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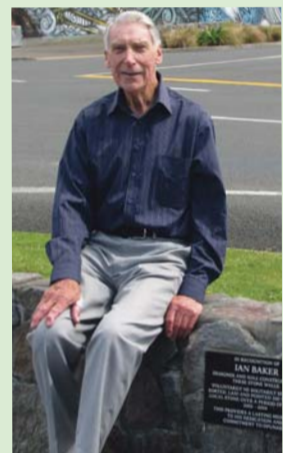
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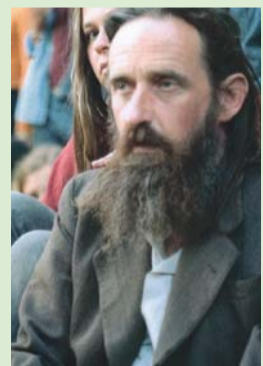
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Photo courtesy of Gail Simons, Stoney Oaks Wildlife Park, Inglewood

Merry Christmas everyone

The Opunake & Coastal News is now online. The website address is: www.opunakecoastalnews.co.nz The entire paper can now be read online which means adverts can also be read which will hopefully be an added bonus to advertisers. It always seemed sensible to wait until there was the technology to put the entire paper online so that not only the news but also adverts could be read by people accessing the newspaper. We are also adding

to the archive file which means you should be able to access back issues. Details about the paper including a map of where we distribute, a community profile and also our advertising rates are also available on our website. To try and streamline our production we have new emails which appear on the website. We have also upgraded our computers and hopefully this

will minimise any production problems and errors. Thank you Shane Butler from Pilot Computing in Opunake for getting us into the 21st century! It took a bit of persuading to get us to relinquish our elderly computers. Your intelligent and thoughtful approach to the extensive brief however has been so appreciated. We would like to wish everyone a relaxing Christmas and an exciting New Year. See you next year.

Chester grabs opportunity with both hands

Chester Burrows, MP for Whanganui, appears to be elated with the new opportunities offered to him by the Prime Minister, Mr Key, in the formation of the new government. Chester claims that the memory of the day he got 'the call' will stick with him forever saying, "I was at home last Thursday rebuilding a fence - a job that has needed doing for some time - when the cell phone rang. The Prime Minister offered me a place in his Executive as Minister of Courts and Associate Ministers of Welfare and Justice."

I grabbed the opportunity with both hands and said 'yes' and 'thanks' several times "to a boss who has shown his stature and wisdom as a leader over the past six years in Opposition and in government. Now my challenge is to prove the wisdom of placing this responsibility into my hands and the prospect is challenging and daunting but will bring with it satisfaction and reward." Chester explained that as Minister of Courts there

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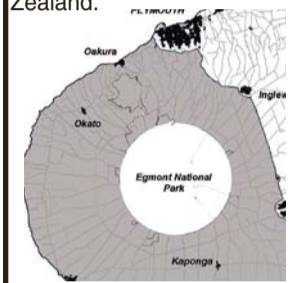
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Dirt Storm Fiasco

It's not a tornado. It's a 'dirt storm' was the comment about that created by an inconsiderate farmer discing or preparing the paddock (we aren't sure what) opposite the Catholic Church on the morning of Wednesday the 23rd November.

Opunake Bowling Club members were disgusted when they saw the paddock being worked in such windy conditions. Even with a bare field the dirt would have been blown a little but to be working it caused the dirt to be raised and blown across the southern end of Opunake. Bowlers that day were being covered in dirt causing the pin to be pulled short on the Club competition being held.

Dirt had seeped into the Club rooms to the extent everything needed cleaning, both inside and out. We know of people who returned to their homes after work to discover thin layers of dirt everywhere. One thing we are sure of is that if the person concerned lived down wind of the paddock, he would not have been working it that day in those atrocious winds.

We know farmers work to a time frame, but to be do-



The dirt storm.

ing this on a forecasted gale day, in a suburban area, was beyond belief and showed a total lack of common sense and consideration for others.

Opunake Bowling Club

A New Voice for Victim Support!

Victim Support is proud to announce Dame Malvina Major as their new Patron.

Dame Malvina takes over from the late Sir Howard Morrison, who was Patron from 2003. Victim Support helps victims of crime and other trauma in over 60 communities throughout New

Zealand.

Dame Malvina says she is delighted to be able to contribute to Victim Support in this way. "I've seen first-hand the work Victim Support has done in Christchurch and I understand how reassuring it is to know that in times of trouble there are people who can be there to help 24 hours a day, seven days a week" she said.

"I know how much Sir Howard valued his time as Patron of Victim Support and I'm looking forward to continuing the good work he did supporting one of the charities he gave his time

to" said Dame Malvina Victim Support Chairperson, Lorraine Scanlon says the whole organisation is looking forward to working with Dame Malvina. "We are honoured that Dame Malvina has agreed to become our Patron" said Ms Scanlon. "I've heard from volunteers and staff around the country that they are pleased that someone like Dame Malvina is adding her efforts to support our charitable community work."

Dame Malvina was announced as Patron at the recent Victim Support conference in a ceremony attended by members of Sir Howard Morrison's family. The conference celebrated 25 years of Victim Support in New Zealand, which has grown from a small community organisation in Gisborne to a nationwide organisation with 123 staff and around 900 volunteers.

Tony Paine

CEO

Victim Support

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In the days before Christmas he prayed asking the Lord Jesus to come, visit his home and share the meal with him.

Christmas day arrived and he spent the morning preparing for the evening meal. During the short northern winter afternoon he stoked

the fire, lit the candles and made everything as warm and inviting as it could be.

Finally the meal was ready; he set the table and dished up his part of the meal. Jesus had not come. Again he asked Him to come as he blessed the food.

He had started his meal when there was a knock on the door. An old man stood shivering on the doorstep.

"Would you mind if I came in and warmed myself by the fire?" the old man asked.

The tailor welcomed him in and the old man sat beside the fire. The smell of the food was obviously having some effect on him so the tailor asked, "Will you share my Christmas meal with me?"

Late that night the tailor asked God, "Why didn't you come Lord?"

And God answered, "I did. In as much as you have done it to the least of these my brethren you have done it unto me."

We can keep Christmas as something remote, a reminder of an event over 2,000 years ago. We can sing praises to a God who was born in a stable and who died on the cross. But, if we can't help

one another, forgive one another, love one another, then we have never had a real Christmas.

A Christian is one who has the very life of Christ living in them. They will act like Christ, talk like Christ, and care like Christ. And the only way anyone can do that is to have Jesus Christ born in them.

Whoever and wherever you are, if you, like that German tailor, sincerely ask that Jesus to come into your life. He will. And that is what Christmas is really all about.

Richard Oliver

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Letters

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Coastal Care Health Centre

I note with concern the mutated plans, as published in the Taranaki Daily News on December 12th, 2011, to locate the proposed Coastal Care Health Centre next to the Cottage Rest home. While this would no doubt have practical benefit to the residents, I am wondering if that consideration is not being given too great a weighting.

My understanding is, although I was unable to attend the recent public meeting, that there is considerable unease at the chosen location, with many preferring a closer, more accessible location to the centre of the town.

I wonder if my perception, from those I spoken to, is accurate.

Helen Shelton
Whangarei



Site of the accident scene shortly after with tyre marks still visible on the grass verge.

Four in vehicle accident

Four people were in a vehicle, which crashed on the Surf Highway at Waiteka near Waitino Road, at around 9.20am on Wednesday the 15th. Both the Mania and Opunake Fire ser-

vices were in attendance. All four were transported to hospital; three by ambulance and one by helicopter. At the time of going to press their conditions were described as stable.

The accident involved only one vehicle, a late model Falcon. The cause of the crash was unclear, although the road was wet and the crash occurred just after a bend.

Chester grabs opportunity with both hands

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are some on-going projects and issues regarding earthquake strengthening and some temporary court closures while the rebuilds go on. There is also a review of the Family Court and other courts processes. The implementation of the Courts Modernisation legislation transacted last year will be a big job especially as those within the sector get used to doing things differently, and change is never popular. But the biggest challenge, he claimed, is to enable those at the centre of our justice system - offenders and victims - to answer for themselves the question most commonly asked in our Courts, "What the hell just happened?"

He went on to say that "It is an indictment on our legal system to think that people can be in the middle of a process, which invariably alters and affects their lives for the foreseeable future or frequently forever and yet need the outcome explained to them, usually more than once. The Court involves its own jargon, its own language, and its own conventions which are not replicated in any other part of society - and bear no resemblance to the day to day lives of those the system most affects." He stated that "It is no easy thing to change the language, the configuration of the Court themselves, or the manner in which the business of justice is done. But the responsibility of making it understood rests on all the players in the system and ultimately with the Minister."

The role of Associate Minister of Social Development will involve wearing a number of hats but will include Youth Justice as a responsibility, something apparently close to Chester's heart. He maintains that this also fits neatly into the role of Associate Minister of Justice because the connection between those who fail in our justice system, and are supported through our welfare system, is usually very close. Further, he says that "Energy and resources spent through the welfare budget

pays dividends in savings -both financial and human -in our Justice/Corrections/Law and Order endeavours." Chester has concluded that "None of this is rocket science, but frequently the most simple of objectives can become very difficult to realise, given the machinations and mysteries of bureaucracy" and that "the biggest challenge, on a personal level, as a Minister of the Crown, is to 'keep it real'". "The electorate work I am involved with on a day to day basis does just that. It is

where the ethereal nature of making policy hits the reality of daily grind", claims Chester, concluding that "He is grateful for the opportunity to work in this way."

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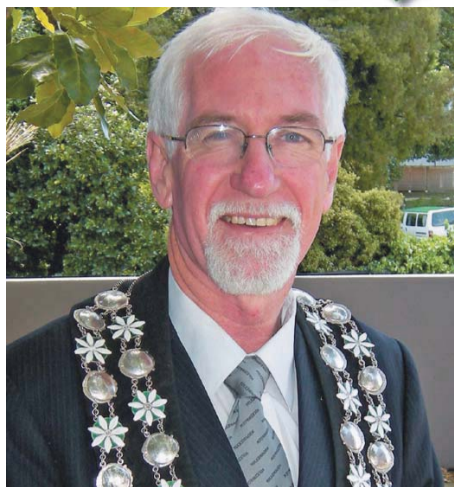
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Alex Ballantyne

We used to hear about this a lot at this time of year, but

not so much now. A recent poll found that for a large majority of kiwis, Christmas has “no religious significance”. Weird: a bit like saying the Rugby World Cup had nothing to do with rugby. Or perhaps it’s a message to the top.

Both the Catholic and Anglican cathedrals were ‘munted’ in February in (of all names) Christchurch. What a heaven-sent opportunity to dissolve the last cigarette paper of difference

between the two churches and practise what He preached. Instead, the Bishop scraps with the Dean and our 247 separate “Christian” denominations continue to muddle along and shrink. At the same time, unfettered greed and selfishness has the world on the brink of catastrophe.

And yet the values that endure in our communities – thinking of others, generosity, kindness, forgiveness and so on are most definitely the very same things that Jesus Christ

taught. These values are still alive and well in South Taranaki through the army of volunteers who helped with the Foodbank drive, those who will visit the lonely and bereft, or who simply wish to make others happy, if even for a day. A very Happy Christmas to you all - and many thanks for the sterling example you gift our leaders.

