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## Season's greetings

We at the Opunake & Coastal News would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a peaceful and happy New Year.

We hope everyone has a good break and we will ourselves be having a holiday.

Our first paper in the New Year will be on January 31 2019

See our

Holiday Guide .

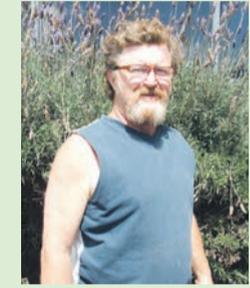
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Cruise ships now coming to New Plymouth.  
One of the first cruise ships to enter New Plymouth waters providing a welcome boost to tourism in the region.

Photo: Pip Guthrie

## Welcoming cruise ships and all tourists

With the flak directed at freedom campers by some it's pleasing to see Regional Tourism New Zealand (RTNZ) is cautioning the tourism sector not to become complacent in its management of tourism growth even though more New Zealanders agree international tourism is good for New Zealand.

The Mood of the Nation research has shown that 95 percent of New Zealanders agree international tourism is good – up three points on last year's result.

Charlie Ives, RTNZ Executive Officer said, "To have 95% of New Zealanders recognising tourism as a key contributor to the economy is a good result but the sector must not become complacent as it wouldn't take much to shift public sentiment in the other direction."

"Regional Tourism Organisations (RTOs) exist because regions see benefit in attracting visitors to them. For many years regional tourism

promotion was all about growing visitor numbers and it's understandable that some communities might have felt overwhelmed by visitors at times. That's why RTOs are increasingly working in the destination management space to ensure their regions not only benefit from international visitors but locals continue to enjoy their communities and do not feel disadvantaged by tourism."

"By 2025 it is forecast that international visitors will reach 5.0 million, up from the current 3.5 million. While the public's current perception of tourism is good, increased visitor numbers could make it

harder to maintain that level of acceptance."

Of the 5.0 million it is expected that 1.4 million will be visiting friends and relatives (VFR), 350,000 will be business travellers and 2.8 million will be international holiday arrivals. The remaining 450,000 fall into the 'other' category.

"Holiday arrivals are often seen as putting the most strain on communities and these are expected to increase by 800,000 to 2.8 million by 2025. To ensure

New Zealanders continue to see benefit in tourism it is important that they understand how the sector works – that visitors don't all come at the same time, nor do they all flock to the same place and that infrastructure is being put in place to manage this tourism growth."

Meanwhile it's good to see Taranaki welcoming all tourists to the region from freedom campers to those who arrive by cruise ships.

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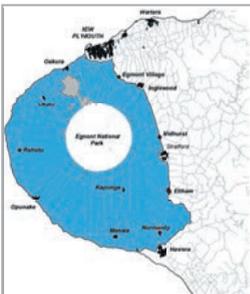
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## Commemorating Armistice

It was great to see those extremely great photographs of how each coastal town, regarded Armistice Day which ended World War I on November 11, 100 years ago. I myself quietly sat in silence for some time remembering all those people, both men

and women who put their lives on the line for so many years so we could all experience the freedoms we have in today's world.

Now, whether we commemorate Armistice, ANZAC or any other day which has something to do

with both world wars, we are extremely lucky not to be under the German Gestapo regime ruled by Adolf Hitler himself.

Here in our great province of Taranaki we must all continue to work together, communicate and help

those in need, and solve any issues that may arise which concerns our province and our towns.

Tom Stephens  
New Plymouth

## ADELPHOS

Babies got a way of attracting the attention of a large room full of people. Jacinda's 2018 bundle of joy was welcomed by a nonpartisan nation. Expressions of joy and admiration interrupted otherwise important political conversations, and, in most people serotonin and dopamine flooded their brains with happy chemicals. We smiled and saw both hope and potential in baby Neve Te Aroha. However, when a number two nappy change time rolls around

## Babies

the olfactory sensibilities of some parliamentarians might result in a point of order to the House Speaker, Trevor Mallard.

I'm sure the baby Jesus was also cute as a button all wrapped up in swaddling clothes and lying in a cattle manger. Mary's joy would have been beyond words. But what if an infant is cherished, protected and molycoddled because the parents think she/he is too cute and innocent to grow up? Absurd isn't it? But isn't that what sometimes

happens to the baby Jesus when yet another "Briscoes styled Kiwi Christmas" rolls around? We often only see the lovable infant baby and not Jesus' full adult potential waiting to be fully unwrapped in the cosmic miracle of Easter Sunday.

Sometimes we even replace the baby Jesus with just another gift-wrapped present under a glittery artificial Christmas tree. I hope that your Christmas will be both merry and meaningful and that you and loved ones will have a

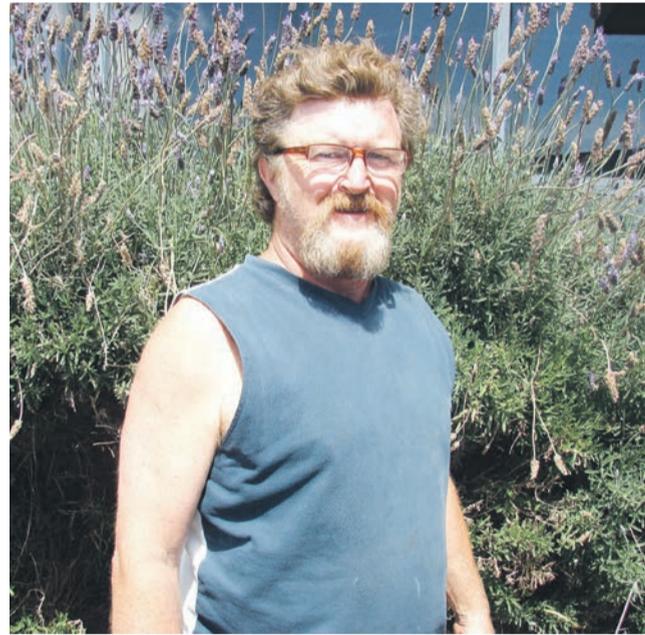
healthy and prosperous new year. In 2019, may God's priceless and self-sacrificial present of the baby Jesus become the unwrapped living presence in your life. And, oh yes, the next time you see a baby remind yourself of the hope and potential of that beautiful child. Manaaki.

PS Oh yes, this Sunday remember to worship God at your small Coastal churches in the readership of the Opunake & Coastal News.

Adelphos

# Victim of automobile assault struggles with the aftermath

After pleading guilty to charges of *male assault female* and *wounds with intent to cause grievous bodily harm*, Rei Marshall of Opunake was sentenced to three years two months imprisonment by Justice Garry Barkle. On December 16, 2017 Mr Marshall deliberately drove his car onto the pavement in Napier Street, Opunake to enable him to crash into John Smith (56). With the victim embedded in the smashed windscreen the driver accelerated down the pavement then braked heavily causing Mr Smith to hit the ground. Mr Marshall then drove away from the scene and abandoned his car. Mr Marshall was enraged



Assault victim John Smith. of Opunake.

that Mr Smith had interceded 20 minutes earlier in an incident in a children playground where a young woman was assaulted by Mr Marshall and flung to the ground in front of her three-year-old daughter.

Mr Smith's physical injuries were serious, he had 12 medical staples to the top of his head, and a 12 cm gash to his right shin to the bone. "I have no ligaments in my left knee, the impact affected my right hip, and my finger was dislocated and torn." He was hospitalised several times and developed serious infection in the wound sites. "They spent hundreds of thousands of dollars on me. I've has a lot of support. I owe a lot of thanks to the health authorities."

He was disappointed that there has been no remorse or apology which explains why he declined a restorative justice meeting with Mr Marshall.

When asked if the sentence was sufficient Mr Smith replied, "Justice Barclay's sentence reflects (Mr Marshall's) age - he was 18 at the time."

He spoke of the stress he feels whenever he approaches where the incidents occurred.

Would he go to the help of someone being assaulted in the future?

"I think I would but I'd call 111 at the same time." His last word on the assault: "It was urban terrorism."

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# Principal rounds up a positive year

Students, staff and Board of Trustee members alike all paid tribute to the new principal at Coastal Taranaki School at the school prize giving held on Wednesday December 12, acknowledging the positive impact he has made in his short time as head of the school.

Scott Walden took up the post early in the year.

The Chair of the Board of Trustees John Burmeister commented that the new initiatives were promoting school identity and that "our school identity will continue to grow."

Scott's mother attended Coastal Taranaki School, and as he addressed the school he spoke of his strong connections with the coast where he grew up and where his parents still farm near Warea. His grandparents also lived on the coast for much of their lives and Scott began his speech by reflecting fondly on the welcome he received as the new principal at which members of his family were at. While the expectations had felt "a bit daunting" he spoke of his "great pride to join and lead Coastal Taranaki School."

He set about meeting the students, staff, families



Coastal Taranaki School principal Scott Walden addressing the school prize giving.

and community as his first priority. "Building relationships is essential in education," Scott said. He spent "many lunch hours in the playground and even completed a few bus duties which assisted him in making connections".

He also spoke about how coming from a primary and intermediate background meant "New learning confronted me immediately." As teachers we are also learners, he said. He spoke about professional learning that focussed on

positive behaviour for learning and literacy which had been adopted and had yielded results. Coastal Taranaki School won the Taranaki Regional Council Award for Environmental Action in Education.

Other highlights of the year included the pet and gala day, though due to the Mycoplasma Bovis scare calves were excluded. Other community events included the term 1 whole school Tech Challenge, a Puanga Breakfast, a grandparents Day and the school production, a musical, Pirates of the Curry Bean.

He also spoke fondly of the Friends of Coastal Taranaki School which he joined, and who he really enjoyed working alongside to raise funds to enhance the school.

The school has also undergone some refurbishment recently with further upgrades still to be completed including an upgrade to the special needs facilities. There are also plans to review the school uniform.

Acknowledging there have been "a huge number of challenges we have overcome this year" the principal also spoke of how it was "difficult to dismiss the amazing people I have met and got to work with."

The principal ended by acknowledging that "while challenged by my own personal grief and personal loss this year" he had received a level of care and personal regard that I have not experienced before."

"I'm very proud to lead change here and I don't take the honour lightly."

Among those leaving the staff are Mrs Sarah Warren who is leaving on maternity leave, Whaea Lisa Tahuaroa who is moving to Whanganui High next year to teach drama and Sandy Hickey who has been at the school for nine years. She will join her husband Paddy at their new piece of land in the East Coast.

New permanent staff in 2019 include Mrs Chaudhari (Science), Whaea Shelley (Reading Recovery and SENCO) and Mrs Oke (Team Leader, Primary).

New staff appointed to the secondary team include Whaea Justine (Music), Jason Brewer (Year 7), Sally Laing (Technology), Kenny McMorland (English) and Katey Pittwood (Art).

The three head students each spoke at the prizegiving. Madison Mitchell began by saying what a rewarding year it had been and how being a Head Student had helped her confidence and public speaking.

Witnessing the school change, Madison thanked

the principal for making the changes. Seeing the junior school become one with the senior school was one of her personal hopes realised she said. She also said how much she had enjoyed "being in a tight community".

After acknowledging other influential teachers including Jacky Kopu and Mrs Palmer and her parents she ended with a quote from Thomas Edison: "Our greatest weakness lies in giving up".

Head Boy Kyle Manson who confessed in his humorous address it "took a bit of persuasion to take on the role" had completed his entire 13 years schooling at Coastal Taranaki School which he referred to as "my second home" and said the school had carved its way into his heart.

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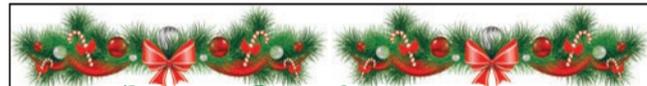
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Coastal Taranaki's dux for 2018 is Madison Mitchell. Madison says she's undecided as to what she'll be doing next year but it will probably be "something in the medical industry". Her favourite subjects were physics and English.



Runner up dux is Kiana Armstrong.

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# A Merry Christmas from the Mayor

Season's Greetings to all. Christmas is nearly here and this is a good opportunity to reflect on the year just gone. 2018 has been another busy year with a number of challenges and achievements for our community. The challenges started early in the year when the region

was hit by ex-cyclone Gita, followed a couple of months later by the Rahotu tornadoes. But, as is often the case, these awful events brought out the best in our people and our communities. From a Council perspective we made excellent progress on a number of key projects

to improve our District and make it an even more desirable place to live and visit. The second Hāwera town centre revitalisation project, Korimako Lane, was opened and plans for the new Library, Culture and Arts Centre (Te Ramanui o Ruapūtahanga) are well underway. The Kaponga LibraryPlus was strengthened and refurbished and work started on refurbishment of Pātea LibraryPlus. The Council also committed up to \$1 million for a new

community centre in Manaia and \$500,000 towards strengthening the heritage Hunter Shaw Building in Pātea. The Opūnake flood diversion project was completed on time and budget. This scheme is designed to cope with a one in 100 year flood so the town can be more confident in that regard. As part of our Council's long term Pathways Programme the 1.7 km stage 2 Denby Road Pathway and the Manawapou Viaduct Walkway were both completed and opened.

Our Council will continue to develop and support a network of walkways and cycleways across the district for residents and visitors to enjoy.

Over the past year I have really enjoyed attending many functions and meeting many of you across our whole district. There are so many great organisations and good people that do so much for our community. I always appreciate the opportunity to catch up and see first-hand the good work that happens across the district. Christmas

is a time for catching up with family and friends. It can also be a very stressful and lonely time for some, so please keep a lookout for those who need support. If you're driving over the holiday season take care on the roads – remember to stay calm and take plenty of breaks.

I wish you all the very best for Christmas and a happy and healthy New Year.

*Ross Dunlop  
Mayor South Taranaki  
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## Bill means brighter future for Waitara Tarzan and the Stony River

New Plymouth MP Jonathan Young says the passing of the Waitara Lands Bill will open up a brighter future for the people of Waitara.

The New Plymouth District Council (Waitara Lands) Bill was introduced to Parliament two years ago to enable leaseholders to freehold their properties, with the proceeds to go back into the community.

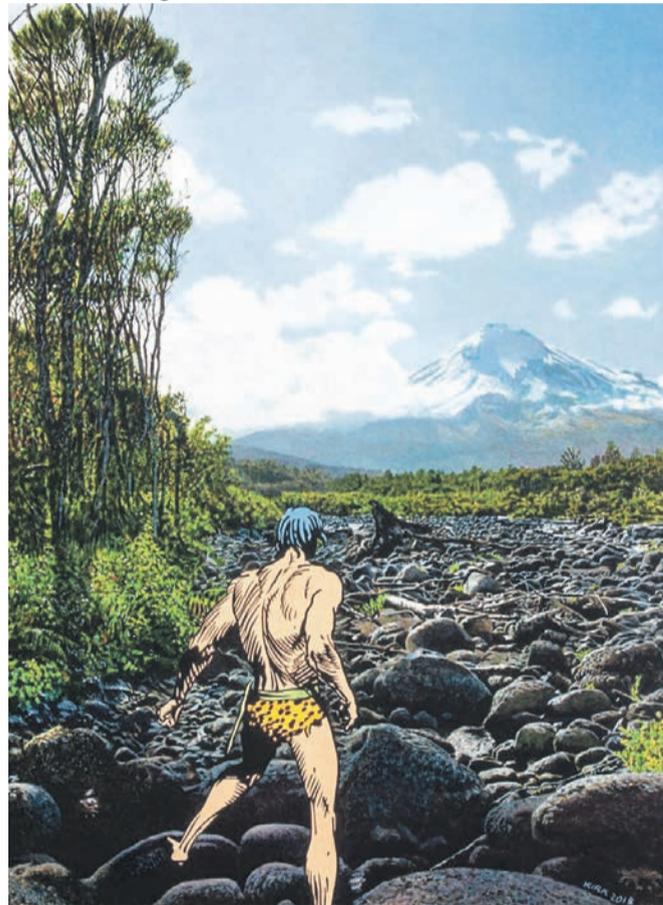
The 770 Waitara properties valued at about \$90 million are part of the Waitara endowment land that passed from the Waitara Harbour Board and Borough Council to the NPDC in 1989. Since the introduction of the Bill, it has seen massive change with the inclusion of a Hapu Land Fund and funding for the care and protection of the Waitara River.

As MP in charge of the Bill as it progressed through Parliament, Jonathan Young says the Bill acknowledges that the land was illegally confiscated from local iwi in the 1860's, and now

opens the way for hapū to restore their ties to the whenua through parks, reserves and land developments.

Mr Young says leaseholders have wanted to freehold since the NPDC was formed. They now have that option - or they can continue with their leases as before. Approaches have been made to banks and community leaders to help facilitate financing if required, as some leaseholders are concerned they may be too old to secure mortgages.

He says the Bill will never be perfect for everyone, but it is the best possible balance for hapu, iwi, leaseholders, and the people of Waitara. "Funds from future lease payments and the freeholding of properties will be co-administered between Taranaki Regional Council, NPDC, hapū, and iwi for the benefit of the whole of Waitara. Investments in reserves, the Waitara River and other community projects will help this dynamic part of the country reach its full potential".



Tarzan and the Stony River is the latest creation from well-known Coastal Taranaki artist Graham Kirk.

**Wishing all readers of the Opunake and Coastal News a safe and happy festive season and all the best for 2019.**



Ross Dunlop  
Mayor, South Taranaki

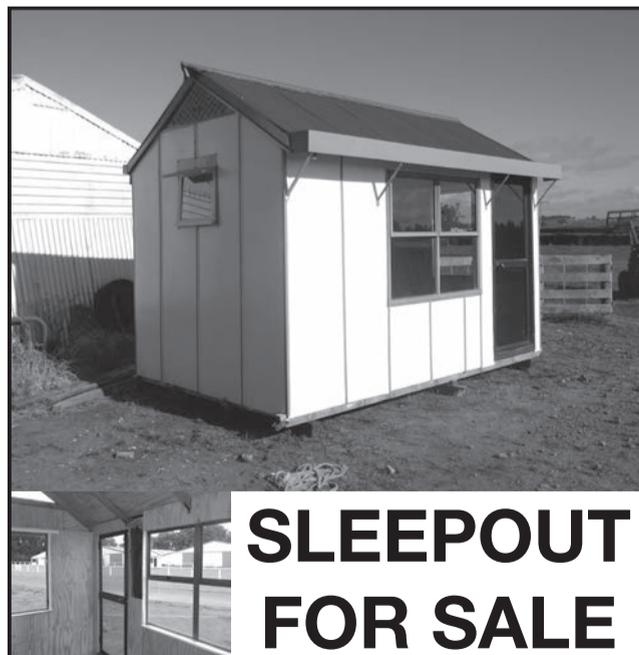


On this month in history

## Mount Cook climbed

On December 25, 1894 Mount Cook (Aoraki) was climbed for the first time by Tom Fyfe, Jack Clarke, and George Graham. Their success followed ten unsuccessful attempts to climb the 3754 metre mountain.

The climbers were motivated by the wish that the first ascent be carried out by New Zealanders. They were aware that an Anglo-American climber Edward FitzGerald (with his Swiss guide Mattias Zurbriggen) also planned the feat.



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# Kendra Cocksedge's place in sporting history

On Thursday December 13 Black Fern Kendra Cocksedge booked a place in New Zealand's sporting history when she won the Kelvin Tremain Memorial Trophy as the best rugby union player in the nation. In winning the premier award at the Annual NZ Rugby Awards in Auckland, she beat All Blacks Brodie Retallick, Codie Taylor and Richie Mo'unga. "I was really blown away, especially being the first female to win. I didn't expect to be chosen, I'm overwhelmed."

She said her parents Marie and Pete were especially proud and also her twin sister Jenna who was at the function.

She won other awards as well including New Zealand Women's Player of the Year (for the second time) and the Fiao'o Faamausili Medal as the best player in this year's Farah Palmer Cup.



Kendra Cocksedge

It should be mentioned that

in 2015 she was World Rugby Woman's Player of the Year.

Her vocation is also in rugby as she is NZ Rugby Women's Development Manager for the Crusaders region.

Kendra's formative years were spent in Okato and she attended New Plymouth Girls High School where her sporting prowess shone early; she was captain of both the First 15 (rugby) and the first 11 (cricket).

Kendra is related to another important rugby family the Barrett's, although the link is fairly distant.

Now 30, Kendra has been a Black Fern (half back) since 2007 and has earned 47 caps and scored more than 250 points. She has won two World Cups and also a Rugby World Cup Sevens title. However, she has some unfinished business – she is keen to score a half century of caps. Congratulations Kendra and all the very best for the future.

# Coastal Christmas Parade has impressive variety

On 25 November the multitude who turned up to see the Coastal Christmas Parade in Okato weren't disappointed. A feature of the colourful parade was the imaginative variety, ranging from the religious "Jesus is the reason for the season" to one which showed Santa feet as he disappeared down one of the many chimneys.

Just prior to setting off the 20 or so floats were lined up on Gosling Street facing the Main Road by 5.50pm to enable judging. By 6.30 they were on their way to the enjoyment of everyone.

The floats included Coastal Taranaki School, St Patrick's Church, Okato Playcentre, Oakura Volunteer Fire Brigade, Life Education Trust, Okato Volunteer Fire brigade, Okato Lions, Goodin Agriculture - to name just



Stony River Hotel's float had Christmas cheer and live music. They came second in the judging.

a few. After the parade the winners were announced outside Coastal Taranaki School gymnasium. On offer was a sausage sizzle, burgers and slices of cake.

Some of the comments

of the people watching summed up the event, such as "amazing", "interesting" and "fun."

This year the Okato Vet Clinic were the winners, Stony River Hotel were second, St Patrick's Church

were third, Okato Swimming Club were fourth and the Okato Playcentre were fifth.

The organising committee of the Okato Community Outreach must be commended for an excellent event, as well as the many people (from many organisations) who constructed the floats. The Committee included Suzette Taingahu, Joy Burmeister, Kat Moffit and Catherine Hewson. Thanks must also go to the Okato Lions club and the Maori Wardens to ensure the event met all the requirements of safety.

Kat Moffit commented, "We were all happy with how the event went and the weather came through as we prayed it would. It was great having the grass area and playground at Coastal Taranaki School.

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We have all been busy of late attending an array of incidents including a serious accident on Surf Highway 45 near the intersection of Tai Road. This was an accident that had the propensity to have a considerably worse outcome. As a result the sole occupant of the only vehicle involved albeit with multiple fractures to his leg and arm will have stories to share with his grandchildren.

A timely reminder of the concerns of fatigue when driving, if you are feeling tired take some time to rest,

the outcome could be a lot worse. If you think, "She'll be right, I'm not far from home," the sad truth is you will crash within a couple of kilometres of home. Please take care when driving and remember, "if you're in doubt, chill out".

On the criminal front a 28 year old male from Rahotu has been dealt with by the courts for threatening behaviour, assaulting and obstructing police and possession of an offensive weapon, namely a large machete which was hidden in wait at the front door. This incident was attended after his partner called police concerned for her safety and that of her two young children after her partner threatened her.

We continue to have those amongst our community who have taken a liking to committing residential burglaries. These burglaries

have been committed both during the night and broad daylight.

Rural property owners please be aware there continues to be activity that is of concern to us. There have also been a number of reported rural burglaries in our area over the recent weeks where petrol and various small items have been stolen. We ask that you be vigilant and if you notice anything out of the ordinary note it down, suspicious people or vehicle. No information is too small.

Reduce the risk and opportunity by taking notice of who is out and about. Keep all your property secure including your houses, outbuildings and farm equipment. Remove keys from tractors and bikes. Keep a detailed inventory of all your property including marking to easily identify your property if it does get stolen.

We are still having the usual problems with idiotic drivers that enjoy ripping up the grass verges in town including those of private residences. On another note our local wannabe racing drivers have been busy as ever leaving their trade mark rubber deposits on our roads with notably the worst outside an address next to one of our local schools. While to some this may be no more than an annoyance, it is of real concern and only a matter of time until someone is badly hurt.

