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National returned comfortably

The National Party looks set to form another Coalition Government, winning by an increased percentage of the vote on election night of 48.1%. This was an increase of 3.1% on the 2008 General Election. They will have 60 MPs elected.

The Labour Party will be disappointed by their share of the vote – just 27% - a drop of 7% since 2008. Their total is 34 MPs.

However, although many opinion polls predicted that National could govern alone by exceeding 50%, this was not reflected in the voting. Prime Minister John Keys' coalition partners are ACT (John Banks), United Future (Peter Dunne) and the Maori Party have not yet reached a decision.

The other party to increase its share of the vote is the Greens Party led by Dr Russel Norman and Metiria Turei. This time they won 10.6% of the vote – up from their 2008 percentage of 6.7. They will have 13 parliamentarians – all List MPs.

One of the surprises of this election is the New Zealand Party, which garnered 6.7% of the vote to yield 8 parliamentarians – all List MPs. Last election they failed to attain the 5% threshold so were entitled to no List MPs, having also not won any electorates. Winston Peter, the leader, has said he will not join any coalition government and Mr Key has ruled out working with Mr

Peters.

Several of the minor parties will be disappointed with their showing. The ACT, United Future and Maori Parties have also lost their respective share of the vote. Ironically, ACT's leader Dr Brash did not make it, despite colleague John Banks winning the electorate seat of Epsom. ACT received just 1.1% of the vote – down from 3.65% at the 2008 election.

The Conservative Party gained 2.8% of the vote – although shy of the threshold to obtain List MPs.

Mana Party's leader Hone Harawira won his electorate seat. Last election he was elected to a Maori electorate, but broke from his original party (Maori Party) following a disagreement with the hierarchy.



Tariana Turia who held the Te Tai Hauauru seat for the Maori Party.



Chester Borrows who held his seat for Whanganui.



Shane Ardern who won Taranaki King Country contest.



Andrew Little who won a position as List MP for the Labour Party, although he lost to Jonathan Young in the New Plymouth electorate.

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One issue to go

There is just one issue of the Opunake & Coastal News left for the year.

It will be published on December 15.

This is usually a bumper issue which covers the Christmas and New Year period.

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Jonathan Young who retains New Plymouth.

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Fracking – the turning tide

Your report on fracking (17 November) suggests that the “tide is turning” against the hydraulic fracturing of rocks, which is occasionally used during oil and gas exploration.

You may be interested in a report issued 24 November by the Taranaki Regional Council, and independently peer reviewed by scientists at GNS Science, which has given the oil and gas exploration industry a clean bill of health in the use of hydraulic fracturing.

An assessment of the 28 wells that were fracked in Taranaki over a 10 year period from 2001 to 2011 shows no evidence of environmental damage. All these operations were carried out in deep rock formations that were hundreds of metres below the much shallower freshwater aquifers. The report concludes that if hydraulic fracturing

operations are carried out properly there is little environmental risk.

The people quoted in your article base their opposition to hydraulic fracturing on experience overseas, which industry in New Zealand has repeatedly said has no bearing on what happens here. The TRC report supports our assertion.

Our industry will continue to monitor its activities carefully and has a strong commitment to conducting all operations in a safe and environmentally responsible way.

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EDITORIAL

Asset sales – please reconsider

There is minimal public support for asset sales – partial or otherwise, according to all recent opinion polls.

The arguably unlamented Lange/Douglas Government of the 1980s made extensive asset sales an art form, but eventually paid a heavy electoral price. The rest of us are still paying. It was a mistake then, a mistake when continued by the Bolger Government, and is a mistake now.

Does anyone truly believe the suggestion that shares held by ‘Mum and Dad’ investors won’t ultimately end up in overseas investor’s hands. I think the apt expression is ‘Yeah right’!

Of course overseas borrowing needs to be addressed - and urgently. However, there are other options that can reduce spending. For example, ‘crying out’ to be implemented is the imposition of a means test on Superannuation. There is no need - and it is a waste of taxpayers’ money - to pay the likes of Sir Bob Jones Superannuation now that he is 65 plus.

At the end of the day Superannuation is a benefit and should be there for those in need (Not for those who don’t need it). However, the cap should be kept quite high – perhaps for those earning over \$150,000 per annum.

Age....

Have you ever been guilty of looking at others your own age and thinking, surely I can’t look that old? well.....you’ll love this one!

My name is Alice Smith and I was sitting in the waiting room for my first appointment with a new dentist. I noticed his dental diploma, which bore his full name.

Suddenly, I remembered a tall, handsome, dark haired boy with the same name had been in my secondary school class some 30-odd years ago.

Could he be the same guy that I had a secret crush on, way back then?

Upon seeing him, however, I quickly discarded any such thought.

This balding, grey haired man with the deeply lined face was far

Also, the cut off threshold should be periodically reviewed in the light of inflation and the like.

There are other measures that could be enacted to save money and thereby reduce the need to borrow so much. How about setting the principal that no one in the public sector should be allowed to earn more than the leader of the nation – the Prime Minister who earns over \$400,000pa. There are numbers of high level earners in the public sector who are paid more than that, such as high level managers and CEOs, to say nothing of the likes of high court judges who are on obscenely high salaries (over \$600,000).

And how about making the Higher Salaries Commission accountable to the long - suffering tax payers whose money they allocate in such a seemingly extravagant manner. At present they seem a faceless group - they should be elected officials.

Also, a fairer tax system needs to be devised that ensures everyone’s paying their whack.

Anyway, let’s hope the newly elected Government can rethink their asset sales intentions and heed the opinions of the majority of political leaders, such as Russel Norman, Phil Goff, Tariana Turia and Winston Peters - and not proceed.

too old to have been my classmate. After he examined my teeth, I asked him if he had attended Morgan Park Secondary School.

‘Yes, yes I did. I’m a morganner! ‘he beamed with pride.

‘When did you leave to go to college?’ I asked

He answered, in 1965. Why do you ask?

‘You were in my class!’ I exclaimed.

He looked at me closely.

Then the ugly, old, bald, wrinkled, fat, grey haired, decrepit, blighter asked.. ‘What did you teach?’

BBC (Bible Believers Corner)

A lamb for Christmas

She couldn’t understand what God was asking. She was to have a baby. She questioned the messenger. “But I haven’t had sex with a man, how could this be?”

The messenger replied that God’s Holy Spirit would father the child.

Joseph’s girlfriend was pregnant, and he was upset. He had kept the relationship pure, within the strict religious beliefs of both families. Mary too had seemed to want to wait until they were married. But here she was pregnant.

Joseph was really furious, he had been let down, made a fool of by this girl who he thought loved him. But true love is the strongest of all feelings, the strongest of all powers. True love cares for

the other person more than self. He cared more that she should not be stoned, as the law demanded, than his hurt feelings. He started to plan where to send her to have her baby and be safe.

And then Joseph dreamed a dream so real he knew it was from God. No man had been involved in Mary’s pregnancy, nor had Mary herself. What was growing in her was by the Holy Spirit.

This was not a human baby with its father’s blood or mother’s genes. This was a human baby from a God created fertilised egg and as such carried none of the original curse.

It wasn’t a son in the sense of a separate person as a normal father and son are. This was God condescending down from eternity and into time. It was God being born of woman as we all were. And it wasn’t God the Father who was the Father of Jesus it was the Holy Ghost. And Jesus was God the Father in human form.

It had to be that way. When the book of life had to be redeemed in Revelation 5 no man, no woman, was found worthy. But the one who sat alone on the throne of heaven stepped forward into time becoming a Lamb born in a stable of a virgin. With no original sin He didn’t need to die. But He was slain by religion and politics. In doing so He alone was worthy to redeem the book, and us.

Ref: Matthew 1 v18 -23, Revelation 4 v2 & 5 v1-7

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National returned comfortably

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Referendum retains MMP

The current system MMP (Mixed Member Proportional) has been retained with about 53.8% of the vote. The percentage against was 42.6%, with 3.6% informal votes cast.

Taranaki returns all incumbents

New Plymouth electorate was the most marginal in NZ and keenly watched. However, incumbent Jonathan Young has won comfortably, polling 16,205 votes – well ahead of his nearest opponent Andrew Little with 12,027 – 4178 adrift. The Green Party's Geoff Steedman was a distant third with 1,105 votes.

Whanganui was held with ease by incumbent Chester Borrows with 15,493 votes. Former Mastermind winner Hamish McDoull of Labour

was second with 10,604. Third and fourth was quite close with Greens John Milnes (1,258) holding off

NZ First's Ian Brougham (1,027).