They may not get the true meaning, but the next generation will.

New graduate

LEFT: Lee Mobbyerly (nee Matthews) recently received her Master’s Degree in Environment and Resource planning with honours from Massey University, Palmerston North.

intermediate and Hawera High School. Lee is the daughter of John and Dianne Matthews, Hawera, granddaughter of John and Noeline Phillips of Hawera and Kathleen Matthews, Auckland, and of Jim and Pauline Clough of Opunake; and step great granddaughter of Elsie Phillips of Opunake.

Lee was educated at Opunake Primary and Tawhiti Primary, Hawera, Hawera In-



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I do not know where this year has gone. In November the Friendship Club had a great bus trip to New Plymouth. We drove down to view the original lighthouse, then to the Fishing Club for an enjoyable finger lunch provided by ‘The French Cake Shop’. We were then taken down to the harbour where we saw the ‘giant module’ before its departure for Bass Strait. The drive out to the lake presented an awesome view of the ‘Walkway Bridge followed by the scenic drive home along the Coast Road.

On the 5th December members of the Lion’s Club slaved out in the kitchen of our town hall, preparing a Christmas Lunch for the 65 fortunate members of the public who came to enjoy the fare. There were ‘pre and during’ dinner drinks then lunch served very professionally by these men, it being especially nice to be waited on. The main course was ham, new potatoes and peas, and salad with all the trimmings. Dessert was fruit salad and a meringue followed by tea or coffee and a piece so

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A warning when swimming

A local high school student was swept into a large pipe while swimming recently. Fortunately she suffered only minor injuries.

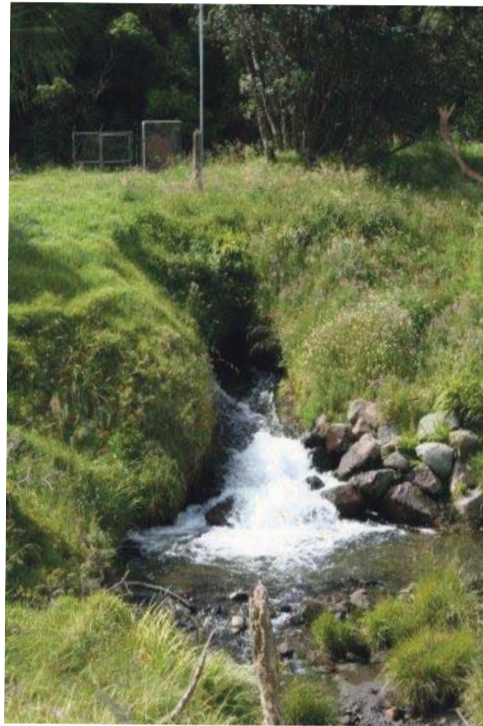
The heat of summer has charged upon us in recent days. Consequently we are returning to our favourite water holes to cool down. Once such place frequented in Opunake is the diversion canal which allows water to be taken from the weir in the Waiaua River to Lake Opunake. This appears deep, calm and cooling but the reality can be quite different.

Just before the canal water reaches the lake, there is a control gate on the bank. Underneath the bank a large pipe allows water to flow back to the Waiaua, taking sand and silt with it. The water flow is controlled by the opening or closing of the control gate. Unfortunately on Monday December 5 a local high school girl was swept down into this pipe by the outgoing water, and spilled out onto the rocks at the pipe exit. Fortunately she suffered surprisingly light injuries. Warning signs have been posted on the gate shed in the past, but have been repeatedly ripped down.



The area where the girl was swept into the pipe.

They warned that this was not a safe place to swim. This incident highlights this and all Opunake residents are reminded to stay out of the diversion canal. There are also warning signs at the screens where water is drawn from the lake down into the generating tunnel. Make sure you choose a safe place to cool off from the summer heat. The diversion canal into Lake Opunake is not one of these places.



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Opunake Friendship Club

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The delicious cake was made by Ann Hickey, so a big thank you goes to Ann from the Friendship Committee. Then Father Christmas arrived with a "Ho! Ho! Ho!" and everyone received a present - the ladies receiving a kiss as well. Con Kruger played an impromptu performance of three or four tunes on his harmonica. Birthdays were acknowledged for November, De-

ember and January. Our next Friendship Day will be the last Monday in February.

To the Lion's Club, thank you for your time and culinary expertise - for all the work you do in our community. I would like to thank out Committee for their work and commitment in making our Friendship days such a success including those talented people who have entertained us this year, and of course not forgetting out monthly hostesses for their wonderful afternoon teas.

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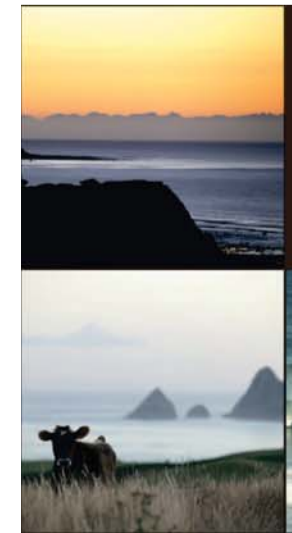
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David Lindsay

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Big thank you to the following organisations that provided funding for the project:

Southern Trust, TSB Community Trust, TET, The Eltham Community Board and The Eltham Business Association. The project was supported by the South Taranaki District Council

and the Eltham Community Patrol.

A special thanks to E n D Electrical and Greaves Electrical for their help in the wiring up of the cameras and also a big thanks to Derek Priest and James McKay who supplied and installed the cameras and equipment.

And finally, thanks to Mike Jago, of Eltham 4 Square, who generously donated the refreshments at his shop for the "opening ceremony" of the cameras.

The cameras belong to

the Eltham community and the Police will look after the equipment in the Eltham Station.

Just remember, they are not being monitored and I hope that their presence will deter crime from occurring, thus making the town safer for everybody.

Lastly a special thank you from me to Glenn Hansen and Michele McDonald, whose support and efforts are a big part of this project getting completed.

Until next time, take care and stay safe.

Fortes Fortuna Juvat

Opunake

Merry Christmas South Taranaki. This is our final column for the year and from Nigel, Rick and myself, we wish you all the very best and hope your Christmas and New Year is a fun and safe one. On that front we need your help to ensure everyone gets through the holiday period safely, so please be careful on the roads and make sure everyone gets to their destination in one piece.

The number of domestic violence incidents we have been attending has had a dramatic increase recently. Money is tight for a lot of people and it is hard work making those dollars stretch far enough to ensure family and friends have a good Christmas. It is also difficult to get the work and family balance right, especially for those that have to work the holiday period when children, family and friends all want your attention. Please try to manage the stress and if things are getting on top of you seek help early. Don't wait for things to



Nigel Day

blow up into a situation that everyone will regret later.

I would also like to remind people that Opunake has a liquor ban on Tasman Street, Opunake beach and the surrounding cliff tops. This is unfortunately necessary to prevent a small percent



Mark Jorgensen

of the community behaving in a manner that is not acceptable. Police will again be monitoring these areas very closely to ensure the rest of us enjoy the holidays. Opunake beach motor camp also has security cameras in place for the camp security and police will be using these to monitor any anti social behaviour in the area.



Ricky Tito

remind all of you to take steps to ensure your property is safe such as locking doors and windows, advising neighbours if you are going to be away and getting your mail cleared. These are all small steps that will help prevent your house being a target. That's about it from us. Stay safe, have a good Christmas and enjoy the sunshine...
Opunake Coastal Cops.

Okato Cops

Well Christmas is well and truly upon us and I have just got back from the best Christmas parade I have ever seen. Yes you guessed it, it was the Okato Christmas parade and it really did blow my mind, what a turnout.

It really is great to see the community get behind something like that, so a big congratulations to Kevin and his team for organizing it. I look forward to next year's, which I'm sure will be bigger and better.

I also want to congratulate Jack Cruden and Laine Davies who are next year's Head Boys for Coastal Taranaki School. Well done to both of you. I'm sure you will both do a great job, I had the pleasure of attending the Coastal Taranaki School's prize giving the other day.

Lastly I would like to

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Health Haven fire contained quickly



The fire at the Health Haven on December 2, was quickly controlled.

There was some excitement in Opunake CBD on December 12 at about 3.35pm. There was a

fire at the Health Haven in Opunake, caused by a dryer catching fire. However, the Opunake Volunteer

Fire Brigade was rapidly on hand and the situation was contained very quickly. As the fire had not spread

beyond the dryer, smoke damage was the issue. Two fire engines and a fire police vehicle were at the scene.

Chief Fire Officer Rodney Wood was impressed with the actions of the staff of Health Haven. "They did everything right, they evacuated quickly. The owners did a good job ensuring everybody was accounted for".

Although the danger was soon dealt with, the staff remained outside as the firemen used a fan to help clear the premises of smoke.

Debbie Forsyth of Health Haven was impressed with the fire-fighters. "They were awesome - prompt and thorough". She also wanted to thank the community for their support. Damage was minimal - just smoke residue. "We're very lucky", Debbie concluded.

Presentation to fire brigade

The Opunake Fire Service has had a burns kit and first aid gear donated to them by M&O Pacific who do fire training at Oaonui in Tai Road. "They didn't have a burns kit and I hope they never have to use it," said Julie Beck from M & O Pacific.

Based in New Plymouth, M&O Pacific works with people in the oil and gas industry in Taranaki doing fire training, first aid, health and safety and emergency response. M & O leases fire ground at Oaonui which has an aircraft simulator, a realistic fire training building and does breathing apparatus training where they practise rescuing people from a burning building and also search and rescue techniques. They also can put out big fires practising



Julie Beck presenting the burns kit to Rodney Woods, Chief Fire Officer.

on a real fire that can be put out.

Julie said the donation was also in appreciation for the Opunake Volunteer Fire Service's help. "They come and test our hoses and make sure they're not leaking." They also wanted to recognise the Opunake Service's contribution to the community as "They give up their own personal time to do this work."

Sam Bennett, Training Manager at M&O Pacific said he recommended

This week in history

On Dec 13, 1642 Abel Tasman of Holland approached NZ in his ships the Heemskerck and Zeehaen. This was Europe's first contact with NZ. There was a violent incident in a bay now called Golden Bay a few days later with both Dutch sailors and Maoris killed.

smoke alarms which should meet the NZ/AS standard - batteries should be changed at least once a year - and also having an escape plan for your home and a meeting place.

They are standing in front of the mural - painted by Dennis Lattimer - on the wall of the Opunake Fire Station. To Julie's left is her grandfather Charlie Fawcett who was the Fire Chief at the Opunake Fire Brigade from 1949-66 is at the wheel of a Fargo Fire Engine (1947-

This week in history

Rob Hall and Gary Ball completed the summiting of the highest mountains in each of the seven continents. Their feat was completed in seven months. Their first summit was Mount Everest (8848 metres) on May 10. Sadly both climbers died in separate climbs. Rob Hall died on Mt Everest. Gary Ball died on Mt Dhauliriri.