That's about it for now. Remember, if you have any information for us give us a call we are more than happy to help. Alternatively you can call Crimestoppers at 0800 555111 with all anonymous information. Stay safe out there.

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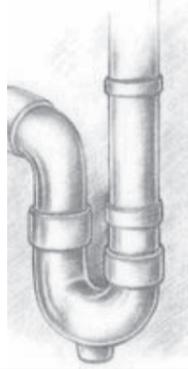
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## OPUNAKE FIRE SERVICE

# Handing over the reins at the fire brigade

Season's Greetings to you all. Monday night was the last meeting for the Opunake Brigade before we take a break over the Xmas / New Year period. We will still have our crew available to attend to incidents, we just won't be having training on Monday nights. At Monday night's meeting we saw the changing of leadership in the Brigade. Our long serving Chief and Deputy Rodney Woods and Kevin Joyce have stood down and handed the reins over to Craig Dingle who will be the new chief and Andrew Pentelow who will be the deputy. Thankfully Rodney and Kevin will remain in the brigade in an operational support role. The Brigade will be back on deck in late January.

The focus for the brigade

members over the past couple of weeks has been ensuring all their operational skill are up to date and that the station and equipment has a good clean up before the summer break.

At approximately 4:45pm on Wednesday December 5 two appliances from the Opunake Brigade responded to a building fire at a quarry on the Eltham Road. Unfortunately by the time the brigade arrived the building was completely involved in fire so could not be saved.

On Thursday December 13 the brigade responded to a reported fire in a building at the Wood groups training facility at Oaonui. It turns out that a passer-by had seen flames from a training exercise that was taking place and mistakenly

thought it was a building on fire. The callout was recorded as a "false alarm good intent" call. We would encourage you all that if you are even in doubt about an incident or event to give us call and we are more than willing to come and check it out. You know the old saying it's better to be safe than sorry. We do not charge for attending any incident, our main focus is about making sure our community is safe.

With the summer months now upon us we all need to be a bit wary about lighting fires especially those in the rural areas. To find out more go to [www.checkitsalright.nz](http://www.checkitsalright.nz)

If your New Year's

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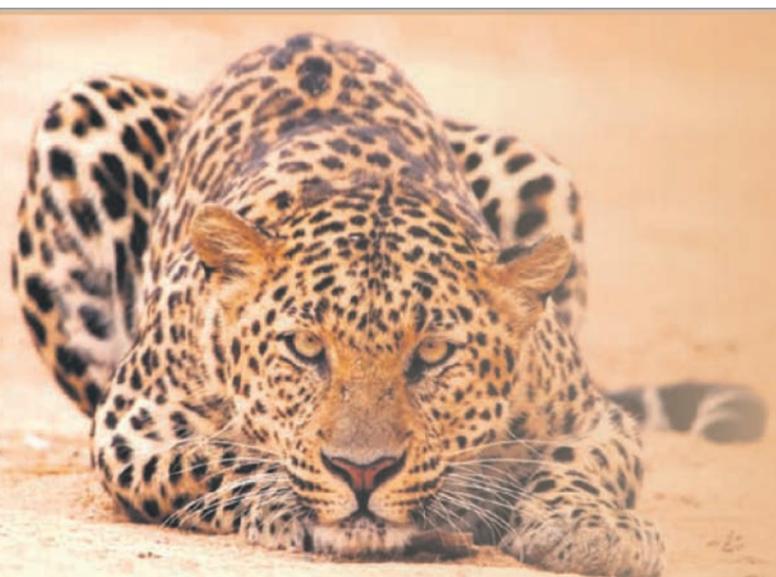
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# Changing the guard

The chairman of the Egmont Plains Community Board now has another hat to wear, that of Opunake's chief fire officer.

Board chairman Craig Dingle made the step up from senior station officer at the town's 30 strong volunteer fire brigade on Monday.

"As of tomorrow you will be fire chief," outgoing chief fire officer Rodney Woods told him on Monday evening.

Craig has been with the fire service for 26 years, having joined when he was working as a panelbeater in Rongotea.

Last month Rodney had been awarded his Gold Star for 25 years with the fire service. He joined the fire service in 1975 when he started with the Hawera Brigade. He was there for four years and rejoined the fire service when he signed up with the Opunake brigade in 1996. He has been here ever since.

When Rodney was made fire chief in 2005, Kevin Joyce



Incoming chief fire officer Craig Dingle(centre) being congratulated by outgoing chief Rodney Woods. Behind them is Taranaki area manager David Utumapu.

was made deputy chief fire officer. Thirteen years later both men are stepping down. Kevin has been a member of the Fire Service for 31 years and has spent all that time with the Opunake brigade. Taking over from him as deputy will be Andrew Pentelow who has been with the fire service for 14 years.

as chief and deputy chief fire officer, he and Kevin had been "on the same wavelength most of the time." Kevin said that in that time Rodney had been "a good boss to work with, both here and socially."

Also there was Taranaki area

manager David Utumapu over Rodney and Kevin had indicated they would be stepping down at the end of the year. He said he was pleased to see they had identified a couple of people to take over from them, and that they would both be staying around to support the brigade into the future. "Being a volunteer is pretty

## Handing over the reins

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resolution is to do something for your community why not consider joining the Opunake Volunteer fire Brigade. We are always on the look-out for volunteers. The winner of the Opunake Fire Brigade Raffle for the fire engine, clock and helmet was Wendy Mullans from Hawera. The brigade wishes to thanks everyone who supported the raffle.

On behalf of the Opunake Volunteer Fire Brigade we wish you all a safe and happy festive season.

Stay Safe out there

VSO John



Incoming deputy chief fire officer Andrew Pentelow(left) congratulated by outgoing deputy chief Kevin Joyce.

Like Kevin he has spent all that time in Opunake. Rodney said that in their 13 years working together

manager David Utumapu who has been in that role for the last eight months. He said that when he took

tough," he said. "When the bells go you respond and what you do is significant. To lead a brigade is like having a second job. It's like running a small business.

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"Leadership is not done in isolation. The whole brigade has a part."

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# Emerging tech makes mockery of Woods' gas ban



**JONATHAN YOUNG MP  
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Megan Woods has added to the confusion on the Government's oil and gas exploration ban, by praising hydrogen technology but not a gas-fed hydrogen plant with no emissions, National's Energy and Resources spokesperson Jonathan

Young says.  
"The Minister is clearly disconcerted by the proposition of using natural gas to produce hydrogen, fertilizer and electricity, which can capture CO2 in the process and stop it escaping into the atmosphere. Is the Minister relying on science and evidence to guide her decision making or not?"  
"The Government was aware of the \$1 billion-plus Pouakai NZ project in Taranaki when the ban became law this month because the parent US based company has asked for Provincial Growth Fund money to contribute to its feasibility study.

"The project tests the Government's support for a technological transition for the hydrocarbon industry and it brings the promise of jobs to a region hard hit by the ban."  
"Ms Woods was equivocal on whether to support Pouakai NZ, saying any company is free to make 'commercial decisions' to use gas. But not supporting a new natural gas-fed plant would mean turning her back on innovation and ignoring science."  
"She is failing to strengthen our energy security and failing to use our resource estate in the best interests of New Zealanders. It makes

one wonder what she's doing as the Minister of Energy and Resources as well as Science and Innovation.  
"The bottom line is the new exploration ban is a short sighted, scientifically bereft policy that this government has made law, and needs to be repealed sooner rather than later. National commits to repealing this daft law if this government does not have the nous to."  
*Jonathan Young  
MP for New Plymouth  
National Party  
Spokesperson for Energy  
and Resources*

# Wairara Lands Bill passed

The NPDC Waitara Lands Bill has been passed by Parliament, bringing a fresh start to the town after three decades of negotiations over its leasehold land. The Bill will unlock \$90 million from the sale of 770 leasehold properties.  
New Plymouth District Mayor Neil Holdom, who attended the reading of the Bill in parliament yesterday evening, welcomed the move.  
"At this historic time, it's important to acknowledge the pain and hurt caused by the confiscation of land from Te Atiawa and its hapū in the 1860s. Thank you to hapū leaders who have worked tirelessly for their people over many years. This Bill isn't perfect but it's the best solution while ensuring we meet our financial obligations to all of our 80,000 residents and balance competing priorities. This co-governance model between NPDC,

hapū, Iwi and the TRC, will mean there is investment in community projects and the Waitara River, to benefit the whole community."  
The Bill enables leaseholders to purchase freehold their leased properties at market value. There are 770 Waitara properties valued at \$90 million. From the sale of these properties over the next 20 years, it is expected about \$28 million over the same period will assist the two hapū to purchase, manage or develop land in Waitara. Approximately \$28 million will go to Waitara projects, co-governed by the hapū and NPDC, also over a 20-year period. Approximately \$34 million will be allocated to Waitara River and environment projects. This will be co-governed by the hapū and iwi with interests in the river and the Taranaki Regional Council.  
About 120 hectares of land

is available to hapū in various ways, mostly as reserves. The Bill gifts 44 hectares of land to the hapū: 13 hectares of developed residential land and 31 hectares of reserve land.  
The hapū will gain titles to parks and reserves totalling 13 hectares if they wish to take them. The hapū also have the option to purchase five Crown Reserves totalling 26 hectares (Pukekohe Park, parts of Ranfurly Park, James Nuku Reserve, Te Puna Park and Joll St Reserve). These will be co-governed with NPDC and have Reserve status, allowing for continued public access. They include West Quay, Kincade Park, Victoria Park, Tangaroa Reserve, Barclay Park, Pennington Park, East Quay, Memorial Park, Manukorihi Local Purpose Reserve, parts of Ranfurly Park, and Manukorihi Park.  
The Bill allows the hapū an option to purchase another 35 hectares of land in Waitara such as the Waitara Golf Course. Manukorihi hapu chairperson Patsy Bodger welcomed

the passing of the bill.  
"What will come from this legislation is an important opportunity to establish a positive foundation to build on for the future of our hapū and the people of Waitara. It marks a massive and momentous milestone in a very long journey so far," she said.  
Ms Bodger acknowledges the history of the Waitara Lands and the impact that it has had on the hapū.  
"Our people have endured so much since 1860. The taking of the land and the negative impact it has had on Manukōrihi hapū as a result has been huge. Waitara is our home, our tūrangawaewae, and confiscation took that from us. It has left a negative mark on generations of Manukōrihi uri, but we are serious in our endeavours towards looking to the future, we hope that through the opportunities that will come from the passing of this bill into law, we can continue to heal some of the pain that has been felt over the generations".

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# Okato apprentice runner up in New Zealand

Corbin Mills who works for Okato builder Brian Hill has come runner up in New Zealand in the Top Apprentice award in carpentry.

"It's a pretty big achievement," commented Brian Hill who was at the awards ceremony in Auckland to see Corbin pick up his award. "I'm pretty happy for him."

Corbin was up against the other regional winners from throughout New Zealand. "It was an awesome experience," said Corbin. "I loved every minute of it."

The contestants were judged on an hour long interview with four judges and then had to complete a 6 hour practical where they had to build a sustainable garden centre. The structure included a decking area with built in planters lined in plywood and a workplace for potting. "It was a lot of pressure," said Corbin adding that being a builder you're not used to having the clock ticking. They got to do an hour of the project the night before and were all working to the same plan.

Corbin said of his success "I just like to give things a go." Though he was not really one to put his name forward to be rewarded was a great thrill.

He encouraged anyone to enter. "If anyone is interested in doing it, put your name forward. You don't know what you're capable of until you test yourself against others." He also added "You meet a



Corbin Mills (right) with his trophy and proud employer Brian Hill.

lot of people in the industry." Commented Brian of his star apprentice, he had some good mentors in the company. He went on to describe Corbin as "very keen to learn

and further his knowledge" and was "enjoyable to teach."

Peter Ravn from Christchurch came first in the award.

## Declined again

James Langton has once again been declined a place on the honours board at Sandfords Event Centre following their last meeting on December 3.

In the letter he received from the Chair of the Opunake Sports and Recreation Trust it stated that he must

have been selected by a national body to represent New Zealand. It also suggested he needed to get a letter from the New Zealand Boxing Association Ltd stating his achievements in boxing and that he needed to have represented New Zealand in the Common-

wealth or Olympics Games. James says he cannot represent New Zealand in the Olympics or the Commonwealth Games as he is professional.

He says he'll advise of any new developments in the New Year.

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## Faith, Values & Skills

### Agriculture Day 2018

Ag Day at St Joseph's had a different feel to it this year, solely due to the fact that no calves were anywhere to be seen. Unfortunately Mycoplasma Bovis made its impact with many local school's excluding the bovine section of their Ag Days. Even though the disease wasn't present on the day, it was decided that 2018 M. Bovis would be engraved on the trophies that would have been otherwise given out for the calf section. This provided a historical record for future generations.

The PTA would like to thank the following sponsors for their support of St

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### Charlie's Visit

The whole school loves it when Charlie (Duynhoven) comes to visit. Room 4 students are pictured here with Charlie on his most recent visit to school.



### Cathletics

This athletics event is held every year in Inglewood and all Catholic School's are invited to take part. The junior students all join together and take part in fun activities, while the 8 year olds and over participate in more traditional athletic events. This year St Joseph's had a number of students achieve placings in these events: Kobe Lark 2nd Long Jump (8yrs), Kiarn Robins 3rd Long Jump (9yrs), Holly Gulliver 2nd Shot Put (9yrs), Daniel Sabuero 3rd Discus (10yrs), Grace Clough 3rd Discus (10yrs), Kayleigh Fleming 2nd Discus (11yrs), Shinae Minhinnick 1st 100m (12yrs), CrisJohn Abad 1st 100m (13yrs), Deacon Wasley 3rd Shot Put, 2nd Discus (13yrs), Aria Brophy 1st Discus (13yrs). Congratulations to these students on your achievements.



### Bee Rewards Days

Over the last few weeks, Thursdays from 11am - 12:30pm have become a time of fun learning in recognition of all the students who consistently make the right choices in terms of Being Respectful, Being Responsible and Being Ready to Learn. We have had games sessions, a trip to the pools, a Christmas Craft Activity, and a visit from Icon Sports for an activity session. Senior students have taken the lead on the organisation and the running of these events - St Joseph's is proud to produce quality leaders.



### Speedstacks - World Record Broken!

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Photo: Kris Boulton

We wish you all a Merry Christmas!

# Big turnout at Kaponga to celebrate Christmas

You can't beat a country Christmas in New Zealand, says a former head of the Anglican Church in New Zealand.

Archbishop Emeritus Sir David Moxon was in Kaponga for the combined churches carol evening, which is held every year, with St John's and St Patrick's churches taking turns to play host. This year it was St John's turn, with a near full house at the Kaponga Town Hall to add some festive cheer in the leadup to Christmas.

Archbishop Moxon had been invited to come after speaking at St John's four months before. He says he is no stranger to this area, having got to know Taranaki well when he was Bishop of Waikato.

"It's lovely to be back," he said before the carols got underway. "It's wonderful to see wall to wall people. It should be a great evening. Looking at the mountain, there's no other place in the world looking like that tonight. There's nothing like a country Christmas in New Zealand. You can't beat it." After serving as Archbishop of New Zealand, he spent four years as the Archbishop of Canterbury's representative at the Holy See in Rome, where he would have audiences with the Pope every 3-4 months. He says it was particularly satisfying being able to work on combined church initiatives dealing with issues like slavery, refugees and human trafficking.

Also there was the Rev Rodney Dunlop who occasionally takes services at St John's. Last year his



A near full house carolled away a Sunday evening at Kaponga.

display of the first Christmas at Bethlehem had graced St John's in the week before Christmas. This year it could be seen by those coming into

singing, the Holy Trinity Stratford Youth Group presented a video clip and the Kaponga School choir performed a number of items

them to the truth. He said that Jesus had been referred to as the morning star. "This can be the star light for you in your life when all



The Kaponga School Choir entertain.

the hall foyer on their way to the carol service.

The evening began with a waiata performed by the kapa haka group from Taranaki Diocesan School (formerly St Mary's). Interspersed with congregational carol

including Big Aroha, a song made popular by the Slacks. Archbishop Moxon spoke about the Christmas star and how stars had always been seen as something which gave people direction or led

other lights go out," he said. Chloe Danz and Rebekah Gut sung Prince of Heaven and Rev Peter Barleyman thanked everyone for coming before the evening finished with supper.

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### 2019 PRIZE GIVING AWARDS - SPECIAL AWARDS WINNERS

#### Whanau Champions: Whenua

**Cheryl Vosper Memorial Award - Service to the Library:** Bliss Baird

**Kgystern Manual Memorial Award - Enthusiastic Learner Year 1-6:**

Isla Stewart

**STEAM Treefish Award - Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, Mathematics:** Kiana Armstrong

**Ikaroa Lodge Award:** Kiana Armstrong

**Corbett Award - Knowledge & Kindness in Year 6:** Thomas Moffitt

**Citizens Award Year 1 - 6:** Billie Thomson

**Gold Cup - Service to Intermediate School:** Harrison Collins

**Newall School Community Cup - Most Helpful Year 6 Student:**

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**Head Boy:** Kyle Manson

**Head Girl:** Kiana Armstrong, Madison Mitchell

**Te Rangi Uenuku - Gaye Taingahue Memorial Award:** Kyle Manson

**Komene Memorial Award:** Kiana Armstrong

**The Joseph Manu Memorial Cup - Best Maori Scholar:** Stephani McKenna-Hunt

**Proxime Accessit Cup - Runner up Dux:** Kiana Armstrong

**Crossman Cup - Dux Highest Academic:** Madison Mitchell



**Above left:** 2018 Coastal Taranaki School Dux Madison Mitchell

**Above centre:** 2018 Coastal Taranaki School Proxime Accessit Kiana Armstrong

**Above right:** 2019 Head Student Lucy Cruden- Powell and Deputy Head Nicole Whittle

The complete list of the 2018 Coastal Taranaki School Award Winners can be found in this issue of the Opunake & Coastal News on the facing page.

### PRINCIPALS REPORT

Coastal Taranaki School has a very special character and heart. The opportunity to build strong learning relationships from years 1 to 13 is fundamental in our ability to provide seamless education to our students and families on the Coast.

We have become more reflective of our warm, friendly and caring community this year. These partnerships are strengthening and are essential if we are to give life to our school whakatauki; Mā te whānau te tamaiti e puawai – By the whole community the child will blossom.

We are pleased our school roll has stabilised and is now growing, attendance and behaviour has improved significantly and our talented students have achieved some great progress throughout the school year.

Highlights in 2018 have been our school production, winning the TRC Award for Environmental Action in Education, and our Pets/Gala Day. We are delighted to welcome our new staff in the secondary school and the many new enrolments who are set to start with us on Monday the 4th of February 2019. We will have a pōwhiri to welcome these new members and their families to our school.

Scott Walden  
Principal - Coastal Taranaki School

### INQUIRY BASED LEARNING

At the end of Term 4 we have collapsed the secondary timetable and curriculum delivery has shifted to a student-led inquiry model. Our inquiry question is in relation to improving a sustainable school farm. Students have been planning and executing construction, propagation and conservation projects.



### TARANAKI REGIONAL COUNCIL AWARD

Coastal Taranaki School Native Bird Inquiry was selected as a winner in the Taranaki Regional Council Environmental action in Education awards for 2018.

The award was for outdoor learning and action to restore and protect native biodiversity, by removing predators.

The awards recognized outstanding initiatives in Taranaki to protect and enhance our high-quality environment. They also aim to encourage environmental stewardship and sustainable development of our natural resources.

Nova Jorgensen, Mia Wade, Dustin Snowden, Thomas Moffitt, Miss Jorgensen and Whaea Shelley proudly represented our wonderful school at this ceremony. We were lucky enough to receive an engraved award and a \$300.00 cheque, which will go towards further endeavors in this very worthwhile project.

# CTS Academic, sporting and special awards

**School Special Awards**  
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 The Joseph Manu Memorial Cup - Best Maori Scholar: Stephani McKenna-Hunt  
 Proxime Accessit Cup - Runner up Dux: Kiana Armstrong  
 Crossman Cup - Dux  
 Highest Academic: Madison Mitchell

**Year Awards**  
 Luke Stewart: Most Improved Year 1  
 Millah Ripia : Diligence Year 1  
 Milly Sole: Excellence Year 1  
 Austin Szekely: Most Improved Year 2  
 Jackson Wheeler: Diligence Year 2  
 Kyan Cox: Excellence Year 2  
 Ben Moffitt: Most Improved Year 3  
 Robin West: Diligence Year 3  
 Kenzie Southorn: Excellence Year 3  
 Amelie Staunstrup Moore: Most Improved Year 4  
 Bliss Baird: Diligence Year 4  
 Katie Kempster: Excellence Year 4

**Subject Cups**  
 Julian Trophy - Agriculture & Horticulture: Stephani McKenna  
 Art Cup Year 9 - 10: Brianna McCready-Scouller  
 Segedin Memorial Trophy - Art Year 11 - 13: Jasmine Stone  
 Herbert Smith Trust - English Year 11 - 13: Saturn Murray  
 History Year 11 - 13: Naomi Bunning  
 Sandra Titchener Cup - History & Geography: Kyle Manson  
 Gwen Mathews Memorial Music Award: Lathanael Goodin  
 Maths Year 9 - 10: Caleb Rayner  
 Maths Year 11 - 13: Lucy Cruden-Powell

**Physical Education Year 9 - 10:** Taysha Ryder  
**Physical Education Year 11 - 13:** Madison Mitchell  
**Science Year 9 - 10:** Sarsha Dakin-Spershott  
**David Adams Memorial Cup - Year 11-13:** Stephani McKenna-Hunt  
**Social Studies Year 9-10:** Brianna McCready-Scouller  
**Technology Hard Materials:** Kiana Armstrong  
**FoCTS Trophy - Materials Technology Years 9 - 10:** Sarsha Dakin-Spershott  
**Hospitality Practical Year 11:** Lathanael Goodin  
**Tourism and Foods Year 13 (Foods and Nutrition):** Holly Tippett  
**Technology / ICT:** Saturn Murray  
**JP Art and Frames - Year 5 Speech:** Francie O'Sullivan  
**Butterworth Speech Cup - Year 6 Speech:** Ella Southorn, Billie Thomson  
**Intermediate Speech Year 7 - 8 Speech:** Zoey Doyle  
**English Department Year 9-10 Speech:** Brianna McCready-Scouller  
**Speech Year 11-13:** Saturn Murray  
**Year 11-13 Art Cup:** Jasmine Stone

**Sports Awards**  
**Year 5 Champion Boy:** Shia Brisco  
**Year 5 Champion Girl:** Shiloh Baylis  
**Year 6 Champion Boy:** Arlo Lambert-Manderson  
**Year 6 Champion Girl:** Erina Gilchrist  
**Under 12 Champion Boy:** Kason Koboski  
**Under 12 Champion Girl:** Sky Raven  
**Under 14 Champion Boy:** Cale Snowden  
**Under 14 Champion Girl:** Ocean Baylis  
**Under 16 Champion Boy (Clemance Cup):** Chaz Taipari  
**Under 16 Champion Girl (Robyn Mills Trophy):** Taysha Ryder  
**Over 16 Champion Boy:** Uriah Terry  
**Over 16 Champion Girl:** Kiana Armstrong  
**Basketball Most Valuable Player Junior:** Seppy Binsbergen  
**Cross Country 9 and Under Boy Champion:** Grady O'Sullivan  
**9 and Under Girl Champion:** Shiloh Baylis  
**10 Years Boy Champion:** Toby Hooker

**10 Years Girl Champion:** Francie O'Sullivan  
**11 Years Boy Champion:** Tai Smith  
**11 Years Girl Champion:** Sky Raven  
**12 Years Boy Champion:** Kolevill Rikirangi  
**12 Years Girl Champion:** Pirihiira Chapman  
**13 & Over Boy Champion:** Caleb Terry  
**13 & Over Girl Champion:** Ocean Baylis  
**Under 14 Junior Boy Champion:** Cale Snowden  
**Under 14 Junior Girl Champion (Okato College Sutherland Cup):** Taysha Ryder  
**Under 16 Intermediate Boy Champion (PV Brophy Cup):** Kyle Smith  
**Under 16 Intermediate Girl Champion (PV Brophy Cup):** Mackenzie Hill  
**Over 16 Senior Boy Champion:** Chaz Taipari  
**Over 16 Senior Girl Champion:** Stephani McKenna-Hunt  
**Netball Most Outstanding - Primary:** Sophie King  
**Most Improved - Primary:** Ella Southorn  
**Yr 6-8 Most Outstanding (Richardson Family Cup):** Mia Walmsley  
**Yr 9-13 Senior Most Improved:** Jessica Tunnicliffe-Fougere  
**Yr 9-13 Senior Most Outstanding:** Naomi Bunning  
**"A" Netball Captain:** Holly Tippett  
**Football Junior Most Improved:** Archie O'Donnell  
**Junior Most Improved:** Amelie Staunstrup-Moore  
**Junior Most Valuable:** Hayley Sulzberger  
**Girls Most Improved:** Madison Edgecombe  
**Girls Most Valuable:** Stephanie McKenna-Hunt  
**Girls Top Scorer:** Jasmine Stone  
**Swimming Under 8 Champion Girl:** Elena Barron

**Under 8 Champion Boy:** Grady O'Sullivan  
**Under 10 Champion Girl :** Erina Gilchrist  
**Under 10 Champion Boy:** Seppy Binsbergen  
**Under 12 Champion Girl:** Ocean Baylis  
**Under 12 Champion Boy:** Josh Houghton  
**Under 14 Junior Champion Girl (Okato College Cup):** Sarsha Dakin-Spershott  
**Under 14 Junior Champion Boy (Dudley Goodwin Trophy):** Karaitiana Huffam  
**Under 14 Junior Champion Boy (Dudley Goodwin Trophy):** Robert Armstrong

**Under 16 Champion Girl :** Brandi Dakin-Spershott  
**Under 16 Champion Boy:** Uriah Terry  
**Over 16 Champion Girl:** Grace Chapman  
**Most Improved Junior (Bill Williams Award):** Marcos Hunt  
**Special Awards Sportmanship Cup (Overall Contribution to Sport):** Holly Tippett  
**Sports Co-ordinators (Best Sporting Moment):** Tai Smith  
**Most Outstanding Sportsperson:** Stephani McKenna-Hunt

## Principal rounds up a positive year

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He paid tribute to the "new and awesome principal". Teachers he also mentioned as influential included Mr Hislop or Mr Hissy who has now left the school. His advice "Don't try to be something you don't want to be" had stuck with him, and Mr Jones, his "witty and also very wise" technology teacher. The third Head Pupil to speak was Kiana Armstrong who began by saying that at CTS in a reference to the change at the helm "Change has happened this year and for the better". Highlights for the year had included going on three

camping trips, an area school leadership camp, and a university open day. She has plans to do a Bachelor of Engineering (Hons) at Waikato University next year or a Mechanical Engineering Diploma at WITT. From Kinetica she had learnt "you can do something you really like and make money at it". She urged her fellow pupils to get out of their comfort zone. "Stand out and be different because there is no normal." The head students for 2019 were announced at the prizegiving. They are Head Student Lucy Cruden-Powell and Deputy Head Nicole Whittle.