National Party's Shane Arden has easily retained his Taranaki-King Country seat with 19,187 votes. Labour List MP Rick Barker secured 5,178 votes for second place. The Green Party's Robert Moore came third with 2,491 votes. Labour's nation-wide share of the vote is too low for Rick Barker to retain his List MP position.

The Maori Party's Tariana Turia has retained the Te Tai Hauauru seat with 6,654 votes, heading off Labour's Soraya Peke-Mason with 4,220 votes in second place. The Green Party's Jack Tautokai came third with 1,574 votes ahead of Frederick Timutimu (Mana) with 1,156 votes.

With special and overseas votes still be counted these numbers will, no doubt, change a little. However, the overall result is unlikely to change.



We farewell Labour List Member of Parliament Rick Barker who has written a regular column in the Opunake & Coastal News and wish him the very best for the future.

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Correction

Naleeah Gillum and Summer won Junior Champion lamb and Reserve Champion overall lamb at the Opunake Primary Calf and Lamb Day not Camryn Redin as published in a previous issue. Camryn did however win first place for junior lamb leading. We apologise for this error.

Editor

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South Taranaki Timetable

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MAYORAL COMMENT



NP Mayor Harry Duynhoven

infrastructure work, cultural developments, and big-issue decisions such as the use of fluoride in our drinking water.

However 2011 will mostly be remembered for the Rugby World Cup and the three games at Stadium Taranaki – and also for the way communities around the region (and the country) embraced the tournament and had an enormous amount of fun along the way.

So after helping to host such a mammoth event, it seems only fitting that we end the year with another big event: The TSB Bank Festival of Lights!

On 18 December the lights

will switch on in Pukekura Park, with the associated Summer Scene starting on 23 December and the On Stage evening entertainment programme on Boxing Day.

The Light Up Your Home Christmas Light Trail will be running again, which is your chance to expand the lights festival from the park and bring it into your garden.

Everything you need to know about this year's festival will be in the brochure, which is arriving in every letterbox in New Plymouth District within the next week.

No matter what your age, there will be activities during the festival for you to enjoy

– so be sure to come along!

(You can also keep up with what's happening online at festivaloflights.co.nz, or download the Festival of Lights Smartphone app from the App Store or Android market from mid-December.)

I, for one, am looking forward to warmer, more settled weather over the Christmas and New Year period, and enjoying our great outdoors. I hope to see you out and about too!

I wish you all a wonderful Christmas, and a relaxing and safe New Year.

*Mayor Harry Duynhoven
New Plymouth District*

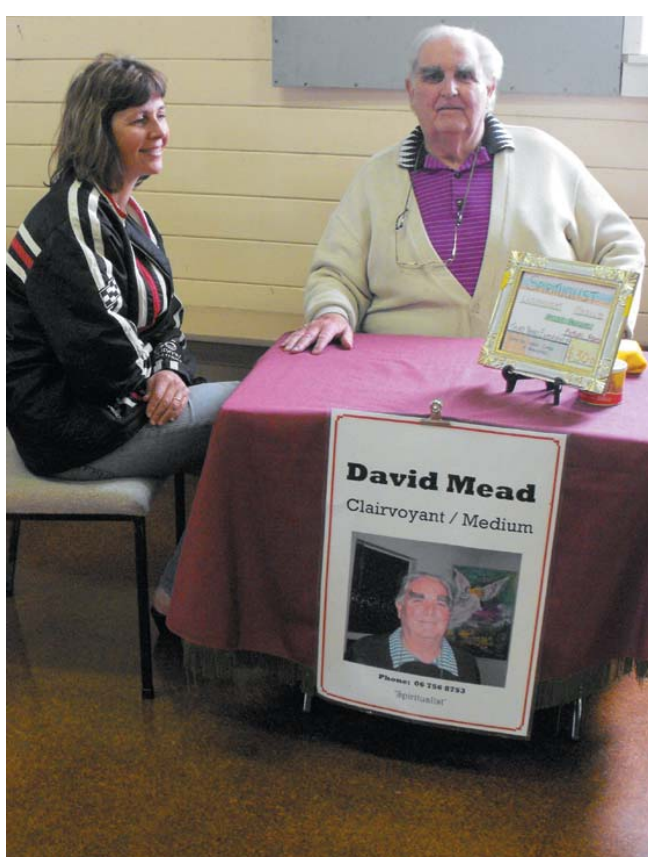
Health Expo well attended

RIGHT:

Margaret Broomhall and granddaughter Summer Broomhall at the Coastal Lifestyle Expo held at Oaonui Hall last Saturday.

Margaret, who is from Kaponga, makes the candles from soy wax.

Sales had been "fairly good" she said over the day.



Clairvoyant David Mead from Tauranga doing a reading for Helen Baylis at the Coastal Lifestyle Expo Day held in the Oaonui Hall.

There was a range of items for sale at stalls, along with various practitioners offering a range of therapies through from reiki massage through to clairvoyants.

There was also a bouncy castle outside to entertain the children.

Council makes top 3

Three seems to be the South Taranaki District Council's lucky number. After having been a finalist for the last 3 consecutive years the Council took third place for the medium-large workplace category at the national JRA Best Workplaces Awards held last night in Auckland.

"This is the third year we have been a finalist and it gets tougher to keep increasing what are already, quite high levels of employee engagement," says Council chief executive Craig Stevenson.

"We seem to be doing things in threes - we were placed 9th in 2009, 6th in 2010 and now 3rd in 2011, so bring on 2012," says Mr Stevenson. Mr Stevenson says the result is great news for a number of reasons. "A highly engaged workforce is more productive, more innovative and more highly committed and these factors result in better service to our citizens," he says. "A

further benefit is the ability for the organisation to attract high calibre employees. Good people want to work for good organisations."

Mr Stevenson believes the reason why the Council has rated so highly comes down to the quality of its people and the strong organisational culture that exists.

"We are one big, professional family with a very positive can – do attitude. People have that positive attitude when they feel they are being valued and they are making an important contribution. Our people are totally committed to doing their best for our residents," he says.

The Council also took out the Employer of Choice Award at the Westpac Taranaki Chamber of Commerce Business Awards held last month.

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Double for Okato- Shield and Colin



The Ranfurly Shield with a little supporter. "No, you can't have it back," she could be thinking.

Coastal Taranaki School (CTS) had a double bonanza on November 22 – a visit by award-winning Colin Cooper, who coaches the Tenderlink Taranaki Rugby team, coupled with the 'log of wood' itself – The Ranfurly Shield.

Colin Cooper won the Supreme award at the Taranaki News Sportsperson of the Year Awards on November 25.

The CTS students themselves were most enthusiastic, with the Shield being an important focal point – but

not the only one! However, even more popular than the Shield was the coach himself – Colin Cooper, who was inundated with young people seeking his autograph.

Standing back a bit from the throng was Eloise Hikaka (aged 10) who commented, "It's cool the Shield being here". She added, "It's exciting".

Principal of CTS, Allan Miles, was gratified with the visit. "We're very privileged and pleased to have Colin Cooper here". He added, "The kids are buzzing".

Between signing autographs Colin came up for air to make a few comments

about the enthusiastic welcome "It's great – like everywhere we go". He is – and the Shield - partway through a tour of the schools in the province.

When asked if he thinks Taranaki can successfully defend the Shield he responded, "That's the plan. Preparation is important" – adding – "We really need to secure our own players".

One of the Year 10 students, Hamish Kape (aged 14), made a good point about the visit. "It's good to see the shield at our school. It's good that Taranaki Rugby are not locking it up (in their trophy cabinet)".



Coach of the Taranaki Rugby Team, Colin Cooper - fully occupied signing many autographs at Coastal Taranaki School in Okato.

COUNCILLOR'S COMMENT



Cr Gordon Lawson

jury crashes on local roads resulting in 6 deaths and 36 serious injuries and on the state highways there were 183 injury crashes resulting in 15 deaths and 43 serious injuries.

Nearly one third of all fatal and serious injury accidents - 310 in total - involved poor handling and excessive speed and that 20% were alcohol or drug related.

21 Deaths and 79 serious injury accidents over four years, with a third being speed related and 20% alcohol or drug related, is a concern.

With all of the publicity given to these factors the message is not getting through or is just an attitude problem "it won't happen to me"

So with the festive and holiday season almost here, please take care, drive to the conditions,

obey the speed limits and ensure that you have a safe sober driver.

Whilst on transport issues, the Taranaki Regional Council will shortly be releasing the Regional Land Transport Programme for 2012-2015 for consultation, such to be finalised at the February meeting. So if you have concerns on the condition of our state highways (bridges, curves, heavy traffic routes) obtain a copy and have a say.