52). Her grandfather died when Julie was 16 and Julie, who was born in Opunake though the family moved away, has fond memories of holidaying in Opunake every summer.

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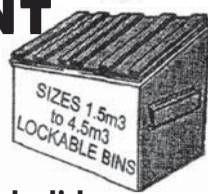
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A long week in politics



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Well a week is a long time in politics and it can seem a longer time for some of us. The machinations of MMP mean that unless one part gets more than half the seats available, there will need to be a deal done to ensure 'confidence and supply' – in other words that the government will be able to keep supplying the money to run the country and its budget won't get voted down. The upshot of that would be another election because votes are traditionally taken at various times through the term of a government including when the government moves its budget each May. The leader of the Opposition always opposes the motion moving the budget and moves a counter that there is no confidence in the government. The Prime

Minister needs to outvote this counter from the Opposition or the government fails and the country goes back to the polls.

It seems an indictment on MMP then that after the best result of any government since 1951- obviously the best result under MMP - we were still a week forming a government and maybe another week forming a Cabinet. It is nevertheless unsurprising given the German example, where after 17 MMP elections there has never been a majority government.

One of the most frustrating aspects of MMP is the impact on policy these confidence and supply agreements between parties have, which invariably involve either a watering down or beefing up of policy which the major party campaigned on and the adoption of other policies which were not the priority of the biggest party that was most popular with the voters. A smaller party can dream up a policy which seems very popular with the voters but is largely un-costed

because it seemed a good idea at the time the minor party put it up and they needed the traction in the polls such a policy would offer. It then becomes the job of the majority party to sell the policy it never owned and in some cases may have considered and rejected for good reason.

Of course one option would be to try and run the government without confidence and supply agreements at all, but that would be impossible and lead to anarchy within weeks if not days as those minor party leaders and those in Opposition did all they could to undermine the new government and bring it down by stifling its ability to supply money and make laws.

and certain sector groups in particular will pour scorn on any new policy which sees the light of day. Those who voted against the incoming government will say there is no principle in making such deals ignoring the fact that rejecting them would mean putting the country through another election. In this case the Opposi-

tion making these claims has also suffered its worst loss since 1919 and there is no suggestion that another election would show them in any better light.

The David Shearer versus David Cunliffe road show will happily put the Labour Party in the news for another week and this time for selecting a leader and not dumping one. The two represent different backgrounds, histories and experience which are not reflective of Labour Party membership. Both need to sell themselves to a party which does not easily understand their philosophy or align with their views as it would be a long time since either paid a union membership, struggled to pay the family grocery or power bill, or walked through the doors of a government agency or public hospital seeking assistance.

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In education we will make secondary school performance information available to parents. We're starting a review of the Teachers Council to improve the quality of teaching. We're setting a target of 98 per cent early childhood education participation.

National's next steps in health include increasing the number of essential elective operations by at least 4,000 a year. We're shortening waiting times for specialist appointments, starting work on providing free after-hours GP visits for children under six, and ensuring that every state

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We have signed confidence and supply agreements with other parties in Parliament to help form a strong, stable, National-led Government for the coming three years. Together, we'll build a brighter future for all New Zealanders.

I wish you all the best for the coming Christmas and holiday season. Drive carefully and enjoy the time connecting with friends and family. Thank you to all those who showed their confidence and support for me, at the recent elections. I will continue to work hard for our communities.

Jonathan Young MP

Te Kiri WI at the Mountain House

We had such a lovely day for our Christmas luncheon held at the Stratford Mountain House after a really lovely drive in the sun and through the bush. The Cardiff chooks and roosters were enjoying the sun and we had a laugh at them as 'us' regulars know where they are and how many of them are each time which is quite a talking time.

Sue Muggeridge wel-

comes us all including a visitor 'Tree Fury' to our meeting. Sue has attended a president's meeting where a discussion on the merits of sending another delegate as well to help and speak at meetings which we all thought was a good idea. A talk on help to raise money for kidney kids was also held. Many ideas were suggested and more discussions are going to be held later in the New Year.

Our birthday invitations were

passed round (copies) and all ready for the finishing to be done. A very delicious luncheon was enjoyed by us all and then a very exciting time as we all opened our parcels. Our members take time in buying the gifts and they are really great. The gifts looked very Christmassy all wrapped in Christmas paper and all packed in a decorated box. It's fun to see what we've all received. We had a good laugh at the riddles and

jokes in our crackers. A cup of teas followed with a little social time. Yes, it is a very happy time to spend time with friends at any time – not just at Christmas. Merry Christmas to all our members and to all of you at the Opunake and Coastal News.

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Coastal Cops - Manaia

Greetings from Manaia. Well this is apparently the final issue of the year, so because it's my first I'd better make it a 'goodie'. This time of the year we all have Christmas functions which include alcohol and getting a little bit silly. Make sure if you're the organiser of one of these events to please have plenty of food and non-alcoholic beverages provided. I'm sure I really don't have to say this, but of course make sure there is a ride home for intoxicated people. A sober driver cruising around in the old people mover dropping everyone off is an easy way to make sure everyone gets home safe and sound. My other pearls of wisdom are, if you're having a BBQ, you might want to have it in a shed or something, because we certainly can't depend on the weather at the moment. With Christmas rapidly approaching it's shopping time. Now most of us of us get jobs, work hard, save our money so we can buy Christmas presents for our

kids, and some nice kai for the Christmas table. Alas it seems that there is still an element that rip everyone else off then sit back and say it's our fault they spend Christmas in jail. Society failed them. Well, all I can say is they failed themselves and their children by having no consideration for anyone else but themselves. Merry Christmas to them! With this in mind we have had two motorcycles stolen of late, one from Lower Normanby Road and one from upper Glen Road. One is a white DR200 and the other a Red Honda 125. Both were taken either late at night or in the early hours of the morning. These low lives that took them would more than likely be using a van or ute. Now I would put money on the fact that one of you 'cockies' out there has probably actually seen a suspicious vehicle or suspicious persons, but thought nothing of it. This is not a criticism rather a reminder that what you might think is unimportant or nothing may actually excite me.

So if you have seen anything suspicious or have even been offered a cheap motorbike, give us a call at the station or stop in for a chat and, if I am not there, leave a message as I do clear them regularly. Now Okaiawa is not within my policing area, but because it's kind of close and - just like Manaia - has a lot of good people living in it, I sort of adopted it as part of my area. On Sunday Dec 4 the Okaiawa volunteer fire brigade had their Christmas function. One of their members attending this function had his ute ripped off and a lot of outdoor type equipment was taken including a fishing rod, paddle, range finder, and spotting scope. The ute was pretty much parked outside the fire station when the items were nicked. Someone must have seen or even knows who did this! People talk about karma but would it not be an interesting dilemma if this brigade was called to a house fire and low and behold there is some of this property..... mmmmm..... Lucky they are

a professional bunch. Just a reminder cannabis season is upon us and people will be looking for places to plant their crops. Keep an eye out. I have heard of a few situations where cockies have found some critter parked on the side of the road staring into gullies and scrub... take note of their number plates and descriptions and I'll check them out. When people realise that we take note and do actually care they'll move on. Ladies and gents I do not have a magic wand and more often than not need the communities help to solve community problems. So farmers and householders lock your stuff away. Don't make it too easy to become the next victim. Other than that have an excellent Christmas. If you're driving anywhere be safe. If you're drinking use your brains and don't overdo it. Look after your whānau, look after your friends, look after yourself, and have a Merry Christmas and a fantastic New Year.

Jerry

Okato

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Well done to all those that received a prize. The highlight of the day for me was watching the music video that was put together involving all employees of the school, very entertaining. So far I have not been too busy, but I do expect things to pick up, unfortunately, as things usually do around this time of year, so here's some advice for all those out there that are planning to enjoy themselves. Please, if you are planning to have a cou-

ple - organise a ride home or a sober driver, I don't mind warning you that Police will be out in force. I have still not had any information about the community's tagger. Remember, all information will be kept confidential, I really do appreciate all the information I get. I have said it before that I can't Police our community by myself and do require and appreciate your help. If you have any information or concerns please do not hesitate to contact me. Anyway I must go,

things to do people to see. I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for the support that I have received over the last year and wish you all a very

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One feature Patricia wants to stress is that flowers can be purchased by the stem – not just in bunches. This practice is well known in Europe and yet to fully catch on here in NZ. Patricia also explains

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A mother, as a role model, has more influence on a daughter than what is directly said. A daughter will witness a mother's attitude, perception and engagement with women's magazines, celebrities, television shows, music videos and so on. Mothers need to be asked, "Are you able to embrace your own self-worth and inner beauty? Do you accept and embrace your own human being-ness; not criticise, complain and wish you looked differently?"

daughter's life perceive, treat, and talk about women? Does she hear them valuing women for their appearance, the perceived beauty of their body? Or does she witness him valuing women for their character traits, sporting abilities, intellect or sense of humour? If our young women are to value themselves as being more than objects of desire they must witness this in the world around them.

We must teach our daughters that it's not how they look that is important but how they are in the world, what they contribute, how they treat others. These speak to the real beauty that we all possess - the inner beauty that shines through the physical human form and that will remain even when the physical body dies.

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Kaitake Community Board in Okato

The Kaitake Community Board met in Okato on December 5 in the Hempton Hall. The meeting was ably chaired by Doug Hislop. In attendance were most Board members including Teresa Goodin, Mike Pillette, and Keith Plummer (Alex Matheson forwarded an apology).

Also present were senior New Plymouth District Council officials, including Jayne Beer (Community Relations Officer), Julie Straka (Committee Adviser/International Relations Co-ordinator), Aroha Chamberlain (Manager Iwi Relationships) and Stuart Robertson (Manager Parks Operations). Cr John 'Horse' McLeod was also present.

After the minutes of the last meeting (October 25) had been confirmed, the Members' Activity Report was accepted. This outlined Chairperson Doug Hislop's activities and he had certainly been very busy (almost 30 engagements). Examples included various official duties in meeting a delegation from Mishima sister city, the Xining Municipal Peoples Government Delegation.

A Community Emergency Response Planning Report was presented – prepared by Jayne Beer (Community Relations Officer). This was inspired to some degree by the Christchurch earthquakes and perceived shortfalls in response procedures. "I would like to congratulate Jayne on the huge amount of work she has done", commented Doug Hislop. Doug considered that at least 18 months to two years of consultation and planning would be needed to



Doug Hislop (top left) chaired the Kaitake Community Board meeting at Okato recently. Participants included Teresa Goodin (front of Mel), Mike Pillette (next, clockwise), Cr John 'Horse' McLeod, Stuart Robertson, Aroha Chamberlain (back to camera), Jayne Beer, Keith Plummer, and Julie Straka (semi-observed). Mel Abbott (in red) listens closely.

finalise a viable Community Emergency Response Plan (CERP).

A Property (Land) Sales Report, prepared by Jeremy Wichman (Team Leader Asset Management) was presented. This summarises sales in the 2010-11 financial year and progress towards approval and sale of other Council owned properties.

The report encompassed five categories; properties approved for sale by the Council, properties under consideration for sale with a final decision pending, properties with a low sale potential, properties sold in the 12 months to June 30 and properties to be retained after consideration.

