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# All Blacks captain and javelin champion make Hall of Fame

An Opunake sporting great and a 1930s javelin champion were inducted into the South Taranaki Sporting Hall of Fame last week

Portraits of Graham Mourie and the late Stan Lay now hang alongside those of netballer Adine Wilson, shearer Roger Cox and Jimmy Hunter, the try-scoring machine from the 1905 All Black Originals.

As captain of the All Blacks in 1978, Graham ("Goss") Mourie achieved the holy grail of securing the Grand Slam by beating all four of the Home Unions, something which no All Black side had ever done before. He made headlines again when he made himself unavailable to play the Springboks at a time when sporting contacts with South Africa were a hot issue. He played 61 games for the All Blacks, 57 of them as captain.

Stan Lay achieved a gold medal for New Zealand with the javelin at the very first British Empire Games in 1930. He missed the 1934 Games, but still managed silver in 1938. The next games weren't held until 1950 when Auckland played host, and Lay was there taking the oath for the athletes.

He is also remembered for the throw of 67.89 metres he achieved at Stamford Bridge in England in 1928, a British record that stood for the next



Graham Mourie with portraits of South Taranaki sporting greats Adine Wilson and Jimmy Hunter is one of the latest inductees into the South Taranaki Sporting Hall of Fame.

29 years. It was believed at the time it may have been a world record, but for an earlier throw by Finn Eino

Pentilla which was not known about at the time.

It opened at the TSB Hub in Hawera last year. On Friday,

Wilson, Cox and Hunter had been inducted into the Sporting Hall of Fame when

Mourie's and Lay's names were added.

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John Lay (left), son of Stan Lay with South Taranaki District Deputy mayor Phil Nixon.

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# All Blacks captain and javelin champion make Hall of Fame

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"This is a very fitting place to have it as the TSB Hub is the central hub of sport in our community," South Taranaki District deputy mayor Phil Nixon said in welcoming everybody to the ceremony. "As a community we are very proud of our facilities. We are even more proud of our sporting people."

Graham Mourie was there, having made the trip from Wellington where he now lives.

He said that growing up in Opunake, there had always been people to look up to, including the Clarke brothers and Graeme Lay.

"Almost everybody played sport in the weekends, and my love was pretty much around rugby," he said. "Jimmy Munro was very influential in my formative years. He gave me a love of the game. I was incredibly fortunate

to grow up in an area where sport was important. Sporting was something you did for the love of it."

He paid tribute to what the Coastal Taranaki community had done with the Coastal Rugby Club and setting up the Sandfords Event Centre.

"Without facilities like these, the community would wither and die," he said.

His post playing involvement with rugby has included coaching and chairing a World rugby committee looking at funding for the Tier Two nations.

His brother Adrian lives about an hour away from him, farming at Manakau between Levin and Otaki.

Graham still has the family farm at Opunake, and visits Taranaki once every couple of months, which he says is "not enough."

Stan Lay who had three sons and one daughter had died

in 2003. His father Arthur was curator at King Edward Park in Hawera. David Bruce who now fills that role as South Taranaki District Council parks curator was at the induction ceremony and said that many of the park's landmarks for which it is well known had been put there on Arthur's watch. These include the Fantham statue, the observatory, the cannon and the Japanese garden.

Stan's oldest son, Peter was well known in South Taranaki as the long serving doctor in Kaponga. Representing Stan at the induction ceremony was his second son John who says he has had three careers in his lifetime. He was a jet pilot who flew Vampires and Canberras for the air force during the cold war years. He has also been a farmer, and taught at Lincoln University.

He said his father was not a physically big man, being

five foot 10 inches tall and weighing thirteen and a half stone. Nevertheless he had the arm span of somebody 6-7 inches taller than him.

"I believe pound for pound kilogram for kilogram, he would still rank highly among javelin throwers," he said. "He was a true amateur who relied on natural ability."

South Taranaki District Council community events co-ordinator Liesl Davidson says it was a difficult decision as to who should be included in the Hall of Fame this year.

"We received a number of really high quality nominations, including those carried over from 2017, which made narrowing it down to two very hard for the committee" said Liesl. "The information that was included in the nominations made it clear that we have some very talented people come from the South Taranaki District."

## ADELPHOS

The disciple sleeps and dreams a dream  
 Of something gained but not yet seen.  
 Hand in hand in holy light,  
 Walking by faith and not by sight.

Blessed be the poor in spirit who make no claim  
 To a Queen's award for earthly fame.  
 Blessed be are those who mourn.  
 Their spirits soar, they are reborn.

Blessed be the merciful, they see the score.  
 The hungry and thirsty welcomed thru their door.

## The Disciple's Dream

Injustice and pain they will not bear.  
 Doors flung open to act and care.

Blessed be the pure in heart—where have they gone?  
 The disciple dreams from dusk till dawn.  
 To sense and smell and touch His light.  
 The disciple dreams throughout the night.

Blessed be the meek their armour refined.  
 Breastplates and swords of a different kind.  
 With shoes of peace their weapons await.

The disciple's victory to anticipate.

The disciple wakes and dreams no more,  
 And now lives the dream on new Jerusalem's shore.  
 No night, nor dark, nor thirst, nor pain.  
 Behold! The Lamb of God!  
 He reigns!

*Adelphos*

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

## Apology

We would like to sincerely apologise for an error in the last edition of the Opunake & Coastal News which had an incorrect date in an event in the What's On chronology.

The Blue Christmas at St Barnabas Church Opunake was on Sunday December 2 at 7pm not Saturday December 1, 7pm as published.

Also in the November 8 edition of the Opunake & Coastal News, in the article on the Opunake High School prize giving regrettably the end of the article was cut off. The end of the article should have read:

Andy Whitehead noted Mr O'Leary's background as an international football referee and said he could have gone anywhere in the country, but he had chosen Opunake as the place where he took up his first position as a school principal.

He said it had been a successful year for Opunake High School which had included the school's basketball teams continuing to excel at national levels. Representative honours had included Isabelle Cook representing New Zealand at the Under-17 Women's Basketball World Cup and most recently Iritania Hohaia being part of the gold medal winning Women's Sevens rugby team at the Youth Olympics in Buenos Aires.

"It is you, the people of Opunake High School who make the difference," he said. "You take the opportunities given and choose to move outside your comfort zones. One area Opunake High School excels in is the extension of their students' CQ, their conscious quotient. This determines awareness, honesty and trustworthiness. It is our CQ that gives us our freedom and awareness when interacting with our community and our environment."

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# A “bugger’s muddle” of a project

Taranaki Regional Council resource management director Fred McLay says the whole thing has turned into a bugger’s muddle.

Opunake man Chris Fuller says it was an issue that tore the community apart.

Both men were at last month’s Egmont Plains Community Board meeting and talking about ongoing issues surrounding the failed artificial reef at Opunake Beach.

The artificial reef, which was the brainchild of Raglan-based company ASR had been announced with much fanfare in 2006, but four years later was dead in the water and uncompleted. A similar ASR project had fallen flat at Mount Maunganui and been removed by the Bay of Plenty Regional Council four years ago at a cost of \$350,000. Meanwhile the question remains of what to do with 27 geotextile bags left over from the failed Opunake reef and still lying dormant on the seabed at the main beach.

Chris said he had opposed the project because the reef was to be made of geotextiles, which he described as “quite a flawed product when used in a marine environment,” as it is made up of recycled plastic.

He says a marine biologist had told him the geotextile has a life of 20-30 years in relation to keeping its structural integrity for the purposes of the reef.

“It would shred progressively after that and then be eroded at a microscopic level. The shredding results in countless rag-like fragments that get caught around rocks.

“Rock and sand erosion seems to break down the bags till they split. Boulders can lacerate them as the boulders move in storms, as has happened at rock embankments on Oakura beach frontages. That could be what’s happening to the Opunake bags, depending on the base-but it requires assessment. The Bay of Plenty Regional Council removed the artificial reef at Tauranga four years ago



Under sea bags a reminder of a project that went wrong.

using a barge and winch in a very challenging operation. If we don’t have the funding to remove it properly then it should be left undisturbed until we do.”

He says he decided to speak up this time after he had been told the Taranaki Regional Council had been thinking of using divers to split the bags. Chris says this would have left the removal of the bags in the hands of the tides.

“To me that would be inviting a monumental environmental disaster with broken plastic filtering into our marine environment, so we need to have the bags assessed to determine what state they are in. Considering that Bay of Plenty spent \$350,000 to remove their reef, our community, iwi, fishermen and Surf Life Saving Club need to get together and decide where we go from here.”

“This was our Springbok

tour. It split the community. We have got to tread carefully. Let’s make sure that what we do is positive.”

He said the area could one day be home to a marine reserve.

“Let’s have something we can be proud of, rather than leaving bags out there which are an embarrassment.”

Fred McLay says no decisions have been made about removal options.

“A party to take over the consent for the artificial reef could not be found. As the resource consent provides for its removal and a bond is available, this can now occur. The first step is to determine what is actually on the seabed, as records of what was constructed were never supplied.”

He told the Community Board that one of the conditions when granting the consent for the reef was that

a bond be taken out should things fall apart. That bond was for \$50,000.

“It should have had another zero on it to be frank,” Fred said. “The money we have is not going to go very far at all.”

The Taranaki Regional Council had tried to get somebody else to take over the consent. They had approached the South Taranaki District Council, but they had not wanted the liability. Meanwhile the reef remained an orphan structure stuck in the seabed, he said.

“It’s a bugger’s muddle.

People have the good ideas, but they don’t work.”

South Taranaki deputy mayor Phil Nixon said a decision had to be made on the reef’s future.

“It has been a disappointing project from the beginning,” he said.

Community Board deputy chairman Andy Whitehead said the bags maybe currently out of sight but this didn’t mean they could be ignored.

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CR BRYAN ROACH

Hi All  
 Opunake Walkway Extensions got a step closer last week with a report coming to Council seeking assistance to help fund this 50 year Lions Club project. I can see this project being a real boost for the town. The walkways in Opunake are very well used and the proposed extension would join all the walkways together into a big loop including going under the road at the Otahi Road bridge and the Waiau Road bridge.

**Road Safety** – I have received some complaints about our roads relating to corners and bridges, I have asked our roading team to look into these, especially a couple of bridges on Wiremu Road. In the meantime drive safely particularly at this time

# Happenings at Council

of year when there are a lot of agricultural contractors and tourists on the road. I have also been talking to NZTA about some safety improvements to the Otahi Road bridge to stop water flowing across the road and onto the bridge.

**Christmas Parade** – For the biggest event for Opunake this year, expect more health and safety. There will be more cones and more barriers. Please respect them and educate your children. Have fun but safety comes first.

**Earthquake Prone Buildings** – This has been signed off when councillors decided against establishing 'priority zones' as a result of government changes to the building

act. Your council must now identify potential earthquake-prone buildings in the district within 10 years and subsequently building owners must strengthen or demolish them within 25 years.

**Rubbish and Waste Disposal** – A decision to accept a waste disposal offer from Bonny Glen landfill near Marton will save Taranaki ratepayers up to \$25 million over 35 years. The Council has agreed to mothball the central landfill near Eltham and keep it for further use. They have accepted the offer from Midwest Disposals Ltd. This is a 35 year agreement with no minimum tonnages and the Council can exit at any stage if we are not satis-

fied. Remember to reduce, reuse, recycle.

**Opunake Surfclub** – has been to Council and has raised some safety concerns with visibility of the beach from the club rooms. Due to the sand build up they have some serious safety concerns when patrolling the beach. This is a volunteer Surf Club that do an outstanding job patrolling our beach rescuing and saving lives. Over last summer the Club rescued 40 people from the sea and administered first aid to another 30.