As you may be or not aware there is proposed change to the current 'Left hand Rule'. This will occur at 5am on Sunday 25 March, 2012. An intensive publicity campaign will be undertaken during late February

If and when you drive through Eltham to attend one of our rural pools, walk through our parks or visit Rotokare, don't forget to say "cheese" as you could appear on the newly installed security cameras.

On behalf of the Eltham Community Board I would like to acknowledge and thank CAGE and our local Policeman Mark Taylor for their input in bringing this project into operation.

I would encourage all businesses to get in behind this project as such is for the benefit of all. Additional cameras can be

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As this is my last comment for 2011, to all a very joyous and safe Christmas shared with family and friends.

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Constable Rich Corry

Well hullo all, we are on countdown mode of Christmas. Man, I can't believe how fast this year has gone - something about getting older I have been told.

First things first. As most of you would know by now I have a racist sexist scumbag

living in my area who does not have the guts to put their name to their handiwork.

For those of you that do not know what I am talking about, in the early hours of Tuesday the 22nd of November the above mentioned took it upon themselves to deface a number of buildings and signs in the Okato area.

The canvas of choice was a number of buildings and road signs. The paint of choice blue and red spray paint.

I'm not sure if the offender worked alone or had an accomplice, but whoever it was you need to have a good hard look at yourself in the mirror.

I am sure that somebody out there knows who it was and

they need to come forward and tell me. This sort of behaviour will not be tolerated.

So if you saw anything suspicious in the early hours of that Tuesday between Okato and the Puniho straight please contact me on 75 24111, or if you know who is responsible for this tagging and the tagging at the old school, which appears to me to be done by the same gutless wonder, again contact me on the above number.

For those of you that cannot read between the lines this incident has really disappointed me.

With the school holidays almost here - to assist me in doing my job, please take an

interest in what your kids are doing, where they are going and who they are hanging out with. I know that we cannot always be there with them and they need to make their own decisions, but they do need to know that we care.

Anyway, enough grumbling. On a bright note I have my sheep back and they are slowly eating their way into my freezer. Can't wait to have one of them for dinner.

I hope you all voted. Remember, you can't complain if you didn't vote.

Anyway must go. Take care out there and I look forward to hearing from somebody about the above mentioned incidents.

Rich

Eltham



Constable David Lindsay

Hi People,
Again this is a good time to remind everyone that the festive season is fast approaching and the good old work shouts are starting up. Please plan a safe ride home if you're going to have a few drinks and kick back. We'll be running a few operations targeting road safety and alcohol related offending in general, so have a good time, but keep safe.

Domestic incidents seem to be increasing in the general area; this may be due to financial pressures and excessive alcohol consumption at this time of year. If things are going wrong at home, please be pro active about it and seek help before it turns into an 'incident'. Remember there's a difference between talking about an issue and finding resolution and arguing about it and finding only confrontation.



Constable Andrew Russ

Police attended a domestic violence incident on Conway Road where a 33 year old female and a 46 year old male were arguing over domestic issues after a drinking session.

Police attended a domestic violence incident on Collingwood Street where a 27 year old female and her 22 year old brother were arguing over domestic issues.

Police were called to a prowler job in Alamein Street, Kaponga where someone had entered a house and been chased out by a dog. Enquiries are continuing.

An intoxicated 38 year old male was dealt with for breach of liquor ban on King Edward Street.

A theft of confectionery was reported from Eltham Four Square. Enquiries are continuing with good camera footage obtained.

Police attended a four car crash just North of Eltham on SH3. Vehicles had slowed for the road works in the area and some failed to stop in time. Safe following distances would have prevented the incident and minor injuries were received by a couple of the drivers.

Police attended a vehicle driving complaint on Railway Street where cars have been doing burnouts. Enquiries are continuing.

A man was in no shape to drive after a few too many, so

he wisely left his car parked and walked home. As he was walking unsteadily along, he was stopped by a policeman. "What are you doing out here at 2am?" asked the officer.

"I'm going to a lecture," the man said.

"And who is going to give a lecture at this hour?" the cop asked.

"My wife," replied the man. Take care.

Constables David Lindsay and Andrew Russ, Eltham Police

Oakura CBD looking bare after plant theft

A light-fingered plant enthusiast has put a big dent into Oakura's summer plant display.

During the weekend 18 Xeronema plants were stolen from the CBD flower beds, just a week after they had been installed by New Plymouth District Council.

"Oakura's especially busy over summer and we wanted the town's central area looking great for when the people start coming through in droves," says Manager Parks Operations Stuart Robertson.

"Now it's looking pretty bare because one person thought they had more right to these plants than the entire community did. It's pretty an-

noying - especially as the bottlebrush flowers were just starting to display."

Temporary vegetation, possibly flaxes, will be planted to fill in the bare areas for the summer season, and Council staff will replant the area next autumn or winter.

Mr Robertson asks anyone who saw suspicious behaviour around the flower beds to phone the Council.

"The only people who should be removing plants from the district's flower beds are the Council staff, who wear the blue, yellow and black uniform tops. If you see anyone else interfering with vegetation in public area, please let us know," he says.

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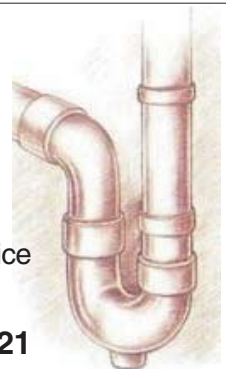
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Malone stands again



This statue of Lieutenant Colonel William Malone was sculpted by Dr E Fridtjof Hanson of New Plymouth. It was officially unveiled on November 20.

Lieutenant Colonel William George Malone (1859-1915) stands again – after a fashion.

Well known sculptor Mr E Fridtjof Hanson has crafted a lifelike statue, which now stands

at the entrance to Carrington Walkway, Stratford. The statue was cast in bronze by Ross

Wilson of Marton. “It’s wonderful to see it where it should be”, commented Fridtjof.

The official unveiling of the statue was held on November 20 – in bright sunlight - and attended by dignitaries such as Mayor Neil Volzke and officials from the Stratford District Council. The mayor gave an excellent speech, according to Fridtjof, who placed Colonel Malone in the context of being a notable Taranaki identity – not just a brave soldier.

This statue in honour of Colonel Malone, who was killed at Gallipoli on August 9, 1915, was planned by the Malone Quest Committee, led by P Peckham – as well as Fridtjof, of course. The TSB Community Trust helped with funding for the project. The project was supported by the mayor and his Council.

Accompanying the statue is also a photo of Colonel Malone standing outside his bivouac, shortly before his death.

Colonel Malone commanded the Wellington Battalion at Chunuk Bair, Gallipoli. His death was probably the result of ‘friendly fire’ from allies!

As a young man the English-born Malone emigrated to NZ (1879) where he joined his brother Austin in farming (He farmed at Cardiff), as well becoming a qualified lawyer (1895). He was made a JP in 1892 and played rugby for Taranaki. He held various positions in public affairs with such bodies as the Hawera County Council.



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District's Heritage Management Open for Public Feedback

A Heritage Strategy discussion document has been released to the public, as of Wednesday the 23rd of November, by the Council's Policy Committee. This discussion document provides an opportunity for the public to have their say on how heritage is managed in New Plymouth District.

“Heritage is a key part of our identity so it’s important that the

public help shape our final strategy,” says Manager Corporate Strategy and Policy, Maureen Crombie.

“The strategy will cover built heritage, natural heritage and cultural heritage, and will spell out the Council’s role and services in managing them for the benefit of current and future generations.”

People can have their say online via newplymouthnz.com/

at the entrance to Carrington Walkway, Stratford. The statue was cast in bronze by Ross

heritage, or pick up the discussion document and feedback form from the council offices. The consultation closes on 22 December. The discussion document covers a wide range of heritage issues for the public to consider. The built heritage section ranges from heritage buildings, earthquake strengthening and cemeteries through to urban view shafts and areas with

heritage character. Natural heritage includes trees, significant natural areas, Pukekura Park and waterways. Cultural heritage covers archaeological and waahi tapu sites, the collections at Puke Ariki and the Govett-Brewster Art Gallery, and heritage trails.

“There are many more topics within each of these three sections, along with specific questions that we’d like feedback,” says Maureen.

Fracking not safe says Climate Justice Taranaki

Climate Justice Taranaki is not surprised by the Taranaki Regional Council’s (TRC) report today saying that fracking is safe given their track record of negligent monitoring.

