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Kune kune piglets, recent arrivals at Stoney Oakes Wildlife Park near Inglewood.

Photo: Gail Simons, Stoney Oakes.

## Merry Christmas and a happy festive season

We would like to wish everyone a merry Christmas and a happy, safe and prosperous new year.

The office will be closed during the Christmas New Year period.

We will next publish later in January.

Happy holidaying,  
Here's to 2013.

From us all at the  
Opunake & Coastal News

## Opunake mural a winner in national competition

Dennis Latimer, Tina Chapman and Jean Roach's mural for the Opunake Pharmacy (formerly Opunake Medicines and Beauty) has won first place in a Best Community Mural category.

The winners of Resene's Mural Masterpieces competition have been announced and the Taranaki business and local trio of artists are winners!

Open to towns, schools and communities around the country, the annual competition recognizes and celebrates the creativity of those groups and individuals who help beautify towns, schools and neighbourhoods around

the country with mural art.

With \$7,000 in prizes up on offer for the best murals, organisers say the competition was fierce. Open to all mural types and with subjects ranging from sea life and summer beach scenes, to native birds and bush, abstract and even a make-believe playground, selecting the winners was a difficult task.

"This year's entries all showed such a high level of skill and there were some really fantastic themes," said Resene Marketing Manager Karen Warman. "Our congratulations to everyone who took part for their great efforts."

"The people in these communities must get much enjoyment from seeing these wonderful works of art each day. By sharing and celebrating these outstanding murals, Resene hopes the wider New Zealand public can also enjoy them, no matter where they are."

Says Karen Warman: "Using an artistic style very different to most entries, this mural showcases a piece of history which could be very dull, but does it in an interesting and eye-catching way. It captures the essence of olden day pharmacies and pharmacists and gives you a captivating insight into the past."

A photo gallery of the winning murals in the 2012 Resene Mural Masterpieces competition can be viewed online at <http://www.resene.co.nz/competition/murals/>

### Resene Mural Masterpieces Competition 2012 Winners

#### Best School Mural - Primary:

1<sup>st</sup> Place: Riverview Primary School, Kerikeri

2<sup>nd</sup> = Place: Summerland School, Henderson, Mangonui School, Mangonui

Highly Commended: Arrowtown School, Arrowtown, St Joseph's School, Upper Hutt



Opunake Wins! From left, Chairperson of the Opunake Business Association Monique Sinclair congratulates designer Tina Chapman and motivator Jean Roach on coming first in the Resene Best Community Mural category.

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## Correction: Misleading headline

In the December 13 issue of the Opunake and Coastal News on page 11, the headline 'Patea and Waverley opt for fluoride'

was inaccurate. In fact, the submissions from the people in the general area overwhelmingly were against the addition of this

controversial substance. However, the majority of the South Taranaki Council voted for the fluoridation of the water supply of the two

towns, despite the weight of submissions against. We apologise for this misleading headline.



Opunake's mural of pharmacies throughout the ages that has taken out top prize in a national mural competition. Other murals painted by Dennis Latimer can be seen in the town.

## Opunake mural recognised in competition

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Best School Mural - Secondary:

1st Place: Melissa Zhu for Bethlehem College, Tauranga

2nd Place: Sir Edmund Hillary Collegiate, Otara

3rd Place: Papanui High School, Christchurch

Best Community Mural:

1st Place: Dennis Latimer,

Tina Chapman and Jean Roach for Opunake Pharmacy, Taranaki

2nd Place: Rob Halsey and the Fox Glacier Community Centre Committee, Fox Glacier Community Centre, Fox Glacier

3rd Place: Children of the Art Lab for Whangaparaoa Hall, Whangaparaoa

Highly Commended:

Andrea van Klei, Jackie Toohey and helpers for Omokoroa Point School, Tauranga

Best Professional Mural:

1st Place: Tina-Rae Carter for Wairarapa Montessori Children's House (nature scene).

2nd = Place: Geoff Noble for Brightwater School, Nelson Joshua McMillan for the C3 Kids Church Building, Invercargill

3rd Place: Marc Spijkerbosch (artist) and Richard Witheford-Smith for the Porirua railway station bus shelter, Porirua

Highly Commended: Christian Griffiths for Mount Gravatt State School, Murwillumbah, NSW

Best Mural Design - Mural Designed But Not Yet Painted:

1st Place: Laura Willan, Ben Ningtoutao and Andre Hanssen for Shirley Intermediate, Christchurch

2nd = Place: Jane Crisp for Onewhero Golf Course, Tuakau, Saint Kentigern College, Pakuranga

Highly commended: Waikaretu School, Tuakau Buscomb House, Henderson

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## On this month in history

On December 3, 1910 Freda Du Faur became the first woman to reach the summit of Mount Cook (Aoraki). Accompanying her were two guides Peter and Alex Graham, but she reached the top ahead of the two men. She said, "I gained the summit and waited for them, feeling very little, very lonely and much inclined to cry. They caught my hands and shook them, their eyes glowing with pleasure and pride and, with an effort, I swallowed the lump in my throat and laughed instead. The trio had also beaten the record by two hours. Mt Cook has three peaks the highest is 3,753 metres high, but on December 1991 10.5 metres was lost off the top.

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"God lost His lineage, and with that, God lost the basis of human brotherhood". - Rev Sun Myung Moon





Santa has swapped his reindeer and sleigh for a motor scooter. He was snapped the other night at Opunake Beach as he included Opunake in his busy schedule.

## Coastal Care right on track

The Coastal Taranaki Health Trust held its AGM on 17 December and the Chairman, Dan Holmes, provided a comprehensive report on the progress the group had made in the previous twelve months. He was also delighted to announce that Paul Bourke, from Pihama, and Julie Morgan, from Rahotu had agreed to join the Trust. Members of the public were able to study and ask questions about information displayed on the walls. This included the most up to date concept plans, the operational budget and a four week schedule depicting the very high occupancy rate for Coastal Care, the new hub for social and health services. The Trust had recently invited representatives from 18 organisations, who will provide these services, to attend a workshop held in

Opunake. The 25 people who came along were given the opportunity to have input into the building plans. They were able to describe their needs and make suggestions for practical changes to make the new building functional and flexible enough to adapt to future demands. The Trust's architect, Jenny Goddard, was able to capture their ideas and ask relevant questions. She will now work on producing the final working plans and have these available by the end of February. "The meeting was very exciting. It was quite an achievement to have so many professional people from different medical and social services in the same room and able to commit their time and expertise in such a collaborative way. Our whole community via Coastal Care will benefit because the people who will be working in the building were able to talk and listen to each other to

see how they can cooperate to get the best outcomes for the community" said Coastal Care treasurer, Steve Corkill, "We are thrilled that such a comprehensive and wide range of services will be offered here on the Coast. It is hugely important that our community see this as a "their" place, where they can access not only help for health problems but

also assistance from a wide variety of social services." The Trust will now make further applications to funding agencies to add to the \$1.5m already available for the \$2.1m building project and then look at clearing the site in May/June with building to start later in the year when the weather improves.

Wishing everyone a Happy Christmas and a Safe New Year.  
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Drink in moderation this festive season and - not at all - if driving. Have a good one.



### COUNCILLORS COMMENT



Alex Ballantyne

A beautiful time of the year in these blessed climes. Life and light abounding; the warm essential "gold

from heaven" drizzling softly on blossoming gardens and pasture. Winter's weighty garb shed for colour and whimsy; everyday toil infused with a special air of anticipation and impending freedom. Tickets booked, dates marked, old acquaintance reborn; children running shrieking in the sun. Generosity not merely aspirational, but socially mandatory.

A precious two millennia legacy from the raucous middle east; gradually refined via Europe and hungrily imbibed in even the

remotest corners of pacific paradise. Imbuing all with the promise of peace and deliverance; the purity of its instruction eclipsed only by its simplicity. Love one another, and forgive. The twin, abiding pathways to all humanity and all true value. From which we stray at our peril: for one another does not mean one's self. With every recent "new" year, comes the intoxicating drug of ego, the intentions to change - which are invariably doomed in the hangover. Perhaps this year we might just relax, and favour

peace over euphoria. Quiet determination over shallow resolution. And adherence to those simple pathways to joy awaiting only our decision; their efficacy proven over thousands of years.

On behalf of your council, many thanks to all you wonderful volunteers who do so much in our communities and inspire us all. A very happy, restful, and joy-filled Christmas to everyone.

Alex Ballantyne, Deputy Mayor STDC

## Tae-Wan arrives in Opunake

Opunake Coastal Pharmacy's co-owner Tae-Wan Kim has settled in Opunake. After just a week living in the township, he's enjoying himself. "It's peaceful with good people", he says.

He's also enjoying the pharmacy work. "I like it, especially meeting new people", he comments. He adds, "I want to interact with the community as much as possible".

Tae-Wan has lived in New Zealand for 17 years (he was born in Korea) and qualified as a pharmacist at the Otago University

(Pharmacy School). Since qualifying he has had diverse pharmacy experience in several locations in New Zealand including New Plymouth, Christchurch, as well as Dunedin.

One aspect Tae-Wan wants to stress in the pharmacy is the importance of talking to customers, offering professional and friendly advice and having good communication with doctors to have the best results for patients. "This is what I enjoy doing and I look forward to offering continuing support for the Opunake community", he explains.



Tae-Wan, who has recently shifted to Opunake and is the co-owner of Opunake Coastal Pharmacy.

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## Quitline working well

Good news for smokers this New Year; Research shows Quitline clients are staying smokefree

Smokers who choose to stop smoking in the New Year are more likely to keep their resolution for the long-term if they choose to quit with Quitline, new research has shown.

The independent research shows that Quitline is helping people stay smokefree and people who are smoke-free at six months are more likely to still be Smokefree at twelve months.

The research also found that one year after signing up with Quitline; over 20.9% of people were successfully smokefree. This compares to a quit rate of 13% in 2003, suggesting that Quitline is being much more effective

for its clients.

One reason for this change is that Quitline offers a wide range of services, including online, blogs, phone and text. "The more Quitline services a client uses, the higher their rate of success. Smokers can pick and choose from our support services that work best for them to help them quit and stay quit" says Quitline Chief Executive Paula Snowden.

Research confirms that clients who used multiple services together had a quit rate of 29.5% at 12 months.

Quitline supports strong controls on the supply of tobacco to help smokers to quit and stay quit.

"Smoking is highly addictive and is a notoriously difficult habit to kick, so it makes sense that people should get

as much help as they can to quit" says Paula Snowden.

People can get support through Quitline by talking to advisors on the phone, blogging about their journey on the Quitline website [www.quit.org.nz](http://www.quit.org.nz) getting supportive text messages, and accessing subsidised nicotine replacement therapy.

"In 2013, we will see increased collaboration with others in the health and smoking cessation sectors, particularly those working with Māori and Pacific communities and whānau. We all have an essential role to play in turning the goal of a Smokefree Aotearoa 2025 into a reality" says Paula Snowden.

The research was conducted by Gravitas Research and Strategy Limited (Nov).2

All the best for the festive season and happy motoring from Brian and the team

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# New trolley just the ticket

Martha Nuku who has her own window cleaning business now has a brand new purpose built trolley thanks to Karyn and Dean Marden, the new managers of the Opunake Beach Holiday Park and Karyn's stepfather Frank Ludlow.

Frank, who is an engineer, had made Karyn a trolley for taking linen and cleaning products around the park.

Robyn Chard who brings down some of the IHC workers to the beach every Monday had seen the trolley and, aware of the difficulties Martha had with fitting everything into her small trolley, asked if one could be made for Martha.

So the next time Frank was in Opunake he and Martha got together Opunake Beach Kiwi Holiday Park and designed a new trolley.

"I had the design in my head but couldn't put it onto paper said Martha "and he helped me with it."

Frank went back to Wellington with his notes and built the trolley. He presented to her on his latest visit.

Martha is delighted with the result.

"It's perfect."

The ingenious design has



Martha Nuku from Martha's Sparkling Windows with her new purpose built trolley.

hooks and containers for the various cleaning appliances including the hose and a basket for all her cleaning gear. "I love it," said Martha adding that with her last trolley,

whenever she went over a bump everything used to fall off. "It makes my job a lot easier."

Martha has ten regular customers in the central busi-

ness district. She also cleans windows for domestic clients.

