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# Winston Peters backs your future

Deputy Prime Minister the Rt Hon Winston Peters spoke at the Devon Hotel, New Plymouth on Sunday August 9. His message, to a large crowd, was New Zealand First 'Backs your future.'

He was introduced by Dar-roch Ball the New Zealand First MP from New Plym-outh.

Mr Ball referred to two pamphlets on display, both entitled Back Your Future: Party Vote New Zealand First. He said one pamphlet listed legislative achievements in 12 areas ranging from the revamped Super Gold Card for seniors to raising the minimum wage for employees, to mention just two. The other pamphlet was a kind of report card which listed how many coalition agreements originally brokered with Labour have been achieved; the score was an impressive 80%. "With 7% of the vote we've achieved a hell of a lot better than 7% of expectations," commented Mr Ball.

At the start of a wide-ranging speech Mr Peters acknowledged Harry Duynhoven in the audience, the former long-serving MP for New Plymouth and Mayor of the city.

Mr Peters firstly dealt why it was important to vote at the September 19 General Election. He concluded, "So get involved as we are all affected by legislation."

Secondly he turned his attention as to why people should vote for New Zealand First and their legisla-tive achievements noting attributes such as, "We bring more political experience than any other party." Even if die hard voters feel obliged to cast their Party votes else-



**Rt Hon Winston Peters Deputy Prime Minister and leader of New Zealand First.**

where, "You've got two votes you know. Buy yourself some insurance and give your second vote to New Zealand First."

Mr Peters outlined the experience of himself and his team with the economy an important aspect in the shadow of the Covid crisis. "We face a massive task of avoiding an economic calamity." He mentioned that 190 pieces of legislation had been passed by the Coalition Government. This was despite the scourge of Covid. "We held it together in conjunction with the Prime Minister's leadership and direction."

The Winter Energy Pay-ment was an initiative he was proud of, as well as a free eye check for youngsters.

He spoke strongly against what he saw as separatism

and hinted that the Maori seats were an example of this. He pointed out that most Maori chose to be on the General Roll. He made it clear that he did not support Maori wards in local government. "There is nothing to be gained by paternalism and token-ism." He also said, "I lead a party with a stack of Maori, but we are New Zealanders first and foremost."

Winston answered a number of questions. He defended defence spending as important to protect our resources such as fisheries.

He upheld the importance of TPP and said "Forget the protesters. We got Japan over the line and I'm proud of David Parker."

It was a masterful, often humorous speech, which was well received with an absence of heckling.

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## STOP PRESS: Auckland in Level 3 Lockdown the rest of the country in Level 2

At the time of going to print four COVID-19 cases have been announced as confirmed in one Auckland family from an unknown source.

From noon on Wednesday, the city will move to Alert Level 3 restrictions, and the rest of the country will move to Level 2: the restrictions will last until at least midnight Friday.

The city's non-essential businesses must shut down by then, and gatherings of more than 10 people are prohibited. Non-residents may leave Auckland but are asked to watch their health

and report any possible symptoms.

Says Professor Shaun Hendy from the University of Auckland, there is a chance the disease will have spread to other parts of the country. Because of this Professor Michael Plank, Te Pūnaha Matatini and University of Canterbury, comments:

"The fact that these new cases have no known link to international travel or people working at the border makes the situation more serious. This means there could be several links in the chain and a larger number of cases that we don't yet know about.

That's why it's important to take swift, decisive action and move the whole of Auckland to Alert Level 3 as soon as possible. As the Prime Minister also said, the fact that the four cases have several different workplaces in different suburbs means this needs to apply to the whole super city. Melbourne initially attempted to lockdown specific suburbs and it didn't work.

"The rest of the country in Alert Level 2 should also be very cautious. It's quite possible a case we don't yet know about has travelled outside of Auckland and it

would be easy for the virus to spread. So everyone needs to get back to social distancing, work from home if you can, wear a mask if you need to go out, and get tested if you feel sick.

"If we do the right things now, there's a good chance we will be able to contain this outbreak before it spreads too much further."

Everyone in New Zealand should take the necessary precautions, including wearing masks if you can, especially in close indoor settings, hand-washing, and getting tested if you have any of the symptoms.

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**RIGHT:**

The audience at the Devon Hotel, New Plymouth listening to the address by the Deputy Prime Minister the Rt Hon Winston Peters on Sunday August 9.

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Riders in action on the new pump track at Coastal Taranaki School

**Apology**

In our last issue (July 30) we ran a story (page 5) on the official opening of the new pump track at Coastal Taranaki School. The special event was on Sunday July 26 and a special guest was Mayor Neil Holdom.

Unfortunately gremlins invaded our computers and the same picture got printed

– twice! We apologise (as have the gremlins) and have featured the picture which was meant to accompany the story last time.

We have also included a close up of the plaque which was expertly prepared and mounted by Stone Creations NZ.



Close up of the plaque at CTS’s new pump track.

**ADELPHOS**

Perhaps as Kiwis we should first offer a prayer of thanksgiving. That’s because our New Zealand Government has consistently taken informed, wise and appropriate actions to best manage the COVID-19 crisis. After all “God Defend New Zealand” is our national anthem. But we need to maintain vigilant standards as a unified team of 5 million people, as our

**A way forward**

prime minister often reminds us. By comparison, we see hundreds of thousands of people worldwide congregating in the streets for social justice, but it is helping the virus to spread in their own countries and increasing the global death toll. It seems an insanely perfect storm in the middle of a pandemic. Our success as a nation comes from unity, consistency, discipline and

not giving up. This virus has been described as highly intelligent and unpredictable; it can morph into new strains requiring a different vaccine every time it changes. But our God is a God of hope. The living Jesus gave these words to His disciples and He speaks to us today, “Nothing is impossible with God.” Let us continue in hope, hard work, unity and

prayer for our nation and remembering countries less fortunate than we are. A thankful (grateful) attitude is a proven key to good mental health, especially during times of crisis. Each day mention to yourself or someone else five things in your life you are thankful for. Try it and notice the positive difference.

**Opunake place names explained**

The Opunake & Coastal News will over the next issues be outlining how place names in Opunake got their names.

We are grateful to JS Stronge who produced the notes for this enterprise. We’ll endeavour to look at one street name each issue.

The first survey of Opunake township was made in October 1867 by Nelson Carrington. It was not until 1879-90, however, that a complete and comprehensive survey was carried out – this time by C Finnerty. The origins of some of the place names are as follows:

**Domett Street**

Alfred Domett (1811-1887) was born and educated in England where he was interested in literature and wrote a considerable amount of verse including the Monumental Ranolf and Amohia. In 1842 he purchased land in Nelson. He

held many administrative posts and was a Member of the Legislative Council. He inaugurated the General Assembly Library.

Alfred Domett was Premier of the nation during the New Zealand Wars.



## Letters to the Editor

### Clean up our province

Look Chris Fuller is correct in saying that over the last 150 years our waterways and oceans have been used as dumping havens, which to me is absolutely and utterly shameful.

First, the South Taranaki District Council put that artificial reef off the Opunake Beach, thinking it was going to be really something, and instead it turned out to be a complete and utter disaster.

Secondly the New Plymouth District Council now has to repair a 40 year-old 60 metre-long stormwater culvert which has somewhat collapsed and flushes into rivers, lakes

and the sea on Waiwaka Terrace.

Yet both councils are telling us, the public we all must look after our city and towns and environment. So why don't they both start practicing what they preach? Every one of us is doing our bit, while Mr Fuller has been walking along some of the coast only to find discarded crates, nets, plastics, bottles and shoes strewn amongst the seaweed. What is wrong with some people? Do they or don't they want a clean environment? Do they want to make the biggest unhealthy mess as they can?

This type of nonsense has been going on for too long, so isn't it high time for our Department of

Conservation to start doing something positive about it? Or are they waiting for people to complain? They should be travelling around our streams, rivers, lakes and beaches reporting and cleaning up this environmental mess.

If they are short of manpower, then get those who are unemployed to help out, as these people just lounge about our streets doing nothing, so I do believe it's high time for one huge cleanup around our province, say, every three months

*Tom Stephens  
New Plymouth*

### A different gaze

A response to Marianne and Roger:

Well, perhaps, but like every other life drawing models

they are corpuscles, cartilage and skin, much more besides, sure

we can sidestep the obvious, he has a penis not a vagina,

testosterone has marinated his veins, but the substrata is largely similar,

there is no undertow of eroticism, either way without love, affection and desire

you still need the intent of Eros, otherwise, I would prosaically respond

to the presshounds of Napier St (Opunake & Coastal News), that drawing the male

body is analogous to the female, with obvious anatomical and plumbing

differences noted, the act of drawing is not one of capture, nor pursuit

it is art, not mimesis, rendering rather than faithful reproduction; see you

next Tuesday at 7pm, Bernice.

*Trevor M Landers  
Matātuhi Taranaki  
New Plymouth*

### New energy development

I believe for too long our country has relied upon coal fire, hydro, geothermal and wind wands for our sources of power, so I do believe the time is right to explore new sources of energy.

It now seems that our prime minister Jacinda Ardern has fallen in love with our province, so much so she's announced that our province will be at the forefront of a new energy development centre called Ara Ake, which is to explore alternative energy sources, bringing together scientists, industry and business, as she launched Venture Taranaki's New energy Development Centre, along with our Minister of Energy and Resources, Dr Megan Woods.

She continues to say that while our province will continue to be important in the oil and gas industry,

we must now plan for the future as research is needed if our province of Taranaki is to lead the world.

This new future energy development company known as Ara Ake, which will be based in Taranaki will explore alternative energy sources, which to me is a brilliant idea. So if this can really happen I do believe our province will be the talk of the whole world and beyond, plus it will put us well ahead of most big cities in our country also.

*Tom Stephens  
New Plymouth*

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### Things have changed and so should we

Gay conversion (therapy or torture?)

This form of humiliation has been banned all over the world, and if the Green Party is voted into power, their policy is to ban this form of torture, which is detrimental and harmful. The term 'therapy' suggests that something is wrong. A local Christian movement questioned allowing transgender people to use

public toilets, transgender people were not mentioned in the bible. They also comprise approx 1-2% of the population.

The bible states "be kind to others," not allowing people to use toilets of their own choice is far from Christian.

Shunning gay people from Christianity? How archaic!

The Bible states, "love thy neighbour" period! It does not say "love thy neighbour, unless they are gay!"

The Bible was written by white men, during a time when people cooked with open fires, and had slaves.

One Timothy, chapter 12 states, "women must not teach men", and women should be quiet!". Religious rights are not absolute. The world obviously has evolved. Churches are struggling to find worshippers, there is very little modern thinking.

Don't persecute others, things have changed and so should we, I know who I will be voting for...