German freedom campers at Opunake enjoying the sunset at Middleton's Bay several nights ago.

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## JUNIOR PRIZEGIVING

Held on December 8th, our 2018 Junior Prizegiving was another special event for Opunake High School. Below is a list of truly worthy Art, Cultural & Special award winners. The full list of winners is in our latest newsletter, out this week. This year we moved towards producing the newsletter predominantly in a digital format, with physical copies available from our office. You will find our newsletters on our website or Facebook page, if you'd like to receive an email with the newsletter and a link to the online version - please contact info@opunakehigh.school.nz, add *newsletter* to the subject line.

### SPORT AWARDS

- Cavaney Cup  
Junior Girls' Athletics Champion  
*Kyah Newton*
- Clement Cup  
Junior Boys' Athletics Champion  
*Caleb Feek*
- Opunake High School Cup  
Junior Girls' Cross Country Champion  
*Kyah Newton*
- Grant Cavaney Cup  
Junior Boys' Cross Country Champion  
*Jaden Siciliano*
- Grant Cavaney Cup  
Intermediate Boys' Cross Country Champion  
*Liam Smith*
- Harvey Rosé Bowl  
Junior Girls' Swimming Champion  
*Ella Bright*
- Pennington Cup  
Junior Boys' Swimming Champion  
*Richmin Hughson-How*
- Hughson Cup  
Junior Boys' Swimming Champion  
*Joe Gibson*
- Pihama School Dorn Family Trophy  
Most Improved Junior Hockey Player  
*Liam Kidd*
- Opunake High School Cup  
Most Consistent Girls Hockey Player  
*Bella Pivac*
- Eileen Anderson Trophy  
Most Improved Girls Hockey Player  
*Ella Bright*
- Cook Cup  
Most Improved Boys Hockey Player  
*Richmin Hughson-How*
- Dawn Pentelow Cup  
Most Improved Year 9 Netballer  
*Daragh Hamilton-Davis*
- Tamatra Cup  
Most Distinguished Netballer  
*Ngawaikura Davey*

- Meyburg - Weir Trophy  
Junior Boys' Surfing  
*Freddy Turnbull & Richmin Hughson-How*
- L'Ami Trophy  
Most Valuable Junior Girl Basketball  
*Ella Bright*
- L'Ami Trophy  
Most Valuable Junior Boy Basketball  
*Navishal Chandra*
- Captain U15 Rugby  
*Chaedan Ngaia*
- Most Dedicated Junior Rugby Player  
*Thomas McLean*
- Most Points in a Season  
*Caleb Feek*
- Best Forward in Rugby  
*Tyran Jones*
- Best Overall Junior Rugby  
*Manase Filihia*

### CULTURAL AWARDS

- Te Rawhiti Ihaka Trophy Manu Korero  
Speech Competition Junior Maori  
*Roimata Hape*
- The Jean Wasley Trophy  
Junior Oratory  
*Lexi McQuaig*

### SPECIAL AWARDS

- Opunake High School  
Junior Sportsperson of the Year  
*Cameron Quinnell*
- Aveling Family Cup & Award  
Character Award for Junior Students  
*Lexi McQuaig*
- Opunake High School Dream Achiever  
OHS Junior Dream Achiever Trophy  
*Lia Sefton-Zachan & Thomas Tito-Green*

### TOP IN YEAR

- Lena Sharrock Award  
Runner-Up in Year 9 subjects  
*Lexi McQuaig & Lorin Symons*



- Kaupokonui Cup and Mary Pohutukawa Award  
Top in Year 9 subjects  
*Joshua Kruger*



- Lena Sharrock Award  
Runner-Up in Year 10 subjects  
*Ella Bright & Jenna McCarthy*



- Phillips Cup and Mary Pohutukawa Award  
Top in Year 10 subjects  
*Pero Brophy*



## 2019 Prefects

### HEAD GIRL AND BOY

Kia ora, I'm Lia Harrop and I'm Opunake High Schools' Head Girl for 2019. I'm looking forward to a year of growth and achievement for myself, and I'm excited for the challenges ahead.



Lia Harrop

I'm thrilled to have this opportunity and eager to see where this role will take me in the future. I cannot wait for another fantastic year at Opunake High School filled with academic and sporting achievements, and I'm so proud to be able to be a part of it.

I hope to be a great role model for the students at Opunake High School and lead others to live the dream.



Joel Clement

I am immensely honoured and humbled to have been named Opunake High Schools' Head Boy for 2019.

I look forward to working with and leading our great prefect team in the upcoming year to make some positive developments to the school and community.

I look forward to the challenges involved and I aim to represent our great school to the best of my ability in this role in 2019.

### DEPUTY HEAD PREFECTS



Tanisha Kahukaka-Snowden

Michael McCarty

Shavorn Johnson

C.J. Taamaru



Out with the old, in with the new. Our 2018 Prefect team handing over the reins to the incoming prefects.

## IMPORTANT 2019 DATES

The end of a massive year is upon us, here are some key dates to look to in the new year:

- January 28th** - Teachers Only Day
- January 29th & 30th** - Year 11 & 12 Course Confirmation
- January 30th** - Year 13 Orientation Day
- January 31st** - Opening Powhiri (Whole school)
- February 1st** - Year 13 Orientation and Year 9 Peer Support
- February 4th** - Timetabled classes commence
- February 6th** - Waitangi Day

## nga mihi

As a big year at Opunake High School comes to an end, we want to acknowledge and thank everyone who has been part of the life of our Kura in 2018. We wish you all a safe, happy and healthy, holiday break, see you all refreshed for an even bigger 2019.

## merry christmas

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**SAVE THE DATE**  
**MARCH 7TH**

# Kaponga Library reopens

Kaponga Library Plus is back home. For the last two years they had been operating out of the Supper room at the Kaponga Memorial Hall after a seismic assessment found the library building on the corner of Victoria and Egmont streets had fallen short of required earthquake standards. The building had come in at 20% when the required mark is 34%. The \$120,000 project undertaken by Heartland Construction Ltd of Opunake was completed on time and on budget, says South Taranaki district libraries and cultural services manager Cath Sheard.

As well as the earthquake strengthening work the LibraryPlus was refurbished and repainted, and last week an afternoon tea was held to celebrate the library moving back home. "This is a neat Christmas present for Kaponga," said



The team at Kaponga Library Plus. From left: Sandra Crawford, Billie Sculpher, Lis Marrow, Annitta Johnston-Pulham.

"It has a nice, fresh look to it," he said. Mayor Ross Dunlop says the need to earthquake

building, and come back to the premier location in town," he told everyone. "The Council has made a conscious decision of keeping our libraries open, and saying that libraries are important to our communities and we want to carry on supporting them." Eltham-Kaponga branch librarian Lis Marrow and library staff Annitta Johnston-Pulham, Billie Sculpher and Sandra Crawford were on hand for the big opening. Lis has been doing this job for the last three years, having come from Wellington where she was school librarian at the Hutt International College in Trentham.

She said working out of the Memorial Hall had "come with its own uniqueness." She was however glad to be back at their original location, and she says she is pleased with the renovations. "It all looks lighter. It's just lovely," she said. "We're very pleased to be back in a central location." Annitta is also pleased with the renovations. "I like the way they have done the internal part of the library. Everything fits in perfectly," she says. She enjoys her work and enjoys having children coming into the library after school.

"Kaponga is such a wonderful community. It's so close knit and lovely. I like the way they let you into their hearts and make you part and parcel of the community."

With Annitta and Billie living in Eltham and Lis in Manaia, it's also central and accessible for them, she says.

Also glad to be back was Rebekah Gut who farms a lot before it moved as it was on the Upper Manaia Road below Dawson Falls. She was there with her four-year old son Micah. "We used to use the library a lot before it moved as it was on the same road as us," she said. "We're really happy to be back here."



The Kaponga Library back in business.



Waid Crockett and Ross Dunlop cut the cake.

South Taranaki District Eltham-Kaponga ward councillor Steffy McKay. South Taranaki District chief executive Waid Crockett also liked what he saw.

strengthen the building had also meant an opportunity to modernise and freshen up the interior as well. "We know there's a real relief to get back into this



Rebekah Gut and Micah

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# When influenza came to Coastal Taranaki

As well as marking 100 years since the end of World War I, 2018 marks the centenary of the worldwide influenza epidemic which claimed 50 million lives worldwide. Dawn Chambers who now lives in Hutt Valley is a great granddaughter of Catherine Elizabeth Chambers, of Te Namu Road, who collected epidemic reminiscences in the late 1940s. These are now deposited at Aotea Utanganui. The intention is to interweave these into the Opunake epidemic story and to compile all the information that she can find relating to this event. Longer term the intention is to publish a book and to carry an influenza dataset on her website. If readers have any stories about the influenza they could share Dawn would like to hear from them. She can be contacted via the Opunake & Coastal News.

## Opunake Influenza Diary 1918/1919

In Taranaki the severe type of influenza appeared about the 26th October among persons arriving by train from Auckland. Mary

Elizabeth Hughson, of Rahotu, recalled that the flu had been bad in Inglewood, then New Plymouth, and was travelling down our coast. As of Monday afternoon, 18 November, there were no cases at

Rahotu. Two days later a public meeting was held in the Opunake Town hall when a central committee was established and a call made for volunteers. On 21 November the ex-residence of Dr George Metcalf Sharpe, in King Street, was converted into a hospital and four patients were admitted. The first patient brought into Opunake, Edwin John Watridge, was taken to the district nurse's cottage. As a builder and contractor Watridge wrote to the Opunake Racing Club in October 1918 offering his services in connection with impending improvements. Major Percy St John Keenan, sent by the Health Department, arrived on the evening of 22 November. He set up his headquarters in the St Barnabas Vicarage, the home of Rev Charles and Mary Palmer. The next day he recommended the school building as the hospital with Nurse Kate Rowland in charge. On 24 November the Sisters of the Convent undertook night

duty at the hospital. Two of these were Rev. Mother M. Ursula (Julia O'Connor), and Sister Marie St. Enda (Annie Helena Martini). The district nurse, Ivy Dora Holdsworth succumbed to the flu the following day. By 29 November an inhalation spray had been set up at the Opunake Dairy Factory and the Town Hall was being fitted up to take any overflow from the school. On 1 December Dr Maui Pomare inspected the Maori Hospital at Pihama and the Opunake hospital. Two days later the Sisters of the Mission had converted rooms at the Convent into a children's hospital and a convalescent camp was established at the Recreation Ground. On 6 December Mrs Palmer, who was in charge of the Oaonui hospital, was transferred to Opunake to take over from Nurse Rowland, who is now a patient. Other hospital workers, who were also down with flu, were Ida Frances Cleghorn nee Tennant, Mary Young nee Macfie and Sarah Norcross nee Craig. On 10 December Major Keenan was confined to his bed. Nurse Steele, from Wellington, was briefly in charge of the Opunake hospital from the 13th to 15th December, providing relief for Mrs Palmer. On the 13th the children's hospital at the Convent was closed and Muriel Agnes Groom nee White and her last three patients were transferred from Rahotu to Opunake. Mary Elizabeth Hughson, an acting nurse, was one of the patients. By the 19th December Mrs Groom had taken charge of the Opunake Hospital. The first two of ten deaths, at Opunake Temporary Hospital occurred on Saturday 21 December and

the funerals took place in the afternoon. Miss Cicily Mary Rowland, aged 27 years, contracted the disease while nursing at the hospital. She was the daughter of Edward and Ellen Rowland of Oamaru. Cicily was an assistant teacher at Tikorangi for a couple of years before becoming the sole charge teacher at Mangahume School in 1918. The other was Miss Linda Eileen Baker, aged 14 years, the daughter of Thomas and Fannie Baker of Inglewood. She came out to Rahotu to lend assistance to some relatives who were ill. Linda also assisted at the Rahotu emergency hospital and at Opunake prior to contracting influenza. By her kindly disposition she was a general favourite with everyone. The third death occurred on Christmas Eve. Miss Florence Mary Clara Dalton, aged 27 years, was the fifth and youngest daughter of the late John Dalton, of Inaha. Florence was nursing her sister, Katherine Mary Pope at Palmerston North when she received word that the whole family of another sister, Rose Genevieve Bradford, was ill at Auroa. She proceeded there, contracted the disease, and



Dawn Chambers

was removed to Opunake. The funeral took place on Christmas Day. A third sister was Alice Mason of Pihama. On 26 December some of the nurses and later the matron appealed to the chairman of the Egmont Health Association, William Ralston Wright, for help as they could not carry on. Prominent townspeople also asked him to call a public meeting to discuss the question of closing the town. The next day Wright went to New Plymouth to seek help. New Plymouth agreed to receive bad cases and nursing help would be sent. Most of the Northcott family, parents and 11 children ranging in age from 3 to 21 years, were admitted to Opunake hospital. They were brought in from the Skeet road. The mother, Jane nee Marsh, aged 39 years, died on 27 December



John Feaver in his chemist shop in Opunake.

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# When influenza came to Coastal Taranaki

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and her 10 year old son, George, died soon after. Edwena Hammond recalled Mrs Palmer saying on the evening of 30 December, 'I do feel so tired. It might be because I have just laid out Mrs - and one of her children.' George was buried with his mother at Opunake. One of the seven Northcott daughters was transferred to New Plymouth on 29 December, along with Alfred Clay Hills. The latter, formerly an Opunake baker, died two days later. Two New Plymouth nurses, Sister Hilda Alice Kennedy and Nurse Florence Eva Hall arrived to take charge of the Opunake Hospital on 29 December.

Margaret Lusk remembered that Mrs Palmer collapsed on the evening of 29 December, while sitting and praying beside a dying patient, and was taken home. Blanche Dudley, who was on duty, was shocked to see how ill Mrs Palmer looked and tried to prevail upon her staying in bed the next day. The terrible blow of her passing came early the next morning. "I shall never forget how cut up Major Kennan was when he discovered how ill Mrs Palmer was when he returned to the vicarage after an early morning call. It all seemed so terrible for her poor husband who was in bed at the time and a dear wee daughter." Elizabeth Trotter recalled that Rev Palmer had been confined to his bed for some days and was desperately ill for some time.

There were two other deaths on 30 December. Charles Lyttle, the dearly beloved husband of Alice Kenyon Lyttle nee Norcross, and



Photo Puke Arika

Alexander Lyttle, of Ohakune, died suddenly at his residence at Opunake about 2 a.m. He was 27 years of age and a very popular business man. He always took his share in any local affairs and when the epidemic first hit the town he was in the thick of it, taking patients into the hospital, etc., until he was struck down. He left a wife and child to mourn their loss.

The other was William Emmett (Tiny) Connell, aged three years eight months, who died at the hospital in the afternoon. He was the eldest son of Charles and Minnie Josephine Connell nee Murphy. The funeral took place in the afternoon. His father was transferred to New Plymouth on the same day and he died of cerebro-spinal meningitis on 3 January. At the time his wife and another child were laid up with influenza. Charles was the second son of William Kingston

Connell, formerly the proprietor of Middleton's Hotel. Charles lost two brothers overseas and a third, Frank, was wounded in action, for the second time in France in July 1917. William Moran Connell was killed in action on 27 May 1918 in France and Stanley Kingston Connell, who was with the 40th reinforcements, contracted influenza while on the troopship Tahiti. He died of broncho-pneumonia on 16 October 1918 at the Military Hospital in Tidworth, Wiltshire, England. Private Stanley (Fatty) Connell attended school at Opunake and was very likely the first ex-Opunake resident to die from the second wave of influenza.

Also on 30 December, Dr James Roberts Boyd arrived at Opunake and nine patients were transferred from to New Plymouth - Charles Connell, Patrick James McGrath, Daniel Fennell, Winifred Ellen Crawford nee Murphy and child, Misses Stitt, Geary, Woolford and Alchin. On 31 December there were two funerals. At St Barnabas Church the Rev Claude Herbert Grant Cowen conducted a brief but impressive service at the church, which was filled, for the late Mrs Mary Palmer.

On the morning of 6 January Dorothy Juenata Alchin, aged 11 years, died. Her parents were William Herbert Reeve and Margaret Ellen Allchin nee Hyde. They farmed at Te Kiri. Two patients, who were transferred to New Plymouth on the 8th January, developed measles. When the Opunake Temporary Hospital closed on 10 January there were still a few patients in the cottage. Dr Mercer left for Auckland and Major Keenan arrived in the evening. The Rev Noho Hemi Papakura, who was well known in the Patea district and had been critically ill with influenza at Opunake, was now on the mend.

By the 15th January Father Kelly, of New Plymouth, was relieving Father Doolaghty who was indisposed and the next day Nurse Kate Rowland was taken through to New

Plymouth Hospital. The two New Plymouth nurses, Sister Hilda Alice Kennedy and Nurse Florence Eva Hall returned to New Plymouth on 22 January. The only case in the emergency hospital was May Diza Sefton nee Malmanche, the wife of David, the recently appointed Egmont County foreman. May had a very critical time, but is now making excellent progress. David Sefton later wrote to the Chairman, County engineer and Councillors Holder and Cornish for kindness shown his wife and family during the recent epidemic. He also paid tribute to the work of Major Keenan and the nurses. On 23 January Major Keenan advised "that Opunake and the surrounding district was now absolutely clear of the epidemic."

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# Heroine of epidemic remembered

Two days after falling victim to the 1918 influenza epidemic, Jeannie Membery was buried at Otakeho Cemetery. The 65 year-old had picked up the disease known as Spanish Influenza while nursing the sick. One hundred years to the day after her burial a small group of family and locals met at her grave to remember the Otakeho woman who had given her life helping others. The 1918 Influenza epidemic took 50 million lives around the world, and 9000 of these were in New Zealand, including Jeannie Lindsay ("Grannie") Membery.

"The late Mrs Membery was a very energetic worker for all patriotic purposes, and was untiring in her efforts to help all those she knew to be in need of assistance, and it was as a voluntary worker in an afflicted home that she contracted the terrible epidemic disease that terminated fatally on Friday," reported the Hawera and Normanby Star in 1918. "Though somewhat brusque and outspoken in manner, behind it all there beat a kindly heart, and it mattered not when the call for assistance came, or what the state of the weather. The call was never made in vain, and many a poor sufferer received help and comfort in time of need."



Garry Hall speaking at the commemoration for the 100th anniversary of his great grandmother's death.

On the same day the paper also reported the passing at the Manaia Hospital of 20 year-old Hilda Wiley from Auroa who was the third person in her family to die in the epidemic, a brother and a sister having previously passed away. Jeannie had been born

Jeannie Kirk in Victoria in 1853 and had come to New Zealand with her parents as a child. She grew up at the Otaki Mission Station and with few other Europeans nearby she gained an appreciation of Te Reo and things Maori which never left her. When

she was 15 she married 19 year-old George Membery. George was a bootmaker by trade and had a shop by the railway station at Normanby. Ironically he later lost his leg in a horse accident. In 1893 the Memberys bought a farm on the Auroa

Road in Otakeho. In 1900 they went their separate ways, but never divorced. George died in Sanson in 1932.

After the split, Jeannie went to work for the Le Fleming family as a housekeeper. Jeannie's great grandson Garry Hall who organised the commemoration said the Le Fleming family had at one stage commissioned a portrait of Jeannie, but it's not known what became of it. A hundred years later it's uncertain what Jeannie looked like. "There's even differing opinions in the family as to

whether she had red hair or not," Garry said. What's less uncertain is the respect with which she was held in Otakeho. Garry said that her headstone is an elaborate one and would have probably been paid for by the community. After Jeannie's death Sir William Le Fleming looked after Jeannie's eight year old grandson Alistair Robert (Lanky Jim). The Hawera and Normanby Star said Jeannie was survived by her husband, "and a family of two sons and six daughters and a large number of grandchildren." One of these was Garry's father who was only five when Jeannie died. Among those present at the commemoration was 94 year-old Merial Mitchell from Inglewood, the oldest of the great grandchildren. Garry spoke about Jeannie's life and the early history of Otakeho. Rod Le Fleming and Bev Davy read newspaper reports from the time including one from September 1919 covering the annual general meeting of the Kaupokonui Dairy Company where tribute was paid to Mrs Membery, who was "always an enthusiastic supporter of the company." "One could almost say that the company belonged to her," the chairman is quoted as saying. The report also talks about the toll the epidemic had taken on the company. "Whole branch staffs were down at some time and only by the willing help of farmers was the work carried through," the report read.



The grave of Jennie Membery.

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Whats on in

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Over the Holiday season

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Photo by Dana McMurray Opunake

## Welcome to Taranaki: Things you can do

The possibilities of things to do are endless, but here are a few possibilities.

Perhaps the best private museum in New Zealand is the Tawhiti Museum, just minutes from Hawera. Curator Nigel Ogle has created a historical wonderworld to reflect Taranaki's past. You can wander through the original restored attic of Taranaki's best known writer Ronald Hugh Morrieson, see the Traders & Whalers and have a ride on a train.