A report of Urban Design was also presented. This had been prepared by Colin Comber (Manager Environmental Strategy and Policy). This report was in

response to a submission by the NZ Institute of Architects Western branch to the 2011/12 Annual Plan.

The focus of the report is to reveal mechanisms to enhance dialogue between the Council and the community.

Cr McLeod thought the report timely considering the "concrete jungle" which has arisen in a "higgledy piggledy fashion".

It was resolved that the Council become a voluntary signatory to the NZ Urban Design protocol, and initiate steps to develop and adopt an Action Plan in accordance with the protocol. Finally, after consultation and study, it was decided to report back with recommendations with respect to the establishment of an Urban Design Panel Framework. It was also recommended that a councillor and Community

Board member serve as Urban Design Champions.

As changes have been proposed to the Local Electoral Act (2001), a report was prepared by Barry Rollo (Electoral Officer) which suggested a submission be prepared supporting the amendments, especially the ones relating to representation arrangements.

The NPDC Disability Strategy report was prepared by Craig Campbell-Smart (Community Development Adviser). The report highlighted successes and proposed some changes.

It was resolved that the report be endorsed, including changes to the Strategy Action Plan and Performance indicators.

Cr McLeod felt positive about this report. "I approved this could change the whole process", he commented.

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CSA stands for Custom Surfboards Aotearoa and also for the initials in

Cain's name. Cain is the Shaper and Director of CSA Surfboards, which is now one of the largest surfboard manufacturers in New Zealand.

Cain admits he's kept busy these days. "The business is quite fast growing. This year was my best year ever. I've made more surfboards than ever before – over 500", he says.

"Custom-made surfboards are our main focus. By being custom-made our clients get



The exterior of CSA Surfboards.

exactly what they need. They are sized up and they get the *right* board". These can be purchased (starting at \$780) and are ready to be uplifted just three weeks after the order is placed.

Cain made it clear that he was less keen on the imported boards, which are not attuned to each client's height, weight and skill level. However, he does stock some surfboards, which are not custom-made.

Cain has come a long way since our newspaper published its first story on his endeavours (June 23, 1999). Back then he was just 15, still at Opunake High School, and operating from his family's Opunake garage. The article has pride of place – framed and on the wall of his Oakura premises. These days Cain employs three people – one full time and two part timers. His wife Bianca does a lot of the paperwork, such as GST returns. "She's a good people's person", he comments.

Hard at work applying a filler coat was one of the staff Keith Robinson. "Beautiful – nice and smelly", he grins as he looks up briefly from his work. He has been with CSA for six years.

Recently, Cain invested in some state-of-the-art cad design technology – a CNC (Computer Numerically Controlled) machine. Evidently, this machine is one of only three in NZ and the only one in Taranaki. This involves a computer-controlled machine, which ensures that each custom-made surfboard can be very finely tuned to perfection. "It's the latest thing in surfboard design". He adds, "All the best surfboard shapers in the world use them".

Apart from brand new custom-made surfboards, Cain also sells second hand boards. These are competitively priced from \$170 up to about \$500. "They are good for young kids – gets them in the water cheaply".

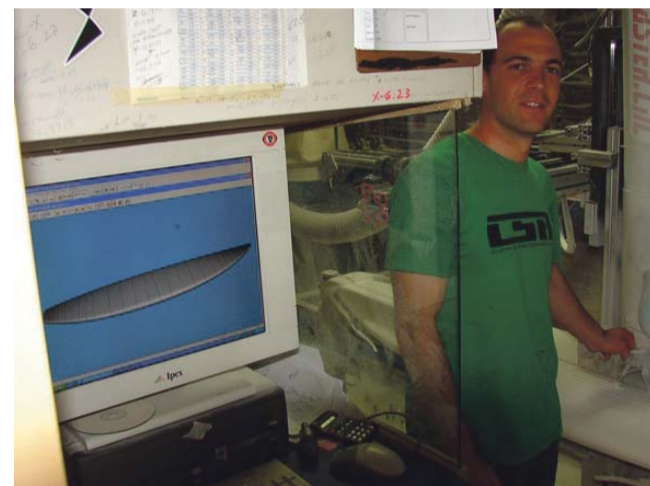


Cain hard at work at "my work station".

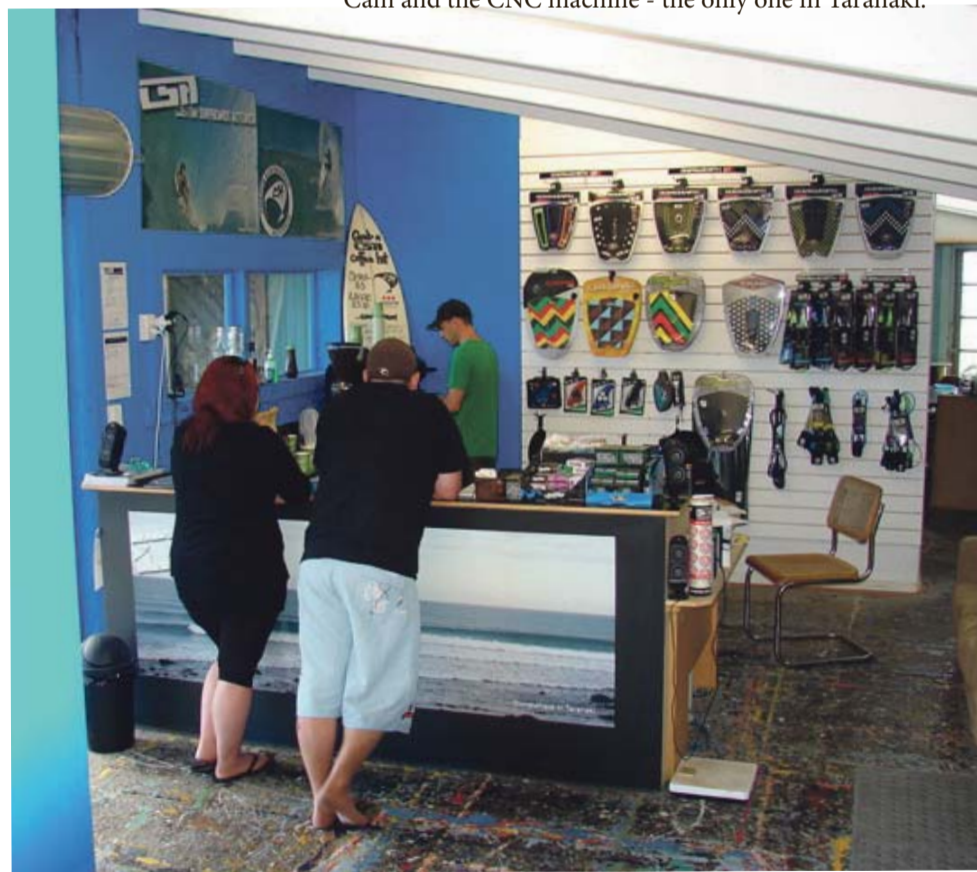
'Curl' and 'Kiwi Surf'. He is also no slouch as regards competitive surfing, having won an Opunake Classic and competing in national events.

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Coastal Taranaki School Prizегiving



Dux for 2011 Kimberley Downes (right) and Proxime Accesit Britney Rameka.

Kimberley is planning on doing a course at WITT on "waitressing and bar tending with a bit of barista". Her eventual plan however, is to become a policewoman. Her favourite subject was Biology. Kimberley also got the Herbert Smith Trust Award for English and the Technology ICT Trophy and the RM McLaughlin Cup for senior speech, interestingly also won by her aunt Sharryn Downes in 1981 whose name was on the cup.

Britney, who was also Head Girl for 2011, is hoping to go into the Navy attracted by a sense of adventure and travelling. Britney also picked up the Gaye Taingahue Award for displaying caring, pride and leadership, the Mark Rangatahi Award for Community Spirit, the Physical Education Award for Year 13 and the Joseph Manu Memorial Cup for Best Maori Scholar.

The 2010 head pupils who spoke at the Coastal Taranaki School Prizегiving gave very different accounts of their year since they left the school.

It was an interesting choice of guest speakers.

Both had elected to do university study, but had chosen different routes.

Meisha Davies had enrolled extramurally in a Bachelor of Business Resources at Massey University preferring to "fit study round her life" remaining at home among friends and family. She also wanted to work so she wouldn't end up with a student loan and spoke of the challenge of balancing study with work and a social life.

"You've got no teachers chasing you," she said adding you had to work unsupervised. She felt however that Coastal Taranaki School had prepared her for this challenge.

"The responsibility is with you... no one's going to tell you what to do, or when to do it."

Last year's Head Boy, William Lower, had also chosen to do a business degree. However he had elected to go to Wellington to study at Victoria University which he described as "a huge change". Deciding on a Commerce degree majoring in marketing and psychology and in particular on the science and social implications of psychology, he spoke of "some of the ways school had prepared me for

university and didn't prepare me."

Living in a university hostel of 300 people he had clearly embraced student life "meeting a diverse range of people". He also had got involved in politics and even got to meet Phil Goff when he visited, he told the audience. William also spoke of

some of the students antics like carrying a wet mattress around the CBD. "People wanted to know what we were doing and so did the police," he said to the amused audience.

As well he too spoke of the difference between university and school - where teachers cajole students and

notice their absence from classes. "At university no one cares if you don't turn up," he said adding generally it's up to you to address the lecturers.

There was a lot of reading and a lot of assignments, he said.

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Coastal Taranaki School Principal Allan Miles delivering his principal's report.

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Coastal Taranaki School Prizegiving

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"I know it would have been a lot harder if I hadn't learnt to study independently," he said adding that he felt having studied in video conferences at Coastal Taranaki School had been good preparation.

It was an assured speech concluded with "We do things differently here. There really is something in the water" - referring to the Brook Fraser hit song - and "You're

a great community. Stay strong and may we all grow older and wiser together."

After their interesting address a video "Don't Stop Me Now" was shown which featured clips of pupils and teachers including Principal Allan Miles singing and dancing to the music. Shot by the students it showed great enterprise and was entertaining - and has apparently earned 1000 hits on UTube!

Then followed the awarding of academic prizes to the students beginning with the tiny year ones clambering on stage to collect their honours and ending with the Year 10 students. Special awards were given notably to Blake Carr (Y5) gaining Distinction in the Australian Mathematics Competition, with and Jaxon Madden (Y6) placing second in the lower North Island in the 2011

Maths Challenge, and two medals for gaining 2nd place (Spelling) and 8th place (Mathematics) in the World Educational Games (8-19year olds). It was clearly a great achievement of which the school was justly proud.

Principal Allan Miles who next took the stage spoke. His comprehensive address, which emphasised the importance of the partnership of the school and the community, and the strong ensuing successes, was interrupted by a video set to music with stills of pupils engaged in all sorts of activities. We saw children sewing, painting, gardening, cooking, performing, doing science experiments, playing sport, mountain climbing, bowling, swimming, surfing, doing woodwork, welding, and making jewellery. The video also had photos of older students interacting with younger students in their unique buddy scheme in which older students help younger students. The video ended with the catchy song School is Really Cool.

