” she comments. All salads are prepared fresh on the premises, “Nothing is pre-mixed, down to the dressings.”

The premises are strikingly appealing, uncluttered and tastefully decorated with plants, local prints and the fresh blooms.

Madeleine redecorated the premises herself, freshly re-



Madeleine is always ready with a warm welcome for her customers.

Painted to reflect a muted, peaceful ambience. “Simple, fresh and streamlined.”

“I have two passions, design and wellness.”

There is a selection of goods on offer, such as

mugs, skin care products, branded tote bags, and other specialty food products plus so much more.

Attentive service is offered by Madeleine, and her small team. The atmosphere is peaceful and positive, with restful background music.

Madeleine has recently updated her menu to suit the cooler months. A coffee machine is a recent addition serving Coffee Supreme all day.

The lunch bar has built up a loyal following and social media presence,

with the recent updates to the store Madeleine is excited to see the new faces coming through the door. “I want to nourish our community through hassle free takeaway options and delicious catering to make your life simple.” Her focus is “Healthy but delicious.”

Apart from coffee, smoothies are a specialty you can’t go past the infamous snickers smoothie. Cold drinks include such thirst-quenchers as Batchwell Kombucha and Chia Sisters Juices.

Home-made cookies and slices are also on offer, such as their mouth-watering chocolate chunk cookie, oatly ginger crunch and lemon passion slice.

Rookie Sister Kitchen is open from 7am to 3pm, Monday to Friday and weekends from 8.30am to 1pm. Make sure you pay a visit – you will be very pleased you did. If you are after catering this can also be offered, email hello@rookiesister.com or drop by at 220 High Street, Hawera.



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## Honours for two Taranaki artists

Two Taranaki artists are among the eight outstanding artists named among this year’s 2021 Arts Foundation Laureate Award Recipients.

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Rangi Kipa.

Rangi Kipa was raised in Waitara and made his debut as a contemporary Maori artist in the 1996 exhibition Patua:Maori Art in Action at City Gallery in Wellington, with his intricately carved whale teeth pendants. He also practised ta moko at the gallery, and returning to Taranaki he was a founder member of Te Uhi a Mataora, the Toi Maori

Committee committed to the retention and advancement of ta moko. In more recent years he has moved into larger scale art work at a number of places including the New Plymouth Airport Terminal.

Sculptor Brett Graham was the Govett-Brewster Artist in Residence in 2019.

2021 marks the 21st year of the Arts Foundation Te Tumu Toi Laureate Awards, established to celebrate and empower New Zealand’s most outstanding practising artists across a diverse range of disciplines. Every year the Arts Foundation recognises exceptional artists with a \$25,000 untaged award.

Past Laureates have included Shane Cotton, Eleanor Catton, Whirimako Black, Don McGlashan, Taika Waititi, Lisa Reihana and

Bill Manhire. This year’s other laureates are Nina Nawalowo ONZM, Shane Boshier, Maisey Rika, Vasanti Unka, Harry Culy and Florian Habicht.



Brett Graham.

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# Aggressive marketing has driven the rise of the double-cab ute — time to hit the brakes?

“Explore your inner beast.” That was the slogan used last year to sell the Ford Ranger. At 2.4 tonnes, that’s a lot of “light” truck, but the stakes are rising. This year, the 3.5 tonne Ram 1500 “eats utes for breakfast”.

Super-sized light trucks have landed in Aotearoa New Zealand. Eight out of the ten top-selling passenger vehicles are now utes or SUVs, with two-thirds registered for personal use.

According to the Household Travel Survey, many journeys previously made using much smaller cars (such as shopping trips) are now made in these vehicles.

And despite the recent protests from farmers and tradies about the so-called “ute tax”, the double-cab light truck has become very much an urban vehicle.

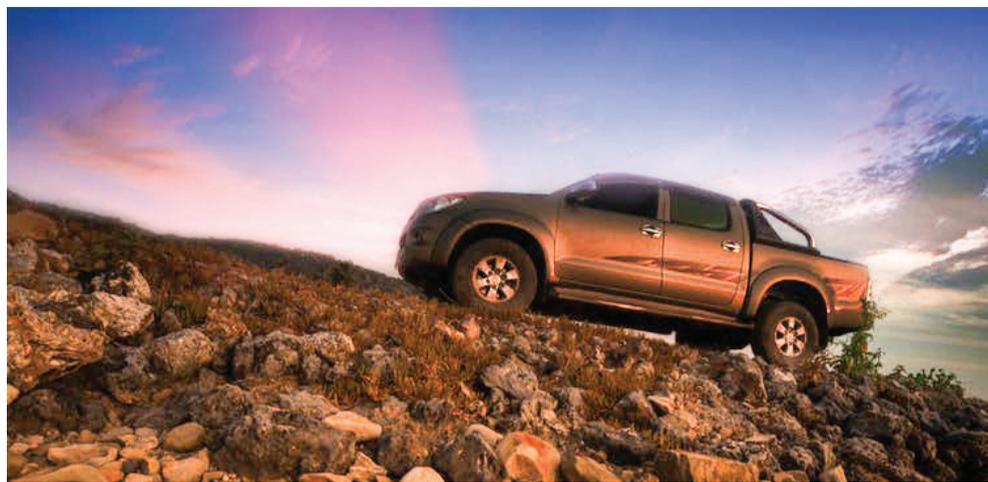
When we looked at the marketing videos for these vehicles in New Zealand, utes or pickups enjoyed the most “masculine” marketing strategies. Themes of dominance and violence are strong: vehicles have names like “Raptor” and “Gladiator”, and are referred to as “muscular” and “beasts”.

Much of the advertising involves images of aggressive driving — skidding and jumping, with the vehicle generally shot from below, travelling fast at the camera. SUV marketing is slightly more unisex and emphasises safety, luxury and envy.

### Trucks versus cars

But here’s the problem: climate change is also super-sizing, as the recent extreme heat wave in the Pacific Northwest of the US and Canada and severe floods in Europe and elsewhere have reminded us.

Light trucks on city streets are bad for the climate in two ways. Due to their weight and size, they emit more CO<sub>2</sub> than other



Eight out of the top ten top-selling passenger vehicles are now utes or SUVs.

vehicles: in a year’s typical driving, 100 Ford Rangers would emit 90 tonnes more CO<sub>2</sub> than the same number of Toyota Corollas.

And large vehicles affect the urgent shift to low-carbon modes of transport, by obstructing footpaths because they’ve outgrown car parking, making cycling and walking more difficult and dangerous.

Cyclists and pedestrians struck by one of these vehicles are roughly twice as likely to die or be seriously injured compared with a crash involving a small car.

Nature as marketing tool Ironically (but deliberately), nature and the ability to connect with the countryside are an enduring marketing theme for selling large four-wheel-drive vehicles to urban dwellers.

As cultural historian William Rollins has pointed out, SUV marketing has exploited and twisted a “developing environmental consciousness” into demand for high-emission vehicles. In the process, time needed to develop cleaner vehicles was lost.

In New Zealand, the shift to larger SUVs and utes has largely wiped out the fuel efficiency gains made over the past ten years. Globally, the SUV market was the only industry sector last year where CO<sub>2</sub> emissions continued to rise despite the

pandemic.

The growth in SUV sales has been identified as the second-most-important reason why CO<sub>2</sub> is continuing to rise.