If you would like some sparkling clean windows you can contact her on 027 813 7485.

# Smoking - the good old days eh!

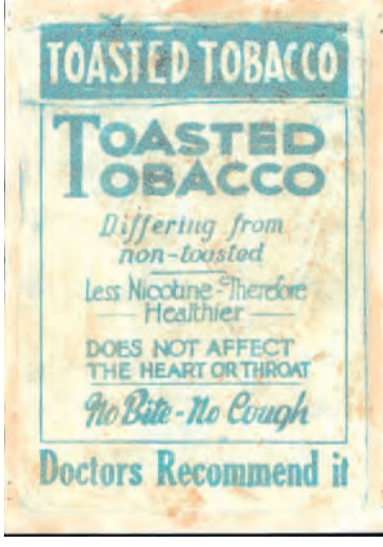


An advert circa 1950's with doctors endorsing cigarettes! The advert seems to imply there are health benefits.

**RIGHT:** Advertising from early last century - promoting toasted tobacco saying that it is healthier and does not affect the heart!



**ABOVE:** Even Santa was used to sell cigarettes.



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**Richard Corry**

Hello everyone.

With the year coming to an end it is time to look back and reflect, and what a year it has been.

It has had its ups and downs, with the major downer being the continuation of our small group of boy and girl racers that continue to annoy locals with their stupid

and sometimes dangerous manner in which they drive. It often amazes me that I do not have to attend more crashes involving these idiots.

We also have my favourite Meth cook on the run again. Yet only seems like yesterday that he was avoiding the Police, so Robert if you are still in the area I know you will read this as you are an avid reader of my articles. We will catch you, it may not be today or tomorrow, but we will get you, I sincerely hope that you get to have your Xmas dinner on me. And to those of you out there that are assisting him your time will come also.

In relation to him to say that I was a little shocked to see who visits him would be an understatement, so you guys

and you know who you are. You need to take a good hard look at yourself and realise what a dangerous drug you are taking.

Enough of the bad stuff. We still live in a very safe and beautiful part of the country where people look after each other, and I would like to take this opportunity to thank a number of people.

Firstly to Lyn and her staff at Oakura School and Allan and all the staff at Coastal Taranaki School I would like to congratulate you on a fantastic job you are all doing and I appreciate the assistance you have given me over the year.

I would also like to make a big thanks to both the Oakura and Okato Volunteer Fire Brigades. You guys and girls are absolutely fantastic and in my opinion optimise

what is great about small communities. You don't get anywhere near the accolades you all deserve, and to think you volunteer all the hours you do I take my hat off to you and your families. Well done to you all, and I hope I don't get to see any of you during the festive season in uniform.

Last of all I would like to thank this paper for running some of my dribble and most of all to the community in general who make working out the Coast such an enjoyable experience.

Remember drive safely drink responsible and look after your mates and family.

I wish you all a very merry Xmas and a safe and prosperous new year.

*Take care Rich*

**OPUNAKE**



**Nigel Dey**

With Christmas and the New Year just around the corner it is an opportune time to make people aware of the unfortunate situations that over-consumption of alcohol can cause.

It is a time to be enjoyed with family and friends and alcohol plays an important part in enjoying the holiday period, but we want people to enjoy themselves without us getting involved in their lives.

Over the last few months the Taranaki region including Opunake has experienced a horrendous number of fatal



**Ricky Tito**

road deaths. Without getting into specifics alcohol appears to be a factor in a number of them and this situation is a common occurrence. Please use common sense and play your part in keeping the roads safe. Consume in moderation, eat regularly and if you have over-indulged make sure you have a sober driver or ring someone who is able to give you a ride home.

Alcohol also plays its part in domestic disputes that require Police attendance. I would calculate that over 80% of the domestics we

have attended this year have had some link to alcohol consumption by one or two of the parties. Christmas time is particularly bad as, although it is time of celebration, it also brings along financial pressures and - with these two factors combined - they often a recipe for disaster. I hate dealing with domestics at any time, seeing partners fighting and often injured, children scared to death having witnessed violence either verbal or physical by one of their parents on the other. It would be good if we can get through without any of this occurring.

I am going to leave things at

that, but would like to thank a few people who have been a godsend for us over the year. To Julie, Margaret, Len, Maureen, Monique and Mike our Police volunteers, many thanks for your efforts and continuing support. The Opunake and Rahotu Fire Brigades, St Johns Ambulance Service, who we have worked within some difficult situations, you are true professionals and are a credit to the community.

To everyone else in our wider community can I, on behalf of Ricky and myself, wish you a Merry Christmas and prosperous New Year. Thanks.

*Nigel*

**Students heading overseas?**

Inland Revenue has a message for Student Loan borrowers who are planning on heading overseas - talk with us first.

"Even though the holiday season is here, students need to make sure they remain on top of their loan ahead of the new year," Collections Manager, Richard Owen, said.

"Loans are not always the first thing that a person considers before going on their holidays or overseas experience. However, it is important that borrowers keep up-to-date with their repayment obligations so their loan remains manageable."

Borrowers' who may be away longer than six months, can apply for a repayment holiday for up to one year, which can help financially, although

interest will still be charged during this time.

"An unpaid student loan can grow quickly due to interest and penalties," Mr Owen said. "For example, a borrower who leaves New Zealand with a \$17,500 student loan will see this grow to almost \$21,500 if left unpaid in three years. That's \$4000 of unnecessary debt."

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# Fluoridation decision goes against majority view of residents

The STDC's recent decision to approve the addition of hydrofluorosilicic acid to the Patea and Waverley community water supplies, despite overwhelming opposition from residents, is outrageous and unacceptable.

Out of the 508 submissions received, 208 were from Patea residents and 40 from Waverley residents. Of those, 85% and 75% respectively were opposed. A further 113 were received from Hawera residents of whom all but one said they not only objected to the Council spending their rates, but also wanted fluoridation stopped in Hawera. The remaining 147 were from outside of South Taranaki and made up the bulk of the pro-fluoridation submissions.

208 submissions from a town the size of Patea is a huge turnout. At the Council Hearing not one resident spoke in favour, but South Taranaki dentists and the one GP (none of them Patea or Waverley residents), told the council that fluoride needed

to be swallowed to be effective in reducing dental decay. However, they were contradicted by the dentist from the Ministry of Health's National Fluoridation Information Service who explained that fluoride is now known to work topically i.e. by being applied to the teeth.

The Centres for Disease Control (CDC) decreed in 2001 that the amount of fluoride in the dental enamel does not correlate with dental decay and that the primary benefit of fluoride is post-eruptive and topical. This means a person has to have teeth (therefore not be a baby) and it has to be applied to the teeth. The CDC is the top fluoridation promoter in the world. They admit that their theory of 50 years as to why fluoride should be added to water was flawed. However, instead of this resulting in the immediate cessation of fluoridation they came up with a new theory that because drinking fluoridated water raises the fluoride saliva levels from 0.006 ppm to 0.016 ppm that

this small amount will provide a topical benefit. I think if you swallow that then you will swallow anything.

But what is more concerning is that the local dentists did not even know this and that the councillors chose to ignore the wealth of scientific and medical evidence that fluoride causes harm provided by two dentists, a practising A&E doctor and a multitude of residents and others who quoted studies and even the opinion of Nobel prize winners.

Fluoride Free South Taranaki group has sent the Councillors some questions two of which are:

1. What dosage mg/kg/day are bottle fed babies in Hawera currently receiving?
2. The National Research Council determined that effects on the thyroid were associated at 0.05-0.13 mg/kg/day when iodine was adequate and a lower level when iodine was inadequate. Using Plunket averages bottle fed babies in Hawera are

exceeding that dose. Why do you think it is justifiable, in light of the council's statutory responsibility to protect residents from external public health threats, to give babies in Hawera (and soon Patea and Waverley) a dosage of fluoride that the top science in the world has found to affect thyroid?

Add to that the instructions on a fluoride pill bottle "Do not give to pregnant women or children under three". Anyone with an ounce of intelligence must question why giving fluoride via the water supply would suddenly make it safe for babies.

Adding a highly toxic chemical, or even any chemical, to people's drinking water, is serious business and the people of South Taranaki deserve their councillors to do serious research. Hiding behind endorsements from USA influenced institutions (the USA being the most unhealthy country in the western world) is nothing more than PR and people should

be wondering what is the real reason. Would the fact that the MoH has provided a grant of \$360,000 toward the upgrade of the Patea water supply have anything to do with it?

Patea residents are outraged that the STDC would choose

to ignore democracy, science, common sense and common decency and are vowing to fight back.

Mary Byrne  
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# The season to look back and have hope for next year



**Andrew Little MP**

The season to look back and have hope for next year. It's the time of year to look back to see what kind of year it was.

If you're a farmer, teacher, retailer or household manager reflection on the year will be different.

In politics, I think the year has been defined by the ease

with which we are distracted from the big issues by the small.

The events surrounding Kim Dotcom were entertaining as we learned of an unimaginably wealthy man, of lavish election donations, helicopter trips to a palatial residence, of deals to conceal the origins of donations and a heck of a lot of forgetfulness.

But the issue was less one of political betrayal by those to whom the ample Mr Dotcom was so generous and more one of the threat to our sovereignty as we discovered that the police and national security agencies here bent over backwards to please their American counterparts.

On unemployment, which is the highest it's been for 15 years, we saw small measures to take care of some teenagers on a benefit, but

nothing else. In desperation, the government is now left to legislate for lower wages for young people in the hope employers will take them on rather than older workers who expect to be paid more.

The big issue of fixing growing unemployment through government procurement and other government measures hasn't had a look-in.

On the issues at ACC we were mesmerised by what happened to one claimant who had been treated badly and who found a way to use wrongly disclosed personal information to elevate her story to national news. But her case wasn't isolated, and the real problems still remain for hundreds of others.

Christmas is a time we can reflect on these things but ultimately it is a time to re-

treat to the most important things in life: family and the people who sustain us every day; community; and the spaces and places around us that are a respite from the rigours of daily life.

It's a time for those of us who have the means and the spirit to reach out to those whose year has brought misfortune or set-back: the child who has lost a parent; the husband who has lost a wife; the family who have been thrown into hardship through loss of work or livelihood; those who, through birth or life's vicissitudes are less fortunate.

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# Bigger year next year so take it easy over Christmas



**Hon Chester Borrows, Whanganui MP**

Although it makes me seem like an old fogey, I have to admit that getting the 2012 horse stopped so I can climb on the 2013 is not an easy trick. This computer technology that was supposed to save us so much work-time and generate so much leisure-time is really working a treat; yeah right!

Having sent out over 800 Christmas cards and in the middle attending the round of end-of-year do's, I am finding that each occasion reminds me of how much is left undone. Not so much a

"bah-humbug" but more like my old school reports, "could do better".

It has been an interesting year getting my head around new portfolios which have more national than local responsibilities, and then attending to matters within the electorate has been furiously crammed into two days a week when I used to have four days. The reconfiguration of Courts services, more teeth to benefit crime investigations, and re-writing the protocols around the way we investigate, monitor and respond to youth crime have been my Ministerial priorities.

On the local scene the biggest issue was the integration of Wanganui Collegiate School and landing that brought a lot of satisfaction bearing in mind the effect on Wanganui City if that had not happened; the flow on effects on business, jobs, health and other services, as well as education would have been huge. Unfortunately on the same day the Collegiate decision was announced, UCoL announced it was cutting first

year intakes into glass and fine arts courses for next year and the perennial battle began again. It became obvious that while the partnership between Wanganui District Council and UCoL of three years ago had saved the course, neither institution had used the opportunity to widely promote the course and attract students. The biggest promoters, being the artists, their arts, and their businesses, have gone ahead in leaps and bounds while the partners were looking the other way. It remains a big concern and one to sort out quickly.

In the rural sector the imposition of Horizons One Plan and its effects on pastoral farming and so our local economy is worrying. The selling of the plan to those most affected is a suppurating sore. In South Taranaki the energy debate over fracking is very hot, but the Parliamentary Commissioner for the Environment's first report is positive. Antifrackerers were hanging their hat on an expected outcome which never eventuated.

Dairying in the north of the electorate is still the biggest earner and strong milk prices means NZ Inc. remains strong, thank goodness.