*Yvonne Wara Ward  
(Opunake)*

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COUNCILLOR'S COMMENT

# Council in good position on Three Waters upgrade



CR BRYAN ROACH

Hi All  
Since the 2015 Opuake flood a lot of work has been done to minimise the impacts of future flooding events. One of the last projects was to replace the culvert on Dieffenbach street which has

just been completed. Central Government Elections are not far away (19 September). Whether you vote red, green, blue or black our LibraryPlus centres are getting set up for taking special votes and all the other information you need to know about the election. The Government is currently undertaking a major reform of what is called the 'three waters' activities (i.e. drinking water, wastewater and storm water). Replacing and upgrading the

three waters infrastructure across the country has some big dollars attached to it, (\$5-6 billion) and some districts have not been keeping up with this. The Government wants to reform current water service infrastructure and delivery into larger scale (multi-regional) providers. They have already set up a new Water Services Regulator to oversee and enforce a new drinking water regulatory framework. Our Council is in a really good position with a lot of work and investment

already gone into our critical water infrastructure over the last 15 years, and we are keen to continue this investment and consider all possible solutions for the most effective management of our water infrastructure and delivery of water and wastewater services. Council was recently granted \$7million by the Government to build Nukumarū Station Road (Waitotara) as a 'shovel ready' project. This will see a completely new road built to access Silver Fern Farms'

Waitotara plant and Waiinu Beach. When the new road is completed it will mean we don't have to rely on the old Limeworks bridge which has repeatedly been damaged due to flooding and has a shortened life span. Lately I've noticed a lot of road signs are being vandalised around the district - several have been run over by motor vehicles. Maybe Bo and Luke from the Dukes of Hazard are in town? Is it necessary to vandalise them? They are there for your safety

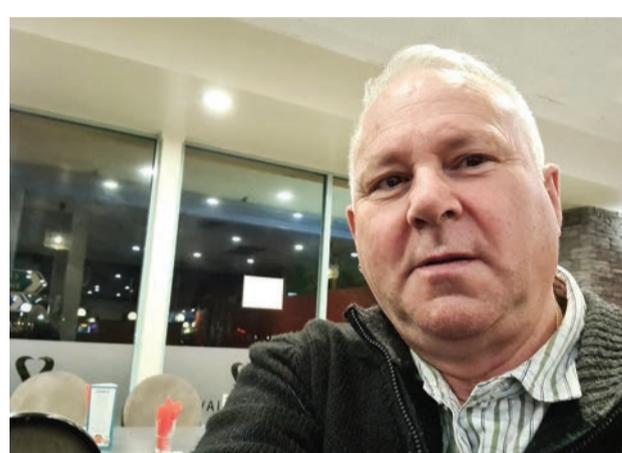
and just costs the ratepayer more money to repair and replace them. Finally, to my fellow farmers grass, grass, grass and more grass everywhere. What a mild winter we are having. The cows are in great condition and milk is plentiful. Watch your grass quality and get the topping mower out, or your milk will drop off. All the best for the new season.  
*South Taranaki Councillor Bryan Roach. (Roachy from the Coast).*

# Changing of the guard at the Business Association

If COVID-19 has taught us anything it's the need to stick together says the new president of the Opuake

and District Business Association. Ray Hayward was elected president at the Association's

AGM held earlier this month, taking over from Bob Clark. "One of my goals is to get more businesses on board and participating in the Business Association. If ever something taught us a lesson, Covid taught us to support each other and make people more aware of the association," says Ray. "We can all learn all learn from each other, even from our competitors."



Ray Hayward, the New Chairperson of the Opuake and Districts Business Association.

Ray says he has been involved in the Business Association for the last four years. He lives in Pungarehu, at the northernmost end of the Association's district and wants to see businesses in the whole district, which extends south to Pihama and Oeo to be included as well.

clair as Secretary is Monique Sinclair.

"There are lots of farming contractors who are all equally as important as mainstream businesses in Opuake," he says.

\*It's a very exciting time ahead for the Opuake and Districts Business Association moving ahead, post covid," says Monique." It's great to see new businesses being established in Opuake and more businesses becoming members of the Opuake and Districts Business Association.

The Association has links to the Taranaki Chamber of Commerce and Ray would like to see more contacts with business associations in other Taranaki towns. At a recent Opuake Business Association meeting, they had had a visit from a representative of the Eltham Business Association.

\*We are holding our first post Covid BA5 at Everybody's Theatre on Monday 7 September. There will be guest speakers from Venture Taranaki who will be explaining how Venture Taranaki can support and promote Opuake and all its upcoming events."

He says that given how much it costs to be a member he finds it hard to believe that more businesses in Opuake haven't joined up.

She says the Destination Opuake 2020 team are back up and running, with a sub-committee of Shelly Hark-

Taking over from Liz Sin-

"Lots of good things have been happening in that time. There have been a couple of disappointments. A lot of energy went into Americarna one year with no return."

He says one high point was a visit by the then Local Government minister Jacqui Dean to talk about tourism.

He is looking forward to the Vintage Car Rally in January, where about 600 vehicles are expected. "I'm interested in the macroenvironment which relates to ideas and things that are good for Opuake business in the short and long term, while recognising that business needs to be carried on in the short term."

He says Opuake faces the challenge of finding property for people coming into town, and trying to get the town ready for that.

"We didn't know anyone when we came here, not a soul. The town has such good attributes, like good medical services, a good village atmosphere. There's lots of things happening in the village all the time. The Library is a plus as well for a small town., and friendly people."

Bob says he may be stepping down as president but his interest in the Business Association will continue.

I don't know if I've missed a meeting in three years," he says. "I'm not in business, but I'm a member, and I don't see that changing."

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# Planting for posterity

Fonterra staff had a day out of the office on Wednesday August 5 when the company generously donated the services of 15 of its employees to help in the planting of trees on the Opunake Loop track.

The picturesque walking track weaves its way round the derelict dairy factory near the Flax Mill Domain at the northern end of Opunake as part of its circuit which includes the Opunake Lake at the southern end of the town, Opunake Beach and the charming cliff-top Garden lovingly nurtured by locals.

The group of Fonterra employees, focussed on beautifying the area around the old dairy factory collectively planted 300 trees.



**Opunake Lion Brian Gasson from the Opunake Loop Trust co-ordinating the planting down at the old dairy factory.**

The Fonterra employees are just one group of volunteers who have been involved in plantings on the Loop Track, including the Opunake Lions who have donated many

hours to the project. Others include local school children from Opunake High School and St Josephs Primary School who have also helped with plantings.

Explained Brian Gasson from the Opunake Lions Club and Chairperson of the Planting Committee on the Opunake Loop Trust, the Fonterra volunteers were planting pioneer species which included Manuka, cabbage trees, griselinia, ake ake and pseudopanax. These initial plantings were intended to create a nursery or shelter. "Ultimately bigger native trees will be planted," like puriri and totara.

Commented Paul Radich, Area Manager with Fonterra, the staff were all from the Kapuni site. "The staff are quite enjoying being out of doors.

It's a time when they're engaged with maintenance type things," said Paul though "With milk starting to come in," it'll start to get busy.

He added that though the soil was "a bit rocky," there were "lots of worms," which as a good sign.

Several of the Fonterra employees commented it was "something a little different". As well as providing shade the trees will help with waterway run off. The area planted out by the dairy factory will be designated as Fonterra's responsibility and be maintained by them.

Said Brian, one of the things they were hoping to do was improve signage and include track markers.

"We're trying to attract back native birds and bats." Bats? Yes apparently there are bat colonies in Taranaki.



The Opunake Loop Track.



The Opunake Flax Mill around 1860. It was one of three on the coast owned by the Rutherford family. Sir Ernest Rutherford was a young adult when his parents moved to Taranaki.

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**Ian Ferguson wins gold**

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He was NZ Sports person of the year in 1985 and was awarded an MBE

**Sir James Carroll born**

On August 20 1857 politician James Carroll (Timi Kara) was born in Wairoa. He was of Ngati Kahungunu and Irish heritage.

He was an interpreter and land agent before being elected to Eastern Maori in 1887. Later, in 1893 he was elected in a general seat (Waiapu) and became a member of Richard Seddon's Liberal Government. He was Minister of Maori Affairs in 1899 and was twice Acting Prime Minister in 1909 and 1911. He endeavoured (legislatively) to allow Maori farmers to lease land to allow investment in their own farms.

He was knighted (KCMG) the first Maori person to receive this honour.

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# Long service medal reward for hard work and dedication

Region three Area Manager David Utamatu presented Nigel Fraser with his 14 year - Long Service Medal from New Zealand Fire and Emergency. Well done Nigel for all your hard work. One call that sticks in my mind with Nigel was a kitchen fire on Layard Street. I was the Officer in charge and Nigel and another fire fighter went into the burning kitchen. They extinguished it quickly and came back to the fire truck full of adrenalin. I remember feeling a bit jealous that I had to stay outside to control the scene and missed all the action.



**Nigel Fraser receives his 14 Year Long Service Badge from David Utamatu, Region 3 Area Manager.**

Opunake had a call out this week to a hedge on fire in Hector Place. The burning hedge was one metre wide and about 15 metres long. A high pressure hose reel took care of the fire pretty quickly but the arcing, smoking meter box had to wait till the power company turned up. We are not sure what started it.

Until next time.  
Stay Safe

*Craig Dingle  
CFO Opunake*

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# Keep a lookout for suspicious behaviour



**Constable Matthew Stone**

Kia Ora Koutou,  
I hope everyone is coping with the cooler weather and busier time of the year, particularly for farmers. For me, it's great seeing children

back into sport and families cheering from the side-line since lockdown.

I want to touch on some incidents I have dealt with in recent times relating to social media, particularly Facebook. It is extremely easy to 'bully' others on social media but it is also extremely easy to block someone who is causing you issues. If we react to a 'bully' and get into an online argument then, firstly, we have let them get the reaction they wanted from us and secondly, we are just as bad as them for the way we have behaved. Please show some self-control if you or your child is in this situation and

block the other party without overreacting.

As parents, we care deeply for our children. We want to support our children when they are upset or struggling with an issue. The best support you can give your child is to teach them appropriate strategies to deal with these situations and to behave in a role modelling manner.

Another matter of concern is that there appears to be a group of criminals working together in the Stratford/Eltham area. Some have affiliations to the Coastal area. It is potentially only a matter of time before they commit crime in our area.

Can I ask that you report any suspicious vehicles or behaviour to Police, ring 105 or 111, and make sure you keep your houses, cars and sheds secure at all times. Lastly, I have noticed a large number of people, young and old, not wearing bike helmets around the village. Although it is a relatively minor matter, I believe that it is an extremely important example of role modelling to our children. Yes, they wear helmets around you, but do they wear helmets when you are not around? Until next time.

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# Thank you to our essential services and businesses

We have been learning and celebrating the Māori New Year at Kindy. With all that has been happening this year, this Matariki celebration is definitely a time for us to give thanks for the many blessings that we have had throughout this challenging year.