### Not a new story

But this isn’t a new story. Detroit auto journalist Keith Bradsher’s 2002 book, *High and Mighty: SUVs – the world’s most dangerous vehicles and how they got that way*, documents the now familiar risks: high emissions, deadly to other drivers and pedestrians, and prone to fatal “rollovers”.

He also provides an extraordinary ethnography of the advertising strategy that formed around these vehicles — some of which now rival the size of a WWII tank.

Marketed at our “reptilian” instincts for safety, dominance and connection to the natural world, it had a strong Hobbesian flavour. Life — particularly city life — is nasty, brutish and short. One must dominate or be dominated, even on that trek to the supermarket in search of cat food.

Bradsher’s interviews with marketing executives revealed a deliberate strategy to market these vehicles to consumers with higher levels of egotism, insecurity and status anxiety. New Zealand research with SUV drivers has also shown they were more likely to

agree with the statement that “most people would like a vehicle like mine”.

### Auto industry goldmine

New Zealand has been a dream market for urban light trucks. With weak emission standards and vehicle safety ratings that prioritise drivers over other road users, the regulatory frameworks have created an environment ripe for vehicle super-sizing.

This, too, is a familiar story. The American pickup famously came about as a result of a trade war with Europe that locked foreign competitors out of the US market. The all-American pickup truck came to enjoy a range of exemptions from

environmental and safety regulations.

Since then they’ve been a gold mine, with profits on SUVs and utes much higher than on cars, and the auto marketing machine swinging in heavily behind these vehicles.

Around 85% of Ford’s ad spend is now devoted to SUVs and utes. The US\$35 billion global auto marketing industry is now largely focused on selling them, including into emerging markets in India and Brazil.

### Change is coming

Big-budget marketing campaigns for these high-emission vehicles are now becoming a flashpoint over the role of the advertising sector in climate change.

UK organisation Badvertising, which has called for an ad ban on the dirtiest third of these vehicles, argues advertising should be “named and shamed” like other industries that indirectly contribute to climate change (such as banking and investment).

But the advertising industry itself may be part of the solution. Creatives working with governments on ambitious decarbonisation targets are speaking up about the “tide of misinformation”

they face from corporate advertising.

While marketing spends may still be weighted heavily in favour of the auto industry, there are ways of promoting smaller, cleaner, safer vehicles:

- make planetary health warnings compulsory in all advertising of high-emission products
  - ban the marketing of the dirtiest third of those vehicles
  - bring forward New Zealand’s import ban on those same vehicles from 2035 to 2025
  - establish low-emission zones in cities
  - ban marketing of diesel vehicles that don’t meet latest European emission standards.
- And finally, a big one: adopt new advertising codes of ethics to end the promotion of high-carbon lifestyles and products.

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## New drive for wool

New Zealand's wool industry is entering an exciting new era of collaboration, innovation and consumer-focus to deliver game changing profitability to farmers, William Beetham says.

"We're really pleased to see industry players work together to end fragmentation and concentrate on driving

extra value from the superior attributes we all know that strong wool entails," the Federated Farmers Meat and Wool Chairperson said.

"I believe it's all adding up to a new dawn for New Zealand strong wool."

William pointed to recent initiatives, including a proposed merger of two main farmer owned co-operatives (Wools of NZ - 730 farmers; Primary Wool Co-operative - 1,400 farmers), with the aim of an integrated supply chain. Farmers will vote on the idea in November but prior to then the Primary Wool Co-operative will become owner of CP Wool brokers by buying Carrfields' 50% holding.

The Wool Research Organisation of NZ (WRONZ) has just announced a world-class research initiative with the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment, and development of unique wool particles, powders and pigments with global export

potential for applications as diverse as cosmetics, printing, luxury goods and personal care.

A joined-up farm assurance programme is underway, backed by 23 wool companies. The aim is to build systems to ensure a standard of supply and traceability that meets market expectations.

"We're moving beyond selling our clip as a raw product as we look for high-value, branded consumer products that capitalize on strong wool's natural, sustainable, super-warm, fire-retardant, non-leaching, moisture and mould-resistant credentials," William said.

The initiatives come on the back of companies such as Cavalier-Bremworth, Big Save Furniture and Merino NZ championing strong wool, and the push into USA markets with branded wool product opportunities by the Strong Wool Action Group (SWAG).

"This progress is a culmination of advocacy

by my predecessors, Federated Farmers Meat & Wool leaders such as Miles Anderson and Rick Powdrell, and also many other individuals, agencies and companies throughout the supply chain. I also acknowledge government investment and Minister Damien O'Connor, who has pretty much made this one of his key missions.

"I'm really buoyed by this determination to lift our game, tell the exceptional story of our wool's provenance, and get better returns for New Zealand farmers."

There's a long road ahead to get to where everyone wants the strong wool industry to be and part of that is a commitment by farmers to meet assurance standards, William said. There also maybe a requirement for farmers to further invest in their industry.

"But when we get there the potential rewards are huge," he added.

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# New project to improve on-farm health and safety

A new DairyNZ and ACC project is looking at improving the health and safety of farmers, by reducing the occurrence of sprains and strains on-farm. The Reducing Sprains and

Strains project is designed to develop solutions which support a sector-wide reduction in sprains and strains by 2030. DairyNZ general manager farm performance Sharon

Morrell says looking after their people is a priority for many farmers throughout the country, but issues often arise particularly during busy periods. "Sprains and strains

represent around 40 percent of dairy farm injuries, with the highest risk period occurring between August and October. This coincides with peak calving on most farms, where we often see increased working hours and fatigue," says Ms Morrell.

This project has been made possible through \$900,000 of co-funding by the ACC's Workplace Injury Prevention programme, supported by a \$150,000 investment by dairy farmers through the DairyNZ levy.

"We are grateful for the ACC funding, as it will allow us to identify

potential solutions to reduce sprains and strains, helping improve the wellbeing of our farmers – employers and employees," says Ms Morrell.

"This project is exciting, as it works towards improving our workplaces which will have positive outcomes for all farmers, supporting the sector to attract and retain staff.

"Our goal is to work with farmers to understand the causes of sprains and strains, potential solutions and drivers of change, to develop solutions that fit with their farming practices. This will

then benefit other areas of the business, including farm productivity."

ACC workplace safety injury prevention manager Virginia Burton-Konia says ACC welcomes the opportunity to provide grants to organisations such as DairyNZ to lead initiatives aimed at improving workplace injury rates.

"Reducing the rate of injuries in the dairy sector would have a positive impact on the wellbeing of people working in the sector, and a safe and well workforce means more productive businesses."



Kiwi dairy farmers take health and safety seriously.

## Federated Farmers heartened by QEII funding boost

Federated Farmers has welcomed the government putting more money towards the Queen Elizabeth II Trust, to help landowner endeavours to protect and enhance areas of special native biodiversity on privately owned land.

Conservation Minister Kiri Allan has pledged \$8 million to go to the Jobs for Nature programme. This should allow the QEII Trust to increase the number of sites protected by covenants by 264 during the next four years.

Federated Farmers board member and environment spokesperson Chris Allen says Feds has been asking for more help for the Trust for years, and the extra funding is very welcome.

More than 4600 unbreakable covenants have been established since 1977, covering 180,000 hectares of private land.

Willingness of landowners to voluntarily covenant and protect privately owned

properties has long exceeded the ability for QEII to meet demand.