All over the electorate though there are businesses which astound. Refining used oil, die-cast products, animal health remedies, safety equipment, hides and pelts, engineering businesses, manufacturing, training, services, education and health initiatives are top ranked nationally and internationally.

Sports flourish and the recent Billy Webb Dinner celebrating our Olympians was testament to all the good stuff that lies ahead for the electorate, its people and their future.

Thanks to the readers and the media for allowing us to engage. My advice is slow down and take it easy over the holiday break, next year will be fast and furious.

Go well and God Bless you and yours this Christmas.

*Chester Borrows  
MP for Whanganui*

# Great day for Te Kiri WI

A beautiful sunny day, an interesting long drive (plenty of trucks on the road) to our Christmas luncheon and meeting at Maxwell with our hostess Dianne (our secretary) and her husband Nigel. A very special meeting with members husbands also invited.

A very pretty drive to the house through a native bush. A floral artist's paradise.

After our delicious luncheon we were welcomed to our meeting by president Sue Muggidge.

Our institute National Day

at a local restaurant was very much enjoyed. Italy was the place selected and Sue and Nita set our entry up which looked great. Thanks to you both. Sue thanked the members who had supplied articles for the tables.

Kath Perrett had made some lovely Christmas decorations which she showed us. We decided to have an afternoon at our meeting next year and make some with Kath as demonstrator. We're looking forward to that next year, although it seems a long way off.

Fun time and a letter competition. A letter was pulled out of a hat and with three in a team we had to name places, TT programmes and other things beginning with that letter. If another team had the same answer, you lost a point. Lots of laughter.

When the men folk returned back from a look around the farm they joined it and they won the last game.

More laughing and applause followed as they were given their lollies prize.

A cup of tea and a piece of Christmas cake completed

our wonderful enjoyable day. A Merry Christmas to you all from Te Kiri Women's institute.

Thank you to Dianne, Nigel, Sue and Nita and the rest of the committee for all the help over the year. To the members who have given me a ride to our meetings it was very much appreciated. Thank you to you all at Opunake and Coastal News - thank you for printing our reports.

Have a lovely Christmas and a very Happy New Year.  
*Mavis West*



# Helen and Ian shine at country music awards in Wanganui



Ian and Helen Braithwaite with their awards won at the Wanganui Country Music event held recently.

Helen and Ian Braithwaite of the Taranaki Country Music Hall of Fame, Manaia did very well at the recent Wanganui Country Music Awards and have returned with a swag of awards and certificates. "This is awesome", enthused Helen with a smile.

The event was held on December 8 at Wanganui Girls High School Hall and Ian and Helen entered several categories at the musical event where "they have a

very high standard of singing, and instrumentalists", as Helen explains.

Perhaps their most treasured win was the Country Corrol Duet where the duo won singing 'LA International Airport'. They hold the handsome silver cup (B and M Hills Cup) for the next 12 months until the 2013 event. They won this award by scoring the most points for their self-accompanied performance. They also won the Duo/

Group section of the Country Corrol Duet. "I was excited", said Ian.

Helen also had success individually winning the Instrumental section, playing the mandolin. The song performed was 'Never On A Sunday'. She holds the attractive gold and varnished wood trophy for the duration until the next awards in 2013. This trophy was donated by Rana Waitai, who is also an accomplished performer.

Helen was also runner up in the Traditional section singing 'Mother Pal and Sweetheart' as well as the Country Rock section with 'Lucken Buck Texas'. She missed out winning by just one point in each of these two sections.

Ian and Helen have won awards in the past, but, as Helen explains, "This was the best yet". "It was an enjoyable day. It was an *experience*," concluded Ian.

## Rutherford Foundation Scholarships awarded

Nine emerging researchers receive prestigious Rutherford Foundation scholarships

The Rutherford Foundation Trust has awarded prestigious scholarships to nine of New Zealand's most outstanding emerging researchers, including four international PhD scholarships and five postdoctoral fellowships.

Highlights from the 2012 funding round include a range of projects, from the treatment of osteoporosis and cardiac dysfunction in diabetes, to the future of resource management in New Zealand and black holes in astrophysics.

The Rutherford Foundation, which awards the scholarships, is a trust set up by the Royal Society of New Zealand to provide support to emerging New Zealand scientists.

Chair of the Trustees of the Rutherford Foundation, Professor Margaret Brimble, says it is important for our emerging research-

ers to gain these types of scholarships. She highlights the need for these opportunities:

"The shortage of postdoctoral positions in New Zealand is a concern for the research community. The Rutherford Foundation is therefore very pleased to offer five postdoctoral fellowships to talented PhD graduates as well as four PhD training scholarships."

"The calibre of these young scientists was truly outstanding and the competition was extremely tough. These scientists were all undertaking research in areas of national importance."

The five postdoctoral fellows will work at New Zealand universities and crown research institutes.

Two of the PhD scholarships will be hosted by the University of Cambridge in England. One will be hosted by the University of Michigan in the USA and the other at the University

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Funding for these awards comes from the New Zealand Government, the Cambridge Commonwealth Trust, the Freemasons Roskill Foundation and private donations.

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**MAYORS COLUMNS: A Christmas Message**



**Mayor Ross Dunlop**

2012 is over and once again it was a busy year. I am always amazed at all

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Recently I was involved in a number of new projects around the district.

The new lighthouse and museum at Cape Egmont, the Opunake Walkway, The Ronald Hugh Morrieson Room at Tawhiti Museum, the new Motorhome Park in Hawera, the Patea Swimming Pool and the release of four Kiwis at Rotokare Reserve, to name just a few.

All over the district things have happened and most of the projects were initiatives that enthusiastic locals had

started and with some outside help from the Council and other funders made them happen.

This is the strength of our district. The ability of enthusiastic citizens to have a dream and make it happen.

So I thank and congratulate all of you who have worked so hard throughout 2012 to make South Taranaki the fabulous place that it is.

The Council has also had success' including obtaining some mundane, but important achievement that will benefit our district. We obtained a Credit Rating and

joined the Local Government Funding Agency.

Council owned facilities continued to be very popular with the Powerco Aquatic Centre and TSB Hub attracting large attendances and bringing conferences and people to our district.

2012 was a good year I am sure 2013 will not disappoint.

Thanks to all of you who have supported our district in some way. All the best for the New Year and I look forward to seeing you sometime this year.

*Mayor, South Taranaki*

We're nearly at the end of another year – and what a year it has been!

In August Oakura got clipped around the ears by a rainstorm that brought down eight slips along the walkway to Ahu Ahu. With the help of local schoolchildren the walkway and the sand dunes are being restored for public use just in time for summer.

Hundreds of public buildings throughout the district are having their earthquake strength evaluated in light of Christchurch's 2011 earthquake, and we're gearing up for the changes that will be required by the amended



**Mayor Harry Duynhoven**

Local Government Act 2002 Amendment Act.

However we head into the Christmas break knowing that a public reserve has been secured for Okato

now that the Council has bought 0.4ha of the former Okato School to develop a playground and skate park. Thanks should go to the Ministry of Education and Office of Treaty Settlements for making this purchase possible, and to the Okato residents who are working with the Kaitake Community Board on ideas for the playground's design.

I for one am looking forward to taking some time off during Christmas and New Year to recharge the batteries and soak up this great lifestyle we have in Taranaki. The more I see of New Zealand, the more I know

that we have all the best bits here in our own region: our mountain and ranges, great swimming and surfing beaches, formal gardens and wild landscapes, top community events and facilities – and some of the best laid-back people you could wish to meet.

Now all we need is a good spell of weather, and our summer will be pretty much perfect!

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*Mayor Harry Duynhoven  
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**Five tips to navigate family relationships well these holidays**



**Meegan Care**

The Holidays - a time for celebration, gift giving and family gatherings. The Holidays - also a time for increased tension, family feuds, arguments and resentment. Christmas is a time when our "family of origin stuff" can and often does get triggered. Here are a few tips to help you navigate family relationships well during the holiday season.

1. Acknowledge your feel-

ings. Arguments and surprise outbursts of anger and frustration are preceded by a build-up of internal emotional tension. Check in with your internal experience from time to time. Notice any arising tension or uncomfortable feelings lurking in the shadows and acknowledge this within yourself. By acknowledging your feelings in this way you ease tension and give space for calm to emerge.

2. Choose to avoid "hot spots". At this time it may be wise to avoid diving into particular topics of conversation that tend to go nowhere helpful and end in unresolved conflict and damaged relationships.

3. To live peace, be peace. To generate peace within your relationships more abundantly you may choose to generate a peaceful state of being within yourself as best you can. Then bring this peaceful state of being into your family celebra-

tions and relationships. Of course being peaceful does not require that you become a doormat, boundaries are important here. Just as you offer peace to others, you also offer peace to yourself by taking care of your own feelings and needs too.

4. Take some time. This is especially helpful during extended family gatherings. Perhaps you've noticed rising tension within yourself; this is a great time to take a short break. Take a brief solo walk, focus on your breath, give yourself the opportunity to slow down a little on the inside. This will allow you to become better resourced when you connect back in with the family group again.

5. A listening ear does wonders. Sometimes we are best served by a supportive other to hear our troubles without judgement. You may find it beneficial to check in with a trusted individual who is able to listen without tak-

ing sides or offering advice. This supportive space helps us to release tension, settle and access our own inner calm and wisdom.

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Everyone wants to enjoy the summer, so the one thing you don't want is a vehicle that breaks down, or worse still, suffers a mechanical failure that might put you, your passengers or even other road users at risk.

While modern cars are usually exceptionally reliable, they won't stay that way on their own. As with any piece of equipment or machinery, maintain and care for your vehicle and it will generally return the favour. And, like any mechanical device, it's most likely to fail when it's highly stressed. The Motor Trade Association (MTA) says there are lots of things owners can do to reduce the chances of being let down by your car this summer.

Vehicle failure or problems often come when a vehicle is under stress. In summer that usually revolves around heat – either as a result of high ambient temperatures, a heavily loaded vehicle or stop-start driving when stuck in a queue. Not surprisingly, summer often sees some motorists caught up in all three at the same time.

If there is a minor problem with your vehicle, there's a much higher probability that it will develop into something more major

when the temperature rises. A car engine usually operates at around 95°C, depending on the make and model of course. When that same vehicle is loaded with people and camping gear, is caught in a long line of stop-start traffic, and is crawling its way up a steep hill in 30°C plus heat – if problems are going to occur, it will often be at a time like this.

So, when you head out for your few days away this summer, make sure that your vehicle is fully prepared for those warmer temperatures. Some simple steps can help save you time, money and headaches during your trip:

- Consider a pre-trip inspection by an MTA technician; repairs can be more costly on the road. Ask them to check things like the air conditioning, cooling system, drive belts, hoses and clamps, brakes, along with the fundamentals like fluids, oil and water.
- High temperatures can be hard on your battery – get it checked to ensure it will last the distance.
- Check the condition and air pressure in all tyres, including the spare, to make sure they are roadworthy. Remember, heat is a tyre's biggest enemy.
- Replace ragged wiper blades, and make sure the wash reservoir tank is full and you've added proper cleaning agents – not dish-

washing liquid.

- Check all your lights are working. In the summer you may not use your lights very much, so that blown bulb can go unnoticed – until you need it.
- Make sure your sun visors are doing the job; glare from the sun, either directly or from other vehicles, can blind you temporarily.
- Be aware that you might need access to your spare at the most inconvenient time – so if you need to get to it, plan the stowage of luggage and gear to minimise any problems – and remember, it might not always be dry when you are trying to change your tyre.
- If you are towing, ensure your towbar and braking capability is up to the load you are hauling. Because of the strain towing can place on your car, it's vital your cooling and lubrication systems are in top condition.

It's also a good idea to have an emergency kit in your car, just in case you need it. It should include:

- Jumper cables
- a jack and wheel-brace
- A torch
- water for both the radiator and yourself (around two litres)
- blanket and towel
- emergency reflectors.

Summer is often the time people choose to try roads that are off the beaten track. By all means, enjoy the journey and take time to appreciate New Zealand's

scenery. Keep in mind though, that if you are trying to avoid those queues of fellow holidaymakers, the scenic route may not be the quickest, and if you do strike a problem, there may not be too many passers-by and your cell phone may not work – so plan your trip accordingly.