One of the blessings that we are grateful for is having essential services and businesses operating during the lockdown period. We hope that you enjoy our care package(s) that were made using recycled, repurposed and homemade materials, and made with love from us here at Opunake Kindergarten – kaiako and tamariki. As an Enviroschool we support sustainability in our community and looking after Papatūānuku. We also would like you to know that: "You are essential

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Police Sgt Bryce Allison and teacher Diane Chapman with two youngsters from Opunake Kindergarten.

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## Back to normal for play reading group

The Hawera Play Reading Group recently held their AGM.

Positions confirmed included:  
Convenor: Lorraine Wilkie  
Secretary/Treasurer: Helena Moore,  
Publicity: Fiona Collins.

After welcoming a very good attendance, Lorraine read an interesting Annual Report, with reference to the Covid-19 disruption to all our lives, but mindful of how lucky we all are to live here in Taranaki. Lorraine urged us all to support the Play Reading Group. A minutes silence was observed for the passing of

Faye Taylor and Margaret Watts.

Lorna Le Fleming read from Pam Ayres "Where are you Pam," and her own original story about a friend who she watched as dementia gradually took her away - beautifully written and matter of fact.

Norma Stevenson read a Margaret Mahy piece, which is always very enjoyable. This was followed by a short extract by Eileen Duggan.

Helena Moore, with Cheryl Woodmass produced the play "Deep Waters" which could have been very stilted and silly, but handled by good actresses was extremely funny. It was about match making, and with a surprise ending, concluded a good night's entertainment. Those in it were: Noreen Harris, Lorraine Wilkie, Carole Hosie, Diane Fagan and Judy Greenwood.

Supper was served by

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# Everyone deserves a place to call home

With nearly 200 people in Taranaki registered for emergency housing at the end of March, eradicating homelessness is a priority for New Plymouth Labour Party candidate, Glen Bennett. Having grown up with



GLEN BENNETT

parents in the Salvation Army, from an early age Bennett had first-hand experience of the plight of the homeless almost on a daily basis.

“Every one of those homeless families are a priority and we must do better to get people off the housing register and into housing,” says Bennett speaking at a public forum on homelessness.

“For me, this mission and conviction came at a very young age. I grew up in The Salvation Army and my parents were always bringing addicts and drunks, prisoners and the homeless to stay with us. If we create places that people can call home, then many other things will fall into place. Children and young people will find security and safety in their homes and rather than being transient and misplaced, they’ll grow and thrive, moving to a place

where their needs won’t have to be met by social workers and community groups.”

The forum held at the Plymouth Hotel was attended by approximately 70 people and was hosted by Bennett with guest speakers Michelle Ramage, of the Roderique Hope Trust, the Chairperson of Te Kotahitanga o Te Atiawa, Liana Poutu, and the Managing director of Pepper Construction, Andrew Pepper.

“Labour wants every New Zealander to have a warm, dry, safe place to call home - whether they rent or own,” says Bennett.

“We have made a great start, but the Labour Party needs another term in government to make good on our promises for this challenge.”

With 68 Kiwi Build homes currently under construction in Marfell, Bennett lists Labour’s achievements in combating homeless to include 11 new public houses in Taranaki since coming into government, building consents are at a four-decade high, and passing the healthy homes guarantee, funded home insulation grants and the winter energy payment, and

banned overseas speculators.

Initiatives to break the cycle of homelessness also include Kāinga Ora – a whole new organisation – offering a Tenant Home Ownership grant is a gift of 10% of the purchase price of selected Kāinga Ora houses. There is also: a First Home Grant of up to \$10,000, Kiwi Saver first-home withdrawal, and 1000 new transitional housing places delivered by end of year to reduce demand for emergency motel accommodation.

In 2019, Labour helped more than 2000 families into public housing, and increased the state house building programme nine-fold, with 2,700 currently being built – 900 of those in the regions.

They have been helping homeless people into homes through Housing First, with 1,064 households accepted into the programme and 720 housed so far, with 1044 more places funded in Budget.

There have been 979 more transitional housing places added. Labour has been ensuring rental properties are healthy and warm with the Healthy Homes Standards, and introduced the Winter Energy Payment that helps about a million

New Zealanders stay warm each winter.

They have been fixing the building and construction sector to deliver more houses with better, fit-for-purpose building standards, and been addressing construction skills shortages and training the workforce of the future. Labour has banned unfair letting fees, and cracked down on speculators by closing tax loopholes and banning foreign buyers.

They have set up the Ministry for Housing and Urban Development and Kāinga Ora – Homes and Communities to take a joined up approach to tackling the housing crisis.

Labour has also been building the most homes since the 1970s, including through offsite manufacturing.

“We have just announced \$400 million for progressive home ownership scheme to be rolled out over the coming year,” says Bennett. “This means 2500 to 4000 households will be supported into home ownership such as rent to buy. As New Plymouth’s elected MP, I am committed to helping those in need of a home into their own secure, warm and healthy home.”

Let's keep moving >

**Glen Bennett**  
for New Plymouth

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## Seeing nature through new eyes

Conservation Week 2020 begins this weekend and it’s a great opportunity to reflect on the good being done in our region and think about how we can make things even better.

This year’s theme is: ‘See nature through new eyes,’ which I feel is highly appropriate given the events of this year.

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JONATHAN YOUNG MP FOR NEW PLYMOUTH

Conservation is encouraging us to take a fresh look at our natural spaces and wildlife.

We’re spoilt in Taranaki with our magnificent mountain and the opportunities we have to access the great outdoors. That’s one of the reasons National were so supportive of the Project Mouna Taranaki project, launched in 2015 as a collaboration

between the NEXT Foundation, DOC, Iwi and the Taranaki community. It’s an example of what’s possible when people join forces to work towards a common goal and was again highlighted when we launched Predator Free NZ 2050 in 2016. We said at the time that such an ambitious objective would require a massive team effort across the public, private, Iwi and community sectors, and we’ve seen great signs of that since then.

One of those sectors is farming. The obvious benefits for everyone of pest control and improving the environment are becoming increasingly prominent in their approach to land management.

I’m hoping for a big turnout of farmers and other interested people to a meeting that I’m hosting at the Oaonui Hall, 12.30 tomorrow with Agriculture Spokesperson David Bennett.

David knows Farmers are working hard to increase the sustainability of their farms. He says it’s the major goal of our processors as we meet the increasing market demands of our customers. Farmers have undertaken significant activities in fencing off waterways and in

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# Seeing nature through new eyes

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greater effluent storage and systems in recent years.

Taranaki farmers are environmentally savvy,

with their riparian planting leading the country and an awareness of issues around land use. They're under huge pressure and that's contributing to making a

career in agriculture less attractive. Many existing farmers hoping their children will follow them are finding a distinct lack of interest in taking over the farm.

I believe agriculture has a bright future and that our farmers' proven ability to innovate will continue to yield quality produce while protecting and enhancing

our environment.

*Spokesperson: Energy & Resources*

*Jonathan Young  
MP for New Plymouth  
National Party*

*Spokesperson: Arts, Culture & Heritage*

# We're not being heard is what I'm hearing

What I keep hearing is they're forgotten and not heard, they feel they don't have a voice, says Glen Bennett, who is standing for Labour in the New Plymouth electorate.

The candidate is holding fortnightly clinics in Opunake every Tuesday morning from 10am till 12noon at CoastalCare, in Opunake.

"It's been a nice opportunity to meet the locals and hear their concerns and issues which are quite different to the concerns in New Plymouth," said Glen.

He added that people seem to like having a face and a listening ear – something they haven't had from their local MP.

Major issues include the lack of jobs in small towns. Housing and education and the need for investment in school buildings and lack of consultation relating to community issues are also raised.

Agriculture is the main



**Glen Bennett, Labour Party candidate for New Plymouth. He is holding fortnightly clinics in Opunake.**

concern in the rural sector.

"Farmers are unhappy with the regulations, unhappy that they're not being consulted.

They want to do the right thing around the waterways and the environment but say no one listens to their ideas," says Glen.

"I want to be a voice in Government," he says adding that the polls look like Labour will get back in.

Door knocking in Opunake and Okato has certainly been encouraging and reveal the COVID crisis is uppermost in people's minds.

"We're seeing really

positive support for what the Labour led Government's doing. We're constantly get people thanking us for our response to COVID," he says along with advice to "Keep the borders closed." Interestingly, they also "constantly" have National Party people saying they're grateful to this Government for keeping us safe and say they're considering voting Labour for the first time.

"Things are going well and we want things to keep going the way they are," says Glen of the pandemic which is still sweeping the

world.

New Zealand is showing the world how a response to a global pandemic can be.

"We're the envy of the world at the moment, we're living our normal lives."

As well as keeping people safe, Glen believes the Government's swift action has also protected the economy and bodes well for the future.

"They've done a really good job of saving as many businesses and jobs as possible."

My hope is that New Zealand products have more of a premium because of our clean green sustainable and now healthy country, he adds.

"New Zealand's become a very desirable place. More and more New Zealanders are coming home and investing in and strengthening the country."

Glen Bennett will next be at CoastalCare on Tuesday August 18.

# Social Credit's time has come

It's a great privilege to be selected and standing locally for Social Credit seeking your two ticks and being able to encourage everyone in the importance of exercising your right to vote.

If there ever was an election to bother to get out and exercise your right to vote.... this is it.

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**Kathleen Lauderdale Social Credit candidate.**

ideas and you a voice so often excluded at the top table.

With global recession

looming due to the impact of Covid 19, the climate crisis and the ever increasing inequality we see globally and within our own families and communities, and after years of contributing to policy development myself, I firmly believe Social Credit's time in New Zealand has come.

Social Credit policy will free our country from generations of indebtedness to offshore interests and facilitate a strong and stable recovery promoting, in reality, the "well-being" other parties issue press releases about but which communities

themselves have seen very little tangible evidence of, and which no other party can do without skyrocketing debt.

Worsening poverty, homelessness and structural inequity for our most vulnerable citizens when we are likely going to see large numbers of Kiwis returning to the safety of home, and increasing economic pressure from failed states economically overseas impacting here will mean our Government

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# Social Credit's time has come

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had better be well prepared and equipped with the financial tools required to

provide for all citizens needs adequately. I am seeking your two

ticks for Social Credit in September to put New Zealanders, not just

big Government and Corporations into our Parliament and "Reclaim

New Zealand's future."

*Social Credit candidate  
New Plymouth electorate*

*Kathleen Lauderdale*

# Independent promoting Taranaki

Rusty Kane is standing as an Independent in the New Plymouth electorate in the forthcoming General Election.

He believes that there are concerns that are specific to Taranaki but that they do not get attention by local Members of Parliament.

"Why don't we put our own seat forward not associated with a political party where we can negotiate our issues," he said referring not just to New Plymouth but the entire region.

Rusty returned to Taranaki

a year ago after 6 years in Tauranga looking after his elderly mother and says he also noted a change in mood in New Plymouth which also inspired him to put his name forward.

"In (former New Plymouth mayor) Peter Tennant's time it was very vibrant," says Rusty.

