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# Seabed mining-the view on the street

The EPA allowing TTRL to mine and export iron ore from the seabed off Patea has drawn mixed reviews on the streets of Opunake.

"I think it's disgusting," says Brian Collins. "I'm worried about the sea life getting smothered. They don't even know themselves how it's going to work out. The plume that's going to be left behind could affect the seabed and aquatic life for years. If it washes ashore it could wipe out the paua beds as well. Some of the sediment that's been in the ocean has probably been there for millions of years.

There's a lot of current out there and the current will take the sediment wherever it wants to take it."

Steve Corkill says he is "neither for nor against."

"I just want all the facts before a decision is made. I'm just concerned they've not done the science properly, and they've granted the consent without doing a trial. All they've done is have a com-

puter generated model. That's what bothers me. A computer generation is one thing, but practice is another."

Bob Clark says he would describe himself as "slightly pro" the project.

"I'm all for getting jobs in South Taranaki, which is what we need, but that has to be measured against the perceived challenges to the environment," he says. "There are lots of comments like it could be dangerous, or it would be dangerous, but no definites."

Bill Hayward says that with the election coming up he would be asking candidates about their stance on seabed mining, and any who said they supported the project would not be getting his vote.



Brian Collins, business owner.

"I don't think it will do any good for New Zealand," he says. "All the revenue will go offshore and their waste products will destroy our fishing all along the coast.

I'm very disappointed that even though 99 per cent of submissions were against, and the authority had two people against and two for, one person ended up making the decision."

Also opposed is Egmont Plains Community Board chairman Craig Dingle.

"It would be good to see it not happen," he says. "The environmental impact it could have is unknown and I don't think it will create jobs for New Zealanders."

Daphne Holley says she is "really divided."

"I don't like damage to the seabed and shellfish, but we need money in the economy."

One man who didn't want to be named said he had a question.



Bob Clark, President of the Opunake Business Association.

"I would like to know what happened the last time they did it back in the 1970s when they were taking ore at Waipipi Beach whether it has recovered or not? Has it caused any ecological issues?"



Sea shore with Mt Taranaki in the background.



Craig Dingle, Chairperson of the Egmont Plains Community Board and business owner.

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### Meat diet may mean bad sperm

A new international study in the Human Reproduction Update journal has found a 52.4 percent decline in sperm concentration and a 59.3 percent decline in total sperm count among Australian and New Zealand men. According to the Professor of Reproductive Medicine at Flinders University, the most likely cause is obesity, known to be a significant risk factor for both low testosterone

levels and sperm count. The best solution is exercising and eating healthy vegan foods rather than meat, eggs and dairy products. Researchers at Spain's University of Murcia found that "men who eat large amounts of meat and full fat dairy products have lower seminal quality" than those who eat more fruits and vegetables. And researchers at the Cleveland Clinic recommend fruits and veggies, especially tomatoes, which are loaded with sperm-friendly lycopene. Eating meat increases the amount of synthetic hormones that



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you consume, which may contribute to a reduced sperm count and a higher risk of testicular tumours. Even if you aren't planning a family, high cholesterol, obesity, diabetes, prostate cancer or inflammations, and hormonal imbalances cause the vast majority of all cases of impotence. The good news is that medical science suggests that all of these conditions can be managed or in some cases even prevented with a low-fat vegan diet. Animal-based foods are high in cholesterol and saturated fat. According to

the Victorian Government's Better Health Channel, vegans are less likely to suffer from many chronic diseases, including obesity, diabetes, coronary artery disease, and some forms of cancer. If you're concerned about any aspect of your performance—not to mention cruelty to animals and environmental destruction—please opt for tasty vegan foods.

*Desmond Bellamy  
 Special Projects  
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 PETA Australia*

## EPA approves seabed mining application

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The Environmental Protection Authority (EPA) has released its decision to allow Trans Tasman Resources Limited (TTRL) to mine iron ore sand offshore in the Taranaki Bight. The EPA had knocked back an earlier application in 2014. The decision-making committee was split 2:2, with chairman Alick Shaw making the casting vote approving the application to allow TTRL to extract 50 million tonnes from the seabed off Patea and export 5 million tonnes of iron sand every year for the next 35 years. This is the first mining application in New Zealand's Exclusive Economic Zone to be approved. Kiwis Against Seabed Mining (KASM), Greenpeace, Forest & Bird, local iwi Ngati Ruanui and Talley's Fisheries all opposed the application and submitted against it. Prof John Cockrem,

comparative endocrinologist, Massey University who gave evidence as an expert witness for KASM and Greenpeace says "The decision-making committee of the EPA has granted approval for an activity that will have adverse effects on seabirds in the South Taranaki Bight (STB). The findings on seabirds note that there is limited information about seabirds in the STB, and include statements that the sand mining is likely to have few effects on seabirds and that effects of reductions on seabirds in water clarity due to the mining would be localised and minor. "These findings are not consistent with the best available information on seabirds in the STB. Sand mining would lead to adverse effects on threatened species of seabirds, and we cannot predict the extent of these adverse effects. "It is noteworthy that the alternative view

provided by two of the four commissioners is that the conditions imposed in the consent regarding no population level effects on threatened species of seabirds are meaningless. The alternative view also notes that there is inadequate baseline information and that the uncertainty about effects of sand mining on the marine environment, including seabirds, is so great that consent should not be granted." TTRL executive chairman Alan Eggers said at a local level it is estimated the project would generate an additional \$45 million in expenditure, generating \$19 million in GDP and directly supporting around 300 jobs. At the regional level, there would be an additional \$116 million in expenditure, generating \$51 million in GDP and supporting around 700 jobs. At a national level, to generate an additional \$350 million in expenditure, generate

\$160 million in GDP and support approximately 1,660 new jobs. "The project would add to the diversification of the economic activity in the Taranaki and Whanganui region and contribute to government income through additional taxes and royalties and New Zealand export earnings of around \$400 million a year (based on current iron ore prices and our DCF modelling). He said in his submission to the EPA. "The proposed iron sand operation has a relatively small footprint with the area of extraction and disturbance being limited to an area of 300m by 900m at any one time. Based on my experience developing mining projects, and in my professional opinion, the TTR iron sand resource will provide a strong economic base for the operation, well able to weather shifts in commodity price cycles and be a profitable long term producer.

## Black and white kitten confuses its home

A week ago this tiny kitten turned up at our Okato home - the north end of Carthew Street. It is male and is very friendly and affectionate. It's real owners can't have had it for more than a week at the longest. It is perhaps eight weeks old. We've put notes in most letterboxes in Okato but to no avail. Does anyone know who owns this lovable lost kitten? If no one claims the kitten is there anybody who could



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# Vandalism an ongoing problem at school playground

Chilling acts of vandalism have rendered a playground unsafe for students of a school in Kaponga.

"It's been a recurring problem, but it's been escalating more now," St Patrick's School principal Sue Harrison says.

Vandals have taken knives to ropes and a large cargo net in the school playground. It appears the most recent acts happened during the school holidays and police have been informed.

"One of our neighbours has told us there have been kids around here at six or seven at night," Sue says. "This may not just be about vandalism in the school, it may be about community safety if there are kids out there going around unsupervised with knives."

The problem has been going on for about a year. Ropes have been cut before, and been replaced before being targeted again.

"Our funding is going towards repairing vandalism," Sue says.

"We have not stopped people using the playground before, but

we're going to have to do it. It's disappointing as the vandalism has escalated to the point that the cargo net and some ropes are now unsafe and cannot be used, until we replace them again."

With the school having a roll of 16 and not having the numbers for team sports, the playground had become particularly important.

"We have an awesome playground which our students use daily," Sue says. "We purchased expensive good quality ropes and a large cargo net to help build upper body strength for our students while they are having fun at the same time. We have always accepted people other than those who attend our school use our playground after school hours. However, sadly this is going to be stopped as far as possible due to on-going vandalism."

Sue says vandalism has long been an ongoing problem at the school.

About four or five years ago, thieves had broken into the PE shed and taken a new set of tennis racquets. Two years ago vandals broke into



St Patrick's School principal Sue Harrison shows a play rope cut by vandals.



The actions of vandals have meant it is unsafe for students to use their own school playground.

the storage shed, taken some paint and spray painted the shed doors and some of the

school walls.

The gardens around the shed and PE sheds have

since been lowered and a hedge lowered to make this area more visible to

neighbours or anyone passing by.

## Vehicle hits stock on the road

A vehicle hit three cows just north of Rahotu in the early hours of Friday morning, August 11.

The callout was at 6:30am and was attended by the Rahotu Fire Service.

The three cows were killed. The driver of the utility vehicle was not injured.

"It's just one of those unfortunate things," commented Paul Mundt, Chief Fire Officer of the Rahotu Fire Service.

"It was lucky he was in a ute. If it was a car, it could have been a fatality," he said adding that because a ute is so high "it saved him". It was a brand new ute apparently

with a nudge bar in the front and the air bags weren't activated by the impact.

It is the first time Paul said he had attended an accident involving stock on the road but he did have experience himself of hitting cows on the road, twice, when driving a motorcycle. On one of the occasions he ended up in hospital for three weeks. Coincidentally one of his accidents happened when he

hit a cow at the same place where the accident occurred on Friday.

A couple of years ago returning from New Plymouth at around midnight Bernice McKellar noted there were several cows out on the road in the same straight just north of the 50kph sign.

After failing to find anyone at home at a nearby house she attempted to herd the

cows into a nearby paddock but failed and eventually alerted the Opunake police to the situation who dealt with it.

Some years ago a young man travelling to work at Yarrows hit a cow in the early hours of the morning several kilometres south of Opunake and was killed.

Paul said people need to be alert to stock on country roads generally.

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COUNCILLOR'S COMMENT

# How should we be represented?

Tena koutou katoa. By now it's wide public knowledge that our Council's chief executive officer Craig Stevenson has secured a new position and from November will be leading the staff at New

Plymouth District Council. I've had the pleasure and privilege of working alongside Craig for the past seven years in my role as an elected member and know he will add tremendous value to the NPDC. He will

be sorely missed here at STDC, but he goes with the full support and best wishes of our Council.

The process of looking for a new CEO has already begun and we anticipate that it may take some months, so in the meantime an acting CEO will be announced on 1 September to lead the organisation after Craig finishes and until his replacement takes the reins, hopefully early next year.

In the meantime one of the major pieces of work in front of Council at the moment is the six-yearly representation review of its governance structure. Decisions made now will determine who you will be voting for in the 2019 local body elections and how you'll do it.

There are numerous things to think about and important decisions to be made, like looking at our current wards and their boundaries, considering how many councillors we need across the district, whether or not to establish Maori wards and what voting system will be used.

Just this week Council resolved to keep the first-past-the-post voting system,



CR. BONITA BINGHAM

where the candidate/s with the most votes get the position/s available. At this point in time we believe it's the fairest, clearest and easiest to administrate - meaning it's also the most economical system to pay for. Always good news for us ratepayers.

At present we have five wards including ours here in Egmont Plains (which stretches from Warea to Inaha along the coast and inland towards the mountain). There's also Eltham (including Kaponga), Hawera (essentially the township), Tangahoe (which literally wraps around Hawera) and Patea (including Waverley and Waitotara).

These wards have effectively been in place since the amalgamation of all the smaller councils into South Taranaki District Council in 1988 and basically reflect those old boundaries. So it's prime time, nearly 30 years later, to really be considering how effective and reflective these geographical groupings are in the present day and age.

Based purely on population, at present only two of the five wards meet the current thresholds as determined by the Local Electoral Act 2001, so we'll be looking

closely at how best to ensure all our communities get the level of representation you deserve.

Another important question is about the number of elected members we have. Currently 12 councillors and the mayor, is this too many for a small district like ours? Could fewer councillors be just as effective?

One of the potential benefits of having fewer councillors would mean a larger salary for each councillor, which could enable more people to afford to seriously consider standing for Council. At present the relatively low councillor salaries essentially restrict candidates to financially-able people like business owners, the self employed, retired people or in rare cases very lucky employees with understanding bosses who allow them to make up the time spent in meetings some other way.

Opening up the pool of candidates can only be a good thing, increasing the diversity of voices at the decision-making table and better reflecting all our people across the district. I'm the youngest councillor at 46 years of age, the only Maori woman and just one of three women sitting at the table. We need more... of everyone.

Maori representation has already been an ongoing discussion between Council and representatives of the four iwi in our rohe - Taranaki, Ngaruahine, Ngati Ruanui and Nga Rauaru - for a number of months. None of us want to see the division and vitriol happen here as experienced in the New Plymouth district in recent times, but thankfully

creating Maori wards is not the only way to incorporate tangata whenua voices within Councils.

In fact, there are now many really effective examples around the country where Maori representation, in its many and varied forms, is working well and adding immense value to the councils and communities concerned. The world hasn't ended, the sky hasn't fallen in and nor will it here in South Taranaki when we better incorporate those voices into our decision-making processes.

Speaking of voices, don't forget to call Council if you see a streetlight out, have a broken or dangerous footpath, notice a roaming dog, a rubbish bin is overflowing or for any other Council-related issue. I often have people ask why such-and-such hasn't been fixed, but if Council doesn't know about a problem, it will stay that way. As awesome as the staff are, they aren't psychic, so pick up the phone anytime. There's an after-hours response service so you don't have to wait for office hours to report a problem.

Stay warm, dry and safe out there everyone, enjoy the first flowers and flush of spring. Nga mihi nui.

Cr Bonita Bingham

## Stevenson moving on

After 13 years as Chief Executive of the South Taranaki District Council, Craig Stevenson is leaving to take up the same position with the neighbouring New Plymouth District Council.

"It will be sad to see Craig go, but it's a real credit to him and his achievements that he has been able secure the chief executive position at the NPDC," says South Taranaki District mayor Ross Dunlop.

"Craig is a highly effective and respected local government chief executive and he leaves the STDC in excellent heart. The Council will conduct a rigorous recruitment process to make sure we get the right person for our district."

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# Opunake music group entertains

It was certainly a wonderful afternoon and the largest number of people we have had at our Friendship for quite a while.

The Opunake Music Workshop entertained us well. What a performance, one of a very pleasant nature for music lovers. A wonderful variety of instruments, great singing and vocals – one with ukulele accompanying.

Maree Christensen from New Plymouth sang three songs accompanying herself with ukulele and also gave us a number on her harmonica.

Bernice McKellar – what a great talent she turned out to be. On keyboard she played three of her own compositions; ‘Tranquility’ a beautiful, calming piece. If you closed your eyes you could hear the waves rippling on the shore in the music itself. The other two were lovely: ‘Dreaming’ and ‘Desiree’. Bernice completed a degree at the New Zealand School of Music and, although I know she was nervous, it was an awesome performance.