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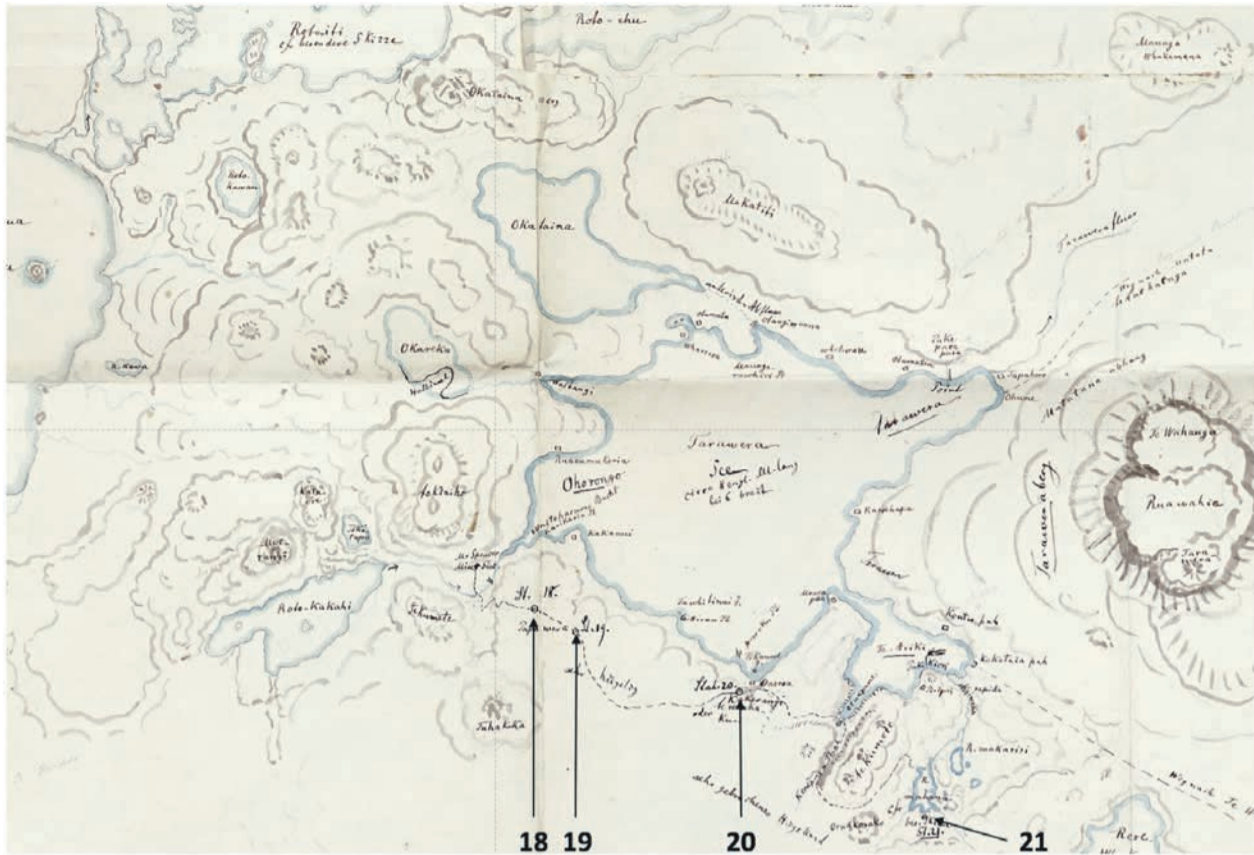
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# Scientists confirm former site of Pink and White Terraces



Geologist Ferdinand von Hochstetter's survey map.

The diary and hand-drawn maps of a nineteenth century geologist has enabled NIWA scientists to confirm the former site of the iconic Pink and White Terraces at Lake Rotomahana.

Geologist Ferdinand von Hochstetter conducted the only known formal survey of Lake Rotomahana before the 1886 eruption of Mt Tarawera which devastated the surrounding countryside, destroyed several villages and was responsible for about 120 deaths.

It was the largest and most destructive volcanic eruption in New Zealand since the arrival of Europeans in the early nineteenth century.

NIWA scientists Dr Andrew Lorrey and John-Mark Woolley have evaluated Hochstetter's diary notes and reconstructed his survey sites and stations around Lake Rotomahana using LIDAR, or Light Detection and Ranging – a remote sensing system that uses light pulses to measure distance and topography. They combined that information with sketches

drawn by Hochstetter and a map published in 1862 to pinpoint the former location of the terraces.

“Our research agrees with previous findings by Professor Ron Keam and GNS Science that the former sites of the terraces are under the modern Lake Rotomahana,” Dr Lorrey said.

The research was undertaken at the request of Tūhourangi Tribal Authority following conflicting findings about the former location of the terraces. The new NIWA results have been published in scientific journal *Frontiers of Earth Science*.

The terraces formed over thousands of years as silica-rich water emerging from springs and boiling geysers crystallised into giant tiered staircases. The White Terrace covered more than three hectares while the smaller Pink Terrace was used for bathing on the lower levels. There was also a smaller, lesser known feature called Tuhi's Spring, or the Black Terrace.

The Terraces were a thriving tourist destination, attracting people from overseas, and described as the eighth wonder of the world.

Dr Lorrey says Hochstetter's survey bearings and sketches document Lake Rotomahana and the Rotorua landscape and include important details about the terraces, small geothermal features around the lake and some distant landmarks.

“From Hochstetter's material, supplied to us by Dr Sascha Nolden, we were able to reconstruct where former survey datums were located. We used those details to position the map he published to show the location of the terraces.”

Hochstetter's notes also contains several other draft maps that Dr Lorrey says were progressively refined as he continued his work.

“You can see how he reconsidered two or three times how to draw things and how to orientate them. The published map is faithful to the diary measurements,

and the results we obtained align to previous research on where the terraces might be.”

Dr Lorrey says the outcome also demonstrates the accuracy and utility of historic documents for scientific research.

However, the position of the former Black Terrace remains inconclusive, although it is mostly likely located on land to the northwest of the modern Lake Rotomahana.

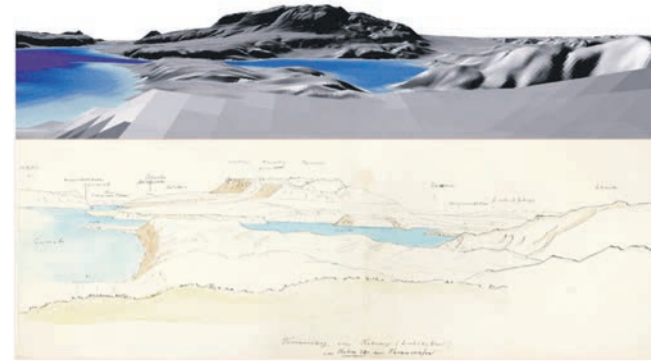
As for the fate of all three terraces, Dr Lorrey says this latest research did not cover whether they were still intact.

“There is a lot more science that is yet to be done to see what's down there.”

Tūhourangi Tribal Authority chairman Alan Skipwith acknowledged the Terraces Research Group that volunteered their time and work to assist, and the lead provided by NIWA and welcomed their findings.

“We are very pleased to have this information that enables us to better understand where Te Tarata

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Busy time for Opunake police

Greetings from Opunake's three Amigos and the Lone Highway Ranger.

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.



CONSTABLE KYLIE BROPHY

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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The countdown to Xmas is well and truly on, and also what we as Emergency Services would call our busiest period. It all kicked off with Crate Day, this new poor excuse for a good time which causes Ambulance, Fire and Police no end of issues. While Okato and Oakura had a few gatherings most were well behaved with police only being called out to one incident. Further afield the day caused a bit of chaos at Taranaki Base ED with several misadventures tying up the staff there.

This time of the year usually means our traffic accidents will increase as well, especially around the



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Tataramaika area and those notorious corners. Please drive to the conditions. A lot of our accidents occur when we have a period of dry weather and then we get a sprinkle of water on the road and the grime and grease that was built up make it a little slippery. A real easy tip

in regards to driving through here - stick to the advisory speed limits and you will be fine. The large majority of our accidents on this stretch are from complacent drivers who drive the road every day, a lot of them locals. I always hold my breath when the call comes in for an accident here as I know I will probably be dealing with someone who lives in the community, and we never like seeing someone that is our neighbour and friend hurt on the side of the road.

The Okato Xmas Parade was held at the end of November and as always was well supported by the local community and businesses.

It was great that the weather held out and everyone got to mix and mingle over at the school and have a free sausage. The community members, the Lions Club with help on the day from the Maori Wardens all did a sterling job to make sure the event ran smoothly.

This Monday December 10 there will be the food bank appeal in Okato so please give generously when you see and hear the Fire Brigade and myself driving around the neighbourhood appealing to your generosity. It all goes to a good cause.

That's all for now - Have a good week

Rhys Connell Okato

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Looking for a new challenge?

With Xmas just around the corner the Opunake Brigade members are busy completing the year's training plan which will ensure their operational skills will remain current over the break. The crews will be taking a well-earned

break over this period from training, with the members taking turns at carrying out weekly vehicle and station checks to ensure everything remains in a state of operational readiness. The brigade will be up and running again in late January. Interviews for the Chief

and Deputies positions have now been completed with an announcement on who the successful candidates were is expected to be made on Monday December 17 at the brigade final meeting for the year. After months of waiting the exhaust extraction units for our appliances have

been fitted and are up and running. Flexible pipes fit over the exhaust pipe of the trucks and take all the diesel fumes out of the appliance bay when the engines are leaving the station. They disconnect once the vehicle

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# A friendly roar for Christmas



About 60 people were at the annual Lions Club lunch for the Friendship Club.

This weekend, the Opunake Lions Club, chartered on December 8, 1968 will be celebrating 50 years. For as many years as any of their members can recall, they have been putting on Christmas lunch for the Opunake Friendship Club on the first Monday of December every year.

This year the Lions were again at the Opunake Town Hall with a main course, dessert and tewa or coffee for the 60 or so people who had turned up for lunch. In the past, the Lions had sometimes catered for over a hundred guests.

"The Lions do a great job for us every year and people really look forward to it," says Pauline Clough, who for the last 15 years has been secretary of the Friendship Club.

"The Rest Home always bring along some of their clients. There are quite a

few new faces here, which is good."

"We're a friendship club, so age is nothing. It's open to everybody and anybody can join," she says. They meet once a month, and in two years time will themselves be celebrating 50 years as a club.

Among the new faces having lunch was Jack Perry who shifted to Opunake from Pokeno in March.

"I came here for a funeral,

fell in love with the place and moved down here," he says. "I think it's good the way you can walk everywhere. One of the ladies I work with at the Op Shop said come along and meet the guys.

In contrast to newcomer Jack, 102 year-old Joan Jeffries has, apart from a short time away in Matamata, has spent most of her life in Opunake. She is a regular at the Friendship



102 year old Joan Jeffries with daughter Joanie at the dinner.

## Looking for a new challenge?

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reaches the door way. The same systems have also been fitted at the Rahotu and Manaia Stations.

On Friday November 23, the brigade was called out to a smell of smoke in a house on Wiremu Road. Both appliances from Opunake attended this incident. After a bit of searching the cause of this smell was found to be a duvet which was stored in a cupboard too close to a light. The heat from the light had scorched the fabric causing it to smoke. Fire and Emergency New Zealand (FENZ) recommend that items should be stored at least one metre away from any heat source. We call it the "heater metre" rule. Rumour has it that one of

the appliances attending this incident and being driven by a person who will remain nameless because of the high position he holds in this brigade, needed some assistance to get out of sticky spot. Not being one to spread rumours so my lips are sealed. Later on the same day the brigade attended a fire alarm activation in the Headlands Hotel. The cause was put down to cooking in one of the units which activated a smoke detector.

At around midday on Thursday November 29, the Opunake and Rahotu brigades responded to a single motor vehicle accident just north of the Oaonui production station. The vehicle had run off the road and the occupant was trapped in his vehicle. The

brigade used its cutting equipment to extricate the patient, who was then transport by ambulance to Taranaki Base Hospital. The Opunake and Rahotu brigades hope the person involved makes a speedy recovery.

On Sunday, December 2, the Opunake brigade responded to an urgent lifting assistance request from our friends at St John's Ambulance. The patient was transport to hospital for treatment.