At the conclusion of Mr Miles speech, the final awards were presented. Dux for 2011 is Kimberley Downes and Runner up dux Britney Rameka.

The head pupils for 2012 were announced with this year's head pupils symbolically pinning their badges on the new heads of school. Jack Cruden and Zane Davies are the two head pupils. The deputy head pupils are Samuel Moffitt and Ataahua Shortland.

To conclude the prize giving staff and students joined in a rousing Coastal kids song based on the Katie Perry hit adopted as the school song. The lyrics emphasise the school's motto - co-operation, openness, aroha, sustainability, tolerance, accountability and leading our learning.

It was an interesting two hours and certainly showcased the benefits of being educated in a smaller school where the emphasis is on the development of the whole student and of their place in the wider community..



Jaxon Madden who came second in New Zealand for the lower North Island for the ASB Maths Challenge. He also gained 8th place in World Maths Day as a home user and came second in the world for Spelling Day. Jaxon who is 11 explained that both quizzes take place on the computer. It started on August 25 at 9am and ended on August 26 at 11pm. Students were given a compulsory break to sleep from 11pm till 9am. Clearly an all-rounder, Jaxon also picked up the Warea Citizenship Award for the Most Improved Year 3-6 swimmer and the Year 3-6 Athletics Award.

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There was a huge turnout of onlookers at Okato's Christmas Parade on Sunday December 11. At the head of a surprisingly large number of floats were three bagpipers and a drummer. Tunes such as 'Scotland the Brave' were given a rousing rendition. "I was amazed at how good the parade was", enthused one onlooker.

Another person commented, "Fantastic for a small community. It's awesome".

There were floats from Coastal Taranaki School, St Patricks School, Okato Tennis Club, Okato Swimming Club, Okato Veterinary Clinic, Okato Playschool, New Zealand Church, Okato Fire Brigade, Oakura Fire Brigade, Young Farmers, Brian Hill Builders, Okato Lions, 'Care and Craft' - and more.

Father Christmas and festive aspects were to the fore, but some Nativity scenes were featured in the floats. There was an intermingling of reindeer, Santa lookalikes, one pulling a tiny dog on a small cart, balloons, decorations, lions (!), art - and much more.

The floats were powered by

tractors, trucks, cars, vans - even a digger with people being carried in the bucket.

A huge amount of work had gone into each float and it would be hard to choose the best. However, one local thought the Brian Hill Builders one had the edge. "A lot of effort must have been put in", he reasoned. He said he personally had spent about eight hours helping construct the Okato Veterinary Clinic float.

There were a few giveaways, which captured the attention of the many children - such as lollies and badges. However, some float personnel had something unexpectedly refreshing to offer - a squirt of water from water pistols - all part of the fun. Our camera had a good shower!

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Malcolm Pease (left) is pictured with the tractor to be restored, along with James Brian (middle) and Paul Kwaita.

Two Solomon Islanders, Paul Kwaita and James Brian, recently (December 9) arrived in Taranaki, the guests of Malcolm and Jill Pease. The men are both mechanics and, during their eight weeks stay, they

will be restoring a Massey Ferguson 165 tractor while here, so it can be shipped back to their homeland to help with projects in their community, including the harvesting of crops. The men's airfares were paid for

by the Anglican Church of Melanesia. The transport of the restored tractor will be paid for by the Church and Makira community. Despite the busy demands of the project, Paul and James are keen to meet as

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lot less things happening and our community would be in a very poor state, if it was not for the thousands of people throughout our district who give their time freely to help others. Coastal hospitality was at its best and everyone who attended really enjoyed the event. The biggest item to get us thinking was in the quiz. Did you know that Opunake is 42 kilometres from Hawera. That's the exact length of a marathon run. Now there is an idea

Further proof that South Taranaki is the best place was Opunake High School's prizegiving. I really enjoyed seeing the incredibly talented students receive their awards and to see the school in such great form

This year has nearly ended. The Coast continues to do things its own positive way and I thank you all for your friendship and support, and wish you all the very best for a safe and happy festive season

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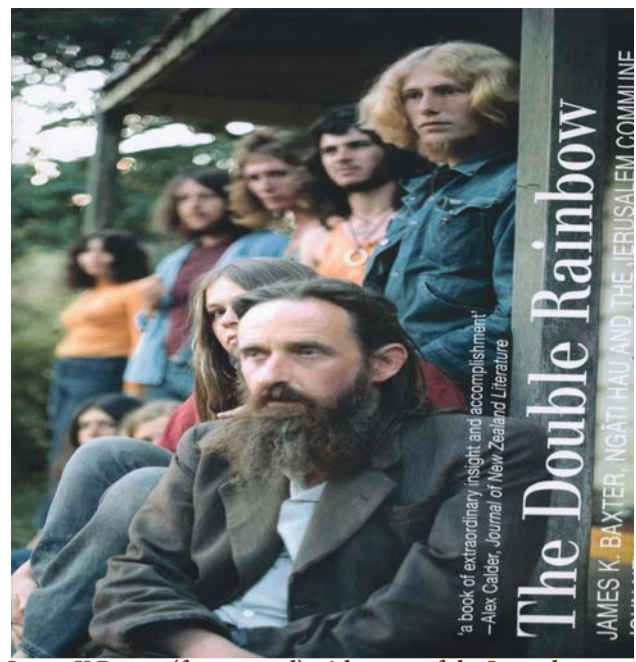
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The Double Rainbow; James K Baxter, Ngati Hau and the Jerusalem Commune by John Newton (2009).

This book is published by Victoria University Press, Victoria University of Wellington, PO Box 600 Wellington. Benny's Books of New Plymouth were able to source this book. The title 'Double Rainbow' comes directly from Baxter's writing.

"Very well written", was the comment of former Jerusalem Commune member Ray Cleaver – perhaps better known as, until recently, Editor of the Stratford Press.

All people interested in New Zealand literature and bi-culturalism will find this carefully researched book fascinating. It goes well beyond Baxter's time at Jerusalem, and also mentions other communes in New Zealand associated with Baxter, as well as the communes which were offshoots after Baxter's untimely death in October, 1972, aged just 46.

Baxter remains highly regarded by the hapu he was adopted - Ngati Hau, according to one member Michael 'Mush' Bell, who now lives in the so-called 'Top House' – the main commune dwelling in Jerusalem. The hapu gave permission for their adopted member – whom they called 'Hemi' – to be buried in the small graveyard just behind 'Top House'.

When I visited Jerusalem in October of this year, Mush kindly showed me through what is now his home and told me about the book, which is being reviewed here.

One surprise was learning that the commune continued in Jerusalem for about three years after Baxter's death – I had thought it had ended with him. John Newton examines why the commune finally ended – it had to do with the gradual influx of the wrong sort of people, some associated with gangs fuelled by too much alcohol and even some violence.

The book also mentions some interesting identities who were senior members of the commune, including the late Milton Hohaia of Parihaka, who was effectively deputy leader after Baxter's death. The departure of such major figures as Milton was another factor in the final conclusion of the commune.

Important members of the Maori community in Jerusalem are also outlined, such as Father Te Awhitu, farmer Toro Poutini and Wehe Wallace who had a major positive impact on the commune. These three people are repeatedly mentioned in Baxter's writing (poetry and prose) – always in a positive light.

Accompanying the text are some intriguing photographs, some by outstanding photographer Ans Westra, such as 'Baxter reading the epistle in St Josephs'. This

was the beautiful Catholic Church, which Baxter, a devout convert, would wander down barefooted to in the early hours – about 2am - to pray in solitude in front of the altar.

Baxter's relationship with the nearby pa is examined, as well as his relationship with the nuns at the convent, which was started in the 1880s by Mother Suzanne Aubert. The relationship with both was quite good, but not without incident and misunderstandings.

The commune – Baxter preferred the term 'community' – did not have a long life, from September 1969 to about 1975, but did considerable good helping young people with drug and alcohol problems, homeless youth and even some with psychiatric issues. No less a person than eminent psychiatrist Dr Fraser McDonald was effusive in his praise of the positive gains some of his patients had when he sent them to Jerusalem as a kind of 'halfway house', following hospitalisation in institutions as Kingseat and Carrington.

Ray Cleaver commented about the year (1971) he and his wife Jenny were commune members - "Extraordinary time and an extraordinary place", that what struck him was the diversity of people, ranging from 10-25 members, and "all

living in harmony". When Baxter's body was returned to Jerusalem for the service and burial Ray said, "It was very very moving. "I've never seen so much grief before or since". In the book is a photo of Ray carrying the coffin, with Greg Whakataka and other pallbearers.

There is a photograph of Baxter's granddaughter Stephanie and her grandmother Jacqueline (his ex-wife) on the day of the unveiling in October 1973. The little girl did the unveiling in a ceremony conducted by Father Te Awhitu.

Overall, I thoroughly recommend the reading of this excellent account of an important episode in New Zealand's social and literary history, complemented by its bi-cultural background.

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Fitting tribute to Ian Baker



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The Opunake Lions Club and the Egmont Community Board has held a celebration honouring Ian Baker and dedicating a plaque to recognise the architect, builder and caretaker of the twenty four stone walls that enhance the beauty of this

town.

Sharon Arlidge, addressing the crowd who had fittingly assembled at the TSB square by the Snell statue, to honour this community stalwart. She said "All of the people attending the celebration were delighted to be there."

It was acknowledged that Ian, a very humble man, was more reluctant saying that he was "not sure if he could make it." Sharon praised Ian for his work in the community, and his dedication to improving the appearance of Opunake's buildings and maintaining these magnificent walls.

The Coastal Singers joined this tribute with the song 'I'll be there' by Berry Gordy. Jean Roach, Ann Hickey and Gabrielle Barr also addressed those assembled speaking highly of Ian's work in the community

When Ian was asked how he felt being acknowledged for his work he said he felt "like jelly - very wobbly". He then went on to talk about some of his projects. Ian, in explaining the positioning of the Peter Snell statue, said that it had two rods set in to the wall that had to be very precisely located so that the statue could be lowered into place. He was pleased he got

it right and that Peter does not look like he is running around the corner.

Ian also explained that creating the town walls had been a great pleasure for him, although there were frustrations such as the weather and the wind. But more memorable was when Ian discovered some very pretty red rocks at the quarry, extracted and hauled them to Opunake, and had them stacked outside the TSB, to only to have them stolen - leaving only one which is now in the wall behind the Snell Statue

Ian's contributions have continued as in addition to the walls Ian has built three stone bench seats and ten rubbish bins for the convenience of the Opunake community and visitors that adorn Tasman Street. The plaque honouring his contributions can be viewed outside the Opunake Library so next time you pass by stop and take a look and consider the enormous effort Ian has put in and his gift to our community.

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bie Campbell accepted the proceeds from the koha at the door that was donated to Everybody's Theatre. The Opunake show should screen sometime in March. The show should be a huge hit with young and young-at-heart from all walks of Opunake life.