"This is sound investment and partnership by the government. QEII is an entity trusted and respected by farmers, and although the covenants involve protection of special sites in perpetuity it remains a voluntary initiative. It's up landowners to decide if applying to the Trust provides the best opportunities for their land," Chris says.

"Biodiversity, climate change and water quality are integrated issues, and funding to help incentivise native planting and protection can provide multi-faceted solutions."

Placing a covenant on a piece of land essentially protects it forever. Having additional Jobs for Nature

assistance will enable greater restoration opportunities for privately owned land with high biodiversity.

"We remind government that this is a great first step, but more incentives and support will be needed if they truly want New Zealand to meet its biodiversity objectives, given the high costs associated with that active management and protection - including fencing and pest/weed control."

"Federated Farmers hopes the government doesn't just see this as a four-year project, and that it will remain committed to helping landowners maintain special biodiversity areas on privately owned land, for the good of the entire community."

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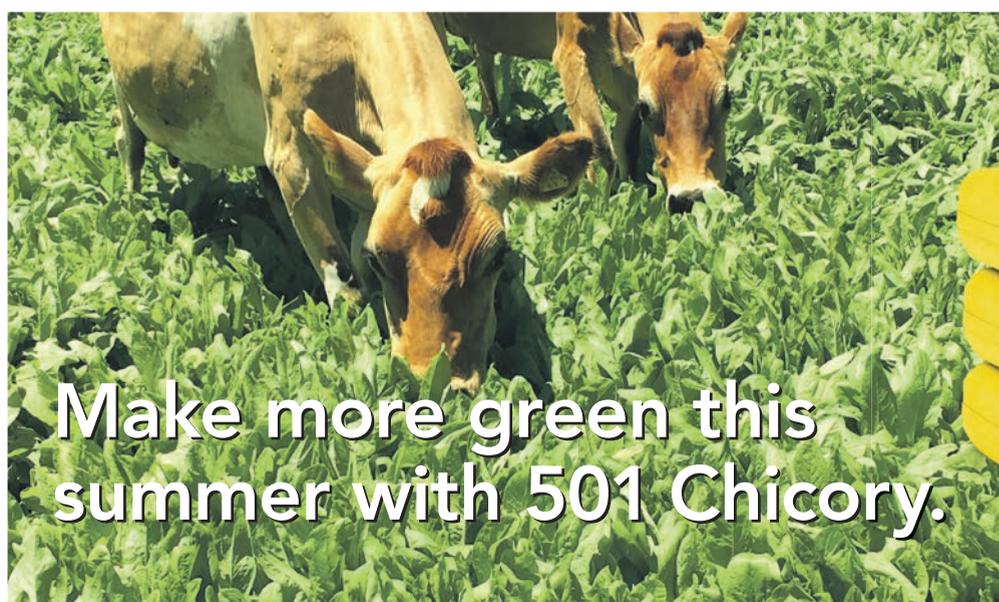
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# Record rainfall recorded at Dawson Falls

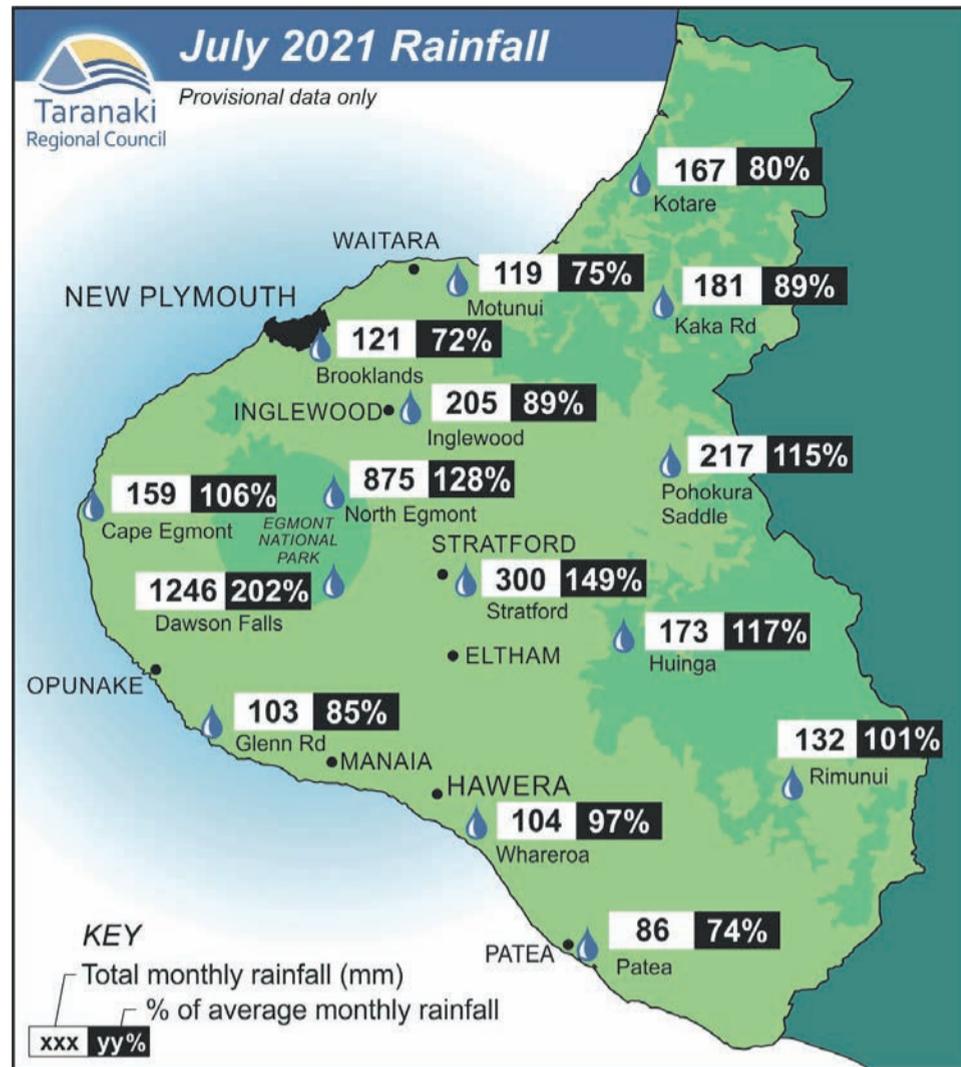
Rainfall for July was mixed with totals ranging between 72% and 202% of normal, with an average of 101%, according to Taranaki Regional Council (TRC) figures. Dawson Falls, amassed 1245.5 mm, which is equivalent to 202% of its normal July rainfall. On July 16 and 17, the site recorded 551.0 mm in just 24 hours, which is the highest one

day rainfall on record, with records dating back to 1933. Year to date rainfall is sitting between 79% and 123%, with an average of 100%. Dawson Falls has recorded 123% of normal to date with 4130.0 mm, while Waitotara Valley has recorded just 79% of normal to date with 593.5 mm. Due to the high rainfall recorded at Dawson Falls,

the Waingongoro River at Eltham recorded a new July maximum flow with 147,245 L/s. This was 7,268 L/s higher than the previous maximum. All sites recorded above mean flows for the month by between 107% and 202%, except for the Whenuakura that had a mean flow of 13,656 L/s, which was only 89% of the long term July average. The Waingongoro River had a mean flow of 9,033 L/s, which was more than twice that of its historical July flow of 4,461 L/s.

Patea at Skinner Rd recorded a new maximum water temperature for July with 12.50°C, which was 0.20°C warmer than the previous maximum. Water temperatures were above normal for all sites by between 0.31°C and 0.86°C.