Maree Wheeler’s vocals were excellent. Her songs were familiar – ‘Lightning Express’, ‘Roses Will Bloom

Again’ and ‘Ghost Riders in the Sky’. Maree has a few awards under her belt and the audience would agree the awards were well earned.

Maree’s daughter Shamika Hoeta has been making a name for herself in Country Music also winning awards in the Junior Category. She gave a beautiful rendition of ‘Play Me the Waltz of the Angels’, ‘Delta Dawn’ and ‘One Day at a Time’.

Anne Montgomery who has a wonderful Celtic lilt to her voice sang ‘Never ending Love’, ‘The Gypsy Rover’ and ‘Annie’s Song’.

Ashley Pedersen on keyboard sang ‘Brotherhood of Man’, ‘If I Were a Carpenter’ and ‘Imagine’.

Ashley and Anne accompanied all of the artists during their performance. Janet Pedersen was doing the technical videoing from the back of the Hall.

The final number had the audience singing along to ‘Rockin’ Robin, a great finale. Most of the people in the audience knew very little about the Opunake Music Workshop.

Their performance this afternoon was a wonderful



ABOVE: From Left Ashley Pedersen, Anne Montgomery and Maree Christiansen performing at the Opunake Friendship Club in the Opunake Town Hall.

way to enlighten everybody as to their technical skills, talent and professionalism. Thank you all for giving us a memorable afternoon.

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Shamika Hoeta (left) and Bernice McKellar performing at the Opunake Friendship Club.

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# Some challenges for rural fire-fighting

Rural property owners face a higher risk from fire than their urban counterparts. The consequences are greater because fires are detected later and the emergency response takes longer. You need to have a higher awareness and take extra precautions in rural areas.

I have just been looking at a fire service leaflet which says, "If we can't get to you, we can't help you." In an

emergency it is critical our fire appliances and crews can get to you as soon as possible. The brochure goes on to say "Remember the 4 x 4 rule" That means access to drive-ways and water supplies must have a width and height of at least 4 metres. Please check your entrances and give them a trim if need be.

Good planning, good maintenance and good housekeeping are the keys to protect-

ing your farm buildings and farm machinery. You should store petrol, diesel fuels and chemicals in clearly labelled, approved containers, and in single-purpose locations away from other farm buildings.

Keep areas clean of rubbish, oily rags, firewood and other fuel sources. Fit suitable fire extinguishers in farm buildings and on machinery.

Check all machinery is free

of mechanical defects that could start a fire, and has an approved exhaust system and spark arrester. Clean all machinery regularly to ensure belly pans and spaces around motors are free of oil, dust, grease, grass and straw. Get rid of starlings' nests from around motors and other high risk areas.

Keep paddocks around farm buildings and yards well grazed to reduce the fire haz-

ard. Bale and stack hay when it's dry to prevent spontaneous combustion.

If these simple procedures and tips are followed, you will be safe guarding your property as good as you can and we won't have to visit.

The only call we have had over the past two weeks was to a motor vehicle versus a few cows on the Opourapa Road, just north of Rahotu. The call came in around 6:30

on the morning of Friday 11<sup>th</sup>.

The Rahotu brigade were also despatched and when they reached the scene, realised there was nothing for us to do so they turned our appliance around. It is my understanding that three of the animals were killed and possibly a fourth one put down because it had a broken leg.

*The Bull Bar.*

# Helping others move up the bannister

Matthew Bannister came to study through his love of music. He played in various Kiwi bands in the 80s and 90s, including Sneaky Feelings, Dribbling Darts of Love and a stint with The Muttonbirds, but soon found it wasn't paying the bills.

Now a senior academic staff member in Wintec's School of Media Arts, Matthew has been teaching music and researching at Wintec for the past 12 years.

"I'm inspired by the students I work with and it's a

pleasure to share my experience with them. In return, they help keep my ideas fresh and we get the opportunity to play music together," he says. "Wintec is ideal for me because I can write papers, play music, teach and research." Wintec's Media Arts music students study songwriting, composition, music production and performance. They also take part in industry-based projects to give them practical experience. Matthew teaches theory and postgraduate studies.

Matthew's currently writing a book on Taika Waititi, for Wayne State University Press of Detroit Michigan. His ongoing study of Taika Waititi, is driven by Matthew's belief that, "Taika is showing the way forward for New Zealand artists and cultural producers. He's a great role model for aspiring creatives." The book will be completed by 2019. Sneaky Feelings is alive and well and Matthew's releasing a new album, *Progress Junction* with his old band

in September 2017. Sneaky Feelings will play their first gig in 22 years in Hamilton on Wednesday August 30. The audience can expect to hear songs from the new album *Progress Junction*, "plus oldies but goldies". In 1998, Matthew enrolled at University of Auckland and did a PhD on masculinity in New Zealand rock. He was fascinated by New Zealand attitudes to gender, having migrated here from Scotland as a teenager. The PhD led to a couple of

books, *Positively George Street* (Reed, 1999), about his band days, during which he recorded for New Zealand indie label, Flying Nun, and later *White Boys White Noise* (Ashgate, 2006), on masculinity in 1980s alternative guitar rock.

He released a solo album, *Moth*, in 2007 as One Man Bannister. In 2008 he released an album with The Weather called *Aroha Ave*, and in 2011 a self-titled album with The Changing Same. A Beatles fanatic, Matthew

earned the respect of Beatles aficionados worldwide following the release of his innovative and highly acclaimed album *Evolver*, his personal tribute to the Beatles hit LP *Revolver*.

Peaking at No.16 on the national album charts, *One Man Bannister's Evolver* became his most successful post-Sneaky Feelings endeavour, both critically and commercially.

# No nutritional benefits of milk in light-proof bottles

Despite claims light-proof containers protect the vitamins in milk, Consumer NZ testing reveals there's little difference in nutrient content between major milk brands. Fonterra-owned Anchor launched light-proof bottles four years ago, in response to research showing "light can cause damage

to vitamin B2 and A", the company said on its website. Anchor stated: "This isn't good. Why? Well, because vitamin A is important in aiding healthy eyesight and immune system, whereas vitamin B2 helps your body turn food into fuel helping you feel less tired and run down." However, Consumer NZ

testing of five trim milk brands – Anchor, Home Brand, Meadow Fresh, Pams and Signature Range shows miniscule differences in vitamin A and B2 content. Meadow Fresh sells its milk in "semi-opaque" bottles, the other three brands have transparent containers. Consumer NZ chief

executive Sue Chetwin says the tiny differences between the brands had no significant impact on the overall vitamin intake of a person eating a balanced diet. "When we asked Fonterra for evidence of the nutritional superiority of milk stored in a light-proof bottle, it agreed there wasn't any. We think consumers reading

the company's claims about vitamin content might be misled into thinking Anchor milk in light-proof bottles has a dietary advantage over its competitors." Fonterra has now changed the description on the Anchor website to refer to the taste difference of milk in light-proof bottles instead of a nutritional benefit.

"There's little excuse for a company the size of Fonterra to be using claims that are unclear or may potentially mislead consumers," Ms Chetwin says. Consumer NZ tested varieties of trim milk as experiments referred to on Anchor's website concluded lower-fat milk was the most susceptible to vitamin A degradation.



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## On this month in history Australian Rules football is born

On August 7, 1858 a new game Australian Rules football (Aussie Rules) was born when Scotch College played Church of England Grammar in Melbourne, Australia. The occasion is commemorated with a plaque.

The game is played by two teams of 18 players each. Many people think is the greatest spectator sport because players can move

the ball by throws or kicks, forwards, backwards or sideways – at great pace.

A goal is worth six points when the ball goes through the central uprights (There are four, with the central two higher than the outer two). However, just a point is scored is the ball goes through the outer two posts but outside the inside (and taller) two.

The game is similar to Celtic

football and a game was held between Ireland and Victoria in the 1960s, with the latter winning.

These days Victoria is the centre of the game and teams such as Essendon, Carlton, Footscray, Geelong, Collingwood and Fitzroy fight it out for the premiership. The grand final is watched by over 100,000 excited fans at the Melbourne Cricket Ground (MCG).



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# New VHF radio transmitter for Cape Egmont Boat Sea Rescue Trust and a new president

A grant of \$38,500 from the TSB Community Trust has enabled the Cape Egmont Boat Sea Rescue Trust to buy a new VHF radio transmitter.

It replaces their old radio transmitter which was "past its use by date" says Phillip Barrett, the new president of the Cape Egmont Sea Rescue Trust. He replaces Frank Goodin who has been at the helm for the last 8 years.

The new transmitter has a lot better coverage and a clearer signal, agree Phillip and Frank adding they have also shifted it to a new location in Upper Kahui Road.

"It's a hell of a lot clearer than the old one," says Frank.

A VHF radio repeater allows boaties to communicate with each other and is important when boaties get into difficulties.

The Cape Egmont Sea Rescue Trust was formed in 2009 under the umbrella of the Cape Egmont Boat Club. They were involved in a sea rescue when a boat broke down at sea around a mile off

Pihama. The Cape Egmont Sea Rescue received a New Zealand Award for their efforts.

Explains Frank, a couple of guys went off fishing. They had no life jackets, no wet-suits, no radio and a storm broke out.

One swam ashore. In a combined rescue with the South Taranaki Coast Guard, they managed to rescue the second man in the stricken boat.

While it's not compulsory to wear life jackets in calm conditions it is the skipper's responsibility to ensure the safety of those on board when crossing a bar or in rough conditions, says Phillip - adding that they are keen generally to promote boat safety.

Crossing a bar can be particularly hazardous.

"It can be dead calm and all of a sudden change with waves and surf coming in," says Frank.

"Water Safety recommends wearing a life jacket at all times in boats under 6 metres in length," says Phillip.



Phillip Barrett (left) and Frank Goodin from the Cape Egmont Boat Sea Rescue Trust are delighted with the new VHF radio transmitter.

All boats have to have a VHF radio which is included in a Boat Safety Check, says Phillip. They also learn about boat handling, safety, navigation, first aid. The channel has also changed from the old one to channel 62 for anyone landing from Opunake and Cape Egmont.

The repeater communication is for the safety of boaties. The men said they have yet to test the range, but estimate it will be around 45 nautical miles.

The men recommend that people log into Channel 62 before they go out. "They need to give their vessel name, POB - people on board, and where they're going and ETR - estimated time of return. Police also have access to this data. When they return they need to log back in and say they've returned safely.

If anyone's interested in joining the Cape Egmont Sea Rescue Trust they can contact Phillip on 027 448 4363.

## Councils urged to stop using funding from pokies

### On this month in history

#### Messner climbs Everest solo

The Problem Gambling Foundation is calling on all territorial local authorities to follow the lead of Hamilton City Council which voted 8-3 to stop using money from pokies to fund projects.

Paula Snowden, Problem Gambling Foundation Chief Executive, says the Council's move showed real leadership and integrity and it was hoped other councils around the country will do likewise.

"Mayor Andrew King's comments about pokies causing the most harm are spot

on. We know that pokie machines in the clubs and pubs are most often in the poorest communities and cause the greatest gambling harm to individuals, families and communities," she says.

"Councils have the authority to determine numbers of machines in their region and given the money these machines generate there is an inherent conflict of interest if councils benefit from grants derived from those same

machines."

"There is too much reliance on money from pokies in our communities. We acknowledge the worthwhile causes that use pokie funding but it is money coming from the pockets of those that can least afford it."

Pokies are more likely to be found in the more deprived areas of New Zealand. In wealthy areas, there is one pokie machine for every 465 people and in more deprived

areas there is one pokie for every 75 people.

"It poses an ethical dilemma for many organisations that receive pokie funding when our families and communities are being harmed, particularly when it is our struggling communities," Paula Snowden says.

"It is so encouraging to see a council take a strong stance on this."

On August 20, 1980 Reinhard Messner made the first successful solo ascent of Mount Everest. He was also the first person to climb Everest without the aid of bottled oxygen in 1978 (with Peter Habeler). Many people consider him the greatest mountaineer of all time.

He was the first person to climb all peaks over 8000 metres (26,000 feet).

He was born in 1944 in South Tyrol, Italy, but has German ancestry.

He was a Member of Parliament in the European Parliament (Greens Party). He has published over 80 books.

He has had his share of misfortune. On an early climb his brother Gunther died on the descent of a mountain. He has also lost seven toes to frostbite.

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# How our economic plan is helping New Zealanders get ahead

New Zealand's economy grew three per cent in the year to March, making us one of the top performing OECD countries. Strong growth is expected to continue over the next few years.

The average annual wage is now almost \$59,000 and expected to reach \$64,300 by 2021 – up more than \$17,000 since we came into office.

Employment is growing – more than 180,000 new jobs have been created in the last two years, with another 215,000 people forecast to be in work by mid-2021. Unemployment has fallen to 4.8 per cent – the lowest rate since the global financial crisis in 2008. And for the first



JONATHAN YOUNG MP FOR  
NEW PLYMOUTH

time, over 2.5 million people are now employed in New Zealand.

Inflation remains low – gains are going into people's wallets rather than cost increases, and it indicates scope for further sustainable growth.

The economy is diversify-

ing – tourism is now bigger than the dairy industry and we are seeing strong growth in ICT services, construction, the wine industry, international education and high-tech manufacturing.

Interest rates in New Zealand are low – great for people with a mortgage or businesses wanting to invest.

We're one of the first developed countries to get back to surplus after the Global financial Crisis with a \$1.8 billion surplus posted last year. A \$2.9 billion surplus is forecast for 2017/18 – rising to \$7.2 billion in 2020/21.

We're building resilience – We're on track to reduce

government debt to around 20 per cent of GDP by 2020/21. Our next target is reduce debt to between 10 to 15 per cent by 2025 as part of our policy to protect New Zealand from future shocks.

We are rated first in the world for prosperity and ease of doing business, first equal for anti-corruption and second for quality of government. And we want to make that first.

More houses are being built. In the last five years annual building consents have more than doubled nationally.