“Our stance always remains that TRC will not find adverse effects because their insufficient policy, monitoring requirements and breach response plans and their lack of public consultation avoids the finding of any adverse effects. So of course TRC can report no damage as they have made it almost impossible to find any,” said Emily Bailey, a spokesperson for the group.

“The industry always claimed that fracking is safe because it takes place thousands of metres

away from fresh water aquifers. At the Manutahi wells in South Taranaki, the distance between fresh water and where fracking took place was only 257 metres! Furthermore, the report mentions the possibility of leakage from the hydraulic fracturing well-casing due to defective installation or cementing. This is exactly what happened at a Cheal well a couple of years ago and should be an alarm bell for all of us living in Taranaki.”

“Peak oil has caused a mad increase in dangerous fossil fuel extraction methods in Aotearoa and we do not want to see farm animals or people dying from drinking leaked frack fluid, or

having their houses explode from leaking gas, as is happening elsewhere in the world. Water contamination and greenhouse gas emissions are not acceptable ‘best practices’ and we want to see an immediate moratorium on fracking until it can be independently proven beyond any doubt that it is safe.”

“We would also like to note that there is a strong collaboration between the Taranaki Regional Council and the industry. The Petroleum Exploration and Production Association of New Zealand (PEPANZ) had their media statements released before the report was even available on the council website. This is

indicative of a council who puts the interests of greedy companies before protecting the environment.”

“The report amounts to nothing given that it is basically the frackers saying that fracking is safe based on their own numbers and reports. If a government released a report with information from the nuclear energy industry that concludes that nuclear waste is safe (as long as there are no incidents), would the public take this PR propaganda seriously? One has to wonder whether the Taranaki Regional Council is controlled by the public or by private corporations.”

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Chester Borrows-MP
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An election campaign for a sitting MP is always just like a performance appraisal or a school report card. I am mindful that most of my reports always had the comment "could do better". So I am very humble and happy to have been re-elected as the Member of Parliament for Whanganui, but mindful of the fact that - on reflection - there is always something else that could be done differently. Most of the public oscillate between wanting to see more of their elected representatives and getting sick of the sight of them. One shopkeeper told me that I had a check showing up at election time when I wanted

A new term and a new resolve

his vote and that he expected to see me at least once a year. As one of the several hundred businesses in Wanganui City he thought that was appropriate. When I asked him if all the other businesses in the electorate, including those in all small towns had the right to expect the same and he learned how far the electorate stretched, he modified his expectation. Still he had a point.

The role of the MP is to be the best advocate for their constituents, their issues, their needs, and their aspirations. Although MMP gives us all a population of about 56,000 to represent, that is not the fault of the voter, it is the system foisted upon them so if an MP want the job, they need to turn it on.

We field thousands of calls per year with inquiries as vast as the importation of pig meat, health needs, immigration inquiries, criminal justice matters, education issues, local government representation, business concerns and those

who just want to tell their representative their thoughts about the issues of the day. Then there are the maintenance of relationships between local government representatives, government agencies, business identities, social service agencies and schools. There is a need to be available as speaker to many community groups and government representative at public events, protests, public meetings, and being on the end of the phone when the media calls.

In between this there is a need to have a few ideas of our own. Our electorate needs to grow population, visitors and jobs. Without a fresh set of opportunities for work the young and the new to town leave or merely pass through. With no new sets of eyes looking at our issues, opportunities and potential, chances get missed, population decreases or atrophies. It is not the MP who creates jobs, but it is about creating and being part of an environment where people are encouraged to start new busi-

nesses and expand existing businesses with new jobs, products and markets.

So around the Coast we need to make the most of our strength in pastoral farming and associated work such as engineering, tourism, cultural experiences and education. We need to expand the infrastructure of roads, schools, community assets and business while carefully managing the environment, which sustains the whole of our economy and existence. Without an environment there is no economy - not the other way around.

In the meantime I am very grateful for the opportunity that I have been given to represent this community and the responsibilities that the office of Member of Parliament brings with it. I look forward to contact made with me directly or through offices in Hawera and Wanganui and clinics in Patea, Opunake and Eltham on a regular basis.

Chester Borrows
MP for Whanganui

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Maori Party must stay staunch on asset sales



Winston Peters, newly elected List Member of Parliament for New Zealand First and their leader.

New Zealand First has appealed to the Maori Party to stand firm and not support National's plan to sell off taxpayer owned assets.

Rt Hon Winston Peters says the Maori Party has consistently said it opposed state asset sales and it should stick to its guns and not try to have a "bob each way" over the issue.

"If your policy opposes asset sales, you can't suddenly say you will allow it if Maori can have a slice of the action. You can't stand

with one leg on each side of a fence because it gets very painful. Moreover, it will lead to oblivion for the Maori Party by 2014 if not sooner.

"Asset sales will not help Maori. It will lead to further impoverishment and lack of opportunity. Maori know that, which is why in excess of 95% of them oppose asset sales

"Corporate Maori can look after themselves so don't sell out those at the bottom of the heap," warned Mr Peters.

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Te Kiri Wi

Our meeting was quite an exciting event as it was held on the same day as the Te Kiri Cup. A very good attendance was welcomed by our president, Sue Muggeridge. Members enjoyed our day at the Normanby Hall for an 'Enjoy and Craft Day'. Usual competitions were held, the only difference being more than one entry was allowed. This

is a new way of holding our half yearly meeting, and met with approval from all present.

Nita Kaiser had bought a beautiful calendar to be sent to our link institute in England. We were surprised by our lovely gift we received from them, as it was early.

Details for our 75th birthday are nearly completed with the entertainment yet to be decided.

Two members accepted the invitation to the volunteer morning tea held in Opunake and are looking forward to this event.

Competition Results are:

Bloom: 1st Pauline Clough, 2nd Kath Perrett, 3rd Merle Clement.

Shrub: 1st Heather Radford, 2nd Pauline Clough, 3rd Sue Muggeridge.

Floral: 1st Sue Muggeridge, 2nd Heather Radford, 3rd Mavis West.

Time was getting near 'Cup time' so we all tidied our hair, adjusted our hats (oh readers you should have seen our hats!) fascinators felt, including straw and flowers. We nearly out-classed Princess Bea. Well we all thought so.

With a few minutes to go we had our birthday box as Kate Perrett was celebrating a very special birthday and was presented with a beautiful posy of flowers.

They're off. Sue's commentary kept us in touch with the horses with a very excited Nita cheering her horse on. We were quite a noisy lot of spectators but it surely was fun. Yes, Nita's horse won (Kiriute) and Nita was presented with her prize.

Next race was very exciting with Sue having to try and keep up with the horses which she did.

Institute won by a nose much to Dianne's delight and she was presented with her prize. Then it was time to judge our hats. This was done with us all given a number and the other numbers drawn out of a box. This was won by Elaine Simpson, our visitor and future member, which was just great. Elaine wore a very pretty flower in her hair.

With our sides still aching, we enjoyed a 'yummy' afternoon tea served by Nevis Brewer and Pat Barrett.

The Melbourne cup was never like our day out - a wonderful fun meeting enjoyed by us all. My sides were still sore when I arrived home.

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Why we behave differently in different situations

Have you ever wondered why you behave differently in different situations?

John Key's hissy fit and walking out of a press conference is an example of the wrong ego state being present at the wrong time.

"He didn't cope - didn't have the right coping behaviour at the time," says clinical hypnosis practitioner Bryan Kyle from Eltham.

He was explaining how we all have different ego states that we have developed in order to deal with situations.

"People behave differently in different situations because of conditioning - and because of the neural connections in the brain that result from such conditioning. Repetitive conditioning occurs over time and reinforces the neural connections and the behaviour that goes with them," says Bryan.

By way of example he continues: "If, as a child, one continually looks after one's brothers and sisters in a nurturing manner, one develops a nurturing way of behaving in certain situations. Thereafter, in the

future, this part of one emerges to perform the same behaviour in the same or similar situations."

For each different behaviour, however, there was a first time. This generally happened when the individual was a child - perhaps an adolescent - and sometimes as an adult.

"What happens is that the individual is confronted with a new situation - a significant event - one they haven't encountered before. At that moment, the individual finds or creates a new way of coping with that situation, and simultaneously new neural connections for that new behaviour are created in the brain. A memory for that event and for the coping behaviour is created. These are accessed the next time a similar situation arises, and thus the 'new' behaviour repeats. An ego state has thus been created."

These coping behaviours are called ego states in Ego State Therapy (EST).

"We all have many ego states," states Bryan.