Heat and long days can lead to some drivers being on the road for longer than they should. Here are some tips to help avoid becoming drowsy while driving.

- Take breaks every two hours and if you feel tired, have difficulty focusing or just want to stretch your legs – pull over and have a walk around.
  - If you can, share the driving with someone. Passengers can help look out for early warning signs of fatigue.
  - Take a 15-to-20-minute nap. More than this can make you groggy for at least five minutes after awakening.
  - Consume the equivalent of two cups of coffee (e.g. soft drinks, energy drinks, coffee, tea) but caffeine takes about 30 minutes to enter the bloodstream and will not greatly affect those who regularly consume it. And remember, stimulants are just that, they are not a substitute for proper rest.
  - Don't drive if you're sleep deprived. Less than six hours sleep can triple your risk of driver fatigue.
  - Don't drive when you would normally be asleep – avoid driving through the night.
- During the summer break, everyone wants to take advantage of the great weather. This means the roads are busier than ever so drivers need to be even more aware of the risks. By driving to the conditions, planning your journey and having patience with other road users, everyone can stay safe on the roads this summer.



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# Fonterra focus on growth and durability

The decisions made by farmer shareholders over the past decade have laid a strong, durable foundation for Fonterra's future growth and profitability, said Sir Henry van der Heyden at Fonterra's Annual Meeting in Hamilton today. In his final Chairman's address, Sir Henry said when he took the job on, he wanted to make a difference and leave the Co-operative in a better position at the end of his tenure.

Taking stock of the changes within the industry over the past 10-15 years, Sir Henry reflected on the important decisions that had strengthened Fonterra's global position and returns to farmers.

"It's been one huge year after another and every one of them has made us stronger.

"Together we've turned a collection of co-ops into the world's top dairy exporter.

"Creating Fonterra was a massive leap of faith on two levels. We put our faith in a single integrated model – and we put our faith in it succeeding in an entirely deregulated market. I can say without a shadow of a doubt that we pulled it off," he said.

"Fonterra came out of the blocks with \$11.8 billion in assets. We have grown that by 28 per cent to \$15 billion. That's an outstanding performance.

"We have done what we set out to do – grow farmers' wealth – and that's come through in the value of your land, your shares and your earnings on the farm."

Sir Henry said global demand for dairy was the strongest it had ever been and was growing.

"We need to use all of our muscle to push ahead and stay ahead. But we will do it our way. History has shown we are not afraid

to make the big calls and make big changes without trading what is really important."

Chief Executive Theo Spierings said since Fonterra's formation in 2001, the Board and farmer shareholders had made the tough decisions required to position the Co-operative for growth.

"Establishing a Fair Value Share, achieving a trans-

parent Milk Price, and introducing a dividend policy were the first three hurdles. This year, Trading Among Farmers has delivered permanent share capital and a stable capital base.

"Looking ahead, our business strategy is to grow volumes, grow value, generate more cash and improve our return on capital. To deliver on this, our future priorities are to:

- Shift more ingredients sales direct to customers and generate prices higher than Global Dairy Trade;
- Grow consumer and foodservice volumes;
- Align our costs and spending so we have the money to invest in areas that will generate growth; and
- Maintain a balance between environmental, economic and social sustain-

ability. "We have to start thinking differently about cost – and have already started doing this with our focus on reducing costs by \$60 million this financial year."

Building a durable co-operative for the future meant Fonterra had to align spending, to make sure resources were directed to the right priorities, said Mr Spierings.

## Halberg Trust and Local Clubs help Lockee



Natalie Chapman, a teacher aide at Rahotu School, recently submitted an application to the Halberg Trust to fund a special trike for Lockee Robinson. Lockee is an 11-year-old girl who has Down Syndrome. "We were very lucky and our application was approved," said Natalie, "However there was still a shortfall from the amount received and the full price of the trike." She then approached the Opunake Lakeside Lions and the Rahotu/Pungarehu Lions to see if they were able to assist and once again was fortunate. "I'd really like to express my gratitude to the Halberg Trust and the Lions for their generous donation and all their hard work. The Trike has proven to be of great benefit to her," said Natalie.

LEFT: Lockee gleefully riding her new trike.



*Best wishes for a safe and happy festive season. We look forward to working with you in the New Year.*

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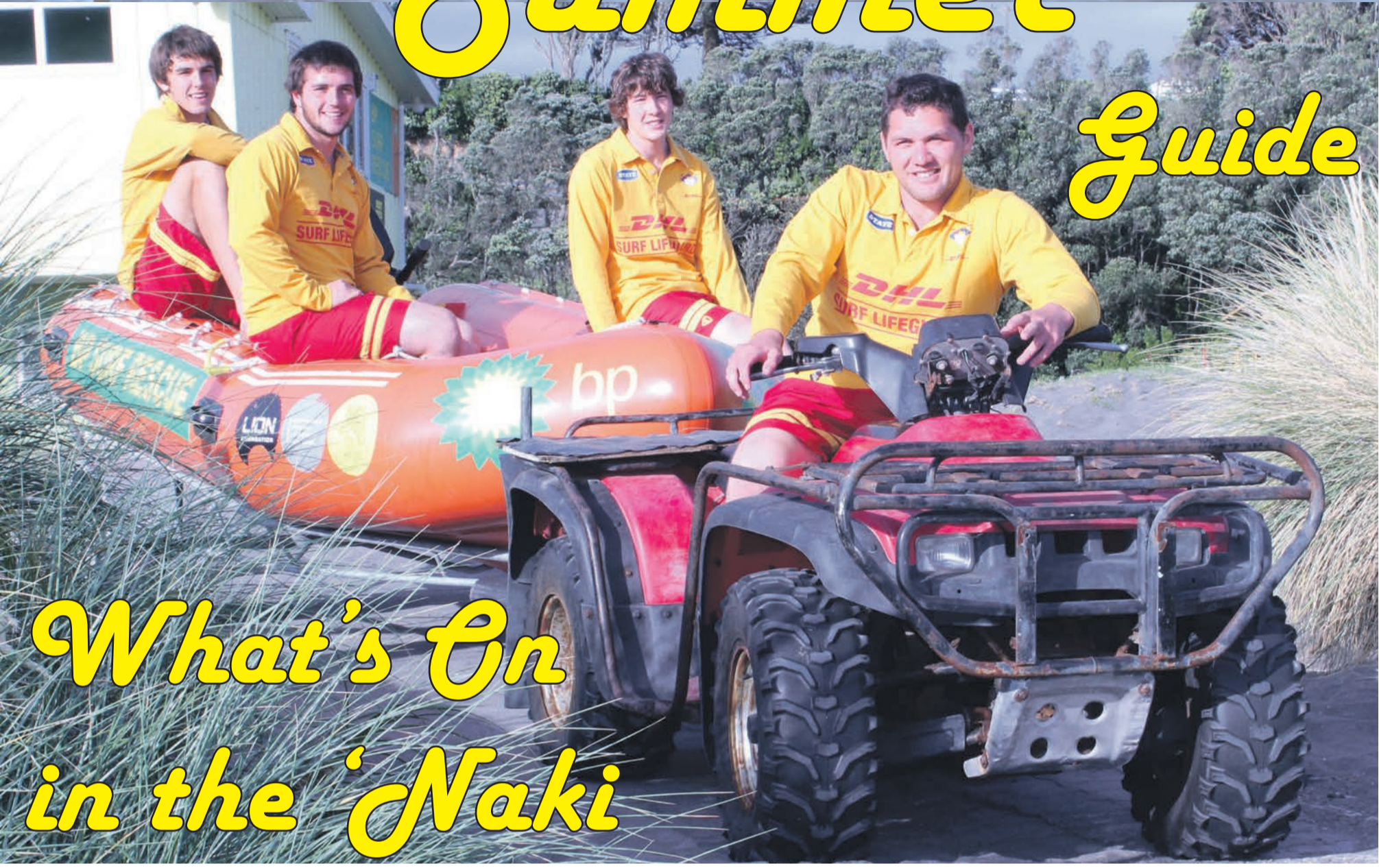
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# Summer

# Guide



## What's On in the 'Naki

Opunake Surf Lifesaving Club members Thomas Bell, Dom Tatham, Jordy Hooper and Brook Smith (above) heading out to patrol the Opunake Beach are among the many volunteers helping us to stay safe in the water over the summer. Oakura, Fitroy and Eastend beaches are also patrolled. Qualified lifeguards are also on duty at the Opunake, New Plymouth, Manaia, Eltham, Rawhitiroa, Waitara, Inglewood and Hawera pools as well as the Fitzroy Beach pool.

**Welcome to the Opunake and Coastal News 2012 - 2013 Summer Guide to What's On in the 'Naki - showcasing what our region has to offer. Whether you are into Surfing, Golfing, or Adventure - we have it all here for you. We also showcase our Beach Carnivals (a fantastic family day out) as well as some places that you must visit - such as the TaWhiti Museum and the Taranaki Aviation Transport and Technology Museum. Keep this guide and use over the coming summer months.**

### SUMMER AND WATER SAFETY

This summer the people of Taranaki will again flock to beaches, rivers and lakes for fun and relaxation. Most, at least to some degree, recognise that all aquatic environments present potential hazards, yet they are often unsure of what precautionary measures can be taken to make their enjoyment of these playgrounds as safe as possible.

Always remember SAFETY, when enjoying the water, must be the first priority. It's a parent's responsibility to keep their kids safe in and around the water. Supervision without any distractions is the single most important precaution you can take. Proper supervision in and around water means a responsible adult keeping

young children in their care both WITHIN SIGHT and WITHIN REACH. If you haven't already, start your child's water safety education, teach them simple rules about what's acceptable when enjoying the water, like always being with an adult and swimming between the flags at the beach.

Enjoying the beach should be both safe and fun, especially if you follow a few basic safety tips. Swim Between the Flags and listen to the advice of lifeguards. On patrolled beaches surf lifeguards put up yellow and red flags on beaches where they are patrolling. The area between the flags is constantly monitored and is the safest place

to swim at the beach. For those that love their fishing and diving don't let the rush to enjoy these activities lead to tragedy. Skippers you are responsible for the safety of all on board. Manage the risk by always taking and wearing life jackets, checking the marine weather forecast, ensure you have at least 2 reliable means of communication and leave the alcohol back on shore to be enjoyed later along with those 'the one that got away' stories. Divers, please DiveSafe this summer, never dive alone and plan your dive and dive your plan.

For more information on enjoying the water safely visit [www.watersafety.org.nz](http://www.watersafety.org.nz)

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# Opunake Beach Carnival Day

Have great fun in the sun at the 2013 Beach carnival to be held on Saturday 5th 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..

The Big Dig which will run from about 1.30pm. 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, Bumpit

Zorb balls and a Shooting gallery with hourly prize draws food, coffee and crafts for sale.



## Headlands a highlight

With summer here, Headlands has introduced a **New Summer Menu** and in a slightly different format. **Breakfast** will now be available from 8.30am - 11.30am Monday through to Saturday. On Sunday breakfast will be available all day, with extra choices on our daily **Specials Board**. At 11.30am our **Light Meals, Dinner and Dessert Menus** will be available though out the day and evening. We have also introduced a **New Salad Menu** which will also be available from 11.30am until close.

**Entertainment** is also

available this summer. On the **28 December**, the very popular **GISH** is returning - this time with the addition of a special guest **Jared Fell**. Tickets are available now at Headlands, \$25 in advance and \$30 door sales on the night. Book early as many missed Gish's last show. We also have the **Gazebo Girls** joining us on **16 January** for a relaxed evening of music. Look for more details and posters around town in the New Year.

Please note we are closed Christmas Day and we do not charge a surcharge on Public Holidays.

## Basketball kids camp

Sandfords Event Centre \$2. Please bring your water bottle and ball.

The Camp will be held on January 3, 2013. Contact Brian Roach 027 4457 888.

## Clean camping

Rural communities are gearing up for the summer holidays and Rural Women NZ would like to remind campers of some simple steps to keep our countryside clean and green, just as we like to promote it.

Campers, especially those without onboard toilet facilities, should camp in designated areas such as holiday parks and Department of Conservation camping

grounds to avoid problems seen in past years of unwanted 'leftovers'.