Motunui recorded a new July maximum air temperature with 18.47°C, while Okato (1.83°C), Manaia (-0.60°C) and Ngutuwera (0.42°C) all recorded new minimum July temperatures. The average air temperature, excluding Te Maunga, for the month was 10.37°C, which was 0.26°C warmer than the long term July average. Okato recorded the maximum air temperature for the month with 19.92°C, while Whareroa recorded the



coolest with -2.54°C. Soil moistures for the month were mixed with four sites (Kotare, Hillsborough, Pohokura and Okato) recording above normal by between 1.61°C and 3.15°C, the remaining seven sites recorded below normal by between 0.64°C and 9.29°C. Patea recorded a new maximum soil temperature for July with 13.07°C, with the previous high being 12.50°C. All sites recorded above normal for the month by between 0.08°C and 1.15°C except Okato, which had a mean soil temperature 0.31°C below the July norm.

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## Concerns spook wheat growers

Uncertainty over restrictive new buying practices and competition from the feed wheat industry has seen the nation's arable growers cut back on sowing milling wheat - the wheat used for bread. "It's worrying that buying practices we believe may be anti-competitive, coming at a time when growers are able to receive better prices for animal feed wheat, may result in New Zealand becoming more reliant on imported milling wheat for a staple food," Federated Farmers Arable Industry Chairperson Colin Hurst said.

Feds are keen to discuss the situation with the Commerce Commission and have also approached Commerce Minister David Clark. The just-released 1 July AIMI (Arable Industry Marketing Initiative) survey shows sowing (and intended sowing) of milling wheat crops are down 27% on last season, with growers instead opting to sow wheat for feed. Historically, prices for milling wheat exceeded that of feed wheat, given the additional time and effort required for producing wheat for flour. Last year there were three buyers purchasing New

Zealand-grown milling wheat for local flour mills. This year just one agent is handling the purchase of milling wheat for two of the buying mills that Feds understands represent up to 60% of the home-grown product. Of further concern is that the agent owns one of the mills, Colin said. "For a staple like bread, surely we want to encourage competition throughout the supply chain and give the right signals to our wheat growers that the pains they go to in growing quality wheat for New Zealanders is valued and suitably rewarded."



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# Linking retained membranes, milk fever and minerals

It's calving time again and farmers are being urged to have their emergency calving kits on hand. Amongst these kits are down cow treatments including oral, subcutaneous, and intravenous calcium and magnesium options. With clinical milk fever rates estimated at 2% in NZ Dairy herds, that's over 9000 down cows treated every year in Taranaki alone. Similar estimates of 1.7% are touted for Retained Foetal Membranes (RFMs).

Industry targets for both these diseases are <1%, so there's plenty of opportunity to improve on the current situation.

As the title suggests, RFMs and Milk Fever are linked. Mineral balance plays a significant role in both these diseases, but I'll get to that later. The risk of RFMs in cows increases with advancing age and number of births, occurrence of clinical milk fever, and increased milk yield. Studies

have shown that a milk fever cow is 3.2 times more likely to retain her placenta than a cow that has not had milk fever.

So how do we prevent clinical milk fever and RFM's? Because apart from being expensive to treat, by the time we see clinical milk fever cases, 20 additional cows are sub clinically affected and so is our production potential. Historically magnesium, starter drenches and pre-

calving selenium have been common strategies used. Is this enough?

Not necessarily. While starter drenches may be successful in preventing cows from going down it doesn't change the fact that the causative factors are still acting on them. And while most of us are familiar with the importance of selenium in preventing RFMs, it's not the only nutritional risk factor. If you're supplementing with



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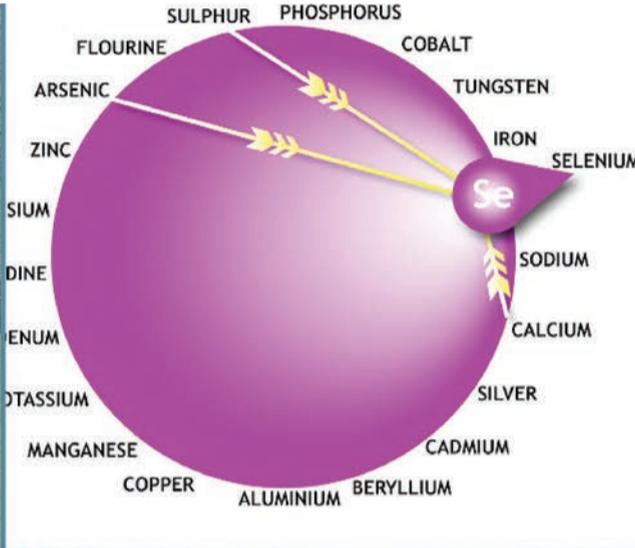
Interestingly, one international study has shown that the incidence of RFMs is significantly greater on land applied with high levels of nitrogen fertilisers than the places with lower application rates. What's the link? Well, high dietary nitrogen (crude protein) levels, along with high potassium levels will interfere with magnesium absorption and therefore the calcium status of the cow. No surprises that these are also risk factors for milk fever. A simple strategy in this case would be to reduce your nitrogen and potassium inputs if practical or adjust the timing of application to avoid high nutrient levels over calving.

selenium and still getting RFMs then it's worth taking a closer look at what might be going on.

True prevention comes from removing the risk. Nutritional management is one of the best ways to prevent and decrease the incidences of RFMs and milk fever. This is where the minerals come in. Deficiencies of trace minerals other than selenium can contribute to increased risk of RFMs. Dietary imbalances in macro minerals including Ca, Mg, K, P and Na can predispose the herd to milk fever and RFMs. Similarly, an energy or protein deficiency, or deficiency of vitamins A, E and D are also risk factors.

So, if less than 1% is the goal, how do we get there? Start by sampling and analysing your pastures to know your dietary mineral levels and risks. This will give you the confidence to make decisions that can help reduce any risk factors and achieve your targets. Sample today and you can make changes straight away so you can reap the rewards this season.

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The sponsorship of the All Blacks by global company INEOS is great news for New Zealand and should be celebrated, according to Energy Resources Aotearoa.

"INEOS products are used in wind turbines, solar panels, clothing and medical products," says chief

executive John Carnegie.

"As a company they support a net zero emissions goal for 2050 and are putting this into action by supporting hydrogen and carbon capture and storage.

"This valuable sponsorship will support all of New Zealand's international

sides, including the Black Ferns and Māori All Blacks.

"New Zealand Rugby should completely ignore hypocritical whinging from Greenpeace, who will never be happy until we're all living in caves and eating grass."

## Sandfords Manaia Golf results

July 31. Men's Saturday Tournament. 1. Wayne Baker. 2. Matt Laing. 3. Logan Symes. 4. Logan Vennett. 5. Quintin Symes. Denis Hurcomb. 2-Twos. Juniors. 1. Carter Symes. 2. Luke Norris. Hannah Symes and McKenna Norris all square. Putts. 1. Carter Symes. 2. McKenna Norris and Luke Norris. 3. Hannah Symes.

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# Great atmosphere at Coastal Junior Rugby Prize giving

There was a huge turnout at the Coastal Junior Rugby Prizegiving, held at the Coastal Clubrooms, in Rahotu on Friday August 6. The Convenor Wayne Taylor opened the event and gave a comprehensive address. "It truly has been a very successful season and our junior players can be very proud of their games – remember tonight is all about you." He thanked all people who contributed to the season, including "parents, grandparents, aunts and uncles" not forgetting those who cooked the saveloys.