For refreshment and meals stop by at Morrieson's Café Bar in Hawera, which has intriguing items made from timber from Ron Morrieson's former homestead, as well as other memorabilia.

The Elvis Presley Museum in Hawera is a world famous attraction that even the King himself would want to visit (if he could!).

Heading north The peace village Parihaka is well worth a visit. This is where Maori leaders such as Te Whiti and

Tohu used peaceful means to protest against the land grab which was regrettably sanctioned by the authorities of the 1800s.

Opunake is a town well worth a visit, with the Beach Carnival and Holiday Park attracting visitors year after year. It has great surf to be enjoyed.

For garden lovers Pukeiti is a must with a plethora of native and exotic trees and shrubs in a uniquely peaceful setting of many acres.

In New Plymouth itself the Coastal Walkway allows an invigorating walk with great views of the coast and sculptures. You may also spot a seal a penguin or orca.

If you want to get up closer to a seal colony pay a visit to Chaddy's Charters where a boat trip on an old english rescue boat will give you a close view of a seal colony on nearby Sugarloaf Islands.

Chaddy also hires out kayaks, canoes for leisure on the water and bikes to pedal

along the Coastal walkway..

Shopping trips to buy Christmas gift of great variety and quality are guaranteed in all the towns with something for everybody at competitive prices.

Puke Ariki has a wealth of literary and historical treasures to experience. They currently have the Illusion Exhibition running which is well worth a visit Just minutes away is the iconic Govett Brewster Gallery where you can see the Len

Lye inspired masterpieces.

In the evenings the Festival Lights in Pukekura Park is a sight you'll never forget. The park also has a range of musical treats at different times, especially on the Hatchery Lawn.

Hillsborough Holden Museum is a recently opened attraction that features a Bathurst-themed mini putt course.

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# History Snapshots

# A map of Taranaki



1

**Janet Frame** (1924-2004), who is generally considered to be NZ's best writer (with Katherine Mansfield), lived in **Stratford** from 1976-79. One house, in Juliet Street has been demolished, but her **124 Miranda Street** still exists.

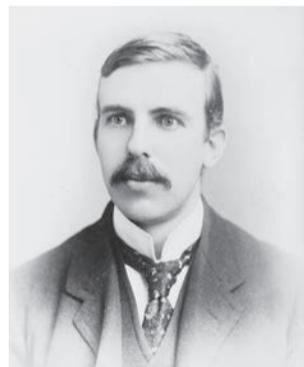
In his biography 'No Bugle No Drums' by Garth Gilmour, he talks about running through the Opunake Beach sand dunes as a child.



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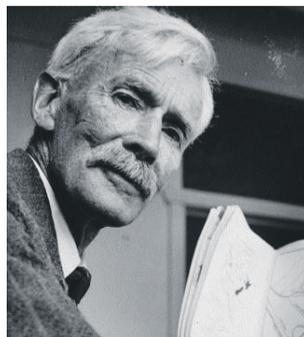
**Gustavus Von Tempsky** (1828-1868) Born in Prussia, he travelled the world and arrived in NZ in 1862 - attracted by the Coromandel gold rush. He joined the Colonial Defence Force in 1863 and his Forest Rangers were involved in European-Maori clashes. He was promoted to captain - then major. He was killed fighting Titokowaru's warriors at Te Nguto-o-te-manu. He is not only remembered as a brave soldier, but also as a painter; some watercolour pictures are held in the Alexander and Hocken Libraries.

a figure as we can get to the great Indian leader Mahatma Gandhi with his principles of non violence. Te Whiti spent some time in prison for his stand on land confiscation. His memorial in Parihaka says: "He was a man who did great deeds in suppressing evil so that peace may reign as a means of salvation to all people on earth".



7

**Lord Ernest Rutherford** (1871-1937) is generally considered to be the greatest New Zealander of all time. The scientist won the Nobel Prize for Chemistry in 1908. He is best known for 'splitting the atom'. His family lived in **Lower Parihaka Road, Pungarehu**; the homestead was demolished in 1980. Coming from Surf Highway and nearing the sea, two Norfolk pines (one diminished by a lightning strike) mark the site - on the left. The Rutherfords had a flax mill near their home and also in **Warea** and **Opunake** (at Opunake Lake).



8

**Sir Alfred Reed** (1875-1975) He is better known as AH Reed. He is remembered for founding NZ's biggest

publishing company, writing over 70 books (the last one when he was 98), walking huge distances while in his 80s, and his Christian and philanthropist kindness and donations. As regard walking, he walked from Sydney to Melbourne in his 90th year. At 86 he walked the entire length of NZ. He twice became the oldest person to climb **Mount Taranaki**. Stratford's Mountain House has a photo of his achievement at the age of 86. He also, at this time, walked right round the circumference of Mount Taranaki.



9

**Graeme Lay** (1944-) was born in Foxton. He is a well known writer. As a child he lived at **31 Ihaia Road, Opunake** and his parents had a shop in **Tasman Street** where the Opunake Op Shop is situated. He was inspired by the short stories of Frank Sargeson and eventually became a friend

of the great writer, often visiting him in his Takapuna home (He is Secretary of the Frank Sargeson Trust). His novel 'The Mentor' was loosely based on Sargeson. We have published some of Graeme's short stories in this newspaper.



10

**Dame Malvina Major** (1943-). The famous classical singer was born in Hamilton, but lived on a dairy farm near Opunake (**Lower Kina Road**) with her husband Winston. Sadly, Winston died suddenly when he was in his 40s. Earlier, Dame Malvina studied under Sister Mary Leo. She won the 1963 NZ Mobil Song Quest, beating Kiri Te Kanawa in the process (Kiri came second). She has taken breaks from her singing career - in 1985 she returned to the international stage in Brussels with 'La Finta Giardiniera'.



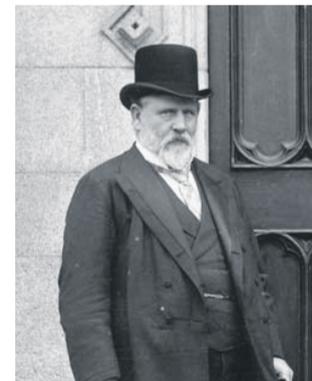
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**Ronald Hugh Morrisson** (1922-1972) has been described as "the most original novelist NZ has produced". He wrote such books as 'The Scarecrow', 'Predicament', and 'Come a Hot Friday'. More of his novels have been made into films than for any other NZ writer. He lived in his **Regent Street, Hawera** house for most of his life. A fast food outlet marks the spot. Parts of his house, which was controversially demolished, exist in an excellent eatery called Morrissons Cafe Bar in Hawera.



12

**Sir Edmund Hillary** (1919-2008) He is known as the conqueror of Mt Everest, leader of the third overland party to reach the by foot (Captain Scott) and many other expeditions. However, he considered his building of schools, hospitals, bridges etc for the Nepalese people as his greatest achievement. He also has climbed **Mt Taranaki**.



13

**Richard Seddon** (1845-1906). He was our longest serving leader - called Premier in his day, not Prime Minister. The Englishman led the country for 12 years and died in office on board a ship on the Tasman Sea. He enjoyed having meals at **Eltham's Railway Hotel**. The photo of the pub on the historical plaque was captured in 1893, which is appropriate - it was this year that women were allowed to vote and he was Premier. NZ was the first country in the world to allow women to vote.



2

**Jim Bolger** (1935-) became NZ's 52nd Prime Minister in 1990. (He eventually lost the National Party leadership to Jenny Shipley in 1997). He was born in **Opunake** and grew up on a farm near **Rahotu** (in Opuratu Road) and attended Rahotu Primary School and Opunake High School. He farmed in the area until 1965 when he bought a sheep and beef farm near Te Kuiti. In 1972 he entered Parliament and was soon elevated to cabinet minister status - he was Minister of Maori Affairs and, later, Minister of Labour. After leaving Parliament he was NZ's Ambassador to the US and, later, Kiwibank's CEO.



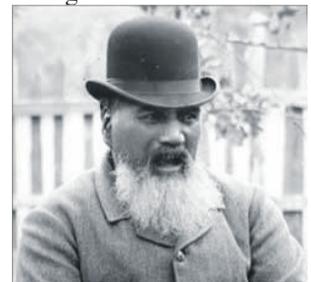
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**Don Clark** (1933-2002) played at fullback for the All Blacks between 1956 and 1964, scoring 781 points. He is described as the "greatest goal kicker of his time". He could kick goals huge distances - even from deep in the opposition's half. As a child he lived in **Pihama** and attended Pihama School, which was recently closed. He emigrated to South Africa and established a tree felling business.



3

**Dr Peter Snell** (1938-) is generally considered to be NZ's greatest sportsperson of all time. He won three Olympic gold medals and two Commonwealth gold medals and set eight World Records as a 1960s middle distance runner. He twice broke the World Record for the mile. As a child he lived in two houses in **Opunake**, including **14 Dorset Street**.



6

**Te Whiti-o-Rongomai III** (1830-1907) was born in **Pungarehu**. He lived in **Parihaka** and practiced non violence and passive resistance to the confiscation of Maori land. He is as close

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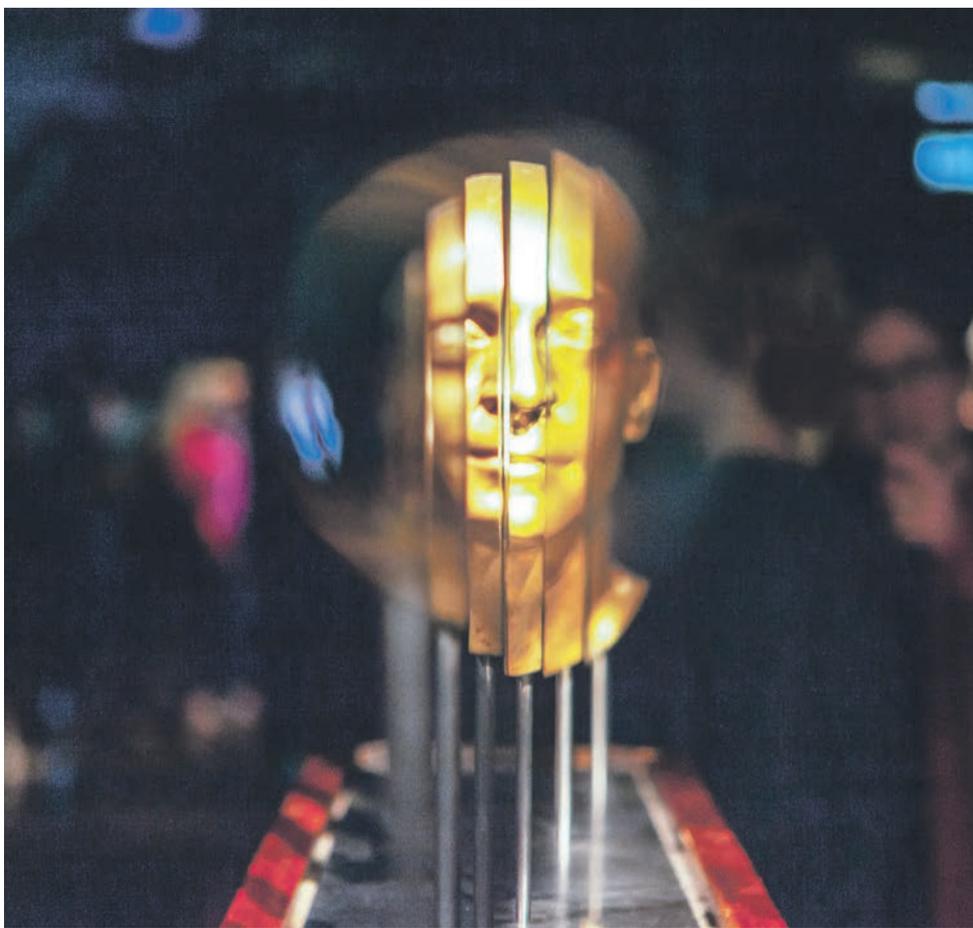
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# Illusion...nothing is quite as it seems at Puke Ariki



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This is an exhibition containing light and sudden movement and the 'element of surprise' and children under 14 must be

accompanied by an adult. *Illusion* is created by Science Gallery at Trinity College Dublin, part of the Global Science Gallery Network.

A full list of Puke Ariki events and summer holiday fun is available in the latest copy of What's On which can be picked up from Puke Ariki, community libraries or by visiting the Puke Ariki website.

## Illusion is created by Science Gallery at Trinity College Dublin.

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# Hooves and Grooves at Pukekura Raceway



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There's a new format for the iconic December 27 race day at Pukekura Raceway this year, with a food and wine festival vibe planned in the City Lawn area with the Hooves and Grooves Festival event. Unity Wara and Roadhouse will entertain the event attendees between races, with Good Vibes closing out the day after the last race.

The area will also have a range of food and beverage providers available exclusively for ticket holders.

The most popular race day of the season also offers plenty of options for the general public, with ample space to bring a picnic blanket, or sit in the Garden Bar, and enjoy the people watching, and the racing.

General admission is just \$10. If you'd like to upgrade your race day experience you can enjoy Member For A Day privileges for \$20. Hooves and Grooves Festival tickets start at \$35 for GA (\$45 on the day), of VIP Tickets \$68 (\$78 on the day). Corporate hospitality in the Members Stand is \$99. Full details of the packages, and ticketing information is available on [www.pukekuraraceway.co.nz](http://www.pukekuraraceway.co.nz)

## Brooklands Zoo



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The zoo is laid out around a large playground and green space – and as the facility is fully fenced, parents can relax while their young children play “The zoo is a great day out for the entire family.”

Visitors are invited to bring a picnic lunch with them to enjoy on the lawn. Also, coffee is available on-site.

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The outdoor pools at the Todd Energy Aquatic Centre are now open for the summer season. Then of course there are the indoor pools at the Todd Energy Aquatic Centre, complete with one of the largest wave pools in New Zealand as well as the country's tallest hydroslide. There's also the Aqua Climb wall, tarzan swing and giant inflatables which are a hit with kids of all ages. The Turboslide is popular with thrill seekers and swimmers looking for a more relaxing experience. You can always take some time out in the sauna, steamroom or spa. The children's playground area outdoors which was funded by naming rights sponsor Todd Energy, is sure to be popular with the younger visitors.

The pools are a great place to have your Christmas function, a birthday party or work function. You can burn some energy on the inflatables and in the waves, get a thrill on the hydrosides, or relax in the spa pool. There are several options available. Contact the Todd Energy Aquatic Centre for more details or to make a booking.

A range of swimming products are available for purchase at the Aquatic Centre including goggles, caps and swimwear for all ages. We stock Spank, Adidas and Arena swimwear and we are also the exclusive retailer of the Funkita range for New Plymouth.

If its relaxation you're after, the aquatic centre has several options. You may prefer relaxing indoors in the dry heat of the sauna or the wet heat of the steam room. These are both beneficial forms of therapy for muscular aches and pains, and a wonderful way to unwind following exercise or on cold days. If you want to pick a quiet time to visit the Aquatic Centre, come along before 10am or after 6.30pm. The times in between are the fun times when families and children are enjoying the pools, so things do get a bit lively.

The aquatic centre offers swimming lessons for all ages and abilities from six month old babies up to adults.

Contact our swim school for more information.

The More FM family FunDay is on the 23rd January from 12-2pm with lots of games, competitions, prizes, games and a sausage sizzle.

For general enquiries about the Todd Energy Aquatic Centre or the district pools, phone 759 6060 or email [enquiries@npdc.govt.nz](mailto:enquiries@npdc.govt.nz).

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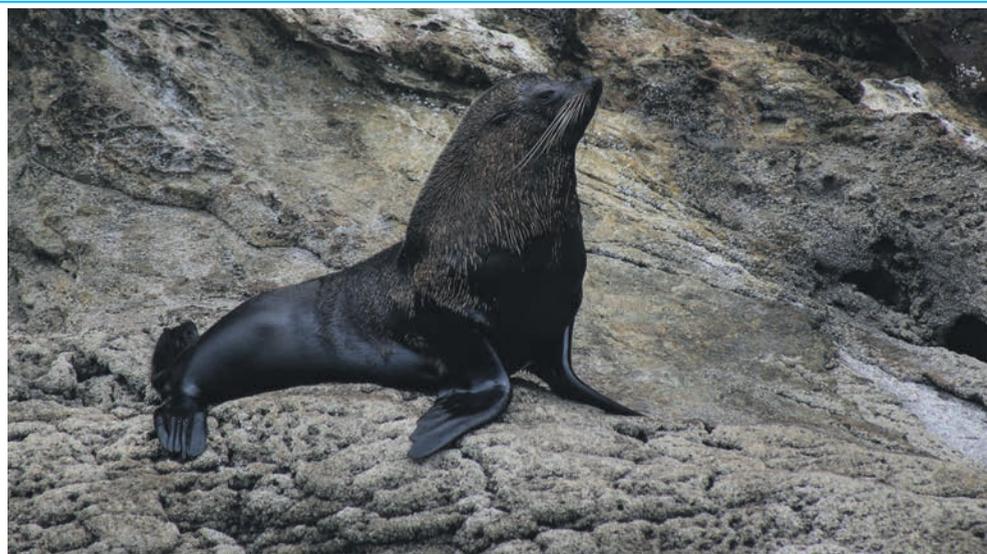
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# Chaddys Charters



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Chaddy (Dave Chadfield) has also been an enthusiastic penguin guardian for nearly 30 years and along with the Ngā Motu Marine Reserve Society installed a



Photos Taylah Smith

camera in a penguin burrow a few years ago to learn more about blue penguins' survival. Chaddy also feeds

the curious stingrays that come to visit him. Take a trip with Chaddy on the rescue boat or hire bike and

cycle the New Plymouth foreshore on a gorgeous Taranaki summer day.

## A fun outing for the whole family



The Hillsborough Holden Museum and Bathurst-themed mini putt is a fun outing for the family and a great social opportunity conveniently only 10 minutes from the centre of New Plymouth at 683 Egmont Road.

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# Bands at Butlers Reef Feelers back by popular demand

During 2018 The Feelers celebrated their 25th Anniversary Tour with sold-out gigs Nationwide, from Invercargill to Whangarei. Oakura was no exception with a massive turn out and due to popular demand they return to celebrate the New Year. The Feelers are promising one of their best live shows yet. "Our set lists just keep getting longer and longer," says Hamish. And fans can rest assured they will be revisiting all their biggest hits with a new found enthusiasm. Along the way they have amassed some remarkable statistics- a quarter of a million albums sold, five multi-platinum albums, five

number one albums, seven number one singles, the largest selling NZ band ever signed by Warner Music NZ during their 48 year history, five NZ Music Awards, three APRA most played song of the year awards and more radio airplay than any other New Zealand artist or band since radio stats began in 1999.. You can expect all of the gems written throughout their illustrious career and will play their genuine hits from their massive catalogue of songs. Along for the ride will be guitarist Andy Lynch (formerly of Zed) and bass player Clint Harris (Opshop).

"It's great to have the four of us playing together, we are having a lot of fun, and they guarantee they will deliver a performance each night that will transport you back to the magical 90's early 2000's, they are going to kick ass." Some of the many hits along the way have been, Pressure Man, Venus, Communicate, Larger Than Life, One World, Astronaut, Fishing for Lisa, As good as It gets, The Fear and of course the 2011 Rugby World Cup song Right Here, Right Now. Another massive song Stand Up written by The Feelers was the "Official Soccer World Cup Song" for The

All Whites campaign during 2010 and was awarded the 2005 APRA "Most Played Radio Song" The Feelers are promising one of their best live shows yet. The Feelers are very happy to announce NZ Music Award finalists Skinny Hobos as support. This dynamic duo has been playing blistering gigs throughout NZ and celebrated the release of their long-awaited self-titled debut album early 2018, The Skinny Hobos are a band not to be missed. They are sure to play their hits "The Merchant of Tirau," "Suburban Living" and "Jacked like the Ripper"

# Drax Project at Butler's Reef

Fresh from touring the world, one of New Zealand's hottest acts, Drax Project, are hitting the road this summer for three shows. And for good measure, they're taking fellow Kiwi hitmaker, Kings, along for the ride. Presented by Eccles Entertainment and ZM, Drax Project and Kings will play Butler's Reef on January 3. Tickets are on

sale from [www.ticketmaster.co.nz](http://www.ticketmaster.co.nz) and the venues. This wraps up an incredible year for Drax Project in which their hits such as 'Woke Up Late' and 'Toto' - from their EP NOON - dominated the airwaves and saw the band selling out two shows at Auckland's Powerstation in a matter of hours. The Wellington band also drew critical acclaim for their

support slots at Ed Sheeran's record breaking NZ Tour, and they travelled throughout Europe opening for global sensation Camila Cabello. Their success has earned Drax Project four nominations at this year's VNZMAs, well and truly cementing their reputation as one of the most exciting bands on the Kiwi scene right now. They're joined on their

summer tour by another big name in Kiwi music, the mighty Kings. The Auckland-based producer, rapper, singer and songwriter has topped the charts, amassed millions of streams on Spotify and YouTube; smashed records and won countless awards since emerging on the scene in 2016 with his debut single 'Don't Worry 'Bout It', from his debut self-titled EP. He followed this with his full-length debut album, Chapter One and then his second album, Two. In late 2018, Kings released the single '6 Figures' signalling new material on the way from his third album, Love & Ego, and secured a nomination for 'best hip-hop artist of the year' at the VNZMAs. The Drax Project summer shows take place over one of the busiest periods in summer and follows the popular touring circuit through New Zealand's beach-side towns, so it's expected tickets will be snapped up. Don't miss out.

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# New lights, foodie heaven and rock in the New Year with NPDC's TSB Festival of Lights



**Pukekura Park Festival of Lights**

NPDC's TSB Festival of Lights will shine even brighter this season with 10 brand new light installations and family fun and live music till midnight on New Year's Eve.

Another first for the free summer festival in New Plymouth's iconic Pukekura Park is great news for foodies, with local food trucks in a new festival hub on 'Light Bites' evenings.

The summer of festival fun starts on 16 December when the lights are turned on during the popular Christmas at the Bowl. The lights will be shining every night including Christmas Day until February 3.

This season's packed programme includes more than 50 performances including international, national and local performers, daytime activities for kids and families with the Summer Scene team and the return of Summer Seniors featuring a range of events for older folk.

NPDC Recreation and Culture Manager Teresa Turner said this season's festival promises to be one of the best yet with something for all residents and visitors to the district.

"Our Events team listened to feedback from recent festivals and have pulled out all the stops to put on more lights and entertainment and the Light Bites evenings will help pull in even more visitors," she said.

"NPDC has had requests for something on New Year's Eve so we've put together a fantastic night with events for kids and adults and a chance to see in the New Year in style

in our wonderful Pukekura Park. This festival is a key part of how we are Building a Lifestyle Capital."

The Lights All Night New Year's Eve event will see the lights kept on until midnight, a storybook character evening for kids with a 9pm countdown, glow lawn bowls and a silent disco for adults and music from Dtomp, Ed Pool and The Slacks.

There are 17 light installations spread across the park including 10 new light features. These include interactive displays such as Light Bells where festival-goers pull ropes to move lights to the sound of church bells and Fountain of Colour, a kiosk where visitors control a light show on Fountain Lake.

The new festival hub will be the venue for Light Bites as well as the information point for festival-goers. Also new in 2018/19 is Tiny Town, a 10-foot shipping container which has been converted into a small theatre. NPDC's Parks team has also given Pukekura Park a spruce-up with a revamped and extended area outside the Tea House, new shade sails over the main playground to keep kids sun-safe and new pipes and lights to rejuvenate the QEII fountain.

Last season the TSB Festival of Lights brought in more than 125,000 visitors over seven weeks and saw a 20% rise in visitors from outside the region. Figures from Venture Taranaki revealed the value added to the Taranaki economy from the festival was nearly \$5million in 2017/18.