That's all from the Opunake Brigade, if you are looking for a new challenge in the New Year why not come and join us? We would love to have you on board. In the meantime stay safe out there.

VSO John

Club's monthly meetings. The oldest of 12 children, she was at the lunch with her daughter Joanie.

John Hubbard has been coming to the lunch for the last six years.

"This is a lovely dinner, thanks to the Lions," he says.

Opunake Lions club president Ian Armstrong said putting on the dinner is something his members always enjoy doing, particularly older members who may no longer feel up to more physically demanding projects

Charles Preddey says the Lions have been doing the lunch long enough to get a good system going.

"We've got it down to a fine art and everybody does their job," he says.

Also helping out was Arnold Hickey. Although he shifted to New Plymouth two and a half years ago, he has remained a member of the

Opunake Club.

Ian says their 50th year has meant a busy one for the Opunake Lions, with the Opunake Track and Trail having been designated as their anniversary project.

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# Emerging tech makes mockery of Woods' gas ban

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



**JONATHAN YOUNG MP FOR NEW PLYMOUTH**

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."

*Jonathan Young  
MP for New Plymouth  
National Party  
Spokesperson for Energy  
and Resources*

# \$23 million to get more kids on bikes

Associate Minister of Transport Julie Anne Genter has announced that the NZ Transport Agency will provide \$23 million over the next three years to expand the Bikes in Schools and cycle skills education to get more Kiwi kids on their bikes.

"Cycling is a fun, easy way to make exercise part of everyday life. These programmes are about giving our kids space to develop the skills and confidence to safely ride a bike," said Julie Anne Genter.

"In the 1980s more than half of school kids walked or cycled to school; today it's less than a third. We want to turn that around."

The Bikes in Schools programme involves installing a riding track within school grounds to allow student to learn and practice riding their bike in



**JULIE ANNE GENTER, ASSOCIATE MINISTER OF TRANSPORT**

a safe area. Schools projects typically also include a fleet of bikes, helmets and bike storage facilities. Over the next three years \$6.7 million will be invested in support the roll out of Bikes in School to approximately 120 schools across New Zealand. This is expected to give an additional 43,000 Kiwi kids access to Bikes in Schools facilities.

"New funding for Bikes in Schools will be increasingly targeted towards low-decile

primary schools. Not every child has a bike at home so this will help ensure kids don't miss out on the opportunity to learn to ride," said Julie Anne Genter.

The NZ Transport Agency will also double funding for cycle skills training through the new BikeReady national cycling education programme. BikeReady aims to deliver best practice cycle skills training, by qualified instructors to approximately 98,000 school students across the country.

"Cycle skills training is often the first experience Kiwi kids have with the

road environment. It not only teaches kids how to be safe on a bike but how to be responsible road users.

"The Government is also investing to make our roads safer for kids walking and cycling to school. A total of \$390 million is earmarked for walking and cycling paths and safety initiatives out to 2021.

"More people cycling is not only good for our health and the environment, but it means fewer cars on the road and less congestion for everyone," said Julie Anne Genter.

## Charges laid

The Ministry for Primary Industries (MPI) has filed charges against an individual after receiving footage in June this year of a Northland sharemilker

hitting cows with a pipe and other implements.

MPI's Manager of Compliance Investigations, Gary Orr, says MPI has conducted a thorough investigation.

"Six charges have been filed against an individual under the Animal Welfare Act," says Mr Orr.

"As the matter is now before the courts, we will be making no further comment at this time."

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# Christmas themed opening night

A large audience enjoyed the Play Reading Circle's first Open Night held at the Hawera Women's Club. Cheryl Woodmass, hostess and producer along with Barbara Lee, introduced their Potted Panto "Whose Bean Stalking?" With a cast of 12, all in colourful and original costumes, the Panto rollicked along as it told the traditional (children's) story for adults with a few original twists along the way. The cast handled the sometimes tricky scene changes well, and the popular Panto was enjoyed by the audience as it came to its well loved conclusion.



Play Reading Circle members got into the Christmas spirit.

The cast: Giant Blunderbore (Kaye Rodbard), His wife Bertha (Shirley Anne Flynn), Jack (Lorraine Wilkie), Widow Plum (Noreen Harris), Scarlet Runner (Pauline Smith), Fetchit and Keepit (Barbara Lee and Joy West), Town Cryer (Cynthia Stone), three citizens, Moll, Patch and Podge (Judy Greenwood, Effie Gallie and Faye Taylor), the Harp (Cheryl Jamieson). A reading by Norma Stevenson was touching,

and in keeping with the recent Armistice Day Remembrance Services. Norma found "Memory Lane" by David Hill, in the NZ Listener, and the story was set around an elderly neighbour and her memories. Her husband had been killed at The Somme. Next we were treated to the traditional Christmas Story with a cheeky humorous look at it. We had Joseph and Mary arriving at the Inn,

and being told "There's no room at the Inn." The very grumpy innkeeper showed them "out the back" to the stable. When all the various visitors turn up looking for the baby King, they were all told "out the back" by the very grumpy Innkeeper. We, the audience took part by singing the right carols at the right time which was most effective and added to the story unfolding on the stage. When we finally see

the baby, the very grumpy Innkeeper melted, and said "Ooo isn't he lovely" The cast: The Narrator (Shirley Anne Flynn) Innkeeper (Noreen Harris), Mary (Pauline Smith), Joseph (Lorraine Wilkie), three Wise Men (Cheryl Jamieson, Kaye Rodbard, Cynthia Stone), three shepherds (Barbara Lee, Joy West, Glennys Manktelow) Lights for both Pantos, were controlled by Jane Lawrence. Social time and supper concluded a great evening. Fiona Collins

# Humour at Kaponga WI

A good attendance of members enjoyed the September lunch meeting at Jo Jones' place. There was much laughter as members recalled amusing things children and grandchildren had said. Jo and helpers provided a lovely lunch for a \$5 donation to the Institute's funds. Six members will make floral bouquets to leave at various public places during WI Awareness Week on October 8-14. These will be free to whoever would like to take one home during that week. Several members will provide articles for the display table for the Fun and Friendship Day on October 15. For the October Birthday Month, the hostesses were Margaret Broomhall and Jo Ellis. Members gathered at the TET Plunket Rooms, Kaponga, where the President Dorothy Hughes cut a delicious Birthday Cake, made by Jo Ellis, to

celebrate 88 years. Once more humour was foremost as members answered the Roll Call "The thing that annoys me most :?" Incorrect spelling, mispronunciation of words, adding a 'k' at the end of words ending with 'ing' such as anything when it should be anything, very loud music first thing in the morning, people who speed up on passing lanes, and would you know it - you are always in the longest queue. These were only some of the things members said. A novelty competition requiring something that started with the letter 's', was well supported. Some examples were: a squirrel ornament, a shell, a toy sewing machine. Sandra Bluett of Eltham Apiaries gave a talk about their bee business, and members learned much from her obvious passion about bees and honey. Lovely weather at Hawera was perfect for the November garden meeting

with members gathering at King Edward Park. Good use was made of picnic chairs as everyone gathered in a sheltered spot near the masses of beautiful roses for the meeting. Dorothy Hughes (President) dealt with the business, along with the secretary Gillian Frandsen and treasurer Sharyn Hurley. This included much discussion on the recent Display Table competition held at the Fun and Friendship Day at Kapuni Hall. Names were taken for the Christmas meeting with husbands and partners which will be dinner at Colonel Malone's, Stratford, on December 10. It was a good opportunity to remember Secret Friends. Members' Picnic Boxes were then enjoyed over much chatter and laughter, after which time was spent walking around Hawera's show piece, King Edward Park, which is looking beautiful and well cared for. Fiona Collins

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# Former journalist wins University of Auckland creative writing prize

Former New Zealand Herald journalist Karen Holdom is this year's winner of the University of Auckland's Sir James Wallace Prize in Creative Writing.

German military cemetery in Normandy. The Faculty of Arts judging team, coordinated by Convenor of the Master of Creative Writing, Dr Paula Morris, described the novel-in-progress "as very accomplished, written with style, control and pace."

Karen won the \$5000 prize, the richest university creative writing prize in New Zealand, for her novel-in-progress *The Shadow Road* set in Nazi-controlled Saarland on the French-German border. It explores the devastating effects of the war on a divided family and region and was inspired by the author's visit to a

"The *Shadow Road* demonstrates the author's ability to adapt a 'real' and little-known story from World War II into a compelling, often shocking work of fiction." Karen Holdom grew up in Taranaki, studied



Sir James Wallace to the left. Karen Holdom Dean of Arts Professor Robert Greenberg to right.

journalism in Auckland and worked for seven years as a reporter at the New Zealand Herald. She later became

a freelancer, writing for a range of newspapers and magazines including Sunday Star Times, Metro, North &

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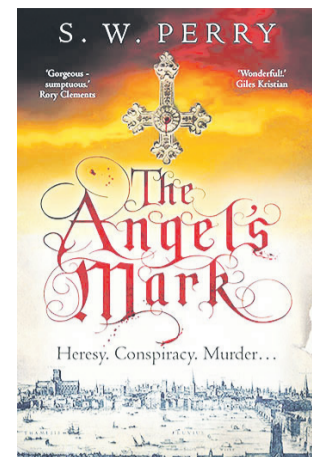
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# Opunake Library Plus Book Review: The angel's mark by S.W. Perry



pit of grief, misery and despair, losing his bearings and losing everything. He ends up washed up on the banks of the River Thames, where he is rescued by half Italian Mistress Bianca Merton, owner of the Jackdaw Tavern, utilising her considerable skills as an apothecary to ensure that Shelby survives. Rumours abound that Bianca is a witch and there are concerted efforts to ensure women are kept out of a profession that is deemed for men alone. When the same strange signs appear on more bodies Shelby knows he has to risk all to catch the killer.

The book has quite a bit of scene setting and then suddenly takes off about a third of the way into the story. That is about the time you realise you are absorbed in the story and suddenly hooked by the tension and suspense within the richly detailed picture of this historical era. The characters are very real and depict the social attitudes of the time blended with scenes of political machinations. The story shows those less fortunate pitted against the dishonesty and manipulation of those who are powerful and influential because of

their wealth. It is a time where medical knowledge is lacking, competition is deemed as dangerous and rivals are disposed of or discredited.

The Angel's Mark is brilliantly written, cleverly plotted and an absolutely wonderful historical fiction serial killer mystery. You can reserve this book

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SW Perry's debut is set in Elizabethan England with a medical profession that is often more of a danger to their patients than of any help, and which works side by side with the Barber-Surgeons. It is 1570 in London, Catholics are hunted as paranoia spreads about plots to overthrow Queen Elizabeth. Suffolk yeoman, Dr Nicholas Shelby notices strange signs on the body of a young crippled boy that suggest he was murdered. However, the boy is a nobody and no one wants to hear Shelby's suspicions, least of all the medical profession or the law. When Shelby is unable to prevent the death of his beloved wife, Eleanor and his unborn child, he descends into the deepest



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# Waterways *report card* 2018



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The state and future of our waterways is a matter that's close to our hearts here in Taranaki, as it is for many New Zealanders up and down the country. Rightly so, too.

But the people of this region have gone way beyond talking and finger-pointing. They've been taking action. And the results are consistently good enough to surprise even those of us at the business end of freshwater management.

So in the past year, we've again seen the best-ever gains in the all-important ecological health of our waterways. Other indicators are currently more variable, reflecting the wetness of the past couple of years. That's why it's important to take a long-term view, keeping an eye on overall trends as well as day-to-day monitoring results.

Crucially, ecological health is the prime measurement of waterway quality, and the improvements we're seeing here are testament to the foresight, commitment and energy of the people of Taranaki.

Three decades ago, the region's farming community voluntarily began the mammoth task of fencing the ring plain's waterways and protecting them with vegetation. So far that's involved five million plants, thousands of kilometres of fencing and tens of millions of dollars in investment. The region's on target to complete the job by the end of the decade.

In the past year, an independent study by NIWA found that this effort is not only strongly associated with the best improvements in ecological health that we've ever seen, but has also reduced E. coli levels.