There were eleven teams involved in the season, which ranged from the Ripa grades to the Under 13s, a total of over 140 players from Opunake, Okato and also Oakura (Under 13s combined with Kaitake).

Of the last mentioned team Wayne commented, "Liam has really enjoyed working with Jason and Deano in ensuring that the mix was right to produce a winning team. I have enjoyed working with these guys and also with Andrew Chambers, the convenor for Kaitake." The team was undefeated and won the Taranaki Championship this season as they also did in 2020.

Wayne also spoke of the

recent tour to the Waikato/ Bay of Plenty involving 43 players, which necessitated the raising of \$6000. Becky and Rob Muggeridge were thanked for the load of wood they kindly donated for a raffle, as well as the Barrett family for the Crusaders Jersey, which was also raffled. The two teams involved in the tour were the Under 11s and the Under 13s. The Coastal players played against four clubs – Pirongia, Hinuera, Eastern Districts and Mount Maunganui.

A special tribute was paid to Kelvin Weir: "Kelvin is amazing and always helps out where he can. We are so lucky to have this guy as our RDO for the TRFU on the coast. Other convenors comment to me that they wish they had Kelvin in their area."

Wayne also thanked the clubs sponsors for their continued support.

Gratitude was also paid to the coaches and managers of the teams. "Without you there would not be any Junior Rugby, a big thanks are due."

Finally, Wayne thanked the Committee (Lawny, Liam, Danelle, Burmy, Kieran, Jeni, BJ and Ange): "Thanks for all your work. I'm really grateful to have such



**Matt Stone presents Angus Hewson-Baldwin with his award.**

an active Committee that ensures our kids are getting the best out of their rugby."

President of the Coastal Rugby Club Janet Fleming gave a brief speech to give her thanks to all who had made a contribution and to express congratulations for all involved in ensuring a successful season.

The presentation of prizes then followed: The categories were Most Valuable Player (MVP), Most Improved (MI) and Sportsmanship (S).

**Under 6 Coastal White:**

MVP: Elijah Warren, MI: Anahera Aperi-Rutland, S: Tamsin Mullan

**Under 6 Coastal Green South**

MVP: Ryan Taylor, MI: Benji Blom, S: Jack Julian

**Under 6 Coastal Black**

MVP: Ivy Weir, MI: Jacob Burkitt, S: Noah Bines

**Under 6 Coastal Green North**

MVP: Lucy Gibson, MI: Jordie Hikaka, S: Rhys George

**Under 7 Coastal Green**

MVP: Jahrell Hunt, MI: Jacob Rankin, S: Liam Lynskey

**Under 7 Coastal White**

MVP: Lacey Harvey, MI: Lincoln Harvey, S: William

Kettlewell

**Under 8 Coastal**

MVP: Jacob Barron, MI: Joel Becroft, S: Josh Staite

**Under 9 Coastal**

MVP: Mack Lynskey, MI: Fergus Bourke, S: Ryan Smith

**Under 10 Coastal**

MVP: Amron-Kelix Ripo, MI: Angus Hewson-Baldwin, S: Erin Greendon

**Under 11 Coastal**

MVP: Jak Lawn, MI: Frankie Walker, S: Taj Neha-Simons

**Under 13 Coastal-Kaitake**

MVP (Under 12): Grady O'Sullivan

MVP (Under 13): Ethan Peacock, MI: Sam Noakes, S: Tamsin Eden.

**Overall Awards:**

Overall MVP Coastal Rugby Shield (Under 13): Ethan Peacock

BJ Sim Trophy (Okato) Junior Players of Year: Dustin Snowden

Pennington Cup Overall Coastal U12 MVP: Grady O'Sullivan

B & R Barron Builders Overall Coastal U11 MVP: Jak Lawn

Karams Clothing Overall Coastal U10 MVP: Amron-Kelix Ripo

John & Susan Linn – Most Improved Female Player: Melody Weir

John & Stella Gordon Trophy Junior Sportsmanship Award: William Kettlewell

**TRFU Ross Brown**

**Tournament selections:** Ross Brown West: Luke Goodman (Captain), Tyrone Rata-Collins, Duncan Poole, Chili Kearns-Grieve, Ethan Peacock, Joel Dickey.

Ross Brown South: Harlan Deegan-McPhee

Ross Brown North Open: Lachlan Hewson-Baldwin

Wayne congratulated these outstanding players. The tournament started Friday August 6 in Inglewood. "These players were present at the Prize giving wearing their Number ones, which included Coastal and Kaitake ties and all looked very smart," commented Wayne.



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# Lions visit Bat Cave



Lakeside Lions members turned up at the Barbwire Boxing Gym after donating \$500 to go towards new boxing gear for the gym.

The Opunake Lakeside Lions are pulling no punches in supporting an Opunake Boxing Gym. They doubled the \$250 they raised from a recent dog walking fundraiser to present \$500 to James (Batman) Langton's Barbwire Boxing Gym to go towards new boxing gear.

"I've got to take my hat off to the Lakeside Lions for what they have done for us," says James.

The donation means

everyone attending the gym now has their own boxing gloves and mouth guards

"They've got their own lockers and their own gear, which makes them responsible for it," says James." The whole club is going strong, and we're constantly getting a real good turnout of our young fighters."

One of these is Bobby Katene. At 106kg he fights in the heavyweight division and has had two amateur

fighters in Rotorua and Taupo, both of which he has won.

"He heard about the gym and wanted to challenge himself a bit," says James. "I saw the potential in him straightaway. For the last eight months he has been training real hard. I want him to get seven amateur fights and then he can go into a national tournament, and hopefully there will be opportunities to represent the North Island and maybe New Zealand at some stage.

I firmly believe he is capable of achieving that."

On Friday, Lakeside Lions Diane Forsyth, who was president when the

fundraiser was held, Daphne Holley (treasurer) and Jenny Scott (Dog Walk fundraiser organiser) turned up at the gym's training night to see

the new gear for themselves. "James has done a wonderful job with these kids and he needs our support," says Jenny.

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## Three point basketball shootout a knockout

The Three Point Basketball Shootout Classic, held on Saturday July 31, was a great success. It was arguably the most exciting event held at Sandfords Event Centre, since the boxing tournaments, organised by former New Zealand champion James Langton. The event was a fundraiser to raise funds for the Swap n Drop initiative to provide basketball shoes for young players, who grow out of their shoes very rapidly. The idea is for players to drop off the shoes they have outgrown to be fitted into a size larger.

An added attraction was the band Iron Sands which provided lively musical accompaniment (bass drums and keyboard) for the evening.

Ever-present was the high energy Yeti (Taranaki Mountain Airs), who encouraged the

players as they prepared to attempt goals and posed for photographs with enthusiastic fans. Wolfie also was a hit with the fans.

The Opunake High School basketball girls ran a popular stall with lots of tasty food.

The VIP tables had the closest view of the action, but had to pay the most for the privilege. However, if anyone on a particular table could score a goal from halfway their fee was refunded by way of a Barter Card voucher. Many tried but only one succeeded: Oscar Goodman was the hero of one table for his accurate shooting.