"For the past few years we have been highlighting the problem of campers without onboard toilet facilities fouling our rural roadsides and the emptying of effluent and grey water down cattle stops and roadside drains," says Liz Evans, Rural Women New Zealand national president.

"We have seen some improvement since the Freedom Camping Act was passed in 2011 and need to keep this up."

The [www.camping.org.nz](http://www.camping.org.nz) website provides a 'one stop shop' for campers. It includes information on keeping safe, facilities, regional camping, what to do and where to stay in New Zealand.

If people are wanting to 'freedom camp' they should assume nothing, and check with i-Site visitor centres or Department of Conservation offices to find out where they can freedom camp.

"And if you're travelling in a rural community, and you're not sure, ask a local."



Hayley Hitch and Holly Gulliver hanging out at the Opunake Beach Carnival at the last event.



Sarah Gilbert with son Bradley on stage at Opunake Beach.

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# Collins Sports Centre Take a Kid Fishing



Zabian Heemi had a great day out last year at the Collins Sports Take a kid fishing competition.

Take a kid fishing will be held on Thursday 3rd January. The competition is open to all children of 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, a \$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 6 – 6.30pm at the Opunake Beach stage followed by prize giving and a lolly scramble. Face painting and a sausage sizzle are also available.

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



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4/1/13 5.30pm	<b>GOLF BALL ROLL</b> Middletons Bay	
5/1/13 10am-2pm	<b>HOURLY RAFFLES</b> - All good prizes <b>BEAUTY CONTESTS, BABY, TOTS, MR MUSCLE, MISS TEEN &amp; MISS OPUNAKE</b> <b>CAMPBELL CONTRACTING BIG DIG</b>	
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# Tropfest

Tropfest NZ was successfully launched with a screening of the Australian finalists at the world famous TSB Bowl of Brooklands, New Plymouth in February 2012 and will bring the world's largest short film festival to New Zealand from 2013 onwards.

Tropfest is **the largest short film festival in the world**. In Australia, Tropfest is recognised for its enormous contribution to the development of the Australian film industry by providing unique platforms for emerging filmmakers through its events and initiatives, and new and expanded audiences for their work. Tropfest is **free** to attend. The festival itself is an outdoor

celebration complete with live music and entertainment, public catering and bars, red carpet arrivals and the highly anticipated film screenings followed by an awards ceremony.

The festival attracts a wide degree of media coverage but it is the casual, grass roots nature of the event, that is its appeal. The competition is taken very seriously and is considered the winner's ticket to a successful career in film or television. Notable alumni include filmmakers such as Alister Grierson, Rowan Woods, Clayton Jacobson, Joel Edgerton, Nash Edgerton, Peter Carstairs, Rob Carlton, Sam Worthington, Robert Connolly,

Leon Ford, Justin Drape, Tim Bullock and Elissa Down.

The annual short film competition is open to anyone who wishes to enter – regardless of their background or experience. **16 Finalists** are selected from an entry pool of an average **700 annual entries** and compete for more than **\$100,000 in prizes**. Tropfest is on at the Bowl of Brooklands Sunday 27th January.

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of rhythms, sights, sounds, tastes and experiences. WOMAD is all about discovering something new and there is a plethora of experiences on offer. Music, street theatre, workshops, artists in conversations, Kidzone, Dancezone, Village of Wellness, art and craft, cooking demos by

performers, chill-out zones – there really is something for all generations and it is not unusual to have three generations of one family at the festival.

The festival takes place at Brooklands Park and TSB Bowl of Brooklands every March. A free creative programme for under 12-year-olds climaxes with a grand parade through the festival on Sunday evening. Seating for seniors provides mini-grandstands at the three main stages along with free water. The Village of Wellness allows for pampering and healing. The Global Village enables you to shop your way around the world and the Sustainable Village showcases sustainable practices you can take home with you. And this is just a taste of what's on offer when you want to break away from the seven stages which deliver 30-hours of rhythms, sights and sounds from around the globe. WOMAD is a rare chance for the whole family to take a vibrant and invigorating break together

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# The New Plymouth Old Boys New Year's Day Carnival



Titanium will be playing at this year's NPOB Surf Life-saving Club's annual New Year's Day Carnival.

This year the NPOB Surf Life-saving Club's annual New Year's Day Carnival at Oakura Beach will be exciting. New Zealand 'boy band' Titanium will be playing, plus there'll be a food village, offering up a bigger variety of edibles as well as some truly delectable gourmet tastes.

The children's play area will give the kids even more options, including a popular Taranaki Clown, some awesome rides and some good old favourites. In addition, we will have some stalls which will give visitors plenty to do when they're not swimming, sun-bathing, feasting or watching the entertainment.

A social beach volleyball competition is also planned – just get a group of four together and enter on the day or pre-enter by emailing your team to [nydcarnival@gmail.com](mailto:nydcarnival@gmail.com). Not only will it be great fun but also superb exercise as well. In addition to the crowd favourite – Miss Taranaki

– we are running a Taranaki Man of the Year contest. Entries will be sought on the day and men will be given a host of manly tasks to perform in order to win the title. What exactly are these manly tasks? You'll just have to come along and find out, won't you. In addition, if you would like to start your New Year's Day off in style, join the NPOB in the morning with a New Year's Day Surf Stack Burger. These gourmet

breakfast burgers include: Whangaripo Buffalo Pattie, bacon, egg, and hash brown with salad and dressing, in a burger bun for just \$8.00 a burger. Pre-orders are essential, although 'walk-ins' and late orders will be on offer, but subject to availability. Burgers will be available from 8.00am to 10.30am. Delivery offered within Oakura Village or join us on the clubroom deck to enjoy your burger.

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Club Captain: Philip Field 0273 203984.

Ladies Club Captain: Diane Williams (06) 761 8802.

Ladies Secretary: Margaret Wellington (06) 761 7509.

Clubhouse: (06) 761 8070. Post Office Box 75, Opunake.

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Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> December 2012	8.30am – 5pm
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> December 2012	8.30am – 5pm
Monday 31 <sup>st</sup> December 2012	8.30am – 5pm
Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> January 2013	CLOSED
Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> January 2013	CLOSED
Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> January 2013	8.30am-5pm

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



# Kaupokonui Beach Family Fun Day



Strut your stuff at the Kaupokonui Beach Carnival Sunday January 13th.

Kaupokonui Family Day will be held at Kaupokonui Beach - 3km West of Manaiia on Sunday 13th January 2013 from 10am - 4pm. The organisers are a group of enthusiastic Kaupokonui campers and their friends. They have a fantastic line up of great entertainment, activities, competitions and family fun. This is the second year that they have run this event. Please give a donation

on entry to the beach. Buy a duck for the popular race down the river. Come along and try out the newest craze to hit South Taranaki at the beach, Bumpit Zorb balls; grab your mates and give it a go. Bring the kids along to jump on stage for the Baby, Teeny Tots and Mr Muscle contests. It's great to get all the young kids participating. All you young ladies get

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Kaupokonui Beach Carnival - 13 January

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# Tawhiti Museum



The battle at Te Ngutu o te Manu, 7<sup>th</sup> September 1868. A new boxed diorama at the Tawhiti Museum, bringing our history alive.

Following Titokowaru's attack on the military redoubt at Turuturu Mokai, the colonial forces made three separate expeditions to Te Ngutu o te Manu - hoping to locate and subdue Titokowaru and his rapidly expanding force of followers - before their confidence led them onto further serious attacks on settler farms, towns and military outposts. The third assault on Te Ngutu was on the third of September 1868. The force consisted

of 360 men all up - Armed Constabulary, Taranaki Volunteers, Wellington Rangers and Rifles, and Kupapa (Whanganui loyal Maori). It was a disaster for the colonial force. Fifty men were killed or wounded. This victory for Titokowaru forced the entire European population of South Taranaki to abandon their homes and farms and head south to Patea and Whanganui. The 'Wellington Independent' newspaper described the

battle as "...the most serious and complete defeat ever experienced by the colonial forces..." Fighting in the tangled heavy bush was always difficult, but at Te Ngutu o te Manu many of the soldiers were new recruits with little or no experience of advancing and finding cover in such conditions. The palisaded village was the obvious target but the Maori had employed other defensive strategies to confuse the

approach to their positions - underground flanking trenches, firing-platforms high in the trees, loop-holed trees and confusing blind tracks. With Maori warriors increasingly encircling the colonial force and men falling regularly, officers found it difficult to prevent the inexperienced young soldiers fleeing in panic.

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# Taranaki Pioneer Village



Visitors enjoying the history and atmosphere at Taranaki Pioneer Village.

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providing fun and education for all the family. Circle Saturday January 19 on your calendar for a day that is staged in the 1850-1950 time period in a colourful celebration of our provincial heritage

Be assured of many first hand, first time encounters as enthusiasts demonstrate skills and machinery from yesteryear amongst many other 'sight, sound and smell' experiences. Patrons are invited to wear period attire to further add to the occasion - and the opportunity to win a cash prize for the best dressed!

With penny farthing bike rides, old fashioned boiled sweets, a rock crusher in operation, a black powder cannon firing every hour, wheelrighting demonstration, rides on the village railway aboard the 'Pioneer Express' and helping the blacksmiths in the 'Village Forge' - there will plenty of

action to interest the young at heart!

Bring a picnic for a lakeside lunch or relax in the Shaky Pear Café with adjacent playground, listen to live vintage music, or stroll through the forty buildings, which reveal how our pioneers lived so many years ago.

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# Klezmer Rebs at Sugar Juice



Wellington's eight-piece klezmer band the Klezmer Rebs will perform at the Sugar Juice Cafe in Opunake on Saturday 12th January 2013 from 8pm, giving coasties a rare opportunity to hear unique klezmer folk, American jazz and swing music. Klezmer Rebs instrumentation includes guitar and mandolin, clarinet, violin, accordion, keyboards, trumpet, trombone, helicon (like a tuba), recorder and vocals.

Klezmer (composed of the Hebrew words kley and zemer meaning 'vessels of song' or more freely translated 'musical instrument') is an engaging style of world/folk music born out of the Yiddish/Jewish culture of eastern Europe in the 1800s and 1900s. Klezmer musicians were the itinerant fringe dwellers in the Jewish shtetl or ghettos (made famous by the musical 'Fiddler on the Roof') who provided music, a centrepiece in every Jewish wedding and other

celebrations. The musicians were not highly regarded in the shtetl as they were often irreligious and secular, couldn't read or write music, and hung out with, drank and played with Gypsies. They often sang for their supper (and schnapps!) and were frequently paid by the song. Klezmer then went to America and in the early 1900s began to fuse with jazz and swing. There has been a worldwide revival of klezmer music since the 1980s. The Klezmer Rebs have

been playing together for 10 years now and have performed at festivals across New Zealand. Hearing the Klezmer Rebs live expect big band and vocal arrangements of genuine old klezmer tunes – from the lively genuine Yiddish wedding music (freylachs and bulgars) to the delicate slice of life stories from the east European shtetl. The Rebs world music appeals to everyone. While most of songs are sung in Yiddish (that mostly-Germanic and very onomatopoeic language), they also perform

partisan songs from Italy, Russian folk tunes, French chansons, Latin cowboy love songs, and 1940s swing vocal songs. Their own quirky, politically charged multi-lingual originals are some of the most popular crowd tunes. The Rebs are a performance band – full of story songs and interaction with the audience. The songs are portrayed dramatically as well as aurally. The cover charge is \$10 and \$5 for senior citizens and students.