For more information, head to [www.festivaloflights.nz](http://www.festivaloflights.nz)

10 new light installations

- Seed, co-designed by New Plymouth's Jasmine Grace and fellow Massey University students Rachel Naser and Molly Brankin. This design has featured at LUX Light Festival Wellington and was inspired by a Kendrick Lamar lyric.

- Alpha Beta Gamma, by Wellington artist Trish Campbell features giant colourful totem poles which light up the Main Lake island.

- Strung Out, designed by Carmen Rogers, reimagined by Che Rogers. This is the first time this has been installed above ground.

- Nebula Now, designed and created by Arielle Walker and Liam Mullins. Nebula Now was inspired by Arielle's childhood memories of walking through the festival and looking up at the beautiful lights. It is made of Perspex and has more than 100 keychain links.

- Seasons, designed and created by Toulouse Group and MJF Lighting with a composition by Jeremy Cullen. This installation combines music and light to give audiences an experience of the four seasons.

- Iro, designed and created by Toulouse Group. Glowing balls of light enhance the Japanese Hillside.

- Eelectric, designed and created by Adam Walker from Toulouse Group. This design features LED eels swimming through the Main Lake.

- Wisteria, designed and created by Shannon Novak. Shannon's design transforms the Tea House on

the Lake into a giant lantern.

- Fountain of Colour, designed and created by Toulouse Group. This interactive installation with a kiosk allows festival-goers to control the light show on Fountain Lake.

- Light Bells, created by Thomas Press and brought to life by Toulouse Group. Another interactive installation, festival-goers get to pull suspended ropes to create different church bell sounds with lights moving up and down.

Festival facts

- The lighting route is 3.5 kilometres of walkways through Pukekura Park.

- The lights are on for 49 nights.

- More than 22 staff and volunteers work behind the scenes each night at the festival.

- It takes five weeks to install route lighting, speciality light installations and cabling through the park for the festival.

- Last season's festival added nearly \$5

million in value to the Taranaki economy and brought in 9,600 visitors to New Plymouth.

- More than 55

members of the community have volunteered their time to help festival visitors find their way around the event.



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# Have fun but be careful at Opunake Community Baths

We are off to a fantastic start to the 2018-19 season. It has been great seeing all the happy faces back in the water using our awesome community facility.

Unfortunately, we finished last season saying goodbye to many of our amazing team. We needed to really rally together in the community to bring in enough helpers to keep programs and the facility running smoothly. We have welcomed six brand new swimming teachers and two new lifeguards so far this season. We really appreciate

our new instructors stepping up and also our existing team as without them none of this would be possible to provide this service to the community.

Our Learn to Swim Program saw 130 children take part, and our Aquatots Preschool Program with 50 little ones, from just six months old. Thank you to Megan Green for coordinating our Aquatots this term. Swimming is a vital survival skill for our coastal community, so we urge parents or family members to enrol your children if you

aren't already.

Our Aquafit classes are back up and running with Jenny and Kay taking the lead. Why slog it out in the hot sun when you can enjoy great fitness in a nice refreshing pool with a fun social vibe? Our lane swimming sessions are building popularity as the weather warms up. There is no fitness like swimming and the benefits for your body are amazing.

As always, a huge thank you to our fantastic team on the poolside and behind the scenes. A lot of time and

effort goes in to keeping the pools at a high-quality level for everyone to enjoy.

Private hire for events and parties have been a real hit so far, such an easy way to accommodate for a large group. Give us a call to confirm a spot or for more information.

When sending your children along for a swim this season please ensure they are aware of the rules and show respect for the employees, the pools property, and other users. We are not a business. This is a community owned pool

providing service for the community. In the unlikely case of an accident at the pool it would be helpful to send some contact information along in swimming bags, so lifeguards can make contact if need be.

If you have any feedback or would like to get something new up and running at our

facility let us know.

If you aren't already on our Facebook Page please give us a 'Like' to keep up with any updates.

We would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a happy new year.

*Opunake Baths Committee.*



Brodie and Ryan Smith hang out at the Opunake Community Baths.

## Where and when it's safe to swim



Opunake surfer Jody Hunn catches a wave at a local beach.

Holidaymakers can easily find out whether the water's okay at the region's popular freshwater and coastal swimming spots by checking the Taranaki Regional Council website, [www.trc.govt.nz](http://www.trc.govt.nz).

The Council's annual recreational water-quality monitoring programme has been running every summer since 1979 for coastal beaches and since 1987 for freshwater swimming spots. This year it covers 13 coastal beaches and 17 freshwater locations, with samples collected at least fortnightly at all of them and more frequently at most.

The Council's Director-Environment Quality, Gary Bedford, says the monitoring consistently shows that our popular coastal beaches are of better quality than the national average.

"Last year, 99% of samples taken from coastal beaches were within Ministry for the Environment guidelines and no site reached the 'Action' level," he says.

popular recreational spots on rivers is better than a decade ago and far better than in the 1960s and 1970s. Last year, 86% of all samples from freshwater sites met the Ministry for the Environment recreational water quality guidelines.

To see the latest results, select 'Freshwater' or 'Coastal' water quality from the 'Environmental Data' drop-down list on the Council's home page, [www.trc.govt.nz](http://www.trc.govt.nz).

The Taranaki Regional Council's water quality monitoring data is also available on the national environmental monitoring website Land, Air, Water Aotearoa ([www.lawa.org.nz](http://www.lawa.org.nz)), alongside data from other regions.

Mr Bedford says regardless of the latest monitoring results, any swimming spot or beach can be unsuitable for swimming sometimes. He strongly advises people not to swim for at least three days after heavy or prolonged rainfall.

"The main thing is to use your common sense at all times," he says. "If there hasn't been significant rain for a while, the water looks

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# Opunake Beach Carnival

The 2019 Opunake Beach Carnival will be a great day for the whole family with more than 40 craft and food stalls, great local entertainment on two stages and a range of activities for the kids. The event is on Saturday 5 January from 10am - 4pm at Opunake Beach. Entry is free of charge.

The action will begin right on 10am with the babies, toddlers and mini muscle men showing off their talents at the Opunake Beach stage contests Derin Thompson will be hosting on the Day and will get the crowd pumping. In a new initiative for 2019, there will also be a jam stage set up in front of the Surf Club, open to anyone who wants to showcase their musical talents. Anyone who wants to be part of the open mic can register on the day and musicians can either bring their own instrument or use the ones on stage.

The always popular big dig, where children dig in the sand for winning popsicle



Fun in the sun at Opunake Beach.

sticks will once again be a highlight. The major Prizes are a brand new bike from Collins Sports Centre for each section the sections are 0-4., 5-7, 8-12 years all prizes are kindly sponsored by Campbell Contracting. The big dig is scheduled for around 11:30am, depending on the tide.

Miss Opunake Beach contests will be held in the afternoon. Categories will be Miss Junior Opunake 10-12 years, Miss Teen Opunake 13-15, and Miss Opunake 16 years and over. Fantastic prizes. \$2 per entry, Miss Opunake is \$5 to enter.

At the conclusion of Miss Opunake, Unity Wara and other talented local entertainers will take to the stage to entertain the crowd. All day activities include pony rides, a bouncy castle, face painting, laser tag, archery, coconut shy and a shooting gallery.

Carnival-goers will be spoilt for choice with food options aplenty, including kebabs, souvlaki, Vietnamese and Filipino cuisine, ice-cream, coffee, hot dogs, chips and a BBQ to name a few.



Laser Tag is a popular activity at the Carnival.



Mike Starsmore sounds the hooter to start the Big Dig.

**OPUNAKE BEACH CARNIVAL**

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# Opunake Beach Carnival

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The Opunake Surf Life Saving Club would like to thank our community for their support. Our voluntary weekend patrols have started on Saturdays, Sundays and public holidays 11.30am to 4.30pm, with the last day of patrol being Taranaki Anniversary. Regional guard patrols will commence Monday December 17 and finish on Friday February 22.

This patrol runs Monday to Friday 10.00am to 6.00pm.

At the Opunake Beach Carnival on January 5, we will again have our food stalls set up. All proceeds from the Beach Carnival go towards the Surf Club - and with a

big renovation of downstairs project coming up, we will need all of your support.

Becoming a Life Guard is the most rewarding and selfless thing you can do. Once you have achieved your first step and gained your bronze medallion (Life Guard Award), the possibilities are endless. Move up the ranks to Senior, then Advanced Guard, and on to the top honour of the Search and Rescue Squad.

We have a fantastic group of juniors who meet each Sunday at the beach to have fun learning about reading the beach and surf conditions, how to navigate through

waves, how to stay safe in the sea, identifying rips / currents/ undertows, plus lots more.

Every Wednesday night both Junior and Senior members meet at either the Opunake Pools or the beach to train with a qualified swim coach to increase fitness, technique and confidence in a safe environment.

New members are always welcome. If you would like to join, please contact Claire Hunn on 0272549548 for Junior Surf or our Administrator Trish Rankin 0274614586.

For all other enquiries please email

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As always, please stay safe and remember: swim between the flags, listen to the lifeguards, stay within your limits, be sun smart, and look out for each other. When in a boat /kayak wear your lifejacket, and tell someone where you are going and when to expect you back.

We wish you all a happy and safe Christmas and New Year and hope to see you all at the beach

*Opunake Surf Life Saving Club*

**Thank you to our Sponsors, Players and Supporters**  
**We look forward to seeing you all next season**



Eliza Snow, Meg Gibson and Jessica Roach collecting for Jandal Day raising money for the Opunake Surf Lifesaving Club . Collectors will also be circulating at the Opunake Beach Carnival please give generously.

# A legacy set in stone

The Cliff top garden has a stunning new addition with the donation of a stone sculpture by the Opunake Lakeside Lions as a legacy project to commemorate the centenary of Lions international, and to recognise all the hard work time and personal contributions the local volunteer gardeners put in at this beautiful garden.

The plants in the garden are all donated by local gardeners and some local businesses have contributed



David Knapman with the driftwood dog he built that pees water into the dog water basin when you lift his hind leg. The Stone work around the Best friends drink together water fountain and basin was constructed by Ian Baker.

gorgeous new bird boxes built and donated by Ron Brewer and beautifully painted by his wife Nevis. They already have happy singing residents, Ron also built the little cliff top libraries so you can check out a book and relax reading in the garden.

Rose Ratahi one of the volunteer gardeners said that they are always happy

to accept donations of plants as well as a few fruit trees, particularly apple or feijoa which would grow well in the area. The wheelbarrow Les uses in the cliff top garden had fallen to bits last week while preparing for the sculpture unveiling, so if anybody had a possible replacement they wished to give away it would be most appreciated.



Rose and Les Ratahi are some of the dedicated volunteers maintaining the Clifftop Garden pictured with one of the birdboxes created and donated by Ron and Nevis Brewer.

to the upkeep with various donations. Some of the volunteers travel out from Hawera and New Plymouth to work in the garden.

The organiser of the project was Julie Gunn. Alan Axten from Inglewood sculpted the piece, while Michael Griggs and Jacob Symons built the base. David and Louise Knapman and Rose and Les Ratahi did the ground work clearing and cleaning up the

area before the dedication ceremony and the blessing, which were performed by deputy Egmont Plains Community Board chairman Andy Whitehead and Diane Ratahi..

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# Experience the outdoors with the Hawera Tramping Club

A tramping club has been formed in South Taranaki. Set up as a branch of the 90 year old Mt Egmont Alpine Club the Hawera Tramping Club is for people of all ages and abilities, including families, who want experience the great outdoors in the company of others but in a safe and congenial manner.

Tramping is a great way to keep fit and club members can choose the type of activity they engage in to suit their fitness level or interest.

Trips range from easy day walks along the coast or mountain tracks, to overnight

hikes to back country huts.

A varied program is set up in advance and the club endeavours to have an activity arranged for every second weekend, or more frequently if demand warrants it.

Club activities are not just limited to walking or tramping but also include mountain biking, skiing, canoeing or kayaking. In fact anything members want to have a go at.

A club evening is held once a month with interesting speakers or club members reporting on recent trips.

Membership of the Mt Egmont Alpine Club and



A bike trail is lots of fun.

its Hawera Tramping Club branch are equivalent to one and other in all respects.

The motivation to form

the branch was to clearly identify the club's location and primary activity.

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# The Mountain – great for a summer stroll or more

Mt Taranaki is a huge attraction for those who like bushwalks and for the more adventurous who really like a challenge and the experience of summiting a mountain. For those who achieve it, apart from the sense of satisfaction, are rewarded with magnificent 360 degree views of Taranaki and its wild coastline and further views of Mt Ruapehu in the central North Island.

There are numerous charming huts dotted around the mountain all maintained by DOC. An around the mountain walk takes four days for the averagely fit. Huts

## Hawera Tramping Club

More information and photos of recent activities can be found on the **Hawera Tramping Club** Facebook page and for future trips and contact details visit our web site at [www.mtegmentalpineclub.org.nz/](http://www.mtegmentalpineclub.org.nz/) or email to [mteaclub@gmail.com](mailto:mteaclub@gmail.com)

*Graham Thompson  
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Alpine Club*

are usually less than a day's tramp apart.

Fantham's Peak is also a challenging walk and there is a hut that you can stay in when you reach the peak.

Brahms Falls which used to run hot over a hundred years ago is worth a visit and is a slight diversion from one of the enchanting bush walks. These days the water is just tepid, a shame.

At night, watch out for some bewitching glow worms.

For the less fit and adventurous, there are also two restaurants with accommodation on the mountain which are accessible by road. There's also a cafe and a visitors centre at North Egmont and accommodation at the historic camphouse.

The mountain is also accessible by foot from various side roads in Taranaki. Both Ihaia Road in Opunake and, further north, Puniho Road, end in tracks that go up the mountain. The Waiau Gorge Hut is perhaps the easiest and closest to access on foot and takes several hours from the end of Ihaia Road.



The jewel in the crown Taranaki's omnipresent Mountain.

Just beware though, the mountain though easily accessible to trampers has a torrid history with many miscalculating the risks. Even

in summer the weather can be changeable with teeming rain, sleet, snow and winds that can flatten you. So make sure you're equipped for all

conditions.

There are organised open climbs run by KOPAC, the local tramping club.

If you want a bird's eye

view of the mountain, Precision helicopters offer a range of scenic flights, some of which traverse Taranaki and land near a scenic waterfall.



Just one of numerous charming huts dotted around Mount Taranaki.

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After Captain James Cook's sighting and charting of the Taranaki Coast in 1770 it wasn't for another fifty years that the Nga Motu anchorage in the lee of the 'Sugar Loaves' was first used as a point of trading contact between Maori and

European. From that time on Taranaki witnessed a series of events, many largely forgotten or only thinly recorded which read like fiction – examples of the tension and violence that marked the long process of inter-racial adjustment – a



Visit our Taranaki history at Tawhiti museum.

time when violent crimes often went unpunished because there were no laws or law keepers. Both sides acted on occasion with ferocity and treachery, but importantly both sides on occasion also displayed selfless courage and devoted loyalty – traders and Maori forming remarkable partnerships in the face of common threats.

Foremost in this narrative are the stories of Dicky Barrett and his crew at Nga Motu starting in 1828, and of Jacky Guard and the 'Harriet Incident' at Te Namu and Waimate Pas in 1834.

These two stories illustrate perfectly the wide gulf between attitudes when two very different races and cultures come together for the first time – the differing expectations of the two groups, the methodology each would see as appropriate in resolving disputes, and the ambitions of each group.

Barrett's crew were

quickly given Maori wives and became part of the tribe, living together, fighting in its battles and offering aspects of their culture and technology in a give-and-take relationship – always aware of, and learning from their host's culture.

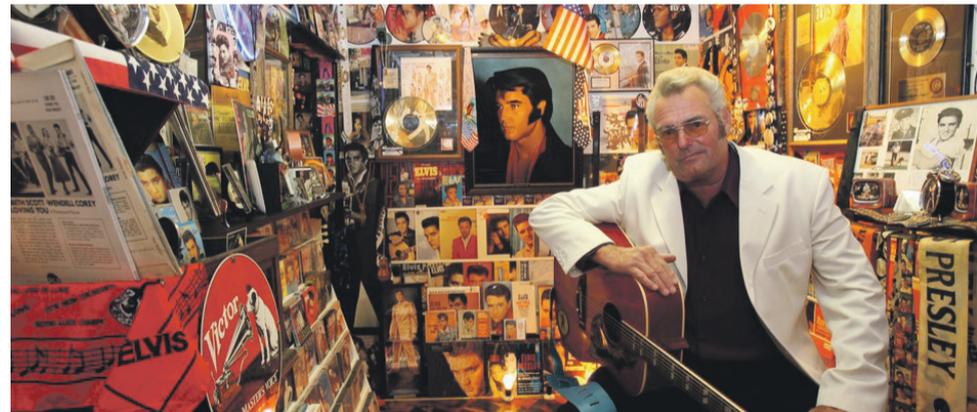
Guard however took the opposite view, meeting Maori head-on, aggressively and sometimes cruelly pushing his own agenda, argumentative and bullying – a rough whaler amongst other rough, quarrelsome

whalers. To have this man involved in the delicate negotiations necessary to release his family from Maori captivity was never going to end well.

There's a real satisfaction in discovering places once familiar to earlier residents of Taranaki – the cliff top pa sites, the bays, beaches and rivers once essential for coastal journeying and trading. To quietly contemplate the bustle of earlier times in these places – now often isolated and almost

devoid of human activity is to make a connection with our past – a unique and tangible link with our forbears. It can only help in gaining a respect for this land, its history, its peoples and its cultures. The displays of the Tawhiti Museum – particularly 'Traders & Whalers' – help us to see a familiar landscape with new eyes, recognizing and appreciating anew the dramatic and compelling landscape that is our unique Taranaki.

## A whole lot of Elvis in this building



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The Opunake Golf Club is located 2.5km up Namu Road just north of Opunake. The 18-hole, 5309 metre course is surrounded by pohutukawa and pine trees with spectacular views of the mountain and sea.

Members recently celebrated the closing of their competitive season with the annual prizegiving dinner. The club's life members Ron

Brewer, Margaret Briscoe and Dot Fisher presented the cups and trophies to all the worthy winners.

"There's golf for all levels at our club," says Club President Aarun Langton. From mid-November till Christmas, golf gets a lot more social with Twilight Golf every Wednesday from 4.30pm. This is a casual 9-hole competition open to non-golfers and golfers, and

it's become a popular family friendly event. Business House Golf starts on January 9 (see advertisement). On January 20, the club will be hosting its fifth annual Multi-Sponsored Tournament with over \$20,000 worth of prizes including three cash draws of \$200 and a Hole in One Prize (see advertisement). This tournament is kindly sponsored by Sinclair Electrical & Refrigeration,

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Opunake Golf Club Men's and Ladies Club Days continue through the summer as social golf, with tee times between 10-10.30am on Sundays and Tuesdays respectively.

"New members are always

welcome, and summer is a great time to give golf a go," says Aarun.

The course is also open to the public throughout the year and is a fun, low cost outing for those enjoying the holidays in Opunake.

## Great views for a round of golf



The Pungarehu Golf course has wonderful sea and mountain views.

## Golfing at Tumahu

Tumahu Golf Club is a 9-hole sheep course located on mid -Puniho Rd Okato. Mixed club day is on Sundays and Ladies club day is on Tuesdays.

Contacts: President Bruce Sim 067524482, Club Captain, Secretary Donna Sharpe 067528050.

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**Tūpare - 487 Mangorei Road, New Plymouth - [www.tupare.nz](http://www.tupare.nz)**

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Established on the outskirts of New Plymouth in 1932 by industrialist Sir Russell Matthews and his family, Tūpare has a magical Arts and Crafts-style garden and Chapman-Taylor designed house in the English style.

Sir Russell carefully planted stately trees, including magnificent redwoods, which set the atmosphere and framework for the property. Deciduous maples, copper beeches and dawn redwoods stand out as the seasons



Children play at Hollard Gardens.

change. He also favoured rhododendrons, azaleas, and hydrangeas.

Leading all the way down to the Waiwhakaiho River, winding paths cut into the hillside take visitors to intimate garden spaces and beautifully framed views.

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Stroll explodes with hundreds of flowering exotics. Complementary herbaceous plantings and bulbs enhance the display.

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**Hollard Gardens - 1686 Upper Manaia Road, Kaponga**

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Hollards was founded in 1927 by renowned plantsman Bernie Hollard, whose favourites included the rhododendrons and camellias that are a strong feature of the property.

The vibrant colour of The Swamp in spring is a must-see.

Later in the year, deciduous

trees provide a bright display of changing colours. Year round, the garden buzzes with the sound of insects and birds feeding on the diversity of seasonal flowers, fruit and seeds.

Bernie's Home Garden is an inspirational area where different food-growing methods are demonstrated and free workshops are held.

## Summer family events

Saturday January 5. Tūpare Garden Fair - Guided garden walk - 8:30am - Garden Fair - 10am to 3pm

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# Keeping the green flag flying at King Edward Park



David Bruce flies a green flag for a green park.

For South Taranaki District parks and reserves staff, a green flag flying at King Edward Park reflects confidence and recognition of the work they do.

The Green Flag is an internationally recognised award for parks and green spaces and this year 23 of them were awarded in New Zealand. One of these went to King Edward Park in Hawera. Pukekura Park in New Plymouth has just been awarded their one for the sixth year in a row, but for the South Taranaki District Council this was first time lucky, as they had never applied before.

“We had a growing confidence that we were having the right effect in the park,” says South Taranaki District Council parks and reserves curator David Bruce. “The park is increasingly being seen as a destination. We’ve had New Zealand visitors, but it would be nice to have more international visitors come and see the park as well.”

Experts assess a park using eight criteria, including horticultural standards, cleanliness, sustainability, community involvement and providing a warm welcome.

“It’s not just judged on the gardens, it’s about the park,” says David. “It looks at recreational facilities, toilets and the overall tidiness of the place.”

It’s something that reflects well on the town, he says.

“It’s a bit of an endorsement for the staff who work in the parks across the district. The park has a consistent well maintained, well groomed look, very tidy and very presentable.”

David says the park has a focus on sustainability.

“We have a policy that nothing leaves the park. We try to recycle everything.”

Located at the intersection of the town’s High Street and State Highway 3 leading to New Plymouth, King Edward Park is as synonymous with Hawera as the water tower and Ronald Hugh Morrisson. Dating back to the reign of Edward VII for whom the park is named, it’s well known features include statues of Wendy of Peter Pan fame as well as pioneering farmer A.A.Fantham. Other features of note include a 150 year-old cannon, themed gardens, a boating lake, a pirate ship, and an observatory.

The park remains a popular venue for events like the small boat regatta, Arts in the Park and the occasional wedding. Coming up in late January the Park will resound to the music of Summer Sounds.

“It’s been a busy year for us. It doesn’t really stop,” says David.

He says they fly the green flag from the observatory at events like these, or whenever there seem to be more people than usual coming through the park.

The Park’s most recent

feature is the Victoria Cross Garden opened this year to commemorate 100 years since the end of World War I. The Garden comes complete with statues of two of the town’s local heroes, John Grant and Harry Laurent, both awarded the Victoria Cross in separate actions on

the Western Front in the last weeks of that war.

As well as a green flag, King Edward Park also enjoys a four star rating with the New Zealand Gardens Trust. At the time of writing

they were being assessed for next year’s rating. Also being assessed was another of the Council’s parks, Naumai Park on the other side of town, venue of Carols in the Park to be held this weekend.

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# Forgotten victor was man of peace

It was a battle that sent shivers through the New Zealand government. On September 7 1868 Titokowaru and his 70 followers routed a 360-strong government force at Te Ngutu-o-te-manu near Okaiawa.