Jonathan Young MP

## Housing the growing need



CORIE HADDOCK

### Housing, the growing need

For many New Zealanders their house is their castle. It is the foundation that maintains them and their families, it connects them to community and gives them a safe place to go home to at night. However, access to housing has become a real challenge for a growing number of kiwis as the housing crisis starts to impact on the regions. To buy a house locally will cost you 10 per cent more than it did a year ago and that is if you are in the financial position to afford to buy a home. Currently homeownership is at a 60-year low, and affordable homes for first time buyers are becoming more and more difficult to find. One in five kiwi households are spending over 50 per cent of their

income on rent or mortgages. Others continue to live in cold, damp unhealthy rentals while their children get sick - 40,000 Kiwi kids are admitted to hospital each year due to poor quality housing. Unhealthy homes are making our children sick and keeping them out of school. The housing crisis is a com-

plex problem with no easy solution. That's why Labour has a comprehensive housing policy that addresses everything from providing homes and support to first home buyers to ensuring there is a national strategy in place to end homelessness. We need to make all Kiwi homes castles again, and cre-

ate a home environment that enables our children to remain healthy and warm, while ensuring the cost of housing remains affordable for all.

Corie Haddock

Labour candidate

New Plymouth.

## Extra tax wrecking ball

National's New Plymouth MP and candidate Jonathan Young has slammed Labour's water policy as a wrecking ball swinging through regional New Zealand.

"Farmers need certainty, not some vague promise that they won't be made bankrupt," Mr Young says.

"If Labour truly want them to prosper, then don't charge them for water which they have never had to pay for in the past, especially in a region like Taranaki where we often worry about having too much water. The rural sector which includes sheep and beef, dairying, horticulturists and wine producers underpin the New Zealand economy. This policy has potential to hobble

New Zealand just when we're doing so well.

"It's pretty difficult for an Auckland central MP to understand the hardship that rural and regional New Zealand has faced these last few years as the global dairy price has gone through such tumultuous swings.

"The effects are not just felt at the farm gate, but through every part of a regional economy when their spending dries up.

The true cost of this tax would be borne by hard-working New Zealand families who would eventually pay more for their weekly shop including things like milk, fruit and vegetables. More taxes will increase

living costs, slow down our Taranaki economy and stop job growth.

"No matter what the leader of the opposition promises, all we see is more taxes against farmers who are only now just emerging out of difficult financial times, where most struggled to make a profit. All this means under a Labour led government, is less spending in our region less employment and more stress for our already pressured agricultural sector.

"All this means is that under a Labour-led government, we'd see weaker economies in our region, less employment and more worry for our agricultural sector."

## No address for 60,000 voters

60,000 voters could miss out on voting in the September General Election after their enrolment update packs were returned marked "gone no address".

Enrolment update packs were sent to 3.15 million enrolled voters at the end of June to check their details were correctly listed on the electoral roll for the September General Election. Voters whose packs are returned to sender are taken off the electoral roll.

"Those voters need to get back on the roll now so their vote will count this election," says Chief Electoral Officer, Alicia Wright. "If you've moved house, you will need to update your enrolment details online, or fill in a new enrolment form and return it to us."

People can enrol, check and update their details at [www.elections.org.nz](http://www.elections.org.nz), pick up an enrolment form at a PostShop, or request a form by calling 0800 36 76 56 or

texting their name and address to 3676.

"You can enrol right up until midnight on Friday 22 September but not on election day itself, which is Saturday 23 September. However, the earlier you're enrolled and ready to vote, the better," says Ms Wright.

Voting starts in New Zealand on Monday 11 September when advance voting places open and goes through until election day on 23 September.

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# MANA policy rollout features their website



**Hone Harawira**

“We’re rolling out our policies on our website (mana.org.nz) starting with the Constitution of Aotearoa,” said MANA Leader Hone Harawira. “It’ll scare some folks, but it’ll also make a lot of people feel glad that somebody is finally speaking their language.”

“Our policies ain’t that flash, and there’s not a lot

of big words, but we’re proud of them. They speak from the heart, they’re straightforward, they’re honest, they put people before profits and they’ve been written for the people who matter most to MANA – *te pani me te rawakore* – and we want to make sure they can understand them along with everyone else.”

“We know they’ll appeal to a growing number of people in our society who are feeling marginalised, left out, shut out of the bright future that you see on TV.”

“We want a constitution based on He Whakaputanga me Te Tiriti o Waitangi, we want the rights of our children to be the nation’s

first priority, and we want the health and wellbeing of the people and the lands, forests, fisheries, waterways and seas of Aotearoa to be a priority over economic development.”

“We want the Ngapuhi treaty settlement built around the statement from the Waitangi Tribunal that ‘Ngapuhi did not cede sovereignty’. We don’t want the 3% settlement that government forced everyone else to take, or a ‘full and final’ settlement when our tupuna said the Treaty is forever, and we sure don’t want government telling us who should speak for us.”

“We want everyone to have decent warm homes, clean

drinking water, free health care, free education and a universal basic income.”

“We want government to take back all the state assets they sold to private enterprise, to take back control of the monetary system from the banks, and we want to tax the rich pricks who have been ripping us all off for far too long and put their money back into the kitty, because there’s a lot of work to be done and them and the banks can pay for it.”

“We want more kohanga, more kura and more teachers and resources right across the education sector, we want to keep schools like Te Kapehu Whetu because Māori have the right to determine their

own pathways to educational success – and we want education to be free.”

“We want immediate steps to eliminate child poverty, starting with a Feed the Kids campaign in every school in the country, and free health for everyone.”

“We want an immediate commitment to housing the homeless, not with ‘affordable’ houses that no-one can afford, but houses built by the state to house those in need. Stop foreigners buying existing homes here and force the speculators to sell all the houses they don’t need, and you’ll put 20,000 homes on the market tomorrow for first home buyers.”

“We want community employment projects to get low income whanau back in the game of rebuilding their own future, and a commitment from government to keep those jobs going until the private sector picks up the slack.”

“And we want tax breaks for the little man, for the small businesses doing their best to keep families working while government sits back and let the big boys rip us off.”

“We don’t have lollies for anyone but we got the meanest policies ...”

Contact Hone Harawira on 021 865 372 for further information.

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## More people connected to faster fibre

More New Plymouth locals now have access to faster and more reliable internet, says local MP, Jonathan Young.

Deployment of the first phase of the Ultra-Fast Broadband programme in New Plymouth is 100 per cent complete with approximately 26,659 households and businesses able to connect.

“The latest quarterly report shows uptake in New Plymouth is at 40 per cent with 10,525 connections, up 36.4 per cent, or 9,679 connections, from the previous quarter. This is also above the national average of 34.8 per cent,” says Mr Young.

“The Government alone has

invested over \$23 million in the UFB build in New Plymouth so it’s fantastic to see more people experiencing the benefits of fibre.”

In January the Government announced an investment of \$300 million to extend UFB to another 423,000 New Zealanders across a further 151 towns.

“In total, the Government is investing around \$32 million to deliver UFB in the Taranaki region.

“While New Plymouth already has access to UFB, fibre deployment is planned for Waitara and Opunake.

“UFB provides speeds of close to 1,000 Megabits per

second, allowing households and businesses to have near-instant access to information, entertainment and online tools that allow them to do more.

“It’s great that the benefits of this will now be extended to more Taranaki towns,” says Mr Young.

The Government is investing approximately \$2 billion in UFB and RBI programmes which will allow 85 per cent of New Zealanders to access UFB by the end of 2024, and provide vastly improved broadband in New Zealand’s rural communities.

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# St Barnabas Church full for Evensong

The Taranaki Cathedral Church of St. Mary brought Evensong to St Barnabas at 4 pm on Sunday July 30. The service was led by The Very Reverend Peter Beck; Dean of the Cathedral. The occasion was enhanced by the Cathedral Choir led by the Choirmaster Christopher Luke. Nancy Coombe read from the Old Testament and Rev. Ian Sargent read from the New Testament. Hymns were "By all your saints still striving" "Stephen, first of



Evensong was a popular drawcard at St Barnabas.

Christian martyrs" and the closing hymn was "The Day thou gavest, Lord is ended" We then make our way into the community, and as we

do so reflect on this part of The Choristers' Prayer: That what we sing with our lips we may believe in our hearts and what we believe in our

hearts we may show forth in our lives.

Maureen Martins  
Administrator

## A new top for a popular table

Regular users of a popular table and seats overlooking Opunake Beach may have noticed a change in the last month. The macrocarpa slab which formed the table top has been taken down and replaced with tantalised pine.

The table and seats had been placed there in 2004

Beach says he had had some surplus slabs left over from when he had "spun the house around." He decided that having a table and seats overlooking the beach where people could stop, eat their lunch and admire the view would be a good idea.

The macrocarpa seats had weathered the years well but

certainly gets used a lot," he said. "Most of the surfies come along and study the surf from here."

With the cliff top garden nearby it has also become an integral part of the Opunake Walkway.

In the short time talking to Ron, two or three cars had made the trip to look out



Ron Brewer inspects his handiwork.

by Ron Brewer who lives nearby in Dieffenbach Street. The former Egmont Plains Community Board member known for his long time interest in Opunake

the table top was rotting and needed replacing, he said. So last month he put on a new one.

"It's quite popular and

towards the Tasman Sea.

With the Garden Festival season coming up, Ron's new table top looks set to attract even more use.

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It was a truly enchanted evening for our school ball. Every single person who attended demonstrated outstanding behaviour and represented themselves, their partners & our DREAM values - if you know someone who attended you should be proud.....and did we mention they all looked AMAZING!!! This may just be our most beautiful & handsome students ever! Congratulations also to our King & Queen, Prince & Princess, Cutest Couple.  
Dylan Moore and Jessica Roach left cutest couple.

## OPUNAKE 1ST XV TARANAKI SECONDARY SCHOOLS PREMIER A RUGBY TITLE



The 1stXV has gone through the competition round unbeaten and qualified top. They had an outstanding year playing some quality rugby. A huge defensive effort led to a resounding 20-5 win. Opunake High School 20 (L Berquist, B Shelford, M Nuku tries; Berquist pen, con) Hawera High School 5 (I Hippolite try) They thoroughly deserved their win playing with a huge amount of pride. A huge thank you must go out to Michael Jones and Mark Davis for their time and commitment in coaching the team and Simon Reid as Manager. Also to Coastal Rugby, Eltham Vet Services and the Opunake Dairy for their continued support.

Team standing left: Jakob Whakatutu, Sione Tuitupou, Morpheus Nuku, Benjamin Shelford, Zeno Hess, Taine Morgan, Shaan Wineera, Tane Jones, Rihari Ratahi, Tanek Tapiki, Jack Hooper, Brody Symes, Harley Loveridge-Seymour, Kade Sinclair, Jono Butler, Kenan Sionetama, Luke Berquist, Raniera Tuuta,

Mr Reid (Manager) absent Michael Jones and Mark Davis coaches.

Front: Joshua Young, Ben Ederveen, Jordan Clement, DJ Kahukaka, Daniel Woodfield, Herne Minhinnick



### Un15 winners of the B Grade Final

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Front: Lucas Feek, Corbyn Sutcliffe, Luke Hohaia, Toni Tuitupou, Chaeden Ngaia, Tawhia Tito, Matt Clark, absent: Bailey Voice



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- 1 Sept Te Kahui Whetu
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# Poi E wins Bert Roth Award

Poi E: The Story of our Song, the documentary about one of New Zealand's favourite songs and the people and communities

that created it, won the Bert Roth Award in Wellington on Thursday July 20.

The award, named for the late historian, is presented

annually by the Labour History Project to the work that best depicts the history of work and resistance in New Zealand.

"Poi E is beautiful, brilliant, joyful movie that tells the story of Davinius Prime and Patea Māori Club's song 'Poi E' – the first pop hit in Te Reo," said Grace Millar, one of the judges and the outgoing chair of the Labour History Project.

"The closure of the Patea Freezing Works, and the impact that had on the

predominantly Māori community, is woven into the history of the song. "We see in the movie how art can have a larger social context, as work and as a form of resistance.

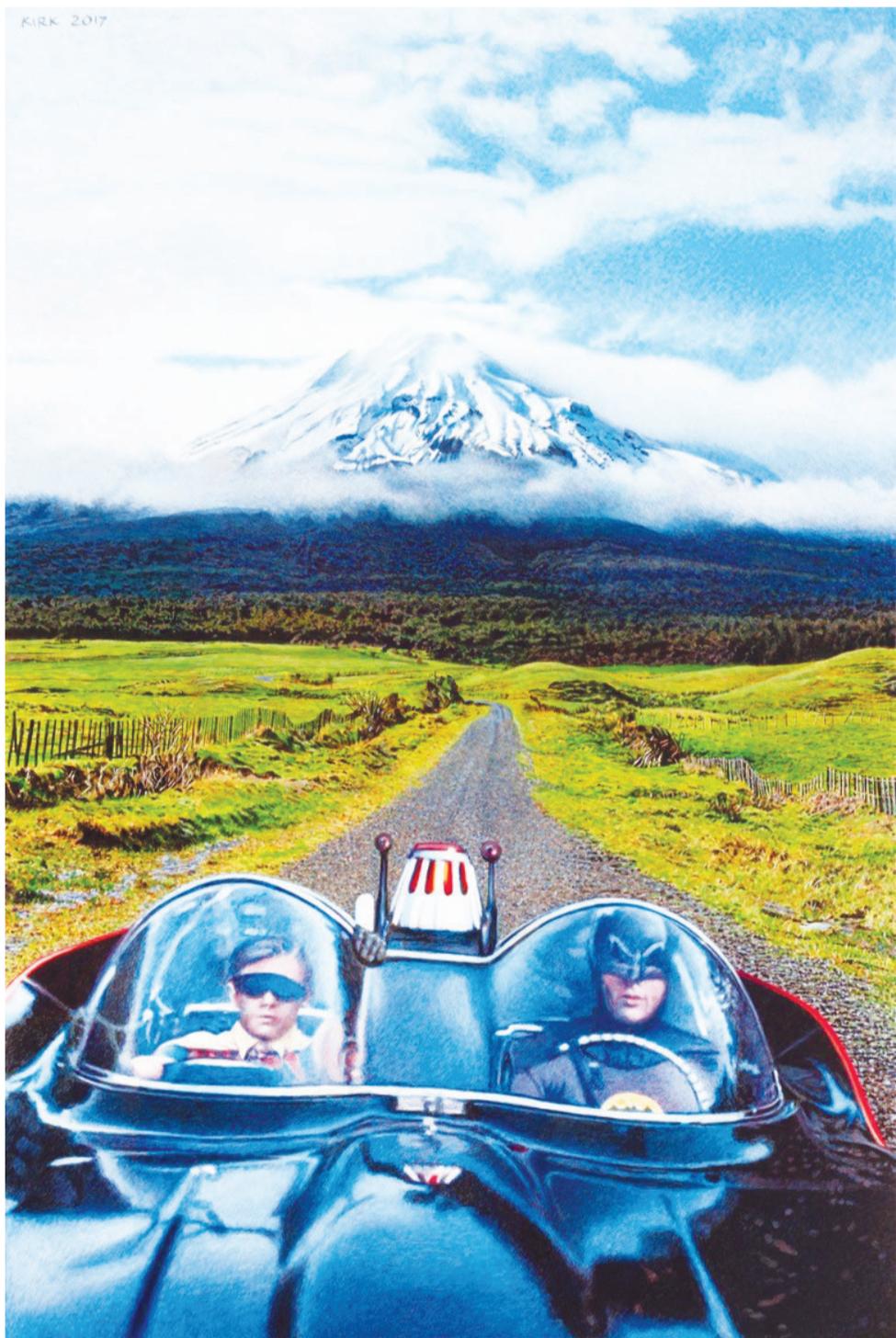
"The cultural renewal of Māoritanga, of which Poi E is a part, is an important part of New Zealand's labour history.