Ego State research suggests that individuals will use between 5 and 15 different ego states in the course of an "average week". Some people have fewer - some more. The person who seems to behave consistently most of the time obviously has fewer ego states. A person with varying types of behaviour probably has more ego states.

Can these ego states be accessed and communicated with in a clinical setting?

Absolutely - yes, says Bryan. "There are



Bryan Kyle - why we have different ego states.

various clinical techniques which can be used to work with one's ego states - hypnosis is the most useful and thorough of these techniques."

Some ego states can be positive or helpful, says Bryan. For example children who achieve early success in competitive sport can develop a competitive streak which is beneficial as they get older.

They can also however, in the case of the Prime Minister in the instance cited above, be unhelpful or negative.

It is the ego states that are not

helpful that Ego State Therapy addresses.

"When parts of the individual personality or behaviour need to be corrected," says Bryan. "These patterns of behaviour can be reversed."

He gives the example of people who smoke in certain situations.


"You can use hypnosis to access different parts of the personality and behaviour which are conspiring together to smoke. "It could be one or several."

Bryan goes on to say people can benefit enormously by accessing with, and communicating with, their various ego states. "This helps people understand themselves and help make the changes they want to make. And making a change in their life is why people seek help in using this technique."

Interestingly, ego states can be 'mapped'

by the clinician - and then the various states can be worked with in order to create the changes individuals want to make in their lives. Such changes normally allow the individual to experience better mental health, and achieve an inner peace and harmony and happiness - all as a by-product of the changes the individuals wish to make and the new direction they decide to move in.

"Changes can be made in as quick as 20 minutes," says Bryan adding "The results astound people."



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Home detention for Sean Davison

Sean Davison has been sentenced to five months 'home detention' to be served in Dunedin for assisting his mother to commit suicide.

Formerly up on the greater charge of 'murder', the case attracted considerable national publicity.

We reviewed his book 'Before We Say Goodbye', several issues ago in the Opunake and Coastal News.

Sean Davison gave a copy of the book to my mother Dr Paula McKellar. Sean's mother Pat, who my mother had met while studying medicine at Belfast University in Ireland, had been bridesmaid at my parent's wedding. My mother had also introduced Sean's parents to each

other. His inscription in the book begins, "Dear Paula, Without you I wouldn't exist..."

The book, which is in essence the diary he kept in the last weeks before his mother died, is a moving document on what it is to watch a terminally ill loved one suffer. It is also interesting in its insights into the impact on other family members and the complicated dynamics that perhaps characterise all families.

Pat herself did not have a faith. Her son describes himself as "spiritual".

At one point, when his mother's request for help in permanently relieving her suffering, he wrestles with his own conscience and states he would

never ask such a thing of his own children.

Pat who my mother always described as a great friend, a good person, intellectual and was, by all accounts, a wonderful mother.

As a medical doctor she had the power over life and death over others.

Perhaps that is why she was determined to have control over her own time of death.

Whether we should have such power is a debate that will continue.

To read the extraordinary book it is impossible to not feel compassion for Sean's predicament.

Editor



Sean Davison and his mother shortly after he arrived from South Africa to be with her in her final weeks.

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Bicycle safety

Bicycle safety has been on the agenda this term at Coastal Taranaki School. Last week the Year 5 and six students were learning how to keep safe while riding their bicycles. The course

included instruction in different techniques, including keeping balance, but also included heading off onto the road. "I reckon it's great, because it's helping us a lot",



Two young cyclists show their skills at Coastal Taranaki School.

commented one participant – Jasmine Stone (aged 10).

Some of the skills being taught included

handling, left and hand turning, and dealing with roundabouts, as well as keeping balance through all manoeuvres.



Lachlan Green (aged 10) makes good work of a turn. He described the course as "fun".



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Vehicles and feet are sand dune killers

For sand dunes to protect our beaches, they must be no-go zones for people and vehicles.

New Plymouth District Council is reminding coastal users that motorbikes, quad bikes and other vehicles must not be driven on sand dunes along our coastline – and people shouldn't walk on them either.

"It happens every season, with vehicles driving over the sand dunes or along the toe of them during high tide and damaging the dune-binding plants and their runners," says Manager Parks Programmes Steve McGill.

"We'd like to get the message out early this year so that people know that for sand dunes to do their job in reducing beach erosion, they must be left alone.

"When you're walking or

driving onto a beach, please use the formed accessways that are in place."

Already, people have been seen driving along some beaches and ignoring the formal access points in favour of cutting over the top of dunes. Some fences protecting the dunes have been removed.

Vehicles and people on sand dunes crush the plants that are binding the sand and keeping it from blowing away. The damage has a cumulative effect: For every small area damaged, the plants on the edge suffer and die as well, increasingly expanding erosion along a dune.

"Healthy sand dunes grow over time, which in turn build up the depth of sand on the beach and increases the beach's resistance to erosion during storms," says Steve McGill.

"We've had school groups

and the general public putting in a lot of time to put thousands of native plants on the dunes over the years, and vehicles and feet can crush them so easily.

"Dunes are a fragile ecology and the only way to keep them healthy is to stay off them.

"We have developed the dunes as a public project, and we'd like the public's assistance to keep them undamaged."

Emergency vehicles may be driven on a beach, as well as vehicles towing a boat to the water as long as they are removed immediately afterward – no parking on a beach is allowed.

Boat access ramps in the popular Oakura stretch of coastline are next to the New Plymouth Old Boys' Surf Life Saving Club, and off Ahu Ahu and Weld roads.

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Nunsensationally amazing



The cast of Hawera's latest production Nunsensations. showing off their flamboyantly colourful hats..

"We don't often get a show as good as this. A rare treat", was the verdict of one patron at the November show of 'Nunsensations', which had a season running from November 19 to 29 at the Hawera Memorial Hall. Dan Goggin's musical was presented by Hawera Repertory Society and ably directed by Jill Hooper.

A strong feature of the show was the excellent and colourful set construction to say nothing of the flamboyantly appealing costumes and amazing hats. This aspect was apparent from the outset as the play opened in the Pump Room Lounge' at the Mystique Motor Lodge in Las Vegas. One stunning creation was the illuminated staircase.

The on-stage action was pleasingly complemented by the

musical ensemble, directed by Charles Pittams. The group included piano (Claudia Bluett-Pilkington), keyboard (Kirsten Corrigan), flute (Michelle Shaw), drums and percussion (Bobby Logan) and bass guitar (Te Oranga Whareaitu).

The story involves the Little Sisters of Hoboken being offered \$10,000 for their school if they are prepared to perform in Las Vegas. Of course, doubts prevail as to whether the Sisters should be performing in "Sin City". "I'm not sure that nuns and Las Vegas go well together", comments Mother Superior doubtfully.

Then again, \$10,000 is a lot of money to turn down! So off they go to sing and dance. The quality of singing and dancing is of a high standard. All performers are

obviously talented and one hesitates to differentiate. However, I thought that Glendal Landsborough (as Sister Mary Leo) was outstanding - with both her singing and dancing.

The issue arose of exactly how entertaining they should be - especially in Sin City. The expression 'T and A' is mentioned. Does this stand for 'Talent and Attitude' - or something more basic? Sr Robert Anne favours the latter. Luckily, despite many escapades, virtue prevails!

The others in the cast included Kirsty Bourke (as Sister Mary Regina - Mother Superior), Mary Neal (as Sister Mary Hubert), Samantha Turner (as Sister Robert Anne), and Vivien Taylor (as Sister Mary Paul/Amnesia).

The Sisters themselves are an interesting bunch, such as a former gang member and delinquent from Brooklyn (Sr Robert Anne), one with limited memory due to an accident with a heavy crucifix (Sr Amnesia), and a former tight rope performer (Sr Mary Regina).

There was a lot of audience participation with cast members venturing into the audience, which delighted and

embarrassed the patrons in equal measure.

As the show ended the audience knew they had great value from a talented cast, backed up by an excellent backstage team, to say nothing of the many people involved with this successful show. The words of one patron summed it up aptly, "Just a great show".

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Ski Trip to Mt Ruapehu

Skiing on Mt Ruapehu became an exciting adventure for Year 7 and 8 students from St Patrick's, Kaponga. This was as a part of the EOTC (Education

outside the classroom) programme held on the second to last day of Term 3.

A junior reporter has provided this account: On arriving

at Turoa ski field we went to the rental shop to get all the gear we needed. We had a two hour ski lesson with an instructor called Stefan. In the

lesson we learned the basics of skiing which included getting our skis on and off, stopping, walking on the slopes sideways and turning and how to use your ski poles correctly. Ms Harrison, Rosie, Katelyn and Hannah stayed on the slopes after the lesson.