"Since I've returned a year ago I've noticed a change in attitude," he says and refers to an article he read by the New Plymouth mayor which implied he had trouble getting Ministers to talk about issues specific to



Rusty Kane in Opunake. He wanted to be photographed by the Opunake & Coastal News sign.

Taranaki.

These include the winding down of the oil and gas industry and what would replace it.

"They're talking about transitioning from oil and

gas and farming but to what," he questions.

He sees his role as that of a facilitator - getting together people such as business leaders, professionals and others to have a say in the

region.

"My job would be to befriend people and keep the doors open for the leaders in the region to negotiate our issues."

Rusty is a bio soil consultant which, he explains, means taking soil samples from farms and advising farmers as to what fertiliser he should use and also what trees to plant.

He describes our farming as "the best in the world and we're doing it even better". We need to be more environmentally friendly and add value to the product. Changing farmland to forestry is not a good idea he says.

As regards the future as energy he says "We need to explore the hydro option. We need a new dam. Hydrogen should also be explored. Another option wind power, is reliant on the elements which are variable which is a disadvantage. We need constant energy he adds.

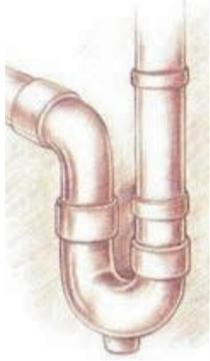
With the COVID crisis we need to focus on domestic tourism he says adding that Mount Taranaki is our greatest asset. He would like to see a cycle track round the mountain.

A great admirer of Norman Kirk who lived round the corner from him in Seatown, Wellington when he was a child, Rusty describes how he used to come and talk to him and his mates when they were on their bikes. "He was very in touch with the community," he said which he said was apparent when he became Prime Minister. "He impressed me, I was really sad when he died."

Rusty Kane has stood as an Independent previously.

Indeed he credits his standing as being the reason Harry Duynhoven lost his seat in Parliament in 2008. Rusty Kane attracted 750 votes. Jonathan Young won the New Plymouth seat by just 104 votes.

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# Concerns about the economy and family values

Concern about the economy and promoting family values is the reason Jonathan Marshall has put his name forward for the rebranded New Conservative Party seat in Whanganui.

The financial advisor, who also who also works in health and safety at Kapuni, is a former Chairperson of the Waitara Community Board. He is also a past Chairperson of the National Party in New Plymouth the year the current sitting member of Parliament



Jonathan Marshall, who is standing for the New Conservative Party for Whanganui.

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gained the seat by just over a hundred votes.

Jonathan says, "Labour disturbs me" and has another take on their Let's Get Moving slogan which he says could mean moving backwards or sideways.

He is concerned about repaying the debt and says the Government should have

closed the borders before February. There was enough information then to indicate the impending pandemic, he insists. "If we did we would not have had Lockdown 4," he adds citing Taiwan who closed their borders early. "We didn't close the borders early enough."

Jonathan is also standing

on a family values platform. He and his wife Ruth have six children and six grandchildren.

In the 1970s, 8 out of 10 Maori children came from married families, he says. Today only two out of 10 come from married parents.

Jonathan sees the social issues in our country as

a reflection of family background.

"Statistically people in prison come from broken homes," he says.

A strong family provides a solid foundation.

The New Conservatives are pro family and tend to be anti euthanasia and anti abortion unlike other parties

to the right of centre, which is where he places the New Conservatives on the political spectrum.

He left the National Party because he felt they weren't supportive enough of family values or of small business. He also disagrees with the Emissions Trading Scheme (ETS) and carbon

tax believing these issues "should stay in New Zealand."

The New Conservative candidate would like to see New Zealand become more involved in manufacturing and believes that the community needs to "drive what they need" in terms of jobs and housing.

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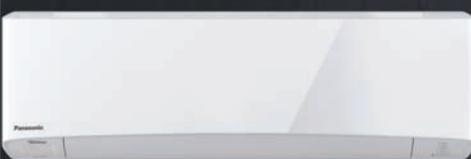
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The Maniaia District Lions Club, which was chartered by the Inglewood Lions Club back in 1969 was once an all-male club, but now includes women members as well.

Now the Maniaia Lions have put out an appeal for new members and say that without the support of the Maniaia community the club will not survive. If they go, many of the services which Lions have provided over the years will go with them. As well as support for local groups and

families under stress, these include organising the local Christmas Parade as well as the Daffodil Day stand and the slink calf programme which provides income for 12 local groups. To these can be added the Las Vegas evenings, mystery bus trips and more.

What Lions have done can be seen throughout the district. These include the slide at Kaupokonui Beach, which in an earlier life had been an offal shoot at the Patea Freezing Works. Then there are the welcome signs to Maniaia and the gardens underneath them, or the Rowe playground next to the Maniaia Baths.

"Our motto is we serve,"



Lions life members David Lloyd and Gordon Chisnall.

says David Lloyd who was there at the start back in 1969. "A group can do more than just one person by themselves. We provide a platform whereby ideas can be implemented, and suggestions brought to the meeting to test the water, while at the same time enjoying each other's

company."

Gordon Chisnall, who has been in Lions for 33 years, and like David is a life member of the Maniaia Lions Club says that in the earlier days there were more businesses in Maniaia which made it easier to organise events. At one time the Lions Club was so popular

that membership was capped at 40.

Among the local causes the Lions have supported has been the Maniaia Walkway. It is a cause dear to Gordon's heart. He and his wife Anne have been awarded Citizens Awards from the South Taranaki District Council for their contributions to the

walkway. "We're getting tuis and pigeons in there now," he says.

The Lions have raised funds for a CT Scanner at Taranaki Base Hospital. They helped set up medical rooms in Maniaia and organised public meetings to protest when these medical facilities were taken out of town.

Lions have always been known for their focus on youth and the Maniaia Lions have sponsored a number of local youth to go on the Spirit of New Zealand, or to the Outdoor Pursuit Centre and other places.

David says they have access to a global network they can tap into, with 1.5 million Lions worldwide. A Lion has access to any Lions Club in the world, and David says that on one trip to the United Kingdom he visited three different clubs.

"Lions have been very much part of our lives," says David. He speaks fondly of fishing trips he has been on through Lions, and says that his daughter met her husband on an overseas trip organised by the Lions.



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## Funding for shovel-ready projects

Four shovel-ready

infrastructure projects within the Whanganui electorate, and three across Taranaki, have been given a funding boost of \$48 million by the Government.

Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern announced the funding on July 23 in New Plymouth as part of the \$3 billion infrastructure package in the COVID-19 Response and Recovery Fund.

"The infrastructure package is expected to deliver more than 20,000 jobs across New Zealand and unlock investment with a project value of more than \$5 billion."

Whanganui electorate Labour Party candidate, Steph Lewis says, "This is another demonstration of the



Steph Lewis

Government's commitment to supporting our regions. They have given money to small rural towns to shore up jobs and social infrastructure. It's projects like these that make our regions and communities vibrant."

Stratford District Council will receive \$8m towards the new indoor aquatic facility and \$2m for a children's cycling education park and half-size basketball court.

In Waitotara, the Nukumarū Station Road Extension Project will receive \$7m. The road was compromised during the 2015 flood, preventing use by heavy vehicles. Access to Silver Fern Farms meat works, which employs many people from the region, will be improved.

Hāwera's new library, arts and culture centre Te Ramanui o Ruaputahanga will receive \$3m, while \$5m will go towards the multi-use Mawhitihiti Kanihi Pa, benefiting whānau, iwi and the wider community.

Yarrow Stadium in New Plymouth will receive \$20m for repairs and redevelopment and \$3m will go to an upgrade of the Dawson Falls Lodge.

"Communities and councils have been working towards these projects for some time and the Prime Minister's announcement gives them a leg up so they can become reality at a time when we need to be focused on creating new job opportunities in the regions.

At the same time, we're investing in our social infrastructure and communities through these projects," Steph Lewis says.

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# All systems go for Waipipi wind farm

Gigantic wind turbine blades being trucked along the Taranaki coast have become a familiar sight to early morning motorists along Surf Highway.

In June the Opunake and Coastal News reported that Powerworx staff were adjusting the street lights at the Manaia roundabout to enable the vehicles carrying the 64 metre wind turbine blades to navigate their way through town on the journey from Port Taranaki to the Waipipi Wind Farm between Patea and Waverley.

The 980ha windfarm which is owned and operated by Australasian electricity company Tilt Renewables will have 31 turbines, and it is expected to be completed in late March 2021, says Tilt Renewables executive general manager Clayton Delmarter.

Each turbine will have three blades. When complete they will be the biggest wind turbines in the country.

“We’ve probably developed only 20 per cent of them, so those blade deliveries are going to continue for the next three or four months,” he said.

“Three of the 31 are up as of today. We’re going to continue the programme for the next few months, erecting turbines until the end of the year, and anticipate that we will start production late next year.”

COVID-19 did present challenges.

“We were shut down for an extended period. A lot of our components came from Europe and China, and China was experiencing the brunt of COVID. It hasn’t had a significant effect on our timetable, but we’ve still a long way to go obviously.”

The larger sized blades mean that more wind can be captured. Clayton says that although their resource consent allowed them to build 48 turbines, the size of the ones they will be using mean they can achieve what they want with fewer of them.

Wind farms have come to be seen as distinctive features in hill country areas like inland Manawatu and Southern Hawke’s Bay, so a coastal flat area like Waipipi



Work is progressing on a windfarm containing the country’s largest wind turbines.



Blades at Port Taranaki waiting to be transported.

would seem at first glance an unusual place to have one.

“Typically most wind farms are developed on ridge top sites, but wind reserves can be very good along coastal areas as well,” says Clayton.

The Waipipi site has a number of advantages including being only 11km from the Waverley substation and the national grid. There is a state highway nearby with a connection to Port Taranaki, and the area is not heavily populated.

The ironsand nature of the coast meant that work was needed to improve the stability of the ground.

The wind farm is expected to produce 455GWh a year, or enough to power 70,000 homes, saving 350,000 tonnes of carbon.

Tilt Renewables demerged from Trustpower in 2016 and announced a partnership with Genesis Energy who they would be selling the electricity to. ElectroNet Services are handling the

plant’s electrical balance. A ceremony was held in November last year to mark the beginning of work on the project.

Wind energy has copped a number of criticisms including that of visual pollution.

“The reality is that they are still very large structures and people will have their own view whether they like them or not like them,” says

Clayton.

Another is that given the nature of the weather it can only ever be an intermittent power source.

Clayton says New Zealand is well placed to incorporate wind power alongside other sources of power.

“There’s never one silver bullet and New Zealand will always need other forms of electricity generation.

“Improvements in

technology mean electricity can be produced at a lower cost, and wind power remains one of the lower cost options.”

Clayton says the wind farm project will bring employment benefits to the area and Tilt Renewables

has always worked towards developing strong links with local communities in the areas they are working in. These have included setting up community funds for local projects.

“We’re a long term player,” says Clayton.