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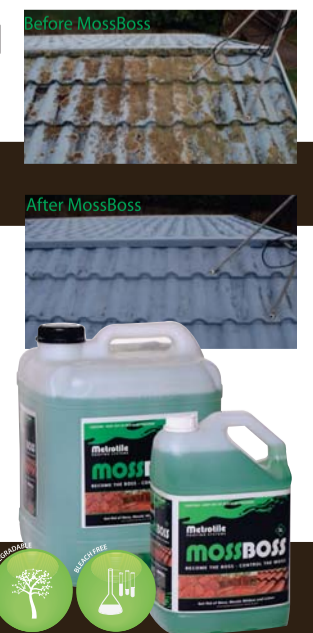
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Two choirs in harmony delight listeners



Two choirs - Coastal Singers and City Sounds entertain their audience.

Choral singing enthusiasts had a feast of music on December 4. They were entertained by two notable choirs - City Sounds from New Plymouth and Opunake's Coastal Singers performing at St Andrews Church. Well known musical identity, Gabrielle Barr, was the conductor for most of the afternoon's music. Gabrielle is the musical director of City Sounds and Noeleen Moir directs the Coastal Singers. The Head Girl of Sacred Hearts College Emma Crowe was MC for the concert and

also gave a brief address, which included an outline of the significance of some of the various songs performed. The choirs sang in combination and also separately. The concert started (Bracket 1) with both choirs singing 'One World, One Voice, One Song' and 'Let the Earth Resound', which were well-received. City Sounds then continued alone with the second bracket and engagingly sang 'O Clap your Hands', 'Like a Mighty Stream', 'Lean on Me' and

'Standing in the Need of Prayer'. In the third bracket Coastal Singers sang four songs - 'I'll Be There', 'Hallelujah', 'The Wind Beneath My Wings' and 'You Needed Me'. I found the last two

songs especially moving. In the fifth and final bracket, the choirs combined to sing 'I Write the Songs', and were superb with 'Bridge Over Troubled Waters' and 'Climb Every Mountain'. The final song was predictably 'We Wish You a Merry Christmas', which was rousing and well done - but perhaps has been sung too often to be especially appealing. At the end of the concert several presentations were made. One was a lovely bouquet of flowers to Gabrielle Barr. These were presented by Peter Hulme of the City Sounds choir. Noeleen Moir was also presented with a bouquet. In response she said how valuable it was to be able to join up with City Sounds for a combined concert, instead of always performing in isolation. Emma Crowe of Sacred Heart College, the MC, was also thanked for her valuable contribution, as well as piano accompanists Raewyn Daurua and Tracy Christiansen, and Noeleen Moir. The audience left having been thoroughly entertained by two talented choirs, ably directed by Gabrielle and Noeleen.

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'Coastal Care' new Health Facility proposed for Opunake / Coastal Area



The proposed new facility, alongside the Cottage Rest Home.

Coastal Taranaki Health Trust announced in August in the Opunake and Coastal News that it had entered into an agreement in principle with the Cottage Rest Home to use part of its land for a new purpose built facility. This facility is now moving closer from a dream to a reality. The name "Coastal Care" has been coined for the facility name and the Coastal Taranaki Health Trust, a committee set up to coordinate this new medical facility. The Trust claims it is continuing to consult with

existing service providers, and exploring further potential users, to ensure the facility will be practical, functional and as 'future proof' as possible. From their extensive consultation they feel that they now have a good idea of the requirements of the building that is needed and thus the plans are being firmed up. The concept chosen is described as a win-win for both groups; the Cottage Rest Home will have both an additional income plus a medical and health service

centre next door and the new Health Centre will have the space for future expansion if required without spending community money on land. Other advantages include room for the Ambulance Service and safe parking for both users and staff. The site allows a wider range of clinical plus other health related services to be centralised on one site, this meeting the approval of several of the government agencies that the Trust has spoken to. It also is claimed to provide a better level of privacy for those with appointments at the centre. Although we are aware that the centre will not be on the 'main street' we believe the savings, by not buying main street land, will mean more funds will available for a better facility as there will be no extra costs for the purchase and development of a main street section.

A disadvantage mentioned by some is that the Rest Home site is too far removed from the town centre for pedestrian users. Our investigation of the present users of the current medical centre show that 95% currently travel to the centre by car, very few currently walk. For those without vehicles, there is an Opunake volunteer transport service which hopefully will

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Another suggestion for an alternative site was recently
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A similar occurrence has happened in New Plymouth, and the quick thinking of Tonya Callebaut led to the launch of Logajob. Although South African by birth, Tonya, a former stockbroker had a burst of kiwi ingenuity during her first renovation experience in New Zealand.

Juggling the demands of a young family while having to scour the Yellow Pages to look for tradesmen to quote on her own renovations became a massive undertaking in itself. Invariably tradesmen would arrive as the baby was being put to bed, or not turn up at all. Without any word of mouth referrals to rely on, every step in the renovating process was frustrating and time-consuming.

Tonya realised chances were that people all over the



Tonya Callebaut from Logajob with her children.

country were probably having similar issues in terms of finding tradesmen to quote. Said Tonya “I needed a way to get these ‘tradies’ to quote on the jobs I desperately needed done without having to come to my door”. Logajob, an interactive online quoting system was born.

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Tonya was impressed with the Trademe, “how interactive it was and how people were legitimately honest...in ratings”. The feedback section of Logajob encourages transparency and aims to provide a win-win situation for all.

The number of tradesmen using Logajob is growing daily. Every type of job imaginable is covered – from building a garden shed to pest control, air-conditioning to window cleaning. According to Tonya “Logajob will take the work out of your search and the search out of your work”.

‘Coastal Care’ new Health Facility proposed for Opunake / Coastal Area

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put forward, the old Railway land to the north of Tasman Street. This has since been researched with the District Council. The advice that the Trust has received is that there is no certainty that the Trust could obtain ownership because of its current status as Recreation Reserve. A Licence to Occupy such as the Sandford’s Event Centre currently has is also unlikely as the facility purpose is not sport and recreation. A

further complication is that this site, as an ex-Railway property is subject to the Public Works Act and an offer back to past owners must also be applied in any disposal process for this piece of land. To make any changes around ownership or leasing of this site would require a lengthy process with no guarantee of a positive outcome for the Trust.

The Trust will have an official function to launch a fundraising campaign

towards the end of February with a meal and an interesting keynote speaker. In the meantime lists of residents living in our contributing district have been drawn up and plans for how to canvas these have been made. This has been discussed with both individuals and organisations that may be able to assist with this big task. Brochures describing the proposal in more detail will be distributed widely to keep everyone informed. We have a support group

assisting the Trust with tasks such as publicity, grant applications and financial advice. The Trust will also be approaching key stakeholder and corporates and arranging consultation and visits to our five local marae.

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Saint Pauls decorated for Christmas

A Nativity scene in St Pauls Church, Opunake.

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come from throughout Taranaki to enjoy the outstanding presentation, and several groups make arrangements to view. The church is open 1-4.30pm and 7-9.30pm, Friday December 16 through to Saturday December 24 and

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A cute resident from Stony Oaks getting in the Christmas spirit.

Opunake Garden Circle

Opunake Garden Circle Happy gardening and Happy Christmas - that's the message from Kathy Stanley, Vice-President of the Opunake Garden Circle. Kathy is seen in her own Oaonui farm garden with Mrs Stanley, Kathy's mother-in-law. The Opunake

Garden Circle members enjoyed a bus trip to visit many Cambridge gardens this month. The group's President, Mrs Lorraine Mullin, ph 761-7295 welcomes new members to the AGM in February at Judith Armstrong's home in Te Kiri.



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Auroa Gives Back

At this time of year, Auroa School is taking a moment to think about others in need by holding an "Auroa Gives Back" day. The children have had a sausage sizzle to raise money for Oxfam Unwrapped. This is a fantastic programme which allows the school to purchase gifts essential to the communities Oxfam works with around the world. Gifts include things like safe water, feeding a family, toilets, training farmers and much more. The children have also had a mufti day and have brought along a food item to donate to the food bank Together with the staff and community, Auroa School has had a great time while giving something back!



LEFT: Auroa School students Kate Batchelor, Caro Olliver, Harry Gibson and Hunter Putt presenting Opunake Foodbank chairperson, Margaret Brandt, with items donated by families at the "Auroa gives back" day.

Opunake Ladies Golf Club Prizegiving 2011

Champion Winners Match-play: Bronze I – D Forsyth; Bronze II – D. Williams. Runners up: Bronze I – J Deegan; Bronze II – L Simpson

Strokeplay Winners Silver: D Forsyth; Bronze I – L Simpson; Bronze II – P Smith; Bronze III – W Vickers; 9 Holes - D Fisher. Runners Up: Bronze I – D Williams; Bronze II – M Wellington; 9 Hole – M Briscoe

Haumoana Cup Winner – W Vickers; Runner up: B Gadsby.

Top Dog Winners: J Deegan, W Vickers. Runners up: D Williams, B Gadsby, L Simpson, K Williams.

9 Holes Winners: M Coombe,

M Brandt. Runners up: D Fisher, N Otene.

Club Foursomes: L Simpson, W Vickers, A O'Sullivan, J Deegan.

Brennan Shield: M Wellington.

Morris Memorial: P Smith. Marcroft Trophy: D Forsyth. Kensington Cup: D Williams.

Rouse Cup: L Simpson. Summer Cup: P Smith.

Olene Memorial Stableford: L Simpson.

Clouston Cup 9 Hole Stableford: D Fisher.

Burton Cup Putting: P Smith. Otene Cup 9 Hole Putting: D Fisher.

Peg Bayliss Trophy: D Fisher.

Fisher Rosebowl: D Fisher. Club Member of the Year: L Simpson.

18 Hole Eclectic: D Williams, J Deegan.

9 Hole Eclectic F9 D Fisher; B 9 M Brandt.

LGU Medals: Bronze I – L Simpson, Bronze II – P Smith.

At the club annual meeting Niki Otene was made a life member. Summer Golf continues on Tuesdays.

Aqua Aerobics in Opunake

November was a great month for the Opunake Community Baths with 3475 admissions, an increase of over 800 on November last year. More than one hundred of these have been coming to enjoy our regular aqua aerobics classes. People from all walks of life – fitness enthusiasts, athletes, professional, recreational, older adults, people with injuries or health issues and people who just want to have fun are discovering that something very special happens when you work out in water. Aqua Aerobics increases your flexibility, improves your cardiovascular efficiency, and reduces stress.

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You do not need to know how to swim, but you do need to be comfortable in the water. We accept clean shorts and T-shirts, and rash shirts or crop tops if you don't have swimming togs. Remember though that loose baggy clothing, when wet, can hinder your movements.

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Opunake High School Get to Go



Opunake High School Year 9 competitors running in for a great result.

option! A definite highlight was winning the raft race section- with a superior streamlined design that would have impressed the engineers at Team New Zealand. Opunake powered past all teams to take line honours and earn extra valuable points. The team excelled in the first two days of problem solving initiative activities - they worked superbly as a team and showed real grit and determination to succeed in all challenges. Again in the expedition and race days, the team continued to race hard and navigate well and collected one of the highest rogaine scores, only to be topped by the impressive team from Whangarei Boys and Girls' High School combined school, who went on to win the event with Waimea College from Nelson placing second. So for a school of just over 300 students to come third in New Zealand in a contest that had the top 12 schools qualify from over 180 schools in the preliminary events - how did they do it? Well it has plenty to do with the hugely supportive local community, the school's continual drive for excellence and a small dose of 'Opunake Mongrel'!