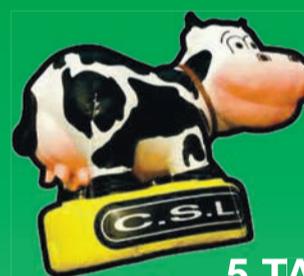
Overall, the shooting accuracy was remarkable. One of the real stars of the night was Joellen How, who won the top prize of \$100. She scored from all angles. Oscar was also most impressive, scoring many goals from all angles. The Junior Slam Dunk was

won by JC Goodman with a spectacular tomahawk super slam. He certainly earned his \$100 prize.

Daniel was kept busy as the MC with his microphone running hot at all times. Near the end some lucky young youngsters scored such sport equipment as basketballs, tennis racquets, hockey bats, soccer and rugby balls. Others went away with \$20 vouchers, bags, caps and t-shirts.

Most importantly, everyone had an enjoyable night and a considerable amount of money was raised for a very good cause.

Daniel Sefton, the organiser, was delighted at how well the event went. "Let's shoot the lights out of this building," he enthused. He was grateful to the many people who helped, both competitors and others, as well as the sponsors. He is especially grateful to the staff of Sandfords.



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ART APPRECIATION



Our new cartoon

We hope readers will enjoy our strip cartoons by Claire Bretecher which we will be running every issue. I discovered her brilliant cartoons whilst living in the UK and used to send her books back to friends and family in New Zealand.

As well as being very funny, they are also poignant, she is an acute observer of people and all their foibles and frustrations common to everyone. Her first three books were Frustration, More Frustration and Even More Frustration.

Originally published in French, the cartoons have been translated into English.

Editor

Creative Communities



A workshop held as part of "The Locals" project, which included an exhibition, performance and workshops highlighting Patea and its talented locals.

Do you have a community arts project that needs some funding support? The next application round for Creative Communities funding is now open and closes at 5pm on Friday 27 August 2021.

The South Taranaki Creative Communities Scheme provides funding assistance for community-based arts activities in South Taranaki that take place between November 2021 and November 2022 and meet one or more of the following funding criteria:

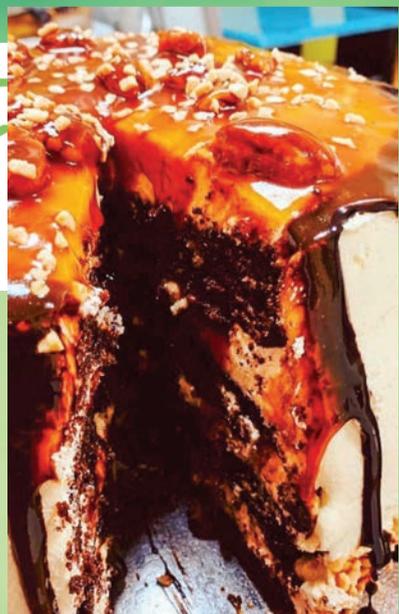
- Broad community involvement - A project that will create opportunities for local communities to engage with and participate in arts activities.
- Diversity - A project that will support the diverse arts and cultural traditions of local communities, enriching and promoting their uniqueness and cultural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

Application forms are now available on the South Taranaki District Council website [www.southtaranaki.com](http://www.southtaranaki.com) or at your local LibraryPlus. For further information, email [funding@stdc.govt.nz](mailto:funding@stdc.govt.nz) or phone (06) 278 0555 or 0800 111 323.

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# The Show

Until last year, whenever I thought of the show it would conjure up vivid childhood memories. It always seemed to be hot and sunny and I would wear my new summer dress. The show marked the first day of summer in our family calendar. Thousands of people came from miles around and it seemed like we walked for hours from the car park, the sounds of the sideshows and happy screaming slowly getting closer. The buzz was incredible.

My mother always wore inappropriate heels and complained about the cost of things. I can still smell the candyfloss and leather, the cow poo and candles. I can still taste a soft ice cream as it melted down my hand. The hot dogs were amazing, but left stains on my new dress. I can still hear that weird twinkly merry-go-round music and lost and found children being shamed over the loud speakers. The cows looked like movie stars compared to ours, and the shiny new tractors were like Ferraris. There was always something new at the show.

Nothing has changed except for my point of view. You can still get a hot dog, ice cream and candy floss, but you can also get food from Texas, Turkey, and South Africa. The cows are still the super models of their kind, but now there are breeds I'd never heard of. The new tractors look more like spaceships, with accessories, but the local dealer still has time for a yarn. You can still have a ride on the Ferris Wheel and poke balls into the clowns' mouths. The same family has provided the amusements for over 70 years, but there is something new each year.

Last year I volunteered to help out at the show.

Now I know just how much hard work is done by so many people to make this one weekend of the year so special. They are volunteers and most have day jobs, but the show is their passion and their tradition. There are many young folk involved; the Young Handlers class is probably the fastest growing section.

The show is made up of so many different communities, the horse people and the farmers, the people who service the farmers, the woodchoppers, farriers and firemen, the tradies, foodies and the crafts people. Many of them camp over and the showgrounds become a town in itself. There are exhibitors that come from Northland and others from Southland to show their animals.

I hadn't even thought about the term "The Show" because everyone knows what it means. The Stratford Agricultural and Pastoral Show Association just does not do it justice. The show means exactly that, we show our animals and produce, our businesses and clubs, our skills and passions, and ourselves.

If we are lucky (in reality if we are prepared, practiced, dedicated, passionate and

really good at what we do) we may win a ribbon or even a cup, but it's so much more than that. We raise our hands and ask to be judged by our peers and our names literally go down in history, in our record books and on our trophies.

Here are a few facts from behind the scenes-

-There are 96 A&P Associations across New Zealand, and this particular one has been running for 112 years.

-We order around 3500 specially printed ribbons and rosettes.

-The Traffic management plan is over 20 detailed pages long and costs a fortune, before anyone even comes through the gate.

-The Kidzone, which is free to our guests, costs the show over \$12 000 to put on.

-The prize pool is over \$70 000 for the Dairy section alone.

-We plan for 15 000 visitors to the show over the two days.

If you like "Forged in Fire" on TV, come and see the real thing.

This is a slice of Taranaki life that we can all be a part of and celebrate. Take your kids to the show and make some new memories.

Emma Collins.



Cousins at the Stratford A & P Show. This year's dates Saturday 27 and Sunday 28 November.

# What's On Listings

## ONGOING

**Movies at Everybodys Theatre in Opunake:** Playing several days and nights each week. Refer timetable in newspaper.

**MONDAYS: Tainui Day Centre - St Barnabas Church Hall, 141 Tasman Street Opunake:** Each Monday 10 am - 12:230 pm. Information call Jenny 7618080 or Glenys 6558025

**Opunake Friendship Club:** Meeting last Monday of each month in Opunake Town Hall at 1.30pm. All welcome.

## TUESDAYS

**Opunake Walking Group:** Every Tuesday 10am. Meet outside Club Hotel on Havelock St. Phone Margaret 027 477 5600 for more info if needed, or just turn up.

**Life Drawing Group:** Weekly at the Emporium, 86 Tasman St, Opunake 7pm to 9pm. \$10 to pay for the model. Models always wanted; male, female, any age. If anyone is interested please call Marianne Muggeridge on 06 274 5713.

## WEDNESDAYS

**Lisa Keen Audiology at Coastal Care, Opunake:** Wednesdays 9am - 5pm, for an appointment call 027 591 4222 - 0800 555 676

**Okato & District Historical Society open every Wednesday:** At the Okato Community Trust Hall, 47 Cumming St, Okato. phone Meg on 06 752 4566.