"We congratulate the director Tearepa Kahi for his effort to bring this vision to the screen, and want to thank him and all of the other writers, playwright and documentary makers who were shortlisted for their contributions to uncovering and popularising our history."



Poi E: The Story of our Song has not only won big at the box office it has been gaining critical acclaim as well.

## Kirk will make it work



The latest painting by well known Coastal Taranaki artist Graham Kirk has Batman and Robin speeding along a road not too far from Opunake. The painting has already been sold to a buyer in Auckland who already has about four large Kirks.

## Sanity prevails say Feds

Sanity based on sound science has prevailed says Federated Farmers after the Government confirmed it would no longer be permitting imports of products containing animal manure.

The decision follows a Ministry for Primary

Industries' (MPI) investigation which discovered imported compost from the Netherlands, intended for mushroom growing, contained animal manure.

"This is the right decision and we are glad the Government has taken this

step. Federated Farmers made a strong submission earlier in the year against these imports," says Guy Wigley, Federated Farmers' Biosecurity Spokesperson.

MPI had put the import on hold until it developed a new import health standard to cover animal-based manure.

"The initial measures outlined in the proposed import health standard were simply not robust enough or science based in our opinion, and this presented a biosecurity risk.

"We don't allow anyone from overseas to bring raw meat into the country as the risks are just too great and this particular import request fits that category of not meeting our current stringent import health standards," says Guy.

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# Soldier recounts experiences driving through liberated Europe.

In our last issue we ran part of a letter written by John McLean (Jock) Kirk, father of well known Taranaki artist Graham Kirk, who towards the end of World War II was a driver for a New Zealand officer tasked with making contact with liberated New Zealand POWs. Last week he had arrived at Celle, near the notorious Belsen death camp. This week he continues his adventures driving through Europe. READ ON.

We were there about four days when the boss got conscientious again and decided he was not getting enough work. His Boss was away back in Holland but that did not worry him, what was 400 miles a day to us even if the roads were rough and just a mass of convoys, if we rose before 4 o'clock we could be on the road before daylight and have about three hours on the road before any other traffic started.

We rose at 4 o'clock and had breakfast of some eggs that had been liberated off a Jerry farmer the day before, it makes a big difference travelling after a meal, we did 390 miles that day and I drove for 17 hours, we went right back to Helmond again, in Holland only to find that the big Boss had shifted, we had to turn back into Germany again and find a little place that was hardly on the map. I got to bed at 11 o'clock. If there is another war I intend to be an Officer even if it costs me all the money I have (I am sure it is only money that gets a lot of them in). I slept the sleep of the just (just completely beggared).

The Boss was quite a busy man the next day, our next move was to be away back to Verdun in France (just like running from Hawera to Manaia and Kaponga, those places are around there somewhere are they not? I seem to have heard the names somewhere before) and so we set sail for the great battle of the last war. We went to Cologne though it was a bit out of our way (the Boss's conscience must have had a day off). This place was well worth seeing, at least the remains were, it can be compared only with Hanover, the Cathedral is the only thing standing and it has been gutted by fire, however it is still a magnificent and impressive structure, I think the most impressive I have seen and I have seen a few since I have been in Europe.

We crossed the Rhine at Bonn which is not far from Cologne, Bonn too has had a thrashing and it is quite a big city. The Boss visited these places as a boy of twelve, he remembered them quite well.



**Hanover. The least bombed part.**

The Rhine bridges are a great sight, they have all been destroyed and at Cologne one can see no less than five of them all destroyed and lying in the water, the famous Hohenzollern Bridge is one of them, they are a pitiful sight now, it really does make one feel sorry to see such structures as these destroyed by war, even though they may be in enemy country.

We passed through Aachen,



**British ex POWs head for an airfield.**

the place that took such a hammering in this war, it is better than I thought it to be and not quite so knocked about as I expected to find it.

I had always thought I would like to see Luxembourg so I suggested to the Boss we go a little out of our way and see the place.

We went right through it and up to then it was the nicest drive we had had, the roads are good and there are some very pretty wooded valleys. The City itself is very nice but we could not stop to see it all. The country is only about 100 miles by 50, it appears to be very old fashioned and in the villages the buildings are very poor. Luxembourg too has suffered at the hands of the Hun, but not until Rundstedt made his thrust

did the Jerries go to work on it. We had expected to get petrol there but found that we had to go on to Metz.

It was dark when we arrived at Verdun but we had no trouble in finding the right place to eat and sleep. I was more concerned with that than the Boss's important

business, anyway that could wait until the next day. We had great hopes of getting attached to the American Third Army as they were in the Area where the Kiwi POWs are most likely to be but somehow we could not make it. We finished up by getting attached to the Ninth Army and had to go right back near where we had just come from, to Brunswick. We left at 5 o'clock that afternoon and headed for Liege in Belgium where we expected to stay the night. The Boss found that by going a little out of our way again we could visit one of the prettiest places in the world, Spa in Belgium, it is known as the Switzerland of Belgium and is the place where all the wealthy people of Belgium go for the summer.

To get there we had to go through a little place called La Roche, it is deep in a valley and has almost been wiped out during this war, I felt sorrier for it than any place I had seen, it must have been almost as beautiful as Spa before the war.

It took us longer to get to Spa than we reckoned though we travelled at 45MPH all the way on good roads, it was just getting dark when we arrived but we were able to see that it is all it is cracked up to be, I would like to spend a

day there. We were going to spend the night there but we could not find the joker in charge of the place where we had expected to stay so we pushed on to Liège in the dark, about another 25 miles.

I forgot to mention that before we reached Verdun the Boss decided to take another short cut, this one took us over the Ardennes in the snow, we were lucky to get through, the road had almost ceased to exist and was just a mass of muck and slush, we averaged about five MPH there for about two hours. We thought of turning back once but we reckoned that we could not possibly get through twice that which we had already got through, one consolation was that the road could not get any worse and if there was any change it would be for the better. At one point we thought we had passed all the bad road and put on a bit of speed, all of a sudden a great hole in the road loomed up in front



**Jock Kirk**

of us, it was full of mud and water and was twice as bad as it looked, it was just as well we had a bit of speed up because the wheel tracks there were about two feet below the crown of the road, we rode through on the differential, the gear in the back all turned upside down but it got turned back at the next bump.

*To be continued*



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# Government agrees SH43 needs makeover

SH43's importance is increasing and it's become vital for the route to be fully sealed and have more spent on safety improvements and maintenance, a new investigation has concluded. SH43 connects Stratford with Taumarunui.

Traffic volumes are up but maintenance spending has declined, and the unsealed section is daunting for visitors and hinders efforts to boost tourism at both ends of the highway, says a report on the investigation carried out for the Taranaki Regional Council.

The investigation, by Abley Transportation Consultants, found:

- It is essential for the remaining 12km unsealed section of SH43, through Tangarakau Gorge, to be sealed, and all at once. This would cost an estimated \$8 million.
- Safety improvements are also urgently needed, including better signage and road markings. A relatively small investment in safety could result in savings of \$7 million in crash costs.
- The NZ Transport Agency also needs to spend more on maintaining the route. Annual maintenance spending decreased from

\$1.2 million in 2010/2011 to \$500,000 in 2015/2016.

- Such improvements are vital if promising new tourism initiatives in Taranaki and Ruapehu District are to realise their full potential.
- SH43 is also widely used as an alternative route during the regular closures of SH3 north of New Plymouth due to slips, flooding or accidents. This occurs despite the NZ Transport Agency not promoting it as an alternative.
- Traffic volumes increased by nearly 13% between 2012 and 2015, despite the current condition of the highway. So improvements can only result in further volumes.
- The NZ Transport Agency should consider upgrading the route from 'Secondary' to 'Primary' in its road network classification system. "The message is clear: the highway in its current state is not adequate," says Taranaki

Regional Councillor Craig Williamson, who chairs the Regional Transport Committee.

"We've sent the findings of this investigation to the Government and told them that though this route may be called the Forgotten World Highway, it cannot remain forgotten by them. The Taranaki Region and Ruapehu District speak with one voice on this. It's essential to take Taranaki forward."

Stratford Mayor Neil Volzke says local communities have long been calling for improvements to the route. "The current state of the highway makes it a barrier to progress, rather than an asset," he says. "There has been a recent history of lack of maintenance, and the unsealed portion is a major deterrent for motorists who travel the highway. It needs to be better and safer."

Ruapehu Mayor Don Cameron says that like

Taranaki, his district is making a concerted effort to improve facilities and attractions for tourists. "The current state of SH43 is a major constraint," he says. "This new report offers plenty of evidence."

Taranaki's Regional Transport Committee will consider including aspects of the report in the Regional Land Transport Plan, which is currently under review.

## Dry skin and eczema

Dry skin is a common condition and the cold and low humidity days of winter can make this condition worse. The skin feels dry to touch, and can be rough, hard and scaly.

It is often itchy and repeated scratching can cause the skin to thicken. The skin is often not very flexible which can then lead to cracks forming. In more severe cases the skin can become red and inflamed.

Dry skin tends to be found on the hands, arms, lower legs and shins. People of both sexes and any age can have dry skin, affecting children in early childhood as well as being seen in almost everyone who is older than 60 years of age.

As people age there are changes to the skin structure which in turn leads to water loss from the skin and hence skin dryness. Apart from the weather dry skin may also be caused by genetic factors and there is often a family history of dry skin.

The use of very hot showers and some soaps, cleaners and shampoos can also be the cause of dry skin. Applying moisturisers frequently to the dry skin can help to rehydrate the skin and give relief. Pharmacists are able to help you on the best treatment options for you. Also they can advise on appropriate mild soaps and shampoos that will be beneficial, to dry skin.

Dry skin is also common in people who have the skin condition eczema, which is also known as dermatitis. There are many types of eczema, but they all cause skin inflammation, redness and itch. The most common type of eczema is known as atopic eczema. The cause of atopic eczema is not usually known, though we do know that there is a genetic link and often those people with eczema will have a family member who has eczema, hay fever or asthma as well. Atopic eczema may have relapses, which are also known as flares.

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| Type 1 |  | Separate hard lumps, like nuts (hard to pass)  |
| Type 2 |  | Sausage-shaped but lumpy                       |
| Type 3 |  | Like a sausage but with cracks on the surface  |
| Type 4 |  | Like a sausage or snake, smooth and soft       |
| Type 5 |  | Soft blobs with clear-cut edges                |
| Type 6 |  | Fluffy pieces with ragged edges, a mushy stool |
| Type 7 |  | Watery, no solid pieces. Entirely Liquid       |

There are many functions of the liver; some include breakdown of food for absorption, protein production, detoxification, storage of vitamins, minerals and the breakdown of red blood cells. With all these functions a good healthy bowel is paramount to our health. If we eat three times a day we should have a bowel motion three times a day, if not the toxins accumulate.

#### Do you have any of these symptoms?

- Inability to lose or gain weight
- Mood swings
- Nausea and or bad breath
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- Intolerance to alcohol
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# Taranaki Region's top builds announced

An Opunake home has taken out this year's Supreme Award in the Taranaki Registered Master Builders 2017 House of the Year competition.

Custom Construction NZ Limited won five regional awards at the competition, including the Taranaki Registered Master Builders 2017 Supreme House of the Year, a Gold Award and Category win for the New Home \$1 million to \$2 million award for their Opunake home. They were also awarded the

Craftmanship Award and the Outdoor Living Award for the same property.

Judges said from the moment they walked through the winning House of the Year, it was obvious it was a house built with passion.

"It was clear all tradespeople involved were highly skilled and gave much consideration to every detail, large or small," they said.

"Its unique design provided a challenge for the building team and one they executed with precision.

"Both internally and externally, the design and construction were well executed providing an outstanding result for the proud homeowner.

"This Supreme Award is well deserved by a very dedicated team."

The results of the regional competition were revealed at a gala dinner on 4 August at the Devon Hotel in New Plymouth.

There were six Gold Award winners from the Taranaki region, which will now be judged against Gold Award winners from around the

country to find the National Gold Reserve finalists.

Also winning a Gold award in the \$1 Million to \$2 million category was B.D.Hill Building Ltd from Oakura which also won the Kitchen Award.

Last year's Taranaki supreme winner Gareth Collins Building Ltd from New Plymouth won the Gold and Category Award in the Builders Own Home award section of the competition.

Location Homes Taranaki won Gold and Category for the Show Home Award, and Silver in the Multi

Unit(Apartments/Duplexes/Terrace Housing) category.

Hassall Homes Ltd picked up a Gold and Category in the New Homes \$450,000 to \$550,000 category, with Terry Clegg Builders Ltd picking up a Silver.

Roebuck Construction won Gold and Category in the New Home \$550,000 to \$700,000 Category, with location Homes and Hassall

Homes picking up Silver.

Pepper Construction(2013) Ltd picked up Silver in the New Home up to \$450,000 category.

National category winners and the Registered Master Builders Supreme Awards for House of the Year and Renovation of the Year will be announced at a gala dinner on 25 November in Auckland.



B D Hill Building from Okato which won a Gold Award in the \$1 Million to \$2 Million category.



B D Hill also won the Kitchen Award. in the \$1 Million to \$2 Million category. The kitchen was supplied by Rowsons Kitchen and Joinery.