There was a really cool disk ski lift called a pommel. This moved us up the ski field so we could ski down over and over again. Rosie, Katelyn and Hannah all fell off it.

Ms Harrison decided to have ski races. She always won, Rosie was second and Hannah and Katelyn were tied for 3rd and 4th.

There was also an escalator that you glide onto to get up the mountain slope. Ms Harrison, Amy, Rosie, Katelyn and Hannah all went on the chairlift. It got colder and colder when we got higher up but it had awesome views. It was an exciting time and we learned skills in a sport new to us.



Year 7 and 8s enjoying the snow.

Opunake Friendship Club

Monday, October 28 was a very busy day for our committee. We hosted 33 members of New Plymouth RSA to lunch at the St Barnabas Hall with a lot of camaraderie and catching up with old friends, and for one local lady, a cousin she didn't know. From there to the Town Hall for an afternoon of entertainment provided by the Eltham Savage Club who kept everyone amused with music sketches and jokes. With the accompaniment of keyboard, piano accordions, guitar and harmonica they kept toes tapping and with the nostalgia of the old songs, there was something for everyone in the audience, which totalled just on 100.

To our hosts for the afternoon, the Te Kiri Women's Institute, thank you ladies.

There were ten raffles - hence ten draws and I was pleased to see a lot of them won by our visitors. This is an annual visit by the RSA.

I would like to say a big thank

you to our committee who have worked tirelessly through the year.

We have a bus trip on November 24, leaving from St Johns Hall at 10.15am.

Also, don't forget the Lions Xmas Lunch on Monday, December 5th. We need numbers

for our caterers. Friendship is for the whole community, both young and old. Feel free to come along - everyone is welcome; just \$2 entry, which buys you a raffle ticket, entertainment and afternoon tea.

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'New Zealand through the Goalposts'

A book of photographs by Fay Looney. Published by New Holland Publishers (2011), 218 Lake Road, Northcote, Auckland 0627. Foreword by Peter Bush.

With Christmas just around the corner, this excellent book of rugby photographs, by well-known Taranaki photographer Fay Looney, is well worth considering with the Rugby World Cup still fresh in most people's minds.

The book has many quality colour photographs from all over New Zealand, featuring various rugby venues - with Taranaki well represented - ranging from the humble school field to test venues, such as Eden Park. It also has well known rugby players of

the past and present, such as Sir Colin Meads, former captain of the All Blacks Tana Umaga and current captain Richie McCaw, as well as Dan Carter.

Many photographs are of goalposts framing captivating scenery. As Fay Looney puts it, "Rugby goalposts frame much of our country, from suburban fields, along seashores and surf-drenched coasts, to the Southern Alps".

Early in the book is a shot of the All Blacks mid-Haka before a game against the Irish team in New Plymouth this year during the World Cup.

Of interest to Taranaki rugby supporters is the photo (near the end) of the Barratt boys, the five rugby repre-

sentative sons of Kevin and Robin Barrett - with Beauden no doubt poised for All Black selection.

At the back is a very good photograph of the All Blacks, holding the Webb Ellis Cup.

The double page shot of the Mackenzie Basin is simply sublime - this photograph alone would be reason enough to buy this book.

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Mighty Toys & more at craft show

For the second time in a fortnight the Hempton Hall in Okato had the luxury of a display of handcrafted and artistic work on offer. This time it was Local Handcrafts Inc who had a series of stalls well worth viewing on Saturday November 19.

A most interesting stall was Mighty Toys, which had a multitude of handcrafted wooden vehicle, the work of Aaron and Erin Young of New Plymouth, as well as the late Gary Young – Aaron’s recently deceased father. The quality toys were made from pine and painted by Erin.

Originally, Gary started making the toys in 1971 and handed on his skills to his son. Several of the toys Gary made himself, but Aaron proudly pointed some which both men had worked on.

“I’d hate to think how many thousands my father made”. In my job in architectural design I’ve come across quite a few of Dad’s handcrafted toys in houses I’ve visited”.

Of the toys made by the couple, Aaron commented, “I make them, Erin paints them



Erin and Aaron Young of the Mighty Toys stall. The red truck Aaron is holding was made by both himself and his late father Gary.

and I do the line work”.

Another stall had a range of attractive greeting cards. “I make all the handcrafted cards”, said Robyn Pitcher. However, some cards are imported, such as the Sweet Pea brand – with its fantasy themes. - These are imported from the United States. She also had a large range of rubber stamps, as well as other products.

An intriguing stall was manned by Gilbert Gibson of Inglewood, who publishes books. “People give me their stories and I turn them into books”, he explained. One interesting one was based on a 1906 tour guide of Taranaki when Richard Seddon was Premier (he died the same year)

and Ernest Shackleton was preparing for his expedition to Antarctica. It was called ‘Taranaki: The Garden of New Zealand’. Gilbert also makes jewellery and said of his attractive display, “It I make something that get people to stop, they’ll look at the books”.

Another stall was run by Gabriele Milse (‘Gabriele’), which had everything you could possibly want for alterations and dressmaking. With her son’s help she also had a food and beverage stall with a wide selection of tempting snacks.

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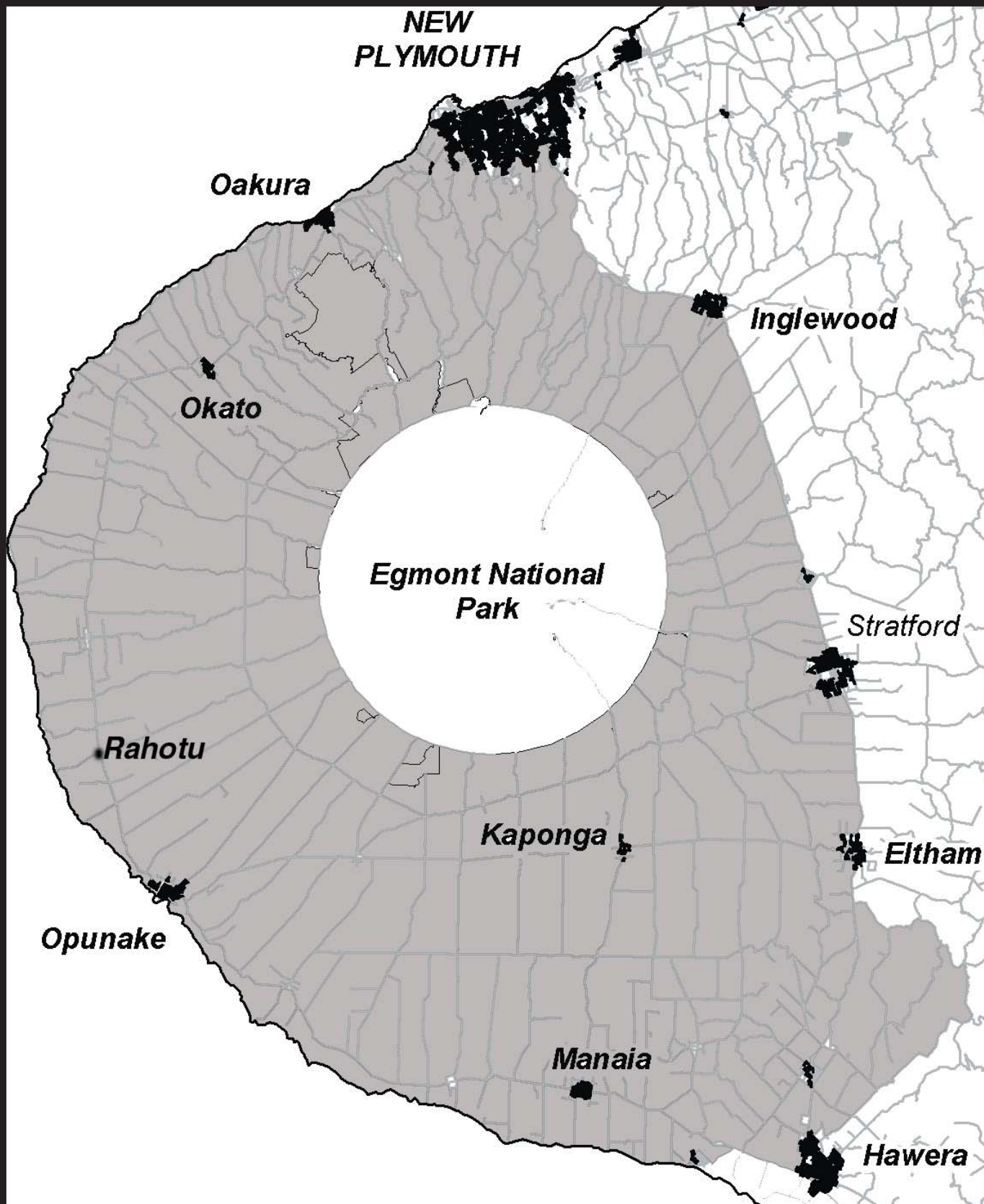
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another sport, as well as being made aware of water safety and enhancing their knowledge of water sports in general.