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# Year continues to be a drier one for all

Rainfall for July was mixed with totals ranging between 60 % and 116 % of normal, with an average of 92 %., according to Taranaki Regional Council (TRC) figures. Seven sites recorded above normal for the month and were distributed throughout the region. These sites were: Kahui Hut (103 %), Motunui (104 %), Tongaporutu (110 %), Manaia (109 %), Duffys Farm – Whareroa (116 %), Patea (101 %) and Waitotara Valley (107 %).

Hillsborough recorded just 60 % of normal for July with 115.0 mm.

All sites continue to be drier than normal for the year, with rainfall totals ranging between 69 % and 93 % of normal across the network, with an average of 80%. Manaia and Patea have recorded just 69 % of normal, with 454.5 mm and 432.4 mm respectively, while Egmont Village has recorded 93 % of normal with 1221.0 mm.

River flows were generally below normal throughout the region, except for the Kapoiaia Stream at Cape Egmont and the Ponehu Stream at Pihama. These sites had mean flows 575 L/s and 116 L/s higher than normal respectively.

The Waingongoro River at Eltham and the Timaru Stream at Tataraimaka recorded new maximum July water temperatures with 12.16 °C and 12.83 °C respectively. Mean water temperatures for July were

all above normal by between 0.17 °C and 0.73 °C.

The average air temperature for the month was 10.15 °C, which was slightly lower than the long term July average of 10.22 °C. Inglewood and Whareroa recorded the equal lowest air temperature for the month with -0.79 °C, while Stratford recorded the

highest temperature for the month with 20.71 °C. Nine of the 17 sites where air temperature is recorded set new July maximums. These sites were: North Egmont, Dawson Falls, Mangorei Bush line, Brooklands, Motunui, Inglewood, Stratford, Okato and Cape Egmont.

Soil moistures for the

month were below normal by between 0.67 % and 12.07% for all sites, except Pohokura Saddle and Manaia, which had mean soil moistures 0.02 % and 5.75 % higher than the long term July mean. Te Kiri also recorded a new July minimum of 27.79 %, which was 3.71 % lower than the previous July minimum.

## Waikato farmer fined for not registering 152 cattle

A Waikato farmer has been fined \$3900 for not registering 152 cattle under the National Animal Identification and Tracing (NAIT) scheme.

Waitomo sheep and beef farmer Brian Anthony Murphy (67) was sentenced at the Te Kuiti District Court on August 4 after pleading guilty to three charges of failing to register the cattle.

Gray Harrison, the national manager of Animal Welfare and NAIT Compliance at the Ministry for Primary Industries, said compliance with the animal and identification system was critical.

“We certainly take it very seriously. Our ability to track

and trace cattle and deer through the NAIT system is a critical factor in managing biosecurity threats which could have a devastating impact on New Zealand’s agricultural sector.”

Recent amendments to penalties in the NAIT Act, which increased the maximum penalty to \$100,000, reflected the importance of compliance, Mr Harrison said.

“This latest sentencing follows a number of recent NAIT-related convictions. People who want to take short cuts need to be aware we will continue to identify and address non-compliance.”

In July, Taupo dairy farm manager Raymond Arthur

Griffin was fined \$3600 for failing to register more than 1000 animals, and a Northland Deer farmer was fined \$3250 over his failure to put NAIT tags on 70 of his deer.

In the meantime, MPI will continue to work with OSPRI and the sector to ensure people understand their responsibilities.

“If you don’t tag and register your cattle or deer in NAIT, the animal is not traceable and this has implications for managing disease outbreaks and our wider biosecurity capability. The absence of traceability may also impact on the value of the animal,” OSPRI Head of Traceability Kevin Forward said.

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# Forgotten World Highway not being forgotten

Work to permanently reinstate the road to two lanes at Pohokura on the Forgotten World Highway is due to get underway this week, marking the start of a series of improvements planned for the iconic route.

A bridge structure will be built over a damaged culvert at the approach to the Pohokura Saddle on State Highway 43, 53km from Stratford, and the temporary Bailey bridge currently in place will be removed.

Work is expected to take approximately 12 weeks to complete, weather dependant.

Priority give way traffic management will be in place throughout the project but delays to traffic will



More people may be coming this way.

be minimal. Motorists are reminded to take care when travelling through the site and abide by temporary

speed limits.

Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency Director of Regional

Relationships Emma Speight says the project is one of several improvements planned for the Forgotten World Highway, funded through the regional package of the NZ Upgrade Programme.

Other funded projects includesafetyimprovements, a culvert replacement, passing opportunities, improvements to the Moki Tunnel, development of a preventative maintenance strategy and replacement of the Kahouri Stream Bridge

just east of Stratford.

A project to seal the 12km of SH43 through the Tangarakau Gorge, funded through the Provincial Growth Fund, will also get underway soon.

“A total of \$23 million will be invested in the road over the coming years, bringing numerous benefits to the region,” says Ms Speight.

“The improvements will make the road safer and more reliable for locals and visitors, increase tourism to the area and contribute to the region’s economic growth.”

## Native trees grow knowledge



Amelia Rentzios OMV plant manager and Opunake acting principal Leo Frank.

Opunake Acting Principal, Leo Frank and Amelia Rentzios, plant manager for OMV at Oaonui on-shore production station, were pleased with the healthy growth of native shrubs at Opunake Primary School. When Kathryn Stanley an

OMV CAG member passed on her donation of about \$500 to this school, the money was used to buy a wide selection of shrubs for the playground. The school pupils helped dig the shrubs into place and Leo Frank says it is a great way to show

the pupils how to appreciate our environment.

Kathryn Stanley

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# Regenerative farming - taking to the next level

Last Friday around 100 people gathered in Inglewood to learn about Regenerative Farm Management that can be applied to dairy, sheep and beef, with an emphasis on grazing management. The event was held at TET Stadium & Event Centre in Inglewood and organised by Fiona Young of ReGenerative Solutions and Taranaki Regenerative Agriculture. The big majority of those attending were farmers, with an even spread between dairy, sheep and beef farmers as well as others that included bank managers, Agri Students, business, lifestyle block owners, Government, Iwi and Academics. At least 20 people joined additionally via a Live Stream. This was the 7th event on Regenerative Farming in Taranaki held in the past 9 months.

The day was opened by Glen Katu of the Ministry of Primary Industries (MPI) and Maori Agri Business on behalf of Te Atiawa Iwi.

Glen also gave a wonderful first presentation of the day, featuring MPI's support for Regenerative Farming as highlighted in the recently released "Fit For A Better World" vision for our Primary Sector. Also shared was the announcement of a newly launched Taranaki Whenua Ora project that has received MPI funding for a three year period, to explore Regenerative Land and Farm Management in Taranaki with a Maori Kaupapa.

Hamish Bielski, a sheep and beef farmer, well versed in dairy systems as well, joined us from South Otago as our keynote speaker. With four years on this path of Regenerative Farm Management, and born and raised farming, Hamish has seen significant improvements on his farm and in his bank balance. He was invited to Taranaki and came especially for this event. We were not disappointed. Hamish offered a great presentation



Hamish and Amy Bielski.

and ability to field questions from his wealth of experience, insight and practical knowledge.

Hamish went into depth sharing about his journey, his mistakes and what's worked well.

By growing appreciation and understanding for soil health as the driver for overall farm health, resilience and profitability, he's learning how to improve farm and environmental outcomes from a shift to Regenerative Management. This approach looks to improve a broad and complimentary scope of factors. It is not some bogus buzzword, and it's not just about getting more carbon in the soil, though it can be very effective at this too. It's a practical and complimentary enhancement of what we already do as farmers in our pastoral based systems. Regenerative Agriculture, or Regenerative Farming as you'll also hear it called, is not contrary to conventional or organic farming, it's a natural evolution to both that is inclusive, adaptive and responsive to the needs of today and future generations. It also applies to the broad scope of land based food and fibre systems. It is flexible and adaptable to different

farming contexts.

The key is that to be truly regenerative it is about enhancing the overall health of one's farm by improving, yes, the environmental outcomes, as well as the economic outcomes, farmer, social and cultural wellbeing, and ensuring production quality is at its best with ongoing regeneration and nutrient cycling that supports healthier animals and plants, that are well nourished and cared for, thus leading to healthier humans too.

Hamish has effectively grown 30% more feed, reduced his annual input costs by \$80,000/yr, animal health is improving, the farm is more resilient to drought and he's inspired to help other farmers understand how they can shortcut their transition and get great results too.

Bringing in more pasture diversity and learning the art and science of high density mob grazing, along with a shift in mindset, have been some of his key changes on farm.

Joining Hamish was Local Taranaki farmer Jodi Roebuck from Omata, who's had about nine years experience with a regenerative grazing approach and is one of the leading farmers who's been pioneering this approach in Aotearoa NZ. Jodi gave a great presentation informed from his rich experience, here and abroad, that included tips for low stress stock handling. Also given highlight, was how effective use of a small piece of land can make for a very profitable market garden. This is something Roebuck Farm has achieved and was, along with his sheep farming, featured on Country Calendar in 2018.

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# Regenerative farming - taking to the next level.

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Can you imagine more market gardens around Taranaki feeding our communities? Goldbush Micro Farm near Hawera are as well putting this into action and Jodi keeps busy with teaching and consulting up and coming market and home gardeners.

Farmers were mostly from Taranaki and as well joined by farmers who drove from Waikato, Te Kuiti, Atimuri, Manawatu and Wellington for the day.

People were refreshed and surprised to hear of one local farming family who had found about the event through their bank manager. This bank manager had attended another event in this series, back in February.



Hamish Bielski speaking at Inglewood. Photo Andrea Bozzi.

Each time these events are helping people understand how this regenerative approach is not some pie in the sky aspiration, a threat, nor a put down, it can really help our farmers and communities achieve greater health, resilience and prosperity. It simply makes a lot of sense when more is understood. Here in Taranaki, we're working on ensuring that no farmer goes it alone and is well supported to apply and succeed

with best practice, that is scientifically monitored for the additional verification required by some. Though as Hamish highlighted, he as a farmer doesn't need that when the results are already clear enough. As one long time farmer shared at the end of the day, he's been farming like this for 50 years, though "this is showing us how to take it to the next level."

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## Is it time to scrap the RMA?

A new review recommends scrapping the Resource Management Act (RMA) and starting again.

It proposes replacing the RMA with two new Acts: one to focus on regulating the natural and built environments, and one to set long-term strategic goals.

The review also recommends a new law to oversee climate change adaptation and managed retreat from at-risk areas. A National Māori Advisory Board is also suggested, to advise on resource management from a mana whenua perspective.

Nicholas Kirk, Environmental Social Researcher, Manaaki Whenua - Landcare Research, comments:

"Since the Resource Management Act's introduction in 1991, it has been criticised for stifling economic growth

by being too restrictive on development, as well as for being too lenient on development resulting in negative environmental effects. Often missing from these criticisms was a constructive legislative alternative. The RMA review helps fill this gap.