**Opunake Embroiders Guild:** Meet 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month, 10.30am-3pm at the Opunake Business Centre, Napier St, Opunake. Just come along or phone Sheryl 06 761 8769.

**Okato Market:** In Hempton Hall, Okato 4.30 to 6.30pm.

**Free singing experience with Taranaki Harmony Chorus:** Meet every Wednesday at Inglewood Mamaku Centre, 7-9.30 pm Phone Helen 021 296 0700.

## THURSDAYS

**Coastal Young Farmers:** Meet 2nd Thursday of every month at 7pm at Butlers Reef Bar & Cafe, Oakura.

**Taranaki Country Music Hall of Fame, Manaia:** Running every Thursday night from 7.30pm, 11 Surf Highway, South Road, Manaia.

## FRIDAYS

**Eltham Business Association Friday Markets:** 9:30am to 1pm, Carpark of Touch Point, High Street, Eltham.

**Singer Songwriters, New Plymouth:** Last Friday of the month at Little Theatre, 29 Aubrey St, NP from 7-11pm.

## WEEKENDS

**The Historic Cape Light & Museum:** Open 11am - 3pm weekends, Bayly Road, Warea.

### APRIL 16 TO AUGUST 15

**1896 - Christopher Aubrey's Taranaki Exhibition:** At Puke Ariki, New Plymouth.

### AUGUST 2 TO 27

**Creations in Fibre exhibition:** At the Village Gallery, Eltham.

### AUGUST 13 TO SEPTEMBER 15

**Thinks exhibition:** At the Percy Thomson Gallery, Stratford.

**Marti Friedlander - Portraits of the Artists exhibition:** at the Percy Thomson Gallery, Stratford.

### AUGUST 15

**Cape Egmont Sea Rescue Trust AGM:** At Cape Egmont Boat Club, Bayley Rd, Warea. 12pm.

**Taranaki Air Patrol Inc AGM:** At Cape Egmont Boat Club, Bayley Rd, Warea following the Cape Egmont Sea Rescue Trust AGM.

### AUGUST 20 TO 28

**Love Begins at 50 production by Hawera Repertory Society:** At Hawera Memorial Theatre.

### AUGUST 22

**Taranaki Vintage Car Club Daffodil Rally for Cancer:** Hawera Intermediate, 10am.

### AUGUST 28

**Tui Oil Field Decommissioning update meeting:** Te Potaka Pa, Oaonui, 10.30am.

### SEPTEMBER 10

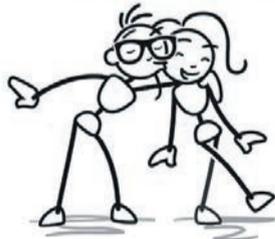
**Otukaiia reserve Trust AGM:** Te Potaka Marae, Oaonui, 11am.

### OCTOBER 30 TO NOVEMBER 6

**Taranaki National Art Awards exhibition:** 10am-4pm. Sandford Event Centre, Opunake.

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# Portraits and collages at Percy Thomson Gallery

The portraits of one of New Zealand's most prominent and highly-regarded photographers, Marti Friedlander (1928–2016), are being celebrated at Percy Thomson Gallery from August 13 (opens at 6pm).

Friedlander's executor, former lecturer, and an old friend, Leonard Bell, is the curator of the exhibition, which is developed and toured by the Portrait Gallery of New Zealand. The exhibition came about as the direct result of a book of the same name published by Bell last year.

The prints were developed by Friedlander herself before her death, and they chronicled the country's social and cultural life from the 1960s onwards.

Friedlander made portraits of artists, writers, potters, actors, film makers and musicians from 1959 to 2015. This was a conscious project on her part, initially motivated by her belief that creative people in the arts did not receive the public recognition they deserved from mainstream New Zealand society.

Friedlander's portraits

are both insightful and compelling portrayals of independent-minded individuals, which make up a telling chronicle of the shifts in the country's cultural life from the 1960s into the twenty-first century. They now constitute an invaluable social and artistic history.

Friedlander was deeply engaged in the cultural world she pictured while at the same time maintaining a certain distance. As an immigrant, she was an outsider who came inside and perhaps, thus saw what



Marti Friedlander, Don Driver in his studio, New Plymouth, 1978. Courtesy the Gerrard and Marti Friedlander Charitable Trust.

## Michelle Hofmans

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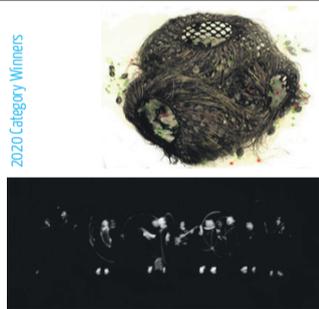
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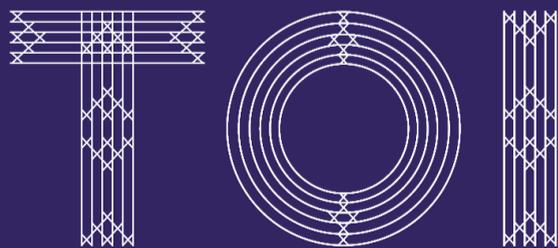
New Zealand-born insiders may not, or could not, have seen.

Her portraits include friends and others she had just met, including the now well-known and celebrated – Ralph Hotere, Rita Angus, Ans Westra and C.K Stead – as well as the now forgotten or overlooked who, nevertheless, were prominent practitioners at the time such as Suzanne Goldberg, Paul Olds Jeff Macklin and Pauline Thompson. The exhibition, Marti Friedlander: Portraits of the Artists presents eighty portraits, many of them

unseen publicly for many years, if at all.

In Gallery 2, Dale Copeland presents 'THINKS' an exhibition of recent assemblages and more than 500 international collages from her personal collection that will be offered for sale. Dale ran the International Collage Exchange for 20 years, and her personal collection includes artists from all around the globe.

Both exhibitions open on Friday August 13 with an opening event at 6pm.



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The Toi Foundation considers applications for Annual, Programme & Event or Capital grants from the Strengthening Community Fund quarterly.

Correctly completed applications with all required documentation in its entirety needs to be received by the Foundation no later than 5pm, 17th September 2021.

For inquiries please contact the Foundation via email [info@toifoundation.org.nz](mailto:info@toifoundation.org.nz) or phone 0800 7699 471.

# Vintage Car Club gives helping hand for Daffodil Day



The Daffodil Day Car Show is a Vintage Car Club of NZ national event. The 36 branches are asked to work with the Cancer Society to stage an event. The Taranaki Branch Event is the Daffodil Day Car Show at the Hawera Intermediate School Playing Field on Sunday August 22

from 10am to 3pm. The 40 motoring clubs in Taranaki have been invited. There is a \$5 car charge if you wish to exhibit your vehicle. All funds collected go to the Cancer Society, so make the show a good one. Free for the general public.

Vintage cars will be on display at Hawera Intermediate from 10 am- 3pm Sunday 22 August.

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## New exhibition on Virtual Tart

Our new exhibition for August 2021 is mixed media work by Roslyn Cambridge of Maryland, USA. Do have a look, at the Virtual Tart website and send her an email. ... Artists need, and appreciate, feedback. And, well, you know I've been hosting the sale of the collected collages from 20 years of running the International Collage Exchange. From Friday 13 August they'll be covering the walls of a gallery showing my assemblage works, in the beautiful Percy Thomson Gallery in Stratford, New Zealand.