The course is held at Opunake Beach and the students are tutored in groups of manageable numbers. The course is directed at the Junior students who attend the school. The "gentle slope" of this beach makes it ideal for tuition, explains Chris Luke.

Watching the group at Opunake Beach on November 22 was a parent of one of the participants who commented, "I think it's good". She added, "I thought that the sea would be rougher today from the forecast". She said her child "loves" the surf course.

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ALL WELCOME

High garden visits for Powerco Taranaki Garden Spectacular

Almost 52,000 garden visits have been recorded for the 2011 Powerco Taranaki Garden Spectacular – on par with the numbers recorded last year despite some days of adverse weather and a weak economic climate.

Formerly known as the Taranaki Rhododendron and Garden Festival, the event also recorded a 99% “Very Good to Excellent” approval rating in the festival’s visitor survey.

Now in its 24th year, making it one of the longest

running garden events in New Zealand, the survey also revealed visitors were staying on average between three and four nights.

“The Spectacular brings in valuable tourism income to the Taranaki economy,” says the event’s manager, Lisa Haskell and that, “Last year the event was estimated to have brought in \$5.4m to the regional economy, and we expect to surpass that figure once the survey has been independently assessed.”

“Our focus is to offer a



Visitors enjoying the beautiful gardens.

premier New Zealand garden experience so we are thrilled with the tireless efforts by the owners of the nearly 50 gardens in the festival who deliver that. While newspaper and magazine exposure was the main way visitors find out about the event, the second way is simply ‘word of mouth’ so visitors are coming away very happy and telling all their gardening friends about us!”

Apart from visiting gardens, the Newstalk ZB sponsored

garden speaker series also proved popular. Hundreds booked to see floral art demonstrator Heather Hammond weave her magic on stage, while UK-based gardening guru Neil Ross presented a lively and entertaining talk featuring great gardens of Britain to an enthused crowd. Neil’s second event; a workshop about “Cheating with Confidence” was packed out at Jenny Oakley’s garden in Manaia.

Meanwhile, this year’s landscape design installation, an inner-city artwork by international trompe l’oeil artist

John Pugh, has also proved a hit. Made possible by the support of the TSB Community Trust, John was also assisted by Marc Spijkerbosch, New Zealand’s own leading trompe l’oeil artist.

The trompe l’oeil artwork (meaning trick of the eye) measures approximately 18 metres long by four metres high and has beautified a wall in the inner city Huatoki Plaza.

Called “Waterways” the photo real artwork creates the illusion of a garden plaza within the existing Huatoki Plaza. John’s design weaves

together aspects that have significance to the festival, the Taranaki region and environment.

“2012 will see us celebrate our 25th year as one of New Zealand’s premier gardening events and it should not be missed. If you’ve ever thought about coming to the festival, next year should be marked down on your calendar! Our 2012 dates are Friday 26 October through to Sunday 4 November inclusive,” explains Lisa.

“So garden lovers should standby for another truly spectacular spring event!”

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Friday 2nd December at 7pm
Saturday, 21st December at 11am
 (Bring the kids to the movies and go shopping for those last minute Xmas presents). A group of zoo animals decide to break their code of silence in order to help their loveable zoo keeper find love - without opting to leave his current job for something more illustrious. Sony Pictures.

ABDUCTION
 PG, THRILLER /ACTION 1hr 46mins
 Contains violence and offensive language
Sunday 4th December at 7pm
 Twilight star Taylor Lautner stars in this Bourne-esque man-on-the-run thriller about a young man attempting to uncover his true identity after finding his baby photo on a missing person’s website. Roadshow.

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OILY RAG COLUMN Busy times in the garden

Oily rag austerity has been the theme of 2011. Some three weeks ago Statistics New Zealand released a survey which claimed nearly half of all New Zealanders say they have not enough or just enough to live on.

This comes at a time when there is a lot of talk about a ‘fair’ wage - ironically by politicians who this week were given an across-the-board salary increase of 1.5 per cent! They also received a \$5000 annual payment to compensate for their axed international travel perk - backdated to July 1st. Unfortunately, the struggling Kiwis who pay their wages, don’t have any say about how much a fair wage is for MPs - but while politicians are busy on the hustings, oily ragers are busy doing something for themselves.

November is a busy time in the garden. Things to sow in the garden include: carrots (for harvest from January - February), climbing and runner beans (harvest January - February), cucumbers (harvest December - January), dwarf beans (December - January), potatoes (February - April), pumpkins (February - April), silverbeet (December - February), and sweet corn (January - February).

Sow seed trays (for planting

in 4-6 weeks time): broccoli (harvesting December - February), cabbage (December - March), capsicum (January - February), leeks (February - March), lettuce (December - February), courgettes - which grow into marrows if not picked in time (December - January - March), rockmelon (January - March), tomato (December - March), and watermelon (January - February).

K.O. from Mahia says, “Seed propagating kits from retailers are so expensive, and you can easily make your own. Save flat, shallow plastic trays (the black plastic trays used to sell sausages and mince in are perfect) to use for the base/saucer. Grab an old cardboard egg tray (the ones that hold 30 eggs) and cut it to the size of your plastic meat tray, so that it fits nice and evenly inside the tray....and voila, seed propagating kit. Instead of going about the finicky business of watering fragile seeds, you simply fill the plastic tray instead, and the cardboard egg tray will constantly absorb water from the plastic tray, keeping the soil and the seeds evenly moist. I use this technique to get a head start on the season, placing my homemade seed kits in an old, unused vehicle, which acted like a greenhouse. You can also use old plastic bags, put the seed kit

inside and leave in a sunny location, but be sure to open for a brief period daily to let the germinating seeds breathe. Also, I have used the hot water cupboard with great success, to germinate seeds.”

A. Hume from Wairoa, says, “My husband is growing ALL our garden vegies from seed. He has found a useful way of using 2 litre milk bottles as seedling pots. He cuts it halfway up, fills the bottom with soil, then cuts the top into 4 divider slots and slots them in. We use every container, yoghurt pottle, plastic bottle, polystyrene container we have coming out of our house. And best of all, they are reusable.”

Gardens do not need to be large, even something a metre or two square will save you heaps of money. For the frame, use whatever you have spare - free - timber, stones, blocks or bricks, logs, tyres, and so on. Place a thick layer of newspaper on the bottom, then fill with a mix of topsoil and compost. That’s all it takes!

Send in your favourite penny pinching tips by visiting the oily rag website or write to Living off the Smell of an Oily Rag, PO Box 984, Whangarei. The book Living off the Smell of an Oily Rag by Frank & Muriel Newman is available online at www.oilyrag.co.nz.

Everybody's Picture Theatre Upgrade News

Things are coming along well at Everybodys Picture Theatre. The Structural Strengthening plans have been received from TSE Engineering and these plans have been sent to a number of engineering firms throughout Taranaki and we are awaiting quotes. Once we have obtained quotes we can then look at avenues to help fund this major project for Opunake.

We have had several working bees and have completed a new extension on the front of the stage in readiness for St Joseph's End of Year production. Thanks to the helpers and to Mark Tatham for giving up his morning to assist, also to Debbie for providing the scrumptious scones.

We are very excited to have Gary McCormack and Mayor Tim Shadbolt enter-



Mayor Tim Shadbolt and Gary McCormack.

tain us with some stand-up comedy on 2nd January 2012,

tickets are available from Opunake Post and Lotto. On

the 5th December Maori Television are holding 'Its in the

Bag' at Opunake High School, with all proceeds from the door to be donated to Everybodys Theatre, come along for a very fun night, fantastic prizes to be won.

The committee have decided to change the screening time on Friday and Sunday nights to 7pm, as numbers coming along on Friday nights were down, we hope that this will encourage more patrons on both nights. Remember: 'If you don't use it you lose it.'

We would love to have more volunteers helping out where they can, contact

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Stratford Singers Concert Menu

The Stratford Singers end of year concerts will feature a variety of items from stage and screen. The concerts will be held on Saturday 3rd December at 7.30pm and Sunday 4th December at 1.30pm in the Function Room of the War Memorial Hall, Stratford.