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# Farmers to Labour: "Tell us your numbers"

Farmers to Labour: "Tell us your numbers"

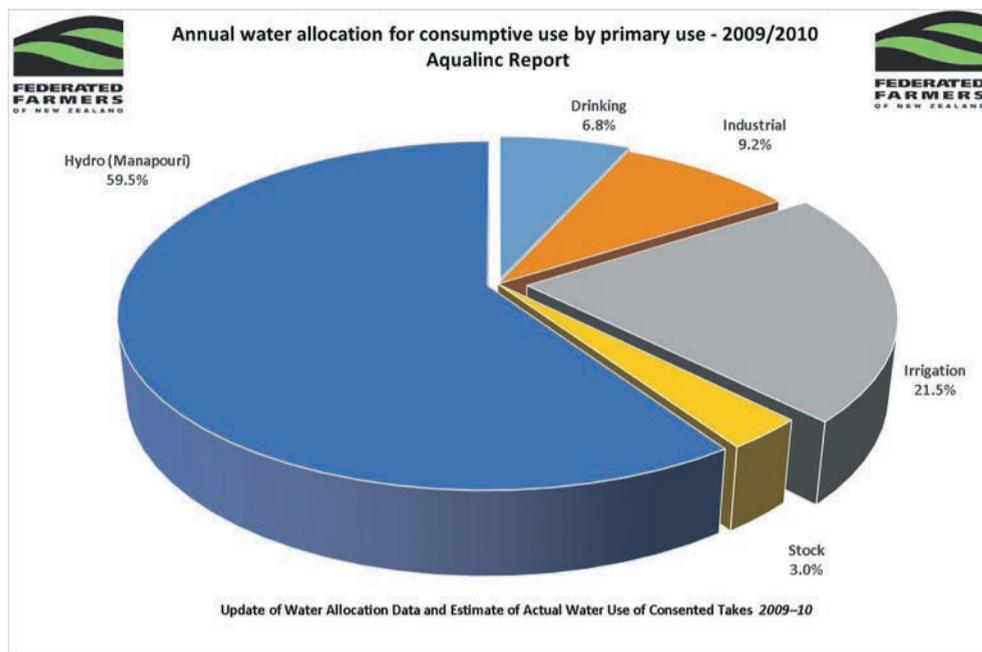
Federated Farmers' challenge to Labour is: "Tell us what numbers you have in mind."

Labour has announced proposals for a tax on water for large commercial users, including farmers who rely on irrigation water, but Federated Farmers say that in the absence of detail some eye-watering numbers

in the billions of dollars have been floated.

Federated Farmers water spokesman Chris Allen said the pledge to consult with those affected if Labour is part of the new government is appreciated, but it still means voters are sailing blind into the election.

"Surely at least they have a starting figure in mind, to open negotiations with water users and to give voters a



- and Labour has said a charge for irrigation will be per 1000 litres rather than per litre - then these billions become millions."

Mr Allen said if the principle is to charge large commercial users, that has to apply to Manapouri also because that scheme diverts Southland's fresh water that after generating electricity goes straight to the sea. It accounts for 60% of consumptive water use.

"And then what do you do for the Waikato people - do you force them to pay for the use of their water but allow the electricity companies and Auckland to get it for free?"

"Some 95 per cent of the Waikato's water is locked up for electricity generation and is only available for other uses at the bottom end of the river."

In terms of bottled water, it's pleasing that Labour has picked up on Federated Farmers' idea that we require foreign-owned companies which extract water for bottling to pass the 'net benefit to New Zealand' test, Mr Allen said.

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clue on the quantum of tax they envisage.

"Ten cents a litre has been suggested for exporters of bottled water, which has been contested as a thousand times exaggerated for the royalty that might apply to large commercial users.

So what is the figure?" Mr Allen said.

"If the problem is with bottled water, then let's just fix that problem."

If we're going to go wider, then for a tax to work it must be applied to all sectors - not on the selected targets of

officials and politicians.

"We have done our numbers - a simple calculation based on publicly available information.

"If it's 10c per litre, it looks like this: \$1,600 billion for electricity (Manapouri). \$600 billion for food production. \$100 billion for fruit, vegetables, wine and bread. \$15 billion for Auckland's water.

"Even if these figures are a thousand times exaggerated

## Parallel Parker needs to line up Labour's Water policy better

Federated Farmers wants Labour to honour the commitment it made to only look at charging overseas-owned water bottlers and to permanently park its discriminatory tax on water that will divide communities and undermine regional economies.

On 21 June this year, then Labour leader Andrew Little told the Federated Farmers national conference, in front of the media, that they were not going to tax water across the board - just look at water bottling. When news

reports on this started to come out, Labour changed its tune.

At the beginning of this week Mr Parker was telling us it would apply to "large commercial users", but now, and the end of the week, we hear it won't apply to the very large companies putting water in bottled products right now in central Auckland.

Then we heard the water tax will only apply to those that take water directly from rivers, lakes or aquifers - but not town supplies.

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# No evidence of imported frozen semen being cause of mycoplasma outbreak

The New Zealand arm of the largest dairy farmer owned cooperative in the world – and one of the globe’s major semen companies – is pleased MPI has confirmed there is no evidence that resistance has developed to mycoplasma in imported bovine semen.

World Wide Sires New Zealand General Manager, Hank Lina, said the company – along with other importers of bovine semen – have been working with MPI to isolate and identify the source of the outbreak.

“We sell more than 19m straws of semen to 80 countries around the world and over several decades have developed semen production and processing procedures which are amongst the most rigorous in the world. They need to be because farmer confidence is at stake and we would never jeopardise that trust – they have to know that our product is safe.

“MPI’s validation that imported semen was not the



**Hank Lina**

cause of the mycoplasma outbreak is bitter sweet – we’re naturally delighted to have this confirmation of our standards and systems but our hearts go out to the

Van Leeuwen family who are living through a farmer’s worst nightmare.”

Hank Lina said Select Sires initiated research on fresh semen programmes nearly two decades ago.

“At the time, we were frustrated at the variability, which existed among laboratories in their ability to grow and culture mycoplasma and the long interval necessary for results when it was assessed by culture.

“Around seven years ago we were fortunate to come into contact with Kristina McDonald, a microbiologist of some renown, who wanted to make the identification of M.bovis the central theme of her PhD because that is one of the more pathogenic strains of microplasma. Select Sires sponsored that research.

“Dr McDonald’s PhD made use of modern PCR based techniques to detect mycoplasma bovis in semen. She developed efficient methods for growth, culture, DNA extraction, and PCR based detection.

“No evidence of microplasma bovis was

found in any of Select Sires’ 1700 bull team either during the research programme, or since.”

“The extender we use for frozen semen is made from homogenized, pasteurised whole milk and glycerol. Antibiotics including Gentamicin, Tylosin, Lincomycin, and Spectinomycin provide a secondary line of defense against seminal contamination as well as primary action against mycoplasma, ureaplasma, and Haemophilus somnus.

Hank Lina commended MPI on the depth of the investigation they were undertaking to identify and

isolate the outbreak.

“Along with other semen companies, we were required to provide batch numbers and details of all bovine semen imported to New Zealand and potentially supplied to the Leeuwen group. No stone was left unturned meaning their eventual validation was well received – but the investigation also provided insight to the disciplines and expertise which exist in this country to protect our industry from incursions of disease which have affected so many other countries around the world,” Hank Lina said.

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## Parallel Parker needs to line up Labour’s Water policy better

“Confusion obviously reigns in the Labour camp, and across the country, as they scramble to appease one section of the community by making up policy on the fly, and catch some votes along the way,” Feds water spokesperson Chris Allen says.

“We’ve challenged Labour to ‘show us the numbers’, and we are still waiting to hear just how much will be taxed, from whom,

and where the money will ultimately go.

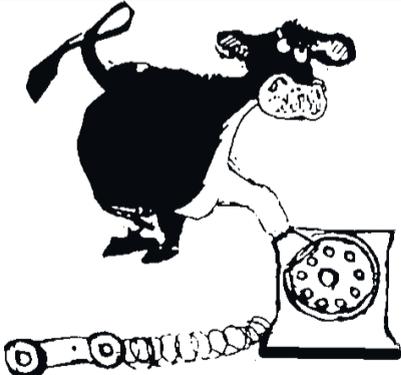
“All we know is that they want to suck \$500 million out of the rural economy. That would require a tax of 9 cents per 1000 litres, which is almost ten times more than the last figure they quoted.

“We support the views of Massey University agribusiness expert, Dr James Lockhart, who has said Labour’s water policy is problematic on several

fronts and that there are better ways to make New Zealand’s waterways cleaner, without punishing specific sectors and damaging property rights,” Chris says.

“Federated Farmers will support any political party’s policies provided they are sensible, practical and affordable - taxing water meets not one of these thresholds.

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# Unparalleled case of neglect brings fines

A large dairy corporation and two of its managers have been fined a total of close to \$60,000 in relation to the worst case of long-term neglect in the dairy sector in the South Island.

Castlerock Dairies Limited, based in Invercargill, and the managers who ran two farms owned by the body corporate, earlier pleaded guilty to eight charges under the Animal Welfare Act before being sentenced in the Invercargill District

Court. The properties were being run by 41-year-old Jared Matthews, who managed 2000 cows over 700 hectares and 44-year-old Dean McMillan who also managed a farm the same size with the

same number of dairy cows. Both men had overall responsibility for animal welfare on the two properties and the maintenance of farm infrastructure. The company, Castlerock Dairies Limited has

been convicted and fined \$37,500 and ordered to pay prosecution costs of more than \$11,500. Matthews and McMillan were both convicted and fined \$10,000 each, ordered to pay court costs of \$130 each and were both sentenced to 275 hours community service.

what contributed to the situation. "The lack of work on the tracks was known to the defendants. As the animals walked long distances for milking, the lameness got worse. The tracks weren't repaired to prevent this."

A total of 193 cows had to be euthanased and 761 required veterinary treatment. Fourteen vets were required to spend weeks on the property initially by themselves then assisting MPI staff.

Throughout this time, the animals also suffered from ingrown horns which the managers failed to get treatment for resulting in unnecessary pain and discomfort.

Mr Orr says a senior attending veterinarian with over 18 years' experience described the situation as "disturbing" and the extent of animal welfare issues on the farm as almost beyond comprehension.

"He described it as unparalleled and unprecedented in his direct experience. Another witness described it as "horrible" and the worst case of neglect she had ever seen.

"It is MPI's view that the seriousness of the situation should have been immediately obvious to all concerned. The suffering of these animals was fully preventable. "As well as the humanitarian grounds, failure to meet animal welfare requirements could have serious consequences for the wider agricultural industry.

Fortunately, offending on this scale has been rare in New Zealand."

The Ministry for Primary Industries brought charges against the company and the two managers after being advised in 2015 of serious animal welfare issues at the properties. The offending involved a serious failure to maintain the lanes used by the cows to get to the milking shed on both properties. The lanes needed constant maintenance to prevent lameness but this didn't happen.

By the time MPI became involved, the lanes had been torn to pieces by constant use and were, in places, knee deep in thick mud and excrement. Any maintenance of the lanes was either inadequate or simply not undertaken when required.

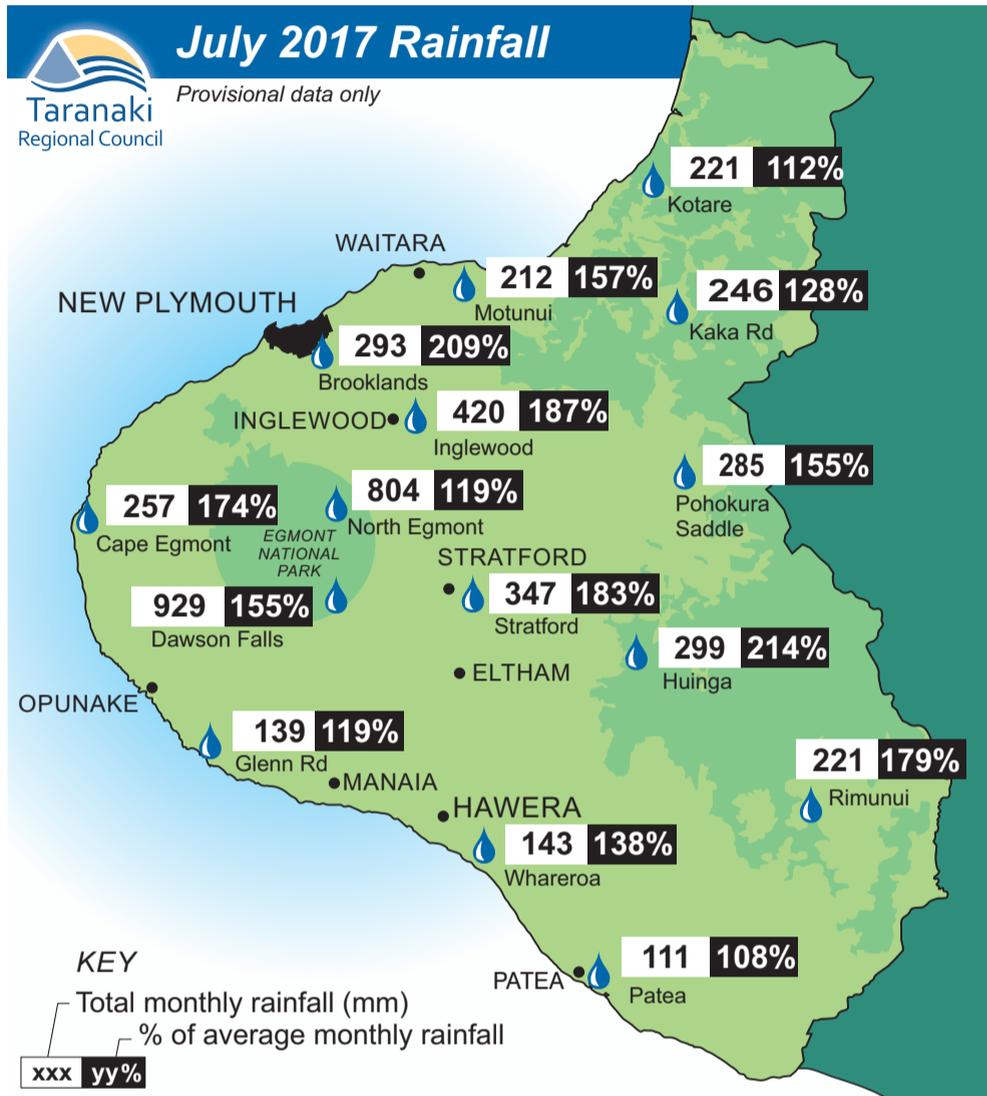
MPI Manager of Compliance Investigations, Gary Orr says the lameness suffered by the animals was catastrophic with animals presenting such a degree of lameness that they could not be treated, and were in significant pain.

"The walk to the milking sheds, because of the mud and the distance from the paddocks to the sheds, would take up to three hours one way during which time the lame animals would have been in significant pain.

"The lanes had not been adequately maintained for about two years which is

been convicted and fined \$37,500 and ordered to pay prosecution costs of more than \$11,500. Matthews and McMillan were both convicted and fined \$10,000 each, ordered to pay court costs of \$130 each and were both sentenced to 275 hours community service.