Meanwhile, the dairy-farming community is also investing in improvements to effluent disposal, switching to land-based systems that leave waterways out of the equation.

Industry and communities (through district councils) have also made heavy investments and long-term commitments over many decades to eliminate or dramatically reduce the impact of wastewater discharges, and to continually improve their environmental performance.

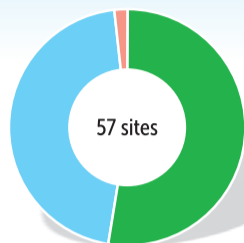
That, briefly, is the story behind the results we're reporting here today. And that's why we've been able to tell the Government there are no 'at-risk catchments' in this region according to Wellington's newly developed criteria for such a definition.

But there are still gains we can make and a lot of work we need to do.

Here at the Taranaki Regional Council, for instance, we're fully engrossed in a review of our 'rulebook', the Freshwater and Land Plan, to tease out issues and potential fixes. There's been a raft of scientific studies – you can find the reports on our website – and we've also been running a series of hui with iwi and other water users.

So watch this space, and never let anyone tell you that Taranaki's doing nothing about its waterways!

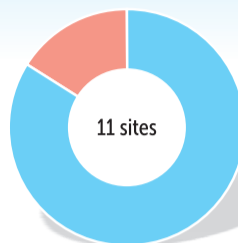
## River ecology trends 1995-2017



53% Improvement  
45% No obvious trend  
2% Deterioration

The ecological health of waterways is assessed by studying the small critters and organisms in streams and rivers, and is the primary measure of freshwater quality. Across the region, our rivers and streams are improving or not showing any significant changes. At more and more sites, we're seeing the best results since monitoring began in 1995.

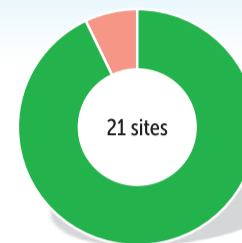
## Physical and chemical trends 2010-2017



0% Improvement  
84% No obvious trend  
16% Deterioration

Measuring organic contamination, nutrient concentrations and aesthetic quality can flag pressures on waterways and indicate where to best focus our attention. The picture in Taranaki is largely stable but our aim is to achieve more improvements and fewer declines. Fewer sites are showing deterioration, particularly in nutrient concentrations.

## Algae growth 2016-2018



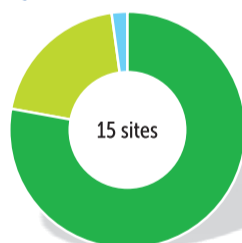
93% Met guidelines  
7% Exceeded guidelines

Algae, or periphyton, is essential for aquatic ecosystems but excessive levels can cause environmental and/or health problems. Just about all of Taranaki's monitored sites meet national guidelines all the time.

## National standards

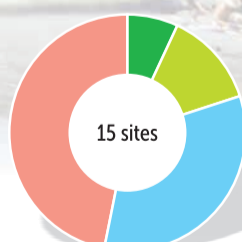
The Government has set compulsory standards for a number of water-quality measures year round. All the toxicant measurements at 15 Taranaki sites meet the standards, with more than two-thirds achieving the best score.

### Ecosystem health 2014-2017



78% A Best  
20% B Intermediate  
2% C Acceptable  
0% D Unacceptable

### Human health 2014-2017



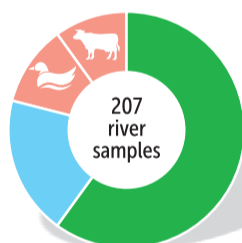
7% A 1% risk of infection  
13% B 2% risk of infection  
0% C 3% risk of infection  
33% D Over 3% risk of infection  
47% E Over 7% risk of infection

- Most of the sites are too shallow, cold and/or small for recreational bathing activities.
- The risk of getting infected doesn't always mean you'll get sick.

## Can I swim?

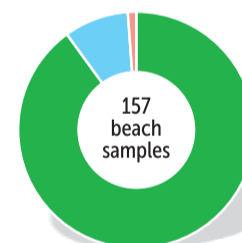
Over summer, the Council monitors popular swimming spots on the coast (where most people swim) and at our rivers and streams. Freshwater sites are mostly good, with contamination by wildfowl and gulls responsible at two urban sites. Coastal sites are consistently good with all sites meeting the swimming guidelines apart from one sample at one site.

### Recreational freshwater quality Summer 2017-2018



125 Acceptable  
39 Acceptable (monitoring alert)  
22 Unacceptable (source: birds)  
21 Unacceptable (source: cows)

### Bathing beach recreational water quality Summer 2017-2018



142 Acceptable  
14 Acceptable (monitoring alert)  
1 Unacceptable



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# Hydrogen not the answer

Greenpeace is calling on the Government to rule out what it says is a massive polluting project proposed for Taranaki that will increase dirty energy dependency and massively increase production of "river-killing" urea.

The billion-dollar project proposes using hydrocarbon gas to make hydrogen and urea. The hydrogen would be used as an energy source, while the urea would be used as fertiliser on New Zealand's farms and for export.

Greenpeace campaigner Steve Abel says if the project, known as '8 Rivers' goes ahead, it would be disastrous for the climate and New Zealand's rivers.

"It should really be called 'Dead Rivers,' because it will destroy our waterways and lock us more deeply into dependency on gas, a dirty and finite source of energy," he says.

Greenpeace says the use of synthetic nitrogen fertilisers have already caused the Earth's safe nitrogen cycle boundary to be breached. This is one of nine planetary boundaries that if surpassed, threaten human survival. Greenpeace has just launched a campaign calling for the Government ban all synthetic nitrogen fertiliser

in New Zealand. Abel says urea is a double whammy for the climate and rivers.

"Urea is used to increase the number of cows, which in turn increases climate emissions and the pollution of our rivers," he says.

"On top of that, the 8 Rivers project relies on an enormous supply of gas, which is both a dirty source of energy and is finite. We should be investing in energy systems that are based on sources that are clean and infinite, such as wind and solar.

"Instead of the two billion dollar price tag on the Dead Rivers project, Government and industry should be backing Greenpeace's 500,000 solar homes proposal that would cost a total of \$665 million over 20 years. Solar is what the Government and Regional Development Minister Shane Jones should be backing, not the polluting fuels of the past."

Greenpeace is calling on the Government to rule out the 8 Rivers project and clarify that any investment in hydrogen technology should be for clean hydrogen made from renewable sources, and not dirty hydrogen made from fossil fuels.

Abel says the 8 Rivers project is a last ditch bid to

save the oil and gas industry from the global transition to clean energy.

"This project alone can undo all the good that has been achieved for the climate in recent policy decisions such as stopping the search for new oil and gas," he says.

Climate Justice Taranaki has also slammed the 8 Rivers Project.

Climate Justice Taranaki spokesperson Emily Bailey. "This second round of unsustainable Think Big technology is not proven and even if it was it will be ridiculously expensive and still require fracked gas that is estimated to run out in ten years time," says Climate Justice spokesperson Emily Bailey. "Who in their right mind would invest in such a project?"

"The project has been touted by the US based 8 Rivers Capital LLC. According to their website, the company has developed technology to generate power from fossil fuels, apparently without air emissions, the only by-products being 'water' and 'pipeline-ready' or 'carbon capture-ready' carbon dioxide.

"Based on our research, carbon capture and storage (CCS) has not been effective or economically viable

anywhere, despite decades of talks and trials. One project in the US captures about one tenth of the CO2 emitted from a coal-fired power station and pipes it 80 miles to an oil field to be injected into old wells to produce more oil. The term 'clean coal' is simply oxymoron - how can one say CCS is clean or sustainable when it fuels yet more fossil fuel mining?"

"To use the waste to produce more urea for industrial farming is also ludicrous given it is one of the planet's worst greenhouse gas emitting chemicals and a serious soil and waterway pollutant. It'd be a monumentally disastrous project, one that would take us to a disastrous future - climate breakdown. We do not accept 'blue hydrogen' made from fossil fuels involving carbon capture and storage as clean either - it is yet another oxymoron."

"Taranaki was much better off before big oil and gas brought centralised milk production stations, synthetic fertiliser and trucks, ships, mechanisation and megadebts to farming. The younger generations are already firing ahead with community-scale regenerative and urban farming projects that offer

far better quality of life for workers and massively reduce emissions, waste and pollution. Alongside

renewable energy and energy efficient infrastructure this just makes sense."

## Potential billion dollar hydrogen investment shows rethink needed on natural gas

A major potential investment into hydrogen technology in Taranaki shows the need for a re-think on oil and gas exploration, says the Petroleum Exploration and Production Association of New Zealand (PEPANZ).

"A project like this uses natural gas to create zero-emissions electricity, hydrogen, and fertiliser. It could be a win-win outcome, investing billions and creating new jobs while helping the Government achieve its lower emission goals," says PEPANZ CEO Cameron Madgwick.

"This is a great example

of the role of natural gas in a lower carbon world. Without new exploration permits we could miss out on these types of opportunities, and the enormous economic and environmental benefits they could deliver.

"Given this new development, it would make sense to rethink the exploration decision.

"A pragmatic way forward would be for the Government to ask the Interim Climate Change Committee to consider the role of natural gas as part of its work on New Zealand's energy system."



Nubian goats at Stoney Oaks Wildlife Park.

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# Last chance for Taranaki dairy to make grand final

Career-changer Blair Briscoe's thirst for knowledge is driving him to tackle new challenges in the agri-food sector. The 30-year-old has clinched a spot in the Taranaki/Manawatu Regional Final of the FMG Young Farmer of the Year. The qualified builder contract milks 430-cows at



Blair Briscoe

Egmont Village in Taranaki. It's his first season on the farm. "Ever since I entered the dairy sector, all I have wanted to do is learn and expand my knowledge," said the father-of-two. "I didn't really pass high school. But through hard work and determination I'm now self-employed." Prior to moving to the

other side of Mt Taranaki, Blair spent three years contract milking in Okato.

During his time in the area he rebuilt Coastal Young Farmers and is serving his



James Lawn.

second stint as the club's chair. "I'm stoked to have made it into the regional final," said Blair, who's of Ngāti Awa and Te Atiawa descent. "I'll be 31 in March, so this is my last chance to make it through to the grand final before I age out of NZ Young Farmers." It will be Blair's second time competing in a regional final, and he'll be up against past winner and fellow Coastal YF member James Lawn.

James is in his second season contract milking 410-cows in Okato and is a former DairyNZ consulting officer. "I like how the contest helps develop my skills. I'm always pushing myself to do new things," said James. "The first time I welded and worked with horses was competing in the FMG Young Farmer of the Year." "But in all my years competing I've never had to shear a sheep, and I've been practicing," he laughed. Blair and James will go head-to-head with six other regional finalists in the event in Whanganui on April 6. They are Alex Field, Benjamin Orchard, Graham Johnson, James Beattie, Ashton Coates and Sarah Meurk.

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## Industrial hemp now illegal as animal feed

Hemp growers have slammed a document released by MPI saying that feeding of iHemp to any animal is in breach of the Agricultural Compounds

and Veterinary Medicines Act. (ACVM).

"This has come as a huge shock to all in the industry, who believed they had access to the animal feed market, since the iHemp regulations came into place in 2006," says a statement from the New Zealand Hemp Industries Association. "This latest release by MPI sends a contradictory message from the department after changing regulations earlier this month to allow hemp seed for human consumption. "So we have got a win for human food but lost animal feed?" questions one Rangitikei iHemp farmer "how ridiculous!". "MPI Head of Food Safety Bryan Wilson has stated recently that Hemp seeds are safe to eat and nutritious, they don't produce a psychoactive or therapeutic effect. Yet it appears that it is no longer acceptable for animals.

The ACVM legislation was changed in 2011 without any industry consultation. This is where the issue lies. "MPI has released several documents previously,

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# Screen legend meets Taranaki lake



Marilyn Monroe at Lake Mangamahoe

Marilyn Monroe at Lake Mangamahoe is the latest creation to come from Coastal Taranaki artist Graham Kirk.