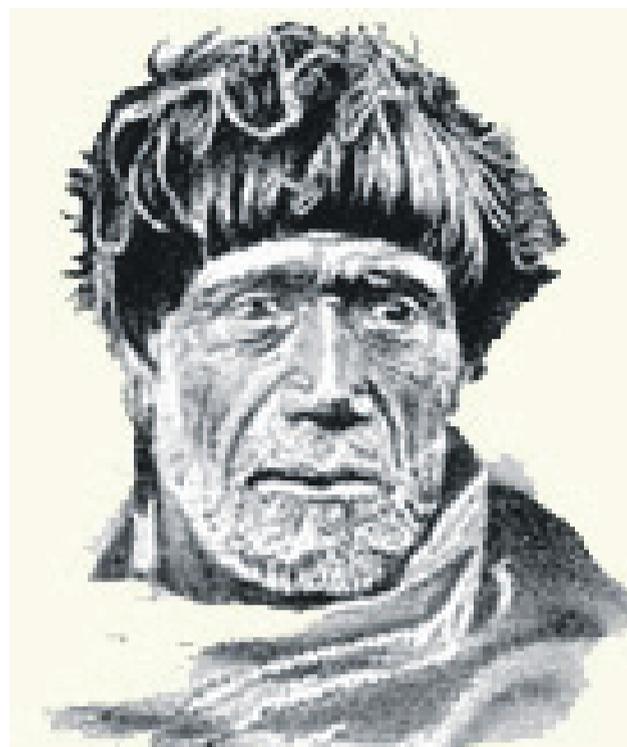
European settlement in much of South Taranaki became untenable. There was talk that perhaps the settlement of Wanganui might have to be evacuated. There were fears that Titokowaru could link up with Te Kooti on the East Coast and the Maori King movement to the north. Perhaps the Northland tribes who had last fought the pakeha back in the 1840s might even join in. In short, the entire North Island could be shaky for European settlement.

Titokowaru won another victory at Moturoa near Waverley and then for reasons which still remain unclear gave up the fight, and the once vanquished set off in pursuit of their still undefeated opponent. Unable to find him, they eventually let him be, and Titokowaru eventually made peace with the pakeha. He died in 1888.

In the years since a collective amnesia appears to have settled over the names Titokowaru and Te Ngutu-o-te-manu. Histories of New Zealand have referred to the less successful Te Kooti on the East Coast, but not to Titokowaru.

On September 6, this year, the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the battle was marked at Te Ngutu-o-te-manu.

The day before, John Hooker and Wharehoka Wano gave a talk at Hawera Library Plus on Titokowaru and his place in history.



Titokowaru and his place in history.

“Why did our historians not want to talk about him? Why did our government not want to talk about him?” said Wharehoka. “I loved history at school. I knew all about the Victorian era, the origins of World War I and the American Civil War, but I didn’t know in a formal sense about what happened in our backyard.”

The battle site has since become a much visited reserve and picnic area. John, who grew up in nearby Okaiawa and Wharehoka say that as children they would go there for their annual school picnic without being aware of

the battle that had taken place many years before.

John said Kui Te Wharemama Te Kaho who had raised his grandfather, and died in 1957 could recall as an eight year-old being carried away from the battle on her mother’s back.

Despite his military successes, John and Wharehoka described Titokowaru as someone who for most of his life was a man of peace.

Born in the early 1820s, he had been baptised by missionary John Skevington who had seen his potential

and sent him to Auckland to be a Methodist preacher. A census in the 1850s listed him as a preacher in the Patea area.

He had fought the Pakeha at Sentry Hill where he lost an eye, but a year after British troops had brought their scorched earth policy to South Taranaki he was advocating peace and proclaimed 1867 as the Year of the Lamb.

“When it looked as though peace was going to be unsustainable, he changed his strategy,” said John.

After the fighting was over, he ended his days at Parihaka. As well as a military leader he was also a prophet, seen as being as significant as Te Whiti and Tohu.

“He was probably like one of those all-round sportsmen you see today who are good at everything,” says Wharehoka.

Among the Pakeha fallen at Te Ngutu-o-te-manu was the Polish adventurer Gustavus von Tempsky who had achieved fame as leader of the Forest Rangers while fighting the Maori in the Waikato.

“Von Tempsky was quite a swashbuckling gentleman and had a bit of panache about him in the field,” said John. “After that battle, Titokowaru would not allow any desecration of the body of Von Tempsky, and then he cremated him. Such was the extent of respect he had for him as a fighter.”



Caro Olliver and Alika Hunn at the Opunake Christmas parade last year representing the Opunake Surf Club the parade is Christmas eve in Opunake.



Merry Christmas from The Opunake and Coastal News

# The future of Okato's water supply – it's in your hands

The future of Okato's water supply – it's in your hands. For anyone who lives in Taranaki, the maunga is a source of identity and a beacon for the place we love and call home. Just like many other families, whenever I've been away from Taranaki with my family and we are making the journey back, my two young boys are always on the look out to see who can spot Mt Taranaki first. As well as a sense of home and identity, our maunga gifts us with life sustaining water. Many of the rivers and streams in our district flow from the maunga and, as they cross the ring plain, they help create the natural environment that makes Taranaki one of the best places in the world to live. Simply put: water is at the heart of our lifestyle here in Taranaki. Our rivers and streams are not only places of beauty and enjoyment, they're also critical lifelines supporting the wildlife and natural environment. They also play a vital part supplying our community with water so that our community can stay healthy by having

clean water to drink, wash with and flush the toilet. Finally, water is essential to many of the businesses in the District. Without water most businesses couldn't operate, support employment and keep our local economy thriving. As the water flows from our maunga to sustain the people of Taranaki, we must not take this gift for granted and remember we also have a responsibility to sustain the water. In the last year, residents across our district used an average of 309 litres of water per person per day. This is a slight reduction from 337 litres the year before which is great progress, but it's still more than double most other countries – in fact we use about the same amount of water per person as the USA and they don't exactly share our clean, green reputation! year we also got a reminder just how important our water is when Taranaki was hit by Cyclone Gita – a tropical storm that caused significant damage to one of the city's main pipe networks. This resulted in a three-day water outage for the district's northern residents

that closed local schools, disrupted businesses and saw emergency water tankers deployed to the streets. At New Plymouth District Council (NPDC) we have a team of people who are committed to ensuring our community has a supply of safe drinking water. They're also committed to doing our bit to keeping our streams and rivers healthy and swimmable, and a great home for everything that lives within them. New Plymouth District has four water networks: Okato, sourced from the Mangatete Stream; Oakura, with its underground water source; Inglewood, sourced from the Ngatoro Stream; and New Plymouth, which supplies people from Omata all the way north to Urenui, and is sourced from both the Waiwhakaiho River via Lake Mangamahoe. With an overall network comprising more than 830km of pipes and 17 reservoirs, providing water to more than 63,000 residents and 3,000 commercial and industrial properties, it's fair to say that managing the district's water supply is no small task. Think about

it – the last time you turned on the tap did it cross your mind that the water might not come out? Or that it might not be safe to drink? Probably not, because most of us expect it to just happen. Yes, our water falls from the sky, and people often ask me why they have to pay New Plymouth District Council rates for something that's free? My answer is simple: over the decades, the council has built water infrastructure worth more than \$285 million so that we can take raw water, filter and treat it so that it is safe to drink, remove some of the smells, improve how it tastes and then deliver it on demand into your home. Our team does all this for about \$0.0018 per litre of water – compare that to the cost of a bottled water next time you are in the local dairy. Given just how important water is to us all, NPDC is committed to ensuring we actively engage with our community when it comes to planning for our future water needs – and that's why we're currently inviting you to have your say. Between now and June 2021, NPDC's resource consents

for all four water networks – issued by Taranaki Regional Council – will come to an end, with Okato being the first to end in June 2019. We've started the process of applying for a new resource consent – a process that gives us a great opportunity to talk directly to you about our water future and to make sure you have the opportunity to give us your thoughts on the water supply network's future and the Mangatete Stream's environment. At the moment, we're planning to apply for a consent that will enable us to take the same volume of water from the stream. In the short term this will allow us to continue to meet the town's water needs. Beyond that, however, as the town's population grows we also have some options to consider for Okato's long-term future. For example, we could invest in projects

that help reduce our impact on the Mangatete Stream – particularly during the dry summer months or projects that will reduce the frequency of outdoor water bans. Before we make any decisions, we want to know what your priorities are so that any developments match the aspirations that our community has for their town and the surrounding environment. Consultation is already open and will be closing just after New Year, on 6 January. We welcome any and all feedback and encourage you to not miss this opportunity to share your views on [newplymouthnz.com/HaveYourSay](http://newplymouthnz.com/HaveYourSay). Remember, the future of Okato's water supply really is in your hands.

David Langford  
NPDC Infrastructure  
Manager

## Opunake Lions mark 50 years

On December 8 the Opunake Lions Club celebrated its 50th year. On the same day 50 years before, 22 members with partners and guests met to receive their Charter. The president was Brian Cooper, the principal of the Opunake High School. Since that day the Opunake Lions Club has carried out numerous projects in and around Opunake and has supported local, national and international causes such as Braille, St Johns and Ronald McDonald House in Wellington, to name but three. The club has also carried out a multitude of local projects including the play-grounds at the top of the beach and the old one, just replaced by council at the bottom, the outside toilets near Sandford's Event Centre, extensive work on the Opunake Walkway, both lookouts, and many more. Funding has also been given to people who need a hand up and to helping people realise and reach their potential by assisting with funding to the likes of Spirit of Adventure and Outward Bound. Currently the club has 27 members and is still very active in the community. As a celebratory 50 year project it is hoping, before the end of May 2019, to extend the Opunake Trail to form a loop resulting in a pathway suitable for walkers and cyclists of a little under 10 kms circling the township. During the 50 Year celebration two long serving members, Brian Vincent and Geoff Williams were recognised by receiving Lloyd Morgan Awards. Lloyd Morgan was a New Zealander who became The Lions International President and donated the funding he would normally receive as International President to a Trust Fund to assist with projects in New Zealand and the Pacific, particularly relating to disabled or distressed people. Lions Clubs can add to that fund by donating a sum of money, particularly if they wish to recognise members who they wish to honour. Geoff joined the Lions Club in 1988 and Brian in 1989 and both have carried out many many hours of voluntary labour and are very well deserving.

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Ian Armstrong  
(Opunake Lions President)

Brian Vincent (top) and Geoff Williams (bottom) with district governor Lynette Stewart.



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These are just some of the hundreds of comments made by visitors to the gardens of the 14th Taranaki Fringe Garden Festival held recently over 10 days at the end of October, beginning of November.

Over 60 privately owned gardens, places of interest and vintage displays opened their gates to the public and we received 37,800 garden visits, this is a 5% increase over last year. Despite

the rain, our hardy garden visitors were determined to get into our Fringe Gardens and get ideas to inspire them with their own gardening. Our gardens included compact town sections, large country gardens, cottage gardens, native gardens, structured and rambling gardens, so something for all tastes.

Gardens spread around the Taranaki region showed the diversity of coastal gardens which have to contend with salt spray, country gardens on the slopes of the mountain which have a cooler climate, and city gardens which are smaller in size but pack in a

vast selection of plants.

Visitors came from Kaitiaki to Bluff and many other parts of the world. They expressed what a high standard the gardens are, and appreciated being welcomed into the gardens and made to feel part of the family.

Affordability was another thing remarked on by many. At just \$2 per person per garden a couple can have a good day out, visit five gardens, and all for just \$20.

It goes hand-in-hand that when we promote our Taranaki Fringe Garden Festival to the public, we also in turn promote our beautiful Taranaki region and what it

has to offer, a win-win for everyone. Our festival has bought in approx. \$2 million to the Taranaki economy this year.

We also run a photo competition during our festival, visit our website to see the 2018 winners of our Photo Competition <http://www.taranakigardens.co.nz/photo-competition/>

The festival is now over for this year but the committee are already planning for next year to ensure our gardens really are "Real Gardens for Real People".

Anne Clough (Festival Organiser)

## Sand work to give clearer view for lifeguards

Work will be underway on taking sand off the sand dune in front of the Opunake Surf Club Building in order to reduce the dune's height.

The work was due to be carried out by a local contractor between Wednesday and Friday this week, South Taranaki District Council communications manager Gerard Langford said.

"The reason we are doing this is that over a number of years the build-up of sand

has increased the height of the dune to such an extent that it is now inhibiting the ability of the Surf Club to monitor parts of the beach from the observation deck in the surf club buildings."

Lifeguards would still be monitoring between the flags, he said.

"The plan is to fold back the grass area on the dunes, remove the sand and then replace the grasses while trying to minimise disruption as much as

possible. The area of sand we are removing is within the amounts allowable in the Council's District Plan.

"This work is an immediate, short term solution. In the long term the Council is planning to commission a report from an experienced coastal consultant to give us advice on how to best address the effects of sand accretion/erosion, tidal behaviours, weather events, and how these will impact on the Opunake Bay area."

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# Merry Christmas from the Cottage Rest Home

Another year is coming to an end, a year of change and challenges, with a promise of a great year to come.

December is upon us here at the Opunake Cottage Rest Home. Activities are in full swing to celebrate the birth of Jesus and Christmas festive events with our residents and families. The Christmas tree is up and decorated, Christmas music playing and creating a festive the feel within our

facility

At the Cottage for 2018, we have celebrated milestone birthdays, a wedding anniversary, welcomed new residents and said goodbye to residents. Staff have retired, others gone onto new jobs and we have welcomed new staff members.

A big thank you to all from our community, wider community and volunteers for the fantastic support we have received this year.

We were privileged to upgrade clinical equipment (medication trolley, electric scales, wrist blood pressure machine), purchase new kitchen appliances (dishwasher, fridge), and most importantly our residents have benefited with extra outings to our local picture theatre and Opunake Players, as well as new freeview boxes for their rooms, meals of their choice (fish and chips in

paper). With you our facility became more efficient.

The Opunake Districts Rest Home Trust recent held there AGM, where we welcomed new members from the community to the trust board.

If you are along over this festive season and would like company please come down anytime as share a cuppa with home baking, with the residents and staff.

The Opunake Cottage

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From The Residents, Staff Management and Trustees we wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy Safe New Year.

## Mangatoki WI

Our meeting for October was held in the Mangatoki Hall on October 3 and was a "potluck" finger food lunch which followed the business meeting. Nine members and Helen Whytes' two granddaughters attended. The meeting was chaired by Karen Joblin in the absence of our President Sandra Scherrer. The apologies were received and the South Taranaki Federation newsletter was read. There was an invitation to the Ballantynes' Fashion Show to raise funds for Kylie Price. Members attended the Thirsty Thursday lunch at Touch Point Eltham on October 11 and it was suggested that members who had left Mangatoki to live in New Plymouth be also invited. Members also attended the Fun and Friendship Day, held in the Kapuni Hall on October 15. A newsletter from C.C.S. was also read.

The Treasurer read the

financial report. The Mangatoki Church at the Pioneer Village was cleaned and the sick visiting was done.

Competitions: Flower, 1. Cathy White. 2. Lucy Moger. Shrub. 1. Cathy White. 2. Lucy Moger. 3. Charmaine Roberts.

A point was awarded to each member who displayed their Wedding Dress, Bridesmaid Dress or Flower's Girls' Dress: Lucy Moger, Bev Marx, Karen Joblin, Denise Baxter, Barbara Waite, also one point each for holiday photos displayed: Lucy Moger, Cathy White and Barbara Waite.

The raffle was won by Karen Joblin.

On October 31, seven members and Sandra's grandson met up and visited gardens in the New Plymouth area.

For our December meeting, a number of members met up at Paradise Valley Berry

Farm on Corbett Road, Bell Block, where we were given a short talk by the owner about the berry and its products of jams and ice creams. We were then able to pick or purchase fruit, jams and ice creams.

Our next stop was at Von Dyke's Fine Foods, Corbett Road, where more purchases

were made. Our next stop was to visit the Christmas Village on Egmont Road, a first visit for a number of members, many being awestruck.

Thirteen members wore Christmas hats and were photographed outside of the Christmas Village Shop. We then drove into New Plymouth where

we had a delicious lunch at the Cobb and Co. Restaurant. Twelve members attended the lunch while two others went Christmas shopping. The raffles were won by Charmaine Robertz, Liz Perks and Cathy White. After lunch, about eight members drove out to Waitara, where we visited the Wooden Toy

Shop. A few more purchases were made, mainly by grandmothers for their grandchildren.

A great day out was had by all, "Thanks" go to the organisers.

Lucy Moger  
Mangatoki W.I. Reporter



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# Pest plants coming into bloom

Taranaki is seeing an early-summer bumper crop of a plant species that's among the most unwelcome in the region.

An aerial survey last week revealed widespread infestations of giant gunnera, also known as Chilean rhubarb.

The problem is particularly acute in South and Coastal Taranaki.

"We're most concerned about what we're seeing,"

says Steve Ellis, Environment Services Manager for the Taranaki Regional Council. "Giant gunnera can spread rapidly and smother native vegetation. It's not wanted here."

Giant gunnera is among 17 pest plant species targeted in the Council's Pest Management Plan for Taranaki, which puts legal obligations on the occupiers of land where they are found. In the case of giant gunnera, that means it must be totally destroyed wherever it is on the property.

Other pest plants currently of concern include:

Old man's beard: This vine

covers and smothers native vegetation, and in all but a very few cases it must be totally destroyed on any property where it occurs.

Ginger (yellow and kahili): Both species must also be destroyed. Kahili is currently a particular problem in New Plymouth.

Also of concern is yellow bristle grass, which will flower in the coming weeks. This aggressive plant spreads rapidly through pasture, reducing its quality. Cows avoid it, leading to low pasture utilisation.

Farmers who see yellow bristle grass on their property or adjoining road or rail

reserves should notify the Council on 0800 736 222.

Mr Ellis says the Council works closely with other agencies on yellow bristle grass, promoting best practice for farmers, roading authorities and contractors, and continually reviewing its control – particularly to prevent its spread into the eastern hillcountry.

Because of the characteristics of yellow bristle grass and the way it spreads, it would not be effective to take a blanket regulatory approach such as including it in the Pest Management Plan.



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# Following in footsteps of father and grandfather

Craig Morgan of Glamorgan Jerseys Inglewood has been elected to the board of directors of the NZ Purebred Jersey Society(Inc) to represent the Taranaki Ward. Craig has held many positions in his local Jersey club and is a notable judge and classifier of the parent body. The Morgans have been in the Jersey game a long time and Craig will bring a wealth of knowledge to the board's table.

Morgan of Linmore Jerseys, Mangatoki was a director on the board of the NZ Purebred Jersey Society(Inc) from 1988-95. Lindsay was a top showman in his own right, a Jersey breeder off the top shelf, winning numerous championships around New Zealand with his prize cattle, as well as being an outstanding director of the NZ Purebred Jersey Society(Inc). He gave many hours service working in the best interest of the

purebred jersey cow, and his legacy will live on, not only through the club members of the Taranaki Purebred Jersey Club, but all members of the NZ Purebred Jersey Society(Inc).

In the late 1950s and early 1960s, Craig's grandfather, Stan Morgan was a councillor for the NZ Jersey Breeders Association, so it's a unique occurrence having three generations of the Morgan family on the Jersey board.

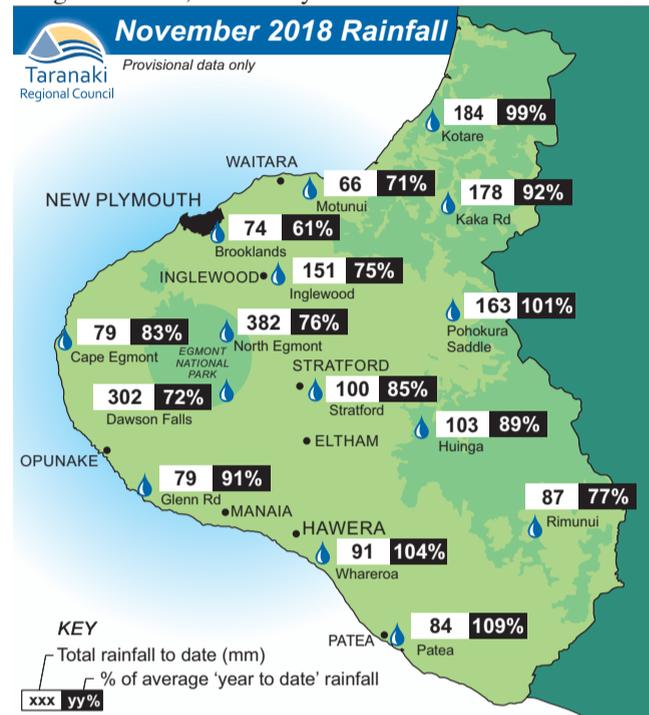
Many may remember Stan Morgan, who was as honest as they come, as one of the country's best showmen in the late 1950s. He was one of the greatest councillors of the NZ Jersey Breeders Association, gave new breeders guidance, and readily gave them his knowledge so others could succeed in the Jersey breeding business.

I know when I was a young lad, I was hungry for knowledge of Jersey

breeding, and I learned more on the philosophy of the merits of Jersey breeding from Stan Morgan than from any other breeder. Every Friday night I used to come across Stan Morgan on the corner of regent street, Stratford. He talked cows until the lights went out, and that's where I gained most of my Jersey knowledge. I was also fortunate to have a father who was also knowledgeable on the Jersey breed. I owe these

two gentleman a lot for my success in my Jersey career. Murray Skedgewell of Mount Lake, Tuatapere has resigned as president of the NZ Purebred Jersey Society(Inc) due to ill health, and the new president is John Schnuriger of Wyeholme, Hamilton. The new vice president is Linda Wood of Lindale in Tuakau, Auckland. She will fill this position admirably.

*Allan Jenkins.*



## Below average rainfall for some

Below average rainfall for some November rainfall was varied with totals ranging between 61% and 146% of normal, with an average of 87%, according to Taranaki Regional Council(TRC) figures.

Six sites recorded above normal for the month and these were: Mangati (102%), Pohokura Saddle (101%), Duffys Farm (104%), Patea (109%), Omahine at Moana Trig (119%) and Omaru at Charlies Clearing (146%). At the other end, Brooklands Zoo recorded a mere 61% of normal with 73.6 mm.

Year to date rainfall is

ranging between 87% and 129% of normal, with an average of 107%. There are only five sites that are sitting below normal to the end of November and they are: North Egmont (87%), Hillsborough (92%), Mangati (92%), Egmont Village (93%) and Cape Egmont (98%).

Rainfall as a percentage of the full calendar year shows that totals are sitting between 78% and 118% of normal. Of the 27 sites that are reported on, 11 have already received their mean annual rainfall for the year. These sites are: Dawson Falls (107%), Kahui Hut

(101%), Stratford (103%), Toko (105%), Tongaporutu (100%), Pohokura Saddle (100%), Te Kiri (100%), Manaia (105%), Duffy's Farm (116%), Patea (109%), Charlie's Clearing (118%).

Rainfall for the combined spring months of September, October and November

was only 49 % to 95 % of normal, with an average for the region of 66 %. Motunui received just 174.0 mm of rainfall which equates to 49 % of. Duffys Farm, which recorded 266.0 mm for the three months, was the closest in recording its normal rainfall with 95 %.

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Dairy is a major contributor to New Zealand's living standards and plays a crucial role in supporting regional economic development, according to an NZIER report.

Dairy Companies Association of New Zealand (DCANZ) Executive Director, Kimberly Crewther, says the report was commissioned as part of DCANZ's input into the recent Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade Trade For All Agenda consultation. "Many people will already

know that dairy is New Zealand's largest export sector. What this report shows is how that \$17 billion of revenue is shared across the economy, as both income and a driver of economic activity" says Crewther.

The report's findings show there has been a 70% increase in export earnings per cow since 2001, the dairy sector employs over 38,000 people. Dairy farming has the highest average salary amongst agricultural industries.