## TRC statistics confirm wet month



It was a month which saw flooding in New Plymouth's CBD. July was a fairly wet month, with all sites recording above normal by between 108 per cent and 214 per cent, with the average for the month being 157 per cent, according to Taranaki Regional Council figures. Mangaehu (Huinga) and Brooklands Zoo recorded more than double their July rainfall, with 298.5 mm (214 per cent) and 292.5 mm (209 per cent) respectively. Rainfall fell on between 12 and 22 days throughout the region and fell on 23 to 25 days on the Mountain.

Year to date rainfall totals are sitting between 95 per cent and 146 per cent of normal, with the average rainfall being 129 per cent of normal. North Egmont is the only site that has recorded below normal rainfall to date with 95 per cent (3625.5 mm). Mangaehu (Toko) and Patea have both recorded 146 per cent of normal rainfall to date with 1245.0 mm and 846.6 mm respectively.

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# Dairy sector joins biosecurity fight

Dairy Companies Association of New Zealand (DCANZ) has joined the Government Industry Agreement for Biosecurity Readiness and Response (GIA) to combat the threat of pests and diseases that could significantly impact New Zealand's dairy processing sector. DCANZ joined GIA in a signing ceremony attended by Hon Nathan Guy, Minister for Primary Industries and Hon Todd McClay, Minister of Trade, along with senior representatives of the Ministry for Primary Industries. By signing the GIA Deed, DCANZ joins 14 other primary industry sectors that have agreed to work with Government, and each other, to combat biosecurity threats.



From left. Nathan Guy - Minister for Primary Industries, Malcolm Bailey - DCANZ Chair and John Penno - DCANZ Executive committee member.

GIA to work in partnership with government and other industry players, to prepare for and minimise the potential impact from biosecurity pests and diseases. We have a shared interest in mitigating and eradicating threats. The current Mycoplasma Bovis outbreak is a good reminder of the benefits of industry and Government working closely to manage biosecurity readiness and response."

GIA Secretariat Manager Steve Rich welcomed DCANZ on behalf of the GIA partnership saying the new addition further strengthens efforts to deliver better biosecurity outcomes.

"GIA continues to go from strength to strength as more industry groups recognise the benefit of a joint approach to managing biosecurity readiness and response activities," said Mr Rich.

"The arrival of DCANZ into GIA means New Zealand's largest single export sector is now directly represented in the partnership, and we look forward to working with them".

DCANZ represents 11 processing and exporting companies on policy matters and its members account for around 98 per cent of all the milk processed in New Zealand. In total the dairy sector makes up over a third of all

New Zealand total exports, with existing markets in over 140 different countries.

Malcolm Bailey, DCANZ Chair, said the signing of the GIA Deed is an important step to safe-

guarding the sector's ability to continue meeting its global customer demand for safe, high-quality, New Zealand dairy products. "New Zealand's status as being free from many of the pests and diseases which

hinder livestock production and exports in other countries is a significant source of competitive advantage. Dairy export earnings have averaged \$14.4 billion in recent years. These trade benefits flow through the

economy for the benefit of all New Zealanders. We must do all we can to minimise the chances of a major, trade stopping, biosecurity incursion, such as foot and mouth disease occurring." "DCANZ is signing up to

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# Facebook phone deals more than consumers bargained for

The New Zealand Telecommunications Forum (TCF) has issued a warning to consumers buying bargain second-hand mobile devices through channels such as Facebook groups.

"If it seems too good to be true, it usually is" says TCF CEO Geoff Thorn.

The TCF operates a mobile blacklisting service, so any reported lost, stolen, or fraudulently obtained devices are disabled across all mobile networks in New Zealand. The TCF website also has a look-up service where you can check the serial number of any device

and see whether it has been blacklisted.

But the system is not fool proof.

"While the vast majority, over 90 per cent, of lost or stolen phones are blacklisted almost immediately, and listed as such on our lookup service; phones obtained and sold through fraudulent activities can be blacklisted at a later date" says Geoff.

The telco that sold the device has up to 120 days from an occurrence, such as a missed bill payment, to classify a device as fraudulently obtained and blacklist it across all NZ networks. The blacklisting

delay gives retailers time to investigate fraud, and protects consumers suffering financial hardship from being wrongly classified as fraudsters and having their devices blacklisted.

Anecdotal evidence suggests the majority of fraudulent devices are being sold through Facebook groups; as buy/sell websites such as Trade Me have clamped down on fraudulent activities. Mobile providers receive multiple calls per week, an increase from past years, from consumers who have no idea why a phone they purchased from Facebook has now stopped

working.

"The fraudsters are quite clever in making the sale appear legitimate. The excuses used to justify the sale often seem genuine at first glance. Usually the buyer of the device is only saving \$100 - \$200 off the original retail value, which is a very small saving for a phone that only works for three months" says an industry representative.

Facebook is also being used to recruit mules to purchase phones. Postings to Facebook groups offer cash in exchange for new phones purchased on contract; with the fraudster claiming to

have a contact at the mobile provider who will wipe any evidence of the contract. This fictitious friend/brother/uncle fails to wipe the contract and the mule is obligated to pay for the device eventually, despite ads claiming the deal is "101 per cent legit".

Statistics show that while these cases are the minority at less than 6 per cent of all blacklisting cases, there have been almost 10,000 cases reported as fraud since the service began in 2013, which is still a significant number.

Consumers are encouraged

to check any second-hand mobile before purchasing it, using a free look-up service available on the TCF website..

"Buying through unconventional retailers such as Facebook groups, pawn shops or mobile traders increases the risk of buying a fraudulently obtained phone, even if the serial number hasn't yet been blacklisted. Buying through an established retailer or mobile operator is the only way to be sure your device is legitimate and your device has not been obtained through fraud" says Geoff.

# Duty-free products aren't always cheaper, Consumer NZ finds

A survey of 33 duty-free items finds only 10 are cheaper at duty-free stores than other retailers.

Consumer NZ chief executive Sue Chetwin says confectionery is the worst value at the airport chains Aelia Duty Free, JR Duty Free and The Loop Duty Free. All seven products evaluated were selling for a

better price at supermarkets or big box retailers.

"If you've got a particular product in mind, it's worth doing an internet search to see which price really constitutes a bargain, before heading to the airport," Ms Chetwin says.

The investigation found duty-free spirits, particularly liqueurs, were consistently

cheaper. But considering excise duty and GST often add up to half the price of a bottle of vodka, gin or whiskey, it can be less of a bargain than a consumer might expect, she says.

On the day of Consumer NZ's price survey, a bottle of Jack Daniels - subject to \$21 of alcohol duties and levies at the border - was

only \$5 cheaper duty-free.

"When you remove alcohol duty and GST from the sticker price, consumers might expect to see more significant savings when they shop duty-free than they get," Ms Chetwin says.

The Commerce Commission warns businesses using the term "duty-free" to ensure customers are not being misled about pricing, something the Fair Trading Act prohibits.

It also advises duty-free stores to "clearly identify"

goods that are not subject to duty. Consumer NZ found nothing prominent alerting customers to this information in its investigation.

"Shoppers should be informed what is duty-free and what is not," Ms Chetwin says.

Consumer NZ believes the inflated confectionery prices and lack of disclaimers on items not subject to duty may be misleading to travellers. It is lodging a complaint with the commission.

"The Fair Trading Act obliges duty-free stores to

ensure their prices aren't at risk of misleading or deceiving their customers, whether they are from New Zealand or just in the country for a short holiday. While we encourage consumers to do their research before they buy duty-free, the ability of people to do this doesn't release duty-free businesses from their legal fair trading obligations," Ms Chetwin says.

The full report is available in the August edition of Consumer magazine and at [consumer.org.nz](http://consumer.org.nz).

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# Collaboration the key to addressing rural health challenges

The call for a nationally focussed, multidisciplinary approach to training rural health professionals is a sensible way to address the longer term health needs of rural communities, says the New Zealand Rural General Practice Network.

The Network supports a call by Professor Max Abbott, Dean of the Faculty of Health and Environmental Sciences at Auckland University of Technology to train not only doctors but also nurses and allied health professionals specifically for rural communities, many of which struggle to recruit and retain health professionals, said Network Chief Executive Dalton Kelly.

"Professor Abbott's

assertion that we don't need more of the same, we need to do things differently and better, goes right to the heart of the matter.

"If doctors, nurses, pharmacy and midwives, for example, are training together in a rural health setting, they are going to be far better prepared to work and live in a rural community," says Mr Kelly.

"Rural New Zealand's workforce training, recruitment and retention challenges are well documented. We now also have the added challenge of a rapidly ageing workforce with 40 per cent of GPs set to retire nationwide in the next five to 10 years.

"We know that replacing every retiring GP in rural NZ is probably not achievable, so it's important that we promote rural health careers for other health professions such as Nurse Practitioners, Rural Nurse Specialists, Pharmacists and others who make up the integrated rural healthcare team," says Mr Kelly.

"To have our leading universities collaborate to train these medical and health professionals to work and live in rural communities is a pragmatic approach."

A collaborative and focussed training pathway is also more likely to gain Government support, added Mr Kelly.

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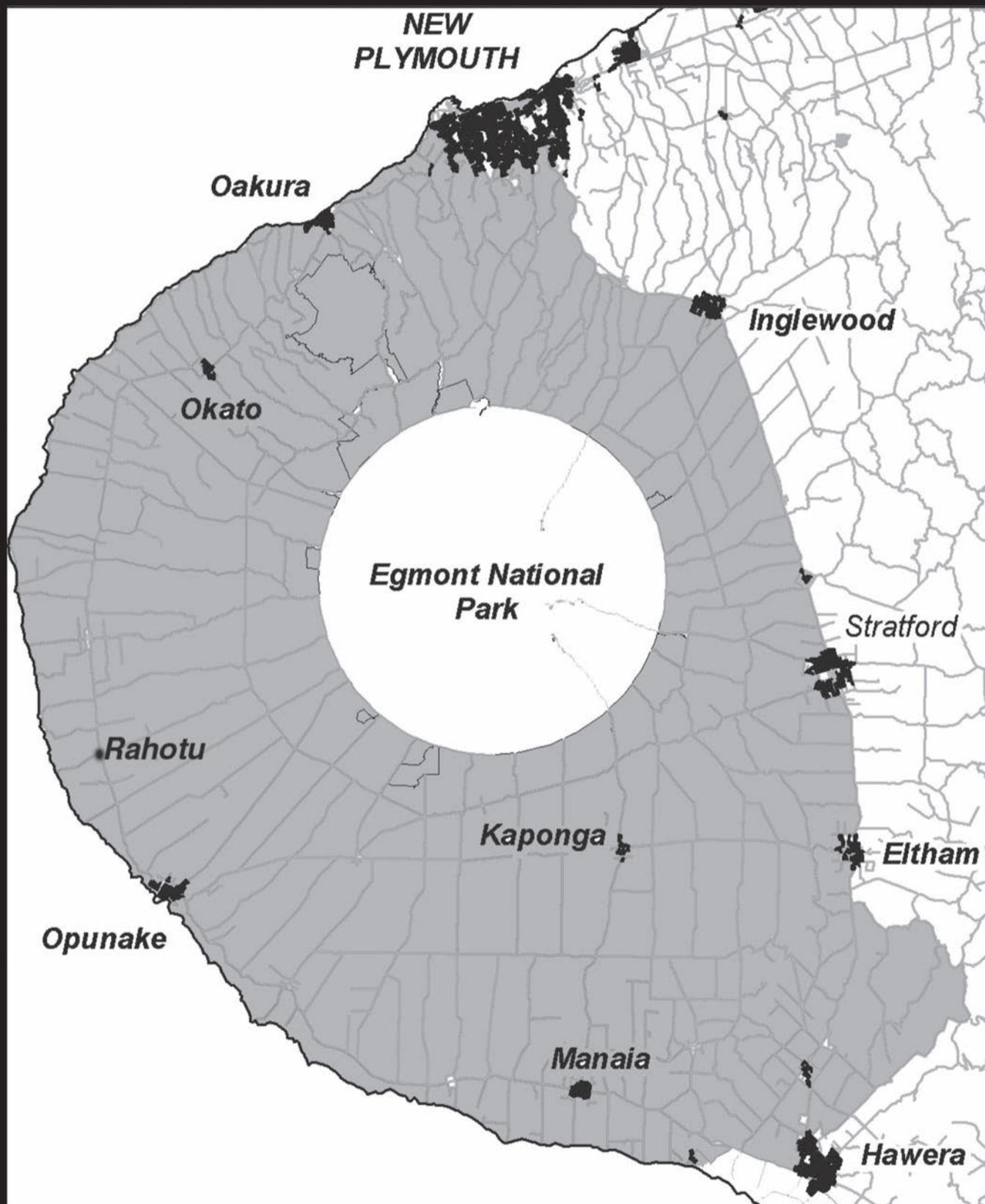


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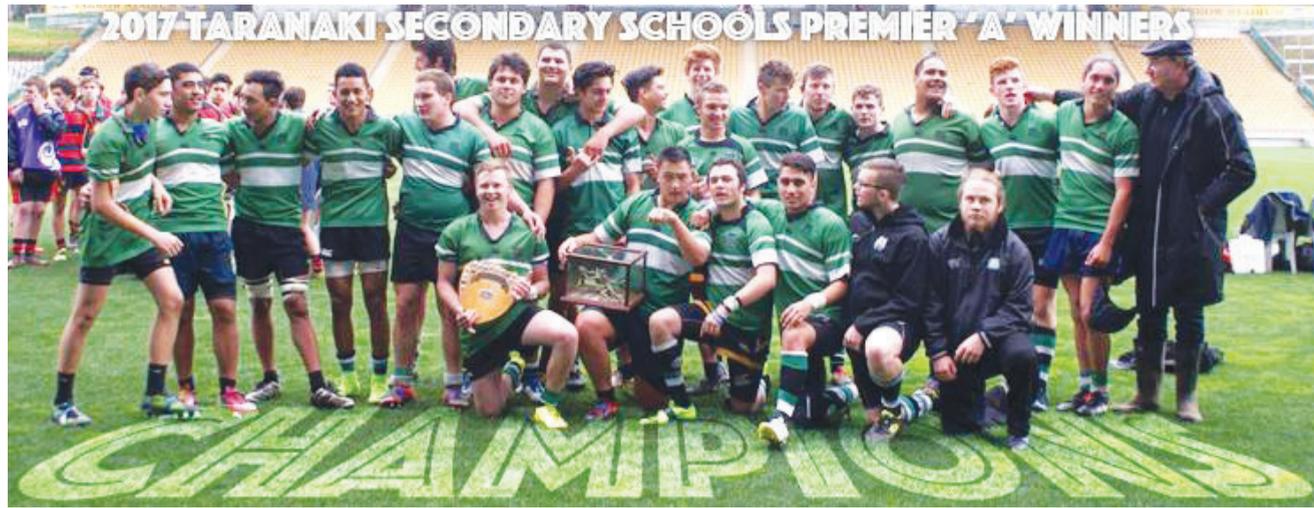
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# Double wins for Opunake High School rugby



The first XV boys celebrate their win.