"The review proposes repealing the RMA and replacing it with new legislation. The proposed Strategic Planning Act will set long-term integrated goals for resource management, and can offer a long-term vision for infrastructure and land use that is poorly delivered under current legislation. A focus on integrated resource management and strategic planning can help resolve some of the integration issues present in the RMA.

"The review also promotes partnership with iwi over resource management

decisions. This approach must respect tikanga Māori. Concepts from te ao Māori, such as kaitiakitanga, were present in the RMA but some felt these concepts were misinterpreted or diluted in practice.

"The proposal of a Climate Change and Managed Retreat Act is also encouraging. Some communities are already experiencing the impacts of coastal erosion and sea level rise, so there is no time to wait. But, introducing a separate Act for climate change adaptation risks interface problems with other legislation. Also, the scope ought to be broadened to consider the effects of climate change on primary industries, facilitating just transitions to more resilient and sustainable land uses.

"RMA case law and related institutional knowledge has developed over thirty

years. New legislation could potentially result in relitigating resource management decisions in the courts. There is a risk we repeat the lengthy period it took to develop plans, limits, and targets as occurred when the RMA was first introduced in 1991. If the RMA is repealed and replaced, effort must be made to ensure the knowledge of the past thirty years is not lost, knowledge which can help us develop a more robust, equitable, and future-focused resource management system."

## Fine for illegal river works

A fine of \$45,000 was imposed by the Environment Court on Phillip Potroz after the Taranaki Regional Council took him to court for undertaking major unlicensed river works along

260 metres of a tributary of the upper Kahouri Stream in January and February last year.

The Council's Director-Resource Management,

Fred McLay, says the case highlights the importance of checking ifr any activities in or near waterways require a resource consent before beginning work.



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# Life memberships awarded at CESRT AGM

Sunday August 2 saw a special AGM take place at the Cape Egmont Boat Club. The meeting was a chance for a number of the committee members to be recognised for their fantastic efforts they have made over the years in contributing to making the Cape Egmont Sea Rescue Trust (CESRT) a reality.

From an idea grew what we now know as a valuable resource for making our coastal maritime environment a safer place for the many people and groups that use it. Without the vision and commitment of these visionaries and 'can do' people we would not have the safety net of a professional and committed organisation looking out for the interests of the maritime fraternity.

To say that it was a difficult and sometimes arduous journey to get where the organisation is today would be something of an understatement. As many of you that are involved in volunteer organisations know, the regulations and compliance issues that abound are all things that need to be taken into account and can be frustrating to say the least.

Bearing this in mind it was timely to honour those



**Award recipients at the Cape Egmont Boat Club AGM: (pictured from left) Ken Donald (patron), Ron Thompson (CESRT advisor), Frank (Frog) Goodin (past president and skipper), Danny Lawn (the maintenance go-to man), Jan Brophy and Garry Brophy (radio watch operator).**

individuals of the CESRT who have given, and still give so much to the cause.

The following members were presented with a lifelong membership medal after the recent AGM was completed.

They are: (Ken Donald

(patron), Ron Thompson (CESRT advisor), Frank (Frog) Goodin (past president and skipper), Danny Lawn (the maintenance go-to man)

Garry Brophy (radio watch operator).

In addition to the awards, a

bouquet of flowers was also presented to Garry's wife, Jan to acknowledge her invaluable support that she gives for radio watch of the CESRT and CEBC (Cape Egmont Boat Club) during

competition days and day to day operations.

Without people like this in our community, we would not have the security of knowing that there is an organisation willing to step

up and lend a hand when the chips are down on our unforgiving ocean.

*Richard Carr: Secretary of CESRT*



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## Indoor bowls results

The Taranaki Indoor Bowls Centre played their Henselite Singles on Saturday in Stratford with eight players taking part.

Round 1: Judith Muggeridge defeated Noeleen Picard 15 - 4, Sue Bourne defeated Ella Smailes 10 - 3, Cliff Smith defeated Martin Harding 10 - 7, Karl Hughes and Trevor Bourne had a draw.

Round 2: Picard defeated Hughes 14 - 9, S. Bourne defeated Harding 11 - 6, Smailes defeated Smith 14 - 9, T.Bourne defeated Muggeridge 9 - 4.

Round 3: Smailes defeated T.Bourne 17 - 2, Hughes defeated S.Bourne 9 - 3, Harding defeated Picard 10 - 6, Smith defeated

Muggeridge 17 - 5.

Round 4: S.Bourne defeated Muggeridge 11 - 6, Smailes defeated Picard 11 - 5, T.Bourne defeated Harding 8 - 7, Hughes defeated Smith 10 - 7.

The final was contested between the two qualifiers Sue Bourne and Ella Smailes, which saw Smailes out to a 7 - 3 lead after nine ends, however Bourne picked up a three on the tenth end and Smailes a single on the eleventh gaining her a two shot advantage into the final end - but Bourne played a great end to get two shots to draw the game and a deciding end was needed with Smailes drawing three great shots. This left Bourne

with a difficult shot and she killed the end giving Smailes the win 10 - 8. She will now go on to represent Taranaki at the Zone playoff also to be held in Stratford on Sunday August 23 at the Senior Citizens Hall at 9.30am against players from Wanganui, King County and North Taranaki, the winner of which will go on to contest the New Zealand playoff in Masterton in September.

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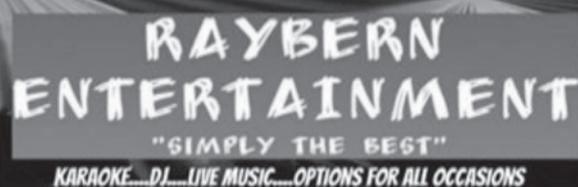


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# Neil Barnes appointed New Assistant Coach

Chiefs Forwards Coach management at the Neil Barnes has been appointed Yarrows Taranaki Bulls Assistant Coach for the 2020 season. Barnes will join the Yarrows Taranaki Bulls completion of his Investec Super Rugby Aotearoa commitments. The Taranaki dairy farmer will take the place of Craig Clarke, who is unavailable



Neil Barnes.

environment. "I'm quite excited about the opportunity to come back and work with Yarrows Taranaki Bulls. While it was an absolute treat coaching international footy with Fiji outside the Super windows, it's been non-stop rugby for three years, so coming back home to live on the farm, allows me to get a bit of balance to my life and work with a team I love. It will be a treat and I am looking forward to it," Barnes said. Yarrows Taranaki Bulls Head Coach Willie Rickards was excited to have Barnes join the coaching group. "Barnsey is a world-class coach, but more importantly, he is a great man, he will add significant value to our team and organization," Rickards said. Taranaki Rugby Football Union Chief Executive Officer Laurence Corlett said it was extremely pleasing to secure a coach of Barnes' talents ahead of the campaign. "It's fantastic that Neil

has agreed to be part of the Taranaki Rugby Football Union again. He is a proud Taranaki man, and we are fortunate to have someone of his ability involved on and off the field," Corlett said. Chiefs Rugby Club Chief Executive Officer Mike Collins was thrilled to see Barnes joining the Amber & Black setup. "It is great to have Neil return home to Taranaki to assist the Yarrows Taranaki Bulls with their 2020 campaign." "Having our coaches working with our future players, coaches and/or support staff within the Chiefs Region is a huge benefit to our Club. "On behalf of the Chiefs Rugby Club we would like to wish the Taranaki Rugby Football Union and our other provincial unions in the Chiefs region all the very best for the upcoming Mitre 10 and Farah Palmer Cups in 2020", Collins said.

due to the revised Mitre 10 Cup start dates impacting his farm operations. Tim Stuck will continue his coaching role as well as balancing his commitments as Deputy Principal at Francis Douglas Memorial College. Barnes brings a wealth of coaching experience having been involved in three Rugby World Cup campaigns with Canada

(twice) and Fiji. The New Plymouth Old Boys' product was looking forward to moving back to his home region and getting acquainted with the

## Ben May signs with the Yarrows Taranaki Bulls

Ben May has signed a one-year deal to play for the Yarrows Taranaki Bulls in the 2020 Mitre 10 Cup. The 37 year old tighthead prop is moving to Taranaki permanently to farm with his wife, Kirstie who is Opunake born and bred. May said he was excited at the opportunity to immerse himself in the Taranaki community as well as making a contribution on the field with the Yarrows Taranaki Bulls. "I'm looking forward to lacing up for the Amber & Blacks. I want to help develop a dominant forward pack like the Yarrows Taranaki Bulls of old. There is some great young talent in the side which is encouraging." Taranaki Rugby Chief Executive Officer Laurence

Corlett said he was looking forward to having May join the squad. "Ben is a very experienced campaigner who will add massive value to our team and team culture. He is moving to the province for life after rugby and it is an opportunity for him to have one last hurrah in what has been a fantastic career. Ben will help to build depth in

our Yarrows Taranaki Bulls front row with his ability to play both sides of the scrum. We are excited to have him on board," Corlett said. May has amassed over 100 Investec Super Rugby matches after debuting with the Crusaders in 2007. A product of Nelson College he has also made 15 appearances for the Maori All Blacks

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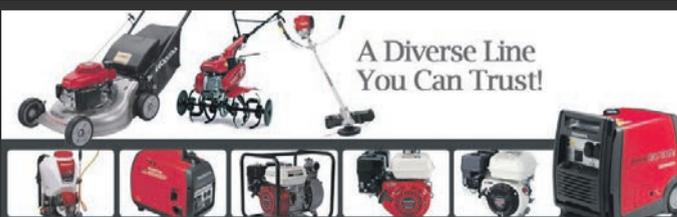


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# Enchanted April a delight



Lady Caroline Bramble (Katherine Lowe) (left) and Antony Wilding (John Butler).

A romantic comedy based on the novel by Elizabeth von Arnim (a cousin of Katherine Mansfield) and adapted as a play by Matthew Barber, Enchanted April was an entertaining night.

Held at the Little Theatre in New Plymouth and directed by Vivienne Baty, the action, set in the 1920s, focuses on two women disenchanted with their marriages and their lot who think a holiday to Italy in a medieval castle might revive some romance in their lives.

And it certainly seems to work, with passion and excitement much to the fore in unexpected ways.

The scene is set at the beginning with a long soliloquy by Lotty (played by Vicki Fairley) clearly bored with her life. She soon persuades the more reserved though, despite her prim insistence that she is "very happy", equally disenchanted Rose (Catrin Noack) to go on holiday. They ask along two other women, the socialite Lady Caroline Bramble (Katherine Lowe) and the rather straight laced Mrs Graves (Glenys Horsfall) to

share the expenses.

The two husbands clearly oblivious to their wives boredom, are roused out of their complacency when, shocked, they discover they are not invited on the holiday, though all is not as it seems with one of the marriages.

In sunny Italy in their beautiful castle where the flowers are brighter, the sea bluer and the men are well, Italian, the entranced Lotty soon has her spirits lifted. "Even the church bells sound different," she comments. Meanwhile the owner of the castle takes a shine to Rose who brightens up considerably at the interest of this charming Lothario (John Butler). Just when it's getting interesting the husbands turn up and we discover that for one of the husbands too (Frederick played by Nigel Colless) married life has lacked spice. A pity to reveal the outcome but safe to say all's well that ends well.