This is his fourth painting to feature Marilyn Monroe. Other locations have included the Pouakai Ranges, Devon Street and Ponsonby Road.

Graham says that back in the sixties, his uncle Jim Taylor was caretaker of this lake and the job came with a house overlooking the entrance.

"When I was fourteen I stayed there for a week with Jim and Jean (my dad's

sister) fishing for trout," says Graham. "I loved it. He had an open clinker built boat that we would go out in to get water samples from various locations on the lake for the New Plymouth District Council - part of the job.

There weren't too many people around then and it was a great place to be on my own, fishing.

About five years earlier I had seen my first Marilyn Monroe movie *Some Like it Hot*," just about the funniest movie I'd ever seen I remember thinking."

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## Industrial hemp now illegal as animal feed

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including in 2004, indicating iHemp was permissible to feed to animals, in fact, they encouraged it. Former Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry (MAF) staffer and Deputy Chair of the hemp licensing committee (2001-2005) Tony van der Lem points out: Proceeding with a change that will affect an industry without our consultation, is not what is expected of a professional and competent government department.

"MPI is now claiming that harm may arise to New Zealand's export earnings, citing potential issues from countries where hemp is prohibited. The tiniest trace amount of any cannabinoid in our milk or meat could be devastating, they argue.

iHemp however is considered generally safe by the World Health Organisation and the UN. The current iHemp regulations specify limits on "Tetrahydrocannabinol (THC, a psychoactive substance) as being under 0.35%. No substance present in hemp is thought or proven

to be of any detriment to the health of people or animals.

"Considerable interest has arisen recently in medicinal cannabis, and this is being blamed for some of the confusion and mixed messages coming from Government. "They need to take a step back and realise we are a low THC arable crop with huge potential, and start enabling the industry," says Deputy Chair of the NZHIA, Richard Barge.

"Industry is calling for a change in legislation to exempt iHemp from the rigorous controls currently in place on controlled drugs. Hemp products are safe, and one molecule of THC or CBD should not force officials to treat us like a drug crop.

"Low THC iHemp is clearly defined as not being Marijuana. It is time for the conflicting announcements made by governmental departments about iHemp, to stop. Officials need urgently to work together and with industry, to enable a brand new primary industry for New Zealand.

"NZHIA farmer member Tom Welch states: These constant roadblocks by government are killing our industry's future. We need government to help, not hinder, for hemp to flourish to its economic and ecological potential. This low THC plant presents

absolutely no health risks to people or animals and it is to the detriment of all New Zealanders that hemp continues to be so strictly prohibited.

NZHIA is awaiting reply from the Prime Minister's office on the issues at hand," the statement reads.



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# Awards for best primary sector employers

Minister of Agriculture Damien O'Connor has congratulated the best primary sector employers at an awards evening at Parliament.

"The primary industries employ about 350,000 people – one in seven working New Zealanders and as many as one in three in some regions," Damien O'Connor said.

"Attracting and keeping this hard-working talent is a significant challenge and we recognise those exceptional employers who are committing to good employment practices such as training, paying and treating staff well.

"I equally acknowledge those working throughout the sector who contribute to these sustainable, high-value business models.

"Good employers help to attract and develop the



Ministers with winners.

skills we need for today and tomorrow. Investing in the workforce is critical to

the future of our primary industries and a key part of this is providing attractive

careers for the next generation of workers.

"I had the pleasure of

presenting the Minister's Award to Ben and Nicky Allomes, the owners and

directors of Hopelands Dairies Ltd in Woodville.

"They have creatively solved the age-old problem of work-life balance by investing in a rostering system that allows their workers ownership of when they work and what they do on the ground. They have also shared this knowledge with their community.

"The first ever MPI AGMARDT Primary Industries Good Employer Awards have recognised exceptional employers across the dairy, seafood, forestry and horticulture sectors," Damien O'Connor said.

*"Good employers help to attract and develop the skills we need for today and tomorrow."*

## Global Dairy Associations call for leaders to support WTO

The Dairy Companies Association of New Zealand (DCANZ) has joined with counterpart dairy associations in Argentina, Australia, Europe, the United States and Uruguay in a call for G20 leaders to reject trade-distorting actions

and intensify efforts to maintain and reinvigorate the multilateral rules based trading system.

A joint media statement has been issued by dairy associations from these countries calling on G20 leaders to intensify efforts to establish a roadmap for

the WTO that cements its important role into the future. DCANZ chair Malcolm Bailey signed the statement on behalf of New Zealand.

"Dairy Associations representing the majority of global trade in dairy products are calling on G20 Ministers

to prioritise maintaining, reforming and reinvigorating the multilateral rules-based trading system," the statement reads.

"We have come together as representatives of the dairy industries in Argentina (Centro de la Industria Lechera); Australia (Australian Dairy Industry Council); the European Union (European Dairy

Association and Eucolait); New Zealand (Dairy Companies Association of New Zealand); the United States (International Dairy Foods Association, National Milk Producers Federation and U.S. Dairy Export Council) and Uruguay (Camara de la Industria Lactea del Uruguay) because of the collective importance we place on there being

a rules-based multilateral system which is respected and adhered to.

"We strongly agree with the G20 Trade Ministers statement of September 2018, that international trade is an important engine of growth, productivity, innovation, job creation

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# Day recognised

Monday December 3 was the International Day for Disabled People which is celebrated globally. Workbridge celebrates this day by recognising our great employers across the country with Above and Beyond Employer Awards. There have also been various other initiatives in the community such as Disability Pride Week.

Workbridge have presented an Above and Beyond Employer Award to building contractor Mark Wells. He recently employed Keith Morris through Workbridge to work on one of his Taranaki building sites. As Keith was deaf and as the team didn't want him to feel left out, they decided to start learning NZSL so they could communicate with him. Everyone has jumped on board and after a few initial mix-ups, most of

the people who work with him have learned some sign language- using help from Keith as well a cell phone app and the NZSL dictionary.

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# Kids and kittens



Kids and kittens. Toddler showing her delight at the Old McDonald's Farm Barn at the Stratford A & P show.

# Call to support WTO

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and development. The multilateral trading system has supported trade and contributed to unprecedented improvement in standards of living around the globe over the last 60 years. Since Agriculture was brought under the WTO framework, by the 1995 Uruguay Round agreement, dairy trade has nearly doubled, as regional and global food chains have expanded to provide high quality dairy products to an increasing number of consumers at affordable prices.

"We also agree with G20 Trade Ministers that Agro-Food Global Value Chains are one of the most important means to achieve a sustainable food future. It is therefore important that all WTO members respect their WTO commitments and work collectively to strengthen and advance the WTO frameworks.

"Our organisations collectively call on G20 leaders to reject trade distorting actions, such as imposing unscientific, overly burdensome or trade-distorting nontariff regulations; unilaterally raising tariffs in ways that are not WTO-compliant; or providing WTO illegal export subsidies. These actions undermine the functioning of value chains, lead to trade diversion, more volatile commodity prices and lead to a less efficient allocation of resources with higher costs.

"We urge G20 members to intensify efforts to establish a roadmap for the WTO that cements its important role into the future.

"We recognise that the WTO needs to continue to adapt to changing global economic and trading

circumstances to address current concerns, maintain its relevance and lay the basis for future, sustainable growth in trade, including for dairy. We consider the changes needed include: reform of the dispute settlement system; improving transparency and timeliness of subsidy notifications; clarifying the procedures for administering tariff quotas to markedly improve fill rates; and additional improvements to address trade-distorting practices."

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# A World Championship title, 61 medals, and multiple records for New Zealand teams

The two New Zealand teams have both finished on the podium with over 60 medals at the Lifesaving World Championships (LWC), with the Junior Black Fins becoming youth World Champions by finishing first, while the Black Fins finished a close second after five days of intense racing in Adelaide.

The Junior Black Fins can now call themselves World Champions in the youth category after they fought back from an overnight points deficit on Saturday, to finish on top at the end of the final day. This was a historic result for the Under-19 team, who have never won the world title with the category being previously dominated by Australia.

Junior Black Fins Coach, Matt Cairns, said they are "so proud" of the Junior



Oscar Williams and Lochlainn O'Connor won gold in 4x25m Manikin Relay.

Black Fins who fought "incredibly hard" to get the title for the very first time. "It was an effort by the whole team and management to dig deep for the silver fern

to get this result. It had never been done before but we knew we had the best team for the job."

"The team showed amazing resilience when things got tough and kept fighting by putting out massive performances and a lot of personal bests after four days of extremely tough racing," he added.

The team broke another three New Zealand pool records and took home an impressive nine medals, including five golds, on the last day of competition alone.

Lochlainn O'Connor (Mount Maunganui) was a standout on the final day, by breaking two records himself, and bringing home three of the Junior Black Fins' gold medals. One of those was a team effort with the 4x25m Manikin Relay,

which he won alongside team-mates Zac Reid, Oscar Williams and Declan Dempster.

Meanwhile, the Black Fins finished the World Championships in second, a mere 20 points behind Australia. With 20 points awarded for a race win, the margin was small, and despite the Black Fins putting in a "mammoth effort" on Sunday, they simply couldn't catch Australia after strong performances from their camp too.

Black Fins Head Coach Jason Pockock, said "we are disappointed with the outcome, but proud our effort all week. We have had four days of amazing performances but unfortunately for us, we were beaten by a better team. To Kurt and the Australian team, we say congratulations, thank you for the battle and you were simply better than us over the five days."

"Regardless of the result, we are very proud of our efforts and continue to be impressed by all the Black Fins and their attitude."

Their last day was filled with strong results including three gold and six silver medals across a variety of events. The New Zealand relay teams, made up of four athletes in each race, won gold in the Ocean Woman and Ocean Man relays which is known to be a tough event that combines a swim, ski, board and sprint leg.

However, Danielle McKenzie and Cory Taylor both took silver in the most gruelling event of the whole competition – the individual Ocean Woman and Ocean Man races. This event covers a 1,200 metre course that includes a swim leg, a board leg, a surf ski leg, and a beach sprint finish – but the catch – they had to do it three times in a row, back-to-back, with only a couple of minutes rest in between each run.

Olivia Corrin and Max Beattie also put in a huge effort during this notoriously difficult and exhausting event, by both securing fourth in their respective races.

The Black Fins also secured the trophy for top team in the pool. While the points were a tie with Australia, the Kiwi team won the pool trophy after they had secured more gold medals in the pool than their Australian counterparts. They also got a podium in the Simulated Emergency Response Competition (SERC) by taking third, behind France and Norway.

## Opunake Surf Lifesaving Club News

It was great to see a few people out in the water on our first patrolling weekend on November 24. The weather was a bit chilly but it was great to kick off our patrol season. Last weekend (December 1-2) we held a camp to train up our lifeguards, refresh their qualifications and work with our rookies. A great time was had by all.

Our junior club numbers are up to around 90 kids under 14 years. We are excited about the season ahead. The first Taranaki Junior Carnival is being hosted by us on December 9 from 10am onwards. All four Taranaki Clubs come together for a few hours of beach sprints, flags, board and swim races.

Come on down and support our youngsters!

Fundraising is in full swing as we have a big renovation required downstairs in our changing room. This massive job requires all walls to be replaced. Every little bit counts so we have designed a tea-towel and ordered 500 to sell. \$15 for 1 or 2 for \$20. These will arrive mid-December. Thanks to all those people who have facebooked us wanting some. As soon as they are here we will get the message out where to buy/collect orders from.

On Tuesday 11th, our members will assist with the Food Bank Collection being held around the streets of Opunake.

Members please meet at the firestation at 5.30pm.

We are looking forward to the Opunake Christmas Parade on December 24. So lovely to spend Christmas Eve in town with everyone, looking at all the festive floats and catching up with friends. We hope all our members can come down and help decorate the float, and help marshal at the parade too.

The first weekend of January - the Opunake Beach Carnival is a big weekend both in the water and on land for our club. This is a major fundraiser and we are grateful to the community for their support. Monday-Friday patrols start the week before Christmas and go to the end

of January. Saturday and Sunday patrols continue now until the end of March. Remember to slip, slop, slap and wrap when on the beach - even on cloudy days. Always swim at the north end of the beach in front of

the Surf Club building (between the two Norfolk pines on the cliff is the safest spot). Never swim alone and if you see someone in trouble - ring 111.