# Bands at Butlers Reef

**Thursday 27th December** Six60 is bringing the live and massive back home to New Zealand this summer. Hailing back to their 2008 Dunedin roots, when they were playing small living room concerts to friends and family, this will be the ultimate house party and it's coming to a stage near you. Summer 2011 saw Six60 perform a sell-out tour playing to over 15,000 people in just 7 shows. One such special guest is the beautiful Iva Lamkum who will be bringing her critically acclaimed unique and funky blend of new-rave indie soul to warm up the stage. A fit as natural as our own beloved fush and chups, on **Sunday 30th December** Kora will be joined by The Nudge. Both on the same bill is a stroke of genius. Together, tapping into a rich vein of roots music processed through a uniquely local filter. Wellington's The Nudge produce an equally hard to

pigeon-hole noise - organ drenched and soul inflected, psychedelic, and bluesy. The perfect accompaniment to a balmy afternoon at the beach. Shihad, performs **Wednesday 2nd of January** fresh from serving a hearty dose of The Meanest to huge audiences during their Australian tour in September, now announce their near traditional summer tour through New Zealand. After the massive 2012 tours in New Zealand and Australia celebrating The Meanest it seemed appropriate that Shihad invite two of New Zealand's finest new (and newer) rock bands in I Am Giant and King Can-

nons to join them and pin the moniker, The Heavyweight Kings of Rock, on the tour. The Matakana show will be a convergence of musical generations and genres, **Saturday 5th January** Eight strong and straight outta the Waikato, Katchafire have been at the forefront of NZ reggae for some ten years. Ladi6 is our own homegrown soul diva Her dynamic and ever-evolving live show has travelled the world with band members Parks and Julien Dyne on drums, decks and all manner of beats and loops whilst Ladi6 commands the stage and mic with effortless skill



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# Paws for thought – planning a road trip with pets

Now more than ever we consider our pets as family members, so when heading off on a summer holiday, they come too. But travelling with your furry friends can require a bit of forward planning to ensure the safety of everyone concerned.

The Motor Trade Association (MTA) has put together a few tips and suggestions with advice from Wellington SPCA, to make sure your summer

road trip is as stress free as possible.

As you pack the kids and luggage into the car ready to head off on a holiday, most people seldom think twice about putting the pets in the back before motoring off. "It's just as important to consider the safety and needs of our pets on a long journey, as it is for our kids and other passengers", says MTA spokesperson Jayne Murray.

Here are a few simple steps you can take to make travelling with your furry friends a lot easier and safer this holiday season.

- Secure your pets in a well ventilated crate, carrier, or harness. An unrestrained pet could be seriously injured, or injure other people in the car, if a crash were to occur. A dog sitting unsecured in the back seat can become a large furry missile, if the car stops suddenly in an accident. Unrestrained pets can also distract a driver and cause an accident if they get frightened or threatened by something. If involved in a crash, an unrestrained pet could escape and be hit by another vehicle, or cause another collision. And a frightened dog may attack strangers who are trying to help at the scene of an accident.

Wellington SPCA Chief Inspector Ritchie Dawson says: "As a pet owner you have an obligation under the Animal

Welfare Act to transport your animal in a safe and secure manner. Cats are best travelling in a cage, and dogs should be restrained in a safety harness or crate. If you're travelling in a ute with an open deck, it is the legal responsibility of the owner to ensure that any load is secured in a safe manner, under the Land Transport Act. The best way to secure a dog on an open ute is to tether them to the middle of the front of the deck, right behind the cabin in the centre so the dog can't lean out over the side. The tether needs to be long enough so they can sit and lay down comfortably, but short enough so it can't lean out over the edge of the deck. If you were to go around a corner too quickly, and the tether is too long, you could hang your dog if it fell off the deck", he says.

- Make sure your pet stays within the vehicle at all times. You wouldn't let your kids hang out of the windows,

would you? Keeping your pet inside the vehicle not only keeps them safe from getting hurt by objects outside, but it also keeps passersby safe too. "If you've stopped to get petrol, or you're caught in line of slow holiday traffic and a pedestrian or cyclist passes, if your dog is able to stick their head out the window, they're not only going to give the person a fright, but might latch on. Then you're in all sorts of trouble," Ritchie Dawson says.

- Take your pets with you when you park. Never leave them unattended in a car for more than 10-15 minutes. If you're going to stop and have lunch, make sure someone can stay with your pet. Let another person get takeaways, or sandwiches, or have a picnic, rather than leave your pet in the car. "On a hot summer's day, the inside of a car heats up very quickly. On a 30 degree day for example, the temperature

inside your car – even with the windows slightly opened or in the shade – will reach 39 degrees within 10 minutes. In 30 minutes it can climb up to 49 degrees, or even higher, and for any pet trapped inside it becomes like an oven. These conditions can easily mean death for the animal. It's not an offence to leave your pet in the car, but if the animal suffers from any unnecessary pain or distress, you can be liable for criminal prosecution", says Dawson.

- "Be prepared: you may need to take a few stops on the way. You might not do the trip in one day – so find a motel or motor camp that allows pets. A lot of them do and it's just a matter of asking. If you've got a well-behaved dog it could sleep in the back of the car at night," says Dawson.

If you have any concerns about travelling with pets, consult your vet or local SPCA for advice.



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# Keep safe on your motorcycle



The safer journey strategy is to reduce injuries and deaths.

With summer upon us and long warm days for riding ahead, the NZ Transport

Agency is reminding motorcyclists heading out on the

roads these holidays of important changes to the driver licensing system introduced earlier this year.

The changes, introduced as part of the Government's Safer Journeys strategy to reduce deaths and injuries suffered by motorcyclists and keep new riders safer on our roads, include:

- Changes to minimum licence time requirements - all novice motorcyclists, regardless of their age, are now subject to a minimum of 18 months in the restricted licence stage. Important aspects of this change to note are:

- Taking an approved advanced driving course (Street Talk or Defensive Driving Course) no longer reduces the minimum time a person is required to hold their restricted motorcycle

licence.

- The minimum time a person aged 25 years of age or older is required to hold their restricted licence has increased from 6 months to 18 months.

- The learner approved motorcycle scheme - the introduction of a power-to-weight restriction for learner and restricted motorcyclists. The scheme identifies a range of appropriate motorcycles for learner and restricted Class 6 licence holders, based on the overall performance capability of the motorcycle. Learner and restricted motorcycle riders now have a wider range of motorcycles to choose from but need to ensure the motorcycle they are riding meets the new criteria. To find out which motorcycles are approved, visit [www.nzta.govt.nz/lams](http://www.nzta.govt.nz/lams)

- Strengthening the basic handling skills test – the test has been changed to ensure new riders have a higher level of skills required to ride on our roads before they obtain their learner licence.

In addition to these initiatives, the NZ Transport Agency expects to introduce a competency based training and assessment course in late 2013 as an alternative path through the motorcycle licensing stages.

Further information about these changes can be found at [www.nzta.govt.nz/licence/getting/motorcycles/changes.html](http://www.nzta.govt.nz/licence/getting/motorcycles/changes.html)

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This summer's two exhibitions at the Govett-Brewster Art Gallery are one of sculpture from the gallery's permanent collection and a display of work by artist Len Lye.

**Singular** Companions: Sculpture from the Collection presents works that are either new to the Govett-Brewster's collection or have not been on display to the public for many years.

More than 20 art works are cast, assembled, recycled, woven, thrown, carved, welded, illuminated or gilded.

New Zealand and international artists use a wide variety of materials in their work

from drift nets, beeswax and timber to copper, ceramic, neon, marble, fibreglass, repurposed plastic bottles and sound.

The exhibiting artists are: Mary-Louise Browne, Bill Culbert, Neil Dawson, Don Driver, Andrew Drummond, Karl Fritsch and Gavin Hipkins, Paul Hartigan, Christine Hellyar, John Ward Knox, Laurelle Pookamelya, Lisa Reihana, Peter Robinson, Sopolimalama Filipe Tohi, Lauren Winstone and Yin Xiuzhen.

The Govett-Brewster Collection began in the 1960s prior to the Gallery's 1970 opening and continues to expand to the present day. It is

a modest yet significant collection with an emphasis on contemporary art from New Zealand and the Pacific that reflects the focused attention of its directors. Collection strengths include conceptual and abstract art from the 1970s and 1980s, with recent expansions in its photographic, Maori and Pacific holdings.

Len Lye: The New Yorker, an exhibition exploring Lye's early years in New York – between his arrival in 1944 and the emergence of his kinetic sculpture in the early 1960s. As well as his films and sculptures, the exhibition includes rarely seen paintings, drawings,

photograms, writings and personal objects. Both of these exhibitions at the Govett-Brewster are free to see and open until 27 January 2013. For details on the gallery's full programme of talks, tours, workshops, family activities and school holiday programme see [www.govett.brewster.com](http://www.govett.brewster.com) or call 06 759 6060.



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Dustyn Baldwin, Mason Scrivener, and Bohem Baldwin enjoy the slippery slide at Nana's house

Photo: Taylah Smith




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**Ross Dunlop, Mayor, South Taranaki**



## Singular Companions

Sculpture from the Collection

1 DECEMBER 2012 – 27 JANUARY 2013

Image: Lisa Reihana *Colour of Sin: Headcase Version* 2005. Photo Norm Heke. Courtesy Te Papa Tongarewa Museum of New Zealand



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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 hydrosides will run from 11.00am-5.00pm, 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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# New recording studio for the Coast

A recording studio will be opening soon on the coast. Ashley and Janet Pedersen arrived from South Africa two and a half years ago. During that time they have been busy rebuilding their equipment and studio and will be soon ready to launch their business and doing video and sound recordings.

"The objective is to be a one stop shop," says Ashley. Called Colour Conversions, the business has a fully mobile recording studio for video and sound.

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An accomplished musician who plays keyboards and writes songs, Ashley is able to provide backing tracks to vocalists if required.

"The object is to provide a client with a full production using video," he comments. Ashley said they hoped to be operational by February.

"All the equipment had to be rebuilt due to moisture content and corrosion during transit from South Africa to New Zealand," says Ashley explaining this has postponed the launching of the business. The rebuild has required research and development into later technology. "Everything's been repurchased," said Ashley. "We're just about ready to go."

They've trialed the equipment with various events in Taranaki which are soon to be released to the clients. These include a video of a wedding, a funeral, the Hawera Float Parade and the TSB Festival of Lights.

Among their works are some very impressive demos which show the calibre of the business.

They've also got some interesting DVDs they shot in South Africa. "We recorded

concerts in South Africa," says Ashley. He mentions one, a memorable five day concert attended by 9000 people and featuring more

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## On this month in history

On December 24, 1910 Robert Falcon Scott left Port Chalmers, New Zealand in his ship 'Discovery' on his first voyage to Antarctica.

Once esconced on the continent Commander (later Captain) Scott, Dr Edward Wilson and Ernest Shackleton attempted to reach the South Pole. They didn't make it, but did set the record for the closest anyone had been to the South Pole.

Shackleton got back to the hut in bad shape health-wise and was invalided back to Great Britain against his wishes. He never forgave Scott.

In years to come Ernest Shackleton (later Sir) led expeditions back to the Antarctic region, the first one in 1907 and he is remembered as a great explorer in his own right. He was Sir Edmund's Hillary's favourite explorer.

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# Pihama indoor Bowling Club enjoy Xmas tournament

On Monday night (December 10) members and visitors enjoyed our Christmas Indoor Bowls tournament. The only team with three wins out of three games was

Rose Ratahi, Richard Freer, and Britany Simpson who went home with First Prize. Graham Dorn won the raffle. Graham Dorn, our President, presented the Championship

Trophies and Bars for 2012. These included:  
Singles: Rose Ratahi  
Pairs: Marlene Clement and Justin Smith  
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Fours: Rose Ratahi, Scott Dimock, Marlene Clement and Pat Barrett  
Thanks to everyone who supported our annual \$100

Grocery Raffle. The lucky winner were:  
1st Prize Debbie French  
2nd Prize Terry Mullin  
The Pihama club would welcome new members to this

sport  
The 2013 season will begin in April/May next year. We look forward to seeing you all fairly soon.

## Swish for CJ a winner



CJ with Bex Langton who was bench controller for the basketball game.

The court at the Sandfords Event Centre was buzzing with action on Sunday December 9 when the 'Swish for CJ' event finally became a reality.

Organizers Debz Hohaia, Sharlee Mareikura and Rachael Hughson-How's dream of a charity event for young CJ Taamaru, came to fruition when celebrities Rhys Wineera and Ginny Death, from The Block NZ, took the court against a variety of local past and present players, along with a few other local identities in the feature game of the day.

Ken Swann from More FM along with South Taranaki District Mayor Ross Dunlop, accompanied top local

players Michelle Hill and Sharon Quinnell in the main event. Michelle and Sharon's brother Grant L'Ami, as well as Aaron Langton and Chook Hohaia, were also members of the teams that also included a number of local youngsters.