Dairy processing has the highest average salary level of New Zealand's food manufacturing industries. Dairy manufacturing has the fifth highest average female salary level of 138 New Zealand industries. Just under 80% of dairy sector wages are earned in rural areas. Dairy farming is a top 10 employer in half of New Zealand territorial authorities. The dairy sector is a top 10 purchaser of output from around a third of all other New Zealand industries, which

collectively account for over 40% of GDP. Crewther also notes that the dairy sector's economic activity is supporting inclusive economic opportunities across the regions. Dairy is the top income generator, delivering more than 10% of GDP, in the Waikato, Southland, the West Coast and Taranaki. The sector is also highly linked to the Maori economy

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## Taranaki highlander beats competition



Highland heifer Demelza of Stoney Oaks has won the International Virtual Highland Show for best Highland heifer in Class 11 in the 18 months to 24 month section. There were 13 heifers entered from all around the world in her section, and the judge was from Scotland. Demelza also won People's choice where the public do the voting. *Photo Gail Simons*

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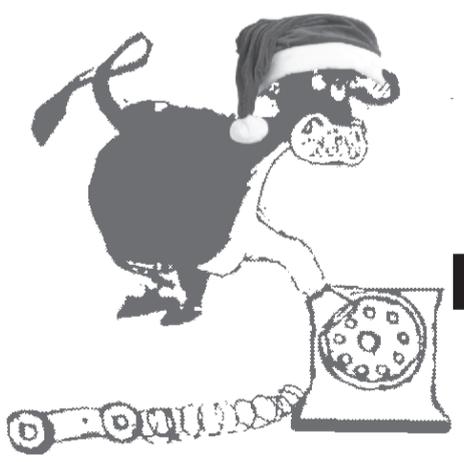
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# Actions we take critical for our communities

Six Taranaki dairy farmers attended DairyNZ's Dairy Environment Leaders Forum held recently in Wellington. The diverse group of six dairy farmers, including farm owners, sharemilkers and representatives of Taranaki's largest supplier, Paranihi Ki Waitotara (PKW), spent three days learning from and interacting with sector experts and government officials.



The team from Taranaki at the DEL Forum.

our decisions for the next generations," says Donna. "We were challenged to remember that it's key to produce food with both value and values." Trish Rankin, a PKW sharemilker came away with the message that best on-farm practices with our land, animals and people are crucial for success.

"Farmers were challenged to remember that consumers buy with their hearts and not just the science. Which reinforces why the work we are doing on our farm systems, with climate change and the environment, is so important."

Oakura sharemilker Sophie Parker said the

climate change information reinforced that farmers have the power to reduce their individual farm emissions.

"Dairy farmers can do this by running fewer cows, having strategic and timely nitrogen applications, once-a-day milking and planting trees."

The Dairy Environment Leaders Forum provided around 100 dairy farmers with the opportunity to build relationships with a range of people and organisations, including ministers, sustainability experts, and

environmental and climate change leaders. "It really highlighted for us that the dairy sector's future involves taking into account the environment, social and economic issues. If farmers continue to work toward best practice they will succeed in the future - change is happening," says Donna.

Following the Dairy Environment Leaders Forum, the Taranaki farmers who attended plan to continue working with other DEL alumni on three key areas: farm education (upskilling themselves and promoting our story), work beyond the farm gate, and leading our region.

The December 4-6 forum discussed the international market opportunity and the right thing to do for food; what the dairy sector is doing to meet environmental commitments; how science can help, and the new dairy strategy. Also hot on the agenda was climate change.

The keynote speaker was businessman and technology entrepreneur Ian Taylor who spoke about how to inspire everyone to work together to get the best results for New Zealand.

## Dairy a big contributor to NZ

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with an estimated 10% of industry assets being in Maori ownership. "It is important that regional New Zealand continues to thrive alongside our main centres. Dairy exports have provided opportunities outside of the main cities for people in a broad range of careers from science to engineering, accounting to driving."

The report also considers how dairy has been adding

value to its exports. "The 70% increase in export revenue per cow achieved since 2001, and a 43% increase in export revenues per kg of exports since 1990 reflect value addition from diversification of processing. For example, infant formula has grown to being a billion dollar export industry, and within more traditional product categories like cheese, butter and milk powders, New Zealand dairy exporters have shifted from standard products to speciality

ingredients, including for supply to growing food service and bakery industries in key markets."

"Dairy manufacturers have invested over \$3.1 billion in processing facilities in recent years, this will maintain the trend for adding value to New Zealand milk, and the resulting economic revenue generation will support the industry in achieving its Dairy Tomorrow strategy commitments in relation to sustainability" says Crewther.

## New Landcare head

Rural Women New Zealand (RWNZ) say they are delighted that National President Fiona Gower has been elected Chair of the New Zealand Landcare Trust.

RWNZ has been a trustee organisation since the Trust's inception over twenty years

ago and continues to support its work in promoting sustainable land and water quality locally through its Members.

"Fiona is well-suited for the role of Chair of NZ Landcare Trust - she has been RWNZ's representative on the Trust since 2016, has a deep understanding of farming

and is very passionate about sustainable land use and improving water quality," says National Chair, Penny Mudford.

"RWNZ works to build and support rural leaders and to provide opportunities for leadership development and growth."

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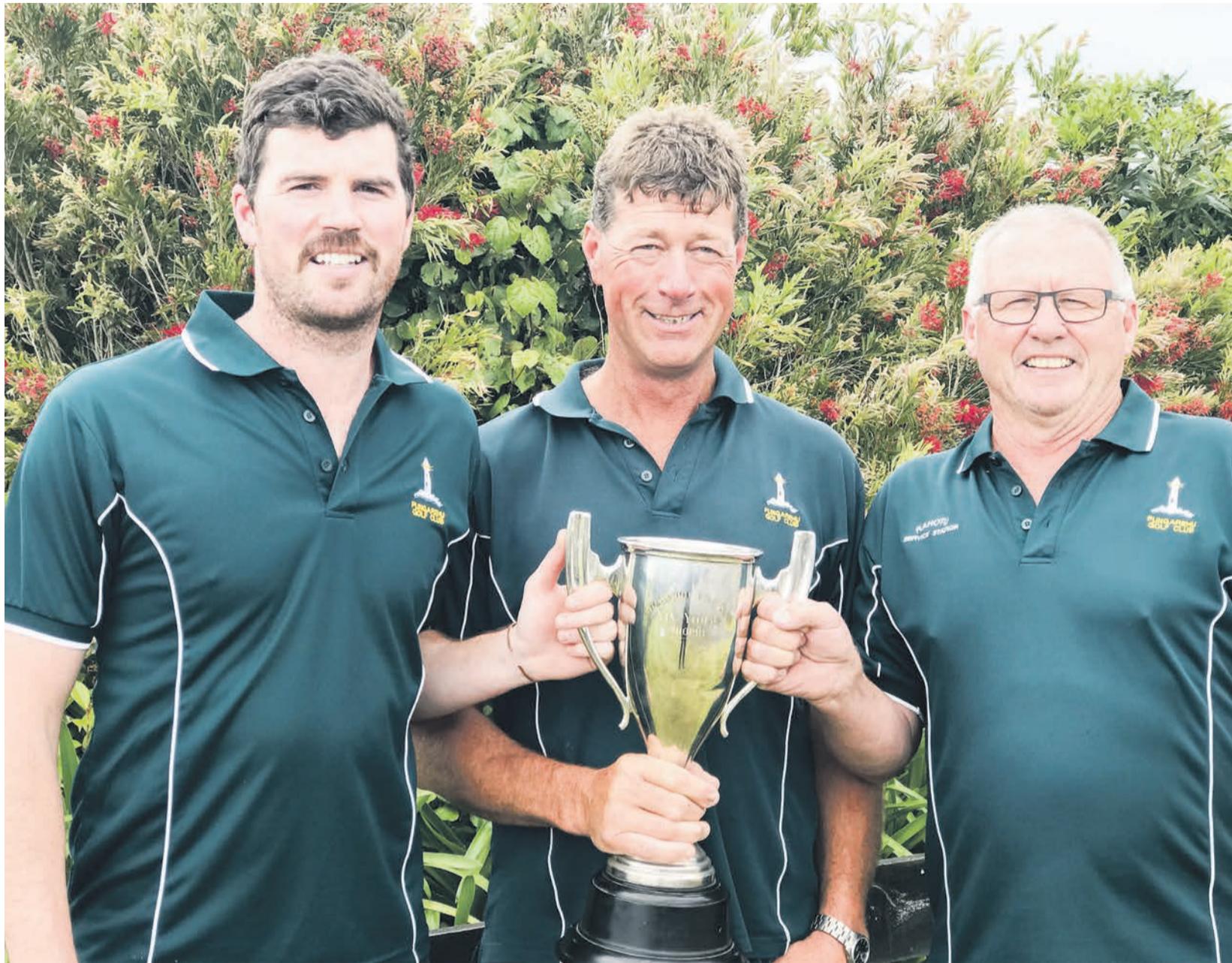
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# First time win for Pungarehu Club



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Members of the Pungarehu Golf Club, Thys Van der Poel, Mark Van der Poel and Jim Chadwick won the prestigious title of Taranaki teams Champion of Champions for 2018. The matches were played at Te Ngutu on Saturday November 17. The three golfers scores were added together to give the winning score. This is the first time Pungarehu has held the Vin Young Trophy since it started in 1974.

## Kids rescued and being safe in the water

On Sunday 9 December, out of patrol hours, members of another surf club visiting our main beach for a surf life saving carnival, had to implement a rescue of a group of three children (7-8 year olds) swimming alone. This was not the first time

these children had been at the beach alone. Please if you see children without an adult in the water with them, ask them where their adults are. If they have no adults at the beach, report them to the lifeguards if we are on patrol. Lifeguards can ask

children to get out of the water

if they do not think they are safe. After the rescue, Police and Ambulance were phoned and attended the children. Luckily none of the children were harmed but if members of the visiting clubs hadn't

been present, who could access the rescue tubes and rescue board, they wouldn't have been so lucky.

So water safety tips we'd like you to share with your friends, neighbours, children and families;

At the beach, If there are

Surf Live Savers, always swim between the flags. If you need help, raise your arm and call for help. Keep calm. If the sea is rough, do not go in. Never swim alone or at night or while under the influence of alcohol or drugs.

Never run and dive into the water. Even if the Surf Life Savers are on hand, never let your young child in the water without an adult. If you get caught in a rip, do not panic. Paddle and swim

parallel to the shore toward the breaking waves. Dont fight the rip.

Always make sure at least one adult is looking out for the children. Take it in turns and have a formal handover between adults.

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# Mixed bag for CMK Men and Port Taranaki Women at TECT National Sevens

The CMK Taranaki men and Port Taranaki women's sevens sides have completed their respective campaigns at the TECT National Sevens tournament in Tauranga.

Played over two days, the CMK men finished fifth and the Port Taranaki women claimed 12th place.

The men beat Hawkes Bay 19-5 in the Plate final to claim the silverware. Hawkes Bay beat Taranaki in pool play and at the regional qualifying tournament. Taranaki pipped Waikato in the Plate semi-final, 22-21 after being down 14-12 at halftime. Taranaki were in contention in the top half of the draw but were beaten by Tasman in a Cup quarter final 24-19 in golden-point extra time. Both teams finished regular time 19-19 but Tasman, who eventually went through to the final, scored to claim the win.

There was a wait for Taranaki after day one as the calculators were out to determine who would go through to the top division. Taranaki's 24-5 win against Canterbury and with Hawkes Bay beating Bay of Plenty, this allowed the amber and blacks to enter the Cup quarter finals based on points differential. As

a result, the hosts and the black and reds were kicked out of the top division.

Against Canterbury, Taranaki played their best match of the weekend with Jayson Potroz leading the way with two tries and finishing pool play with 21 points – third overall behind North Harbour's Pita Volavola on 27 points and Canterbury's Daniel Fransen with 24.

Earlier on the first day, Taranaki beat Bay of Plenty 10-0 but lost to Hawkes Bay 38-12.

Former New Zealand and England sevens representative Warwick Lahmert and Liam Blyde were standouts for Taranaki during the weekend.

The Port Taranaki team were narrowly beaten by Hawkes Bay 17-14 to finish in 12th place. Taranaki were leading at the break by 14-0 but some lapses in defence allowed Hawkes Bay to sneak through.

Their best performance came against Canterbury on Saturday, but they were pipped 24-19.

Taranaki showed a lot of fight against the southerners, making solid tackles and building phases. New Plymouth Girls High



Plate winners: The CMK Taranaki Men's team.

School student Elle Johns was a stand out in the match, scoring a try and she continued her form against Otago scoring a brace in a 26-15 loss.

In Taranaki's other pool match of the weekend, Auckland came up trumps winning 24-0.

Along with Johns, Tiana Davison and co-captain Jessie Aitkin-Fowell were in form.

**2018 National Sevens Taranaki Results:** CMK

Men Beat BOP 10-0. Lost Hawkes Bay 38-12.

Beat Canterbury 24-5. Lost Tasman 24-19 (Cup Quarter Final). Beat Waikato 22-12 (Plate Semi-Final). Beat Hawkes Bay 19-5 (Plate Final).

Port Taranaki Women. Lost Auckland 24-0. Lost Canterbury 24-19. Lost Otago 26-15. Lost North Harbour 22-14 (Bowl Semi-Final). Lost Hawkes Bay 17-14 (11/12th Play-Off).



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## Kids rescued and being safe on the water

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We hosted the Taranaki Junior Carnival recently. The weather was great, but swell conditions were not and one of our water arenas was shifted to Middletons Bay. It was great to see so

many kids entered from our four Taranaki clubs. Opunake entrants featured well at prize giving, and it has been fabulous to see the progress our club has made over the last few years at junior carnivals. The Opunake Club took out the

parent sprint relay - always a hotly contested event. Well done Drax, Lawny, Leisha and Trent for your super fast running.

Please swim between the flags when we are there, never swim at the south end (tail race) of the beach,

and remember kids always need an adult within arm's reach watching them. Merry Christmas from the Opunake Surf Life Saving Team.

## Manaia Golf results

Saturday Men. 1. Grant Gopperth 42. 2. Paul Hunn 41. 3. Phil Elliott 41. 4. Caleb Symes 40. 5. Denis Hurcomb 39.

Ambrose Monday night. 1. YTB. 2. Winks Rd. 3. Butcher & Choppers. 4. Salt & Pepper. Saturday Men. 1.

Paul Hunn. 2. Bruce Duffus. 3. Winston Kid. Junior. 18 Holes. 1. Joe Gibson. 2. Kieran Taylor. 3. Lucas Symes. 4. Josh Symes.

Juniors. Xmas Tournament. Six Short Holes. 1. Jaxon Roe. 2. Hannah Symes.

3. Jude Poole. Nine Short Holes. 1. Oliva Symes. 2. Ashton Clarges. 3. Jayden Poole. 4. Mikayla Symes. Nine Full Holes. 1. Divan Denton. 2. Carter Symes. 3. Zoe Reader. Jasmin Rae. 4. Jayda Sharp. 5. Ryan Hockley.

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*What's On Listings*



**ONGOING**

**The Opunake Music Club** - Come along every fortnight and take part or just watch. Anyone welcome. Next meeting November 27 at Coastal Care, Napier Street 7:30pm.

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

**Pregnancy Help Taranaki:** Is now in OPUNAKE! Are you pregnant? Do you have a baby or young family? To hear more, like us on facebook [www.facebook.com/preghelptaranaki/](http://www.facebook.com/preghelptaranaki/). Please come and meet us and find out how we may be able to help you.

**SUNDAYS**

**Opunake Country Music Club:** Second Sunday of each month at the Opunake Town Hall, 1-4pm. All welcome

**MONDAYS**

**Tainui Day Centre - St Barnabas Church Hall, 141 Tasman Street Opunake:** Each Monday 10 am - 12:230 pm. Information call Jenny 7618080 or Glenys 6558025

**Opunake Friendship Club:** Meeting last Monday of each month in Opunake Town Hall at 1.30pm. All welcome.

**Opunake Business Association:** Usually meet on the 1st Monday of each month.

**TUESDAYS**

**Club Hotel Pool:** Tuesday Nights. New players welcome.

**WEDNESDAYS**

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

**Schnitzel Night:** Every Wednesday at the Stony River Hotel, Okato

**Club Hotel Texas Holdem Poker:** Wednesday and Thursday Nights at the Club Hotel.

**Opunake Embroiders Guild:** Meet 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month, 10.30am-3pm at the Opunake Business Centre, Napier St, Opunake. Just come along or phone Sheryl 06 761 8769.

**THURSDAYS**

**Club Hotel Texas Holdem Poker:** Wednesday and Thursday Nights at the Club Hotel.

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

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**Egmont Euchre Club:** Meets every Thursday 1pm at the Opunake Bowling Club

**FRIDAYS**

**Eltham Business Association Friday Markets:** 8am to 1pm, Carpark of Touch Point, High Street, Eltham.

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**Illusion, Nothing is at it Seems Exhibition:** At Puke Ariki in New Plymouth

**DECEMBER 24**

**Allan Manu's Ol' Skool Band playing live:** At Rahotu tavern. Refer advert.

**Opunake Business Association Annual Christmas Parade 2018 :** Parade starts from the corner of Tasman and Layard Streets at 7pm. Refer ad for details.

**DECEMBER 16 - FEBRUARY 3, 2019**

**TSB Festival of Lights:** Pukekura Park, NP from 8.30pm - 11pm.

**DECEMBER 27**

**Farmlands Race Day at Pukekura Raceway, NP**

**JANUARY 3, 2019**

**Collins Sports Centre Take a Kid Fishing Day:** Fishing from daylight. Register at Collins Sports Centre.

**Drax Project Playing Live:** At Butlers Reef, Oakura.

**JANUARY 5, 2019**

**Opunake Beach Carnival:** At Opunake Beach from 10am to 4pm. Lots of fun!

**The Feelers Playing Live:** At Butlers Reef, Oakura. Doors open 7.30pm

**JANUARY 12, 2019**

**Summer Sands on the Sand:** At Opunake Beach. Starts 12.30pm.

**JANUARY 20, 2019**

**Opunake Golf Club Multi-Sponsored Tournament:** Contact Callum. Refer advert for details.

**JANUARY 23, 2019**

**Todd Energy Aquatic Centre Summer Fun Day:** At Todd Energy Aquatic Centre, NP

**JANUARY 26, 2019**

**Kaitake Golf Club Gross/Net/Stableford Competition:** Refer ad for details

**JANUARY 26 TO FEBRUARY 19, 2019**

**2019 Opunake Boat & Underwater Club OMV Annual Tournament:** Refer advert for details of event

**JANUARY 27, 2019**

**Summer Sounds in the Park:** At King Edward park, Hawera. Starts at 4.30pm

**FEBRUARY 2, 2019**

**Platinum Homes Taranaki Cup Day:** Come Racing at Pukekura Raceway, NP

**FEBRUARY 10, 2019**

**Summer Movies in the Park:** At Soldiers Sark, Eltham. Starts at 12.30pm

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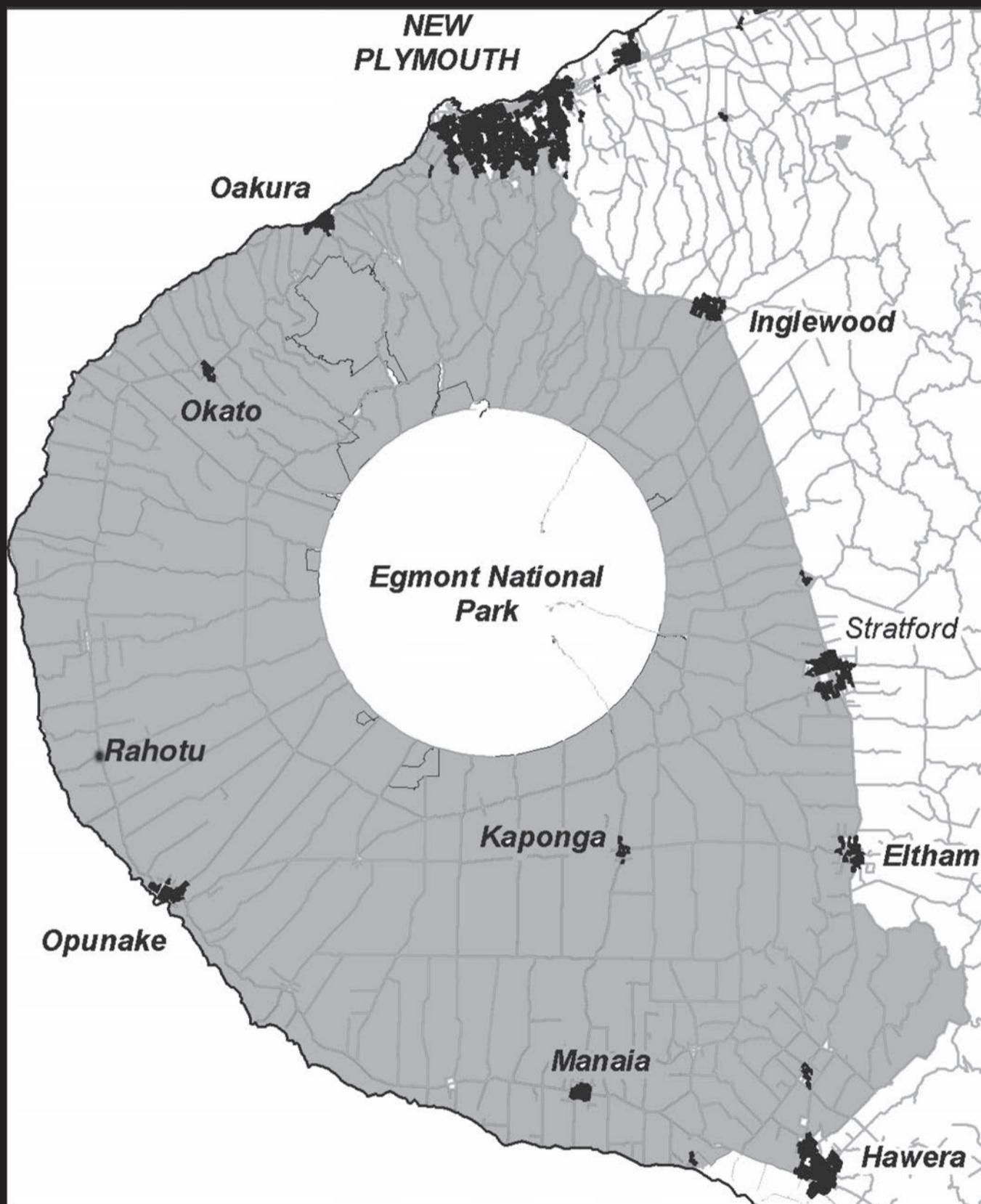
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# Marlon Williams now heading to 12 gigs

In true kiwi summer tour tradition Marlon Williams will now take The Tūrangawaewae Tour to a further six markets this February making it a total of 12 shows - Marlon's most comprehensive New Zealand tour ever!

Performing songs from his Number 1 NZ album Make Way for Love and more, Marlon will play alongside his band (Dave Khan, Ben Woolley, Gus Agars and Dan Luscombe) in Auckland's Villa Maria Winery (with The APO), Upper Moutere's Neudorf Vineyard, Havelock North's Black Barn Vineyards, Martinborough's Luna Estate, Dunedin's Regent Theatre and in Christchurch at the newly reopened Christchurch Town Hall.

And now additional shows have just been announced in Greymouth's Regent Theatre, Whanganui's Opera House, New Plymouth's TSB Theatre (February 19 with Emily Fairlight), Gisborne's War Memorial Theatre, Queenstown's War Memorial Centre and lastly Invercargill's Civic Theatre. This will be Marlon's first ever appearance in some of these regions.

Tickets for all previously announced shows are selling



Marlon Williams .

fast and tickets for all new shows are on sale.

Handpicked by Marlon himself and widely considered one of New Zealand's most exciting songwriting talents, Emily Fairlight has been composing and performing here and internationally for the last decade. Her sound has been compared to the likes of PJ Harvey and Cat Power with her voice that ranges from intimate whispers to strong

wails. Emily has a talent for delivering beautiful and honest lyrics peppered with heartfelt melodies. Her latest album Mother of Gloom was released this year to critical acclaim. Emily will perform at every show on The Tūrangawaewae Tour!