Opunake Surf Life Saving Club

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November 24. Men. 1. Jacob Gopperth 44. 2. Grant Hastie 41. 3. Ashton Sharp 39 and Craig Jones 39.

End of Month Tournament. 1. Winston Kidd 43. 2. Marina Gopperth 41. 3 Grant Gopperth 40. 4. Phil Elliott 39 and Trevor Larsen 39.

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# New Zealand wins another World Championship

The New Zealand Inflatable Rescue Boat (IRB) team have been crowned the first ever World IRB Champions at the Lifesaving World Championships (LWC) in Australia, after edging out their closest rivals by 22 points.

With only seven races to win the historic and first-ever IRB world title, the Kiwi team expected it to be a tough and very close competition. The races, which replicate real-life rescue scenarios, were made up of a men's and women's race in each of the tube rescue, mass rescue and single rescue, with a final event comprising of both crews in the mixed teams rescue.

The eight-strong Kiwi team took home a gold or silver medal in every single final, showing their skill at the top level against first-class competitors from around the world.

Co-captain and driver of the men's IRB, Shane Edwards from Sunset Beach Lifeguard Service said "this is an unreal experience. I'm actually just speechless. I can't quite believe it yet but it was so special being able to race with family and friends and know that all our hard work and sacrifices have paid off."



Former Opunake Surf Lifesaving Club member Coach Jarron Mumby (By the motor) with his world beating team.

Taylor Shrimpton (Sunset Beach, Port Waikato), co-captain and driver of the women's IRB, echoed Edwards' thoughts but said she was "absolutely stoked."

"It is just an absolute honour to win and wear the New Zealand fern, although it's still a pretty unreal feeling. We are so happy for the boys because they really

stepped it up but us girls had an awesome run too."

"We had so much support which was really cool too," she added, with dozens of people on the beach cheering them on, the Black Fins watching the livestream from the pool, and hundreds of supporters back home sending the team messages.

Jaron Mumby (Fitzroy

SLSC, Taranaki), Head Coach of the New Zealand IRB Team said they had one focus coming into today and they're "ecstatic" that they've done it.

"I couldn't be more proud of our crews and what they've achieved this morning. To be world champions is just incredible, especially after all of the work that's gone

into this campaign."

"It has been a lot of hard work, passion and commitment to get here, so to arrive here and do what we've done is just phenomenal," he said.

Surf Life Saving New Zealand Sport Manager Mike Lord, said all of the New Zealand teams at the bi-annual Lifesaving World Championships did the country proud and have shown the world that we are a force to be reckoned with on the global stage.

"The IRB result has really shown how strong all of our New Zealand teams have been right across the board in surf lifesaving sport. From the IRB racing, to pool events, and on the beach, our Kiwi teams have been consistently right at the top and taken on real

powerhouses of the sport in doing so."

"To have the IRB team and Junior Black Fins both current World Champions now, and the Black Fins a very close second, is just incredible. We are so proud of what all our teams have done representing New Zealand at the Lifesaving World Championships," he continued.

That marks the official end to the New Zealand national team's fight for world titles, after the international competitions including the Black Fins, Junior Black Fins and the New Zealand IRB team have wrapped up. However, many Kiwis are still competing for their clubs in the Interclub category of the competition where they'll fight for top club honours.

## Taranaki teams qualify for national sevens tournament

The CMK Taranaki men's and Port Taranaki women's sevens teams have made it through the qualification process and will compete at the national tournament in Tauranga.

The CMK men finished fourth overall in the central regional qualifying tournament and the Port Taranaki women qualified automatically but were playing for seeding positions in the Levin tournament held last weekend.

CMK Taranaki topped their pool after beating Wairarapa Bush 31-7, Horowhenua/Kapiti 24-14 and Manawatu 14-7.

However, several injuries were a defining factor in their 33-19 loss to Hawkes Bay. A hard end to the day resulted in a subsequent loss against Manawatu 24-19 in the play-off match for third and fourth.

Inglewood's Rhodes Featherston was a standout player for CMK Taranaki, with former New Zealand and England sevens representative Warwick Lahmert and co-captains Jayson Potroz and Liam Blyde were other noted performers.

Promising midfielder Daniel Rona showed glimpses of a bright future in

his first outing for Taranaki.

The Port Taranaki women lost their four matches during the day to Hawkes Bay twice 15-5 and 22-7, Wellington 41-0 and Manawatu 48-0, who went onto win the women's section.

Jessie Aitken-Fowell and Iritana Hohaia were exceptional for the women's side, standing out at key moments.

The side will welcome back a raft of players who were unavailable due to competing at the Condor sevens tournament in Auckland over the weekend.

There is potential for Black Ferns sevens representative

Gayle Broughton to represent Taranaki at the nationals, but her availability won't be confirmed until closer to the time.

At the national tournament, the CMK men have been grouped in Pool D with Hawkes Bay, Bay of Plenty and Canterbury, while the Port Taranaki women will make up Pool 1 with Auckland, Canterbury and Otago.

The Tauranga Domain will host the national tournament on December 15-16, a month earlier than last year, with matches on field one televised on SKY Sport.

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# Old4new is back to save lives this summer

Kiwi boaties across the country will have the opportunity to check and upgrade their lifejackets thanks to Coastguard's Old4New Lifejacket Upgrade campaign back again this summer.

From December 1, the Old4New van will visit popular boat ramps and key locations all over the country, giving boaties the chance to bring in their old, damaged or out-of-date lifejackets for a great discount on brand-new, quality Hutchwilco lifejackets.

"Lifejackets save lives, but old lifejackets are no good in an emergency," says Coastguard CEO Patrick Holmes.

"Lifejackets that are over ten years old should be replaced even if they look ok to the eye. Seawater, sun and general wear and tear

impact how effective they are and many old lifejackets won't even float which is a serious concern in an emergency.

"Worryingly, many people are also still using lifejackets filled with kapok – a fluffy plant fibre similar to cotton which can absorb water. These lifejackets are extremely dangerous so if you have one, destroy it immediately and replace it with a new, modern one."

This year the Old4New van will reach a number of new locations, including the Taranaki region and Haast, Franz Josef and Hokitika on the west coast of the South Island, meaning even more Kiwis can check their lifejackets and stay safe on the water.

"The Old4New Lifejacket Upgrade campaign provides an easy and accessible way for people to check their

lifejacket is up to scratch, and replace them if they aren't," says Mr. Holmes.

Sue Tucker, Old4New community ambassador agrees, "Each year we have people come to the Old4New van with lifejackets that are 30, 40 and even 50 years old, New Zealanders needs to be aware that lifejackets don't last a lifetime.

"Lifejackets, including inflatable versions, need to be checked each year. If you're in any doubt as to how to check your lifejacket, visit the Old4new van and we'll show you exactly what you need to do and look out for."

"The more old, damaged and dangerous lifejackets that are removed from the community the better," adds Mr Holmes. "We encourage every boatie who is unsure about the quality of their lifejacket to head down to the Old4New van when it's in their area."

Since the inception of Old4New, over 10,000 old or damaged lifejackets have been traded in and upgraded, meaning thousands of Kiwis are now safer out on the water.

# NBL game in New Plymouth



Recent game photos of the SKY CITY Breakers vs Cairns Taipans.

Dillon Boucher, SKY CITY Breakers General Manager says he is excited to be bringing an NBL season game to New Plymouth.

The Breakers will play the Cairns Taipans on January 24 next year.

"It's great to have the opportunity to play a NBL regular season game where I grew up and developed a passion for basketball.

Basketball is strong in the Taranaki region and I'm looking forward to the Breakers putting on a great display in front of a knowledgeable basketball crowd," says Boucher.

During their time in New Plymouth the SKY CITY Breakers will be attending community basketball events in conjunction with Sport Taranaki and Taranaki

Basketball. These will be an opportunity for fans and families to meet the SKY CITY Breakers, shoot a few hoops or get your basketball gear signed.

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## Chairman's chat

### Region's doing well with waterways - keep up the good work



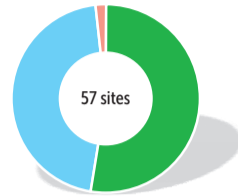
Ka mihi nui ki a koutou katoa, greetings to you all. Our latest annual waterways report card was published last week and I hope you have an opportunity to look at it.

The report notes that once again, we're seeing best-ever gains in the all-important ecological health of our waterways. Other indicators are currently more variable, reflecting the wetness of the past couple of years. That's why it's important to keep an eye on overall trends as well as day-to-day results.

Crucially, ecological health is the prime measurement of waterway quality, and the improvements we're seeing here are testament to the foresight, commitment and energy of the people of Taranaki. Our farmers are investing much time and effort in fencing and planting, and in switching to land-based effluent disposal. Our communities and industries also made big investments over many decades to eliminate or dramatically reduce the impact of wastewater discharges and improve environmental performance.

That's why we can report such encouraging results. It's also why we've been able to tell the Government there are no 'at-risk

River ecology trends  
1995-2017



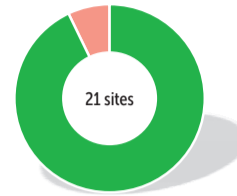
53% Improvement  
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2% Deterioration

Physical and chemical trends  
2010-2017



0% Improvement  
84% No obvious trend  
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Algae growth  
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catchments' in this region according to Wellington's own criteria. But there are still gains to be made and a lot of work to do. At the Taranaki Regional Council we're fully engrossed in a review of our Freshwater and Land Plan, to tease out issues and fixes. There's been a raft of scientific studies and hui with iwi and others.

So never let anyone tell you that Taranaki's doing nothing about its waterways! Check out the waterways report card:

[www.trc.govt.nz/taranaki-waterways-updates/](http://www.trc.govt.nz/taranaki-waterways-updates/)  
David MacLeod, Chairman

## Around & about the region

### Highway advocacy pays off

Taranaki's Regional Transport Committee has long been pushing for SH3 safety improvements between Bell Block and Waitara, and warmly welcomes last month's announcement of \$29 million in Government funding for the project. "We agree with the Minister, the Hon Phil Twyford, that there've been too many deaths and injuries," says the Committee Chairman, Cr Craig Williamson. "It's an important road, one of the busiest in Taranaki, and it needs to be made as safe as possible." In his announcement, Mr Twyford acknowledged that the community had been asking for safety improvements for some time.

[www.bit.ly/SH3Waitara](http://www.bit.ly/SH3Waitara)

### Buses for Christmas shoppers

With gift-buying season reaching its peak, the Taranaki Regional Council is providing extra Saturday bus services for those needing to hit the shops. Nine New Plymouth Citylink services, including Bell Block/Waitara, and the Connector service linking Opunake, Hāwera, Stratford, Inglewood and New Plymouth, will run on the three remaining Saturdays before Christmas.

[www.taranakibus.info](http://www.taranakibus.info)



### We're webbing the surf

The Taranaki Regional Council has launched a new online Surfwatch, offering real-time and forecast data covering wind, swell, tides, weather and water and air temperature at nine key surfing locations spanning the entire Taranaki coastline, with live webcams at some. The new tool, which functions as a smartphone app when users save it to their home screen, incorporates the Council's own real-time wind data, as well as forecasts or data from NIWA and MetOcean Solutions' SwellMap covering swell conditions, air and water temperature and weather. Some sites also feature Primo Wireless webcams.

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## Taking Taranaki forward

### Young rat catchers doing an awesome job for our biodiversity

The region's schools and their students have embraced our Towards Predator-Free Taranaki project, and they're doing fantastic work trapping predators and spreading the word.

Woodleigh School in New Plymouth is just one example. Students aged eight and nine made this short video showing how they're

Video: [www.bit.ly/trapvid](http://www.bit.ly/trapvid)



protecting native birds and wildlife by trapping rats at school and at home. It's worth a watch.

We need as many people as possible to get involved if we are to achieve our end goal of restoring Taranaki's native birdlife and plant diversity in all its glory and richness.