Taranaki Mountain Air players Sid Adams and 'Aunty' Aaron Bailey-Nowell were also present. Sid playing in the big game, dunking the ball with ease much to the crowd's delight, and Aunty showing the kids how to shoot free throws at half time in a game of knock out. Unfortunately Aunty was taught a thing or two by our youngsters!

Some of the young

representative players from the main game were also a part of the teams from the South and the North who earlier battled it out in the opening game of the day, with the North team coming out the victors, in a closely fought match.

During half time of this North vs South game, mini mini ball games between St Joseph's, Opunake Primary, Rahotu and a Coastal team took place showcasing the young talent around our Coastal schools. Thanks to all these players and their parents who organised them to play.

After the action on the court, the evening moved into the SECO restaurant where Mike Moss provided a fantastic

Sharon Arlidge and team mate Ken Swan took out the floral challenge, Bex Langton and Turake Manuirangi successfully put together their wheelbarrow with seconds to spare and Bonita Bigham and Dinnie Moeahu were the culinary cupcake trophy holders for the night.

A very successful auction took place on the night with a variety of items up for grabs, and with a very comical auctioneer in Murray Weir being in charge, people were encouraged to part with their cold hard cash for a very good cause, which they did with great generosity. Over \$4000 was raised from the auction alone.

CJ and his family were guests of honour at the evening and



From left, Scott Quinnell, CJ and 'Aunty' Aaron Bailey-Nowell.

smorgasbord meal, which was enjoyed by all.

The evening was hosted by Dinnie Moeahu who did, as always, a fantastic job with the microphone.

A variety of tasks had to be completed by further local identities from within the basketball community as well as the special guests, which added to the entertainment for the night. These tasks included recreating a floral arrangement made and judged by Robyn Chard, putting together a wheelbarrow sponsored by RD1 within an eleven minute time frame, and decorating cupcakes according to a Christmas Theme as created by Coastal Cupcake identity Sue Huckstep.

num Janine shared a few words at the end of the night expressing her sincere thanks for the community support and for the obvious love and kindness that she and her family has received during the last few months.

Sincere thanks must also go out to the many sponsors and helpers of this event, it just goes to show what an amazing community we live in.

Special thanks to Rhys Wineera, Ginny Death, Ken Swan and Ross Dunlop for giving up their time to attend the event. Congratulations to Team Swish for their huge efforts in organising and running a very successful and entertaining event.

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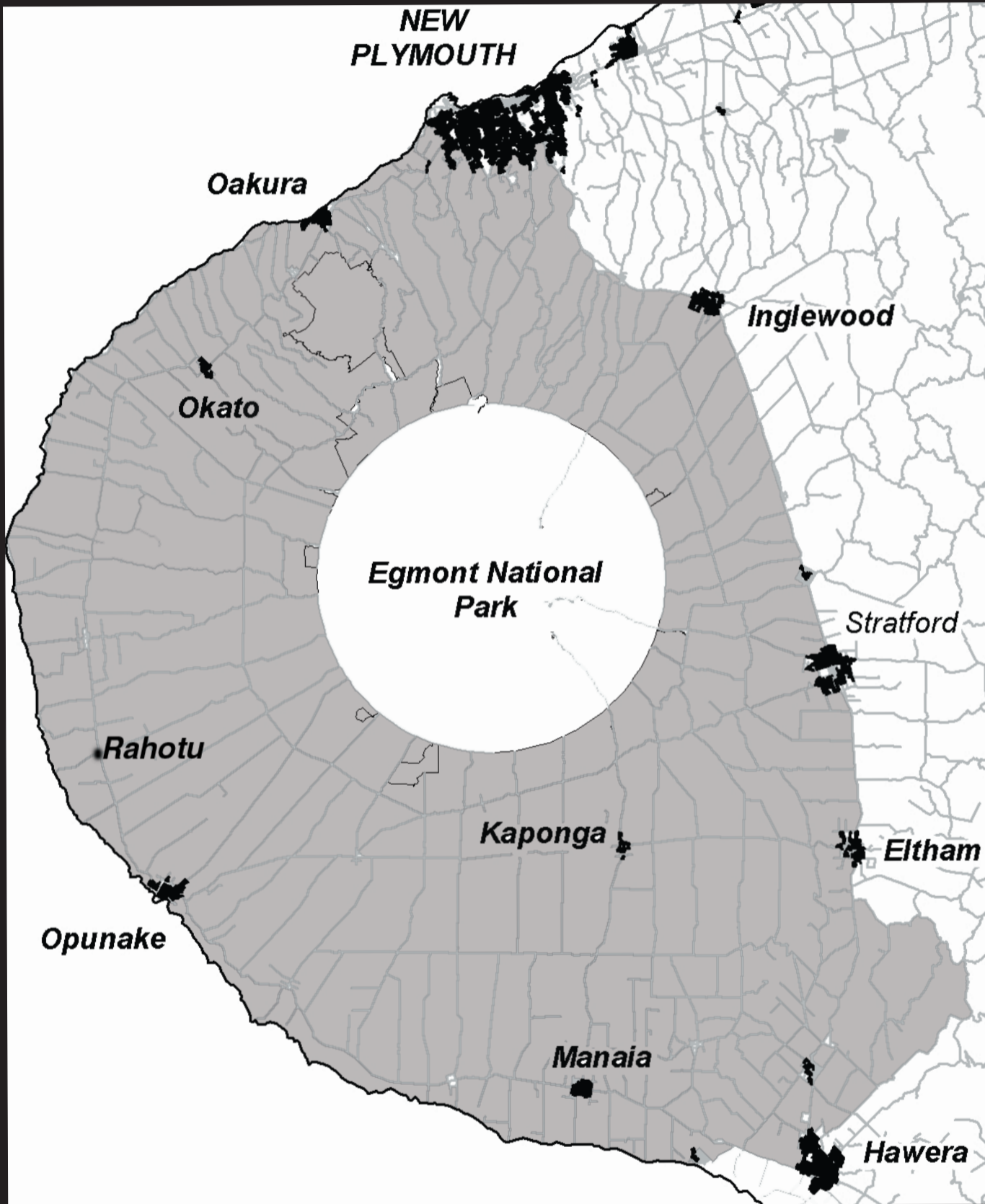
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**16-24 OPUNAKE CO-OPERATING PARISH** Christmas Nativity Display (Refer Advert)

**19-31 GLASS ART FROM AROUND NEW ZEALAND – PERCY THOMSON GALLERY STRATFORD**

**20 OPUNAKE SWIMMING BATHS OPEN DAILY** (Refer to Advert)

**21 COASTAL AGRI SERVICES - Kevin's Annual Shout** 6-9 pm

**LIQUOR BAN COMMENCES MANAIA & OPUNAKE – (Refer Advert)**

**22 MANAIA & DISTRICT LIONS CLUB – CHRISTMAS PARADE & GALA**  
Market From Noon – Parade from 1 pm (Refer to Advert)

**24 OPUNAKE ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARADE**

Parades start 7.30 pm (Refer to Advert)

**26 STONEY OAKS WILDLIFE PARK – Open Daily** (Refer to Advert)

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**TAWHITI MUSEUM** Open Daily (Refer to Advert)

**27 SIX60, IVA LANKUM @ BUTLERS REEF OAKURA** (Refer Advert)

**30 KORA, THE NUDGE @ BUTLERS REEF OAKURA** (Refer Advert)

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**OPUNAKE LIONS CLUB KIDS BASKETBALL CAMP- Sandfords Event Centre** (Refer Advert)

**4 OPUNAKE LIONS CLUB GOLF BALL ROLL - 5.30pm** Middletons Bay

**5 OPUNAKE BEACH CARNIVAL - 10 am to 5pm** (Refer Advert)

**12 KLEZMER REBS BAND @ SUGAR JUICE CAFE** (Refer Advert)

**13 OPUNAKE GOLF CLUB – FARMLANDS NEW YEAR TOURNAMENT** (Refer to Advert)

**KAUPOKONUI BEACH FAMILY FUN DAY** (Refer to Advert)

**16 OPUNAKE GOLF CLUB – BUSINESS HOUSE MIXED AMBROSE**  
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**19 TARANAKI PIONEER VILLAGE - Living Village Day** (Refer to Advert)

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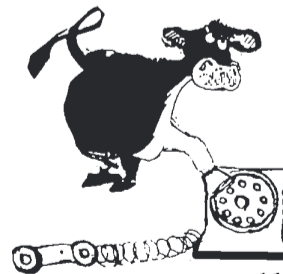
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### Graduation ball

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### How to keep it off

Some advice from Weightloss Challenge guru Sharron Skipper who has organised a number of successful weight loss challenges on the coast.

Plan what you're going to eat, says Sharron.

She herself preferred wholegrain foods such as wholegrain pasta and rice which she said were higher in protein and in fibre than the more refined starchy foods.

She also recommended keeping really busy, get outside, keep active she urged.

Other advice included drinking lots of water, cooking in extra virgin olive oil and supplementing your diet with protein shakes. "Two shakes a day will help you lose weight."

She also encouraged people to not think in terms of weight loss "think about bolstering your health" and changing your lifestyle. Choose a diet rich in antioxidants she advised suggesting taking multivitamins "made from herbs" which she sells.

Green tea takes away some of your cravings she said. "If you like chocolate, eat the darker chocolate".

Socialising was important for overall health she said but suggested avoiding alcohol. Taking aloe vera three times a day with your meal was another suggestion along with some tablets she sells which she takes before a meal.

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**JUNIOR PRIZE GIVING DECEMBER 2012**

Junior prize giving on Friday 7th December 2012 was well supported by parents and caregivers. Congratulations to all students that worked well this year and received awards. The following students are our top achievers for Year 9 and Year 10 subjects.

- Honours in Year 9 Subjects; Lena Sharrock Award  
**Joellen Hughson-How and Atalya Fakavameonga**
- Top in Year 9 Subjects; Kaipokonui Cup and the Mary Pohutukawa Award  
**Tara Clement**
- Honours in Year 10 Subjects; Lena Sharrock Award  
**Brody Chapman and Abbey Silson**
- Top in Year 10 Subjects; Phillips Cup and the Mary Pohutukawa Award  
**Jenna Bellve**



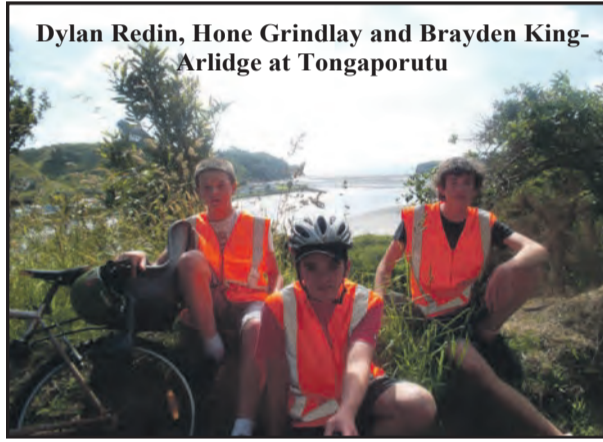
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Jenna Bellve



Sanchez Horo at Waiheke Island



Dylan Redin, Hone Grindlay and Brayden King-Arlidge at Tongaporutu



Kate Mason in a Zorb Ball

**JUNIOR CAMPS**

All junior students attended a variety of camps on 10 - 12 December. Students experienced everything from shellfish gathering at Waiheke Island, tramping and biking at Tongaporutu, zorb balls, archery and paintball at Actionaki, to visiting Te Papa in Wellington. Staff and students enjoyed their three days and had many exciting and new experiences.

2013 TERM DATES	
Term 1	<b>Monday 28<sup>th</sup> January – Friday 19<sup>th</sup> April</b> Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> January Teacher Only Day Tuesday 29 <sup>th</sup> January Course Confirmation for all seniors Wednesday 30 <sup>th</sup> January Whole School Starts Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> February Waitangi Day Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> March Taranaki Anniversary Day Friday 29 March—1 April Easter Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> April Anzac Day
Term 2	<b>Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May – Friday 12<sup>th</sup> July</b> Monday 3 <sup>th</sup> June Queens Birthday
Term 3	<b>Monday 29<sup>th</sup> July – Friday 27<sup>th</sup> September</b>
Term 4	<b>Monday 14<sup>th</sup> October – Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December</b> Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> October Labour Day



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# Prestigious scholarships offer valuable financial support to Maori students



Rose Hellaby as a young woman.