The choir will present a wide ranging programme of favourites including medleys from "Fiddler on the Roof" and "West Side Story", along with songs from the 30's to the 90's. Show items will include those from "Snake Fair", "Porgy & Bess", "South Pacific", "Les Miserables", and "Joseph and the Amazing Technologies Dream Coat".

Musical Director, Marina Roskilly will conduct the choir and in the absence of the

regular accompanist Liz Hughes, Elaine Schreiber has kindly stepped in to the role.

The Saturday evening audience will not only enjoy a feast of singing but also be provided with delicious dessert and coffee. The Sunday afternoon concert will conclude with afternoon tea. Bookings for Saturday evening's performance are essential (for catering purposes) and can be made at "In Stitches" at a cost of \$20.00 per person. Sunday afternoon performance will be door sales only at \$15 per person.

Come along and enjoy a concert to suit every musical palate!

Jane Askew
Publicity Officer

A Blue Christmas

Christmas can be a painful time for some. It may be the first Christmas without a loved family member or friend who has died this year; or a time of pain for a broken relationship, insecurity from unemployment, ill health or isolation.

We can feel very alone in the midst of the celebrating and spending. Our spirits sink and we need encouragement.

Come and join us as we share prayers, scripture and music that acknowledges that God cares for those who mourn and struggle.

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Musical art in Stratford

Percy Thomson Gallery in Stratford has its last exhibition for the year currently available to patrons until December 15. The exhibition is the Stratford Art Society Member's Exhibition and a staggering 205 works are on display.

The official opening night on November 25 was well attended and had Sue Davidson

CEO of Stratford District Council as the keynote speaker. She spoke of the various initiatives the Council has planned for the near future. "Amazing turnout", enthused curator Sue Morton.

An attraction was musician Anne Montgomery, in conjunction with Opunake's Ashley Pedersen. The talents



Ashley Pedersen and Anne Montgomery singing at the Percy Thomson Gallery recently.

of this duo made a pleasant accompaniment to the evening's artistic viewing.

Anne and Ashley, on guitar accompaniment, sang a range of songs such as 'Gypsy Rover', 'Dream Lover' and a personal favourite 'Love is All Around Me'. A selection of songs from Anne's CD (and audiotape) 'Still Waters', such as 'Home Away From Home' we were also fortunate to hear performed.

It is difficult to select works for comment when there was such a wealth of first class art to choose from. However, here goes:

The talented Waterson family were represented, such as Tony Waterson's 'Offerings', sculpted from Pinus Radiata. This piece was both eye-catching and thought provoking. Also on display was Tony's 'Small Pierced Bowl' fashioned from Copper Beech, as well as a 'Large Pierced Plat-

ter' made from Elm. Karen Waterson had several works on display such as the majestic 'Elephant Rock, Tongaporutu

in acrylic paint - with her trademark spider web included. Any of these would grace anyone's collection.

Rolland Mckellar



Karen Waterson's 'Elephant Rock Tongaporutu' (Spider's Web/Acrylic).

Picasso enthusiasts would have been gratified to view Julie Cannon's 'Homage to Picasso', an acrylic painting.

There were some outstanding photographs on show, such as Lyal Barrett's 'Lake Brunner in the Pink'. Lyal captures the lake in an astonishing blaze of sunset pink. The lake is on the West Coast of the South Island - not too far from the Pike Mine of recent tragedy.

A patron who especially is drawn to watercolours considered that 'My Archie' by Jean Franklin was especially poignant and thoughtfully painted.

There was such a plethora of work - much of it available at competitive prices (Have you chosen all your Christmas presents yet?). Apart from those mentioned there were silk scarves, pottery, glazed stoneware, cross stitch, mixed media, tapestry, decoupage, felt, and much more.

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The Sex Fiend fantastic fun

The Sex Fiend was great fun and just as funny as I remembered it from the first time I saw it staged many years ago in Tauranga.

Written by New Zealanders Stephen Sinclair – who also co-wrote another of my favourites, Ladies Night – and Danny Mulheron, The Sex Fiend is a very funny farce set in the mid 80s in Mathew's rented flat where he allows his girlfriend's poetry group to use the flat for poetry readings.

The Women's Poetry Group includes Phil (Jess Callaghan), Eileen (Katherine Wolfe) – a traumatised soul recovering from an abusive marriage, and Mathew's girlfriend Anna (Liz Lawson).

Before the group arrives however Brent (John Lawson), Mathew's English cousin, arrives unexpectedly. With a dozen in one arm, and a clutch of pornographic magazines in the other, the original male chauvinist proceeds to make himself at home oblivious to

Mathew's (Shawn Stanley) protestations that he is expecting visitors. First on

Brent's list is to phone for a call girl.

What follows is a delightful farcical romp full of misunderstandings. Brent mistakes the sensitive Eileen for the call girl, Mathew who is not meant to be at home dresses in drag to keep at bay the man haters and lesbian Phil confuses the chauvinistic Brent for a masculine 'sister' and falls in love.

It was great fun.

From her first comical strutting entrance Phil truly embraced the part and carried

it off so well. Brent also was an obnoxious – yet somehow endearing – sexist boor

oblivious to the effect of his offensive behaviour. There were many comic moments

as he is ardently pursued by the love struck Phil.

Eileen was also a nicely drawn character who successfully combined a fragility with feminine outrage at the whiff of any male presence.

I also liked Desiree (Hannah Rohe) who played the professional though detached sex worker with great skill.

Anna and Mathew were nice foils for the other outrageous characters.

The diverse characters however would not have been so funny and convincing without the brilliant script.

The Sex Fiend was sterling entertainment.

Directed by Christine King who admitted on first reading it might be a bit too ribald said she revised her opinion when she showed the script to fellow players who thought it was very funny.

I am so glad she did.

The Sex Fiend finishes at New Plymouth's Little Theatre on December 3.

Bernice McKellar



Confusion reigns - from left Mathew, Phil, Brent and Eileen.

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Mayor Tim Shadbolt and Gary McCormick performing at winery

Tim Shadbolt and Gary McCormick will be performing at Okurukuru early in the new year on January 4.

Arguably New Zealand's most colourful mayor and former student activist who in his early 20s shot to notoriety with his book Bullshit and Jellybeans, Tim Shadbolt and poet Gary McCormick promise to be an entertaining duo.

They have been touring the country in their two person show. "The year thus far – with the honourable exception of the Rugby World Cup –

has been a real bugger!" says Gary McCormick ... and he should know.

Based in Lyttelton, Christchurch his house took a few steps sideways in the February earthquake and another major hit on 12 June.

"I had just persuaded my parents – both in their eighties – to come down for a holiday because I thought the earthquakes were over.

"Then on 12 June another major earthquake hit and shattered the house. The irony was I had been filming Mum for the *Screentime*•TVNZ documentary on the 1931 Hawkes Bay earthquake. She was five years old at the time and in the main street of Napier during the disaster."

Two of McCormick's earthquake poems have been used to open and close the Police photographers' best-selling book '22/2: Beyond the Cordon'.

So the December and January tour with old mate Mayor Tim Shadbolt is a much looked



Tim Shadbolt and Gary McCormick – an unforgettable night. Book early!

forward to diversion.

Life has been comparatively calm for His Worship Timothy Shadbolt in Invercargill.

"The closest I came to a frightening experience this year was debating Paul Henry for his new TV series called 'Would I Lie to You?'" says Tim.

"I would like to think that the earth moved for Paul during our talk but he showed no signs of it!"

McCormick and Shadbolt have done over 100 shows together – a sizeable number being corporate events.

"It's great to be back on the road again over the summer," says Tim. "We love it because it really is fun in the sun! Everyone is in a good mood, which is the very best time to stage a comedy show."

The tour is in two bursts: one in early December and then from 2-10 January 2012.

As well as hosting the humorous pair on what promises to be a great night's entertainment, Okurukuru are having music while you dine every Friday night. The first and third Friday nights the singer will be Tina Bridgman. On the second and fourth Friday nights Sonic Delusion will be providing the entertainment.

Summer hours at the popular winery just north of Oakura begin December 1. The summer opening hours are Tuesday to Saturday from 11am till late and Sundays from 10am till 5pm.

So book now for your Christmas functions.

"We can do everything from wine tastings, canapes and cocktails, buffets and set menus including our Christmas Set Menu, Barbecue Buffet Menu, Murder Mysteries, you name it," says Okurukuru manager Eileen Marshall.