Towards Predator-Free Taranaki will thrive on the sort of enthusiasm and energy shown by the Woodleigh students, and countless others all over the region. And you don't have to be a student or a youngster. More and more households are also taking up the cause.

If you'd like to support these children and their schools helping local biodiversity, you can buy a \$10 rat trap and box from a school near you and get trapping in your own backyard.

For a list of Taranaki schools selling traps as a fundraiser, go to [www.bit.ly/trapschools](http://www.bit.ly/trapschools)

If you are among the hundreds of Taranaki people already involved in Towards Predator-Free Taranaki, remember to register on the Trap.NZ website, and record your trapping catches there. Download a handy how-to guide at [www.bit.ly/TrapNZ](http://www.bit.ly/TrapNZ)

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The 2019 schedule of public events and workshops, most of them free, has been finalised for each of the gardens, and there's something for everybody.

See the details at [www.trc.govt.nz/whats-on/](http://www.trc.govt.nz/whats-on/)

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Sunday 8.30am at Pungarehu (St Martins), 10am at Opunake (Our Lady Star of the Sea)  
Other areas  
Manaia - Sacred Heart - 1st, 3rd Sat at 5pm (2nd, 4th & 5th Sat at Hawera's St Josephs)  
Kaponga - St Patricks, Sunday 8.45am  
All welcome

**St Patricks Catholic Church, Okato**  
Saturday Vigil 6.00pm

**The Wave**

Pentecostal Church 64 Domett St, Opunake  
Sunday Services 10.30am  
Women's Group 10.30am Tuesday  
Men's Group 7pm Wednesday  
Youth Group 7pm Friday  
Come along or contact Pastor Murray 027 688 7378

**St. Barnabas Anglican Church**

141 Tasman St, Opunake  
Sunday Services 10am  
Communion 2nd, 3rd & 4th Sunday  
Prayer & Praise 1st Sunday  
Every 5th Sunday all 4 churches gather for a Combined Service

**Okato Community Church**

Meets 6.30pm Sunday at Hempton Hall.  
Everyone welcome



**Our Christmas Edition and Holiday Guide will be out on the 20th of December.**



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**Certificate Prize-giving**

Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> December 2018 at 11.00 a.m.

**Trophy Prize-giving**

Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> December 2018  
Years 1-4 at 9.30 a.m.  
Years 5-13 at 11.00 a.m.

Please ensure ALL students are in correct, clean uniform, including footwear.

Buses will be departing from the school on Wednesday at 12.30 p.m.



**OPUNAKE BUSINESS ASSOCIATION**

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**TENDER | DAIRY FARM WITH SCALE**

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This 165.5884 hectare (409.1689 acre) farm is currently milking approximately 400 cows through a modern 44 bail rotary cowshed, with ACR and in-shed feed system. Contour is a mix of flat, easy and lahar, there is plenty of mowable contour for supplements. The farm is well raced, fenced, has a new bore and there is a rings mains water system to 58 paddocks. With two tidy homes, very good infrastructure and a handy location to New Plymouth this is a great opportunity for those looking for a little more scale. Biosecurity systems are in place and clean vehicles only please. To appreciate this property viewing is highly recommended.

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**Open Days**  
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**TENDER | FIRST FARM OPPORTUNITY**

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On SH45 minutes north of Opunake this 97.12 hectare dairy farm, utilising an additional 40 hectare lease block is currently milking 240 cows through a 16 ASHB cowshed. The main farm comprises of approx. 57 ha flat land, 40 ha easy to rolling coastal land with the 40 ha lease being across the road. Being well fenced, raced and with water from the reliable Oaonui water scheme this farm is ticking along nicely, last seasons production was over 90,000 kg milksolids. Housing comprises of a near new quality 4 bedroomed brick home and a lovely large villa in established gardens on farm, along with adequate outbuildings for storage, hay and PKE. Also carrying 52 calves and 25 R2 heifers this farm could be kept in dairying or utilised as a runoff or supplement block.

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LOOKING FOR WORK?

At the suggestion of a regular advertiser, the Opunake & Coastal News is considering starting a Work Wanted column in the classified section of the paper which will be free. This is partly to fill a gap in the media. Another newspaper used to run such a column. Anyone seeking work is invited to submit their details to the paper. Your skills, experience, availability etc, is a suggestion but this will be up to the person.

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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.  
**Jonathan Young:** Need to chat with your Local MP Jonathan Young? Jonathan will now hold his meetings at Coastal Care. For more information phone: 06 7591363. Or email newplymouthmp@parliament.govt.nz  
**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/ 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.  
**Taranaki Country Music Hall of Fame, Manaia:** Running every Thursday night from 7.30pm, 11 Surf Highway, South Road, Manaia.  
**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.

WEEKENDS

**The Historic Cape Light & Musuem:** Open 11am - 3pm weekends, Bayly Road, Warea.  
**THURSDAY NOVEMBER 22 TO FRIDAY DECEMBER 14**  
**The Annual Members Christmas exhibition 'Festive Flair':** At the Village gallery, Eltham. Refer ad for details.

MONDAY DECEMBER 3 TO THURSDAY DECEMBER 6 DAILY

**The Royal Opunake Christmas Variety Show:** Presented by Opunake Players. Evening show at 7pm. Refer ad for details.

EVERY SATURDAY AND SUNDAY UNTIL CHRISTMAS FROM DECEMBER 1

**St Pauls Church Christmas Nativity Display:** At St Pauls Church, Havelock St, Opunake from 1.30 - 4.30pm and 6.30 - 9.30pm. Refer ad for details.

WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 5 TO SATURDAY DECEMBER 15

**Three One Act Plays + a little more:** By Hawera Repertory Society at Reper.tory House, Hawera. Refer advert in previous issue for details.

FRIDAY DECEMBER 7

**Rahotu Hall Fundraiser Christmas Theme Party:** At Rahotu Hall, Main South Rd, Rahotu. Live band. \$20 ticket. Doors open at 8pm. Refer advert for details.

TUESDAY DECEMBER 11

**Coastal Taranaki School Certificate Prize-giving:** Starts at 11am at Coastal Taranaki School, Okato. Refer advert for details.

**Opunake Foodbank Christmas Collection:** Listen for the sirens in your street between 5.30 and 7.30pm. Refer advert for details.

**Canadian Rockies & Alaskan Adventure Evening with Travelsmart New Plymouth:** Call Bev on 06 757 5666 for more info . refer advert for details.

WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 12

**Coastal Taranaki School Trophy Prize-giving:** Years 1-4 at 9.30am, Years 5-13 at 11am. At Coastal Taranaki School, Okato. Refer advert for details.

FRIDAY DECEMBER 14

**Community Carols:** Rahotu - Wesley Church at 8pm.

SATURDAY DECEMBER 15

**Christmas for Little Fighters Trust:** At Soul Kitchen. \$69pp. Proceeds from ticket sales donated to Little Fighters Trust. Refer advert in previous issue for details.

SUNDAY DECEMBER 16

**Pihama Lavender Market Day:** From 10am to 2pm at Pihama Lavender, Main Rd, Pihama. Refer advert.

**Combined Christmas Service:** 7pm at St Barnabas Anglican Church, 141 Tasman Street Opunake. All most Welcome

MONDAY DECEMBER 24

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



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# Only rock 'n roll but I like it

The Rolling Stones provide a backstory to how I ended up writing The DIY Newsroom, officially launched on November 22 in Canberra. It was the summer of 1966, and Dad interviewed Jagger and the lads for the radio station. And, while I was just a baby, years later I got to spend a lot of time around 3AK and the television studios of its sister outlet GTV-9, in Bendigo St, Richmond. Being around books, records, newspapers (lots of newspapers) and a constant stream of communications as it was then, made journalism an obvious choice for me. After a career as a reporter, editor and media executive, I've now found myself on what I once would've regarded as the "dark side" - helping non-media promote themselves. It's a different perspective, and an exciting field today

because the democratisation of media means anyone can become a publisher. What has remained constant is the power of communications to fundamentally bring our best work into the spotlight - and to change the world, hopefully for the better. That stands whether you're the world's greatest rock group or a non-government organisation trying to promote a cause. *But, gee, lots of organisations are still hiding their light under the bushel - deploying old-school PR tactics.* So I wrote a book about this stuff. A real book. One that is hardback and has real pages, and I can't wait to see what people think. Already, I've received orders from across Australia, the UK and NZ. The DIY Newsroom is the product of my more than 30 years in traditional and new media. It is a handbook to cut



The Stones on Port Phillip Bay, Melbourne, for an outside broadcast with Melbourne rock station 3AK. Circled is my father, Bill Howie, in the thick of it with the supergroup.

through the media noise for real impact. Discover my 5-step SMART Way. Master your media without blowing the budget. Learn how to craft, deliver and sustain superb communications. Let social media work for

you, not consume you. Stand out from the pack in your industry.

There's a stack of case studies, anecdotes, check lists and practical tips. The book sets out a logical and quick way to transform your communications for greater return..

*Stuart Howie*  
Author *The DIY Newsroom*

### What I think of The DIY Newsroom

"I've had the pleasure of knowing Stuart Howie since the 1980s when we were young journalists in Melbourne. Even as a cub reporter, Stuart was a storyteller par excellence, a second-generation 'inky' who could quickly discern the facts and pitch them in an engaging way. Later, I was not surprised to hear he'd risen to an executive role with Fairfax.

"Ultimately, however, many of us in the media want to give more to our community - and that's just what this book achieves. The DIY Newsroom demystifies the morphing mediascape in which information is a currency. "This book empowers organisations and individuals to tell their story in a concise way that cuts through the competing voices. "Here, you have strategies

and tactics for creating an identity that's authentic, meaningful and relevant to your community, by simply leveraging what you've got. "Everyone has a story to tell. What is yours?"

- Dr Jacqui Donegan, historian, Sir John Monash Centre, France

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Author Stuart Howie's father Bill, interviewing Stones' front man Mick Jagger in Melbourne in 1966. Hanging around his father's radio station, 3AK, gave Stuart an appreciation of the power of the microphone and communications.

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**Opunake Christmas Collection**  
Tuesday 11th December  
5.30pm - 7.30pm

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# Rockies and Alaskan adventure of a lifetime



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Bev Ellice from Helloworld/Travelsmart will be escorting the trip.

The 24 day trip will include a seven night Alaskan cruise, a two day Rocky Mountain rail journey, a stay at the exquisite Emerald Lodge set among breathtaking views. The trip will also include two nights at Victoria and a

visit to the famous Butchart Gardens and a river cruise. A visit to stunning Grizzly Bear Valley and a ride on the Banff Gondola along Sulphur Mountain are other thrills.

By booking with Bev you'll also save \$1200 per person on flights.

To find out more about this stunning adventure a guest speaker who will be covering the hosted journey will be giving a talk on December 11 at 487B Devon Street East, Strandon. If you want to come along to the talk contact Bev on 06 757 5666.



Visit Grizzly Bear Valley.

*Canadian Rockies & Alaskan Adventure*  
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Come and listen to our Guest speaker talking about the hosted journey on the 11th December

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# Be part of the Tūpare story

# Celebrating the reason for the season



### Help out at Tūpare's distinctive Arts and Crafts style homestead.

Taranaki people are being given an opportunity for up-close-and-personal involvement with one of New Plymouth's iconic heritage properties, Tūpare. Volunteers are needed to help run tours of Tūpare's distinctive Arts and Crafts style homestead, designed by James Chapman-Taylor under the direction of pioneer industrialist Russell Matthews, who began developing the property in the 1930s. Today Tūpare

is in public ownership, administered by the Taranaki Regional Council. "Many of our volunteers have been drawn to the role because Tūpare encompasses a variety of interests and pastimes – architecture, gardening, arts, antiques, history or craftsmanship," says the Council's Regional Gardens Manager, Greg Rine. "But really, all you need to be is relaxed and confident with people."