2018 APRA Silver Scroll recipient for his song Nobody gets what they want any more, Marlon Williams is in the midst of possibly the most career

making year of his life. An album tour which has taken him around the globe for the majority of this year playing festivals and selling out headline tours, an acting part in Bradley Cooper's Hollywood film directorial debut A Star is Born, four nominations at this year's Vodafone New Zealand Music Awards and now three wins, it's time for this long-awaited homecoming.

Marlon has also just released this gorgeous new video for his song Beautiful Dress from Make Way For Love. Marlon says of the song "Nothing is so heartbreaking as nothing. When I think about the people I love preparing a meal in their homes, doing the dishes, carrying out the bare minimum actions of survival, it makes me want to cry. The Tūrangawaewae Tour featuring Marlon Williams and band, Don McGlashan and Emily Fairlight plus The APO in Auckland only kick off next February. These shows will mark the start of another huge year for Marlon Williams. Don't miss your chance to see him at home this summer. These incredible shows will sell out!

# Sounds on the Sand



Photo by Dana McMurray

## Collective entertainment at Opunake

Sounds on the Sand is returning to Opunake on Saturday January 12 from 12.30pm for an afternoon of entertainment.

The South Taranaki District Council is bringing Hawera-based band The Collective to Opunake Beach to perform.

Sit back and relax while listening to a huge range of music by the Collective, pack a picnic and bring family and friends along for an enjoyable afternoon at the fabulous Opunake Beach.

The Collective are a newly formed, Hawera based group of musicians who have been together since April. They play a range of different covers and are excited to get on the stage to perform for everyone in Opunake.

# South Taranaki Summer Events

## Summer Sounds on the Sand

Saturday 12 January, 12.30pm  
Ōpūnake Beach

## The Collective

Sit back and relax while listening to a huge range of music by The Collective from Hāwera. Pack a picnic and bring the family along for an enjoyable afternoon.

## SUMMER SOUNDS IN THE PARK

Sunday 27 January, 4.30pm  
King Edward Park, Hāwera  
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## Summer Movies in the Park

Sunday 10 February, 12.30pm  
Soldiers Park, Eltham  
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# Christmas is coming

Plans are well under way for the 2018 Opunake Christmas Parade on December 24. We have heard that some very serious contenders for prizes in the "Best Effort" and "Most creative" are being put together.

Sleigh which we hope will make it easier for the children to see Santa coming.

We have made a change to judging this year so that everyone will know who the winners are in the parade.

Our three Judges this year are Rhonda Crawford, Ray Hayward (back from accident) and Jonathan Young MP. Judging will take place before the parade and prizes awarded outside Opunake Players building at around 6-50 pm. The winners

Prize money is as follows  
 1<sup>st</sup> Best Effort \$150.00. 2<sup>nd</sup> Best Effort \$100.00. 1<sup>st</sup> Most Creative \$150.00. 2<sup>nd</sup> Most Creative \$100.00  
 Some modifications have been made to Santa's



Keep an eye out for the Opunake High School 2019 Prefect Team and The Sandfords truck with the School float in the parade, we happen to know they will be handing out a lot of lollies at this year's Opunake Christmas Parade.

will be given a banner to show that they have won. These will be kept in the Santa Sleigh for the following years.

The street will be closed to cars from 5.00pm so we hope that we don't have the usual problem of parked cars with owners who can't

be found. Seating is being arranged at the Library for elderly or infirm. Music will be provided by the Colour Conversions team Ashley,

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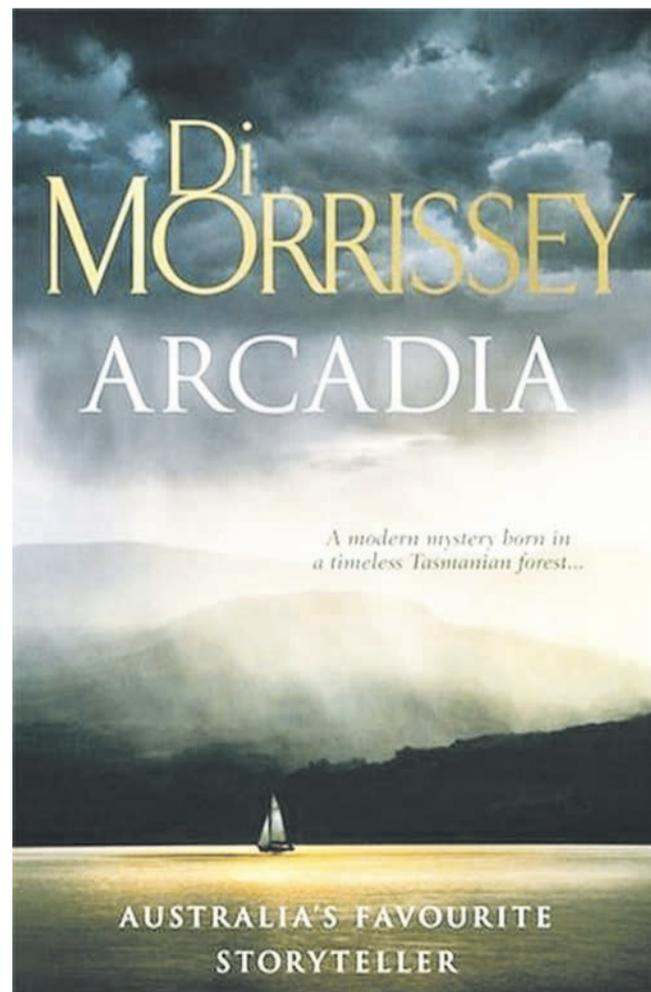
## Opunake Library Plus Book Review Arcadia by Di Morrissey

Lately I am enjoying fiction that goes back and forth between different eras with a mystery and the discovery. Di Morrissey has excelled with Arcadia. The story centres around Sally and Jessica who

were firm childhood friends running wild and exploring all over Sally's parents huge farm named Arcadia. One particular place they would hide and have fun was a remote cave. Fast forward to 2018 and the adult friends are reunited and naturally explore their childhood ending up in the cave. There they find a box, with documents, pictures and letter relating to Sally's grandmother Stella.

Stella was a wife, mother and artist in the 1930's married to an older man who was a well-respected doctor working during the polio epidemic. Stella often wanders the woods sketching and drawing so that she can create wonderful paintings that will remain at Arcadia for her descendants to enjoy. A strange happening one night when she stays out too late, a mysterious owl and a horrific sketch laid at her doorstep all have a bearing on the future. A future investigated by Sally and Jessica - a future with a threat.

I found myself carried away on the journey with Sally and Jessica as they delve into the past with only documents and a map to go by - then the mysterious phone calls start and a voice tells Sally "I know where you are..." This is a fast paced read, a book you don't want to put down and Di Morrissey creates the landscape and bushland of



Tasmania perfectly in words. If you enjoy a novel you can immerse yourself in, that will captivate you until the very end Arcadia is a worthwhile read.

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# Angus and Julia Stone to headline Harvest Moon at the Bowl

Australian folk rock/indie sensations Angus and Julia Stone are jetting their way to New Plymouth this March to headline a concert series at NPDC's iconic TSB Bowl of Brooklands.

The Harvest Moon concert series features a fashionably eclectic line up including Australian artist Jack River and local treasure Bic Runga.

The event will be a perfect wind down to the 'Summer at the Bowl' season, serving up a relaxed 'Sunday-arvo' atmosphere in the picturesque venue, New Plymouth District Mayor Neil Holdom says.

"I can't think of a better way to spend the last of the summer sun than kicking



Angus and Julia Stone.

back at the Bowl, located in our award winning Pukekura Park in central New Plymouth, with friends listening to this line up. Angus and Julia Stone are major emerging names in the Australian music scene and released their fourth studio album 'Snow' last year which features the lead single of the same name and the follow-up track Chateau. The duo then followed that up with a hugely successful sold-out tour of Australia.

Taking place on Sunday March 31 at the TSB Bowl

of Brooklands, Harvest Moon adds to the Bowl's stellar international line up this summer including A Summer's Day Live featuring TOTO, Jefferson Starship and Dragon on January 11, The Hollies on March 1 and WOMAD between March 15-17.

Presented by Endeavour Live, the tour starts on March 29 in Nelson, then Church Road Winery in Napier on March 30 before coming to New Plymouth's TSB Bowl of Brooklands on March 31.

## The library is the fun place to be



Storyteller Tanya Batt will be spreading her tales at Opunake LibraryPlus on Tuesday January 15 and Manaia LibraryPlus Wednesday January 16.

During January, Opunake and Manaia LibraryPlus will be having fun activities every week. These include making cute pom pom mazes for four year olds (Opunake only), plate mazes and a treasure hunt for 5-8 year olds, and designing and navigating an Egyptian maze with Beebots and bluebots for 9-12 year olds. All activities are free and everyone is welcome. LibraryPlus staff are also looking forward to storytellers Tanya Batt and Peter Forster who will be at Opunake LibraryPlus on Tuesday January 15 and Manaia LibraryPlus Wednesday January 16. This promises to be great fun for all ages and stages.

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 Tues 25th Dec - 9.30am: Service at Pungarehu  
 Tues 25th Dec - 9.30am: St. Pauls  
 Sun 6th Jan - 10am: St Pauls  
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# Opunake community combine together supporting Foodbank



Volunteers heading to collect food for the annual food bank drive. The Opunake Volunteer fire crew drive around Opunake sounding their sirens and pick up non perishable items for Opunake Food Bank at Coastal Care.

*Happy Christmas to all our clients & thanks for your support over the last 12 months. We look forward to seeing you in the New Year.*

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**TAYLOR DENTAL** will be closed from 4pm 20th December and returning 10th January 8.30am  
Most other **COASTALCARE** services will be CLOSED from 5pm 24th December and returning the week beginning 7th January.  
Please phone Aretha with any queries regarding Christmas closures. Have a happy and safe holidays!

Thank you for your support during 2018.



The Food Bank volunteers pack up the collected items in to parcels at the Opunake Ambulance bay.

The secretary of the Opunake Foodbank says she is pleased at the response to the annual Opunake Foodbank's Food Drive.

"The community has been pretty amazing," says Aretha Lemon. "We've had stuff pouring in all week."

In what has become an annual event, the Opunake Fire Engine and St John's

Ambulance toured the streets of Opunake on Monday evening last week, with volunteers out collecting donated items for use in Christmas food parcels.

There is obviously a need out there, says Aretha as seen by the number of food parcels they will be making up.

"We're making up 30 Christmas parcels. Last year

there were only 16, and 21 the year before that," says Aretha. "Thirty is more than we normally do. There's definitely a greater need for family parcels out there."

She said that if people still want to donate any items, they can still be dropped off at CoastalCare, which will be open every day, except the public holidays.

**We welcome your contributions. Please send to editorial@opunakecoastalnews.co.nz**  
**Our next issue is due out January 31st**

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	<b>THE NUTCRACKER</b> Fantasy, Family   1hr 39min   PG Young Clara needs a magical, one-of-a-kind key to unlock a box that contains a priceless gift. A golden thread leads her to the coveted key, but it soon disappears into a strange and mysterious parallel world. Sun 23 <sup>rd</sup> Dec 1pm		<b>ELLIOT THE LITTLEST REINDEER</b> Family, Animated   1hr 29mins   G When Blitzen announces his retirement on December 21st, a miniature horse has 3 days to fulfil his lifelong dream of earning a spot on Santa's team at the North Pole try-outs. Sat 22 <sup>nd</sup> Dec 1pm   Mon 24 <sup>th</sup> Dec
	<b>FANTASTIC BEASTS: THE CRIMES OF GRINDELWALD</b> Fantasy, Adventure   2hr 14mins   M; Violence. Grindelwald has escaped and has begun gathering followers. The only one capable of putting a stop to him is the wizard he once called his closest friend, Albus Dumbledore. Sat 22 <sup>nd</sup> Dec 7pm   Wed 2 <sup>nd</sup> Jan 7pm		<b>THE OLD MAN AND THE GUN</b> Crime, Drama   1hr 33mins   M; Offensive language At the age of 70, Forrest Tucker makes an audacious escape from San Quentin, conducting an unprecedented string of heists that confound authorities and enchant the public. Sun 23 <sup>rd</sup> Dec 7pm   Fri 28 <sup>th</sup> Dec 7pm
	<b>PICK OF THE LITTER</b> Documentary   1hr 21 mins   G Spanning two years, this documentary follows five Labrador puppies as they train to become guide dogs for the blind. We also meet two people with low vision, waiting patiently for a new dog. Sat 29 <sup>th</sup> Dec 1pm		<b>SGT STUBBY</b> Adventure, Family, Animated   1hr 24mins   PG With WWI looming, Robert Conroy a young army private, adopts a stray, stump-tailed terrier. The two quickly find themselves in the trenches of France and on the path to history. Wed 2 <sup>nd</sup> Jan 1pm   Sat 5 <sup>th</sup> Jan 1pm Mon 28 <sup>th</sup> Jan 1pm
	<b>ROBIN HOOD</b> Action, Adventure   1hr 56mins   M; Violence Robin of Loxley a war-hardened Crusader and his Moorish commander mount an audacious revolt against the corrupt English crown in a thrilling action-adventure/timeless romance. Sat 29 <sup>th</sup> Dec 7pm   Fri 4 <sup>th</sup> Jan 7pm		<b>THE GIRL IN THE SPIDER'S WEB</b> Crime, Thriller   1hr 55mins   R16; Cruelty and Content that may disturb Fired from the NSA, Frans Balder recruits hacker Lisbeth Salander to steal FireWall, a computer program that can access codes for nuclear weapons worldwide. Fri 21 <sup>st</sup> Dec 7pm

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		21 Girl in the Spiders Web 7pm	22 Elliot the Littlest Reindeer 1pm Fantastic Beasts 7pm	23 Nutcracker and the 4 realms 1pm The Old Man and The Gun 7pm
24 Elliot the Littlest Reindeer 1pm	26 Closed	28 Charming 1pm The Old Man and The Gun 7pm	29 Pick of the Litter 1pm Robin Hood 7pm	30 A Star is Born 7pm
31 Charming 1pm	2 Sgt Stubby 1pm Fantastic Beasts 7pm	4 Teen Titans 1pm Robin Hood 7pm	5 Sgt Stubby 1pm Can you ever forgive me? 7pm	6 *** BOUTIQUE*** Rose 7pm

# EVERYBODY'S THEATRE OPUNAKE

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## JANUARY 2019

Lollies, Popcorn, Ice-creams, Chocolate bars, Coffee & Tea For Sale	No Eft-Pos	Adults \$10, Students 4-16yrs \$8, Under 4 free Senior Citizens \$8. ID required for all R movies	
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	<b>RALPH BREAKS THE INTERNET</b> Animated, Comedy   1hr 52mins   PG Bad guy Ralph and fellow misfit Vanellope travel to the World Wide Web in search of a replacement part to save Vanellope's game Fri 11 <sup>th</sup> Jan 1pm   Mon 14 <sup>th</sup> Jan 1pm   Sat 19 <sup>th</sup> Jan 1pm   Weds 23 <sup>rd</sup> Jan 1pm		<b>DRAGON BALL SUPER : BROLY</b> Fantasy, Animated   1hr 55mins   G A planet destroyed, a powerful race reduced to nothing. After the devastation of Planet Vegeta, three Saiyans were scattered among the stars, destined for different fates. Fri 25 <sup>th</sup> Jan 1pm   Weds 30 <sup>th</sup> Jan 7pm
	<b>MARY POPPINS RETURNS</b> Fantasy, Adventure   2hrs 11mins   G Michael and Jane are now grown up. After Michael suffers a personal loss, the enigmatic nanny Mary Poppins re-enters the lives of the Banks. Fri 18 <sup>th</sup> Jan 1pm   Mon 21 <sup>st</sup> Jan 1pm   Sat 26 <sup>th</sup> Jan 1pm		<b>AQUAMAN</b> Action, Adventure   2hr 23min   M Arthur Curry finds himself caught between a surface world constantly ravaging the sea and Atlanteans looking to lash out in revolt. Fri 18 <sup>th</sup> Jan 7pm   Sat 26 <sup>th</sup> Jan 7pm   Weds 30 <sup>th</sup> Jan 1pm
	<b>CAN YOU EVER FORGIVE ME?</b> Comedy, Drama   1hr 47mins   M Lee Israel made her living in the 1970s and 80s profiling the likes of Katharine Hepburn. When Lee is no longer able to get published, she turns her art form to deception. Sat 5 <sup>th</sup> Jan 7pm   Fri 11 <sup>th</sup> Jan 7pm		<b>MORTAL ENGINES</b> Science Fiction   2hr 8mins   M Set in a world years in the future. Earth's cities now roam the globe on huge wheels, devouring each other in a struggle for resources. Sun 13 <sup>th</sup> Jan 7pm   Sat 19 <sup>th</sup> Jan 7pm
	<b>WIDOWS</b> Crime, Thriller   2hr 8mins   R16 A police shootout leaves four thieves dead. Their widows have nothing in common except a debt left behind by their spouses' criminal activities. They join forces to pull off a heist. Sat 12 <sup>th</sup> Jan 7pm   Weds 16 <sup>th</sup> Jan 7pm		<b>MCQUEEN !!ARTHOUSE!!</b> Documentary   1hr 51mins   M London Eastender Lee Alexander McQueen started his career as an apprentice at Saville Row. By 27, McQueen was head designer at Givenchy. His controversial shows made headline after headline. Weds 23 <sup>rd</sup> Jan 7pm
	<b>ROSE ***BOUTIQUE***</b> Drama   1hr 30 mins   M; Violence, Offensive Language & Drug use A widowed ex-cop discovers that she may have a life-threatening illness, and decides to go on a solo road trip to explore the beauty of the Southwest. On her journey, Rose meets Max, an old cowboy who comes to a crossroads of his own. Sun 6 <sup>th</sup> Jan 7pm   Weds 9 <sup>th</sup> Jan 7pm		<b>SECOND ACT</b> Comedy, Romance   1hr 44mins   M; Offensive language, sex references Struggling with frustrations from unfulfilled dreams, 40-year-old Maya gets a chance to prove to Madison Avenue that street smarts are as valuable as book smarts and that it's never too late for a second act. Sun 20 <sup>th</sup> Jan 7pm   Fri 25 <sup>th</sup> Jan 7pm

# EVERYBODY'S THEATRE OPUNAKE

Everybody's Theatre would like to thank everyone for their support during 2018.

Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas, Happy New Year and Safe holidays.

We are open and have a great selection of movies for the holiday period

Please remember children under 8 must be accompanied by an adult.

All R rated movies need ID



# Opunake Boat & Underwater Club – The Good Home Annual Fishing Tour-

Get your rods, boats and fishing tackle ready as the Opunake Boat & Underwater Club will be hosting the OMV Snapper Fishing Competition from January 26-February 9. Early Bird Entry is \$50 for members and non members, \$60 whilst anglers and \$20 for divers if paid before the competition starts on January 26. Tickets are available from Collins Sports Centre in Opunake or you can pay directly online 15-3952-0375532-00 – remember to put your name as the details. Late entries can be purchased from the Weigh In Master during the tournament or Collins Sports Centre—remember these late entries incur a \$10 penalty – so make sure you are in early.

The competition will be run along similar lines as in previous years' competitions, beginning with registration night including a BBQ on Friday January 25 from 5pm to 8pm at the Club Rooms. We will also run some BBQs during the competition.

We have had a terrific response from our sponsors and this year we have extended the number of prizes in both the Blue Cod and Kahawai sections, as these are fish that can be easily caught by all entrants in all types and sizes of boats. Our sponsors include OMV, Corkill Systems, ASB, Ballance Agri Nutrients, Sandfords, McDonalds Real Estate, Malcolm Campbell Livestock, Campbell

Contracting, Tasman Marine, West Coast Marine, Collins Sports Centre, Farm Source, Silver Fern Farms

Remember, all boats can only be launched and retrieved from Middleton Bay.

There is only the one weigh in station, which is in the club rooms which will be open 6pm to 8.45pm each day or otherwise if a committee member is available outside of these times.

Prize Giving will be

at the Club Rooms on Saturday February 9 with a complimentary roast dinner.

This year our proceeds will be going towards getting our new John Deere tractor ready to operate in the local conditions.

The tournament organiser is our Commodore, Nigel Corbett and supported by Steve Corkill, Dave Cathie, Mick Severn, Sean Luttrell, Graham Payne and Lynda Corkill

Lynda Corkill

## The party starts now



Shay O.c

At this festive time of year, a good place to party is not always easy to find. When you want somewhere that has great music, a safe environment and tasty food and drink, you often won't get it all in one spot. Fortunately, New Plymouth has somewhere that achieves all of this with The Good Home Gastro Pub.

With a great list of live acts and DJs leading up to their famous New Years Eve party, the Good Home certainly has the music sorted. Whether it is late night bands like Superfly or relaxed Sunday afternoon solo sessions with Shay

O'c, there is something for everyone.

The Good Home is a relaxed place to eat and drink with various rooms throughout the premises that allows for almost any group to kick back and relax with tasty food and drinks.

With a large range of craft and mainstream beers, wines, spirits and cocktails, there is something to suit everyone's taste.

Make sure The Good Home is on your list for entertainment this holiday season.

Entertainment for The Good Home in December

Friday December 21 - from 8pm Ian Wallace. from 10pm Ash & Aidan. from 12am

DJ Ash.

Saturday December 22 - from 10pm Ash & Aidan. from 12am DJ Nicksta.

Sunday December 23 - from 3pm Shay O'c.

Monday December 24 - from 9pm Ash & Aidan.

Thursday December 27 - from 8pm Ian Wallace. From 10pm DJ Nicksta (New Plymouth Races).

Friday December 28 - from 10pm The Day Breakers.

Saturday December 29 - from 10pm Ash & Aidan. From 12am DJ Ash.

Sunday December 30 - from 3pm Shay O'c. From 8pm Ian Wallace until 11:30pm.

Monday December 31 - from 10pm Super Fly.

COME and SEE OUR....

### Christmas Nativity Display

at **ST. PAULS CHURCH**  
Havelock Street, Opunake, from **1st DECEMBER 2018**

Open until Christmas every Saturday and Sunday  
1.30pm-4.30pm & 6.30pm-9.30pm  
For group viewings on Weekdays please contact:  
Elva Symons 06 763 8650 or  
Macey Luttrell 06 761 8927

Enjoy our complimentary  
Tea, Coffee  
& Christmas Cake



Purla the Danish White Red deer and her yearling fawn.

## STONEY OAKS WILDLIFE PARK

For the ultimate animal experience



Stoney Oaks will be open **SUNDAYS** only up until **Christmas**  
11am to 4pm  
**NO EFTPOS**

We then open daily from **December 26 Boxing day** till the end of January.

356 Kaimata Rd, Inglewood, Ph 06 756 7624 for prices and directions

### OPUNAKE BOAT & UNDERWATER CLUB

#### 2019 OMV Annual Tournament

#### \$1000 Snapper Fishing Competition

**DATE:** 26<sup>th</sup> January to 9<sup>th</sup> February 2019 Inclusive

**Prize Giving:** Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> February with Meal at 6pm and Prize Giving 7pm

**\$1000 cash for largest snapper plus prizes for next nine places**

Also up to 5 prizes for heaviest for selected species including – Kahawai, Blue Cod, Gurnard, Trevally, King Fish and John Dory and a Dive Section. **Plus**, random spot prizes for those who have not weighed in prize winning catches.

**Late Entry Fee: \$50 Member, \$50 Non Member and Diver \$20 paid by 25<sup>th</sup> January.**

**Late entries will incur \$10 penalty**

Tickets can be purchased from Collins Sports Centre during tournament and Weigh-Masters throughout the competition. Or you can pay the Club on line at any time with the TSB in Opunake, 15-3952-0375532-00 (remember include angler's name as reference) – the bank account will be checked regularly.

**Complimentary Roast Meal on Final Night for all ticket holders**

**A huge thank you to our Sponsors:**

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