A gentle comedy which the audience clearly appreciated, there were many laughs as the plot winds its way to its unpredictable, though

reassuring, conclusion.

Mary Barron had a cameo role as the Italian servant Costanza, played her part brilliantly. I enjoyed too the performance of the somewhat eccentric Mrs Graves who so fitted the description of an older English woman abroad. The Italian owner conveniently switching his love interest to Lady Caroline played his part with roguish appeal as his new love – and sly grogger – sheds her previously affected boredom.

The exuberant Lotty with the holiday working its magic was a delight and a contrast to the shy Rose who regains her spirits as Italy works its magic. As for the two husbands – Mellersh Wilton (played by John Lawson) with his walrus moustache could have stepped right out of the 1920s as did the suave cheating Frederick.

A lovely escape, and a delight, thoroughly recommended.

Bernice McKellar

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Due to the country going into Level 2 performances of Enchanted April have been postponed to Wednesday August 26 to Saturday August 29 inclusive.

Those who already have tickets will be contacted.

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# Mason Brothers on the road to Opunake

Kiwi music icon Wayne Mason is hitting the road to Opunake with younger brother Paul Bowers-Mason at the end of August on the first weekend of their NZ tour celebrating 50 years of the song "Nature." It was the late 60s when Wayne wrote the song that became a No. 1 hit for the Fourmyula in 1970, and an anthem for NZ music lovers. Covered by the Muttonbirds in the 90s, it was voted NZ's best song in the "Nature's Best" poll of NZ songwriters in 2001.

The Fourmyula were the top NZ band of their day with many other Top 10 hits like "Come With Me", "I'll Sing you a Song" and "Otaki", all co-written by Wayne, but he has been in many bands since then. The

best known of these was The Warratahs where Wayne played piano and wrote more great songs including their first hit "Hands of My Heart." He left the band in 1994.

These days he plays in a number of bands across various musical genres with touring musicians like Andrew London, Rob Joass and Laura Collins. He can mix it up with easy listening pop, blues, rock and country, and plays a mean boogie woogie piano. Last year he teamed up for the first time with his brother Paul who is otherwise found in the double bass section of the Taranaki Symphony Orchestra or playing worship music at Brooklands Church. They played their first gig at the 4th Wall Theatre in New

Plymouth last year, and it went down a treat.

Paul, who organises their gigs, moved to New Plymouth recently. It's also where Wayne was born. Hence the "NZ tour" starts on home turf in Taranaki. The brothers are thirteen years apart, and the strongest childhood memory they have in common is their uncles' farm, the Hughes brothers, on the corner at Mahoe on Opunake Road in the 50s, 60s and 70s. Earlier their mum's family had farmed at Manaia where their parents were married in the 1940s. And one of their prized family photos is of

their dad on Opunake Beach in 1939 after winning the men's relay with the Lands and Survey team at the New Plymouth public servants' picnic.

The brothers play the whole range of Wayne's decades of songwriting, from the Fourmyula, to the 70s style of Rockinghorse ("Through the Southern Moonlight"), to the Warratahs, to Wayne's beautifully poignant solo music of the last twenty-five years, to some stunning solo blues and boogie piano playing from Wayne. With Wayne on vocals with guitar or piano, and Paul on string

bass and backing vocals, the effect is an ear-pleasing eclectic mix of melodic and rhythmic material, whether you want to sing along, get up and dance or just listen to some mellow sounds.

The brothers are taking in Tikorangi and Stratford too in their weekend around the mountain before they launch out to Napier, Palmerston North, Levin and Paekakariki. "We don't really know where this brotherly adventure is heading," says Paul. "It's taken on a bit of a life of its own. I have always been a huge fan of my brother and at last we get the chance to

do some music together." "It was a year or two ago that I realised the only musician who really knew all of Wayne's amazing music was me, so I guess my goal is to make people aware of just how good he is. He does the humility thing very naturally - sometimes too well. Many of the songs are really well known especially if you are over 50, but there is lots of other beautiful stuff too that is absolutely worth hearing."

Mason Brothers. Sandford Events Centre, Opunake. Friday 28 August, 7.30pm Admission: \$20 (door sales only), Under 15 free.

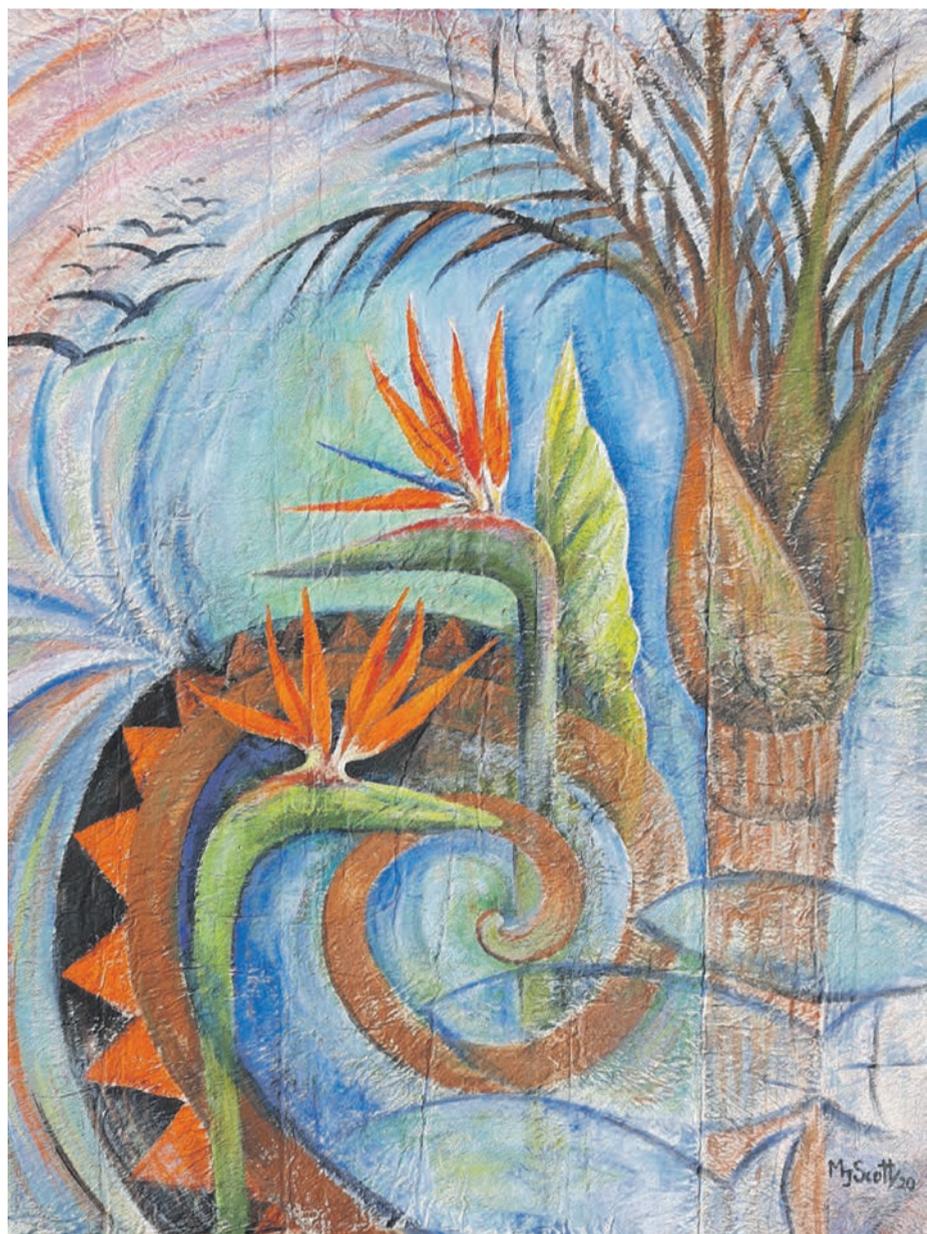
## Dreaming of holidays to special places in the world

An exhibition called Journeys that was painted in Lockdown by Artist Margaret Scott captures the dreaming and memories of places locally and in other parts of the world that she was unable to travel to during Lockdown.

The exhibition is at Gover Street Gallery in New Plymouth. Gover Street Gallery is the new community gallery that has been opened in New Plymouth by Heidi Griffin for all artists, and is a wonderful space, where Stans Used Furniture used to be.

Margaret was caught unaware before Lockdown and although she had time to go to New Plymouth to buy a few tubes of paint she was unable to order canvas boards from her supplier. A look in her storeroom confirmed she had only two canvas to work on, so she decided she would have to be creative and use what she could find in her supplies. She had flax paper from NZ, tapa cloth from Fiji, papyrus from Egypt and watercolour paper.

The variety of different surfaces led to her creating a series called Journeys. It's about dreaming of holidays to special places in the world and locally that we could not go to because we were restricted to our bubble and had to stay home.



'Journey to the Pacific' One of Artist Margaret Scott's exhibition pieces on display in Gover Street Gallery, New Plymouth. The exhibition runs every day until August 28.

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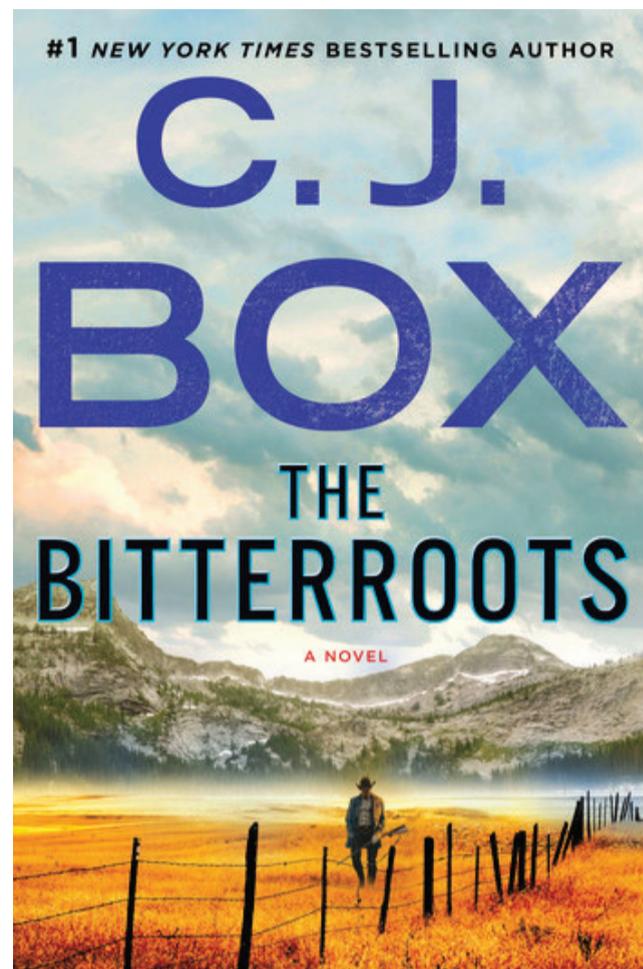
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So much hostility that his niece, sister and brother have all accused him of rape. Once Cassie Dewell, our PI starts to investigate, everything starts to spiral out of control. This is one twisted family who have had power and control over everyone and everything in the small town area near their

ranch. They are not prepared for anything to threaten that, especially an outsider like Cassie. Money and what lies under the ground are the prime motivators for everything that happens.