Free house tours are run four days a week in summertime and volunteers can commit to a minimum one shift a month – on a Saturday or Sunday if their weekdays are full. "It's a great opportunity to meet visitors – from Taranaki, the rest of New Zealand or overseas," says Greg. "Tūpare's house is a treasure. Visitors enjoy being shown around it and learning the stories behind it."

Tour guides are equipped with a comprehensive handbook containing all the details they need, and are free to focus on the house stories and explanations that interest them most. Greg says people interested in taking up the role should first take a tour themselves. They run at 11am on Fridays, Saturdays, Sundays and Mondays from the beginning of October to the end of March.

Opunake churches will be getting together for a combined Christmas service on Sunday December 16 at St Barnabas Anglican Church, 141 Tasman Street, Opunake, starting at 7pm. Everyone is most welcome.



## Opunake and District Business Association

Presents

### Opunake Christmas Parade 2018 Monday 24th December, 7pm start.



Printed copies of this form are available in Kete Aronui.

#### Entry form for Opunake Christmas Parade 2018 Please type or print legibly

Name of entry .....  
Type of Vehicle ..... Length (mtr).....  
No of Adults ..... No of Children.....  
Responsible person .....  
Contact Number .....  
Email address: .....

Rule acknowledgement:  
My printed name or signature below is my bond that I understand the rules and guidelines for the 2018 Christmas parade and warrant that my/our entry will fully comply.

Name .....  
Signature.....

Please email this to greencow62@gmail.com or drop it into Monica Wilson at Kete Aronui (next to Arty Tarts), Tasman Street, Opunake.

For further info: Call Clem Coxhead 06 761 7082 or 027 422 389



Monday 24th December. Gather from 6.30pm onwards for 7pm start. Assemble on Layard Street from Tasman Street down towards the Rest Home. Please be prepared for judging from 6.30pm as prizes this year will be awarded at 6.50pm outside Opunake Players. Winners will be given a flag to show on the parade.

Prizes are awarded based on  
1. Best effort  
2. Most creative

- Please review the parade safety rules and guidelines below and retain for your records:
1. Parade officials will inspect all entries and reserve the right to eliminate any entry that is in violation of these rules.
  2. The 2018 parade will start at the Tasman Street and Layard Street corner and end again at that corner.
  3. No one may leave or enter your float once the parade has begun.
  4. Please cover all open wheels for safety so marchers cannot snag clothing or be pulled under wheels.
  5. Your entry must not exit the parade before it is ended.
  6. No alcohol is allowed.
  7. For the safety of the public we ask that no items be thrown from your entry.
  8. All motorized vehicles must have wheel watchers (people) on both sides.
  9. All entries must have clear identification.
  10. Changes in the parade line-up on the day of the parade will be made at the sole discretion of the parade officials.
  11. A representative must make themselves known to official (Clem Coxhead) on arrival.

Entries must be received by December 18th.

# Taranaki families reminded to check their immunisations are up to date

Taranaki DHB's regional screening unit is reminding families and whānau to make sure they're protected by checking they're up to date with their immunisations, especially their children.

Children are offered free immunisations around age 11, against tetanus, diphtheria and whooping cough (pertussis), and at around age 12, against human papillomavirus (HPV).

Parents and caregivers of pre-teenage children will soon receive a consent letter and form agreeing to have their child immunised against these serious diseases at the start of 2019, and Taranaki DHB's Medical Officer of Health Dr Jonathan Jarman advises parents take action to protect their children and immunise.

Dr Jarman says, "There is currently no cure for HPV so immunising children against the HPV infection will significantly reduce the risk of HPV related diseases such as cervical cancer later in life.

The HPV vaccine is a safe and effective way to

protect against an increasing proportion of mouth and throat cancers caused by HPV, which affect men at higher rates than women. HPV can also cause penile and anal cancers in men," he adds.

In New Zealand approximately 160 women are diagnosed with cervical cancer and 50 women die from it each year. HPV immunisation was introduced in 2008 for girls and was offered to boys for the first time last year. It is now available for everyone aged 9-26 free of charge.

Dr Jarman says "The HPV vaccine protects against nine strains of human papillomavirus responsible for cervical and some other cancers, and genital warts. Protection is long-lasting, so immunisation at age 11-12 protects well into adulthood.

HPV vaccines have an excellent safety rating supported by a significant body of data. HPV immunisation is available in over 125 countries, and over 165 million doses of the vaccine have been distributed worldwide.

There has been a significant drop in genital warts in

Taranaki since the vaccine was introduced 10 years ago."

Children are also offered the Tdap vaccine (Boostrix) which boosts the protection they received as babies, against tetanus, diphtheria

and whooping cough. Following the full course of immunisations, protection is expected to last at least 20 years against tetanus and five years against whooping cough.

Boostrix and HPV

immunisation is available at school or through your GP and these vaccines are all free.

Taranaki DHB Public Health Nurses will start visiting participating schools early next year and give

children consent forms to bring home for their parents to sign, for each vaccine. Parents need to fill out the forms and say whether or not they consent to the vaccine, sign the form and return it to school.

## Dance Centre to host recital

The Val Deakin Dance School will be having its annual Dance School Recital on December 8 and 9. The performance, approximately an hour long, contains dance in a great range of styles including classical ballet, character, jazz, contemporary and tap dance with a great range of music and colourful costumes. Professional lighting and scenery complete the picture for this exciting show. Performers range in age from five years old to experienced adults. The students attend the Dance School in their New Plymouth, Oakura and Hawera studios - and include Siobhan Dobbin from Opunake.

These performances are an ideal way to introduce children to dance as there are many and varied dances on the programme. The venue

for the show is the historic Dance Centre, 306 St Aubyn Street, New Plymouth (opposite Mitre 10), where the tiered seating allows all a great view of the performers. Performances will be on Saturday, December 8 at 1 and 3 pm and on Sunday, December 9 at 1 pm. Adults tickets are \$15 and children \$10 with group and family discounts available. There are door sales, but to avoid disappointment when the shows sell out, tickets can be ordered by phoning 06 7527743 or text 0276940933.



Children in last year's recital - including Siobhan Dobbin in the pink.

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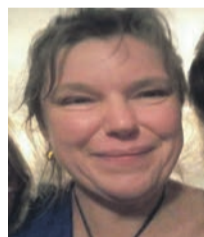
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About me



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These information session's will cover the following

Want to feel supported through your labour?

What exactly is a doula?  
 What do they do?  
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Meet **Carol Burroughs** your Taranaki Doula

I invite you to a presentation of my doula services in Taranaki. Gold coin/Koha

All welcome!!

CoastalCare Community Lounge

**13<sup>th</sup> December 1pm and 5.30pm**

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DECEMBER

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	
	<b>THE NUTCRACKER &amp; THE FOUR REALMS</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.		<b>CHARMING</b> Animated, Family   1hr 3mins   G Cursed as a child under a magic spell, Prince Philip Charming (Valderrama) compulsively proposes to every woman he meets, leaving a trail of lovesick ladies and scorned lovers to wreak vengeful havoc on the kingdom.	<b>Sat 8<sup>th</sup> Dec 1pm</b>   <b>Sat 15<sup>th</sup> Dec 1pm</b>   <b>Sun 23<sup>rd</sup> Dec 1pm</b> <b>Sun 16<sup>th</sup> Dec 7pm</b>	
	<b>THEY SHALL NOT GROW OLD</b> War, Historical   1hr 39mins   R16; Graphic content may disturb Employing state-of-the-art technology to transform archive footage more than a century old, Peter Jackson brings to life the people who can best tell the story of World War I: the men who were there.		<b>BOHEMIAN RHAPSODY</b> True Story, Drama, Music   2hr 14mins   M; Offensive language, sexual references & drug reference Freddie defied stereotypes and shattered convention to become one of the most beloved entertainers on the planet. The film traces the meteoric rise of the band through their iconic songs and revolutionary sound.	<b>Sun 9<sup>th</sup> Dec 7pm</b>   <b>Fri 14<sup>th</sup> Dec 7pm</b>	
	<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.		<b>VENOM</b> Action, Thriller 1hr 52mins   M; Violence & Offensive Language Journalist Eddie Brock is trying to take down Carlton Drake, the notorious and brilliant founder of the Life Foundation. While investigating one of Drake's experiments, Eddie's body merges with the alien Venom.	<b>Wed 19<sup>th</sup> Dec 1pm</b>   <b>Sat 29<sup>th</sup> Dec 1pm</b> <b>Sat 8<sup>th</sup> Dec 7pm</b>   <b>Wed 12<sup>th</sup> Dec 7pm</b>	
	<b>FIRST MAN</b> Drama, True Story   2hr 21mins   M; Offensive Language The film, based on the biography by James R. Hansen, follows the life of Neil Armstrong from 1961 through to 1969, chronicling NASA's intense journey to land a man on the moon.		<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.	<b>Fri 7<sup>th</sup> Dec 7pm</b>   <b>Wed 12<sup>th</sup> Dec 1pm</b> <b>Sat 15<sup>th</sup> Dec 7pm</b>   <b>Fri 21<sup>st</sup> Dec 7pm</b>	
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19 Pick of the Litter-1pm Robin Hood - 7pm	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		

## PRIVATE EVENINGS AT THE BACH

How would you like to have the Exclusive use of the Bach for between 8 - 20 guests with a set 2 or 3 course menu?

Message or Call us and arrange your next function on 06 769 6967  
**NO DISHES!!**

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# SLAM to play for Rahotu fundraiser



The Rahotu Hall committee are running a fundraising evening featuring the popular Taranaki band SLAM. Tickets are \$20pp. Supper provided and a courtesy vehicle is available between Opunake and Okato call Jacqui on 027 375 1065.

### Rahotu Hall Fundraiser

## Xmas Theme Party

Friday 7th December  
Rahotu Hall, Main South Road, Rahotu  
**LIVE BAND**

Doors open from 8pm til Late  
Supper provided BYO refreshments  
Tickets \$20  
For more info ph Maraea 027 905 8468

## 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

## Private evenings at The Bach

Located in Taranaki's beautiful Port area, serving food crafted with love.

Take all the stress away from hosting and enjoy an evening by the water. Whether it is with your Family, Friends or for your work function, Bach is the perfect place for you. Private evenings include free hire of the whole venue for a minimum of eight and maximum of 20 guests.

Bach on Breakwater can be all yours for the evening to celebrate any special occasion, where Head Chef and Maître D will wine and dine you to the point you won't want to leave.

There is a selection of menus to suit your budget and which can be tailor-

made for any dietary requirements including vegetarian, vegan, gluten free options and any other requirements.

There is ample free parking and what's more you don't have to do the dishes.

Call or email to arrange an appointment to meet with one of the team

### Private hire for you and your guests

The only 150 seater restaurant in Taranaki which can be yours for the evening to relax and enjoy with your guests. What better way to escape the hustle and bustle of the city?

Watch the sunset with drinks on the patio before you move through to your table for a meal you and

your guests will never forget.

**Bach on Breakwater** first opened its doors in 2006 and is situated at the end of the Coastal Walkway, right on the waterfront at the Lee Breakwater in Taranaki's Port area. It overlooks a child-friendly little beach, and the working shipping harbour. The Bach is warm and casual, with a comfortable and welcoming ambience generated by the purple interior, the use of many upcycled materials and the mix of very old wharf timbers. With cosy banquet seating behind the fireplace, and slab timber tables lining the

extensive double-glazed windows, the atmosphere is vibrant, friendly and fun, with terrific sea views.

Diners can enjoy breakfast, brunch, lunch and snacks, choosing either from the delicious array of cabinet food or the extensive and well thought out menu which includes outstanding gluten free, vegetarian and vegan offerings, as well as the normal meatatarian choices. You can be on a diet and still enjoy yourself here. We have a variety of award winning wine, beer, Juices and hot drinks to choose from, including IncaFé Organic Coffee.

**Phone** (06) 769 6967

**Location.** Oceanview Parade. New Plymouth, 4310

**Hours.** Wednesday-Friday 9.30am-4pm. Saturday and Sunday. 9.30am-5pm.



Gorgeous Port views from the dining area at Bach on Breakwater.

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For the ultimate animal experience



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11am to 4pm  
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