The collages will be offered for sale, and I'm expecting something of a stampede at the opening. So, for our international art-lovers, who've been able to choose a collage or two from the dale Copeland.co.nz website here's your last chance.

Oh, and because you've had only those thumbnails to see on the website, and you might need to see more detail, just email me if you'd like me to send you a bigger view of any of the collages.

Thank you for your continuing interest... you're kind. In these closed-off times, this is as close as I can

get to so many good friends. Stay well, keep making art, enjoying art, smiling at strangers. cheers

Dale Copeland



It is Finished  
Roslyn Cambridge



CoastalCare – AGM and the last year in review

On Monday 19<sup>th</sup> July, Coastal Taranaki Health Trust held their AGM – Thank you to those who took the time to attend. The Trust now consists of, Steve Corkill (Chairperson) Adrienne Hickey (Secretary), Bob Clark (Treasurer), Lynda Corkill, Paul Bourke, Monica Willson, and Kylie Brophy with Jemma Stevenson and Masina Taulapapa providing professional support and guidance.

The Chairman noted that from six years ago when we were between locums and had no doctor for a short time, it is great to see our Medical Centre now has three male and three female permanent doctors working across their various practices.

Over the past year we have managed to tidy up a few projects – a roof over the generator to protect this asset, some extra surgical equipment for the medical centre's small procedures, an ambulatory blood pressure unit for more detailed analysis of conditions as well as a purpose-built electric bed for the Physiotherapist and Podiatrist who have both reported how much easier this is to use.

As with all businesses, Covid-19 has affected our income as well as increased some initial costs i.e screens and seating. We would like to take this opportunity to thank Pacific International Hotel Management School (PIHMS) and Co, McDonald Real Estate, Hughson & Associates, and Thomson O'Neil for their continued sponsorship and TOI Foundation, Community Organisation Grants (COGs), St Pauls Co-op, Pub Charity, The Clan Ross Association of New Zealand and Lottery Grant Boards for capital purchases and operational support. We would also like to take this opportunity to thank you, the general public for your kind donations, you wouldn't believe how much comes in through the donation box at reception.

The Chairperson ended the meeting with tabling some initial concept plans to address our room shortages we now have. Watch this space for further information.

The Treasurer was unable to attend but provided a comprehensive report on the financial statements and said, "The Trust is in a sound financial position and I am pleased to move the adoption of the 2021 Performance report."

We were fortunate to have Dr Nick Esther-Loveridge attending he "commended the board on their foresight in building such a facility and commented that it is one of the most well-equipped buildings in the region and the envy of other GP services."

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<b>Operating Revenue</b>			
Revenue from providing goods or services		157,811	165,000
Interest, dividends and other investment revenue		303	761
<b>Total Operating Revenue</b>		<b>158,114</b>	<b>165,761</b>
<b>Operating Expenses</b>			
Costs related to providing goods or services		181,544	169,785
Provision for Depreciation		75,365	72,508
Volunteer and employee related costs		-	-
Expenses related to public fundraising		-	87
<b>Total Operating Expenses</b>		<b>256,909</b>	<b>242,381</b>
<b>Net surplus/ (deficit) for the year</b>		<b>-(98,795)</b>	<b>-(76,620)</b>
<b>Plus Other Income</b>			
Operational Grants and Donation		27,500	29,400
Capital Grants and Donations		20,555	73,299
Sponsorship and Other Revenue		6,000	6,000
<b>Total Other Income</b>		<b>54,055</b>	<b>108,699</b>
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<p><b>THE MISFITS</b> Action, Crime   1hr 34 mins   M Sun 15th Aug 7pm</p>	<p><b>QUEEN BEES</b> Comedy   1hr 42 mins   PG Fri 20th Aug 7pm   Sun 29th Aug 1pm</p>
<p><b>HARRY POTTER &amp; THE PHILOSOPHER'S STONE</b> Adventure, Kids &amp; Family   2hr 32mins   PG Fri 27th Aug 7pm</p>	<p><b>SUICIDE SQUAD</b> Action   2hrs 12mins   R16: Violence Sat 28th Aug 7pm</p>

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Havelock Street, Opunake - St Pauls - 9.30am every Sunday  
Rahotu - Wesley - 11am first Sunday of the month

**Okato/Oakura Co-operating Parish**  
Oakura - St James - 10am, 2nd & 4th Sundays each month  
Oakura - St James - 9am Bible Reading, Prayer and Reflection every Tuesday  
Okato - St Pauls - 10am, 1st & 3rd Sundays each month  
Okato - St Pauls - 10.30am Fellowship time 3rd Thursday of each month  
Okato - St Pauls - 6.30pm Silent Prayer and Reflection 3rd Thursday of each month

**Opunake Catholic Church**  
St Martins, Pungarehu: 8.30am every 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month  
Our Lady Star of the Sea, Opunake: 10am every Sunday  
Other areas  
Manaia - Sacred Heart - 1st, 3rd Sat at 5pm (2nd, 4th & 5th Sat at Hawera's St Josephs)  
Kaponga - St Patricks, Sunday 8.45am  
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**PUBLIC NOTICES**

**OTUKAIA RESERVE TRUST**  
(Section 51 Block XI I Cape S. District)

**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

**Venue:**

Te Potaka Marae  
Surf Highway

**Date:**

10th September 2021

**Time:** 11am

**Agenda:**

Karakia

Mihimihi

Apologies

Minutes of last meeting

Correspondence:

Report: Financial

Replacement Trustees

Election to Office

**Treasurer**  
Anne Davis

**FIRST RATES INSTALMENT**



Ratepayers are reminded that the last day for payment of the first instalment of rates for 2021/2022 without incurring a penalty will be **Wednesday 25 August 2021.**

WD Crockett  
Chief Executive

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SATURDAY, 28 August 2021

Te Potaka Pā, Oaonui

10.30am - 12.30am followed by lunch

TUI OIL FIELD DECOMMISSIONING - Phase 2 & 3 update and CIA Q&A  
MAUI A & MAUI B update

RSVP: fran@taranaki.iwi.nz or text 027 441 1146 or fill in the registration of interest

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The next issue of the Opunake & Coastal News is due out on Thursday the 26th August 2021. Phone us on 06 761 7016 to be in it.



**Notice of 2021 Cape Egmont Sea Rescue Trust AGM**

To be held at Cape Egmont Boat Club, Bayly Road, Warea  
On Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> August at 12.00 pm

**Agenda:**

Apologies  
Annual Reports  
Election of Officers  
General Business

**Followed by:**

**Taranaki Air Patrol Inc. 2021 AGM**

All welcome

Contact: R. Carr on 027 7848859



**Auroa School**

734 Auroa Road, RD 28, Auroa, 4678  
office@auroa.school.nz

**Applications for Out of Zone Pupils**

Auroa School is a decile 8 full Primary School (includes year 7/8 students) located in South Taranaki. Enrolment at the school is governed by an enrolment scheme, details of which are available from the school office.

The Board has determined that there are likely to be 7 vacancies available for Term 4, 2021. These vacancies are from year 1 to 4 only.

Applications can be made by applying in writing to the school by either post or email and by visiting the school office.

**The deadline for applications is 3pm, Friday 24th September.**

If the number of applicants exceeds the number of places available, students will be selected by ballot.

Shaun Kalin, Board of Trustees

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**AGM**

7<sup>th</sup> September 2021  
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