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A team of eight Year 9 and 10 students from Opunake High School have just returned from Great Barrier Island where they placed third in New Zealand in the Get-2-Go Adventure Racing event presented by the Outdoor Pursuits Centre. The students took part in the week long finals after winning the Taranaki qualifying event back in September,

and after three months of training and fundraising came close to winning the prestigious event, now in its sixth year. The event saw the twelve secondary schools, all regional finalists, go head to head in a variety of outdoor challenges that tested the students both mentally and physically. The challenges included sailing, rock climbing, search and

rescue, high ropes, kayaking, raft building, problem solving, environmental awareness, navigation and plenty of running! A two day expedition involved the teams running for checkpoints all over the rugged island, both on track and bush bashing options were available - with Opunake often opting for the more rugged and sometimes more rewarding bush bash

Opunake Surfcasting and Angling Club

Fishing over November has been good for the surfcasting gang. Fish totals - 59 Kahawai, best to Jevan Baldwin at 2.59kg (junior); heaps of spotty sharks, best to Steve Corkill at 6.88kg; two Trevally, best to Simon Hitch at 2.45kg; Snapper with totals of 16, best to Paddy Walsh at 6.46kg; Gurnard to Paddy Walsh at 1.08kg; Blue Cod, best to Brian Collins at .70kg; John Dory, best to Jacob Clement at 1.44kgs - and heaps of herrings from the Manic Kuriger family.

Jacob Clement picked up \$500 in the Taranaki Coastal Classic Competition as a spot prize, so he's had a good month. The classic was another four days of great fun and fishing, so many thanks to Sean and his crew for



ABOVE:
Simon Hitch and Paddy Walsh
Here's some of the catch of the day: two snapper over 6 kg, nine more snapper, two trevally and eight kahawai.

all the work put in. See you at next year's TCS Classic. The Collins Sports Take a kid Fishing is on the 4th January so you kids can start getting your gear up and going.

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Paddy



Kevin Phillips: snapper 6kg

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TIGHT-ASS TUESDAYS & FREE POOL

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PENSIONERS DAY POOL COMPETITION

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SUNDAY ROASTS

Sundays from midday onwards at the Stony River Hotel & Restaurant.

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ELTHAM FRIDAY MARKETS

Every Friday, Touchpoint Restaurant Carpark (formerly Tavern), High St, Eltham from 9am-1pm. Refer public notice.

STRATFORD ART SOCIETY MEMBERS' EXHIBITION

Exhibiting until December 15 at the Percy Thomson Gallery.

POP SHOP PARADE

December 23. Refer advert

CHRISTMAS AT THE BOWL

December 18 (See advert)

COMMUNITY BATHS

December 18 - free swim time. Holiday hours Refer advert

COASTAL YOUNG FARMER

December 18 National Bank Young Farmer Contest, Okato Demain 8.30

March 12 Regional Finals in Hawera

BEACH CARNIVAL

January 4 Take a Kid Fishing

January 7 Carnival day: heaps of fun activities, hourly raffles, beauty contests, big dig. Refer advert

TATATM MUSEUM

December 26 - 29 (See advert)

FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS

January 18- 29. Pukekura park. Refer advert

PASTIMES SANTA

December 16-24 (See advert for times)

ELTHAM LIONS CHRISTMAS PARADE & MARKET DAY

Saturday, December 17, market day starts at 9.30am and the parade starts at 12noon. Refer public notice.

MANAIA XMAS PARADE & MARKET DAY

Saturday, December 17, market day at 11am, parade at 1pm.

TE KIRI SPORTS & RECREATION SOCIETY AGM

Monday, December 19 upstairs at the Te Kiri Hall AT 7.30pm. Refer public notice.

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ZOOKEEPER MOVIE MATINEE

December 21st at Everybody's Theatre, Opunake at 11am. Bring the kids to the movies and go shopping for those last minute Christmas presents.

OPUNAKE CHRISTMAS PARADE

Friday, December 23 starting at 7.30pm (See advert)

OPUNAKE CHRISTMAS HAMPER FINAL DRAW

December 23 outside the Opunake LibraryPlus, Main St, Opunake after the Christmas Parade.

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Monday, January 2 at Everybody's Picture Theatre at 8pm. Refer advert.

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Video Shop Changes Hands



Daniel Strobe-Penny, new owner of Force 10 Videos.

Gaming is my passion says the new owner of the Opunake Video Shop, Force 10 Videos. Since buying the business Daniel Strobe-Penny, as well as hiring out DVDs, will be updating the gaming side of the business. He is also establishing a small Internet Café service. Born on the East Coast, Daniel has moved back to

Opunake where he has previously lived to be close to family. He has been living in Palmerston North and "if all goes well" is hoping to be joined by his partner and children. The shop will for the moment retain the same name and will hire out DVDs. He's keen on "keeping the new release selection up to date" and will be essentially offering a similar service. People's accounts will still remain the same, emphasised Daniel, who has changed the layout of the business which is in the main street. Clearly a fan of games Dan says before buying the business he did some market research visiting main centres to see what they had on offer. He wanted to offer something new to Opunake but along the same lines as other main centres are offering.

and microphones. You can also hire a camera so you can see yourself onscreen while you're performing. "Now Playstation 3 is out which has a lot more games," says Daniel, and mentions iToy. There will be six computers, two of which will be delegated to gaming. The remaining four will be for Internet access. He also has a pick-up service. "If people are on the Opunake mail system they can put their DVDs in the letterbox with the flag up and \$1 and the rural delivery people will drop the DVD back. The system has been running for 20 years but has not been publicised says Daniel. As an opening special he's offering 5 weekly hires for \$10, a Tuesday \$5 new release and Thursday \$1 weekly hires.

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Easy Riders Exhibition – Aotea Utanganui



Rod Coleman after winning the junior race at Pātea, 1951, Aotea Utanganui Museum of South Taranaki Collection PH2011.0031

An exhibition of historic bicycles, motorcycles, photographs and memorabilia

Easy Riders: South Taranaki on Two Wheels is an exhibition about freewheel-

ing, freedom and motorcycles in our district. The title was inspired by the 1969 film Easy Rider which tells the story of two bikers played by Peter Fonda and Dennis Hopper, travelling through the American West and South.

Motorcycles embody freedom. They encapsulate the image of stretching limits, breaking boundaries, forward thinking and youthful rebelliousness – all qualities that are reflected in the spirit of South Taranaki.

Motorcycles were a feature of life in South Taranaki from the early years of the twentieth century. Their popularity and availability was much increased after World War II. The versatility and myriad uses of motorcycles and scooters on the farm and in the town ensured a supportive public for races and other events.

The Pātea TT races were held at Whenuakura from 1948 to 1955. Although they drew crowds of up to three thousand, the spectator numbers caused the organisers, the Wanganui Motorcycle

Sports Club, to decide not to hold any further meetings. Local identities such as Curly Mickleson, 1954, and Rod Coleman, 1955, were popular winners.

The Easy Riders exhibition will feature motorcycles and bicycles, as well as memorabilia related to their history in the district. Most of the objects are from the collection. It will tell a uniquely South Taranaki story that has universal appeal, particularly to those with an interest in motor sport and things mechanical.

During the exhibition younger visitors will have a chance to piece together a large wall puzzle to identify a local motorcycle hero. There will be also be drawings available to colour in.

The exhibition runs from Friday 23 December to Sunday 1 April 2012 at Aotea Utanganui Museum of South Taranaki, 127 Egmont Street, Pātea. Information about events and exhibitions can be found at www.southtaranaki.com

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Christmas Draw

Shirley Rosendaal won \$350 worth of gift vouchers to be spent in participating outlets in Opunake in the Opunake Business Association's Opunake Christmas Camper Hamper drawn on Saturday December 10 at 11am. Shirley's was the second name drawn out. You had to be present to claim the prize so bad luck to Russel Watson who was the first name drawn out. Five people collected spot prizes: Rachael.. who got two in two separate draws and Mary Carmine whose name was also by amazing coincidence drawn out twice. The fifth spot prize went to Leanne Keller.

Each \$100 in \$10 coupons spent locally qualified people to go into two draws, the first of which was held on Saturday. The third and final draw for a \$1500 Travel Voucher will be on Saturday December 23 after the float parade and will be held again outside the TSB Bank in Opunake. You must be present to claim your prize or nominate a proxy to claim the prize. Business Association.

Shirley Rosendaal with Jason McLachlan, proprietor of Opunake Surf Inn who drew out the winning ticket and Rev Murray McEwan with the microphone.



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email: info@tawhitimuseum.co.nz website: www.tawhitimuseum.co.nz

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RAFFLE RESULTS

COASTAL STROKE Support Group. Raffle results.

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SATURDAY 17th DECEMBER

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Recommencement Notice
School Starts back 31st of January 2012, office will be open for enrolments from January 30th at 9.30am.

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U17 Boys' Trial
Sunday 18th December, 10 -12pm
Sandford's Event Centre, Opunake

U17 Girls' Trial
Sunday 18th December, 9 - 12pm
The Hub, Hawera

Players must be Under 17 for the whole of 2012 to be eligible for trial, and must either be registered in Opunake, Stratford or Hawera Basketball Leagues or live in the TCB catchment area.

OPUNAKE RAHOTU VETERINARY TRUST

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The Secretary
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OPUNAKE

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OPENING HOURS

Dear patients
Please take note of our opening hours for December and January Holiday period.
Should you need medical assistance - Please call the emergency numbers 0800 611 116 or 111.

DECEMBER OPENING HOURS

Thursday 23 rd December 2011	8.30am - 5pm
Monday 26 th December 2011	CLOSED
Tuesday 27 th December 2011	CLOSED
Wednesday 28 th December 2011	8.30am - 5pm
Thursday 29 th December 2011	8.30am - 5pm
Friday 30 th December 2011	8.30am - 5pm

JANUARY OPENING HOURS

Monday 2 nd January 2012	CLOSED
Tuesday 3 rd January 2012	CLOSED
Wednesday 4 th January 2012	8.30am - 5pm

We would also like to take this opportunity to wish all our patients a safe and happy holiday.

OPUNAKE MEDICAL CENTRE

Telephone 06 761-7324

OPUNAKE PRIMARY SCHOOL



Opunake Primary would like to thank all parents, whanau and wider Opunake community for their amazing support during 2011.

On behalf of the Board of Trustees we wish the community all the best for Christmas and the New Year.

We would like to wish our Year Eight students all the best for 2012. We look forward to working with all prospective students and families next year!

Open for enrolments on 30th and 31st January 2012, between 10:00am and 1:00pm.
Opunake Primary welcomes new enrolments to our school.