On August 12, the boys from the coast took on the boys from the south at the home of Taranaki Rugby. The Opunake High School First XV marched through the championship unbeaten, rolling Waitara HS in their semi to meet Hawera in the Grand Final. These sides fought out a tough round robin encounter so the final promised to be epic. It took until well into the first half for either score to give up any points, with Luke Berquist kicking a penalty from 45 metres. This seemed to put a bit of fire in the belly of the OHS boys as they rolled onto attack, and after series of solo drives at the line, Hawera gave up the first try of the game, scored in a tackle by Berquist, who also knocked the conversion over. At halftime it was

10-0 to the green machine. Hawera started the second half strongly, camping out in the OHS 22 until Jordan Clement made a telling bust up midfield to relieve some pressure. A little while later Benny Shelford showed off some foot skills to make Lionel Messi proud as he pounced on a Hawera fumble to jink his way to the try-line. Conversion wide, 15-0. With just seven minutes on the clock, and OHS looking to have things under control including repelling a few attacking five metre scrums, somehow Hawera got the ball out wide scoring in the corner. If the TMO had been in operation it would have been 50/50 whether they scored. The Hawera

conversion hit the cross bar and scores were 15-5 with five minutes to play. After one more surge by Hawera, a big midfield bust by OHS saw the coastal boys with a couple of five metre scrums to try and put the result beyond doubt. After a few goes, it was fitting the Morpheus Nuku hit a gap and dived over for the match winner. Nuku had a massive second half, the kick went wide, but it was all over. Opunake First XV - Secondary Schools Premier A champions.

Also playing their final, the Opunake HS U15 team were first to kick off at Yarrow Stadium vs NPBHS U15B. Playing an inspirational

team game, the coastal lads were exceptional when it came to support play and being able to think their way through whatever the opposition threw at them.

In a game that could've swung either way, Opunake scored a match-winner at the end to finish 24-21.

Try scorers for Opunake were, Chaeden Ngaia (2), Corbyn Sutcliffe and Hayden Bryant scoring the last try in order to win the game. Bryant also converting two tries. Justin Feek and Ross Clark, with support from Sharon Quinnell have done an exceptional job of bringing this team together. The win set the tone for the First XV to follow.

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# Under 8s end season undefeated

The Coastal Okato Under-8 team, coached for the second year running by Liam O'Sullivan ended their season with a tournament at Tikorangi played on July 28.

They won all four round robin games before defeating Inglewood 7-1. They went on to defeat New Plymouth Old Boys in the final 3-1.

The Coastal Okato Under 8s were undefeated for the whole rugby season.

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# Stratford gets a touch of race that stops two nations

When the Melbourne Cup arrived at Stratford on August 6, the 2001 Cup winning jockey Scott Seamer came along as well.

Stratford was one of three New Zealand destinations on the Emirates Melbourne Cup Tour. The others were Christchurch and Auckland.

The Victoria Racing Club (VRC) today announced 2001 Melbourne Cup winning jockey, Scott Seamer will visit Stratford in August for the 2017 Emirates Melbourne Cup Tour.

Rising to fame in 2001, Seamer won five Group 1 races throughout the year, including the Melbourne Cup and Caulfield atop Ethernal. In the years following, Seamer went on to triumph in numerous Group 1 races, including New Zealand's Mercedes Derby, the Mackinnon Stakes, Golden Slipper and the AJC Derby.

Victoria Racing Club (VRC) Chairperson Amanda Elliott said she was thrilled to have Scott join this year's milestone 15<sup>th</sup> Emirates Melbourne Cup Tour giving communities across Australia and New Zealand the opportunity to meet a racing legend.

"The Melbourne Cup is 'the race that stops a nation'<sup>TM</sup> and for 14 years the iconic trophy has toured Australia and New Zealand, bringing together communities to experience the magic and rich history of the Melbourne Cup.

"In this its milestone 15<sup>th</sup> year, what better way to celebrate this iconic piece of Australia's cultural heritage than to have heroes of the Melbourne Cup like Scott Seamer join the Tour in Stratford," Mrs Elliott said. Stratford, selected for



**Scott Seamer.**

its passion for racing and community spirit, was announced as a Cup Tour destination at a special event on May 30 at 2016 Emirates Melbourne Cup winning owner Lloyd Williams' training facilities at Mount

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While the Cup was in Stratford there were visits to the Elizabeth R retirement Home, Marire Home, and Maryann Residential home, as well as a suitably themed market day.



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**Speaker:** Matthew Carabott, Head Agronomist Asia, EuroChem Agro Asia

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**Speaker:** Mark Copeland, Regional Manager, Australia and New Zealand, Eurochem Agro Asia

**Topic:** European compound fertiliser manufacturing operations

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# Some good shooting at Eltham

Numbers have been steadily increasing at the Eltham Smallbore Rifle Club for the past few weeks with many young shooters coming along with their parents and the competitions have been fierce between siblings and couples and friends. In the last weekend of July, Paul Tidswell was top shooter for the night with a 100.4 as well as 98.5 and 96.2. Garry Rowlands shot 97.6 and 97.5. Brian Hicks

shot an impressive 98.4 and 95.4. Visiting shooter Frank Eustace shot well with 99.5, 96.3 and 99.6. Paul Longstaff 95.3/96.3; Bob Bramley 94.3, 92.1 and 94.3; Clare Bramley 94.1; Stephen Hicks 92.1 and 88.2; Paul Kuriger 90.0 and 91.3. Returning shooters Karel Van Loo 100G, 100G and 90.1 and Kevin Van Loo 80.2 and 85.0.

Group card shooters continue to improve well

with Boston Taylor 100G, 82.1 and 83.1; Jackson Taylor 100G, 92.1 and 82.3. The Carter and Cooper clan was led by Richard who shot two 100G cards; Frances with two 98G cards, Tylah 100G and 98G; Bailey 98G and 94G and close on their

heels was Kade with two 95G cards.

The following Monday, July 31, saw another good number of shooters show up. Group card shooters Craig McGill two 100G cards; John McGill 96G and 94G; new shooter Marcus

Ranford 94G. Group and full card shooters Boston Taylor 98G, 89.0 and 87.0; Jackson Taylor 100G, 83.0 and 89.0; Cole Mischefski 100G, 100G and 92.3.

Paul Tidswell again top scored with an almost 99.7 before an equipment failure

saw him retire early. Paul Longstaff shot a double 96.3/97.2; Clare Bramley 97.7; Bob Bramley 97.6, 94.3; Kat Mischefski 94.0 and 95.2; Brian Hicks 95.2 and 81.1; Murray Chinery 94.2/94.1; Dave McGregor 88.0.

## Opunake Primary School Seniors win basketball title



(Back Row) Daniel Sefton, Tyson Newton, Johann Guttenbeil-Smith, Braith Castle, Jamie Smith, Manase Filihia Daragh Hamilton-Davis, Bruce Clement  
(Front Row) Lexus Bishop and Savannah Clement.

Opunake Primary School had a stellar year with the Year 7 & 8 A Grade team winning the basketball competition - with the Year 7 & 8 B team and the Year 5 & 6 teams securing their respective runner up accolades. In fact, all four Opunake School teams made the finals. Coach of the premier team Daniel Sefton was understandably delighted at the result.

The finals were held at The Hub, Hawera with Opunake's

A grade team prevailing 30 to 22. "The Opunake team were determined to win," commented Daniel. The team was captained by Jamie Smith. (Johann Guttenbeil-Smith has captained earlier games). Players such as Savannah Clement, Manase Filihia and Braith Castle were relentless as they fought for the win. "I was pleased for the team for all their hard work," said Daniel. He explained that, during the season, they went

the extra mile and even training in unpleasant windy conditions.

The final preceded the international main event, as a curtain raiser, which featured the Malaysian national team.

Daniel is at pains to explain that the team's success was due to the input of other coaches such as Willie Banks (Taranaki Sports Association) and Angelo Hill. "Angelo's basketball course on Wednesday nights

has been a great asset for the community and young players in particular."

Daniel paid tribute to the referees, such as Pero Brophy and Scott Quinnell, "Who did a fantastic job as well."

Daniel Sefton hopes more parents can help with the next basketball season. In particular more coaches are needed. If you'd like to be involved could you please phone Opunake Primary School 06 761 8367.

## Reed beats Ransom in close match

The Taranaki Indoor Bowls ladies open singles were played at the Stratford A&P Hall on Saturday August 5.

After section play there were five qualifiers- Judy Ransom, Andrea Berry, Pauline Rowlands, Bronnie Reed and Noeleen Picard. In the quarter final, Judy Ransom defeated

Andrea Berry 10-9, then went on to defeat Pauline Rowlands 13-1 in the semi final. In the other semi final, Bronnie Reed defeated Noeleen Picard 8-4. In the final, Bronnie Reed defeated Judy Ransom in a close match 14-9.

Ray Finlay  
Publicity Officer  
Taranaki Indoor Bowls



Sam Drought formerly of Opunake with his three great grandsons who were all selected to play for the Ross Brown South team. Samuel has also been selected for the Taranaki Under13 Roller Mills team. Samuel and Liam Drought, Sam Drought and Zac Perrett.

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# Gail Drought's love of racing remembered at Pukekura Raceway

An Opunake woman's lifelong love for horses was commemorated with a race at the Pukekura Raceway, New Plymouth on July 22. The Gail Drought Memorial 2000 was run two races before the Opunake Cup and was sponsored by the family of Gail Drought who died last year.

Gail, who had been on the board of directors of Taranaki Racing, was married to Gary and was mother to Nigel, Casey and Sarah. She was the daughter of Ron and Nevis Brewer and spent all her life in Coastal Taranaki. Her love of horses dated back to her days at the local pony club.

She gave up riding when she was about 17, but took it up again when she was 40, joining the Taranaki and Egmont Wanganui Hunt Clubs. From here she went on to show jumping, taking part in A & P shows.

She and Gary developed a herd of pedigree Holstein Friesian cattle carrying the Seaview prefix.



Ron Brewer with his grandchildren Sarah, Casey and Nigel.

After Gary died, the family sold the home farm while keeping the house and four hectares which formed a horse stud.

Gail's other achievements included being the first female stock agent in Taranaki. After the company she worked for was sold, she bought the filly

Kind Return, a Zabeel which competed at the top level, with Group One placings in the Auckland Cup and Zabeel Classic.

Gail's first black type success came when Cassini won the Wanganui Cup.

Gail was diagnosed with cancer back in 2003, but kept working and riding to

the end, as well as travelling overseas with members of her family.

The Gail Drought Memorial 2000 was won by Katie McKeen, followed by She's Poppy and Zartan.

# League honours for Opunake Primary students

Several students at Opunake Primary School have had sporting success in being named in representative Rugby League teams recently. This includes senior students Manase Filihia and Chaytah Rangī, as well as younger students Cayless Rangī, Harlan Deegan and Jahrese Tamatea. This issue we'll look at the two senior students Manase and Chaytah.



Chaytah Rangī and Manase Filihia Rugby League Reps.

Chaytah Rangī has been selected in the Taranaki Whānui team representing Maori Rugby league. He also made the representative team last year. He plays at Centre. He trialled at an event in Hawera at the end of the last school vacation. "It's pretty cool," he said. He also went to a tournament near Hamilton where his team was placed second. (The Auckland team won). I was "happy and proud," he commented.

Chaytah's ambition is to eventually play for the NZ

Warriors and maybe the New Zealand national team.

# Manaia Golf results

Junior results. Driving to target. 1. Ashton Sharp. 2<sup>nd</sup> equal. Joe Gibson and Ryan Wickstead.

1. Kieran Taylor. 2. Carter Symes. 2.3. Jayda Sharp. 4. Lucas Symes.

1. Daniel Jones. 2. Oliva Symes. 3<sup>rd</sup> equal Kahu Harrison and Zoe reader. 4. Jackson Reader.

Grand Champion. 1. Kieran Taylor. 2<sup>nd</sup> equal Ashton Sharp and Daniel Jones.

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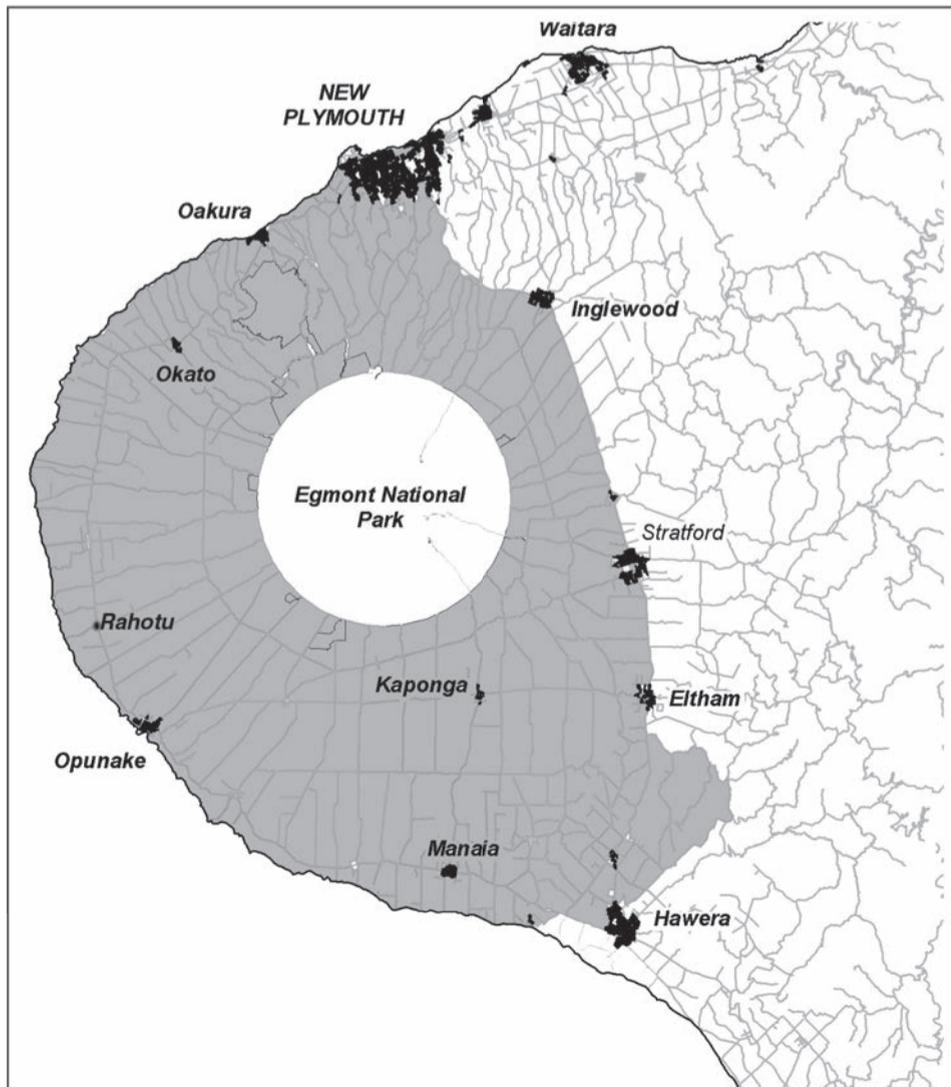
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# Taranaki Arts Festival shows have real Kiwi flavour

## New Zealand TV icons coming to a theatre near you

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In the closet with the doors wide open, Peter Hudson and David Halls were New Zealand's original gay love story, in a time when it was illegal to be gay.