This was an edge of my seat read that I didn't put down until I was done. It has a really nice twist for the ending and quite a few before that. A great read.

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### CoastalCare – AGM and the last year in review

On Monday 20<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 providing professional support and guidance.

The Chairman noted that after five years of operation the Trust has completed several of its projects including.

1. The emergency generator is installed and operational, with just a roof needed to fully protect it.
2. The optometrist service, Browning and Mathews, is in place and we are negotiating with the DHB and PHO to procure a contract to include Diabetic Retinal screening to add to this service.
3. Our specialist equipment now includes a DL4 Dermalite which is used to inspect skin lesions and the Trust was able to secure funding to run skin clinics for the community –targeted to the most at risk groups, however the hope is to expand this in the future. The Ultrasound scanner machine now has a specialised trolley to keep it safe, the scanner enables a wide range of services to be delivered here in Opunake rather than a one-hour journey to the nearest service. Some of the things the Ultrasound has been used for so far include, administering injections or blood removal from difficult vein patients, checking for abdominal pain, and checking baby heartbeats for worried parents. We also have a I Stat - blood analyser for fast on-site analysis especially useful for heart issues and blood condition patients. We also purchased a range of equipment to assist the Physiotherapist in a wider range of recovery exercises. All these machines are unique to our Medical Centre and aid in making us one of the best equipped centres in Taranaki.
4. We also supported Taranaki Hearing to provide the Dangerous Decibels program to two primary schools in Opunake, remodelled the reception area to accommodate the Dental Reception and installed a wide range of local photographer Lynda Corkill's art works around the building.
5. Covid 19 meant that CoastalCare had to suspend all services other than medical and pharmacy while in Lockdown Levels 4 and 3. We were and still are one of the four designated Covid testing stations in Taranaki. A huge thank you to the TSB Community Trust again for promptly assisting us to purchase wipeable replacement chairs for our previous cloth ones so that we were able to re-open safely. Our services continue to grow and some days it is a juggling exercise to find space for the providers who want to use our building.

As usual we have chosen to present publicly our financial situation – below we show the last two years Operating income and expenses, while we show a lesser net operating loss this year, this shortfall is addressed via business sponsorship and successful grant applications as can also be seen below. We would like to thank Pacific International Hotel Management School (PIHMS) and Co, McDonald Real Estate, Hughson & Associates, Giggle TV and Thomson O'Neil for their continued sponsorship and TSB Trust, Community Organisation Grants (COGs), Coastal Plains Community Board, Midlands Health Trust, St Pauls Co-op, The Southern Trust Te Kiri Women's Institute and Lottery Grant Boards for capital purchases and operational support.

If you would like any further information about anything in this publication. You can contact Aretha Lemon our Facility Manager on 06 7618488 or [info@coastalcare.co.nz](mailto:info@coastalcare.co.nz)

Note	2020	2019
<b>Operating Revenue</b>		
Revenue from providing goods or services	165,000	149,655
Interest, dividends and other investment revenue	761	749
<b>Total Operating Revenue</b>	<b>165,761</b>	<b>150,404</b>
<b>Operating Expenses</b>		
Costs related to providing goods or services	169,785	172,595
Provision for Depreciation	72,508	67,251
Volunteer and employee related costs	-	384
Expenses related to public fundraising	87	-
<b>Total Operating Expenses</b>	<b>242,381</b>	<b>240,230</b>
<b>Net surplus/ (deficit) for the year</b>	<b>(76,620)</b>	<b>(89,826)</b>
<b>Plus Other Income</b>		
Operational Grants and Donation	29,400	18,000
Capital Grants and Donations	73,299	69,214
Sponsorship and Other Revenue	6,000	11,000
<b>Total Other Income</b>	<b>108,699</b>	<b>98,214</b>
<b>Net surplus/ (deficit) for the year</b>	<b>32,079</b>	<b>8,388</b>



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# Film review

## Military Wives



Another must see movie at Everybody's Theatre.

Screening at Everybody's Theatre on Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> and Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7 pm. Starring: Kristen Scott Thomas, Sharon Horgan, Emma Lowndes. Director: Peter Cattaneo. Writers: Rosanne Flynn, Rachel Tunnard

*Military Wives* is based on the true story of WAGS (wives and girlfriends) of the military. In fact, the real-life choir was called Military WAGS. The real-life member who sat in her lounge one autumn afternoon in 2009 entertaining the idea of forming a choir wouldn't have had a clue how huge her initiative would become. Nicky Clarke, along with her friend Caroline Jopp set the idea in motion by putting up posters at the Garrison. Like the main character in the movie Kate (Kristen Scott Thomas), Caroline was the wife of a commanding officer, off to fight in Afghanistan. Though in a post-production interview she does hint that her persona is nothing like Kate's, which is pretty cold

and detached. The challenges that some of the real-life choir members faced musically were aligned with some of the storylines in the movie, but that's as far as the script went, none of the roles were based on a real-life member. So, there are similarities to the original story, but the writers have been very fluid



"I had this idea of an army wives choir for all the women who were left behind." -Nicky Clarke

Photo: Army & You Taken from historyvshollywood.com

in their narration.

I have to mention exactly how huge this choir movement became. There are currently 75 choirs in British bases around the UK and overseas, consisting of over 2,200 members. The original choir, performed in front of the Queen (as in the movie), and has released four CDs, *In My Dreams* reaching number one on the UK charts.

*Military Wives* was filmed at Catterick Garrison in North Yorkshire, England. This is the real-life military base where Nicky and Caroline's choir started, in 2010. This choice of location provides an authentic platform to sit the fictional characters, serving up a storyline that we can immerse ourselves in with confidence, emotionally invest and believe. The women have their own unfolding tales that draw us easily into their lives on the base. We glimpse their world as the partner of a soldier, a world that is sometimes forgotten, the focus always on the hero of the hour. It's wonderful to see these strong, vulnerable women acknowledged through the medium of music. I had many a tear, and enjoyed the smooth execution and direction. Kristen Scott Thomas does a great job triggering her counterpart, a fairly unknown actress - Sharon Horgan, as Lisa. It's a feel good movie without the sugar-coated fluff. Another must see at Everybody's Theatre. Well done movie selectors.

Jane Forkert

## What's On Listings



### ONGOING

**Jonathan Young:** Need to chat with your local MP Jonathan Young? Jonathan will now hold his meetings at Coastal Care. For more information phone: 06 7591363. Or email [newplymouthmp@parliament.govt.nz](mailto:newplymouthmp@parliament.govt.nz)

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

### SUNDAYS:

**Open Mic at the RahoTu Tavern:** Every second Sunday from 1-5pm.

**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 at 7pm. \$10 to pay for the model.

### WEDNESDAYS

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

**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.

### THURSDAYS

**Coastal Young Farmers:** Meet 2nd Thursday of every month at 7pm at the Okato Bowling Club.

**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.

### AUGUST 3 TO 29

**'Toi ki Tua' Exhibition:** Lysaght Watt Gallery, Hawera.

### AUGUST 5 TO 15

**Enchanted April - A 1920's Escapist Comedy:** At the Little Theatre, New Plymouth. Refer ad for details.

### AUGUST 16

**Pihama Lavender Market Day:** At Pihama Lavender, Pihama. Refer ad.

**Car boot and small livestock sale:** RahoTu Tavern car park. 10am to 1pm, \$5 per boot or pen. Proceeds to RahoTu Hall. refer ad.

### AUGUST 18

**Labour Party candidate Glen Bennett:** Every second Tuesday 10am to 12 noon at Coastal Care, 26 Napier St, Opunake. Next meeting is on August 18.

### NOW UNTIL AUGUST 21

**'Ohawe Beach Rocks' Exhibition:** At the Village Gallery, Eltham.. Refer ad.

### OPENS AUGUST 24

**'He maonga awaha: calm after the storm' Exhibition:** At the Village Gallery, Eltham. Refer ad.

### NOW UNTIL AUGUST 28

**'Journeys' Exhibition:** At Gover St Gallery, New Plymouth.. Refer ad.

### AUGUST 28

**Mason Brothers 'Nature' NZ Tour:** At Sandfords Event Centre, Opunake.

### SEPTEMBER 7

**Opunake & District Business Association meeting:** 5.30pm at the Opunake Business Centre.

### SEPTEMBER 12

**Blindspott:** Playing live at Butler's Reef, Oakura. Refer advert.



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<p><b>THIS TOWN</b> Comedy, Festival 1hr 31mins M, Offensive language &amp; sexual references Sat 15<sup>th</sup> Aug 7pm Sun 30<sup>th</sup> 1.30pm</p>	<p><b>TROLLS WORLD TOUR</b> Animated, Family 1hr 31min G Sat 15<sup>th</sup> Aug 1pm Sat 29<sup>th</sup> Aug 1pm</p>
<p><b>MILITARY WIVES</b> Comedy, Drama 1hr 52mins M; Offensive language &amp; sexual references Sun 16<sup>th</sup> Aug 7pm Sat 22<sup>nd</sup> Aug 7pm</p>	<p><b>RED SHOES AND THE SEVEN DWARFS</b> Family, Animated  1hr 33min G Sat 22<sup>nd</sup> Aug 1pm</p>
<p><b>DAVID COPPERFIELD</b> Drama, Comedy 1hr 59mins PG Sun 23<sup>rd</sup> Aug 7pm Fri 28<sup>th</sup> Aug 7pm</p>	<p><b>GREED</b> Comedy, Drama  1hr 44min  R13: Violence, offensive language, drug use Fri 14th 7pm Sun 30th 7pm</p>
<p><b>THE SECRET: DARE TO DREAM</b> Drama 1hr 47mins PG; Language Fri 21st Aug 7pm Sat 29th Aug 7pm</p>	<p>Fathers Day Boutique Tickets on sale now Burnt Orange Hersey</p>

Please note Tenet has been replaced with The Secret Dare to Dream  
Please check our website and FB page before coming to a movie as we have had to change some movies during the month due to the distributors changing movie release dates.  
We will endeavor to keep everything up to date as much as possible. Thank you for your patience and understanding, it can be very frustrating for us all.

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**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)  
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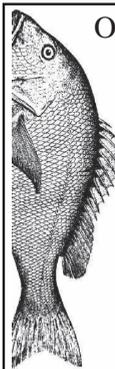
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**PUBLIC NOTICES**



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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, Wednesday 9th September.

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Rodney Mullin, Board of Trustees



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WD Crockett  
Chief Executive



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