School is open for instruction on Wednesday 1st February 2012

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OPUNAKE HIGH SCHOOL GATEWAY PROGRAMME

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Community Service 23rd December at 8.30pm at St Paul's following the Christmas parade.
Christmas morning service 9.30am
All Welcome

Opunake St Paul's Op Shop would like to thank everyone that has donated goods to the Op Shop this past year. This has enabled the Op Shop to give generously to local community organisations. A special thanks to all those that give of their time to the successful running of the Op Shop.
Christmas Blessings to you all

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Opunake's Christmas Parade

FRIDAY, DEC 23 at 7.30pm

First prize \$250, 2nd \$125, 3rd \$75.
Floats please assemble at Layard St at 7pm.
For further information call (06) 761-8151
GET YOUR FLOATS READY NOW.

Christmas Stocking Raffle on sale now at all Opunake businesses.

FINAL DRAW after the parade of the Christmas Camper Hamper @ TSB Square

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CONGRATULATIONS to Bex Langton, winner of our BBQ.

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COMBINED COMMUNITY CAROL SERVICES

18th December
7pm Our Lady Star of the Sea
7pm Rahutu Wesley Church
pot luck meal followed by carols.

Friday 23rd Dec, 8.30 pm
Christmas Service at St Pauls following the parade.

Christmas Eve 7pm - The Wave
9pm - Vigil Mass Our Lady Star of the Sea
9.30pm St Barnabas

Christmas Day 8 am - Pungarehu, Christmas Mass
10 am St Barnabas

PUBLIC NOTICES



OPUNAKE TEMPORARY LIQUOR BAN

The South Taranaki District Council would like to inform you that under the Council's Liquor Control Bylaw a temporary Liquor Ban will be enforced in all public areas and adjacent streets within the areas of:

- Opunake Lake Reserve;
- Opunake Beach and the surrounding cliff tops (excluding Opunake Beach Camp).

The temporary ban will start on **Friday 23 December 2011** and end on **Sunday 8 January 2012.**

This ban makes it illegal to

- drink
- possess; or
- transport opened liquor in these areas, 24 hours a day.

You may carry unopened liquor through the banned areas, if you are moving promptly to your destination.

The Police have powers of search, seizure and arrest if you are found to be committing an offence under this bylaw. It is an offence to refuse to leave the area or to surrender liquor when requested.

A Person could be fined up to \$20,000 if convicted of an offence against this bylaw.

Note: A permanent liquor ban exists in Tasman Street, Opunake – between Ihaia Road and Hickey Place and all public places adjacent to these streets including the Opunake Recreation Ground and Skate Park.

MANAIA TEMPORARY LIQUOR BAN

The South Taranaki District Council would like to inform you that under the Council's Liquor Control

Bylaw a temporary Liquor Ban will be enforced in all public areas and adjacent streets within the areas of:

- South Road (SH 45) Manaia, between Hassard Street and Kaipi Street;
- Including the Band Rotunda

The temporary ban will start on **Friday 23 December 2011** and end on **Sunday 8 January 2012.**

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COUNCIL OPENING HOURS OVER CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR

OPUNAKE LIBRARY PLUS

Friday 23 December	Closed at 3pm
Saturday 24 – Tuesday 27 December	Closed
Wednesday 28 December	Open 8.30 - 5pm
Thursday 29 December	Open 8.30 - 5pm
Friday 30 December	Open 8.30 - 3pm
Saturday 31 December – Tuesday 3 January 2012	Closed
Wednesday 4 January 2012	Open 8.30 - 5pm

OPUNAKE TRANSFER STATION

Saturday 24 December	Open 1 - 4pm
Sunday 25 December	Closed
Monday 26 December	Closed
Tuesday 27 December	Closed
Wednesday 28 December	Open 1 - 4pm
Thursday 29 December	Closed
Friday 30 December	Closed
Saturday 31 December	Open 1 - 4pm

Rubbish and Recycling collections will take place as usual.

For further information about Council services over the Christmas period, call 0800 111 323 or go to www.southtaranaki.com

Coastal Young Farmers make their mark

The Coastal Young Farmers Club have made their presence well known within the local community, since forming six months ago.

In June 2011, a group of farmers did a pamphlet drop in the Okato community to see who would be interested

in forming a new Young Farmers Club. This turned out to be a huge success, with 25 people with connections to the farming industry turning up to the Stony River Hotel in Okato. Amanda Murray, NZ Young Farmers Lower North Island Field Officer, talked about all the reasons



Coastal Young Farmers listening to Okato vet Pete Morgan at their December monthly meeting.

why we should join Young Farmers. The group then formed the Okato Young Farmers club, but decided to change our name to the Coastal Young Farmers club, as we have members from Rahotu through to New Plymouth.

The club name is reflected in our logo, which brings in symbols that represent the coast, such as the wind wand, mountain, light house and sea. We have also had a banner and shirts made that gratefully acknowledge our various sponsors.

Some examples of social events that we have done so far are: ten pin bowling, speed networking

in a rotary cowshed, a fireworks and bonfire night, and going out for tea at the Lahar café in Okato. Club members have helped out at the Coastal Taranaki School lamb and calf day in late October and helped the Okato Lions club with marshalling for the around the mountain running relay in early November.

Lastly, a committee (Alexandra Lawn, Laura Richardson, James Lawn,

Steve Kelly, Matthew Oke and Zane Wooldridge) have been busy organising the National Bank Young Farmer Contest 2012 – Taranaki District Final, which will be held on the 17th of December 2011.

This event is going to be held at the Okato Domain on Upper Kaihihi Road in Okato, and has two sections, the practical day and the quiz night. The practical day has 15 modules and starts

at 8.30am and will finish at 2.30pm. The quiz night will start at 6pm and the results from both sections will determine the top two finalists who will represent the Taranaki region, in the Taranaki/Manawatu Regional Zone final, on the 12th of March 2012, in Hawera.

Feel free to come along this Saturday to support our local Young Farmers and see what the club is all about!

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9.00-10.00am					Aqua Aerobics		
9.30-10.30am			Aqua Aerobics				
1.00-4.00pm	Public	Public	Public	Public	Public	Public	Public
4.00-6.00pm	Lane Swim & Fitness	Lane Swim & Fitness	Lane Swim & Fitness	Lane Swim & Fitness	Lane Swim & Fitness		
6.30-7.30pm		Aqua Aerobics		Aqua Aerobics	Aqua Aerobics		
7.30-8.30pm			Aqua Aerobics				

Public hours from 17 December, closed Christmas Day

Earlybird Lane swimming Mon-Fri except Statutory holidays

No Aqua Aerobics 23 December to 3 January

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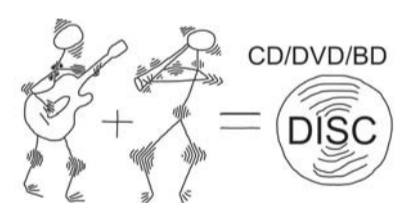
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Musical Notes



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Lindsay Maindonald formally having lived in New Plymouth for many years with his family, now residing in Eltham, has just recorded a single called "Taranaki - A Christmas like no other". The vocals and lyrics by Lindsay.

Listen for this song on the Bryan Vickery show around Xmas. The single will be for sale. A full album is due for release in the future. Lindsay is working on a Gospel Country theme for the album.

Watch this space.

COASTAL YOUNG FARMERS

SNOW TO SAND, WORKING THE LAND



Opunake Beach Carnival 2012



A previous Opunake Beach Carnival Day.

Take a kid fishing

Take a kid fishing will be held on Wednesday 4th January the competition is open to all children primary school age and under. Mums and Dads get out there and get the kids fishing. Great prizes to be won. Register at Collins Sports Centre, \$2 entry fee applies. We will weigh any species caught on the day on a hook line and sinker. No nets please. Final weigh in will be at 6.30 scales

from 5.30 – 6.30pm at the Opunake Beach stage followed by prize giving and a lolly scramble. The Golf Ball Roll is being held Fri 6 Jan 2012 from 5.30pm at Middleton's Bay; 50c per ball, sausage sizzle \$1 drinks \$1 and fun prizes come and roll with us.

Opunake Beach Carnival Day

Have great fun in the sun at the 2012 Beach carnival

to be held on Saturday 7th January - no entry fee a great day for the whole family. Bring your beautiful babies, toddlers and mini muscle men to show off their talents at the Opunake Beach stage contests. from under 1, 1yrs, 2yrs,3yrs, 4yrs,5yrs,6yrs,7yrs, 8yrs,9yrs,Mister Mini Muscles 4-8 years, Mister Muscles 9-12 years. Opunake Playcentre will be running a silent auction in the morning.

The Big Dig which will run from about 12.30pm. Every entrant gets a prize with major prizes being brand new bikes. Miss Opunake Beach contests will be held in the afternoon. Categories will be Miss Junior Opunake, Miss Teen Opunake, and Miss Opunake. Fantastic prizes. First contest starts at 10am; \$2 per entry, Miss Opunake is \$5 to enter.

All day activities include Mini Jeeps, Merry go Round, Bouncy Castles, and a Shooting gallery with hourly prize draws food, coffee and crafts for sale.





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- Great Prizes - Lolly Scamble

**Sat 8/1/10
11am-2pm HOURLY RAFFLES**

- All good prizes
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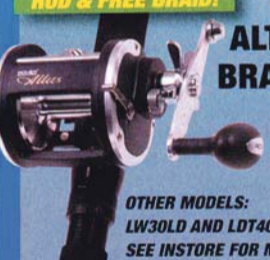


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RIGHT:
Dave (Chaddy) Chadfield giving instructions on how to operate his charter boat, Rescue III.



CHRISTMAS TRADING HOURS

CHRISTMAS IN-STORE DAY
December 15, 11am-2pm
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RIGHT:

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Todd Energy Aquatic Centre

There's lots of fun to be had at Todd Energy Aquatic Centre over summer! On the 11th of January, 10.30am-12.30pm, join the Summer Scene team for fun and fitness - we'll have a go at a circuit class, aqua aerobics and water bullrush. Bring your togs and sunscreen! Plus they are Fun Days on January 18th and 25th, 12.00pm-3.00pm. There'll be prizes, games and competitions for all ages. Keep an eye out for details at Todd Energy Aquatic Centre or on their Facebook page.

Over the summer holidays Family Fun Time runs every day from 10.30am-4.30pm. This means the giant inflatable will be up in the indoor pool, and the waves and hydro-slides will run from 11.00am-6.00pm, plus there's the Tarzan rope and the climbing wall for adventurous fun. On sunny days the bouncy castle will be up outside!

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Merry Christmas

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... A Loving New Year

The first Christmas photo taken by Gail Simons at Stoney Oaks Wildlife Park.

Virtual Tart Exhibition

For December on the Virtual Tart website there's a small exhibition of the col-

lage work of Annais Allen of Whangaparaoa in New Zealand. Do have a look, perhaps send her an email. Artists thrive on feedback.

Collage packs are coming in for the 14th International Exhibition/Exchange. Have a look on the outofsight.co.nz site to see previous exchanges, and to get details for taking part this time.

And if you're within reach of Taranaki in New Zealand, there's the unveiling of the 200 X 200 show at Kina on Friday 1st December, at 5.15. This annual exhibition is of small and affordable artworks.

(And, a personal note, rejoice with me - I've been in my studio making things. The best feeling in the world.)

*Dale Copeland
Virtual Tart*

SANTA INSTORE Friday 16th from 2-4pm

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Sat, 17th 9 till 3pm
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