Guardian Trust and the Māori Education Trust are calling for eligible Māori students to submit their applications for an education boost. After distributing \$130,000 earlier this year to 120 Māori secondary, undergraduate and postgraduate student recipients, the two organisations are inviting applications for the 2013 round of distributions from the Rose Hellaby Māori Education Fund.

Applications for the 2013 scholarships opened on 30

November 2012. Secondary applications close on 28 February 2013 and tertiary applications on 29 March 2013. The postgraduate scholarships specifically support outstanding Māori students undertaking Masters, PhD or other postgraduate study in the fields of engineering, mathematics, science, technology or medicine, but with a particular bias toward those eager to provide leadership to Māori in their given field and benefit Māori generally. Also eligible for schol-

arships from the fund are Māori undergraduates studying in the scientific, mathematical or technical fields, and Year 9 Māori who demonstrate financial need and academic ability and aptitude to purchase school uniforms or textbooks. More information and an application form can be found at [www.maorieducation.org.nz](http://www.maorieducation.org.nz) via the Apply for Scholarships page. Since the Fund was created in 1969, Guardian Trust has acted as sole trustee, administrator and investment

manager, distributing \$3.2 million through the Māori Education Trust to nearly 5,000 Māori students - \$1.1 million in the past decade alone.

Guardian Trust and the Māori Education Trust formally created the Rose Hellaby Postgraduate Māori Scholarships in 2010. Rose Hellaby, a descendant of the Auckland-based meat dynasty, established her eponymous Māori Education Fund with the goal of creating educational opportunity for Māori children and young adults.

Philip Morgan Rees, Guardian Trust's General Manager Personal Client Services, says of the fund, "Guardian Trust is delighted to be supporting the wishes of Rose Hellaby through the annual distributions made possible by her foresight and generosity. The past scholarship winners are some of our future leaders, and we are looking forward to finding other worthy beneficiaries of Rose Hellaby's legacy. We hope she would be pleased by the ongoing fulfilment of her goals for Māori education and the enrichment of young academics."

Evelyn Newman, Manager of the Māori Education Trust, says, "Being able to publicly acknowledge and celebrate our postgraduate scholarship winners this year was a great achievement and provides inspiration to all Māori who strive for academic excellence and act as role models. We're also privileged to work with the team at Guardian Trust, who possess a real passion and focus on directing these scholarships to people with leadership ability and who provide support to others in their field and communities."

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# Learn to swim a great success

Swimming success and enjoyment go hand in hand for these youngsters at Opunake Pool.

It has been great to see so many of our young people and their families at the pool each week. It has been a real community effort with many people being involved to deliver swimming lessons to 245 children at the Opunake Community baths. As a community we are very fortunate to have such an amazing swimming

facility run by a dedicated core of people. After some unpredicted water temperature fluctuations at the beginning of the term, the pool has settled to a lovely 28 degrees!

The Opunake Learn to Swim, (under the umbrella of the Opunake Swimming club) has had 189 swimmers coming for lessons

after school for the last ten weeks, and the Opunake Baths Preschooler and Aquatots lessons have had 55 little swimmers each Tuesday morning. As the term winds down every swimmer will receive a certificate showing their swimming progress and water confidence achieved over the ten lessons. The reward

for the instructors has been to watch children become confident, happy and skilled little swimmers. It has also been fun to watch parents in the pool with their children bonding through water play. We are looking forward to re enrolling as many students as possible for the first term on 2013, allowing them to continue the great

swimming progress they have made.

Thanks to two COGS grants, one to help pay for the training of preschool swim teachers, the other to help cover paying our after school instructors, we are able to deliver a high level of teaching. I cannot speak more highly of the instructional staff, especially the new ones, who have stepped up and delivered excellent levels of instruction for the kids. They are a dedicated group who have taken their teaching role seriously. A lot of preparation and professional development goes into delivering lessons. A great big thank you to the instructor team. Four of the instructors are working on their written course work in readiness for AUSTSWIM assessment and Swimming-NZ assessment in the New Year. Our Instructors who teach on Tuesday mornings donate their skills and time and two of our instructors have also qualified as life guards and volunteer time at the pool on Mondays and Thursdays. Their commitment is greatly appreciated,

because it helps keep the cost of lessons affordable.

Thank you to Brian Sinclair and Karl Hunt for the donation of their time and expertise in making two much needed new platforms for the Learn to Swim Programmes. Karl also donated the materials for the platform covers. Their contribution meant we got two platforms for the price of one!

Our high-school-aged life guards are also doing a great job on Wednesday and Friday lessons, keeping families safe during lessons and free swim time.

We encourage parents to bring their children to the pool frequently over the summer to keep their children’s confidence up and to practise skills they learned over the term. The pool will be open every afternoon from 1-4pm. Don’t forget children 8 years and under, must be accompanied by a parent for the duration of their time at the Swimming pool. So come and join in the fun!

*Sue Pegrum,  
Learn to Swim manager*



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## Opunake Golf AGM

The Annual General Meeting of the Opunake Golf Club was held on Monday November 12 at the Opunake Golf Club Clubhouse. In attendance were 27 members.

The following members were elected to the Management Committee:  
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Phillip Field. Secretaries, Margaret Wellington/Charles Preddey. Treasurers, Lorraine Langton/Ian Baker. Handicapper, Donald Kettlewell. House Manager, Snoz Hamilton. Tournament Chairman, Calum Roach. Committee, Brian Sinclair (greens), Roger Sorrenson (sheep), Arnold Hickey (midweek), Geoff Kapernick, Warren West, Shane Lark, Diane Williams, Betty Gadsby and Dennis Chard.



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# History revisited by descendants of pioneering family

Descendants of William Pettigrew gathered recently in Auckland to celebrate the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of his arrival in New Zealand from Pollockshields, Glasgow in 1862. A bus tour was conducted along the route he took from Auckland to Komokoroki during which they drove past the actual house they lived in Parnell for a few years before they came to Opunake. Sixty descendants attended from all over the North Island - from Wellington, Gisborne and Taranaki.

William and his brother James left Scotland looking for work. As they had paid their own passage they were allotted 40 acres of land in Komokoroki - about 35 kms southwest of Warkworth. Story has it they walked over hills, through swamp and dense bush, carrying 80 lb packs on their backs to get to the allotted land. The land was rough and swampy to farm however and times were hard. After waiting for some years for the government to build the roads, William was instrumental in setting up the local roads board and opening up the area with new roading and bridges. Life was tough though and after a few years, when he found he couldn't make a living, James returned to Scotland leaving his share of the land



Among those who attended the reunion were direct descendants of William and Susan Pettigrew from left Joan Harding, Natasha and Cowan Pettigrew [great great, grandson] , Joy Dorn [great granddaughter], Geoff Harding [great grandson] and Heather and Gordon Pettigrew [great grandson] .

to William.

William married Susan Laybourn - another immigrant, whose family lived across the road - in 1871. As Auckland slipped into recession the couple decided to come to Opunake in 1882 with their six children - three more more were to subsequently be born in Opunake. William built the family house on the corner of Whitcombe and Ponderosa

Place, using boulders from the beach and limestone. The house with walls twelve inches thick was apparently patterned on the Pettigrew's family home in Scotland. It was intended that a second story be added but this was never done by the Pettigrews. A second story was added by a later owner Ian Stevenson in the 1980s.

The decision to come to Opunake was made due to

advice that this was 'the' place to be. There were many military personnel here that William could trade with which boded well with opening a store which they intended. How devastating it must have been however to discover that the military left on the very boat that Susan and the children had arrived on! Still William and Susan proceeded to set up one of the first general stores in Opunake - near where the saleyards were opposite where Corkill Systems now are, supplying everything from hardware to groceries. The building was eventually burnt down. They then built a shop further down town where Collins Sports Centre are now. The business was known as Pettigrew and Laybourne, William being joined by his brother in law. The business was later managed by William's daughter Agnes.

The family brought a cart with them from Auckland. For many years it was used to unload the surf boats and deliver the groceries and other goods around the district. There were lidded bins on the sides of the cart for flour and sugar. Two

horses were used to pull the cart, one in the shafts and the other as leader as the roads were very muddy. From 1893 when the Jerseydale farm was purchased at Pihama the same cart was used for farm work, and later to take the milk to the factory. In latter years this cart was used to transport the bodies of the sailors from the wreck of the Lizzie Belle to the Oeo Hotel. The cart which lead the Pihama school centennial parade with four of William's great, great grandchildren riding in it is now in storage at Pihama.

William had a great knowledge of homeopathic treatments and for many years was the unofficial doctor/chemist for the town. He was known as 'Dr Homeopathic' and continued in this role until the first chemist, Mr.

Feaver, arrived.

William played a leading part in gaining approval and funding for the wharf at Opunake. He firmly believed this facility was crucial to open up the area to promote trading. His previous experience with the roading issues at Komokoriki proved valuable. A wharf was finally built, but it was found to be unsuitable due to local tidal and weather conditions.

William quickly became a well respected community man and was a member of many committees, including the town board, land board, church, primary school and dairy factory. At various stages he was elected chairperson of them all.

The local Methodist church played a big part in the

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William and Susan Pettigrew



Family photo of the Pettigrews taken approximately 1900-1910 (after Father William Cowan had died) From left: Back row -William; John; Alexander. Middle row - Winifred Mary, Susan (Grannie), Agnes. Front row - Annie, Alice and Olive

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# Oakura welcomes new cafe/restaurant

The former Puku cafe has been transformed into a classy Indian colonial cafe/restaurant. Re-christened *The Mantra Cafe*, it will sell Indian and European food.

The business has been bought by two couples Sunny and Seema Grewal and Jassi and Gavinder Grewal who own the New Plymouth restaurant *India Today* which Sunny and Jassi founded 11 years ago.

Both couples and their three children live under the same roof which, though not so common these days, is traditional in India says Jassi's wife Gavinder. "It's a family business."

The cafe will be serving Indian and European cuisine and the decor - colonial India - reflects this.

"The whole idea behind the scheme was a fusion of Eastern and European cultures," said designer Michael Mansvelt from Plantation Design House. The paneling is quite English he said adding they were aiming to create a beautiful interior. "We've just tried to make the most of what we had."

Sunny Grewwal said he would like to thank the com-

munity for welcoming them into Oakura. He had clearly been touched by the response of locals.

"We will try and do our best to be part of the community and support it and provide a good quality cafe/restaurant," he said.

He added that *India Today* had been steadily growing for the last ten years and opening another business was the next progression. They had no plans of leaving New Zealand.

"This is home," he said adding that he loved New Zealand. The land beckons. It's a clean, green place and he loved the laid back lifestyle. "It's a humble place."

Sunny who comes from a farming background, came to New Zealand 11 years ago from Australia where his family were now farming. Previously they had farmed for several generations in India.

He added they would be playing it a little by ear as to the menu. The restaurant will be fully licensed.

"I love this village already," Sunny said. "I've been coming here for three weeks. I love the way people interact.



Sunny Grewwal (standing top left) with staff.

It's a cruisy place." Former owner Ian Scott who said he had a number of offers from people to purchase

the business commented "I think I've made the right decision."

He added that he would "like to thank all the patrons that had supported him over the five years and hoped the public will support the new business owners."

Everything's cooked spe-

cially with lots of love," said Romandeep, chef and manager of Mantra. During the day the food will be more European and the evening more Indian, he said. The cafe will also be selling takeaways.

It will be open six days a week from breakfast through to dinner. All Indian dishes will

be made using Indian spices imported from India.

Romandeep, working with designer Michael Mansvelt was responsible for the design of the interior which includes some beautiful and rather unusual lamps.

Open for the first time that night they had 15 people booked.

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family's life, with William again holding many committee positions. Unfortunately William did

not keep good health and he died of chronic pneumonia and cardiac failure in 1901, aged 59. He is buried at the Opunake Cemetery, along with his wife and six of their children. His descendants were

able to visit the land at Komokoroki and envisage the huge journey they undertook 150 years ago. A very enjoyable weekend was had by all, commented Joy Dorn who provided the material for this article.



The cart in the Centennial parade of the Pihama School centennial celebrations in 1987. From left are Joy Dorn's children Craig, Maree, Bryan and Joanne. It is being driven by Jim Symes.

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