Todd Emerson (Hudson) and Chris Parker (Halls) replicate their famous onscreen chemistry with bitchiness, witty retorts and flamboyant performances.

Prepare to be transported to a television studio from the past for a taste of riotous action. The oven's caught fire, David is drinking (of course) and Peter has bad news.

This laugh-out-loud show captures a slice of New Zealand entertainment history – the show ran from



Hudson and Halls show at The TSB Theatre this Thursday, Friday and Saturday get your tickets quick.

1975 to 1986 – celebrating food, fun and camp comedy.

“...for sheer entertainment this show has few equals, as shown by the standing ovation the cast received at the end.” – Stuff

“Hudson and Halls are back with a scrumptiously over-the-top display of outrageous showmanship and culinary mayhem.” – NZ Herald

To the point: Celebration of TV personalities/fun and flamboyant/witty and bitchy/camp comedy/sheer entertainment.

17-20 August. 7pm at Theatre Royal TSB Showplace. 85 minutes including interval.

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This riotous show celebrates a feminist

firebrand, who helped New Zealand become the first country in the world in which women got the vote.

In That Bloody Woman, directed by Kip Chapman, Sheppard takes on the patriarchy, public opinion

and even Prime Minister Richard “King Dick” Seddon.

The suffragette movement and punk rock may seem unlikely bed fellows, but they both share a revolutionary spirit and staunch attitude, that writers Luke Di Somma and Gregory Cooper have captured.

With one foot in the late 1800s and another firmly in the 21st Century, this musical of a New Zealand icon has had sell-out shows, rave reviews and embodies the glorious and gutsy history of Kiwi women.

This work, which was commissioned for the Christchurch Arts Festival, doesn't let up.

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# Opunake and Hawera now officially motorhome friendly

South Taranaki towns Hawera and Opunake were officially welcomed into the New Zealand Motor Caravan Association's nationwide Motorhome Friendly scheme at a reception at the South Taranaki District Council.

A delegation of Taranaki NZMCA members met with South Taranaki Mayor Ross Dunlop and councillors to hand over two certificates to the Council acknowledging Hawera and Opunake as New Zealand's 46<sup>th</sup> and 47<sup>th</sup> Motorhome Friendly towns.

It's a move which is set to provide a healthy boost to tourism spending in the town and surrounding area, says NZMCA CEO Bruce Lochore.

The two new locations bring the number of Motorhome Friendly towns in Taranaki to three (the other being Stratford), and along with the two NZMCA Parks in the region (in Hawera and New Plymouth) demonstrate the Association's drive to share the benefits of Motorhome Tourism, without adding extra strain to local facilities or heaping extra costs on local ratepayers.

"Our members enjoy the South Taranaki district and travelling here in Certified Self-Contained vehicles, and staying (when possible) in our own NZMCA Parks will take pressure off local facilities while still bringing Motorhome Tourism dollars into the area," says Mr Lochore.

"In saying that, it's important to stress that all this is being done at no cost to local ratepayers. The establishment of the Parks and the promotion of the Motorhome Friendly towns is funded entirely by the NZMCA. The result is a win/win for everyone," he says.

"For Hawera and Opunake, official recognition as Motorhome Friendly will encourage more of our members and international visitors to stop, stay and spend. And for motorhomers, the towns' status as Motorhome Friendly is a clear indication that they can expect a warm welcome."

Mr Lochore explains that the Motorhome Friendly status offers significant economic benefits to

participating communities by attracting more NZMCA members and other tourists in Certified Self-Contained vehicles.

"At a time when tourism in this country is enjoying an unprecedented boom, we believe it is vital that the benefits are not confined to the traditional tourist 'hotspots' but are shared with councils and communities nationwide," he says.

"Our aim in establishing the scheme was to help rural and provincial communities throughout New Zealand get a fair share of tourist spending. That's why the NZMCA has invested more than \$1.3million and committed significant resources over the past three years to encourage our members – and other Motorhome tourists – to get off the beaten track in their travels."

"NZMCA members love to travel and enjoy a wide range of events; airshows, music festivals, wine and food festivals, cycle rides, fishing contests, walking weekends, gardening festivals – you name it," says Mr Lochore.



Taranaki NZMCA Taranaki Area chairperson, Harry Davy and South Taranaki Mayor Ross Dunlop.

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# 21 years and still counting

Two brothers are now in their 21<sup>st</sup> year of organizing the growing and selling of daffodils for Daffodil Day.

Trevor and Edgar Smith are both members of the Normanby and Districts Lions Club, and on Monday, they with other club members were at Edgar's place in Hawera bunching up daffodils for sale on Daffodil Day.

"Really Daffodil Day is on the 25<sup>th</sup> of the month, but we sell them from the time they flower," says Trevor.

Daffodil Day has been an annual fund raising event for the Cancer Society since 1990. The Smith brothers and the Normanby Lions got on board back in 1996 when Bob Murch who had been organising Daffodil Day in Hawera shifted to New Plymouth and handed things over to the Normanby Lions.

"(Lions club member) Dick Cavey suggested why not plant some bulbs?" says Trevor. So 2000 were put in, at Trevor's place at Te

Roti and at Edgar's place at Ohangai. Even after Edgar shifted from Ohangai into Hawera, the new owners continued to let the Lions grow their daffodils there. A couple of years ago a new crop was planted at Nowell's Lake east of Hawera.

"We would have over 12,000 in the ground now," Trevor says.

As well as growing enough to meet their own club's needs, they have been able to grow enough to help out other clubs as well as the Cancer Society.

Trevor, Edgar and other Lions Club members have been a familiar sight in Hawera around Daffodil Day, whether selling flowers in the square or taking them door to door around the town's businesses and schools.

Trevor says he is pleased

with the quality of the flowers.

"The quality is better this year," he said. "After Daffodil Day, if there's some left over, and there's someone with cancer, we'll give it to them as well," says Trevor.



Lions Club members from left: David McNair, Nigel Preston, John Freer and Graham Thompson.

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## Daffodils bloom hope this August 25

Sufferers of cancer can draw hope with Opunake Lakeside Lions Club members who are working hard for the Daffodil Day stall in Tasman Street on August 25.

This is an annual appeal by the Cancer Society. All the proceeds from the Opunake stall will stay in Taranaki.

Daphne Holley, President of this Opunake Lakeside Lions

Club, appeals to everyone in the local community to donate produce, cooking, hand crafts

Come rain or shine, the Lions Club members will

pick "field daffodils" donated by two generous families in the district.

"So many kind folk are helping already and we are very grateful for their

support," says Daphne.

For more information, telephone Margaret Holmes, 761-8923 or Kathryn Stanley, 761-8592.

## Hear the people sing - Song and dance from the World's Greatest Musicals

The Hawera Memorial Theatre Trust is poised to stage a full scale musical theatre extravaganza in the Hawera Memorial Theatre from November 18-25 under the direction of Russ Standing with Michelle Glover as choreographer and Claudia Bluett as vocal coach and rehearsal pianist.

Auditions held recently in Patea, Hawera, Stratford and

Opunake were highly successful and Russ is delighted with the quality and numbers of performers that attended.

The show has now been cast and rehearsals commence on Sunday August 13.

In addition to the cast of 40 singers and dancers, a further 20 plus support crew are working in the background in various roles to bring this

production to the stage.

With songs from most of the famous musicals staged over the last 50 years, the show promises to be an exciting, vibrant and colourful piece of South Taranaki entertainment.

All proceeds from this event go towards the Hawera Memorial Theatre refurbishment project and the Trust invite you to take the opportunity to visit one of the finest small rural town theatres in New Zealand.

Early Bird bookings open on August 14. You can book through Ticket Direct or at the Hawera i-SITE.

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# Premier pool and snooker club to open its doors in Hawera

New Zealand's leading cue sports club is coming to town. Massé will be open for business in Hawera this month and will offer its members a range of facilities and activities including cue sports and other recreational games.

Massé has been operating in New Zealand for 26 years and currently has about 14,000 members across its clubs in Hamilton, Glen Eden, New Lynn and Pukekohe.

General manager Bernie Endres says the club's membership base is growing every year with more women and younger people in particular giving cue sports a go.

"Our members love being part of the club because they can build new friendships, skills and confidence," Endres says.

"If members want to play a more competitive game, the club also opens up opportunities to compete and travel doing something they love. We're absolutely thrilled to now offer these opportunities to the Hawera community," he says.

Whether members play socially or competitively, there will be a range of programmes and activities available at the club.

Tournaments will eventually be set up and held



Holly Minhas at Secret 7 Bar and Grill on Princes Street is ready to welcome new Masse' members.

every month, and Massé is currently recruiting an in-house coach to provide support and free coaching for members wanting to improve their individual game.

Massé members will also have the opportunity to take part in international championships, depending on their level of skills. If they qualify and are sent overseas to represent New

Zealand, the club provides financial support, which Endres says is part of the club's commitment to its members and developing the game in New Zealand.

Club manager and born and bred Hawera local Holly Minhas believes a club like Massé has been a long time coming for the Hawera community.

"For younger people and

teenagers especially, it's so exciting to see Massé bringing a new social activity to our town. Massé is very family-friendly and we'll be providing a safe environment where families can enjoy spending time together," she says.

"Come and meet the team - we're all locals - and chat

to us about the different membership options. One of our membership options is free, so there's nothing stopping you from giving it a go."

Massé will be located at what is currently the Secret7 Bar and Grill on Princes Street. The club will offer high-quality pool tables with

tournament grade cloth, and refurbishments will take place in the near future to create more space for additional tables and other recreational games.

The club is currently recruiting additional local staff, providing new opportunities for employment in the community.

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| <br><b>BABY DRIVER</b><br>Action, Comedy, Crime   112mins   R13<br>Strong violence and offensive language<br>A young getaway driver (Ansel Elgort, The Fault in Our Stars) finds himself taking part in a heist doomed to fail in this musical crime comedy from Edgar Wright (Hot Fuzz) Co-stars Lily James, Kevin Spacey, Jamie Foxx and Jon Hamm<br>Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> August 7pm<br>Saturday 19 August 7pm Saturday 27 <sup>th</sup> August 7pm   | <br><b>DESPICABLE ME 3</b><br>Action, Adventure, Animated, Comedy, Kids & Family, Science Fiction   1hr 36min   PG<br>Gru faces off against Balthazar Bratt, a former child star who grows up to become obsessed with the character he played in the '80s, and gets into some sibling rivalry when he meets his long lost twin brother.<br>Saturday August 19th 1pm                          |   |  |        |  |                    |   |                |                                       |                                     |                              |                    |  |               |   |  |  |
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# Top Taranaki Arts Festival shows are heading to the regions this winter

Two Kiwi guys meet two Aussie shellas, and the rest is history.

*Anzac Eve* is the story of four young backpackers heading to Gallipoli for the

Dawn Ceremony, complete with smuggled vodka.

There's the self-confessed "Brizzie bimbo", the lively beer festival buff, the opinionated history student

and the sassy Maori lass who has grown up in Aussie.

Playwright Dave Armstrong says these four youngsters want the full Dawn Ceremony experience - but some of them

are also looking for a "piss-up and a hook-up."

This combination makes for a story that's both a hilarious comedy, and a moving night out.

Opunake gets the chance to see *Anzac Eve* on Friday August 25, as a part of the Taranaki Arts Festival.

TAFT chief executive Suzanne Porter says she is chuffed to bring the hit show to Opunake.

"*Anzac Eve* is a perfect fit for Opunake audiences," she says.

"Two-thirds of this play is filled with some of the best comedy I've seen, but then there are some serious moments that give you something to think about.

"It's a great balance and makes for an excellent Friday night out."

Porter says some of the best acts in the festival are a part of the regional line-up, including comedian Ben Hurley, who is coming to Pihama on Thursday August 17.

"Ben is an absolute hoot and you'd be mad to miss him, especially when he's right on your back doorstep.

"Expect to have sore

muscles from laughing so much. He's written a joke about every country in the world, so it's 60 minutes of relentless comedy."

Ensuring some of the best festival shows make it to the regions is always high on TAFT's priority list, Porter says.

"Extending out to the regions is so important to us. This is a festival for the whole of Taranaki, and it is a wonderful way to bring some sparkle to the whole region, especially during winter," she said.

The Taranaki Arts Festival runs from August 17 to September 3.

*Anzac Eve* is on at Opunake's Everybody's Theatre on Friday August 25, 7pm. Ben Hurley's Earth Planet World is on at Pihama Hall on Thursday August 17, 7pm. Tickets for both shows are available from Pastimes Giftshop or from [www.artsfest.co.nz](http://www.artsfest.co.nz)



*Anzac Eve* is on at Opunake's Everybody's Theatre on Friday August 25.

## Taranaki Arts Festival at Everybody's Theatre.

We are very lucky to have ANZAC EVE coming to Everybody's Theatre on 25th August 7pm. This is a four person play that is touring New Zealand and coming here as part of the Taranaki Arts Festival.

In this poignant but funny rite-of-passage story, Maia, self-confessed 'Brizzie bimbo' and Lizzie the Mozzie (a Maori Australian) meet Kiwis Ben, a graduate of New Zealand history, and Phil, a graduate of the Munich Beer Festival.

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